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**THE “COSMO GIRL” INVADES
MIDDLE SCHOOLS: GROOMING
GIRLS FOR DISEASE AND
DEPRESSION**

Judith A. Reisman, Ph.D.;
Mary E. McAlister, Esq.

This Article focuses on Helen Gurley Brown’s public campaign, her pamphleteering activities, beginning with the birth of the “fun, fearless, female” known as the “Cosmo girl,” and documents its dangerous, even deadly consequences for girls and young women. This Article then outlines how Cosmo has effectively used targeted marketing to lure tweens and teens (ages ten to seventeen) to the magazine, and its toxic consequences. Finally, the Article offers strategies for protecting tweens and teens from Cosmo’s toxic effects.

DISSECTING THE FELONY MURDER RULE AND THE MENTALLY ILL DEFENDANT

Nadine W. Mathieu

This Article analyzes the felony murder doctrine in Florida and how it affects mentally ill defendants and defendants who plea affirmative defenses, such as insanity and duress. Section II introduces the many criticisms of the felony murder rule. Section III examines how the felony murder rule came into existence and introduces its many limitations and restrictions, such as the inherently dangerous felony limitation, the independent felony limitation, the agency approach, and the proximate causation approach. Section III also analyzes the felony murder doctrine and its purpose. In Section IV, the insanity defense is analyzed, including the several different methods for defining legal insanity. Section V examines the court cases of Anthony A. Hall, Calvin Carlos Campbell, and Ivonne Rosso, and how the insanity defense is considered in each of their convictions. Section VI provides a comparison of how juvenile defendants are affected by the felony murder doctrine and how the mental capacity of a juvenile

Mathieu

can be compared to a mentally ill defendant. Section VII considers the role of the duress defense in felony murder. In Section VIII, the constitutionality of the felony murder rule is examined. Then in Section IX, a conclusion is provided on whether the felony murder doctrine should be abolished in Florida.

EXPANDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS TO INCLUDE DORMS AND SHARED SPACES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Karen DeSoto

This Article discusses the violence and sexual assault problems facing campuses, and how the broadening of the New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991 [“PDVA”] can protect students. Section II details New Jersey’s approach to restraining orders and compares New Jersey’s approach to other states. Section III examines the issues surrounding policies and procedures for reporting violence on college campuses. Section IV explains the role of campus law enforcement in campus violence. Section V makes recommendations for improving schools’ responses to sexual harassment claims.

**BOOK REVIEW: *ILLICIT SEX*
WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM BY
CARMEN M. CUSACK**

Jessica T. Bracho

Religion, tradition, sex, laws, and the justice system. Carmen M. Cusack, Ph.D., J.D., in *Illicit Sex Within the Justice System*, paints a detailed mural of how these four categories blend in, sometimes seamlessly, with each other. Cusack's book begins with an exploration of how laws are created by society's standards and are based off tradition and religion; both of which have been intertwined through time. She discusses that although times and society have changed, laws are not adapting and, in turn, are affecting the justice system. She describes both how the justice system is reliant on power and how power is achieved through many things, but particularly sex. She explains how sex is a commonly used tool and how morality has been used to suppress some while helping others advance. Cusack lays out vivid examples of this throughout the justice system—from prisoners to judges, from police officers to federal agents. She elaborates on how civilians and officials both react to power and sex, leading to

Bracho

possible deviant behavior and leadership. Cusack's book presents the urgency to end hypocrisy.

FOOT BINDING: A FEMINIST POINT OF VIEW

Carmen M. Cusack

Foot binding is a cultural tradition that has been portrayed in terms of feminism and subjugation of women. Generally, in the United States, it is not *per se* illegal. Arguments against it, which have not persuaded the law, but have infiltrated culture, appear to be xenophobic or bigoted. Section II of this Article examines some historical notes about foot binding in China and describes cultural input from Christians. Section III analyzes relevant law, which may be used to deter foot binding activities. Section IV compares ballet shoes and other western forms of body modification to Chinese foot binding. Section V criticizes feminist cultural attacks on foot binding. Section VI concludes that foot binding is an acceptable form of cultural expression.