In math and reading, the state is going to fund

remedial programs for all students who do not pass the

The program will require an additional \$56 million

dollars every year and will require a significant com-

mitment from the Thornburgh administration, Wilburn

The governor said the efforts to improve the second-

The introduction of the Pennsylvania Honors Pro-

gram, which encourages high school students to take

the most rigorous courses available in high school, will

lead to better prepared high school graduates, Wilburn

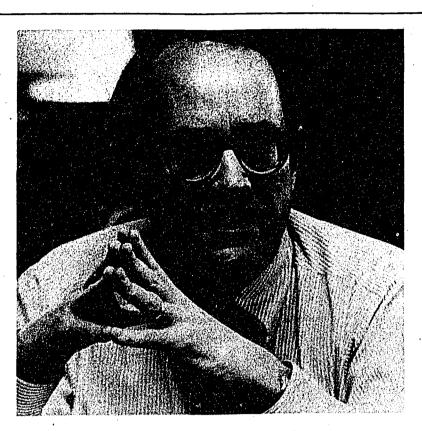
Pamphlets in which the governor urges students to strive for educational excellence have been distributed

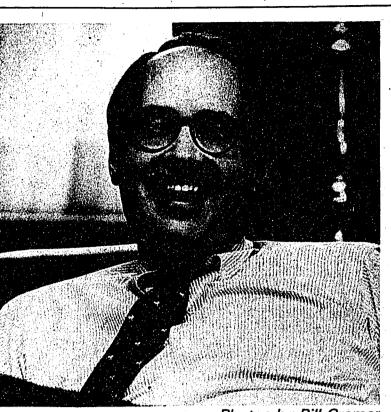
Wilburn said he hopes that two programs to improve

ary and elementary schools will not divert attention away from the needs of higher education in the state.

state competency exams, Wilburn said.







PSU role in grant program improved, Thornburgh says

By GAIL JOHNSON Collegian Staff Writer

HARRISBURG — The University this year has improved the quality of its participation in the Ben Franklin Challenge Grant Program, Gov. Dick Thornburgh said Wednesday. Thornburgh said that when University President Bryce Jordan took office last summer, they were both dissatisfied with Penn State's participation in the Ben Franklin Program (BFP), which was created last year to stimulate jobs in Pennsylvania. "My suspicion was that some of

program as a means of getting additional funding for research," he However, Jordan has shown a commitment to higher quality participation throughout his first year in office and the University could

the institutions - and perhaps in-

cluding Penn State — had viewed the

stand to gain appropriations be-As one of four advanced technolo-

must apply each year for a portion of funds, he said he could not say how nize that resource," he said.

'We regard Penn State as a marvelous

resource and it's a challenge for both Penn State and us to galvanize that resource.'

Thornburgh said the funds are allocated to the four ATCs on a competitive award basis by the Ben Franklin Program Board. Members of the board have said the compet-Northern and Central Pennsylvania

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the funds available last year.

appropriation for the BFP — double are encouraged by the turnaround only 34 percent of that figure.

the state's funds. This year, Thorn- much money the University stands Last year, the University's ATC a totally integrated private sector- grams. burgh has proposed a \$20 million to gain this year, but state officials requested \$4 million but received University effort in research and

development. BFP Board members outlined the Few letters of commitment for both Penn State and us to galva-state's ATCs — as the following: sector funding in the past had been

 Many proposed education and "We regard Penn State as a mar' reasons for last year's appropriation from private industry were initially • Job creation was not as likely velous resource and it's a challenge - the smallest given to any of the submitted and most of the private given the nature of private sector-

General funds toward minority recruitment urged

"I think you have to have a com-

By GAIL JOHNSON Collegian Staff Writer "If it's an important objective to the University it should be support-

HARRISBURG — Although state ed from University funds," he said. officials are pleased with the University's minority recruitment and retention efforts, the state Secremust use part of its general state funds to continue its efforts, rather than look for a specific appropriation in the proposed 1984-85 budget. Robert C. Wilburn said Wednes- er than having a specific line item

day that while working on the pro- and saying 'we'll spend that amount posed state budget, officials did not and if it works it works, if it doesn't support appropriating large sums of it doesn't,' " he said. and retention because universities — important as spending money in Because of the competition for should use their general state funds solving the minority recruitment

Wilburn, also a University trust retention. And although the Univermost important thing," he said. ee, said he would prefer additional funds be placed into an institution's sity will not receive a similar spegeneral budget so the institution cial appropriation this year, would need at least a general comcludes a 7 percent increase in genermitment to meet the objective.

mitment to solve the problem rathrolled by 1988. Attitudes and approach can be as

al funds for Penn State.

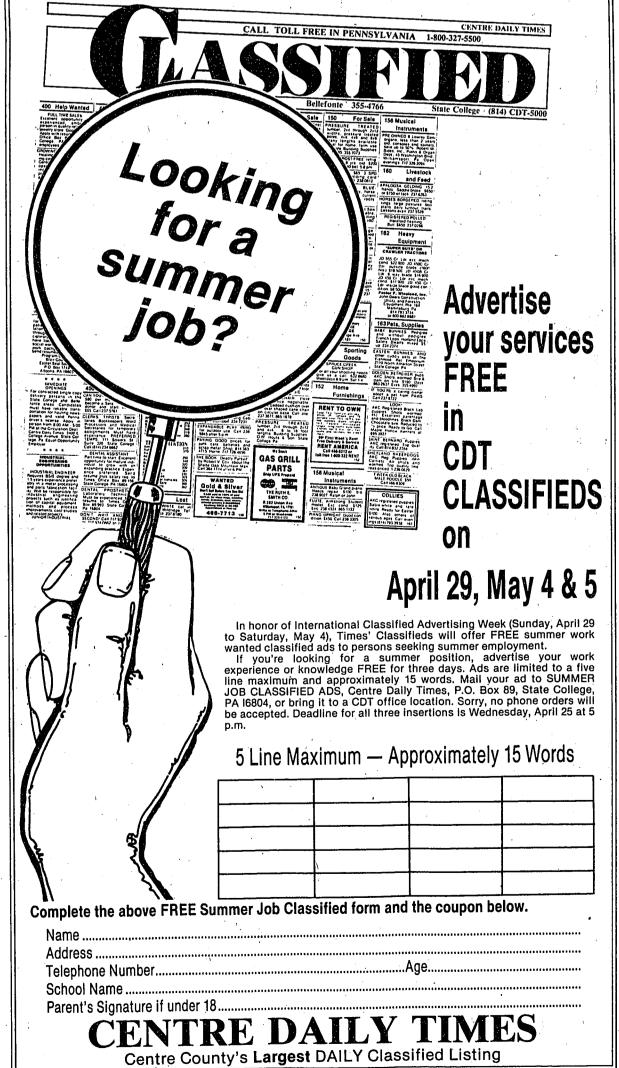
(University President Bryce) Jorceived a \$200,000 appropriation to be ment at this point in time in trying applied to minority recruitment and to meet those goals, and that's the

the University's goal is attainable. "I think the long-term effect on the state as a whole is going to be very positive," Thornburgh said. Thornburgh said Wednesday that The University is now trying to meet a federal mandate to double state officials are doing what they the number of black students en- can in the form of financial aid and interrelationships between the Wilburn said he thinks the state state's two predominantly black legislature is pleased with the pro- universities — Cheyney University

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State leaders stress value of liberal arts education are focusing on improving basic subjects in elementary



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Secretary Robert C.

Collegian Staff Writer

HARRISBURG — While math, science and computer literacy are the top priorities in improving Pennsylvania's educational system, the governor and the state secretary of education also believe in the importance of a liberal arts education.

Both Gov. Dick Thornburgh and Secretary Robert C. Wilburn said Wednesday that important communication skills taught in liberal art courses are not in danger of being replaced by technical skills. "It would not be in the state's best interest to have a computer literate constituency of students who are

ing in the liberal arts and the ability to write and express themselves." Thornburgh said. Wilburn said the reason for the emphasis on math

functionally illiterate because of their lack of ground-

and sciences is that the state's requirements were so low before. "We are one of the only states in the country which

from high school. I certainly wouldn't want to get in the situation where we are unbalanced and lean too much toward science and math," Wilburn said. Wilburn said the state has done even more in basic education than in higher education this past year. "We have put in place a program to significantly

requires two courses in arts and music to graduate the quality of teachers will be implemented by the end of the year. These programs include administering new tests in a teacher's specific area before certification and requiring teachers to enroll in professional development courses throughout their careers.

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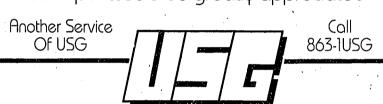
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