

Behrend professor edits national journal for Spanish professionals

by Rob Prindle

Dr. Juan Fernández Jiménez has just begun his fourth year as director and editor of Cuadernos de ALDEEU. "This is more time consuming than one would imagine," he said with a slightly apologetic smile. I talked with the Behrend Spanish Professor while he was in the middle of preparing the latest issue of the journal.

Cuadernos de ALDEEU is the official Journal of the Association of Spanish Professionals in America. Fernández was asked to try his hand at the journal after its second year. Since that time the journal has come out on time and close to flawless.

The biggest problem was the first issue Fernández directed. In an attempt to change directorship and location and still publish the journal on time, Fernández made the decision to use a high quality dot matrix printer instead of a higher quality laser printer. The difference was slight but Fernández said he did get some criticism for his decision.

The success of the journal since then has far outweighed any slight problems. The Journal has evolved in look and feel and this year the reserved, professional looking cover will adopt a bit of flash with the addition of a line drawing of the symbolic joining of the United States and Spain.

That cover will reflect the contents. The journal is composed of scholarly works by Spanish professionals. "Most of the works published tend to involve the humanities, but the journal is open to articles from any discipline," said Fernández.

Most of the twice yearly journal is printed in Spanish, but



Dr. Juan Fernández Jiménez

the journal is open to English submissions as well. It is published here on campus and is supported by Penn State through the Division of Humanities and help from the School of Business and some paid advertisements.

Fernández is pleased that the journal attracts submissions from well known people. Cuadernos de ALDEEU has printed submissions from college deans and many influential professionals and Fernández admits that this adds to one of the many challenges of his position. "You have to be very diplomatic and this can become quite time consuming." Great care has to be taken both in choosing the material and in writing letters turning the submission down or asking for a rewrite according to Fernández.

He employs some help via expert readers in the field of the submission under consideration. According to Fernández, "There are always at least two readers (sometimes called referees) for each article."

Under Fernández the journal has experimented with monographic issues (devoted to a single topic). The latest one was devoted to the 50 year anniversary of the end of the Spanish Civil War.

"I hope to keep the journal progressing by trying new things... improving the quality," said Fernández. Judging from past success and Fernández' determination I'd say that Cuadernos de ALDEEU will continue to be counted among the very best in its field.

Police Cadet Program gives students chance to gain experience

by Daniele Sadres
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It used to be all you needed to become a police officer was a high school education and an understanding of the criminal code.

Today police forces are looking for applicants with degrees in criminal justice and related fields to staff the squad cars, laboratories and higher positions in the department.

Presently, Penn State offers a program to a limited number of juniors and seniors in the Administration of Justice program who are interested in preparing for a career in law enforcement while in college earning a degree.

The Police Cadet Program gives students an opportunity to gain practical experience and to participate in certificate courses while earning their degree.

Students selected for the program acquire experience through working as part-time, non-sworn employees of the Department of University Safety at University Park.

Cadets must put in twelve to twenty hours each week during their junior year and the spring semester of their senior year.

This is followed by the completion of a student internship with the Department of University Safety during the fall semester of their senior year, for which they receive 9 credits and are paid for a twenty-hour work week.

It is possible for a person to skip college and attend a police academy with only a high school diploma. However, Randy Hoffman, head of Police and Safety at Behrend, feels there are many advantages for officers who attended college.

"I recommend college for anyone who wants to be a police officer," Hoffman said.

He feels college has a lot to offer those who aspire to be police officers.

"The more open your mind is, the better your ability is to treat people fairly," stated Hoffman.

Hoffman believes by acquiring a college education, law enforcement officers gain a better understanding of the laws they enforce. He stressed the need for this type of education among police officers is growing.

"The more laws are being changed, the more we have to interpret them," Hoffman said.

He went further to add such an understanding of the law becomes a necessity when police officers face attorneys in court.

"They've got the edge as it is," explained Hoffman.

According to Hoffman, career advantages for college graduates in the law enforcement field are growing.

He pointed out, "A number of departments now award pay increases, recognizing that college is a benefit".

"There are a lot of people out there who will make good cops without going to college," Hoffman acknowledged.

However, he was quick to point out that the higher ranking positions in law enforcement are most often held by individuals with some college experience.

"If we look at U.P. and some of the other campuses, the people I see in the higher roles have attended [college] to some extent," said Hoffman.

As for police departments eventually requiring all officers being required to have a college degree, Hoffman said, "It's a good possibility," adding with all of the new laws being passed and the officers' increased role in interpreting them, a college degree would provide them with the tools to get the job done.

Anyone having questions concerning the Police Cadet Program at University Park can contact the Training Officer at (814) 865-1864.

ROTC receives special training at Fort Indiantown Gap

This past weekend, Behrend ROTC traveled to Fort Indiantown Gap for special training to prepare the 69 Penn State ROTC MS-III juniors, (including 12 Behrend and 14 Lock Haven juniors), for ROTC Advanced Camp to be held this summer.

Arriving Friday evening, the juniors immediately began training while over 250 Penn State System freshmen and sophomores prepared for Army orientation training. Despite extremely windy and snowy conditions on Saturday, the Behrend MS-IV seniors, assisted

by 12 freshmen and sophomores, provided accident-free repelling instruction for over 200 underclassmen.

While the seniors gave instruction in repelling, the juniors were in the field receiving training which included patrolling, patrol base defense, squad reaction drills and land navigation.

Saturday evening, the freshmen and sophomore classes were taken to the training area and instructed how to set up and execute an ambush. Acting as an enemy patrol, the Behrend MS-IV's were successfully ambushed

and "killed" by six consecutive underclassman patrols.

Sunday morning, the MS-III class was taken to the Leadership Reaction Course for their final block of instruction for the weekend. The course is designed to test each cadet's decision making ability by giving them a mission and placing a challenging obstacle in their way to complete the mission.

Sunday afternoon, the Behrend cadets departed for home and some much needed sleep after the weekend's hectic schedule.

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