

EDITORIAL

Help the Viet Cong

Does the above headline startle you? It should, because that is exactly what a group of students at Haverford College in Eastern Pennsylvania is doing. Two students confirmed the existence of a "Student Committee To Send Medical Aid to the Front of National Liberation of South Viet Nam." Naming three other students as members, they added that the movement had spread to eight other colleges.

George E. Hartman, Pennsylvania Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars called on U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to investigate the activities of the Committee and prevent a communication of funds to the Communists.

It is, indeed, most horrifying to know that educated Americans are acting in such an irrational manner as to give material aid and comfort to a nation whose ideals are diametrically opposed to those upon which this nation was founded, and which is dedicated to the total, final, economic, and physical destruction of our nation and our way of life. The hard truth of the matter is that these very people are enjoying the fruits of a society to whose destruction they are contributing.

Americans are fighting and dying to preserve the nation of South Viet Nam from a Communist takeover. Other Americans materially support the enemy.

It is about time for the students of American Universities to become a positive, active factor in the formation of public opinion in foreign and domestic matters. Let us not, by our silence, let the few lead the many. Let us not, in our apathy, think that things will pass and everything will be as it was. Let not the few lose for us, by proxy, our dignity and our freedom.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New parking lot? Is there any apparent difference between the old lower and the new lot we now occupy? The muddy or dusty conditions of the old lot are compounded in the new lot by the addition of sharp, tire-splitting stones. It was a long walk from the old lot; however, the series of paths from the new lot to the SUB are nothing more than mountain goat trails. Now, as a pre-climatic move, our administrators have made it compulsory for students to use this unlighted combination mud-hole, dust bowl for a parking lot on the night of a dance or movie. Wake up, students!!! We are now paying \$7.50 for the same privileges that were previously offered free of charge.

Chem. Tech. Program

As of last week, fifteen students had been admitted to the newly initiated two-year Chemical Technology Program at Highacres. This number is considered to be a better start than other campuses initiating the same program have had.

It is hoped to have twenty-five registered students in this program for the Fall Term.

This program is also being offered at the McKeesport and Wyomissing Commonwealth Campuses.

Editor's Note: The above article does not necessarily reflect the attitude of this paper; it is merely the opinion of one student. It is left to the reader's discretion to agree or disagree.

49,000 Students by 1980

Penn State must be prepared to increase its present 25,000-student enrollment to 42,000 students by 1975 and to 49,000 by 1980 if the Commonwealth is to meet its educational obligations.

This statement has been made by President Eric A. Walker in the University's annual report to the people of the Commonwealth.

The theme of the report, which covers the 1962-63 academic year, is the University's preparation for the avalanche of students which will descend on college and university campuses during the next few years.

This period, the most difficult in the educational history of the Commonwealth, will begin when the first large post-war crop of babies knocks on college doors this Fall. It will proceed at an accelerating rate for the next decade and longer as the number of students of college age increases and the percentage seeking higher education grows as well.

As an example of the mounting pressure, President Walker said that admission requests at Penn State are running 47 per cent higher than just one year ago.

Dr. Walker indicated that the long range projections assume that Penn State will continue to enroll about 10 per cent of all

college and university students in the Commonwealth, as it has for the past several years. The University's long range studies predict a total college population for the Commonwealth of 451,000 in 1975 and 483,000 in 1980.

The bulk of the University's growth will be in graduate students and in the final two years of the baccalaureate program — particularly with the imminent formation of many community colleges providing the first two years of the baccalaureate program.

Penn State can meet the number problem if its growth rate continues as it has for the past decade, but the problems of accommodating larger numbers of upperclassmen and graduate students is more difficult—and more expensive, the annual report notes.

Major steps already taken by the University to prepare for larger enrollments include better academic and curriculum organization, improved student selection procedures, better use of learning resources to make maximum use of "the inelastic supply of good teachers," and better use of state-wide resources, particularly in the expansion of campuses throughout the Commonwealth.

Peace Corps Programs Call For Two-Year College Graduates

"New opportunities will open this summer for graduates of two-year colleges to fill more than 900 jobs as Peace Corps Volunteers in Latin America, Asia, and Africa," announced Robert L. Gale, Director of Recruiting for the Peace Corps.

"Holders of Associate Degrees or trainees in specialized vocational skills," said Mr. Gale, "have the background and training urgently needed in Peace Corps programs in Iran, Venezuela, Tanganyika, Honduras, Brazil, Ecuador, Nigeria, Panama, Thailand, Peru, Nepal, British Honduras, Tunisia, Nyasaland, Philippines, Columbia, Sabah, Sarawak, and Senegal."

So great and varied are the needs of these host countries that almost any type of background and training can be useful; from liberal arts to agriculture; from secretarial skills and coaching to auto repair.

New programs planned for Venezuela illustrate the wide range of opportunities this summer for two-year college graduates.

Volunteers are needed to help set up children's parks and recreation programs to serve the mushrooming slums which ring Venezuela's large cities.

They are needed to organize and coach sports clubs in basketball, volleyball, and baseball, as part of urban community development programs.

They are needed to teach and demonstrate plumbing, masonry, surveying, road construction, self-help home improvement, and the techniques required to obtain safe water supplies and build sanitary facilities.

In Iran, Volunteers will teach in eighteen vocational schools throughout the country, demonstrating the skills so familiar to them, but strange to those who have had no opportunity to learn about electrical equipment repair, metal machining, and auto mechanics. The Iranian government regards this project as so important that it plans to convert a number of secondary schools to vocational training institutions in order to overcome the critical shortage of technically trained manpower.

Volunteers with nursing skills will be needed in Tanganyika and Honduras, and Brazil has called for laboratory technicians.

Ecuador, Nigeria, Panama, Thailand, and Peru have asked for help in agricultural extension and

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