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AM Station Query: What Are Chances Of FCC Approval?

By JUDY HARKISON

The University will seek a legal opinion on its chances of having a frequency application accepted by the Federal Communications Commission as the next step toward a possible student AM radio station.

Radio and electronics experts who conducted field tests to determine the availability of an AM frequency have pre-

University Gets Grant From AEC

The Atomic Energy Commission has made a \$205,100 grant to the University to be spent for auxiliaries for the atomic research reactor.

According to the Associated Press, Rep. James Van Zandt (R.-Pa.), in whose district the University is located, was informed of the grant yesterday. Van Zandt is a member of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. He said that he and President Eric A. Walker have been working to obtain the grant for six months.

To Provide Elements
The chief items to be provided by the money will be a second set of fuel elements for the reactor, and construction of a hot radiation laboratory.

The reactor was paid for by the University. This is the first federal assistance to be provided regarding the atomic program here.

The University grant was one of 15 approved at a meeting of the AEC Wednesday night. A total of 30 educational institutions had applied for funds.

The University of Puerto Rico, which is the center for a Pan American atomic research program, was granted \$216,950. The University's allotment was the second highest.

\$260,270 Requested
Van Zandt said that the University had requested on Jan. 14 a total of \$260,270. The AEC, in making the grant, asked the University for further information on the planned use of the difference between the request and the

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sented a report that is largely favorable from an engineering viewpoint.

This was announced yesterday by a University spokesman, who also pointed out:

Conditions Stated

"It must be made clear that these tests simply indicate that a frequency is available under certain conditions. Whether the FCC will grant permission, if it is sought, and whether money is available for construction and operation costs, are other important considerations that have not yet been answered."

The analysis, which was submitted by Jansky & Bailey, engineering specialists from Washington, D.C., showed that a 1400 kilocycle station in State College could operate "with no interference" to any existing station in this area.

There would be a slight amount of interference to the proposed State College operation from the Williamsport area, the report added.

From the engineering viewpoint, it appears there might also be some completion for part of the same audiences from the Johnstown and Harrisburg stations, a spokesman said.

Part-time Basis Feasible

He pointed out that other considerations that must be made are concerned with the nature of a student station, which would operate on a night-time basis and only part-time throughout the year.

President Eric A. Walker explained at Student Encampment in September that even if a frequency is found, the field is so crowded that the FCC may not allow a student station to be established since it would be only part-time.

The frequency search was begun in early October by the consulting radio engineers.

An AM station was recommended

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University to Seek \$22.6 Million Loan

The University will borrow \$22.6 million by issuing first mortgage bonds, Series A, in that amount, President Eric A. Walker, announced yesterday.

The bond issue, which will be underwritten by the First Boston Corp., was approved at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Walker said Wednesday, in reply to a question on the adequacy of the \$27.7

million biennium appropriation recommended to the General Assembly by Gov. George M. Leader, that this figure fell "far short" of meeting even the University's minimum obligations for 1957-59.

"If the money needed to operate the institution under frugal management is not forthcoming," he continued, "it will be necessary to stabilize our enrollment at or near its present figure."

To Announce Issue

The issue is being announced in public notices in some Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York newspapers, in the Wall Street Journal and other trade publications.

The financing program would permit the University to borrow an additional \$20.1 million, or a total of \$42.7 million, its contemplated need for the next three years.

Of the \$22.6 million, Dr. Walker said, \$11.8 million will be issued to the State Employees' Retirement Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to retire an existing mortgage. The remaining \$10.8 million of Series A bonds will provide funds to carry on the University's capital improvements program.

Cost Estimated

This program, estimated at a cost of \$30.9 million, would include mainly student residence halls and an addition to the Foods Building.

Before the bond issue was approved, Dr. Walker said that new men's and women's dormitories planned for 1960 would be among the first projects abandoned if the state indicates a wish to stabilize enrollment at its present figure.

The University cannot possibly admit additional students unless the Commonwealth assumes financial responsibility for the required expansion of facilities, he said Wednesday.

Of the initial \$10.8 million worth of bonds, \$2.83 million will be in serial bonds bearing from 3 1/4 to 3 3/4 per cent interest depending upon the maturity dates, which range from 1961 to 1977.

The remainder will consist of term bonds amounting to \$7.97 million bearing an interest rate of 3.9 per cent and reaching maturity on July 1, 1999.

Students Underrate Development of Mind

Dr. Bernard R. Jerman, assistant professor of English literature, said last night that students do not realize the importance of the study of English and the development of a critical mind.

Dr. Jerman opened the "Last Lecture" series in a speech in the Hetzel Union assembly room. The series is being sponsored by Mortar Board, senior women's hat society.

Jerman decried the fact students are not learning to develop their minds, and that their education too often ends in the classroom. "We are spending so much to improve our environment, but so little to improve our minds,"

Reading Ability

Jerman emphasized that the key to learning is the ability to read critically and with judgment. "We live in a paper age," he said. "It is everybody's job to develop a critical attitude in reading."

Jerman criticized the attitude that an education is important only because it gives a person social status and earning power. The degree is considered more important than the education, he said.

Jerman said that the pressures on students may in many cases cause them to become critical reactionaries. Parents, particularly, are likely to influence students to do things that they, the parents, want them to do, rather than what the students themselves want. "It is difficult for a parent to part with \$1200 a year and not get what he wants—a prototype," he said.

Emphasis on English

The inability of students to think for themselves can be remedied by more emphasis on English, he said. Too many people don't realize the importance of English until they are past college. Jerman quoted the results of a survey taken among 13,000 college graduates employed by General Electric. A vast majority of those questioned said that English had

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Dr. Bernard R. Jerman Gives 'Last Lecture'

'One's a Crowd' Tickets

Tickets for the fantastic comedy, "One's a Crowd" by Eugene Raskin, are on sale at the Hetzel Union desk. Price is \$1.

The play will be presented at 8 tonight and tomorrow night at Center Stage.

US Officials Convinced Israeli Withdrawal Near

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The paralyzing crisis over Israeli troop withdrawal appeared tonight to be broken. American officials were convinced that within a few days Israel will pull its forces out of the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba area.

The possibility of some kind of hitch remained since the

Israeli plan will not go before the United Nations until tomorrow afternoon and the reaction of all the countries there, particularly the Arab bloc, is not yet known. However, a snag was considered here to be highly improbable.

Ambassador Abba Eban announced at the State Department late today that he had informed Secretary of State Dulles in a two-hour meeting of Israel's statement to be made to the General Assembly in New York.

He told reporters that the statement "will cause widespread satisfaction" among all the people who are interested in bringing "peace and security and non-belligerency" to the Middle East.

His announcement here and a similar announcement by an Is-

raeli spokesman at the United Nations climaxed three weeks of feverish diplomatic activity in Washington.

Israel finally made its decision to withdraw, according to information from diplomatic sources here, after being assured of widespread support for its aims of 1. preventing Egypt from again using the Gaza Strip as a base for raids against Israel and 2. assuring free navigation into the Gulf of Aqaba.

These assurances do not provide the formal-iron-clad guarantees which Israel had first demanded. But they seem to constitute a large measure of what the Israelis wanted and to that extent may be represented as an Israeli victory.

Freezing Rain Hampers Lion

The red-eyed Nittany Lion dolefully looked out at the freezing rain beating down on his den this morning and decided that in his present condition he was in no shape to fight the miserable weather of the State College area.

The driving rain on the roof of his den matched, in rhythm, the throbbing in his head after his latest all-night session. His eyes resembled road maps of Indo-China and his tongue felt as if there was a whole battalion of Russian troops marching over it—dragging their feet yet!

The Lion might conceivably be better off than most students who are forced to trudge through the freezing rain, and possible snow flurries, to get to their classes today.



Press Looks for Coed In Cover Girl Contest

A new beauty search has begun on campus with the Pittsburgh Press hunting for the University's "Campus Cover Girl."

Entries are now open for the fourth annual Campus Cover Girl Contest, sponsored by the Roto Magazine section of the Pittsburgh newspaper.

Contestants from colleges in a tri-state area of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio may enter.

Next Friday is the deadline for campus entries. University coeds who wish to enter must submit a photograph of any size at the Hetzel Union desk.

Judging for the contest will be based solely on the picture submitted. Officials of the Pittsburgh publication announced that the contest will not be based on "cheesecake." They asked that the pictures submitted be an accurate likeness of the entrant.

Three local judges will be selected to determine the University Cover Girl winner. Each other school in the district will in turn select its "queen" and pictures will be submitted to the Pitts-

burgh Press.

Four judges have been selected by the Pittsburgh newspaper to name the final winner. The judges are Lenore Brundige, Press fashion editor; Frederick Burleigh, director of the Pittsburgh Playhouse; Charles Nelson, manager of photography for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and Edgar A. Roth, art director of the United States Steel Corp.

The winner of the tri-state contest will have a color photo of herself published on the cover of the May 12 edition of Roto Magazine. A biological sketch of the "queen" will accompany the photograph.

Anne Caine, now a senior in applied arts from Unionville, last year was selected the University's Campus Cover Girl.