

'Cautious optimism' in Barrington talk

Asking faculty members to join him in an "attitude of reeducation" to the principles which have made the college's past significant and asking new students to enter into a partnership with the faculty in striving for excellence, State University College at Potsdam President Thomas M. Barrington welcomed the two groups to the campus this past week.

Cautious optimism pervaded Barrington's address to the faculty as he discussed budgets, new and expanding programs, enrollment, energy conservation and "accountability" with the faculty; "cautious" because the college is still feeling the effects of past budget cuts and "optimistic" because no new cuts have been made, new sources of funding are being exploited, and faculty and administrators are making the effort to maintain high standards in less than ideal financial circumstances.

Barrington pointed out that communications from the State University Central Office in Albany are encouraging concerning an increase in several facets of the college's budget for 1978-79 and noted some financial relief for some aspects of the campus operation for the current year, as well.

Among various projects which have received funding from outside sources at the college, Barrington listed a \$235,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a Foreign Language in the Elementary School project; a \$210,000 U.S. Office of Education grant for the Teacher Corps program; a U.S. Office of Education grant to the School of Education in the amount of \$34,000; a \$15,918 Coast Guard contract to the School of Education in the amount of \$34,000; a \$15,918 Coast Guard contract to the anthropology department for research related to the effects of a 1976 oil spill in the St. Lawrence River; a \$13,000 grant from the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene for an Alcohol Institute involving the department of health and physical education; an \$11,590 Department of Transportation grant to the anthropology department; and \$2,600 in Title VI funds for instructional equipment.

Concerning energy conservation, Barrington told the faculty, "You have repeatedly been told how important energy conservation program is, and we have taken great pride in the fact that this program is one of the most successful in State University and has resulted in the release of thousands of dollars to assist in the purchase of equipment for our total educational mission."

He also informed the faculty of an application which is being sent to the federal government seeking funding for experiments on the relative merits of various energy saving approaches at colleges and universities and of new forms of energy generation.

Reminding the faculty members that as a college community, and especially as a public-supported college, "Ac-

countability" to many publics must always be recognized, Barrington remarked, "we are accountable to more than the taxpaying public and to governmental agencies; we are locally accountable to our students and to each other."

Barrington suggested that faculty members should view motivation of students as having to do with being sincere about a teaching-learning partnership and with communicating to students the interest and enthusiasm the faculty member has for his or her own academic discipline.

He reminded both groups of their need to work and make sacrifices and to make contributions to the college community and to the world beyond the campus if their experiences are to have significance in the long run. Barrington's remarks to entering students were made at a formal

academic welcome ceremony in the College Theater. Others addressing the new freshmen and transfers were the academic deans and the vice presidents of the college.

Barrington and the others outlined the opportunities available to the students through the various academic disciplines represented by the Crane School of Music, the School of Liberal Studies and the School of Education.

The President challenged the students to strive for more than just "getting by" to strive "not for a degree, but for an education."

Classes officially began for the college's 3,800 fulltime undergraduate students Friday after registration was held on Wednesday and Thursday. Evening and extension programs will be getting underway over the next two weeks.



SOMETHING AT REGISTRATION--As increasing numbers of married students attend college, scenes such as this at State University College at Potsdam's registration are becoming commonplace on American campuses. The admissions office has assured us that this is not part of a new recruitment strategy. (John Oliphant Photo)

Nursery has openings

The Potsdam Parents Nursery School still has openings for its Fall enrollment. Applications is open to children ages 3 through 4. Classes will begin on September 19.

The pre-school program is designed to encourage social development through group play and activities and has an experienced qualified staff.

The Parents Nursery, is a licensed non-profit pre-school that is located at the Civic Center.

Parents have a choice of either Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday, and Thursday class sessions from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For further information about the program or enrollment application call: Nancy Connelly, 265-3018 or Sharon Pickard, 265-4129, or contact Teacher: Barbara Wellings at 265-3864.

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Student wives club recruiting members

Women whose husbands are students at Potsdam State or Clarkson College are cordially invited to join the Student Wives Club. This informal group meets every Monday night in the Back Lounge of Woodstock Lodge (Clarkson Hill Campus) at 8 o'clock.

The club offers guest speakers, demonstrations, and craft projects along with fun and friendship. Members enjoy getting out for a relaxed social evening. They encourage interested prospective members to call Maureen Palyo, 265-4835, Pam Yugartis, 268-4371 or Sharon Librandi, 268-4368 for further information about the group and its activities. Below is a tentative schedule for this semester.

- September 5-Macrame plant hangers and plant exchange
- September 12-Quilling
- September 19-Demonstration of flower arranging
- September 26-Tinsel painting
- October 3-sneaker on child abuse
- October 8-Swimming at Canton High School (husband too)
- October 10-open for suggestions
- October 17-Demonstration of cake decorating
- October 24- Corn Husk wreaths
- October 29.Halloween party for children.
- October 41- Crocheting Christmas decorations
- November 14-Baker's wreaths
- November 21-Tupperware party
- November- Open for suggestions
- December 2-Wine and cheese party for husbands and wives
- December 5-Open for suggestions
- December 12-Socializing

Books needed

Books are still needed for the sixth annual Potsdam Day Care Center used book sale. To donate books or records call Betty Bradley, 265-4592, Betsy Baker, 265-4666 or Ann Forsyth, 265-2671. The book sale will take place Thursday and Friday, September 8 and 9, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement of the Civic Center, Potsdam. Available will be fiction, non-fiction, textbooks, children's books, novels, mysteries, records, magazines and much more. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Potsdam Day Care Center, a state licensed day care facility for three to five years olds located in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Potsdam. The Potsdam Day Care Center is an agency of the United Way of St. Lawrence County.

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