

COMMONWEALTH CAMPUS SUPPORTED

University Park, Pa., Apr. 18----
President Eric A. Walker, of the Pennsylvania State University, sees in the Heald-Hobson study strong support for the Penn State Commonwealth Campus system.

These findings reinforce the landmark university purpose of providing "liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life," said Dr. Walker.

Dr. Walker agreed that criticism in the report of the physical faculties of some branch campuses was justified.

"We have been acutely aware of the deficiencies in physical plants of some campuses, and are moving rapidly to remedy them," Dr. Walker commented.

Dr. Walker said the University was studying specific recommendations of the Heald-Hobson report, including the establishment of regional four-year campuses, the closing of the Allentown campus, curtailment of associate degree work, and possible conversion of some of the campuses into community colleges.

"We have for a number of years considered the establishment of regional four-year campuses as a means of extending the University's services to more people," he stated.

The same philosophy led the University to begin its associate degree programs at the branch campuses, which also serve as the hub of continuing education programs for individuals of varying educational backgrounds.

The programs originated with the University Park engineering faculty and were its response to changing technology and manpower needs. Other occupational education associate degree programs are now offered by other faculties.

CAMPUS CURIOSITY

Since the beginning of the Spring term, students have been wondering about the new faces on campus. Many of them are unaware that these unfamiliar people are new faculty members.

To satisfy the curiosity of those students, the Nittany Club would like to take this opportunity to list the new instructors and to welcome them to Behrend campus. They are as follows:

Dennis M. Kovach, Instructor in Economics
David Heyd, Instructor in Mathematics
Mrs. Lynette Lang, Pt-time Instructor Pl. Sc.
Mrs. Joy Sweeting, Pt-time Women's PhEd prof.
Melvin C. Vye, NSF Instructor
Vedder J. White, Pt-time Instructor in Bus.Law.

PROF PROFILE

There seems to be a trend nowadays to think of a teacher only in terms of grades and his degree of severity; i.e. "How much studying do you have to do?" "Are his tests rough?" "Is he an easy grader?"

There seems to be no provision made for fairness, allowing the students to voice their views in class, and a general atmosphere of relaxation but learning for the students in the class. This, in a student's opinion, is the real criterion of judging a teacher, and one of the best examples of this type of teacher is Mr. Iobst, who has earned the praise and respect of many of his students because of his overall outlook.

Having talked to many of his former students, it has been found that Mr. Iobst is an extremely bright man, an extremely fair man, and a person who has a good sense of humor. But above all this, he respects the point of view of the student and does not stick to a rigid system of notes and just lecture for seventy-five minutes.

He has also distinguished himself as a member of the cultural committee and helped to organize the Faculty-Nittany Cub basketball game in which he partook. He is very interested in the sports program at Behrend and can be seen at many athletic events on campus.

Mr. Iobst attended both of the student-faculty coffee clatches which shows that he has an interest in student activities outside of the classroom.

Mr. Iobst is just in his first year at Behrend but the students who have been fortunate enough to have him would put him in their category of well-respected and well-liked teachers on campus.

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SCIENCE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The 16th Annual Science Teachers Workshop was conducted on the Behrend Campus on Thursday, April 10. Drs. Cunningham, Masteller, and Springer led one of the discussion sessions on "The Bridge Between High School and College Biology". An address on "Electrochemical Energy Conversion Systems" was delivered by Dr. R.A. Powers from the Union Carbide Corp., Cleveland Ohio.

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A grant of \$7,510 has been awarded to the Pennsylvania State University for support of an "In-service Institute in Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers" under the direction of Mr. N.B. Patterson, Dept. of Mathematics at Behrend Campus.