University professor helps jailhouse rock band

Kansas program inspires inmates to pursue their artistic interests

[1x516]program also teaches creative writing, painting, gardening and guitar playing, Voth said. "Artistic interests are covered under the arts program, and in 2002 the inmates spent a total of $10,010 hours in their classes."

"There’s a lot that goes in to making a person … for a lot of us, one little mistake, and our lives could have been changed dramatically, and I care about those with inmates … A lot of them have been told all their lives that they aren’t going to amount to anything, and here, [Voth] they take them and make them work toward something and tells them that it’s worthwhile."

Paul Crabbs, professor of music, directs Cantoria during practice Wednesday afternoon. When he is not helping University students learn their voices, Crabbs devotes his time to Arts in Prison, a program dedicated to rehabilitating inmates in the Kansas jail system by encouraging them to develop their artistic talents. Crabbs helps prepare the inmates for concerts.

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