

PSU Grad At His New Post

by Amy Collings

Through an interview of Dr. Stephen Cimbala, who is Penn State's first Associate Director of Academic Affairs, the readers have an opportunity to become acquainted with this new member of the faculty and this new post.

As the Associate Director of Academic Affairs, Dr. Cimbala must bring about a close relationship between the resident instruction and continuing education programs. Working with Dr. Cimbala to achieve this liaison are Mr. Vairo and Mr. Griffiths, the Associate Director of Continuing Education.

Prior to working at PSU, Dr. Cimbala developed a program of administrative science, training undergraduates for administrative positions. This program was created at State University of New York's Stony Brook campus, located on Long Island. At Penn State, however, Dr. Cimbala will be spending more time organizing recently created programs rather than his own innovations. The Doctor says he has many ideas for new programs but first must "get to know Penn State better" to see if they are applicable. He will also be teaching courses here, having a Ph.D. in political science, one entitled "International Relations." On a world-wide basis, he considers Chairman Mao to be today's most interesting politician.

Dr. Cimbala attended Penn State at University Park and received a B.A. in journalism. While there, he worked on the school's newspaper "The Daily Collegian." Highlights of his stay at University Park include holding the prestigious position of coach for the Daily Collegian football team, called The Cowards.

While working on Pittsburgh's most widely-read paper, "The Pittsburgh Press," Cimbala became interested in political science. He obtained his Ph.D. in this field from the University of Wisconsin. When asked to compare all of the colleges which he has attended with the Delaware County campus, he replied that all other campuses are much larger and thus the contact between the students and faculty is "more impersonal." The quality of education on each campus is "comparable." In addition, the "change in the national political climate (end of the draft, conclusion of the Indo-China war and other factors) resulted in a student climate favorable for academic instruction."

When asked if he had any comments on Watergate, the Doctor chuckled, toying with the question in his mind. Since the "Lion's Eye" would not be able to afford to put out a paper large enough on which he could air his views, his comments are restricted to this: "Watergate is one of many symptoms of an imbalance in decision-making power between the executive and legislative branches. Hopefully, a by-product will be the restoration of balance between Congress and the executive branch."

Born in Pittsburgh, Dr. Cimbala is married to another native Pennsylvanian, Betsy, and they have one son, David, who is 1½ years old. (note: Baby-

sitter needed!). Dr. Cimbala plays all sports "for the hell of it", enjoys watching TV, reading "everything from mystery stories to academic publications" and smoking his pipe. His office is on the third floor and he welcomes students who have academic problems to come and talk with him.

FILMS

by Diane Leonzis

"Paper Moon", directed by Peter Bogdonavitch

Now playing at your neighborhood theatres for three more weeks, a brilliant new motion picture starring Ryan O'Neil (star of *Love Story*) and his daughter, Tatum O'Neil, a bright young actress who, for her first appearance in motion pictures, has stolen the show. *Paper Moon*, making it a great success. This captivating movie centers on a child without parents and a home. Somehow she ends up with a former friend of her mother's (Ryan O'Neil) who she thinks is her father.

You've been saying to yourself, "I haven't seen a good movie in a long time." This is one with adventure to the end.

LIKE IT IS

..... by Bob Joseph

It was like walking into a class that you thought was Math 21 and opening your "Techniques of Calculus" book, only to have your instructor start off his lecture by writing on the board "What is God?". It does not take long to get that "out of place" impression. Such was the feeling that I had when I entered the main lobby of the Elks Country Club for the start of Encampment '73. The men had on their coats and ties and pointy white shoes with the women contingency donning their nicest evening dresses. Everyone looked very nice and very formal as they gathered in the lobby waiting for dinner to be served. That is, almost everyone. There was some kid there, about 19 or 20 years old, unshaven, casually dressed in a grey, worn, PENN STATE shirt, dungarees and air-conditioned sneakers. Oddly enough, the kid looked out of place. In fact, you almost felt obligated to instruct him that the service entrance is in the rear. I mean he was probably just delivering something for the United Parcel Service and didn't know where to drop off the package. (You know how them college kids are, working them part-time summer jobs). Well friends, needless to say, that the mistaken mailman was none other than me, S.G.A. president and the only representative from the Delaware County Campus. By the time I sat down to eat dinner, my height was reduced to roughly 2½ inches. But before I proceed with the rest of "Bobby goes to the big city", let me explain what Encampment '73 was. The purpose of the program was to collect, in one place, students, faculty, administrators and town's people together to discuss common problems within the university community. I feel that it almost served this purpose. I say almost because they left out one very important factor and that is the fact that the branch campuses are also a part of the university community that they are talking about. But mention that to a University Park administrator and you could find yourself hanging from the rafters of the new auditorium that they just built (another one?) by your accusing index fingers. Enough being said for now, let us move on to Act II of "But, but, but . . .".

After dinner, the Senior Vice-President for University Development and Relations, Stan Ikenberry (a well-to-do bureaucrat) presented the Academic Master Plan of Penn State University. Throughout his presentation he kept re-iterating that the commonwealth campuses are the thing of the future, which I thought was pretty cool. But then . . . "Uh sir, if what has been said about the role of the branch campuses is true, then why are they being so neglected at present?" . . . "Uh, sir?" . . . "Anybody?" . . . I suddenly felt an urgent need for a mortician. The evening was not a total waste, however, for your fearless leader had little difficulty in using the wisdom of his years to sniff out a nearby kegger. And by sleeping through breakfast, I was now prepared for Act III of "Well really, the person to see is . . .".

A series of workshops and discussions were on the agenda for Saturday and they were pretty beneficial, in fact, some could be considered actually worth going to but I was kind of out of it and understandably so. I got so much run-around that I was growing considerably dizzy (which come to think of it might have been their intent all along) and was not much use to anyone. Before I end this episode of "Children should be seen and not heard," I would like to say something of a positive nature.

I did meet a man who happened to be the Associate Dean of Student Affairs for Commonwealth Campuses. I single him out because he represents, at least to me, a hope. Ralph DeShong is one of the few people at the main campus who don't just smile and nod and hope you go away. Talking with him was encouraging and truly gratifying. Too bad for all of us that there isn't more like him.

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The SGA would like to thank all the students who responded in filling out the forms for the various student clubs. The response was overwhelming and shows a marked increase in the student interest at this campus over last year. We hope all the students will continue to keep their school spirit alive. Meetings for various clubs will be posted around school. If you are really interested in the different organizations, keep your eyes open for these posters.

Mary Rose Robinson
Vice-President, SGA

PA. ECONOMY IN TROUBLE

University Park, Pa., Sept. Pennsylvania's economy is showing signs of slowing down, say business analysts at The Pennsylvania State University.

For months, they remind, Pennsylvania steel mills have turned out production at an annual rate of 34 million tons or more. Now production is easier. In July it amounted to an annual rate of 33 million tons and this was not merely the result of vacation shutdowns. The daily production rate in July - 90,520 tons - was the smallest in four months.

Total employment in Pennsylvania has fallen back from the 5,000,000 mark reached in June. An estimated 47,000 jobs were lost in the State between June and July. Of this loss, the Penn State analysts say, only 25,000 could be considered the result of ordinary seasonal development.

More than half of Pennsylvania's total job loss came from its manufacturing industries - a group of industries that had expanded employment quite markedly beyond seasonal practice for three months in succession. Contrary to the normal pattern, Pennsylvania factories did not reduce employment in April and job additions in May and June were exceptionally strong. Some of the present drop, therefore, may be simply delayed reaction to what would have happened anyway.

Instead of increasing, unemployment in Pennsylvania declined by about 25,000 persons between June and July. The remaining 251,000 who looked for jobs represented only 4.3 percent of the work force on a seasonally adjusted basis.

This development, say the Penn State analysts, was not entirely the happy event it may appear to be. Instead of job expansion, it reflected disappointed hopes. Would-be workers flooded into the job market in June in Pennsylvania - many more than one would expect from previous experience. Because industries were not expanding, a good many of these people evidently failed to find work and gave up looking for it the following month. In July, the work force reverted to the same level maintained for eight months prior to June. Thus the reduction in unemployment was accomplished almost entirely by withdrawals from the work force and not from absorption into jobs.

Pennsylvania's experience, it is explained, is like that throughout the Nation. The country too has had declining total employment, a reduction in manufacturing employment, a reduction in work force, and declining unemployment.

In both the Nation and State, the reductions have been mild, leaving conditions generally still at a very high level. In Pennsylvania, the total employment level remains higher than it was at the end of the long expansion period of the 1960's. The steel industry continues to give very good support to the State economy.

Consumers have become more cautious, the Penn State analysts observe. While personal incomes continue to rise, in most cases keeping pace with inflation, consumer resistance to higher prices has not yet led to piled-up

inventories. Sales of new cars, a type of purchase that is usually postponed in hard times, are going strong. It would seem that the consumer has a good deal of capacity to spend if he has the desire.

Another source of uncertainty in the overall economic scene is confusion in home building. New privately owned houses and apartments have been dominating the construction market; but now it is falling off and that is not because of weakening demand for housing. Sales prices of existing homes are about 6 per cent higher than a year ago and construction costs are about half again as high as they were in 1967. Mortgage money is harder to get and interest rates are at record highs. Stiff competition from other forms of long-term investment, such as corporate bonds, is diverting money away from mortgages.

The Campus Safety and Security Committee would like any student who has noticed safety hazards on campus to please inform Dean Linder. Also, any full term student willing to serve on this committee, please contact the Dean.

Now available at Penn State, both University park and the seventeen commonwealth campuses, is a leave of absence option that will go into effect Winter Term, 1974. According to this option all associate and baccalaureate degree students can take a leave of absence from the University for a maximum of one year and then return without having to reapply for admission. The director of the campus determines the student's eligibility.

SGA NEWS

"CONSTITUTION REVISED"

The two-thirds majority needed to pass the amendments to the Student Government Constitution has been attained and these provisions are now officially passed. Basically, these provisions provide for:

1. The SGA has been restructured such that the office of councilman has been abolished and now any full term student can vote at Student Government meetings whereas before, only councilmen held this power.

2. The amending process has been changed so that the process of changing future constitutions will be much easier.

3. The Student Government President now receives a salary of thirty dollars per week with, however, the provision that his salary can be withheld from him if he inadequately performs his duties.

Students having any questions or suggestions concerning a possible means of making the transition to University Park a little easier should contact Bob Joseph for information. If you have any questions, academic or otherwise, please contact him.

Anyone who was not able to attend the first SGA meeting because of scheduling problems, stop by the SGA office, Room 102, and leave a copy of your schedule. Future meetings will be held on a compromising scheduling basis.