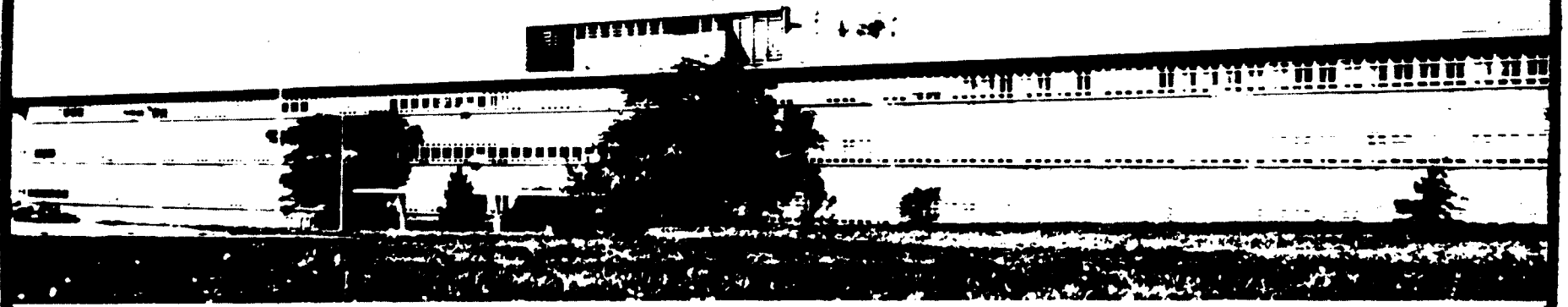# CAPITOL CAMPUS READER

Vol. 7 No. 12   Capitol Campus   Penn State University   Feb 10, 1978

SNOW DAZE

There is no better feeling than waking up and finding yourself snow-bound when you were expecting another dreary Monday. A perfect excuse to crawl back into that nice warm bed and sleep until noon.

For most of us the snow came as a welcome relief from the pre-mid-term panics and late night cramming sessions. It gave an opportunity to get caught up with the backlog of calculas problems or to get an early start on that term paper (God forbid that anyone should start a term paper ahead of time).

But the best part was the post-poning of various mid-terms.

For those in the dorms it was a good excuse to have a party. Commuters were not so lucky. For them it was a day spent shoveling the driveway only to have it plowed shut again.

Snow removal on campus continued yesterday. Campus Security and maintenance personnel cleared the parking lot of the residence halls. The students were temporarily forced to remove their vehicles from the lot and the operation continued under the watchful eye of Officer Paul aided by the entire security force. The force made sure no students tried to enter the lot while a large yellow plow scooped piles of snow to either end of the lot. Once satisfied that the area was fit for occupation the students were permitted to return their vehicles to the lot.

New Library Building

by Jeff Stout

Final plans for the construction of an annex to the Capitol Campus library have been approved by the PSU Board of Trustees.

The annex will be built northeast of the present library location adjacent to the Olmstead(main) building. It will be built of pre-engineered metal and provide approximately 5,000 square fee feet of floor space.

Expenditures, not to exceed $280,000, were authorized for the project. Included in the plan are changes required by the Pa. Dept. of Labor and Industries in the Olmstead building. Funds are available for this purpose from Insurance, OSHA,and Labor and Industry Compliance Reserves.

However, the head Librarian, Dr. E. Jacob, fears that funds needed for shelves in the new addition may be depleted by the use of some of the appropriated money for renovations for the handicapped in the Olmstead Building.He stated that,"this is a grim time for the budget, so we will just have to wait and see what funds are available."

The new unit will increase space for storage and shelving of materials as well as study space in the library.

The Capitol Campus library presently has a collection of 130,000 books and journal volumes crowded into an area of 17,000 square feet and has reader space for only 125 students out of an enrollment of some 2,500.

Dr. Robert E. McDermott, provost, explains that present space allocation is about 30 percent deficient, according to American Library Association Standards for College Libraries.

"Not only is there substandard allowance for the collection, with attendant disruption, but service capabilities are seriously impaired and staff workspace is minimal," he explains.

The library has utilized all opportunities to conserve space, such as the use of micro-formats in lieu of conventional volumes where possible; use of limited storage space for older journal runs; and weeding of the collection and elimination of marginal sets and materials, but all realistic expedients have been exhausted.

Dr. Jacob said that he has been requesting renovation of the library since 1972 and has considered many different possibilities including expanding to the second floor or moving to another campus building.

He said that the addition should be completed by the end of the school year. Out of the ten to twelve contractors being considered for the project, one should be picked in about six months, according to Jacob.

Weekend Weather

You can all sit back and relax. No snow is in the forecast for this weekend. The skies should be partly cloudy with temperatures in the low to mid 30's during the day and in the teens to low 20's at night.