

Does campus' equipment make the grade?

By James P. Kushlan

In the university of the High Middle Ages, the only instructional equipment a professor needed was a room with seats for himself and his students, where he could lecture on sub-

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needs for more or better instructional equipment. Often, these needs could not be met because of a shortage of funds from the University.

"For the amount of students we have, we're grossly underequipped," says William Aungst, Program Chairman, Mechanical Design Engineering Technology and Energy Technology. "We have about three times as many students as we had when we bought the equipment," he adds, referring to technical equipment, used to train engineering technology students for jobs in industry.

Aungst says in the mechanical program, the majority of the equipment was

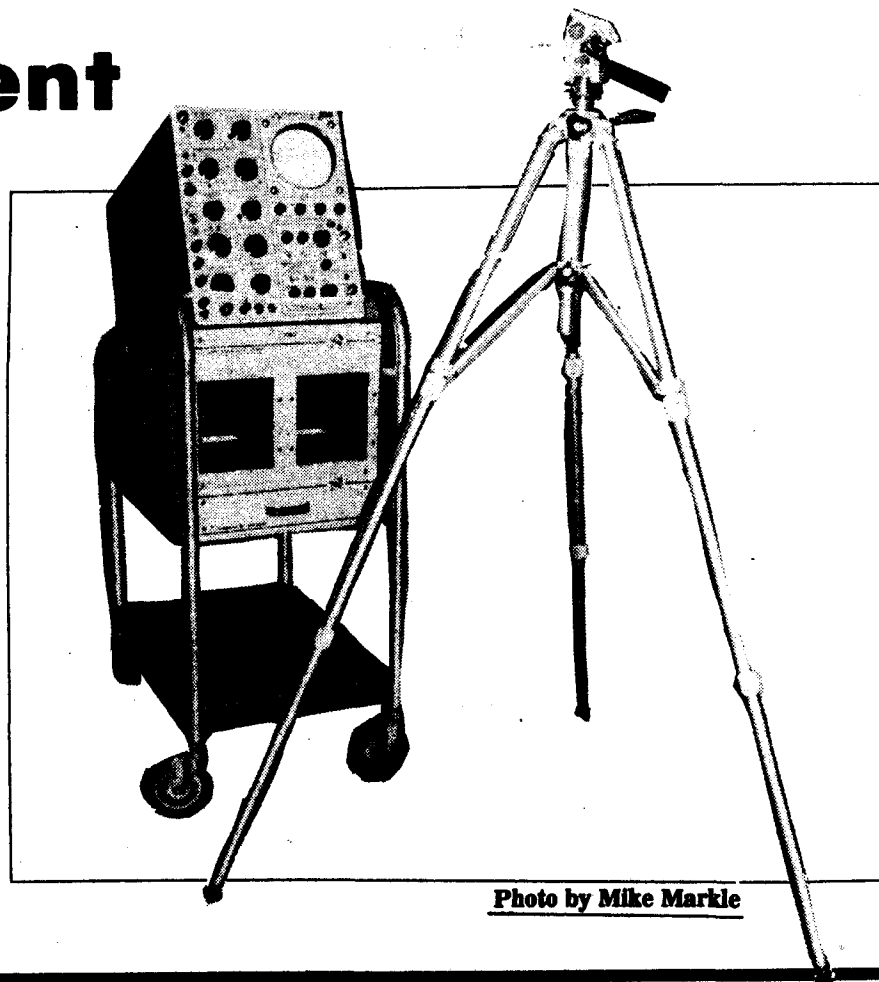


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jects like logic, philosophy, theology or law.

Today courses of study are more varied, and many seem to require a lot of equipment, often very expensive. Naturally a lack of money can mean a lack of equipment.

Capitol Campus is no exception.

In recent Times interviews, faculty members, and other campus employees, expressed

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New computer challenges Heindel autonomy

By Cecil Brooks

On Wednesday, March 9th, Dr. Stuart Forth, Dean of University Libraries, was at Capitol Campus to demonstrate a powerful new library automation system that has been in development for more than 7 years.

His arrival followed 2 weeks of rumours passed among faculty members: that this computer system would come with a price—the loss of Capitol Campus's Heindel Library's

autonomy from the University Libraries.

"There's been no official

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word, only anxieties communicated to me from several sources," said Dr. Herbert Eisenstein who chairs the Faculty Affairs Committee. He said that he was sure there was some basis for the concerns expressed.

Charles Townley, Head Librarian, indicated that the Dean of Libraries, Dr. Forth, had let him know that greater administrative control of Heindel Library by him would come concurrent with the new library automation system, but said that he did not know what "control" means.

At the Faculty Council meeting chaired by Dr. William Miller (Physics) on Thursday the 3rd, Dr. Theodore Gross, Provost/Dean of Capitol Campus, said that discussion of the autonomy issued had not yet oc-

curred. The entire campus enjoys only a semi-autonomous position vis-a-vis the Penn State University which has budgetary control. Major decisions are made jointly with University Park. The definitions are not always crystal clear and "sometimes it's better not to have things crystal clear." "We can lose things in asking for too sharp a definition."

Gross said further that the computer system will not be imposed on us by fiat if the price is too high, but cautioned against taking a reactionary stance to new technology. "Maybe I'm wrong here. I'm making the assumption that we all want the best the university has to offer."

The Provost/Dean assured the Faculty Council that he would raise some of these concerns privately, that it is not necessarily appropriate to discuss all these things in public.

The next Wednesday, the Dean of University Libraries, Dr. Forth, arrived at Capitol Campus with a station wagon full of electronic gear and Gordon Rawlins, head of Pattee Library's computer center. Rawlins, who supervised development of the computer

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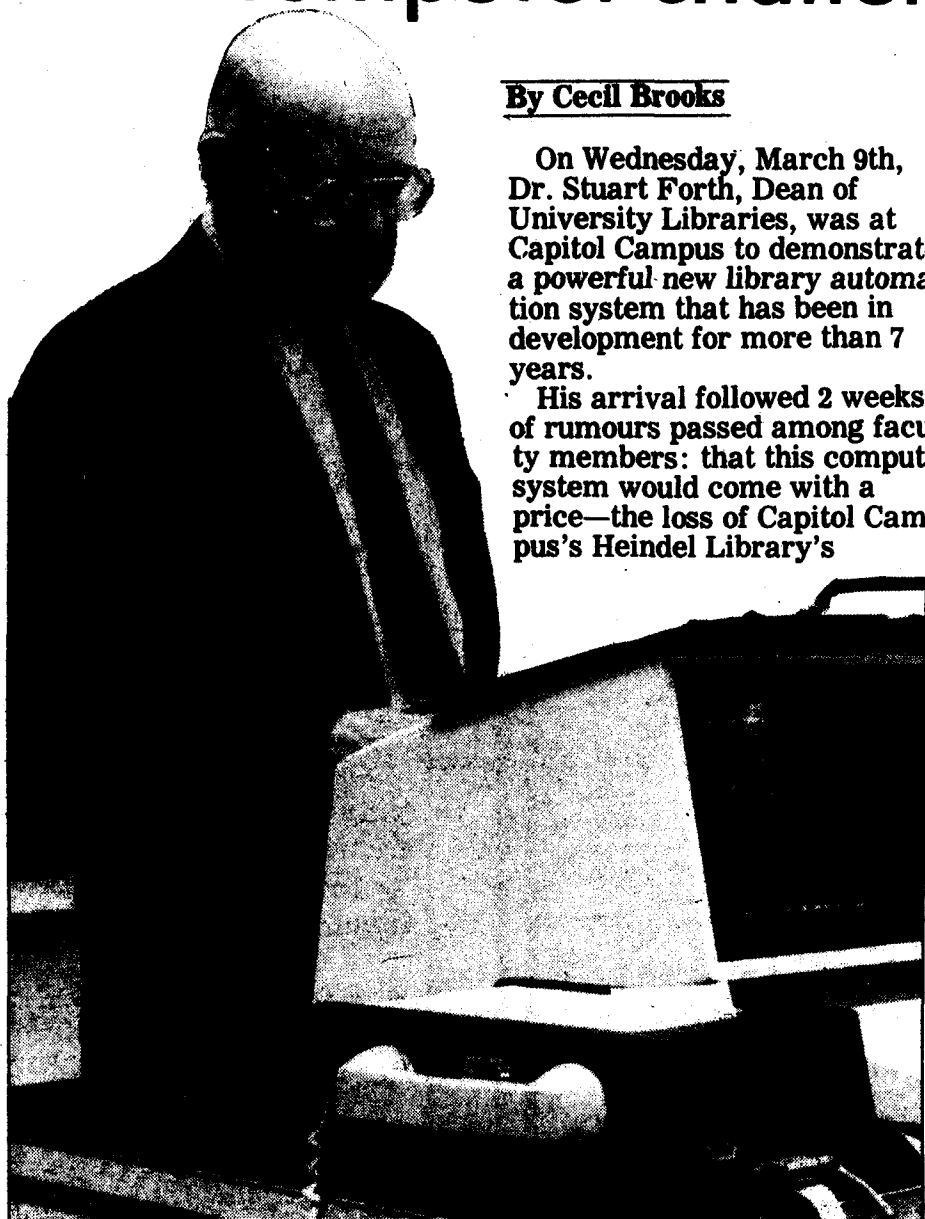


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