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Weather gives line dwellers reprieve

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Although students expected to wait in dorm contract lines Saturday night, University officials surprised them by announcing early Saturday evening that there would not be another roll call until 1 Sunday afternoon.

Chris Calkins, president of the Association of Residence Hall Students, said the decision to release the students was based on predictions that temperatures would drop through the night.

Representatives of ARHS, the Office of Housing and Food Service Operations and the Office of Residential Life Programs made the joint decision to release the students from the lines.

Students were also given a reprieve from waiting in line Saturday morning when University officials announced at 8:30 a.m. that there would not be another roll call until 11 a.m.

Stan Latta, assistant director of the Office of Residential Life Programs, said the decision to announce when the next roll call would be was based on predictions of rain from the weather station. Latta said announcing the time of the next roll call gave students the opportunity to leave the line and take shelter from the rain.

"They could do whatever they wanted," Latta said.

Trevor Kelley (3rd-biology) chose to leave the line when the next roll call was announced Saturday morning. "I went over to the dining hall and had breakfast," Kelley said.

However, Latta said some students did not even bother to leave the line.

Kirk Creazzi (6th-business) was one of several students who chose to stay in line.

Creazzi said he did not hear the announcement about the next roll call and by the time he found out he did not have enough time to go back to his dorm area.

Kathy Williams (3rd-nursing) also chose to wait in line instead of going

back to her dorm.

"I stayed because my sister was supposed to come up but she never did," Williams said.

Several students questioned the tent policy enforced by University Police Services. The students were upset after being told they were not allowed to have tents in line.

Joanne Kuzma (9th-marketing) was second in line in South Halls. When she and her friends started to put up their tent, a line monitor told them that tents were not allowed.

"If we had a tent it could keep us warmer and it doesn't take up any more room than two sleeping bags," Kuzma said.

Tents also would have given the students some protection from the wet ground, she said.

Chris Strager (9th-meteorology), fourth in his line in Pollock Halls, was also upset about the rule concerning tents.

Strager said a police officer told him that he had to take his tent down. He was told that if he refused, his tent would be impounded and University conduct policy would be enforced.

"They threatened me with one to two terms probation," he said.

Other students were confused because they thought that at least some type of tent was allowed.

Jeff Reeves (9th-community recreation), waiting in line in South Halls, was also told to take his tent down. However, he had thought it was permissible to have a tent as long as it was self-supporting.

Elizabeth Bonino (3rd-biochemistry), waiting in line in West Halls, was also upset about the rule.

Bonino contacted University police to ask about the tent policy.

"The bottom line is that we can't have a store-bought tent, but we can have a homemade tent," Bonino said.

Robert Bennett, a University police officer and assistant supervisor of police services, said that according to a Department of Environmental Resources rule, to allow camping, the



Photo by Eric Hegedus

Dorm contract line dwellers take advantage of the Saturday sunshine in West Halls. Students soaked up the sun and attempted to dry out soggy sleeping bags and clothing.

University must obtain a permit.

Because the University does not have a permit, Bennett said, students are not allowed to pitch tents.

"It has been a consistent policy of the University," he said.

Other than the controversy over the tent policy and the occasional uncooperative weather, the rest of the weekend seemed to go smoothly, Latta said.

"I wasn't getting as many problem calls," Latta said.

Connie Pappas (9th-accounting), a line monitor in West Halls, said there was a problem with where the students were going to stand.

"The biggest problem was the

logistics of it all, because of the puddles and the wetness," she said.

Paula Bernat (3rd-environmental engineering) spent part of Saturday drying out her belongings.

"We had plastic under everything but the water still seeped through and got a lot of things wet," she said.

Kyna Hemskey (9th-animal bioscience) was first in her line in Pollock Halls. She began standing in line with her boyfriend at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"A lot of kids thought we were crazy," she said.

She said they had to put up with a lot of verbal abuse from passers-by and even an occasional snowball.

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Med school students may face tuition hike

By FRANK A. DOOLEY
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HARRISBURG — Although the University's College of Medicine at Hershey received its first appropriation increase in 10 years, tuition may still increase for medical students there, University President John W. Oswald said last week.

Oswald told the Appropriations Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that the proposed 5 percent tuition rate increase for students at University Park and Commonwealth campuses does not include students at the College of Medicine, but a tuition increase at Hershey has not been ruled out yet.

"The decision to hold the tuition increase is not final, but while the rest of the University increases its tuition this year, (so far in the budget presentation) the medical school tuition will stay down," Oswald said.

Oswald was addressing the appropriations committee in response to a \$3.2 million allocation in Gov. Dick Thornburgh's budget proposal for the operation of the Elizabethtown Hospital. The allocation, included in the \$143 million proposed for the University, was granted after the state transferred the operation of the hospital to the University's Hershey Medical Center.

State Rep. John Stauffer, R-Chester County, said the tuition for the medical school should increase if other University students must face a tuition increase.

"I don't see how the tuition for one part of the school can increase while the tuition for another part can stay the same," Stauffer said.

Stauffer also said the state might not be able to support the tuition load of a medical student if there is no increase.

"Although the tuition is high now, the state support for the medical

student without a tuition increase would be staggering," Stauffer said.

Dr. Harry Prystowsky, dean and provost of the College of Medicine, told the appropriation committee that the state resident tuition of the Hershey Medical student — \$5,289 — was the second highest for a public institution in the country. Tuition for out-of-state students, who make up 9 percent of the student body was the fifth highest at \$9,105, Prystowsky said.

"The spread between the tuition at Hershey and that of other schools is many thousands of dollars," Prystowsky said.

Prystowsky told the committee that tuition for Pennsylvania residents has increased 483 percent since 1972, so consequently, no tuition increase has been proposed this year for medical students.

Prystowsky said the medical school has anticipated the expansion of hospital duties this year.

Although the hospital has reportedly failed to spend \$800,000 of their annual allocation for the past two years, he said this year's expansion will need more funds to succeed.

"We want to improve and expand the work of the hospital so services will be available to adults and the handicapped. We also hope to use funds for centers of research in genetics, stroke victims and multiple sclerosis," he said.

Prystowsky said the University staff at the hospital has already improved the operation, safety, teaching and research output of the hospital.

He said, for example, the staff has rearranged 15 units of hospital organization since the transfer of operation.

The University has a long-term commitment in the financial operation of the hospital.



Photo by Robert Hamner

Renaissance

Annie Haslam entertains a full house at the Renaissance concert in Eisenhower Auditorium last night.

Stop calendar switch, report says

By ROSA EBERLY
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A group of University faculty members today released a report calling for "immediate cessation" of the calendar conversion process.

Among the issues in the report, drafted by the Faculty Committee for Semester Review, is the statement that under the University's Perspective on the '80s, University President John W. Oswald had no authority to decide that the University would convert to a semester system in the manner that he did.

"While authority appears to reside in the president to make adjustments in the calendar, it is clear that no authority exists for the president to make a change of the nature currently proposed," said the faculty report, which was released to every faculty member.

The Perspective, approved by the University

Board of Trustees in 1980, is "a set of directions and guidelines for the University to follow in the next decade," Oswald said in his introduction to the Perspective.

Richard E. Grubb, senior vice president for administration, said Oswald has the authority to decide to change the academic calendar under a set of general policies drafted by the trustees in 1970.

Several University administrators, including Oswald, James B. Bartoo, chairman of the Calendar Conversion Council, and James R. Dungan, secretary of the council, were called by The Daily Collegian and asked to respond to specific questions about the faculty committee report, which was not released to them until this morning.

Oswald said that any serious questions about the calendar conversion should be referred to the Calendar Conversion Council.

"At this stage I don't have any comment other than I have full confidence in the group that is advising me on this," Oswald said in reference to the council.

Bartoo said he had not seen the report and did not think he should comment solely on the basis of questions about the report.

"I really cannot respond because I haven't seen the document," Bartoo said. "I don't know what the gist of it is, and it's difficult for me to give an accurate impression by simply responding to your questions, no matter how good the questions are."

Dungan also said he was not prepared to comment because he had not seen the report.

Barry L. Myers, associate professor in the College of Business Administration and a member of the faculty committee, said that under

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Schedule proposal prompted criticism

By ROSA EBERLY
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The Faculty Committee for Semester Review grew out of a concern over the Calendar Conversion Council's Fall Term proposal to use a "sawtooth" schedule under the semester system, a committee member said.

Warren Morrill, professor of anthropology, said that when he saw the Calendar Conversion Council's proposed Block 45 schedule during Fall Term, he drafted a memo to several faculty members who were recipients of various teaching awards.

Morrill said those faculty members sent letters to the conversion council and urged that the council not approve Block 45 because it was a sawtooth schedule — a sequence that varies in class meeting times or intervals between class meetings, rather than a "flat" schedule similar to the University's present schedule of classes.

Barry Myers, associate professor in the College of Business Administration, said that after Block

45 was proposed, many faculty members became concerned about the conversion process.

"What probably sparked (the committee) was serious concerns that existed in the fall over Block 45 and other sawtooth schedules. I think it was at that point that a lot of the faculty started to feel that there was a lot more to this than they had really given consideration to, or that someone had given consideration to," Myers said.

After the recommendations against Block 45, different faculty members who had concerns noticed each other's concerns, he said.

"I guess it's just that the right people happened to be in the right place at the right time so that all these different events came to be known to a core group of faculty."

"(The group) decided that maybe they ought to get together and talk about this and what implications it had for the future of the University," he said.

In November, Myers said, a lot of information was exchanged between faculty members

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weather

Increasing cloudiness with rain showers developing towards late afternoon. High near 53. Rain showers continuing tonight with low near 36. Partial clearing and warmer tomorrow with a chance of showers towards evening. High near 60.

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