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# SPECKEEN QUIT



Dr. Speckeen

Dr. Frederick J. Speckeen, Dean of Students and Vice-President: Educational Services, has resigned.

His resignation, effective December 15, was confirmed Monday night at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

The move came as a complete surprise to faculty members, who were informed at a closed faculty meeting last night.

In a special interview, Dr. Speckeen announced that he would be leaving next month to take the position of Consultant for Planning and Development of the University of the Bahamas.

He will be joining former WLU President William J. Villaume, who, since his resignation last May, has been investigating the possibility of setting up another Lutheran-run university in the Bahamas.

Dr. Speckeen said that he would be leaving on December 1st, although his resignation would not become official until the 15th. "I have a few holidays coming up and I might as well use them," he said.

"The University of the Bahamas is a brand new institution, and it will present some new challenges and new situations for me."

Dr. Speckeen's resignation is the fourth to be accepted from top-ranking administrative officials within the last six months.

Last May, Dr. Villaume's resignation was closely followed by those of Arlette Pederson, his executive assistant, and Dr. Lloyd H. Schaus, former Dean of Arts and Science.

These three resignations occurred shortly after the release of the preliminary report of the management consultant's firm of Booz, Allan and Hamilton.

Dean Speckeen denies, however, that his resignation is in any way connected with the consultants' report or with the other resignations.

He said, "There have been no conflicts, no conflicts whatsoever with the administration."

"This separation has been made entirely with good grace on both sides and I shall miss this campus very much."

## Nichols Appointed Dean of Students

Fred L. Nichols has been appointed Dean of Students.

The appointment was made by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors at a meeting held Monday night.

Moments after the resignation of Dr. Fred Speckeen was accepted, Mr. Nichols was appointed to office.

"We had to act fast," said Acting President Henry Endress. "In fairness to the students, there has to be somebody in that position when the Booz, Allen Hamilton report comes out."

Mr. Nichols will continue in his present position as Director of Student Activities.

He said "my interest when I first came here was Student Unions and student activities." I don't want to lose that interest."

He felt that he was prepared for his new position because he had

worked so closely with Dr. Speckeen in the past.

"I've always liked to think of myself as assistant to Dean Speckeen."

He said that he did not foresee any immediate changes in policy, although he indicated that the administration is currently drawing up a new job description for his position.

Dr. Endress said that although the decision was made quickly, it was made with the students in mind.

"Mr. Nichols has a fine rapport with the students and they with him. We thought this is what everybody would want," he said.

This still leaves vacant the position of Vice-President: Educational Services, which Dr. Speckeen held in conjunction with his position as Dean of Students.

Apparently, the Executive Committee of the Board has already appointed someone to this post, but will not say who it is.

Dr. Endress stated that "a basic decision was made by the Executive regarding the vice-president, but no further information can be given until the individual involved has an opportunity to deal with his current relationship."

He said that the announcement would be made public "as soon as the person who was named is able to work out his affairs."

When asked to comment on these new appointments, Rob Brown, first vice-president of Students' Council, said that he was very surprised that both of Dr. Speckeen's positions as Dean of Students and Vice-President had already been filled.

"The suddenness of the whole operation baffles me," he said.

"The fact that Dr. Speckeen was replaced so quickly, while it is administratively efficient, appears quite contrary to the present policy of administrative openness that has recently developed."

"Perhaps," Mr. Brown added jokingly, "if we, the students, had known about this sooner, we might have been able to help pick the new

Dean and Vice-President, just as we have been graciously invited to help in the selection of the President of WLU."



Mr. Nichols