

Tuition plan formed

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A prepayment tuition plan that would guarantee no tuition increase during a student's four undergraduate years is part of a list of recommendations University President Bryce Jordan received yesterday from the President's Advisory Committee on Alternatives to Tuition Increases.

"We can't even begin to deal with the University's budget situation until we begin to deal with Penn State's underfunding from the Commonwealth," committee Chairman Kenneth P. Mortimer said.

Mortimer, University vice president and vice provost, said the committee — a body made up of students and faculty — strongly urges the University community to be much more aggressive in its efforts to persuade state legislators and the governor to increase state funding.

"We will review these recommendations carefully and determine what course of action may be best to take on behalf of the University community," Jordan said in a prepared press release.

Other recommendations outlined in the report to Jordan include:

- Increasing the effectiveness of student participation in tuition-related decisions by implementing a thorough screening for potential student members of the advisory committee, as needed. The University Student Executive Council should receive regular reports on the effectiveness of student participation.

- Setting aside at least 1 percent of any tuition increase for especially needy students.

- Putting greater priority on private fund raising for needy students after the Campaign for Penn State exceeds its \$200 million goal.

- Continuing emphasis on cost-control and developing incentives for all members of the University community to cut costs.

- Having the Undergraduate Student Government or the Graduate Student Association explore the possibility of a student job service.

The committee recommended the following topics for further study:

- The role of finances in students' decisions to attend the University.

- The cause of a trend toward taking more than four years to complete a baccalaureate degree.

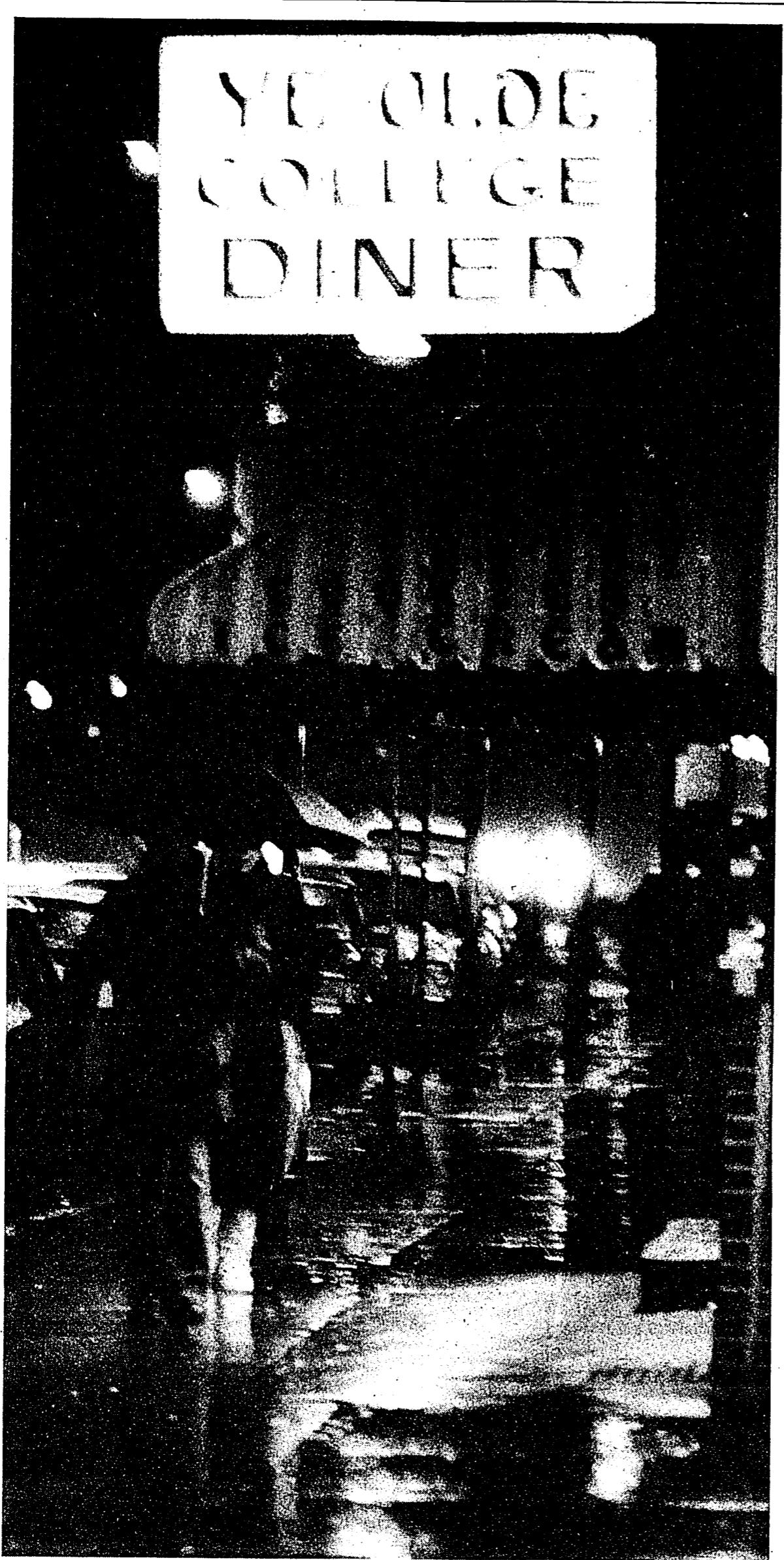
- The relationship between increased cost and enrollment growth. USG President Matt Baker said the committee should look into why students need more than four years to complete a degree.

"The change from trimesters to semesters caused an incredible drop in productivity," he said. "Students can't take as many credits in one year under the semester system."

Baker said the University's Committee on Public Support is already looking into the specific aspects of state funding that Mortimer stressed.

Mortimer explained that increases in state funding are a major alternative to tuition increases.

"We want to make sure that no student chooses to leave Penn State, especially because of tuition."



What a night

Pedestrians bear Mother Nature's merciless onslaught last night as rain and sleet make trudging by Ye Olde College Diner, 126 W. College Ave., a slippery and damp ordeal.

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IFC and OTIS blast borough Frats pass dry rush

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The Interfraternity Council and the Organization for Town Independent Students jointly warned State College Municipal Council members last night that police action taken Thursday against 16 fraternities for serving underage drinkers has severely strained relations between students and the borough.

Meanwhile, IFC President Pat Conway and leaders from most of the University's 53 fraternities closed the final portion of their biweekly meeting last night for a candid discussion about the issue. IFC met at Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, 408 E. Fairmount Ave., at the same time as the municipal council.

In a prepared statement, IFC Community Relations Chairman Eric Graves said the two-month investigation of fraternity parties by plainclothes officers severely damaged relations between IFC and the State College Bureau of Police Services, which had undergone steady improvement over the last 18 months.

Police said undercover officers entered or were invited into houses, where they observed bar areas.

"At this time, the (IFC) is totally re-evaluating its relationship with the borough," Graves said.

"In the midst of IFC's direct and proactive response to curtail alcohol abuse in our systems, the borough has shaken a long-standing trust and cooperation that has long existed between the fraternities and the borough."

OTIS President Marjorie Utt said the issue affected not only the greek community but the entire student community.

About 60 students, some identifying themselves as part of the greek community, packed the council room as the two student representatives spoke.

"What we really wanted to do was express our annoyance about the manner in which the investigation was taken," Utt said. "Why choose a time when so many positive things are being done by IFC to take action on a problem that has existed for years and years?"

"We too want to work together," State College police Chief Elwood G. Williams said. "However, serving alcohol to minors is a problem and that problem has to be resolved. I can recognize the situation and sympathize with the problem, and that it means social conflict . . . but again, 21 is the legal drinking age, there are no exceptions to that legal drinking age, and we have to work together."

Council member Mary Ann Haas said after she had worked on the Alcohol Task Force appointed by University President Bryce Jordan, the news of the alcohol violations in the fraternities was a disappointment.

Haas said the IFC should have expected such police action when the University terminated its formal affiliation with the fraternity system.

At the IFC meeting, Conway emphasized that IFC was the first community organization to start



Eric Graves

discussing alcohol when former IFC President Maury Billig recommended the Jordan task force in 1985.

"We would like to maintain the open dialogue of the alcohol task force," he said. "Instead of moving towards a 21-policy within the fraternities in cooperation with the borough, our time is being occupied responding to the media extravaganza created by the manner in which the police handled the situation."

Conway said IFC last night passed a proposal without opposition to move ahead with dry rush. The proposal included amendments to prohibit alcohol at rush functions and require fraternities to keep lists of the guests permitted to attend a social event.

A series of recommendations to move toward a policy against underage drinking within the fraternity system was a result of an IFC Alcohol Policy Research Committee, composed of 10 IFC presidents and appointed by Conway, and is not the result of last Thursday's police action, Conway said.

Meanwhile, outgoing municipal council member Daniel Chaffee told Graves and Utt:

"I hope you brought the presidents of those houses into a room somewhere and told them that 'We had a good relationship here' and ask them why those regulations weren't being enforced."

"So we've heard that (IFC) has passed these regulations," Chaffee added, "but, we've heard nothing about being responsible for enforcing them. . . . No talk about being responsible at all."

Chaffee warned that if IFC did not find the parties responsible for serving alcohol to minors, the law enforcement and authorities are going to find the accountable party anyway.

Graves said IFC is willing to again work with the borough in establishing a sound working relationship.

Conway said an explanation behind the motive and the timing of the police action, in light of IFC's ongoing relationship with the police, remained unclear.

"At one point I was told by a community official that there were complaints by high school authorities of high school students entering parties," Conway said. "In two months of investigations, (the State College police) didn't find any and that is the result of the IFC implementing and enforcing a regulation."

Clarification

Beth Glazier-McDonald, an assistant professor of religious studies who was quoted in yesterday's *Collegian*, said she is aware of the University's policy that exams cannot be given during the last week of classes. She said she was unaware of a proposal that tests administered during that week could count for no more than 10 percent of a final grade. This percentage is not written in the policy.

Correction

Due to a source error in yesterday's *Collegian*, it was incorrectly stated that the maximum charge for serving alcohol to minors is a \$2,500 fine or up to a year in jail. The fraternities have been charged under the liquor laws, and the maximum penalty could be from \$100 to \$500 or between one and three months imprisonment.

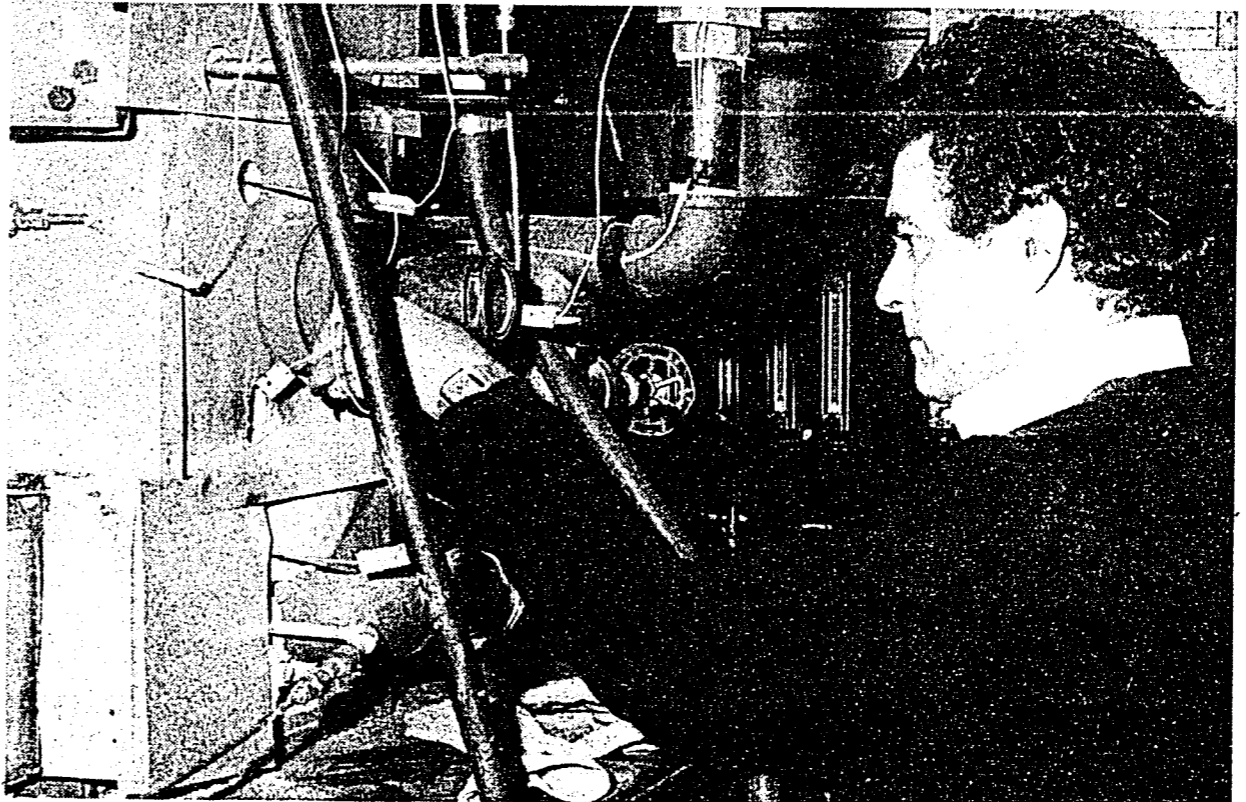
Industry and PSU: firm ties

Editor's Note: This is the second in a five-part series focusing on University research and its applications. Today's article focuses on the University's relationship with corporations that fund research.

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International Business Machines Corp., General Electric Co., Exxon Corp., Westinghouse . . . and Penn State. As the industry-university tie grows stronger and corporate money flows into college campuses throughout the country, University researchers are among those leading the list of top industrial contract recipients.

In a National Science Foundation report released early last month and presented to the University Board of Trustees, the University was ranked among the top four universities and Please see RESEARCH, Page 16.



Graduate Ahmed Galth reassembles the viewing port of a fluidized bed combustor in the Combustion Lab of the Academic Activities Building. The wires lead to thermocouples, which measure the temperature at various locations around the combustion chamber.

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weather

This afternoon, cold and rainy with a high of 44. Tonight the rain will be continuing, but it should taper off by morning with a low of 38. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy skies will prevail and it will be windy with falling temperatures. High near 40. Heidi Sonen