



State Ceases Collection Of Text Tax at Stores Operated by Universities

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Collection of the state's four per cent sales and use tax on textbooks and instructional supplies sold through college-operated book stores was ended Feb. 21, David H. Kurtzman, secretary of administration to Governor David L. Lawrence, said yesterday.

The ruling, he said, applied only to instructional materials sold through educational institutions, since any further exemptions would require a change in the law establishing the tax.

Richard H. Wagner, an official of the Sales Tax Bureau, said yesterday no decision could be rendered on the collection of the tax on books sold by the Used Book Agency or instruction materials sold by the Book Exchange.

FOR THE PRESENT, at least, these articles will remain subject to the tax.

The Sales Tax Bureau, Wagner said, would make a ruling on the status of the UBA and the BX if the bureau receives information about them. The structure and organization of the agencies and their relation to the University would have to be made known to the bureau, he said.

Both the UBA and the BX are student-run organizations, origi-

nally established by the student government. Each has been recognized by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

COMMERCIAL institutions, such as Keeler's or Metzgers, are not affected by the change in collection policy, Wagner said, nor can they be, without a change in the law.

The decision to change the collection policy was made known to the colleges and universities which operate their own book stores beginning Feb. 21, Kurtzman said. Information was not released to the news media at that time.

Kurtzman said the sales tax act was studied by the Lawrence administration in February, and the decision came as the result of the study. The study was instituted, he said, as the result of questions Feb. 8 from student journalists who attended a special press conference in Harrisburg.

The text tax has been an issue at Temple University and other colleges and universities in the state.

The current Undergraduate Student Government Congress has established a committee to investigate the possibility of having the sales tax eliminated on text books purchased at any store.

AMA Airs Views On Medical Plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Representatives of the American Medical Association asserted yesterday that President Kennedy's medical care plan would be "a cruel hoax and a delusion" for the aged.

It would cover millions who don't need it, ignore millions of others who do, lower the general quality of medicine and pave the way for government medicine for all Americans, the medical group leaders said.

They aired their reply to Kennedy in a paid nationwide television broadcast, filmed in a curiously ironic setting.

It was in Madison Square Garden, the same place where Kennedy Sunday addressed a cheering crowd in a plea for support for his administration's proposals to provide medical care for the aged through Social Security.

But instead of a crowd scene for a backdrop, the AMA spokesmen appeared in an empty, silent arena, its vast expanse littered with paper, broken balloons and decorations left from the Kennedy rally.

Dr. Leonard W. Larson, of Bismarck, N.D., association president, said the administration's program would deprive older people of "the American system of medicine, based upon the private doctor treating the private patient."

In the last 20 years alone, he said, this system has "added 10

years to the life of every American."

Appearing with him on the program was Dr. Edward R. Annis, of Miami, Fla., surgeon and chairman of the association's National Speakers Bureau.

An association spokesman estimated cost of the show, carried on paid time over the National Broadcasting Co. network, at \$75,000. The group had asked for equal time to reply to Kennedy's half hour address, but was turned down.

Kennedy's speech was carried free.

Dr. Annis said the administration legislation—the King-Anderson Bill sponsored by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson and Rep. Cecil R. King—would wastefully cover millions of people who do not need such medical coverage.

He said it also would "heartlessly ignore" millions who need coverage, would not be true in-

surance as its sponsors claim, and would create an enormous and unpredictable burden on the working taxpayer.

Its benefits, he added, would be limited and it would "undercut and destroy" private, voluntary health insurance which offers the aged "flexible benefits in the full range of individual needs."

He said the plan also would lower the quality and availability of hospital services throughout the country and intervene between the patient and his doctor.

The plan also would serve as "the forerunner" of a switch away from time-honored private medicine for all Americans, he said, adding:

Dr. Annis claimed that the Kerr-Mills Medical Aid for the Aged Law, already passed by Congress, provided means for caring for the elderly who need financial assistance in meeting medical costs.

3 USG Advisors Approved

Three additional advisors to the Undergraduate Student Government were approved by the Congress at last Thursday's meeting following a request for the advisors by USG President Dean Wharton.

The Congress approved Frank J. Simes, dean of men, Jeannette Berry, staff assistant to the dean of women, and Ross B. Lehman, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, to aid William F. Fuller, manager of Associated Student Activities, as advisors to USG.

WHARTON SAID he thought there was a need for USG to have more than one advisor because it was impossible for one person to attend every meeting. He said that these three were "excellent resource people" because they come from various branches of the University concerned with student problems.

The Congress debated Simes' appointment because he is a member of the administration, and "not so much on our side as a faculty member might be."

Wharton said he would set up a rotation system requiring each advisor to attend at least one USG meeting a month. He noted that it had been impossible for Fuller to be at every meeting he was needed, and four advisors should remedy the situation.

FOUR OTHER of Wharton's appointments were approved unanimously by Congress. They are Paul McPherson, sophomore in agricultural and biological science from New Park, Student Encampment business manager; Donald Morabito, sophomore in arts and letters from New Castle, and Robert P. Anderson, junior in labor management relations from Coatesville, members of USG Supreme Court; and Allison Woodall, junior in arts and letters from Wallingford, National Student As-

sociation campus coordinator.

Wharton announced that he would be in school during the summer term and would like to set up an interim Congress of legislators who would also be on campus. Four Congressmen said they could be a part of the interim group.

DATES FOR fall elections were set for Oct. 10, 11 and 12 by Wharton and approved by Congress. The 1962 Student Encampment will be held from Sept. 12 to 14, Wharton said, and will be carried over an additional day if extra discussion time is needed.

Unidentified Man Assaults Coed On Sunday Night Outside Pattee

A coed on her way to Pattee Library from McKee Hall was stopped on the north-south walk and struck on the head by an unidentified man at about 9:50 p.m. Sunday night, John Galaida, chief of the Campus Patrol, said last night.

The coed said that a man with a crew hair cut, wearing slacks and a sport shirt, stepped in front of her as she neared the library.

"He mumbled something about a dime, but I kept on walking," the coed said.

"He then hit me over the head with a blunt object about the size of a flashlight," she said.

THE COED screamed and ran into the library as the man fled toward Curtin Road. Library officials called an ambulance and the Campus Patrol.

The coed was taken to the University infirmary where she was

treated for an abrasion of the head and released.

A full investigation of the incident is being conducted, Galaida said.

Cloudy, Cool Weather Due Today, Tomorrow

The longest May heat wave on record came to an end yesterday as cooler and drier air overspread the Commonwealth.

After seven successive days of near 90 degree temperatures, the mercury failed to rise above 80 yesterday afternoon.

Refreshing northerly breezes should bring even cooler weather to this area today and tomorrow. A high of 70 is expected this afternoon and a high of 75 is indicated for tomorrow.

Considerable cloudiness and pleasantly cool temperatures are forecast for today and tonight. Showers, possible thunderstorms and mild weather are indicated for tomorrow.

IFC Votes to Hold Float Parade As Part of Spring Week Activities

The Interfraternity Council voted 39 to 8 last night to hold a float parade on the Friday night of Spring Week and the IFC-Panhellenic Music Festival on the following Saturday night.

In addition, the council voted unanimously not to have a float parade as part of the Homecoming festivities.

Emil Sos, IFC president, said that this proposal will be presented to the Undergraduate Student Government Congress in the fall when definite arrangements can be made.

JOSEPH WELLS, IFC vice president, said that an advisory board, composed of representatives from IFC, Panhel, Town Independent Men, Men's Residence Council and Association of Women Students, would still exist under the IFC plan. These representatives would have a proportionate voice as to the number of their groups entering Spring Week, he said.

Panhel voted last Tuesday not

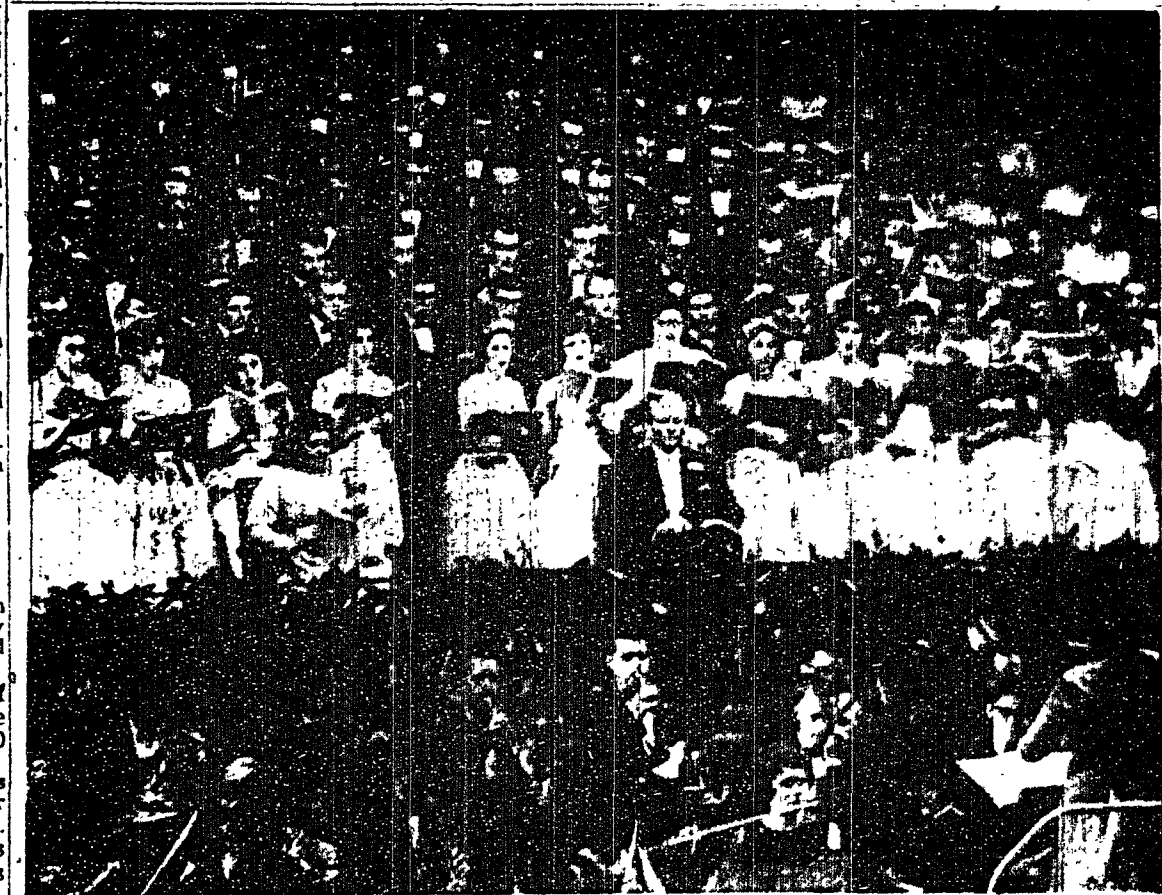
to have the IFC-Panhel music festival on the Saturday night of Spring Week. The agenda for the following Panhel council meeting tonight calls for a vote on the proposal as to whether or not it would support of having a float parade as part of Homecoming festivities.

Before voting on the motion of combining the music festival with the float parade for Spring Week, a straw vote was taken to determine how the groups felt toward other possibilities.

AT THIS TIME, 29 voted for the combined music festival and float parade, 10 for just the carnival as Spring Week was this year and 8 for the carnival and the float parade, as Spring Week was set up in past years.

In other business, the council awarded the Kent Forester Scholarship for an undergraduate foreign student to Simon Medette, freshman in business administration from Tanganyika.

The IFC budget for 1962-63 was also approved unanimously.



THE CHAPEL CHOIR and the University Symphony Orchestra performed "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms at their 15th annual spring concert Saturday night in Schwab. Barbara Troxell, lyric soprano, and Raymond

Brown, baritone, (seated in front of the choir) were soloists for the performance. The orchestra played works by Gabrieli, Vivaldi and Pepper preceding the choir concert.