

Shapp continues attacks on Bloom

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Shapp used a bill-signing ceremony yesterday to continue his attack on state Public Utility Commission Chairman George Bloom.

The governor, looking a little tired after two fundraising receptions in Lancaster Tuesday night, interrupted meetings with his

staff to sign publicly a contract worked out with representatives of the 14 state-owned colleges.

Standing at the lectern in his ornate reception room at the Capitol, Shapp said "the television lights are shining bright, which means the power is still on in Pennsylvania."

The quip brought the laugh Shapp wanted, and it's a line he's using more and more on his re-election campaign trail as he seeks to exploit his self-appointed role as the champion of the consumer.

The governor's remarks referred to Bloom's statement last week in which the PUC chairman suggested the best way Pennsylvanians would understand the importance of electricity is for utilities to turn off all the

power in the state for 48 hours.

Bloom, former chairman of the Republican State Committee, consistently has supported rate increases for utilities, and Shapp just as consistently has resisted any hikes without full and open hearings.

"I think it is time that the consumers get a fair shake," Shapp said. "Their voice is entitled to be heard."

Shapp called on Bloom to resign after he made the "cut off the power" remark, and Bloom responded by asking the governor to resign — a challenge Shapp has taken up in his campaign appearances.

"I'm perfectly willing to let the people decide," Shapp told 200 supporters in Lancaster. "If you think Bloom should stay on vote for my

opponent, but if you want Bloom out, vote for me."

Bloom's 10-year term on the PUC expires next May 1, and Shapp has pledged to replace him with a commissioner who will also listen to the consumer when utilities seek higher rates or try to cut services.

Shapp, suffering from a kidney stone he is hoping to pass without surgery, was full of smiles as he signed autographs and posed for pictures at the two Lancaster parties.

"I'm glad to see all these happy Democrats," Shapp said, "and any thoughtful Republicans who also wandered in."

Bobbie Chait, a dress shop owner, observed "There are a lot of Republicans here, and it makes you wonder why."

Candidate Lewis raps with students in Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — College students yesterday asked gubernatorial candidate Drew Lewis as many questions about social concerns such as welfare as they did about marijuana, liquor and abortions.

Aides to the Republican candidate said students in a city such as Philadelphia are probably more aware of social problems than those in rural colleges.

"They live closer to the problems, have more study programs devoted to that subject and probably rap more with minority students," one of the aides said.

In stops at the University of Pennsylvania and St. Joseph's College, Lewis told crowds of about 150 students that the state welfare department is not complying with federal regulations.

year," he said.

"I'm talking about anti-waste, not anti-welfare," Lewis said.

One of his main aims, he said, would be to insist that those on welfare and able to work be required to sign up for jobs.

He said that is not being done, citing a memorandum dated Aug. 19, 1974, from the welfare department to county boards of assistance. The memorandum said in part:

"...CAOs (County Assistance Offices) are to refer to BES (Bureau of Employment Security) only clients determined by the CAO as employable and only after their eligibility or grant status has been determined."

Lewis said that made the job-seeking decision someone else's responsibility, contrary to the law.

He said he also would reorganize the welfare department, implement a continuing audit of its operations and enforce eligibility requirements.

On other issues, Lewis told the college students he:

- Opposes school busing to achieve racial balance and favors improving present schools.
- Supports abortion control "to get abortions out of the alleys and into the hospitals."
- Will neither support the legalization of marijuana nor severe penalties for violators.
- Favors a legal drinking age of 19 but no lower, since an 18-year-old limit could create more high school problems.
- Supports a capital punishment law limited to certain types of murder, including rape, hijackings and the killing of policemen, prison guards and firemen while on duty.

Welfare criticism lands official in court

HARRISBURG (AP) — A federal official was handed a subpoena yesterday ordering him to appear at a hearing and explain a report in which he criticized Pennsylvania's welfare system.

U.S. Welfare Commissioner Robert Carleson was sub-

poenaed by state Welfare Secretary Helene Wohlgemuth to testify here next Tuesday.

"The subpoena requires him to appear ... for the purpose of determining the validity of his report, 'Welfare in Pennsylvania,'" said a spokesman for the Department of Public Welfare.

Carleson's report, released in January, said that about 15 per cent of all welfare assistance recipients in Pennsylvania are employable and should not receive

welfare. It estimated \$232 million in state and federal funds are being lost in Pennsylvania's welfare program.

Early last month the report was blasted by Mrs. Wohlgemuth as "the biggest welfare fraud ever perpetrated."

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Police enforcing bicycle laws

Campus police will be cracking down in their enforcement of bicycle regulations, according to Community Relations Officer W. Marvin Freed.

In October 1972, the state legislature passed a law placing bicycles under the same regulations as motor vehicles.

"Bicycles are only supposed to be in the areas a vehicle travels on," Freed said. He added that special attention will be given those bikers who ignore stop signs and drive the wrong way on

one way streets.

McKean Road has just been made one way going east and Fraser Road is one way going north.

"The only legal ways a bike can get on or off campus are Shortlidge Road and Burrows Road," Freed said.

Freed emphasized that bicycles are not to be ridden on any campus walkways.

Fines for cyclists range from \$1 for a non-moving violation to \$5 for a moving violation or non-registration of a bicycle.

On Sept. 25, an advertisement in the Daily Collegian paid for by the Organization of Town Independent Students warned bicyclists that points could be taken off their automobile driver's licenses for any bicycle violations. Freed said this is totally inaccurate, since only a magistrate citation can take off points. Bicyclists on campus are only given University citations, he said.

Automobile regulations will remain the same as they were

last year. Freed said there will be an increased effort to prevent illegal student driving during daytime class hours, 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

"We're trying to get the student vehicles out of the center part of campus," he said.

Students can pick up copies of the bicycle and automobile regulations and pay fines at the Office of Student Violations, 209 HUB.

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