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## Class of '76 recalls 'going co-ed'

BY ROY WHITMAN  
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When the University became the last of the Jesuit colleges to go co-ed in 1972, there were approximately 120 freshman women, 30 transfers, and 15 commuters. Of the 165 women, 58 were resident students.

Those in the graduating class of 1976, both male and female, now express varying feelings on the University becoming a co-educational college and their experiences while at the University.

Karen Pennington, who now lives in Scranton, Pa., and is associate dean of students at the University, said that the first few women there "felt a responsibility to be the best they could, academically and socially" and that they were "setting the pace for others to follow."

During her four years, she majored in history and was a member of the Honor Society. She was the president of her junior class and was a member of the host committee, the Players and the Windhover staff.

John J. Maher, who now lives in St. College, Pa. and is pursuing a Ph.D. in accounting at Penn State, said that he thought going co-ed was great and that "co-education is probably the only way to go." He said the quality of the Jesuit education gives a person a philosophy on life rather than just teaches a trade.

While at the University, he majored in accounting and received his masters degree. He participated in varsity basketball and was senior tri-captain of the basketball team.

His wife, Theresa Lindinger Maher, also attended the University. She rejected the title of housewife, preferring to call herself a "nurturer." She attended Penn State before coming to the University in 1974. She said that by that time, women were no longer a minority and there were intramural sports for women. She herself participated in basketball, volleyball, and softball. Her major was human services.

Stephen M. Lawrence, who now lives in Swoyersville,



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ACCOUNTING



MAUREEN A. O'REGAN  
HUMAN SERVICES

Pa. and is a dentist, said that going co-ed "increased the social atmosphere of the students." He said, however, that there is something to be said for single-sex education and expressed some regrets at not being able to experience it.

He said that while at the University, he made many friends and still stays in contact with them.

Lawrence majored in biology and became president of the Biology Club. He was resident assistant in Denis Edward Hall. He participated in

wrestling and placed first and second in the Middle Atlantic Conference in his junior and senior years. He also won the Baptist Bible Tournament.

Maureen O'Regan Greco, who was a human services major, is now assistant director of pregnancy help of the greater Boston area at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She said that she and the other women felt like "pioneers," going to college with jeans and sweatshirts. After a couple of weeks they were wearing blouses to distinguish themselves from the men, she said.

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Dr. Dov Grossman... Photo by Terry Connors  
...still uses his textbooks

## Executive stresses coursework

BY CHRISTOPHER O'MALLEY

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Coursework is an invaluable assistant in the business world, a local executive said in a speech on Monday.

Dr. Dov Grossman, speaking here as part of the University's Executive-in-Residence program, told a near-capacity crowd of students in Jefferson Hall Auditorium on Monday to pay close attention to their coursework.

"Don't take lightly any single course on the curriculum," warned the 42-year-old business man, who was born in what is now Israel.

"They all will be used at one time or another. I've referred to and used textbooks many times along the way."

Grossman, clad in a white shirt and blue business suit, chronicled his career experiences leading up to his present position as president and chairman of the board of Atlas Technologies, Inc., in Scranton.

Atlas Technologies, which he founded in 1979, manufactures electrical fittings at its

Electric Street plant and distributes them nationwide.

The slightly graying, mustached Grossman repeatedly stressed the need to understand people, despite acknowledging his given topic as "the importance of quantitative theories and methods." Numbers and formulas are extremely useful, Grossman said, but they do not make up "the total picture."

**"Not trying is the only problem."  
—Dov Grossman**

You can spend years trying to maximize production, but the main factor is always people," the executive explained. "You must be able to deal with people and their needs."

Grossman pointed to the area's "good work force" as a primary reason for locating Atlas Technologies in Scranton. He also indicated that his knowledge of people and management skills have

linked his diverse positions at Johnson & Johnson, Berkey Photo, and Atlas Technologies.

In response to questions following his 40-minute speech Grossman emphasized the importance of a person's job and setting the "proper direction."

"My advice is to get a job where your contribution is identifiable," he said. "As long as you gain experience, you don't lose time."

Grossman also noted that the transition from college to professional life is not very difficult since most employers allow for mistakes. "Not trying is the only problem," the corporate chairman said.

Dr. Henry Amato, dean of the School of Management and moderator for Monday's speech, concluded the presentation by remarking that the University was "very fortunate to get a man who crosses both the academic and professional fields."

Amato said he may try to get Grossman to teach a course at the University, possibly in corporate mergings and entrepreneurship.