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Student Service Series

Co-op Explained

By Susan M. Snell

Would you like to work with professionals in your future career field? Would you like to evaluate your goals with some personal experience? Do you need additional finances to help you finish your education?

If these questions pertain to you, the Cooperative Education Program may be the answer to them. The Career Planning Center offers this unique program for students at Capitol. The pur-

pose of the program is to allow students to alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time work. This program gives students the opportunity to receive on-the-job experience while gaining a perspective on their career goals and earning money. The co-op program fits students into employment that is most relevant to their field of study.

Kathleen Laverty and Bob Hamill, the coordinators of the Cooperative Education Program, said that they keep a "close-contact" situation with students

and companies to see that all of the students are working in areas where they are receiving experience. According to Laverty and Hamill, the average pay for co-op jobs is \$5.00 an hour.

When asked whether the "dip" in our country's economy in the past year has effected the program, both coordinators said that there was some impact but it was not significant enough to cause great concern. Laverty and Hamill said that corporations such as Maslin Carpets, AMP, HMW Enterprises, and Olivetti did not hire any student workers this year due to their company's economic situation.

Hamill, citing a specific example, said that AMP usually hires 20 engineering students for its summer training program. This past summer, however, AMP hired only four students. Hamill said that he believed the affects of the

economy on the program would not be as relevant in January as they were this summer.

There are presently 17 EDET (Electrical Design Engineering Technology) students working under the Cooperative Education program at various businesses ranging from Koppers in Pittsburgh to Sperry Univac in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Business co-op students are presently employed at such places as Rite Aid Corporations in Harrisburg and the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington D.C.

Students who are interested in the program or would like further information can contact:

Kathleen Laverty or Bob Hamill
Career Planning Center
Multi-Purpose Building
948-6260

Students, Police Meet

By Harry H. Moyer

A special meeting between Capitol Campus students and police officers was held Wednesday, October 8, 1980 in the Police Services Building (CRAGS). The purpose of the meeting was for the campus police and campus residents to compare perceptions of the role of the police on campus. Participants at the meeting were Dr. Donald Alexander (chair), Alan Foote, Jim Kerns, Harry Moyer, Sue Wright, and the members of Police Services.

The group agreed that police on campus are not always the "bad guys" who go running around giving students \$15.00 parking tickets that students make them out to be. The group recommended that students should make use of the educational services that police services have to offer. These

services include criminal investigation, breathalyzer demonstration (get drunk and try to make the meter do strange things), rape crisis prevention, rape prevention, and the use of Identikits (mark your property to discourage theft) in crime prevention.

Two other important concerns that were discussed at the meeting were parking fines and guests. Students should be reminded that the money from parking fines goes to the Student Government Association, where it is eventually distributed among student organizations. Students should also be reminded that they are responsible for their guests, including the guest's behavior while on campus.

Students interested in participating in a similar student-police meeting may contact Dr. Donald Alexander, W-357 Main Building, by calling 948-6208.

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Biography is Theme for Third Book & Author Dinner

Biography — military, literary, and political — is the theme for the third Greater Harrisburg Book & Author Dinner, to be held Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill. The event is co-sponsored by The Capitol Campus and Historical Times, Inc.

The speakers are Martin Blumenson, author of *The Patton Papers*; Dr. Joanne Trautmann, co-editor of the multi-volume *Letters of Virginia Woolf*; and Dr. George Wolf, author of *William Warren Scranton: Pennsylvania Statesman*, scheduled for publication by Penn State Press in November.

Mr. Blumenson, a former senior historian (1957-67) in the Office of the Chief of Military History, Department of the Army, is the author of numerous books on military history, particularly World War II. Among them: *The Duel for France* (1963); *Kasserine Pass* (1967); *Sicily: Who's Victory?* (1969); *Eisenhower* (1972); and *The Vilde Affair: Beginnings of the French Resistance* (1977). His most recent work is *Liberation* (with the editors of Time-Life Books, 1978).

Vol. I of *The Patton Papers*, 1885-1940, was published by Houghton Mifflin in 1972; Vol. II, covering 1940-45, came two years afterward. *The New York Times* termed Mr. Blumenson's assessment of Gen. Patton as being "extraordinarily even-handed." On the one hand, he gives full credit to Patton's genius. On the other hand, he believes that Patton "reflected a parochial interpretation of the non-American World."

Mr. Blumenson, who served as historical officer from 1942-46 with the Third and Seventh Armies in Europe, is now a professorial lecturer in international relations at George Washington University. He holds an A.B. from Bucknell and A.M. degrees from both Bucknell and Harvard universities.



Martin Blumenson



Joanne Trautmann



George Wolf

Dr. Trautmann is professor of humanities and director of the Center for Humanistic Medicine at Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

With Nigel Nicolson, she has edited five volumes (1975, '76, '77, '78 and '79) of *The Letters of Virginia Woolf*, published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. Vol. VI is in press. The editing of the most recent volume of *The Letters* has been judged "as good as ever, which is high praise," by *The Economist* of London.

Dr. Trautmann also is co-author of *Literature and Medicine: Topics, Titles and Notes* (1975) and is editor of and contributor to *The Healing Arts: Literature and Medicine*, to be published in 1981. She earned her B.A. at the University of Wisconsin and her M.A. and Ph.D. at Purdue University.

Dr. Wolf is professor of American Studies and History and former dean of faculty at Capitol Campus, arriving in 1966 as its first faculty member. In addition to a number of journal arti-

cles, his books include: *The Fair Play Settlers of the West Branch Valley, 1769-1784* (1969) and *Constitutional Revision in Pennsylvania* (1969), resulting from his work as historian to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention in 1967-68.

Dr. Wolf served as special assistant for program development to Gov. Scranton, with responsibilities in speechwriting, policy papers, Governor's conferences and general public relations work. He earned his B.A. in Muskingum College, an M.A. at Bucknell and the Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania.

The event begins with cocktails (cash bar) and dinner at 5:30, followed by the speakers' program at 7:30. Tickets for the entire affair are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Tables for eight persons also may be reserved for \$100. For persons wishing to attend only the speakers' program, the cost is \$5. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Office of Campus Relations at 948-6000.



Work in Progress: WNDR is presently undergoing renovations to make room for an additional studio.

Dr. Tischler Gets New Senate Post

In an unexpected turn of events, Dr. Nancy M. Tischler, professor of English and humanities at Capitol Campus, has been elevated from secretary to interim chairman-elect of the University Faculty Senate for 1980-81.

The shift occurred in early August when the Senate's chairman-elect, Edward H. Klevas, professor of nuclear engineering at University Park, resigned in order to assume another position in the University. In such a situation, the Bylaws of the Senate call for the secretary to become interim chairman-elect.

"The news of Professor Klevas's resignation came as a shock," Dr. Tischler recalls. "However, the new position is going to be very



interesting and kind of fun. You get to know the whole University — the way the committees really work — in a way you never did before."

Her duties as interim chairman-elect will be to convene the officers and the chairmen of the Senate's standing committees at least once each about committee activities. The chairman-elect also assumes the duties of the chairman when the latter is absent.

Normally, the chairman-elect automatically succeeds to the chairmanship. Under these circumstances, however, the Senate will choose a new chairman, chairman-elect and secretary next May.

At this point, Dr. Tischler is uncertain as to whether she'll stand for election to any of the posts. "I'll have to see how my family responds to my increased activities this year," she says.

Dr. Tischler served in her new post at the Senate's Sept. 9 meeting.

A New Look

With this issue we introduce *CURRENTS*, the new biweekly newspaper of the Capitol Campus. The design and typography have been chosen to enhance visual appeal, readability and photo reproduction.

Many of the features — From the Provost, Faculty Forum, and Perspectives — are being carried over from *This Week*. Capitol Calendar has been added to give everyone a fair idea of what's going on; items should be submitted to the Office of Campus Relations, W-205 Main Bldg., at least a week before publication.

CURRENTS must serve the needs of faculty and staff members, so we will be receptive to story ideas and other suggestions. To that end, an editorial advisory board representing the six faculty divisions and various staff levels is being formed. Above all else, *CURRENTS* will try to reflect accurately the dynamics of a growing University presence in this region — for us on campus and for our friends in the community.

— Roger Williams, editor

New this year on campus is *CURRENTS*, the bi-weekly newspaper for faculty, staff, and friends of the Capitol Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. Roger Williams, the Director of Campus Relations, is the editor of the publication.