

# New Life gives faith, hope to area women

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Staff Writer

Deborah McDaniels realized it would take a miracle to overcome her troubled ways. She looked to a growing ministry center nestled atop Dover's hills to find it.

The longtime Baptist suffered through a twelve year bout with drug addiction that culminated in the physical and mental abuse of her two sons, Royal, 16, and Dan, 11. "I was stuck, I didn't have any sense of direction and my children realized that because they had to deal with it on a consistent basis," the thirty-four year old single mother from Philadelphia said.

New Life for Girls, a non-denominational ministry training center is celebrating 25 years of helping women conquer their addictions.

Founded in 1972 by recovering drug addict Cookie Rodriguez the organization enables hundreds of women to reject the anvil of addiction through prayer, community service, and empowerment. It has spawned 10 similar programs worldwide and also provides women with opportunities to reenter the job market after graduation.

"The programs purpose is to make these women Christ's messengers," said Public Relations Director Jodi Proffit.

"We want them to reassume their proper

role in society."

Most residents, many of which have children, stay on average one year at the center and take formation classes, attend chapel, pray together, and complete a work period as part of their daily regiment. All classes are taught by program graduates that help women "go to God." Aside from the \$235 per month boarding fee, women can have their children attend area schools and remain with them during through the customary one year stay, said ministry executive director Jose Pachecko, 48.

"This is beneficial because the children get to endure the struggle alongside their mothers, encouraging them to succeed," Pachecko said.

McDaniels explained that there is so much more than just attending class and praying as evident by her daily regiment. She arises at 5 a.m. for twenty minutes of prayer, studies up to one half-hour, and then readies her boys for school. She heads to class after they leave ending her day with chapel services.

"The instruction teaches me how to live my life, and live it successfully," McDaniels, whose sons currently attend Conewago Township schools said. "My family has to see that I've changed, not so much hearing me tell them that I've changed."

Recovering alcoholic Janet Strum, 43, had the self-reliance, all she needed was some

guidance-lots of it. After her life was ravaged by college bingeing, the forty-three year old Rockville, Rhode Island native opted to take the route her brothers had by attending AA meetings. She recalled that after awhile the meetings were insufficient. "My life was miserable. All the doors that had been open to me during college slammed shut," she said.

"I knew then that my life needed to be transformed."

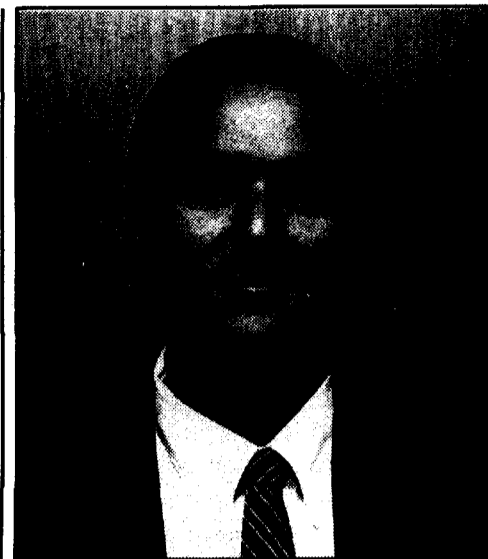
Strum said that transformation came through Christ's teachings and opening her heart to the center. "It's been one of my greatest experiences."

Facilities on the sprawling 27 acre campus are constantly being upgraded in order to meet the demands of increasing enrollment, Pachecko said. The center is currently adding a lounge, second floor, and library. "I think that the best thing about being here is seeing families get reunited and dreams being recaptured," he said.

Although it has been an uphill struggle both women affirm that miracles are not found on 34th street alone.

"I honestly believe that every woman here is a miracle."

The Dover ministry training center will celebrate its 25th Anniversary December 5, with a banquet to be held at the York-Wiseshall Convention Center at 7 p.m.



Kevin Stoehr

## Options exist for auto registration

By Kevin Stoehr,  
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For the Capital Times

The Penn State Harrisburg Vehicle Registration Program has been designed to provide for the enhancement and maintenance of walkways, roadways and parking facilities for faculty, staff, students and visitors. The Vehicle Registration Office is located in the Swatara Building and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

The following options are available to anyone who utilizes the program in hopes of being as "user-friendly" as possible:

\*Students who are registered only for internships or student teaching and who would be using a vehicle on campus may pay the part-time rate (currently \$20) for that semester.

\*Students residing on campus have the option of registering their vehicle for use in the residential areas only (currently \$20 per semester; \$35 for Fall and Spring semesters; or \$55 annually).

\*Persons who drive/ride together in a car pool arrangement may register their vehicles as a car pool. Only one registration fee is required and only one permit will be issued. Only one car in any pool is permitted on campus at a time.

\*Registered permit holders who forget their permit can stop by the Vehicle Registration Office and receive a temporary permit for no charge for that day.

\*A second permit is available to permit holders for \$20 that is valid for three years on a second vehicle. This eliminates the need for transferring permits from one vehicle to another. However, only one permit is allowed on campus at a time.

\*Penn State University faculty, staff and students with a current permit from another Penn State location (i.e. University Park, Dickinson or the Hershey Medical Center) do not have to re-register their vehicle with the Vehicle Registration Office.

Please call Jayne Keiter or Barbara Clark in the Vehicle Registration Office at 948-6006 for further information.

# Spanier meets with PSH community

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hensive university to be built adjacent to the Capital Complex that would attract regional students, dorm students, and reshape the city's economic growth.

"If the taxpayers want to invest in that kind of university they should focus on investing on PSH," Spanier said.

During the forum held at the Gallery Lounge, Spanier cited a lack of legislative appropriation as the university's most prominent concern in the 1998 fiscal year. "There is not as much movement to improve programs because of this lack of funding as their should be," he said. He explained that rising state inflation has prompted escalating tuition increases, leaving diminished investment funds for specialized programs.

Spanier, who also toured the Penn State Schuylkill and the York campus, spoke about continuing and distance education, international interest and minority enrollment programs that have created increased enrollment on all campuses. He felt any shift toward continuing education might solidify university partnerships with its surrounding communities by producing more technologically aware students for the emerging work force.

"PSU has a big responsibility in work force development," said Spanier, who is making his third trip to PSH. "I foresee continuing education as a profit center; schools should remain flexible to the idea of continuing education as a viable direction for the new millennium."

Spanier also addressed the possibility of establishing a campus in the York-Lancaster

region citing a "a dramatic increase in educational needs."

However, he mused that a Penn State presence in the area might be intrusive. "Those folks might think that starting a campus there is proof that Penn State is trying to take over," he said.

Spanier said university-wide efforts to promote diversity issues and to unify the commonwealth system have succeeded -- minority enrollment increased 20 percent this year.

"Spanier's visit sends a positive message in that PSH is important in terms of stabilizing morale within the university system," Donald Holtzman, director of student affairs said.

Said Holtzman of Spanier, "He is the most interactive president at any university that I have met."

# Sport au natural available in any season

From The Associated Press

EATON, N.H. — Coed naked cross-country skiing. Sounds chilly. Sounds like something college students think up over a few too many beers.

Sounds like something you can do in New Hampshire.

Clothing optional skiing was dreamed up a few years ago by Kevin Flynn, owner of Nowvillage Inn. And indeed, it was over a

few stiff drinks.

Until recently, Flynn offered "Full Moon" ski packages, which invited snow enthusiasts to hit the trails by moonlight — fully clothed.

But last year the weather didn't cooperate on full moon nights. Finding moons shouldn't be tough any more.

"This year, we guarantee a full moon!" he said.

And for next summer . . . The topless lawnmower T-shirt business belongs to

Shirley Davis.

The T-shirt business started after Davis' daughter began mowing Davis' lawn topless this past summer. Neighbor Mary Thompson gathered signatures supporting an ordinance that would have banned public display of breasts, but 70 percent of Newport, Maine, voters last week voted against Thompson's initiative.

Davis has been selling "Topless Lawnmowers Club" T-shirts for \$12 each.