

"Too much emphasis on work-study" says Cincinnati provost

Cincinnati, Ohio (I.P.) - There has been too much over-selling of technical and work-training programs in post-secondary education, according to Dr. Garland Parker, vice provost for admissions and records at the University of Cincinnati.

"The pendulum has swung too far in the pronouncements of self-appointed publicists as well as those of many state and federal leaders in government and education in their lauding of overly-narrow, technical-vocational and highly specialized training programs", Dr. Parker said.

These programs often are promoted "not only as alternatives but also as preferable options to collegiate programs with a strong liberal arts component", he said. Parker emphasized that he is not opposed to career education but rather to "an overemphasis on it to the detriment of

personal and social needs in general".

He blamed much of this problem on liberal arts colleges and their professors. "Too long they disdained the need of and the demand from students to make their presentations more relevant to the concerns of this generation.

"Too much they remained ensconced in the insulated ivory towers of their historic disciplines, avoided active involvements in community services and refrained from innovative practices and thrusts designed to involve more persons, especially career and adult people, in a study of the liberal arts that would give those studies a more current focus.

"Teaching was denigrated, publication was prioritized and students were tolerated in terms of numbers and classes only to the extent absolutely necessary".

Continuing education still popular at PSU

University Park, Pa. --- Continuing education programs at The Pennsylvania State University remain very popular, says Floyd B. Fischer, vice president for continuing education, pointing out that 134,903 people were enrolled in continuing education courses during the past year.

Fischer reported today that a large number of these people (74,371) were enrolled in highly specialized non-credit programs such as conferences, institutes, workshops, and short courses designed for special clientele.

Enrollments in other Continuing Education areas included 39,148 in credit courses; 1,476 in unit programs, which are non-degree technical courses; and 19,908 in correspondence courses.

An analysis of enrollments in credit, unit, and informal courses by Commonwealth Campus area and other locations shows: Allentown, 3,867; Altoona, 10,373; Beaver at Monaca, 3,313; Behrend College at Erie, 4,448; Berks at Reading, 5,209; Capitol at Middletown, 2,894; Delaware at Media, 9,268; DuBois, 3,041; Fayette at Uniontown, 1,806; Hazletown, 2,433; Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, 1,520; McKeesport, 7,252; Mont Alto, 1,549; New Kensington, 4,875; Ogontz at Abington, 8,226; Schuylkill at Schuylkill Haven, 2,736; Shenango Valley at Sharon, 2,229; State College, 4,342; University Park, 26,113; Wilkes-Barre, 1,776; Williamsport, 3,148; Worthington Scranton at Dunmore, 1,790; and York, 3,284.

"Penn State's continuing education program is the most diversified service of its kind in the United States and is second only to the University of California in the number of adults enrolled," said Fischer.

"In addition to those citizens who are formally enrolled in programs and courses, hundreds of thousands of other adults are served by WPSX-TV, Channel 3, the University's educational television station serving over one-third of the Commonwealth directly, and through other continuing education services such as the Audio-Visual Services film rental program."

Fischer said that some 70,000 film rental bookings annually are provided by the Audio-Visual Services. And he added that another continuing education service, PENNTAP, the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program, assists business, industry, government, hospitals and schools in utilizing the findings of research to solve practical production and operating problems.

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AMONG THE DOGS

Indeed. There are those of you who no doubt remember Agamemmon O'Brien, that talented young star of the "New Porno-Journalism" the C.C. Reader has become famous for. Recently the Reader staff thought it might be interesting to find out exactly what this fine author has been up to since graduation.

It has not been easy tracking down the mysterious Agamemmon but after several nights of searching high and low, seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go, we discovered his exact whereabouts. Agamemmon is presently resting in the bottom of Baltimore Bay.

It seems O'Brien fled south last June, just ahead of a horde of avid fans, fanatic bill collectors and irrate dog owners. He landed in D.C. and sought employment at a dog pound. Anyone who recalls -and how could you forget - Agamemmon's article will understand that the young author could enjoy this type of work, find it very satisfying and gather material for a new novel.

O'Brien was doing just that when the owner of the poodle he had made friends with discovered the two engaged in a scene that recalled the tender meeting of Phoenecia Tenderloin and soft-core porno star Lars Jankowski in Among The Dogs.

The owner had no objection to the corruption of the poodle's morales; what upset him was the fact that O'Brien had no pedigree.

"What the hell do you think you're doing?!!" asked the owner though he expected no answer.

O'Brien could only smile sheepishly. The enraged owner pulled a set of handcuffs and a 13 foot bull whip from his overcoat and demanded the author accompany him.

What transpired after that is unclear. Actually it is probably for the best of all concerned that we not know the gory details. Several weeks later O'Brien was recovered from the bay, badly mutilated but still alive. The clam fishermen who found him took one look and threw the body back.

The Young Republicans are presently planning a field trip to visit O'Brien at his new address. Anyone interested should contact Lisa Yaffee in the SGA office.



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