## Appropriations Freeze Seen Ominous

Although the crisis of a seriously delayed 1963
appropriation is now history, Gov. William Scranton this week sounded an ominous note for 1964 with his plan to freeze the University's state appropriations at the present $\$ 25$ milion level.
This announcement comes in the face of what could be a staggering bill for intercst on money 1963 appropriation.
President Walker has declined comment on the amount involved in borrowing from staie banks,
but interest on even the smallest conceivable figure will certainly hamper a university which operates on an already tight budget.
In its admissions policy, the University has set its goal at accommodating 25.000 students on this campus by 1970 and proportionately increasing the capacity of the Commonwealth campuses. These fromes are based on expectations of increasing and
from the legiature of the state which this University serves.
The administration can only speculate now on he efrects of decreased funds on cts admosting plans. But certainly the prospecte.

The expansion contains, in part, plans for added residence halls and classroom buildings to m the proposed increased student enrollment.
To expect that the University can reach these
which it is riow expected to operate is unrealistic.
Yet, President Walker has rightly and repeatedly Yet, President Walker has righty and repeatedy
stressed that Penn State must expand if it is io adequately serve the growing needs of the commonwealth.
Scranton's announcement has already necessitated a review of the expansion program-possibly with an eye towards its curtailment.
It is still early erough to hope that intervening
forces might increase Scranton's budgetary pro. forces posal. favorable report by the state Council on E.ducation, which still must review Scranton's bud-
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initiative or under public pressure-choose to allot initiative or under public pressure-choose to allot
more money to the University than was recommore money to the University than was recom-
mencled by the governor. From the experience of past years, the prospects of a legislature increase are not too likely. and there report will contain.
But two facts must remain clear in the minds of those capable of influencing the amount of the University's appropriations: Penn State may have to curtail expansion plans and reduce its admission goal.

Results of the studies which will be conducted on these two vital subjects should be
fully by Scranton and the legislature. fully by Scranton and the legislature.
For if Penn State is to fulfill its For if Penn State is to fulfill its functions as
the state university, it can afford to do neither.

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