

## Faculty Senate OKs minors

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As one of the many changes accompanying the conversion to a semester calendar, University students will be able to pursue "minors," following recent action by the Faculty Senate.

"It's an effort to be in keeping with the rest of the world," Oscar Barkman, executive secretary for the senate, said. "In any listing like this (the Undergraduate Catalog), you have to take inventory and discover if this is what you really want. But minors are really nothing new — they have them at other schools; prior to 15 years ago, minors were offered at Penn State."

The introduction of minors is part of a set of new program categories and definitions drawn up by the senate Committee on Curricular Affairs.

According to the committee's recommendation, "Over the past two decades there have evolved program definitions that are often ambiguous, or even inconsistent."

"Further," the recommendation continues, "some of the program categories are unique to Penn State thereby introducing the possibility of misunderstandings when students are transferring in or out of the University or are seeking entrance to

graduate schools or employment."

Committee member Joanne Kollar explained some of the definition changes: "There will no longer be the terms 'emphasis or non-major option,'" she said. Each department will decide if it wants to offer minors and what these minors will involve, she said.

But Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Cluck expressed concern that the various departmental minors should be drawn up with some student input. "It's hard to get students on committees in each department," Cluck said. "But I believe theoretically there should be student input on any decision affecting student affairs."

"I would hope there would be student input at least at the college level; and I would hope that student members of Faculty Senate would have some input. I think the appropriate body to direct that input would be (USG's) Academic Assembly," Cluck said.

Academic Assembly President Chris Hopwood agreed with Cluck.

"The assembly can coordinate the student input, but the information would probably best be gathered by the student representatives of the college student councils," Hopwood said. "They have the communication links with each department's administration."

Curricular affairs committee member Richard M. McClure said the departments will have until May 1982 to submit proposals for committee approval.

The committee's recommendation, passed by the senate, was that minors should be "a specialization of at least 18 credits that supplement a major. A minor program may consist of coursework in a single area or from several discipline areas with at least 6 credits at the 400 level."

McClure said, "There were some people on the senate floor who thought these restrictions were too strict, but most programs will probably have 21 to 24 credits."

Although students starting after Fall Term 1983 will no longer be able to pursue an emphasis or non-major option, they may still pursue options within a major, simultaneous degrees or multiple majors.

According to the recommendation, "The Committee on Curricular Affairs believes the new set of definitions with its simplified overall designations of major and minor will be more clearly understood by students and other persons interested in our program designations."

"Further, the use of options within majors will provide adequate flexibility to cover the diverse types of programs offered at Penn State."

## the state budget

### Student grants may be cut

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The 1981-82 budget for state grants to students will likely be cut by 4.4 percent, said Ken Reeher, executive director of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

The state House of Representatives early yesterday morning approved the state Senate's version of the general fund budget proposed by Gov. Dick Thornburgh. That budget did not provide for an increase in funds to PHEAA; rather, it cut Thornburgh's proposal by \$2 million to the same amount as last year — \$74.2 million.

The budget now awaits final approval by the Senate. Many expect the Republican-dominated Senate, which convenes Monday, to pass the budget.

For students faced with rising costs, Reeher called the appropriations "a drastic cut."

Reeher said the maximum grant will be cut \$66 from last year's \$1,500 ceiling, but the number of students receiving aid from PHEAA — about 110,000 — will not be reduced.

Phillip Murphy, executive director of the House Education Committee, said the cuts represent a burden on students who are faced with inflation and tuition increases. "We think it's just awful,"

Murphy said. "Students are just going to be crippled. They're getting murdered."

PHEAA originally requested an appropriation of \$84.2 million — a \$10 million dollar increase from its 1980-81 appropriation of \$74.2 million, Reeher said.

State Sen. Richard Tilghman, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, gave another reason for the PHEAA cut — funding students who attend out-of-state schools. Grants to these students account for about 10 percent of those given out by PHEAA.

"We are supporting students in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin

Islands," Tilghman said. "It's ridiculous." Tilghman, who was on the conference committee that reconciled the House and Senate versions of the budget, called grant cuts "a brutal fact of life."

State Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, said the PHEAA appropriation cut represents a matter of priorities, since part of that money could be more that the University would receive.

"That additional appropriation that goes directly to Penn State," Cunningham said, "is far more important to University students than is a general PHEAA increase that's going to be made available across the entire Commonwealth."

University students concerned about getting the PHEAA appropriation increase, Cunningham said, should be very concerned that Penn State's appropriation would be decreased in part to provide that additional money for PHEAA.

Cunningham said since he does not see enough money for both, he will concentrate on Penn State's appropriation increase.

"Given a choice between the two (appropriation increases), I have chosen to work to increase the University's appropriation," Cunningham said.

Bill Cluck, Undergraduate Student Government president, said if PHEAA does not receive its appropriation increase, it could mean a decrease in the amount of grants students receive.

"If the \$74 million is what PHEAA ends up receiving," Cluck said, "it would mean that PHEAA would have to cut back on the amount of money per grant."

"My concern is that something like a PHEAA appropriations cut would have a greater effect on students, or higher education, than a tuition increase," he said.

But Cluck said he supports increased funding of both the University and PHEAA.



Land Ho!

Petty Officer John Bell of Dover, N.H., can't hide his exuberance as the carrier USS Independence docks at the Norfolk Naval Base on Wednesday after 204 days at sea. For Bell, it was not only the last day of his Indian Ocean cruise, it was also his last day in the Navy.

## Union, PSU to meet with PLRB

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Teamsters Local 8 President Earl W. Lutz said yesterday there will be no change in the labor stalemate between the union and the University until a pre-hearing conference between the University, the Teamsters and a representative of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations board is held Wednesday.

The conference will investigate the University's claim that it is not required to release information on student employees and will determine if student employment at the University is a proper subject for labor negotiations, Lutz said.

The present three-year union contract with the University expires June 30. The union has refused to negotiate until the information is

released by the University.

Delbert J. McQuaide, University attorney, said the union is requesting information on the names and number of students the University has employed in the last five years, the hours those students worked and where they worked.

McQuaide spoke at the University Board of Trustees meeting on May 28 at University Park.

McQuaide said the union is delaying negotiations by requesting information which the University, because of its "inherent managerial rights," does not have to release.

Disagreement over workers' benefits caused a 40-day strike by union members during Summer Term 1978. After the contract was ratified, Jane Pukovsky, then union president, accused the University of violating work-study regulations by allowing students to fill union workers' jobs during the strike.

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## weather

Today will be mainly cloudy with a shower or thundershower likely and a high of 78. Tonight will be cloudy and warm with a few thundershowers and a low of 65. Tomorrow will remain cloudy with the chance of an occasional shower or thundershower and an increase in humidity. The high tomorrow will be 85 and the low tomorrow night 70. Sunday will be hazy, hot, and humid with the high in the upper 80's. There is a chance of thundershowers Sunday evening with a low around 70.

## Quake kills at least 1,500 in Iran

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked southeastern Iran early yesterday, and Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai said between 1,500 and 3,000 people were killed, Tehran Radio reported.

Rajai told his countrymen the disaster was so large "that it is impossible to compensate for it without public aid and the revolutionary sacrifice of you heroic people."

Earlier, a spokesman for the governor general's office in stricken Kerman province said between 1,000 to 1,500 people were killed.

A Tehran Radio dispatch from the province said more than 1,500 seriously wounded were moved to hospitals.

In Gol Bagh, hardest-hit village in the province, 500 to 600 people were injured and "rescuers still are pulling victims from the massive rubble," a spokesman for the governor general's office said.

Two-thirds of Gol Bagh's houses were destroyed and more casualties were feared in the area, which has 40,000 inhabitants, he said.

Tehran Radio said food, medicine, blankets and Red Crescent — Iran's Red Cross — personnel were being flown in by helicopter; the injured were ferried out to undamaged hospitals on return flights.

The broadcast said the governor-general had ordered all security forces mobilized for the disaster, described as one of the worst in the quake-prone region in years.

The city of Kerman, capital of the copper and coal-

mining province that has a population of 1.2 million, suffered minor damage to a few houses, according to the spokesman, who declined to give his name.

He said other villages in the province were probably affected but that no clear reports of the damage and casualties in the rest of Kerman had been compiled yet.

Earlier, Iran's official Pars news agency confirmed that reports of a strong earthquake had reached Tehran, but that there were no immediate accounts of the extent of the damage.

The quake registered 6.9 on the Richter scale, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. Spokesman Don Finley said the quake was centered around Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran.

USGS geophysicist John Minsch said the earthquake occurred at 10:54 a.m. Iranian time, (3:24 a.m. EDT).

A quake measuring 5.8 hit the same vicinity in 1977, killing nearly 600 people and injuring 1,000. The USGS said it had no immediate reports on casualties and injuries in yesterday's quake, but Minsch said an earthquake of 6.9 magnitude in that particular part of Iran was likely to be damaging.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

An earthquake of 6 can cause severe damage. A 7 reading is a "major" quake, capable of widespread heavy damage.

## House approves state budget

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A \$6.8 billion version of Gov. Dick Thornburgh's proposed \$7.2 general fund budget was approved early yesterday morning by the state House of Representatives by a vote of 102-95.

In separate action, the state Senate appropriations committee approved the University's \$133.8 million appropriation Wednesday, as proposed by Thornburgh. The appropriation represents a 5.3 increase, or 6.8 million, over last year's \$127 million appropriation. This year's appropriation includes a built-in 5 percent tuition increase.

A six-man conference committee consisting of three senators and three representatives — four of whom were Republicans — hammered out an agreement between the two houses. The Senate's original version of the governor's proposed budget was rejected by the House because it could not amend it. That forced the budget into the House-Senate conference committee.

Although it is not certain, many say they expect the Senate to pass the budget.

But the University's appropriation must await the final approval of the state's general fund budget before the Senate and House can act upon it, since it is a state-related, non-preferred university.

University Director of Public Information Arthur Ciervo said that it is too early to say for certain if the University's appropriation will pass. But Ciervo did cite last year's example in which the University's appropriation was unanimously passed almost unanimously.

"That's all we're waiting for, action on our appropriation to come," Ciervo said. "It's too early to talk about Penn State getting any money."

State Senator Richard Tilghman,

chairman of the appropriations committee and member of the conference committee, said the amount of the University's appropriation sufficed because of other resources it drew upon.

"I think the amount of money Penn State gets in total is sufficient," he said. "When you're talking about Penn State's amount of money from the state, you'll find it's hundreds of million of dollars."

"You've got to look at totals," he said. "The total amount of money the taxpayers put into Penn State is an enormous amount."

The \$133.8 million appropriated to the University represents one-third of the total amount of the \$350 million appropriated to non-preferred state related universities and colleges, Tilghman said.

Fred Forni, director of Commonwealth relations and one of the University's two lobbyists in Harrisburg, gave an optimistic assessment of the situation.

"We are hopeful that we will have a favorable and speedy passage," Forni said. "We have been given every reason to believe that the appropriations bill have a most favorable reception in the full Senate."

Although the administrators would have liked to receive the appropriation they requested, Forni said, they would be satisfied with the \$133.8 million.

"While it is regretful that the Commonwealth did not provide the full funding that was requested by the University, the University administration is very well aware of the fiscal restraints of the Commonwealth," he said. "The University would accept the governor's recommendation of \$133.8 million."

The University Board of Trustees will vote on whether to approve Penn State's total budget after the General Assembly approves the University's appropriation.