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## Ambassador Quinn To Speak At Commencement



William Penn President Thomas Boyd announced recently that Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, Executive Director of the World Food Prize, will deliver the address during the university's inaugural commencement service on Sunday, May 7th.

Quinn's career spans nearly thirty years, during which he has served in Indochina, on the National Security Council, at the White House, in humanitarian efforts on behalf of refugees, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Vienna, as an aide to the Governor of Iowa, on the staff of the Secretary of State,

as Deputy Chief of the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and as Ambassador to Cambodia. He is currently Executive Director of the World Food Prize.

Dr. Boyd said, "We are most honored to have Ambassador Quinn with us at this special graduation ceremony. His hands-on involvement in humanitarian and foreign service challenges our graduates to consider public service a viable part of their professional and personal lives."

Dr. Quinn holds a Ph.D. in International Relations. Widely acknowledged as the first person to report on the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, his doctoral dissertation was titled "The Origins of Radical Cambodian Communism."

Dr. Quinn spent over six years in Vietnam where he was assigned as an advisor and rural development officer. He served on the staff of the National Security Council at the Ford White House and participated in the evacuation of Saigon. He later received the Meritorious Service Award for his work on the Indochinese Refugee Resettlement Program. After serving under Iowa Governor Robert Ray and Secretary of State George Shultz, Quinn was assigned as Deputy Chief of the U.S. Embassy in Manila before being nominated as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Dr. Quinn is the recipient of the Presidential Distinguished Honor Award, the Arnold Raphael Award, the AFSA Christian Herter Awards, the AFSA William R. Rivkin Award, and has been decorated by the Defense Department for Distinguished Civilian Service.

Baccalaureate and Commencement services will be held Sunday, May 7 in the University's Gymnasium.

### ELIZABETH JOHNSON

## **New dorm and Phone Lines**

Merit Construction has begun work on William Penn University's long awaited and much-needed new student housing. Over the last two weeks, the crew has worked steadily, starting at 7:00 a.m. and leaving well after five. The plan is to have the new dorm open for the fall semester and filled to its capacity.

Jason Exkorn stated, "It is good to see Penn growing." Many students gave similar answers when asked about their feelings about the new dorm. With the continuing promises of a growing University, it has been hard for some students to grasp the change. Some have felt as though the promises would not be fulfilled. However, students can now walk by the construction site

and see firsthand one of the largest developments occurring at Penn.

The campus also now has a new phone system that provides voice mail and clearer reception. Ann Christy likes having voice mail and found the system easy to work with. Bobbi Jones commented, "I am happy that we finally can afford better quality phone service. However, this past weekend students living on campus did not have voice mail. Not only was I worried about my family getting ahold of me, but I couldn't leave messages for friends who live in the dorms." She also worries that since all students are on the same system, if there is a glitch, hundreds of students would be affected.

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