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Bud Smitley - Public And Private

By Susan M. Snell

Room 120 on the first floor of the Multi-Purpose Building is unassuming and small -- approximately 12 feet square. Inside the room, a middle-aged man sits quietly behind a metal desk.

He is lean and healthy-looking. His gray-haired head is bent over a sheet of paper on which he is writing. His look is one of seriousness, and yet it reflects warmth.

A young man comes to the door and asks for a gym lock. The man behind the desk looks up and smiles thoughtfully. The phone rings -- it is maintenance. A petite woman in shorts carrying a racquet stops to ask for a bandaid. The secretary steps into the room to remind him of an appointment.

"Is this the athletic director's office?" a well-dressed young woman asks. The man nods and smiles.

Bud Smitley has been Recreation/Athletic Coordinator at Capitol Campus for seven years. He says that though his title may be glamorous and though he enjoys his work very much -- he often says to himself, "I'm not sure Joe Paterno started this way."

Bud said that he has always been involved in athletics in some form. Previous to 1974 when a sports accident altered his athletic life, he was a strong participant in team sports. Now, although he still recognizes their value, he said that life-time sports are equally significant.

He has become an avid runner. He competed in the Boston Marathon three times and will be participating in his eleventh marathon this Sunday in Harrisburg.

Bud's secretary, Ruth Arehart, said that he was a hard-working, compassionate person. Bud often describes his secretary as an "assistant" because she plays a very active role in implementing many of the projects and activities.

The job of an athletic director at a college not only encompasses many realms of the sports world, but also requires a wide range of abilities. The director must be knowledgeable in areas which include financing, campus and community relations, and student/campus needs.

Financing, Funding, and Tradeoffs

The general attitude of other schools he works with is that Penn State is rich, Bud said. This is not correct, says Bud, and finances are not as plentiful as others believe. Like anywhere else, budgets have been trimmed. "And like every other college program the frills are eliminated."

He was quick to add that he doesn't feel that the athletic program is being cheated. He said that all involved in budgeting do everything they can to allocate money fairly. But additional funds are still needed for improvement of facilities and programs.

Giving an example of expenses that a good athletic program incurs, he spoke about hosting a basketball game. He said

that hiring two officials costs \$70 per game. An average season runs with 10 games -- \$700. And this was just one example of the necessary costs involved in a good program.

"We are now at a point where we can no longer expect tax funds to carry us," Bud said. This is why the college athletic

program must work with the community and also attempt to generate its own funds.

Before Bud came to Capitol Campus he was Superintendent of Parks and Recreation in Carlisle. He said this was where he first learned the merit of

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READER photo by Mark W. Clouser
Bud Smitley, Director of Athletics, takes a break from his busy schedule to smile for our photographer.

The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia

By Kevin Spiegel

It's finally over and the people of the United States have made their decision. Former Governor of California, Ronald Reagan, has won a decisive victory over President Jimmy Carter in Tuesday's presidential election.

Ronald and Nancy Reagan began their long campaign almost one year ago, and they have reached their goal. President-elect Reagan will be sworn in as the

40th President of the United States on January 20, 1981.

After going through a vigorous campaign right to the last day, it was a hard defeat for President Carter. He only carried eight states, including his home state and Walter Mondale's home state of Minnesota. Reagan won 42 states including most of the predominantly Democratic states. President Carter is the first president since Herbert Hoover to fail in his bid for re-election.



READER photo by Mark W. Clouser
Election '80: Last Friday Delta Tau Kappa held a three-member panel discussion concerning the outcome of the state-national elections.

News Briefs

CHEATING EXISTS AT PENN STATE

Cheating on exams in colleges seems to be spreading nationwide. The October 20 issue of U.S. News and World Report contained an article, "Cheating in College Becomes an Epidemic," which mentioned several major universities that have caught students cheating. Among those institutions was Penn State where "a student placed a tiny radio in his ear while a fraternity brother sent test answers from a transmitter in another room."

A BREAKTHROUGH/ STEROIDS IN SPORTS

The student newspaper for the California State University at Northridge Campus (*The Sun Dial*) has uncovered information indicating that a former track coach encouraged the use of steroids by his athletes.

CSUN reporter Randy Foster who conducted the investigation says the coach, Chuck DeBus, asked members of the women's track team to take the steroids. Steroids are a form of male hormones that can help women athletes perform better, but can cause some side effects. Steroids are banned by the U.S. Olympic Committee and other athletic organizations.

Other coaches at the university will use *The Sun Dial's* report as the basis for asking the Amateur Athletic Union, which governs track and field, to take action against DeBus.

PROVOST EDDY TO VISIT CAMPUS

Dr. Edward Eddy, Provost of the University, will be on campus on Thursday, November 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. He will meet with groups of students, faculty, and staff to listen to any concerns. This will be an open meeting and will take place in the Gallery Lounge.

The hour between 9:30 and 10:30 will be specifically reserved for students to meet with Dr. Eddy.

Dr. Eddy will be accompanied by Dr. Richard P. Chait, Assistant Provost, and Paul Bell, student member of the University Board of Trustees.

WINTER'S COMING!

In the event of severe inclement weather (snow, icy road conditions, flooding, storms, etc.), the Campus Relations Office will act as the "Weather Day Center." Information concerning class cancellations may be obtained by calling 948-6000. The Weather Day Center will operate from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on "weather days."

Cancelling of classes does not automatically mean offices will be closed. If the school is completely closed, local radio and television stations will be notified.