



Bottoms up!

Photo by Julie Cijpella

Saturday afternoon was wonderfully warm, and The Wall, along the campus side of East College Avenue, was a popular place to congregate, but those who tried to quench their thirst from brown bottles ran into a few problems. University Police Service officers, such as Robert C. Bennett shown above, patrolled the area, confiscating and overturning beer bottles, warning that University regulation prohibits consumption of alcohol in public places, and that minors will be cited — per the Pennsylvania Penal Code — for possessing, transporting or consuming alcohol. A spokesman for police services said last night that the patrol along The Wall will be constant throughout the spring and summer months.

Johnson, Seeger square off

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U.S. Rep. Albert W. Johnson (R-Pa.) last week charged his primary opponent, Charles "M." Seeger, with political hypocrisy after Seeger told seniors at the State College Area High School that he wants "to achieve Congressional responsibility by ending the games congressmen play at taxpayers' expense."

To substantiate his charge, Johnson released a 3-year-old proposal sent to him by Seeger, who asked to be appointed district representative. In the proposal, Seeger stressed the importance of an effective district representative in enabling an incumbent to be re-elected as well as assisting his constituency with federal matters.

In a press release, Johnson stated, "For one to propose that thousands of taxpayers' dollars be used for political purposes — and then state he is running for public office to achieve Congressional responsibility by ending the games that congressmen play at the

taxpayers' expense — is the height of cynicism."

By law congressmen receive funding to hire 18 full time Washington or local-based staffers.

In response to Johnson's charges, Seeger said, "Whenever I did political activity for a member of Congress, it was only after removing myself from the congressional payroll and on to a campaign payroll."

"That is my standard of behavior; it is adhered to by too few in office today," he said.

According to Seeger's campaign manager, Seeger believes an effective district representative is important to a congressman. A district representative can serve as a case worker seeking congressional assistance for individuals, businesses and towns.

Also, Seeger believes a district representative can be a liaison for the congressman by recruiting people for reelection efforts and by identifying and alleviating political trouble spots within the voting district.

Seeger's campaign manager said if Seeger is elected he will employ a district representative for the same purposes as he proposed Johnson adopt 3 years ago.

"Three years ago I wrote the incumbent (Johnson) and stressed we needed an active, effective district representative and congressman," Seeger said.

"I still believe that today, I wanted to work for our area then, and I do now." Johnson was unavailable for comment last night.

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Hearst 'bitter' at conviction

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Patricia Hearst, described by her attorneys as stunned and bitter at being convicted for the Hibernia Bank robbery, will go to Los Angeles by midweek for arraignment on kidnaping, robbery and assault charges, U.S. Attorney James L. Browning Jr. said yesterday.

Browning told reporters that U.S. District Judge Oliver J. Carter had agreed to permit Hearst to be taken to Los Angeles as soon as probation information needed for her sentencing April 19 can be obtained.

"We hope that can be accomplished early this week, and she can then be handed over to Los Angeles authorities," Browning said.

Hearst spent yesterday in her jail cell, watching television and being visited by her father, Randolph A. Hearst, youngest sister, Vicki, and Dr. Louis J. West, one of the psychiatrists who testified in her defense.

Defense attorney Albert Johnson said the granddaughter of publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst spent a sleepless night and, when he visited her, she wept and complained, "I never had a chance."

Johnson said she told him: "Unless the jury had lived through it like I did, they never could have realized what it was like."

The Los Angeles charges stem from a shooting incident at Mel's Sporting Goods store and the hours that followed, when Hearst and SLA members William and Emily Harris allegedly stole four vehicles and kidnaped two of their owners.

"As far as I'm concerned, I have no

objections," Carter said about taking Hearst to Los Angeles. "But I do want the probation officer to question her before she goes."

However, Johnson said the heiress' lawyers would fight the move until after the sentencing. He said the two-month trial and four months prior preparation had made it "impossible to devote any time or attention to anything that might transpire in Los Angeles."

Miss Hearst was convicted of taking part in the April 15, 1974, robbery of a branch of the Hibernia Bank along with four members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, all of whom were killed in a fire and shootout with police a month later. She faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison. As a minimum sentence, she could receive straight probation.

Her chief attorney, F. Lee Bailey, said there "definitely" would be an appeal.

Meanwhile, two jurors spoke about the unexpectedly short deliberations which brought a verdict after only a day and a half.

Philip Crabbe, 35, a postal employee, said guilty "was the only verdict we could pass." He said he thought a factor was the "missing year," the period about which Hearst refused to answer questions, taking the 5th amendment 42 times on grounds her replies might incriminate her in other crimes.

Miss Hearst refused to talk about the time she reportedly spent in Sacramento, Calif., where another bank robbery was committed.

Steven Soliah, with whom she was living at the time of her arrest, is on trial for the robbery, during which a woman was shot and killed. Hearst was iden-

tified as the woman who rented a garage where the getaway car was stored.

Another juror, Mrs. Marilyn Wentz, 36, a dental assistant with four children, said she thought the lengthy testimony by psychiatrists for both sides did not have much bearing on the outcome.

"They were each man's opinion, and that's all they were worth — one man's opinion," she said. "I really don't think the factor leading to the guilty decision was any one thing. I think it was the evidence in general."

After mentioning the "missing year" as a factor in the jury verdict, Crabbe added, "We agreed not to talk about the deliberation so I can't say any more."

He said he didn't remember how many ballots were taken, but "we just didn't walk in and agree."

"We weren't happy to do it," he said of the conviction. "But it was the only verdict we could pass."

Other jurors either were in seclusion or refused to discuss the case.

One alternate, Mrs. Mary A. Nieman, said she would have voted "not guilty," but Crabbe pointed out she was not involved in the deliberations.

Bailey agreed that Hearst's taking of the Fifth Amendment probably was the most damaging part of her case.

Bailey's co-counsel, Albert Johnson, said he thought Hearst's own words on a tape recording did the most to convict her. That was her taped jail conversation with her friend Patricia Tobin which was played for the jury at the windup of the testimony.

In it the newspaper heiress said she was "pissed off" about being arrested, and the conversation was laced with oaths and obscenities.

"The emotional impact of the tapes was tremendous," Johnson said. "Anyone in the courtroom would find it difficult to understand the psychological damage done to Patty to allow her to speak in such a loose manner, because the Patty Hearst of two days after her capture was not the same Patty Hearst as before. She was a sick girl then, and she is now. She is positively still sick."

Hearst now must face charges of kidnaping and assault with a deadly weapon in Los Angeles, along with Symbionese Liberation Army members William and Emily Harris. The next hearing in that case is scheduled for March 29, but Hearst must remain in the San Francisco area until after sentencing.

In Los Angeles District Attorney John Van de Kamp said Hearst would be brought there as soon as possible. He would prefer to have her tried with the Harrises, rather than separately.

In a statement issued from the Los Angeles jail, the Harrises said they were sorry Hearst was convicted.

During her trial, Hearst testified she was deathly afraid of the Harrises, and in their statement they said:

"We only hope that Patricia sees that the immorality of lies and deceptions destroys people rather than frees them."

Johnson said he saw the Hearst family late Saturday night and found them "severely shaken." They were weeping and incredulous, he said.

The entire family, including her parents and sisters, plan to go to Los Angeles to be with her during the trial there, Johnson said.

Tuition increase almost certainty, Oswald to try for 'minimum' rise

By JOHN MATTA
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HERSHEY, PA. — Penn State students are probably going to face the University's ninth consecutive tuition increase, since it appears the State Assembly is not going to grant the University its entire 1976-77 budget request.

University President John W. Oswald told the Board of Trustees Saturday that one of the administration's goals "is to keep any tuition increase, and there is bound to be some, to a minimum."

The amount of the increase cannot be determined until the state approves its share of the University budget.

This year's budget, like last year's, is based on no tuition increase. However, last year a tuition increase became necessary after the state cut almost \$11 million from the University's appropriations request. This year, Gov. Shapp's recommendation falls \$12

million short of the University's budget request.

"We had a rather major tuition increase last year and I would like to keep it at a minimum this year," Oswald said.

The tuition increase last year was 14 per cent at University Park and 10 per cent at the Commonwealth campuses.

"Don't be too optimistic," Maurice K. Goddard, secretary of environmental resources, warned the Board. "The General Assembly has made it clear they aren't going to raise taxes. The mood of the public is no more money for the state," he said.

The University is exploring a comparative tuition rate for graduate students, Oswald said, because the cost of some graduate programs is higher.

At Saturday's meeting, the trustees voted to increase rents from \$30 to \$50 per month at the University Manor which provides 248 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments on the campus at

Hershey.

The increase is necessary to offset rising costs for utilities, services and maintenance. A one-bedroom apartment will increase from \$180 to \$210 per month, and a three-bedroom apartment from \$310 to \$360 per month.

In other trustee action, changes were approved in the bylaws of the Hershey Medical Center to bring Hershey up to date with recent legislation.

Trustee Helen Davies abstained in the vote, saying that she only had 24 hours to review the document. Because the changes were necessary for Hershey to retain its certification as a medical school, action was taken after trustee Helen Wise suggested voting on the measure, and then coming back to it at another meeting.

The University's policy mandating retirement at age 65 was reaffirmed by the trustees. Under unusual circumstances employees may be granted

an extension on a year-to-year basis. Extensions have been granted to 14 employees since 1970, two of them coming last year.

Thelma T. Price was named a special assistant to the president to help implement the task force report on increasing black enrollment at the University. Price had been serving as assistant vice president for student affairs for special services.

The trustees approved dates for meetings of the Board for next year.

The trustees approved preliminary plans for air conditioning six buildings. The project is being undertaken by the State Department of General Services with an allocation of \$3 million for buildings most heavily used during Summer Term.

The buildings include Pattee Library and sections of Willard, Rackley, Hammond, Sackett and Chandlee Laboratory.

New buses: step to improve mass transit

By JEFF HAWKES
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The Centre Area Transportation Authority recently bought 8 new buses.

The above fact is slightly newsworthy. Local newspapers noted the purchase with two or three paragraphs buried unceremoniously on page 7.

Nevertheless, CATA's decision to make the purchase illustrated the way a local government authority works in the community's interest. For that reason, CATA's decision-making process is worth taking a look at.

news analysis

Before 1972, local bus transportation was provided by a private business, the Fullington Bus Company. According to State College municipal manager Carl B. Fairbanks, Fullington's service began to decline.

Fairbanks attributed the worsening service partially to bad management, to deteriorating machinery and to insufficient capital to make up for losses.

It became apparent to area councilmen that Fullington no longer could handle the area's public transportation needs. In September, 1972 local

governments, with state assistance, began to subsidize and oversee the management of Fullington on a trial basis.

In late 1973 the University completed its own area transportation study and suggested the possibility of receiving federal money to improve mass transit facilities.

Meanwhile, Fullington's service worsened. For example, a deficit of \$100,000 was expected for the 1974-75 fiscal year. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was asked to pick up two-thirds of the deficit, with area municipalities to absorb the balance.

"We became convinced that Fullington no longer could work," Fairbanks said. And by spring, 1974 plans were formalized for a municipal agency to completely take over the Fullington equipment and begin operating the bus system "so as to perform a decent service."

The federal government accepted the plan and advised the municipalities to form a transportation authority because it does not recognize Centre Region Council of Governments, a government group of five townships and State College.

By March, 1975 CATA formed and began providing mass transportation to State College and Patton, College and Harris townships.

Federal funds were available to cover about 80 per cent of the cost of new buses; therefore, CATA decided to sell some of the Fullington buses that have been on the road for more than 10 years and buy eight new buses.

State money provided about 16 per cent of the bus funding, with CATA picking up about four per cent.

CATA accepted bids for the new buses, making sure to comply with detailed specifications for bidding set by the federal government. "We spent almost as much time showing the federal government that we were following their specifications as we spent in preparing the bids," Fairbanks said.

General Motors was the low bidder offering to deliver eight buses for about \$470,000. These buses are the shiny orange-red coaches currently on the streets filled with passengers.

The transit authority has found success where a private company failed. The number of riders has doubled each year since CATA's take over. In fact, Fairbanks claimed that the system cannot handle much more.

He estimated that the authority can manage no more than 700,000 persons a year. Riders for past February numbered 81,000 — an increase of almost 100 per cent compared to February 1975.

"I'm quite pleased with what has happened so far," Fairbanks said. But he would like to meet some longer range goals.

Ultimately, Fairbanks would like to see a bus system with 20 routes — an increase of 11. "This should satisfy the needs of students and senior citizens who need buses, and provide flexibility for those who can use cars," he said.

Fairbanks said he is not attempting to do away with cars, but instead is trying to "provide a civilized urban option" so families no longer need to be completely dependent upon the automobile.



All aboard

Students at College Avenue and S. Allen Street board a shiny, new orange-red bus, part of the CATA regional transportation system. The number of bus riders has doubled since CATA took charge of mass transit in the area.

Photo by Denise Gill

Weather

Today will be sunny, breezy, and cold. High 35. Tonight should be clear and quite nippy. Low 19. Moderating temperatures under partly sunny skies are in store for Tuesday. High 44.