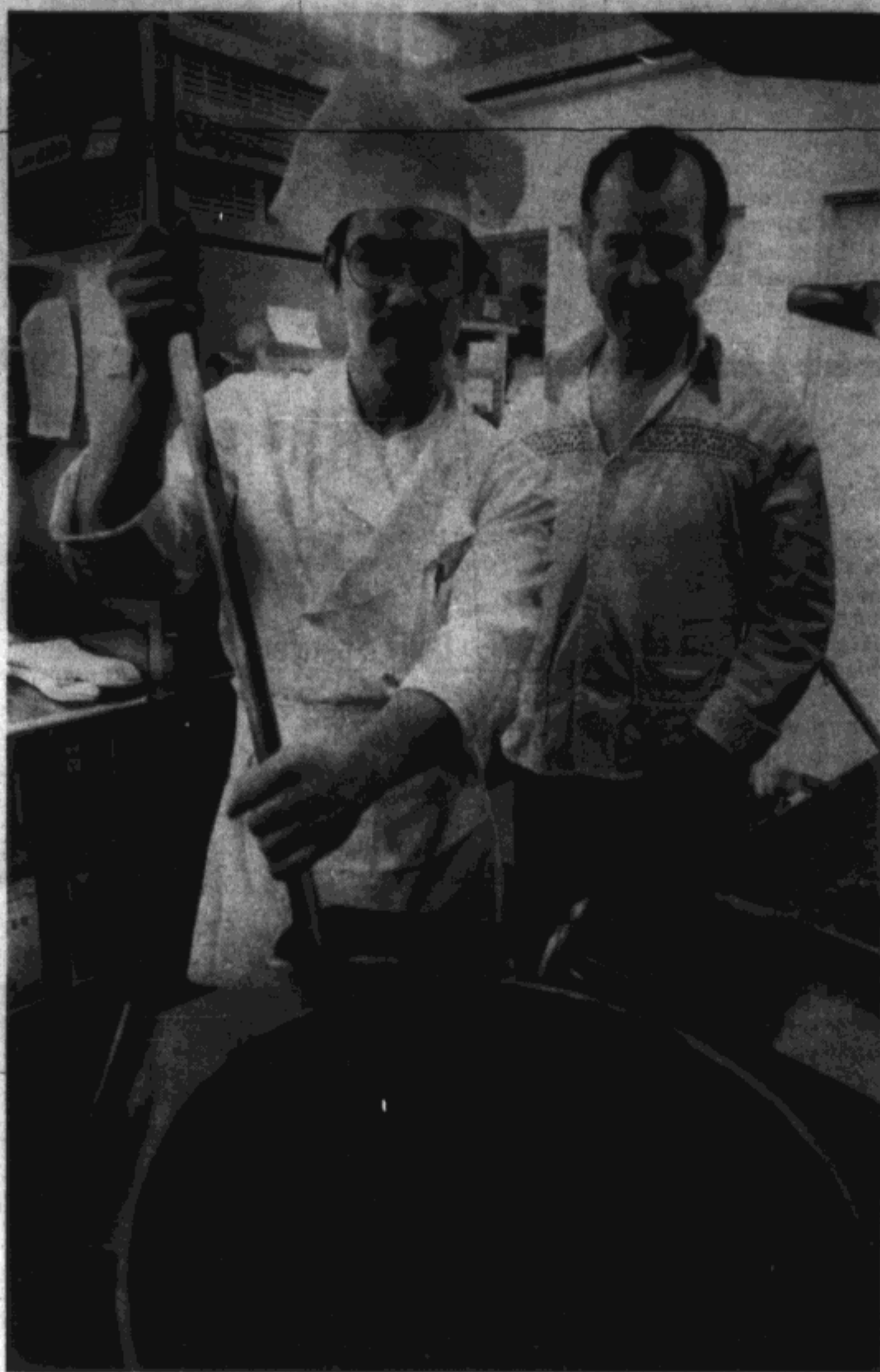


SPECIAL REPORT

Inmates find different ways to cope with stress of prison life



Greg Maynard (left) and Art Stewart: two non-Natives who cooked for the potlatch. Many Native inmates have received good training in the kitchen as well.



A group of the "brothers" pose for a polaroid picture ordered from the commissary by an inmate about to leave Hiland Mountain.



Glenn Boyles has replaced the use of drugs and alcohol with running, for a new kind of high. Although marijuana and alcohol are easily obtained in prison, Boyles took stock of the damage they were doing to his life. Despite peer pressure applied by other inmates, he learned to resist, and has been "clean" for a year now. Boyles, who never ran before being locked up, is looking forward to running on the streets. He hopes to work with young people as a counselor.

"This is my get-a-way world," says Michael Hootch of his art work. No matter what is going on around him, however loud someone may be playing their music, and however gray the walls may be, Hootch can lose himself in outdoor Alaska. Hootch, originally of Emmonak but living in Anchorage at the time he got into trouble with alcohol and burglary, made up his mind to use his time in prison wisely. He works with his art work as much as eight or nine hours in a day, and hopes to eventually make a living off of it. Hootch also designed the stationery for the council, as well as the potlatch program and the emblem for some council jackets. "It made me feel good to be able to help that group out," he explained.

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