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## Multi-Purpose Building Dedicated

Excitement and anticipation were in the air yesterday at Capitol Campus as the new multi-purpose building was officially dedicated.

The new structure houses classrooms, staff offices, conference rooms, athletic facilities and areas for cultural and recreation programs. This physical expansion enables Capitol to increase its educational services, providing a continuously progressive academic experience. It is part of a comprehensive plan which includes future plans for a central mall and two flanking buildings.

The Multi-Purpose Building is available to all campus students, faculty, and staff and their families. Facilities for use are handball courts and gymnasium, which are located on the lower level. On the upper level is the Multi-Purpose Room which includes a mat area, dance area, and exercise area. The exercise area has 2 universal gyms, indoor exercise bike, olympic bar bells, wrestling wheel, wrist exerciser, stall bars, pulleys, weights, etc. In the open exercise area there are 2 ping pong tables set up for use. Ping pong equipment is available for check-out from the Rec/Ath Office on the lower level, Room 121. Equipment in stock at this time but not yet available includes a treadmill, balance beam, horizontal bar, collegiate climbing rope, & indoor

golf/baseball cage.

The Multi-Purpose Room will eventually be divided into specific exercise areas, i.e., the weight area, mat area, & dance area, which will be done by installing partitions. The dance area will, in time, have mirrors affixed to the wall. Regular scheduled dance classes will be offered through the Humanities Program. The Continuing Education Department is also located on the upper level and has plans to offer various courses & clinics through their department.

A vending area is located on the lower level, Room 115. The Rec/ath Offices are on the lower level, Rooms 120, 121, 122.

Participants in the dedication ceremonies included John W. Oswald, President of The Pennsylvania State University; Edward D. Eddy, Provost of the University; Robert E. McDermott, Provost at Capitol Campus; and George D. Wolf, Dean of Faculty at Capitol Campus.

Construction was begun two years ago on the new building by Lambert & Intreri, Inc. of Harrisburg, the general contractor. Additional contractors were Eshenaurs, Inc of Harrisburg for heating and ventilation; Jay R. Reynolds Plumbing of Willow Street, Pa.; and

John E. Fullerton, Inc. of Elizabethtown for electrical services.

In his address at the dedication ceremony, Dr. Robert E. McDermott, Provost of Capitol Campus, stated that

the new building is, one more step in the right direction of academic fulfillment which we are striving to provide for all our students and the surrounding communities.



The dedication of the new Multi-Purpose Building: (l to r) Dr. Robert McDermott, Dr. George Wolf, Dr. John Oswald, Dr. Edward Eddy.

Fred Baker, 36

## Basketball Coach Dies In Auto Mishap

The Capitol Campus community is greatly saddened by the tragic and untimely death of Fred Baker, Head Basketball Coach. Fred was killed early Saturday morning, Oct. 8, in an automobile-pedestrian mishap on Route 22 in Lower Paxton Township.

Baker, 36, a resident of Lower Paxton Township, had been a star athlete at Mechanicsburg High School where he played both basketball and baseball. He went on to star as a pitcher for Bloomsburg State College, where he graduated in 1964.

Fred was a social studies teacher at Central Dauphin East Junior High School where he had coached basketball for more than 8 years prior to assuming the duty of head coach at Capitol. During his first three years as coach at Central Dauphin East Junior High his teams compiled a 45-6 log.

Two seasons ago, Baker took over the floundering Capitol Campus Basketball Program and lead a team that

only won 5 games in two previous years, to successive marks of 15 and 8, and 15 and 6. His dedication to duties accompanied with a sparkling personality left a mark on all who knew him. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

In addition to being an outstanding coach, Baker was a friend to all who knew him, and his presence will be sorely missed by everyone concerned at Capitol Campus.

The Recreation/Athletics Department wishes to announce that James C. Baker (no relation to Fred) will assume the duties as head basketball coach at Capitol Campus. Jim was the assistant coach during the 1976-77 season. He is also the all time leading scorer for Capitol as he totaled 1206 points during his two seasons playing for the campus varsity team (1974-75 & 1975-76). Jim pointed out that he will continue to stress the fundamental basketball that was the trademark under the leadership of Fred.

## Credit System Adopted

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Since its founding Capitol Campus has been an innovative branch of the Penn State University. Out of all the campuses of Penn State, Capitol Campus is the only one which has the upper division and graduate school. The unit system measure of academic progress was a new idea that was born with Capitol Campus. The unit system, although workable, brought many headaches in adapting to the system already present. However, it was very useful for the faculty in establishing the undergraduate curriculum requirements for Capitol Campus. Under the unit system the student was required to complete eighteen units at Capitol Campus to fulfill degree requirements. This usually means nine units each year or three units each term. Since other schools were not familiar with Capitol's unit system, problems of transition or transfers to other colleges or graduate schools were common. In order to determine how to charge students, the University Finance Office determined the unit to be equal to four credits. Although not a true representation of the concept of a unit, this conversion was workable on college computers and was more understandable to outsiders.

The Capitol Campus course unit has outlived its usefulness, even though everyone has become accustomed to working with it. Actually the main reason for changing lies in the 400 level courses which are open to both

graduates and undergraduates. Graduate courses are usually three credit courses while the Capitol Campus course unit has been equated at four credits. This brings about an apparent injustice to the students. Until the Fall Term 1977, a graduate student would receive three credits for the same course that an undergraduate would receive on unit (four credits); yet the graduate student may be required to do more work. The graduate student's tuition based on credit received is less than the undergraduate's, but they both received equal lecture time.

In order to remedy this inequity, Capitol Campus is now in the process of changing from the unit system to the credit system. Beginning with the Fall '77 Master Schedule, the 400 level courses are either three or four credit courses, but not both. This will enable a student to take two courses and pay only part time tuition if he or she carries less than eight credits. Fall Term 1977 is the beginning of the change. During this academic year program faculty will determine the credit value for all 400 level courses and will also examine degree requirements. Currently the student needs 18 units (72 credits) to complete his undergraduate curriculum requirements. This will probably be lowered. Perhaps all programs will not have the same degree requirements.

The Fall Term will be an active one for program faculty groups considering the implementation of the change from units to credits. Student input and participation through their program is encouraged and welcomed.