



Tuition to Rise \$130 a Year

Walker OK's \$3.9 Million Cut In Appropriation for Biennium

Tuition up, appropriation request down. The University, in a letter to all State Senators and Representatives, said the tuition increase will bring in about \$3.7 million during next biennium and therefore, its budget request of \$43.9 million could be cut to roughly \$40 million.

Gov. David L. Lawrence recommended \$34.2 million for the University in his budget message to the General Assembly March 2. This was about \$9.7 million short of the University request.

President Eric A. Walker, in his letter, pointed out that the University is the third highest in the nation among land-grant universities in its tuition charges.

(The University ranks near the bottom in appropriations received from states among the land-grant institutions.)

A University backed bill for \$43.9 million has been introduced in the Senate and the Administration's bill for \$34.2 million is in the House of Representatives.

Six million dollars is needed to "educate an additional 5600 students during the biennium and initiate \$1 million worth of badly-needed research on production problems harassing Pennsylvania's farmers, miners and manufacturers," Walker said.

"Without it we shall be forced to cut the coat to fit the cloth."

The tuition fees are just about as high as they can go, Walker said. "To raise tuition above the new rates . . . would place higher education hopelessly beyond the reach of many of our students, thereby violating the State's land-grant commitments," he said.

The University's financial plight began back in January when Walker first announced his record-breaking \$43.9 million budget request to members of the University faculty. The next step was Gov. Lawrence's \$34.2 million recommendation to the General Assembly and only approval if sufficient taxes were raised to pay for the costs.

Walker then appeared before both the Senate and House Appropriation Committees for extended hearings on the University's needs. He explained the University's position and mandate to the people of the Com-

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Rainbow Girls At University For Conference

The Order of Rainbow Girls will officially open its conference today with 2400 members arriving on campus.

This evening in Recreation Hall, the Grand Assembly will hold an informal meeting which will be followed by the formal opening of this year's assembly.

The conference will continue through Sunday, during which time the girls will hold discussion groups and nomination and election of grand officers. A retiring ceremony for the outgoing officers will be held tomorrow.

The Grand Choir will sing at the formal initiation of new officers tomorrow afternoon.

Drill and choir competition will be held Saturday for the various orders attending.

On Monday, 350 leaders of the state orders arrived for a 3-day course of study at the University. They also prepared a talent and welcoming program to present to the additional members arriving today.

Stone Named Head Of Biology Division

Dr. Robert W. Stone, professor and head of the Department of Bacteriology has been named chairman of the new Division of Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture.

He will continue as professor and head of the Department of Bacteriology.

The Board of Trustees at the University in June approved the organization of the Division, embracing the departments of agricultural and biological chemistry, bacteriology, botany and plant pathology, and zoology and entomology.

Parking Fee To Be Paid By Students

Students will be charged a \$15 fee for on-campus parking permits beginning with the fall semester.

According to a letter from President Eric A. Walker to all students and their parents, the money collected will be used to cover the cost of constructing and maintaining campus parking lots.

The fee will be payable at registration when the student registers his car. It may also be paid at the bursar's office in Willard Hall after Sept. 21, the first day of classes.

If the student does not obtain the parking permit at registration, he may obtain it from the Traffic Violations officer in the Hetzel Union Building.

The fee will apply to all students, including those with special permits for student activities. Formerly parking permits were issued free of charge.

According to Col. Lucien E. Bolduc of the Campus Patrol, roughly 2500 parking spaces are available. Preference for spaces will be given to the physically handicapped first, then to commuters, and then to upperclassmen living in campus residence halls. Other spaces will be given to students living off campus.

Except under special circumstances, undergraduate women and freshman men are not permitted to have cars on campus.

Flower Field Day Set for Tuesday

The Department of Horticulture will sponsor Flower Field Days Tuesday and Wednesday for approximately 40 representatives of seed companies from all over the world.

These companies have previously sent seeds which were grown in the University gardens under the direction of Robert Meahl, professor of ornamental horticulture.

37 Percent Fee Increase To Become Effective in Fall

The University announced Monday a 37 per cent tuition increase for students, effective Sept. 1.

Tuition was raised \$130 a year for Pennsylvania residents and \$210 for out-of-staters because of steadily rising costs.

The new figure brings the semester rate to \$240 for State students and \$480 for out-of-staters. Previous rates were \$175 and \$375 respectively.

President Eric A. Walker said Friday that most of the money gained—an expected \$3.7 million during the next two years—will be turned into faculty and staff salary raises.

"We've done our part in helping to meet our financial obligations," Walker said, and now it is time for the State to act. The new tuition figure was set by Walker and approved by the University's Board of Trustees at their July executive committee meeting.

The new fee schedule will put the main campus and the 14 centers on equal tuition basis. Previously tuition has been higher on Commonwealth campuses than on the main campus.

At the same time Walker announced tuition rises for fall, he also announced a newly-adopted grant-in-aid plan for faculty and staff members with children enrolled at the University.

The child of the faculty or staff member who registers for a full academic schedule will pay only \$60 per semester, a savings of \$180 over non-faculty and staff children enrolled. Staff members and their dependents are therefore eligible for a 75 per cent reduction in tuition fees.

Previously, such dependents received a \$50 fee exemption a semester.

Walker said it would be tough on students planning on entering in the fall with tight budgets, but he didn't expect too many fall-outs. "They will borrow or scrounge around for the money," he said.

In a letter to parents and students, Walker said "despite unremitting efforts to offset the effects of price inflation . . . the University has finally reached a point where it has no option but to adjust its tuition charges to current conditions."

"If student enrollment is not (Continued on page eight)

Eng Building Will Provide 4 Classrooms

Work has started at the University on the construction of a one-story standard metal prefabricated building that will provide four temporary classrooms for teaching engineering courses.

The building, which will be 50 ft. by 100 ft., will be located north of the Power Plant on Burrows Road.

Walter H. Wiegand, director of physical plant planning and construction, said that the building is a part of a General State Authority project that includes alterations to Engineering Units A, B, C, D and E.

The alterations to the engineering units include replacement of the sloping roofs to provide more space on the top floors of each of the units. Six fire stair towers will be built to replace stairways.

The four temporary classrooms will compensate for space that will be lost during alterations.

After completion of the alterations, the temporary building will be moved from central campus and reassembled for use as a storage unit.

1006 Students to Attend Post Session Classes

A total of 1006 students registered at the University Monday for the three-week Post Session.

The new students, added to the more than 1200 enrolled for the Second Six Weeks Session, brings the campus total to more than 2200.

The Post-Session registration includes 749 men and 257 women. The enrollment also includes 669 graduate students, 253 undergraduates, and 84 special students.



4th of Kind in U.S.

New System to Be Installed Sunday

Over 3200 campus telephones will be connected to \$450,000 worth of dial equipment at 7:01 Sunday morning and the University dial exchange will become the fourth of its complex kind in the United States.

"The 'inward dialing system' differs from the present system primarily in that each telephone—in residence halls and administrative offices—is provided with a specific number which can be dialed directly by persons on campus, downtown, in surrounding communities and by long-distance operators.

The dial equipment eliminates the handling of the calls by University operators. Over the past several years persons dialing into the campus were often held up for several minutes waiting for an open line to an operator. Presently 35 switchboard operators are employed. With the mechanized

system this number will be cut to 12.

Telephone officials point out that the system is ideal for the University since the number of calls received on the campus is considerably higher than the number of calls placed on campus.

In addition to speeding service for incoming calls, the new system will improve service by making available an increased number of lines between the campus and the borough and also between the campus and long distance facilities.

For calls from one campus telephone to another, the caller will dial the five digits of the number. This system is similar to that now in use except that five digits rather than the three or four now required.

In the new telephone building behind Boucke Building Sunday a group of telephone technicians will be waiting for the signal which will climax the Bell Company's \$450,000 improvement program. In their

hands they will hold the ends of strings which have been tied to small tools inserted between springs in the dial equipment to prevent connections between the new equipment and campus telephones.

The supervisor in charge of the cutover operation will signal... "Pull"... and the master strings will release hundreds of tools simultaneously. As the tools fly out, the springs which held them will snap together and automatically connect large groups of campus telephones.

A summer directory was distributed this week to all offices on campus for faculty and staff members. In September a complete directory listing students, faculty, staff and campus personnel will be available. The faculty section will include not only campus phone numbers but also the person's title, department, office address, home address and phone number and marital status.

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CABLE VAULT houses 2400 pairs of wires as they come in underground from off-campus lines. A total of 9600 wires lead into the dial equipment in the new Telephone Building.