

## Richman Appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Dr. M. Susan Richman was named the associate dean for academic affairs for Penn State Capital College on Oct. 20.

Richman has been in that position on an interim basis since the beginning of the year. As associate dean for academic affairs, she will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the college's academic programs at both the Harrisburg and Schuylkill campuses.

Interim Provost and Dean Dr. John L. Leathers remarked in *The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News* about Richman's appointment: "I am very pleased that she is willing to play such a vital role in the continued growth and development of the Capital College."

Richman joined Penn State Harrisburg in 1968. Prior to becoming the interim associate dean for academic affairs, she was an associate professor of mathematics and computer science.

She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley. She earned her doctorate from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

# Erickson Speaks with Students

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Dr. Rodney Erickson, University Vice President and Provost, spoke to students on Oct. 21 in the Olmsted Auditorium.

Erickson's visit to the Penn State Harrisburg campus was one of several stops he was making to "keep an ear to the ground" to hear students' needs and concerns at all branch campuses.

Less than a dozen students made use of the opportunity to speak with Erickson.

One issue raised was the need to unify the program requirements at the branch campuses with those at University Park.

Erickson stressed that progress is being made to ensure lower division students -- freshmen and sophomores -- will have unilateral class credits so that if they choose to transfer to any other campus they won't lose credits.

Erickson said, however, that at the upper division level -- juniors and seniors -- there should be more flexibility in course credits to utilize the resources available at each campus.

Another concern raised was the feeling that some faculty members are not accessible to students, even during posted office

hours.

The complaint was that professors' doors are closed which sends a message that professors are not interested in meeting with their students.

Erickson noted that seeing closed doors is "more likely now than it was 20 years ago." However, Erickson said that students have the ability to change that trend.

Erickson said, "I strongly encourage you to give as much feedback to the faculty senate as you can. You need to have your voice heard."

Erickson continued by adding that students can have their voices heard if they take the time to complete the SRTE's that are given for each course. The SRTE's are the course evaluation forms that have a standard fill-in-the bubble sheet and often contains a free response sheet.

Erickson said, "I find most students don't take the time to write anything. The written comments are more important than the scanned sheets."

Student Government Association President Roderick Lee raised the issue of book vouchers. The bursar's office has stopped issuing vouchers for students to

use to purchase books until their aid is received.

Lee said students now have to wait until the aid is received before being able to purchase their textbooks, but the semester is half over until the aid is received. Erickson said he wasn't aware of the voucher situation but said he would look into it.

**A man must have a certain amount of intelligent ignorance to get anywhere.**  
- Charles F. Kettering

**Everywhere, we learn only from those whom we love**  
- Goethe

## Fall Blood Drive

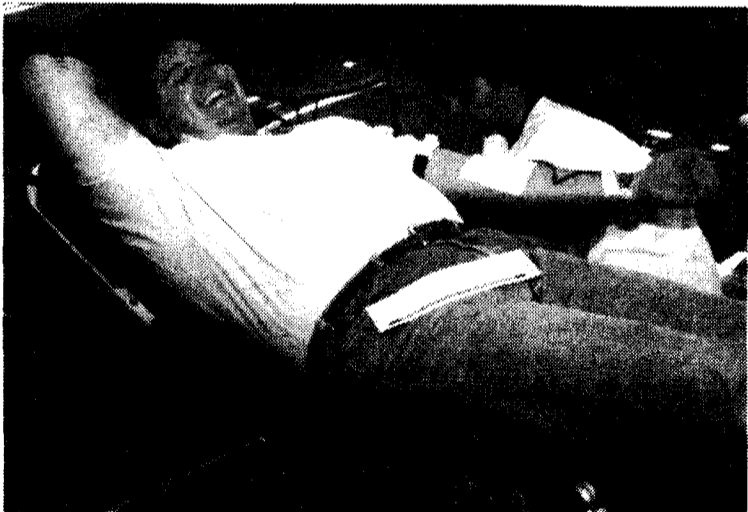


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Students do their part by donating blood on Oct. 28 in the Gallery Lounge during the annual Fall Blood Drive.



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