

It's not business as usual in the business division

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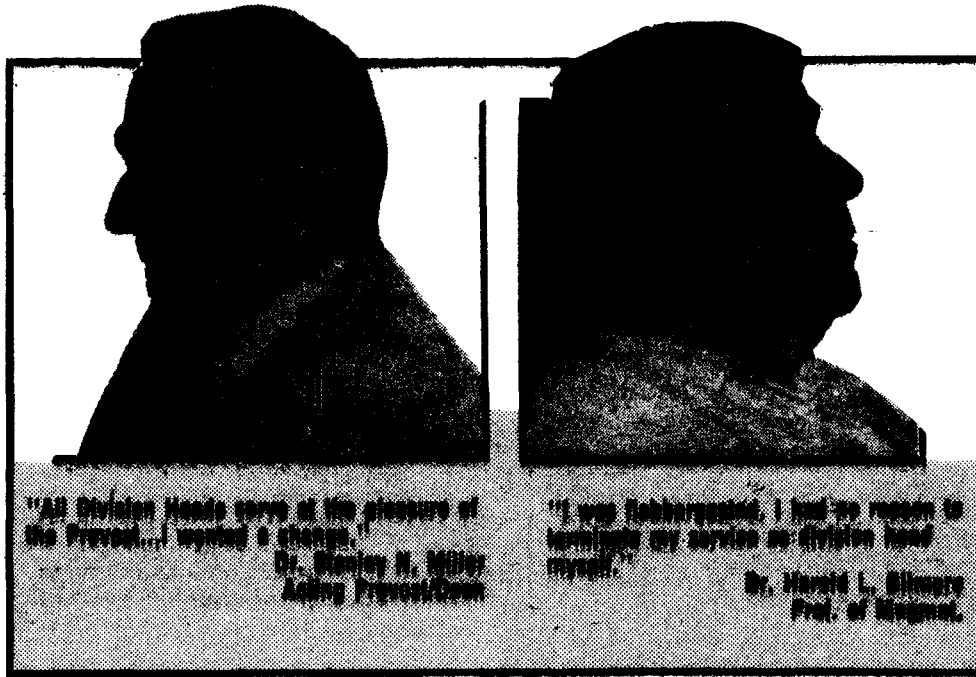
It certainly hasn't been business as usual in the Division of Business Administration this semester.

A division head was fired and temporarily replaced with an acting head, pending the appointment of a new head. This comes in the midst of the division's drive to seek national accreditation, a quest now to be postponed for a year.

Dr. Harold L. Gilmore, Professor of Management, was removed from his post as head of the Division of Business Administration August 31 by Dr. Stanley N. Miller, Acting Provost/Dean. Gilmore will retain a teaching position, but Dr. Christopher K. McKenna, head of the Division of Public Affairs, is filling in as Acting Division Head, by Miller's appointment.

In a September 8 *Capitol Times* interview, Miller declined to reveal any reasons for Gilmore's firing. Referring to his letter of termination, Miller said:

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"But firing someone is something one never does lightly," he said.

Rather than drawing attention to Gilmore's firing, Miller said "What I prefer is, let's get on with the work there is to be done."

Although Gilmore will not yet speak publicly about the details of his firing, awaiting reports from a P.S.U. Central Administration investigation into the matter, he said he did not expect the move:

"I was flabbergasted. I just was unprepared and shocked by this administrative move. I had no reason to terminate my service

as division head myself."

"It is a great embarrassment to me," he said.

Gilmore said he feels some people have made an incorrect assumption about his firing. Reports appeared in the press recently telling of his receipt of a 1983-84 Fulbright grant for travel to India where he will lecture and consult.

Gilmore said some newspaper articles gave the impression he would be in India for an entire year, when he will actually be gone only six weeks, from October 9 to November 21.

Some people have assumed he was released from his duties as division head so he could spend the year in India, he said, adding, "I don't want that idea to be perpetuated, because it's not true."

For the past year, the Business Division has been preparing itself to seek accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. Gilmore sees this project as an important goal for the division.

"It serves as a very good focal point for any quality improvement program," he said. "I would suggest that without it, we would not be where we are now."

"Without a driving force behind the project, a person or persons committed to the objective, it might never be achieved," he said.

"Probably the best thing you could say about a change in leadership at this time is that it

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Campus expansion predicted for coming year

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According to reports in the July edition of *Currents*, a monthly publication put out by the campus Public Relations office, long-range plans instituted by former Provost/Dean, Theodore Gross, will dramatically change the face of Capitol Campus by Fall Semester, 1984.

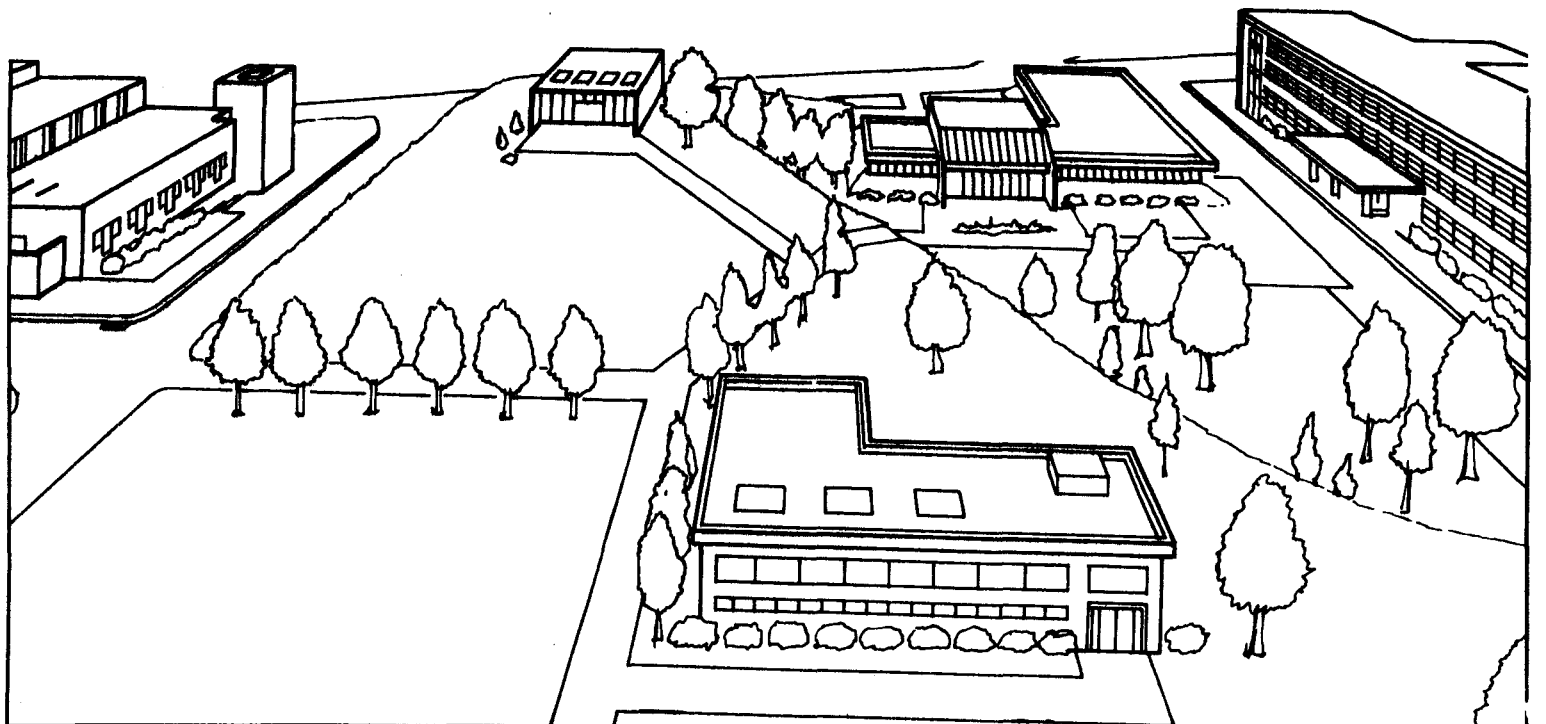
Plans include the construction of at least three new buildings, including the two-million dollar Science and Technology Building; a new bookstore; and a cultural center.

Currently under construction, the Science and Tech. Bldg. is being completed ahead of schedule due to exceptional weather conditions, according to reports to the Office of Maintenance and Utilities Operations.

Robert Hamill, Manager of Personnel and Business Services,

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Artist's rendition of campus expansion: (clockwise from left corner), Multi-Purpose Building (in place), would be remodeled to serve as campus center; Bookstore (proposed); Technology Center (under construction), will contain laboratories and classrooms for engineering technology programs; Olmsted Building (in place); Cultural Center (proposed), would house the Humanities Division, Heindel Library, a 400-seat theatre, and seminar rooms; and C.R.A.G.S. Building (not shown) will contain the Finance, Records, Student Services, and Counseling Offices.