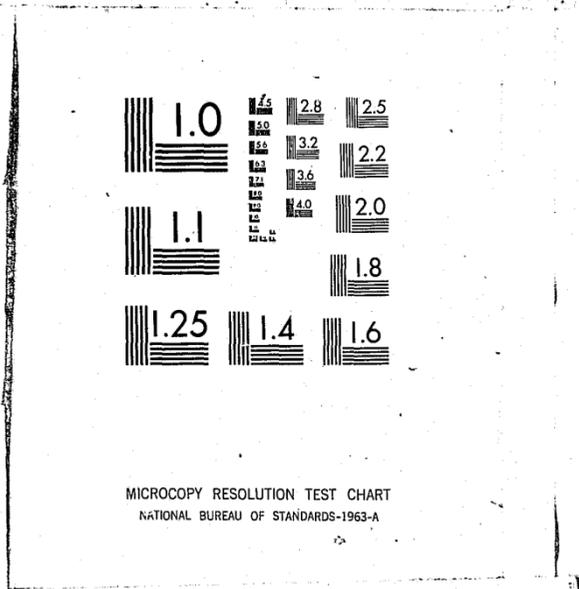


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SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

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ACQUISITIONS

During the past year continued progress was made toward achieving the goals of the Institution and Department! Employee-inmate rapport and communications between administration and inmates were improved.

A Jaycees Program was instituted on September 3, 1976 at the Stokes Forest Unit. A Senior Correction Officer has assumed the responsibility of the adviser and the sponsoring of this program was made possible by the Roxbury Jaycees.

A full-time academic teacher was hired on October 12, 1976 to teach at the Stokes Forest Unit during the past year and a vocational teacher was hired on January 17, 1977 and taught an auto mechanics course at the same Unit. In previous years an instructor counselor doubled as an academic teacher on a part-time basis.

Several college students from Montclair State College organized a two-track program with a Spanish group at Annandale. The group felt that a counseling type program relating to drug addiction was needed as well as an educational program offering tutoring to those young men who could not read or write English. A total of thirty-five inmates attended programs on a voluntary basis and have been active in both tracks. Dr. Tribich, Institution Clinical Psychologist, meets with the drug therapy group segment. Montclair State College students conduct a general session together with the group of committee leaders. Topics include self-improvement, planning, type of assistance available in the community, and what the residents can do to help themselves while at the institution. The drug therapy group meets with Professor McLaren and the education group meets with Mr. Romero and Mr. Kawolek. Topics include reading and writing English, reading and writing Spanish, Mathematics, pre-secondary and secondary subjects, and Puerto Rican culture.

The Rutgers Community Action Group met on Thursday evenings. This group consisted of about ten volunteers from Rutgers University who work on a one-to-one basis with young men who volunteer for this counseling and tutoring.

On January 10, 1977, we were fortunate to have the Architects in Schools Program commence at Annandale. This was funded through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. William Mikesell was hired as the Architect in Residence, and with the aid of Mr. Kell, Fine Arts teacher, the upstairs recreation room and phone room was renovated in Cottage 8. The purpose of this program was to motivate the students in changing the environment to meet their own needs in a program labeled "Project Self." This was a "hands on" project which involved carpentry, architectural design and mural work. The students work has given quite a "face lifting" to the drab walls that once existed and are still prevalent in many areas.

The CETA Program during the past year was fortunate to obtain a full-time job placement counselor. Mr. Baldwin transferred to this capacity in December 1976 and has done an outstanding job. Most notable has been the organization and follow-up procedures that he established to follow residents from orientation

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Continuous Assessment Program through their programs (CETA, Education, etc.) to their parole date. He has also done remarkably well in obtaining jobs and vocational placements.

ADMISSIONS, RELEASES, POPULATION: There was a total of 984 inmates assigned to Annandale by the Classification Committee at the Youth Reception and Correction Center, Yardville. This figure was 92 less than the 1,076 inmates received during the previous fiscal year. This figure gave us an average monthly intake of 82 inmates which was less than the monthly average of 90 inmates the previous year. The average inmate continues to be in poor health with considerable neglect and abuse to the body. Several of these new arrivals require constant medical attention because of serious cases of epilepsy and asthma.

On June 30, 1977, Annandale had 85 state prison cases included in its population. These were primarily individuals who were originally committed to the Youth Complex with warrants and when these were acted upon, state prison sentences were given. There were several direct transfers from the prison reception units.

The average population was 605 as compared to 631 last year. Juvenile commitments this year was 43 percent.

Nine hundred and six inmates were paroled from Annandale during the 1976-77 year.

A total of 44 inmates were returned to the Reception Center for reclassification for disciplinary or administrative reasons.

A total of 68 inmates were recalled by the courts as compared to 68 the previous year.

The average age of inmates on admission was 19.5 years. This is slightly higher than last year's average of 19.2.

The average length of stay in the institution was 10.2 months which was less than 10.3 months the previous year.

PERSONNEL: There were 291 employees at Annandale as of June 30, 1977 as compared to 295 employees last year. This includes budgeted, temporary and federally funded positions. Approximately 380 prospective employees were interviewed by the Personnel Officer and 85 new employees were hired during the past fiscal year.

A total of 169 correction personnel are employed, including correction officers and custodial supervisors.

There were 25 personnel transferred from this institution to other institutions; 16 employees were granted a leave of absence; 14 employees retired; and 74 individuals were involved in SLI during the past fiscal year. There was a total of 110 employee accidents during the year.

There were 42 Disciplinary Actions resulting in 27 suspensions, 5 official reprimands, 1 demotion, 1 released at the end of test period, 2 removals, 5 resignations and 1 RINGS.

There was a total of 34 grievances processed; 2 were settled at the second step; 12 at the third step; and 5 at the fourth step. The remainder are pending.

The Social Service Department functioned with 4 members on the staff.

The Education Department functioned with a total of 35 full-time and one part-time members on the staff, including supervisory personnel, teachers, recreation aides, clerical staff, assistant instructors and a librarian.

All psychiatric services continue to be provided on a part-time basis. Dr. Felger works two days each week. Dr. Tribich began full-time employment on September 13, 1976 as a Clinical Psychologist, however he has worked only three days each week since May 7, 1977. Mr. Kogler continued as a Clinical Psychologist on a part-time basis.

INMATE DISCIPLINE AND MORALE: The inmate morale was good throughout the year and major incidents were at a minimum. It is felt that some of the reasons for maintaining good morale was the accessibility of staff to all inmates. New and constant changes in the program, as well as good communication with staff and inmates, have related in reducing friction and misunderstanding.

The following items and new and major changes in programs are of interest to inmates:

During the past year, 23 students were enrolled in programs with Veterans Benefits. Six participated in the college program at Somerset County College, 5 in Adult Basic Education, and 12 in the G.E.D. Program. Program certification reports for each veteran were submitted to the V.A. Regional Office every three months. The contact person from V.A. was Donald Brown, counselor at the V.A. Regional Office in Newark. He was most helpful in expediting of Annandale inmate applications.

During the past year there was a total of 170 furloughs, 88 unescorted and 82 escorted. A total of 889 furlough applications were screened.

The Annandale Brotherhood of Jaycees continued earning money from their picture project. The money earned is used to maintain telephones in each of the housing units so that all inmates wanting to make collect phone calls are able to use these phones. They may be used on a daily basis from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

During the year there were 15 escapes or attempted escapes involving 17 inmates; Nine from the main institution; 5 from High Point; one from Stokes and 2 from Newark House.

Unusual incidents created by some of our more disturbed inmates are as follows: On July 30, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. in detention, inmate Willie Kellam, 47718, attempted to hang himself. Correction Officer Herbert Schwind noticed Kellam with a headrag tied around his neck and around the holes in the grille work. Mr. Schwind reached in, pulled him down and notified Center. No injuries were noted.

On August 30 in Cottage 1, inmate Willie Stephenson, 47635, was assaulted by Bernard Jones, 42811, in the bathroom. Stephenson fell, striking his face on a

divider in the bathroom. He cracked his cheekbone. Stephenson filed charges against Jones.

On November 10 at about 7:50 p.m. in the gym, a disturbance started while boxing matches were going on. An inmate fell off a chair, pulled another inmate with him and they started to fight. Other inmates started fighting and chairs were thrown. Several officers were injured and hit with chairs. One inmate, John Kochowics, 47003, and three officers were taken to Hunterdon Medical Center and treated. No one was seriously hurt. The inmate was kept overnight for observation.

On December 5, a strip frisk of inmate Joseph Sokolowski, 48380, was made prior to his leaving the visiting hall area. Search revealed a packet wrapped in aluminum foil in the lining of his jacket. Marijuana test showed positive. Sokolowski received a disciplinary report and was found guilty by the Adjustment Committee. Referral was made to the Classification Committee where he received six weeks added to his parole date.

On December 26 at about 8:45 p.m., inmate Kenneth Stewart returned from furlough. A strip frisk search was made and a small manila envelope was found containing a vegetable substance in the sole of his sneakers. Narcoban test proved positive. He received a disciplinary report and was found guilty by the Adjustment Committee. He was referred to the Classification Committee for a program and time review.

On December 26, 1976 at about 4:25 p.m., a strip frisk of inmates leaving the visiting hall revealed a substance believed to be marijuana hidden in the toes of socks worn by inmate Jeffrey Walker, 48240. Narcoban test proved positive. He received a disciplinary report and was found guilty by the Adjustment Committee. He was referred to the Classification Committee for a program and time review.

On December 26 at about 4:15 p.m., a strip frisk of inmate Pat Williams was made prior to his leaving the visiting hall. Search revealed Williams to have in his possession one cigarette joint and a cellophane wrapper containing possible marijuana in the sole of his shoe. Narcoban test proved positive. He received a disciplinary report and was found guilty by the Adjustment Committee and referred to the Classification Committee for a program and time review.

On January 11 at Union 76 Truck Stop at 12:15 a.m., Correction Officer Rosebrock reported that inmates Willie Hyman, 48221 and Michael Smith, 48890, were involved in a theft of a 357 revolver from a truck. They were returned to Annandale for further investigation by the State Police. Charges were filed by the New Jersey State Police. Hyman was cleared and paroled.

On February 2 at about 2:15 a.m. in Cottage 1, inmate Jose Amara, 49199, was sexually assaulted. Correction Officer Frank Manazer spotted a blanket draped from inmate Carlos Matos, 48607, bed, which was used to conceal them. Amara was then seen leaving the bed. The other inmates involved were Carmello Colon, 48889, Julio Ayala, 49389, William Ocasio, 49225, and Victor Figueroa, 48759. They were all placed in detention and referred to the Classification Committee. The New Jersey State Police were called in to make an investigation which was referred to the Prosecutor's Office for further action.

On February 16 at about 9:00 a.m., inmate Steve Elliott, 47134, started kicking on his door in detention causing it to splinter and damaging the bolt. Sgt. Overy and Correction Officer Kohler attempted to put him in another cell. He threatened them with a jagged piece of glass. The officers did use minimum force necessary to control him. Elliott was transported to the Hunterdon Medical Center for examination and no injuries were found.

On February 17 at 7:50 a.m., inmate Steve Elliott, 47134, attempted to hang himself in detention. Assistance was called and the pajama bottoms were untied from his neck. He was examined by Dr. Lisi and no apparent injuries were noted. He was also referred to Dr. Felger for observation. Dr. Felger recommended he be transferred to Trenton Psychiatric Hospital for further treatment. He was transferred to that facility the same day.

On April 8 in Cottage 2, inmate Allen Hicks, 49445, was sexually assaulted by inmate Maurice Rosendary, 49446. Hicks said Rosendary dragged him into the shower and forced him to commit sex acts with him and then punched him. The New Jersey State Police were called to investigate.

On April 10 in Cottage 2, inmate Maurice Rosendary, 49446, attempted to hang himself in his room. On April 11, Rosendary was seen by Dr. Tribich and Dr. Lisi and then transferred to the Psychiatric Hospital in Trenton.

At about 4:30 a.m. in Cottage 8 on April 20, inmate Carlos Johnson, 48985, threw a bucket of hot water on inmate Jeffery McNeal, 49550. McNeal was taken to the Hunterdon Medical Center for treatment. Johnson stated that McNeal punched him and stole \$5.00 from him in the visiting hall. The New Jersey State Police were called in to investigate the matter.

At about 2:30 p.m. in Cottage 2 on May 1, inmate Charles Williams, 48882, attempted suicide by hanging himself in his room. He was found unconscious and taken to our dispensary and was given Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation by Mr. McDavitt and he started to breathe again. He was taken to the Hunterdon Medical Center by the High Bridge Rescue Squad. No serious injury occurred.

At 4:45 p.m. on May 17 in detention, inmate Leon Biddle, 49678, attempted to commit suicide. Mr. Zairo discovered Biddle with a piece of sheet tied around his neck to the window grille. He cut Biddle down and no apparent injuries were noted. He was seen by Dr. Felger and given medication.

There was a total of 2,170 disciplinary reports received by inmates.

There were 13 different incidents which involved 14 inmates directly assaulting officers.

CLASSIFICATION: The number of cases acted on by the Classification Committee was 3,306 as compared to 3,567 the previous year. This includes 2,129 personal appearances and 1,177 cases for discussion.

DIRECT TREATMENT PROGRAM: On September 13, 1976, Dr. David Tribich was hired as a Clinical Psychologist on a full-time basis. On May 7, 1977, Dr. Tribich went to a part-time employment working three days each week. He conducted 372 individual interviews and 17 group meetings.

Henry Kogler, Psychological Consultant, continued to make bi-weekly visits to conduct individual psychotherapy sessions. He made 29 visits during the past year.

Dr. Hubert Felger, Psychiatric Consultant, continued to do an outstanding job in providing psychiatric evaluations and individual therapy sessions two days each week. He provided a total of 1,232 inmate sessions. This includes 167 new psychiatric evaluations and 1,065 individual treatment sessions. He made 105 visits to the institution.

The Social Service Department performed an outstanding service to the population again this year. There was a total of 10,707 inmates seen by this department as a result of referrals from both staff and inmate requests; and 2,501 telephone calls between the inmate and their families were arranged through this department. This department provided the initial screening for 889 furlough requests during the past year. Eighty-eight inmates were granted unescorted furloughs and 82 inmates were granted escorted furloughs.

During the past year, group counseling has been limited to three groups involved - one using the Behavior Modification Program under the leadership of Mr. VanArsdale. These meetings are held on a weekly basis.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES - VOCATIONAL TRAINING: The staff continued to instill good work habits among the residents; the majority of whom were not work oriented. Due to the nature of the institution, work opportunities remain plentiful. In addition to the large farm and grounds area to care for, maintenance of 140 buildings and 40 vehicles of all types remain a very large job. During the past year an off-grounds detail continued to work at the Correctional Institution for Women. Several work groups continued to function at both satellite units during the past year.

The Bureau of State Use Industry continues to operate the feedmill. During the past fiscal year the feedmill processed 3,535.3 tons of feed. The snow fence industry operated until October 1, 1976. This industry was discontinued primarily due to economic reasons.

A CETA grant of \$167,105.00 was received to continue the Vocational Program at Annandale.

During FY-1977, numerous changes were initiated to upgrade the CETA programs. In an attempt to provide additional and advanced training to those who display the necessary aptitude and mechanical abilities, an open-ended Phase II program was developed in the Auto Service, Plumbing and Welding programs.

The adoption of the new programs in January necessitated revising the curriculum in those areas. Additional revision was done in the Building Service area where the program was shortened to twelve weeks. For scheduling reasons, the Carpentry Program was shortened one week to a sixteen week duration.

The purchase of new equipment in the Auto Service (Exhaust Analyzer), Building Service (rug shampooer) and Welding (two welding machines) programs was made.

For job placement, 388 Continuous Assessment Program interviews were made and 411 letters were sent to prospective employers. Sixty inmates were placed in

employment, 46 were referred to Project Employment, 38 to the Newark House, and 50 to other agencies.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS: The fully certified educational staff remained intact during the year and insured continuity in all phases of the education program. Academic classes ranging from literacy training through post secondary were conducted. Social Education Programs, Driver Education, Art, Music, Learning Disabilities, and Programmed Instruction were also conducted. New Jersey High School Equivalency Certificates were earned by 46 residents and 20 were eligible for tenth and eleventh grade certificates. The Driver Education Program continued with enthusiasm permitting students to obtain valid permits and driver licenses. This course is coordinated with the Division of Motor Vehicles Department. A total of 73 students completed the Driver Education Program during the past year.

College level courses continued at Annandale during the Fall, Winter and Spring Semesters, sponsored by Somerset County College. During the past year, 3 students attended Somerset full-time on a study-release basis. There was a total of 132 students enrolled in the College In-House Program during the past year. The courses offered included Language and Literature, Modern Language and Expression, Sociology, World Civilization, General Psychology and Business Organization and Management.

Twenty-three inmates were enrolled in educational programs with Veterans Benefits; 6 in college; 5 in Adult Basic Education and 12 in the High School Equivalency Program.

Forty inmate paraprofessionals were assigned to the education department during the past year. The educational programs utilizing paraprofessionals included: recreation, library, reading, pre-secondary and secondary academic, Learning Center, GAP program, carpentry, welding, plumbing, auto service station, employment counseling, as well as the High Point and Stokes educational programs.

FOOD SERVICE: Annandale's Food Service Department continued to provide a wholesome and nutritious diet to residents of the institution. There were no significant changes in the standard menus. A total of 795,471 meals were served to inmates, employees and guests.

Several repairs were made, however, funds again have been requested in the upcoming budget to improve the atmosphere and condition in the kitchen and dining room. Requests have been made for funds to purchase materials for a dropped ceiling, four-men tables, an elevator and a hood.

HEALTH SERVICES: Dr. Frank Lisi continues to be the physician at Annandale on a full-time basis. Five nurses are employed on a full-time basis. The number of inmates seen in the dental clinic increased during the year to 2,295 as compared to 1,502 during the previous year. The Medical Department saw 54,015 inmates on daily sick call. This is an increase from the previous year. A pharmacist functions on a part-time basis in a pharmacy located in the infirmary area.

RECREATION PROGRAM: All major sports continue to be made available to the population with emphasis on intramural sports rather than varsity competition. However, varsity teams were fielded in softball and

basketball with community groups providing the opposition. At both satellite units basketball and softball teams were entered in leagues and games were played in the community.

General recreation was scheduled during the inmates leisure time and included active, semi-active and passive activities. The institutional library has been made available to inmates during their leisure time.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: The age of the institution and lack of work experience and skills of the population, places heavy demands on the staff of this department. Two thousand, four hundred and eighty-one (2,481) repairs were made by the Maintenance Department. Additional repairmen have again been requested in the budget in order for this department to function more efficiently.

FARM OPERATIONS: D.H.I.A. Averages show 8,746 pounds of milk and 336 pounds of butterfat per cow last year. The herd production from an average of 122 cows was 623,552 quarts of milk. During the past year, 64 cows and 31 heifers freshened; 13 cows were butchered and dressed at 8,223 pounds; 20 steer were slaughtered and dressed at 6,520 pounds; 2 steer were butchered and sent to Clinton and dressed at 872 pounds.

The piggery supplied 26,083 pounds of pork butchered and dressed for Annandale consumption.

Alfalfa, corn, oats, wheat and barley were cultivated and harvested. In addition, peaches were picked and used for the institution. Corn, tomatoes, onions and radishes were raised to supplement the inmate diet.

OFF-GROUNDS RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WORK DETAILS: The average daily population at Stokes Forest was 48 as compared to 54 last year. The average daily population at High Point was 43 as compared to 45 last year. Both units continue to work with the Department of Environmental Protection and provided a unique blend of work and treatment opportunity to residents assigned. Community participation of both units continue and volunteers working at the unit assist in education, religious activities and recreational activities.

The Work Release Program at Stokes had a total of 26 young men participating during the past year. Gross wages totaled \$36,717.62. At the end of the fiscal year only two employers were involved in this program.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN: Protestant and Catholic Services continued weekly with both chaplains providing counseling sessions during the week. The Gideons continue to visit weekly and other volunteer ministers assist on a regular basis. Muslim Services were also held each week with the leadership of a volunteer minister.

Regularly scheduled visiting programs continued to be very important part of the total program. A total of 18,690 visitors visited 9,520 inmates during the past fiscal year. \$37,722.12 was deposited to 3,696 accounts during these visits.

3,139 officers made a total of 2,358 trips escorting 4,103 inmates requiring 16,417 man hours and covering 120,514 miles. Man hours for court trips amounted to

7,321 hours. Man hours for Administrative trips were 7,266 hours and for treatment amounted to 1,830 hours. Mileage for court trips amounted to 49,583 miles, mileage for administrative purpose was 61,778 miles and for treatment amounted to 9,153 miles.

DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE: During the fiscal year, 170 residents received furloughs. This was 572 less than the previous year. Three residents returned late from furlough.

Annandale's work release program during the past year unfortunately paralleled the economic climate of our state and was subject to a number of employers having to cut back or discontinue this program. Beginning July 1, 1976, there were 20 residents employed and none attending college. As of June 30, 1977, there were 20 residents employed and none attending college. The work releasees grossed a total of \$95,194.76; paid \$11,003.80 in Federal Tax; \$5,618.68 in FICA Tax; SUI, \$928.47; State Tax, \$1,500.83; and received a Net Income of \$76,142.98. They paid a total of \$12,180.66 to the state in maintenance charges. A total of 117 residents were involved in this program during the year. Fifty-six of these were paroled after successfully completing the program. Fifteen were removed at the request of their employer; 20 were removed for disciplinary reasons; 5 were removed because of status changes; 2 requested removal; one was laid off by the employer; and none escaped while at their place of employment. Fifteen employers were actively involved in hiring of residents during the year with eight being active on June 30, 1977.

DONATIONS: The total value of donations and/or gifts received during the past year was \$4,470. This included candy, library books, bags of toilet articles and magazine subscriptions.

PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS: The institution continued its efforts to bring itself into compliance with Administrative Standards. We are now in compliance with all goals established except those which require additional budget funds.

A concerted effort was continued during the past year to reduce overtime. Hopefully, overtime can be further reduced with the cooperation of all department heads and the addition of Transportation Officers.

Work has begun to renovate and equip the trailer at the Stokes Forest Unit with automotive teaching aids needed to make that a permanent program offering to the students from both satellites.

Future education program needs are to provide a full-time teacher at High Point and a part-time G.E.D. teacher to split between the two satellites. This will give us two and one-half teachers at the units, not including the vocational teacher. A proposal has been submitted for these teaching positions.

A proposal has also been submitted to implement an In-House Skills program at the satellite units. This program will be stationed at High Point and will be available to residents from both camps.

As a supplement to the existing program, it is planned to hire a bi-lingual teacher to teach three nights at the parent institution and one night at each of the satellite units.

Budget requests include a new addition to the existing assembly building for much needed classroom space. There is also a request for a new vocational building which is needed. These requests have been recommended for approval by the superintendent of the institution and the superintendent of the Garden State School District.

A proposal has been written and approved to separate forty juveniles to a location other than the parent institution and satellite units. These juveniles will be housed at the English Pavilion, Glen Gardner.

The Youth Correctional Institution Complex Board of Trustees has continued to be supportive of programs at Annandale and were extremely interested in working conditions and the welfare of the inmate population. I am taking this opportunity to thank them, along with the Commissioner of Corrections and his staff, for their full support.

I also want to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members of our staff, the "Annandale Team," for helping make this past year a successful one for the institution.


Stephen M. Domovich
Superintendent

July 1977

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