

University to apply for funds

The Board of Trustees has authorized the University to apply for federal funds for construction projects under Title I of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (PWEA).

PWEA is a federal program designed to stimulate employment by funding public service construction projects. Construction on these projects must begin within 90 days after the funds are granted.

George R. Lovette, assistant vice president for business, said that the University could only apply for funding for projects at certain Commonwealth Campuses. Lovette explained that only those areas with an unemployment rate above the national

average are eligible for the program, and the State College area does not meet the requirement.

Lovette said the University is studying potential facilities to see which are applicable under the program, but that no final decision had yet been made. He added that the program would have long-term benefits, creating not only jobs in the construction trades, but also permanent jobs for faculty, staff and students.

The University cannot apply for the funds until President Ford signs the bill into law. The bill was passed by Congress and sent to the President Sept. 24. A spokesman for Rep. Albert Johnson said the President is expected to sign the bill.

The spokesman added the reason for the 90-day limit for starting construction was to stimulate employment within a relatively short period of time, and the bill was intended for projects which were already designed but not yet funded.

Bidding begins on municipal building

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For State College officials, nearly three years of waiting may have ended when bidding got under way early this week on the renovation of the downtown municipal building.

The building, on separate contracts for plumbing, ventilation, and heating and air conditioning systems, which is to run through late October, kicks off a project that probably will exhaust the bulk of \$300,000 in federal revenue sharing funds.

The public will have a large stake in a newly-renovated municipal building, Carl B. Fairbanks, municipal manager, says.

Fairbanks says renovation should be looked upon as an efficiency measure: "The renovation of this building will result in a more economical form of municipal government."

Council members point to plans to move council's meeting room, currently on the second floor of the building, to a more

accessible ground floor location in what is now a garage area. "I will be delighted when we can get to the (council) meetings without having to climb that horrendous flight of stairs," says council member Mary Ann Haas.

Fairbanks concurs: "I think we should spend more time working on the council's meeting room than we do on anything else in the building. When we're done, I hope we can have a council room we can be proud of."

But State College officials think that renovating the municipal building is generally a good idea, they have adopted a cautious "wait and see" attitude on some of the specific ideas. Contractors are being asked to bid on six so-called "alternate" plans, one of which calls for an elevator for handicapped persons.

Many officials, including Haas and Municipal Building Authority Chairman Thomas B. Brown, fear the elevator's location in the building in present architectural plans will

hinder its use by handicapped persons. They question spending close to \$30,000 for an elevator that won't be used as it was intended.

Also deferred is consideration of a new phone system for the building. Such a system would list individual numbers for separate officials and offices, in addition to a central municipal information number, such as the one used in the present system. Fairbanks says he hopes council can study systems that now use decentralized numbers, as in state offices in Harrisburg.

Still, Haas, for one, has reservations. If each office had its own phone, she asks, what would happen at lunch hour when a staff member leaves it unattended? And, she asks, would the average citizen looking for help know who to call if confronted with a list of specific numbers?

"These may be petty things," Haas says. "But such a phone system would cost \$300 more than our present system. I think critical questions should be asked."

Ford's golf, Carter's foreign travel not up to par

By the Associated Press

Questions about President Ford's old campaign money and golf outings and about Jimmy Carter's foreign travel expenses swirled through the presidential election chase yesterday.

In a flurry of developments that broke the campaign pattern of statistical gunfire on the issues:

— Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter said President Ford should go before the news media to discuss reports

that the Watergate special prosecutor is investigating what happened to contributions made by two unions to Ford's past congressional campaigning.

— Ford's press secretary said "hell, no" it isn't the President's lifestyle to let lobbyists pay for his vacations and golf games.

But he promised to release at an unspecified date the results of a records search aimed at finding out who paid when Ford played golf from 1965 to 1973.

— Carter acknowledged that foreign governments had picked up some of the costs of trips he took abroad as Georgia governor when he was trying to drum up trade for the state.

Carter said the trips were strictly business, and he distinguished them from acceptance of free golfing vacations.

— Two large companies said Ford had played each of their courses once as the guest of a company official between four and eight years ago.

Carter offered his suggestion of a Ford news

conference during his own first formal news conference in almost two weeks as he wound up a two-day rest stop at his Plains, Ga., home.

Carter said the best way for Ford to clear up the matter about the Watergate special prosecutor is for him to "have a frank discussion with the American people through the news media, which so far he has failed to do."

The former Georgia governor said he did not want to be interpreted as having assumed "that there's any substance to the allegations. I have no way to know that."

declined comment on the Carter said special prosecutor Charles Ruff should make public a full report on the investigation when it is finished, regardless of whether that is before or after the Nov. 2 election.

Ruff has repeatedly probe, which reportedly centers around whether Ford converted campaign funds to his own use through a local Republican party organization in Michigan while he was in the House.

The separate matter of golf games came up recently when William Whyte, a lobbyist for U.S. Steel Corp., said Ford, a longtime personal friend, had taken three golfing trips at company expense in New Jersey and stayed twice in a company-owned house near Disney World in Florida while he was a congressman.

Police identify man from fatal accident

State College police yesterday identified the person killed in the Monday night S. Atherton Street car accident as Darwin L. Crissman, of Sharon.

University police Tuesday afternoon apprehended two persons on the HUB lawn for possession of marijuana. One of them, Timothy K. McCurdy, of 1960 Weaver St., was arraigned before State College District Magistrate Clifford Yorks and released on nominal bail. A hearing was set for Oct. 4.

The other person was not charged.

Karen McDonald, of 303 Haller, Tuesday night reported the theft of several textbooks and a sweater, total value \$45, from her room.

Edward Nedzom, a housing supervisor, reported Tuesday that unknown persons had stolen a table from Haller Hall's main lounge. Its value was estimated at \$45.

Valerie Nesbit, a staff member in Kern Graduate Building, at 9 a.m. yesterday reported to University police the theft of a \$30 fan from 310 Kern.

Clifford Way, a housing supervisor, Tuesday afternoon reported the theft of a chrome mirror from the ground floor men's room in Snyder Hall. Its value was \$27.

Jeff Getly, of 1013 S. Allen St., Tuesday reported to University police that a wheel and tire had been stolen from his bicycle while it was parked near the Business Administration Building.



Cheryl Wiant, of 211 Pennypacker, and Susan Lewis, of 720 Shulze, were arraigned Tuesday before District Magistrate Yorks on drug violation charges.

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