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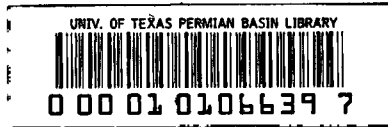
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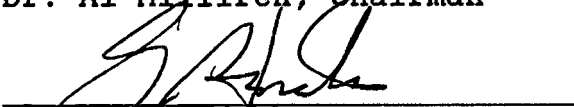
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ABSTRACT

Adolescents who run away from home cause major problems for themselves, for their parents, and for society. In this study runaways (n = 112) are compared to non-runaways (n = 211) in their perceptions of self, their parents and the world in which they live by use of a self-reporting survey. It was hypothesized that runaways would have perceptions of self, parents, and the world that would be skewed to society's unacceptable end of the scale. T-tests were performed on the difference of the means of each variable for the runaways and non-runaways. Out of 13 variables for each, a total of 39, seventeen variables were found to be significant ($p < 0.05$). The findings demonstrated that the runaways' perception is skewed more to the unacceptable end of the scale than are the non-runaways.