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Behind the Walls

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Oregon State Penitentiary has been putting on a new face since the beginning of the year. Construction of a new vocational training building, creating a year round training boxing team and the enlargement of a whole new training program for all employees working for the institution.

The Revised Rules Governing Inmate Conduct. A discussion of the Corrections Division Rules Governing Inmate Conduct and how it has been revised since the training began in January. Cheryl Williams, OSP Hearing Officer does the lecturing.

Confidentiality. A discussion of the legal authority and limitation on disclosures of information concerning inmate activities and history -- to the public, other agencies and/or the inmate. Scott McAlister, Assistant Attorney General, lecturing.

The Inside Pass System. The proper use of the inside system including call passes, turnouts and special passes. Lt. Don Jackson, OSP Training Lieutenant, lecturing.

Offender Personality Types. An overview of communication

patterns of incarcerated offenders at OSP and the appropriate staff response. John Caywood, OSP Psychiatric Department, lecturing.

Minorities communication. How to communicate with inmates who are minorities, plus sensitivity training. Jack Schut, Program specialist, Eastern Oregon College, lecturing.

Policy assessment. The annual demonstration of knowledge regarding rules, policies, and procedural statements commensurate with assignment. Greg Morton, OSP Training Coordinator, lecturing.

Those are just a few of the courses required for all employees working for the Oregon State Penitentiary. Even the Superintendent teaches one of the courses himself called Correctional Facility Disturbances.

In last week's prison bulletin Cupp wrote the following letter to all 1500 inmates inside the Oregon State Penitentiary.

From the Superintendent;

I thought I might bring you up-to-date and give you a progress report regarding the new building being constructed in the Industrial and Vocational training areas. Both of these buildings are slated to be completed on or about September 1 of this year, and it appears with the progress the contractors are making at this time they will meet this completion date.

All staff and equipment have been approved for both of these buildings. The Vocational Training Building will house four new vocational trades. These trades were agreed upon after a very careful study of job needs and placement opportunities in the community. The trades slated for inclusion in this new building addition are: diesel mechanics, air conditioning and refrigeration, building maintenance, and landscaping. This should provide about sixty new training opportunities for inmates prior to their release. I think many of you know we recently double-shifted the welding trade which has been providing very lucrative job opportunities in the community. While it might not seem like a great improvement, it almost doubles our current opportunities as far as Vocational Training is concerned. One of the strengths of our Vocational Training is that we have

allowed our VT instructors to go out in the community one day each month to help in job placement and, also, to keep current with the latest techniques in their respective areas.

On the other side of the fence, the new Industrial Building will, hopefully, provide job opportunities for a hundred more paid jobs. We plan to utilize this space for assembly and finishing as well as moving the Upholstery Shop to this area (Couches and all).

Hopefully, both of these additions will virtually eliminate unemployment problems experienced in this institution over the past thirty years and provide a source of income to those of you who wish paid jobs. These two projects were our top priority the past biennium.

Our building priorities for the forthcoming biennium will be the addition of a new field house to replace the present Recreation Building. We hope to build this building in a location where it can be utilized 365 days a year including evenings, thus eliminating some of the cell time you are presently experiencing. We would plan on erecting this building just east of the Culinary Department or the present inmate dining room so we could use it in the evening up to 9:00 at night.

In past years I have received many fine suggestions from the inmate body. I want to share these plans with you to give you an opportunity to present any thoughts you may have prior to final adoptions.

Another top priority of not only this institution but also the Corrections Division is to further upgrade our medical services. We all know this is a very important subject, and it is something that affects us very personally. We feel we have made great strides in the past upgrading the Dental Department and also by utilizing the Salem Hospitals for surgical procedures. However, we feel we need to improve our in-house delivery system and will be studying this as well as the entire medical picture.

As time goes on, I will attempt to keep you informed as to our upcoming budgetary package so you will have some idea of the direction we are moving as the budget vially affects your livelihood during your period of incarceration.

H.C. Cupp
SUPERINTENDENT

Cell Talk

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We as Black human beings have suffered for countless years, in the United States soil at the hands and minds of racism, oppression, imperialism and repression. We have bore with pain what no other people could begin to bear - and the suffering continues - a different picture but with the same old frame.

We, in prisons all across this now inglorious country cry out for help, we cry out for compassion and understanding, we cry out for mercy but it seems as if our cries are dry and inaudible; it seems that our voices are choked off and covered by dust before the vibrations reach the fullness of sound. If this is not the problem, then the problem must be that we are crying to deaf ears and hard hearts.

We cry out but because we get no response or a lack of adequate response from you - our own people, we get smashed in the mouth by the grey fist of racism for crying out in the first place; because you do not respond to the cries of your human kind, your color kind, your blood kind, your companions in oppression kind, you suffer also. You suffer higher prices in racist operated stores in your community, you suffer as your people suffer in Florida, in Mississippi, in South Africa and as the people right down the street from you suffer. Your children, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends suffer at the hands and diabolical minds of the educational system: We all suffer greater than we are able to see or even detect at the moment.

If we (Blacks in O.S.P.) were all killed in the morning, "What would you do?" Would you say, "that's a shame?" Or perhaps you would ask for an investigation. An investigation after the fact is like locking the barn door after all the horses have run off! What would they investigate? What did they investigate at Attica? What did they investigate when the church in Alabama blew up? We know what the problems are, we also know that if we can't get you to help solve or ease these problems, you may all die very soon. I am speaking of physical death...not the death one suffers as a result of the loss of his wife and

family, but death by bullets. Bullets sprayed by grinning devils! Every officer, guard and employee here is required to spend XXX number of hours on the firing range shooting at targets; targets that can't shoot back or scream or bleed or moan in agony from the hot lead. This builds a subtle and sometimes overt frustration in that person behind the gun. All the targets are Black! "Ask yourself why...?" It's certainly not for visibility, it's subliminal suggestions in a most dangerous form. When trouble breaks out here (and its bound to) these people with the guns are going to shoot at what they've been trained to shoot at, they're going to shoot at the Black targets that frustrated their marksmanship rating. They're not going to shoot at sitting ducks because there aren't any sitting ducks behind these walls!!!

Please listen - my life - the lives of many people are at stake. We need your support, we are allowed at this time two meetings a month for cultural purposes. These meetings are held in the prison visiting room

and the general public is allowed to attend by invitation only. If you desire to attend one of our meetings please contact us by phone (378-2446) or by mail (Uhuru Sa Sa 2605 State St. Salem, Oregon 97310) weekdays only.

If we could wake up from this racist induced sleep, we would remember who we were and who we are, we would unite to once again be the "ONE" that we've been since time began. God will aid us! He will aid us against Amerika's nasty habits. It is divine providence that we come together at this time; the pattern is being set all over the world, all over the planet earth, we must set patterns never before set at this northwest corner of the United States - rise up! Rise to the times and set your brothers and sisters free.

There is a commercial in support of the United Negro College Fund which states, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," but what about life? (think about it) Will you aid and abet the willful destruction of your own kind???

A PERSONAL MOMENT FOR THOSE WHO CARE

The wind blows on the mountain and the snow is forced into drifts. Each drift protects that which is behind it. The mountain causes the wind to rise and wild animals beyond the mountain are sheltered. Many forced changes are acts of love. Love does not remain constant, each of you will force change and the change may benefit more than just two.

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FROM THE FRONT DOOR

By Tom Boothe
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From the front door, I examined the law of movement, this law ruled and governed all who would live. Its name was **Purpose, preparation, direction and consistency** each unit of it's sum total fitting like pieces of a puzzle and composing a single entity; like the basic ingredients of a good cake.

The law says for all who will succeed must have a **purpose, preparation, direction and consistency**. For those who do not have these ingredients, or even if only one ingredient is missing, then that person must fail. The law demonstrates that all who succeeded in the past had all four ingredients; all those who failed in the past had one or more of these ingredients missing.

The law guarantees the future, it says that if you know your **purpose and prepare** to realize it and define its **direction** and be consistent in your endeavors, you will be a success, but, if you are missing in any one of these ingredients you will be a **failure**.

I asked the law, what about faith and will-power? It answered and said faith, hope, desire, longing, wishing and will-power are nothing more than the positive reflection of any purpose you choose, and boils down to equal the amount of inspiration and motivation you have toward that purpose as an objective; but without the preparation, direction and consistency the law says **faith and will-power** is like a rainbow; beautiful, but can only be seen if you are between it and the sun; it cannot be obtained and will disappear when the sun goes behind the clouds, or when you change positions.

I asked the law one final question, what does the law have to say about **righteousness and wickedness**? The law said that it **rules and governs** all things including **righteousness and wickedness**, it said, for example, if a man had a **purpose of righteousness** and applied all four ingredients he would succeed at **righteousness**, if he did not apply all four ingredients, he would fail at **righteousness**; like wise, if a man had a **purpose of wickedness** and applied all four ingredients, he would succeed at **wickedness**; if, he did not apply all four ingredients, he would fail at **wickedness**.

As I stepped back from the door, I concluded that this law was truly inescapable and did indeed rule and govern all who lived. This law was fair to all, the faithful, the righteous, the wicked, the good and the bad.

I could understand how there are successful good and positive people, producing good and positive things; and also, successful bad and negative people, producing bad and negative things.

A great part of my purpose is to be a positive person who produces good and positive things, for all who wish to join me, please don't forget to **prepare and define your direction and be consistent regarding your purpose**. It is by this law only that we can be successful at producing good and positive things.

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Congratulations Dr. Cherry on your victory in District 14. I'll see you in 1982.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who supported me in the primary election. We were not victorious but we will be back in 1982, full of enthusiasm and dedication, and plan to be victorious.

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