



Area vanners form new club

By Neil Gussman

Only four weeks ago, a new Elizabethtown-based van club known as the "TMI Truckers" met for the first time on a Sunday afternoon at the east end of the parking lot of the Big M in Middletown.

Seven vans showed up for the initial meeting. The following Sunday 13 came and the next Sunday saw 18 vans lined up at the department store's parking lot.

According to Lori Williams of Elizabethtown R.D. 1, the club president, the TMI Truckers are in the process of incorporating and setting up by-laws for the club. She said the club is having

T-shirts and license plates made with the club logo which should be ready in time for the club's first trip to Danville, Va. on the Memorial Day weekend.

Williams said membership is open to all area van owners and it is the club's purpose to get van owners together for travel and "just foolin' around."

Most of the 18 vans are standard Ford, Chevy and Dodge models with custom paint, interiors and wheels, though one van was a 4-wheel drive and another was a Chevy panel truck of 1950 vintage.

Most vans had stereos and

couches or beds. Some had fully stocked bars and at least one had a 19" TV. Seven vans are complete inside and out while others are in various stages of constructions or restoration.

The club meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Big M parking lot then travels in convoy to different places in the area.

Two weekends ago the vans went through Middletown then along the river on Route 441 past their namesake, the Three Mile Island power generation facility.

For more information on the club and its activities call Lori Williams at 367-7735 or Bill Haldeman at 367-2598

Rape information program held

By Tony Gladfelter

Wrisberg First Floor was the scene of a program on rape investigative techniques last Wednesday, Feb. 27. Jointly sponsored by the residence Living Program, the Counseling Center, and Police Services, the seminar was conducted by Terry Leahy of Campus Police and Steve Shaeffer of the Steelton Police Department.

First, a general overview of the problem was given by Officer Leahy. He noted that rape is a crime against a person, not a sex crime as is often assumed. In this regard, it is similar to other violent crimes such as assault and homicide. Rapists are usually very weak psychologically and use sex as an avenue to display aggression and/or prove their masculinity.

Rapes may occur almost anywhere. Thirty per cent of those reported are committed outdoors, thirty per cent in vehicles, thirty per cent in the victim's residence, and ten per cent every place else. One-fifth of all rapes are involved with hitchhiking, with the hitchhiker being either the offender or the victim. In almost fifty per cent of all cases, the victim and the rapist have at least a passing acquaintance with each other. A little known fact which is seldom brought out is that incest is often involved.

Other statistics show that the reported incidence of rape more than doubled in the years from 1965-74. This corresponds with a general increase of violence in society. However, some of this increase could be due to the fact that the women's liberation movement has brought rape out of the closet. The criminal justice system is also more sensitive to the victim than it formerly was.

After Leahy finished his half of the program, the meeting was turned over to Officer Shaeffer who presented police procedures used in the investigation and prosecution for rape. He noted that the basic objective in any crime scene investigation is to preserve the scene. In particular, the victim of a rape should leave his/her clothing as the offender left it. A rape

kit has been developed by police which uses smears, tubes, and combs to collect evidence. The police interview with the victim is often difficult as this is probably the most crisis-inducing crime that can happen to a person. This first contact with the police officer is important as he is the first representative of criminal justice system the victim will meet.

Composite sketches are major tools in identifying rapists. Composite sketch kits, which police departments rent on a monthly basis, contain 430 clear plastic foils on which appear various facial and hair characteristics. The key word in this system is elimination. To reach this end, basic questions are asked of the subject such as the height of the criminal, his body build, age, color of hair, and any distinguishing characteristics.

The investigating police officer should be alone with the subject so as to minimize distractions. It is important to remember that the victim does the composite, not the officer. Lighting in the room is a critical factor when doing the sketch as different glares can make the composite look very different. Even when conditions are near perfect, the sketch-making process does not always work. Some victims try to block any memories of the incident out of their minds. In recent years, hypnosis has been used on victims to bring back details of the crime and descriptions of the perpetrators.

Officer Shaeffer closed his presentation by noting that it is very hard to obtain convictions on rape charges today. And since it is estimated that only ten to thirty-five per cent of all rapes are actually reported, there are many known and potential offenders presently on the streets. Another relevant fact is that most rapists do not stop at just one rape. This is why it is so important for victims to report this crime and be willing to testify against the accused.

The second program dealing with the subject of rape will be held in the B.C.A.C. on March 12, at 4:30 p.m. All those interested are urged to attend.

Seminar

TMI - one year later

"Three Mile Island - One Year Later: What have we learned?" is the title of a day-long seminar to be hosted by Capitol Campus on March 28, first anniversary of the initial "accident." That event had a special impact on Capitol Campus, located as it is virtually in the shadows of the cooling towers of TMI. Policy issues involving the physical safety of faculty, students and staff during clean-up opera-

tions keep the subject of nuclear power constantly in mind.

All of the questions asked by an anxious and demanding nation during the past year seem to have an even greater urgency in the Greater Harrisburg area.

The seminar, in three sessions, will review the role of the media in the crisis; the responses of various area institutions; and the impact of

the accident on the community. A number of prominent speakers will participate in the conference, which is open to the public at a fee of \$16 per person. Further information may be obtained from the Continuing Education Office here at the campus, or by calling 783-7265. Registration should be completed by March 18.

Engineering-in-training

All classes are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Applications now available for EIT Exam from Ann Kirsch-rrm 261. Sponsored by the P.S.P.E.

Class	Day & Date	Topic	Instructor
17	Thur. March 6	Electrical Theory & Systems Theory	Professor Bubel
18	Thur. March 13	Electrical Theory & Systems Theory	Professor Bubel
19	Thur. April 3	Thermodynamics	Professor D. Miller
20	Tues. April 8	Thermodynamics	Professor D. Miller