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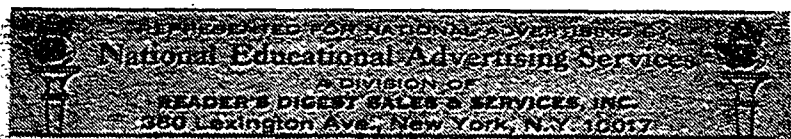
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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Kinkead:

This letter is in response to an article in the October 24th issue of the CUB ("Students Elect 20 SGA Reps"). In this release it was stated that the percentages of on-campus and off-campus votes cast in the elections were 75% and ("a disappointing") 21% respectively. I wish to correct these figures to read 80% on-campus and 49% off-campus. The 643 votes cast (which represents 1056 potential student voters) reflects a total voting percentage of 61%.

Also, further down the article it stated that the offices of chairman, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary were to be elected, however, they will be (according to the SGA constitution) elected at the fourth meeting (Wednesday, October 29th).

May I also add that all future meetings of the SGA are to be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the Reed Seminar Room. These meetings are open and we welcome all interested students, administration, and faculty and staff to attend.

Sincerely,
 Douglas A. Brower
 Chairman

S-F Commission Urges
New Judiciary System

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA., Oct. 31—An all-University Council, a Black cultural center, and a revised judiciary system are among the recommendations made by a student-faculty commission which for the past four months has been examining policies and procedures at The Pennsylvania State University.

The all-University Council will be proposed by the sub-committee on governance, according to its chairman, Deborah I. Chapman, of Washington, D.C., a graduate student in philosophy. The Council would include trustees, alumni, students, faculty and administrators among its membership, which would number about 57.

"Rather than evaluating the current structure of the University in every detail or trying to change it completely, we decided to bolster the system as it is," Miss Chapman said. "The Council emerged as an answer to what many saw as a major problem of that system—communication among its elements."

"We hope the new body will be a channel for groups with grievances or for those who simply want to get things done. It will serve as a clearing house for both problems and ideas."

Recommendations for the Council are not yet in final form, nor are the reports of the other two subcommittees. However, Helen R. Peterson of Easton, a junior in general arts and sciences, chairman of the group concerned with Black students

noted that their deliberations are following several different lines of approach.

Her subcommittee is considering proposals for a Black cultural center, a special section in the Library devoted to books about Blacks or by Black authors, and the development of a Black studies program specially designed to fit the situation at Penn State. Also under study are suggestions for the College of Education on the training of personnel to teach in Black schools.

Members of the subcommittee examining the University's judiciary system are making a broad, general investigation and ultimately hope to determine ways to involve students more deeply in the writing of rules and regulations governing their own behavior.

The existing undergraduate judicial system is being scrutinized, according to Dr. Gary J. Scott, of the Office of Student Affairs, who is chairman of the group. So are judicial procedures for graduate students, as well as the related question of what current regulations should apply to them. Areas in which the University

Tranquil Society
-- Or Why LSD?

New York, N. Y.—(I.P.)—The inability of youths to find a meaningful variety of experiences in their lives leads them to LSD, write two professors in a recent issue of "The Record" (Teachers College, Columbia University).

In their article, "The Tranquil Society—Or Why LSD?" authors Robert M. Schweider and Richard G. Kohlan report on their research involving more than 50 persons at various stages in their use of LSD. The subjects, mostly male, were in the 18-25 group, and most were college dropouts.

All the subjects interviewed repeatedly emphasized that they viewed LSD, not as an escape from anything, but as an aid in a search for something. What they were searching for primarily was relevance in their everyday lives.

The authors cite the growing "dehumanization" of higher education as an important cause of

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Erie Transit Authority
Most Unique In World

The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority (EMTA) created in 1967 is perhaps the most unique autobus transit system in the world. Created by a group of community-minded (in a very true sense) citizens who purchased the Erie Coach Company, an indebted utility, from Myron Prosser, it has become an example and inspiration to other cities throughout the world.

From 1950 to 1965, the Erie Coach Company's (ECC) passenger volume decreased 78% from 15 million to 2.8 million. The ECC's fleet of buses was a conglomeration of makes and models, some as old as twenty years. Quite honestly the busses were unsightly and unclean. Schedules were less dependable than Erie's weather! Prosser offered the dying company to the city, but they couldn't afford to shoulder such

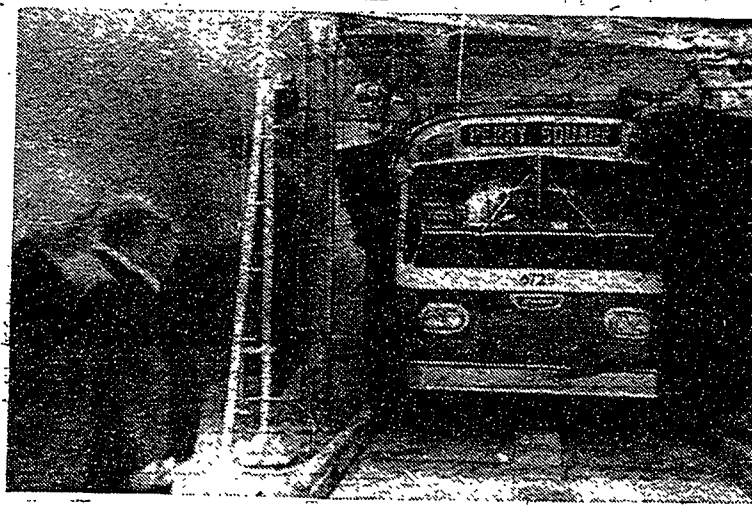
a large burden. Thus, Erie was faced with losing a vital utility. Then Dr. Robert Lasher, Guy M. Wilson, and a handful of others devised a plan for financing their venture and formed the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The first step of the Authority was to purchase fifty brand new identical buses. Next, in 1968 they opened the first new bus route in 20 years. That same year they built an ultra-modern garage-office complex to house and maintain the fleet. Now the EMTA is in the process of erecting sign poles at every bus stop they have, on which the exact time the bus reaches that stop will be posted.

This will be unique in the world. This year also, the EMTA extended two of its existing routes to further facilitate transportation from surrounding communities (Millcreek and Harborcreek) to Erie.

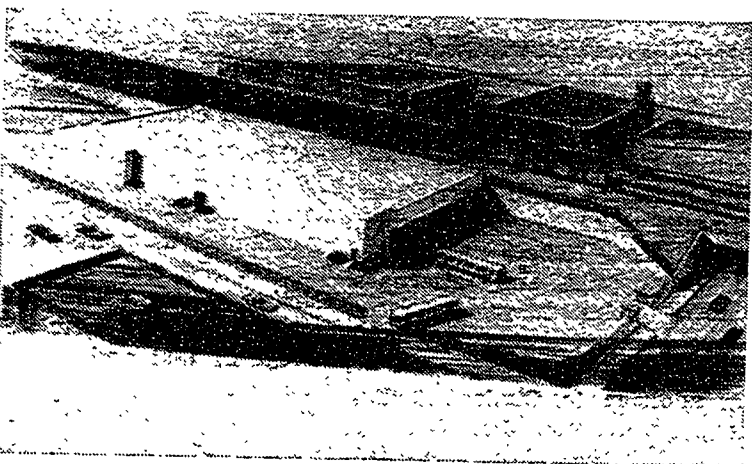
The most remarkable point in its story is the fact that the EMTA is operating at a subsistence level. It takes no great conjecture to see that this is a feat deserving praise. But this is not enough. Dr. Lasher states that the EMTA needs 500,000 more passengers annually in order to make up depreciation. This increased number of passengers is not an unlikely figure, in fact they expect this increase. Their future looks very bright, more new (identical) buses will be purchased by the end of the year, due to the greater public demands.

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One of the new buses getting its "daily bath." The "immaculately" of their passenger coaches is a main attraction of the Transit Authority.

An aerial concept of the EMTA garage facility at 13th and French Streets.



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Registration...

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be left with the advisor. If for any reason a student wishes or is asked to change his schedule at a later date, another No. 2 card must be completed with the advisor and marked "revised". Schedule revisions will be accepted up until 5:00 p. m. Monday, December 8, 1969.

If a student's schedule requires no further alteration between December 8 and the beginning of the Winter Term, the reporting date for the Winter Term is the day classes begin or Monday, January 5, 1970. But the student must check in with the registration desk in Erie Hall on that day (Monday, January 5) to activate a data card. Fee receipts and matric cards will be required. Failure on the part of any student to confirm his enrollment will result in the forfeit of \$25.

Students who fail to pre-register during the sixth week of this Term or who require schedule revisions as a result of course

failures or changes of major must attend an arena registration in the Library on Friday, January 2, 1970, between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Failure to do so will require payment of a \$10 late registration fee. There will be no exceptions. This procedure also applies to new freshmen, transfer, readmitted, and adjunct students.

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