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Thieves plague UMO and UMB; dorm stereo system, money taken

Thieves stole $500 worth of stereo equipment last week from Cumberland Hall. The stereo system, a Fisher Model 30 purchased last spring, was discovered missing Saturday morning.

Phil Billard, head resident of Cumberland, said the thieves gained entrance by removing a screen on a window leading to the stereo room in the basement of the dormitory. Once the thieves entered, he said, the equipment was removed through a nearby side door.

Billard said "requests by the dorm government and last year's head resident were made for bars to be put on the windows and also for a cabinet to house the unit. The Housing Office refused the request for the bars and the possibility of a cabinet was to be waited on."

The head resident said, "Since the theft, I have asked that bars be installed but I think there is little chance of anything being done about it. I have also requested that the dorm have security guard at night. Guys' dorms need security as much as girls' dorms."

Vernon C. Elsemore, housing coordinator, has a different view about security in the dormitories. "I don't feel we should put up bars or post a guard. It is the wrong approach to campus living. We have to keep working with people to give them responsibility in their dorms. Sure, we don't have a great amount of security because we rely upon the people in the dorm.

"This is serious, but it happens every year. T.V. sets and stereos, especially in the men's dorms, are constantly being stolen. Locking everything up is the only solution, but we wouldn't want people to think they are living in a jail."

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Office machines valued at approximately $1,125 were reported stolen from the Foreign Language Department last Thursday by Ms. Surran Scott, a clerk and typist at Little Hall.

The theft occurred sometime between the middle of spring semester and the beginning of this semester, but was not noticed until a recent physical inventory.

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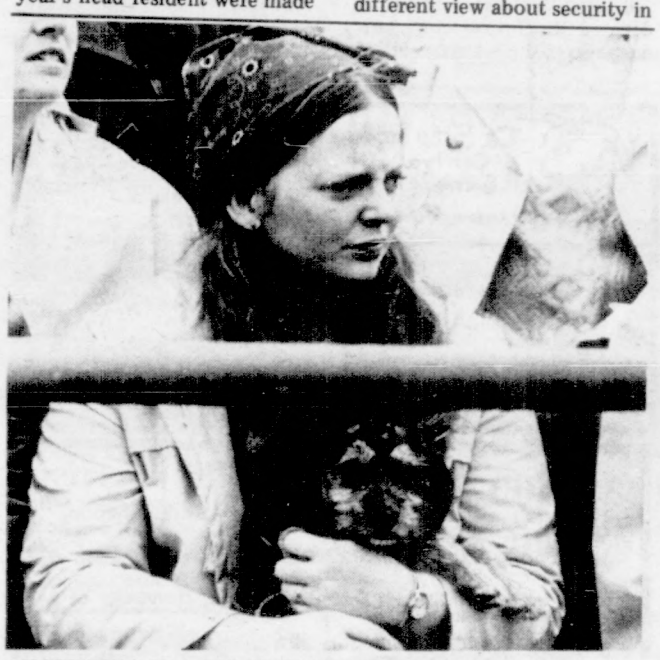
A break-in at a UMB office Saturday netted $382 for thieves.

The money was taken from a safe in Bangor's Union building.

According to Deputy Chief Robert Piccuci of the UMO Police Department, Earl Spencer, a UMB janitor, reported that a door in one of the offices had been broken off the hinges.

Picucci said, "subsequent investigation revealed that someone had entered the building, broken the door at the office, located the key to the safe, unlocked it and took $382 in cash."

The case is under investigation by the UMO Police Department.



HAPPINESS IS A BIG VICTORY—But Rachel Dutch and her small friend "Benedict" don't seem to have much to cheer about at last Saturday's football game at Alumni Field.

Senate elections draw 2,057 students

One-fourth of UMO students went to the polls Wednesday to elect their representatives to the Student Senate. A total of 2,057 students cast votes for 80 candidates.

Those winning their individual races were:
—Androscoggin: Terry Dorr, Jan Messier;
—Aroostook Alan Theriault;
—Balentine and Colvin: Pat Sprague;
—Charbourne: Bob Woodman;
—Corbett: Bob Duquette;
—Cumberland: Charles Crockett, Bill Clark;
—Dunn: Mike Miles, Carl Pease;
—Gannett: Fred Smith, Rick Romanow;
—Hancock: Lisa Elkins, Pam Lemieux;
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—Knox: Dennis McGee, Katherine Roberts;
—Oxford: Jack Bell, Mike Foley;
—Penobscot: Barb Koeritz;
—Somerset: Lina Dunning, Yvonne Brodeur;
—Stodder: John Hartwell;
—Fraternities: Dave Walsh, Robin Arnold, Pete Veilleux, Dan Guerrette;
—Off-Campus: Howard Magee, Richard Hayward, Bob Schott, Nancy Belding, Mary Noyes, Dean Haskell, Nelson Pryor, Jeff Ellis, Lee Goss, Paul Sweetland, Paul Roach, Barb Cottrell, Alan Mann, Leona Labbe, Larry Harwood, Dick Weare, Bill Goodwin, Gary Nado, Rick Nelson, Wes Shattuck.

Student Senate President Trish Riley said she was satisfied with the turnout. "This is the first time in four years that all the sign-up sheets have been full," she said. The 80 candidates ran for 52 offices.

HEW to review sex discrimination

by Tom Weber

Sex discrimination at UMO will be reviewed by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare "sometime this fall", according to Paul Dunham, director of institutional research here.

The Federal Government is reviewing all campuses in the country for the discovery of unjust wage practices for women and other minority groups.

At present, the Portland-Gorham campus is the only campus in Maine that has had a previous visit by the H.E.W. The investigation resulted from a complaint filed aainst Portland-Gorham. Renewed investigation is expected shortly on that campus.

Ms. Ruth Benson, who worked for six months as a consultant to the Chancellor's office in Bangor to coordinate an equal opportunity program there, filed a report on job discrimination against professional women employees on Maine campuses. According to Dunham, "Miss Benson calculated her findings by adding the average male income to the average female income and multiplying this by the number of women faculty members. This seems to be an incorrect method of calculation."

Two years ago, UMO had a sizeable imbalance between professional women employees and male faculty wages according to Ronald Banks, assistant to President Libby. "But there is such a fine line between calculated discrimination and market forces and the customary way of doing things," he said. Banks added that because women were conditioned to accept less pay than a man, employers did not give women equal pay all the time.

An Affirmative Action Plan formed by a committee of half-male and half-female membership and developed to increase professional women's wages and the number of female employees, has been in effect for a year and a half. UMO, according to Banks, has attained "an equality of treatment as is possible to obtain."

Banks said, "Salaries are based on qualifications and experience for both men and women equally."

Banks said that $26,000 was allocated this year to 150 professional women on campus to align salaries equitably.

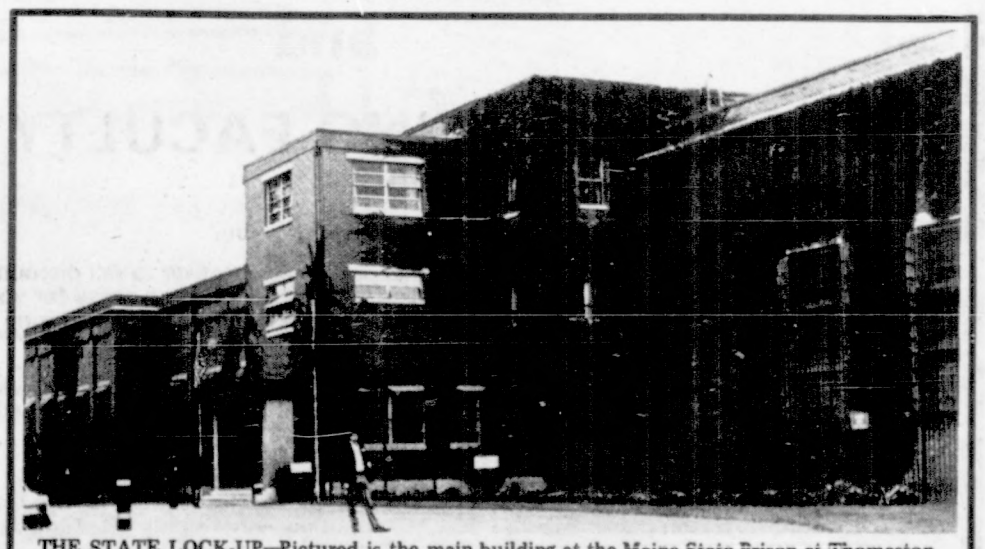
Banks said there is a provision to the Affirmative Action Plan which calls for "the payment by the University of wages held back from any person due to racial or sexual discrimination."

Five arraigned for car damage

Five UMO students, charged with destruction of a car Sept. 18, were arraigned in Bangor District Court Wednesday on charges of willful destruction of property.

The five were: Kevin Foley, from West Roxbury, Mass.; George Fraza, from Derry, N.H.; Philip Pitula, from Elizabeth, N.J.; William Hamlin, from Merrimac, Mass.; and Frank Otis, from West Newbury, Mass.

Trial was continued to Nov. 20 in Maine Superior in Bangor. Bond was set at $200, and the five were released on personal recognizance.



THE STATE LOCK-UP—Pictured is the main building at the Maine State Prison at Thomaston. Administrators opened the prison last Friday for a first-ever "open-house" for the media. The affair was attended by 26 Maine newsmen and women. See special report in today's supplement.

What's Happening

WMEB-FM, 275 Stevens Hall, will hold open house all day, Oct. 7 and 8. Free coffee will be served.

Jarcis Tyner, Communist Party USA candidate for Vice President, will speak Monday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Bennett Hall.

Meeting Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Coe Lounge for people interested in attending a series of dog obedience classes.

Meeting Oct.11 at 7:30 p.m. in the 1912 Room of the Memorial Union for people interested in the Politics and International Relations Club. Anyone desiring more information should contact Prof. Schoenberger in V. Stevens, or Stephanie Zuidis, Hancock Hall.

Oct. 10-12: on-campus recruiting by the U.S. Marine Corps, room 215 East Annes; 10 a.m.-3p.m.

Prof. Vincent Hartgen, chairman of the art department, requests faculty keep an eye on art items from the university collection housed in their quarters. In making the request, Hartgen expressed concern over the rash of art thefts occuring nation-wide.

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Lack of quorum stalls allocation

The editor of UMB's newspaper, *The Suitcase and Carpetbagger*, Monday asked the Student Senate of UMB for a $4,500 allotment for the newspaper.

A lack of quorum stalled editor Bob Schott's proposal.

Schott said he is willing to compromise with the senate, since the consensus of the senators present was pessimistic. He said that he will subtract the amount of revenue from advertisements from the proposed $4,500 needed to operate the paper. He said, "If advertising is successful, a lower amount of revenue will be needed from the senate."

Last year, Schott had a run-in with the senate. He accused the senate of "brainwashing the students on the issues" in an editorial, after which the senate voted to cut off his funds.

Schott expressed dissatisfaction with last year's newspaper, which he termed a "news sheet." He plans to put out a 12- to 16-page tabloid this year, similar in format to the *Maine Campus*.

The editor also hopes to increase his staff—he was the only staff member last year.

Shotokan: an art of defense and 'dance'

Students loitering near Lengyel Gymnasium on these cool, dark Autumn nights should be forewarned. The grunts, groans, and yells you hear are not anguished coeds being lobotomized by an insane professor, but the university karate club holding one of their tri-weekly workouts.

The club, headed by Bruce Barker, a UMO senior, holds meetings in Lengyel Gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday afternoons in Memorial Gym.

The karate Barker teaches is a Japanese form, Shotokan. Developed on Okinawa, it was named afer its founder, Shoto. Shotokan stresses calisthenics, and drills such as kumite (sparring) and kata (a set sequence of blocks, kicks, and strikes against an opponent), and meditation. Meditation, said Barker, is necessary so a student can concentrate his efforts totally on karate.

The club has 80 members divided into two groups—beginners and veterans. The first few weeks will be devoted to introducing new members in the basic aspects of the art and getting everyone in shape.

Barker, who holds a black belt, has been involved in karate for six years. He's been interested in the Oriental styles of self-defense since he was 12, first in judo and then later in karate. He traveled from his native Portland to Boston several times a month to study under one of the master black belts in the nation, Kazumi Tabata.

Barker rejects the idea of teaching club members "specific responses against specific attacks," but emphasizes that "the idea is to adapt to the particular situation." By the use of well-directed powerful blows, any adversary, regardless of size, can be quickly defeated. Each blow is accompanied by the traditional shout. With novices the shouts usually degenerate into groans of exertion. All the noise might lead a visitor to assume a "banzai" charge was in progress.

People go out for Shotokan for a variety of reasons: some for the meditation, some for exercise, some for self-defense, and some even for its aspects of dance, Barker said. "Karate is a physical art where all the movements have meaning. In that respect, it does resemble dance," he added.

The Maine club is a fully accredited member of the Maine Karate Association and the North American Karate Federation.

Barker will give a demonstration of his art on the mall October 7 for the benefit of visiting parents.

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Troubleshooting prof directs DIC

The smallest department at UMO is a problem-solving center for Maine industries, governmental agencies, and individuals.

Prof. Richard C. Hill, director of the Department of Industrial Cooperation, has for the past 10 years helped solve all sorts of problems for various groups and industries.

Established in 1945, the D.I.C. makes the resources of the university available to Maine organizations and individuals. The problems D.I.C. has solved range from converting a textile mill's waste into a high-quality supplement for paper manufacture to designing machines for a woodworking firm.

But Prof. Hill is quick to point out that D.I.C. is not concerned solely with industrial problems. "Much of my work involved answering telephoned questions like 'How do I find out if my deisel oil has gasoline in it?' for which there is a minimal charge," says Hill. "This part of my job," Hill adds, "is a public service."

Hill explained that many of the problems that D.I.C. handles come from staff members who are approached by potential clients. If solution requires the use of university equipment of facilities, then the work must be done through the D.I.C.

The D.I.C. office may have as many as twenty different projects in progress at once.

The limitations on the D.I.C.'s work include:

—performance of tasks that can be done by others, such as land surveying;

—the client must pay the cost of all investigations;

—faculty members who carry out the projects cannot let them interfere with their regular university duties.

Hill's role in the D.I.C. is both problem-solver and contractor. Hill handles many problems himself. When questions require research and manpower, Hill arranges the financial aspects of the work, including pay-roll and equipment. Hill's work also involves assuring fairness for the client and the university.

"If the project requires the purchasing of a new piece of equipment, I have to make sure that each party understands who owns it," says Hill.

The clients of the D.I.C. own the information they pay for.

"It's theirs," says Hill, "I cannot randomly give it to anyone who happens to ask."

The manpower for D.I.C. is supplied by faculty members who work on projects apart from their normal university employment. "Their work is paid for by the client in full," Hill said.

The D.I.C. does about $50,000 in business a year, according to Hill. Most of the money is paid to the faculty and staff members working on projects. Hill says the university makes little money from the D.I.C.

The department's only full-time staff member is Mrs. Joyce Schneider. She serves as office manager, secretary, and accountant.

Hill said he devotes one-half his working hours to D.I.C. The remainder he divides between his duties as director of the Technology Honors Program and as professor of Mechanical Engineering.

The D.I.C. handles several projects for the state including the blood- alcohol test for the State Police. It also deals with the Department of Sea and Fisheries and the Department of Economic Development. Hill said that involvement with these agencies is an attempt to keep the university informed on what is happening in Augusta.

Congressional hopeful Cohen leads off DLS

U. S. Congressional hopeful William S. Cohen led off the Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) Wednesday evening with a lecture on his hopes and intentions, if elected in November.

Cohen discussed a variety of subjects ranging from his 600-mile walk this summer to tax reform on the state and federal level. Cohen described the purpose of his walk as "an effort to symbolize a politician's need to meet the people and attempt to solve problems individually." Cohen began his walk in Gilead, located on Maine's western border, and followed a zig-zag course 600 miles across the state terminating in Fort Kent.

With regard to revenue sharing, Cohen saw it as a definite aid to the state. Cohen stated that "Maine as well as other states can no longer operate on the incomes of the two most regressive taxes—the property tax and the sales tax."

On the issue of oil on the Maine coast, Cohen said that he would not approve of oil refineries on the Maine coast as the oil companies haven't proven the benefits over the disadvantages. Continuing, Cohen said that he favored strict pollution control, but felt that some of the guidelines and time limits were too rigid.

Cohen also discussed Maine's unemployment problem, pointing out the need for a second cash crop in Northern Maine.

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EDITORIALS:

State Prison takes steps in the right direction

It appears that some good things have begun to occur at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston. The first is the simple fact that reporters and photographers are now allowed inside.

Unlike many tours in which you are shown only what a warden would like you to see, the tour given on September 29 was complete. The entire grounds were covered during the tour. Photographers were free to take pictures of everything except for pictures of the inmates themselves. Reporters had the ability to talk with any prison employee and also were free to question the spokesman for the inmates.

Hopefully we are making the first steps toward prison reform — an issue too long overlooked. We are beginning to emerge from the Dark Ages' idea of prison as a means of detention and are moving in the direction of prison as a place for rehabilitation. Years and years of increasing crime rates and repeated criminals have taught us that terror and degradation are not the way.

Employment programs, such as on-the-job training, are a step in the right direction. Grade school, high school and college courses and equivilency programs are also commendable. It is necessary to give a man a trade and to give him some respect for himself if we expect him to make it once outside of prison. You can't expect a man to obey a society's laws if he is not able to feel as a part of the society.

Living conditions at the prison, while improving in many respects, still have a way to go. The effectiveness of segregation, solitary confinement, and restraint quarters should be reconsidered. It is essential to remember that we are not dealing with an animal but with a human being, subject to all the emotions, frustrations, and scars that each of us is prone to.

Inmates for so many years were truly a "silent minority", and to prevent this, all channels of communication within the prison must remain open. Gripes should be allowed to be aired to prison officials and they should be acted upon rather than given a mere nod and smile.

Unlike what some people claim, this is not coddling a prisoner. Is it coddling to give a man a chance? ... or to provide rehabilitative counselling and training to someone who is sick? ... or who never had a chance?

For some reason we always seem to need some type of tragedy to finally spur us into action and reform. In this case it was the tragedy at Attica State Prison. We cannot, however, stop now that conditions have gotten a little bit better and prisons have quieted down somewhat. For if you do that, you run the risk of turning Attica into the first act of a long drama.

Thieves steal now, but students will pay later

The school year has barely begun and it has already been found that $500 worth of stereo equipment, $1125 worth of office machines and four bicycles have been stolen — just from this campus.

It is true that we should take off our rose-colored glasses if we expect a college campus to be pure, honest and virginal when the real world is not. But, nevertheless, the motives behind the robberies do deserve our attention.

If you find yourself short of cash you can get a temporary loan from the financial office or in some cases from the Student Senate. You may be able to qualify for some type of work on campus for additional money. If a drug problem has got you in a bind go talk to someone at Psychological Services in Fernald Hall. They won't turn you in or give your name to the police. But if you're plain greedy just remember that one student is as poor as you and that the university seems to be poorer than both of us.

You'll end up paying for what you steal... in next year's tuition bill.

Our readers sound off

Cartoon 'outdoes' YAF 'politicking'

Concerning "paranoid inanities," you have really outdone anything Young Americans for Freedom may have written about George McGovern. In fact, your "cartoon" (sic) about YAF suggests that perhaps some of the *Campus* staff might be affected by "fear and hatred, and unrealistic associations."

I should hope that the SDS is not the only organization supporting McGovern, since one could infer this from your editorial. I do not suggest that you try to defend the SDS; since they are quite indefensible. Their acts of violence and destruction are well documented. I, myself, can understand YAF's parallel between the SDS and the Nazis. Many of their tactics and goals are similar. Besides, saying that McGovern has a "Youth Army" does not necessarily mean that they are Nazis. I'm sure Nixon would welcome a "Youth Army." You are guilty of quoting out of context and I suggest that you reprint the "Bulletin" on your pages so we can learn the real meaning of it, not what you would have us belive. In my opinion, an apology is owed to YAF for your political "cartoon."

Steven Brakey
Knox Hall

Hollingsworth: Campus slurs YAF

To the editor:

When it comes to "cheap propaganda," it is clear by the September 29 edition that the *Maine Campus* is a prize-winner. Its lead editorial and accompanying cartoon can only be characterized as disgusting, disgraceful, and a sickening attempt to go witch-hunting with hatefilled and mindless yellow journalism. Of the scores of viewpoints the *Campus* is exposed to through the mails, it seems more than a little ironic that it should choose to strike YAF so viciously. Of course, upperclassmen are aware of the long history of anti-YAF bias the *Campus* has maintained—it is shocking to witness it reach the smear stage so early in the year.

The *Campus* editorial sounded as if it had never received appeals or newsletters from anyone before. It is general knowledge that any number of organizations of all viewpoints mail to newspapers, radio and television stations every day. Why did our illustrious student newspaper choose YAF to attack?

But let's examine the editorial's content. It asks for facts so as not to "mislead" voters. There was not one shred of "fact" to support either the vicious cartoon or the implications in the item—only a few out-of-context remarks from the YAF letter.

The editorial accuses YAF of using "fear...hatred and unrealistic associations" in its statement. How does one categorize the cartoon and the editorial invective—clean and fair? No, it is nothing short of cruel, provocative and completely misleading. It is obvious that the *Campus* wishes to portray the YAF as Nazis, when it knows that the organization is exactly the opposite. Compare YAF's record to that of SDS and then see which looks more like the stormtroopers.

It is abundantly clear to any reader that the *Campus* has attempted to libel YAF's reputation through underhanded use of a student-supported publication and distorted contentions. YAF knows that the *Campus* is unfair and unsympathetic to its beliefs, and we have come to expect bias whenever YAF makes news. But we believe that now, the *Campus* owes YAF an apology for its smear. Perhaps if the *Campus* found that it no longer had student activity fee money to play with, it would be forced to resort to a practice it obviously hasn't learned—good journalism.

Jeffrey Hollingsworth
State YAF Chairman

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A Maine Campus SPECIAL REPORT:

Maine State Prison opens its doors to the media

Photography by David Rowson,
Stories by Glenn Adams

THOMASTON—Last Friday, officials of the Maine State Prison here held an "open house" for news and media representatives throughout the state.

The day-long affair, which included a three and a half-hour press conference with prison and state officials, followed by a tour of the prison grounds and buildings, was the first opening of its kind ever. The prison, however, has been open to newsmen on a personal basis since Jan. 1, 1972.

The Maine State Prison was established in 1824 as a maximum-security institution, but the original structure was burned in 1850 and again in 1923. The prison has a capacity for 500 men, but there are 379 men housed there now.

Inmates of the prison are sentenced by state courts to sentences of one year to life. Most of the inmates are assigned jobs in institutional services, maintenance, or in one of the prison's vocational industries.

Fourteen percent of the inmates are employed in outside industries. Vocational training, grade school courses, high school courses, and even college courses are offerred at the prison. Vocational courses in automotive mechanics are very popular with inmates On-the-job training in painting, canning, upholstering, cooking and baking, laundry work, masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electronics, metal working, printing and clerical work, as well as all phases of housekeeping are assigned to the inmates.

The average age of committed men is 29 years; 16.6 percent of all inmates have completed high school or better, and from 1966 to 1972 the illiteracy figure dropped from six men to none.

A high school equivalency program within the prison offers courses in three classrooms. Fifty men are currently enrolled in these courses, and according to Bruce Wentworth, the high school administrator, "thirty equivalencies or diplomas will be granted this year."

The University of Maine at Augusta offers three CED courses at the prison. Credit courses in communications, psychology, and creative writing are offerred, and a non-credit mathematics course is given.

Furloughs are granted to inmates who qualify by standards set by the prison administration. The leaves are granted to men to attend funerals of relatives, to visit sick relatives, and to keep job interview appointments.

But they are not granted without a great deal of study on the individual requesting the furlough. The inmate's work record, his desire for self improvement, his custody classification (minimum, medium, or maximum security), his mental and emotional stability, and his estimated ability to travel alone are but a few of the criteria considered before a man is allowed to leave.

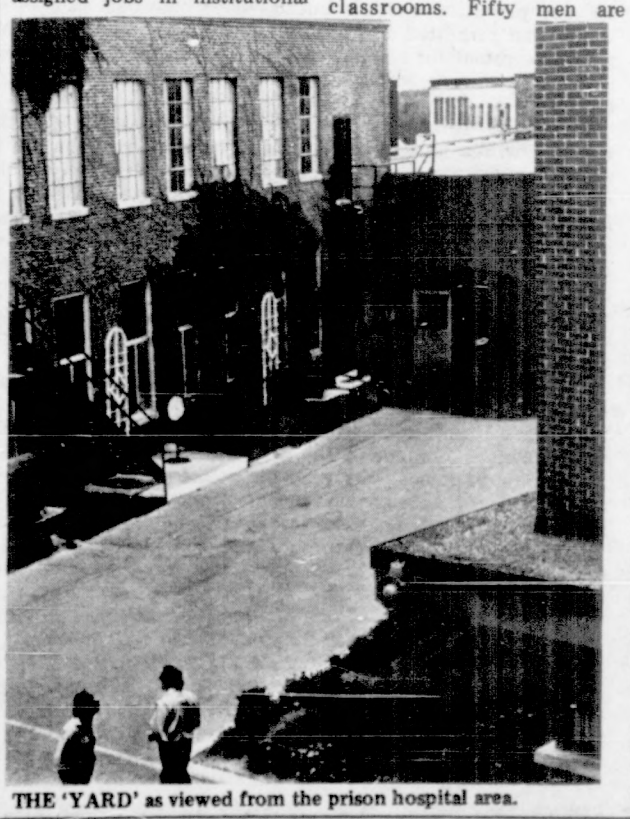
Prison personnel also study benefits to accrue if a man is permitted a leave, as whether he is involved in organized crime, is notorious, is convicted of a violent crime, or is suspected to escape.

The prison library contains over 9,000 fiction and non-fiction volumes. There is a stereo available to men in the library, as well as a selection of current newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.

Within the prison grounds are athletic fields, a chapel, and a small hospital, which handles about 5,000 cases a year. The hospital is equipped with an operating room (used only in emergencies), a dentist's office, and security and quarantine area. A small research area is also within the hospital area.

All the hospital's technicians are inmates of the prison, and such services as fitting for false teeth are carried on by the inmates themselves. ...

A TYPICAL CELL in the medium-security cell blocks.



THE 'YARD' as viewed from the prison hospital area.

THE MINIMUM-SECURITY dorm, where inmates who work off prison grounds sleep.

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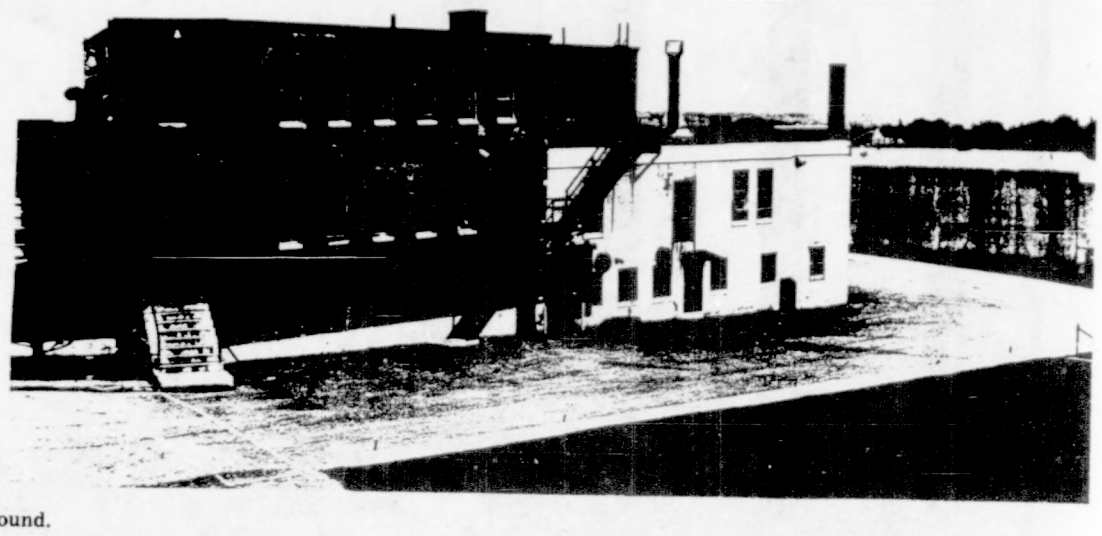
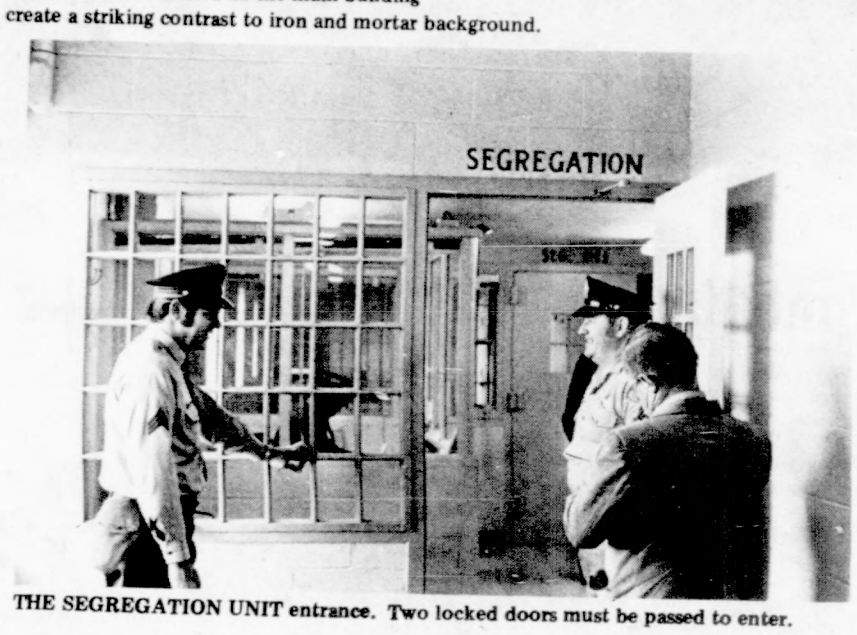
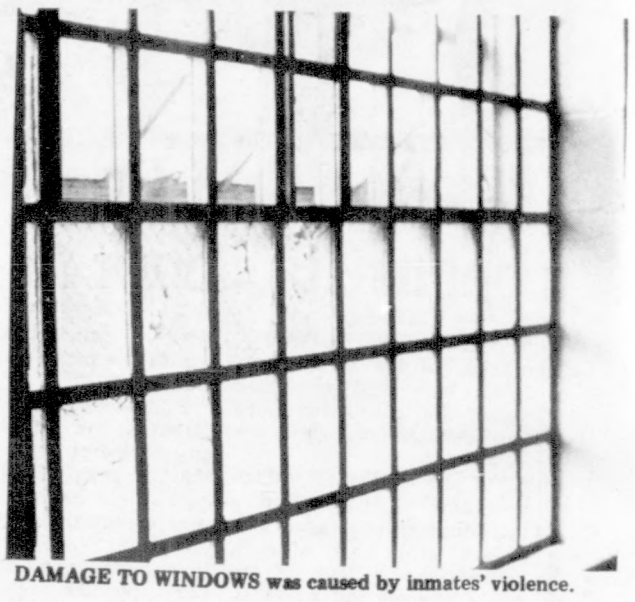




THE SEGREGATION UNIT entrance. Two locked doors must be passed to enter.



DAMAGE TO WINDOWS was caused by inmates' violence.

A HOSPITAL ROOM offers the

Residents 'read, talk, and listen to the radio'

From the outside, the Maine State Prison doesn't really look threatening; bright flowers line the cyclone fence across the front of the brick building, a well-tended lawn covers the grounds in front of the three-storied structure, and the building stands within the residential section of Thomaston.

But when a visitor approaches the receptionist's desk inside the main door, he knows he is in a prison. There are two chairs to the left of the vestibule, a tall desk in the center, and a clock on the wall—that's all. The rest is concrete, steel, and glass.

A visitor is admitted through the first door—a solid metal slab—only after he has signed a liability release and statement that he is not carrying a weapon, or any *chewing gum*.

Four additional barred doors must be passed before you even see the prison's interior courtyard. Finally, visitors are stamped on the wrist with ultra—violet ink, which is checked before leaving.

Inside the prison, inmates are all busy—either in the shops, the laundry, doing maintenance work, or as one younger inmate was doing, strumming the guitar in the chapel.

The living quarters of the prisoners are divided into five areas: the dormitories, the regular cell blocks, the segregation area, solitary confinement, and restraint. Prisoners who have kept a good behavior record as inmates, and are not committed for particularly heinous crimes, may qualify to live in the un-barred minimum-security dormitory.

In this area, beds line the walls of the large sleeping room. A smaller television room joins the bedroom, and a meeting room and washroom are nearby. A guard's booth separates the washroom and sleeping quarters. This area, which by the standards of outsiders could be considered harsh living conditions, is by far the most desirable place for an inmate to live; here television may be watched until 10 p.m., men may have radios and tapes, and a view of the countryside is even available.

The cell blocks, or medium security, are the next most desirable area. Each cell accomodates one man. All newly-admitted inmates are assigned a cell. Cells contain beds, smalls desks, a toilet and sink, and headphones, which pick up television and radio stations. All men who reside in the blocks are workers, and thus spend the day (from 7 a.m. until anywhere from 4:30 to 7 p.m.) working within the prison grounds. Natural light is available from all these cells, and men can converse back and forth from one cell to another.

The segregation unit is just what the name implies—the 22 cells are separated by thick walls, and heavy metal doors can be shut in front of the barred doors. Men are placed in this unit for behavioral reasons, therapeutic reasons, or misconduct. The only exercise permitted is a single walk per day in the hallway in front of the cells. The only music the men are allowed to hear comes from a radio at the end of the hall, and that plays most of the waking day. Inmates are put in the six-foot by five-foot areas for "anywhere from 14 to 30 days," according to one guard. (As the guard said this, an inmate yelled, "then why am I in for 60?" The guard explained that this man had been involved in a yelling incident which had occurred earlier in the month, and his additional punishment amounted to 60 days.)

"What do the men do?" asked a reporter. "They read, talk back and forth, and listen to the radio."

Solitary confinement, although similar in appearance to the segregation area, is actually much tougher. The men are not permitted to listen to the radio in this maximum-security area, are not permitted exercise outside their individual cells, and aren't even permitted to smoke cigarettes. The only thing that remains constant for all inmates is the food. Inside the cells, they share the same accommodations as do the rest of the celled inmates.

The most stringent punishment, given for uncontrollable behavior within the prison, is called restraint. According to a guard, five days is the longest a man has ever been kept in this unit at a time; he said that men usually "simmer down" after a few hours in this area. Inmates sent to restraint are given nothing but coveralls to wear. Their cells are stripped of any trace of furniture—not even a bed is given to the men, as self-imposed injury is possible. A blanket is given to the inmate, and the only variation from cement and steel within his cell is a six-foot diameter hole in the rear of the cell. There are only five cells of this kind, and these cells are not used very often.

Most inmates may shower as often as they like, but all residents of maximum-security areas are limited to two per week.

The mess hall, located across the courtyard from the inmates' living quarters, is probably the most pleasant room within the seven-building complex. The walls are painted white, furniture is brightly colored, and beyond the large windows lining one wall is a view of the athletic field, and the woods.

Those living in the dormitory and cell blocks are served cafeteria-style on large metal trays. And they are given the traditional plastic cups to drink from.

There is a chapel, located near the dining room, which can accommodate about 80 men for Sunday services. The chapel is decorated with religious works of art done by the inmates themselves, the most notable of which was a four-foot by eight-foot woodcut of the Last Supper scene. ...

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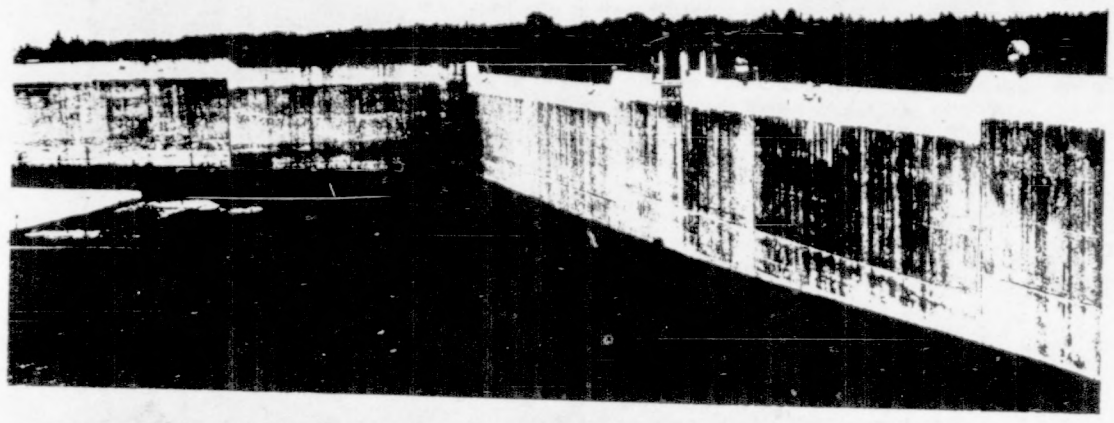

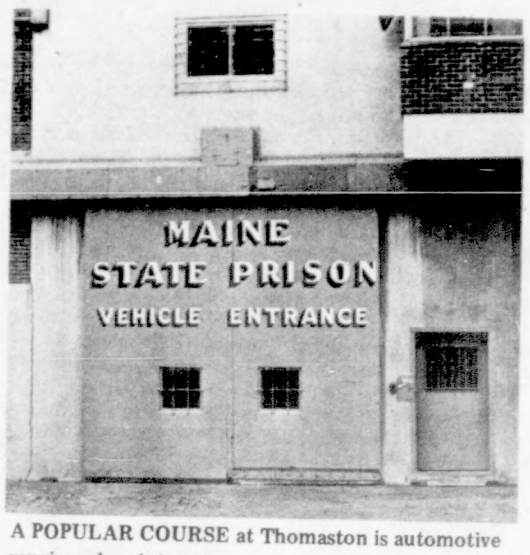

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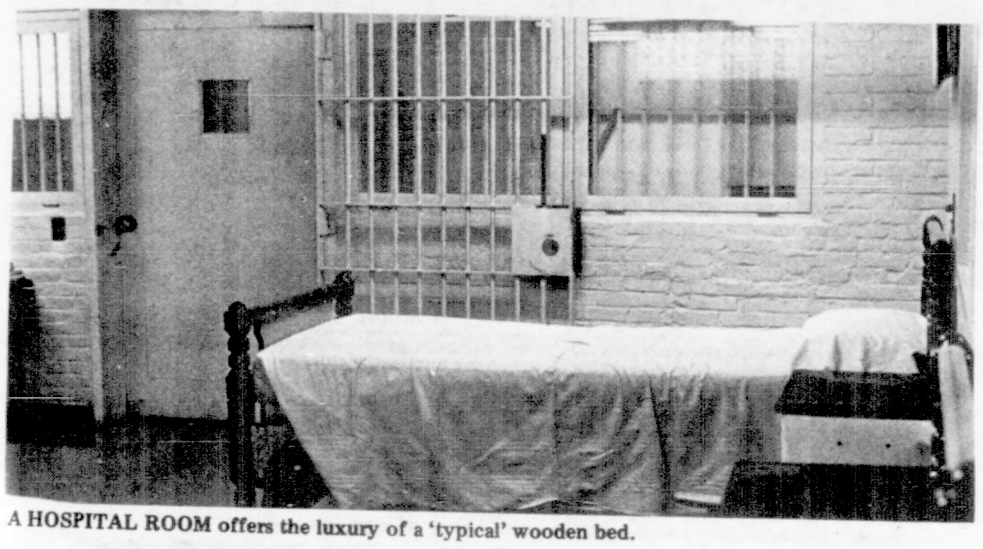
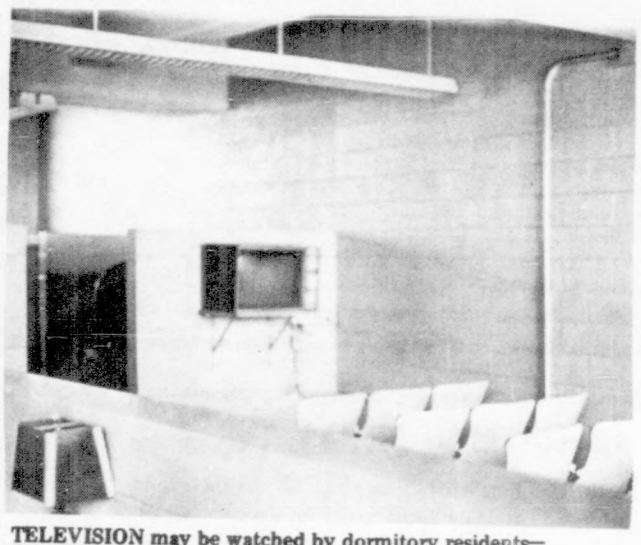


A HOSPITAL ROOM offers the luxury of a 'typical' wooden bed.



TELEVISION may be watched by dormitory residents—only after the day's work is completed. At 10 p.m. lights are out.

Thomaston's biggest problem: no money

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Guard Harald Christiansen
"Bad pay can cause permissiveness"

The Attica uprising, followed by other revolts in maximum security prisons throughout the country, left a sour taste in the mouths and gnawing fears and mistrust in the minds of citizens everywhere.

The New York prison tragedy, however, was a needed spark to shed light on what *really* goes on inside those tall, grey walls.

Reformers and politicians have begun to pick up the slack of years of ignorance, disinterest and plain misinformation (largely by way of movies) about prisons.

The Maine State Prison at Thomaston evidently recognized this newborn interest, and opened its doors to newsmen Friday, September 29.

The Thomaston prison is not without its own ills. But with the help of an energetic young warden, Gerrell S. Mullaney, the administration is in the process of defining the worst evils, and taking steps to cure them.

Like Attica, Thomaston experienced antagonism—on a much smaller and less violent scale—that set off reform. Relations between the guards and inmates (they are now referred to as "residents") had become so strained that the Inmates' Advisory Council was formed as a means of airing differences between the two groups. According to a member of the council, inmate Arthur Stewart, "the situation (in regards to resident—guard relations) has changed for the better. There is respect for the guards, if they act right." But he added that there is still a considerable "lack of trust" for the inmate, which he defines as the number one problem of the warden.

But the guards have their own problem, which can be directly related to their attitudes as people who work with people—money. According to Officer Harald Christiansen, the guards are paid a gross of $114 for a 44-hour work week—with straight pay for overtime. Their pay can increase to a high of $139, but this raise takes at least three and a half years to obtain. Christiansen compared this pay to that of Vermont guards, who start of $120 for a 40-hour week, and get time and a half for overtime.

Christiansen also hit the money issue as the cause of "permissiveness" which has occurred within the prison. He said that the low pay for guards can hamper professional attitude, and this leads to a rapid turnover of officers. As a result, he said, a guard was recently attacked, and a "high—ranking official", whom he declined to name, was also attacked.

According to inmate Arthur Stewart, these attacks are not commonplace, but rather "isolated cases."

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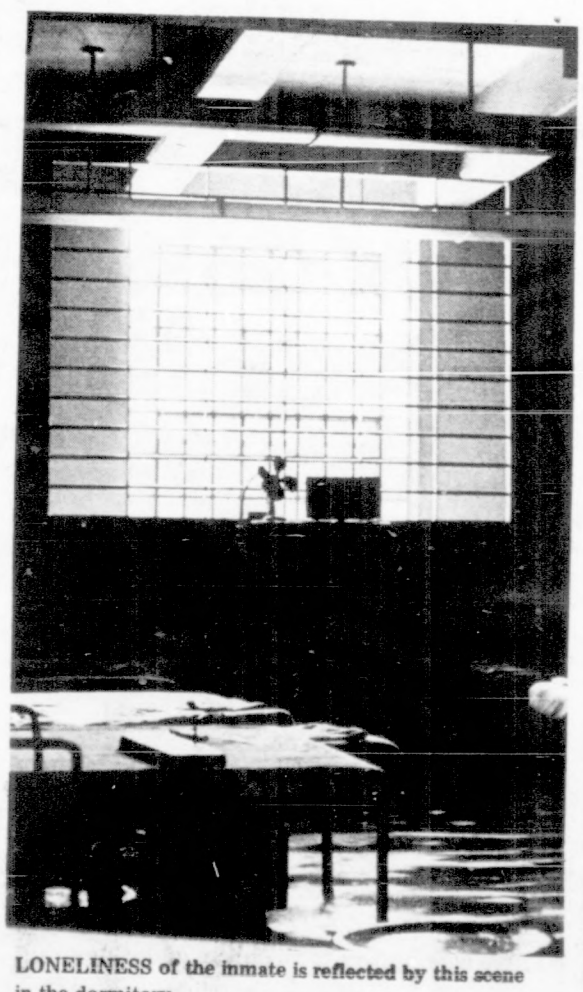

LONELINESS of the inmate is reflected by this scene in the dormitory.

Mullaney: 'It would be helpful to have women around'

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Christiansen said that verbal abuse is, however, common within the prison. But he said that the problem has cleared up somewhat since Mullaney took over the warden's position.

The pervasive problem of no money is not only plaguing the guards. Warden Gerrell S. Mullaney, the 27-year-old, four-week veteran of the prison's top post, said that he would like to expand the furlough program—but there isn't enough money to do it yet. According to Maine state law, a prisoner may be granted a maxir um of 10 days per year leave. But Thomaston can only grant a three-day leaves, because there is no money to pay staffers to screen and check inmates in preparation for furloughs.

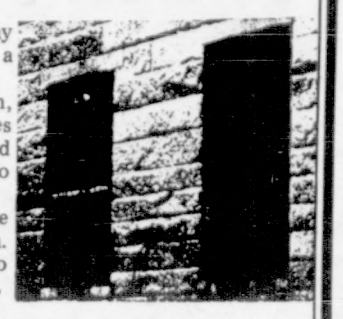
Regardless of the frugal policy, ex-Marine Mullaney says the prison administration is "responsive to everyone's needs." As examples, he cited the moving of fans into the smoky movie room, reopening of barracks for the farm workers, where the men do their own cooking, the development of the Inmates Advisory Council, and his push for family-style counseling, where the inmates would have the opportunity to "rap" with women.

"It would be helpful to have women around here," Mullaney said.

Mullaney was asked about homosexuality within the prison. He said that there are homosexuals at Thomaston, but forcible attacks are indeed rare. He added that administrators and prison doctors have been approached by inmates who reported homosexual tendencies, and that most of these men "would be willing to go through with psychological treatment, surgery, or even outmoded lobotomies" to curb their problems. Mullaney said that men are encouraged to mingle with women when they are granted furloughs.

Mullaney would like to see better psychological treatment of the inmates, but again, money is the problem. Inmates, he said, are given a battery of tests upon entrance into the institution (the same tests that guards are given before they begin work), and see a psychologist. But for many men, that is the last they see of a specialist, unless they suffer severe mental problems. A psychiatrist only comes to the prison one day a week, and his waiting list is long.

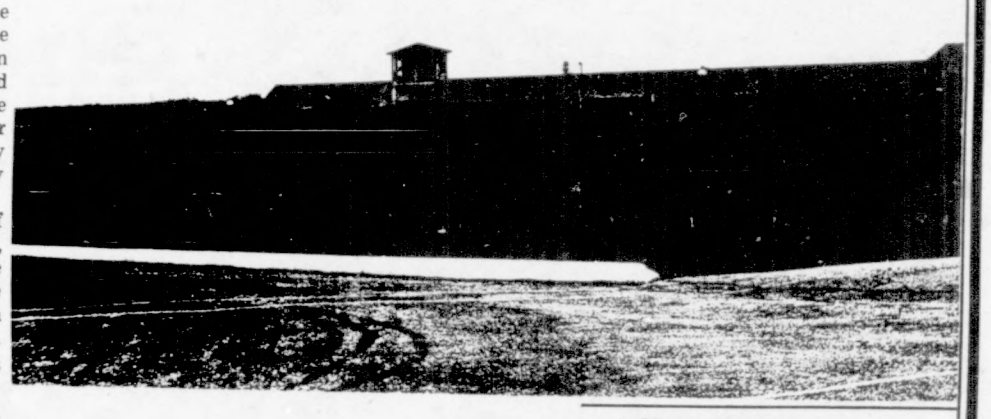
William F. Kearns, Maine's Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections, said that his bureau is seeking legislation to do away with minimum sentences, and is asking for money to build a psychological diagnostic center.



"Time is the most important element" when sentencing a man, Kearns said. He questioned the need to set minimum sentences for certain crimes, saying that "some men are ready to be released in three weeks." But he granted that "there is no easy panacea to solve everybody's problem."

Concerned with psychological and sociological health of the inmates, he said there is a drastic need for a diagnostic program.

He also said that a special commission has been assigned to study the state's entire criminal code. ...



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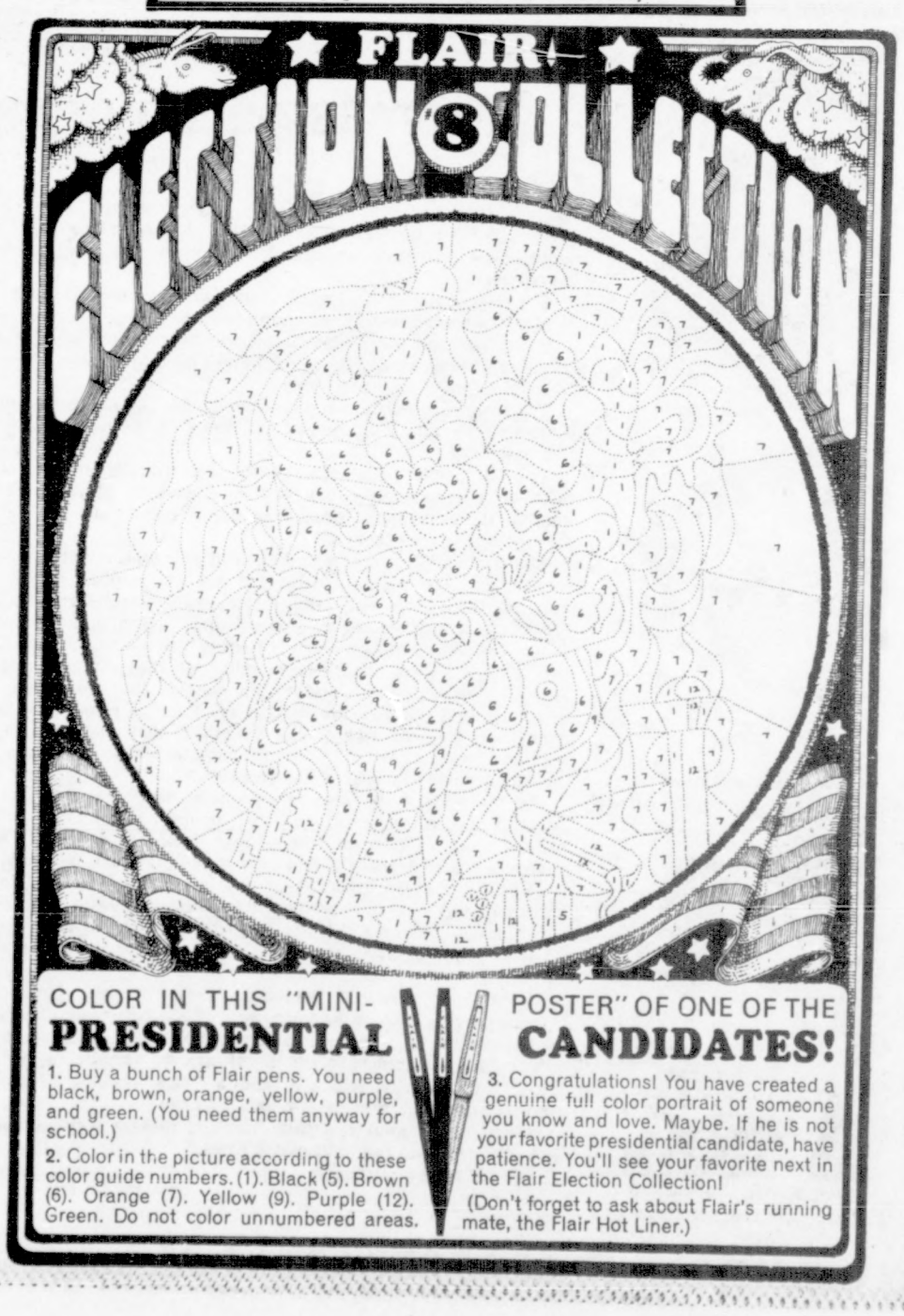

Attica: bloodiest encounter since Civil War

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by Don Perry

There are many prison books on the market today. Prisons seem to be in vogue just now. Plays are being written about them; movies made. All of which display in sensationalistic terms the brutalization of inmates. As if we didn't al..ady know.

Meanwhile, our prisons continue to decay and little is being done about it. And so some prisoners have taken the task of reform unto themselves. Hence, Attica. We can surely expect many more Atticas in years to come. Hence, the great importance of a book like *Attica*.

For some reason, documentations have greater impact upon the human mind. Facts and figures, statistics, if presented well, have the capacity to stun. And, do we ever need to be stunned. Not turned on as so many are by the sado-masochism contained in plays, movies, T.V. and books. Fictional violence, although hypocricy decrees we keep it from harming our children, is of heart-pounding excitment to adults. And, of course, it is all right for adults. What damage can it possibly do? Except maybe to immunize us from the reality of violence; place it at the back of our minds where it doesn't tickle our conscience until it strikes close to home. Then it is too late.

But, isn't that the way humans have always behaved? Ignoring problems until they are too large to solve properly? Ignoring them until some all consuming tragedy strikes? Let us hope the tragedy of Attica will be our prime mover on prison reform. After all, "forty-three citizens of New York State died at Attica Correctional Facility between Sept. 9 and 13, 1971. Thirty-nine of that number were killed and more than 80 others were wounded by gunfire during the 15 minutes it took the State Police to retake the prison on Sept. 13. With the exception of Indian massacres in the late 19th century, the State Police assault which ended the four-day prison uprising was the bloodiest one-day encounter between Americans since the Civil War." If we need a greater tragedy than that, God help us.

You can probably guess for yourself why the riots at Attica occurred. Racism, guard brutality, inadequate facilities, little or no recreation and social life (fostering homosexuality), are reasons that come immeidately to mind. And they were there at Attica in abundance, you can believe. Attica was not a special prison containing special problems that exist in no other prison. Attica was all prisons.

There is a more fundamental reason for the riots. Prison administrators throughout the country continue to pledge their dedication to the concept of rehabilitation of prisoners while continuing to run prisons constructed in the style and operated in the manner of 19th Century walled fortresses. "Security" has continued to be the dominant theme: the fantasy of reform has legitimatized prisons, but the functionalism of custody has

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'Fantasy of reform; rhetoric of rehabilitation'

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perpetuated them. The rhetoric about rehabilitation, however, has not fooled the men brought together inside the walls.

For the inmates at Attica "correction" meant daily degradation and humiliation: "being locked in a cell for 14 to 16 hours a day; working for wages that averaged 30 cents a day in jobs with little or no vocational value; having to abide by hundreds of petty rules for which they could see no justification. Incoming and outgoing mail was read, their radio programs were screened in advance, their reading material was restricted, their movements outside their cells were regulated, they were told when to turn lights out and when to wake up, and even essential toilet needs had to be taken care of in view of patrolling officers. Visits from family and friends took place through a mesh screen and were preceded and followed by strip searches probing every orifice of the inmate's body."

In prison, inmates found the same deprivations that they had encountered on the street: "meals were unappetizing and not up to nutritional standards. Clothing was old, ill-fitting, and inadequate. Most inmates could take showers only once a week. State-issued clothing, toilet articles, and other personal items had to be supplemented by purchases at a commissary where prices did not reflect the meager wages inmates were given to spend. To get along in the prison's economy, inmates resorted to hustling, just as they had in trying to cope with the economic system outside the walls."

The sources of inmate frustration and discontent did not end there: "medical care, while adequate to meet acute health needs, was dispensed in acallous, indifferent manner by doctors who feared and despised most of the inmates they treated; inmates were not protected from unwelcome homosexual advances; even the ticket to freedom for most inmates — parole — was burdened with inequities or at least the appearance of inequity."

The inmates of Attica were 54 percent black, 37 percent white and 8.7 percent Spanish-speaking, almost 80 percent from the cities' ghettos, and the correction officers were all white and drawn from the rural areas in which we build our prisons.

The idea of "correction" at Attica was a cruel joke. If anyone was rehabilitated it was in spite of Attica, not because of it. Statistics show that three-quarters of the men who entered prison in New York State in the sixties had been exposed to the "rehabilitative" experience in prison before. There is no rebuttal to the testimony of one inmate shortly after his release from Attica: "The taxpayers paid thousands of dollars per year to keep me incarcerated. They didn't get anything for their money. It was a waste."

So the riots happened, sparked by a continuing series of isolated events that are not important, all of which were connected to the above cited prison conditions.

The book, *Attica*, reveals, step by step, what the prisoners wanted, how the uprising started, how the prison officials reacted, who killed whom; and covers the questions of whether the public ever got all the facts, and has anything changed since the uprising. Not since the *Kerner Report* (published earlier by Bantam) has such a thorough and shattering study of the causes of violence in our society been made. It is one of those few "must" books that everyone owes to himself to read.

In conclusion: "The assault (on Attica) by State Troopers itself was not carefully planned to minimize the loss of life; the choice of weapons and ammunition was based upon ready availability, not upon the logic of the specific situation; no safe guards were established to protect against excessive use of force by those who were authorized to fire; no effective control was imposed to prevent firing by those not supposed to participate; no adequate arrangements were made for medical care of the severe casualties that should have been anticipated; and no responsible system was established to prevent vengeful reprisals against inmates after the retaking."

In short, the retaking of Attica and its aftermath, was categorized by a similar degree of humiliation and degredation as those elements that perpetrated it. We have a lot to learn. This book is a viable start.

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207-pound junior Bob Piekarski, and center sophomore Russ Pietrini weighing in at 220. John Govin, a 207-pound sophomore, is the right guard and 205-pound Henry Hill the left tackle.

The tight end is Mike Matkevich, a 200-pound sophomore. At left halfback is 168-pound Danny Weed, a junior. The Rams have a lightweight fullback at 188 pounds—sophomore Dan Whitaker. Rounding out the starting Rhode Island backfield is 195-pound junior "Molly" McGee at right halfback.

The two leading ground gainers for the Rams are halfbacks Weed and McGee. Weed has a season's rushing average of 5.8 yards per carry, and McGee had an average of 4.8 yards per carry, with four touchdowns.

The quarterback for the Rams is junior Kim Purcell. Purcell has completed 24 of 52 passes on the season for 241 net yards, and connected for six touchdown passes. He has been intercepted twice.

3rd and 10

by Dave Thompson

In last Saturday's game against Bucknell, the key play leading to the loss was seen clearly by players and fans as Maine's final offensive play. It was a high-stakes gamble which Maine lost.

With less than two minutes in the game and the score tied 14-14, it was a fourth down with nine yards to go on the Maine 47 yard line. Maine quarterback Ron Cote pitched out to sophomore halfback Al Marquis, who stopped, attempting to pass. But the option didn't work and Marquis was dropped for a 14-yard loss. Bucknell took over and drove to the Maine 21 with 16 seconds remaining. As most everyone knows, from there Bucknell kicker Dave Boyer kicked a 38-yard field goal and the game was decided.

After the game head coach Walter Abbott said, "We never thought about going for two points after the touchdown that we scored with two minutes left because we thought that the offense had enough time to regain possession and drive for a score."

The logic was that Maine was going for the win and as a result the gamble was necessary, but this is still questionable because with four minutes left Maine scored and went for the one-point conversion to tie the game. If Maine was indeed going for the win, then why not gamble 3 yards for a 2-point conversion instead of on a fourth and nine yards to go on Maine's own 47.

As it turned out, Maine ended up losing the down, the tie, and the ball game. Had Maine gained the necessary nine yards and driven for a touchdown, the coaching decision would probably have been praised.

But if one looks at how Maine had moved the ball throughout the game, the big last-minute gamble on the option pass seems foolish. Maine generated only 95 total yards rushing and 23 yards passing in the whole game. Although the blocking by the offensive line was an improvement over the UMass game, it was still erratic.

Many disbelieving fans wondered after the game why Maine had not punted the ball to prevent Bucknell from getting into field-goal range.

This view of the game has the benefit of hindsight but it seems that the gamble that was taken with fourth and nine in Maine territory, with a Bucknell kicker who demonstrated his ability kicking both extra points far beyond the uprights, was a difficult one to understand at best.

Maybe the feeling was that a tie was as unsatisfying as a loss. I don't see any other justification for the fourth-down call. I only hope that this type of reasoning is more successful in future games.

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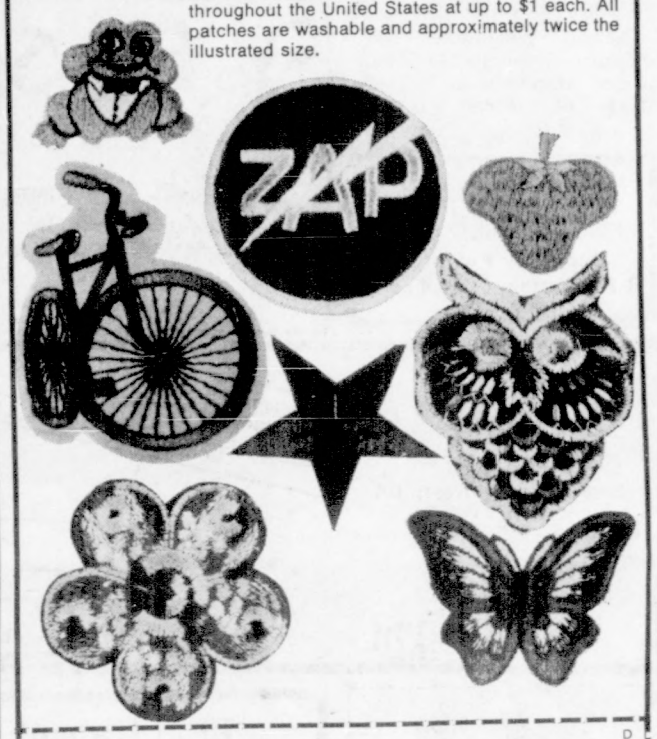

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After losing to a strong Boston University team last week, the UMO varsity soccer team reeled off three straight victories in the past week over Colby, UMass and Bates.

In the Colby game last week, junior Pete Elliot scored both Maine goals in the 2-1 Black Bear victory. Soccer coach Paul Stoyell felt that this game was the turning point for the Maine goal-tending situation, which had been so shaky early in the season.

At UMass last Saturday the Bears defeated a strong ballclub 2-0 — a reversal of last year's score. Stoyell gave three reasons for the win. First, the Redmen "took us lightly and came out with little enthusiasm. We played an exellent defensive game for the first time this year," and "Mass blew an easy penalty kick."

The Bears' first goal of the game came from an indirect kick that John Resenfeld headed into the net from Mike Wisnieski's assist.

During the second half, Maine was able to get three fast breaks because UMass was caught upfield trying to put some offensive pressure on. The second goal came when Bill Sproul was grabbed around the neck, causing a penalty kick which senior Doug Foust rammed home.

Goalie John Hackett was the standout player of the game, according to Stoyell. "In the last two games he's allowed only one goal. He's been doing a great job"

Tuesday afternoon at Lewiston, the Bears boosted their season's record to 4-1, with an impressive 2-0 shutout over Bates College.

Junior Kim Shepard scored one goal and assisted on another. Pete Elliot scored another goal in the second period.

Maine goalie John Hackett had five saves in the contest, while the Bates goalie had six. The totals in shots on goal were: Maine 21, Bates 13, (only one of which was in the second half).

Tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. the Bears will face Rhode Island, which has two All-Conference linemen returning from a team that last year tied Vermont for the league championship. Maine was defeated 3-1 in the only game played between the two teams last year.

BEARS TRY AGAIN TOMMORROW vs. RHODY

After absorbing a frustrating loss to Bucknell last week, the Black Bear football team will try to get its 1-2 season's record back on the right track against an undefeated Rhode Island team tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m.

Rhody, having beaten Hampton Institute handily 27-0, Northeastern University 27-7, and last week coming back from a 17-0 half-time deficit to beat Brown 21-17, looks like a formidable opponent.

In last week's game against Brown, the game was won by 183-pound senior Buddy Denniston, who returned a punt 82 yards for a touchdown that provided the winning margin. Denniston is also the starting split end. Thus far Denniston is also the Rams' leading pass receiver, with 7 catches for 63 yards.

Next to Denniston in the offensive lineup is 231-pound junior Rob Morini at left tackle. At the left guard is

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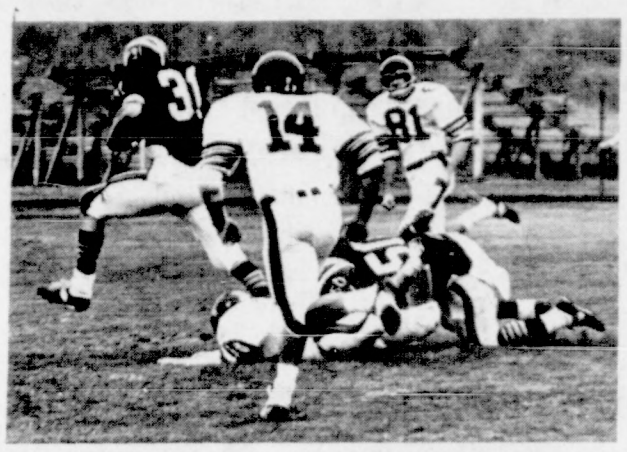

ALL BY HIMSELF—Junior halfback Bob Fanjoy(31) breaks a tackle and sprints for the end zone early in the first quarter of last Saturday's game scoring on a 36-yard run. That scoring stood up for Maine until the fourth quarter, when quarterback Ron Cote scored from the one. It wasn't enough, however, as Bucknell kicked a 37-yard field goal to beat the Bears 17-14.

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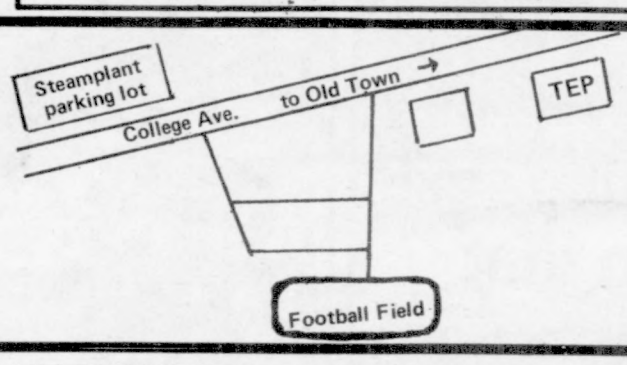

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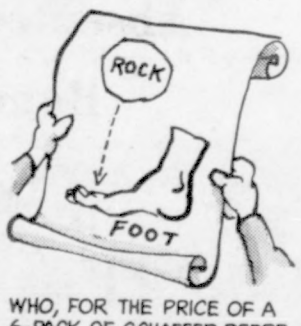

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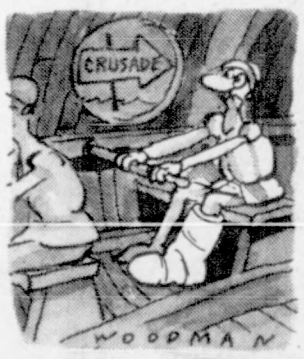

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