

McDermott hires Special Assistant



Dr. Samuel Shirk

Dr. Samuel B. Shirk, former assistant commissioner for higher education in the Pennsylvania Department of Education, has been named special assistant to the provost at Capitol Campus.

Dr. Robert E. McDermott, Campus Provost, announced Dr. Shirk will have key responsibilities in academic program coordination and articulation. He will be working closely with Pennsylvania's community colleges and other two-year institutions endeavoring to develop programs which will meet the needs of students enrolling at Capitol Campus from these feeder institutions.

Commenting on Dr. Shirk's appointment, Dr. McDermott said, "We feel most fortunate in having Dr. Shirk join us. He brings expertise and viewpoints that are badly needed as we attempt to more effectively serve the educational needs of the region and the state."

Dr. Shirk is well known in Pennsylvania educational circles and joins the Capitol Campus staff after having served more than three years with the Department of Education.

While in the Department, he held the positions of Director of

the Bureaus of Planning and Institutional Studies and Services and Acting Director of the Bureau of Academic Services. He also performed staff services for the Council of Higher Education and the State Board of Education and is the co-author and editor of the 1971 Master Plan for Higher Education.

Prior to joining the Education Department, Dr. Shirk served as assistant to the president and professor of English at Albright College. During his 17-year tenure at Albright he also directed admissions, public relations and alumni activities.

Dr. Shirk has been on the faculty of Kyoto Technical University in Japan, Layayette College, the University of Pennsylvania and public and private secondary schools in Pennsylvania and New York states.

PSU Prof predicts '73 economy

University Park, Pa. -- While the crystal ball is a bit cloudy, Dr. R. Hadly Waters, business analyst at The Pennsylvania State University, sees these conditions in the national economy developing in 1973:

The gross national product will rise by about 9 percent as compared to 9.5 percent in 1972.

Prices will rise about 4 percent, leaving a real growth rate in GNP of 5 percent, just slightly below last year.

Unemployment will not fall much below 5 percent.

The average wage increase may be about 6 percent.

Interest rates may rise slowly, but there will be no credit crunch.

Corporate profits after taxes should be about \$10 billion above 1972.

New housing will continue to show strength.

Steel and auto production may set new records.

Business expansion, he says, is expected to continue at its present pace for at least the first six months of 1973, with possibly some slowing late in the year.

Growth in 1972 exceeded predictions and the year ended with new records for both production and sales, but also with some problems--excessive unemployment, rising prices, and big deficits in both the Federal budget and foreign trade--and some of these are

with us in 1973.

The unemployment rate, Dr. Waters notes, has not yet fallen below 5 percent in spite of the high levels of production and of new job creation. Structural changes in the work force suggest that it may be possible to get the unemployment rate lower only at the cost of more inflation. Job training in new skills will help, he says, but it may be necessary to learn to live a jobless total of over 4,000,000. Fortunately, the number of long-term unemployed has been declining.

Consumer prices have risen somewhat more slowly since controls were imposed, but the Administration goal of an annual rise of no more than 3 percent has not yet been attained. As business improves, the pressure on prices tends to increase. Food prices continue to soar and rising wholesale prices are likely ultimately to be reflected in retail prices. There are no signs that the inflation psychology has been dispelled.

To lessen the pressure on prices, says Dr. Waters, it would be desirable to see the present 5.5 percent guidelines on wage increases revised downward--especially since new wage contracts involving more than 5,000,000 unionized workers must be negotiated in 1973.

He says, however, that reducing the allowable percentage increase is not practical without more effective control of prices and suggests that one interesting proposal is to merge the wage and price boards in order better to integrate their action.

Dr. Waters foresees strenuous efforts to reduce the size of the Federal budget deficit but says that even if they are successful, the results will not become apparent until late in 1973.

"The stimulating effects of deficit spending will continue through the first two quarters of the year," he says. "Despite efforts to improve the international currency situation, our foreign trade imbalance continues to be huge. Several forces are at work, however, which hopefully may begin to bring some improvement before the end of the year."

Dr. Waters believes that it is almost certain that wage and price controls will be continued in some form beyond their present expiration date in April, probably for another year.

"They are likely to be modified," he says, "with some easing and more exemptions. This does not seem to be the time for complete removal of controls, unless we are ready to risk the very high inflation rates now plaguing many other countries."

Do Nothing Club News

by Harry Franzreb

Last term, under the guidance of Kathy Barrett, Bob Getz, Jim Emmrick, Bill Harris, and Joe Thomas, the Do Nothing Club rolled (and staggered) as the term progressed.

In the six weeks we were in operation, we managed to drink over 100 gallons of beer, wine, and punch, (the distributor almost gave us a certificate commemorating our efforts enabling his kids to go to college).

We ended the term with a membership in the 70's, making us one of the largest organizations of alcoholics on campus. But, besides drinking, we staged several other activities.

Our greatest effort went into a rummage sale in Harrisburg. A portion of the receipts was used as a donation to the Police Athletic League for the use of their facilities during the sale. Leftover items were donated to the organization-Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). We would like to thank those people who contributed to make the sale a success.

The club's bake sale went pretty well but the turnout for the tribute to the last President John F. Kennedy was very disappointing and probably discourages us from planning such events in the future.

This term we plan to continue partying. Many readers will have seen the film "Bullit" which was shown last Saturday. We have scheduled "Hail Hero" for March 2, with definite plans to be announced later. Other items under consideration for this term include a swimming party and a dance. A club meeting will probably be held within the next two weeks. Sometime during the term, two new council members must be chosen to replace Kathy and Joe who are graduating.

Today, a membership drive will be held in Vendorville. To join the club it costs only a dollar which will be used to finance our activities. Bottoms up.



Council Meets

The Campus Presidents Council will stage a meeting on Thursday, January 18, at 7 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

All organizations funded by the Student Government Association must send a representative to the meeting.

Hershey provost selected

Dr. Harry Prystowsky, a nationally-known medical educator, has been named provost of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and dean of the College of Medicine, President Oswald has announced.

Dr. Prystowsky is professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville. He will take up his new duties at Hershey in the summer of 1973.

"Dr. Prystowsky's demonstrated qualities of leadership in medical research, teaching and administration strongly qualify him to take the leadership of the University's medical school," President Oswald said.

Dr. Oswald said the appointment was made at the "strong recommendation" of the broadly representative search committee named to recommend candidates for the Hershey post. The new provost and dean will report directly to President Oswald.

His acceptance of the post followed an earlier approval of the appointment by the Board of Trustees.

In the interim period before Dr. Prystowsky arrives, Dr. John A. Waldhausen, professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at Hershey, will continue to serve as interim provost and dean. He has filled these posts since last July, when Dr. George T. Harrell, Jr., the original provost and dean, was named vice president for Medical Sciences.

"I am especially grateful to Dr. Harrell and Dr. Waldhausen and the faculty and staff at Hershey for bringing the Medical Center to its present high state of development," Dr. Oswald said. "We believe it has an exceptional potential for leadership in medical education and the improvement of health care. In Dr. Prystowsky, we believe we have a provost and dean who can realize this full potential. It is of interest to note that Dr. Harrell, in his role as the developer of the University of Florida College of Medicine, recruited Dr. Prystowsky to that school as the first professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology."

The 47-year-old Dr. Prystowsky is the author or co-author of more than 150 re-

search papers in obstetrics and gynecology. For the past three years, he has led a pioneering program to improve the delivery of health care in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Prystowsky's research efforts have covered many aspects of obstetrics and gynecology. His work on fetal blood supply is the subject of more than a dozen papers in the medical literature. A second major research field is the microbiology of the genital tract, and a third interest has been the effect of altitude on pregnancy. He has also conducted research on the effects of anesthetics on delivery and toxemias in pregnancy. His research papers in the delivery of medical care also represent more than a dozen papers in the literature.

Dr. Prystowsky's entire career has been spent in medical research, teaching and administration. Prior to taking his present post at the University of Florida in 1958, he was instructor and assistant professor of obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital. Earlier he had been a research assistant in the department of physiology at Yale Medical School.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Dr. Prystowsky received his bachelor's degree from The Citadel in 1944 and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of South Carolina, class of 1948.

From 1948 to 1950 he was an intern and assistant resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and during a six-months leave in 1951 he was a research associate in the Department of Obstetrics, Cincinnati General Hospital. He returned to Johns Hopkins briefly, and then served from 1951 to 1953 in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Army Medical Corps, Fort Benning, Ga. He returned to Johns Hopkins as assistant resident and later as chief resident in gynecology and obstetrics and was named to the faculty in 1954.

In addition to his work at the University of Florida, Dr. Prystowsky has served as a visiting professor in the medical schools of the Universities of Alabama, California (San Francisco), Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, and Wisconsin.

