



2,689 Degrees Conferred Under Threatening Skies; Walker Advises Grads

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The University conferred degrees upon 2,689 graduates under rain-threatening clouds Saturday at Beaver Stadium—marking the 100th year since the first bachelor degrees were given by the Farmer's High School of Pennsylvania.

The graduating class, falling short by three of the record class of a year ago, included 57 candidates for doctorates; 1,951 for baccalaureate degrees, and 406 students who have completed two-year programs at the Commonwealth Campuses.

President Eric A. Walker, in his charge to the graduates, stressed the responsibility of an educated person in today's society. An educated man has an obligation to use his knowledge to better society, he said.

"Do not sacrifice your principles for the moment," he warned the students.

Walker began his speech by saying his faith in science had been reaffirmed. He said he received a phone call early that rainy morning from someone from the University weather station, who said the weather would clear up in time for the commencement.

More than 150 of the graduating students were graduated with honors. Honors graduates are those students who have met residence requirements and have attained an accumulative average of 3.40 or better.

Those with an average of 3.80 are graduated with highest distinction; those with averages of 3.60 to 3.79, with high distinction, and those with between 3.40 and 3.59, with distinction.

Prior to the commencement exercises, 143 seniors received regular or reserve commissions in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps. All were members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

Finch, Tarply Presented With President's Award

Henry A. Finch, professor of philosophy, and Harold I. Tarply, professor of electrical engineering, were presented the 1961 President's Award for Outstanding Teaching at the University at Saturday's commencement exercises.

This award, which was inaugurated in 1958, annually goes to one or more members of the faculty "in recognition of devoted service as a conscientious and outstanding member of the teaching faculty."

President Walker presented an engraved plaque and \$1,000 stipend to each recipient.

In giving the awards, President Walker said he was convinced that the steadily rising quality of the University's academic program was due in substantial measure to the dedication and devotion of the University's teaching faculty.

Tarply, a member of the faculty for 38 years, was awarded a citation for "excellence in teaching" at 1959 commencement, as the representative of the College of Engineering and Architecture.

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Lawrence Urges Taxes for Education

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Governor David L. Lawrence stepped before the state General Assembly yesterday asking legislative approval of a new tax program for increased support of education.

Lawrence gave the legislature two alternative taxes, one that would raise \$27 million, the other would raise \$30 million.

The first would be a tax on out of state stocks and bonds, the second a tax on returns from investments such as dividends, and interest.



—Collegian Photo by Tom Browne

EAGER NEW STUDENTS ARRIVE ON CAMPUS—Freshmen, anxious to begin their college careers, forego their summer vacations to begin studying. There may have been some arm-twisting in a few cases.

3,500 Undergrads Expected to Register

Moms and Dads and lots of luggage are arriving daily, accompanying an estimated 3,500 undergraduates who will register today and tomorrow for the first term of classes.

Included in this group are 500 freshmen, the first freshman class of the four-term system, and over 200 new ad-

vanced students. All new students will be welcomed by President Eric A. Walker at this morning's convocation ceremony in Schwab.

Registration today will start at 1 p.m. for students whose last names begin with Aab-Arn. It will end at 4:30 p.m. Registration tomorrow will begin at 8 a.m. for students whose last names begin with Grj-Har. It will end at 4:30 p.m.

Student groups will line up outside the north entrance of Recreation Hall and enter at 15-minute intervals. They will not be permitted to enter unless they arrive at the time stipulated for them on the alphabetical time schedule.

Students must also have in their possession a valid identification card or authorization to enroll card, a Bursar's tuition receipt and a registration card No. 2. All students must register for themselves—no student may register for another student.

A total of over 5,000 students (both full and part-time and graduate) is expected for this summer, according to Warren R. Haffner, assistant registrar. "We expect many more undergraduate and less graduate students than in the past," he said. "The course selection is more oriented toward undergraduates."

Last summer a total of 2,174 undergraduates attended at least one of the three summer sessions.

Of the sums mentioned \$21 million would go to increasing local school subsidies and the remainder to higher education in the state.

Senator Jo Hays, Centre-D., said last night that as he interprets the Governor's speech, "priority for the money for higher education would go to Penn State."

Hays, who at the time was in a joint meeting of the legislative committees on education, gave the new tax bill "two to three weeks to come up for a vote."

"Penn State's appropriation," he said "cannot be increased from the proposed \$17.1 million until this bill comes up." He estimated that the bill for the University's budget would be on the floor in there to four weeks.

Dr. Eric A. Walker has asked for \$23.1 million and has said that tuition will rise if this is not granted.

"Chances for increasing the University's appropriation are good if the tax bill is passed," Hays said.

He added, however, that according to a Pittsburgh evening paper, Senator Robert D. Flemming, a Pittsburgh Republican, has said "there will be no Republican votes for any tax."

According to Hays, Lawrence emphasized the urgency of educational needs in Pennsylvania saying that "opponents who do not like this tax can devise their own."

"The stakes are too high, the urgency of the problem too pressing, the challenges of the times too severe to ignore our responsibility or to delay accepting it fully and frankly," Lawrence said in the speech.

In 1959 a tax on out-of-state stocks and bonds, called intangible personal property, died in the Senate.

Bookstore Proposal Gets 'No Reaction'

The state of the proposed University bookstore has again been left in limbo until further facts are brought before the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Eric A. Walker said yesterday that "there was almost no reaction either for or against the proposal" at the board's June meeting because "there had been no dollar figures submitted in the report."

The report was compiled under the direction of Phillip Steinhauer, chairman of the SGA Bookstore Committee.

On December 15 SGA Assembly unanimously approved a bill which asserted the "immediate and imperative need for a University bookstore" and submitted this to the Board for consideration at their January meeting.

The trustees "feeling that they did not have enough information to go on" at that time asked for a more complete report, Walker said.

According to Walker, the trustees wanted to know in what ways the present State College bookstore facilities were inadequate and just what sales and

services students expect of a University Bookstore.

Secondly, they wanted to know the building and space requirements for such a store, the costs, operational expenses and profit margin anticipated.

Walker also said in January that "the space and cost requirements could probably best be worked out by the people in Mr. Diem's office." He referred to Albert E. Diem, vice president for business administration.

The SGA committee, organized to get the information for the trustees, sent questionnaires to 792 students, selected randomly, to determine if there was a need for a student run bookstore and what this need entailed.

The SGA report was submitted (Continued on page two)

University Summer Calendar

(June 13-21)

- June 13—Summer term registration begins.
- June 13—Veterinary Medical Association, Conference Center, through June 15.
- June 13—Hospital Auxiliary Workshop, through June 16.
- June 13—Circles 1 and 3, St. Paul's Methodist Church, pot-luck picnic at Mrs. Lynn Platt's cabin, 6 p.m.
- June 13—Future Homemakers of America, 1,200 attending.
- June 13—FFA, 1,600 attending.
- June 13—Forestry Association, Nittany Lion Inn, through June 15.
- June 14—Summer term registration ends.
- June 14—FFA
- June 15—Summer term classes begin, 8 a.m.
- June 15—FFA
- June 15—Alumni reunions, HUB, 1,200 attending, through June 18.
- June 16—Engineering-in-Training and Professional Engineer Exams, Hammond, through June 17.
- June 16—State, County and Municipal Employees, Conference Center, through June 23.
- June 16—TEPS of NEA (Teachers' Standards), Pollock A, 1,000 attending, through June 23.
- June 18—Real Estate Institute, Nittany Lion Inn, through June 20.
- June 18—Mushroom Industry short course, Warnock, through June 21.
- June 18—Underwater Acoustics Seminar, Conference Center, through June 23.
- June 18—Conservation Education Lab for Teachers, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, through June 28.
- June 18—Underwater Missiles Seminar, Conference Center, through June 30.
- June 19—Custodians Workshop, Pollock A, through June 21.
- June 19—Extensions Homemakers Week, Pollock Dining Hall, 600 attending, through June 22.
- June 19—4-H Leadership School, Pollock A, through June 23.
- June 19—Social Studies Workshop for Teachers, Conference Center, through June 23.
- June 19—School Food Service Workshop, Conference Center, through June 30.
- June 19—Summer Institute in Reactor Theory, Conference Center, through Aug. 11.