

# PSU'S social control agent (top cop) talks shop

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After watching Theo Kojak operate for years, it seems that David Stormer does not satisfy the picture of the macho cop. But Stormer, 37 years old, doesn't seem to mind. In fact, in his third year as director of University police services, Stormer's background and record probably would raise the eyebrows of even the most cynical: those who believe that cops are all muscles and no brains.

Stormer, a State College resident who is married and has three children, received his master's degree in criminal justice in 1972 from Michigan State University. In the past he has taught two years of evening classes in police administration at Ohio State University.

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Since arriving at the University in 1973, police services have seen many important changes, perhaps because of Stormer's two previous directorships of college police forces.

The department's image was softened somewhat with the shedding of the traditional military-type police uniform in favor of the blazers that University officers wear today. In addition, a career development program within the department was organized, and a baccalaureate degree was

established as a minimum requirement for employment with University police.

Stormer himself seems to prefer a different police lifestyle. He doesn't regularly call himself a "cop," but in discussing his role on campus, chooses the term "social control agent," reflecting his belief that the officer's job should not be solely confined to maintaining order.

"I don't agree with those people who would probably always say, 'Let the police handle it.' They shouldn't have the police doing all the work for them. My job is to assist my community, helping people to help themselves," he says.

Stormer says the fact that he's a public servant largely determines how he will perform on duty. Police, he says, are in the position to enforce what the community thinks; it's not their place to discuss personal opinions of the job or to allow feelings to interfere with performance.

"I don't concern myself," he says, "with how severely a suspect I arrest should be punished. That's up to the court. If I perform my job well, and the procedures of the court were fair, then it's certainly not my place to do anything about it should someone be treated too leniently. I may not like the court's decision, but who am I to say something about it? I must abide by that decision."

Nevertheless, he does speak openly. While he says he wishes people did not have to label themselves "liberal" and "conservative," he admits he's probably a liberal on the job, a conservative at home. "The fact that I'm liberal doesn't necessarily mean I'm lenient. But a liberal policeman is anxious to work with the community, not just maintain order."

Stormer argues that the drinking age should be lowered to 18 since it's the age of majority for many other activities such as voting.

And he's frank on the subject of homosexuality, specifically within the police department: "As far as what I view a homosexual to be — that is someone with effeminate characteristics — I would doubt such a person would be interested in working for us. However, I'm sure many police forces have them.

"I don't know what I'd do if I found out one of my men was a homosexual," he says, "I would think I'd have to look at all the facts." He also fears a homosexual would face certain difficulties even if not dismissed from the department. He says there is the possibility such an officer could be "compromised," therefore hindering his job.

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In any case, Stormer insists the decisions of the day rest with the community.

"Society must make the distinction of what social behavior is acceptable and what isn't," he says. "What was acceptable as good business practice in the 40's and 50's, for example, today is branded as being deceptive advertising."

He suggests the University community would be sympathetic to a case such as a homosexual officer fighting dismissal from the force.

"In the past I've sent people to jail for possessing just small amounts of marijuana," he says. "Today such an offense would probably be called a misdemeanor rather than a felony. Society's ideas change. Certainly the police should change along with them."

Currently, dorm students face a new drinking enforcement policy, toughened in light of several violations during the summer. But Stormer says the change has resulted in "no additional workload."

"The basic liquor policy remains no different than the one begun in 1972," Stormer says. Possession of alcohol is restricted to persons over 21 in their dorm rooms. And the policy at this year's home football games also remains unchanged. No alcohol is permitted in Beaver Stadium. Those found in possession will be turned away from the stadium, be asked to surrender the liquor to police (to be picked up after the game), or be required to empty the liquor into the garbage.

But thefts, and not alcohol violations, are the major campus security problem, according to Stormer. And more than half the thefts reported are committed by students, though the numbers vary from year to year.

Stormer insists the best help the police could find is in working for a community that cares. "Crime is not a police problem, it's a community problem. Law enforcement has nothing to do with 95 per cent of the people who are law-abiding, but they shouldn't say 'Let the police handle it.' That's a cop-out."

## Soda's variety suits everyone

"Things go better with Coke," or so the University's Housing and Food Service Operations seemed to think when soda machines were installed in residence hall dining rooms.

According to Otto Mueller, assistant vice president of Housing and Food Services, "We had an opportunity to install soda more economically than in past years. Now students have a wide range to choose from, excepting alcoholic beverages."

In addition to giving students more variety, soft drinks might help the University save money. Chris Tomasch representative to the Residence Hall Advisory

Board, said that with rising milk prices, soft drinks have become a cheaper alternative.

At first I thought this was terrible," Tomasch said, "but it's what the students want. I like soda better myself even though it causes cavities."

Also contributing to the change, Tomasch said, was a problem the dining halls had with mixing juices. "Last year students complained that at times they were too strong or too weak," she said.

Why was Coca-Cola chosen? It was cheaper than other brands. "The rent of the machines includes the carbonation, so the University will just have to buy syrup," Tomasch said.

## Death toll hits 19 in S. African riots

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police gunfire killed nine persons including an eight-year old boy during a wave of violence by mobs of mixed race and black Africans that swept the Cape Town area yesterday.

The deaths brought to at least 19 the number of persons killed in three days of demonstrations and rioting against the white-minority government. Police said six who died yesterday were killed when officers fired on looters of three liquor stores in Manenberg township.

Armed police escorted white motorists in convoys in the Cape Town area.

Unrest mounted after a night of widespread violence in which police counted five persons killed, 12 injured and 30 arrested.

Meanwhile in Zambia, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, William Schaufele, arrived to discuss U.S. peace initiatives for southern Africa with

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda. He told airport reporters there is still time for a negotiated solution to the racial crisis of southern Africa, "but not much."

Schaufele said shuttle negotiations by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger were now a strong possibility and he was discussing with African leaders "whether he Kissinger comes to Africa and what capitals he will go to."

The eight-year old South African died in Manenberg township for coloreds, as people of mixed race are officially called, where police opened fire on a mob that smashed and looted a liquor store.

Two men were shot dead in the Sherwood Park district where hundreds of colored youths rioted, setting fire to a liquor store and wrecking a beerhall. A wounded youth also died in the hospital.

Two persons were reported wounded after police fired on

demonstrators in the Riversdale district, and about 200 colored staff members at the Cape Town's Somerset hospital, ranging from cleaners to doctors, staged a march through the streets in sympathy with riot victims. Police turned them back.

Bus services were disrupted over a wide area, and a bus was reported to have been set on fire in the

Cape Town district of Retreat.

Around the university town of Stellenbosch, 25 miles inland, hourly convoys escorted by armed police protected motorists from stone-throwing colored hidden in bushes along the narrow, winding Banhoek mountain pass.

The continued racial unrest followed Prime Minister John

Vorster's warning Wednesday night that unless the rioting stopped immediately, the authorities would take further steps to restore order.

Vorster said he was prepared to do what he could to rectify "legitimate grievances," but he rejected again any move toward a political system that would give blacks representation in an all-white parliament.

At least 315 persons have been killed in nationwide racial violence since it erupted in Soweto, outside Johannesburg, on June 16.

Near Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, a crowd of about 100 young blacks jeered Judge Petrus Cillie, who is probing the riots for the government, as he arrived for an on-the-spot inspection.

## 150 more die in Beirut fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Fighting flared across Beirut yesterday following the return of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun from Damascus with a Christian-Syrian "understanding" on ending the 17-month civil war.

The fighting, mostly scattered and indiscriminate shelling of residential areas, claimed an estimated 150 lives in the past 24 hours, according to hospital and militia sources.

Sniping and scattered shelling continued along the "green line" dividing Christian east and Moslem west Beirut, Arab League troops manning a buffer zone between the two zones partly withdrew because of the heavy fighting.

Chamoun, who held talks in Damascus Wednesday with Syrian President Hafez Assad, told reporters before returning to Lebanon that they had reached a complete "un-

derstanding" on how to resolve the Lebanese war.

He said they discussed "the necessity to cooperate and put a final end to all destructive elements, whether they operate against Lebanon from within or against Syria from Lebanon" and the measures Syria "has taken and will take" toward this end.

Chamoun's remarks in Damascus seemed to rule out chances of a compromise settlement which Arab League mediators have been trying to arrange. They also lent credence to rumors and press reports in Beirut that Syria may be contemplating another major military push.

Sources close to Chamoun confirmed that military action was discussed, but said it was ruled out until after President-elect Elias Sarkis takes office.

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