

Environmental School site tentatively selected, students encouraged to protest

by Randy Mack

The search for a home for Clark University's School of Environmental Science and Policy (ESP) has begun.

This summer, the office of Administration and Finance (A&F) convened committees to decide on a site for a new building for ESP.

A committee was created to select an architectural firm, while another committee worked with issues of site selection.

The ultimate purpose of the committees was to gather information and prepare a proposal to the Olin Foundation. According to Jim Collins, Olin awards grants for "central campus construction."

Architectural firms were invited to come to Clark and make presentations regarding their vision for the ESP building.

The architectural firm Payette Associates, designers of the University Center and several other Clark buildings, submitted four possible site plans, complete with pros and cons, "green issues" (environmentally convenient site aspects), and large artists renderings. The site ideas were:

- Tear down the Admissions House

and most of the Maywood parking lot

- Tear down Bullock Hall
- Tear down the Downing Street offices, most of the parking lot behind it, the Alumni House lawn, and the Recycling Center's driveway
- Build it on Atwood lawn

The job was awarded to Architectural Resources of Cambridge.

According to Collins, those four options were seriously considered by the Administration. The unusually destructive nature of the proposals results from Olin's condition of "central" construction. When asked why they weren't applying for grants from environmental foundations or similar organizations, which might lack this requirement, Collins remarked that "that might be a good avenue to pursue, too."

According to Collins, the site-selection committee has made a preliminary agreement to choose the Downing scenario, but he added that "if students felt strongly about alternative arrangements, we would be interested in hearing them."

Collins' number is 793-7445.

Collins said that construction would not begin "for several years." •

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OIS gets new Director amid promotions

Written by Randy Mack

Researched by Bill Evans

Last week, Harold "Hal" Petersen took office as Director of the Office of Information Systems (OIS), as two seasoned staff members received promotions. Joanne Menard, formerly Project Manager, was promoted to Assistant Director of the OIS in charge of administrative systems, and Vax-favorite Anna Tomecka, formerly Manager of Systems and Networks, was promoted to Assistant Director of OIS in charge of Systems and Networks.

Petersen was selected by an OIS Search Committee that consisted of the following people: Andrea Michaels, Chair (Assistant Provost for Academic Budgets and Information Systems), Jim Collins (Vice-President for Administration and Finance), David Joyce (Math and Computer Science), Harvey Gould (Physics), Maurice Weinrobe (Economics), Sue Baughman (University Librarian), and Al Lefebvre (Director of International Studies and Student Records).

The OIS SearchCom narrowed the 160 applicants down to three finalists after several rounds of resume and reference reviews. None of the finalists was a current employee of Clark.

Each finalist was brought to Clark and met with the following groups:

the Banner Steering Committee, the Computer Advisory Committee, Library staff, OIS staff, and twice with the SearchCom.

According to Bill Evans, student representative of the CompACom, selection criteria included: experience in a wide range of information resources; a strong technical and management background; a prior academic background (not always necessary for this type of job), and technical experience with a wide range of equipment and protocols. Experience with Banner mainframes was also a plus.

The search process began in early Spring and concluded in early July. OIS has been without a full-time Director since Jerry Olson resigned in August of 1995.

Petersen was the Assistant Director of Computing and Telecommunications at the University of Tennessee at Memphis for seven years before accepting the position at Clark. Before that, he was the Director of Information Systems at the Battelle Memorial Institute, and before that, he was on the Chemistry faculty at the University of Rhode Island. •

[Sources: Anna Tomecka, Andrea Michaels, Jim Collins, Harold Petersen, Bill Evans]



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Dedicated to Daka Jake, the Bad Boy of Bon Appetit

Thanks to Elsa Berendes for help with Merchandising. I never thought we'd get it all shipped in time!

Students to be charged for 800-number phone calls

by Randy Mack

Students will now pay 50 cents for every 1800 number they dial from their dormitory. Their long-distance access code will be required to place the calls.

An anonymous source offered an explanation (as of press time, this explanation is unconfirmed).

Certain phone-sex lines use 800 prefixes. In order to ensure privacy, and to make billing easier, the phone-sex employee will often call the person back collect. Unfortunately, the Clark phone system is not smart enough to handle in-coming collect

calls, so the call is re-routed. Between 9 and 5 the calls go to the Operator in Telecommunications, and after hours they go to the Campus Police dispatchers, who must accept the charges for legal reasons.

Last semester, Clark's phone service paid hundreds of dollars in phone sex charges because students were calling phone sex lines at night.

According to the source, several dispatchers were investigated for making phone-sex calls while on duty, because the calls came in during their shift.

[Said source is a dispatcher.] •



Woody Harrelson on the set of Oliver Stone's new sequel *Natural Born Killers and a Little Lady*, with Steve Guttenberg, Michael J. Fox, Harvey Keitel, and Christopher Walken.