

New Degree Programs Added to Curriculum

By Jan Travers

Three new degree programs have been added to the curriculum this fall.

A study by University Park identified a need for a master's degree program in recreation and parks. The program, offered through an effort of the Capital College's Division of Behavioral Science and Education, and the University's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is geared to people in this area who already are in the business,

according to Diane Edwards, director of graduate admissions. Currently 19 students are enrolled. To accommodate their work schedule, only two evening courses per semester will be scheduled.

Three options within the program are therapeutic recreation, which leads to National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, management and administration of parks and recreation facilities, and commercial recreation.

Tremendous growth in the number of computer science students within the past 10 years has led to the

undergraduate computer science major, according to Dr. Susan Richman, chair of the math science program. In recent years, the computer studies option within the math science program has shown higher enrollment than the other options, thus the necessity for a distinct computer science program.

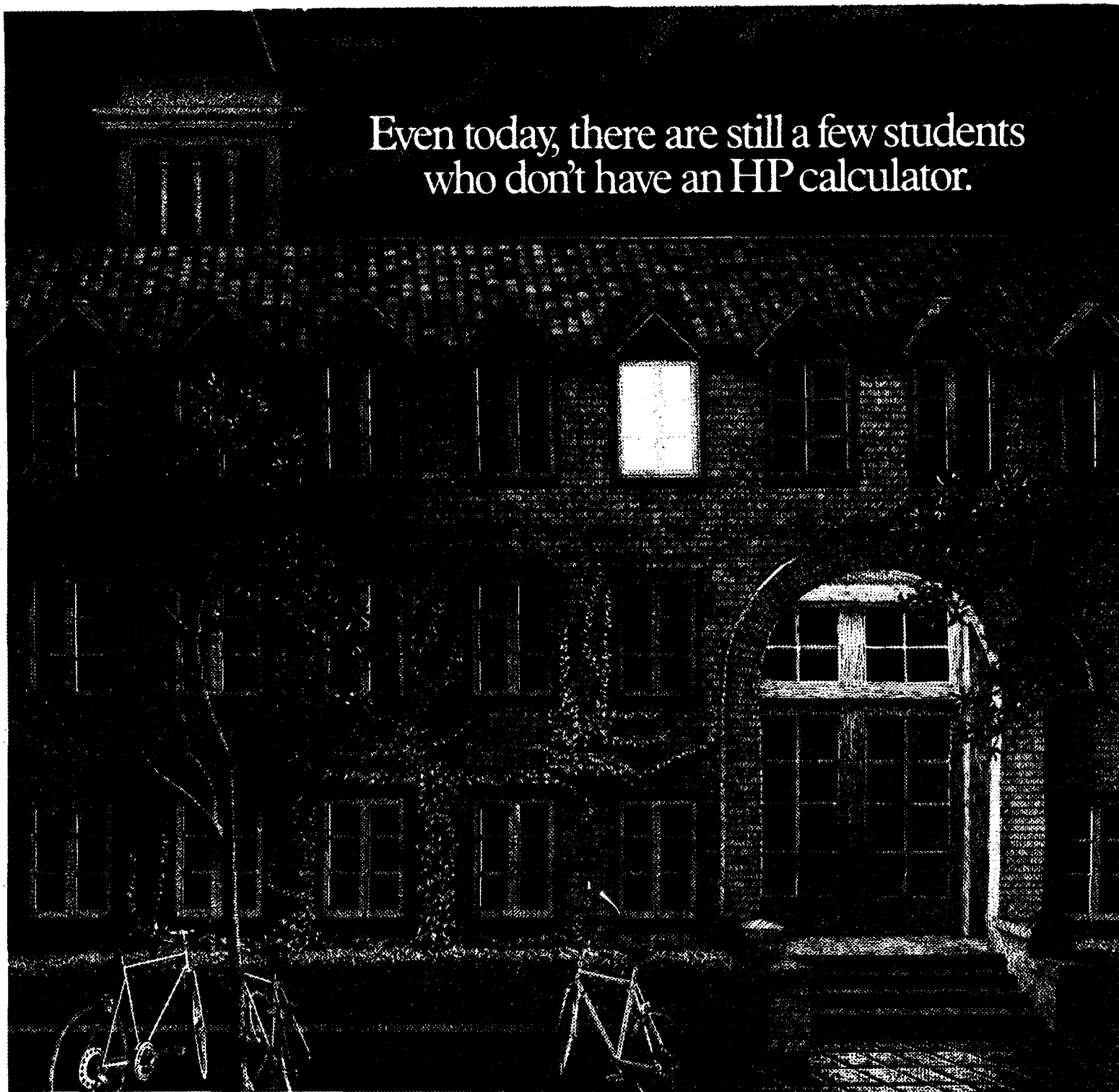
In addition, the name is more descriptive to the outside world, helping to attract students and communicating more clearly the nature of the degree.

The popularity of computer sciences recently has resulted in over 600 students being enrolled at U-

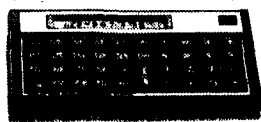
niversity Park, said Richman. The inclusion of this program in Penn State, Harrisburg curriculum will not only serve the overflow from the main campus, but also give student's from community colleges an opportunity to continue in the field.

The demand for graduates in criminal justice led to the undergraduate program in that field within the Division of Public Policy. Like the computer studies

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