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## Capitol Serves as Flood Center

While thousands of Pennsylvanians were digging out from the devastation provoked by Hurricane Agnes' fury, more than 100 families from the area resided on Capitol Campus.

Norman Gautreau, Manager of Food and Housing at the campus, reported that instead of the usual summer maintenance program which ordinarily would have been in operation, staff members were busy serving the needs of the flood victims who lived in Meade Heights and the dormitories.

The evacuation center was first set into operation on June 22, shortly after Gautreau had received appeals from Charles Boyer, Lower Swatara Township Commissioner, and representatives of the Middletown Civil Defense. He was informed that the Lisa Lake and other low areas in the community were flooding badly and space was needed for hundreds of families.

Gautreau, although handicapped by a limited staff, immediately began to organize a small core of students who had remained on campus awaiting graduation which had been scheduled for June 24. These students set up registrations, assisted families in getting settled in the Meade Heights living quarters and dorms and calmly allayed the apprehensions of the flood victims.

Gautreau's praises for the students were high. "These kids worked long hard hours and never lost their cool. One girl set up an efficient registration system, and worked more than 18 hours registering evacuees at Meade Heights."

Another staff member present when the emergency first arose was Jim Noon. Noon quickly inventoried the food supplies available and made coffee and sandwiches for the evacuees. A regular employee in the dining hall, he worked throughout the night assisted by two car loads of graduating seniors who had returned to Middletown to aid during the crisis. They ran the dining hall operation until the food supervisor, Frank Williams, could arrive the next morning.

Williams, who had been marooned with his own flooding problems, arrived at 6 a.m. Friday and started making plans for what he recognized could be an extended emergency.

By noon Friday, Williams had recalled many of his regular staff, opened the dining hall facilities and kept them open until late Saturday night.

"A lot of these people were in shock," Gautreau explained, "and we figured with the dining hall constantly open for the first couple of days, people would have a place to go and talk."

"After things settled down somewhat, we felt we could establish regular dining hall hours and still adequately serve the evacuees. In the first week of operation, more than 15,000 meals were served in our dining hall where we normally serve about 4,000 meals weekly," he continued.

The logistics of providing emergency housing and meals to more than 1,400 people could be overwhelming. But Gautreau, who had special training in logistics management while a member of the Canadian Air Force, set himself up as a roving coordinator and worked with representatives from Civil Defense, the Air National Guard and groups of students and citizen volunteers.

The Air National Guard provided buses for transporting the evacuees as did the local school district. Mrs. Lilly Billy, a regular school bus driver, gave countless hours in shuttling persons from one center to another as well as in returning them to their homes once the floods subsided.

Residents of the area opened their refrigerators and freezers and helped provide food for the evacuees.

Representatives from the business community pitched in also. Pantry Pride, Twin Kiss, McDonalds and the Big M donated thousands of dollars worth of food, diapers, medical supplies and paper good for use at the center.

Fruehauf Corporation loaned three large trailers — one freezer, one refrigerator and one dry — for food storage.

Lower Swatara Township officials have agreed to reimburse the University the costs of accommodating these people and is seeking reimbursement also from other communities whose residents were housed at the campus.

The residence living staff of the campus provided invaluable assistance to the flood refugees throughout the crisis. Pat Murphy, Kathy King, Jerry South and John Grimm directed the relief operations over the entire campus while Gautreau's office implemented the decisions. Many students, so many that it is impossible to mention them all, stayed throughout the disaster, assisting the victims.

Evacuees first came to campus on Thursday, June 22, from the Lisa Lake area. In Pineford Village there was a chlorine gas leak, causing more evacuations to the campus. By Friday night, June 23, over 800 people were staying in campus residence areas.

Capitol came through for these people. They were fed by food donated by Pantry Pride, which had three feet of water in its store. Jerry South gathered up sports and recreation equipment as well as baby necessities. Star Art Theater in Harrisburg donated several family-type entertainment films. A daily Flood Hot Line was published, chock full of pertinent news. A day care center was established.

The campus became an authorized Flood Relief Center where free clothing, bedding, medical care and expense money were provided. There were numerous volunteer nurses and other people working around the clock to serve the flood victims.

There were many interesting sidelights to the entire situation. For example, the flood waters rose so rapidly that the only possession which one man could salvage was his pet duck. To show that life must continue even in the face of such a disaster, there was a birth, a death and a marriage during that traumatic week. Kittens were born, an elderly woman unfortunately died in her sleep and Charlie and Judy Bussison were wed.

Yet the magnitude of the disaster did change the attitudes of a great many of the victims. They were constantly cheered up by the staff. It showed how well people can work together in the grip of the great turmoil of a lifetime.

Many people deeply appreciated the care and consideration shown by the Capitol staff. Some victims appreciated it to the extent that they mailed checks to Provost McDermott in amounts varying to \$25. Remember, these are people who were completely wiped out and actually didn't have a penny to their name. According to the Office of the Provost, the money received from the flood victims will be used to purchase books for Capitol's library.

The Fury of Hurricane Agnes has disappeared, but the memory of her wrath will linger forever.

by R. W. Bonaker

Discipline has never been a major problem at Capitol, according to Dr. John Grimm, Dean of Student Affairs, because this campus has had a fair and equitable set of rules and procedures. Now there is a common disciplinary system throughout the entire University.

At registration last week, each student received a booklet of "University Policies and Rules for Students, 1972-73". The University-wide rules system is explained and changes in the disciplinary set-up are outlined. By reading the booklet, students will know exactly what rights they have, and how policies have been established to protect everyone related to the University, including the institution itself.

"The university-wide policy evolved because the past systems at all of the different commonwealth campuses did not include clear comments on due process," explains Dean Grimm. "This was true at most colleges in the United States. Students were not informed of certain privileges they may have had, were not represented by counsel, or were not even charged with a specific violation, such as occupying a university

## Business Program Administrators Named

Two faculty members of Capitol Campus have been promoted to positions of Program Administrators within the Division of Administration and Business.

Dr. Daniel M. Poore, Division Head, has announced that Dr. Raymond S. Klein, Associate Professor of Management, and Dr. Ralph W. Frey, Assistant Professor of Business and Accounting, have been appointed Graduate Program Administrator and Undergraduate Program Administrator, respectively. They will be primarily responsible for the on-going functions of the Division.

These appointments are a part of restructuring of the Division which will provide for increased coordination between programs and control of the operations.

Dr. Klein joined the Penn State faculty in 1970 after having served as Director of the Human Affairs Research Center in Albany, New York. Prior to that appointment, he served in various research and consultant positions with the New York State government. He earned bachelor and master degrees in Education from the City College of New York and a Doctor of Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Dr. Frey, a member of the campus faculty since 1970, holds Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Business Administration degrees from the University of Maryland. A certified public accountant in Maryland, he is a member of the American Accounting Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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## Conduct Codes Established For University

building. That occurred because such violations were not specified in any rule book. Instead, they were charged with the vague meaning of "conduct unbecoming of the university," he elaborates.

Also of interest is a revamping of the formal bodies which handle disciplinary cases. New committees must be established at Capitol in order to conform to the university policy. This can be done by setting up three new boards — a Capitol Policy Committee, a Hearing Board, and an Appeals Board. The Student Court will be revamped, its new name being the Student Standards Board.

Four seniors currently comprise the Student Court, one of them serving as Chief Justice. Mike Dini, Student Government President, has expressed the belief that the new Student Standards Board retain the four seniors, and increase the size of the board to include one more senior and four new juniors. The powers which the Court now possess will be retained, according to Dini.

The Policy, Hearing and Appeals Boards will have members which represent all facets of Capitol. The Policy Committee, when it is formalized, will be composed of the Chairman of the Student Standards Board (Harry Franzreb), the Dean of Student Affairs (Dr. Grimm), the

Chairman of the Committee on Student Affairs (Prof. William Mahar), and a student appointed by the Student Affairs Committee. The Policy Committee will establish local rules and policies as needed.

The Hearing Board will have jurisdiction over alleged violations of the Code of Conduct. The Board will be composed of two students, two faculty and an administrator. Two students will also be designated alternates. The students will be screened by the SGA Election/Screening Committee, which in return will submit at least six recommendations to the Student Affairs Committee. That Committee, in turn, must confirm four of those students to serve on the Board, subject to approval from the provost.

The Hearing Board, the Student Standards Board, and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs hold one common ground: they exist as the alternatives from which a student charged with a rules violation can choose to hear his case.

A student may appeal the decision espoused by either of these three bodies by going to the Appeals Board. Its composition matches that of the Hearing Board, the selections getting final approval from the provost of Capitol, Robert E. McDermott.