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David. "This cafeteria is one way we hope to better serve our students."

Attending the ceremony were students, faculty, staff and guests of the campus including William McKinnon, Vice-President of Housing and Food Services at University Park, and James McBrearty, President of the Hazleton Campus Advisory Board. Club presidents on the campus were provided with complimentary tickets to the rededication.

At the height of the ceremony, David, McKinnon, McBrearty, Karl Krone, Hazleton Campus Housing and Food Services Manager, and Alita Rovito, SGA President, participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the cafeteria's lunch counter.

"Even though it's a spaghetti dinner, we still consider this a French cafeteria," joked David. "Maybe we should rename the road outside 'Bourbon Street'."

The cafeteria itself is decorated in a French style with a blue and white canopy supported by a decorative blue framework. Included in the improvements were the addi-

tion of several new tables, and a complete painting of the upstairs in Penn State colors, blue and white.

The building was constructed in 1958, and was originally known as the "SUB," or "Student Union Building." It currently houses the SGA, SUB, and Vet's Club offices, along with a downstairs TV room, a game room, and the upstairs cafeteria.

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lucky to keep getting at least a few dedicated students each year. "I'm very surprised when that happens, but very grateful!"

Marchesani feels that the magazine is attaining a sense of "continuity." They have now put out three consecutive magazines, each a little better than the last. He would like to have more short stories, though. He got some material from his science fiction class. And, Dr. Price is allowing students the option of writing short stories in his class. Marchesani is hoping that these stories will comprise some part of the material for next year. "But, Dr. Price doesn't know that yet," he added with a rather sneaky smile.

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The existence of the P.M. program is thus justified by the student's account based on the need and desire of the student to be full-time (many forms of financial aid require that the recipient be a full-time student.)

The P.M. program also proves to be beneficial to the University as well. The directors expected the P.M. program to be a student "feeder" into Resident Instruction. So, it appears that the P.M. program is both practical and beneficial to students and the University alike.

Many teachers who have taught P.M. feel that the burden of teaching nights spreads their time too thinly among their students. Eighty percent of P.M. instructors also teach in Resident Instruction (R.I.). The result being that some teachers are overworked, which does not go unnoticed by students.

The principle problem with the P.M. program is the lack of variety in course selection. Another complaint involved the closing of facilities at night including the Commons and Administration building.

A major step in curing these ills was taken by the naming of the P.M. director, Mr. Larry Gingrich. Mr. Gingrich currently resides in Brookhill, Conyngham, and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1973. He received his Master's Degree from the University of South Florida in 1974.

Mr. Gingrich has worked in Continuing Education on a graduate level at both the Ogontz and Allentown campuses of Penn State. With the question of leadership settled, the P.M. program has now begun to work toward the necessary improvements.

A qualified pool of part-time instructors has been growing in size since the program's inception. Mr. Gingrich feels that this in itself will improve the quality of the P.M. program next year. Some of the load will be taken off regular R.I. teachers and distributed amongst part-timers (it must be noted that R.I. teachers have first crack at obtaining P.M. positions).

A greater variety of classes will be offered if they can be justified. Justification means simply that there must be a need for the course on the basis of how many students register. If fifteen or more P.M. students express a desire for a certain course, and if an instructor is available, then the course has a good chance of being offered.

The success achieved by the P.M. program has, in its initial year, surpassed the expectations of all involved. The grade point average for P.M. students as a whole exceeded expectations by far. The Resident Instruction program has been furnished with a large number of qualified students. But, perhaps the greatest measure of success is shown in the attitude of other campuses toward this program. University Park has been studying the P.M. program here and has been considering opening separate programs there and at other branch campuses across the state.

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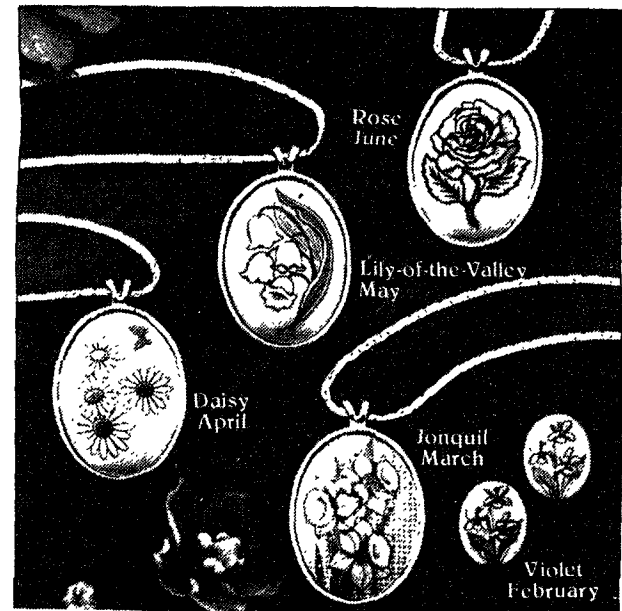
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