

First Convocation Marks Capitol's Ninth Year

Convocation Ceremonies

By Richard Marold

MIDDLETOWN, PA. -- The yellow tinged hills over the Susquehanna River provided background for the Convocation and formal opening of the 1974-75 academic year at Penn State-Capitol Campus on Tuesday, October 8.

Four hundred students, faculty, staff and guests gathered on a crisp Indian summer morning on the front lawn of the campus to hear an address by Mr. Hugh Sidey, one of the nation's top journalists and writer with TIME MAGAZINE.

The students were welcomed by Dr. Robert McDermott, provost of the university. Dr. Emerson Jacob, associate librarian, presented Dr. McDermott with the 100,000th volume to the library.

Mr. Sidey then gave his address on "American Leadership". He spoke from his rich experience of covering the White House for TIME MAGAZINE during the past fourteen years. His warm talk brought the presently tattered office of Presidency into perspective and pieced together the mosaic of democracy in America with its enduring need of leadership.

Mr. Sidey emphasized the background of a President to know his style of Presidency. Whether that background be Texas sage brush country on Lyndon Johnson and the men



Rev. Trego (l), Mr. Sidey, Dr. McDermott (r).

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at the Alamo crying for help, or the rampant commercialism of southern California on Richard Nixon and the loneliness of a second team football player, Sidey related the roots of early life to the decisions of the past six presidents.

After a press conference for radio, newspaper and TV people, Sidey held an open forum for students. In a period of four hours, he focused the academic life of a university within the broader life of a quickly changing planet. The ninth year of Penn State-Capitol Campus was launched.

by Bollinger-Gibboney
On Tuesday, October 8, Hugh Sidey of Time magazine's Washington Bureau visited Capitol Campus. After addressing students at the Campus's first convocation, Sidey held a press conference in the Gallery Lounge of the Main Building for local news media, including WTPA-TV, WSBA radio and WGAL-TV. Later Sidey spoke at an open forum in the auditorium of the Main Building where he fielded questions from faculty and students.

One of Sidey's main themes through the day was that many of the nation's present problems stem from the assassination of John Kennedy. The journalist, who was present that day in Dallas, claimed both Johnson and Nixon were men who would never made the presidency in a more orderly era.

Johnson was described as a proud man who hoped to "hang the coonskin on the wall" through a military victory in Viet Nam. Sidey said the

former president was a "chronic liar", skilled as a legislator but a poor chief executive.

Sidey expressed the belief that Richard Nixon knew of the Watergate Affair from the very beginning and possibly ordered the bugging of Democratic headquarters. Although Sidey thinks Nixon needs a "confession to clear his soul", he doubts the full truth of the scandal will ever be known unless a Haldeman or a Mitchell cracks.

President Ford's pardon of Nixon "could have been handled better" but overall Sidey said, "maybe Ford was more right than we are". Ford's choice of Rockefeller for vice-president he termed as "excellent".

The journalist sounded a bleak note when discussing the future. He said, "We face some fundamental changes in our way of life" and that "capitalism, as we know it, is going to have to be altered". In the future, Sidey predicted, "government will be the administration of scarcity".

Sidey was joined in the open forum by Doctors Bresler, Murfi and Skok of the campus staff.

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Faculty assembled for the academic procession.

C.G. Goes To England

MIDDLETOWN, PA. -- Penn State-Capitol Campus has tentatively planned to offer a six semester-hour education course next summer which will include a two week trip to England. The course will start with the summer term and the two week trip will be taken from June 16 through July 1, 1975.

The purpose of the trip will be to observe and participate in open classroom practices of England. Students on the trip will then explore British Teaching methods for possible use in American classrooms.

According to Dr. David Ongiri, assistant professor of education at Penn State-Capitol Campus, the arrangements for the trip are being made in conjunction with Millersville State College. Each institution expects to have 45 students participate in the trip. The chartered flight will go by TWA from Harrisburg International Airport to London and back.

People interested in this unique course should contact Dr. David Ongiri at Penn State-Capitol Campus in Middletown for additional details.

Our Cover:

Hugh Sidey, convocation speaker
by Fred Prouser

Agnes Green Leaves Capitol

By Fred Prouser

Agnes Green, Coordinator of Student Activities since July 1973 has accepted a position as Assistant Dean of Students at the University of Delaware located in Newark, Delaware, and will resign her job here, effective today. Her new duties will include responsibility for commuter students as well as liaison from Student Affairs for Womans Studies.

While at Capitol Campus, Agnes has tried "to get student organizations to do long range planning for cultural and social events". The Gallery lounge is now booked with exhibits for the entire year and such planning gives more of a composite of activities rather than everything happening on a Tuesday night plus the added benefit of enough time to adequately publicize events.

The most challenging aspect of her time at Capitol as Agnes puts it was, "finding out what

are the commuter students like in terms of programming and how do you schedule activities to be of interest to them". She feels that at Capitol, "we have a four year school's student activities philosophy", and she thinks there must be a balance between residence and commuter students.

Unfortunately, she feels community college students have been programmed to view education as employment, in by 9 out by 5. To remedy this situation she suggests two year schools have to develop a new model for student activities. One way would be to try to get independent studies integrated with student activities as extensions of classroom learning.

In addition to her new duties, Agnes hopes to continue work towards her doctorate.

Grant Available

The Greater Harrisburg Area Penn State Alumni Club has established the Mildred Ride Dunlap Grant Fund for the benefit of students at the Penn State-Capitol Campus.

The fund is named in honor of Mildred Ride Dunlap, of the Class of 1914, who was Penn State's first May Queen. Mrs. Dunlap resides in Camp Hill.

The grant of \$300 is to be made for one year but may be renewed at the discretion of the selection committee if the recipient continues to qualify.

The award will be made to a full-time student at the Penn State-Capitol Campus whose legal residence is and has been in the Greater Harrisburg Area on the basis of satisfactory academic achievement and evidence of financial need.

Recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Penn State-Capitol Campus with the approval of the Office of Student Aid.

LOANS

A loan fund for Pennsylvania State University Capitol Campus students has been established by the Harrisburg Branch of the American Association of University Women, to be known as the A.A.U.W. Capitol Campus Loan Fund.

Loans made from the fund may be long- or short-term, but the maximum amount is to be \$1,000 per year per student.

To be eligible for a loan, a student must be enrolled as a full-time junior or senior baccalaureate candidate at the Penn State-Capitol Campus. The student must also be a resident of the Harrisburg area, in need of a loan to meet necessary college expenses, and of good moral character.

Recipients will be the responsibility of appropriate officers of the Penn State-Capitol Campus with the approval of the Office of Student Aid.

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