

# Inmate Rehabilitation Discussed

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Auburn — Robert J. Henderson, superintendent of the Auburn State Correctional Facility, speaking before the Holy Family Home and School Association recently, highlighted the continued concern for developing rehabilitation-focused programs, some of which include community involvement.

Henderson indicated that training programs for correction officers have taken on increased importance in recent years. Turnover in personnel, and the correctional officers' confrontation by new radical elements attempting to disrupt institutional programs, has put new emphasis on the need for additional formalized training programs, he said.

During the past month the department has been utilizing the State Police Academy facility and academy and correction personnel to train new employees. Training programs to encompass correctional personnel from advisory, supervisory supervisory to officers in day-to-day contact with inmates are being developed.

Currently 24 inmates are involved in work release programs outside the prison during the day, with employment in local and Syracuse industry. The program is seen as providing transition back into the community and income for families otherwise on welfare. Over 100 have been involved, with only one inmate absconding. He immediately returned.

The biggest stumbling block to necessary educational and training programs continues to be the lack of available funding.

Henderson indicated the institution is interested in implementing an evening education and vocational program, utilizing volunteers, which could provide opportunities for those inmates whose daytime assignments do not permit class attendance or who need specialized help.

Currently the administration is working with a group proposing an innovative college program which would involve instruction on a college level.

## Auburn Area Notes

King Ferry — Third Session, First Communion Meeting for Parents at the Rural Education Center, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Port Byron — Father Kress, pastor of St. John's in Port Byron and St. Michael's in Montezuma, will preach at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Port Byron Federated Church at 7:30 tonight (Wednesday).



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