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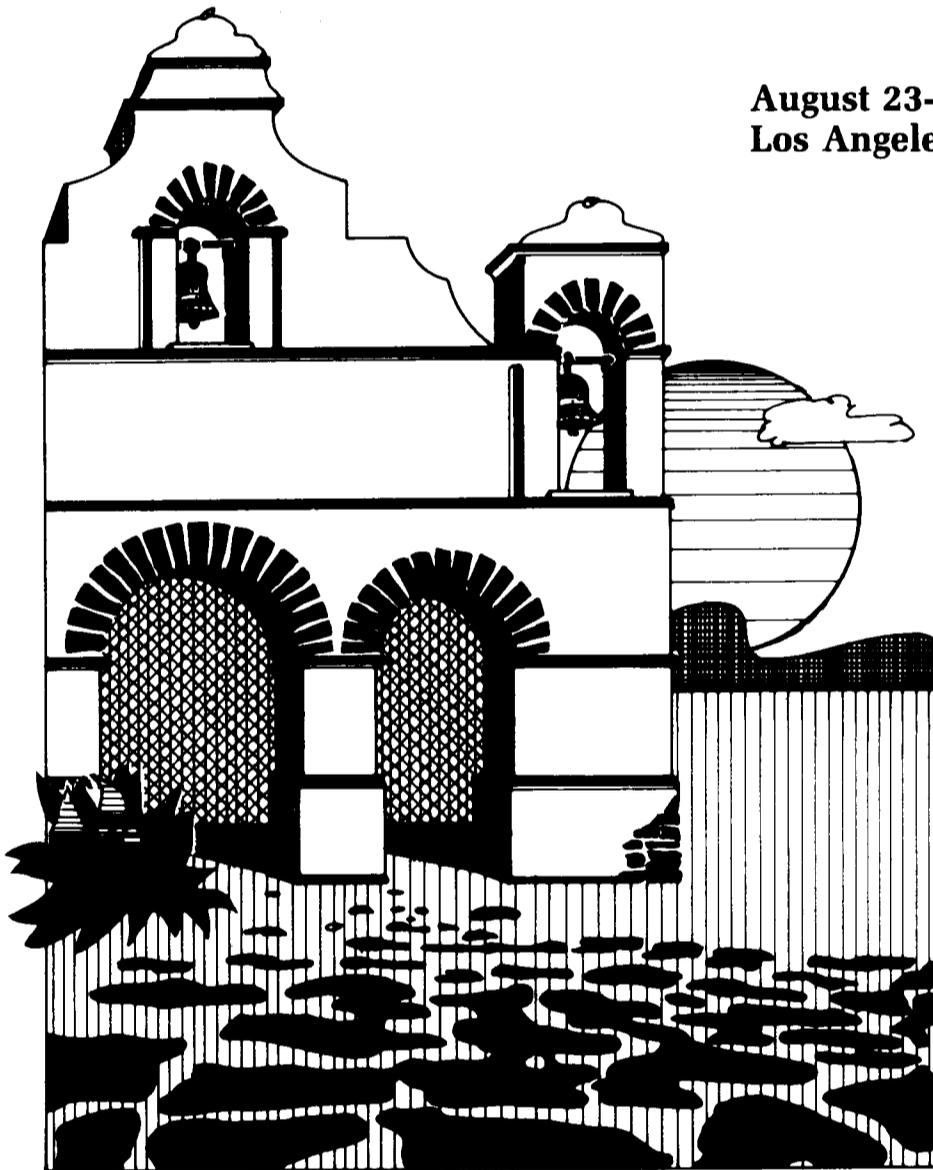
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From energy conservation and industrial productivity to child development, aging, and prevention of stress and related illness, hardly a personal or national problem exists whose solution does not demand an understanding of human behavior. Even modern technological innovations emerge from the ability of the mind to transform observations and data into action. Because of their fundamental understanding of behavior, psychologists are increasingly consulted for ways to increase human progress and well-being.

The American Psychological Association is the nation's major psychology organization. It works to advance psychology as a science, a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare. APA's programs aim at disseminating psychological knowledge; promoting research; improving research methods and conditions; and developing the qualifications and competence of psychologists through standards of education, ethical conduct, and professional practice.

The American Psychological Association is honored to bring to its 93rd annual convention in Los Angeles, California four outstanding speakers. These free lectures, open to the general public and convention-going psychologists, examine current social issues and bring specific examples of human behavior study to life.



A. Nicholas Groth, Ph.D.

Friday, August 23, 1985
Noon - 12:50 p.m.
San Francisco Ballroom
Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles Hotel

"The Psychology of Sexual Offenders Against Children"

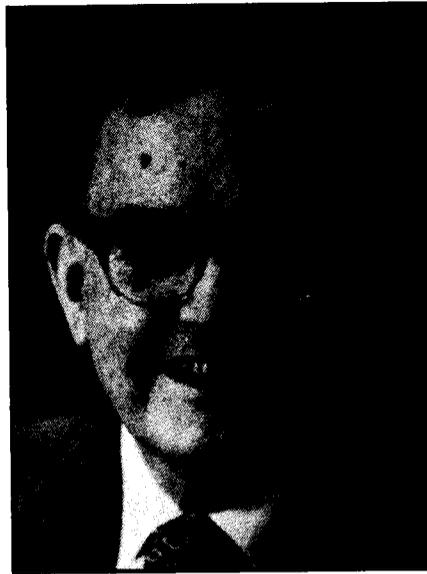
Introduction by Stanley Sue, Ph.D.

What persons are most likely to sexually abuse children? Are there predominant personality traits among sexual offenders? What psychological factors contribute to child sexual abuse? How can offenders be effectively treated?

"Not all offenders against children are alike," reports A. Nicholas Groth, "and these offenders can be differentiated in regard to the dynamics of aggression and sexuality manifested in their offenses." The problem of sexual abuse spans cultural, sexual, and age groups from all walks of life, and traditional stereotypes no longer necessarily fit into our concept of the sexual abuser. In combatting child sexual abuse, Dr. Groth stresses the value of intervention and the need for careful assessment of the individual in addressing the psychological needs of the offender.

The author of *Men Who Rape: The Psychology of the Offender*, and co-author of *Sexual Assault of Children and Adolescents*, Dr. Groth will bring his expertise in the area of sexual assault and experience with both victims and offenders to bear on critical issues concerning sexually abused children. The lecture will explore the origins and psychology of sexual abuse, the dynamics of the offense, and various treatments for such disorders.

Dr. Groth is Co-Director of the Sex Offender Program at Somers State Prison and is Co-Director of the St. Joseph College Institute for the Treatment and Control of Child Sexual Abuse in West Hartford, Connecticut. He has appeared on a variety of television talk shows and was recently technical consultant for the ABC-TV movie, "The Face of Rage," which was based in part on his work with sexual offenders.



Herbert A. Simon, Ph.D.

Saturday, August 24, 1985

Noon - 12:50 p.m.

San Francisco Ballroom

Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles Hotel

**“New Theories of Learning
from Cognitive Science”**

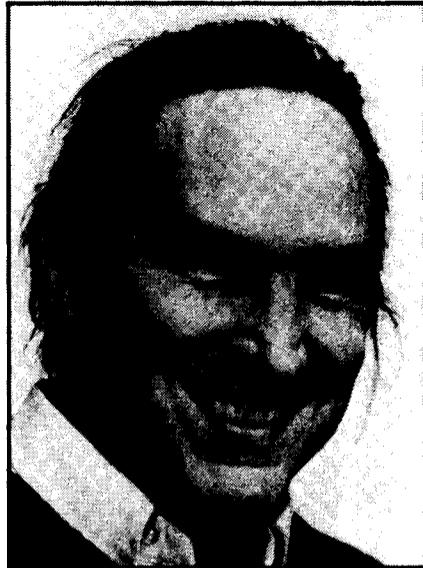
Introduction by Charles Kiesler, Ph.D.

What can computers tell us about the way we decide, discover, and create? According to Herbert A. Simon, they can tell us a great deal about ourselves. In fact, in the past quarter century, psychologists and social scientists have achieved considerable success in using artificial intelligence to simulate cognitive processes, providing insight into the nature of human thought.

Dr. Simon has been a pioneer in arranging this marriage between psychology and computer science. During the past three decades, he has provided a valuable body of knowledge in decision-making and problem-solving processes, using computer-simulated models.

A recognized leader in the field of social science, Herbert Simon has authored over 500 papers and 20 books and monographs, including publications examining organizations, management decision, automation, and models of discovery, thought, and bounded reality. During his lecture, Dr. Simon will draw from his extensive body of knowledge and research in cognitive science to present important new theories of learning.

Educated at the University of Chicago, Herbert Simon has been recognized with honorary degrees from a number of universities, and an array of awards and appointments. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1967. He received the Alfred Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics in 1978. Dr. Simon is currently Richard King Mellon University Professor of Computer Science and Psychology at Carnegie-Mellon University.



Dennis M. Feeney, Ph.D.

Sunday, August 25, 1985

Noon - 12:50 p.m.

San Francisco Ballroom

Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles Hotel

"Human Rights and Animal Welfare"

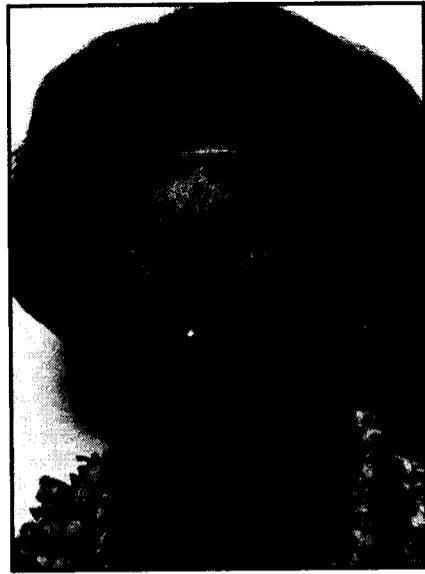
Introduction By Frederick A. King, Ph.D.

Do rats have the same rights as humans? Is it ethical for researchers to experiment using laboratory animals? Should they be allowed to continue experimentation? Do the benefits derived from such experiments justify their methodology? Is the substitution of human subjects a viable alternative to the use of animals in medical research?

These are some of the critical issues Dennis Feeney will confront as part of the heated debate on animal welfare. Dr. Feeney contends that "major advances in medicine—from polio vaccine to cancer treatments—have come as a result of research using laboratory animals, thus offering hope to infants born with birth defects and those afflicted with cancer, heart disease, and many other intractable disorders." However, he adds that "because of the efforts of animal rights activists to stop the use of animals in research, millions of people stricken with disease or injury may be denied the potential for improvement or cure."

Dr. Feeney's lecture will include ethical issues arising from this controversial subject and exploration of possible solutions for the welfare and humane treatment of laboratory animals.

Dennis Feeney earned his Ph.D. in Physiological Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is presently a professor of Psychology and Physiology at the University of New Mexico. A paraplegic, Dr. Feeney has devoted the past decade developing treatments to facilitate the recovery of persons with brain and spinal cord injuries. He has also authored a variety of publications.



Carolyn R. Payton, Ed.D.

Monday, August 26, 1985

Noon - 12:50 p.m.

San Francisco Ballroom

Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles Hotel

**“Comparable Worth:
Every Work Into Judgment”**

Introduction by Lorraine Eyde, Ph.D.

Recent statistics show that women are joining the national workforce in increasing numbers, with many working in occupations traditionally held by men. Several studies also reveal that women's work productivity and contributions to the nation's economy equal and often surpass that of their male counterparts.

Recent statistics have also shown that women are compensated for their work equally with men. Right? Wrong, says Carolyn Payton. "Women in the national work force continue to be paid at lower wages and have less advancement potential than men," she says. In fact, she has found that "despite women's increasing input into the economy, the wage gap between men and women is widening."

Comparable worth is one of the solutions Dr. Payton suggests to resolve the problem of job inequity between the sexes. In her lecture, she offers valuable insights into the nature of work related sex discrimination and shares her proposals for achieving equality in the workplace.

Carolyn Payton received her Ed.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Administration from Columbia University. In addition to her career in psychology, education and counseling, she served as Director of the United States Peace Corps after working with the Corps for six years in Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Payton is currently Dean of Counseling and Career Development at Howard University.

Other significant programs:

**American Psychological Association
Invited Address**

“New Dimensions in Healing”

by Norman Cousins

Friday, August 23, 1985

6-7 p.m.

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Annual Awards Presentations

Sunday, August 25, 1985

6-7:00 p.m.

Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel
