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McDermott to be Installed as Provost

Ceremonies formally installing the first provost of Capitol Campus have been scheduled for this coming Sunday, October 29, in the Auditorium of the Main Building.

Dr. Robert E. McDermott, a native of Illinois and an experienced educator and administrator, will be installed by University President, Dr. John W. Oswald.

Prior to investiture of office, Dr. McDermott will receive greetings from University and other academic dignitaries. Included among those are A. Wayne Readinger, member of the Board of Trustees; Warren E. Ringler, Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education; and Dr. Russell E. Larson, University Provost. Dr. Clyde E. Blocker, President of the Harrisburg Area Community College, will offer greetings on behalf of the collegiate community; and Dr. Thomas J. Knight, Chairman of the Faculty Council, and Michael Dini, Student Government Association President, will extend congratulations from their respective organizations.

Dr. McDermott's achievements in both teaching and administration have prepared him well for the responsibility of overseeing the academic as well as all administrative functions of this upper-division college and graduate center. Formerly the Dean of the Graduate School and Director of University Research at the University of Arkansas, he also held top administrative posts in Continuing Education and the Graduate School of Pennsylvania State University at University Park. A Professor of Forestry, he taught on the staffs of Penn State, the University of Missouri, Duke University and Iowa State University.

The new provost's academic interests have not been confined to that of teaching. He has conducted extensive research in the area of forest ecology and physiology and is the author and co-author of more than 35 scientific and technical articles and texts.

He holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Wright Junior College, a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and a Master of Science in Botany from Iowa State University. In 1952, he was awarded a Ph. D. with a major in Botany and minor in Forestry from Duke University.

Dr. McDermott has been cited by AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE, THE DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL

BIOGRAPHY, LEADERS IN AMERICAN SCIENCE, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA and WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN EDUCATION.

He holds membership in various honorary fraternities and numerous professional and scientific associations including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the

American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Ecological Society of America and the Society of American Foresters. He also has served on various committees of the Council of Graduate Schools.



Dr. Robert E. McDermott

Capitol Under McDermott's Leadership

Dr. Robert E. McDermott will be officially installed as Provost of Capitol Campus this Sunday. We of the CAPITOLIST acknowledge the Provost and express our congratulations to him.

McDermott has been at the helm since February of this year, but the authorities involved have waited until now to officially install McDermott. In a recent discussion, we asked the Provost why formal ceremonies are taking place and about the future course of Capitol Campus.

He explained that "we need the visibility and the publicity, that is why we have invited" big-name people in the field of education. "This campus needs to establish an identity; so we are going to get as much mileage out of the ceremonies as we can," he stated.

The Provost then outlined the future directions of Capitol Campus. "We must form our own governing boards and attempt to generate our own funds to give this place a source of stable support. This is not to say that we are going to be completely independent of Penn State. But we must come to the point where we have more research programs and more comprehensive degree programs."

Since Capitol Campus was granted "autonomy" from University Park last March concerning academic matters which specifically concern this campus, there has been feeling in many quarters here that a complete break from the Main Campus was in the offing. But McDermott's previous comment sets the record straight.

He stated that in the next few years, Capitol's "fine staff of faculty will be increased as the student population grows." Capitol, under Provost McDermott will realize the full potential of its worth.

Bake Sale

Sigma Delta Chi will sponsor a bake sale today. The goodies are located near the main entrance and in Vendorville.

Among the bakers are the women in the sorority plus a few "celebrity" bakers. Terry Turnbaugh, Nancy Colnes, Kathy King and Pat Murphy are participating. Terry's specialty is a TNT cake.

THIS WEEK IN THE SGA

At the SGA Senate meeting on Monday night, President Mike Dini announced that Max Brady has officially tendered his resignation as SGA vice-president.

Brady did not specify his reasons for stepping down. He did, however, convey the feeling that he now has more time to devote to his studies and his work as Advertising Manager for the CAPITOLIST. Dini announced that he would appoint a new vice-president at the October 30 meeting of the SGA. That person who is recommended by Dini must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Outgoing senator Gene Bryan presented a report of the Task Force on Space and Facility Utilization. Plans were finalized for Capitol's multi-purpose building, which is being funded by the General State Authority after approval by Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, John C. Pittenger. The building will be a modular-type structure built in a manner where possible expansion of the facility can be easily done if the situation warrants. The building will include a gymnasium, squash courts, and exercise areas in addition to a fine arts center encompassing musical, theatrical and other creative activities. A conference-seminar area as well as the offices of the Placement Center are also scheduled. However, plans for a swimming pool, which was previously considered, were deleted. According to Bryan, the pool was left out because the committee felt that by its inclusion, the building could no longer be classified as "multi-purpose", thus

jeopardizing the construction of the entire facility. The committee voted 8-2 to delete the pool, with Bryan abstaining. Bryan abstained because he felt "the SGA resolution calling for construction of the building along with the pool" was not adequately considered, among other reasons. Bryan also reported that the SGA proposal calling for construction of a pedestrian-bicycle walkway between the classroom building and the dorms was next on the committee's agenda.

Treasurer Tom Dixon then gave the Finance Committee report. A \$500 loan was granted to the Office of Student Affairs to establish a short-term student loan fund. The Married Students Apartment's Organization was allocated \$50 for its 1972-73 budget. The group had a previous balance of \$100 giving it a total of \$150 of the \$1,200 it requested. The committee has approved a total of \$68.90 to replace lights which were stolen from the New Birth coffeehouse during the summer. Dixon also reported that the Finance Office has increased its available check-cashing fund.

Senator Ron Edwards (Sr.-social science) presented the report of the Election/Screening Committee. Nine junior senators were elected on October 17. The new senators were to assume their duties on Tuesday. The new SGA Constitution failed to be approved due to lack of participation of 25% of the student body in the election. Discussion was held on how to ensure a larger turnout at the next election. Suggestions such as moving the polls to Vendorville and using voting machines were bandied about.

Senator Elyse Paul (Sr.-at large) reported the activities of the Campus/Community Service Committee. Preparations for June commencement have been initiated and several locations for the ceremonies were mentioned. Possible speakers such as Shirley Maclaine, Sen. Richard Schweiker and Jane Fonda will be contacted soon.

The issue of the staging of a "Music festival" on a smaller scale than this past spring's Harrisburg Rock Festival II became lost in the discussion of "reporting procedures." A

motion introduced by Senator Ron Snyder (Sr.-engineering) to cut off the funds of the Social Committee in the instance that it failed to report on its activities was defeated by 5-4 with 4 abstentions. President Mike Dini cast the deciding vote.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the nine new junior senators took the oath of office from Student Court Chief Justice Harry Franzreb. The program senators include:

Michael Leasher, social science; Harold Brown, humanities; Robert Brannan, business; and David Wolfe, engineering. The at-large senators are: Karl Salmon, social science; Cathy Brewington, social science; William Mathews, business; and

John Murphy, social science. Michael Pierce, elementary education, was not present to take the oath. Dini still must appoint a senior from the Math-science program as well as a junior.
