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THE SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE:
50 YEARS OF HISTORY
Ralph F. Turner

As the School of Criminal Justice approaches its 50th Anniversary, a retrospective is appropriate. The Department of Police Administration at Michigan State College was founded in 1935. Here we shall review only highlights of the School’s evolution. More detailed first person accounts are scheduled for publication in the Golden Jubilee Journal which will be distributed as part of the School’s 50th anniversary celebration in October 1985 (see subsequent pieces).

Events at the national level set into motion activity that eventually resulted in the establishment of the program at Michigan State. A National Crime Commission, led by George Wickersham, met in 1925; it published its report in 1931. A U.S. Attorney General’s Conference on Crime was held in 1934; a delegation from Michigan attended. The Michigan Legislature established a State Crime Commission in 1929. All these groups emphasized the need for better trained police officers. In Michigan, the Crime Commission and the State Police spearheaded the movement for police professionalization. Dr. Le Moyne Synder unsuccessfully approached the University of Michigan with a proposal to establish a police training program at the College level. He, along with fellow members of the Crime Commission, especially Commissioner Oscar Olander of the State Police, then approached Michigan State College with the proposal. They worked with President Robert Shaw and Secretary John Hannah; Deans Huston, Anthony, Dirks, Emmons were also involved. The program was finally approved on 31 July 1935. In September 1935, a number of students (39 total) transferred into the new program. The first 3 students graduated in 1938: A. F. Brandstatter, Edgar Jones, and Ralph Orcutt.

The original program consisted of 4 years of study on campus, plus one year under the direction of the training staff of the Michigan State Police. It is worthwhile to note that this concept was similar to the police training concepts of both August Vollmer in Berkeley, California, and O.W. Wilson at Wichita, Kansas.

WWII interrupted the normal pace of college life, and it was not until 1946 that students were able to return to campus either to resume their studies or to enter the School’s professional program. The G.I. education bill made it possible for many to consider a college education, something that had been beyond the means of most young people still affected by the depression years of 1929-1940.

The post war years were lively and challenging times. The campus was filled with government surplus housing. The Police Administration Department was located in three tin shacks salvaged from the U.S. Navy, South Pacific barracks. They provided no heat, and no storm windows, but offered plenty of fresh air via an ample number of screen windows. Entertainment consisted of “Two Ton Baker’s recording of “Near You” which played in the grill next door about 60 times a day. Married students lived in G.I. barracks supplied with kerosene heaters. Single men lived 16 per quonset, with two study tables at one end and the necessary accommodations at the other. The campus was one series of excavations for new constructions many of which were awash during the big floods of 1948 and later. In 1959, the Department moved to spacious quarters in the war-surplus quonsets; in 1963, it found its way to Olds Hall. The latest move to Baker Hall took place in 1977.

Enthusiasm among students and faculty was high. Alpha Phi Sigma organized the Beta Chapter only because the Alpha Chapter had been formed at Washington State College one or two months earlier. The Beta Chapter sponsored dances, banquets and picnics in addition to their regular meetings. When Ralph Turner built a home in Okemos in 1951, the annual Beta

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Chapter picnic was held there for years until the group grew too large to fit into the swimming pool. Alpha Phi Sigma staffed a table at registration at which students were fingerprinted (voluntarily) and the prints sent to the FBI.

The original program was open to men only and required four years of ROTC, a requirement which was gradually phased out to become an elective option. The three-term field service training requirement was gradually reduced and ultimately became an elective option, owing largely to financial hardships and scheduling difficulties. The program expanded its professional scope in 1949, adding juvenile delinquency as an area of emphasis. In 1951, Daisy Kim of Honolulu, Hawaii, became the first woman to graduate from the School.

The faculty grew and changed significantly in the post-war years. From 1935 until 1946, Police Administration faculty consisted of one person, the department head, Don Bremer, a former Lansing motorcycle officer with a law degree, who taught courses in criminal law and evidence on campus. During the three term field service course, the training staff of the Michigan State Police provided practical instruction in police operations and procedures at the Academy on Harrison Road. In 1946, A.F. Brandstatter joined Tom King, an attorney and Bremer’s successor. Brandstatter taught a course in police administration, which marked a shift of teaching responsibilities from the MSP to the faculty on campus. Ralph Turner joined the staff in 1947, and Robert Scott came in 1948. Gordon Sheehe was recruited in 1952. Brandstatter became head of the department in 1947; he quickly assembled a nucleus of instructors to develop a program that would meet the needs of the emerging criminal justice system. Areas of specialization, or tracks included: police administration (i.e., law enforcement); corrections; juvenile delinquency; industrial security; traffic safety; and criminalistics. Students followed a prescribed course of study, monitored by faculty advisors. Employment opportunities were good, and nearly all graduates were able to find positions in their selected field at either the municipal, county, state, federal or private level. A number of students went on to law school, and some began second careers teaching in other criminal justice programs.

As was to be expected, the curriculum at MSU underwent many revisions. The “track” concept was abandoned at one point in favor of a generalist approach at the undergraduate level. It has been reinstated with some modifications at this point.

While the routine of daily activity gradually expanded, the Department was also reaching out into other areas. In 1948, Turner received what probably was the first research grant awarded to the School. It involved a study of chemical tests for intoxication. It was the first time booze was brought on campus legitimately, and the governing Board took a special interest in approving the purchase of some $2000 worth of Kentucky Tavern Bourbon. Concurrently, Brandstatter was invited to Germany to work out the details of a training program for West German police officers as part of the Marshall Plan. The West German program began in 1950 and continued until 1953. In 1955, after numerous meetings with Lou Radelet, then with the National Council of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), the first annual meeting of the NCCJ-MSU Police Community Relations Institute was held at Kellogg Center. The Institute became the major impetus for the subsequent development of the PCR movement in the United States. In 1954, Brandstatter went to Saigon, Vietnam, and finalized the MSU Police Advisory role in that country, a project which lasted until 1963. Subsequently, the School’s faculty has engaged in numerous studies on a regional or national level, many of which have made significant contributions to the criminal justice system. The National Neighborhood Foot Patrol Center, led by Robert Trojanowicz, present Director of the School, is the most current major project underway.

As the School continued to grow both numerically and in stature, so did the need for advanced degree programs. The Master of Science degree was planned during the middle 1950’s. Phillip Ash of the U.S. Corps of Military Police was its first graduate in 1958. Plans for the Ph.D. program were under discussion in the early 1960’s. The first Ph.D. was awarded to Knowlton Johnson in 1971. At this writing, the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University is directing a program that has a proud history approaching 50 years and offers four degrees, each of which is intended to prepare students for professional careers. The School also conducts a short course program for practitioners. The training program has its origins in the first short course developed by the Department in 1950. It suffered a brief hiatus in the 70’s, but is now enjoying a healthy revival.

Today, only two people are still alive who played important roles in the establishment of the police administration program. Dr. Le Moyne Snyder and President Emeritus John Hannah. Oscar Olander, Ralph Huston, Cesar Seavarda and others active in the School’s founding have died. Their legacy lives on through the thousands of graduates who now serve as criminal justice professionals.

Notes from

The President
Ted Vernier ('57)

At the Spring 1984 meeting of the Criminal Justice Alumni Association, I was elected to the presidency, succeeding Donald Bennett, Director of Security at Michigan National Bank. I am honored to be serving the alumni and the School, particularly since the School will mark its 50th Anniversary in Fall 1985. To commemorate the anniversary, which is an historic event in itself, the Alumni Association has planned a Golden Jubilee Celebration and a fund-raising effort. The Jubilee’s theme, “Criminal Justice: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” reflects both an historical consciousness and a sincere effort to identify future trends in criminal justice practice and education.

The success of the Jubilee program depends entirely upon a positive response from alumni. Your participation will be an assertion of the School’s continuing commitment to the land-grant philosophy. The Jubilee will provide practitioners with a unique forum and an opportunity to articulate their perspectives. The Alumni Association hopes it will also give old friends a chance to reminisce, catch-up with each other, and enjoy themselves.
The Golden Jubilee Celebration

The 50th Anniversary of the School of Criminal Justice will be celebrated 31 Oct.-2 Nov., 1985. The Jubilee theme will be “Criminal Justice: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” The program is outlined below, all at the Kellogg Center.

**THURS.** 31 Oct.  
**Arrival at Kellogg Center and/or other hotels.**

**FRI.** 1 Nov.  
**Breakfast**
Day-long Thematic Institute (Criminal Justice: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow)  
Reception, 5:30 p.m.  
GOLDEN JUBILEE BANQUET

**SAT.** 2 Nov.  
**Campus Tours** 
Brunch  
Football: MSU v. Minnesota  
Reception, 5:00 p.m.  
Fun & Frolic: dancing, fellowship

**SUN.** 3 Nov.  
Brunch and Departure

**The Endowment**

As an alumnus of Michigan State University, you undoubtedly have received many requests for financial support from the University. The Criminal Justice Alumni Association is making its own request for alumni support, one which we think should be of special significance for all graduates for the following reasons:

It coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the School. The initial goal of this program is a modest $250,000. This principal sum will be invested and managed by the MSU Office of Investments and Trusts. Proceeds from this endowment will be administered by the School of Criminal Justice to strengthen its graduate program.

The School’s graduate program dates back to 1958. At that time, there were no assistantships available. Over the years, some assistantships were provided from various grants for a limited period. The University has also provided assistantship funds commensurate with the current budget. Some years have been good, others bad. The endowment will provide a dependable income for future students and will be a very important asset in attracting graduate students with exceptional professional potential. It will also support library acquisitions, archival development and research initiatives.

The Criminal Justice Alumni Association’s Board of Directors has devoted all of its meetings since 1983 to planning for this Golden Jubilee Year. In simple terms, all 5,000 alumni will be contacted and asked to consider a minimum gift of $50. Major donors will be contacted by alumni working with Stu Knight and his committee.

**The Golden Jubilee**

General Chair  
H.S. Knight (’48)  
Retired Director  
U.S. Secret Services

A memorable occasion, one truly worthy of celebration, will soon be upon us...the 50th Anniversary of the School of Criminal Justice (or the Department of of Police Administration at Michigan State, to pioneers among you). For over a year, the Board of Directors of the Criminal Justice Alumni Association have been working on plans to commemorate this historic occasion. They plan to launch a fund-raising program at their Fall 1984 meeting.

The objectives of the campaign are reasonable, especially since the School’s alumni now number over 5,000 participants in all facets of the criminal justice system in the United States and abroad. The alumni and their accomplishments have provided the School with a national and international reputation for excellence.

It is entirely fitting that we alumni join to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the School of Criminal Justice at MSU, which gave us a foundation and on which others like us are now building careers.

I am pleased and proud to serve as National Chairman of the School’s Golden Jubilee Celebration. I am particularly happy to be aided by a staff of fellow alumni situated throughout the United States and the world, all of whom have agreed to support the efforts of the jubilee campaign on a regional basis.

**A Faculty Retrospective**

Louis A. Radelet  
Professor, 1963 to present

Yes, I’ve been here since 1963. Not all that long, by the standards of Art Brandstatter or Ralph Turner, but long enough to be, at the moment, the patriarch of the unretired faculty. Patriarch means my students think I should have retired ten years ago.

Actually, my first visits here date back to 1954, when I began commuting to MSU from New York in the interests of the National Institute on Police-Community Relations. I’ve seen quite a few faculty members come and go. I remember...

James J. Brennan: Retired Lieutenant, New York City Police Department. His entire career was devoted to youth. Died in 1965. The School Library is dedicated to his memory.

Frank D. Day: Also a retired Lieutenant, New York City Police Department. Jim Brennan persuaded him to come to MSU. Meticulous and widely respected professor of criminal law. Often in his office at 5:00 a.m. Deceased.


Jack Ryan: Good police professor. Popular with students. Shot down in the streets of Saigon in 1960. His father was sheriff of Hennepin County, Minn. for many years.

Art Brandstatter: "The boss" for 29 years. A tough taskmaster and unquestionably the "chief architect" of the School as its reputation grew worldwide.


Ben Brashears: Was here for only two years; specialist in juvenile justice. Pipe-smoker; didn't like airplanes. Good relationship with students.

Robert H. Scott: Also an active professor emeritus. Practitioner experience in all facets of criminal justice. The first law professor on our faculty. Great wisdom, Ivy league "polish": e.g., he always wears a hat except in elevators.

Gordon H. Sheehy: Founder-director (now emeritus) of the Traffic Center at MSU. One of the best-known authorities in his specialty in the country.


Robert Sheehan: Another veteran of the quonset days of the School. Police and security specialist. Went to Northeastern University, where he still is.

Sam Chapman: Articulate, agile-minded, versatile in specialties, went to the University of Oklahoma where he remains.

Paul M. Shields: FBI background. Directed the National Institute on PCR in 1958-59. Still active as a roving consultant, recently at Sam Houston State.

A. C. German: Brilliant refuge from the Los Angeles Police Department. Co-author with Frank Day and Robert Gallati of a best-seller introductory text. Has been at California State-Long Beach for many years.

B. Earl Roberts: Another of the quonset gang. A generalist always willing to do what had to be done, without complaint. Has been at Kent State for a long time.

George Eastman: Former Seattle Chief, Port of New York Authority Police Supt., and Safety Director in Pontiac. Widely known and respected. In recent years, he and his wife have done a lot of police consultant work, based at Kent State.

Alfred Schnur: Corrections specialist, now at Kansas State. Used foot tubs as file in his office. Never gave an exam that failed to surprise students.

Win Gibson: Coordinator of the training program, after Larry Baril. Left to become an assistant dean at the University of Cincinnati; later, was Police Commissioner of the Virgin Islands.

Raymond T. Galvin: First director of the master's program. Pudgy in physique, sharp of mind. Often leaving the office at 5:00 a.m. when Frank Day arrived. Later, Research Director for the San Francisco Police Department.

Victor G. Strecher: Product of the School, doctorate from Washington University-St. Louis. Twice on the School faculty, most recently as Galvin's successor in directing the master's program. One of our brightest stars, now dean at Sam Houston State.

John E. Angell: From Xenia, Ohio, with three MSU degrees. Protege of Galvin and Radelet. Innovative thinker, workaholic, prolific researcher and writer. Later, training director of Dayton Police Department; director of the Portland-Multnomah County, Oregon, police consolidation project; now dean of the Center for Justice, University of Alaska.

J.L. (Ray) LeGrande: Former police officer from Oklahoma, lawyer, first-rate teacher and author, undergraduate program coordinator, went to Florida International University and then to the University of Texas, now practicing law with his wife in Ft. Meyers, Florida.

William A. Goldberg: Succeeded Schnur as Corrections professor. "Little Billy with the crooked pipe." Now professor emeritus but Gibson's bookstore still has 342 copies of his mimeoed lecture notes!

Larry Hoover: A local boy and police officer, with the full series of MSU degrees. Very competent teacher, researcher and writer. Joined Strecher's staff at Sam Houston State, where he presently is. Past president, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Leon H. Weaver: Another professor emeritus, currently. Came to MSU in 1962 from Federal government positions. Developed the security track in the School's curriculum and ably defended it against sundry "termites."

Martin G. Miller: Master's and doctorate from MSU. Protege of Jim Brennan, and later assistant to Radelet in the National Center on PCR. Has been a professor of sociology at Iowa State for some years.

Ralph Lewis: Ace researcher and assistant (along with John Hudzik) to John McNamara in the LEAA-funded Criminal Justice Systems Center of the School. Currently at Florida International University.

Sydell Spinner: The first woman to join the traditionally all-male faculty of the School, in the early 1970's. A specialist in juvenile justice, an extraordinarily able teacher and researcher, now in New Jersey.

Terry Dungworth: Another sharp researcher, of English background, who contributed to development of the School's doctoral program under its director, John McNamara.

Bill Horn: Gentle Bill! Students liked him because he liked students. Worked hard at becoming a good teacher. Now on the staff of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Glyanco, Ga., where he went when Art Brandstatter became its director, as did Dave Epstein, another MSU doctoral product. As Art retired in 1982, Chuck Rinkovich, also an MSU grad, was named director.
Training Programs

The School of Criminal Justice has scheduled a variety of training programs for the 1984-85 year. Alumni are cordially invited to attend any of these short courses or seminars at a 10% discount. For more information, contact Paul Embert, Training Coordinator, at (517) 355-9648.

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William G. Hegarty: Still another of our own products, both baccalaureate and master’s, and a Radelet protege, although he’d probably deny this! Succeeded LeGrand as undergraduate coordinator. Innovative and Honors College astute. Left to become safety director in Jackson, then Police Commissioner of New Rochelle, N.Y., presently Chief in Grand Rapids.

George Felkenes: Director of the School in the interim between Brandstatter and Trojanowicz. A lawyer and nationally-known author and criminal justice academic administrator, now head of graduate studies at Claremont Colleges in California. An accomplished dancer, he hated cold weather and snow-covered steps.

Robert D. Pursley: Graduate of the School, including Master’s. Tough teacher, strong on police administration, successful author, currently at University of Arkansas.

Marvin Zalman: Grade-A legal scholar, with doctorate from SUNY-Albany. Excellent complement for Zolton Ferency in our law courses. Left to become department chair at Wayne State University. Directed first comprehensive study of sentencing in Michigan.

Hoyt Coe Reed: Actually retired Social Science professor. Secretary of the National Institute on PCR, 1955-70. “Un-retired” to build and direct our Brennan Library, and made it a collection of 10,000 works.

Jack R. Greene: Our most recent loss. Master’s and doctorate from MSU, then to the University of Wisconsin, then back to the School. Graduate program coordinator. Exceptionally able researcher, writer and teacher. Gone to Temple University in Philadelphia.

To those I may have missed, I apologize. My 66-year-old memory plays tricks! And if I’ve insulted or embarrassed anyone, please accept my regrets. It’s all in the Golden Jubilee spirit.