

More On Records Confidentiality

Records maintained in the Department of University Safety at the University are records of incidents, not of people, David E. Stormer, director, told University Council on Thursday afternoon.

He was one of three University administrators invited to meet with Council as it continues its discussion of confidentiality of records and also the matter of how student records may be affected by the Buckley amendment.

Also attending the meeting were Ralph E. Zilly, vice-president for business, and Dr. N. J. Palladino, dean of the College of Engineering.

Mr. Stormer told the Council that since people nearly always are related to incidents, the Department maintains an index card file of names that appear in incident reports, including both persons reporting or witnessing incidents, as well as those who may be responsible for the incidents, and the file number of the incident report is entered on the index card.

He said that in the case of students, a synopsis of the incident as an act of misconduct is forwarded to the office of the vice-president for student affairs, and if faculty or staff members are involved, to the office of personnel administration. Student records, it had been explained, are destroyed on graduation of the student.

The index card may be examined by the student, Mr. Stormer explained, but not the incident file, which is a confidential record.

He said the recordkeeping system in his Department is in accordance with approved

procedures for University security operations. He said records in his office are viewed as law enforcement records, rather than official University records, and that it is doubtful they would be covered under the provisions of the Buckley amendment.

Dean Palladino listed records maintained on students in his office, which it was agreed, are similar to those in the office of the dean of most of the Colleges. He said that in general the records, except for the final transcripts, are destroyed after the graduation of the student. He said he thought that more detailed records may be kept in departments of the Colleges.

He further said that students normally may see records in their files, except possibly records provided in confidence, such as letters of reference or recommendation, where there is an obligation to maintain the confidence implied to the writer of the letter.

The meeting was the third to deal with recordkeeping and Dr. Russell E. Larson, provost of the University and Council chairman, appointed a subcommittee to review the discussions held and possibly propose guidelines and recommendations to the Council on the matter.

Chairman of the subcommittee will be Kenneth M. Novak, a graduate student, and other members are Dr. Richard F. Reynolds, assistant professor of mathematics at the McKeesport Campus; David Shaffer, a student at the DuBois Campus; and Dr. Walter H. Walters, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture.

The Council will meet again on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Specialized Colleges Advocated

Emmitsburg, Md.- (I.P.)- "Pick up any college catalogue today and you will find they each say they offer the same thing; except that one will do it in an urban setting and another in a rural".

With candor and wit, Dr. Steven Muller, president of Johns Hopkins University, addressing the faculty of Mount Saint Mary's College, pointed out that "we have the most diverse system of higher education in the world. It's a very rich mix. But the 'richness' is a fiction, because there are pressures on the inside for greater homogeneity. We are captivated by the ideal of a modern research university".

Using his own university, Johns Hopkins, as an example, he protested that each institution must evaluate the type of student it wants to attract and then work to do the best for that student, rather than attempt to imitate an artificial--and therefore, inappropriate--ideal.

"Pound per pound, I am sure the faculty at Johns Hopkins produces far more published material than the faculty here", he said, "but with all candor, the John Hopkins faculty is not a good undergraduate teaching faculty. Johns Hopkins is excellent in certain areas. For instance,

our medical school has an outstanding reputation. But the student who wants a basic liberal arts education should choose a collegiate institution such as Mount Saint Mary's.

"One of the problems in higher education today is that we all pretend we're basically the same. Most of the lies we tell are in our catalogues, in which we attempt to move our institution as close as possible to the hidden model.

"Differences are now treated as invidious", he continued, "but that is what is really interesting, what the students really need to know". He called upon institutions of higher learning to be honest about their differences and to proclaim them with self-respect rather than chagrin.

Addressing another concern in higher education today, that of the utility of an undergraduate education, Dr. Muller urged that higher education be looked upon as "an investment in self that goes beyond vocation".

Historically, he said, there was a high correlation between a college education and the opportunity to get a good job, which is not necessarily true today. In addition, the nature of jobs has changed. Leisure time is no longer the province of the more affluent and educated. According to Dr.

Muller, the situation has led people to ask whether the heavy investment in time and money is worth it.

"Higher education has not said that there's an aspect of higher education that has nothing to do with vocational preparation at all", Dr. Muller protested. "What is wrong with a guy driving a cab in New York City with a degree in history from Harvard? He probably has a better life than a professor", he added in a humorous aside.

"The one important aspect of higher education we ignore", he concluded, "is the preparation for more rewarding use of leisure time. People are not prepared to have as much leisure as they do.

"Almost regardless of income level, people would probably enjoy it more if they had education to fall back on. Higher education has a civilizing, culturalizing function".



Scientists Uncover More Shit

Archaeologists digging in South Harrisburg have unearthed what they contend is conclusive proof that man's was not the first civilization on this planet. They have uncovered what they believe to be a five-million-year-old city.

Dr. Romulus Trajanus, Professor of Bonehead Follies at Outer Langhorne University is leader of the three-year-old expedition which has been working at the Hbg. Sewage Treatment Plant site since August 22, 1971. He said that Ukranian pit-workers with the spigons unearthed the first signs of civilization two weeks ago. The first relic uncovered was an item believed to be roughly equivalent to a modern-day French Tickler.

"That is what led us to believe that we had unearthed a truly advanced and unique civilization. The object had three heads. And it was unearthed at a depth of 22 feet". Since then, the expedition has unearthed thousand of items and even a structure believed to be a dwelling.

In describing digging conditions, the professor said, "We had to shovel thru 15 feet of fecal matter before reaching dirt, then it was another 5 feet until we hit rock. Many of our best digging machines were put out of commission early. They were just too full of shit".

Art Exhibits, 74-75

- Nov. 25 - Dec. 19 Pottery and Weaving
James Gallagher, 511 Hensley Street, Lititz, Pa. 17543 (626-0114)
- George Fogg, 823 Scenery Drive, Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055 (697-9607)
- Dec. 30 - Jan. 24 Color Field Painter
Dale Kessler, RD 1, Herdon, Pa. 17830 (758-8122)
- Jan. 27 - Feb. 21 Black History Week
Jerome Brown, 234 Kelker Street, Harrisburg (233-3849)
- Feb. 24 - Mar. 7 Photography
Student Exhibit
- Mar. 10 - 21st
Owner's Exhibit
- Mar. 25 - April 18 Photography
Henry Troup, 3510 Derry Street, Harrisburg
- April 21 - May 16
Murry DePillars, 830 Cricklewood Drive, State College, Pa.
- May 19 - June 9
Student - Faculty Art Exhibit

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formance as an anxious audience awaited the group they had come to see. Nonetheless, they gave O'Keefe a warm hand as he left the stage.

Then came the part that the crowd had waited for, Loggins and Messina mounted the stage and seated themselves for a medley of their popular tunes, including "Danny's Song" and "House at Pooh Corner".

Some felt that the concert ended at this point, as instrumentation became more prominent than the vocal. But many others enjoyed the

variety that followed as Messina switched guitar with mandolin and back again. A fiddle lent itself well to a foot-stomping number while a flute and saxophone added to many more.

As the concert ended and the lights came up, the audience clapped and cheered for "Your Momma Don't Dance and Your Daddy Don't Rock and Roll", a rollicking number that turned the crowd on for more. A second encore ended another All-U Day in the lives of Commonwealth campus students.

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