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Financial Aid Advisor

Back To School

By Kathy Kern

If you attended Capitol Campus anytime between January of 1980 and the present, and had questions or problems concerning financial aid, the person you probably saw was Wayne Nelson.

As of June 1, Mr. Nelson will no longer be Capitol's financial aid advisor, as he is choosing to pursue his own career interests and return to college.

Throughout his stay here, Mr. Nelson has seen several changes at his end of the system. "We have had a large increase in the campus work/study program since I've been here," he said, adding that there has also been major increases in basic grants and an alteration in Guaranteed Student Loans, where family income is no longer counted for a student's eligibility.

Another change, the financial aid advisor said, has been earlier mailing of PSU student aid to incoming students so that they can meet their application deadlines.

The questions and problems concerning financial aid roll to his desk at the beginning of each term, as incoming students check on their chances of receiving financial aid. "We review the whole story with them," Mr. Nelson commented, saying that there is a diversity of problems concerning student aid.

Part of his work at the beginning of each term includes contacting University Park and the Basic Grant headquarters to check on funds for students. Contacts are made to U.P. to check on "review requests" for aid for commonwealth campuses and Capitol students.

But when it comes to obtaining financial aid, said Mr. Nelson, the best step for a student to take to increase his chances for funding is to simply meet the application deadlines. "It really hurts your chances if the deadlines are missed," he commented. The advisor added that each January current stu-

dents are mailed information concerning financial aid programs and their application deadlines.

If a student applies for and does not receive aid from PSU or the state or federal government, Mr. Nelson said, he should visit the Placement Office to check for off-campus employment.

Another possibility for a student wishing to apply for a job is Capitol's Wage/Payroll program for on-campus, non-work/study students. Mr. Nelson advised that, although there are some positions in this program, the number of applicants exceeds the number of openings.

Other areas which are also attracting many applicants for financial aid include Capitol's scholarship programs. Mr. Nelson noted that the high number of applicants for scholarships is a healthy sign, and commented that Capitol is "attracting higher quality students, but the need for financial aid is growing."

Mr. Nelson said that he feels good about the work he has done and the help

he has given to students during his stay here, but he commented, "Of course, one is never fully satisfied with his own work."

But what can prompt someone who has been out of school for several years to return to the books?

"I'm a firm believer that school is not just for a few years after high school," the former Director of the Student Services Program at Housatonic Community College (Bridgeport, Connecticut) said, adding that he will be enrolled in the Psychology of Reading Masters Program at Temple University as early as this summer.

Mr. Nelson's long-term goal is to counsel and work in adult basic education interests, a field related to his previous position in Connecticut.

And yes, Wayne Nelson really does know what it's like to fill out all those financial aid applications: he has applied for federal aid for Temple's fall semester.

Spring Semi-Formal

RSCued Smiles

By Rosanne Rosenberger

It was slated to occur on Friday, May 15. Then, three days before the event, there was talk of cancelling it because of a seeming lack of interest. Then, the tide again changed and, to the pleasure of the 100 plus participants, it was on in full swing.

The Capitol Campus Annual Spring Semi-Formal was almost canned at the last minute because there was less than twenty couples who had bought tickets. However, there was a last-minute rush, and enough tickets were sold to hold the event.

It was held at the Quality Inn in New Cumberland. For those of you who hesitated to buy tickets, you missed a good time.

The tables were arranged cafe style, with two couples to a table. Each table was romantically decorated with a candle. This added to the excitement in the air.

The meal was buffet style and, to my surprise, no one stamped to get there

first. (If only we could train them to do that in the Dining Hall.)

Music was provided by "Destiny." Their repertoire consisted primarily of 50's music which delighted a few of the dancers. (Huh, Bob "Twinkle Toes" Russel?)

There was an open bar that only lasted until right after dinner because the lishes had consumed mass quantities (By the way, for those of you who were too drunk to notice, the bartender had a delicate voice and a lisp.)

It was refreshing to see people in three-piece suits and nice dresses, instead of jeans. Harry Moyer wins the trophy for looking the slinkiest. (You even wore a shirt without fuzz balls on the collar, Harry. I'm proud of you.) The LTD's were looking very nice, as were their ladies. Dresses with handkerchief hemlines must have been on sale somewhere, because almost half of the ladies had them on. I decided to be different and wore a black jumpsuit. I couldn't handle waiting in line for a handkerchief hemline dress.

I was happy to see that so many RA's participated. Bill and Andrea danced up a storm. Ed Carvell, attired in a three-piece suit, was escorted by a lovely lady from home, and Twinkle Toes Russel's companion was Ruth Bryner. The Assistant Coordinator, John Pellechia, was there with Counselor Marian Krieger. The second floor Wrisberg RA, Patricia, was there in rare form. The Forgiione's also participated, among others.

I think the dancing was the most fun of the evening. However, I think the band could have set up in advance to keep those of us sitting by the doors from freezing our tushes off. Anyway, aside from occasional off-key singing, they were pretty good. Disco Moyer had as much energy--if not more--as I did out on the dance floor. I couldn't believe my eyes. Way to go, Harry. (If they ever remake "Saturday Night Fever," I bet you're chosen for the lead.) Eileen and Dave Benfer had a hot spot on the floor, as did JR and I.

There were people shakin' it up. There were people shakin' it down. There was one lady in particular who shook it a little too far down, in a dress that split up the front. If only she knew what a show she was giving.

The rubberized dance floor was not conducive to smooth dancing. But we all survived, though with giant holes in the bottom of our nylons.

There were a few people whose agility surprised me. I've never seen some people on campus dance, and I thought that the only movements they ever made were to lift a beer or a bowl to their mouths. Surprise, surprise! I was glad to see ya'll out there.

After the affair was over, the party continued in room 332 of the Quality Inn. Some of the antics that went on there are too wild for this article.

All in all, fun was had by everyone who attended. Those of you who missed out this year, make plans for next year. You'll love it. Hats off to RSC for having such a fantastic and worthwhile activity!



The Annual RSC Spring Semiformal, held at the New Cumberland Quality Inn on May 15, 1981, brought a lot of people close together. Above, Ed and Nevi reflect the mood of the occasion.

Photo by Rosanne Rosenberger



Mark Gagermeier clowns around aerobic dancers during the Health Fair.



Men from Second Floor Church enjoy the water slide during RSC's Dorm Olympics.