

University to study student activities fee

By STEVE WILSON
Collegian Staff Writer

University President Bryce Jordan has assigned a task force to study the feasibility of a separate student activities fee and how the money from the fee would be distributed.

Ten task force members will study how other schools fund student activities and make recommendations based on the information the force collects. The task force will report to Richard E. Grubb, senior vice president for administration.

In an interview last Friday, Undergraduate Student Government President Adam Levinson said he believed

an activities fee was in the students' best interest.

Levinson, the sole undergraduate on the task force, said he would have to study the fee further before he would support it.

"I would have to look at if (the fee) would benefit students, then if it would benefit Penn State," Levinson said. "If it benefits Penn State and hurts the students I won't be in favor of it."

Currently, student activities are funded through Associated Student Activities, which is given a budget by the administration.

University Budget Director and Task Force Member Richard Althouse said all functions of the University, including ASA,

are budgeted through a general fund comprised mostly of tuition and appropriations.

However, Levinson said ASA's budget is a soft fund which can vary throughout the year.

"In the past . . . if they decided they needed money someplace else they could take it from student activities," Levinson said.

For example, some employees in Counseling and Psychological Services and Legal Services, which are funded by ASA, are temporarily employed and do not know if they will have a job next year, Levinson said. He added, however, that the money will probably be available to keep them employed.

Althouse said he did not know of any evidence supporting this, but did not deny that it was a possibility.

Both Levinson and Althouse agreed that it is difficult to tell which activities are funded and how much money they receive.

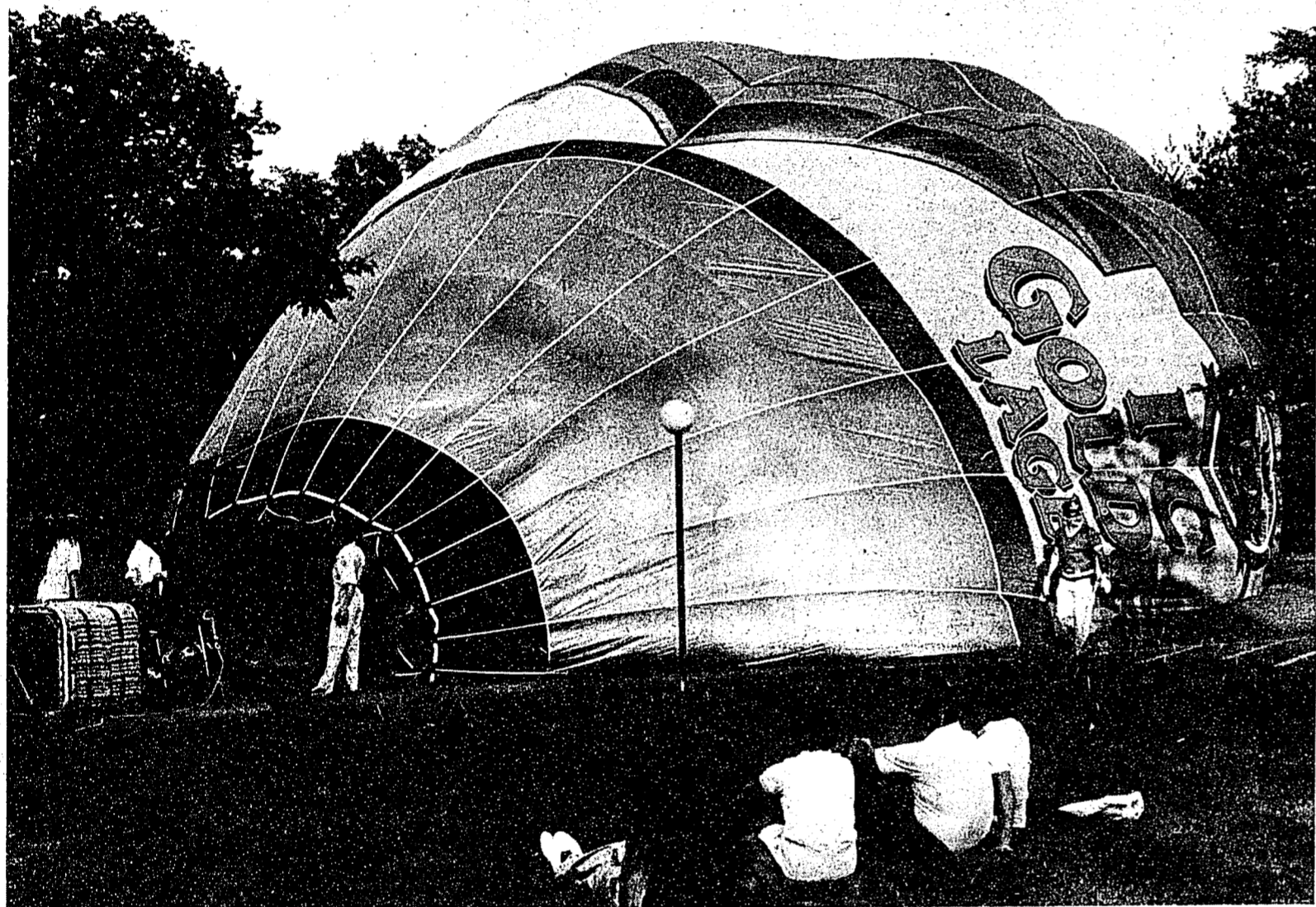
Arthur Dervaes, director of cultural programs and services in the College of Arts and Architecture, said the task force is working with colleges and departments throughout the University to try to determine which activities are funded and with how much money.

"I think one of the things we want to look at is what are the student activities," said Althouse, who was on vacation and missed the first task force meeting.

Task Force Member Thelma S. Baker, also chairwoman of the Faculty Senate student affairs committee, said the task force will also study alternatives to the student fee, such as charging students only for the activities in which they want to participate.

"I worry about the increased tuition and the fact that student activities aren't funded the way we'd like to see them," said Baker, assistant professor of anthropology.

Other Task Force members are Kenneth E. Varcoe, assistant vice president of student affairs; Kenneth S. Babe, assistant vice president of audits and internal control; J. Thomas Eakin, director of religious affairs; M. Lee Upcraft, director of Residential Life; and Kim Zaugg (graduate-higher education).



Collegian Photo/Paul Chilland

Beer balloon

Employees of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company prepare a hot air balloon for take-off as the company launches a new promotional campaign in Toftress over the weekend. Please see story on page 28.

Summer enrollment:

Many students say, 'See you in Sept.'

By NAN CRYSTAL ARENS
Collegian Staff Writer

Summer Session enrollment at the University increased by only three students and University Park enrollment dropped this year over last summer, the vice president for academic services said Friday.

Robert E. Dunham said 26,946 students were enrolled in all credit-earning programs including baccalaureate, graduate, associate, medical and non-degree students at all 22 campuses.

At the University Park campus, enrollment for summer declined by 649 students for a total of 10,238 students, Dunham said.

Despite the lower number of on-campus students, both Dunham and Helen Warren, assistant director of Summer Session, declared the University's first eight-week Summer Session a success.

Dunham said: "It wasn't any huge success . . . but it went very well for a first try. I expect it to be even better next year."

Dunham said one reason for the lower on-campus enrollment figure was the planned reduction in the number of freshmen

admitted during the summer session. About 200 fewer freshmen were admitted this year compared to past years.

"The University makes plans a year or so ahead of time about how many students will be admitted," Dunham said.

Reductions are being made in the number of freshmen admitted to high-demand colleges such as the College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering, he added.

Considerations such as the number of faculty members, available laboratory facilities and overall balance throughout the University affect decisions on limiting the number of freshmen admitted, Dunham said.

"If we admitted all the students who want to be engineers, we would be an engineering school and we don't want that," Dunham said.

The University is seeking balance among the 10 colleges represented at the University Park campus, he said.

Dunham also said the shorter, eight-week version of Summer Session may have contributed to the lower number of on-campus students.

Please see UNIVERSITY, Page 3.

Peres granted 3 more weeks to build cabinet

By ALLYN FISHER
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — President Chaim Herzog, stressing the need to end a month-old stalemate over leadership of Israel's next government, gave Labor Party leader Shimon Peres another 21 days Sunday to build a ruling coalition.

Peres, named prime-minister designate by Herzog three weeks ago, was to resume talks with caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud bloc today. They are trying to resolve the last issues blocking a bipartisan government.

During the first three-week period, Peres failed to forge an alliance with Likud or the 13 small parties in the Knesset, or parliament, to gain a majority of 61 in the 120-seat chamber. Labor won 44 seats in July 23 elections, and Likud 41.

If Peres again fails to patch together a coalition, Herzog is likely to ask Shamir to try.

Herzog told Peres in a one-hour meeting that he favored a joint government of Labor and Likud that could tackle major problems like the projected 400 percent yearly inflation rate and end the 27-month

occupation of south Lebanon, according to a presidential communique.

"I stress the urgency of the need to establish a government in order to confront (the nation's problems) as soon as possible," Herzog told Peres.

"I am hopeful that in the coming three weeks a government will be formed," Peres told reporters.

Peres said he had reached an agreement "in principle" on key policy issues with Likud leaders.

Despite ideological differences, Peres said, Likud and Labor were "making a serious effort to establish as broad a government as possible."

But he declined to say what the chances were his talks with Shamir will succeed. The key problem appeared to be the division of power, and who would head a bipartisan government.

Israel radio and television reported a compromise was near in which Peres would be prime minister and Likud leaders would be in charge of the foreign affairs and finance ministries. Cabinet seats would be equally divided between the two camps, the reports said.

A later Israel radio broadcast said Likud ministers wanted Shamir to insist on the rotation of the premiership between the two when he meets with Peres today. But it quoted Labor Party leaders as saying the coalition talks would break down if Likud stuck to this demand, which Peres has rejected.

The parties also were sharply split over settlement policy in the occupied West Bank. Likud opposes a Labor demand for a partial freeze on new construction in the Palestinian areas captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

Ship sinks with N-waste

Danger to Belgian waters called "negligible"

By The Associated Press

PARIS — A French cargo ship was carrying 450 tons of radioactive material when it collided with a ferry off the Belgian coast and sank, the owners said yesterday.

In a communique issued by its Paris headquarters, the Compagnie Generale Maritime identified the material as uranium hexafluoride, a radioactive gas. It said the 15 special containers were intact at the time the Mont Louis sank Saturday, and were built to last underwater for up to a year without leaking.

The Mont Louis went down about 12 miles off of Ostend, Belgium, after colliding with the 15,000-ton ferry Olau Britannia, carrying 935 people and a crew of 80 from Flushing, the Netherlands, to Sheerness, England.

No one was injured in the accident.

Officials of the French company said the cargo ship was hit in the stern and the crew was able to determine that the containers, stowed in the forward cargo hold, were undamaged before they abandoned ship.

The communique said that even if a leak were to develop, the radioactive material would quickly be diluted by sea water and the increase in radioactivity would be "negligible with no consequence for man or the environment."

French maritime police in Cherbourg, on the English Channel, said their initial investigation had determined that none of the radioactive material had leaked.

The Belgian Maritime Pilots Service in Ostend said the cause of the collision was being

investigated. Visibility was good at the time of the incident, which occurred at about noon Saturday, according to a spokesman at the Koksijde military base southwest of Ostend.

In the port city of Le Havre, an official of the French company, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said the ship owners planned Monday to begin investigating the possibility of recovering the cargo and eventually refloating the ship.

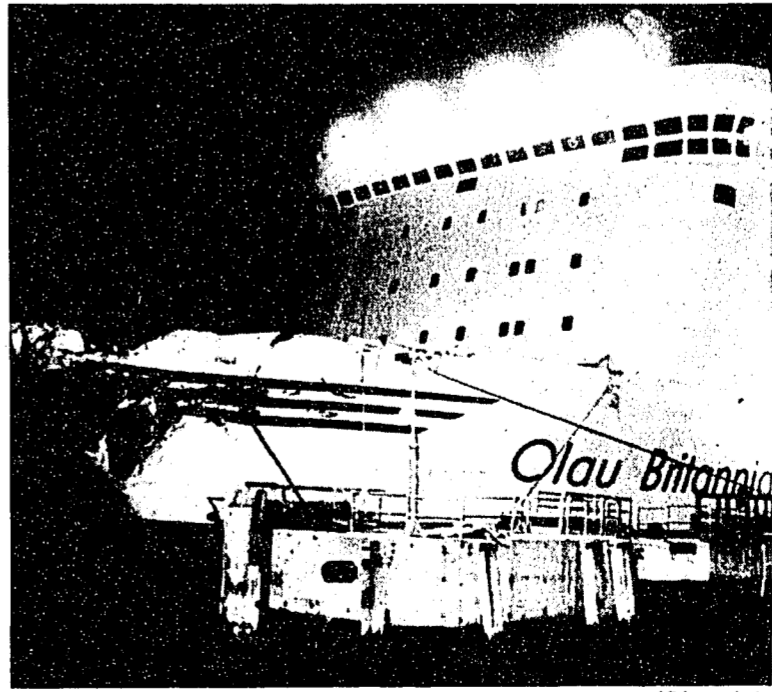
Company officials said the radioactive material came from a variety of sources and was put aboard the the Mont Louis at Le Havre. The boat was taking the cargo to a reprocessing plant at

Riga in the Soviet Union.

French officials described the radioactive uranium gas as a highly toxic, very corrosive material used in the production of enriched uranium.

They said the gas is produced after uranium salt is heated slightly. The gas is then used to separate uranium isotopes and produce uranium-235 and uranium 238. U-235 is the basis for enriched uranium and is used in nuclear weapons and for nuclear energy.

A spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, Frank Ingram, said he would not have the "foggiest idea" about the potential danger of the accident.



The damaged ferry Olau Britannia rests by a dock in Sheerness, England following its collision with the French cargo vessel Mont Louis.

monday

inside

• Truman Capote, who was acclaimed for mixing fact with fiction in his stark book, "In Cold Blood," and frequently splashed across the gossip columns with his flamboyant lifestyle, was found dead Saturday in a Bel-Air mansion. He was 59. . . . Page 22

index

Arts 22
Comics 27
Opinion 12
Sports 15
State/nation/world 8

weather

Party cloudy and a bit warmer today with a high temperature of 83 degrees. Partly cloudy tonight with a chance of a shower and low temperature of 58. Tomorrow will be partly cloudy and a bit more humid with the possibility of a shower in the early morning. The high will be 82 degrees. by Dan Zimmerman