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Oswald For CC Autonomy

By Association Press Services

His aim is to provide policies that will develop the kind of autonomy necessary for the Commonwealth Campuses to relate as closely as possible to the special needs which fit the particular environment of each individual campus. He wants to respond to each campus in view of its own separate and special situation.

This man is in a position to do just that. He is the University's new president, John Wieland Oswald.

He said that while he intends to respond to each campus because each has distinct differences from any of the others, he hopes to maintain "sufficient tie to the mother campus academically" to be certain that the quality and level of education will be similar for all Penn Staters. "I wish to assure our students of academic quality while providing the necessary autonomy in areas of student affairs."

The president said he feels that the gradual decentralization of the campuses in areas of student affairs may greatly affect the Organization of Student Government Association (OSGA). "The students will have to decide for themselves whether or not the present organization is the best one. That's for them to decide," he said.

Oswald said he has just begun to explore many of the campuses' problems, and he intends to "talk to the director, the faculty and the OSGA" before making any major decisions affecting a particular campus. "I intend to visit each campus often," he said.

When asked about the possibility that some 2-year campuses may eventually retire to become community colleges dissociated with the Penn State system, Oswald reassuringly said "each will play its individual role within our Penn State family."

"Button Frosh"

By Ray Geiger
CUB Staff Writer

The 1970 fall term was launched with a full week of freshmen orientation. Over 600 students were welcomed to the Behrend Campus by Director Irvin H. Kochel and David K. Carr, President of the Student Government Association.

Orientation was highlighted by an introduction to the administration staff conducted by Dean of Student Affairs, Benjamin A. Lane, on Sunday evening. The introductions continued on Monday afternoon as students met with the heads and faculty advisors of their own specific colleges. The week was filled out by a dance on Monday night featuring "The Wall", a Free University on Tuesday, and club meetings on Wednesday. The Student Union Board also provided a movie "Charade" on Wednesday evening.

Amid the welcoming speeches, the new friends, and the new way of life for entering freshman to the Behrend Campus, rose the unfathomable cry of "Button Frosh", by every upperclassman who so despondingly remembers

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University President John W. Oswald

Musala Nominee To University Council

John Musala of Behrend is one of five Commonwealth Campus students nominated by the Organization of Student Government Association for a position on the newly formed University Council.

At the request of University President John W. Oswald, each of the four regions made nominations at the September 11 and 12 sessions held at University Park. Oswald suggested that O.S.G.A. permit Capitol Campus to choose a fifth nominee, but the assembly decided to select the fifth candidate from the state at large.

Musala was nominated during regional caucus sessions to represent the West Penn North region. Other nominees are Robert Lukasik of Worthington, Scranton, and Pocono; Al Wolfe of Ogontz, Piedmont; and Robert Cipoletti of Fayette, West Penn South. The assembly elected Bob Fuhrman of York by secret ballot as the fifth candidate.

The 12-member University Council was instituted July 1 by the University Board of Trustees to work with the president on matters concerning student affairs. The University Senate

New Buildings Being Added

Every morning at eight o'clock, the noise of drills hammers and machinery fills the air, so no sleeping dormie rests peacefully. The noise comes from the construction of the new dormitory and the new food service building.

The dormitory is the building closest to Jordan Road. It will be exactly like Niagara Hall except the entrance leads into the glass enclosed recreation room. There are three possibilities for occupation of the dormitory: men, women, or co-ed. No decision has been made as yet.

Resident students will have all their meals in the Food Service Building. It is located to the south of Perry Hall.

The proposed completion date for the two buildings is September 1971.

The Nick Building, north of the Behrend building is a newly completed laboratory and classroom structure. It consists of two biological-science

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University President Coming To Behrend

University President John W. Oswald will make his first official visit to Behrend on Wednesday, October 21, when he will dedicate the Edwin W. Nick Building.

Dr. Oswald's tentative schedule for the day includes arrival at Behrend at 2:00 p.m., meetings with the students and faculty, and dedication of the Nick Building at 4:00 p.m. Following this will be a reception for him in either the Reed Building or Erie Hall. He will conclude his visit at a dinner with members of the advisory board.

At 52, Dr. John W. Oswald is a stockily-built, robust man of medium height, who brings great intellectual and physical vigor to his work. As an undergraduate at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, he was that rare combination of Phi Beta Kappa student and star athlete. On his graduation from DePauw in 1938, the young midwesterner enrolled at the University of California, Davis, as a graduate student.

After attending officer training school at Notre Dame and Northwestern universities, Dr. Oswald attended motor torpedo boat training school and then served more than 50 combat missions as a PT boat captain and a divisional commander in the Mediterranean. For this service

he received the Navy Commendation Medal.

On his release from active duty, Dr. Oswald returned to the Davis campus as assistant professor of plant pathology and as plant pathologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station. He was promoted to a full professor in 1957. In 1958, Dr. Oswald was promoted to the office of the president of the state-wide University system.

His selection of President of the University of Kentucky came in 1963. One of Dr. Oswald's principal contributions was the development of a sound system of 15 two-year campuses of the university. Dr. Oswald resigned from the University of Kentucky system to take the No. 2 post in the University of California system of 100,000 students and almost 10,000 faculty members on nine campuses.

In addition to his on-campus administrative work, Dr. Oswald has participated in the work of many national educational groups and in community activities where he has resided.

Dr. Oswald is married and they have two daughters, Elizabeth, 23, a 1968 graduate of Vassar College, and Nancy, 21, a senior at Stanford University, and a son, John, Jr., now 13.

The Erie Draft Law Information Center

By Gary Thornbloom
Managing Editor

Many students away from home for the first time find themselves exposed to problems which they previously hadn't worried about. The pressures at college can be many. With courses and profs who present new slants on old ideas you may find yourself wondering about many things. Commuting students may also find questions which they would like answered.

Our society has become too vast for each of us to know a lot about everything. One area where too many of us know too little is the draft. Surely in an area so important in your life as this, you can't afford to shine things on. You have to know what's happening.

The Erie Draft Law Information Center is run by Patrick Mertens, Tim Buchanan, Tim Muzzio, and Elliott Stroul.

SUB To Bring Roger & Wendy

The Student Union Board has joined 300 other campuses throughout the United States and Canada in an attempt to expose young professionals to college audiences. The SUB will present several Circuit Coffee Houses during the year as well as its usual local productions.

Roger and Wendy will appear at the first coffee house in the series, October 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. in the dining hall. They will play familiar and original material of a generally contemporary vein ranging from quiet folk ballads to rock. Two shows will be featured Thursday night with three shows Friday and Saturday.

Several volunteer workers also help them. The staff is peace oriented as we all should be, and is dedicated to "giving people impartial and objective information on the draft, free of charge."

This service has been in operation since the beginning of July, and through the beginning of September has counseled over 160 registrants. Persons have sought help in regards to enlistment, mental, physical, occupational, and student deferments and a great many have come in to find out about Conscientious Objection.

Patrick Mertens, the director, is a former Peace Corps worker and is engaged in draft counseling while a graduate student at the State University at Binghamton. His appraisal of many draft registrants was this. "Many draft age males are unaware of the laws governing the draft. Most draft registrants are unaware that the laws provide for various deferments and exemptions from induction. It is the belief of the Center that a well informed person can make a more intelligent decision about his future. The information will be impartial and comprehensive."

The draft board you are registered with should be able to answer your questions, but according to the Center "... it amounts to little more than the reading of the law on whatever subject is in question. At the center, they correlate the various laws and interpret them for those who seek advice."

The Erie Draft Law Information Center has its offices at 1031 State Street. They are there to help you with any questions you have. Their hours are 12 noon to 8 p.m. You can call them at 456-4919.