

Prof Fights Retirement

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Students in the Regional Planning program may be the innocent victims of a controversy over which they have no control, according to Richard Stevens, a graduate of the program and a "special faculty appointment" teaching a course in the program.

The controversy surrounds Ambrose Klain, associate professor of urban and regional planning, who is protesting the University's mandatory retirement clause in the faculty policy manual which states "Retirement is mandatory on the July 1 following the 65th birthday except for special extensions approved by the President and the Board of Trustees."

As of July 1, 1975, Klain reached retirement age and is serving under a one-year extension granted by President Oswald which will expire July 1, 1976. At that time Klain will have to retire according to University policy unless granted another one-year extension or unless a change is made in the University's retirement policy which Klain says is discriminatory and prejudicial.

Stevens, who taught a course last year at Capitol and is a former student of Klain says the future of the Regional Planning Program is at stake due to the "disruptive and irrational behavior" by Klain during faculty meetings.

"Management is through faculty meetings and if these meetings are disrupted to the extent that normal business cannot be conducted through what I consider irrational behavior then I look at it as a disruption of the entire program," said Stevens. Also, "The fact that he is so disruptive and the fact that his staying on here has caused such a controversy... does not allow anything else to get done that has to get done."

Stevens says Klain disrupted faculty meetings by "screaming and yelling" when points were brought up to be discussed.

Klain denied any disruption of faculty meetings but did admit to protesting the hiring of a replacement for himself at the April 10, 1975, Regional Planning faculty meeting.

Klain stated "At the meeting Ferguson (Dr. Frank Ferguson, chairman of the Regional Planning Program) ran through even against my protests... a resolution that they are going to hire Dr. Post. I was screaming, I was crying. And no one supported me."

Dr. Fred J. Post, who would have been hired for the position now held by Klain, refused the position according to Klain, "because he didn't want to get into trouble; he didn't want to get involved in it (the controversy surrounding

Klain.)"

Stevens also claimed Klain attempted to gain student support for his cause through intimidation. He said he could "pull out names of people who have gone to see the Dean" about intimidation by Klain.

Klain, who has an above average rating as a professor as shown by student evaluations, denies any intimidation.

At a special Regional Planning Program meeting open only to students and instituted by Pamela Wev and Anthony Kadyewski, both students in the Regional Planning Program, a resolution was introduced protesting Klain's extension after this year. Other students at the meeting refused to vote on the resolution.

Klain said, in reference to the resolution, "I will recommend to my friends that if there is a resolution against me we should bust the meeting." He felt he was justified in this because he was not permitted to attend the meeting and defend himself.

Klain does not feel that the Regional Planning Program is being held up or disrupted by his case. He does object to more technical orientation in the program and feels that this is a basic problem with the program and not his case, though he admits his case "may have precipitated it."



Penn State In Hbg.?

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Last year, during late October and early November, a rumor was going around hinting at the possibility that the Capitol Campus administration was thinking about changing the name of this campus to Penn State in Harrisburg or even Penn State Institute of Technology.

This year, the rumor has returned, which makes us wonder: is it a rumor or is there something to it?

Last week this reporter talked with Dr. Robert E. McDermott, campus provost, to find out.

According to McDermott there was some truth to it—last year. McDermott said Capitol Campus is a unique upper-level institution within the University system. This campus offers courses that University Park and other commonwealth campuses do not.

Because Capitol is so unlike other commonwealth campuses, McDermott said a change of name was considered to emphasize we are not just an extension of Penn State University per se, but rather, Penn State in Harrisburg, able to offer a unique program of courses to fit the needs of students who wish to complete two years of education for a degree, to work on an advanced graduate degree or

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simply to continue their education.

The name change is no longer under consideration due to a lack of interest in and support for such a change. However, the obvious suggestion is that at least the spelling of Capitol be amended to CAPITAL. After all, there is only one Capitol, and it's in Washington, D.C.

P.S.E.A. Elects New Officers

The Capitol Campus Student P.S.E.A. (Pennsylvania State Education Association) held new elections for the 1975-76 school year. The results are:

President— Dan Kelly
Vice President— Terry Bechtel
Secretary— Cynthia Carter
Treasurer— Leslie Gunn
Advisor— Dr. Roy Allison

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25. Juniors will meet in W-239 at 1:30 p.m. and seniors will meet in the Gallery Lounge at 7:30 p.m.

All members are asked to attend. The meeting is open to any new members.

Upcoming plans include a tour of the state Capitol building and of P.S.E.A. office in Harrisburg the first week of December. There will also be a talk with Miss Lucy Valero, Director of Student P.S.E.A. Associations.

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