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Jeanette and Harrison A. Williams

Williams resigns from Senate

N.J. congressman maintains innocence in Abscam case

By MIKE SHANAHAN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Harrison A. Williams Jr. resigned yesterday after 23 years in the Senate, vowing that "history and Almighty God will vindicate me" even as his colleagues were poised to cast him out in the first expulsion since the Civil War.

"It is with sorrow that I leave good friends," the New Jersey Democrat said in a final address that once more asserted his innocence in the Abscam bribery and conspiracy case for which a federal jury convicted him last year.

Williams, 62, was the only senator among seven members of Congress ensnared by the undercover investigation. He was also the last to leave office. Rep. Michael Myers, D-Pa., was ousted by the House; the others either resigned or were defeated for re-election.

Williams spoke for 23 minutes, saying quietly at the end: "I announce my intention to resign."

"I know I broke no laws . . . I believe time, history and Almighty God will vindicate me," he said.

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"I leave in good spirits, in good heart and with strong resolve," with sorrow but also with resolve, Williams told the packed chamber, vowing to pursue his fight for exoneration through the federal appeals courts. He was sentenced last year to three years in prison and fined \$50,000.

"I have fought the good fight," he said, quoting the

Bible. "I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."

Every member of the Senate looked on, every gallery seat was filled, as Williams signed his letter of resignation, then had it carried to Vice President George Bush and read by the clerk of the Senate.

"I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the United States Senate," it said.

Later, Williams and his wife received rousing applause as they entered the rotunda of a Senate office building. There, he told a news conference that "I am not a broken man" and that he hoped his New Jersey constituents "are not disappointed that I resigned."

Although congressional sources said Williams confided to friends late Wednesday that he intended to resign, the senator told reporters it was not until 11:30 a.m. yesterday — after the Senate had convened — that he made his decision.

Asked why he had not apologized to the Senate, Williams replied: "To be foolish is to be human. Should we apologize for being foolish?"

It's that time of year . . .

Line dwellers may be dampened by rain, melting snow

By JOYCE WASHNIK
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The series of storms that dumped about 10 inches of snow here could present some problems for those students waiting in dormitory contract lines this weekend.

"The problem here is that the ground is still saturated," said Mark Stunder, weather reporter for The Daily Collegian.

Because temperatures have warmed up since the start of the week, much of the snow has melted, creating wet sidewalks and muddy conditions on the ground, Stunder said.

He said he is concerned about where students are going to stand and lay their sleeping bags.

"I wouldn't want my sleeping bag in the mud," he said. Stunder compared this year's predicted weather conditions with last year's conditions when the temperature was 17 degrees with a dropping wind chill factor.

"The difference this year is that the temperature should be only 33 degrees at the coldest," he said. "Temperature shouldn't be any problem this year."

However, Stunder predicts rain showers tomorrow into the early evening.

Representatives of the Office of Housing and Food Service Operations, the Office of Residential Life

Programs and the Association of Residence Hall Students met Wednesday afternoon to discuss the possibility of inclement weather and how it would affect the dorm lines.

"We're going to react to the weather as it goes," said ARHS President Chris Calkins.

This is the first time there has been snow on the ground since the first-come, first-served line procedure has been used, said Stan Latta, assistant director of the Office of Residential Life Programs.

Latta said decisions concerning alternatives to the dorm contract lines will be made based on temperature, precipitation and existing ground conditions.

Paul Harry (3rd-architectural-engineering), who is asking for reassignment to the same room, said he plans on getting in line with his roommate sometime tomorrow. Harry's greatest concern is the weather.

"We have a piece of plastic to put down," he said. "If it rains I guess we'll take an umbrella."

Lynn Porta (3rd-education) is also worried about the weekend weather conditions.

Latta stressed that if students have any questions concerning contract submission, they should not rely solely on another student's information.

"If students have questions concerning submitting contracts after 5 p.m. (today) they should contact line monitors or the coordinating staff in the areas."

Officials say decrease in deficit possible

By OWEN ULLMANN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — It seems too good to be true. But, just in case, Reagan administration officials are taking another look at new budget figures suggesting the 1982 deficit may be \$10 billion less than expected.

A Treasury Department official, who did not want his name used, said an investigative group has been formed to examine the spending and revenue figures, which indicate the deficit for the current fiscal year might be running as much as \$10 billion lower than the official forecast.

Officially, the administration predicts the deficit for the year ending Sept. 30 will be a record \$98.6 billion, but some budget officials have conceded publicly that the red-ink total could top the \$100 billion mark.

The administration's deficit estimate for 1982 has been growing steadily since February 1981, when President Reagan initially proposed a spending plan calling for a \$45 billion deficit.

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Management and Budget cautioned that recent figures showing lower-than-expected spending and higher-than-expected receipts may be a temporary phenomena that will disappear before the fiscal year is over.

The officials said some individuals in the administration are anxious to publicize the figures as a potentially favorable trend, but others fear the administration will be viewed as clutching at straws.

"We've warned (other officials) against encouraging anybody," said the Treasury Department official.

This official said government receipts so far this fiscal year appear to be running \$5 billion ahead of estimates, while outlays appear to be running \$5 billion below estimates,

producing a \$10 billion deficit reduction.

"We haven't been able to determine exactly why," he said. "We're doing the detective work now" at Treasury and OMB.

A lower-than-anticipated deficit for 1982, some administration officials say, could reduce the clamor in Congress for major changes in the president's 1983 budget plan to reduce a projected deficit approaching \$100 billion.

Not everyone who keeps track of spending and receipts sees the favorable 1982 budget trend spotted by the administration officials. Several analysts, who did not want their names used, said they see revenues running only about \$1.5 billion above expectations.

Funding to University unlikely to be increased by legislature

By FRANK A.DOOLEY
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HARRISBURG — Although the state government advocates the support of higher education, it is unlikely that the state appropriation to the University will increase beyond the 6 percent mark established in the governor's proposal, a state representative said yesterday.

State Rep. Ronald R. Cowell, D-Allegheny County, said a high increase in appropriations should not be expected just because the state legislature is a strong supporter of the University.

"I would argue for every additional dollar that we could find, but I don't see more support this year from the governor's office or the legislature for a substantial increase in Penn State's appropriation," Cowell said.

Cowell said the appropriation increase is still possible, but it won't be as high as University President John W. Oswald requested in the appropriation hearing.

"There may be a 6 vs. a 7 percent increase, but not a 6 vs. 12 percent increase," Cowell said. Cowell said the state legislature opposes federal cutbacks that take money from the student, but the money needed to make up for the loss cannot come from state funds.

"There is no way we can begin to make up for the loss of federal dollars in the Reagan proposals, although we do support higher education," he said.

Most of the educational support in the legislature is focused on lower education instead of the college level, Cowell said, because a local school budget is directly related to property taxes. He said the goal of state-related colleges should aim on gaining more priority from the legislatures.

"The big focus is now on lower education, but I believe higher education must have the same focus," Cowell said.

Penn State Provost Edward D. Eddy said the

needs of lower education are closer to the average constituent than those of state-related colleges, therefore, legislatures put lower education above higher education in priority.

"Because a college is not located in every home town, the emphasis on lower education is greater than higher education," he said.

Eddy also said some legislators in Harrisburg do not have a sense of higher education because they can't distinguish a difference in college and other teaching levels.

"Legislators have trouble because they can't translate between a grade school teacher and a member of a college faculty," he said. "A college instructor spends more hours in preparation, if not more hours in the classroom."

Oswald agreed with Eddy, saying that research is also an important part of a University instructor's time.

"Penn State is a major research institution in the state, and the faculty must provide information and research to enhance the state," Oswald said.

Reductions in the University's budget have resulted in larger classes, Eddy said, but the legislators should know that course content has not suffered. Although large classes exist, the University has competent lecturers and good visual aids in the classrooms, he said.

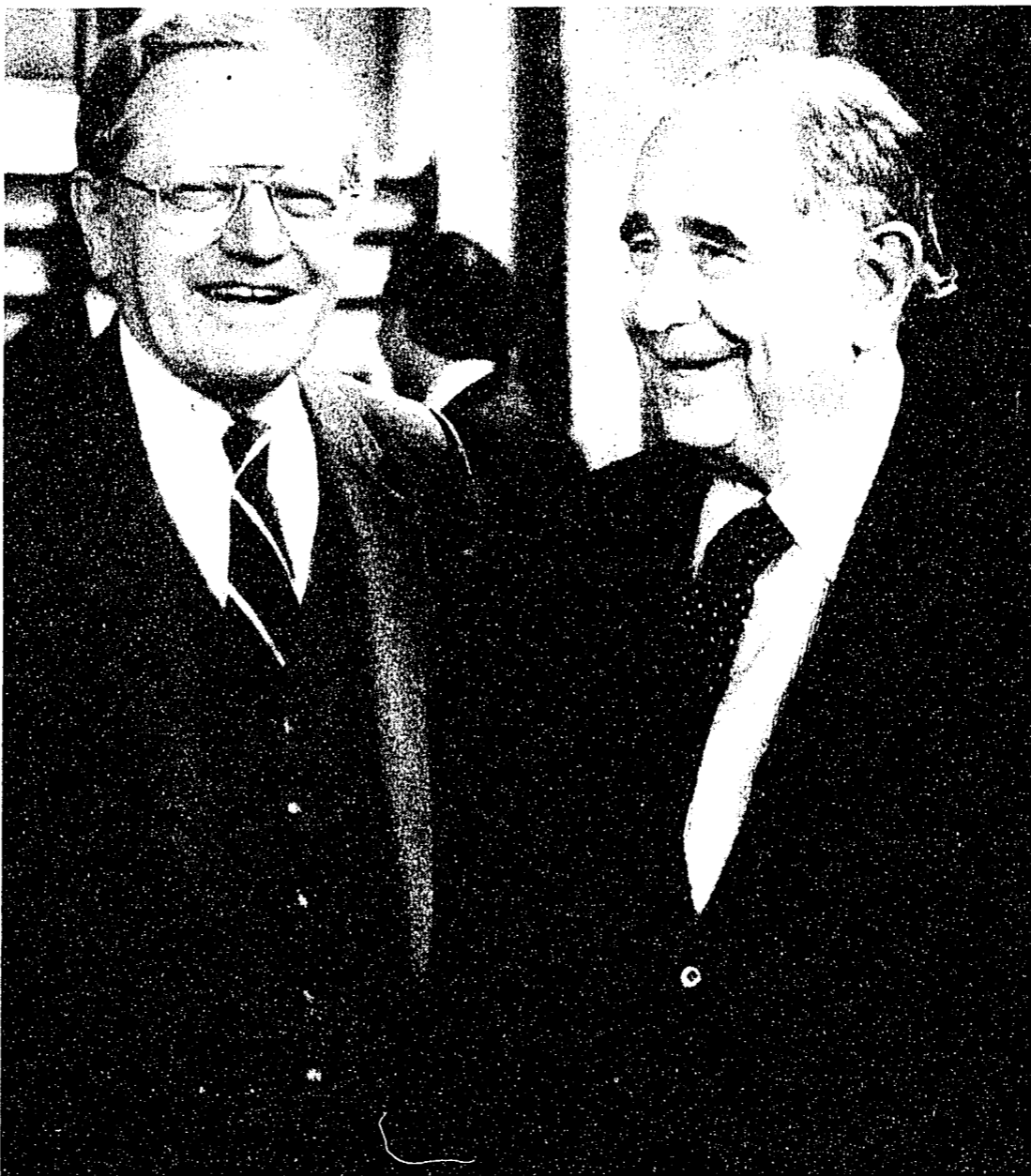
However, he said, reductions in class size are almost impossible.

"Class reduction is an elusive goal because of increases in national inflation," Eddy said.

"You're running in place if you try to outrun inflation, so our emphasis will be placed on a quality education, not a reduction of class size."

Oswald stressed the importance of maintaining quality in his opening remarks to the House appropriation committee yesterday.

"Whatever we do, we are not going to cut corners on quality," Oswald said. "We are going to do our job with quality, or we are not going to do it at all."



University President John W. Oswald and Temple University President Marvin Wachman greet each other during a break in budget hearings of the state House appropriations committee meeting in Harrisburg yesterday.

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weather

Morning fog giving way to partly sunny skies today, highs around 50. Increasing clouds overnight with lows around 36. Variable cloudiness and breezy tomorrow with rain showers and a chance of a late thundershower. Highs around 56. Partly cloudy tomorrow night after some early evening showers, lows around 33. Partly cloudy, breezy and cooler on Sunday with highs in the low 40s.

—by Mark Stunder

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note

A report compiled by several faculty members on the switch to a semester calendar is scheduled to be released to the University community on Monday. Because of the possible importance of the report to the University, The Daily Collegian plans to publish the full report in Monday's issue.