

# 'A Wonderful Experience' Female Taxicab Driver

Idella Ancarana is one University coed who doesn't mind being whistled at. In fact, she has no objections to picking up complete strangers and taking them for a ride.

But then, Miss Ancarana is the first coed taxi-cab driver to hit these parts. "It's a wonderful experience," she said. "People are really nice to me. At first they don't seem very sure they are seeing right, and I think they're a little skeptical of my driving when we begin. They all ask me how I ever got a job like this and do I like it?"

A senior majoring in general arts and sciences, but who wants to become a veterinarian, Miss Ancarana has created something of a bandwagon effect by her entry into the field. Since she started driving cab a month ago, two other coeds have applied for jobs.

Leroy Toney, owner of the cab service and president of the Pennsylvania Taxicab Association, says customer reaction to Della—as her friends call her—"has been terrific." "I've been told so—many times since she started," said Toney. "She goes out of her way to help a customer, and she's a great driver."

Recently during a snow and ice storm, she had a call five miles away over bad roads. She was about an hour late

getting back but that was because several trucks had jackknifed across the road. But she got through where even seasoned truck drivers failed.

Miss Ancarana has been driving since she was 16 years old when her mother taught her. "I think I was a pretty lousy driver that first year," she recalled.

Last summer, as a part-time job, she worked with horses at a stable near her hometown of McKeesport where she picked up the art of driving a tractor, a jeep and a four-horse trailer. She recalled walking into the taxicab office and asking for a job—which took some spunk since she knew the names of only six streets in State College at the time.

"They thought I was applying for a job as receptionist. When I told them I wanted to drive a cab, I think I kind of startled them," Miss Ancarana said.

She admitted she was "pretty scared" the first time out alone and had to ask customers for advice on streets. "But no one seemed to mind."

She selected cab-driving over "normal" coed jobs like babysitting and waitress work because she likes driving, being outdoors, and meeting different people. "This gives you a chance to meet people of all ages and hear what they have



WHISTLING AT TAXICABS can be fun at the University, especially if the cabbie happens to be Idella Ancarana, the first coed taxi driver here. A senior majoring in general arts and sciences, she is using her earnings for her spending money, but hopes to save enough to get a horse.

to say about things. On campus you meet only people your own age." She said most of the advice from her customers is not to drive at night. The cab service makes sure of that and allows her to drive only days. They

also screen incoming calls so that Miss Ancarana won't have to lift heavy trunks or lug large orders of groceries.

"But it's funny," she said. "Men usually won't let me lift their suitcases. I guess they feel funny standing there while I lift them. But I don't mind."

Miss Ancarana spends about 18 hours a week on the job, mostly on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On an average day she logs 30 to 40 calls and drives about 150 miles. And the work hasn't cut into her class work. "I'm making better grades now than ever before."

But as much as she likes riding a cab, she'd prefer riding a horse. She's using her earnings for her own spending money and hopes to save enough so she can eventually have a horse, possibly by spring.

Her love for horses is also a big reason for her desire to be at veterinarian. Last summer, she assisted a veterinarian while he performed an eye operation on a horse and from that time, she says, she knew what her life goal would be.

Her customers have helped her in this field also. One man gave her a list of names of people in this area who would help her board a horse, while another woman gave her contact names in Tennessee where Miss Ancarana hopes eventually to settle to care for the famed Tennessee Walker horses—her favorite.

# State Leaders to Discuss Administration of Justice

Key administrators from agencies and institutions in Pennsylvania that are concerned with the administration of justice will convene at the University Jan. 21-23 to formulate policy guidelines and programs of in-service training for Commonwealth personnel engaged in correctional work.

The program, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, is sponsored by the Center for Law Enforcement and Corrections, College of Human Development, under the University's Continuing Education program.

The three-day "Executives' Workshop of the Pennsylvania Adult Correction Training Institutions," abbreviated as "PACTI," was prompted by the need for correctional personnel in all phases of the work to understand not only their particular tasks, but also the interaction of the roles of all agencies involved in the administration of justice.

"Offenders routinely are dealt with by personnel in the many branches of the correctional system," said Charles L. Newman, head of the Center for Law Enforcement and Corrections. "It becomes mandatory, therefore, for career correctional persons to have some understanding of the interaction of the entire system if they are to comprehend and change the offender's disturbed relationship with his society."

The workshop will open Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, with orientation and briefing sessions conducted by Newman; Jay Campbell, assistant professor of law enforcement and corrections; and William H. Parsonage, instructor in that department.

The keynote speaker for the Sunday

night banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn will be Joseph J. Kelley, Jr., secretary to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who will discuss "The Administration's Awareness of and Support for Training in the Administration of Justice."

The workshop program includes several speakers, talks by correctional experts and resource persons and a series of seminars—all of which have been designed to enable the production of a report during the course of the institute. The report will specify policy guidelines for an inter-agency correctional training program for personnel who work directly with offenders.

Results of the meetings will lay the groundwork for a series of intensive PACT workshops to be held at University Park and other locations throughout the State.

Other conference speakers include: E. Preston Sharp, general secretary of the American Correctional Association; Daniel B. Michie, Jr., chairman of the Advisory Board to the Pennsylvania State Board of Probations and Parole; William G. Nagel, executive director of the Governor's Council for Human Services of Pennsylvania; Leonard D. Hassol, associate professor of human development at Penn State; Arthur T. Prasse, commissioner of the Bureau of Corrections for Pennsylvania; Paul J. Gernert, chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole; Arnold J. Hopkins, program assistant at the U.S. Department of Justice; Arthur C. Eckerman, director of the Bureau of Personnel in the Governor's Office of Administration; and Newman.

# WASPs Dominate Executive Suites

WASHINGTON (AP) — A series of government reports shows that whatever may have been done to end employment discrimination on the lower levels, the key to the executive suite is still tagged mainly for the white, Anglo-Saxon Christian.

The reports, by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, are to be made public at hearings in New York City next week. The hearings were called to explore employment discrimination on the white collar level in some of the nation's largest businesses.

This is the first time in the commission's 2½-year history that it has moved primarily into big business white collar employment, although it tackled drug industry discrimination last fall.

### To Hold Hearings

The commission has prepared at least four reports to back up its findings, and is prepared to listen to industry representatives explain what they have done to try to eliminate racial, religious and sexual discrimination in employment. The commission studies are

based on data which employers were required by law to submit concerning their employment patterns in 1966 and 1967. The reports are focused on New York City.

One report details the employment patterns of 100 major New York City corporations—and these firms, while headquartered in New York City, account for nearly 16 per cent of the nation's total output of goods and services and employ about 10 per cent of the 26 million persons covered under the commission's employment reporting system. The report covers, however, only their New York operations.

### Many Faced

Separate reports cover the financial industry—banks, insurance companies, brokerage firms—and the communications industry: advertising, book publishing, newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

There also is a report dealing with charges of discrimination against Jews in top level management. Although the commission would not release the reports prior to the hearings, sources indicated these are some of the findings:

• Although the New York City population is about 18 per cent Negro, and its total work force is 8.3 per cent Negro, among the firms reporting to the commission, Negroes represented only 6.7 per cent of white collar employment in banking and 5.9 per cent in insurance. Puerto Ricans, at 10 per cent of the population, held

5.1 per cent of the white collar banking jobs and only 2.8 per cent of insurance jobs. Most of these posts are at the clerical level.

### 100 Companies Lag

• The commission found that the 100 major companies headquartered in New York City "fail to match their economic leadership role with leadership in equal employment opportunity." Negroes held only 2.6 per cent of their white collar jobs, and Puerto Ricans two per cent. The commission said that while these corporations have large resources which would make it possible to recruit on a broad scale, they "are, in fact, the laggards."

• The communications industry also employs few Negroes and Puerto Ricans. But the commission found that opportunities for women above the clerical level generally are better in this area, although the financial industry comes close to treating women as well. It found the communications media also provide generally better opportunities at all levels than do the 100 largest corporations.

• The commission found that the city's Jewish population—New York City is above one-quarter Jewish—is under-utilized at the management level in all industries, and its tiny representation among corporate executives contrasts sharply with the high educational level of the Jewish community. Jews account for about half the college graduates in New York City.

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