

Businessmen complain Bookstore disputed

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Members of the State College Area Chamber of Commerce have complained to the Senate Appropriations Committee that the University's new bookstore will compete directly with local private businesses.

During yesterday's Senate Appropriations Committee hearings in Harrisburg Henry Cianfrani, D-1st, referred to a letter delivered personally by members of the Chamber of Commerce which said the addition to the HUB "seems to indicate floor space being allocated for a department store."

The letter, typed on Chamber of Commerce stationery, was unsigned.

The construction now underway at the HUB includes plans for enlarging the existing store in the basement.

During yesterday's hearing Cianfrani asked University President John W. Oswald, "What is being done to cooperate with the competitive business in the town? Is the University trying to put people out of business? I always thought a University dealt with education, not department stores."

Oswald said the University was not going into the department store business "as a few of the members of the Chamber of Commerce are trying to suggest."

"The bookstore deals 96 per cent in the sale of textbooks and four per cent in normal supplies such as pencils and paper carried by other bookstores," he said.

Oswald also noted five downtown bookstores have gone out of business in the last few years with no on-campus competition.

"We went to the Board of Trustees last fall asking for a small, modest interim bookstore to be funded by student monies. No state money is involved," Oswald added.

Oswald said, "I question if the few people writing this letter really reflect the attitude of the businessmen toward the operation."

The Chamber of Commerce letter stated, "We have no specific information about exactly what will be sold in the store (the new addition), but there are clearly no provisions for the sale or purchase of books."

According to Ralph E. Zilly, vice president for business, the new HUB addition, smaller than the McAllister store, would sell University related souvenirs which are normal stock in other college bookstores.

Cianfrani also objected to the sale of pantyhose and seeds in the existing HUB store.

Zilly explained the seeds were on sale on the request of a University professor for use by his students. He said the line of pantyhose was eliminated after it had been called to his attention.

The letter further states the McAllister and HUB campus bookstores pay no rent for their facilities. Utilities are figured into the normal upkeep of the buildings," it said.

Zilly said, "All auxiliary operations in the University pay rent. The rent of the bookstore has not been established yet."

Zilly said the rent would be set to cover renovation of McAllister by the University.

"If the store doesn't work out we'll use funds from an auxiliary fund or close it down," Zilly said.

The letter states, "The needs of the University Park students are more than adequately provided for by the private sector. Mr. Zilly himself has said that there will be no price reduction from his new store, it is simply to appease the students."

"We are not planning on discounts in books. These prices are established by the publishers," Zilly said.

Zilly said there is a demand for a more adequate supply of textbooks.

"Students expressed a desire to have a University store on campus. It is an accepted way of life," he said.

Asked if he had known about the letter, Chamber of Commerce President David

R. Shuckers said, "Obviously if I had known about the letter it would not have gone down to Harrisburg."

Shuckers, director of University relations, works directly under Vice President of Public Affairs T. Reed Ferguson, who works closely with the legislature.

Shuckers said, "I am sorry the Chamber of Commerce has embarrassed the University. I am opposed to these tactics."

He said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Charles C. Mong was involved in the move.

Mong said he had no knowledge of the move and refused to discuss the matter. Undergraduate Student Government President Mark Jinks said it was irresponsible to put the University budget in jeopardy.

"What they are doing in effect is biting the hand that feeds them. I urge the students to boycott the Student Book Store. If they don't want money for us, we won't give them any," Jinks said.



Facelifting

HEMLOCKS, MAPLES AND DOGWOODS will be added to the decor in front of the Forum by landscape architecture majors in an effort to improve the campus.

Forum triangle to get new look

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In an effort to "do something for the University," the Department of Landscape Architecture will begin a facelifting project for the area around the Forum sometime next week.

According to Jeff Karll (15th-landscape architecture, the University gave the department a \$5,000 grant to redesign and improve the triangle in front of the Forum.

One hundred thirty-seven plants including eight foot maples, dogwoods and hemlocks have been ordered and will be planted by some 30 landscape architecture majors and horticulture students. The planting should take about a week, Karll said.

The design, a result of collaboration between the senior class of the landscape architecture department and a group of students from the horticulture department includes planting trees and improving circulation patterns in the area.

"We want to make the area more functional and at the same time, more aesthetically pleasing," Karll said. He added because of the limited budget only the planting design will be undertaken by students.

Of the \$5,000 grant, \$4,000 already has been spent on plants. The rest will be used for fertilizer and equipment rental, Karll said.

Fred Bonci, one of the program's participants, said the University is expected to take over construction of walkways on both sides of Curtin Road to facilitate a more direct student route to the heavily used Forum classrooms.

This functional aspect of the design, Bonci said, involves removing parking areas and some walkways on the library side of Curtin road and widening others. Sheltered bus stops, benches and bicycle racks have been included in the design.

Bonci said the University may begin construction of walkways sometime this summer.

John D. Miller, director of physical plant planning and new construction, said the University has not committed itself to the functional design.

Miller said the original design called for planting only, and is "the only part of the project going on now."

Bonci said the project will fail if the University does not undertake the rest of the design.

Miller said this project will be evaluated to determine its priority over other University projects. He added there is no guarantee the rest of the design will be executed "this summer or this year."

He added the committee "thought the plan was well conceived and we will give it every consideration."

The idea for the project was developed last Spring Term by landscape architecture students under the direction of Walter Walters, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture. Students made a detailed analysis of the area around the

Forum, Bonci said, including a soil test and a study of the major paths used by students to get to areas surrounding the Forum.

Bonci explained the class was divided into seven teams, each working on a design for the area. The seven plans were submitted to Walters and the committee of University officials for selection of a final design solution.

"We picked the best elements of each design," Bonci said, adding that the committee was more pleased with the combined design than with the seven originals.

Until now, Karll said, students in the department have worked on redesigning different areas on campus after the improvements have been made.

"We started bitching about not being able to do anything toward improving the campus," Karll said.

Karll and Bonci both expressed the hope that this project would lead to other student improvement projects. They said the success of the present project, may influence future chances for student involvement in this area.

Senate blasts budget request; tuition hike gains momentum

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HARRISBURG — The possibility of a \$145 tuition hike next year continues to grow after the 1973 University budget request was blasted in a tough state Senate hearing yesterday.

Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee slammed Penn State's "low" tuition, operations of the new University bookstore and the proposed additional runway at the University airport during the second preliminary budget hearing in Harrisburg.

About 10 committee members challenged University President John W. Oswald's break-down of the \$89.9

operate at 94 per cent of last year's budget to help provide the extra money. All wage increases have been halted and University hiring has been severely limited.

A \$45 tuition hike already has been figured into the 1973 University budget and without the requested state funds, further hikes may have to be made to balance the deficit.

Committee Chairman Henry J. Cianfrani, D-1st, said he could see "no excuse for the difference in tuition between Penn State and the other state-related universities."

Cianfrani said the disparity between Penn State and Temple, Pitt and Lincoln should be changed by raising Penn State's annual rate to \$1,000 for in-state students.

Oswald said tuition is historically lower here than at the other schools because it is Pennsylvania's only land-grant college.

He added tuition is expected to increase to \$1,000 by 1975 but should not be raised at a rate faster than \$45 to \$50 a year so students can adjust to the hike gradually.

Cianfrani said, "In all fairness, this tuition hike must be given much more serious thought."

Cianfrani said, "I'm not questioning you (Oswald) about the hike, I'm making a statement."

Senator Wilnot Fleming, R-12th, questioned Oswald closely about how quickly the \$1,000 tuition mark will be hit.

Cianfrani further blasted the plans for the new University bookstore, accusing Oswald of starting a department store.

Oswald explained the new addition to the HUB will sell stationery, notebooks and some University memorabilia, such

as T-shirts and mugs, but is not going into the department store business.

Senate members criticized the new University runway, saying it was an unnecessary luxury. Oswald explained the \$2 million project will be funded 80 per cent by federal and state agencies; only 20 per cent of the cost will be borne by the University.

Oswald added that present facilities are considered unsafe. He said the airport must be maintained because of the University's relative isolation from many parts of the state.

Cianfrani said Oswald was "not making any points with (him)." He added, "We're talking about dollars and cents. Why must you have this convenience for a few people?"

Further action included close examination of expansion of the Hershey Medical Center. Hershey Provost John Waldhausen said a proposed wing for cancer research will be funded completely by independent grants.

An appropriations bill now must be developed by either the House or Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill then will be submitted into the General Assembly and final appropriations should be made by June 30.

Weather

Thickening clouds this morning with occasional light snow developing by noon and continuing into this evening accumulating one inch or less. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Continued unseasonably cold through Sunday with high today 38, low tonight 28 and high tomorrow 42. Saturday sunny and cool.

Cambodia asks Viet aid

SAIGON (AP) — Cambodia's president was reported yesterday to have requested the help of South Vietnamese troops and warplanes to fight Communist forces which have taken over much of his country and threaten the capital of Phnom Penh.

President Nixon's special emissary, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., flew back to Phnom Penh for a second visit last night after a meeting in Saigon with Premier Tran Thien Kiem. It is speculated they discussed the request.

Haig's four-nation tour also has taken him to Thailand and Laos for what is described as an assessment of the military, political and economic situation in Indochina following the Jan. 27 Paris peace agreement.

Haig is due back in Washington today. The White House said no major announcement of a policy change on Cambodia was expected.

A final decision on any plea for help in Cambodia was not likely before the return to Saigon of President Nguyen Van Thieu from his visit to the United States and five European and Asian nations. He is due back Saturday.

But Thieu already has given ample indication that he will not stand idly by while Cambodia falls to the Khmer Rouge insurgents and their North Vietnamese and Viet Cong allies.

"If Cambodia falls, it will be a threat to Vietnam," Thieu said during his U.S. visit.

Thieu noted that by the terms of the Paris peace agreement North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces should have withdrawn unconditionally from

Cambodia. But they still have an estimated 23,000 troops in the country, both assisting the home-grown Khmer Rouge insurgents and protecting their own base areas and supply routes.

Thieu could argue that by sending his own forces across the border he would be no more in breach of the peace agreement than the Communist side.

If Thieu were convinced the Communists are determined to continue the war against South Vietnam he might be tempted to launch an operation into Cambodia.

It would have the triple purpose of relieving pressure on the Cambodian president, Lon Nol, sealing off a vital channel for enemy supplies and occupying a region which has been a traditional jumping off point for North Vietnamese attacks into the Mekong Delta rice bowl.

There is continuing evidence that the Communists are ignoring the cease-fire agreement to send fresh troops and war material into South Vietnam.

A Pentagon spokesman in Washington

said the North Vietnamese buildup in the South since the January ceasefire has raised the Communist strength there to the level reached before last year's costly offensive.

"It is our feeling they have essentially replaced their losses," spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said.

There is general agreement between South Vietnamese and American intelligence assessments that Hanoi is preparing for extensive military operations. With this in mind, Thieu may consider he has more to gain than lose by a pre-emptive strike into Cambodia.

The situation in Phnom Penh was eased somewhat yesterday by the reopening of Highway 4 to the port of Kompong Som, 140 miles away on the Gulf of Siam, and the arrival of a convoy of 184 trucks. They carried fertilizer, charcoal, salt, coconuts, mattresses and rice — but no fuel.

A U.S. airlift is under way to bring in desperately needed fuel supplies by Air Force tanker planes.

Automatic renewals hit unwary tenants

By ED DINGER
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Some students living in downtown apartments are discovering they have renewed their leases for the following year without realizing it.

Leases with an automatic renew clause require the tenants to give 60 to 90 days notice if they are not planning to return. If no notice is received, the tenant will automatically be obligated for another term.

John Mraz, Organization for Town Independent Students acting president, listed Beaver Hill, Cedarbrook, Fairmount Hills, Park Hill and Penn Tower as apartment buildings using the automatic renew clause.

"This is where it's happening now," Mraz said. "It could happen anywhere. People have to make sure they read their leases and give notice in time." Mraz added the notice must be written in order to be valid.

Robert Lenny, general manager of Beaver Hill Apartments, which has renewed 23 apartments under this clause, said, "We did everything possible. We put up signs and sent out notices."

Lenny said the clause was pointed out

to the tenants at the signing of the lease. "They are not little children. They should know what they're signing. If they have a nine-month lease, they have six months to give us notice. They had all the time in the world."

OTIS surveyed the 23 Beaver Hill apartments in question and found 12 tenants who had not intended to renew their leases. "Out of this, 5 people didn't even know about the renewal clause," Mraz said. Others thought they could turn in their notice when they paid their rent, but the management would not accept it because it was within the 90-day period.

These tenants can sublet their apartments, Mraz said. But, he added, they are still held responsible for the apartment even if they are not living there.

"OTIS asked Lenny for an extension so we could get to the people," Mraz said. "We thought maybe they could give an extra week." Lenny refused the extension but said he would return security deposits to tenants who sublet their apartments.

"In this case we will definitely release security deposits," Lenny said. "I will do this, not that we have to."

"They should have read the lease," Mraz said. "They just missed out on it."



USG candidates hold debate

Shelmiré, Cory, Jinks, Cernusca and Angelo answered questions last night in Waring. See story page 3.

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