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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

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Four years have passed since the first edition of The Balance was published. Each year has presented a unique set of trials and tribulations. Budgetary constraints have been particularly severe during the past year. However, the students and faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice have met these challenges and compiled another solid record of achievements.

The department sponsored two major events during the year: Criminal Justice Career Development Day and the annual Awards Ceremony. Criminal Justice Career Day was designed to expose our students to a wide variety of criminal justice occupations at the local, state and federal levels. Mark Baldwin '84, Deputy Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and former Berks County Prosecutor, gave the keynote address. Seven panel sessions were held on a number of topics: local police, state police, federal law enforcement, adult and juvenile probation, Pennsylvania corrections, as well as careers in courts and with private agencies. Twelve of the 14 panelists are graduates of our program. The 200 students who attended Career Development Day were able to directly interact with highly successful criminal justice professionals who were, themselves, once Kutztown University students.

The Criminal Justice Awards Ceremony was an impressive event. Twelve students were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, the national honors society of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The Criminal Justice Award for Academic Excellence and Community Service was presented, once again, to highly deserving students: Luke Dillon and Andrew Weiss. Both students graduated with exceptional 3.9 GPAs. Dillon has been accepted into the doctoral program in criminal justice at George Mason University. He received a Presidential Award — only one is granted by a department each year. The award includes a tuition waiver and an $18,000 annual stipend. Weiss has provided extensive service to Kutztown University and the broader community. He is applying for a number of law enforcement positions, hoping to become a state trooper. Adam Kisthardt '88, captain in the Pennsylvania State Police, received the Outstanding Alumni Award. (A profile of his career and achievements can be found on page 3.)

Criminal justice continues to be one of the most popular majors at KU. In fact, we were forced—with much regret—to institute a number of changes to our admission standards. Internal applicants, as well as transfers from other universities and community colleges, will need a minimum 2.5 grade point average for acceptance. Projected grade point averages and minimum SAT scores were raised for high school applicants. Higher admission requirements will ensure that future graduates will meet the high standards established by our alumni. Future editions of the "Blast from the Past" section will, no doubt, continue to reflect the high levels of achievement of our former students and their important contributions to the criminal justice system.

The most significant development of the year is, however, the retirement of two of the founders and stalwarts of our department: Dr. Deborah Sieger and Dr. Marc Renzema. Sieger served KU for 32 years, including 19 years as chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work. Renzema served for 29 years, bringing distinction to our department by achieving prominence as one of the nation's leading experts on electronic monitoring and by receiving the Chambliss Award (2010), which is granted to KU's outstanding researcher. They will both be sorely missed. We thank them for their extraordinary service and wish them well in the future!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DR. KEITH LOGAN

Keith Logan joined the faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice in 2004. The members of our department believed that his educational and professional background—particularly, over 20 years of experience working in a variety of federal law enforcement agencies—would allow him to make important contributions to the development of our program and education of our students. He has exceeded our expectations.

Logan received a B.A. in political science from Hofstra University in 1969 and an M.P.S. in criminal justice from the C.W. Post Center at Long Island University in 1975. In 1981 he received his J.D. from the Potomac School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Logan's first federal job was as a Congressional Staff member; but, when the Congressman lost re-election, they both joined the ranks of the unemployed. His next venture into the federal work force was with the Drug Enforcement Administration, where he was a special agent, assigned to the New York field office. Logan investigated violations of federal narcotics laws, particularly heroin and cocaine, and worked undercover. He moved on and became a security specialist and chief for three agencies: United States Agency for International Development, United States General Services Administration, Federal Protective Service (now part of DHS) and the United States Department of Education. Specifically, he was responsible for physical, document and personnel security matters.

In 1983 he was appointed a Divisional Inspector General for Investigations with the Office of the Inspector General for the United States Environmental Protection Agency. He supervised special agents in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia who were investigating white collar crime and employee misconduct violations. Logan moved on to become senior special agent with the Office of Investigations with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1985. He was responsible for team leadership and the conduct of criminal, civil and regulatory investigations involving NRC licensees and their contractors. He investigated discrimination and whistleblower retaliation, as well as the use of counterfeit nameplates and valves on nuclear power plants. While there, he had a detour as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the Office of the United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and, later, in the Eastern District of Virginia. He was responsible for the indictment and prosecution of federal criminal violations, including assault, battery, drugs, prostitution, embezzlement, illegal immigration, theft, smuggling and drug offenses.

Logan's primary teaching duties in our department have focused on CRJ 181 Criminal Law and CRJ 182 Criminal Procedure, two of the most challenging courses in our curriculum. However, he has developed and taught a wide range of courses, including Evidence, Homeland Security, Homeland Defense, Contemporary Legal Issues, and Investigation and Intelligence.

Beyond that, he has compiled an impressive academic record. He has published 17 articles and encyclopedia entries, presented papers at six major conferences, including the American Society of Criminology and Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. His publications have covered a wide range of topics: domestic terrorism, border patrol, investigative reports, Son of Sam laws, search warrants, and the Foreign Intelligence and Surveillance Act. His interest in terrorism led him to publish a book, "Homeland Security and Intelligence" (Westport, CT: Praeger Publications, 2010). He is currently working on a second edited work, "An Introduction to Homeland Security," which will be published by Westview Press in 2012.

Logan is a valued and respected member of our faculty. His contributions to the development of our program, the education of our students, and the broader community have enhanced the status of our department and university. We are, indeed, grateful for his extraordinary efforts.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

ADAM KISTHARDT

The faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice is pleased to announce that Adam Kisthardt is the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Alumni Award. Kisthardt is a captain in the Pennsylvania State Police. His distinguished 22-year career in law enforcement is a model of public service.

Kisthardt received his B.S. in criminal justice in 1988. He was hired as a Pennsylvania State trooper in 1989. Over the next four years, he served as a line officer, providing full police services in a county of 200,000 citizens. In 1993 he became a criminal investigator. Kisthardt's caseload included murders, bank robberies, burglaries, thefts, rapes, white collar crimes, kidnappings, missing persons, as well as a national child abduction case and the investigation and apprehension of a serial killer.

Kisthardt's outstanding performance in investigating and closing cases was recognized by his superiors. In 1995 he was assigned to work as a criminal law instructor at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy—and, later, he was promoted to supervise that unit. He taught courses and guided the development of the curriculum, including instruction in the Pennsylvania Crime Code, constitutional authority, rules of evidence, evidence collection, PA Rules of Criminal Procedure, interviewing and interrogation, drug identification and the legal dimensions of juvenile cases. The instruction of the cadet-troopers also included ethics, leadership training and tactical communication.

In 1998, Kisthardt became the supervisor of the negotiations section of the Pennsylvania State Police Special Emergency Team. His primary responsibility was to guide and train 28 police crisis negotiators. Instruction focused on crisis intervention, active listening, hostage survival, electronic surveillance and the proper use of deadly force. Kisthardt served as a crisis negotiator, intelligence gatherer, electronic surveillance coordinator, command post assistant and scene commander on over 500 cases involving hostages, barricaded gunmen, and workplace violence. This position required careful coordination with a wide range of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI. From 2000 to 2002 he served as a patrol section supervisor, directing 33 troopers.

Kisthardt's new assignment led him to work with the district attorney's office, magisterial district justices, probation and parole and officials at the county prison. From 2002-2004 he was the station commander at Troop L Hamburg overseeing PSP operations in northern Berks County.

In 2004, he became the information technology coordinator at the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Technology Services. In 2007, he was promoted to serve as director of the Dispatch Operations Division. The Bureau of Technology Services has over 500 million dollars in computers and equipment. Kisthardt commanded a division of 150 personnel, spread out over six facilities, and managed an operating budget over six million dollars a year. In the spring of 2011, Kisthardt was made the Director of the Training Division at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. He directs the basic training section and advanced and regional training sections. This includes training operations both at the PSP Academy and the four state police regional training centers.

Kisthardt has received a number of awards for his outstanding service: Troop Commanders Letter of Commendation, Bureau Directors Letter of Commendation, Commissioners Significant Operation Service Award (G-20 Summit Task Force,and two gubernatorial inaugurations), Camp Hill Prison Riots Service Award, as well as the Meritorious Service Award. He currently serves on the Governor's E-911 panel, the Municipal Police Training Commission Academy Director's Board, the Constable's Training Board and as the Pennsylvania Representative to the State and Provincial Police Academy Directors Society (SP-PADS).

BLAST FROM THE PAST

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ELIZABETH (SCHAFFER) FRITZ ('81) began her career as a juvenile probation officer in Lehigh County in 1982. She was promoted to the rank of supervisor in 2000, deputy chief in 2007 and chief probation officer in 2009. Fritz oversees a department of 60 probation officers and staff. Fritz received the Juvenile Court Judges' Supervisor of the Year Award in 2002. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy Team and serves on a number of state committees, including the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. She chairs the Assessment/Case Planning Committee which has assisted in implementing the YLS/CMI throughout Pennsylvania. She is on the following county committees — Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Youth Crime and Violence Task Force, Children's Roundtable and Systems of Care — and has been involved in implementing School Justice Panels.

MARGARET (RONKY) KERSHNER ('85) has been employed by Berks Connections/Pretrial Services since she graduated from KU. Kershner is currently the deputy director of that organization. She lives in Exeter Township with her husband, Lee, and two children, John and Rose. Kershner has two dogs, Buddy and Daisy, and has been on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Berks County for seven years.

STEPHEN POWELL ('89) started his career as a police officer in Reading, Pa. and has worked his way through the ranks. From 2007-2010 he was a lieutenant in charge of the Vice and Narcotics Unit. In May of 2011 he was promoted to captain and placed in charge of operations for the Patrol Division. Powell has responsibility for four platoons and the Mobile Operations Command. He commands day-to-day patrol operations and addresses special issues, such as spikes in crime, emerging patterns of crime, and patrol responses to crimes of violence.

JOE O'DEA ('91) has been with the New York City Police Department for 16 years and has been promoted through the ranks. O'Dea started in the Bronx as a police officer assigned to the Anti-Crime Unit. He served as a sergeant in the Intelligence Division before his promotion to lieutenant. He was the Special Operations lieutenant responsible for street narcotics enforcement and anti-crime units. In 2008, O'Dea was promoted to captain. He is currently the commanding officer of the Juvenile Robbery Intervention Unit in Manhattan.

STEPHEN ASKEY ('92) is an adult probation officer in Lehigh County. Askey's caseload focuses on offenders with mental health issues in the Special Program for Offenders in Rehabilitation. He has been married for 15 years and has one son.

CHRISTINE REICHARDT ('96) was hired by Berks Connections/Pretrial Services in 1997 as a community release coordinator. She is currently the director of Berks Connections. Reichardt has two children: a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Madisyn, and is currently engaged to Todd Guistwite. She serves on the board of the Schuykill Valley Football and Cheer Association and has coached cheering for six years.

MATT STYLES ('01) has been working as a probation officer for the last 10 years. He started out as an intern with the New Jersey Intensive Supervision programs, for adults and juveniles. He is currently a probation officer in Lehigh County. His caseload focuses on probationers with mental health issues. Styles enjoys his work because "every day brings a new challenge and no two days are the same."

RYAN McKINNEY ('04) is a community corrections officer for the Department of Corrections in Bucks County. He is responsible for the supervision of offenders in the Work Release, House Arrest and Day Reporting programs. McKinney determines offender's risks and needs and controls levels of supervision for minimum to maximum security offenders inside various institutions, as well as in the community. McKinney also handles institutional and community complaints and emergencies relative to community corrections.

SARAH GALLAGHER ('08) is an investigator for United States Investigation Services, the largest federal contractor for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Gallagher conducts background investigations for applicants to a wide range of federal agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice.

BLAKE VAUGHT ('08) has been an officer with the Fairfax County Police Department in Virginia, the 24th largest department in the country, since October of 2008. Vaught thoroughly enjoys his work and was recently promoted to the rank of police officer first-class.

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RASHAUN COPELAND ('09) received offers of employment from the New Jersey State Police and the Pennsylvania State Police. He is currently a cadet at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. Copeland looks forward to completing this training. His graduation and swearing in ceremony is scheduled for October 2011.

SAMANTHA FAULSTICK ('10) is a paralegal with Lundy Law in Philadelphia. The firm handles a range of cases, focusing on medical malpractice, worker's compensation, motor vehicle accidents and premise liability. Faulstick is currently assigned to a department that handles initial letters to clients and related agencies. Faulstick enjoys working in the city and is learning a lot about the legal system.

CHRISTOPHER CAPONE ('11), a native New Yorker, left KU in the spring of 2008 in pursuit of a law enforcement career with the New York City Police Department. Since completing the New York Police Academy, he has been assigned to the Mid-Town South Precinct (014) and, more recently, to the Mid-Town North Precinct (018). Capone completed his degree in criminal justice in 2011. He is preparing to take the sergeants exam and is thinking about attending graduate school.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA INDUCTEES

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honors society of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Criminal justice majors and minors who have a 3.2 QPA overall, a 3.2 QPA in criminal justice, and completed one-third of their criminal justice credits are eligible for induction. Twelve outstanding students were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma during the past year:

- Nicole Beauregard
- Vincent Campanile
- Britny Consylman
- Katie Fanto
- Jonathan Gunshore
- Tariah Karish
- Michelee McGinty
- Daisy Saldivar
- Krista Schlupp
- Nekeed Upshaw
- Nekeeta Upshaw
- Zachary Wise

CALL FOR HELP

The Department of Criminal Justice is seeking donations to fund the Academic Excellence and Community Service Award. We would also like to establish a scholarship fund for deserving students.

If you would like to contribute to one of these funds or make a larger donation that will completely sustain a scholarship in someone's honor, please contact us.

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