

Women, rape discussed

By CATHY NESS
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The myth that rapes are committed by strangers and maniacs in dark alleys is, for the most part, untrue, according to the speaker at a Women's Studies forum last

Louise Sandmeyer, a counselor at the Career Development and Placement Center, told an audience of about 30 that rape victims actually know their rapist, and many rapes occur in the victim's own home.

If a woman does find herself in a situation where she is about to be raped, it is up to her to decide if her capabilities are such that she

should attempt to fight back, Sandmeyer said. She also suggested that the victim first attempt to talk her way out of it.

If a woman is raped she should first go to a physician. Sandmeyer said many women who haven't been physically injured fail to report to a doctor, forgetting about the possibility of pregnancy or V.D.

The victim should also contact the police, regardless of whether or not she intends to prosecute, Sandmeyer said.

It is important to remember that rape is a crime of violence rather than a crime of sex, Sandmeyer said. The days when a woman was publicly embarrassed in court are fading, Sandmeyer noted that a bill was passed stating that a woman's past can only be discussed in private with the judge, who then decides if it has any relevance to the case before bringing it

out in court.

Sandmeyer said many efforts are being made to help the rape victim. The Rape Crisis Center and Ritenour Health Center have services available to aid the victim. The police also are paying more attention to the problem of rape, but Sandmeyer said only one out of ten rapes actually are reported.

There is no possible way for a woman to completely guard herself against the threat of rape, except for using good common sense, she said. Hitchhiking, for example, makes the woman a ready target for a rapist.

A film, entitled "No Lies," dealing with the reactions of a young woman who had recently been raped, preceded Sandmeyer's talk.

Next Wednesday night, the Women's Studies, a Liberal Arts class, will sponsor another film and discussion session on the subject of Families of the Future.

Bicyclists face stiff vehicle code fines

By SUE MUSHENO
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Joe ran a stop sign on his bike so he wouldn't lose momentum going up a steep hill. Fortunately, the police officer behind Joe didn't fine him since he had no previous traffic violations. Next time, he might have to pay \$25.

Bicycles are popular because they are generally more economical than cars, but both the bicyclist and the motorist pay the same fines for traffic violations, according to Corporal J.S. Smith, of the State College Police Department.

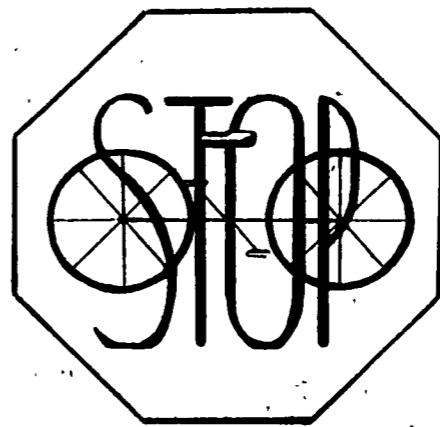
For instance, both the motorist and the bicyclist would pay a \$25 fine for disobeying a "one-way" road sign. Both travelers would pay \$10 for driving at night without lights, according to the new State Motor Vehicle

Code.

Smith said these violations, along with running stop signs are among the most common traffic violations in the area. Because there is an entirely (new) population here every term, many people aren't familiar with the area or its laws, Smith said.

Bicyclists often are surprised when they are stopped for a road violation, Smith said, because they may come from an area where the bike regulations are different or not spelled out.

If a bicyclist tells an arresting officer that he didn't know about a certain bike rule, for instance the municipality's rule against bike-riding on sidewalks, it would be up to that officer to decide whether the cyclist should receive a traffic citation, Smith said.



federal traffic standards, according to State College Police Chief Elwood G. Williams.

A pamphlet, published by the League of Women Voters, lists bike regulations. It includes the state as well as local laws which apply to bike riding. They are available in the police office on S. Fraser Street.

Pennsylvania law requires bicyclists to:

- ride on the right side of the road;
- have a headlight as well as a taillight or reflector on the back of the bike;
- obey all red lights and traffic signs;
- obey all traffic routing signs such as "one-way";
- signal all turns with the appropriate hand signals;
- never hitch a ride by holding on to another vehicle.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 30

SPECIAL EVENT

Women in Communications, Inc., 7 p.m., HUB assembly room. Speakers, Lynn Haskin, journalism, Delaware Campus, on "Some of My Best Friends Are Assertive," and Don Haskin, city editor, Philadelphia Daily News, on "Deadlines and Dishpan Hands: 1 Marriage, 2 Careers."

UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

Winter Term Tuition Grant-in-Aid applications due from currently enrolled students. Student Fulbright Study abroad applications for 1977-78 due.

FILM

GSA Commonsplace Theatre, "The Big Heat," 7 and 9:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern.

MEETINGS

PSU Ukrainian Club, 6:30 p.m., Room 306 Boucke.
Dance interest group, 6:30 p.m., Room 108 White.
Panhellenic, 7 p.m., Room 305 HUB.
APES, 7:30 p.m., Room 167 Willard.
Phi Mu Alpha, 9:30 p.m., Room 110 Music.

EXHIBITS

Museum of Art: Selections from the Permanent Collection, Gallery B. Recent Works by Stephen Porter, Gallery C.
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