

Students Send Walker Letter

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Collegian USG Reporter

Eleven students have joined the Undergraduate Student Government, its Administrative Action Commission, and several faculty members in the fight for a University-operated bookstore.

The students, all residents of Nittany 28, composed and sent a letter yesterday to University President Eric A. Walker, asking that he take "positive and immediate steps to initiate action" on a bookstore, and "to inform the student body of such intentions."

Don Zeaser (5th-Forestry-Philadelphia), who initiated the letter idea, said the intent is not to begin to circulate a petition and gather several thousand signatures, but instead to get the groups and organizations on campus interested in the project.

Zeaser said that he feels small interested groups of students writing letters to the Administration will have more effect than only one petition, no matter how large.

The student letter is the most recent link in the chain of events leading from USG's Administrative Action Commission's letter and report on the bookstore that was released last week. Commission head Steve Gerson sent letters to various administrators, none of whom have responded.

Vice president for student affairs Charles Lewis said last week that he has not yet discussed the problem with other administrators, but that he disagrees with USG that financially the plan is feasible. Lewis referred to it as "lying up a big block of money."

The students' letter to Walker pointed out that if the proposed tuition hike were to become reality, the pressure on the "student who is already hard pressed in financing college attendance" would be increased.

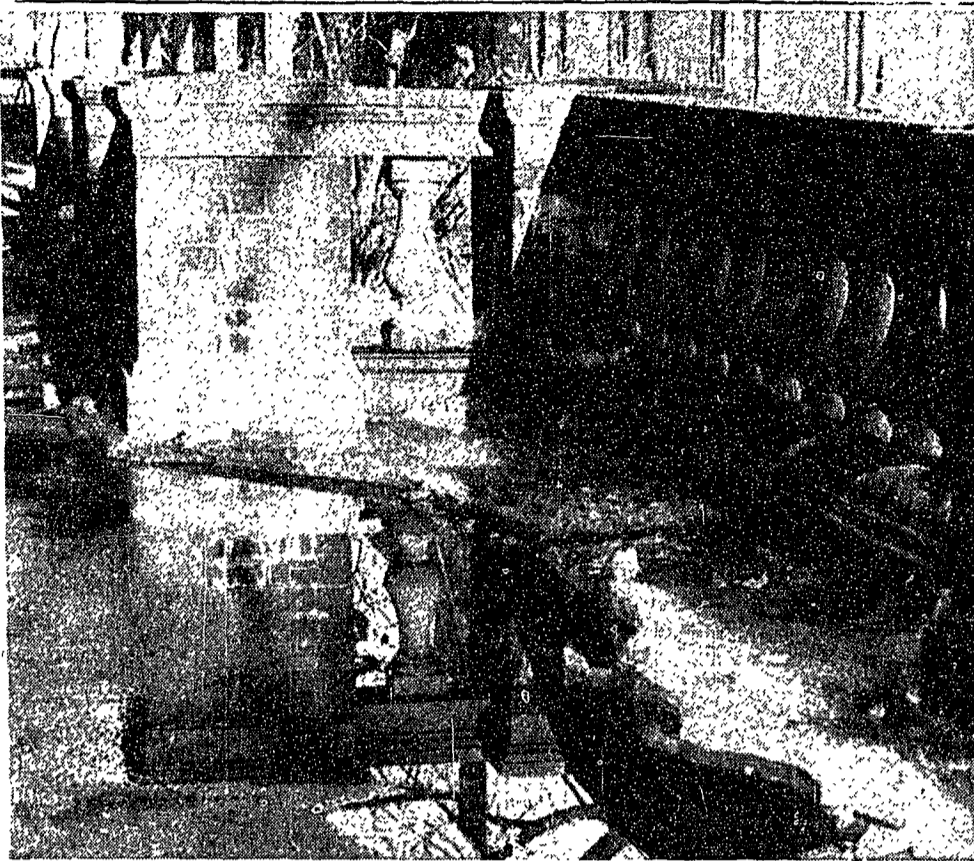
The letter also said that USG has supplied a report concerning the financial facts of establishing a store, and questioned why money realized from book sales "should be distributed off-campus when it does nothing more than promote a loss to University Park."

On Thursday, two University professors came out in support of Gerson's proposal.

Laurence Latman, professor of geomorphology, said "the University owes its students a bookstore."

Walter Westerfeld, professor of botany, said "every decent university has one."

Both professors mentioned the fact that other major universities such as the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, and Princeton, all have university-operated bookstores.



Baroque? Italian Renaissance?

COLLEGIAN PHOTOGRAPHER DAN RODGERS caught this balustrade reflection in the golden eye of his camera last month following the big snow and the long rain. It brings to mind the architects' cry of yore: "Penn State is an Architectural Disaster." Oh, where are their fair voices now?

National Engineers' Week Dedicated To 'World Health'

Monday marks the beginning of National Engineers' Week, a week honoring the accomplishments of modern engineering. National Engineers' Week is observed during the third week in February because George Washington is recognized as the father of modern engineering.

The theme for this year's National Engineers' Week is World Health, and engineers at the University are currently involved in many projects in this area.

The University program that is most directly connected with world health is probably the agricultural team sent out to the Maharashtra Agricultural University of India, to work there toward improving that country's food grain production.

Another tie between health and engineering which has received much attention in the last decade is the application of engineering techniques to biology and medicine.

Strength in biomedical engineering has accelerated this year with the addition of a bioelectronics option leading to a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering. New courses being added allow specialization which will include instrumentation as applied to biological systems.

The problems of air and water pollution are being studied from varying angles in several engineering departments. Engineering research conducted at the University's Center for Air Environment Studies, for example, is concerned with removing pollutants from the air which can't be trapped by the nasal passages and passes directly into the lungs.

With the advent of The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center of the University, research in the area of health is expected to grow at a much

faster rate.

Engineers at the University will celebrate National Engineers' Week with a series of activities aimed at familiarizing both the prospective engineer and the general public with the accomplishments and goals of modern engineering.

On Monday, Feb. 19, there will be an exhibit on the main floor of the Hetzel Union Building, featuring the Atomic Energy Commission film, "The Day Tomorrow Began" and displaying material from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Astronuclear Branch of Westinghouse.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday in Schwab, W. F. Rockwell will present an honorary engineering lecture, "Beyond The Slide Rule." Rockwell, a University graduate, is chairman of the board of the North American Rockwell Corp. and

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Grad Deferments Cut by Johnson

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Johnson Administration refused yesterday to permit draft deferments for graduate study in any fields but those prescribed by law—medicine and the ministry.

At the same time, it kicked some of the props from under occupational deferments by suspending the list of essential activities and critical occupations used as a guideline by draft boards.

From now on, each local board decides on its own, in each individual case, what constitutes an essential or critical activity and what does not.

The new rule applies at once to anyone seeking a deferment as a graduate student. It would not cancel deferments now held by graduate students.

Hershey Sends Telegrams

Acting on the advice of the National Security Council, Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the Selective Service System, issued the decisions in a telegram to the state directors.

A panel of educators testified a week ago before a House subcommittee that failure to broaden the range of graduate study deferments could wipe out as much as 65 per cent of the expected enrollment of new graduate students, and could triple teacher training. The subcommittee agreed and asked President Johnson to broaden graduate student exemptions.

A representative of the U.S. Office of Education said that more than 150,000 prospective students probably would be drafted, and that the figure might be too low.

The draft drought of deferments has

been worrying graduate schools and students for almost eight months, since President Johnson signed the 1967 Selective Service Act.

The act provides for deferments only for graduate students in "medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, osteopathy or optometry, or in such other subjects necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest as are identified by the director of selective service upon the advice of the National Security Council."

Graduate students for the ministry are exempted without regard for the Council's views.

The educational community, wondering what to do about graduate enrollment for next September, had pinned its hopes on the naming of additional fields of study by the Council. These hopes were dashed by the Council.

Oldest Still First

Also rejected were pleas that the present system of calling oldest eligible draft registrants first be changed to take some of the pressure off the incoming graduates.

"The sequence of selection filling the calls will remain unchanged," Hershey said, but students already in or beyond their second year of graduate study may keep their deferments.

The directive applies to incoming and first year graduate students, including the estimated 400,000 male students receiving degrees this year.

The Office of Education said no exact figures are available on the current number of first year graduate students but it is probably around 100,000.

Three Pilots Released By North Vietnamese

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) —

Three American pilots, the first U.S. airmen to be freed after capture in North Vietnam, arrived here last night after their release in Hanoi.

One of the officers, speaking for the group, said he was well, but "physically a little weary" and "emotionally overcome."

The fliers were flown on to the big U.S. Air Force base at Udorn, Thailand, where the Pentagon reported they underwent physical examinations.

Two American critics of U.S.

Vietnam policy who served as go-betweens in securing the fliers' release and accompanied them to Vientiane from Hanoi, accused William Sullivan, U.S. ambassador to Laos, of using "heavy language" to convince the men to go to Udorn instead of returning directly to the United States.

Sullivan did not comment on the charge.

The officers are Maj. Morris Overyly, 39, of Detroit, Capt. Jon David Black, 30, of Johnson City, Tenn., and Lt. David Ma-

theny, 23, of South Bend, Ind.

Captured American soldiers have been released by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese, but the Communists had never previously freed airmen who flew bombing missions over the North.

The pilots arrived in Vientiane aboard an International Control Commission plane. With them were the Rev. Daniel Berrigan of Cornell University and Prof. Howard Zinn of Boston University, the two-man peace delegations that flew from New York two weeks ago after the North Vietnamese announced the three fliers would be released as a gesture for the Tet lunar New Year holiday.

Dressed in ill-fitting, grey cotton suits and dark blue turtle neck sweaters, the pilots appeared bewildered by the camera lights that flashed on them when they stepped from the ICC plane.

Brainwashed?

Overyly looked haggard. Speaking in a toneless voice, he gave his name, rank and serial number, then said, "I was shot down on Sept. 11, 1967. I was treated well, as I observed other captured American pilots being treated. I would like to express my gratitude to the Vietnamese people."

In reply to a question, he repeated that pilots were being treated properly "even to the point of good medical treatment." He said he had injured his back in the crash of his plane at Dong Hoi.

Overyly told newsmen he could not explain why he was chosen to be released, but that he thought the group was freed "to show sympathy with the peace-loving people of America."

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Lewis Addresses OSGA Session

By TOM RITCHEY

Special to The Daily Collegian from the Association Press Service

"I have no trouble communicating with students," quipped Charles Lewis, vice president for student affairs, "they just don't like my answers." Lewis discussed three aspects of student government which he termed "peer fear, politics and productivity," while speaking to delegates to the Organization of Student Government Associations during an afternoon session, last night.

"The role of student government is changing rapidly," he told the delegates. "It will accelerate as your campuses grow."

Constructive activism is of prime concern to all student leaders, according to Lewis. "Too often students fail to realize that power without responsibility will lead nowhere. After the session he said, "I am appalled when legislation which has been approved by students' governments is not forwarded to my desk. When I inquire as to its whereabouts, I am told 'but it was in the newspaper.'"

OSGA's Progress
Lewis concluded by commenting on the progress OSGA has made in the past few years. The OSGA delegates include presidents and vice presidents from the 19 University commonwealth campus Student Government Associations. The conference which began yesterday at noon will adjourn

today. During the general session yesterday afternoon, two major pieces of legislation were approved. First under consideration was a bill, passed by the Undergraduate Student Government last term, which delegated to OSGA the authority to elect the commonwealth campus representative to the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

Discussion centered on the section of the bill which reserved the right of USG to retract this authority anytime OSGA is unable to fulfill the responsibility. This clause is a safeguard to assure Senate passage of the bill, according to informed sources. It was reported that it is doubtful that the time will come when OSGA cannot meet to select a representative.

Elects Representative
Louise Ferrence, OSGA vice president, submitted a proposal for selecting the commonwealth campus representative. The bill was discussed, amended and passed. Three to five candidates for the Senate committee seat will be recommended by a selection committee. OSGA will elect the representative at its Spring Conference.

Robert Bauer, OSGA president, introduced proposed guidelines for the establishment of student courts on commonwealth campuses. The purpose

AWS Announces Results of Executive Elections



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Treasurer

THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN STUDENTS released the results of this week's elections yesterday. Gayle Grazino (8th-marketing-Short Hills, N.J.) was elected president; Nina Comly (5th-secondary education-Wyncote), first vice president; Carol Caperelli (6th-chemistry-Jessup), second vice president; Carol Eisen (5th-pre-medicine-Philadelphia), secretary; and Virginia Gundlach (6th-consumer services in business-Washington), treasurer. The new officers will assume their duties Wednesday after installation ceremonies. They will serve until this time next year.

from the associated press

News from the World, Nation & State

DeGaulle Offers Britain More Trade

PARIS — President Charles de Gaulle and West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger yesterday offered Britain more trade until the day when France will let it become a full member of the European Common Market. They did not say when that would be.

"Britain must do what is necessary to be in the same situation as we are, and to be with us," De Gaulle's spokesman quoted him as saying. "This means a very great economic effort. We note the beginning of an evolution, but we think that it is not yet enough."

The Kiesinger-De Gaulle statement suggested "progressive reductions of barriers to trade in industrial products." This would help Britain sell its manufactures in the big Continental market. The proposal will be discussed by the foreign ministers of all six Common Market countries in Brussels Feb. 29.

Ireland, Denmark and Norway have also applied, and Sweden would like a form of membership that does not interfere with its international neutrality.

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson has said repeatedly he wants full membership in the Common Market or nothing.

Hussein Accuses Israel of Aggression

JORDAN — King Hussein of Jordan accused Israel yesterday of "premeditated large-scale aggression" in the eight-hour battle Thursday along the Jordan River ceasefire line.

But he said in an Amman radio broadcast he will try to prevent Arab guerrillas from striking at Israel across the border.

"As from today, I shall not allow anyone to supply the enemy with pretexts and justifications for aggression,"

the king said. The battle that started with artillery, mortar and tank gun barrages and involved rocket and bombing attacks by Israeli jets, stretched along a 60-mile front between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee before a cease-fire was arranged. It was the heaviest fighting between Jordan and Israel since the June 5-10 Middle East war.

Israel's top soldiers threatened severe retaliation if Arab attacks continue along the west bank of the Jordan River. Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Haim Bar-Lev told newsmen, "We have even more drastic ways of dealing with the situation."

Each side accused the other of starting the fighting. Israel in the past two weeks has reported a series of Arab sabotage raids in west bank territory that Israel occupied from Jordan in the June war.

Soviets Fly Near American Waters

WASHINGTON — Five Soviet bombers in two flights approached within 70 miles of the North American coast line Feb. 9, U.S. and Canadian officials disclosed yesterday.

American jet fighters intercepted them, and the Soviet planes later left the area of their own accord, the Pentagon reported.

The Pentagon said U.S. Air Force F102s flew near enough to visually identify two of the Soviet planes over North Atlantic waters.

"The Soviet aircraft evidenced no hostile intentions and the interception was made solely for the purpose of identification," a Defense Department statement said. "The aircraft flew parallel to the coast of Newfoundland for approximately one hour."

"At no time did they enter the air space of the North American continent. They turned away of their own accord and were joined by three other aircraft on their way out

of the area." The Pentagon clearly sought to minimize the incident, although one officer said "we don't want to make it sound too routine." He said there have been similar Soviet flights over North Atlantic waters in the past but "this is the nearest they've come in a long time."

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara told newsmen he doesn't feel the Russian planes were testing U.S. defenses. He characterized them as training flights such as have been carried out before in that area.

LBJ, U Thant To Confer on Vietnam

WASHINGTON — U Thant, the United Nations' traveling secretary-general, will call on President Johnson Wednesday amid little Washington expectation of a breakthrough toward peace talks on Vietnam.

U Thant returned to New York Thursday from a Vietnam peace-probe trip to India, Russia, Britain and France, including talks with leaders of those countries and with North Vietnamese representatives in New Delhi and Paris.

The general results have been described as negative in dispatches from abroad, and Thant's meeting with the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Arthur J. Goldberg, Thursday night tended to confirm that impression here.

However, press secretary George Christian said Thant indicated to Goldberg that he wanted to see Johnson "as was done in the past few days with other heads of state he has visited."

Thant has favored a halt in the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam as an opener for peace negotiations. Johnson wants any bombing suspension to be accompanied by a hold-down in Hanoi's drive against South Vietnam.

Labor and Industry Secretary Resigns

HARRISBURG — Labor and Industry Secretary William J. Hart submitted his resignation to Gov. Shafer yesterday, effective March 1, to return to the officer ranks of the United Steelworkers of America.

Shafer reluctantly accepted the resignation, labeling Hart "one of the finest labor secretaries Pennsylvania has ever had."

Hart's surprising announcement came on the heels of reports published in Friday's Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that he had twice last month attended two functions as a representative of the USW.

Hart, however, told a specially called news conference that he "at no time violated any laws or engaged in any activities which could be construed as a conflict of interest."

Hart said he would rejoin the big steelworkers union March 4 as director of District 19 in Western Pennsylvania and a member of the national executive board at his old salary of \$20,000.

State School Tax Increase Proposed

HARRISBURG — Three statewide educational organizations asked the General Assembly yesterday to enact another tax increase, if necessary, to provide higher teachers' salaries and school subsidies.

The resolution was adopted unanimously at the regular monthly meeting of the Joint Action Committee, which consists of seven representatives each from the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Pennsylvania School Boards' Association and the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers.