

Scientist sees research change

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The Carter administration's policies may bring significant changes to the scientific research community, according to Rustom Roy, director of the University's Materials Research Laboratory.

Roy foresees the federal government, which currently invests some \$35 million into University research, awarding the money differently because of pressure from several influential members within the scientific community.

He also sees a major change in the science bureaucracy because of President Carter's vow to combine various federal agencies.

"The scientific community is asking for less interference by the federal government on the day to day basis," Roy said.

Under the current system, professors desiring federal money for research must submit a proposal for evaluation by competitors in a "peer review." Roy said two-thirds of these requests are initially turned down, and professors who do

succeed in receiving grants must continue to spend time writing proposals in order to keep the money.

"The national change is that there is a feeling that the system (of awarding federal research money) is very complicated, old and tired," he said.

"The Carter administration is looking at basic ways of changing it," Roy said.

A formula system based on performance rather than proposals is the process most often mentioned to replace the current procedure, according to Roy.

Federal money under this method would be distributed according to what was done during the past year rather than what is being proposed for the future.

Roy said the number of graduate students, who are hired and trained by professors receiving federal research assistance, and the number of publications by faculty members would serve as the basis for evaluating a department or University for a federal grant.

The system, he added, would be simpler and would monitor the "product rather than the idea" by not requiring a professor's time be spent constantly writing proposals.

Whether or not this performance system is established depends on the people who come to power in the science community of the new administration, Roy said.

"If there's a major turnover, the probability of this performance system becomes much greater," said Roy, who favors the system because he thinks university research is now too tightly monitored under the current proposal system.

Temple affirms gay workers rights

Temple University President Marvin Wachman last week approved a proposal that amended Temple's Affirmative Action guidelines so that homosexual employees also are protected from discriminatory practices in hiring and promotion, according to the Temple News.

The amendment also would prohibit discrimination on the basis of marital status.

Penn State's Affirmative Action guidelines do not protect homosexuals and

single persons, according to University Affirmative Action specialist Carol Carter. They only prevent discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin and physical handicaps, and against disabled and Vietnam-era veterans, she said.

Federal guidelines stipulate that any educational institution that receives federal funds must have an Affirmative Action plan.

Gov Shapp had urged the Temple administration to adopt the amendment to its

Affirmative Action program, the Temple News said.

Temple Affirmative Action Director Robert Ruffin said that, once the amendment is passed, it will "give individuals in these categories access to the grievance procedures."

"This plan," he said, "is designed so that a person's sex, race, religion and now sexual orientations and marital status will not affect his or her opportunity for employment or advancement. It will only be the individual's

merit which will count." There now are no state or local laws in Philadelphia or State College preventing discrimination against homosexuals.

Recently, Haverford College and Westchester Community College also adopted amendments to their Affirmative Action programs that prohibit discrimination against homosexuals and single persons, according to Tony Silvestre of the Governor's Council on Sexual Minorities.

GSA hears election proposal

An amendment to change the time of elections for the Graduate Student Association was proposed at last night's GSA meeting.

The proposed amendment said all executive officers shall be elected between the first and third weeks of March. All officers now are elected between the fourth and sixth week of Spring

Term.

The proposal needs a two-thirds majority approval at the next GSA meeting to become an amendment to the constitution. If it meets approval, the president, vice president and treasurer will take office after the April GSA council meeting.

A graduate student research allocation com-

mittee is researching possible funding sources for miscellaneous costs incurred by students doing research for their doctoral or masters degree, Steve Rood, committee chairman, said.

Sharps also said GSA will offer 500 sheets of thesis paper for \$10 Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in 305 Kern. This is a saving of \$4, Sharps said.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two members of President Carter's Cabinet complained yesterday he told them hiking the budget to give their departments substantially more money for fiscal year 1978 was "something we just cannot do."

Patricia Harris, secretary of Housing and Urban

Development, told Carter the budget prepared for HUD by President Ford before he left office was inadequate.

"We are a starved department," she said.

Joseph Califano, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said the Ford administration's budget for HEW was almost \$4 billion

below the level required to maintain present services.

Carter, "according to assistant press secretary Walt Wurfel, "noted most of

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