

"Lady Lawyer" Visits PSH

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Who is the woman in the hat? Judge Genevieve Blatt, the first woman elected to a state-wide office is still going strong. Devoted to the education of young people, Judge Blatt visited PSH wearing her trademark hat on Tuesday, March 6 for an informal luncheon in honor of Women's History Month.

Dubbed "Lady Lawyer" in 1937, Blatt states, "I was born that year." After her election to Secretary of Internal Affairs in Pennsylvania in 1954, she was re-elected in 1958 and again in 1962. In 1964 Blatt was the first woman nominated to a U.S. Senate seat, but lost by a small margin in the general election to her Republican opponent. In 1973 Blatt became the first woman elected to the Commonwealth Court. She credits her success to luck and her parents' expectations of her.

Throughout the luncheon, Judge Blatt

candidly discussed her triumphs and failures. She encouraged the students by saying, "Don't expect not to be hurt. You have to have a competitive spirit...Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose."

Blatt explained that this is a big time for women because anytime people run into problems they look for a woman. She said, "A woman who is a good organizer can bring peace, whereas men are at a loss. Mother always did settle the arguments at home." Blatt feels we need women's influence in government

as well as men's.

The highlight of the luncheon was the film of Judge Blatt's life entitled "Uncommon Woman." The film captured Blatt in her everyday hectic schedule where she still has time for people. For a look at Judge Blatt and her trademark hats, the film is on reserve in the library throughout the month of March. Judge Blatt stated that if she ever writes the book she would love to write, she will have to call it "With a lot of help from my friends."

Nancy Stanley, the chairperson for Women's History Month at PSH, was pleased with the luncheon and stated that it gave women an opportunity to meet a woman who has been in the legal field.

"We need more heroines in our lives, and they're probably there. We just don't know about them," said Linda Hollinger, a Public Policy major.

Judge Blatt established the James A. Finnegan Fellowship Foundation in memory of her close friend, because of her life-long interest in young people. The scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for Pennsylvania college students interested in making a career in politics or government. Each summer six students are chosen to work in a state agency. They meet once a week with state officials such as the governor and Judge Blatt herself.

Elect. Class from 1

"Teaching techniques in this classroom will be somewhat different from the typical classroom situations," South said. "Faculty members will have to experiment with the system to see how it works at first."

The "Electronic Classroom" is scheduled to be finished by the fall of 1990, but there may not be course selection ready by then.

"Television courses used to be one dimensional; this new technology changes all that into a multi-dimensional media with instant feedback to the instructor." South explained.

This new telecommunications link will create a new network system with other campuses in the Penn State system, a direct link-up for the PSH computer lab and possibly new degree programs.

Stereo Thefts

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Expensive stereo systems were stolen from two cars by the same person on school grounds March 5, said campus police officer John Lescisko.

Two Alpine stereo systems valued at about \$1000 each were taken from one car in the Olmsted parking lot and another in the Continuing Education parking lot between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

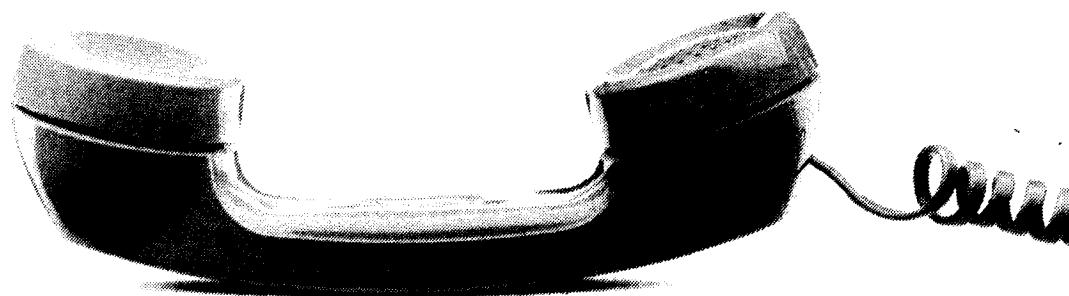
The suspect gained entry into the 1985 Honda and the 1989 Volkswagen convertible by smashing the rear window and opening the front door, Lescisko said.

Supervisor of Safety and Police Services, Charles Aleksy, said the campus police are working with the Middletown police to find the suspect of the two thefts.

Middletown had numerous car break-ins recently, but Aleksy said the incidents do not appear to be related since cellular phones were being taken instead of stereos.

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