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Dr. Leventhal discusses business with Don Plourde, Finance Officer, on a visit to the campus.

“What I like doing best is helping people do what they do best.”

**Dr. Ruth Leventhal
Incoming Provost**

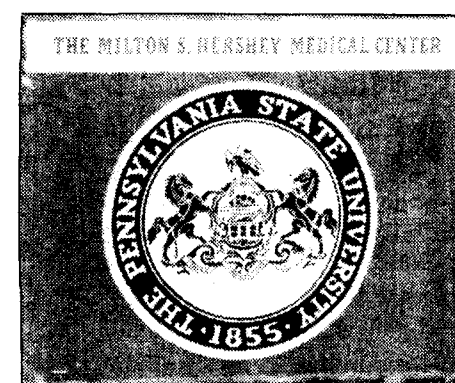


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Dr. Leventhal exchanges greetings with Acting Provost Dr. Stanley Miller.

...while Miller recalls a year of leadership

By Tony Perry

When Acting Provost and Dean Dr. Stanley N. Miller returns to his post as Division Head of Behavioral Sciences and Education, he says he will be “able to see and understand in much broader terms” due to his year of service as a temporary replacement for Dr. Theodore Gross.

“I can see more possibilities in Behavioral Sciences because of the experience,” observes Miller as he nears the end of his stint behind the wheel at Penn State’s upper division campus.

“It has been an excellent experience. I have been able to enjoy it more because I was not a candidate and knew all along that the position was temporary.”

Miller laments the fact that being temporarily in charge has certain drawbacks.

“When you are only acting (provost),” he says, “the payoff for your work is not seen.” He does note that a few projects which he was able to begin—such as the remodeling of the Admissions Office—will represent the time he has spent in office.

“I am looking forward to the

completion of some moves started by Dr. Gross,” he states. Those moves, as well as new buildings either under construction or in the planning stages, “will give us a bright new look come next fall. It is satisfying to know that one had a part in it.”

While Miller says the worst part of the job has been “any time I have to say ‘no’ to a request” because of the unavailability of funds, he says he has really enjoyed working with the various factions of the campus community.

“The students, staff and faculty have been great,” he points out. “Everyone has been splendid and cooperative.” He also mentions that he has gotten to know more faculty and students outside of his division.

“I just continue to be impressed with the quality of people here. Obviously I’m looking forward to returning to my division, but I have been helped immensely by the experience (as provost).”

He adds that he is looking forward to the next administration.

“It is exciting having a new provost,” he notes. “It’s like having a new start—exciting and fun.”

During the press conference on March 17 in which Dr. Ruth Leventhal was introduced as the new Provost/Dean of Capitol Campus, the following other board actions were made after a meeting of the Penn State University Board of Trustees that were relevant to this campus:

-The board named Dr. William C. Richardson of Seattle, Wash. executive vice president and University provost at Penn State effective July 1.

-The board authorized award of contracts for the construction of a bookstore building here. The

one-story structure will be located about 100 feet south of the Science and Technology Building currently under construction and will have an estimated cost of \$585,000.00. Construction for the totally air-conditioned facility is scheduled to begin in June.

The board named Suzanne R. Brooks of Reno, Nev. affirmative action officer for Penn State University. She will be responsible for the administration and effectiveness of the University’s Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Program for all faculty and staff members.