## **PSH's First DVAM Events Conclude**

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of activities. In response to students who were "tired of [hearing about] domestic violence," DuPont-Morales 'reminded them to "try living with it [domestic violence] every day."

The activities concluded Tuesday with a panel discussion on the legal aspects of domestic violence. Moderator and DVAM coordinator, Angela Keen, introduced the panelists before posing a list of questions.

On the panel were Susan Ellison, Assistant District Attorney for Lancaster County; Lt. Dale Myers of the Manheim Township Police Department; Janis Lion, Legal Advocate for the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic in Lancaster; and Michael Goldberg, Civil Attorney for Central Pennsylvania Legal Services.

According to Lt. Myers, police response to domestic violence has changed in the past 32 years. In 1967, the "victim was a non-entity," Myers said. Police response consisted of quieting down the situation and leaving.

With no real intervention system, police "could count on going to the same place every weekend," Myers said.

The situation in 1999 is quite different. According to Myers, the victim is now a human being. District Attorney Ellison added that the laws have changed to allow police to arrest abusers based on probable cause, even in the absence of obvious injuries.

According to Ellison, examples of probable cause include seeing telephones that have been ripped out of a wall in an attempt to keep the victim from calling for help.

Based on probable cause, and the severity of injuries, charges ranging from harassment to felony assault are possible. The burden of pressing charges is no longer with the victim.

According to Myers, the system is "not asking the victim to do much more than tell us the truth."

Marylou Martz, R.N., Coordinator of Student Health Services at PSH, attended the panel discussion. She felt the discussion successfully "capped off the month's activities."

Martz reported that she doesn't usually "see fresh bruises" in the clinic at PSH. But, sometimes the issue of domestic violence is raised. More common, Martz reported, is date rape and the aftermath of abuse.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is over for 1999. The effort of organizing campus activities took more time and effort than Angela Keen expected. Nevertheless, she's "glad she did it."

"Even if just one person became aware, it was worth it," Keen said. "People got more educated this week," Keen added, "that's all I can ask."

## **PSH Society News**

Phi Sigma Upsilon (PSU) would like to congratulate member **Jim Snavely** on his marriage. Jim and his wife,

Lynn, were married on Oct. 20. Best wishes to the new Mr. and Mrs. Snavely! From Everyone in PSU!

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else. - Will Rogers

