

## State to Establish Teaching Academy

By Tom Boyle

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (SSHE) will begin a teaching academy this year to improve current teachers at all levels in areas outlined by reports concerning the national education system.

"This is a unique proposal when it comes to teacher education by a state system," said Scott K. Shewell, associate director for public information at the SSHE. The academy will be the first of its kind in the country.

"Teacher education has been put back on the 'front burner' in Pennsylvania," said SSHE Chancellor James H. McCormick during the national symposium on "American Dreams: The National Debate

About the Future of Education," held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in October 1986.

The SSHE requested \$1 million in the form of a line item appropriation for the 1987-88 fiscal year from the state legislature and will base the academy in Harrisburg.

"They are going to be moving forward with the academy. The \$1 million line item is not a contingency for operating the academy," said Shewell. "We have now started asking for nominations for an advisory board to the academy."

The SSHE is seeking nominations for the academy advisory board to fully define and develop the new academy. The advisory board would establish programmatic direction, identify priorities and general proposals for academy activities. They are looking for 20 to 30 people who

are local, state, or national education experts.

"The Pennsylvania Academy for the Profession of Teaching will respond positively and aggressively to the call for the improvement of teaching and strengthening of curriculum at all levels of education," said McCormick, in reference to the current national studies undertaken by the Holmes group, the Carnegie Foundation, the National Governor's Association, and others.

Through this academy, the state system will assess, improve, and prepare to implement all of the best recommendations of those blue ribbon study groups."

The new academy will be designed for certified schoolteachers and not for undergraduates seeking certification. Some of the programs the academy will undertake will be the development of new instructional strategies for drop-out prone

students, new curricula for teacher preparation, designing of a model Master of Arts in Teaching degree program and numerous other proposals.

"The mission of the SSHE is to provide a high quality education at an affordable cost to the Pennsylvania citizens," said Shewell. The SSHE, begun in July 1983, is made up of the 14 state-owned universities.

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### RSC/SUBOG Semi-Formal Coming Up

On March 28, 1987, two student organizations, RSC and SUBOG, will cosponsor a semi-formal dinner-dance at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill. Preliminary plans call for two dinner selections, a 12-oz. succulent prime rib au jus or gourmet chicken cordon bleu. The meals will be supplemented by a cash bar. Entertainment will be dancing to music especially selected for the event.

The semi-formal is scheduled to run from 7 'til 2 with a cocktail hour followed by dinner and then dancing until 2. The entire student enrollment and faculty are welcomed to attend and tickets go on sale March 9. Below you can fill out the coupon and you may win a free pair of tickets! The drawing will be held March 23, 1987. If you already bought two tickets, we will simply refund your money should you win!

Prices for tickets will be set at \$25 per couple and can be purchased in the Wrisberg Hall RA office. You may also arrange your ticket purchases by filling out your name and phone number on any piece of paper and dropping it in the box in the Student Activities office. Someone will contact you and an arrangement can be made to meet in the Lion's Den or another convenient place to pick up your tickets.

Any person wishing to comment may attend any SUBOG meeting at the coffee house in Meade Heights, Wednesday nights at 9:00. Watch the bulletin boards for further information.

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