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NEW BRUNSWICK -- Lifeminside Rahway State Prison, and the lifestyle that leads someone there in the first place, will be the focus of a new radio series produced by prison inmates and broadcast on WRSU-FM, 88.7, the Rutgers student radio station.

The "Lifers' Group," an organization of prisoners at Rahway that has gained recent statewide and national attention to its efforts to stop potential lawbreakers while still young, will produce and moderate "Prisoners Against Crime," which will be aired every Tuesday at 8 p.m. beginning Oct. 18.

The program will be recorded each week at the prison.

The Lifers' Group is composed of men serving terms of life or better. Medial attention in recent months has focused on their "Juvenile Awareness--Project Help" in which young people, identified by school or police authorities as potential lawbreakers, are brought to the prison and exposed to the harshness of life behind bars.

Moderators of the program will be T. Robert Clements and Frank Bindhammer, both officers of the Lifers. Executive producer is Michael Blishak, a Rutgers College senior who will meet with the prisoners to discuss upcoming programs.

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According to Blishak, the Lifers hope that the funding may become available to finance the duplication and distribution of program tapes to the schools that have sent students to the juvenile awareness project.

The WRSU-FM series, Blishak said, is the product of several months of discussion between the radio station, the Lifers' Group, Rahway State Prison superintendent Robert S. Hatrak and the state Department of Corrections.

The first program, on Oct. 18, will deal with the Lifers' Group itself. On Oct. 25, the Lifers' will discuss drug abuse.

Future topics, Blishak said, will include the death penalty, parole, and a discussion with Hatrak and other corrections officers.

WRSU-FM broadcasts from the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick and can be heard throughout central New Jersey on 88.7 mHz.

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NEW BRUNSWICK -- Members of the "Lifers Group," an organization of prisoners at Rahway State Prison that has attracted statewide and national attention to its efforts to stop young potential lawbreakers, will appear on a live call-in program over the New Jersey College Radio Network originating at Rutgers University on Monday, March 13 at 8 p.m.

The Lifers Group is composed of men serving terms of life or better. Media attention in recent months has focused on the group's "Juvenile Awareness-Project Help" in which young people, identified by school or police authorities as potential lawbreakers, are brought to the prison and exposed to the harshness of life behind bars.

The one-hour program will have a "call-in" feature, where listeners will be able to call WRSU-FM, 88.7 New Brunswick, the station which will originate the broadcast, and ask the inmates questions directly on the air.

The broadcast, which will be moderated by WRSU-FM news producer Michael Blishak, will be simultaneously broadcast over the New Jersey College Radio Network. Participating stations include WMCX-FM, 88.1, (Monmouth County College); WSOU-FM, 89.5, (Seton Hall University); WGLS-FM, 89.7, (Glassboro State College); WBJB-FM, 90.5, (Brookdale Community College); and WMSC-FM, 91.3, (Montclair State College).

Listeners interested in asking questions can call (201) 932-8800.

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