

Trustee donates to campaign

By CAROLYN SORISO
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The president of Barash Advertising Inc., Marian Coppersmith, has donated \$100,000 to the \$200 million Campaign for Penn State. Coppersmith, a University trustee and a 1953 graduate, said she donated the money because the University contributes to the quality of life of her employees. "The University has provided me with a very good education that gave me the opportunity to be successful in my own life. "It really contributes significantly to the overall quality of life... it's my way of saying 'thank you, Penn State,'" she said. Barash Advertising, 403 S. Allen St., is an advertising agency with offices in State College, Altoona and Johnstown. Coppersmith said she gave the largest portion of her gift, \$25,000 to the University's Wilkes-Barre Cam-

pus because she is a native of the city and wants to see that campus prosper.

She also earmarked \$20,000 of her gift to go to the University's libraries — half to the Paterno Library Endowment Fund and half to the Penn State Room in Pattee. "Libraries are at the heart of Penn State's overall success," Coppersmith said. The Penn State Room, she said, is a valuable resource for the University's history and provides information for her company, which publishes *Town & Gown* and *Where & When* magazines.

Coppersmith said the Julia Gregg Brill Professorship in women's studies will receive \$15,000 of the gift. She said she "supports wholeheartedly women's studies as an academic area." The idea of establishing an endowment for women's studies was initiated by some of the women trustees, Coppersmith said. She said she pleased the en-

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To date, about 25 of the 32 trustees have given to the campaign, he said. The campaign is a five-year, \$200 million fund raising effort to enhance the academic opportunities at the University and to make the University one of the premier public institutions in the country.

Alumna: Women still struggling

By ERIC SCHMIDT
Collegian Staff Writer

Fifteen years ago when Rachel Newman asked her editor at *Ladies' Home Journal* for a raise, he told her, "Honey, why don't you just get married and get somebody to take care of you." "I remember feeling frustrated and not doing anything about it," Newman said. "Today, I'd say I want the raise because I deserve it."

Newman, a 1960 University alumna with a degree in Arts and Letters, was the guest speaker at a program titled "Women in Publishing" — part of the Women's Studies Department's Brown Bag Lunch Series. She has also studied at the New York School of Interior Design and did post-graduate work in anthropology at Hunter College in New York. Although women will stand up for their rights today,

they still have low salaries in the industry, Newman said. A beginning staff member in either of her magazines can expect to make about \$14,000 a year. It is almost impossible for someone to live in a city on that salary, Newman said. "In the old days, (beginning staffers) could gang up in a one-bedroom apartment," Newman said, "but landlords now won't allow more than two."

Many editorial staff members' financial problems can be traced to the management's reluctance to provide adequate funding for salaries, Newman said. Management for her publication considers salaries to be the most flexible part of a magazine's budget. Therefore, when submitting the magazine's budget, salaries are often the first to get cut, she said. "Management has never had to work in the editorial area," Newman said, "and they don't understand our problems and they are not sympathetic. It's a lot easier for me to get money for two new desks than a \$500 raise for someone."

One advantage editorial staff members have is a great degree of autonomy, Newman said. Often that will make up for the lack of salary, she said.

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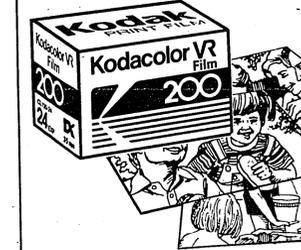
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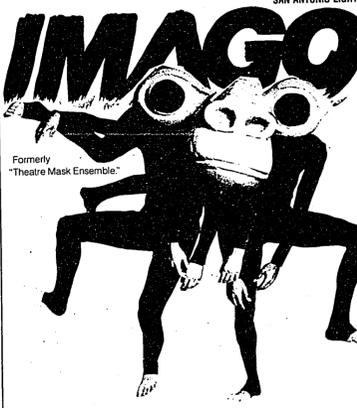
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Crash simulator urges buckling up

University Police Services will add a little physical persuasion to the seatbelt campaign during the next couple of weeks. But they're calling in some out-of-town help.

The Convincer, a 12-foot, gravity-powered car crash simulator, will be at various locations demonstrating the need for safety belts. Every 8-mph ride on the Convincer ends with an abrupt crash. Lisa Harbach, a University police cadet, said the simulator proves the effectiveness of seat belts.

"We're trying to have the people feel what it's like to stop so suddenly," Harbach said. The Convincer is tentatively scheduled to provide simulated crashes from Oct. 29 to Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the HUB and at various locations on campus.

David Venerus (graduate-chemical engineering) said the Convincer was fun and after riding it once, he said he wanted to do it again. "It's kind of hurts," he said. "If you're not ready for it, it can knock the wind out of you."

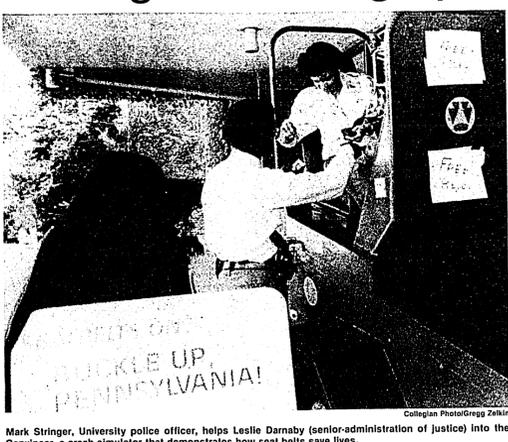
Susan Holley (sophomore-elementary education) said, "Okay! I'm convinced! It's more than enough."

"I always wear a seat belt because I've come too close to being killed," she said. "Most of my friends are poor drivers."

Karen White (senior-microbiology) said she wears the seat belt when she sits in the front. "It's kind of like a habit," she said. The Convincer felt like it was going a lot faster than 8 mph, White said. She said it felt like she just rode an amusement park ride.

Venerus said it is stupid not to wear safety belts, but laws can't force people to be smart.

—by Gordon Zernich



Mark Stringer, University police officer, helps Leslie Darnaby (senior-administration of justice) into the Convincer, a crash simulator that demonstrates how seat belts save lives.

Crossing guard killed by car

CHICAGO (AP) — Evelyn Despenza spent most of her 73 years looking out for children, shepherding them safely across busy streets to school, watching them play from her living-room window, pushing their swings on the playground.

After 33 years as a crossing guard, she was killed in the line of duty Monday when she stepped off a curb to help a child. She walked into the path of a car that struck her and sped away.

"The kids have accepted it," Dian

A. Cooper, principal at Warren School, said yesterday. "They're rather subdued, but they're going on."

"The kids felt strongly about this, and we're going to try and get some kind of memorial, maybe a plaque."

Two hours later, Charles Davis, 35, surrendered to police and was charged with drunken driving, misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident and failing to yield to a pedestrian, said police Sgt. James Knightly.

Downtown apartment fire may be arson, police say

A fire, suspected as being arson, on the 200 block of East Fairmount Avenue was reported to the State College Alpha Fire Department yesterday morning, State College Bureau of Police Services said.

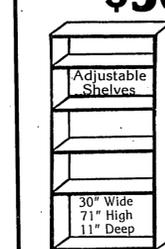
The fire at an apartment house at 208 E. Fairmount Ave. was contained to a second floor closet,

police said. There were no injuries. The apartment house is owned by Ron Varonesi, 108 N. Gill St., police said. The occupants of the house were evacuated by police before the firefighters arrived and extinguished the fire, police said.

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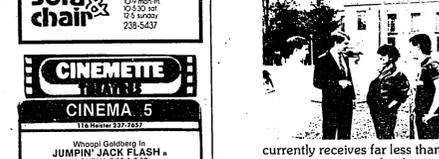
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