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## The Boss Comes To Campus



Last week, University President Oswald and Provost Althouse came to Capitol Campus to announce officially the appointment of Dr. McDermott as Provost of this campus and to discuss the future of Capitol Campus.

Looking well despite his recent health problems, Dr. Oswald declined to welcome us with all his heart, noting that he needed all it's help.

Oswald began by outlining Capitol's possibilities for the future. He reported that we could become a most important campus due to our proximity to Harrisburg and to the Hershey Medical Center. While never really elaborating about our role relative to Harrisburg, Oswald did say that our increased autonomy would not include our own H-burg representative.

Of Hershey, Oswald sees the two of us getting together with courses and programs. He suggested that we may eliminate overlapping courses and even exchange faculty and students.

One of his main points last Wednesday morning was that of explaining the expansion of the President's office. This new division of labor moves three

University senior vice presidents into the office of the president. To avoid an overcrowded office, the change was made on paper to explain the reshuffled bureaucracy.

In the question and answer period, Oswald and Althouse explained the bureaucracy further, including an assurance that McDermott could deal directly with Oswald when necessary, even though normally his University Park contact will be Althouse.

Also in answering questions, Oswald touched on such subjects as the possibility of establishing a Board of Visitors for this campus (favorable); the outlook for obtaining more funds in the future (not good); and the changing view of education.

Of McDermott, Dr. Oswald reported that our new Provost is no stranger to Capitol. As noted previously, McDermott served on the faculty and administration at Penn State earlier in his career. During that time, he was part of the team sent to investigate the possibilities of opening a campus in Middletown.

Oswald reported also that during McDermott's recent visit to this part of the country, they discussed McDermott's concern about spending much of his time as Provost of Capitol Campus in University Park. They resolved to keep that at a minimum and to open all possible lines of communication between the two points.

And at one point during his visit, Oswald said that even though it may take time to get to him, he would always be open to hear from members of the Penn State Community. He said also that McDermott's assuming the post of Provost in February, 1972, is the first installment of more autonomy for Capitol Campus.

## '...MEETING WAS NOT WORTHLESS.'

Interviewer, Tom Black

On Wednesday morning, October 20, President Oswald and Dr. Althouse arrived for an open meeting at Capitol Campus. The following interview is with S.G.A. President, Terry Wimmer, on the effects of that meeting.

Were you surprised by anything President Oswald or Dr. Althouse said?

Terry — No. I was aware of what basically would be said by President Oswald.

What do you think was the meaning of Dr. Oswald's visit?

Terry — I think he felt obliged to come for two reasons: First, Protocol, and second, to clarify and go over in depth how Capitol with a Provost fits into the University system.

Do you think it was a token visit?

Terry — I don't want to use the word token. The meeting was not worthless. It was a chance for students to meet with the President. President Oswald is deeply concerned about Capitol and it's students. He is working under restraints when interacting with students of Capitol. These include health, time and the possibility of giving an impression that Dr. McDermott is not a real authority at Capitol.

Do you think students were made aware of President Oswald's visit in time to make arrangements to attend?

Terry — Logistics of the meeting were initially not good. Originally President Oswald's

visit was to be with the faculty council. Then it was changed to include faculty and S.G.A. representatives. On Tuesday at the staff meeting, I asked Mr. Herpel if the meeting could be opened to the Student Body. Mr. Herpel agreed to have an open meeting.

What important points do you think were brought out in the meeting?

Terry — First, President Oswald's enthusiasm concerning Dr. McDermott's idea of a Board of Visitors. This would be a board of (important) people from a broad spectrum of the community that would advise and help Capitol Campus in its movement to a socially oriented campus. The second point was President Oswald's remarks concerning Capitol's linking with Hershey. I do not see this coming about until two problems are solved at Hershey. These are: a solution to financial problems at the Medical Center; and the selection of a Dean and Provost to replace Dean Herrell.

Is there anything in general you would like to comment on?

Terry — Yes. There are two things happening in the near future that will determine where Capitol stands in an academic relation to University Park. First, the meeting of the board of trustees of PSU will be held on November 19 and any changes in the University master plan should be announced and secondly, we should be told the status of the Faculty petition for delegation of academic authority in the near future.

## MECHANICS OF PLACEMENT

All seniors planning to use the services of the Placement Office in their job-seeking efforts during the coming year must register with the Placement Office before the end of the current term. Active recruiting will begin on campus January 10th and extend through April 28th, excepting only the period from March 15th through April 9th. Somewhat over 300 industrial, commercial, governmental and educational institutions have been invited to recruit, and as of October 15th, 71 had accepted our invitation. The final figure is expected to be between 125 and 140 from all areas of economic activity.

The mechanics of registering for placement are simple, the number of forms to be completed is minimal. Visit the Placement Office, pick up the forms, complete and return them. An up-to-date copy of your transcript is highly desirable, and may be an unofficial copy. Requests for transcripts for all work undertaken at Penn State or one of the Commonwealth Campuses of Penn State may be made at Mr. Slygh's office. Unofficial transcripts cost \$.25. In most instances, it will be necessary for you to request a transcript covering your first two years of college work directly from the institution that awarded you your Associate degree. Most employers will require an official transcript after the end of your final term or after an offer of employment has been made.

Professor Schulz, Director of Placement, is scheduling half-hour individual interviews with each senior registering for placement. The major purpose of these interviews is to identify the students career interests, or to help the student identify them and insofar as it is possible, to relate these interests to specific organizations who may or may not be recruiting on campus. Schedule your interview at the time you pick up or return the registration papers. Interviews may be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., or on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This schedule will hold until the break for Christmas.

A Placement Manual will be available to all seniors in late November. A copy of the College Placement Annual will be given to seniors in Business, Humanities, Social Science and Technology at the time of the interview. Seniors who will be obtaining degrees in Elementary or Secondary Education will receive the ASCUS Journal. Other resource materials are available at the Placement office.

Remember! If you plan on taking on-campus interviews, register for placement at the Placement Office in the Placement Center. We're on the map.

## Faculty Evaluations

(The CAPITOLIST apologizes for the delay in publishing the promised Faculty Evaluations. Due to lack of space, this regular column was postponed so that more immediate items could be printed.)

The Faculty members chosen for this week are both in the Social Science Curriculum.

On Dr. John R. Nichols, Professor of Social Science and Psychology, teaching Behavior Modification I (SoSc):

"He's done a great deal of research on opiate addiction in certain animals. That can be interesting, but he's too much of a 'Skinnerite' for me."

"I don't believe Behaviorism is the ultimate answer for all human behavior. But I liked the course, because he did present one of the major psychological

theories (Behaviorism) well."

"When I first met him, I rejected him as not being a complete individual, and therefore, his theories too. But when I got past the personality conflict, I found there was a lot of relevance in what he had to say."

On Dr. Kathryn Starkey, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, offering Statistics I for Social Science (SoSc 320) and Learning Theory (Ed 314) this semester:

"I've had both Stat I and Learning Theory. They're very different courses, but she was really good in each of them."

"She's an amazing teacher. I had a tough time with Statistics, especially the final, but I can't say she was unfair."

"She's the most brilliant (con't. on p. 2)

## What's The Dean's Advisory Committee?

One of the many committees established at Capitol Campus within the past year is the Dean's Advisory Committee for Student Affairs. This committee consists of five students representing each respective curriculum and the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. John R. Grimm.

In the past, these six individuals concerned themselves mainly with recruiting, screening and interviewing applicants for various positions available under the heading of Student Affairs. The purposes and powers for this committee were never clearly defined. Now, however, they have a definite goal — to form a bond between the faculty, administration and the student body. The committee operates as advisor to the Dean not only in matters of policy and budget in student affairs; but also as a clearing house for complaints, suggestions, ideas and questions about Capitol Campus.

This advisory committee meets every week to discuss previous business and report on new problems which have occurred. The minutes from the meetings will be published weekly in the CAPITOLIST. If any student would like to contact a member of this committee; their names and where they can be reached are below:

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