

Sunny and much warmer today, high near 70. Increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers late tonight, low near 48. Mostly cloudy with showers likely tomorrow, high near 64. Fair and cooler Friday. The chance of rain is near zero today, 30% tonight, and 60% tomorrow.

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Announce Freedom From Non-academic Restraints

Students Endorse Declaration

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A student Declaration of Independence signed by some 25 student leaders was delivered to Old Main yesterday.

The position paper, drawn up by Ted Thompson, Undergraduate Student Government president, and Bob Shaffer, Men's Residence Council president, states, "... we declare ourselves and the student body we represent to be free to act upon those rules and policies which make up our non-academic life."

"From this point on, we will make our own rules governing out of classroom behavior."

"Dictatorial, Autocratic"
The declaration asserts that a "dictatorial and autocratic" relationship now exists between the students and an administration labeled as "reactionary and inactive" by the paper.

It maintains that students are not afforded "the ordinary rights of self-determination and self-regulation" and that students are saddled with a "second class citizenship."

"The time has come to assert our basic rights and privileges to govern ourselves..." the declaration states.

"We are forced now to face the inevitable; we must separate ourselves from them (the Administration) and denounce any attempt to again place ourselves within the jurisdiction of

an undemocratic, non-representative governing structure," it continues.

Administration Received Copy
Thompson said copies have been sent to University President Eric A. Walker, Vice President for Student Affairs Charles L. Lewis and A. O. Lewis, chairman of the University Senate.

"I didn't request a response," Thompson said, "but I anticipate some kind of response. It will probably come in a reaction form—not a positive response. This is the way they're (the Administration) accustomed to working."

Thompson expressed hope that the Administration will "look at it maturely and come to the realization that students are responsible and mature enough to set guidelines for behavior."

Legislate Rules

The rules which Thompson said the student organizations would begin to legislate concern student conduct, organizations and activities.

These are presently under the jurisdiction of the University Senate and are listed in its handbook under sections W, Y and Z.

Signatures on the declaration include those of student leaders of campus organizations.

The complete text of the declaration follows.

"The ultimate reason for someone to attend an institution of higher learning is to further

his education. By this purpose he obtains the title of student. A student who attends college is attentive and a systematic observer; this is how he learns. But, this desire to learn should not and cannot necessitate that the individual completely subject himself to the institution. Each student is a member of this community. The individual who becomes a student does not choose the institution because of the type of community he wishes to live in; he chooses the institution because of its academic attributes in his particular field of study.

Educational Instrument

"Why, then, does the institution insist upon going beyond its role as an educational instrument of society? The community should be the creation of the people who make up that community. Students in college are very capable of creating this form of community. Students are responsible citizens of this and many other countries; however, becoming a student does not make one inferior to any other age group in this nation. The question is then, 'Why must students be treated as being somewhat less capable than the ordinary citizen in carrying out the rights and responsibilities constitutionally afforded them and made subject to a system which views students as incompetent in matters directly connected with their own lives?'"

"It has become necessary, therefore, for the students in the leadership positions of the Pennsylvania State University to take their stand on their authority to govern students; we are presenting this stand to our own constituents and to the administrative and governing bodies of the University."

"It has become very clear that students at this University are not afforded the ordinary rights of self-determination and self-regulation, within the bounds of feasibility. We feel that we have faithfully gone through the channels of this University in trying to find or participate in the solution of problems. We feel, just as our Founding Fathers felt, that governments are instituted among the constituents, but only if that consent is justly derived from those governed. We do not feel that those Higher Governing Bodies have this consent, even by majority, with the present structural setup."

"We no longer sense the presence or practice of a democratic environment. The students, more than any other segment in this University, feel this dictatorial, autocratic relationship which now exists. We have been patient, more out of anticipation than apathy, toward the reactionary, inactive Higher Governing Bodies. We have maintained and have been satisfied with our second class citizenship too long. The time has come to assert our basic rights and privileges to govern ourselves; and, therefore, dissolve and abolish those relationships and practices with the Higher Governing Bodies that would continue this present situation. We are forced now to face the inevitable; we must separate ourselves from them and denounce any efforts to again place ourselves within the jurisdiction of an undemocratic, non-representative governing structure."

"We do not think it wise to alter or abolish relationships and lines of communication for transient or insufficient causes; however, we have more than justifiable reasons for our present actions. A long series of insults, harassments and abuses necessitate a breach now. We have respectfully petitioned those Higher Governing Bodies to redress our grievances and have been effectively thwarted in our efforts; we have urged action be taken in certain areas and have been ignored; we have tried to appeal to their native sense of justice and were only heard by deaf ears."

"Therefore, as the duly elected representatives of the various constituencies of the student body, we declare ourselves and the student body we represent to be free to act upon those rules and policies which make up our non-academic life, and we profess the willingness to negotiate with the appropriate faculty and administrative personnel in matters which require their attention and cooperation, but only in an equal and non-subjective manner. Further, we recognize the need for a basic policy to operate and function under which will maintain those policies and rules which now exist, but their continuation is subject to our legislative process and determination of justice for our constituents."



"And I Say It Moved"

IF YOU FREQUENTLY misplace your residence hall room, or discover you talk to your roommate every night, and he flunked out last term, then you need a companion. The Men's Residence Council Radio Sale will be held all this week in the Hetzel Union Building.

Narrow Senate Vote Gives Students Majority on UJB

By MARY MURRAY
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The University Senate yesterday passed a motion giving students a three to four voting majority in the organization of the University Judiciary Board. The motion passed by a narrow vote of 71 to 66.

The compromise amendment, proposed by Guy E. Rindone, professor and chairman of ceramic sciences, changed the number of members representing the Council of Academic Deans in each individual board from two to one. The provision included a change in the name of the panel from the Administrative Panel to the Dean's Panel.

An amendment passed at last month's Senate meeting lowered the percentage of students on the board from two-thirds to one-half.

Yesterday's compromise, which provided that each case will be heard by a board of two faculty members, two graduate students, two undergraduate students and one dean, restored the student voting majority on the judiciary board.

Motion To Reconsider

Rindone also introduced a motion to reconsider the amendment approved by the Senate last month which formed the administrative panel on the UJB. "The close vote of 45 to 42 by a Senate consisting of only about one-third of its membership warrants its

reconsideration before a larger representation of the Senate members," he said.

The Senate defeated the motion to reconsider, on the grounds that a quorum of members was present at the March meeting and that the decision was a valid one.

The concept of UJB was first presented to the Senate last spring by University President Eric A. Walker, who commissioned the Senate to organize a permanent judiciary board to replace the Special Judiciary Board organized to hear cases of students involved in a sit-in at Old Main last year.

In-Depth Report
The Ad Hoc Committee on Judiciary Boards completed an in-depth report including a

developed proposal for a judiciary board and presented it to the Senate in February for approval.

The organization of the proposed UJB outlined in the report consisted of three 10-member panels: a faculty panel, a Graduate Student Association panel and an Undergraduate Student Association panel. Individual cases would be heard by a six-man board composed of two members from each panel.

In an effort "to speed up the activities of the Senate," the Senate Council passed by a two-thirds majority the proposal for a time limit on debate on each subject on the agenda.

Prevent "Marathon Sessions"
The procedure was introduced to prevent "marathon sessions" such as last month's six-hour long meeting, Senate Chairman Arthur O. Lewis said.

An amendment presented by the Senate Committee on Committees and Rules was passed to allow that, "in case an elected Senator does not complete his term, the University faculty of his voting unit shall elect a replacement or select a replacement from a group of previously elected alternatives to serve until the next regular election." A senator would be elected to complete the term at the next regular election.

At the last meeting, the council defeated a motion presented by the College of Agriculture voting unit calling the Senate to "immediately initiate a policy of periodic review of its constitutional responsibilities... and... solicit the cooperation of the University Administration and the Board of Trustees in arriving at workable solutions to governance problems that inevitably lie ahead."

The motion also suggested that the commission be directed to study both internal and external governance problems that the constituents, but only if that consent is justly derived from those governed. We do not feel that those Higher Governing Bodies have this consent, even by majority, with the present structural setup."

The council also approved the Senate Committee on Curriculum's recommendation that the Senate undertake an in-depth study of Associate Degree program offerings with reference to Rule T-1 which specified that each student must take four credits of physical education.

The Senate Committee on Curriculum recommended in a third report that the cross listing of courses should be of academic benefit to students and to the departments involved. The Curriculum Committee would review approved courses every five years to ascertain the continuing feasibility for cross listing.

The Curriculum Committee also suggested that the "University policy with regard to general education requirements be incorporated into the Undergraduate Catalog" and in all other catalogs published by the University. The recommendation was referred to committee.

Court Files Suit Against Hospital For Reported Abortion Cases

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A group of Catholic doctors, claiming to act in defense of the unborn child, went to court yesterday to stop all abortions at a Philadelphia hospital because they are "contrary to the laws of Pennsylvania."

The Common Pleas Court injunction suit against Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, to be heard April 2, said abortions—allegedly for therapeutic reasons—had been performed for some time prior to this February and will continue unless stopped.

The suit seeks a restraining order to half "any and all abortions regardless of the reasons."

Abortions Increased

Last December a Jefferson obstetrician disclosed that the hospital had liberalized its policy and that abortions had increased "40-fold" during 1969.

John A. Papola of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians Guild filed the lawsuit.

Joining in the legal action were the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Physicians Guild of Philadelphia, the Xavier-Damian Christian Life Community, the Committee of Concerned Citizens for the Unborn, and Chi Rho Mu Christian Life Community.

"Under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, abortions of all and any kind are unlawful," the complaint said.

Rights of Unborn
It added "continuing acts of the defendant will threaten the rights of the unborn child and will result in a continuing violation of the laws of the state of Pennsylvania."

Papola said he hoped the court will clarify Pennsylvania's 100-year-old abortion law, and spell out to what extent therapeutic abortions are regarded as legal under the 1870 statute.

The Committee of Concerned Citizens is a lay group of Philadelphia citizens and taxpayers, for senior class president and Steve Steingart (7th-food service and housing administration), for junior class president.

Funds To Come From 'Federal Sources' SEOS Office Authorized Aid

The Office for Special Educational Opportunities (SEOS) has been given the go-ahead to offer students financial aid.

Vice President for Student Affairs Charles L. Lewis, speaking at yesterday's SEOS Advisory Board meeting, said that as of yesterday morning the SEOS office has the authorization to finance SEOS students.

SEOS began operations in January to provide for reserved admissions spaces for 500 disadvantaged students for Fall Term 1970. The approval of financial aid was essential to make the program successful, according to a board member.

The program is "anticipating with some confidence now that funds are assured," he said, adding, "Everybody is pleased."

"I'm very happy we got the money," John D. Vairo, board chairman and director of the Delaware County Campus, said yesterday. "The funds will come from 'primarily federal sources,'" according to Board Secretary George H. Rimbach. One board member said the

money would probably be in the form of grants and loans.

No exact figures were given, but Rimbach said the amount of aid for each student would be up to the maximum amount on the parents' confidential financial statement.

The new funds will be distributed through the SEOS office with priority given to the 500 disadvantaged students, board member Douglas Hitchcock said. He added that most of the special programs for disadvantaged students are now handled by the Office of Student Aid.

"We were concentrating on getting this job of funding done for the fall admissions program," Rimbach said.

SEOS provides for 300 reserved admissions spaces at University Park, with the remaining 200 spaces distributed among the participating Commonwealth Campuses.

SEOS policy is decided by the advisory board representing all the colleges and the participating campuses.

Borough Crime Rate Rises 500 Per Cent

By JIM WIGGINS
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Crime in State College—including the University campus—has increased five-fold since 1965.

According to police statistics, 248 criminal cases were investigated in 1969, compared to 1,035 in 1965.

This increase, evidenced by recent and still growing reports of assaults, stabbings and, most notably, the November murder of University graduate student Betsy Aardema, has had a profound effect on the University community.

Women students refuse to walk alone or even in pairs at night. Student politicians are campaigning on the local version of law and order. And the University Administration is coming under increasing pressure to provide better lighting and extra campus patrolmen.

"Inadequate" Campus Lighting
"I will not walk around by myself at night, and I don't even feel too safe walking with somebody," a University coed said. She characterized campus lighting as "inadequate," and said she believed that the University is not doing enough to improve safety conditions. "Everyone is being cautious at this point," she said.

"I will not walk on campus alone at night," another woman student said. "I'd miss a class before I would walk anywhere alone." Another student said she believed that most women are quite frightened and that overreaction to campus safety hazards may doom 24-hour visitation in women's residence halls. "Many girls are afraid they are going to be murdered in their beds," she said.

Most observers agree that the recent rise in crime is at least partly due to the population growth in the area. Along with population increase, State College Police

Chief John A. Juba said, now that the University and the borough are more widely known, a greater number of outsiders are coming into the area.

When asked, who was mainly responsible for the crimes—town and University residents or outsiders—Juba said his answer would only be a "wild guess." He said the police are attempting to fight the rise in crime by intensifying its investigation program.

Increasing demands also have been made on the University to supply more protection for students. One University spokesman said there is a great deal of concern about safety problems but added that the actual number of assaults which occur on campus may be exaggerated.

Vice President for Student Affairs Charles L. Lewis said he was "very concerned" about the increasing number of reported attacks. "I urge women to use discretion when traveling about the campus and to report all incidents to local police," he said. "The state and local police have been doing intensive work and diligently are trying to solve the cases reported."

More Incidents Reported
Commenting on the distribution of keys to women in residence halls, Lewis said because of the policy "more incidents of stray men have been reported in residence halls and it worries me plenty."

Kathy Fridley, a member of the Association of Women Students Committee on Campus Security, disagreed with Lewis. "More liberal policies in the residence halls are not going to worsen safety problems," she said. "Doors are often unlocked or propped open at night anyway."

An often proposed solution to the crime problem on campus is to increase

existing lighting facilities. A. R. Bigatel, a University employe involved in plant development, said that as part of a continuing plan to update campus lighting, 383 lights have been added or improved since 1965. He noted, however, the difficulty in getting the necessary funds and estimated that each new light costs \$1,000 to install. He said that in answer to student complaints, additional lighting is now on order for the North Halls area.

Improved lighting, however, is not the total solution. In the words of one University official: "We could have the whole campus floodlighted and we would still have some assaults along the line."

"Aware that there is a safety problem on campus, some residence areas operate escort services which are available to women students wishing to use them. West Halls Council President John Cressman said an escort service was started there last Spring Term but has since been discontinued because of lack of interest. He said there has been talk about reactivating the service if enough women are interested.

Of all the women in North Halls, only five use the escort service a month. Denny Lott, president of the area's Student Commercialism, Inc., has followed him, he said, "and it will be continued."

Some professors have said they are having trouble with women not attending night classes. And more women are refusing to walk to Pattee after dark. Commercialism, Inc., has followed him, he said, "and it will be continued."

2 Declare USG Candidacy

Buttonman Runs On 'Underground Ticket'

Larry (Buttonman) Rosenbloom (9th-community development-Philadelphia) last night announced his candidacy for the Undergraduate Student Government presidency.

Rosenbloom, a USG town congressman, is running with two other candidates on an "underground ticket," to assume a leading role in all aspects of University life.

"USG in the past has dealt with problems within itself—petty hassles—but now USG is going to operate and hasn't dealt with how USG is going to relate to any real problems," Rosenbloom said.

"USG now is told what it can deal with—we want USG to decide what it wants to deal with," he added. "USG must be willing to assert itself with or without permission."

Rosenbloom said USG should address itself to political issues and fulfill its social obligations, and it should "try to get the University to relate to wider problems like militarism and racism."

Jon McClintock (8th-English-Narberth), Rosenbloom's running mate for vice president, said, "We want USG as a unifying force for the progressive and leftist movements at the University."

McClintock, former feature editor of the Ogontz Campus News, is a member of Students for a Democratic Society and works for the news department of WDFM Radio.

Running for treasurer with Rosenbloom and McClintock is Mike Gomez (9th-psychology-North Hills), former news editor of the Ogontz paper and now a member of SDS at the University. "We want USG to promote revolutionary changes," he said.

"There are things that can be done to make the University a more human place to live," Rosenbloom asserted. He cited the Free University as an example and said USG could attempt to implement programs such as free draft counseling in the Hetzel Union Building. He called for "more open-mindedness" by USG and the Administration to accomplish this goal.

Stillitano Calls For Student Referendum

Tom Stillitano (8th-political science-Charleroi) last night announced his candidacy for the Undergraduate Student Government presidency.

Stillitano, running on a ticket with four other candidates, was a member of the Four Universities Coordinating Committee last term which helped gain University appointments.

Stillitano also represented the junior class in USG as the vice president of the junior class.

Running with Stillitano are John Biesinger (9th-speech-Blairstown) for vice president, Barry Genkin (9th-finance-Philadelphia) for treasurer, Mike Kleeman (9th-general arts and sciences) for senior class president and Steve Steingart (7th-food service and housing administration), for junior class president.

In discussing plans for USG, Stillitano said he "wants to legitimize student government" through a student referendum held during the registration period.

"The purpose of the referendum," Stillitano said, "is to allow the student body to determine the priorities for student government, not vice versa."

The USG president should go by the wishes of the students, he said.

Stillitano explained that because only a small percentage of students vote in the USG elections, the personal views of the president are not representative of the student body.

Biesinger, presently president pro tempore of USG, was a USG congressman for two years and also worked with the Men's Residence Council in East Halls and Pollock.

He said his experience will help him to "facilitate the workings of USG."

Genkin was a sophomore class treasurer and is now the junior class treasurer. He also was co-chairman of orientation.

Under Stillitano's proposed plan, the treasurer would not be allowed to vote. Genkin said he agreed with the idea because of "obligations and interests" the treasurer has. He said a conflict of interest could result if the treasurer is allowed to vote.



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