

Proposed bill could benefit campus

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The University may receive \$90 million in state funds to improve campus facilities if a new bill is approved by Congress, State Rep. Lynn Herman, R-Centre County, said last night.

The Capital Projects Bill would provide funds to the University to renovate several buildings on campus and to buy new equipment for science and engineering laboratories, Herman said.

The University's Republican Club sponsored an open meeting with Herman in the HUB Gallery Lounge last night.

Some of the facilities that may be renovated are Chandlee, Mueller and Borland Laboratories, and Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Animal Industries Buildings.

Herman said he is very pleased with the 7 percent increase in state appropriations proposed for the University this year.

"We will certainly be fighting for Penn State to receive its share of state appropriations," he said.

The increase is the largest the University has received in years and brings the University's operating budget to more than \$159 million, he said.

The budget also includes proposals

to increase the University's funding for agricultural, medical and research programs by 7 percent, he said.

Herman said he supports efforts to increase the University's allocation for the Ben Franklin Partnership Program from \$10 million to \$20 million.

The program "is going to significantly affect the employment and economic aspects of the Centre Region," he said.

Herman said the University could be helped by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency's new bond program. The \$300 million program provides loans to students from middle-income families.

The Scholarship and Education Awards Program is also helping schools and students across the state by providing incentives to future math and science teachers, Herman said.

Herman said he is not in favor of House proposals to sell the state liquor system because they include provisions to sell wine and beer in grocery stores. Herman said the stores would not be able to control the accessibility of alcohol to minors.

However, Herman said he would favor the sale of the system to private enterprise if the state liquor laws could be enforced.

Herman also disagrees with proposals to legalize gambling.

Golden Key honor members discuss group's needs, merits

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The honors program at the University would be more beneficial if it were more comprehensive, a Golden Key honorary society student member said last night.

During an informal discussion at the second annual president's dinner, Joel Kraut (senior-marketing) said an honors program that included more honors courses would be more meaningful to both students and prospective employers. One course a week does not make an honors program, he said.

Kraut said when the 'H' indicating an honors course appears on a student's transcript, it does not mean anything to prospective employers.

"If you're going to have an honors program," Kraut said, "why not make it 100 percent?"

Kraut made his comments after Charles L. Hosler, dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, asked student members to comment on their experiences at the University.

Eugene J. Kelley, dean of the College of Business Administration, said while the honors program may not look good on a

student's transcript, it has other advantages such as providing more personal contact with the professor and working with more motivated students.

"Intelligence by itself is not enough," Kelley said. "What organizations are looking for are people willing to go that extra mile."

University President Bryce Jordan was supposed to attend the dinner but was testifying before the committee on financing higher education in Harrisburg. Speaking in his place, William Asbury, executive assistant to the University president, said the University has to get smaller to improve.

The University has to streamline its curriculum and concentrate on its strong points because the University cannot do everything well, Asbury said.

Randy Hunziker (senior-management), said the curriculum at the University was not as difficult as he expected. He said after he adjusted to college life, he wanted more of a challenge.

However, Hunziker added that he considered experience outside the classroom very important and that the University was excellent in that respect.

Commission to make traffic pattern suggestion

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The State College Planning Commission last night voted to recommend to the Municipal Council one of seven proposed plans to modify traffic patterns in College Heights in hope of alleviating congestion on North Allen Street.

College Heights residents have complained that motorists are using North Allen Street to bypass North

Atherton Street and are causing noise and pollution problems.

Planning Commission Chairman Roger Downs noted that 80 percent of North Allen Street traffic is northbound. The plans that restricted northbound flow would be the most effective, he said.

Regional Planning Director Dennis Elpern said enforcement, convenience and safety were all concerns in developing the seven plans. All had advantages and disadvantages.

While some would be more effective in reducing North Allen Street congestion, they would also disrupt internal traffic circulation, he said.

"The more successful a plan is in reducing traffic, the more inconvenience it causes residents," Elpern said.

The recommended plan would block off Woodland Drive at Atherton Street. Also, a barrier at the intersection of North Allen Street and Thomas Street would allow

traffic to travel south on Allen but restrict northbound flow. Another barrier directs southbound traffic on North Allen Street to Mitchell Avenue.

The recommended plan was similar to one suggested by the Traffic Commission and a College Heights citizens group. But before any plan is adopted, it must be reviewed by all affected groups such as the Centre Area Transportation Authority.

U.S. should loosen its grip on Central America, speaker says

By PHIL GALEWITZ
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The Contradora Group has been successful, but its success can only continue if the United States stays out of the affairs of Central America, the counselor for Cultural Affairs of the Embassy of Venezuela in Washington, D.C., said last night.

"For once, the United States must let go its grip on Central America and take a chance that peace can be achieved without its help," Gonzalo Palacios said in a speech sponsored by the Latin American Studies Committee.

Securing peace is the first and foremost goal of Contadora Group, Palacios said.

Since its inception in April 1983, the nine countries comprising the Contradora Group have received support from countries and organizations throughout the world, Palacios said. The U.S., Cuba, the United Nations, and the European Economic Market were part of this support, he said.

Palacios said he is optimistic if the superpowers do not use their diplomacy in the region. The United States has a tradition against staying out of Central America, he said. It must not impose its prestige or its backyard policy on Central America if it wishes to see peace in the near future, he said.

"President Reagan acted in a cynical and sarcastic manner when he sent ships to sur-

round Nicaragua the same day he gave his support to the Contradora Group," Palacios said.

The group has been able to bring previously fighting nations together in a diplomatic setting at a time when mediation has lost its power in many areas across the globe, Palacios said. Direct contact between countries helps political problems to be understood more clearly, he said.

"The Contradora Group has illuminated to nations around the world a possibility of using mediation as a useful instrument to solve conflicts," Palacios said.

The group has set its basic objectives and an agenda, and has formed working commit-

tees to study specific problems, Palacios said.

Problems must be solved on the regional level where they originated not on an east-west level, Palacios said. The roots of the problems lie in the social, economic and political areas, not in military problems, he said.

"The recognition and acceptance of the group as a mediating body by Central American countries was a tremendous triumph," Palacios said.

Some of the basic objectives of the Contradora Group include free determination of peace, non-intervention, equality, non-use of force, observation of human rights and the

promotion of democracy, Palacios said.

The group can already claim a victory for three basic reasons, Palacios said: the participation of all countries involved, the establishment of a mechanism for consultation, and the definition of an agenda diminishing confrontation.

"The Contradora Group has given moral support to countries to continue dialogue and mediation to continue in a quest for peace," Palacios said.

The Vietnam tragedy for the United States proves how wrong our policy of supremacy on weaker nations is. The Nicaraguan situation is very similar to our interference in southeast Asia 20 years ago, Palacios said.



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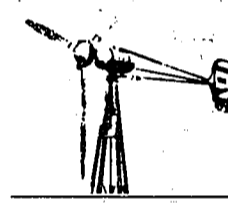
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