

# Current Fee Levels To Continue Stable For '62-'63 Terms

Room and board rates and tuition fees will remain at the current level for the coming year, President Eric A. Walker said recently.

Walker told the University Senate at its June 5 meeting that the Board of Trustees had approved the University budget for the coming year which calls for the continuation of the current fee scale.

THE \$65 MILLION budget included a \$20 million state appropriation, Walker said. He added that the budget increased the library grant to \$1,300,000. Last year's budget allotted \$377,000 to the library.

The moratorium on the size of the student body and the start of new projects and curricula which was imposed by the trustees last summer will continue in September, Walker said. About 5,500 freshmen will be admitted in the fall to maintain, but not increase University enrollment, he added.

Walker said that during the summer he would conduct a survey of the University's research projects to see if they are produc-

ing a sufficient number of Ph.D. candidates to be continued. He would also consider the value of continuing the moratorium.

In other business, the Senate approved a recommendation by the Senate Committee on Admissions requiring all applicants for baccalaureate degree programs to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Board. Beginning with students applying in the fall, the test along with the student's high school records will be required for admission, Richard G. Stoner, chairman, said. Most students now being admitted by the University gain admission solely on the basis of their high school records.

A CHANGE which was proposed by the educational policy committee to exempt some students from the rule requiring that 60 to 75 credits be earned in residence in order to qualify for a degree from the University was approved by the Senate. Students admitted with ninth term standing or better will now be required to earn only 30 of their last credits here.

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## Exam Period Set

(See related editorial)

A final examination period to begin in the fall term was unanimously adopted by the University Senate at its June 5 meeting.

The proposal presented by the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule includes the initiation of a final examination period separate from the class days of the regular term. The length and time of the period will be established by the administration, according to the proposal.

THE COMMITTEE stated in its formal report that calendar policy changes to include a final examination period should be flexible so that future modifications based on experience can be made.

Results of two administrative surveys which would make a finals period of three days with

75 minute exams feasible were cited by Harold J. Read, committee chairman. He said that a survey of department heads showed that 75 per cent of the courses would utilize the examination period. A survey of 590 student schedules showed that these finals could be scheduled within three days with a minimum amount of conflict, he added.

"THE SENATE determines policy and not day-to-day calendar," Read said.

This Senate function is why no specific length for the period was stated in the committee's proposal, he added. However, the group did recommend that a minimum of six days between the close of the examination period and the first day of classes of the succeeding term be included in the calendar. This proposal was also adopted by the Senate.

The Senate also reinstated a revised Rule 0-8 of the Senate Policies and Rules for Undergraduate Students which allows a student with two or more final

examinations at the same time to file a conflict examination request within the time announced by the scheduling officer. The rule also states that a fee of \$10 will be required of a student who files a late conflict request.

Working under recommendations made by the Administrative Committee on Resident Education Procedures, John E. Miller, scheduling officer, said that he plans to ask each department to list the courses for which it would like final examinations scheduled in the fall, winter and spring terms. Miller said that he would conduct this survey during the summer term.

The finals examination schedule for the fall will be published early in the fall term and a week will be allotted for students to file conflict requests, he said.

"THE PROCEDURES committee recommended that the examination period be three days long with each examination taking 75 minutes, so this is what the scheduling office will follow in setting up the period," Miller said.

### Mateer Playhouse

## Humor, Pathos Mark 'Cousin'

By JOAN MEHAN and KAY MILLS

Collegian Reviewers

A slice of life was deftly served in "The 49th Cousin" by the Mateer Playhouse company at its season opening at Standing Stone Tuesday evening.

Sincerely portrayed tenderness and swiftly paced comedy merged in Florence Lowe and Caroline Francke's story of the conflicts within an American Jewish family at the turn of the century.

MAX FISCHER'S portrayal of Isaac Lowe, the self-righteous father who covered his sentimentality with an armor of pride, commands the top spot on a list of convincing performances. Referred to as "the czar of Syracuse" by one of his spinster daughters, Fischer indeed created an autocratic character. He could easily have stolen the show had it not been for the outstanding support given him by his fellow actors.

Cast members who entered completely into the spirit of their parts added immeasurably to the feeling of a family trying to wean their father from his prejudices and peculiarities. Esther Benson and Max Gulack, as Fanny Lowe and her uncle Simon, were especially skilled as foils to papa's whims.

DAVID FRANK demonstrated his versatility as the peddler Moishe Golub, moving easily from sales talk comedy to his schoolboy-like courtship of young Carrie Lowe, played by Grace Shearer. A University graduate making her professional debut, Miss Shearer warmed to her role of wide-eyed innocence after shaky first scenes. However, she seemed consistently convincing only in her scenes with Golub, the suitor her father considered unacceptable.

The only casualty of the play was Lydia Bruce as Tracy Lowe. Cast as the stubborn, sarcastic daughter who had ceased talking to her father, Miss Bruce

failed to produce the biting humor required of her part.

Careful direction was evident through the show, which lagged only in a third act scene between Fanny and Uncle Simon. Director Leon B. Stevens was also cast as Mr. Cronyn, the high school principal. Stevens overplayed his role, in contrast with Tracy's apparent lack of feeling for her part.

PRODUCED BY Walter H. Walters, head of the University's Department of Theater Arts, "The 49th Cousin" continues through Saturday and will be followed by a two-week run of Tennessee Williams' "Period of Adjustment," beginning Tuesday.

### Behind the News

The effect of apportionment developments upon the American scene are explored in this week's "Behind the News" by Lawrence Cameron, 8th term mathematics major from Philadelphia.

## 800 Students Sign Petition Against State Textbook Tax

More than 800 students have signed a petition at Keeler's bookstore requesting that textbooks be exempt from state sales tax. Benjamin Swanson, Keeler's, Inc. president, said last night.

THE PETITION, which was placed inside the store's doors at 1 p.m. Tuesday, reads: "We, the undersigned students of the Pennsylvania State University, do hereby protest the existent tax on textbooks, as defined under Regulation No. 203 (Revised 2-23-62).

"This levy is discriminatory in nature, penalizing both the student customer and the private store operation. In our opinion, ALL textbooks should be tax exempt, regardless of place of purchase."

The current ruling under which the Pennsylvania Department of Sales and Use Tax operates states

that textbooks are tax exempt if sold to students through a store run by an educational institution.

Swanson said this interpretation eliminates the University from tax exemption, because it has no bookstore. A further complication, he added, arises in the definition of a textbook as well as in limiting sales to students.

The petition will remain in Keeler's through Monday and will be either sent or presented in person to the governor's office, Swanson said.

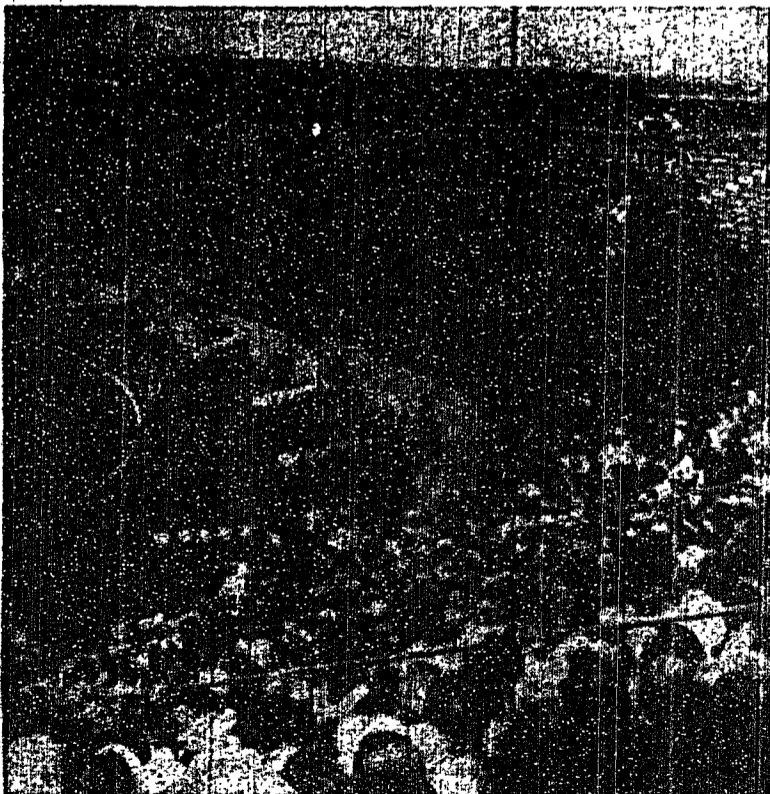
"By that time, we should get about 1,500 to 2,000 signatures."

SWANSON SAID that the cost of education is high enough without adding the few dollars yearly for a "poor" tax. He added that his store does not like to collect the tax but is subject to fine and imprisonment if it does not conform to the rule.

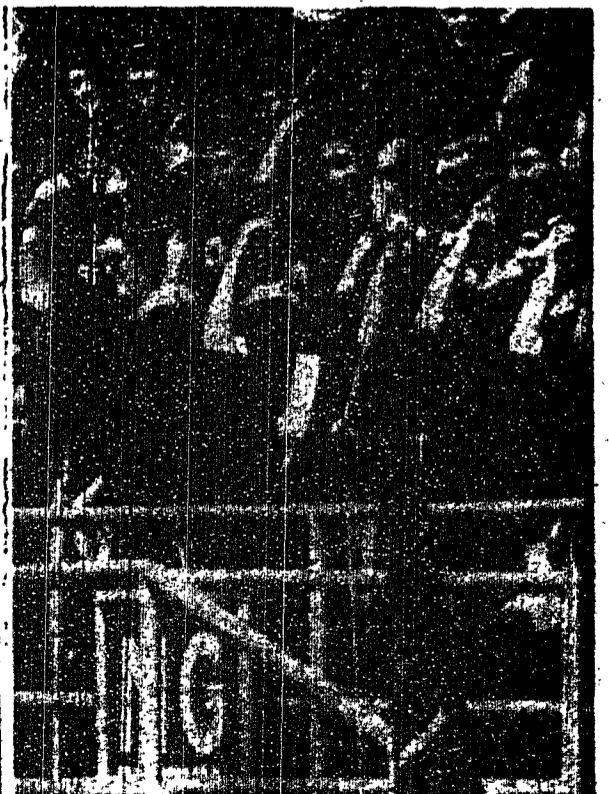
## University Confers Degrees on 2,475 Students



A REWARD FOR FOUR YEARS OF HARD WORK is given to each graduate by his college dean. Merritt A. Williamson, dean of the College of Architecture and Engineering, presents a diploma to one of the graduates. Advanced and associate degrees and commissions in United States Army, Navy and Air Force were also awarded at commencement.



CLASS OF 1962 listens to the "Charge to the Graduates" given by President Eric A. Walker. Nearly 2,500 graduates and 10,000 parents and friends heard him tell the graduates to: "Face up to your responsibilities courageously but humbly. Temper your intelligence with wisdom and your knowledge with tolerance. Above all else, base your decisions on a sense of values that places the man before the job, the larger good before the selfish interest."



SENIORS BECOME GRADUATES as they switch their tassels from the right to the left of their mortar boards. The dean of each college presents the prospective graduates in his college to President Eric A. Walker, who confers the degrees. The University Marshal then signals the seniors with the official mace to move their tassels from right to left.

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