

# Engineering to offer CC's 1st B. S. degree

By Neil Myers

Students in Capitol's Science, Engineering and Technology Division could receive a more widely recognized degree within a year, according to Dr. William Welsh, head of that division.

A proposal to change the Bachelor of Technology (B.T.) to a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

(B.S.E.T.) has been approved by the engineering faculty and is being considered by the Board of Advisors and University Park, Welsh said.

Dr. Ruth Leventhal, Provost and Dean, said the change is intended to end problems with the way the B.T. is perceived outside of the University.

"I think there are some places it will help, Welsh said. He projected that graduates seeking military or civil service

jobs would benefit the most.

Welsh said that no changes are planned for graduation requirements, and the program will retain its practical orientation. He said the B.S.E.T. is a more current name for degree programs with a technology emphasis.

University Park, by contrast, grants a "Bachelor of Science in Engineering" (B.S.E.), which is more theoretically oriented, Welsh said.

The administration is also investigating the possibility of making the change retroactive to past graduates, he added.

"Many alumni would very much like it to be retroactive," Welsh explained. He said there are few if any precedents within Penn State for such a retroactive change.

The change was unopposed by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Ac-

creditation Board for Engineering Technology, the body that has accredited Capitol's engineering program since 1973, Welsh said.

The new degree will be the first Bachelor of Science degree to be offered by the Capitol Campus, which has granted non-traditional degrees such as the Bachelor of Humanities and Bachelor of Social Science since its inception in 1966.

## Elections held, juniors sworn in.

By Eric Morris

Wednesday and Thursday of last week marked the balloting and voting for the new Capitol Campus Student Government Association officials.

Sworn in on Tuesday, October 2nd were Marci Cryts, Behavioral Science and Education representative, Lori Morgan, Business Administra-

tion, Richard Carpenter, Public Policy, Patrice Blue, Science, Engineering and Technology, and Christina Veltri, Senator at Large.

Also elected were Maribeth Roberts, Senior Senator at Large, Tim Frantz, Executive Secretary, and Terry McKnight, Club Secretary.

## Degree still helps hire

WASHINGTON (CPS) - A college education continues to be a big help in getting a job, according to a newly-released report by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

As of March 1984, the unemployment rate among college graduates averaged 2.7 percent, compared to 7.2 percent for high school graduates and 11.6 percent for workers with an eighth grade education or less, the report shows.

The unemployment rate for college grads this year, moreover, represents a significant drop from the 3.5 percent in 1983, and 3.0 percent in 1982, notes BLS spokesperson Rick Dedent.

College graduates make up a majority of the workers in most managerial and professional fields, as well as the bulk of workers in technical and sales occupations.

Among professional occupations -- health and medical services, law, teaching, engineering, math, and computer services -- college graduates comprise 78 percent of the work force, the report reveals.

In addition, college graduates make up 43.5 percent of all executive, administrative, and managerial jobs, 36 percent of sales positions, and 33 percent of all technical occupations.

For the third consecutive year, the number of college graduates in the labor force rose by more than a million, the report also shows, 600,000 of whom were women.

Women graduates, in fact, now comprise 38 percent of all workers with four or more years of college, compared to 32 percent in 1970. Over the same period, the report notes, the number of women graduates who work rose from 61 percent to 71 percent.

Black female graduates show an even higher employment rate, according to the study, which shows that 88 percent of all black women grads hold jobs.

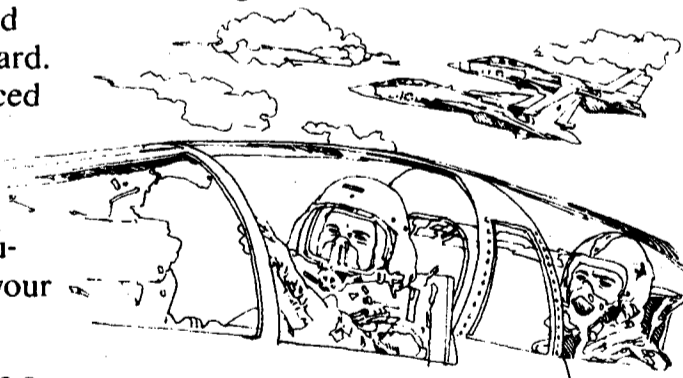
Among white female grads, 77 percent are now employed.

And among male graduates, both white and black, 95 percent are active in the labor force.

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