



Prexy's Report

Center May Close In Economy Move; Colleges Challenged

By BILL JAFFE
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In attempt to further cut operating costs, the University may close one of its Commonwealth Campuses shortly and other campuses may feel the axe soon, President Eric A. said yesterday.

Walker, in his annual "State of the University" address

Alum Fund Dinner to Be Held Tonight

Methods of presenting the alumni association and the alumni fund to students and collection of the funds for the class gift will be two of the principal topics discussed at the Alumni Fund dinner meeting to be held at 6 tonight in the Nittany Lion Inn.

The meeting will serve as a kickoff for Senior Week which will be held in May. The purpose of Senior Week is to encourage students to join the alumni association before graduation.

The 8 alumni and 20 students attending the dinner meeting will discuss plans for the class agent system which will be used to collect gift funds and to keep members in touch with the alumni association. According to Theodore Haller, senior class president, tentative plans for the class agent system call for 150 agents, including the 20 students attending the dinner.

The students who will attend the dinner are: Dennis Malick, Jessie Janjigian, Harald Sandstrom, Gary Gentzler, Carl Smith, Vincent Marion, Steven Ott, Theodore Haller, Leonard Julius, William Jaffe, Larry Byers, Carmella LaSpada, Mary Ann Ganter, Sherry Parkin, David Epstein, Donald Clagett, Henrietta Katzen, Nancy Clark, Martha Larsen and Jack Crosby.

Alumni at the meeting will be: Robert Ostermeyer, Raymond Tanehill, Robert Beam, Ridge Riley, Ross Lehman, George Donovan and William Wallace.

to the faculty, also said some \$4.5 million has been allocated for salary increases for staff and faculty members during the current biennium. He also challenged the University's colleges to revamp their programs for increased teaching efficiency.

"We are seriously considering the closing of one of our campuses and perhaps others because of high operating costs," Walker said. He explained in his message the University's financial plight and also compared the present enrollment and finances to those predicted by the Long Range Development Report made in 1957.

Regarding salary increases, Walker said the \$4.5 million is far below the \$8.5 million he had planned to use during the biennium, but increased operating expenses and the low appropriation from the State Assembly necessitated the cut.

Walker said he "honestly believed we could not have done anything more" in securing additional funds from the state. The University requested \$43.9 million and later cut the request to \$40 million but only received \$34.2 million for the 1959-61 biennium.

"Although the demands upon the University are wide spread, we are only behind in one commitment — the number of students being taught," Walker said. The long range report had predicted a 1960 enrollment of 19,500 students, but the University is nearly 1500 short of this mark, he said.

After reviewing the University's "five pocketbooks," Walker said the University needed \$55 million to do a good job in was later cut to the 43.9 million the present scope. This figure lion, which included \$1 million for additional research.

We received \$7 million less than we needed in the final passage of the state appropriation bill, Walker said. "Even at the last minute I had hopes of either house (continued on page eight)



Walker

Assembly Retains V.P. as Chairman

By CAROL BLAKESLEE

The question of whether the SGA president should chair the Assembly was finally decided last night with only one Assemblyman voting for the proposal.

Jay Hawley (C.-Sr.) cast the only vote for a constitutional amendment which asked, in effect, that the duties of the SGA president and vice president be reversed in regards to their responsibilities with Assembly.

Wind and Cold, Snow Flurries Expected Today

A strong surge of cold arctic air will move into this area today causing a sharp change to much colder weather.

Snow flurries and gusty winds will accompany the colder weather today and tonight. An inch of snow could accumulate by this evening.



Temperatures will begin to tumble during the morning, and they will continue a downward trend the remainder of the day and then fall off rapidly tonight. Readings will be about 50 degrees near dawn today, but they should be down to 30 by sunset.

The low tomorrow will be close to 18 degrees. This represents a drop of almost 40 degrees from yesterday's afternoon temperatures.

Very cold weather will prevail tomorrow with the mercury just managing to reach the 32 degree mark.

Student Injured In Car Accident

Witten Richman, senior in arts and letters from Bryn Mawr, remains on the critical list at Lewistown Hospital following an auto accident Tuesday morning.

He suffered a "badly broken right leg" according to attendants, and a fractured jaw, along with head and neck injuries.

Richman has remained on the critical list since the time of his hospitalization. However, his parents have indicated that they believe he showed some improvement yesterday.

Richman was on his way home for the day when his car struck a railroad signal standard on the Rt. 22 by-pass in Lewistown. Police believe that he fell asleep at the wheel.

SGA OK's Seating Plan For Stadium

By ELAINE MIELE

A proposed seating plan for the Beaver Stadium was approved by the SGA Assembly last night with the stipulation that Block "S" Club members be given special seats.

The plan, presented by Walter Darran, (C.-Jr.), is the same one which will be given to the Athletic Advisory Board tomorrow night by Edward M. Czekaj, business manager of athletics. Czekaj's proposal includes no accommodations for seating Block "S" Club members.

The plan would seat about 7800 Juniors, seniors and full-time graduate students in the double tier section from the 43-yard line to the 20-yard line.

Freshmen and sophomores would sit in the section beginning at the 20-yard line and continuing around the end zone.

Czekaj said that it is not definite exactly how many students will be accommodated because the University does not know how many freshmen will be admitted in the fall.

The reason the 43-yard line was chosen as the beginning of the student section is because a railing is there, Darran said. Some sort of barrier is needed to mark the reserve section because the students might slide over into the reserved seats, he said.

In other business the Assembly postponed the appointment of Robert Umpstead as elections committee chairman.

At present the vice president presides over Assembly and the president sits as an ex-officio non-voting member who is called on only for expert or executive advice.

Hawley felt that Assembly should pass the proposal at least for the first time. A constitutional amendment must be approved by Assembly three times before becoming effective.

Since a major change was involved, he said, it would be better if Assemblymen could study the issue for another two weeks.

However, Howard Byers (U.-Sr.), said that simply because it was a constitutional amendment was not a cause for Assembly to skim through the issue and pass it the first time.

The person who is in the most direct contact with the Assembly is the chairman, Hawley said, and it would be valuable for the president to occupy this position.

Jessie Janjigian, chairman of the SGA Reorganization Committee, said her committee felt that communications were adequate and would improve if the vice president presided over Assembly.

David Byers, alternate Assemblyman, said he felt the most important argument had been ignored. The purpose of division of powers, he said, is to make it less likely that members would come under influence or control by outside sources.

Encampment proponents for the change felt the SGA president lost prestige by not chairing the Assembly.

Byers, however, said he felt the president had actually gained prestige by not having to monitor Assembly proceedings.

In other action, Assembly voted not to discuss two bills offering suggestions for a change in the method of electing class officers.

Merger May Hit Snag on Dorm Plan

By JANET DURSTINE

The proposed Association of Independent Men - Leonides merger may run into trouble because of a plan by Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp to reorganize residence hall governments along coed lines.

Carl Smith, chairman of the merger committee told a joint AIM-Leonides discussion last night that his committee recommended the merger but that its structure might have to be changed because of Dean Lipp's plan.

Under the plan, certain women's residence halls would be combined with men's halls to form councils similar to the present men's residence hall councils.

Carol Frank, Leonides president, said that Dean Lipp had suggested to Leonides officers that the independent groups wait to decide on the merger until after the plan is established.

Under the plan for the merger, the combined independent organization would be headed by a body composed of five officers, the presidents of each area council and one representative-at-large for every 500 students. The officers would consist of a

president, a male vice president, a female vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. Two vice presidents would be elected to insure representation of both sexes among the officers.

Councils would be established in all living areas.

Smith said his committee recommended the merger because of a lack of communications between the groups in planning joint activities. He said the large part of the activities listed in the AIM and Leonides budgets were planned jointly.

Smith said a combined group would have better financial resources and would be able to handle more activities.

Frank Pearson, AIM vice president, said the merger might be considered later and the Joint Planning Commission be strengthened or joint executive meetings be held.

Year-Round Classes to Be Discussed

A basic change in the University Calendar — the dropping of summer sessions for a year-round program of instruction — may be discussed by the University Senate at 4:15 p.m. today in 121 Sparks.

The University will be dropping summer sessions after 1960 and "moving toward a year-round program of instruction," Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, said.

In a long range plan passed by the Board of Trustees and the University Senate two years ago, the present system of summer sessions was set up for 1959 and 1960.

In the plan, sessions of three weeks, six weeks and three weeks were organized and ad-

ministered on a separate basis than the regular academic year. Dennis said that this long range plan gave the administration two years to decide on what the calendar should look like during the '60s.

This involves getting a calendar which would be able to make a "suitable adjustment" to the year-round program of instruction, Dennis said.

Other possible plans include the trimester system, quarter system and a system alternating 16 1/2 week and 8 week sessions.

A change to one of these plans would involve dropping the present system of summer instruction and administering instruction during the summer on the same basis as the regular academic year. Instruction would be integrated through the colleges all year round.

Dennis said that the decision

about the calendar had not been made yet but that it probably would be during the next several months.

The Senate Class and Calendar Committee is expected to make its report on these proposed systems at the Senate meeting today.

At the last Senate meeting, the Senate Committee on Rules proposed the addition of a rule to the undergraduate regulations which would prohibit athletes from representing the University in contests if they are deficient by more than 10 credits of the total curriculum requirements at the end of the semester.

The proposal was referred to the Senate Committee on Athletics. The Senate may hear the committee report and discuss the proposal today.