—New warden

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gressive, I realize that inmates have some needs that must be dealt with, if they are going to change the attitudes and behaviors, but public safety comes first. We should protect society first and then put our resources into the other area," the new warden said.

When questioned about implementing recommendations made in the attorney general's report he responded, "I haven't finished the report yet because I have been reviewing each suggestion carefully, however, the governor assured me that I will have his complete support."

The perennial problem in the state prison system is overcrowding. Lyles was somewhat noncommital on the question of whether renovations at the present facility would suffice or whether a new penitentiary was needed. "We need more bed space to relieve overcrowding. Right now, I am for improvements right now until a planning commission decides that question. I don't know what the costs would be for either option."

Warden Lyles, despite his short time on the job, has already made an appointment to bolster administration at the penitentiary, "I brought a deputy warden on board; Bernard Smith who was the chief of security at the Maryland House of Corrections. The commissioner there backed my decision fully, as a sign of support. I am presently evaluating the chief of security here," he said.

Inmate violence and its reduction is one of the main concerns of Lyles. "The way to cut down on violent incidents is to conduct regular, unannounced searches. You have to find where the weapons are coming from. You have to set up procedures where inmates are searched early when they have to make a move. You can do this by using metal detectors. You also have to locate the most violent people and move them," he said.

As the warden said, public safety is his Number One concern.

Warden Howard N. Lyles

—Did they

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both the public attack against the controversial statements and the protest move was not available for comment, onlookers will recall that he lead the group out of the chamber that night. This was Michael Mitchell.

The lone person to remain in the chambers, Jackie McLean, said her actions did not signify a lack of concern for the severity of the remarks made.

"I was very offended and felt the remark was in extremely poor taste. It never should have been made. Those people who walked out, that was their way of dealing with the situation. . . It's just not my style," she said.

A remorseful Tony Ambridge spent the remainder of the week nursing a slightly wounded ego and complaining that his comments were well-intentioned.

The second-generation Greek said he was taught as a child to look past race and color and has prided himself on his "coalition background."

That image is one the first-term councilman has labored hard to put at the forefront of his political career. Said a black colleague on the council, "He's a liberal voter at times."

But Monday night's disaster, which saw five black councilmembers accuse him of suggesting that blacks are "shakey" financially will not go quietly away.

Fearful that the remarks by his colleagues may have an adverse effect upon his relationship with his constituents; 70 percent of whom are black in the second district, he hastened once again to explain his intentions.

"In the farthest stretch of my imagination, I meant no harm by what I said. I regret that there is an atmosphere in which a statement like mine could be so sorely misunderstood." he explained on Wednesday.

Ambridge continued by blaming the recent elections for putting "free thinking people" on edge racially and said that the key to dealing with the mutual problems between different racial groups should be through what he called a full attitude of understanding.

—Provident

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Dr. Brown said Tuesday that doctors are concerned that the hospital's president, Howard T. Jessamy, has not been allowed to "be the true chief executive" at the medical institution.

"Dr. Saunders has been usurping and obstructing his activities and the board has approved it in our opinion," the president and chief spokesperson for the group, Dr. Brown said.

Repeated attempts to contact Dr. Saunders for comment were unsuccessful.

Obituaries

Mrs. Macy B. Jenkins

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 31 for Macy B. Jenkins at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Jenkins, the daughter of Sally and Peter Black, was born on June 1, 1896 in Blue Ridge, VA. She wa became a Baptist at a very young age.

In her teens, Mrs. Jenkins moved to West Virginia. There, she met her husband, Russell.

She made Baltimore her home after her children had become adults. Mrs. Jenkins loved flowers and would spend much time in her garden.

She is survived by two children and two sisters.

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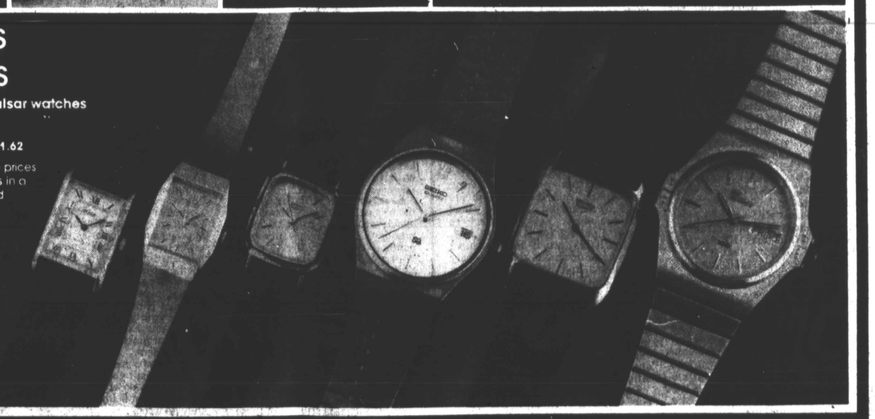

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