



Professionalism Sweeping Law Enforcement

By Jan Travers

Crimes and criminals reflect problems associated with our rapidly changing and very advanced highly technological society, according to a local college professor.

Dr. John Ramirez, coordinator of the new undergraduate criminal justice program at Penn State University, Harrisburg, said this is why the program was created. "Today's society needs sophisticated people to deal with the criminal element," said Ramirez. This is resulting in the wave of professionalism sweeping the country's law enforcement industry.

Ramirez hopes to form a partnership with criminal justice personnel in the area by providing

training and seminars as well as research consultation. The program, which is intended for students who have already completed two years at a community or junior college or a four year institution, has been designed to fulfill two basic goals. "First, it provides a strong preparation for those wishing to pursue graduate or professional studies in criminal justice and related fields, such as law, behavioral science, and public administration. It also provides effective skill development and education for success in the fields of law enforcement, court administration, corrections, security, and juvenile justice," said Ramirez.

Until recently, police officers were trained in the field. Within the past few years standards have been established. Now virtually

every police department requires officer candidates to complete training classes at an accredited academy.

The result of this new approach to law enforcement has been a new breed of "thinking cops," said Ramirez. "No longer is the emphasis just on catching the crook, but also on the assessment of specific situations to determine why the crime occurred."

Solving the crime is not the only objective of the trend. "We've seen a big growth in the area of

crime prevention and victim advocacy programs." For hundreds of years law enforcement was concerned with the offender.

All the money was spent on catching and rehabilitating the perpetrator. The victim, according to Ramirez, was treated like his only part in the crime was as a catalyst. A new sensitivity is being observed now with the institution of victim orientation programs.

On related topics, Ramirez said:

---the problem of the over-

burdened court system can not be solved by just focussing on the courts because of the mutual dependence between the courts and law enforcement.

---from the few records kept nationwide on number of insanity pleas, the incidence of the plea is low and the success rate is variable.

---he sees no infringement on criminal's rights with the increase recognition of victim's rights.

Women's Conference

By Jean Meltz

The first Women's Conference for the Tri-County Area was held Saturday, October 11 at Harrisburg Area Community College. Kate Rand Lloyd, Editor-at-Large, Working Woman Magazine, was the keynote speaker who addressed an audience of over 200 who, by show of hands, were already working outside the home full or part time.

Lloyd's topic stressed the breaking of old patterns for women and a removal of internal tyrannies. She pointed out the need to remove the conflict between women in the work force and those who have chosen to remain at home. A few startling statistics revealed were that the "American Dream" of wife and mother in the home is realized by only 10 percent, and that 55 percent of women over 16 are in the work force, and that 17 percent of all women are single heads of household.

Lloyd noted that these shifts in balance are "salient symptoms of a social revolution." She assessed that men and children are being affected more slowly-"about 10 years behind in understanding where women are today." Lloyd sees a major problem with the 80 percent of working women who are in low paying, dead end jobs, their feeling of being alone, not belonging, and of having no voice to solve their problems.

Other startling facts were that the mothers of school aged

children represent 65 percent of this work force and have no federal child care policy, and 85 percent of pre-school children have mothers in the work force. Lloyd predicted that within the next 15 years, women will represent one half of the total work force.

To add humor, Lloyd interjected several very clever stories, one being the description of a cartoon of a couple exiting a movie theatre advertising a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film. The caption had the wife speaking, "Did you notice that she did everything he did, only she did it backwards and in high heels!"

Lloyd is an adjunct lecturer at the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University in New York City and has also taught at the New York University School of Continuing Education. She has lectured extensively on topics related to working women across the United States.

The Tri-County Women's Conference was coordinated by the department of Continuing Education at HACC through the efforts of Linda Matthews, as well as a number of community organizations that represent women in many roles.

Following the keynote address the seminar broke into workshops. Each member had the choice of 3 out of 25 interesting and comprehensive topics directed toward working women and those preparing to enter the work place.



Photo By Joe Kupec

Two students enjoy the morning quiet as they walk across the campus.

Outdoor Club Folds

PSU Insurance Crisis

By Denise Reinas

This year, liability insurance for the advisors of student organizations was dropped. Up until this year, advisors were covered under university liability. Because the coverage was dropped, some problems within student clubs have arisen.

It is not considered a university duty to be an advisor for an organization. "It is a voluntary effort for staff members to help organizations by providing advice and council," said Jerry South, assistant provost. Now some clubs may not be able to find advisors because of the insurance crisis.

One club that could not continue to function this semester is the Outdoors Club. Douglas Richwine, leader of the club decided the club would fold. Aside from not having an advisor due to loss of their liability

coverage, the club costs a lot of money to be run, and it also needs reorganization. "Dr. South did not feel that it was a wise use of money to be spending so large of an amount of student funds on such a small number of people; therefore, I decided to fold the club," said Richwine.

The Outdoors Club members are hopeful in finding an advisor for next semester. "We are going to try to reorganize by becoming a charter member of the National Sierra Club. We are also going to try to form an Outward Bound Adventure course as an elective for winter and/or spring semesters. We are going to take the money budgeted for the Outdoors Club this semester and try to enlarge that amount through various means and buy equipment such as packs, tents, cooking gear, sleeping bags, etc.," said Richwine.

The Outdoors Club will try to reorganize and the first meeting will probably be next semester, according to Richwine.

Fall Minority Recruitment

On Monday, November 17, 1986, the Undergraduate Admissions Office will be sponsoring a recruitment day for prospective minority students. The program will include academic presentations, a campus tour, and special workshops dealing with specific issues that address minority concerns. One highlight for the prospective students should be featured keynote speaker, Captain Ronald Sharpe, Commanding Officer of Troop S, Pennsylvania State Police, who is enrolled in a doctoral/education program at Temple University. He is also an adjunct assistant professor of criminal justice at Shippensburg University. Captain Sharpe will speak on the role of minority students in higher education.

We will begin our special day with a reception for our guests in the CUB from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Inside

HarvP 2

Asking Around....P 4

Cynicism and Humor....P 5