

Fall Semester in Review

Expansion Plans Hurt By Legislative Action

By NICKI WOLFORD

The University's plans for expansion were set back this semester when the state legislature passed a \$34.2 million appropriation, \$9.7 million less than the original request.

The passage of the bill marked the end of a 4-month period during which the University operated on a "zero budget," using only the income from fees and rentals.

Originally the request was for \$43.9 million but this was cut to \$34.3 million by Gov. David L. Lawrence last spring. After increasing the tuition, President Eric A. Walker cut his request to \$40 million in August.

However, Lawrence's figure, after following a twisted path through the state legislature, passed on Nov. 18.

Walker did promise a slight increase in faculty salaries from the limited funds available. On Dec. 11, he announced that salary adjustments for faculty and staff members would not be retroactive to July 1.

The adjustments will become effective after the new budget is approved enabling a higher salary base to be established.

Walker also urged, in a letter to Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), that the "negative affidavit" be cut from the National Defense Education Act.

The University Senate literally laughed off the Senate floor a proposal to abolish grade points for basic physical education courses. It also retained its present policy of making it a requirement for all students, including veterans, to take the basic physical education courses.

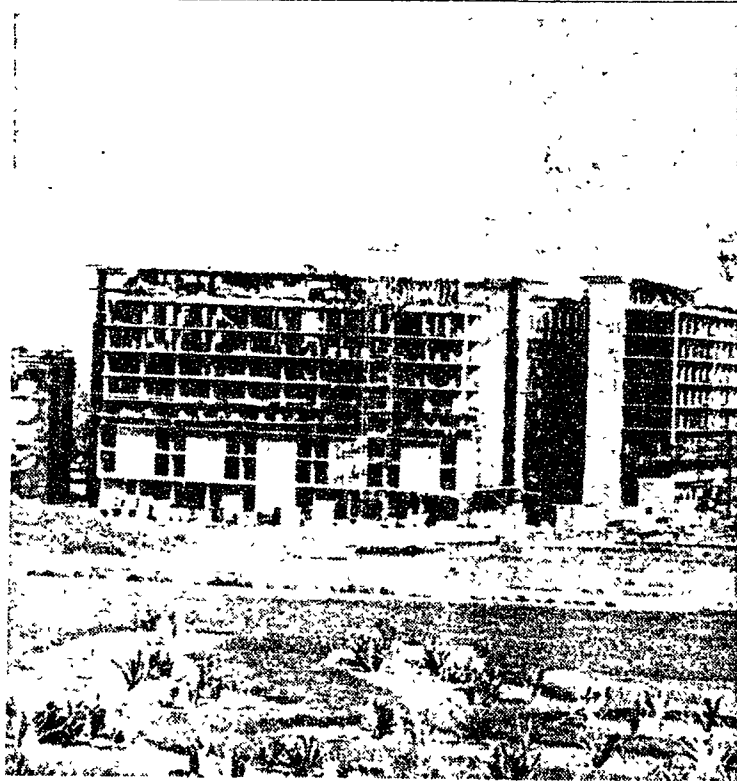
The Senate Committee on Academic Standards resolved three conflicting rules on admitting undergraduates to graduate courses and came up with the policy of allowing seniors with a 3.5 All-University average or above to take graduate courses without being admitted to the Graduate School.

Other students may be admitted with the approval of the course instructor and the dean of the Graduate School.

The administration, in other action this year, simplified admittance rules for incoming freshmen who will now be admitted through one of the nine colleges, instead of by curriculum.

Walker awarded students a half-holiday for the Liberty Bowl game with the stipulation that it be made up Wednesday.

The Senate added the directors of the commonwealth campuses to its membership.



A FEW SHORT MONTHS AGO the Pollock residence halls were skeletons like this. Now the project is nearing completion. The halls are scheduled for occupancy starting next September.

4 Make Reservations For SGA Flight Abroad

The first faculty member made his reservation yesterday for the SGA flight to Europe and five students picked up applications, Chairman Carmella LaSpada said last night.

This brings the total to four who have made the \$100 deposit required to reserve a seat on the chartered flight.

Anyone who has been officially affiliated with the University for at least six months is eligible to take advantage of the special rate of \$285 for a roundtrip ticket. Husbands, wives, children and parents of the above are also eligible.

WDFM to Broadcast Program by Wagner

WDFM will broadcast a program on Richard Wagner's music tomorrow night. The program is the last in a series of four programs presented this semester by G. William Henninger, professor of music.

"Die Gotterdammerung," the fourth opera of Wagner's "Ring" series, will be the subject of the program. It will be heard at 7 p.m., on the final "Third Programme" of this semester.

Future Construction Approved by State

By BOB TACELOSKY

Penn State construction has an eye on the future. Even when the Turf Plot Halls are finished next year the building program won't be nearly completed.

Just recently, the General State Authority approved additional projects for the University that will cost almost \$10 million.

Sometime during 1960, ground will probably be broken for three brand new projects, although no excavating dates have been announced.

The largest project, for which the GSA has authorized \$2 million, will be an education and psychology center building. Horticultural facilities will be put into use and \$500,000 has been allocated for their construction. The third project, to be built on an allocation of \$100,000 is a special education building for the Department of Public Instruction.

The General State Authority allocates money for constructions throughout the commonwealth and decides on the amounts and projects, every two years.

Projects such as the Hammond Building, Petroleum Laboratory, Home Economics South and Wagner Building were included in the most recent GSA biennium.

The current biennium, which is in effect this year and next, has had \$9,823,500 proposed for Penn State buildings.

Included in the new proposed projects are a nuclear study and research facility, revision and extension of utilities, a unit to men's physical education building, addition to electrical engineering building and a new arts and humanities building.

The University itself has no new projects in store for 1960.

The General State Authority hires contractors to erect the new buildings and provide for the expansion of others, pays the contractor and then permits use of these buildings to the University.

Henderson Accepts Post

Dr. Grace M. Henderson, dean of the College of Home Economics, has accepted an invitation to serve on the Commission on the Education of Women of the American Council on Education.

Merger Idea Remains As Indie Issue

By JANET DURSTINE

The Association of Independent men spent much of its time this semester debating on whether or not to dissolve itself—by merging with Leonides, the women's independent group.

The merger was proposed at the Indie Encampment, Sept. 19. Members of the workshop on the Joint Planning Commission, which suggested the measure, felt that the two organizations should be merged to cooperate more fully with the community living plan.

But the merger ran into trouble when AIM failed to pass it Oct. 22. Since then, the merger has been in committee. AIM, Leonides and the area councils under AIM will discuss it at a special meeting Feb. 11.

AIM also sponsored a number of social events this year. Perhaps the most important of these was Indie Week, held Oct. 25 to 31. Indie Week, which is an annual affair, included a dance at which the Indie Queen was crowned, a talent show and fire-side discussions.

Men who were not ROTC cadets found a new event on Military Ball weekend this year. AIM and Leonides sponsored a dance, "Civilian Caper."

Other events AIM sponsored that weekend were independent skating party the afternoon of Dec. 5 and a "coketal" party before the Military Ball on Dec. 4.

Rushing Code Change Highlights Panhel's Year

"Open bidding," changes in the rushing code, and approval to allow men in Simmons and McElwain sorority suites provided much interest in Panhellenic Council this semester.

"Open bidding," a system whereby sororities may issue

bids to any girl who registered for formal rush and did not pledge, was adopted after much controversy. The new system will be in effect this spring following the close of the formal rush period.

Changes in the rushing code were adopted to allow open contacts between sorority women and prospective rushees. This plan is now in effect. "Open Contract" will be suspended for the formal rush period, but will be resumed after rush.

The council set up a schedule for allowing men in sorority suites in Simmons and McElwain the first and third Sunday of each month. Men have always been allowed in the suites

in South Halls at specified times, but due to the locations of the suites in the older halls special arrangements had to be made for men.

Informal rushing occupied the first part of the semester. Over 170 coeds were pledged. Spring formal rush will start Feb. 20. Registration has been set for Feb. 8.

WSGA Begins Changes in Rules

By ELAINE MIELE

New rules concerning the wearing of bermuda shorts, smoking in dining halls and later hours have been received with great comment—most of it favorable—by coeds this semester.

The new WSGA regulations are the beginning of major changes in the policies which govern women students, Jessie Janjigian, WSGA president said.

The WSGA Executive Committee has been discussing more changes in the regulations at weekly meetings, Miss Janjigian explained. These changes will be presented to the Senate and voted on next semester, she added.

Miss Janjigian said that the coeds' reception of the more liberal permissions has been mature and that the rules have not been abused. This is something

that will be taken into consideration when future changes are made.

One of the permissions granted by WSGA was allowing smoking in the dining halls. This was made permanent after a trial period of two weeks proved successful.

Coeds began to show their knees in the residence hall lounges and dining halls when WSGA voted to lift the ban on bermuda shorts. Now bermudas and kilts may be worn in the lounges at all times and in the dining halls during breakfast and lunch. On Sunday they may be worn for breakfast and supper.

For the first time coeds stayed out until 2 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday night for a big weekend. Some sleepy-eyed beauties may have questioned the change on Sunday morning,

but generally the hours met with warm approval.

Freshman women were active this semester also. The recreational program, directed by Marjorie Pharr and Ellen Eyer, helped freshman women undertake varied projects. Over 64 socials, bridge lessons, and a baton twirling group were organized in this way.

Dances and lectures added to the program's main purpose which is to plan various activities mainly for freshmen.

Research Grant Given

The Public Health Service of the Department of Health Education and Welfare has awarded the University a grant of \$10,760 to be used under the direction of Dr. Greenville K. Strother, assistant professor of physics, in his investigation of retinal oil drops.



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