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Promising Years Ahead

Faculty, student and staff were invited to attend a convocation for Provost Dean Dr. Theodore L. Gross on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose building.

The welcoming was begun by University Park Provost Eddy. He started off with a humorous not that seemed to permeate the entire talk. It was obvious that this was a happy occasion. Good natured joking continued as Eddy stated that "come hell or high water Dr. Robert Graham was going to find the qualified person for the job." He went on to tell that Dr. Gross was the best man for the job and that one of his most engaging qualities is the ability to laugh at himself. "Provosts are usually pompous but not Gross."

Craig Hoeker, president of SGA, welcomed Gross on behalf of the student body. He informed Gross that the development of an academic and social atmosphere were equally important. The faculty welcoming was covered by Dr. Yvonne Milspaw. She told the audience that they (the faculty) like Gross - so far.

Dr. John W. Oswald, president of PSU was next to give his welcome. He told of an incident that occurred just four days into his president position. While happily riding in a parade and smiling to the crowd, an elderly woman walked up to him and told him that he better enjoy it while it lasts."

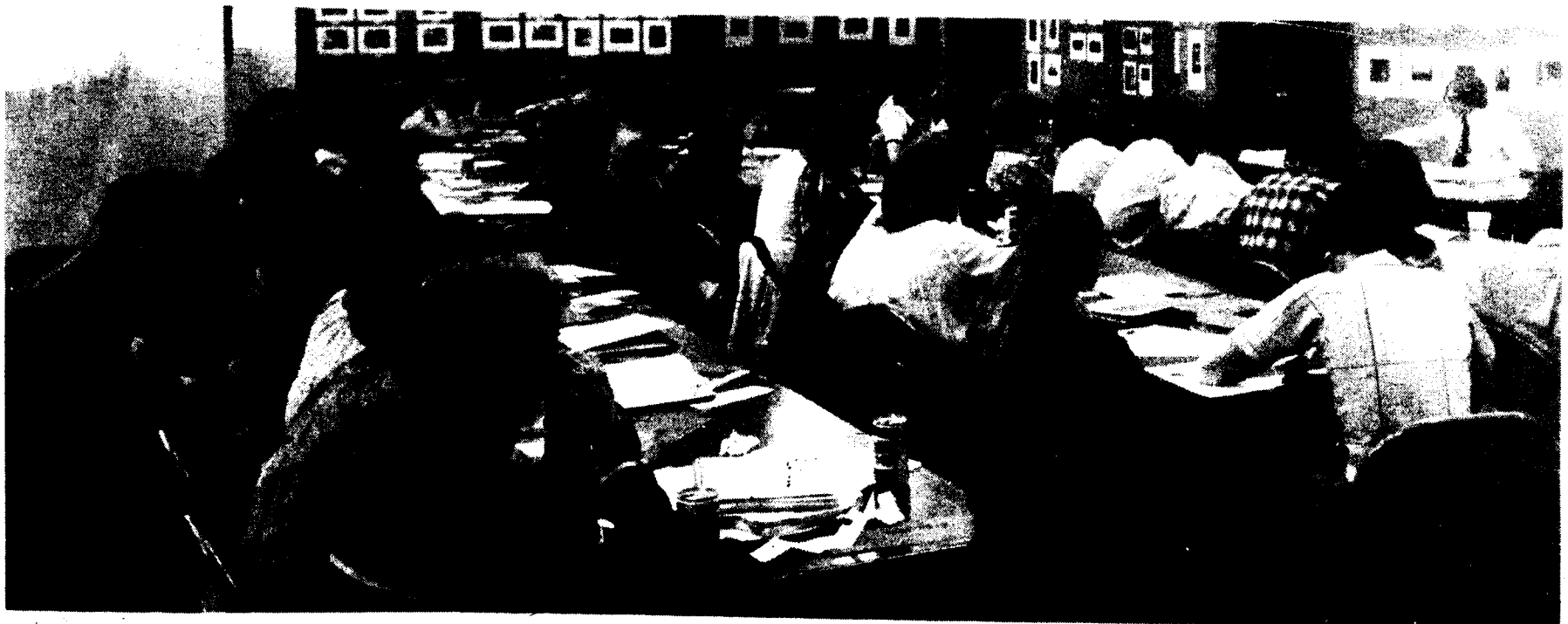
On a more serious note, Dr. Oswald described what a difficult position Dr. Gross has accepted as Provost and Dean. Gross is now administration head and academic head. After thanking him again for accepting his position, Dr. Oswald gave the floor to Gross.

Gross began by thanking for the confirmation to his post and promised to do all he can to vindicate it. Although he has been here less than a month he sees the outline of the future unique role that CC will play. With the special location of this campus, it can stand ready to develop students for government positions, to prepare students for medical education, and to provide businesses with their future employees. The special strength of this student body is that they are generally older and more certain of their goals which will enable him to work closely with them to improve this campus. "Much of what we do should reflect our special location." Meeting with local civic and educational leaders is the beginning of a renaissance for this campus and this area. Professional education must be viewed as a total experience - not just specific specializations."

Welcome to the campus Dr. Gross. Your sense of humor combined with your excellent background and future plans for the renaissance are most welcomed here.



Dr. John W. Oswald, President of PSU, and Dr. Theodore L. Gross, Capitol's new Provost and Dean, are obviously pleased with the beginning of Capitol's renaissance.



These students are learning international cooperation. The International Affairs Assn. sponsored its seventh model United Nations on Feb. 22, 23

and 24 in conjunction with the United Nations Assn. of Harrisburg.

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