



Jail officers take a turn behind bars

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Jail's officers go behind county bars

By HELEN PARKS

With blankets and sheets in hand, the new "inmates" shuffled down the Oakland County jail hallway and filed into vacant cells.

"Get back in there," the turnkey shouted before the cell door slammed shut.

After spending Monday morning being photographed, fingerprinted and booked, the 19 men, clad in their jail blues, were finally behind bars. The charge: to see what it's like to live in jail. The sentence: 24 to 36 hours in the county jail.

UNLIKE THE other 470 inmates of the Oakland County jail, these men aren't criminals. In fact the jail's real inmates usually see these men on the other side of the bars. The men are the jail's detention officers, the men in charge of booking the inmates and answering the inmates' jail calls.

But for a while this week, they got a chance to see life from inside the slammer.

The lock-up, which began at 8 a.m. Monday, was part of a five-day Jailier Specialist Training Seminar sponsored by the Michigan Department of Corrections. The program, directed by Raymond Walters, is aimed at providing

the detention officers with a greater understanding of an inmate's frustration, isolation and helplessness while in jail.

SO THE 19 men went behind bars to sit. No cards, no music, no visitors, the ban on cigarettes was lifted earlier that morning. But some of the new inmates were prepared to skip that rule anyway by hiding cigarette packages in their shirts. Working jailers were to show no favoritism.

And in an effort to make their jail stay seem a little longer, the lights were left on during the night.

Two hours after the men were in jail, still waiting to be brought to their permanent jail cells, boredom was setting in.

When asked how it was after the short time, one of the officers shouted "I'm climbing the walls."

"BY THIS they'll start to understand how an inmate feels," Walters said. "They'll see how it is not to be able to go out and get a beer with the boys or see their girls."

"There's not a damn thing they (inmates) can do," Walters said. "That's the problem in county jails—for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they sit."

During their jail stay the officers were to keep a journal to record their feelings and how they might feel if they were in the same situation for a year.

The journals were to be used in a human awareness seminar the men participated in after they "served their sentence."

They were "released" Tuesday, after which the human awareness seminar was conducted until Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday the men were to participate in group discussions about security, procedures, rehabilitation programs, mental illness and homosexuality in jails. Restraint techniques were also taught during the seminar.

Military service

ASSIGNED

Airman Bradley A. Converse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Converse III of Franklin has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Force Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. He has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Chanute for specialized training in aircraft maintenance.

TOP IS PERCENT

Sgt. Kenneth C. Shevokas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Shevokas of Troy, has been named one of the top 15 percent in his Air Force specialty. He will receive a Superior Performance Pay bonus for six months as a result of this selection.

Sgt. Shevokas, a communications equipment specialist, was chosen for his leadership, exemplary conduct,

technical skill and duty performance in competition with all other airmen in his grade and specialty. He is presently serving at the Pentagon with the 2,04th Communications Group.

Revolution session set

Oakland University's department of history will conduct a conference on "Teaching About Revolutions and Civil Wars" at Meadow Brook Hall on March 15.

Sessions will include the pathology of modern revolutions; saints and assassins; Russian revolutionary activists; the Taiping Rebellion; the Cuban revolution; the personal impact of the American Civil War; the European revolutions of 1830, 1848, and 1871; revolutions in colonial and contemporary Africa; and revolution from the right: the military and dictatorships of Chile and Brazil.

Faculty conducting the sessions include Melvin Cherni, Richard M. Brace, Robert C. Howes, Charles A. Akers, Robert J. Krompart, Colin A. Palmer, and Carl R. Osthaus. Others include James D. Graham, Mary Karasch, Roy A. Matyniek, Lawrence D. Orton and S. Bernard Thomas.

For additional information, contact the university's Conference Dept. 377-3272.

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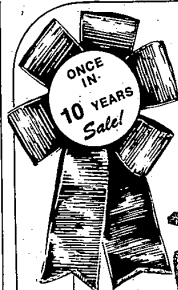
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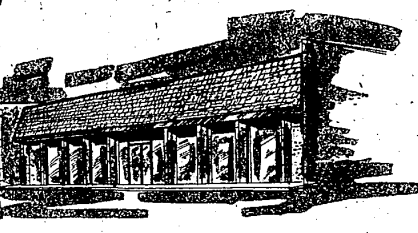
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