

Sales Tax Bill Goes to Leader

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Tax Will Affect Students, Especially Town Independents

By ED DUBBS

Students' pocketbooks—especially those of town independent men who eat most of their meals in borough restaurants—will be affected by the 3 per cent state sales tax which was given final approval by the House of Representatives and the Senate last night.

The bill, the second revenue-producing measure passed by the State Legislature during its 14-month session, was awaiting the signature of Gov. George M. Leader as The Daily

Two Students To Attend NSA Local Seminar

Mary Matzko, junior in arts and letters from Berwick, and Lawrence McCabe, junior in arts and letters from Uniontown, will attend the International Student Relations Seminar of the Pennsylvania-West Virginia Region Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Lockport College in Williamsport.

The students were selected by the National Student Association Committee with approval of Dr. Eaton Atwater, head of the department of political science.

Gray, Preston May Attend International Vice President, Olive S. Gray, and the National Vice President, Eugene Preston, will attend the seminar, according to David Dulles, director of the seminar.

At a meeting Monday night, the NSA committee worked on plans for the regional conference which will be held at the University April 27, 28, and 29.

Barbara Hendel, chairman of the committee on special arrangements, announced that the entire second floor of the Hetzel Union Building is reserved for the conferences.

Registration for delegates will take place across from the auditorium in the HUB. James Musser, NSA co-ordinator, estimated that approximately 150 delegates will be attending the conference.

Included on the agenda for delegates will be registration, meetings, a plenary session with a guest speaker, a banquet, and a party for NSA delegates.

Collegian went to press last night. A provision of the levy calls for taxation on food and beverages—except beer, liquor, wine, or soft drinks—purchased, according to the Associated Press, from caterers in restaurants, cafes, lunch counters, and other eating places. Food purchases under 50 cents are exempt from the tax, as well as purchases in schools, churches, and hospitals.

This may mean that students eating in dormitories and fraternities will not come under the tax.

Officials Not Sure

However, University officials yesterday said they could not determine at present if dormitories would be exempt.

Miss Mildred A. Baker, director of food service, informed last night of the passage of the bill, said she did not know whether the food purchased in the Terrace Room of the Hetzel Union Building will be exempt.

Samuel K. Hostetter, University comptroller, said yesterday that many questions about the tax are still up in the air as far as the University is concerned. "It will take a little time to unrattle things," he said.

Encouraging Note Sounded

Some students got an encouraging note from Sen. Jo Hays of Centre and Clearfield counties over the weekend on another piece of taxation awaiting Gov. Leader's signature.

Sen. Hays said the 3 per cent occupancy tax would not effect regular roomers or boarders—such as students—but is meant to hit the tourist trade.

The bill, according to the Associated Press, calls for a 3 per cent levy on hotels, motels, and other public lodgings.

The sales tax would also affect students since it applies to such items as books, stationery and related items; all tobacco products except cigarettes and cosmetic items.

Elections Unit Will Review Party Platforms

All-University Elections Committee will meet tonight to review platforms proposed by the two campus political parties for the March 21 and 22 All-University elections.

Robert Spadaro, Lion party clique chairman, and William Snyder, Campus party clique chairman, will present the platforms.

In connection with his party's platform, Spadaro said last night, "In the past platforms have been nothing but complaints about various problems affecting the students. Our platform not only summarizes the sentiment of students on certain matters but offers feasible solutions as well. This platform is what we believe the students need and want. This is the platform we intend to see accomplished to prove that student government can accept responsibility."

Commenting on the Campus party plank, Snyder commented, "We are very happy with the results of the student opinion poll recently conducted, and with the interest shown in the poll. The results have been tabulated and are being used as a guide in writing our platform. Campus party feels that the purpose of our platform is to represent the interests of the student body."

Roger Beidler, All-University Elections Committee chairman, emphasized that only students who have registered with one of the two parties will be eligible to vote for final party candidates in Sunday's clique meetings. Students must have both their clique registration cards and matriculation cards in order to attend the meetings.

Deans Stress Interest In Well-Rounded Courses

By CAROLE GIBSON

Deans of seven of the nine colleges of the University have stressed their interest in providing adaptable courses of study.

Over-specialization has been discussed in student councils and the University has been appraised recently by a Middle Atlantic States Accrediting Team. Except for a few minor changes which were suggested after the accreditation, curriculums throughout the University will remain the same.

The seven deans explained that the curriculums were either under constant study or had been revised recently.

Technical Courses Are Stressed Deans in three of the technical colleges stressed the importance of their students having subjects employers require, and said they felt the maximum of possible electives were being offered.

The deans were Eric A. Walker of the College of Engineering and Architecture, W. C. Fernelius of the College of Chemistry and Physics, and J. D. Ridge, assistant dean of the College of Mineral Industries.

Teaching Technique In the College of Education, Dean Marion E. Trabue said

course repetition arises when a teacher reviews material as background to fit each of the points of the subject together in logical order.

Trabue said the College of Education has sent questionnaires to teachers asking them to make an evaluation of the curriculum and offer suggestions.

From these suggestions, the course of study has been revamped, he said.

Revisions Planned

Mineral Industries College is planning revisions to take place during the next two or three years.

Ridge said one of the curriculums had only six electives, but is being revised for next semester.

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TIM to Probe Meal Prices

The appointment of a committee to investigate meal prices in the Hetzel Union cafeteria will be considered at 7:30 tonight at a meeting of Town Independent Men in 209 HUB.

The committee would seek to promote lower food prices, according to Robert Cole, TIM president.

Nomination for TIM secretary will be re-opened and the election will follow.

Final plans for the TIM St. Patrick's Day dance to be held Friday, March 17, in the HUB ballroom will be discussed.

A report on the progress of the TIM ping-pong tournament will be presented. Forty-six entries have been received, according to Cole.

Tickets for '13 Clocks,' 'Alchemist' Now on Sale

Tickets will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this week at the Hetzel Union desk for "Thirteen Clocks" and "The Alchemist."

"Thirteen Clocks" will open tomorrow in Schwab Auditorium. "The Alchemist" will be given Friday and Saturday nights at Center Stage for the third week.

Governor Expected To Sign at Once

HARRISBURG, March 6 (AP)—The 3 per cent sales tax reached the desk of Gov. George M. Leader tonight after passing the Legislature. He was expected to sign it immediately so that it takes effect at midnight.

Final legislative action was a 26-20 vote of approval by the Senate. Earlier, the House voted 123-74 to accept the final version of the 322 million dollar tax plans as set up by a joint Senate-House Conference Committee.

Republican Votes

Only Republicans voted for the sales tax in the Senate. But in the House 39 Democrats helped 84 Republicans to pass the levy.

The conference committee reached a compromise on two points:

1. It agreed to exempt electric, telephone and telegraph services from the 3 per cent sales tax but to impose the levy on gas, steam and fuel oil bills. The original version would have taxed all these items.

Stamp Plan Used

2. It incorporated the Ohio stamp plan in collecting the tax. Under it retailers would purchase tax stamps from the state and issue them to consumers as a receipt that the tax was paid.

Final enactment would establish in Pennsylvania a much tougher sales tax than the 1 per cent sales levy with wholesale exemptions that expired last Aug. 31 after two years of operation. It would cover 17 categories of goods although principal exemptions are food and all but luxury clothing.

Some items would be taxed that weren't taxed under the old 1953 law. They include restaurant meals costing more than 50 cents; live animals such as dogs, cats, fish and birds; furs, and evening clothes.

Some Items Exempted

Items previously taxed but which would be exempt now include ties and handkerchiefs, industrial machinery, candy and soft drinks.

But, as before, the trade-in value of an article would not be taxed.

Purchases of 10 cents or less would be tax free. Purchases bracketed from 11 cents through 40 cents would be subject to a 1-cent tax; 41 through 70 cents, 2 cents, and 71 cents through \$1, 3 cents.

On purchases beyond \$1, the tax would apply at the rate of 3 per cent on each full dollar with the bracket charges applying to fractions of a dollar.

Exempted from paying any sales tax would be federal, state, municipal or school agencies, charitable, education or religious organizations.

Ag Contest Semi-Finals To Be Held

Nineteen contestants will compete in the semi-finals of the fourth annual Guldin Agricultural Speaking Contest, which will be held at 7:15 tonight in Armsby Hall.

The contest, sponsored each year by the Penn State Coaly Society, agricultural activities honorary, is open to any undergraduate in the college of agriculture.

Contestants choose their own topics from some phase of agricultural or rural living.

From this preliminary contest three judges will select finalists to compete in the finals next Tuesday.

The judges will be E. J. Brown, associate professor of rural sociology and agricultural extension; W. R. Davey, assistant professor of dairy science; and D. D. Drum, instructor of speech.

The speeches will be judged on delivery, selection and organization of the subject, audibility, clarity, comprehensibility, and accuracy.

First prize will be \$65 and a gold medal; second prize, \$40 and a silver medal; third, \$25; and fourth, \$10.

The contest's semi-finals will be open to the public.

Windy, Mild Weather Predicted for Today

The forecast for today is partly cloudy, windy, and mild with scattered thunder showers, according to the students in the department of meteorology. The weather may turn colder tomorrow afternoon.

The expected maximum today is 65 while the low for tomorrow should be 30. Yesterday's high was 42 and the low was 35.

Eisenhower, Morse Talk

President Milton S. Eisenhower and Provost Adrian O. Morse will address the faculty at a special meeting at 4:10 p.m. today in Schwab Auditorium. No agenda has been released.

Closed TV Facilities May Be Expanded

The facilities of the educational television system used for closed circuit classroom lectures could be employed for the proposed television hookup with station WFBG-TV, Dr. Clarence R. Carpenter, head of the department of psychology, said yesterday.

Since the Altoona station has not yet offered the University the necessary transmitting equipment, there is a very good chance the present television facilities will be used, Carpenter said.

The system is perfectly compatible with present commercial systems, Carpenter said. The only limitation of the present system is that more light is needed to transmit the picture.

Last November, Triangle Broadcasting Co., owners of WFBG-TV, signed a five-year contract with the University to produce a half-hour daily farm and home show from the campus. The board of trustees will decide on the future of the station at their March meeting.

Students Could Handle

Students trained to operate the present closed circuit system could also handle the television

equipment for the commercial station, Carpenter said. However, union problems might arise as the engineers employed by Triangle stations belong to trade unions.

The psychology department plans to purchase two improved versions of the industrial television camera sometime in April, Carpenter said.

Test Program to Be Set Up

Once the new equipment is installed, a test program will be put on for WFBG-TV engineers. After viewing the system, the engineers will decide which system will be used, Carpenter said.

The department's program has become a proving ground for video television equipment, Carpenter said. The improved cameras they plan to purchase in (Continued on page eight)