

Program focused on career problems

# Chamber Of Commerce Visits Capitol

Thirty one members of the Greater Harrisburg Area Chamber of Commerce were the guests of Dr. Robert E. McDermott at a luncheon-orientation held here at Capitol Campus, on January 15, 1975.

A program followed the luncheon which focused on the University's programs which have a career, professional or practical orientation, according to Dr. George D. Wolf, Dean of Faculty. Many areas of study feature internship programs wherein students get credit for working with businesses, human service



The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce was on Campus last Wednesday at the invitation of Provost McDermott to get a first hand look at the place we call Capitol Campus. photo by prouser

agencies, the legislature, members and student involved in these areas dis-

cussed their programs with the Chamber people.

Among the many distinguished guests that day were Ed Book, President of Hershey Estates; Robert Seymour, Executive Editor of the Patriot News; Sam Zarfoss, President of Penn Central Oil Company; and Paul S. Abbott, Manager of WTPA-Radio and TV.

A tour through the Computer Center and the Library as well as a slide presentation was part of the program. A coffee hour in the Gallery/Lounge concluded the orientation for the Chamber of Commerce.

## President's Council Meeting Announced

The first President's Council meeting for Winter Term '75 will be held on Wednesday evening, January 29 at 7 PM in Room E338. After compiling the schedules of all concerned, this seemed the only available meeting time.

The new Coordinator of Student Activities, Ms. Roberta McLeod will be present at this meeting. This will be your first chance to meet and talk with her. Also attending will be Jerry South and Dave Nicholas. Dave plans to discuss the social calendar and the Spring Concert. His main emphasis will be on the organizations planning of events for the weekends.

**PRESIDENTS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE MEETING.**

## Veto Override Frees More Funds For GI's



[CPS]--Vietnam-era veterans should now find making ends meet while going to school a little easier.

Their lot was improved recently when Congress overrode President Ford's veto of the Vietnam Era readjustment Assistance Act, also known as the GI Bill.

The principle clause of the bill provided a 22.7 percent increase in financial benefits for veterans attending school. The boost raised from \$220 to \$270 the amount a single veteran attending school receives each month. A married veteran will receive \$321 instead of \$261 and a married veteran with a child will receive \$366 instead of \$298 a month.

The other major portion of the bill extended the number of months a veteran may pursue a standard undergraduate college degree to 45, a nine-month addition which does not apply to post-graduate work.

Veterans covered by the act include four million personnel who served from 1955 to 1966 in the Korean War and another seven million veterans who served

since August 1964, during the Vietnam era.

In addition to financial increases, the bill established a supplementary loan program under which eligible persons may obtain a loan not to exceed \$600 per academic year and liberalized the tutorial assistance program under which veterans may receive individual tutorial help. The time period that such assistance is available has been increased from 9 to 12 months, and the maximum monthly payment has been increased from \$50 to \$60.

Also under the new bill a veteran need only be 10 percent disabled to receive vocational rehabilitation instead of the previous 30 percent.

Even with the increased benefits, however, some veterans have said the bill falls short of education costs and does not compare equally with benefits World War II veterans received.

As it stands now, according to Dean Phillips, board member of the National Association of Concerned Veterans, "The man drawing unemployment

can get up to \$400 per month while the vet going to college would be able to receive \$270."

"Are the priorities in our society so warped," asked Phillips, "that a man who serves his country can come back and collect more for not working and not going to school than for going to school under the GI Bill?"

For specifics of the bill, veterans are urged to contact the "vet rep" or the Veterans's Affairs Office on their campus.

Last week's Harrison story and pictures were done by Jim Bollinger (if you really care).

## PSSC Grad-students hold orientation

by Dr. Duane Shuttlesworth

An orientation meeting for students enrolled in the Masters of PsychoSocial Science program was held January 16th 1975. Approximately 45 to 50 students participated in the meeting. Faculty members present were Drs. Starkey, Knestrick, Dexter, Mezei, Taylor, Lear, Masters, Richman, Shuttlesworth, and Mrs. McKay. Also participating in the program were representatives for Student Affairs and the Placement Office, Mr. Jerry South, and Mrs. O'Hara respectively.

Numerous topics were discussed at the meeting--program philosophy, faculty expectations of graduate student responsibilities and performance, the practicum experience and related items, academic guidelines, proper course sequencing within the time of study at PSU-Capitol, admissions procedures, recruitment, graduate student funding, and the services provided by

the student affairs and placement offices. Dr. Riwin Richman, Program Head, presented a brief talk on the structure of authority within the program and exhortations made earlier concerning the importance of the student's advisor in the academic process.

The students with whom I spoke following the meeting agreed that the program was a useful way of disseminating information and clarifying relevant issue concerning requirements and guidelines in the program. An added bonus of the meeting was the social hour that followed which allowed students and faculty to interact with each other on a more informal basis.

I would like to express my appreciation to Jim Knestrick, for chairing the meeting, to the various speakers (Drs. Dexter, Masters, Taylor, Starkey; Mrs. McKay, Jerry South, and Peg O'Hara), and to the students and the faculty for their suggestions and support in making the meeting both a reality and a success. Credit must also be given to Liz Hoffman for her assistance in coordinating the meeting, and to those students who contributed questions for our consideration during the program.



Square dancers appear in silhouette as Bob Doyle and the Buffalo Chipkickers provide some good Bluegrass music to promenade to. photo by prouser

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