

**Editorial
opinion:**

**Emphasis
on
people**

The security forces at the University are undergoing changes to make the department more efficient and more responsive to the needs of students.

Now renamed the Department of University Safety, the department will move toward an emphasis often misplaced by past security directors — an emphasis on people.

And under the direction of David E. Stormer, safety director, the goals will be realized.

Stormer is professionalizing the department by hiring trained people to do jobs that require trained people. In order to qualify for the department, members now must have either a bachelor's degree or at least two years of college and two years of police experience. In addition, training in law enforcement will be given within the department.

The new organization of the department also will be more efficient. In the past, three line organizations — campus patrol, security division and student division — handled department duties, with much overlap and wasted skills.

Now the department will be divided into two main organizations — Safety Services and Police Services, with specific functions and full efficiency.

The department reorganization is not the only change to come with the Stormer appointment Spring Term.

The attitude within the department towards the press and

the University community is now more open and cooperative.

Near the end of last term, Stormer initiated a policy of providing detailed activity reports on department activities and cases, available to The Daily Collegian 24 hours a day.

Previously the press had difficulty obtaining any information from the security department, and lack of cooperation from the department was evident.

In the past the department held a hostile image for students, too, who suspected student spies, student files or worse.

Now the lines of communication between the University community and the department are opening, and many past suspicions are fading.

Stormer has indicated he enjoys dealing with students and hopes to establish an "open house" sometime in the future.

Stormer also is encouraging student cooperation in other ways. A student advisory board for the department is under consideration.

Under Stormer's direction the department is moving forward. The reorganization will make the department more efficient, resulting in a safer campus. The efforts toward cooperation and openness will make the department more responsive to student needs.

One officer recently commented, "He's the best thing to ever happen to this department." The University community is beginning to understand why.



"Now,
confidentially
speaking..."

Dear Mr. Thief

Editor's note: Stephen Gerhart is participating in Project Newview, a program through which inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Rockview attend classes at the University.

By STEPHEN GERHART
of the Collegian staff

I have several clippings before me — all of them from The Daily Collegian. As I read the headlines, they touch my raw nerves; I feel a big lump in my throat; I feel uneasy in my stomach, for these headlines bring back very sad memories.

One says, "3 weekend thefts under investigation"; another, "7 thefts since Monday"; and finally, "University student pleads guilty to burglary and larceny."

I can put myself very easily into the place of the victims. I can imagine the fellow whose camera was stolen. I can see the shock on the face of the girl whose radio and sewing machine were stolen. I can put myself into their places because I've been the victim quite often.

Strange as it sounds, Mr. Thief, I can also imagine how you feel, since I've done what you are doing. I, too, was disrespectful of the property of others. But I was caught as I was trying to steal.

I would like to tell you what it is like to pay for such a deed. Your day will come — you will be caught. If you still have some conscience left, you will say to yourself, "I wish I were dead." Luckily I had some conscience left, and that's how I felt.

That night, guards told me to undress, and after examining all my body openings for contraband, they locked me in a

solid steel cell. Since that time, I've spent four and a half years in my self-made hell.

To describe that hell truthfully I would need 100 pages. I was reminded of my deed every day by the "man" when he called me "M0075," for when they undressed me they also stripped me of my name. If the man did not remind me one day, I reminded myself — every night at 9 p.m. as the half-ton steel door on my cell slammed shut.

You may get away with it for a long time. You may even enjoy the fruits of your crooked labor. But one day when you look into the mirror, you are going to spit at your own image.

Hopefully you are feeling rotten right now and you cannot sleep well. Every minute of every day you feel uneasy. You are often turning around to see if anyone is following you. Somebody is following you.

Your own conscience is following you and will keep on following you as long as you commit crimes against others and against yourself. And if you continue to hurt others, one day you will suffer more than your intended victims.

You were not born a thief; you were made one. In this world of loose morals and justified world-wide crimes, it is very easy to fall into the mold.

Perhaps you are justifying your rotten deed, as I tried to do, by saying, "If our educated leaders, surrounded by hundreds of advisers, can get away with it, I can do it too. If they can take away or destroy the property of millions, I can do it too."

At one time I followed that line of reasoning. I fell into the mold. I paid the heavy price.

Stop hurting others, stop hurting yourself. Let your conscience catch up to you now before it is too late.

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Wednesday-Friday, July 25-27, 1973

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, July 25 — Organ recital by Carola Rohrbaugh, candidate for the master's degree in music education, 12:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel.
Wednesday-Friday, July 25-27 — Festival of American Theatre, "Little Murders," 8 p.m., Pavilion.
Friday, July 27 — Commonsplace Coffeehouse, 8-11 p.m., Room 102 Kern.

LECTURE

Wednesday, July 25 — "Minitab: A Statistical Computing System for Students and Researchers," by Drs. T. A. Ryan and B. L. Joiner, 3:30 p.m., Room 260 Willard.
Wednesday, July 25 — The College of Education Faculty Lecture Series, 2:15 p.m., Room 112 Kern. Henry C. Johnson, Jr., associate professor of education, on "No Learning, No Teaching? The Natural History of the Pedagogical Myth."
Thursday, July 26 — The College of Education Faculty Lecture Series, 2:15 p.m., Room 112 Kern. David Gottlieb, professor of human development, on "Private People and Public Pushers: Students and Teachers."
Friday, July 27 — The College of Education Lecture Series, 12:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern. Stanley O. Ikenberry, professor of education, on "Confidence Crisis."

FILMS

Wednesday, July 25 — Commonsplace Afternoon Theatre, 12:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern. "The Clown Princes."
Wednesday, July 25 — Commonsplace Evening Theatre, 8 and 10 p.m., Room 112 Kern. "The Adventures of Robin Hood."
Friday, July 27 — HUB Summer Series, 9 p.m., HUB lawn. "The Golden Fish," Jacques-Yves Cousteau, (rain, HUB ballroom).

INTEREST GROUPS

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