

reader interviews Provost

At 9:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 1979, Theodore Gross officially began his term as Provost of Pennsylvania State University, Capitol Campus. Just two hours later, C.C. Reader obtained an interview with him and started a relationship that will develop into a continuing forum between the new Provost and the students through the school newspaper. Here is the text of that first interview.

C.C. Reader: When our last Provost first took office he stated that he was primarily concerned with improving the quality and quantity of faculty research here at PSU. What are your main concerns?

Dr. Gross: Well, I have no master design. I hope to strengthen the relationship between

state government and Capitol Campus. One way to do this would be to have conferences, symposiums, and lectures addressed to some of the various problems faced by the state government, not political problems, but problems on such topics as public policy, water resources, education, multimedia and so on. These would basically be a workshop in format and involve faculty, students, and state government officials.

I would also like to improve the relationship between Capitol Campus and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). Our programs, both academic and cultural should be known and connected to their students and vice versa.

C.C. Reader: What impact will

you being Provost have on the students?

Dr. Gross: I would like to work closely with the students - through the students - to bring as many cultural events to Capitol Campus as possible. We should try to have certain events on campus, as well as working with HACC and other neighboring schools on joint programs. It is basically just a question of money.

C.C. Reader: What inspired your decision to become a Provost and why did you choose this school?

Dr. Gross: Well, I've been in administration for several years. I found the position here attractive - it's close to a capitol city so it has many political and cultural activities near by. Of course it's not New York...

Also, the challenge of working within the Pennsylvania State University system intrigued me. I believe that of all the Penn State campuses, Capitol Campus has the greatest potential. State College may be the geographical center of the state, but Harrisburg is the political heart.

I realize this is primarily a commuter campus, but this school has some interesting advantages. For instance, since

every student on campus is at least a junior, there is a higher level of communication within the school.

C.C. Reader: Is there anything special you would like to do in the near future?

Dr. Gross: I would like to teach a course in American Studies. Last year, I delivered 10 lectures in Kyoto, Japan on the democratization of American Literature. It included the works of such authors as John Dewey and Ernest Hemingway

C.C. Reader: Is there anything else you'd like to mention?

Dr. Gross: I just started work today. I'd really like to look around and learn more about the college first. How often does the school paper come out? every two weeks...perhaps we can establish a Provost's Corner or something of that nature so I can communicate to the students.

C.C. Reader: Sounds like a good idea...

Dr. Gross: Okay, and if any students have any questions, please tell them to come visit me. I want to get to know what the feelings of the students at Capitol Campus are, what they feel the problems are and what they like about this school.



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attention seniors

On Thursday, February 22, a representative of the Pennsylvania Civil Service Commission will be on campus to conduct informational meetings about State jobs for college students.

Three meetings will be held: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. All meetings will take place in Room 211 of the Main Building.

A film strip will be shown, material will be available and most important of all - someone will be here to answer any questions you may have.

If you plan to attend one of the three meetings, please call the Placement Office (787-7985) and tell us which one.

Continuing ed. news

Forecasting will be presented on six consecutive Tuesdays, starting Mar. 27 and ending May 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. It will assist the candidate in preparing for the Forecasting examination. This course covers problem solving, employing descriptive statistics, moving averages, exponential smoothing probability theory, deviation measures and forecast error, regression, and correlation. Fee is \$70.

Series coordinator is Dr. Harold L. Gilmore, professor of management and director of the Small Business Institute at Penn State - Capitol Campus. Dr. Gilmore also serves as vice president for education and research for APICS (American Production and Inventory Control Society), and has wide experience in business and industry. A member of the Academy of Management and other professional organizations, Dr. Gilmore has authored many articles, reports, and case studies on operations, management and behavioral subjects.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) are awarded for this program.

A course in the APICS (American Production and Inventory Control Society) Certification Series will be presented during February and March on campus.

Capacity Planning and Control is being offered on six consecutive Saturdays, beginning Feb. 17 and ending Mar. 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This course will aid the candidate in preparing for the Capacity Planning and Control Examination. Topics covered are: the relationship of capacity planning and control with forecasting, inventory planning, material requirements, and floor shop control. Short, medium and long range planning and control will also be discussed. Fee is \$70.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) are awarded for this program.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Office on campus, or phone (717) 787-7753.

"Interpersonal Relations for Secretaries" is the title of a course to be presented on Fri., Feb. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Penn State - Capitol Campus.

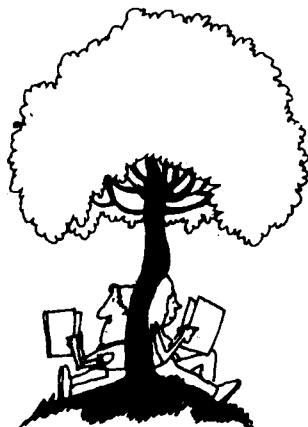
This seminar will aid the secretary in developing those skills which improve communication, problem solving, and cooperation through an understanding of basic human relations. Topics to be discussed include: individual differences, aspects of motivation, attitudes, personality, and the human relations factors in communication.

"Effective Technical Presentations" is the title of a one-day workshop to be presented on Wed., Feb. 21 from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. on campus.

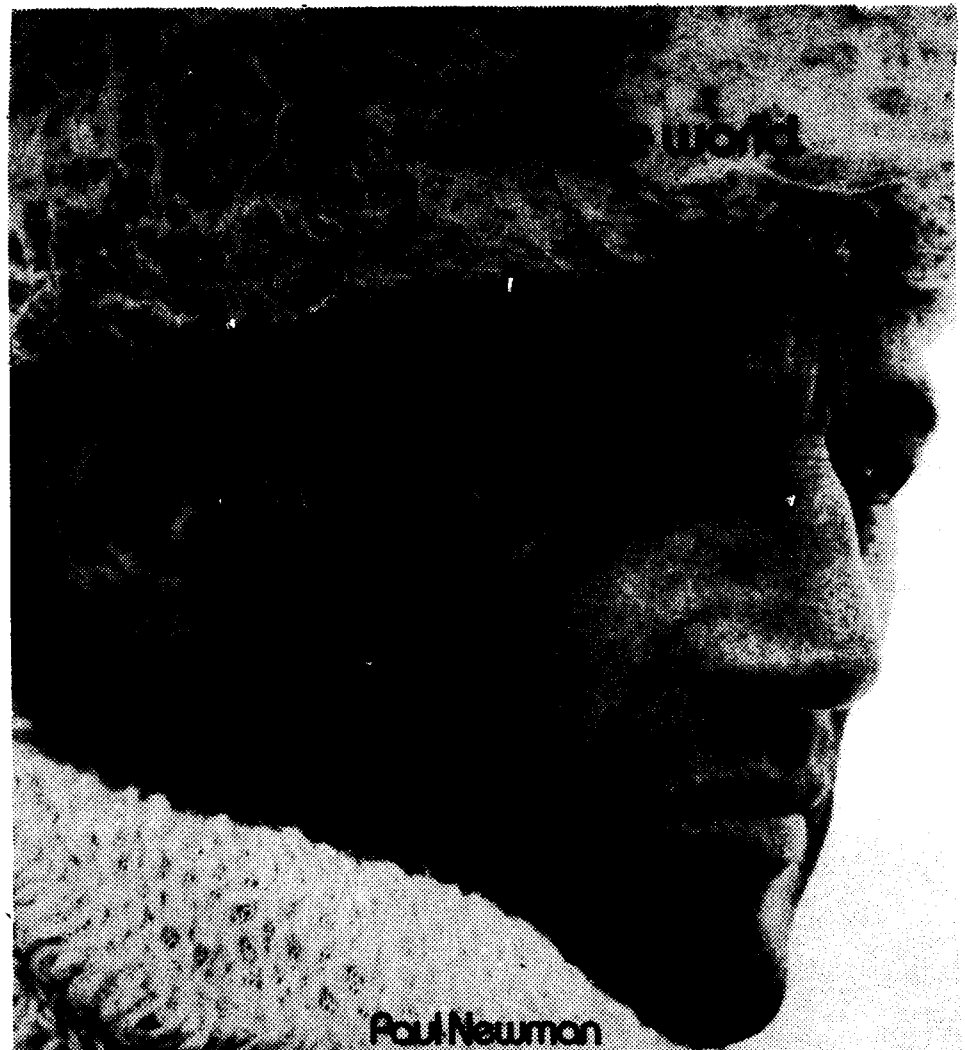
This program is intended for engineers, data processors, accountants, and other technical professional persons who have the responsibility for disseminating technical information to their groups and organizations.

The instructor will be H.I. (Dusty) Miller, who, as president of his own training services firm, serves a variety of clients as an author, producer, and publisher of training materials.

Fee of \$50 includes all instructional materials, lunch, and coffee breaks. For further information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, Penn State - Capitol Campus, Middletown, PA 17057; or phone (717) 787-7753.



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