

## Chair of dean's council aims to spread excellence

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faculty and will help with teaching courses, Pattishall said.

"(The two colleges) seem to be doing a good job of providing a quality education for a greatly overpopulated student body," he said.

Pattishall said there is a need to separate those things that can be learned just as well in a large group from those that can be better acquired in a small group.

If only presentation of information is involved, class size doesn't matter, he said. However, development of critical thinking usually can best be done in small groups.

Pattishall said he is pleased with Jordan's goal to make Penn State one of the nation's top universities.

"I think he is doing an excellent job trying to lead the rest of us," he said. "(Jordan) is also helping to gain the resources that it is going to take to have the kind of excellence across the University that we now have in some individual departments."

Jordan's efforts will result in an improvement in undergraduate instruction as well as improvements in research and scholarly productivity of the faculty, Pattishall said.

"As you become more productive, you also increase the quality of instruction at the undergraduate level," he said. "It would not be in favor of developing strong research programs without a concomitant improvement in undergraduate programs."

Another major problem of the University is retention of superior faculty members, Pattishall said. A number of the University's best faculty are being attracted elsewhere by better salaries, better facilities and better working conditions.

The University also needs to encourage diversity, he said. The student population should be diverse in scholarly abilities, social commitments, race, ethnic background, age and learning styles.

The council is working very well, Pattishall said. "It is now much more dynamic than it was five years ago."

He said he is looking forward to an exciting year as chairman of the council, adding that Jordan is more interested in discussing issues with the academic deans than past administrators have been.

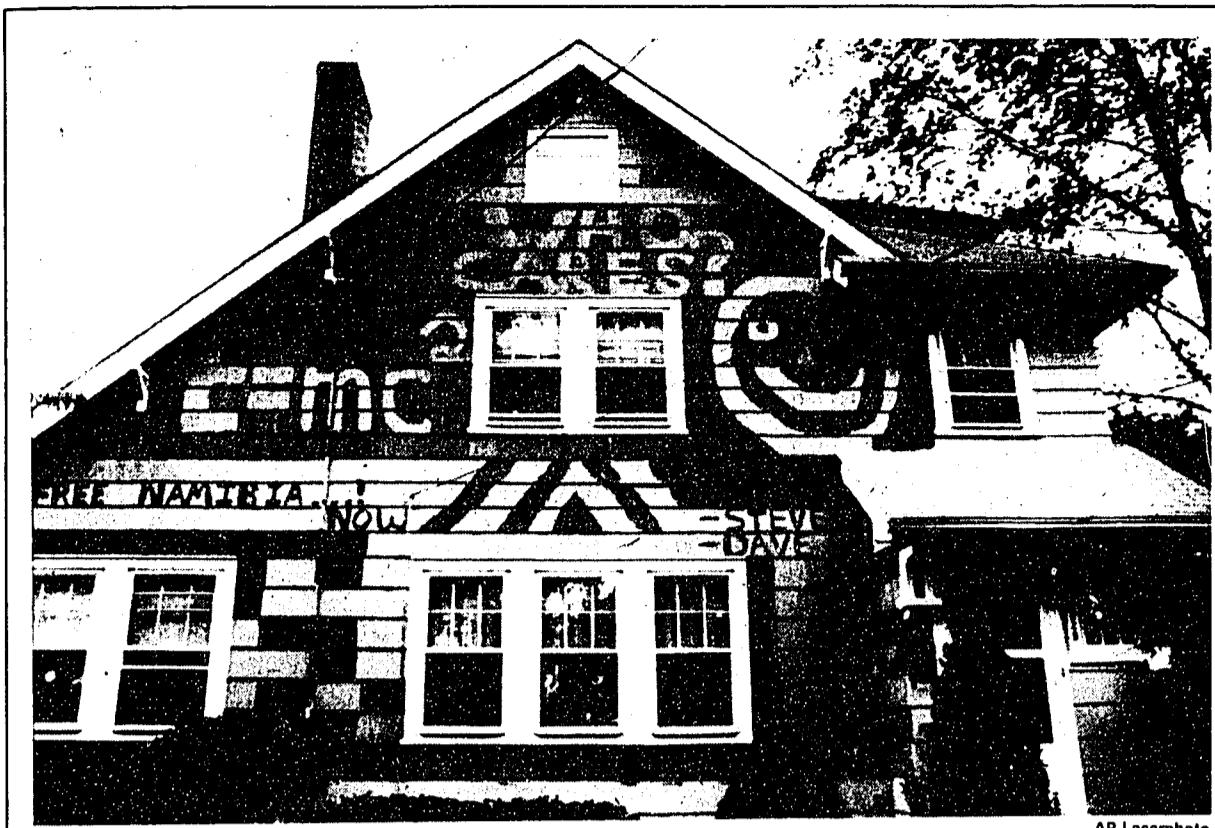
Charles L. Hosler, dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, said: "The College of Human Development is very fortunate to have Evan Pattishall as dean."

Hosler said he is very pleased with Pattishall's election as chairman of the council.

"He's a very mature, very even-tempered and intelligent person," Hosler said. "It takes a very steady person to keep the discussion going (on the council)."

Pattishall came to the University in 1966 to form the Department of Behavioral Science at the College of Medicine and served as chairman of the department for 13 years. He has served as dean of the College of Human Development since 1981.

Pattishall holds a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Michigan, an M.D. from Western Reserve University and both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in music from the University of Michigan.



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Paint job

Steve Wee's parents had bounded him to paint their house in Ridgewood, N.J. Steve stalled and his parents persisted. Steve finally decided he had had enough and he and a friend grabbed the pink and green paint cans and began decorating. However, this was done while mom and dad were on vacation and they got quite a surprise when they returned.

## Navy's new F-18s have weak tails

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — About half the Navy's force of 148 advanced Hornet fighters will show some damage as a result of a design flaw that has prompted an order limiting the aircrafts' maneuvers, a Pentagon official said yesterday.

Capt. George Strohsahl, the Navy's F-18 program manager, told that to reporters after a briefing in which he gave assurances that "the tails are not going to fall off" even where cracks are found in F-18 airplanes.

The Navy acknowledged Wednesday that it had ordered the \$30 million F-18 not to maneuver in what were called "high angles of attack."

Navy Commander Mike Sherman said that data from flight tests showed recently that a design problem caused "whirling masses of air" to rush over the leading edge of the plane's wing and buffet the horizontal and vertical tails.

As a result, Sherman said the tails had to be strengthened.

## New dean seeks support for liberal arts

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positions," Nelsen said. He said that while he enjoys administration, he enjoys scholarly activities and teaching even more. "If I were to describe myself, I would say that I am a scholar — teacher."

Nelsen said he is looking forward to getting to know the other faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts as colleagues and that he decided to come to the University because of its fine reputation.

The University's proximity to Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C., provides the potential for access to funding and cooperation among schools, Nelsen said.

He added that he was impressed by the University's administration — especially by Jordan and Executive Vice President and Provost William Richardson and that he is looking forward to the breadth of experience that the deanship offers.

Nelsen's appointment was approved by the University's Board of Trustees July 13.

"We feel fortunate to have successfully recruited Dr. Nelsen to Penn State to serve as dean of our largest college," Jordan said in a prepared statement.

"Dr. Nelsen brings with him a diverse educational and professional background which should serve the University well during the coming years," Jordan said.

Before coming to the University, Nelsen served as chairman of the department of sociology at Louisiana State University.

—Hart M. Nelsen

Nelsen also served as chairman of the Department of Sociology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., for eight years prior to joining LSU in 1981.

Nelsen holds a doctorate in sociology from Vanderbilt University, a master's degree in biology from the State College of Iowa, a master's degree in theology and sociology of religion from Princeton Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree in biology-chemistry from the State College of Iowa. Nelsen also is a member of the American Sociological Association.

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