Magistrate discusses his position; students react

fairly. In many cases, this was not be- why I couldn't win," he said, cause of the student being found guilty, Michael Henry (12th-administration of

Raymond C. Lewis (8th-accounting) said Yorks was "very disappointing and Henry said. "By far, in the majority of very unfair." Lewis said during his hear- cases, people were satisfied." ing before Yorks, the magistrate bit his Yorks said he thought everyone who nails and signed papers from a secretary came through his office received a equiwho interrupted the hearing while Lewis table hearing. was giving testimony and trying to make "A lot of people are mad, but I think

"He didn't pay attention — he didn't a fair decision." he said. listen." Lewis said. "I think he's set in a The District Justice Monthly Statisti-Another student who was charged with hearings for certain offenses and their criminal mischief and found not guilty, results shows there are not great dispari-The student elaborated that Yorks had innocence. The following statistics are

call another student in the hearing a • Of the traffic citations filed in Jan-A student who had a hearing before the trial, 24 were found not guilty and 612 magistrate gave the following account: pleaded guilty. The prosecution dropped "During the hearing, (Yorks) ad- 78 cases and 69 people could not be mitted prior records and hearsay evi- located. dence. The cop testifying said he thought

• Of the non-traffic citations issued in

incident in question. When I objected, guilty by trial, 15 were found not guilty Yorks said, 'Tough, that's your proband 327 pleaded guilty. Prosecution was Several students, however, they received a fair hearing.

though he was guilty. was pretty fair." the student said. Lou, another student, said he thought mainder included the prosecution with-

he got a "fair shake" from Yorks. "He's fair, but he doesn't take any crap Lou told a story that Yorks had told to him to illustrate the point:

"Several years ago, two sorority girls Yorks was biased against students." were caught vandalizing the dorms as a University Associate Provost Roseprank. One of the girls' father was a mary Schraer said she has received a Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice who number of complaints about Yorks and tried to put pressure on Yorks to get the the magistrate's office. girls off innocent." he said.

The result? "He still found them guilty." Lou said. A graduate student who sued a local zens' of the community," she said.

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"He went out of his way to be cooper- of several local apartment complexes

"He's pretty fair from what I've seen,"

that everyone who comes before me gets

cal Report that contains a breakdown of ties in the determination of guilt or let a police officer, who was testifying, from January 1981 and February 1982: uary 1981, 13 people were found guilty by

a gas station attendant saw or heard the the same month, 10 people were found withdrawn in 114 cases, and 296 people could not be located.

• For February 1982, 1,100 traffic cita-One student had to pay numerous fines. tions were filed. Of that number, 37 were Yorks put him on a payment schedule, he found guilty by trial, 27 were found not said, and after he had paid for awhile, guilty and 790 persons pleaded guilty. released him from paying further even • During the same month, non-traffic citations totaled 573. Those guilty by trial "He gave me a pretty good turn and he came to 24; 11 were found not guilty. Guilty pleas amounted to 275. The re-

drawals and unlocated people. Despite these reports, many students had further complaints of favoritism toward the permanent residents of State College and women, while they claimed

"It seems (the students) have the perception that they're not treated as what one student called 'full-fledged citi-

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oriented." "(The managers) said that Cliff would but simply a reaction to the fairness of justice) worked with Yorks one term on a decide in their favor easily if they had any trouble with student tenants," he

> Josephine Zauhar of Boalsburg said Yorks was sympathetic to her problems and helpful, but thought the magistrate is "quite harsh with the students." To still others, Yorks gave the impres-

"operate legitimately," related her experience with the magistrate: "I was charged twice for the same offense — all they did was change the date on the ticket. My father sent in a canceled check to (Yorks) to prove that it was paid." she said.

"Yorks told my father that 'all those college kids do is lie.' " she said. In another incident, the same studen told how the State College police collected a fine, but didn't give the women a "harassed" them, she said. He also men- let me go," the student said.

The student later met Yorks in town and talked with him briefly. "He said, and I have never forgotten this, 'You people have no respect for the law.' " she said.

wasn't fair with students gave the following account of his experience with him: warrant. It wasn't for me, but for a involved in student offenses - I don't way," she said. person with a similar name," he said. think they really know what they're "I went to the magistrate's office to doing."

rogating me." he continued. "(Yorks) said to me, 'You may have to women on Yorks' part. go to jail for some time.' " he said. "Finally, someone from North Caroli- tractive woman received a parking tick- women."

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ative. He showed me the point of law and said they thought Yorks was "town- When Yorks called three witnesses na called the office and said they had the et that had blown off her car. By the time who testified in the womens' behalf, he right man down there. Only then did he she'd been notified of the ticket, the fine

> tioned that one of the women had previ- Yorks said that although 50 percent of "Her hearing was before mine. Even sously been charged with use of illegal all cases he hears involve "young peo- though I was in the exact same situation, ple" 18 to 24 years old, a majority of the the girl only had to pay the original price, young people aren't necessarily stu- but I had to pay the new, higher price."

> in society, what the laws are," Yorks similar hearings," he said. Another student who thought Yorks said in reference to students. "When students come (to the Universi- professional counseling positions in the ty), they leave mommy and daddy for community told her that Yorks is an "Last term during finals week, a sher-the first time and don't seem to know how easily-swayed person; they also told her iff came to my door with an arrest to act," he said. "There's a lot of impulse to "use feminine tactics, and I'll get my.

> clear it up — it was just a case of Yorks also said he couldn't respond to et on his car and had to pay it anyway, a mistaken identity. I produced my ID - specific incidents, as with complaints of my license and student ID — and he favoritism toward women. didn't believe me. Then, he started inter- About 10 of the 50 students cited what

should be taught what's expected of them ticed the different results of our two

Another student said that although he

never officially received his parking tick-

they thought was a favoritism toward female favoritism, Yorks only said, "I One male student related how an at- and I don't judge men different from

District justice courts have extensive jurisdiction

Collegian Staff Writer

Even though the four district justice courts in warrants and conduct preliminary hearings, accord-Centre County process the largest number of cases in ing to the study. the county's court system, few people know exactly

al district. In 1980, more than 23,000 cases were filed than \$127,000. The total money collected by the State in this district, according to a study done in April by College district in 1980 that was payable to all Lawrence C. Bickford, Centre County court adminis- government levels was \$607,121, according to the

or power to hear certain types of cases. over summary (first) offenses, which are punishable repealed,

accept guilty pleas for many third degree misdemea- of justice.

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nors such as theft and criminal mischief. over preliminary hearings, set and accept bail, issue school) standards.

The magistrate's office also collects the funds from fines imposed in the district. In 1980, the State College The greatest number of cases in the county have district's receipts collected and paid to the county been consistently filed in the State College magisteri- were more than \$118,000; expenditures totaled more

Pennsylvania law previously mandated that district justice courts have a great deal of jurisdiction — trict magistrates had to be at least 35 years of age requirement of a four-year degree to begin with, then and live for a certain number of years in the district the move to a law degree requirement could be made, These courts have complete criminal jurisdiction they would be presiding over. In 1978, these laws were he said. Magistrates do not need an undergraduate or law

by no more than a \$300 fine and/or a jail sentence that does not exceed 90 days, according to the Bickford school education to take office. Laymen can run for this position without meeting any educational reclaims are not higher than \$2,000, and landlord/te- The administrator of the state court system has a If the lawyer requirement were instituted, salaries

But Guttenplan thinks that district magistrates Generally, the district magistrate may preside should meet some minimal (compatible to law

"Anyone serving in a judicial position should have udicial training, at least at the level of law school." In December 1975, Guttenplan attended a three-day

symposium led by then-Gov. Milton Shapp. Guidelines were developed for all involved in the Guttenplan said one chief of police stood up and asked about requiring magistrates to be lawyers. The leaders of the symposium recommended at least a

"They said they couldn't change too radically, too No move has been made yet by the state legislature

"You have to pay for what you get," he said.

In the most recent figures compiled but also the careless student who may for 1982-83 at the on-campus informaby University police, 3,410 bicycles accidentally leave his 10-speed Fugi tion booths from 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. valued at more than \$200 each were chained to a tree in front of the Forum. weekdays. reported missing on campus during It provides police with information After 5 p.m., students may register nant cases is also vested in the district justice courts. training program that all justices must take part in, for district magistrates would have to be raised to the 1979-80 academic year. In 1980-81, enabling them to match the bike with their bicycles at the desk in the Uni-In addition, the courts are granted jurisdiction to said Henry Guttenplan, professor of administration attract lawyers to the position, Guttenplan said. 3,057 bicycles had been reported miss- the owner.

THE Fe :00 - 1:30 a.m. Steve & Lauralyn

charge of crime prevention.

ing by the beginning of June.

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well, co-chairwoman Margie McTa- available.

increase awareness of the many roles

women fulfill in our society," she

The five areas of awareness to be

explored - beginning Sunday and

running through next week - include

and career. McTague said.

physical, political, personal, cultural

The program has not been effective

in the past because it did not appeal to

the large scope of the campus, she

This year the program is incorpo-

rating men, McTague said, and inde-

pendents are helping in the planning

being stressed more than the quantity

and all events will be held in the

evening to reach more people, she

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PRESENTS: Penn State Spring Spirit

Women's roles to be studied

Awareness week to offer career programs, art displays

Also during the week, registration

"The purpose of the week is to for a cardiopulmonary resuscitation for 8:30 p.m. in the HUB gallery

instruction course will be held on the

The program was originally

Therefore, the program will not be

able to certify anyone, but all tech-

niques of CPR will be taught and the

same equipment used in a longer

Throughout April three female art- 7 p.m. in the Boucke career library; Week are free and open to the public,

Registration helps in finding stolen bikes

abandoned or stolen each year on the ing on campus each year, it is imporput the suspects under surveillance.

Penn State campus, but if students tant for students to register their Students who plan to leave their

lice Services they have a much better is mandatory, but students who do not taking them home for the summer,

chance of getting them back, said register their bikes will not be fined. should register before May 31.

Robert McNichol, police supervisor in Registration benefits not only the

Monday's programs include: tively.

had been recovered by June 1981. McNichol said.

course will be used, she said.

McTague said.

ists will be displaying their work in "An Evening With the International McTague said.

Women's Awareness Week is not partment, will be held at 7:30 Sunday Assembly Room.

HUB ground floor.

just for sororities, but for the entire evening in the HUB Gallery lounge,

student population and community as McTague said. Refreshments will be

the HUB browsing gallery. An infor- Dancers" at 7:30 p.m. in the HUB

mal discussion with the artists, who ballroom and "What's Happening in

are faculty members in the art de- Washington" at 8:30 p.m. in the HUB

planned to certify participants over a Work or Play" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in

three-week period of sessions, McTa- the HUB Ballroom; "Trim Down and

gue said, but the Ritenour Health
Center decided more people would be

Shape Up" at 7 p.m. Thursday in 301
HUB; "Women's Health Issues" at

interested if the program lasted one 8:30 p.m. Thursday in 320 HUB; and

The time and place of next Satur- Marshall and Judi Avener, coaches

day's CPR program have been for the women's gymnastics team,

changed to 9 a.m. in 28 Ritenour, will coach the men's and women's

"Women in Business and Industry" at All events of Women's Awareness

In comparison, the report shows that helps police determine if thefts are

only 660 of the 3,057 missing bicycles related or if a theft ring is involved,

student whose bike has been stolen, Term, they can register their bicycles

The computerized registration also in the rear of Grange Building.

On Tuesday "Opportunities in

p.m. in the HUB gallery lounge and

Graduate Studies" will be held at 7

"Tips on Getting Ahead" is scheduled

week include "Spring Fashion for

"Battle of the Sexes" at 1:30 p.m.

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chitecture at the University of Oregon, tomorrow afternoon on the HUB ground the Barrens of Centre County. will speak on "Maine Farmers: The Connected Farm Architecture of Northern New England" at 4 this afternoon in before the meeting.

given at 7 tonight in 133 White Building. charged. For more information stop at center at 238-5872. The foxtrot and somba will be practiced. • An astronomy open house will be held at 7:30 tonight on the sixth floor of

held tomorrow. • A fashion show, sponsored by Nitta- 139 N. Barnard St. Two bands will play ny Mall merchants, will be presented at 2 '60s rock — the Kayatones, a local band; tomorrow afternoon in the mall outside

Davey Laboratory. If cloudy, it will be

• A prayer meeting will be held at 2 drinkers with identification tomorrow afternoon in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

Hess's Department Store.

soring a climbing trip to Donation Rocks Harris Township Municipal Building. All from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow. The voters are invited to attend. Those whotrip is open to beginning or advanced cannot attend the meeting can call 238climbers. Participants can sign up at the 5655 for a legislative update. bulletin board in the HUB and meet at the Intramural Building.

• The Undergraduate Student Government vice presidential debates will be • The Model Railroad Club will hold held at 7 Sunday night in Waring Lounge. Sunday.

• The Interlandia Folkdance Society an open house and model contest tomor- • The bicycle division of the Pen will hold a recreational dancing meeting row. Registration for the contest will be State Outing Club will sponser a 25 mile held at 9:30 a.m. and judging will be at 1 bicycle ride at 1 Sunday afternoon. Th p.m. in the HUB browsing gallery. The ride will begin in the HUB parking lo • Thomas Hubka, professor of ar- open house will be held from 1 to 5 behind Grange Building and run through

• A Sand Painting Workshop will be making bread dough ornaments will be 319 Walker. Refreshments will be served offered by the HUB Craft Centre from 1 held from 2 to 5 Sunday afternoon a to 4 tomorrow afternoon in 312 HUB. A Shaver's Creek Environmental Cente \$10.50 fee, which covers all materials Admission is \$2 for members and \$2.50 • Ballroom Dance instruction will be necessary for the project, will be for non-members. To register, call the 312 HUB or call 863-0611. The center

> The Krishna Yoga Society will sport sor a free vegetarian feast at 5 thi afternoon and 7 Sunday evening at the • Free University will sponsor a con- Krishna Yoga Center, 103 E. Hamilton cert/party at 8:30 tomorrow night in the Ave

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting hall. • The Volunteer Income Tax Assis tance program will assist with simple tax and the Hacks from Philadelphia. Beer problems. Bring tax forms to the HUI and mixed drinks will be served; admisground floor from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. sion is \$1.50 for non-drinkers and \$2.50 for

• State Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, an open-session review of the Studen R-Centre County, will hold a weekly town Performance Organization. The Aerobi meeting at 7 Sunday evening in the Club and the Penn State Pop Choir at 7:30

> their experiences with you. Call 863-2020 or stop in 135 Boucke between 4 p.m. and midnight, Monday through Friday, or between noon and 8 p.m. Saturday and

police log

More than 3,000 bicycles are lost, Because so many bicycles are miss- In that case, University police can Thomas Fegley, a guest at the Sherfrom the men's locker room in Rec Hall. had received three bad checks, totaling aton Penn State, told the State College The value of the wallet and contents is \$950. register bicycles with University Po- bicycles, McNichol said. Registration bikes at the University, instead of Police Department yesterday that his estimated at \$140, police said. car tires had been slashed while the • Bob Baumgartner of Ritenour vehicle was parked at inn, 240 S. Pugh St. Health Center told University police The tires of two other cars in the lot Wednesday that a male student from had also been slashed, police said. Sproul Hall was taken to Centre Commu-

> • A woman told State College police Wednesday that an unidentified man exposed himself to her on the street.

The student was treated for the over dose and released, police said. • Nathaniel McClain, 920B W. Aaron • The First National Bank of Centre parking stall by a secretary working in

versity Police Services lobby located Dr., told University Police Services Hall, 611 University Drive, told State another office, police said. Wednesday that his wallet was missing College police Wednesday that the bank

scribed medication.

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• Guy R. Schenker, 315 S. Allen St. nity Hospital after an overdose of pretold State College police Wednesday that some plants were missing from his of-

continuing, police said.

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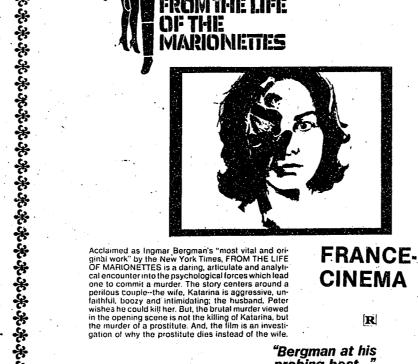
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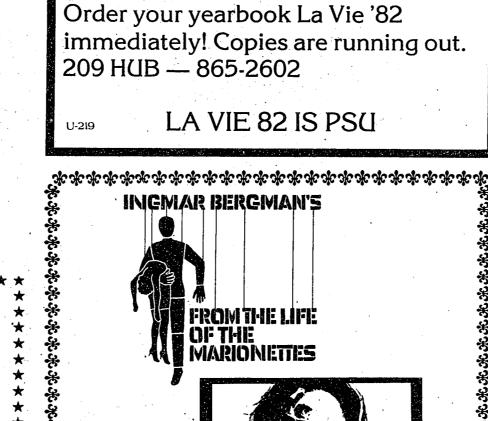
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