



\$899 Million Budget For General Funds Passed by House

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN

The state House of Representatives yesterday passed by a 184-2 vote, Gov. David L. Lawrence's proposed \$899 million 13-month spending program.

The measure, which would provide funds for day-to-day operations of most state agencies, was sent to the Senate where it faces another item-by-item appraisal.

According to Rep. Eugene Fulmer, R-Centre, the measure passed is the Governor's proposed general appropriation and does not include appropriations concerning the University's proposed budget.

The University's budget is considered a non-preferred appropriation and will be considered as a separate bill, Fulmer said.

"Nothing has been done on Penn State's budget as yet," Fulmer said. Bills for both \$18.5 million and \$23.1 million for Penn State are now in House committees.

Fulmer said he conferred yesterday with the chairman of the House Education Committee and was told that no definite time had been set to take the University's appropriation out of committee and present it to the House for a vote.

Sen. Jo Hays, D-Centre, said last night that he thought the reason for considering the University appropriation separately as a non-preferred appropriation was due to the reapportionment issue now being debated in both houses of the General Assembly.

Republicans intended to hold up the reapportionment issue in order to gain more representation in certain districts, Hays said.

Considering the education appropriations separately from the general appropriations would give the Republicans more control in getting any education bill they might propose passed, Hays said.

Hays explained that preferred bills include items such as elementary and secondary school aid and general state welfare projects.

Non-preferred legislation deals with appropriations for separate institutions such as Penn State, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Hays said that since the University's budget is in its present situation, it may have a "slight advantage" over preferred legislation in being raised to the \$23 million requested by President Eric A. Walker.

A free supplement, titled "Collegiate Digest," will be distributed with The Daily Collegian tomorrow. Readers should pick up their copy when they get their Collegian.

Class Gift To Be Used In Summer

The senior class gift, a boat dock and landing area at the Stone Valley recreation area will be ready for summer use, Tim Nelligan, class gift committee chairman said yesterday.

The gift consists of a dock along the bank of the Stone Valley lake and a floating dock extended out into the water, Nelligan said. Rowboats and canoes will be launched from this area and there is room for future expansion, he said.

The lake at the recreation area is 72 acres. Stone Valley itself is a 575 acre area located 15 miles south of campus. It is owned and operated by the University through contributions of the Alumni Associations.

In addition to the class gift, a small docking area will be constructed diagonally across the lake. It will be built with a \$400 surplus from the construction of the boat dock and landing area, Nelligan said.

This second docking area which should be completed before the end of June will be near the picnic grounds and cabins, he said.

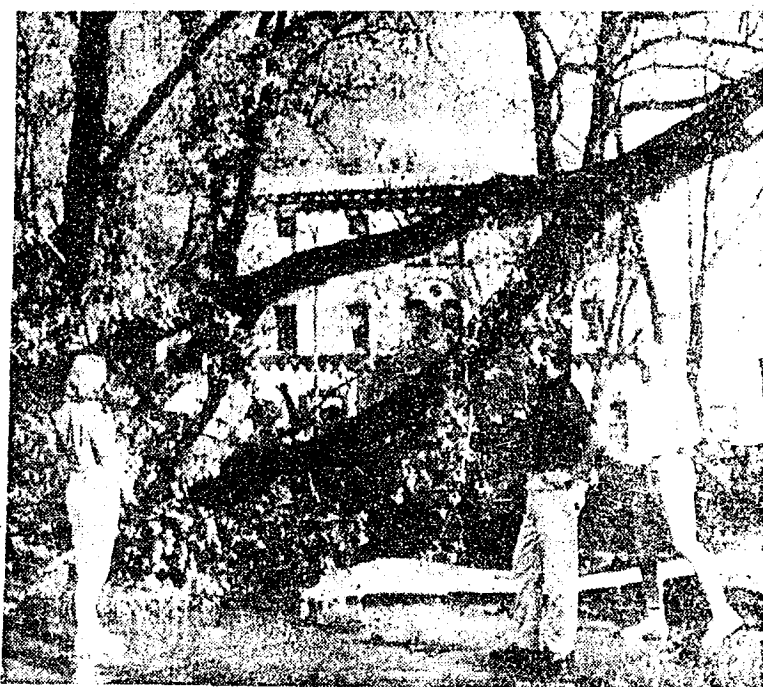
The class gift fund contained approximately \$5,000, with the class and the University each contributing \$2,500, Nelligan said.

The planning and construction of the project were worked out in cooperation with the Department of Physical Education and the University Physical Plant.

Approximately 600 seniors voted in favor of the boat dock and landing areas as class gift at registration, Nelligan said.

Suggestions for the class gift were received in a suggestion box at the Hetzel Union desk, the senior class advisory board and from various organizations. These suggestions were then evaluated for feasibility by the gift committee.

Rebels Hurt Talks



—Collegian Photo by Ed Jaffe
AFTERMATH OF STORM: This tree limb which fell across the Little Mall just above College Ave., was one of many that were blown down on campus. Several wooden buildings in the outlying areas were also heavily damaged by the wind.

Wind, Heavy Rain Down Trees, Wires

By JOEL MYERS

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Hurricane force gusts of 86 miles an hour downed trees and power lines and knocked out several windows on campus yesterday afternoon.

The strong winds, which were the highest recorded here in at least 16 years and were probably among the greatest

speeds ever observed in the Nittany Valley, attended a severe thunderstorm that drenched this area before 5 p.m. yesterday.

Nearly one-third of an inch of rain fell in ten minutes, and the temperature fell 18 degrees, from 80 to 62, in five minutes.

A survey of damage by Albert E. Diem, vice president for business administration, said that eight trees on campus were blown down or damaged substantially by the storm.

He estimated that several hundred dollars will be required to repair the damage and clean the debris caused by the storm.

Several trees and wires were downed in State College and surrounding communities.

Several thunderstorms along this line were accompanied by heavy rain, strong winds and hail. Williamsport reported hailstones nearly one-half inch in (Continued on page eight)

Communists Snub Peace Conference On Laos Truce

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Pro-Communist rebel authorities snubbed members of the three-nation international commission in their first contact at a Laotian truce meeting yesterday, a government army spokesman said.

The outlook for a 14-nation conference due to take up Laos' future in Geneva Friday was further beclouded. The United States, Britain and France have said they will not take part until the commission confirms that a cease-fire is truly in effect.

The rebels said they could not recognize the commission, said Lt. Col. Udon Sananikons of the royal government's delegation.

Indian, Canadian and Polish officers of the commission, which is seeking to certify and supervise the truce proclaimed last Wednesday, declined comment. Returning by helicopter to Vientiane, the administrative capital, they said they would make their report to Samar Sen of India, the commission chairman.

Holding a strong hand militarily, the rebels had objected to the return of the truce commission to Laos after its absence of more than two years.

Neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma was quoted in a Communist broadcast as saying the commission should have delayed its arrival until the Laotians settled their own military and political affairs.

Sananikone told newsmen that the Hin Heup representatives of the Communist Pathet Lao and Prince Souvanna, the ex-premier who heads the rump regime in rebel territory, even refused to relay a letter from the commission group in Vientiane to commission members in Xieng Khouang, the rebel headquarters.

The U.S. State Department reiterated that U.S. participation in the Geneva conference is contingent upon the establishment of an effective, verified cease-fire in Laos.

Housing Availability Shown by Survey

Almost a half of State College housing now being rented by students was put on the market since 1950, according to the results of a survey of 470 rental dwellings conducted by the Chamber of Commerce.

This situation, Paul Mazza, president of the Chamber of Commerce said, is similar to that found in other college communities throughout the country.

He said that the available housing has increased proportionally to the influx of students following the second world war.

Of the space that is not presently occupied, single rooms are the most common.

Mazza said that the survey also revealed the following information:

- Less than 100 of the dwellings are totally unfurnished.
- A majority of the rental units are located in two and three story buildings. One hundred and seventy-three basements are being occupied.
- No fire escape or ladder is

provided in 723 of the rented housing units. Also, 100 landlords did not answer this question.

Most landlords provided off-street parking for their tenants. Only 191 instances of no parking facilities were discovered.

Mazza said that 300 of those interviewed expressed a desire for the Chamber of Commerce to compile a list of available housing. Another 200 said they would like to see a combined student government-chamber of commerce list.

Landlords who indicated that they would use a discriminatory policy in selecting their tenants would definitely not be accepted for the proposed list, Mazza stated.

He said that to list these people would be contrary to a Pennsylvania law which goes into effect next September.

The law forbids any discrimination in the advertising of rented housing.

This survey was conducted last February and March by student volunteers under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Independent Men's Council.

SGA to Get Final Draft of Constitution

By ANN PALMER and SANDY YAGGI

The SGA Executive Reorganization Committee decided last night to recommend the elimination of class-members-at-large from Assembly representation under the new constitution.

This constitution will be presented to Assembly for approval tomorrow night.

Representation on Assembly as recommended will consist of the four class presidents and 24 other members to be elected according to population from the four major governmental areas: IFC, MRC, AWS and TIM.

The committee will also recommend that no person in the gal-

lery be recognized to speak at an Assembly meeting except for a point of information pertinent to discussion on the floor.

"Under the present system, a person may be an Assembly member from the gallery without actually running," Richard Haber, SGA president, said.

"If we eliminate debate from the gallery," he said, "people will have to run for or run to the Assembly."

It will also be recommended that every bill be brought before the Rules Committee prior to its presentation to the Assembly.

Those not heard by Rules Committee because of last-minute circumstances must receive a three-fourths approval by the eligible Assembly membership in order to be brought to the floor.

The committee will recommend

that the SGA president lose his power to appoint two members to the all-University Cabinet. This will insure that all Cabinet members have been elected by some faction of the student body.

Assembly members will be elected according to living area under the auspices of political parties, the committee recommended.

Thus, each political party will be able to nominate one candidate for each vacant Assembly seat proportionately in the four areas.

Each party may also nominate a candidate for the three all-University offices and for senior, junior and sophomore class presidents to be elected in the spring.

The committee deleted provisions for the University Forum from the constitution but recommended it as possible action for the new Assembly.