

5-year revenue projection

'More with less' report theme

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In the next five years the University is going to have to do more with less.

That was the central theme of a report on the University's five-year projection of revenue and expenses presented by University Provost Edward D. Eddy at the Board of Trustees meeting in November.

"We are going to have to live with less and do it superbly," Eddy said.

"With careful planning, we can improve what we are doing now with less," James B. Bartoo, dean of the graduate school, said.

Bartoo and Eddy both were members of a small task force assigned by University President John W. Oswald to analyze the implications of the five-year study on the academic units, and various campuses of the University.

Six assumptions were used in making the five-year projections for 1977-78 through 1981-82.

One assumption pertained to inflationary trends. It was projected that the average rate of inflation over the five-year period would be 6 per cent. The report estimated that general costs, which include salaries, will increase at the inflationary rate. However, four areas of the budget were predicted to increase more rapidly than the inflationary rate.

The four areas are: energy, Social Security, hospital and medical insurance and library acquisitions.

The second assumption used in the projection took into account the annual state appropriation and other revenue sources. Although the report indicated that the rate of growth in the revenue sources is not likely to exceed the general inflation rate, four different growth rates were used to calculate alternative projections.

The report also assumed that federal and state support for other programs would remain at current levels with upward adjustments for inflation.

A fourth assumption was that the University's enrollment would decline about 2 per cent by 1981-82. In making the projections the report also assumed that the University's tuition would increase at the inflationary rate of 6 per cent.

A fifth assumption was made that employment figures for the University will be stabilized for the next five years.

The final assumptions came from a Physical Plant Planning and Review Committee. The report indicated that emphasis will be placed on renovation, improvement and selective replacement rather than expansion.

Eddy said the five-year projections are important to the University.

"It is not just a wise move, but an essential one," Eddy said. "We cannot drift from year to year without making changes."

"We will experience a bit of trauma. The planning will involve the hopes, the dreams and the livelihoods

of thousands of people.

"We will be taking an equally careful look at all the budget units," he said. "We will look for duplications in programs and services. We will look at the weak areas and how to strengthen the strong areas."

Bartoo said hearings will be held in January and February to discuss the impact of the projections on programs.

"When the hearings are over there will be a consideration of the targets," Bartoo said. "An integral part is the scheduling of courses for next year consistent with targets set."

Stanley O. Ikenberry, senior vice president for University development and relations, outlined the Physical Plant commission's findings.

"We are going into a new era," Ikenberry said. "An era of renovation — an era of reallocation."

Ikenberry said there may be a change in the intended uses of some buildings in the future.

"Space is one of the most precious commodities at the University," Ikenberry said. "We searched for alternatives to construction where possible. Alternatives such as renovation or reallocation of space."

Ikenberry said new buildings should not be added until other avenues to meet space needs have been exhausted.

In the five-year projections, a greater need for energy conservation and improved efficiency also was stressed.

GSA head wants better opinion flow

Dennis Phifer (graduate-public administration) recently was elected president of the Graduate Student Association by the delegates of the GSA Council at their Nov. 14 meeting.

Phifer is replacing Trish Morrison and will serve the rest of her term, which expires April, 1978.

Morrison resigned for academic reasons.

When asked why he wanted to be GSA president, Phifer said, "Being a student is just not enough. I need to feel productive, useful. It would allow me to problem solve, and I like to help people solve their own problems."

In the coming year, Phifer hopes to "get delegates to participate more fully. I don't want the GSA to just consist of the executive board. Our aim is a more fully integrated student body."

Phifer said the key to his approach

would be "to improve the information system and open up the channels of communication."

In other business, Joyce Siefert (graduate-psychology) was chosen to serve as a representative on the Graduate Council, a policy-making body composed of five representatives. Siefert's term also will end in April, 1978.

Two new groups, the Organization of Arab Students and the Nigerian Student Association became chartered graduate student organizations.

The lists of typists, draftsmen, photographers and printers whose services are available to graduate students that was put out by the Office of Theses and Publications is now a service of the GSA Office. Anyone wanting to use these lists can find them in 305 Kern.

— by Mary Annessi

Carter wants taxes cut in 78

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter promised on Wednesday to push for "substantial tax reductions" as soon as possible next year and said he might delay sending complicated tax reforms to Congress for fear that they might tie up the tax cuts.

Rep. Al Ullman, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, welcomed the president's pledge. Sen. Russell Long, chairman of the Finance Committee, said he had "no comment."

Carter's go-slow attitude toward comprehensive tax reform means he might delay redeeming his campaign promise to completely overhaul the nation's tax system. As a candidate, he called the system a "disgrace to the human race."

Although Carter gave no specifics, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal has said the administration is considering tax reductions of between \$15 billion and \$20 billion for business and individuals.

One White House source said the tax-cut total could go higher than \$20 billion but said he would be surprised if it went over \$30 billion. This official said no decision on the size or timing of the tax reductions has been made.

He said those decisions were likely to come in the next two weeks.

The official said Carter's 1978 tax proposal probably would not include previous plans to eliminate tax preferences on investment profits, called capital gains, and to reduce double taxation on corporate dividends.

But the administration still hasn't decided whether to include a proposed cut in deductions for business lunches, the official said.

Carter voiced the possibility of postponing comprehensive tax reform at a nationally televised news conference.

The president said tax increases will

be necessary this year "to restore the integrity of the Social Security system ... (and) to carry out a comprehensive energy policy."

Capital coverage appraised

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Wall Street Journal was rated the best newspaper in covering Washington, U.S. News and World Report the best magazine, UPI the best wire service and CBS the best network, a survey of government press officers showed Wednesday.

A marketing firm, Washington Researchers, surveyed 171 federal press and public information officers on the fairness and accuracy of Washington coverage of 25 major news media.

On a scale of 1 to 4, the Wall Street Journal topped the list with 3.404.

Others in the top 10 included the Christian Science Monitor, 3.198; The New York Times, 3.167; Los Angeles Times, 3.074; U.S. News and World Report, 3.049; United Press International, 3.018; Associated Press, 3.012; Washington Post, 2.912; Washington

Star, 2.891; and Newsweek, 2.709.

Most government press officers — 90 percent — said they would rather work for the media if it meant no cut in salary.

Asked which branch of the press most often covers events in their agencies, the press officers rated newspapers, 67 percent; radio 13 percent; trade press 11 percent; television 5 percent; and national magazines 3 percent.

None of those responding said that in most cases they withhold information or use subterfuge because of news sensitivity, but 11 percent said they do that sometimes and 60 percent rarely.

Asked what happens when someone inaccurately reports events dealing with their agencies, 17 percent said they did nothing; 80 percent contacted the reporter or his supervisor; and 3 percent said they held grudges — eliminated the reporter from their "special favors" list.

Sci-fi class is rescheduled

Students enrolled in English 191, Science Fiction, should report for class today from 10:15 to 12:25 in 73 Willard.

Phillip Klass, instructor for the course, said the Winter Term schedule of classes erroneously listed the class as meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday sixth period in Wagner.

The course actually is to be held Tuesday and Thursday 13th period.

Progress report: Budget situation is getting better

While the students at Penn State were home enjoying their term break, the state Legislature was wrestling with the state budget impasse.

The first breakthrough in the funding stalemate came on Nov. 17 in the state Senate when anti-tax senators — including Centre County's Senator, J. Doyle Corman — changed sides to vote for a tax increase. The tax increase will help provide funds for the \$300 million allocated to Penn State and other state-related institutions.

The bill increased the personal state income tax from 2 percent to 2.1 percent and the corporate income tax from 9.5 percent to 11 percent. The 11 percent corporate income tax gives Penn-

sylvania the second highest corporate income tax in the nation next to Minnesota.

Now it is up to the state House of Representatives to vote on the Senate's version or on one of their own. A political battle similar to the general budget standoff in August is expected.

On the first House vote on a tax hike similar to the Senate's version received 75 out of the 102 votes needed to pass. On a second round, 86 votes were cast for the tax increase. Members of the Democratic leadership have said they will continue to bring the Senate's tax hike up for vote until it is passed.

— by Mike Judge

Student trustee finally selected

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said the interview could have been done in a better way.

Morris said she had been told Kline had to attend a meeting and could not be present for the interview.

Kline and her assistants could not be reached for comment.

Most of the nominees said they felt

there were problems with the process of selecting the nominees to send to Kline.

"Somehow it's got to be democratized for a position as important as that of trustee," McClellan said.

Hickton said the five nominees would get together and make their feelings known about the selection process in the near future.

Only 2 Republicans said yes Corman voted to okay tax hike

By PETE BARNES
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Centre County's State Senator J. Doyle Corman voted Nov. 17 for the \$200 million tax hike package to fund Penn State and the other state-related institutions.

Only one other Republican senator voted with Corman on the package, while the remaining 18 Republicans held the no-tax party line.

Corman said yesterday that although he felt a tax hike is not necessary, the University needs the state money now to avoid a serious financial crisis. To withhold the money, he said, also would hurt the county's economy.

Penn State has been appropriated \$108

million, but the appropriation is meaningless without the funds to back it up.

Centre County residents support the tax package, Corman said. However, he said, he conducted an informal poll to find out how other people in the 34th District (Clearfield, Cameron, and parts of Mifflin and Cambria Counties) felt about it.

The results of the poll, he said, showed that the majority of those asked did not want a tax hike, but felt Penn State funding was more important.

"You should vote your constituency," Corman said. "The majority of constituents were for it."

Corman said that on the day of the tax

vote, he met with about six other members of the Republican Caucus to try to persuade some of them to go along with him when the vote came.

The six senators, as well as himself, wanted the business tax hiked only .5 per cent rather than the proposed one per cent, to 10.5 per cent. But the others wouldn't vote with him, he said, because they felt there were not enough compromises in the package.

Corman said Senate Republicans are not upset with him for voting for the tax package.

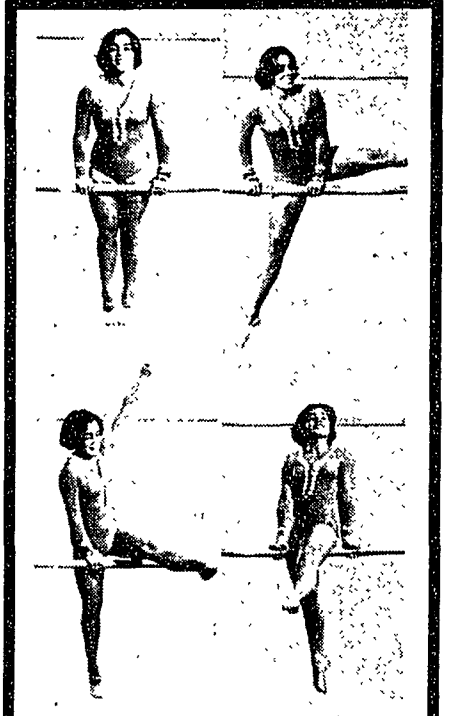
The leadership, he said, would have liked him to keep the party line against taxes, but everyone understood his constituency is different.

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