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Program gets recredited

Social work department receives seven-year national accreditation

Cathy Houdek

SCSU has reached national recognition once again with the seven year reaccreditation of the social work department. This department has reached the strict guidelines for accreditation set by the National Council on Social Work Education (NCSWE).

The process of accreditation includes a two-year process which entails an extensive self-study and a visit from the NCSWE. The Social Work Department has continuously met the council's strict requirements, since the program first earned accreditation in 1981.

Gary Whitford, a social work professor, said most of the guidelines have certain standards that the curriculum must follow, such as making sure the university has the appropriate resources for the students' expense.

"Everyone in the department helped write the report that was presented to the NCSWE,

although the chairperson, Rick Present wrote most of it," said Whitford. Then the department had an interview with two professors from two different universities, who were appointed by the NCSWE. The staff of the social work department all were in attendance to answer any questions the professors had.

He said the advantages to students who choose such programs are that it's easier to get into graduate school and it makes the student more employable. "Some places won't even hire people if they don't have a standard to know what the student was taught. Accreditation proves the student has lived up to certain standards."

Accreditation may influence the students' decision to choose SCSU's social work program because of its national recognition. Accreditation plays an important part when students are choosing a college with an excellence for academics. "It's a major impact on enrollment. When students go to a graduate

school that is accredited, they have one less semester to attend," said Nancy Brennan a social work professor.

"It looks good on a resume. Employers will notice the field has been acknowledged by a national organization, and see it holds high standards for the students who attend the college," Brennan said.

Keith Piskur, a senior social work major, cited his reasons for choosing the program at SCSU.

"I was a social work major at another school, then transferred to St. Cloud. I have relatives up here, and wanted to look into the program to see if it would work," he said. "The fact that the department was accredited was very important and influenced my decision to go to school here."

SCSU remains Minnesota's most highly accredited undergraduate university with more than 20 of its departments and programs being accredited by national organizations.

Mitchell Hall hot spot for summer crime

by Mandy Jackson

CO-NEWS EDITOR

During the summer months students and faculty are more likely to leave book bags unattended and office doors unlocked, inviting others to steal.

"Just because there's not a lot of people on campus, people have a false sense of security," said Mary Jo Trobec, interim director of UPS. "It creates more opportunities for people who are walking around pulling doorknobs."

Trobec said the majority of the thefts this summer have been from residents, faculty and staff. Mitchell Hall has been the prime spot for theft this summer, she said.

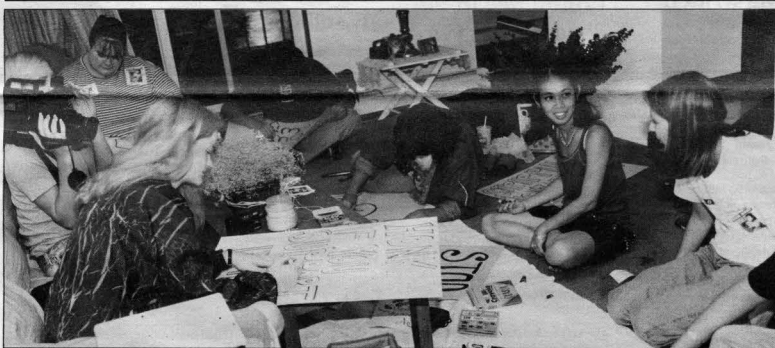
Trobec said that UPS has kept to normal procedures this summer. However, in early July, UPS officers started leaving reminder cards on unattended bags they have seen during their normal patrols. The cards state, "In the few seconds you were away, this item may have been taken. Please remember to keep an eye on your belongings."

Sarah Lindahl, a UPS officer warns, "We can't respond as fast to calls because there aren't as many officers in the summer."

Amanda Rose, a junior who lives in Mitchell Hall, said she was impressed with UPS when she called after discovering \$300 was missing from a drawer in her room last week. She said there wasn't much UPS could do, but they came promptly when she called.

Rose knew she left her door unlocked, but said, "I am really disappointed because I had a lot of trust in the people around me. I guess it was too much trust because now my money is gone."

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Julia Peterson/PHOTO EDITOR

Students make signs for a protest Saturday night at the King's Inn, an adult entertainment establishment in Rice, Minn. The protest was an action project to fulfill the requirements for Women's Studies 201.

Mentorship program first of its kind at SCSU

Top 10 percent of high school class will qualify for new program

by Kristin Albrecht

CO-NEWS EDITOR

Incoming students who are National Merit Finalists or in the top 10 percent of their class will have the opportunity this fall to become involved in a mentorship program.

This program is the first of its kind at SCSU that has been organized by Admissions. It will give students the chance to learn more in their chosen field of study and a chance for professors to learn from students as well.

"This will help students because they will have someone in their discipline," said

Marnie Beltz, an admissions representative and coordinator of the program. "It is a chance to learn about the courses that will be offered and will allow students more career opportunities. Faculty is always looking for motivated students and they may end up with research students with fresh perspectives."

Mentoring programs have proven to increase students' graduation rates and overall GPAs as well as retention among top 10 percent students.

Graduate students are also welcomed to mentor, but Beltz said most graduate students are only at SCSU for a short period of time.

The number of hours a professor meets with a student will vary, depending on each student. Professors with larger disciplines will have to set more time aside to meet with their students. With the mentorship program,

Admissions will have a chance to step aside and become another form of support for the student where before it was a major support structure.

The reason the program is only for National Merit Finalists and students in the top 10 percent of their class is because it is a pilot program. Beltz said she didn't want to start too large and that she would like to expand the program to include other students in the future.

"People have different reasons and attractions to colleges," Beltz said. "Top 10 percent students are interested in talking to the faculty and working with them whereas other students generally are not as interested."

Beltz also said the faculty is available for all students and this program will be used to lure in prospective students by giving focus

and definition to incoming freshmen. It will be an extension of the advising programs already in use.

Beltz knows that the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities has a mentor program, but doesn't know of any other Minnesota schools that do.

The mentorship program was put into motion after high school seniors and transfer students requested it.

Although it is a new program, smaller versions have existed in the past. Beltz also said that faculty have made up their own outreach programs similar to the mentorship program, but only in specific disciplines.

A list of professors is being compiled and more volunteers are needed. Professors and interested students who meet the guidelines can contact Marnie Beltz at 654-5277.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY Live on the Mall

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "The Auto Body Experience" plays on Atwood Mall.

'The Auto Body Experience'

10 p.m. "The Auto Body Experience" plays at the Red Carpet.

THURSDAY 'Gemini'

9 p.m. "Gemini" plays Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Press. Cover is \$1.

'Tim Mahoney and Meanies'

10 p.m. "Tim Mahoney and the Meanies" play at the Red Carpet.

FRIDAY 'Cave Music,' 'Janis Figure,' and 'Party of One'

8 p.m. "Cave Music," "Janis Figure," and "Party of One" all are scheduled to play at the Java Joint, starting at 8 p.m. There is a \$3 cover.

'Mango Jam'

10 p.m. "Mango Jam" is playing at the Red Carpet.

SATURDAY

'Room 101,' 'The Smocks' and 'Not Your Friends'

8 p.m. "Room 101," "The Smocks" and "Not Your Friends" at the Java Joint. Cover is \$3.

Announcements

Cat found in business building Monday

UPS found a cat in the business building Monday. It is orange and white and it is being kept at the security building located in pay lot. If anyone has information on the cat please call the HELP line, 255-4357.

To submit information for the events calendar, mail it to University Chronicle, 13 Stewart Hall, St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498.

Two \$20,000 rewards being offered for death, disappearances

Rewards are being offered in two separate cases in which authorities are at dead-ends. Clues that help in solving either case are worth \$20,000.

One case is the murder of former Rice mayor Herbert Fromet Sr., who was killed Aug. 3, 1994. The other is the disappearance and possible deaths of Cynthia Schmidt and Ronnie Bromenschenkel, who have been missing since this date, eleven years ago.

Police are announcing the rewards to coincide with the August anniversaries of the only two major unsolved crimes in St. Cloud.

Despite higher speed limits, more tickets written

State troopers have been handing out more speeding tickets in preparation for the complete change of speed limits in Minnesota.

Troopers were put on special overtime patrols a few days after new speed limits began in June. They issued 50 percent more tickets than normal through June 30, and 42 percent more in July this year compared July 1996.

Speeding tickets are estimated to surpass 17,000 this month, approximately 5,000 more than August 1996.

IN HISTORY...

17 YEARS AGO...

Over half a million dollars was spent to make SCSU accessible to handicapped people.

Making a building accessible to the handicapped included installing outdoor ramps and new elevators, widening doorways, and modifying bathrooms and elevators.

In addition to public areas, 12 double rooms in Case Hall and 12 double rooms in Mitchell Hall were modified to accommodate handicapped students.

The academic project was originally funded \$260,000, but more money was required and \$90,000 more was requested and approved. Work on the dorms cost \$230,000 and came out of funds paid by students renting dorm rooms.

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CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Apartments located near college dorms touted for noise

The landlord of Stateview Apartments, located at 410 4th Ave. S., has been put on probation for one year for excessive noise violations.

The probation stems from three noise violations received by the residents of apartment 202 in a one-year period. The third violation came on March 2, when a tenant was playing country music too loudly at 5:29 a.m. on a Sunday.

Stateview Partnership, owned by James Stang, Eugene Lahr, and Richard Olmscheid, has received previous warnings from the city about another rental property they own. Last November, Windsor West apartments were placed on probation for 90 days.

Roads shut down in St. Cloud area Saturday due to flooding

St. Cloud police shut down Minnesota Highway 23 between 19 1/2 Avenue and Washington Memorial Drive as runoff flooded the Osseo Avenue underpass Saturday night.

The storm dropped 2.7 inches of rain on the St. Cloud area in less than two hours. Floodwaters also closed off parts of 25th and 33rd avenues.

July was the third wettest month of the 1990s, according to SCSU meteorologist Bob Weisman.

St. Cloud was also close to picking up more rain than it did in July. Several storms moved just to the south of the city, most notably a storm July 17 that poured 3.71 inches at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.

STATE & NATION

In the first month of the increased speed limit, the number of fatalities was unaffected.

Trucks in BWCA: Committee in Senate votes yes

A Senate committee voted 11-9 to allow trucks in three portages of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA).

The legislation is sponsored by Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minnesota, but opposed by environmentalists, the Clinton Administration, and the state's democratic representative, Paul Wellstone.

The bill now goes to the Senate floor, although solid Democratic opposition means it would be difficult to pass without attaching it

to a more popular legislative bill up for vote.

Murder suspect confesses, but body still missing

Murder suspect Dean Metcalfe made a deal with prosecutors, saying he would lead investigators to a missing body in return for a chance of parole someday.

Meanwhile, investigators still cannot find a body, or any evidence of a body, and are calling off the deal with Metcalfe.

Eleven-year-old Andre Bosse was abducted the morning of June 17 from her home in Lakewood Club, a western Michigan village of 700 people northwest of Grand

Rapids, Mich. Metcalfe was allegedly seen leaving his home about the same time Andre disappeared. Metcalfe lived a few miles away from the Bosses, and his daughter was Andre's best friend.

Mall of America celebrates fifth birthday

The largest mall in the United States celebrates its fifth birthday this week. In the last half decade, the giant retail-entertainment complex added 187 stores. The megamall saw 8 million more visitors this year than in 1992 when it opened.

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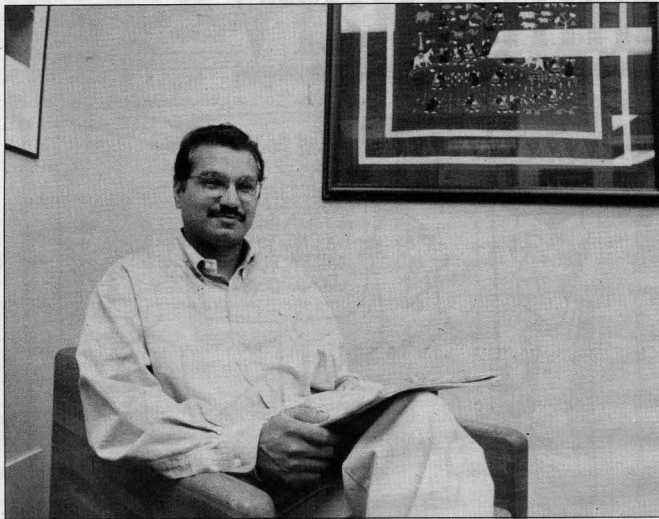
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Shahzad Ahmad, interim director at Minority Student Programs, was recently chosen as its permanent director. Ahmad received both his bachelor's degree in 1989 and his master's degree in 1997 from SCSU.

Alumnus officially named minority student director

by Jason Birr

Former SCSU student, Shahzad Ahmad has been named as director of Minority Student Programs at SCSU. He has been on the office's staff since 1990 and has served as interim director for the past two years.

When Ahmad became interim director he replaced Robert Broadus, who had requested a temporary reassignment to the university's Office of Administrative Affairs.

MSP is an organization which serves students of color in three areas: academic assistance, personal development and culture-based programming. The office's mission is to ensure equal access to all programs and disciplines within the university and the St. Cloud area.

According to Freddie J. Walker,

assistant director of MSP, the goal of the organization is to provide services to students of color in many areas that will make them more comfortable and productive.

"Our job is helping students of color graduate," said Walker.

According to both Ahmad and Walker, the ability to work as a team has been critical to the organizations success.

"Shahzad is very capable of fulfilling his duties as director," said Walker. "He is charismatic, he has strong ideas and principles, he is politically astute and knows the policies of the University and has a great deal of common sense."

From the time he came to St. Cloud, Ahmad has wanted to make a difference. He came from his native Pakistan in 1983 to attend SCSU. While attending SCSU, he became

involved in a variety of organizations including University Ambassadors, formerly Vanguard, the Cultural Diversity Committee and the International Students Association, serving as president for two years from 1986-88.

Ahmad spent his time after graduation much the same as he did while he was in school — focused and involved. He graduated from SCSU in August of 1989 with a bachelor's degree in biomedical science. In the fall he worked as graduate assistant to the program coordinator of multicultural programming at SCSU. He took over the position of program coordinator of multicultural programming the following year and continued to work there until January 1991.

GO TO DIRECTOR, PAGE 6

Credentials lead latest member into the classroom

by Riley Worth

ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

Previous experience working with Division I college athletes, the U.S. Ski Team and elite cyclists is only part of John Seifert's background as he teaches his first class as a SCSU faculty member.

Seifert, a Mankato native who has worked and attended school across the United States, is replacing the retired John Kelly in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Sport Science. His first class started Monday and finishes tomorrow. He will be teaching a full load starting fall quarter and will be working in SCSU's Human Performance Lab.

In response to why he decided to come here Seifert said "because of the colleagues I get to work with David Bacharach and Glenn Street. Plus, Jack Kelly set a good track in developing the program. It should be the goal of every person to work in a good environment."

The class he is teaching this week is Enhancement of Athletic Performance. The class deals with dehydration and rehydration, ergogenic aids such as blood doping and creatine supplementation, and training theories and procedures.

Seifert said he and his wife knew they wanted to get back to this area eventually. Seifert received his bachelor's degree at Boise State in Idaho, his master's at the University of Miami of Ohio, before going to the University of Utah to earn his doctorate. Between getting his master's and his doctorate he worked at the Gatorade Sports Research Institute in Barrington, Ill., doing research in fluid balance work and dehydration. After that, he taught at West Liberty State in West Virginia for three years.

Seifert, who recently moved into a place on the north side of St. Cloud, said after years of constant moving, this is the where he will stay. Seifert has a wife and three daughters, and says St. Cloud is where they will call home.

"We've wanted to stay in the north," said Mary Seifert, John's wife. "Thankfully (John's) jobs have kept us mainly in the north."

Seifert will be teaching courses in exercise physiology, and he specializes in working with cyclists and both Nordic and downhill skiers.

"I enjoy developing athletes in practical situations," said Seifert of working in a college atmosphere.

Current faculty member David Bacharach said Seifert is a good addition to the staff, because he has an excellent background in both teaching and researching.

"He brings a number of areas of expertise that we haven't had before, with his bio-chemistry background and work as a research associate for Gatorade," Bacharach said. "Also, he has good resources in the research community, many that we didn't have before."

Students, alumni help keep kids busy this summer

Six-week program provides alternative activities for 75 area youths each day

by Eric S. Dietz

STAFF WRITER

Six students and alumni of SCSU have become involved in the Community Initiative Program which provides alternative summer activities for kids in the St. Cloud community.

The CIP is a collaboration between the Stearns-Benton Employment Training Council, School District 742, the city of St. Cloud and local businesses.

This program began last year through a grant that focused on children 4- to 6-years-

old. This year's grant for the program has been targeted to reach children 12 to 15.

"The greatest challenge of this program is not knowing the kids and designing a program that would be educational and fun," said Michelle Myers the on-site coordinator for South Junior High CIP. Myers ran the CIP last year and is in her second year as coordinator for South Junior High.

The program has many volunteers. There are current SCSU students and three are SCSU alumni.

Myers and Mary Theis are both SCSU alumni and currently teach in District 742. Myers and Theis are involved in the CIP.

"They're like pre-schoolers, only in bigger bodies," said Myers, a pre-school teacher with the program.

With six staff members at North Junior

High and South Junior High, many opportunities and activities are available for the children. The program serves about 75 kids each day during its six week time period.

Field trips to local events including a River Bats baseball game and the St. John's University Challenge Course.

Activities such as designing protective casements for eggs and then dropping the eggs from the thirteenth floor of Sherburne Residence Hall is one of the many educational opportunities available.

A program like CIP allows students to gain experience with disadvantaged kids.

"It's sort of like on-the-job-training to prepare us for teaching," said Bob Hoekstra, a CIP volunteer and senior at SCSU.

The program runs for five days a week and is targeted at kids who are considered to be high risk, those who come from troubled

families or have behavior problems and have been referred to the program by a school counselor.

"One of the greatest challenges has been trying to get to the higher risk kids in our group," said Ross Hughes, a senior at SCSU and CIP volunteer.

All of the staff have experience with the children in the targeted age group, according to Myers.

"This program is allowing me to get to know the kids on a more personal level," said Shelly Stellich, a CIP volunteer and senior at SCSU. "Getting to know these kids is allowing me to relive my youth."

The SCSU students and alumni have been resources to the CIP through the time they have volunteered and the resources they have donated.

"I wouldn't change my staff for anything," Myers said.

EDITORIAL

Mall of America denies protesters' civil rights

The Bill of Rights seems to not apply to the Mall of America.

Last week a judge ruled the mall is a public place, but six anti-fur protesters were still arrested and charged on Saturday outside of Macy's Department Store.

Hennepin County Judge Jack Norby said citizens have reasonable rights to free speech and assembly at publicly supported malls and shopping centers.

But, he added, mall officials have the right to determine the appropriate time, place and manner of demonstrations.

If this is the case, where is freedom of speech?

If people can't demonstrate when others can see them what is the point? They might as well be in the mall's parking ramp instead of in front of Macy's. That is if they would be allowed to demonstrate at all.

Mall spokeswoman Teresa McFarland said the protesters didn't ask permission and that they were trying to muster up as much media attention as possible. All the local TV stations were there and McFarland said the protesters weren't looking for a peaceful demonstration.

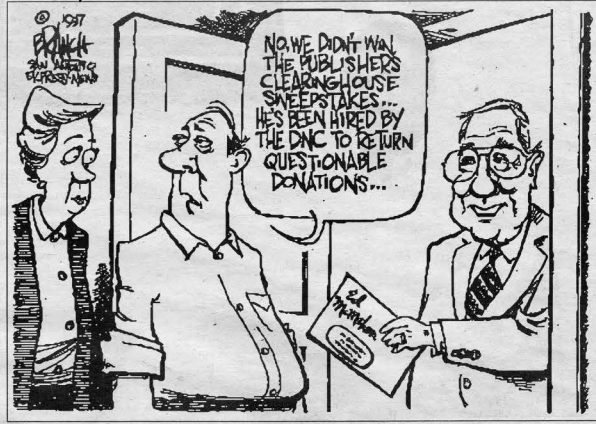
The mall has a community booth where people can hand out information. But there is only so much a person can say in a pamphlet or handout. Standing in front of Macy's makes a much stronger impact. There is a greater chance people will remember this demonstration and will tell others.

What's the big deal? As long as the protesters were not endangering people's lives, let them speak.

The problem is we live in a consumer-run society where we live by the mighty dollar. We have to take care of big businesses first and everything else is second.

Maybe the mall should be defending itself. Exactly how are these stores obtaining these furs? For all we know, their distributors may be out clubbing baby seals. Even if there is fur just around the collars and hoods of some of the coats, it's still fur. Some animal was sacrificed for fashion.

No one knows until we ask and demand the truth. That is why freedom of speech is so crucial.



STAFF OPINION

Shawn Neudauer, MANAGING EDITOR

Journalists fight industry, public opinion, themselves

Dark victory, military intelligence, sweet sorrow, congressional ethics, 10k fun run, unbiased journalism.

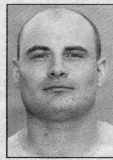
Objectivity can be defined as "being without bias, having no prejudice."

Objectivity is a standard of ethics in the media, but many would agree it is lacking or non-existent. This doesn't discount the ethic journalists strive to achieve. It's a goal.

Ask a reporter if they believe in the standard of objectivity. You may find most of them don't believe it's possible to be completely objective. The fact is they are people too and everyone has an opinion. It's not possible to separate yourself totally from an issue. Most of those reporters would tell you even though they do make an honest effort to tell both sides. If they don't, then there are people who tell them to go back and do it again.

No, it doesn't always work this way. Journalists are often faced with obstacles while searching

for the truth. But truth is a fickle thing these days. If you have enough money, truth is what you want it to be. There are cases of reporters who were fired for reporting the truth about a major advertiser. Another way a reporter can get into trouble includes offending a source. People



sometimes don't realize what they're saying or have a hard time expressing themselves and a reporter must be able to publish someone's words accurately and with the belief they have what the person meant as well as what they said.

Time constraints are another common complaint among media types. There is never enough time to do a story the way you want it. And as soon as it's done, you've got three more to do.

Finally, there is the owner of a journalist's media outlet or

publication. Take NBC Nightly News for example. They are owned by GE. This is a company with several ties to the government through defense contracts. Do you think NBC news reports stories about GE the same way CBS or ABC does?

I don't.

So, you begin to see the formidable array of obstacles the standard of objectivity must overcome in order to be presented to

the public. An individual reporter must fight time, inaccurate sources, institutions, and public opinion.

“
If you have enough money, truth is what you want it to be.”

This isn't a pat on the back for journalists, it's an expression of how the standard of objectivity affects the public. This standard has emerged from our nation's history. It has been defined and refined more times than third world nations have changed hands. It is still undergoing changes today. The fact is, it will always change as our perception of the truth changes.

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Social Science hires new interim administrator

by Eric S. Dietz

STAFF WRITER

The College of Social Sciences has added another asset to its pool of resources. Leslie Valdes has been named the interim Associate Dean to the College of Social Sciences.

Valdes has been within the College of Social Sciences since 1993 as an assistant professor of psychology.

The most challenging part of the new position will be the transition from instructor to administrator, according to Valdes.

Valdes' appointment comes at a time when the field of social sciences is focusing more on technology. Valdes has worked extensively in the past with student research, according to interim Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Richard Lewis.

Valdes' responsibilities will be very broad in her new position. She will be working in budget areas, working with the semester transition and will perform the role as liaison with the committee concerned with the search for the

Chicano Studies Director.

"Like anything, it is going to take some administrative help," Valdes said. "I really want to get the Chicano Studies program off and running."

A major goal Valdes would like to achieve is producing students with marketable skills who are receiving a first class education.

"We're working to make the college a vital part of the university," Valdes said.

Lewis used many sources to base his decision to hire Valdes as the interim associate dean. A vacancy notice was sent to all faculty that gave a deadline for applications for the position. The names of those who met the deadline were then sent to department chairpersons for input on the candidates. This input from chairpersons and interviews from the candidates helped Lewis to make his decision.

"She is very bright and active in terms of scholarship," Lewis said.

"Valdes has a great amount of expertise in computers and

technology."


Because the College of Social Sciences is aiming toward using more technology, Valdes' expertise with computers and technology will be an asset to the college, Lewis said.

Valdes plans to stay active with the Experimental Psychology Research Group, a student run organization for which she is the faculty adviser.

Administrators have a 12 month year and instructors work a nine month year. Taking a position such as this could put an individual's career and research opportunities on hold.

A new permanent dean will be selected before a new permanent associate dean will be selected. Valdes' tenure as the interim associate dean may be extended if a permanent dean cannot be located before her 11 month term has ended.

"I haven't decided to stay in administration or return to teaching," Valdes said.



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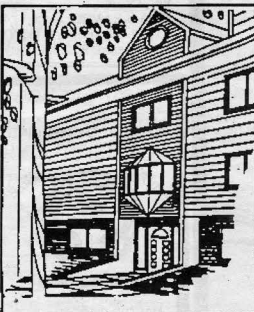
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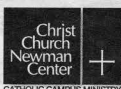
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Crime PAGE 1

Trobec said there are three officers on duty during the 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift during the summer, while there are five or six during the regular school year. She said the difference is partly due to parking, since UPS officers are responsible only for faculty parking lots and not student lots.

"(In the summer) there are not as many incidents, but there are camps and stuff going on," according to Lindahl.

UPS has tried to promote a Good Neighbor program for crime prevention. Trobec said the point of this program is for people on campus to look out for neighbors and co-workers.

For people living in the dorms this means watching for people you don't recognize going into your neighbors' rooms; basically keeping your eyes and ears open, Trobec said.

"You could say we are involved in Neighborhood Watch," Trobec said.

UPS officers will report suspicious incidents to the police that they see off campus while they are on patrol, according to Trobec.

Trobec suggests, "Make sure doors are locked even if you're only going to be gone for a short time. Don't leave things unattended, and pay attention to suspicious people around you."

Director

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Ahmad worked as assistant director of Minority Student Programs and eventually became interim director in 1995. He received his master's degree in international economics in July of 1997.

"I have always had the ability and desire to work with people and make things happen to bring people together and help them to be successful," said Ahmad.

He admits that despite coming a long way in race relations over the years, we at SCSU, "...still have a long way to go..." The bright side, according to Ahmad, is that the students and faculty at SCSU have the ability, understanding, compassion and willingness to make things better.

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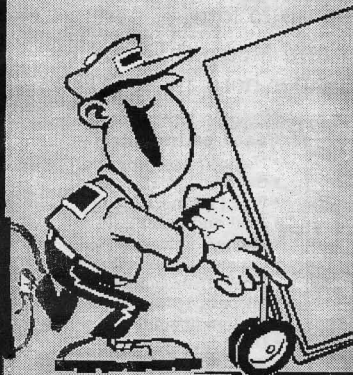
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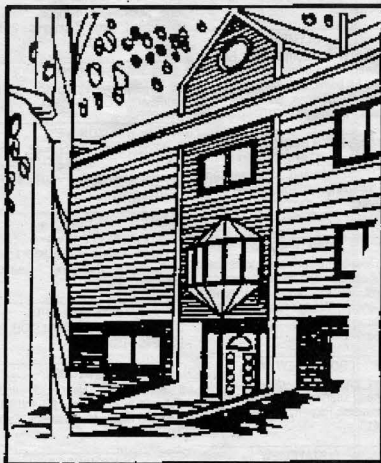
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