

State official lists budget problems

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State Education Secretary Caryl Kline said yesterday that state-owned and state-related colleges are caught in a "budget log jam."

Speaking at a luncheon symposium to honor state Rep. Helen Wise, D-77, Kline said the money borrowed by universities, including Penn State, to continue operation when the legislature did not pass the 1978-79 budget was wasted. Kline said 77 percent of the money spent

on higher education comes from the government.

Kline, currently working on the 1979-80 education budget, has recommended funding increases for the state-owned and -related universities. The University requested an appropriation of \$130.1 million for 1979-80 school year.

"The University will have some perilous hours before the budget is passed," Kline said. She said every request for education appropriations in recent years has resulted in a long debate.

In reviewing budget proposals from the education institutions around the state, Kline said the major increases are in contracts for university employees and heating expenses. "Personnel accounts for 82 percent of the universities' budgets," Kline said.

Quoting the October issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, Kline said Pennsylvania had only a 6 percent increase in appropriations this year which translates to a decrease when the inflation factor is applied. The 6 percent increase makes Pennsylvania the lowest

ranked state in the country in overall increases.

"We cannot continue to exist this way. There are horrendous needs for capital improvements. If we don't maintain our buildings, this can have a tremendous effect," Kline said.

Kline said she has not heard either gubernatorial candidate mention education. "The candidates were debating on television the other night but I missed it," Kline said. "I was told the word 'education' was never mentioned."



Caryl Kline

Photo by Dave Kraft

Stormer to speak at hearing on police guns

Director of University Safety David Stormer will defend the arming of campus police at a public hearing tonight in the HUB reading room.

Arguments against arming will be presented by sociology professor Roy Austin, who spoke at University Council hearings on the issue.

"This hearing is for students to find out face-to-face what is going on, rather than hearing it on the radio or reading it in the paper," Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Tony Cortese said.

Stormer and Austin will each make a short presentation and then answer questions.

The hearing will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Cortese, who will moderate the hearing, said he doesn't think the audience will be overwhelmingly against arming. He predicted that students who feel strongly either for or against and those confused about the issue will attend.

The USG Executive Council, which is sponsoring the hearing, has repeatedly called for more student input on the question.

Last week the council sent a letter to acting University President Edward Eddy asking that "the

views of all students play a major role in shaping the decisions made by our University Administration."

"Students haven't had enough chance in the decision-making process," Cortese said.

The hearing will also be an opportunity for people in USG to hear the questions of other students and will give a feeling of student opinion, Cortese said.

He predicted some students would change their opinion after the hearing.

"Students will form their opinion on information rather than emotion," Cortese said.

—by Jim McCanney

Goldsmith blasts ASA decision

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The Associated Student Activities Budget Committee upheld its previous decision not to fund the Students for a Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group's petition drive in support of establishing a PennPIRG at a meeting yesterday.

ASA denied Students for PennPIRG \$1,375 requested for disseminating information to students through pamphlets, brochures and Collegian ads in a

meeting last week. ASA chairman Mark Bell said the committee denied the request because Students for PennPIRG was presenting a biased view of PIRG, and that it was not presenting educational matter.

Jeff Goldsmith, PIRG coordinator argued yesterday that PIRG did present an objective view of PIRG, pointing out the flaws in both of the funding systems being considered. "Bias has nothing to do with whether information is educational or not," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith then asked the committee to reconsider its previous decision and grant the funding in full. Without it, students will be denied a chance to become informed of the most important issue to hit the campus this year, he said.

After a brief deliberation period, the committee decided not to fund Students for PennPIRG. Bell said that Goldsmith did not present any new information at the hearing that would change the committee's previous decision.

"I am very disappointed in the careless consideration the committee gave to this issue," Goldsmith said.

"They have overlooked issues, misinterpreted issues and I feel that the matter should have been more thoroughly discussed," he added.

There will still be a Students for Penn PIRG, but there are no detailed plans of how it will be funded at this time, Goldsmith said. The organization may have to go to outside sources, he said.

Woman killed by husband's new pet lioness

TALLASSEE, Ala. (AP) — A young woman was mauled to death yesterday by her husband's pet lioness when the animal apparently broke free from her chain and dragged the woman 25 feet into the woods, officials said.

The husband, who awoke to find the animal attacking, fired five pistol shots at the lioness but failed to stop her.

The lioness and her mate were later killed by deputies' rifle shots.

In Jourdanton, Texas, yesterday, a pet lion escaped from its pen, inflicted cuts on a pipeline worker,

stampeded a herd of cattle and then died, apparently from over-exertion. The man was not seriously injured.

In Alabama, Elmore County Sheriff Sidney Thrash said the lioness apparently lunged at Margaret Haynie, 26, as Mrs. Haynie walked near a building the animal used for shelter. Thrash said he did not know what the woman was doing near the building, but he said an outdoor toilet was nearby.

The sheriff said he found broken metal snaps on the lioness' collar which were used to attach the chain that kept her tied up. Thrash said the lioness apparently broke the snaps when she lunged at Mrs. Haynie.

The husband, Rickie Haynie, 28, said his wife was alive when he went to bed yesterday morning after returning home from work at a water meter plant in Tallassee, which is 30 miles east of Montgomery in central Alabama.

Alabama's "vicious animals" statutes apparently do not prohibit owning lions.

"It's not against the law to own a lion as a pet," Thrash said. "It should be, but it isn't. We executed the offender so I don't see where any charges can be filed."

Haynie's relatives said the lioness was purchased last weekend from a Florida zoo. They said Haynie intended to breed the animals and sell the cubs to circuses.

Tests on helicopter involved in Derry crash show no problems

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Performance tests on the engine of a helicopter that killed eight persons when it dropped into a church festival crowd showed no malfunction, an aviation expert testified here yesterday.

Thurman S. Alphin, president of Alphin Aviation of Hagerstown, Md., told a Westmoreland County Coroner's jury his firm ran the 200-horsepower engine for one hour at full power without detecting any mechanical difficulties.

The six-person jury was empaneled to determine if criminal negligence existed in connection with the Labor Day crash

at St. Joseph's Church and School in nearby Derry that left 17 others injured.

The helicopter, a Hughes 269, dropped into the crowd as a passenger, Mary Beth Allison, 15, threw ping pong balls, numbered as raffle chances, out an open door.

Alphin, whose firm conducted the tests for the National Transportation Safety Board, was asked if excessive wear on the throttle linkage could be blamed for the crash.

"It's possible. It's possible it could have a slight affect on it," Alphin said in answer to the question.

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