

Gilmore released, accreditation in question

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doesn't help. A modest assessment of the situation is that the process of accreditation will be more difficult. It adds one more problem to the several we already have. The problem is stability, continuity and sense of mission."

Miller said the "important thing in the long run" is "how much commitment from the faculty and students we have to the campus and the programs, and the amount of resources that can be allocated to the programs."

"The goals and commitment to the business program haven't changed because of any change in leadership," he said.

"I would think that if everything is in order when the accreditation team comes in, a change in leadership shouldn't affect their decision."

Referring to the possibility that Gilmore's firing could impede the accreditation process, Miller said in his September 8 interview:

"One would have to be clairvoyant. Maybe it would delay it a year, but I wouldn't even predict that. It might not."

But in a September 15 Business Division meeting, no faculty objections were raised to an accreditation task force's consensus recommendation that the division postpone the first step of the accreditation process, a self-study year, for one year, according to

acting division head McKenna.

McKenna said the task force recommended the postponement "to give us time to pursue things the group thinks we ought to pursue to be in a better position to apply for accreditation."

The postponement doesn't mean "we're not going to do anything about it for a year," he said. "We have certainly been encouraged to pursue accreditation by every level of administration above."

He said he thinks the task force probably would have made the same recommendation whether Gilmore had been fired or not.

Dr. Terence A. Brown, Associate Professor of Transportation and Marketing, said accreditation is important. "It's a symbol of quality. It's easy for a school to say they have a high quality program, and then

measure quality in whatever way they wish."

"The majority of business schools aren't accredited," he said. "They can't meet the standards."

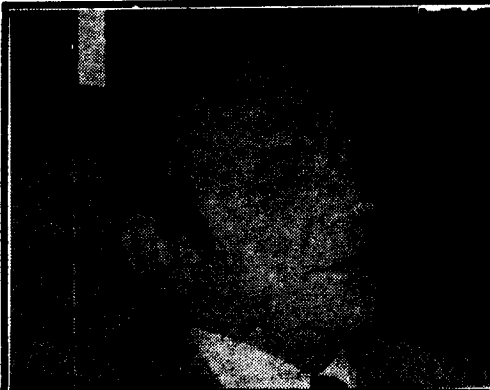
Accreditation makes it easier to find quality faculty, Brown said.

In the graduate business program, he says, "We would like to change the degree we give from a Master of Administration to a Master of Business Administration."

That degree would be more desirable and would attract more and better highly qualified graduate students, he explained.

The university wants the Business Division here to be accredited before that change, according to Brown.

"I think we were very close to achieving accreditation until now. I think we're farther now."

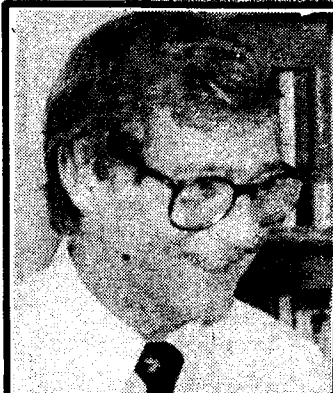


Dr. Stanley N. Miller

Acting Provost/Dean
Prof. of Social Sci. and
Education
Age 54

"In many, many ways you have to act like you're going to be here. You can't stop the movement of the campus. We can't waste time, important things need to be done."

A look at Capitol's division heads



Dr. James R. Hudson

Acting Head, Div. of
Behavioral Sci. and Ed.
Assoc. Prof. of Social
Sci. and Sociology
Age 50

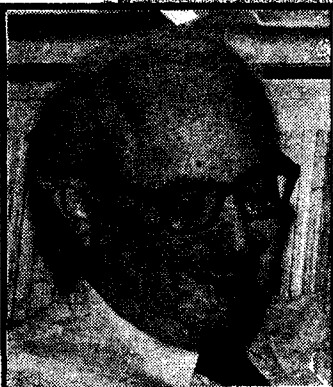
"My job has been made exceptionally easy by a very cooperative faculty."

The division heads serve at the pleasure of the provost/dean who serves at the pleasure of the university president.

Dr. Christopher K. McKenna

Head, Div. of Public
Affairs; Acting Head, Div.
of Business Admin.
Assoc. Prof. of Mngmnt.
Sci.
Age 43

"The Business Division already has quite a momentum in moving toward accreditation, so we want to maintain that momentum."



Dr. Charles T. Townley

Head, Heindel Library
Assoc. Librarian
Age 37

"One thing I'd like students to leave here with is the ability to acquire information related to their work and lifestyles."



Dr. John S. Patterson

Head, Div. of Humanities
Assoc. Prof. of American
Studies and History
Age 45

"You want to see people realize they may be helped by having a good liberal arts education."

Dr. William A. Welsh, Jr.

Head, Div. of Sci.,
Engineering and Tech.
Assoc. Prof. of
Engineering
Age 44

"I'd like to continue to be one of the best engineering technology programs in the nation."

