



Top left : University president John W. Oswald (right) talks business with James Bartoo, dean of the graduate school. Top right : Undergraduate Student Government head W.T. Williams and Oswald in a presidential promenade. Middle : Peter Myer, assistant professor of economic planning, drives home a point from atop a picnic table. Bottom : Administration, faculty and students discuss the University's problems.



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## 2-day workshops held

# Encampment groups vary

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Diversity was the unofficial theme of Encampment 1976 last week on the Engineering Campgrounds at Stone Valley.

The diversity made itself apparent everywhere: in the workshop projects (topics ranged from "Advising" to "Efforts Toward Improved Interactive University Decision-Making"), in the guest list (invitees included Nittany Lion mascot Andy Bailey and Board of Trustees President William K. Ulerich), in the conversations (everything from what it means to be an anarchist to PennFIRG), and in lifestyles (Associate Physics Professor Daniel Eastman wore boots and a fleece-lined leather vest, while Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Daniel Leasure wore yellow Bermuda shorts and a golf shirt).

This year's Encampment consisted of four series of workshop-discussions held over two days. Each workshop was led by representatives of the faculty, administration and student organizations. The workshops centered on the problems and mechanics of the University.

Encampment Chairman W. T. Williams said in his welcoming speech that the project's main purpose was to

bridge the diversity. "Here at Encampment, we take that walk in each other's shoes," Williams said. "You get to see a problem that affects you through someone else's eyes."

University President John W. Oswald echoed that statement in his remarks to the one hundred students, faculty and administrators in attendance. "The different groups of constituents here view different segments of the University in different levels of importance. They rarely view the University in its totality, but rather through their special interest," he said. "As president, it's my job to integrate these Constituencies. It is every administrator's desire to bring these segments together logically."

Oswald said the middle states accreditation committee, upon concluding its study of the University, compared it to a bumble bee. "Aerodynamically, it is impossible for a bumble bee to fly," he said. "The accreditation team came here with the view that the University, with all its diversity, also couldn't fly. But they found out that it does."

Oswald described Encampment as "not so much a solution, but a spirit. Encampment offers a chance to

stimulate discussions and a change of ideas. The topics here reflect the times and in the past they have been a history of change in the University."

Williams called the lack of concrete action coming from Encampment its greatest weakness. "Although Encampment gives everyone a chance to talk about problems, it doesn't get you the solution."

He said an indication of this discussion without changes was brought out in a workshop concerning student rights, specifically in the area of the residence hall drinking policy. According to Williams, most of the participants at the session disagreed with the aspect of the policy that gave resident assistants the responsibility for enforcing the rules. He said the pervading attitude in the discussion was that RAs were forced into being policemen. "In that room, the consensus was that the policy was wrong, but (Director of Residential Life M. Lee) Upcraft won't change it. I don't want to give Encampment a completely negative overtone, but I don't want to seem like a lifesaver. If one thing should have been achieved, solutions should have been reached instead of just talk."

