

# Speaker urges crime victim help

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Recovering stolen property and returning it to its owner is one aspect of police work often overlooked by police departments, a visiting assistant professor of criminal justice said yesterday.

"An important part of our function is to serve the victim," said Henry T. O'Reilly, assistant professor from John Jay College. "That's the business we're in — human services. The victim is interested in getting his or her property back."

"The average person is not interested in whether we collar someone, so much as he wants his property back," he said to twenty police officers attending the seminar on property recovery.

O'Reilly said there are warehouses full of recovered stolen property that have not been returned to owners and are usually auctioned off to the public.

"The reason he became of slush-pod police work," he said to the officers, "is because of who is going to be the hero and kick down a door because 'it's glamorous.'" he said.

"But it's the unglamorous, tedious and boring bullshit which nobody seems to care about that is also part of our job," he said. "It is the best part of our public service to return stolen property to its owners."

"Just take the few extra minutes to take down the serial numbers of the stolen property and any identifying marks which make it different than any other object in the universe," he said. "Somebody's got to bust their ass."

O'Reilly outlined a property recovery system to the audience. A file system using manilla folders to categorize the different types of stolen property is useful in matching the property with its owner, he said.

Only items which have serial numbers or some unique feature should be included in the files, he said.

"It's not going to do any good to list an item like 'spalding baseball glove,' but it will if there are initials on it," O'Reilly said.

"Every time you get a burglary report, check it over for things with serial numbers," he said. "It's not going to get that broken hearted kid's bicycle back unless you keep a file. It doesn't just happen by magic: it will

take a little work to maintain such a filing system.

"It's a very gratifying and very rewarding feeling when you can return someone's property. This is your little way of helping people in your community."

O'Reilly also discussed the various problems and technicalities involved in conducting a police line-up.

"You need to be able to prove that you conducted a fair line-up," he said. "The victim must be shown the line-up twice in different orders. If pictures were used, they must be kept in a safe place and the victim should write on the back of it that he has identified it as the criminal."

In the typical five-man line-up, the people should have similar physical characteristics and no similar clothing, he said. O'Reilly said he once saw a line-up where the victim chose one person because the other four were all wearing blue pants. Those four were all police officers still in their dress pants, he said.

When a group of photographs are shown to a victim, care should be taken to cover up any differences between the photograph paper, ac-

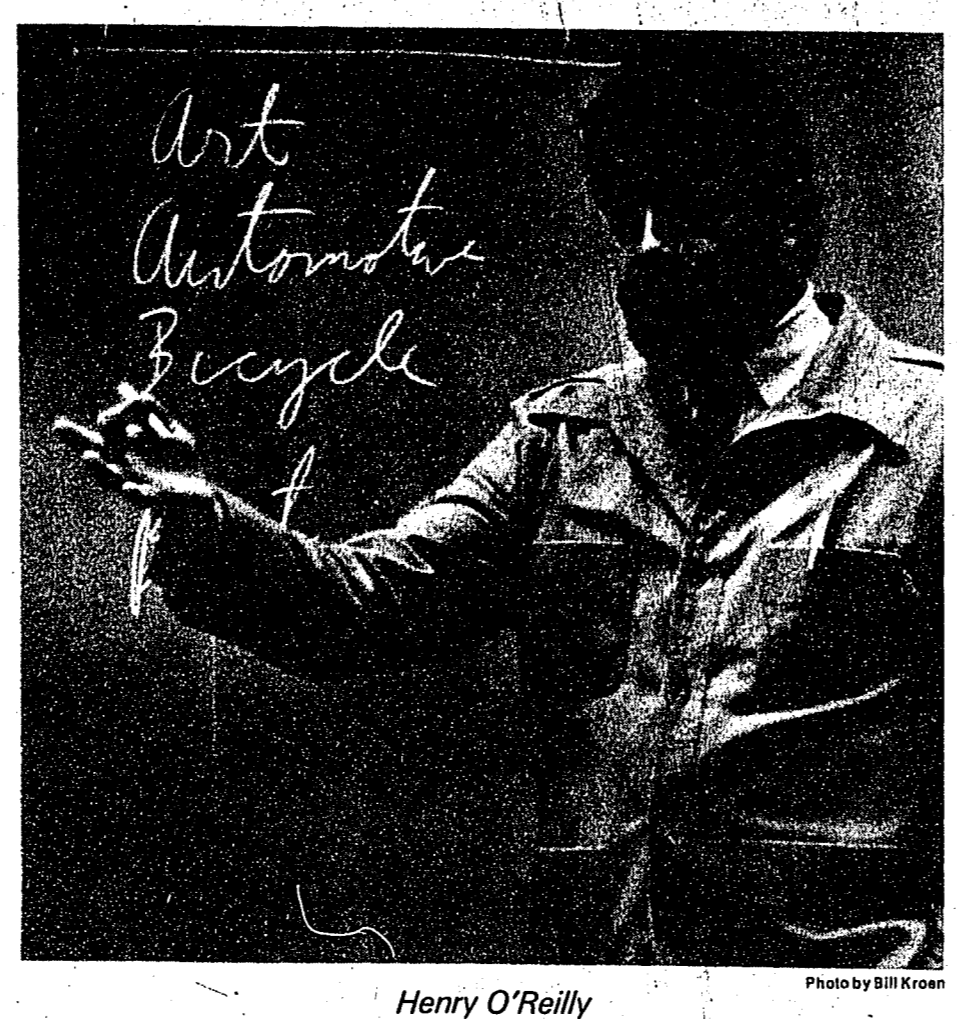
ording to O'Reilly. Holes or dates should be covered with tape, he said.

In one case, O'Reilly said a victim made a positive identification of a photograph. When the case came up before a trial judge, the defense attorney contested the validity of the line-up, he said. The photograph identified by the victim had two staple holes in it and the others did not, O'Reilly said the case was thrown out of court and a rapist went free.

"It's absolutely insane that the system works that way," he said. "But it does and we have to work within it. There is no logic nor any sense to it. If you just say things to make the case seem like it was conducted correctly, you are stuping to their level. There can be no shortcuts."

"If you mess up by taking shortcuts, you will look like an ass in the courtroom, but worse, the suspect will go free," he said.

"To the judge and the jury, you are very important," O'Reilly told the audience. "You are a professional, you have a job to do, and you must do it correctly."



Henry O'Reilly

# Local roads being repaired, PennDOT says

By MARIANN KRUSHESKI  
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The state Department of Transportation does not expect a decrease in revenue from the state gasoline tax to effect road repairs in the area, Dave Bobanick, assistant district maintenance engineer for PennDOT, said yesterday.

"We work on a list of priorities," Bobanick said. "The projects that are under way now are the ones that need to be done."

Repairs now under way in the area include projects to repave and resurface some roads.

On Centre Hill Mountain, the state is resurfacing one mile of roadway to de-slick the hill on the Pleasant Gap side.

Replacement and resurfacing work on Route 322 from Potters Mills to State College is expected to be completed in the next week.

Another resurfacing project is under way on a section of University Drive from Curtin Road to the Interchange.

One project not yet begun is the proposed State College bypass. Bobanick said the bypass work was postponed in 1977 by the state when road repair funds were almost depleted.

"Right now there isn't any work being done on it," he said. "The plans aren't even drawn up on it."

Bobanick said there is enough money in the present budget to complete repairs that are now under way, but funding could be a problem in the spring.

"The money will be low around then, and we may have to cut down on some of our betterment projects," Bobanick said.

The total budget for Centre County is about \$4.4 million, Bobanick said. Of that amount, \$1.3 million will be used for regular maintenance such as pothole repairs and resurfacing.

Another \$1.2 million will be used for snow removal, and an additional \$700,000 for the equipment budget.

Statewide, the road repair budget was affected by a decrease in the amount of expected funds from the two-cent gasoline tax.

Press secretary for PennDOT Gail Balph said PennDOT was expecting \$500 million from the state gasoline tax this year.

"But we have experienced a decrease in funds because of two things," she said. "People have cut down their driving and as a result buy less gasoline."

Because of a bill that is in the Senate now, Balph said that she feels PennDOT can handle the decrease.

Ralph said more funds could come from the bill which would increase truck registration by 25 percent and increase the maximum weight of trucks on state highways. However, she said she did not know how much the increase would be.

The maximum weight of a truck on state highways is 72,000 pounds. The new bill would increase that weight to 80,000 pounds.

The state road repair budget is a combination of state and federal money. Most road repairs in the state are paid for by a 25 percent federal monies to 25 percent state monies ratio.

PennDOT's community relations correspondent Frank Yacabucci said the ratio varies with each project and some projects may get a higher funding from the state.

Locally, the federal funding is a little different. Centre County is currently getting \$461,900 from the state for road repairs, Bobanick said.

"If the federal government matches all the state funds we have, there is a potential for the area to get \$1.8 million," he said.

Bobanick said under some road projects the federal government will match what the state invests in the project. He said the level of federal funding for Centre County has not yet been determined.

# FAA orders visual inspections for cracks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Administration yesterday ordered the inspection of all U.S. DC-9s similar to an Air Canada jet that lost a tail cone soon after takeoff from Boston.

The FAA air worthiness directive requires airlines flying such DC-9s with more than 15,000 landings to perform visual inspections for cracks on the rear pressure bulkheads.

The directive, which affects up to 229 DC-9 models without stairways under the rear of the planes, came three months after the government grounded another jet made by McDonnell Douglas — the DC-10.

The FAA kept the DC-10 out of the air for five weeks after an engine fell off on takeoff from Chicago, killing 273 persons. Cracks were later found in DC-10 engine mounts.

In the latest incident, the tail cone of an Air Canada flight dropped into the Atlantic some 60 miles from Boston's Logan International Airport Monday, leaving a gaping hole in the fuselage.

The pilot managed to bring the Nova Scotia-bound plane safely back to Boston without any injuries among the 43 persons on board.

Air Canada has been modifying its 43 DC-9s since finding stress cracks in four other planes similar to a crack found in the jet that lost a tail cone.

A National Transportation Safety Board team that inspected the Air Canada jet found a foot-long crack on the rear pressure bulkhead.

"It's an old crack and we don't yet know what type, whether it was due to fatigue," a safety board spokesman said in Washington.

He said the federal investigators also found that the floor of the aircraft was buckled and the crew had difficulty controlling the plane's right engine.

Air Canada said the crack in the Boston plane could be seen in X-rays of the plane taken four months ago, but the flaw was overlooked during the last maintenance check. The airline said it is re-examining X-rays of other planes.

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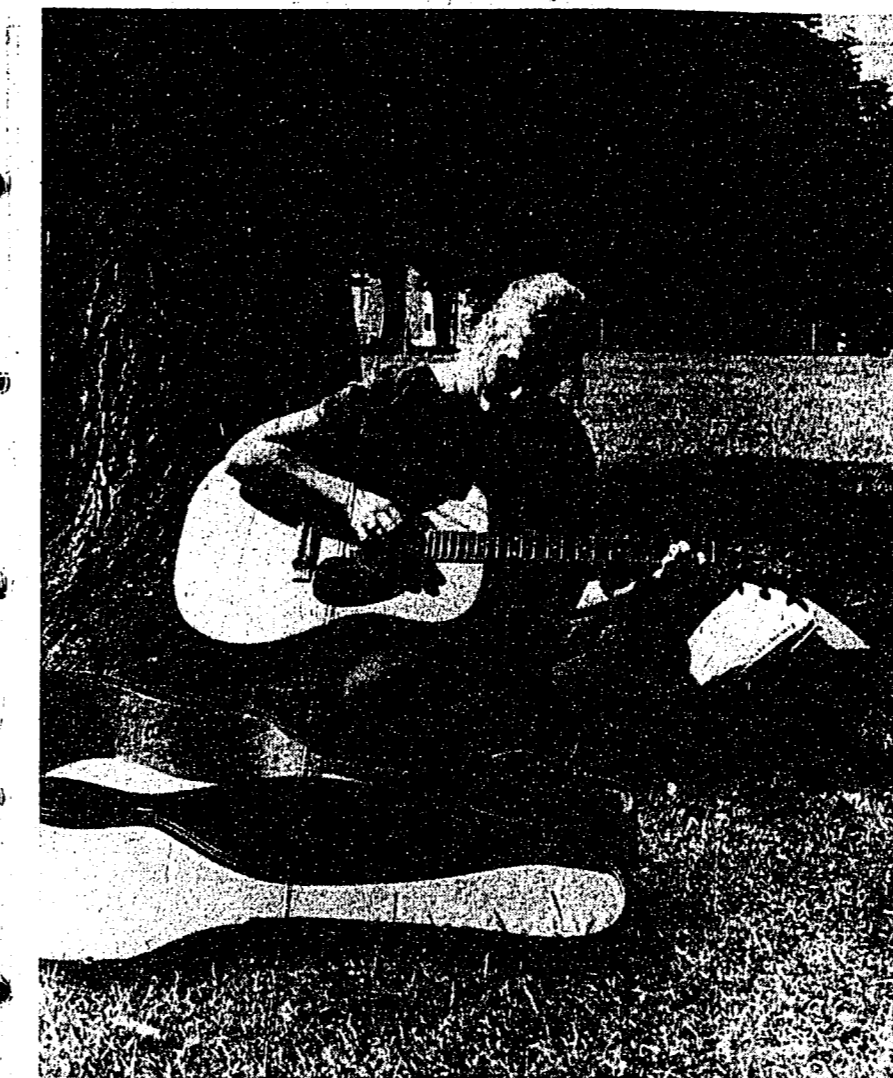
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# Head shops oppose state pot bill

By MICHAEL FLACH  
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Senate Bill 634, which would ban the possession or sale of paraphernalia such as pipes, bongs and rolling papers, is viewed as unconstitutional by the owner of a State College paraphernalia shop.

David Talmas, owner of The Lazy J, 232 E. College Ave., said if such a law ever were approved by the state courts, he would not think twice about filing a constitutional challenge.

"There is no way a law (such as Senate Bill 634) can restrict the types of items we sell," Talmas said. "I may sell a pipe or a pack of rolling papers, but I can't tell how the buyer is going to use them."

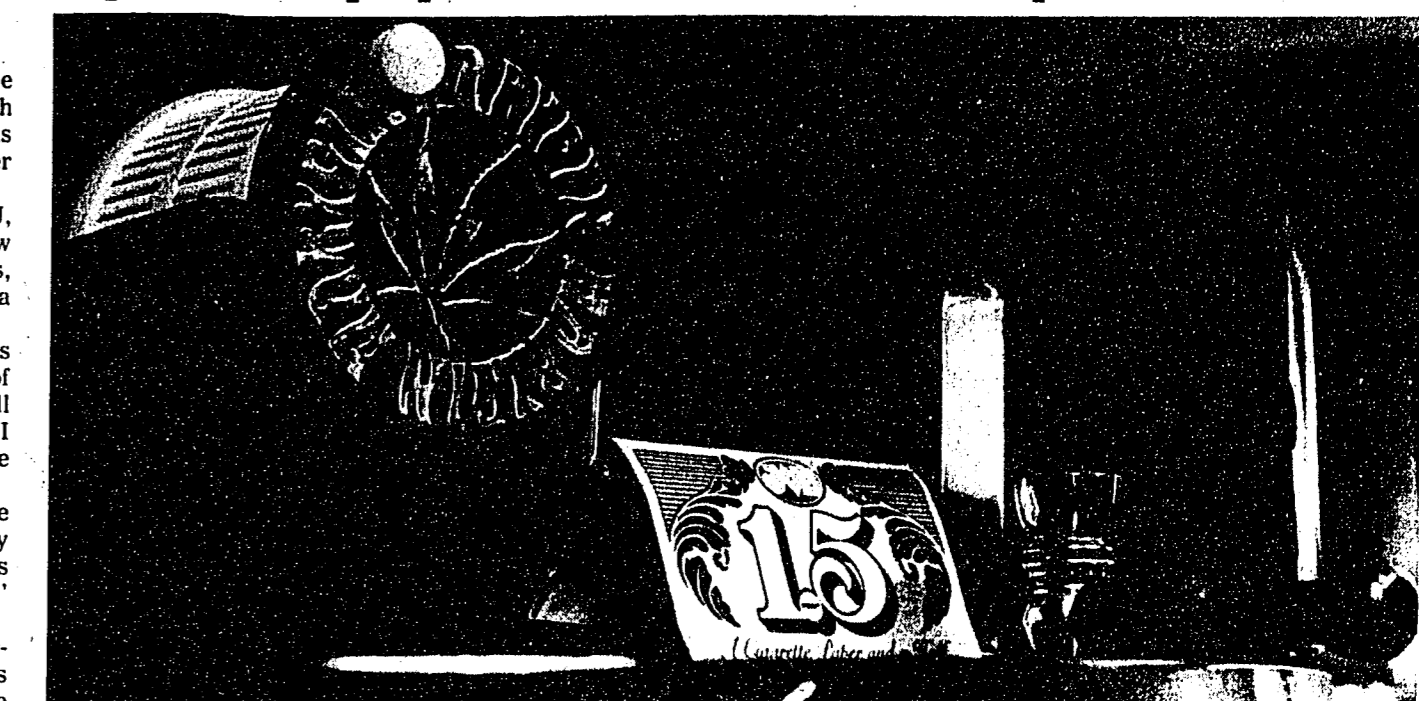
"There's a thousand different herbs he could put in that pipe, and the majority of them would be legal. The way he uses the paraphernalia is totally up to him," he said.

Richard Gelber, the manager of Artifax, 322 E. College Ave., said there is no way the law could discriminate between the wooden pipes that he sells and the pipes which can be bought at any tobacco store.

Although Gelber is not very anxious about the restrictions which the bill would put on the items he sells, he said that such legislation would not put him out of business.

Talmas said such paraphernalia laws have been proposed before and none have ever been passed.

"I could see where the Senate would pass the bill, but getting the approval of



Items like these, available in local paraphernalia stores, are the subject of Senate Bills 634 and 167. They may outlaw the sale of such items.

the governor and the courts is a different matter," Talmas said. "I'm sure they would recognize the unconstitutionality of such legislation."

Talmas said limiting the age of a paraphernalia buyer to 18 is the only restriction which he would favor.

"What I find outrageous is that possession of a pipe, with no evidence as to what is being smoked in that pipe,

could bring a stiffer fine than simple possession of marijuana," Talmas said.

Senate Bill 634 carries a maximum punishment of six months imprisonment and a \$3,000 fine for possession or sale of paraphernalia.

Senate Bill 167, which would also outlaw the sale and possession of paraphernalia, reduces the maximum penalty for possession of marijuana to 30 days imprisonment and a \$300 fine.

State Sen. Stewart Greenleaf, R-Montgomery, who is the sponsor of Senate Bill 167, said the bill is intended to end paraphernalia advertisements in magazines available to children and to check the growing number of head shops.

## UNIVERSITY CALENDAR SPECIAL EVENTS

### Thursday, September 20

Pass/Fail.  
Board of Trustees meeting, Keller Bldg.  
CDCP Seminars: "Interview Skills," 4th period; "Job Search Strategies," 5th period; "Resume Preparation," 8th period, Walnut Conference Room.  
Sports: field hockey vs. Millersville, 2 p.m.  
GSA, Jogging Workshop, 7:30 p.m., Room 101 Kern.  
Religious Affairs Office film "How Should We Then Live?," 7:30 p.m., Memorial Lounge, Eisenhower Chapel.  
Friends of the Museum Illustrated Lecture, 8 p.m., Museum of Art, Eva Davies Noll, Tours a la Carte, on "Best of England."  
Performing Arts Festival, a variety show with Lori Sopoci, piano, and Donna Jagiello, dance, 8 p.m., Music Bldg. Recital Hall.  
Meetings  
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., Room 309 Boucke.  
Wargamers, 7 p.m., Room 107 Sackett.  
Episcopal Student Assn., 7:30 p.m., Room 318 HUB.  
Model Railroad Club, 7:30 p.m., Room 307 Boucke.

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