

and to the brothers at Brockport for their concern for the people of Rochester. As they say, "Brothers are Gonna Work It Out".

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Attica

To the Editor:

Last Sunday, a rugby demonstration game was played between the Brockport and Buffalo rugby clubs at Attica State Prison. After the game a scrimmage was held with several enthusiastic inmates, many of whom showed a great potential for Rugby, since they won the short game 4-0.

It took a while to get used to the depressing atmosphere of the prison, but that was overshadowed by the surprisingly good spirit of the in-

mates. When the two teams first went onto the field we saw no guards or fences separating the prisoners from us. We mixed freely with them apprehensively at first, but as the afternoon progressed, I found it comperable to an all-male school, such as West Point, only they wore different uniforms.

The inmates like rugby. When we asked them if they wanted to play reactions ranged from, "That's for kids, not an old man like me" to "Just give me the ball and point me in the right direction." After a little coaxing everyone played.

The people in the prison aren't allowed to play football because of fighting, and a gym is only under constuction now. Rugby could provide a much needed outlet.

What amazed me most was the fact that the prison has had no gym. It seems that

Rocheffeller could have personally donated enough money for half a dozen gyms twelve

years ago. Maybe he even could have gotten a tax deduction for it.

The prisoners were happy about the new gym under construction. Many want to get involved in things at Attica but are provided with few channels such as athletics, to do so.

The same problems exist for people in some areas outside the prison. They weren't much different from us and we accepted them. We never really discussed their past, or ours for that matter. Conversations were mostly in present tenses, which are the best kind. We regretted it when time came to leave. It was a good afternoon. The inmates were having fun also, whether it be by playing rugby with us or just having a good laugh at us.

Who knows, with our beloved Governor's new drug laws, many of us could very easily be playiing rugby for "Attica State" someday.

by Jim Punch