Director's Report

This fall at the School of Criminal Justice is characterized by several “new beginnings.” Dr. Mahesh Nalla, a graduate of the Criminal Justice Program at State University of New York at Albany, has left his faculty position at the University of Northern Arizona to join our faculty—we welcome both him and his wife Gectanah!

We are advertising for an advisor with special expertise in minority retention and recruitment to join us for this academic year. We are building on our ongoing efforts to diversify and internationalize our curriculum by assigning a graduate student to assist faculty in screening and obtaining materials to enhance their courses, and three of our faculty will participate in a college sponsored curriculum diversification workshop this fall.

The School has received a grant to use “distance technologies” (for example satellite and telephone conferencing) to deliver our masters' degree—with particular emphasis on the security specialization. During the year we will consider the delivery of our masters' degree in at least three sites, Grand Rapids, MI, Washington, DC, and Los Angeles, CA.

Even the physical facilities have been renewed, our state of the art computer lab—generously supported by the Department of Defense and the LeMayne Snyder Family—is a showpiece on the fifth floor of Baker Hall, where most of our faculty offices are located.

These and other “new beginnings” set a positive tone in the School, but they also produce the strains that come with change, particularly in a time of shrinking resources. It is generally recognized that the State of Michigan’s budget will not support all existing MSU activities and programs, and that growth in one area means cut backs in another. Because the School of Criminal Justice is exemplary in carrying out the land grant mission that is so highly valued at MSU, we continue to receive recognition and support from our College of Social Science and the larger University. However, because the reduction in University resources is likely to result in a decreased work force by hundreds of employees, no school or department is exempt from all cutbacks. Much of our ability to maintain excellence and respond to new challenges depends on our locating new resources.

At the School, we are increasingly turning to our alumni for support of many types. We have talked with the Alumni Board about programs that can alleviate problems caused by low faculty-to-student ratios, for instance, mentoring programs or job networking. Creative planning for the future must include development activities to bring more funding for endowments that accomplish such essential things as supporting...
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Director’s Report

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graduate students, facilitating travel to conferences and workshops for both faculty and students, and continuous updating of the computer lab. Our training and internship programs must be self-supporting at the same time that they meet student and professional needs, though we remain dedicated to developing particularly innovative programs.

Inside this newsletter, you will see several of the themes that I have outlined above reflected. We have included articles on faculty efforts to emphasize understanding of race and ethnicity, as well as other cultures and countries. These efforts have increased in importance to us as we look at the unfortunate events in LA and the growing disparity between those with wealth and those without it in the United States. The newsletter also includes information on the Louis A. Ratleif Graduate Diversity Scholarship Fund, and on the variety of ways that alumni and friends can contribute to the School.

It is clear to me as I talk with colleagues around the country that the budget crisis facing MSU is not unique, but that the strength we have in our alumni and in our faculty does set us apart from other Criminal Justice programs. There is a tremendous satisfaction in knowing that this strength cannot be taken away from us or allocated elsewhere, and that we can depend on alumni to continue making substantial contributions to promoting justice through a variety of initiatives.

1992 Alumni Board

Welcome

Two Criminal Justice Alumni Board Directors were re-elected for an additional three-year term. Those members were Russell L. Colling, Executive Vice President of Security, Hospital Shared Services of Colorado, and Dan Graham, Lieutenant, California Highway Patrol.

Steffi M. Allen, Retired, Michigan Department of Social Services was re-elected for a two-year term.

In addition, three new Directors were elected for three-year terms.

Henry Risty received his Bachelor’s (1968) and Masters (1970) degree in Criminal Justice from MSU. He is currently Bureau Chief with the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Adult Corrections, Smyrna, Delaware.

James R. Snoddy, Jr. is Deputy Director (Lieutenant Colonel) with the Michigan State Police, Support Services Bureau. Jim received his Bachelor of Science in Police Administration from MSU in 1969. He has also done graduate work at MSU in the College of Education.

Kevin M. Courtney has been with Jackson Police Department thirteen years. He currently holds the rank of Lieutenant on Patrol Division Commander. He received his Masters degree in criminal justice from MSU.

The Board is currently seeking candidates to run for the five vacancies that will be available in 1993. See story page 11.
It is with great pleasure that I assume the duties of President of the Criminal Justice Alumni Association. Our current Board is a group of very energetic and motivated alumni who have expressed a concern for increasing the Board’s activities and providing much needed support to the School of Criminal Justice. This is a crucial time in our school’s history.

In a period of great stress, I remain optimistic about the future of our school. Merry Monash, the new Director has reinvigorated the School and added to its reputation as holder of the premier criminal justice program in the United States. From personal experience, I have found Merry to be not only an internationally known scholar, but also an able administrator.

In addition, new faculty has complemented the diverse expertise of existing professors to establish a faculty second to none.

On a more direct note, the Alumni Association wishes to welcome and thank several members of the School’s staff. Welcome to Audrey Martini, the new Alumni Liaison whose energy and creativity have already been an invaluable asset to the Board. Our secretary, Annika Simon, of course, continues to be the backbone of reliability and efficiency. She always makes our visits to MSU warm and welcome.

At our last Board meeting, we attempted to identify critical goals and objectives for the Association. While the list was quite lengthy, the Board chose to focus the forthcoming year on the two most prominent: networking between alumni and students and fundraising. By focusing on these two critical areas, we can direct our energies rather than scatter them in too many directions. To this end, the Board has identified a number of strategies and will be working to implement those strategies during the coming year.

In this letter I will cover one of our priorities: fundraising for the School. In a later newsletter, I will cover efforts to network with alumni and students. Alumni financial support is critical. As many of you may know, Michigan is currently confronting a serious fiscal crisis and Michigan State University has naturally been impacted as a result. Class sizes are growing while support services continue to shrink. The ability of the School to maintain its national reputation of excellence grows increasingly difficult as the demands on its faculty and resources continue to grow.

When faculty are expected to teach more hours to larger numbers of students, faculty cannot be expected to produce research at the levels that have earned the School of Criminal Justice its reputation.

Students also suffer either from an inability to get individual attention from valued professors or from failure to receive financial support. Students often find it necessary to work increased hours (assuming they can find a job), and studies may suffer as a consequence.

As a Professor at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, which has also experienced very difficult financial times, I have been saddened to realize that decreases in students’ academic performance has often simply been due to their frantic attempts to work multiple part time jobs to cover increased tuition. This, in turn, jeopardizes the enrollment of financially disadvantaged students who are often dependent upon financial assistance. At a time when we as criminal justice professionals urge recruitment of the disadvantaged and minorities, we are unable to provide the needed support to fulfill this need.

In pursuing our fundraising and networking, the Board welcomes any assistance or suggestions that our Alumni can offer. I encourage you to write the Board and become involved in alumni activities. Further, we are soliciting resumes for next year’s elections of board members. Only by continuing to find dedicated alumni willing to devote time and expend energy, can we hope to remain a viable Association.
The Genesis and Early History of Criminal Justice Studies at MSU

A.F. Brandstatter

The following article has been excerpted from a presentation made at the Michigan Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, in October 1939, by A.F. Brandstatter, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University.

Much of the material for this paper is based on a masters thesis prepared by Wilbert Lewis Snyder, along with the personal recollection of events that occurred at Michigan State University after Art Brandstatter matriculated in 1935 and transferred to the Department of Police Administration in 1935. Brandstatter was also employed as a custodian by the Michigan State Police and had a year assigned to him for a period of about two years. Thus he knew all of the staff mentioned in this paper.

In 1939, while August Vollmer was active in Berkeley, California, Oscar Olander, a student at Michigan’s Ferris Institute, joined the Michigan State Police as a trooper. He rose through the ranks to become deputy commissioner in 1923 and was appointed commissioner in 1926 when he was only 26 years old. He was reappointed by successive Michigan governors until he retired in 1947. Michigan State Police headquarters was located adjacent to the Michigan State University campus and Olander was a personal friend of many faculty members, including John A. Hannah, who later became President of the University.

Commissioner Olander was reported to have considerable influence with the state legislature and in 1925 Public Act 211 was passed by the legislature authorizing Michigan State Police to train police officers. Unfortunately, funds to implement the program on a continuous basis were not authorized and the program ended in 1933.

In December 1934 U.S. Attorney General Homer Cummings invited 600 of the most distinguished persons in the criminal justice community to attend the Attorney General’s Conference on Crime. Andrew Kavanagh spoke for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and asked the federal government to establish a police “West Point,” a four-year program leading to a baccalaureate degree. Others called for police to be trained at “accredited institutions of training” and opposed creating a federal empire of academics urging instead the use of land grant colleges and universities.

In June, 1935, six months after the U.S. Attorney General’s meeting in Washington, D.C., the Michigan Crime Commission, on which Olander was Chairman of the Training Committee convened. Michigan’s Commission passed a resolution inviting attention to the recommendations of U.S. Attorney General Cummings’ “Conference on Crime” for “Scientific Police Training” and the possibility for such training through the cooperation of Michigan State Police and Michigan State College. A committee, which included Commissioner Olander and Dr. LeMayne Snyder, was appointed to meet with several persons representing Michigan State College (including then secretary John Hannah). Dr. Snyder served the Michigan State Police as its medical-legal advisor. He had also offered lectures on medical-legal subjects at the University of Michigan, but since university officials there were not interested in a permanent program, Dr. Snyder turned his attention to Michigan State College.

By July 1935 the Crime Commission, Michigan State Police, and Michigan State College, had approved a new police training program, “Police Administrators” for MSU’s undergraduate level students, which was to begin fall term 1935. In effect, a new academic department - a major program requiring five years of study - had been created. Two hundred credits were required to graduate including 30 credits to be granted upon completion of an 18-month field service training program (internship/practicum) administered by the Michigan State Police.
LeMoyne Snyder, the son of Jonathan L. Snyder, the 7th president of Michigan State University, was the founder of the MSU’s Program in Police Administration, now called the School of Criminal Justice. Dr. Snyder graduated from MSU in 1919, and subsequently earned an M.D. from Harvard University. Later he studied law under Charles Coe and was admitted to the Michigan Bar. Dr. Snyder received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from MSU in 1977.

On May 11, 1992, members of the LeMoyne Snyder family, along with criminal justice faculty, staff, alumni, and friends joined President DiBiagio at Cowles House to dedicate the LeMoyne Snyder Memorial Computer Laboratory. The lab, located on the 5th floor of Baker Hall is in keeping with Dr. Snyder’s vision of scientific and professional law enforcement.

Also present was Maynard Anderson, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, accepting honors for the Department of Defense which awarded the School $250,000 in computer equipment to be housed in the lab. The Assistant Deputy is a member of the School’s Leadership and Management Program in Security (LaMPS) advisory group. LaMPS is a cooperative initiative involving MSU, a number of federal agencies, industrial associations, and security executives.

The computer lab will enable criminal justice students to do research designed to address the needs of security professionals.
DIVERSITY: How Important Is It?

Charles Corley, Assistant Professor

The recent tragic events in Los Angeles is a present day reminder that we as a nation are not where we thought we were in terms of race relations. It was of considerable interest to see the Police Executive Research Forum adopt a resolution that indicated it did not agree entirely with the decision reached by the juries in the King case.

Perhaps the reason the events in Los Angeles are focused upon so much, is that the United States is in a period of ethnic and racial transition. In fact, some scholars are referring to this period as the "Browning of America". That is, the newer migrants to our shores tend to be people of color.

However, this transition is more encompassing than can be explained simply by migration. For instance, we know that by the year 2000 women and minorities will comprise a significant portion of our work force. Further, it has been projected that Hispanics will become the largest racial group around the year 2016; by the year 2060 people of color will actually be the "numerical majority" because neither majority nor minority status is determined by sheer numbers in a given population.

This increase in numbers of people from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds presents quite a challenge to our system of criminal justice. It is imperative that our criminal justice personnel be prepared to respond to that challenge.

As the nation’s oldest School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University cannot afford to look at the world through "Rose Colored Glasses" and dream of yesterday. The United States and the rest of the world are continually changing. We can either sit back, watch change and let it impact upon us; or we can recognize, organize, direct and impact change in our prospective field.

The School has chosen to impact change by enhancing its offerings and encouraging faculty to introduce issues of diversity where appropriate in their research and teaching. This would provide our students with a broader understanding of issues in criminal justice and their impact on persons of color.

Additionally the “Minorities and Crime” course has been expanded to include the experiences of various racial and ethnic groups. Expansion of the course includes a socio-historical analysis of ethnicity in relation to legitimate social opportunities, criminal behavior, victimization and differential processing. That is, the course examines the experiences of Germans, Jews, Italians, Blacks and Catholics during their peak periods of immigration relative to crime and the criminal justice system. This enables a more thorough analysis of the impact of assimilation and acculturation on criminal behavior, victimization and criminal justice processes.

Our students come to have a better understanding of the etiology of crime and the system’s response to it. For instance, students learn that a number of ethnic groups underwent the ghetto experience and their experiences with the criminal justice system often mirror those of persons of color. Students are also introduced to the various routes groups traveled to become upwardly mobile. One such route included employment within the criminal justice system.

It is also good to see diversity reflected in the School’s personnel. The interaction of our students with professors of color and women further brings forward issues of diversity through an enlightening intellectual experience. What better environment for this type of growth to occur than a college campus. Alumni can be confident that “as the world turns” our School is not left behind. Michigan State University does not intend to simply let the world impact upon it; the School intends to have an impact on the world!
Many of our alumni, when they were students here, had criminal justice classmates from other countries. Faculty saw the international student struggle with language differences as they patiently tried to fathom U.S. criminal justice concepts. If writing research papers was a challenge for the U.S. student, it was a monumental task for the international student.

Michigan State University is making internationalization of education a priority - a track the School of Criminal Justice has been on for 45 years.

From the days of Professor Ralph Turner, a world class faculty person, to the present, Michigan State University has attracted international students. This fall China, Taiwan, Thailand, and Korea are represented among the criminal justice student body. Recent graduates include students from several countries in Asia, Africa, South America, Egypt, and other mideast countries. Indeed we have had Fulbright students from England and Nicaragua.

Cicero Campos, a 1983 criminal justice graduate, is one of many alumni in a position in his/her country to promote development in the area of criminal justice. Cicero is President of the Philippine Public Safety College. He is responsible for the education and development of the Philippine Island's police, and other agencies of public safety. He, like many other alumni who are movers and shakers in the police, courts, corrections, security, and forensics in their countries, is actively involved in advancing technological and social change. This, in turn, helps his country and offers the School another perspective on criminal justice issues for work in the U.S.

Many criminal justice alumni are regularly involved in overseas operations as a part of their agency's operation - police, federal agency people (DEA, Secret Service, FBI, to name a few). They likely were positively affected by their experiences with international classmates.

Collaboration with our international alumni is an important initiative within the School of Criminal Justice and throughout Michigan State University. Cicero, for instance, with his vast knowledge of the whole orient and his work with the United Nations criminal justice operations, is one of several foreign alumni who wish to collaborate with the School to develop inter-country educational and research projects on an ongoing basis.

Faculty persons are involved with overseas teaching and research initiatives in England, the Orient and Mideast. Of great importance for our United States students are the criminal justice overseas education programs operating in England and Australia.

The past efforts of men like Ralph Turner, and the present work of students, alumni, and faculty, are leading to important possibilities for the future internationalizing efforts of the entire University. Input from alumni in this area could be important to these international efforts.

IACP Alumni Breakfast Scheduled

The Criminal Justice Alumni Association will be coordinating an Alumni breakfast at this year's International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Detroit. The breakfast will be held in the Joliet Room of the Westin Hotel, Sunday, October 25, 1992, from 8am - 10am.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 21, 1992, to Armillia Simin, (517) 355-2322. Cost for the breakfast is $15, payable to Michigan State University. Checks should be sent to the School of Criminal Justice, 560 Baker Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824.
Alumni Update

Stefia Miller Allen ('81 & '86) - Retired, State of Michigan; Volunteer: Mayor’s Advisory Committee, Lansing, MI.

Howard P. Anthony ('82) - Unit Manager, Garlockmark Inc., New York, NY.

Mary Beth Bartlett ('80) - Security Director, Meridian Mall, Okemos, MI.

Donna Beaudet Lodsurdy ('79) - Court Administrator, 46th District Court, Pleasant Ridge, MI.

John Behman ('78) - Owner of Board Reader, Ann Reproduction, Neal Beach, CA.

Lori Behnke ('86) - Production/Parole Officer, Cassopolis, MI.

Newell J. Berger, Jr. ('58) - Colonel, US Army Retired, Temecula, CA.

Joyce Ruby Berman - Program Director, Spectra: Human Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI.

William J. Bissett ('73) - President, Sportsystems, Buffalo, NY.

Bryan Bridge ('88) - Treatment Specialist I, Bayside of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

William W. Brown ('73) - Claim Major Retired, FBI, Charlotte, NC.

Frank Bussitta ('82) - Juvenile Justice Specialist, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI.

Kristen Byrne ('80) - Security Police Officer, NBD Bank, Royal Oak, MI.

Bob Cantou ('80) - Police Officer, Lansing Police Department, Lansing, MI.

Kelly J. Cantson ('85) - Operations Manager, Fidelity Investments, Cincinnati, OH.

Lynn Carter ('70) - Sergeant, Sarasota Police Department, Sarasota, FL.

Amy Lyne Clark ('88) - U.S. Customs Service, Detroit, MI.

Mark H. Coulter ('73) - Supervisor, Michigan Department of Corrections, Pigeon, MI.

Donna K. Cross ('91) - Forensic Chemist, Indiana State Police, Portage, IN.

Charles R. Dowd ('72) - Criminal Intelligence Coordinator, HQ 6th Region US Army, Vallejo, CA.

Robert J. Dyrech ('52) - Retired, Oaklawn, IL.

Laura Erpelting ('86) - Special Agent, U.S. Customs, Livonia, MI.

Brian Fitzgibbon ('80) - Manager of Reinvestment Funds, Eastern Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Steven J. Frietsch ('85) - Senior Investigator, Texas Workers’ Compensation Commission, Round Rock, TX.

Michele S. Grochocki ('80) - Parole/Probation Agent, State of Michigan, Hinsdale, MI.

William D. Gugino ('74) - Regional Supervisor, Michigan Department of Commerce, Grand Rapids, MI.

Jerry Guibord ('72) - Manager Security & Environmental Programs, Local Ansonsomut, Newport Beach, CA.

Kenneth B. Hale ('41) - Retired, Indianapolis, IN.

Laude Hardrum ('84) - Detective, Mason County Sheriff’s Department, Ludington, MI.

Karl A. Hernandez ('87) - Commander Illinois State Police, Rockford, IL.

Mary Lynn Houle ('81) - Program Director - the Bays House, St. Clair County Juvenile Court, Port Huron, MI.

Jerry L. Hunter ('64) - Corporate Security Administrator, USX Corporation, Bethel Park, PA.

Anthony H. Hutchison ('86) - Sales Rep., General Medical Corporation, Detroit, MI.

Joseph J. Jasko ('87) - Security Consultant, Alert Protective Services, Pottawatomie, MI.

Steven C. Kowalczok ('91) - CSG Manager - Physical Security at Storagetek & Adjunct Professor at Webster University, Bloomfield, CO.

Jennifer (Miltioti) Liberti ('86) - Program Administrator: American Alliance of Health, Physical, Recreation, & Dance, Reston, VA.

Faye Lorenzo ('81) - Juvenile Probation Officer, Lien, County Juvenile Court, Isi, MI.

Larry C. Marshall ('71) - Special Agent, Federal Aviation Administration, Waterford, MI.

Nancy J. Marte ('83) - Criminalist III, San Mateo County, Hayward, CA.

Robert G. May ('90 & '70) - Criminal Justice Instructor, Waubonsee Community College, Montgomery, IL.

Michael G. McCabe ('77) - Lieutenant, Oaklind Co. Sheriff Department, Rochester Hills, MI.

Michael W. Morrisey ('72) - Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Antioch, CA.

Dale Masson ('09) - Program Security Administrator, General Dynamics Electric, San Diego, CA.

Thomas A. Niclett ('72) - President of Chief Operating Officer, Knoco Corporation, Long Island, NY.

Carl Paganelli ('83) - U.S. Federal Probation, Grand Rapids, MI.

Donald Perrin ('99) - Law Student, East Lansing, MI.

Bradley M. Renz ('73) - Security Manager, GM Service Parts, Carson City, MI.

Charles F. Rinkovitch ('82) - Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, St. Simmons Island, GA.

Barbara E. Richards ('75) - Psychological Specialist, Department of Corrections, Orlando, FL.

Oscar Roberts ('74) - Logistics Program Analyst, Department of Defense, Barre City, MI.

Donald E. Rutz ('58) - Supervisor of Security, John Hopkins University, The Applied Physics Laboratory, Woodbine, MD.
I hope you like the Newsletter’s new look as well as the increased number of pages. With the increased number of pages, however, comes increased costs. One way to offset those costs is to recruit more Criminal Justice Alumni to become members of the MSU Alumni Association and to make sure that when the check for association dues is written, "CRIMINAL JUSTICE" is designated as a CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATION. Without that designation, the entire amount paid will be allocated to the MSU Alumni Association, with the designation, one half of your dues comes to the Criminal Justice Association. The Board uses that money to pay for this Newsletter — among other things! We were a bit overwhelmed (pleasantly) with the response we got from the Spring Newsletter’s "How Can We Strengthen Our Partnership." Alumni are volunteering time, expertise, and internship opportunities. If you would like to volunteer your time or expertise, send me the information on the back page of this newsletter. I’ll add it to our new database.

Thanks to the L.Moynel Snyder lab and the Department of Defense computers, the School can now share information between workstations. Staff has spent all summer building various databases with information to enable the entire School to provide more efficient service to its customers: students and alumni.

One of the visions in this "grand plan" of information management is to establish an Electronic Bulletin Board that can be accessed by Alumni and students. With the Bulletin Board System (BBS) Alumni and students could call via computer and modem and "post" information on possible employment opportunities and/or employment desires. Students could "connect" with practitioners and bring the world of work closer to the world of academia.

We just completed our 14th Annual Forensic Pathology: The Investigation of Violent Death seminar. If you missed it, mark your calendar for next year’s class — September 13-17, 1993.

Other upcoming seminars include: Computer-related Crime, Financial Fraud Investigation, Juvenile Justice in the 1990s and Beyond, and Executive Level Labor Relations. We also have two programs, Sexual Harassment, and Cultural Diversity, that we would like to deliver in several out-of-state locations. For more information on any training program contact me or Maryellen Geyer at 517-355-9648.
Minorities, Crime and Social Policy

Rosy Ekpenyong-Rowan
Assistant Professor

It was the particularly challenging moments of my School of Criminal Justice career that convinced me, a black female professor at Michigan State, that a course on minorities and diversity was an inescapable necessity. The course “Minorities, Crime, and Social Policy” is a result of that conviction.

Experiencing comments from non-minority students, such as “crime, drugs, teen pregnancy, welfare, single/female-headed household are a "black thing;” the beliefs by many that terms like “minorities, poor, lower class, criminals, delinquents,” and so forth, are synonymous with being black; and expressions of the view that “they [blacks] just want to be that way,” made me realize that these myths and stereotypes were harbored and expressed by those we were training to become future criminal justice practitioners.

Thus, it became clearer than ever that the pedagogical objectives of this School would be sorely deficient if we failed to conscientiously undertake to prepare our students for the complex social and cultural reality they are destined to encounter on the streets they will patrol, in the courtrooms where they will work, in the jailhouse and prisons they will guard, and in the myriad corrections-related agencies they will operate and manage.

The motivation to develop the “Minorities” course was borne out of my belief that our students needed a forum specifically structured and designed to accommodate any viewpoint on minority issues; a forum where such issues and their complex interdependence with social policy could be objectively examined. In other words, a forum that allowed students to freely discuss their beliefs or misbeliefs, perceptions or misperceptions, and when minority and non-minority students could engage in a healthy and mutually enriching exchange of concerns.

From the course’s inception in 1988 student response and enrollment have exceeded my expectations. Interest in the course has been shared by minority and non minority students alike. Students have raised very searching issues, they have expressed the familiar stereotypes about minorities, and they have often disagreed profoundly about causes and solutions. In developing this course, my goal was not to convert to minority perspective, or to concoct micro solutions to problems of macro dimension. Instead, it was to educate on minority issues and experience, to provide students with the opportunity to discuss and assess their biases and misperceived notions about minorities, and blacks in particular. It was to foster mutual understanding and respect for each other’s racial and ethnic heritage, as well as cultural baggage.

Finally, it was to prepare the students for a more humane treatment of minorities in the criminal justice system than hitherto. Through structured debates, group projects, library research and class presentations, students have worked together, they have discussed their concerns and perspectives on racial and ethnic diversity, as well as race relations. Also, student feedback has been very positive.

Efforts have been undertaken to enrich and refine the contents of the course. My research on “The Black Female Offender in Michigan” (State of Black Michigan Report, 1989) provided students with insights into the status of the black female offender.

Also, with the grant from the National and International Diversity Development, a colleague and I conducted historical research in the City of Chicago on the experience of various minorities as they arrived in this country. Thus, we were able to compare and contrast such experiences with the black experience. It is my sincere hope that the course leaves a long-lasting impact on students, that is well beyond the classroom experience. It is also my hope that this course will be eventually upgraded to a required course status for our students.
The Louis A. Radelet Graduate Diversity Scholarship Fund was established by the Criminal Justice Alumni Association as an endowed scholarship. It is the intent of the Association to contribute $20,000 of cash totaling a minimum of $20,000 over a five-year period to the Fund. Once the Fund has reached $20,000, monies from the Fund’s interest will be used to maintain and encourage cultural and ethnic diversity in the School of Criminal Justice. Officially established in June of this year, $9,333 has already been contributed to the Fund. The objectives of the graduate scholarship fund are twofold.

First, by providing a mechanism that will help attract and retain talented graduate students who will enhance program diversity, this Fund reinforces the long record of commitment by the School of Criminal Justice for educating students who are representative of our larger society. The School is proud that the present minority student representation within its student body more accurately reflects the larger society than does any other major criminal justice program in the country. This minority presence will continue the national reputation the School has for providing outstanding criminal justice leaders who are also reflective of the society they serve.

Second, by naming the Louis A. Radelet Graduate Diversity Scholarship Fund in honor of the late Professor Louis Radelet, very deserved recognition is provided for Louis Radelet’s history contributions to the criminal justice progression during his more than 30 years of affiliation with MSU. Those who worked with Dr. Radelet, whether as a student, fellow educator, or community advocate, know personally of his deep commitment to ensuring that the talents and abilities of minorities be allowed to develop to their fullest. It was this kind of commitment to excellence and full opportunity demonstrated daily by Dr. Radelet that helped build the outstanding reputation enjoyed today by the School.

Recipients will be selected on the following basis:

- Enrollment as a graduate student in the College of Social Science School of Criminal Justice at the time the award is activated.
- Good academic standing as defined by the University.
- Financial need may be considered.

If Friends or Alumni are interested in contributing to the Fund, checks can be made out to Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice with a notation indicating it is to be used for the Louis A. Radelet Scholarship and mailed to the School, Attention Beverley Bockes, 560 Baker Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1118.

1993 Board Vacancies

Under the provisions of the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Association Article of Association (ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS): "The nominating committee shall present the names of at least one nominee per vacancy to the Board by June 1 each year, with election by the Board prior to July 1. At least one-third of the Board shall be elected each year." The Articles also state (ARTICLE V: OFFICERS & DIRECTORS): "The term of office for each Director shall be from July 1 of the year elected to June 30 of the third year."

If any of our readers are interested in running for the Criminal Justice Alumni Board of Directors, now is the time to let the Board know of your interest. Interested alumni should send a resume and brief introduction to the Association secretary, Armilla Simon, 560 Baker Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1118. Questions can be directed to either Armilla or Audrey Marini, Alumni Liaison, 517-355-2322.
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Have you changed jobs or moved? If so, please take a moment now to fill out the form below. Not only will this ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter, but it allows us to serve as a clearing house to help you network with old friends and classmates. We would also like to invite you to share news about yourself for the newsletter, a great way to stay in touch.

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