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## Performing Company Sends Message to PSH Students

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"Date rape is not a sex crime," said Michael Derman, moderator for the participatory program "What's Goin' On?" presented at Penn State Harrisburg on March 8. "Rape is not about sex. It is about power. It is a crime of assault," Derman said.

The Metamorphosis Performing Company from Lewisburg conveyed powerful messages to the audience through actors Joel Gori and Barbara Ross.

A woman "can take a man to bed, take off her clothes and his clothes, then change her mind and say 'no,'" Derman said. "If the man persists--legally and morally--it is rape."

Gori and Ross enacted a skit in which the couple danced, kissed and got physically close. The woman said 'no' to sexual advances but the man persisted. Afterward, the audience discussed the situation and concluded that the man had committed rape.

"The man committed a crime and should pay a price," said Derman. "The price is jail."

For women the consequences of rape are traumatic, Derman said. Rape victims suffer from shock, disorientation, psychological trauma, post-traumatic stress syndrome and the inability to form healthy relationships.

Most rapes on campuses are committed by acquaintances or lovers, not strangers lurking in the bushes. Derman said that one out of eight college-age women are victims of rape; one out of four are victims of attempted rape; 47 percent of college-age women raped were assaulted by lovers or acquaintances; and 75 percent of rapes took place in someone's room, not

outside.

Often the man assumes the woman is wild and mistakenly views her "no" as part of the game. "Men should always ask a woman if she means yes or no," said Derman. The game stops "when the woman says no."

Derman offered suggestions to rape victims:

1) Recognize it is not your fault. Rape is about power, not miscommunication.

2) The guilt, shock, anger and disorientation will pass.

3) It is urgent to get help and talk about it. Group and individual counseling is available.

4) Press charges. Vindication for a woman who is raped comes with a legal conviction because the society is saying "It is not your fault," Derman said.

The performing company enacted several other skits about sexual miscommunication, and discussed their actions with the audience. One skit portrayed a man and a woman who had been sleeping together for four months. They argued over what constituted a commitment, and several audience participants said sleeping together means commitment.

"If a commitment is not verbalized, there is no commitment," said Derman. "A commitment is to something, or it is unclear--making misinterpretations possible."

Other topics discussed included sexuality and decision making. Sexuality is full of emotions. It is more than a desire for sexual intercourse. When desiring to know someone, a variety of emotions are aroused including lust, anxiety and insecurity. These emotions make a sexual situation "highly

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## "Electronic Classroom" to be Created at PSH

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Penn State Harrisburg will soon become a telecommunications hub for the Penn State University system.

If you have not noticed by now all the remodeling that has been taking place on the third floor around W-337, you will. There is a new classroom being created called "The Electronic Classroom."

"What we are creating is a communications link that will receive data from University Park and distribute it throughout the Penn State system," says Jerry South, associate provost for administrative operations.

"We're using an electronic device called a T-1 circuit that will enable us to have interactive contact with University Park, Penn State Medical Center, and Penn State Erie," said South. "This will make it possible for students to take courses that aren't otherwise available to them."

The project cost has been estimated to be near \$200,000 with the funding from university telecommunication funds and other resources available to the school. PHS will use some of its funds to equip the room with furniture, monitors and camera equipment.

The faculty and administration will decide what courses will be offered.

The way all this will work is similar to sitting in a TV station. The picture and sound signals will be sent to other campuses where they will see and hear us at the same time we see and hear them.

In the past, classes were linked to each other by way of telephone with no visual way to see who or what the other classes were doing on the other campuses.

"This new teaching tool will provide visual as well as verbal communication between classrooms," South said.

Another benefit of the "Electronic Classroom" will be for faculty training. "In the past a faculty member would have to drive four hours, to and from University Park for a one-hour training course. By utilizing the 'Electronic Classroom' faculty members won't have to make that drive," South said.

When asked if this new classroom could be linked to other universities South said, "only through University Park because they have the up-link equipment need to do that."

The system may take some getting used to.

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## Supreme Court Decision Opens Tenure Files

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A recent Supreme Court decision that opens confidential tenure files to government investigators in discrimination cases will not dramatically change the tenure evaluation process, said several Penn State Harrisburg professors and department heads.

Ruth Leventhal, provost, said she has "mixed feelings" about the ruling. She noted that faculty members being considered for promotion or tenure already have access to evaluations by their peers. However, evaluations from colleagues outside the university system remain secret. Leventhal said opening tenure files "could constrain the university from getting a full and fair evaluation from these outside sources." Leventhal is "sensitive to how the tenure process can be misused."

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, writing the unanimous decision for the court on January 9, acknowledged the importance

of confidentiality in the peer review process, but said fighting racial and sexual discrimination is a more compelling governmental concern. "Not all academics will hesitate to stand up and be counted when they evaluate their peers," Blackmun wrote.

Blackmun's words appeared to fit Robert Lesniak, acting head of the division of Behavioral Science and Education. Lesniak said he has "no

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## PSH Bowls for "Kids Sake"

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"I had so much fun that I forgot to take off my bowling shoes," said Peggy Hunter, Lion's Den staff. She wore her bowling shoes into the parking lot at Trindle Lanes in Mechanicsburg after bowling for "Kids' Sake" on March 10.

Staff members from the Library, the Lion's Den, Maintenance and Student Activities along with PSH students created six teams that participated in the ninth annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America bowl-a-thon. The thirty PSH bowlers raised \$2203.

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