

West Penn requests 16.8% rate increase

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West Penn Power Co. has requested a 16.8 percent rate increase, amounting to \$50 million, from the Public Utilities Commission, the manager for the State College branch of West Penn Power said.

Thomas Kearney said if the PUC approves, the rate increase will take effect April 27.

If the rate increase is approved, an average West Penn customer who does not use electric heat will be billed 18.6 cents more per day, and a customer who uses electric heat will be billed 45.6 cents more per day, Kearney said.

The proposed increase, which was filed on Feb. 27, is needed because of the high cost of equipment, inflation, the cost of building power plants, and the cost of controlling pollution control units, Kearney said.

This year, West Penn Power plans to put into service a \$70 million power plant. The company has also installed pollution control units this year.

"It's time to get the money back from building the power plants," Kearney said. "The rate increase is necessary if we are to continue to provide reliable electrical service."

West Penn Power is seeking the increase because the PUC has never granted the company the full rate increase amount it has asked for, he said. West

Penn Power does expect problems in getting the rate increase approved because of previous cuts in proposed increases, he said.

Two years ago, West Penn sought an \$87 million rate increase, but on Jan. 30, 1981 the PUC granted the company only \$46 million.

Charles Smetak, chief electrical manager with the PUC Rates Bureau in Harrisburg, said West Penn Power was not granted the full amount requested at that time because during the public hearing "the testimony the company gave didn't support their claims for a rate increase, so the commission gave them an amount based on the commission's review of the company's records."

"What will probably happen is that the PUC staff will review the rate increase report, then the report will go to the commission for review," Smetak said.

After the commission receives the report, the proposal will go on suspension for a seven-month period, set aside for public hearings. After the hearings are held, an administrative judge will recommend an opinion on the rate increase, Smetak said.

West Penn Power serves about 573,000 customers in 23 southwestern and central Pennsylvania counties, including Centre County.

Researchers may attain professor-rank titles

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University research faculty who make teaching contributions or attain a rank equivalent to professor may soon receive new titles, the vice president for research and graduate studies said.

R.G. Cunningham said if his recommendation is approved by the University administration, research faculty would gain professor-rank titles when they have achieved equivalent status.

Research faculty now have a separate title system that does not match all the ranks in the professional system governed by PS-23, the University policy for promotion and tenure.

Also, research faculty who make teaching contributions would receive temporary professional titles recognizing their work, he said.

The recommendation was put before the University Faculty Senate on March 9 as an informational report

approved by the Senate Committee for Faculty Affairs.

M. Frank Mallette, chairman of the committee, said the professor-rank titles would help the University retain researchers and hire new ones.

Cunningham said the professor-rank title would be that of "senior scientist — (modifier) research." An example would be "senior scientist — acoustics research."

"We will now have full matching of the ranks," he said.

The title of research scientist would preserve the meaning of the term professor by leaving it only for those who actually teach. However, the second part of the recommendation makes this title available to researchers on a temporary basis, he said.

The proposed temporary titles would "recognize active teaching or thesis direction contributions," according to Cunningham's recommendation.

Mallette said the title may be given if the research-

er will be teaching courses or supervising theses or dissertations.

The title would be added on to the researcher's permanent title only during the year he makes the teaching contribution. It would be dropped at the end of that year if such contributions would not be made the next year, the recommendation said.

Many departments benefit greatly from contributions by research faculty, especially those in the College of Engineering because of a shortage of faculty, Cunningham said.

The policy change would recognize such contributions, and is also intended to make teaching more attractive to researchers, he said.

The fact that the titles are temporary means they are not governed by PS-23 "leaving no doubt that PS-23 procedures are the only path to a permanent professional title and the only route to tenure," according to Cunningham's proposal.

However, research faculty may progress through the PS-23 system by starting at the bottom.

In El Salvador will solve anything," Escobar said.

Among its goals, Escobar said FOCAL wants:

- The United States to cut off military aid to the El Salvadoran government.
- A negotiated settlement between the El Salvadoran government and the Democratic Revolutionary Front, "to create a truly representative government which the elections will not produce."
- The elimination of the El Salvadoran military as a political force.
- Self-determination for the people of El Salvador.

Protestors oppose war in El Salvador

By SCOTT G. OTT
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Among a large number of people to change American policy in regard to Central America.

A bus to Washington, D.C., sponsored by FOCAL and the Third World Student Coalition, will leave the University at 7 tomorrow morning and return at about 11:30 p.m.

Bus tickets cost \$15 and will be on sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. today in the State College ground floor.

Escobar said protestors, including a group of about 150 from the University,

will rally at Malcolm X Park from 11 a.m. to noon and then march to the White House.

Speakers for the event will include congressmen, clergy, Salvadorans and Nicaraguans, Escobar said.

This protest comes only one day before El Salvador's elections that have been denounced by insurgents and supported by the U.S. government.

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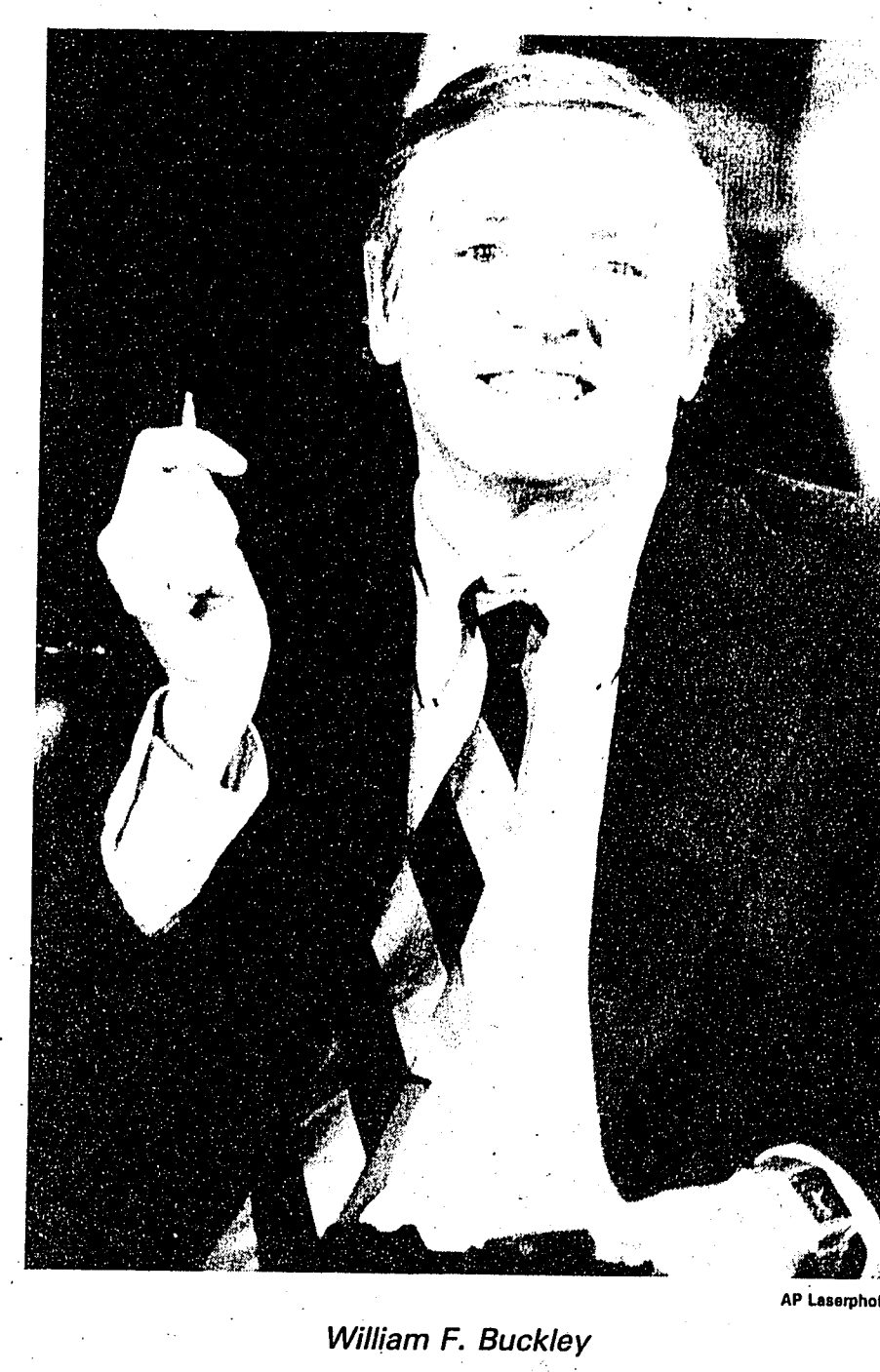
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William F. Buckley

Buckley reviews his journal's past

National Review, Reagan's favorite magazine, faces financial woes

By TIMOTHY HARPER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — William F. Buckley leans back, rolls his eyes and speaks — as he so often does — with relish.

The conversation about the National Review, his conservative journal, is nearly two minutes old and remarkably, he has not yet mentioned that it is President Reagan's favorite magazine.

Then, on the subject of how the Reagan presidency has changed the magazine, Buckley creates this sentence:

"The tone or voice toward the chief executive has got to change if he is somebody whose favorite magazine you are."

It was a circuitous route, but Buckley is pleased. His eyes open wide, brightly and briefly, and he licks his lips. Those words, as so many do, taste good in Bill Buckley's mouth.

But wider circulation and the assurance that it is read and revered in the White House have not solved all the problems of the National Review. As always, it is a shoestring operation in the Silk Stocking District. And as always, Buckley is threatening to close down because of money problems.

It is not so far a walk, really, from the area of Manhattan where network and news magazine offices stack up in skyscrapers to the East Side apartment house that is home to the National Review.

Go down Fifth Avenue to 35th Street, across Madison and Park and Lexington to Number 159. Then, of course, turn right.

Eighteen thousand new yearly subscriptions — at \$26 each — will help, especially if most of them renew. But advertising dollars still come hard to opinion journals, even one with a readership that Madison Avenue would regard as enviably "upscale."

William F. Buckley Jr. actually stopped on that day in 1956 when Buckley, then 29, put out the first National Review and said its role was "to stand against history, yelling Stop."

The floor is cracked linoleum. The furniture is cheap wood and plastic, like the stuff people used when they converted their bomb shelters into rec rooms.

The dull green paint on the walls is cracking, and the plaster under it is cracking, too. Somebody, perhaps the receptionist pulling and plugging at the old-fashioned standup switchboard, has stuffed a paper towel in one crack beneath a window. No matter what the big thinkers upstairs say, that is the draft that matters to her, and she is definitely against it.

Upstairs, the thinkers are working on the next issue of the fortnightly magazine whose circulation of 108,000 — up 18,000 since Inauguration Day, 1981 — makes it the nation's foremost journal of opinion.

But some of the thinkers are talking about the letter Buckley recently sent to subscribers.

The median age is 45, two-thirds have postgraduate degrees, nearly half give public speeches, 97 percent have traveled outside the United States in the last three years, their average investment portfolio is more than \$200,000 and 29

percent buy wine by the case.

So the National Review continues to look for new sources of money, and with new targets to write about. With a president to kick around like Kennedy Johnson or Carter, or even Nixon or Ford, the targets are lower.

Not only is the National Review Ronald Reagan's favorite magazine, but Ronald Reagan is the National Review's politician.

"After all, their specialty is pointing out that the emperor has no clothes," Henry Allen wrote in the Washington Post after Reagan's election. "No they've got their own emperor."

Buckley and Rusher agree, sort of. Rusher even uses the term "emperor" to describe the magazine that has always been associated with acerbic wit.

It is that kind of wit that led the National Review, when the America Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology dropped the last two words of its title to observe, "skinicism is only sin deep."

But that kind of shameless punning is rarer now that the National Review has the solemn job of running a nation, although there is still occasional wispiness like calling Dick Cavett "the Adla Stevenson of television."

"I hate to think we're becoming establishmentarian," Rusher said. "But perhaps that's less a function of maturity than of age."

Buckley, however, points out that the magazine has expressed misgivings about Reaganomics, and has been flatly critical of the president's position on Poland.

"We will continue to evaluate and state the paradigm," Buckley said.

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