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Historic Event For Capitol Campus

Trustees Convene

The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees held their March meeting last Friday and Saturday (March 21-22) at Penn State/Capitol Campus' Student Center.

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According to Dr. James D. South, Director of Student Affairs, last weekend's Board of Trustees meeting was one of the most important single events to happen at Capitol Campus since its dedication (February 8, 1966). "It is the first time in the history of this campus that the University leaders have decided to meet here, and it is encouraging to see their support towards the future of Capitol Campus," South said.

During the meeting of the Board of Trustees's committee on educational policy (Friday, March 21, Student Center), Dr. Gross presented a brief report on the development of Capitol Campus.

Dr. Gross told the committee that Capitol Campus has come to "a crossroads in its history."

Noting the optimistic discussion of the Capitol Campus in Penn State's "Perspective on the '80s," Dr. Gross said that Capitol Campus' concepts have been formed so that they are "harmonious with those of the entire university."

"Our development plans for the '80s are simple," he said. "They include beautification of the campus, scholarships for gifted students, a

faculty fellowship campaign to provide endowments for the exceptional faculty and the establishment of a science and technology building that has already been requested on the Capitol budget to the University."

The Provost also told the Trustees of new curricular activities for Capitol Campus. "We are offering a recently approved engineering technology program in energy, as well as completing plans for a combined bachelor's and master's course of study in mass communications—in programs such as media/business and media/public policy."

The Provost listed several anticipated changes to the Campus.

"Plans are already in process for extensive tree planting and the creating of new walkways and bicycle paths and especially for the construction of a new and scenically attractive main entrance to the Campus," he said.

Noting the new enthusiasm about the Capitol Campus, both in Greater Harrisburg and within the University, Dr. Gross credited the work of the Board of Advisors. "The campus already has benefited from the outstanding and generous work of these community leaders," he said. "We expect to draw even more heavily on their support over the next several years."

Probably the most important action taken by the Board of Trustees last Saturday was the approval of a \$55 per term increase for the next year's room and board.

The 9.9 percent increase is the highest since 1975-76, when room and board increased 12 percent. The cost increase breaks down into a \$16 room increase, a \$36 board increase and an additional \$3 Residential Life counseling fee.

The \$55 per term increase will affect regular dorm rooms only. Cost [for room only] at Meade Heights will increase \$33 per term. Also, cost for Apartment Rentals will increase \$18 per month.

The trustees approved the increase with no discussion.

University Provost Edward D. Eddy said the increase was inevitable because of inflation. "All avenues had been explored to keep costs low," he said. "It was a matter of how much we

would raise costs, not whether or not we would."

Student trustee Dave Hickton told the *Daily Collegian* that his primary concern is that room and board increases should reflect the

economy.

"My big concern with student costs is more pointed towards tuition," he said. "We can't expect the University to have no room and board increase with inflation at 20 percent."

In other business, trustee President Quentin E. Wood appointed an ad hoc committee to study the organization and operation of the board's educational policy and finance and physical plant committees.



University President Stricken

Dr. John W. Oswald, President of Pennsylvania State University, was admitted to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Hospital 1:28 a.m. Saturday, March 22. He was placed in the Critical Care Complex complaining of chest pains.

A hospital spokesperson, on the authority of their Public Information Office, said Oswald is still a patient, but

no calls are being accepted and no information is being given about him.

Joe Bennett, Manager of the News Bureau at University Park, said Oswald has been moved from the critical care unit. He reportedly suffered from a cracked rib as a result of a strenuous exercise program.

Oswald is expected to leave the hospital at the end

of the week according to Bennett.

Oswald was in the area to attend a joint meeting of the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees and the Capitol Campus Board of Advisors on Saturday morning. He was also scheduled to be the guest speaker at the commencement exercises at Capitol Campus on Saturday afternoon.