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Capitol may get Mandatory Activity Fee

At the SGA meeting on Monday night, Provost Robert E. McDermott said that next year's (1973-74) Student Government will not receive a formal budget from the University.

He solemnly announced that hard fact in the light of a financial crisis that will face the Penn State system in the coming fiscal year.

To supplant the loss of monies normally channeled to the SGA and all student organizations, the Provost suggested that the student representatives formulate a mandatory activities fee which would be complemented by all monies received from the parking sticker fee. He reiterated that this would be the only way SGA could gather funds for next year, in addition to revenue from the pinball machines.

McDermott said he hated to cut off the funding to the SGA, but he maintained he was left with no alternative. "The whole university has to sweat down," he said. He outlined the financial crisis, saying that Governor Shapp proposed a "zero budget" allocation for Penn State for next year, meaning the University will receive no increase over this year's budget. Accordingly, University President John Oswald placed a freeze on faculty and staff pay hikes and on hiring of additional personnel. Also, faculty must pay more of their "health plan" benefits, so in effect, they are receiving a salary decrease. Tuition will be increased by \$15 to \$20 a term to help cover expenses.

One the whole, the Provost estimated the University will be working at a level at 94% of this year, with inflation reducing it to 91%.

McDermott felt trapped because the only adjustments he could make with Capitol's budget were in department allotments, thus the SGA cutback. He stipulated that travel expenses and phone allotments for the faculty will be

reduced. He said he realized SGA has "not been supported well in the past," but he had no where to go.

"This campus will not be generating the funds that it has in the past, due to decreasing enrollment" and other factors, he said. The parking/Activities fee, which in no manner concerns graduate students, is a proposal which the SGA will negotiate with the Provost and Mr. George Dressler, Administrative Officer. Currently, SGA members overwhelmingly favor a mandatory activities fee because they too feel there is no alternative.

Senators asked McDermott why there could not be just a higher activities and that parking could be free. The Provost explained that the Board of Trustees set "the fee" and students must pay into the fund, although he will turn those monies over to Student Government. He asserted Capitol Students will not be required to "make up" the \$49,000 deficit this campus has incurred in new parking lot construction since 1966.

As part of the cutback in departmental allotments, McDermott announced that the Cultural Committee and its \$6,000 budget has been dropped from Jerry South's Student Activities budget. He said the "concept of a Cultural Committee" was not dropped, but that there would be no funding for it next year. He stated that the only way the Committee could be revived would be through SGA funding.

Following the SGA meeting, members met to contemplate the proposal. A few indefinite figures were tossed around, one of which was a \$5 activities fee, payable with tuition, and a \$3 parking fee. The SGA is expected to present a formal proposal to McDermott in the next few weeks.

A MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

In last week's issue, we announced that Provost McDermott has stipulated that summer term, 1973, graduates will not be formally recognized during the June Commencement ceremonies.

SGA Senator Ron Snyder notified us that "about 17" people contacted him after the article was printed. Apparently, those individuals expected to participate in the June event although they will not graduate until August. Accordingly, they paid the 10 dollar deposit for the cap and gown.

The Capitolist contacted Mr. William E. Kistler, Bookstore Manager, regarding the situation. He stated that the 17 can receive a full refund if they present a cap and gown receipt, if available, to him as soon as possible. Kistler added that there will be no refund for those who ordered graduation announcements for June Commencement.

In another reference to

graduation, which looms ever closer, Provost McDermott at Monday night's SGA meeting emphasized that no student from Capitol is permitted to participate in any graduation ceremonies at University Park.

Passover Celebration

The Passover Holiday begins on Monday, evening, April 16, and the Sisterhood of the Ohev Sholom Temple in Harrisburg cordially invites the Jewish students of Capitol Campus to celebrate the event.

A Seder Dinner and Service led by Rabbi Jonathan Brown will be held on that date at the Temple at 2345 N. Front St., Students can attend the dinner free, courtesy of the Sisterhood.

For reservations and further information, contact the Temple office at 233-6459.

Social Committee Raft Trip



Here's an idea for an exciting Memorial Day week-end.

The Social Committee is sponsoring a white-water raft trip down the Youghieny River near Pittsburgh, May 25-27.

The cost of the trip will not exceed 20 dollars for the entire week-end, according to Bob Brannan, social Committee member who is organizing the excursion.

The raft trip will take place in Ohio State Park near Uniontown, Pa., which is southeast of Pittsburgh. Wilderness Voyageurs, Inc. will provide professional guides, life jackets, rafts, paddles, lunch and 7 1/2 miles of white water and "the time of your life."

For more information, contact Bob at 944-5658.

DR. DAHIR APPOINTED TO TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM

Dr. Sabir H. Dahir, Assistant Professor of Engineering at Capitol Campus, has been appointed to a special research team at the Transportation and Traffic Safety Center at University Park.

The team has been commissioned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to conduct a bituminous pavement polishing research project during the summer months. Tests will be made to determine the polishing characteristics of aggregates in relationship to their skid resistance qualities.

Field samples collected from the experimental test track will be used to determine how traffic cycles and environment affects the aggregates. The team also will test various types and sizes of abrasives to determine their influence on the polishing of aggregates used in bituminous concrete.

Dr. Dahir holds a bachelor, masters and doctorate degrees from the North Carolina State University. He has done extensive research on skid resistance of pavements and is the author of a number of professional publications on this subject.

Pinochle Tournament

The Meade Heights People's Pinochle Tournament will begin on Monday, April 16. Interested persons should contact John Domizio at 851 B Kirtland Ave. or Phone 944-1902.

There will be a 50 cent entry fee as prizes will be awarded.

Pet Cases Handled by Court

During the waning days of the winter term, the Student Court conducted two hearings regarding incidents which occurred in Meade Heights. Each case concerned an issue that remains unsolved today; that of student compliance with the University regulations prohibiting pets in campus housing.

Harvey Lubar and Tom O'Brien were charged in separate cases, the latter being a closed hearing at the wish of the defendant. Lubar was charged with violation of rule No. 7 of the codes of conduct: Failure to comply with the directions of a University official (obstructing justice). He was found guilty but his sentence took the moderate form of a disciplinary warning.

O'Brien was charged with violation of rule No. 13 (Assault and battery), but he was deemed innocent by the Court.

Court members, under University guidelines, were prohibited from revealing any further information regarding the cases.

COURSE REPEAT FORMS AVAILABLE

Students may now secure a "Course Repeat Notice" from the Records Office, E-108.

A student can repeat a course in which a "D" or an "F" has been previously received. Upon completion of the course, only the new grade received for that particular course shall be used in calculating the GPA, although the aforementioned "D" or "F" remains on the transcript.

After obtaining a form from the Records Office, students must complete the form and secure the signature of the Program Chairman, according to Mr. James Thorne, Records, Registration and Scheduling Officer. A fee of three dollars must be paid at the Finance Office before the form is returned to the Records Office between April 16 and 18.

That time period is also the filing period for pass-fail grades and April 18 is the last official day to drop a course.

HACC Faculty Approves "Cooperation" Measure

Last Friday, the faculty of Harrisburg Area Community College overwhelmingly supported a proposal to "cooperate" with Capitol Campus on a formal basis.

The vote was 96-6, according to Dr. Thomas Knight, Chairman of Capitol's Faculty Council.

Capitol faculty voted to support the resolution in early March by 84-8 with one abstention.

The body of the resolution called for "joint faculty and administrative committees" of HACC and Capitol to "be created to implement" the policy of formal interface "in areas of admissions, curriculum planning, dual enrollment, exchange of students and faculty, as well as joint utilization of facilities and other resources," while maintaining a belief in "the separate missions" of the two schools.



Food Co-Op Forms

For those interested in forming a food co-op, there will be an organizational meeting on Monday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the T.V. Lounge.

The organizers, who are married students living in the University Apartments, can purchase good meat and staples and produce commodities at wholesale prices through bulk purchasing.

Hillel Organization

All students interested in reactivating Hillel as a social and cultural organization (Jews and non-Jews alike) please contact Geoffrey March at 125 Wrisberg Hall, phone 944-4412.