Feldstein Announces Retirement Plans

DOYLESTOWN — Dr. Joshua Feldstein has announced his intention to retire as President of Delaware Valley College, effective June 30, 1987.

Feldstein has been associated with the Doylestown school for the past 47 years, first as a student of the National Farm School Class of 1942, later as an instructor at the National Agricultural College and then as Dean in charge of academic affairs and administration of Delaware Valley

College. Feldstein was elected President of the College by the Board of Trustees and assumed office on July 15, 1975.

"I view this as a new beginning for myself and for the College," said Feldstein. "For me, it will be a challenge. The College has been my life, and I intend to stay closely associated with it."

Among the notable accomplishments of Feldstein's 12 years as president is the addition of two new academic majors:

agribusiness in 1983 and Computer **Information Systems Management** in 1984. An extensive effort to renovate existing buildings and add new structures was also undertaken. The James Work Memorial Stadium was completed in the fall of 1978.

Later years saw the construction of the Agricultural Machinery Complex, dedication of the Kenneth W. and Helen H. Gemmill Center for Animal Husbandry in 1980, the addition to the

Greenhouse Laboratory, which includes landscape design room, floriculture laboratory and faculty offices in 1983, and the opening of the Sydney J. Markovitz Equine Facility in the spring 1984.

The past year's projects included renovation of Allman Building for classrooms and computer facilities, and marked the beginning of a major project to renovate the College's Small Animal Laboratory.

But perhaps the most significant

building project of Feldstein's tenure as president is the Student Center, which opened in the fall of 1983.

"I am extremely proud of the Student Center," Feldstein said.
"We knew there was a need for such a building on campus and the Student Center has filled that need. It was a monumental project that required the dedication of a great number of people. But it was wellworth the hard work."

Feldstein immigrated to the United States from Lithuania in 1939 and enrolled in the National Farm School, where he graduated with a diploma in Horticulture in 1942. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the National Agricultural College, as it was later named, in 1952.

Following graduation, he joined the instructional staff at the school as an assistant instructor and did post-graduate work in agricultural machinery.

Feldstein then attended Rutgers University where he received his Masters of Science degree in Horticulture in 1956 and his Ph.D. in Horticulture in 1962.

He became Professor of Horticulture at the College in 1965 and chaired the Horticulture Department from 1959 to 1969. He was named Chairman of the Plant Science Division in 1966. In 1969 he was appointed Associate Dean of the College, becoming Dean in 1973.

Feldstein and his wife, Miriam, have two sons, Theodore and Daniel. Theodore and his wife, Diane, live in Doylestown and Daniel lives at his parent's home.



Dr. Joshua Feldstein recently announced his retirement effective June 1987, as president of Delaware Valley College.

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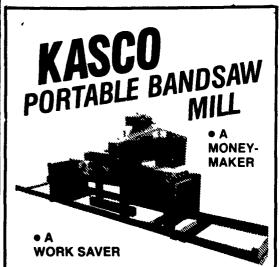
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