

In Attempt To Hold Down Tuition

Oswald Pleads For More State Money

Harrisburg, Pa., ---Dr. John W. Oswald, president of The Pennsylvania State University, today urged approval of the 1975-76 appropriation request of the University.

He emphasized at the hearing before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee that Penn State's request for \$114.5 million is designed to achieve six major objectives, essential for the continued effective operation of the University. The objectives are to:

--Cope with the inflated costs of operation.

--Provide equitable salary increases.

--Meet mandated State Retirement and Social Security costs.

--Keep Penn State open to the average Pennsylvania family by holding down tuition increases.

--Improve the medical education per capita reimbursement which has gone four years without an increase.

--Restore research and extension program levels.

"We are deeply aware of the difficult financial problems faced by you and the Governor at the present time," President Oswald emphasized to the Committee. "We are attempting to do everything we can to deal with the fiscal realities.

"Nevertheless, it is especially critical that we communicate to you the serious problems for Penn State that would be created by an appropriation at the level proposed in the Governor's budget document."

The amount recommended is \$14 million short of the appropriation requested.

Emphasizing the need to keep Penn State open to the people of Pennsylvania, Dr. Oswald noted that his appropriation request was based on a strong policy intention to avoid a tuition increase in 1975-76. He reminded the Committee that Penn State tuition is already among the highest in the Nation for a state university.

"With the University primarily dependent on two sources of revenue, State appropriations and tuition, a substantial tuition increase will be unavoidable if appropriation amounts are under the amounts considered essential," Dr. Oswald said.

An inadequate appropriation presents critical problems in other areas, too, Dr. Oswald explained. These include:

Salary increases, a high priority item, which should be at least commensurate with those received by personnel in other educational institutions, government, and private industry in the Commonwealth.

Costs for additional fuel and utilities, up \$2 million in spite of extensive conservation efforts now in effect.

Cost of goods and services necessary for departmental operations, a problem becoming more critical because most departmental budgets have been reduced in recent years and cannot be further cut without seriously affecting the University's programs.

Classroom Smoking Under Study

University Park, Pa.,

A preliminary report on smoking in classrooms and other public facilities of the University was presented at a meeting of the University Council.

Dr. Helen A. Guthrie, a member of the subcommittee, in making the report, said that the committee has been examining the problems from the standpoint of health, safety, visual appearance of facilities, personal discomfort, and custodial and maintenance problems.

She noted that the subcommittee has had extensive comments from many sources over the past few weeks and that the subcommittee, chaired by Dr. Walter H. Walters, has examined previous smoking regulations, adopted in 1958 and 1964, which were concerned primarily with safety rather than health hazards or personal objections to smoking.

Council also continued its discussion of ventilation and other conditions in classrooms as they relate to the quality of instruction and discussed these matters with Ralph F. Searly, director of physical plant maintenance and operations, and William L. Hetrick, director of physical plant administration, who attended the meeting.

The matter of classroom smoking arose in this discussion and was blamed for some of the problems that result in classrooms where ventilation for one reason or another is limited.

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The XGI softball team is leaving tonight (Friday) to participate in the softball tournament at University Park. Good luck! Don't get too drunk!!

The bathtub race is on for Wednesday, May 7 at 1 pm starting from the student center. The race will be run around campus and the XGI's will be right in there! We hope we don't get a mechanical failure like the XGI's did last year. Pres. Paul Skodacek worked on the tub last weekend and is now looking for a crew of healthy pushers - (that is bathtub pushers) to assist in getting the XGI tub around campus. Should be great fun!!

On the sports scene, as of the time of this writing, the XGI softball team is 3 and 0, and the bowling team is 14 and 10. Get your deposits in (\$4) for the Phillies and Braves baseball trip scheduled for Friday, May 16th.

The XGI's went to the Shaeffer Brewery for a tour on Friday night, April 25th and some of them have not been seen since! I hope they will recover soon! It was reported that Edna was trying to salvage some cans for her beer and soda can drive!

At the meeting of April 15, James McFarland and David Lang from University Center were officially accepted into the frat and drank from the Friendship Mug. Of course, yours truly sent the wrong person in to drink from the mug the first time, but by this time, some of the people were kind of starry-eyed and probably would not have known the difference were it not for a certain few rowdies!

Spring Picnic Get your questionnaire on the picnic into the frat office! The picnic will be held on Saturday, May 31, 1975 at Don Braun's farm. Of course, alumni are the frat's invited guests. Rain date will be Sunday, June 1st.

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Jorn Jensen

Boycott Light-Meat Tuna

The Sierra Club has now joined with a number of other conservation groups in support of a nationwide boycott of "light meat" tuna. This action was taken to protest the failure of the tuna industry to comply with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 which allowed tuna fishermen two years in which to develop techniques for taking yellowfin tuna which would not entail the slaughter of thousands of porpoises. At issue is a fishing technique developed in the 1960's by American tuna fishermen in the eastern tropical Pacific which capitalizes on the observed tendency of yellowfin tuna to travel below pods of porpoises. Upon sighting the porpoises on the surface, the fishermen use motor launches to drive them into nets where the porpoises become entrapped and are unable to reach the surface to breathe, resulting in death by drowning. When the nets are pulled up, the dead porpoises are separated from the tuna and thrown back into the ocean.

It should be noted that other species of tuna are not taken in this way and, indeed, other methods are available for taking yellowfin tuna. Japanese fishermen catch twice as much tuna as the Americans without slaughtering porpoises. The National Marine Fisheries Service of the Department of Commerce has capitulated to pressure from the tuna industry and, in a move to subvert the intentions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, has issued regulations which would permit the killing of up to 130,000 porpoises per year.

You are urged to support this boycott by not buying yellowfin tuna, which appears on supermarket

shelves as "light meat" or "chunk light" tuna. Albacore and Bonita are not fished "on porpoise" and are not being boycotted. In addition, we suggest that you write to the American Tuna Association, 1 Tuna Lane, San Diego, Cal. 92101, telling them why you are not buying light meat tuna.

Rohrbach Elected

Larry Rohrbach, Veterans Coordinator at Penn State-Capitol Campus, was recently elected President of the Pennsylvania Association of Veteran Program Administrators (PAVPA).

Thirty colleges and universities from the Commonwealth attended a meeting in Harrisburg to formally organize the state association.

PAVPA has been founded for several reasons: 1) to develop better communications and active cooperation between participating institutions; 2) to identify all agencies within the Commonwealth which provide services to veterans and develop a summary of those services; 3) to offer assistance to individual institutions in alternative funding for veterans programs in higher education; 4) to promote the extension of educational opportunities to all veterans and dependents.

CAPITOL TRAILWAYS TOURS

In the past several issues of the C.C. Reader, Capitol Trailways advertised tours such as Mac Davis and John Denver concerts. Our readers will be interested in their future programs. One such tour is the 100th running of the Preakness. This event includes a Preakness Party, and a trip to Penn National Race Track.

Students can enjoy these trips. They are total package deals containing round trip transportation and reservations.

Summer School In England

Penn State-Capitol Campus is offering a summer education course which will include a two-week trip to England. The course will begin with the summer term, June 9, and the two week trip will be taken from June 16 through July 1.

The purpose of the trip will be to observe and participate in the classrooms of England. Students on the trip will also explore British teaching methods for possible use in American classrooms.

According to Dr. David Ongiri, assistant professor of education, the six credit course is limited to 40 persons. Ongiri stated that the classroom visitations will be done in the city of Nottingham, England.

Persons interested in this course should contact Dr. David Ongiri; call 787-7969

BOOKS OPEN

The SGA Treasurer's books are open to the public and can be seen by appointment with Jack Henry, Treasurer.

Records Vanishing

University Park, Pa.,

The Bicentennial celebration offers Americans in all parts of the country a great opportunity to learn more about their past, according to Dr. Frederick R. Matson, newly elected president of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA).

And they had better take it because time is very short.

Within the next decade, much of the record will be gone, warns Dr. Matson, research professor of archaeology at The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Matson is encouraged by the so-called Salvage Act recently passed by Congress, which specified that when any new contracts for salvage or road building are let, there must be a line item providing for archaeological studies before work begins.

"What is needed is both professionally trained archaeologists and volunteers to work under their direction to study and preserve sites about to disappear under new shopping plazas, parking lots and highways", Dr. Matson points out.

Projects funded by local and national Bicentennial commissions may support

this work.

The record is still there. In clearing the area around Philadelphia's Independence Hall, for example, to create the present park, excavators found the shells of colonial structures buried in older buildings, small houses that had been expanded over and covered up in later times.

"There is real colonial and 19th century archaeology waiting to be uncovered in Pennsylvania", continues Dr. Matson, who has supervised numerous excavations in this country and the Near East.

A member of Penn State's faculty since 1948, Dr. Matson was first appointed as a professor of ceramics. In 1953, he was named professor of archaeology and from 1957 to 1966 also served as an assistant and associate dean for research and graduate study in the College of the Liberal Arts.

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Thanks for the Big Macs!
-The Guys on the Late Shift