

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and **COLLEGE STUDENTS**



DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS . . .

Although we typically use the term *discretion* to refer to decisions made by criminal justice officials, in reality we all have and use discretion in making our own decisions. Just as certain factors influence decisions made by police officers, certain factors influence our own decisions as well. As an example, make a list of the ways in which organizational,

neighborhood, situational, and individual factors influenced your decision to pick your major. Then meet with a small group of your classmates and discuss with one another how various factors shaped your decision making. Also, consider how police officer discretion is different from “college student” discretion.