

Prexy Outlines University's Long Range Planning



PREXY URGES SENIORS to ask, "Are we really educated?" in his first "state of the University" message, "The President Reports," given last night in Schwab. He also outlined plans for expansion and for Penn State's future reputation.

Pa. Colleges May Expand 250% by '70

By PAT DYER

The University just has to expand whether everybody likes it or not. President Eric A. Walker said last night in the first "state of the university" message, "The President Reports."

Prexy pointed out to a small but attentive audience that Pennsylvania colleges and universities will have to expand 250 per cent by 1970 in order to accommodate an expected 300,000 college students. Though this goal may not be realized, the University will have to do all it can to carry its share of the load, he added.

Less than 250 undergraduates heard the talk at 7 p.m. in Schwab. Although the speech

was sponsored by Lion's Paw especially for seniors, the audience included many undergraduates.

Long range plans call for the University to account for 35,000 of the 1970 Pennsylvania college population, Walker said. About 25,000 of these will be enrolled at the main campus, the others at the Commonwealth Centers.

"A large segment of the alumni deplore the growth of the University," Walker said. These people claim that expansion will destroy all that was of value, he added.

Expansion of the student body to 35,000 will require more buildings, more faculty and more money, he pointed out. It will also create class "ratio" problems, he said. By 1946 the male-female ratio had gone down from 12 to 1 to 5 to 1. Plans for 1970 call for a ratio of 2 1/2 to 1.

"If we don't hold the line, I may find myself president of the largest women's college in the United States," the president quipped.

New buildings are going up all the time, Prexy said. Car-

nage will be transformed into a communications center, the stock pavillion into a theatre. New dorms are scheduled for 1962.

Opposition to the location of the new arts and humanities building in Hort Woods led the president to comment on the absence of the formal gardens and the ghost walk, adding, "Hort Woods are just not what they used to seem to be."

More seriously, Prexy pointed out that the "buildings are not really important. It's what goes on in them that counts."

The University has many distinguished faculty members, the departments of philosophy, dairy husbandry, ceramics, and several others are among the top five in the world, he said. "However, our reputation lags behind our accomplishments by about 15 years," he added.

Prexy concluded his talk with some advice to seniors emphasizing that education does not cease with graduation. "You've got 40 more years to be productive," he said. "It's your life; it's what you make it... it's worth planning," he added.

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SGA May Check ASA Funds; Plan Needs Committee Okay

In a meeting of money-minded executives from the Hetzel Union building, SGA and the Administration yesterday, the need for a re-examination of student activities budgets was tentatively determined.

The already appointed SGA committee of class presidents will have to verify the need for revision before it can be started. "The committee will also have to decide on how they will review individual budgets," Susan Sherman, SGA secretary-treasurer and chairman of the committee said.

SGA to Be Asked To Support Budget

SGA Assembly will hear a resolution tonight asking it to back the student campaign for approval of the University's budget.

The resolution, which will be part of the "Back Penn State's Budget" committee report, will be presented by Ronald Sheetz, chairman.

In the preamble of the resolution, the committee states that the "function of SGA is to protect the student body from impairment of educational opportunities."

The resolution makes the following recommendations to SGA:

- Sending letters to all General Assemblymen and State Senators. These letters would be form letters signed by SGA, Sheetz said.

- Sending a telegram to Gov. David L. Lawrence, signed by SGA, informing him of the campaign and student support of the budget.

- Carrying on a student campaign encouraging students to write to their individual legislators.

- Attempting a formal lobby group which would go to Harrisburg and contact large lobby groups to seek support in the General Assembly for the budget.
- Assuming the financial obligations of the campaign.

Commenting on the resolution last night was Dennis Eisman, chairman of the On-Campus Campaign Committee under the "Budget" Committee.

Eisman said the purpose of the resolution is to "generate interest in the student body and SGA, to back President Walker's budget request of \$23 million and to inform the legislature of how we feel on the budget and the curtailment of our educational facilities."

Housing Survey Requires More Interviewers

Student participation in the Chamber of Commerce housing survey has been commendable but more volunteers are needed if the whole State College area is to be covered, according to Paul Mazza, president.

About 60 interviewers have participated in the survey which is scheduled to be completed today. Mazza said he hopes that the 60 persons who registered to take part in the interviewing, will turn out to make the survey a success.

The survey area has been divided into 116 districts, eight of which have been completed by interviewers.

The survey goal is to determine the availability of town housing for students and faculty members.

Student groups which are actively participating in the survey are Alpha Phi Omega, men's service fraternity; Gamma Sigma Sigma, women's service sorority; the Direct Action for Racial Equality organization; the SGA Committee on Inter-racial Relations; and the Town Independent Men.

Miss Sherman added that earlier this year she had noticed some activities had large bank accounts and were collecting more funds each year through Associated Student Activities.

SGA Cabinet then requested that she gather financial facts in three categories: how much an organization received each year, what its Associated Student Activities bank balance was and how much reserve it had collected in bonds or other bank accounts.

At the meeting yesterday Miss Sherman presented a report indicating these figures for each of the ASA groups—dating back through 1956.

George L. Donovan, coordinator of student activities, noted that the reserves shown in the report might be needed for a general emergency fund or might be put to use on a student project such as Stone Valley.

Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president for student affairs, said that another reason for the review is to see if these groups really need all the funds they have now and are getting.

He said that he had recently appropriated \$77,000 of student fees to the ASA budget but that he can revise the amount at any time. "I don't want to do it though," Bernreuter said.

"Too often," he noted, "inertia, courtesy and ignorance are all mixed up and cause us not to change budgets." He added that under the present system when a new activity comes along there is no way for it to get money, nor for an old organization to stop getting money.

The organizations that will be reviewed are those who get either all or part of their funds from ASA. Self-supporting groups will not be included.

Among the suggestions given to Miss Sherman was that a combined student administrative committee hear the case for each budget separately.

3 Astronauts Await Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—America's astronauts looked confidently forward to an upcoming manned rocket flight. But scientists of the transit navigation satellite project were disappointed that only one instead of two satellites had been orbited with a single rocket.

These contrasting moods were evident yesterday as officials of both space programs assessed the results of a pair of major launchings Tuesday at Cape Canaveral.

In one, an unmanned Project Mercury capsule was hurled 107 miles into space atop an Atlas missile and survived a punishing test which subjected it to the most severe conditions a man could expect on returning to earth from orbit.

Nearly 15 hours later, a Thor-Able-Star rocket thundered skyward in an effort to place two satellites into orbit—the 250-pound Transit III-B and a 54-pound hitchhiker called Lofti, which was to study space communications.

The Defense Department announced two hours after launch that both satellites were in orbit, but closer analysis of the data showed they had not separated—that they were whirling around the earth together, with the second stage of the rocket also attached.

Six of the seven U.S. astronauts—including two of the three who have been selected to train for the first manned flight—glowed over the latest success of the space capsule.

Alan B. Shepard Jr. and John H. Glenn Jr., two of those prepping for the initial flight, which is expected in two or three months, were asked at a news conference if they feel confident enough to ride in the next capsule.

"The answer is an overwhelming yes—a resounding yes," replied Shepard.

"Absolutely," answered Glenn. Virgil I. Grissom, the third space candidate named, was in Bermuda, where he monitored Tuesday's flight from a control console in a Project Mercury tracking center. But he was reported to be as eager as Glenn and Shepard to make the manned flight as soon as possible.

The other four astronauts—Leroy Cooper, Scott Carpenter, Walter Schirra and Donald Slayton—indicated their disappointment at not having been chosen.

Carpenter summed up their feelings this way: "I'm naturally disappointed. But I'm aware that there will be other flights and I plan to be on one of them."

Infirmary To Consider Suggestions

Suggestion boxes will be placed in residence dining halls, the Hetzel Union Building and in other campus buildings by the SGA Infirmiry Committee, Buddy Zuckerman, chairman, said yesterday.

Zuckerman said the purpose of the boxes is to give students a chance to air complaints or make suggestions about the Ritenour Health Center. These suggestions or complaints will then be reviewed by the Infirmiry Committee and presented to Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the health center, for approval and action.

"The main purpose of the committee is to act as a public relations agent to communicate and improve relations between the student body and the Health Center," Zuckerman said.

His committee took a tour of the center last Friday with Glenn. The information obtained through this tour will be presented in a committee report to the SGA Assembly tonight, Zuckerman said.

In a future report to the Assembly, he said, more information will be given on the facilities at the health center so that the Assemblymen can carry this knowledge back to other students.

The committee will investigate the possibility of changing or lengthening visiting hours, Zuckerman said.

Rain, Mild Weather Should Continue Today

A vigorous storm system will continue the rain in this area today and tonight.

Today should be cloudy and mild with occasional rain. The high temperature should be about 50 degrees.

Intermittent rain with a chance of a thundershower and continued mild conditions should continue tonight.