

Who will be the next provost?

By Tony Perry

The final shoe is about to drop on the eight-month-old search for Capitol Campus' next Provost. University and local media have been invited to an official press conference tomorrow, March 17.

The announcement will coincide with a Penn State Board of Trustees meeting at Hershey Medical Center tomorrow and will take place during a "routine" press conference immediately following at 11:45 a.m. to "inform the media on what the board has acted on," according to Michael J. Breslin, Director of Campus Relations at Capitol. Penn State President Bryce Jordan is expected to make the announcement.

While the Capitol campus rumor mill has indicated that a select number of administrators and faculty have been informed of the new provost's identity, no sources available to the **Capitol Times** were willing to breach the Saturday announcement date.

A check Thursday by **Capitol Times** of the offices of the finalists (see their backgrounds below) elicited the following: --Dr. Robert M. Smith told **Capitol Times** "No," when asked if he had "received notification of the selection or heard anything from Penn State."

--A secretary in the office of Dr. Samuel Goldman told the **Capitol**

Times that a brief look at his schedule calander revealed "no indication of Penn State" or of travel plans for this weekend.

--Dr. Frank Butler told **Capitol Times** "Yes, I have been notified" of the decision, but declined to elaborate because he felt it wouldn't be "proper for me to make any statements until you hear from the President" of Penn State.

--A source in Dr. Ruth Leventhal's office said Leventhal "has not received formal notification" and declines to comment until after Saturday, when "she believes formal notification will come."

This announcement will come on the heels of an extensive search for a replacement for Dr. Theodore Gross who served as

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Capitol Campus in transition: Dr. Stanley Miller holds down the fort until a replacement is named for former Provost Dr. Theodore Gross, left.

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Problems remain

WNDR gains new equipment



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WNDR student disc jockey Jeff Griffiths 'spins records' in the studio.

By Neil Myers

It's not commercial radio, but then it wasn't meant to be. Capitol's WNDR is holding its own against the problems of outdated equipment and a lack of coverage.

Don Strausburger, Program Director, is pleased with several improvements recently made at the station.

"We're finally reaching Meade Heights," Strausburger said, referring to the new 20-watt AM transmitter placed in service there last month. The new equipment, which cost \$905, replaced an old five watt unit that failed in November.

"It's much more reliable than the old one," Strausburger noted. The new transmitter is transistorized, while the old one used outdated vacuum tubes, he said. The unit is housed at 932-A Mars Drive.

Strausburger said the station is

also trying new programming. Greg Labelle began a new morning "wake up" show this semester from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Also new are what Strausburger called a "spontaneous rock" show done by Brian Conroy, an evening "funk" program with Angelo Vecchio, and expanded hours of operation. The station is now on the air from 6:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

Despite these improvements, Strausburger says the station needs some major changes.

"I think this campus deserves an FM station," he said. "We can't touch the commuters except when they're in the Lion's Den."

WNDR uses a low power, multi-transmitter system. It has a 20-watt transmitter in the Olmsted Building, a five-watt transmitter in the Dining Hall, and the new 20-watt transmitter in Meade Heights, Strausburger explained. He said that large parts of the campus are not reached by this system, and that much of the equipment is over 10 years old.

Last year the station attempted to obtain some FM equipment removed from Penn State's Wilkes-Barre Campus. Strausburger said that some of the equipment is now in Capitol's TV studio, but the transmitter went elsewhere.

Part of the problem, Strausburger said, is a recent F.C.C. policy intended to phase out low-powered FM stations and move all high school and college stations to at least 100 watts.

Buying a new 150-watt FM stereo transmitter would cost at least \$9000, Strausburger said, but he is optimistic.

"I think the chances of going FM are good in the next few years," he said. WNDR has "discussed the possibility of funding" with Student Activities and may look into other options, he said.

WNDR's operating budget is roughly \$1900 a year, Strausburger said.

The station can be heard at 630 on the AM dial.