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**DR. WALTON A. BROWN**

On December 1, 1966, Dr. Walton A. Brown officially took office as President of the State Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill. He succeeded Dr. Edward J. Sabol who resigned in February to accept the position of President at Sauk Valley Junior College, Sterling, Illinois.

Although Dr. Brown comes to us from Atlantic Community College, New Jersey, where he has been serving as President, he is a native New Yorker. A former resident of New York City, he has served in education on the primary and secondary levels in New York State. He has held positions as Dean and Vice-President at Adirondack Community College and Instructor in Social Science, Director of Admissions and Testing and Director of Student Personnel Services at Orange County Community College.

Dr. Brown received his Bachelors Degree in 1950 from the University of Vermont; his Masters Degree from Purdue University in 1951; his Ed.D. from Columbia University in 1958.

Mrs. Brown and the two chil-

dren, a son and a daughter, preceded Dr. Brown to Cobleskill early in September to facilitate the children's schooling. Dr. Brown has recently joined them in full-time residence at the President's house, which is located adjacent to the Horticultural and Agricultural Complexes.

Today there are needs in education which are not related to the European educational system, from which our system of education originated, because of an increasing need for trained specialists in agricultural and mechanical arts who also have a background in liberal arts. For this reason more and more emphasis has been placed on technical programs; this need is being met by expansion on the junior college level. This practical type of higher education which is in keeping with our national needs appeals to Dr. Brown.

Like everyone else who remembers the campus of last semester, Dr. Brown was amazed by the changes which have taken place, especially the "instant forests". He has already been around most of the campus: it is "going to

be a very attractive campus". The cooperative and friendly atmosphere which exists between students, faculty and administration is one aspect of a junior college that he finds appealing.

Elaborating on Cobleskill's status as a two-year school, Dr. Brown stated that there is no future of it becoming a four-year college; our "nation needs as many top quality junior colleges as four-year ones". Over the years the college may develop an expanded program of upper division students—these are students who transfer to Cobleskill from a community or larger college to complete their last two years of schooling. However he does not feel that this business of transfer relationship should be allowed to be stressed too much because two-year colleges are important in themselves.

Too often the stress in community colleges is placed heavily on liberal arts and the technical is pushed aside or forgotten. In these schools the type of program to be offered often depends on the likes and dislikes of the administration; at Cobleskill this

cannot happen because the State University system has a tight hold on the reins. Ag-tech colleges in New York State serve as examples of comprehensive junior colleges.

After he officially takes office, Dr. Brown plans to spend a great deal of time acquainting himself with what is "going on"; "there is so much going on; so much to be sieved and sorted". However, he does not want to be entirely removed from the students. Dr. Brown feels that the college is still small enough to maintain contact between the students and administration. He has noted that the Handbook states that the student government shall meet with the President at frequent intervals; Dr. Brown plans to see that this is carried out, if it has not in the past. Meetings of this type will assure communication between both sides should a crisis ever arise.

Education is a slow process and Dr. Brown does not anticipate any drastic and overnight changes; the "new horizon" technique is not the best. At this time he considers the college to be quite stable.

# EDITORIAL

## PRESIDENT BROWN — A NEW LIGHT

Many students are naturally wondering what type of "guy" Dr. Brown really is. Is he going to be a dictator that the students will have to bow down to, or is he deathly afraid of, or will he be circulating amongst the student body for the first week to see who and what the students are, and then for the remainder of his career hibernate in his second floor office "on the hill", which will be "off limits to the students"?

After interviewing Dr. Brown for almost an hour it can be safely said that he will be neither. Due to the many demands that a president of a college is confronted with, Dr. Brown will naturally be tied down in his office much of the day. However, he is extremely interested in the student's welfare. He has read over the student handbook and expressed praise for the stipulation that the student council may meet with the president periodically, to discuss various campus problems.

With a new president, new policies will undoubtedly be drawn up to which the students and faculty will be expected to adjust. When Dr. Brown was asked if any changes were going to be made immediately, he stated that until he gets caught up on any work that may need his immediate attention, no drastic changes could be forecast.

Every student without exception should take advantage of any opportunity they may have to meet Dr. Brown. After speaking with him you will have the feeling that he is someone who really respects and has concern for what you say. He is the type of person that one can converse with, without getting "all tensed up".

Dr. Walton Brown — WELCOME TO THE COBLESKILL CAMPUS!

# TEAM SPOTLIGHT

## RON MINTURN



Ron, from Coxsack, N.Y., heads the returning seniors for Mr. Nevins' wrestling team. An All-USA major, Ron was one of the stars of last year's team. While attending Union Springs High, Ron played football and wrestled four years. Last year in addition to wrestling, Ron was a member of the Tennis team. At 237 and 185 pounds, Ron once again hopes to be one of the outstanding wrestlers on the team.

## JOHN BENJAMIN



John, an Assistant Major in Food Service Administration for Mr. Nevins' wrestling team. Three years of wrestling at Mont Pleasant High gives John the needed experience necessary for college wrestling. John, who is 5 feet 8 and weighs 122, should be an important member of the team.

## ART MARINO



Art, sometimes known as "Tiger", is a Senior majoring in business. In Port Chester High he was a member of the Cross Country team, wrestling team, and track team. Last year, at Cobleskill, Art was a member of Phi Beta Lambda as well as wrestling. After graduation, Art plans to continue on toward a higher degree.

## JEFF GRAY



Jeff is a Senior who is majoring in AN. HUS. Although he did not wrestle last year, Jeff did participate while attending South Glens Falls High. In his Senior year, he placed second in the conference tournament. At 5'7" and 165 pounds, he will be a welcome addition to the team.

## LARRY OMANSKY



Larry comes to Cobleskill from Lyndbrook, N.Y., where he was Section 4 champ at his weight class. A freshman majoring in Business, he is interested in Phi Beta Lambda and student council as well as wrestling. He hopes to go into Accounting at graduation.

## GEORGE IRELAND



A highly regarded Horticulture freshman, George comes to Cobleskill from Marwells Hill, where he was County heavyweight champ in his Junior and Senior years. At Marwells, he played football and track in addition to wrestling. The 6'4", 220 pounder is being counted on to carry the burden at the heavyweight class.

## CHARLES YAUN



Charlie, who comes from Liberty, N.Y., is a freshman majoring in Ag. Engineering. While in high school, he participated in track, cross country, and wrestling. Here at Cobleskill, Charlie is looking forward to joining the Outback. After graduation, he will join the Armed Service.

## ALAN CURTIS



Majoring in Industrial Lab. Tech., Al is Gullford, N.Y.'s gift to the wrestling team. Another tri-sport major, Al plays football, track and wrestling. Weighing 165 pounds, Al will give the team additional strength in the middleweight classes.

## JOHN HOLDER



John comes to us from Washingtonville Central, where he participated in track. John is a freshman majoring in Agriculture, who might decide to go into farming after graduation. At 5'10 and weighs 134 pounds, and should see much action for the team.

## JOHN SNOOK



Jack, as he is known to his friends, is a 1966 graduate of Newton High. This Lab. Tech. major, although he did not play any athletics in high school, is looking forward to wrestling and basketball at Cobleskill. This Horticulture major hopes to enter farming or greenhouse management after graduation.

## LOUIS GIGLIO



"Gig" is a Business Administration major from Crown, N.Y. This fresh was active in wrestling, track, and football. With 3 years of high school wrestling experience, Gig's 145 lbs. should be a welcome addition.

## MARK LOUPRETTE



Mark, or "Beer" as he is sometimes known, is a graduate of C.I.B. Tech. This Lab. Tech. major, did not participate in high school wrestling, but would like to try both wrestling and basketball at Cobleskill. At Cobleskill, he will probably wrestle in the 151 class.

## ELEMS MILLER



Elems comes to Cobleskill from Ithaca High School in Ithaca. This Food in Administration major, lists the Rifle team and Newman Club as his other interests. Weighing 160 lbs, he will wrestle heavyweight. After graduation, he would like to continue in his major field.

## TOM MOREY



An Ag. Bus. freshman, Tom comes from Fort Edward, N.Y. where he played football, baseball, basketball and track. This senior hopes to join the Outing Club and Student Council while here. His 150 pounds could be a big asset to the team.

## WAYNE GETMAN



Buzz, as he likes to be called, is the "old man" of the team. After graduation in '63, he spent three years in the Army while attending Oyster Bay Young Central in Richfield Spa, this Agronomy major was a standout on the wrestling team. After graduation, he would like to enter into farming.

## AL JONES



Al is a Business Administration freshman from Gilboa, N.Y. While in high school, he played baseball, basketball, football and cross country. For his fine ability in cross country, he was presented two trophies. Al looks forward to either baseball or track in addition to wrestling. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a business education.

## GARY LAWRENCE



Gary joins the wrestling team after completing a fine season as a basketball and cross country. For his fine track from Haer, N.Y. Gary was MVP in soccer in high school. Weighing 160 pounds, his three years of high school experience will be a strong factor in the success of the team.

## GEORGE CARLETON



George comes to Cobleskill from Webster, N.Y., where he played football, lacrosse, and wrestling. At 5'8" and 155 pounds, he will wrestle in the middleweight classes. A Business Administration fresh, George is a promising member of the team.

Peter Martin, Terry Kloss, Dave Gray, and Phil Guzzo are also on the team. Good luck to Mr. Nevins and his team.

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# WRESTLING SCHEDULE

1966 - 1967		
Tuesday, December 6	Hudson Valley	Away
Friday, December 9	Auburn	Away
Wednesday, December 14	Bronze	Home
Saturday, December 17	Canton	Away
Friday, January 6	Mohawk Valley	Away
Saturday, January 7	Morrisville	Home
Wednesday, January 11	Home	Home
Saturday, January 14	Paul Smith's	Away
Saturday, February 4	Brown Community	Home
Saturday, February 11	Morrisville	Away
Saturday, February 13	Albany Fresh	Home
Tuesday, February 21	Pulvin-Montgomery	Home
February 24-25, 1967	NCAA Wrestling Tournament at Dean Jr. College.	