

# Police Science Department To Be Created Next Fall

The Police Science courses, currently associated with the Sociology department, have so greatly expanded that they will become a separate department in the fall of 1968, stated Mr. Jack D. Foster, Assistant Professor of Sociology.

As the police science curriculum broadens it will include more faculty members and offer much more laboratory experience.

### A.A. Degree Available

It is possible to earn an Associate in Arts Degree in police science. This consists of a two year program in which the student must successfully complete 50 quarter hours of general education courses and 40 hours in technical courses in police science.

Upon completion of this curriculum the graduate has appropriate training for employment in most municipal, state and private law enforcement agencies.

It is also possible to earn a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Law Enforcement Administration.

In addition to general university

requirements, this course of study requires 45 quarter hours in police science courses.

### A Number of Jobs

Graduates with the B.A. degree are suitable for police administration, police chiefs, safety service directors and other administrative positions.

Those with the B.A. degree can also teach the police science courses in a college or university and are eligible for a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The F.B.I. requires the B.A. degree.

Other employment opportunities include working in fraud investigation for credit bureaus, insurance agencies, Internal Revenue, immigration, the Post Office and railroads.

Employment is also available in plant security, for plants handling

federal contracts, who must have a security clearance on employees.

### Will Need Better Men

Mr. Foster further stated that as crime rates continue to rise requirements for employment in law enforcement agencies will stiffen.

In the future it is probable that a minimum of an Associate in Arts degree will be required for any sort of police work and the B.A. degree for all administrative positions.

At present there are 24 students majoring in the Associate in Arts Program and 74 in the B.A. program. Although most of the students are men either study plan is open to women.

Practical experience other than the crime lab includes learning the use of firearms.

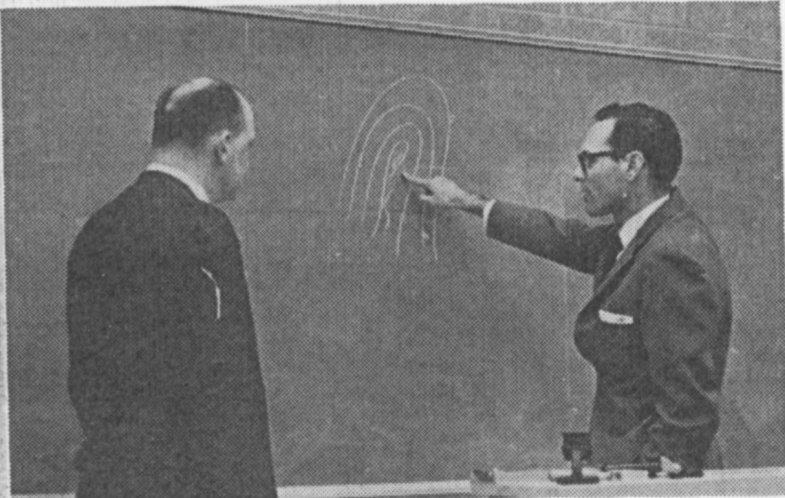
Mr. Foster stressed that, although some policemen are enrolled, the police science classes are not in any way correlated with the local police department as a method of gaining practical experience in law enforcement procedure.

Youngstown is one of two universities in the state that offers the B.A. degree, and is the only university to offer both.

Only twelve universities in the U.S. offer graduate work in police science.



Dr. Jack D. Foster



Fingerprint analysis is a major part of Police Science. Here Mr. Foster, right, instructs student Frank Hunsberger.

