

What's News?

UNIVERSITY EXTENDS THANKSGIVING VACATION

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.—Pennsylvania State University students will have a Thanksgiving week-end vacation next November, the vacation extending from 12:25 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, until 8 a.m. the following Monday, Nov. 29.

The calendar, as approved earlier, had provided only Thanksgiving Day as a vacation period, a practice that has been in effect since 1961 when the four-term calendar under which the University operates was inaugurated.

In the revised calendar, Fall Term commencement exercises have been changed from Dec. 13 to Dec. 19.

P.S. FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON ALL-AMERICAN SQUAD

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.—Three Penn State football players have been named to the Academic All-America football squad for 1969 as selected by ballot of the college sports information directors of America.

Linebacker Dennis Onkotz and halfback Charlie Pittman, both first-team All-America selections in 1969, were named to the academic first team, while All-American safety Neal Smith was named to the second unit.

To qualify for nomination and election, players had to maintain a 'B' or better grade during the past two terms, or during their college career, and they had to be first-string players.

ADMISSIONS AT RECORD HIGH

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA., Mar.—With applications for admission to The Pennsylvania State University running at a record high, approximately 1,600 additional students will be enrolled this Fall at the University's Commonwealth Campuses.

1970-'71 Fall Term enrollment at Penn State's 18 freshman-sophomore branch locations will be in the neighborhood of 12,840 full-time credit students.

This is up from 11,212 who were enrolled at the campuses last Fall.

The total does not include the projected enrollment of 1,125 undergraduates next year at the junior-senior Capitol Campus near Harrisburg.

In addition, 100 junior students will be enrolled in one of two majors, general science or general arts and science, at the Behrend Campus in Erie.

The other 3,900 students at the campuses will be enrolled in one of the University's 16 two-year associate degree programs. This presents an increase of approximately 600 from last year.

650 NEW STUDENTS AT MAIN CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.—Approximately 650 new students reported to The Pennsylvania State University on Wednesday, March 25, for a short orientation prior to the opening of Spring Term classes on Monday, Mar. 30.

The new students included 75 freshmen, 70 students transferring with advanced standing, 250 re-admitted, and 250 transferring here from the Commonwealth Campuses throughout the State.

The Spring Term closes June 11 and commencement exercises will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 13.

PROGRAM TO TRAIN RURAL LEADERS

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.—A pilot program to train a new breed of rural leaders, not in isolation of urban, national, or international problems, but in full awareness of them, will begin this Spring at the University.

Based on the principle that world problems such as poverty and hunger can be solved only through an understanding of the interdependence of men, regardless of where they live, the five-year program will be carried out under a \$500,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

It will be designed for young adult rural leaders as well as college students, with the philosophies and practices developed through the program expected to become a permanent part of Penn State's educational activities.

Emergency Loan Fund Established

University Park, Pa.—A \$30,000 fund to provide emergency short-term loans to students from minority group or low-income families has been established at The Pennsylvania State University.

Money for the loan program was set aside by the University Board of Trustees from undesignated contributions to the Penn State Foundation, the fund-raising arm of the University.

The program was created to provide low-income students with emergency loans of relatively modest amounts to meet such immediate needs as books, supplies

or other incidental educational or personal expenses.

The maximum term of an emergency loan would be 60 days with no interest charged unless a student has an unpaid balance at the time he should happen to leave the University.

In these instances, a 2 percent interest charge would be levied the first year, 4 percent the second and 6 percent thereafter.

Students in need of emergency loans should contact the Office of Student Aid or the financial aid officer attached to the University's Special Educational Opportunity Office.

Walker States Priorities For Appropriated Money

First priorities for use of the \$69,160,000 appropriated to The Pennsylvania State University by the Legislature will be to pay off bank loans and to make overdue salary and wage adjustments, President Eric A. Walker said today.

His comments followed the signing of the appropriations bill by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer.

No general salary increases have been made since July 1, 1968, President Walker said. Increases will be made retroactive to July 1, 1969. Academic promotions and merit salary increases are generally made on July 1, but were held up last year because of uncertainties in the Legislative situation.

The \$69,160,000 approved by the Legislature includes \$4,600,000 for retirement for University faculty and staff, an item that previously was in the budget of the Department of Labor and Indus-

try. Thus the net appropriated is \$64,560,000, an increase of \$5,340,000 over the \$59,220,000 appropriation for 1968-69. This is \$2,800,000 less than the University sought in a budget request that President Walker described as "frugal" in view of the known financial situation facing the Legislature.

Part of this amount was offset by a \$25 tuition increase made last summer after consultation with Legislative leaders.

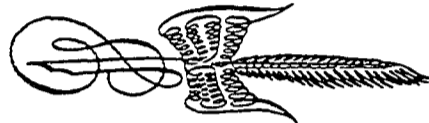
The appropriated amount will "allow us to put our house in order without raising Spring Term tuition," President Walker commented. Students had been told

that a tuition increase might be required for the Spring Term.

The University must absorb the \$890,000 paid out in interest on the \$48,000,000 already borrowed this fiscal year. Since money from the State will not become immediately available, this amount will increase somewhat before loans can be paid off.

"I do not wish to minimize the problems of Legislators who must raise taxes before they can appropriate money for educational purposes," President Walker said. "I should emphasize, however, that we are faced almost immediately with budget planning for

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Casino Night At Behrend

Roll your own, baby! Saturday night, April 11, will be Casino Night at Behrend and the second floor of the R.U.B. will be transformed into "Harold's Club East." Provided will be a bar, floor show, and gambling including poker, craps, blackjack, roulette, over-under, and beat the house.

Much work has gone into this event by the Student Union Board and should prove to be one of the biggest events of the year. Admission is tentatively \$2. per couple, \$1.50 per person, and includes \$2,000 per person in gambling money. Girls' dorm hours will be extended until 3:00 a. m.

Two Selected As Candidates

Tau Apha Pi National Honor Society has selected two Behrend Campus students, Charles A. Ziegler (2-DDT) and Thomas A. Acri (2-EET), as candidates for membership into the Penn State Chapter, Iota Beta. This chapter was established in 1966 for the purpose of providing recognition for a high standard of scholarship among associate degree students enrolled in programs administered by the College of Engineering.

To qualify for membership, a student must have been enrolled for four terms at the time of election to membership. In addition, scholastic requirements are such that not more than one student out of twenty-five shall be eligible. Selection of candidates is made by the General Engineering faculty at each campus.

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MAN and his kite. What a trip!!!

New Games Played At University Park

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.—The name of the game is "Ecopoly."

It's similar to the more familiar game, Monopoly, but it's all new, developed by students at The Pennsylvania State University concerned about ecology.

And there was another game, "Extinction," a game that can be played only once.

There were specially composed songs, and illustrated children's books. And there was a giant tree limb dramatically stuck with nails and a toilet bowl, labeled "Twilight", and filled with growing plants.

It was all a part of a project started last winter by professors in a biological science course, the idea to dramatize the problems of pollution.

"Express yourself", was the only charge given to some 750 students by the instructors, Dr. Neil Anderson and Dr. Richard

H. Wagner, both assistant professors of botany. And express themselves the students did.

There were collages made of magazine photographs describing the evils of pollution. There were maps and dioramas, there was a flag of ecology, there were paintings, etchings, sketches and watercolors. Some of the students presented their feelings in dance, song and skits. Others turned to the more traditional "term" paper approach, but the exhibits were the most overwhelming.

The game of "Ecopoly," for example, came complete with cards, play money and a set of ecological disasters. The garbage can,

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