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### Rally

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MIDDLETOWN, Pa. --A statewide rally of students from Penn State, Pitt, Temple, Drexel, and Lincoln Universities, and the University of Pennsylvania will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 1977 on the Capitol steps in Harrisburg. The rally is to protest the failure of the Pennsylvania State Legislature to enact legislation funding these schools for the current fiscal year. The rally will begin at 11:00 a.m., and consist of a march and a program of speakers. While the rally is going on, students from each legislative and senatorial district in the state will distribute letters and petitions from constituents to the various legislators.

The rally is being organized by committees of students at each university involved. The State Rally Coordinating Committee is presently composed of four students at Capitol Campus: Gary Reneker, promotion and general coordination; Ed Perrone, media and public relations; Carol Andress, security and logistics; and Linda Weaver, speakers and inter-campus communications.

As of now, most specifics are still tentative. A meeting is being held at Capitol Campus this weekend for the coordinators of each of the universities to finalize the plans.

On Tuesday, November 1, Capitol Campus Rally Coordinators and SGA leaders met with Grant Ackerman, SGA President at University Park, who was in Harrisburg that day lobbying for the passage of the budget. Ackerman gave his support to the rally, and stated that he would return to Capitol on Saturday for the statewide coordination meetings.

The Rally Coordinators are estimating a turnout of between 2,000 and 4,000 students. Temple University -- whose medical school is in danger of losing its accreditation due to cutbacks in essential services -- already has 700 students signed up to attend. Estimates from other schools are not yet complete.

Capitol Campus' Rally Committee is being headed by Dave Nikoloff, an SGA senator. He said that some Penn State branch campuses, as yet unnamed, may be forced to close down because of physical plant difficulties which may violate state regulations. Temple University, almost forced to shut down last week due to lack of funds, may close by November 12. According to one source, the faculty and staff at Temple received a notice with their most recent paycheck that it would be their last.

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Here at Capitol, Nikoloff said, the Maintenance and Physical Plant Departments have been cut back to the "bare bone." The next cuts, he said, may well be in faculty and staff.

The tuition at Penn State for next term is being increased because of the present money situation. The exact amount of the increase has not yet been released, although most estimates center around a final figure of \$500. If the problem is not resolved soon, one source stated recently, the tuition next

year could be anywhere between \$650 and \$1300 per term.

Rally coordinators are urging all students and faculty to attend the rally. The crisis, they say, affects everyone connected with the campus, not just students.

Sign up sheets for the rally will be at the round table, just inside the entrance to the Main Building. Anyone interested in assisting in any way is urged to stop in the S.G.A. Office (W-100) or call 787-1663.

By Ed Perrone  
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The deadlock in the State Legislature over a tax increase to fund Pennsylvania's state related universities continues, even as the already serious financial plight of those universities worsens.

Until now, budget allocations from the state to these universities have been withheld, pending the passage of a probable tax increase to pay for them.

According to Mr. Dick Willey, of the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, the legislation which actually appropriates the money to the schools has already been passed by both the House and the Senate. It has not been sent to the Governor for his signature however, because the necessary funds are not available.

According to Mr. Willey, the appropriations bill (which spends the money) and the tax bill (which raises the money to spend) are each considered separately. In this case, the bill giving the appropriation was passed but an impasse was reached regarding the bill to raise the revenue. It is this deadlock which is keeping the money from the schools.

The Universities most affected by the money crunch are Penn State, Temple University, Lincoln University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

According to Mr. Richard Dario, of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, the University applies for its appropriation in this manner.

In August of the year preceding the fiscal year for which the appropriation is desired, a request is sent to the Governor for a certain amount of money. In late January or early February, the Governor makes his own recommendations to the Legislature regarding the University's request. In March, the Appropriations Committee holds hearings to determine the amount of money it will recommend to the full House. The House then acts on this proposal.

In August, 1976, Penn State requested an allocation from the state of \$153,500,000 in fiscal 1977-78. The Governor's recommendation to the legislature was \$109,761,000. The final appropriation passed was for \$108,894,000.

In fiscal 1976-77, Penn State received \$106,759,000. Mr. Willey said that the Legislature approved the appropriations bills in advance "to indicate (their) support for the universities," even though they were aware at the time that the necessary funds were not yet available.