

News From University Park

Oswald Assumes Additional Presidency

University Park--Dr. John W. Oswald, president of The Pennsylvania State University, today assumed the presidency of the Association of American Universities, comprising 48 of the leading universities in the country.

He succeeds Dr. G. Alexander Heard, chancellor of Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Oswald, a year ago, was elected vice-president of the Association and in that role, served also on the Executive and Finance Committees of the Assoc. Dr. Kingman Brewster, Jr., president of Yale University, is the new vice-president of the Association.

Penn State in 1958 accepted the invitation to membership in the Association, which recognizes outstanding graduate education and research programs. The University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh are the other universities in Penna., which hold membership, the University of Pittsburgh having been extended membership last year. Twenty-four of the members are public institutions, and the other 24 are private universities.

The Association, founded in 1900, considers issues of common interest to the Nation's major graduate and research universities. Among those current-

ly under discussion are the financing of universities, support of research and graduate studies, quality of classroom teaching, equality of access to higher education and policies related to government support of research.

Dr. Oswald is serving also as president of 117 public and private institutions of higher learning in Pennsylvania.

He serves on the Executive Committee of the American Council on Education in his role as president of the Assoc. of American Universities. In 1972-73 he served as chairman of the American Council on Education.

Wanted: More Engineering Majors

University Park --Unless colleges and universities graduate a lot more engineers than they do now, the United States can't become "energy independent", predicts the dean of the College of Engineering at the Pennsylvania State University.

"For example, to meet current demands, universities should be graduating 35 to 50 percent more nuclear engineers than they are", says Dr. Nunzio J. Palladino, who is himself a nuclear engineer.

Dean Palladino points to a recent study by the National Planning Association of the National Science Foundation which concludes that if the United States is to reduce its dependence on

foreign energy sources at anticipated levels, the employment of of engineers in the domestic energy industry may have to double within the next decade.

The biggest increase in demand for engineers by 1985 says Dean Palladino, will be in the fields of nuclear and mining engineering, followed by electrical, chemical and mechanical engineering.

The National Planning Association report says that 141,000 engineers and scientists were employed in the seven major energy-related industries. Cited are electrical generation; petroleum and natural gas extraction and petroleum refining; natural gas production and radioactive waste disposal; manu-

facturing of selected durable equipment for electrical companies; and energy-related construction.

The projections indicate a faster growth of demand for engineers than for scientists under study. These industries will increase their research and development activities substantially over the 15-year period.

Dean Palladino notes, too, that significant increases in the demand for agricultural engineers will become evident in the next several years to meet the technological challenges of growing, harvesting, processing, preserving, and distributing food to feed a growing world population.

New Course Offered At The Park:

'Male - Sex Role Socialization'

University Park--The first academic course at the Pennsylvania State University on contemporary male roles and male sex-role socialization has been offered this term by the College of Human Development.

The graduate seminar, "Masculinity and Male-Sex Role Socialization," is led by Robert A. Lewis, associate professor in the Division of Individual and Family Studies.

The course is an exploration of the various role expectations and pressures that most men face today at work and at home. The masculine pressures upon men, Dr. Lewis holds, are often destructive, as partly witnessed by the higher incidence of heart attacks, suicides, and mental illness among men than among women.

"One way, however, in which men may help themselves," he says, "is to become more aware of the pressures they face in trying to live up to the macho (masculine) images learned in early childhood and constantly reinforced by peers and the media. One of the better ways for men to do this is to examine in small groups their own personal lives, especially their relationships with women, children, and other men."

According to Dr. Lewis, there are a number of active men's "liberation" groups in the State College area, most of which have been formed by males whose wives or girlfriends are members of women's liberation groups.

"The women's movements have had dramatic impacts on

both women's and men's roles in contemporary America," Dr. Lewis notes. "In the past, most men were expected to be strong, fearless, successful, unemotional, and inexpressive.

"Interestingly, Women's Liberation in recent years has not only put pressure on men to examine their own chauvinism, but also has given men permission and support to change some of their stereotyped, traditional roles.

"For instance, there are some men who would like to spend more time with their children and thus work only part-time, while their wives do likewise. For many men, their membership in men's groups is part of their own effort to contribute to the feminist movement."

ARHS COUNTERPROPOSAL TO LOTTERY

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single rooms where feasible, e.g. some floors in Centre, Pollock and West, with the cooperation of the Office of Residential Life Programs. (This is already in progress.)

2) Increase the number of spaces available for staging temporary housing in study lounges, etc. for Fall Term.

3) Convert graduate units in McKee to undergraduate units (about 300 spaces), since demand for graduate housing is far less severe than for undergraduates. Atherton would remain as graduate student housing.

4) Convert large single rooms to double rooms, especially in West, Centre and Nittany. Many of these rooms used to be doubles.

5) Convert larger double rooms to triples and increase capacity of student suites and apartments where feasible, especially in Centre and West.

Assignment to these rooms could be limited to students who specifically request them. They would also be offered at a reduced room and board rate.

ARHS added to the policy a listing of priorities in room assignments. The administration had planned to make room assignments on a random basis; the student proposal will follow the procedures which have been used in the past.

So, if a student gets accepted in the dorms, he will have priority if he asks for the same room he had been previously assigned to or to the same residence hall.

The final proposal also trims the number of reserved spaces from 4,000 to 3,500 but includes the same groups having rights to reserved housing. Among those groups are freshmen, sororities, and athletic scholars.

ARHS members are confident that their proposal will be warm-

ly received by the administration.

"This is the best position we've ever been in when we were proposing a policy to the administration. They're wide open and have heard a lot of dissatisfaction with the (administration's lottery) policy," Malizia said. "They won't accept ours verbatim but I think they will take most of it. They're grateful that someone has come up with an alternative," he explained.

Malizia said ARHS made no attempt to remove the freshman residency requirement because "dropping it would be unfeasible and raise a lot of uproar from the administration."

Malizia said that the committee on assignment procedures will definitely report its recommendations before the end of the term. University President John W. Oswald will make the final decision on the issue.

Letters To The Editor

Lottery

Dear Editor,

Rather than accept any of the three proposed lotteries, let us examine some priorities and possibly arrive at a better solution to P.S.U.'s dorm problems. The demand for dormitory space must be lessened and this would not be accomplished by any lottery.

The primary responsibility of Penn State is to those students, especially upperclassmen, who have previously resided in residence halls. It hardly seems equitable to cast out a student who has lived in a dorm for two or three years to give that space to an incoming freshman. Secondly, the University should provide living quarters for those upperclassmen transferring from Commonwealth Campuses. Both categories have made a commitment to Penn State and Penn State should, in turn, be committed to providing housing for these students. Finally, the University Park freshmen should receive dorm spaces.

The categories mentioned should receive adequate dorm space. However, this would leave many first-term students with no residence. This problem

could be slightly relieved by releasing freshmen from the obligation of residing on campus.

Since Commonwealth Campus students are free of this responsibility, University Park freshmen should not be obliged to follow the rule.

The crux of the problem may be that Penn State is accepting more students than can be handled properly. Delco Campus is an example of these crowded conditions. Perhaps Penn State should examine this situation and re-evaluate its priorities. The University is "committed to making post-high school education available to all who possess a high school diploma."

However, it must be remembered that an excess of students can cause not only housing difficulties, but also can decrease the quality of education received by the students.

If it is not possible for the University to enact these changes in policy, it should nevertheless attempt to find housing for students either off campus or by erecting additional dormitories.

Harry Wilson

Lottery

Dear Editor,

In a short time, the administration and Office of Student Affairs will make a decision regarding the proposed dorm lottery system at Penn State's main campus. They are studying three proposals: 1-A stratified lottery system, in which a certain percentage of spaces are reserved for Commonwealth Campus students; 2-a pure lottery system, where all requests received on time will have an equal chance of getting a dorm; 3-a lottery whereby 1300 spaces are reserved for Commonwealth Campus students and are then assigned by lottery.

All three of these proposals exempt freshmen from the lottery; I feel that this one big flaw of the proposed lottery systems. The Commonwealth Campus System only provides so much in the way of education, since most of them are two year institutions. Freshmen can ful-

fill basic requirements at these campuses. Sophmores are often wasting their time at these campuses, because more advanced classes are not offered at Commonwealth Campuses. These students are paying for their education, and if these students wish to live in dorms, the university should make an effort to supply the student with these rooms.

Therefore, I think that less freshmen and more upperclassmen should be admitted to the main campus. Proposal C could be modified so that more spaces would be reserved for Commonwealth Campus students and therefore more freshmen would attend the Commonwealth Campus System. This would be more security for the upperclassmen, since they would be promised at least so many spaces, as well as a better education.

Catherine Falasco

Vending Machines

Dear Editor,

The focal point of our P.S.U. campus seems to be the modular lounge. Students meet to play pinball, discuss what's happening or just eat to their heart's content. Or do they?

A percentage of the students don't want to take any chances on the food, or have, and regret it. Many have displayed great dismay with the taste of the tea and coffee. Pretzels and cheese

doodles are often stale and hot foods don't sound very appetizing (Chef Boy-ar-dee's Beans and Franks!!). Not many want to open a can to find a surprise. And sandwiches, well. . . a friend of mine bought a sandwich and couldn't tell whether it was ham or roast beef.

Variety isn't a big problem, although there have been some

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