

## SPEAK OUT!

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In view of the fact that this is the beginning of Spring Term which means the beginning of library research for term papers, this is a good time to explain the two-week waiting period for receiving requested library material from Pattee Library at University Park.

If a student does not already know, he can request books and photoprintouts from University Park if such material is not available at the Delaware County Campus library. The student may also be unaware that the waiting period between sending in the requests and receiving the material is two weeks. Considering that most term papers are assigned in the fifth or sixth week of the term and due at the end of the eighth week, this two-week period leaves very little time for a student to write his term paper. What is even more frustrating is that requests labeled as rush have really little or no influence upon prompt delivery.

First, the problem seems to be one of misinterpretation. Pattee believes that twelve to fourteen days should be the minimum waiting period while the Delaware County Campus library believes that eight days is not too unrealistic. Unfortunately many students never even receive their requested

## Needed: Faster Loan Service From Pattee

material within the two-week period. According to assistant librarian Nancy Baillie, during the past Winter Term, of fifty-three requests fulfilled, ten arrived within eight days. Forty-three arrived within nine to thirty days. It is not that an eight-day maximum waiting period is too ideal and unrealistic. This is disproven by the above statistic that shows that it is possible to meet the desired eight-day maximum.

Secondly, the Pattee Library seems to have no conception of the peak periods for library use especially during mid-term and after. Quite logically, one would think that Pattee would make a better attempt at promptness.

Thirdly, since the library at Delaware County campus is not equipped to handle more intensive and extensive research which a student's topic might require, the campus here must depend on University Park for other such library material. Pattee doesn't seem to realize this either.

Finally, the whole crux of the matter and so the basis for the philosophy behind better inter-library loan service with University Park, is that even though Delaware County is a Commonwealth Campus of PSU and one of many throughout the state we are still all one university. And being paying university students we

deserve the same library rights and privileges as those students at the main campus. Having to wait almost two weeks for library material seems as if Delaware County Campus students are given second priority in consideration and fulfillment of requests. What is more, the Delaware County campus library has a more efficient and prompt loan service with other academic libraries in the county and, yet we students here at Del. Co. can't be privileged as PSU students to receive efficient and prompt loan service from the very university we pay to attend.

What, then, is to be done? As Asst. Librarian Nancy Baillie explained, the library staff here did send two formal letters of complaint to the Dean of Libraries at University Park but no formal replies have been received since the late summer of 1975 when the letters were sent.

Soon, a resolution expressing the faculty disapproval of the two-week waiting period is to be put before the Faculty Senate here. Perhaps through this resolution and subsequent student and faculty involvement this period can be shortened to eight days.

In the meantime, those students who have to complete future term papers, plan to wait at least twelve to fourteen days for requested library material from University Park.

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the nation and the world also contribute their share to society in general.

We are now faced, with the realities in 1976 in Pennsylvania. State funds are in short supply for all agencies and institutions, including Penn State in which budgetary needs are greater than current resources will support. In understanding the Penn State 1976-77 budget situation, we must realize the following: (1) there is almost no indication of significant new tax resources for state funds; (2) our entire budget request is based on recognition of inflationary costs - operating costs which include the salary needs of our personnel, both faculty and staff, who face the same inflated costs personally, just as do student families; (3) we are making every effort inside the University with our present funds to accommodate to this financial reality - indeed over the past five years as we have re-allocated some 10 million dollars; (4) our reception at the appropriation committee hearings has been positive and attentive, but the statement of the Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee, Mr. Henry Cianfrani, illustrates the problem: "We're fond of Penn State and we're aware of the University's tremendous progress, but we don't have the dollars. This is a trouble period and you can't get blood out of a stone."

My principal concern involving tuition in

my presentation to the budget hearings in both the Senate and the House has focused on the effect of tuition increases on the composition of our student body at Penn State. We still have a full enrollment and indeed have applications from more persons than we can accommodate next year in the total University. But in the last few years there has been a significant decline in the number of students from lower middle income families.

In 1970, 31 percent of all Pennsylvania families had a family income ranging from \$6,000 to \$10,000. In that same Fall, 34 percent of the new Freshmen entering Penn

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two colleges being trained. Come on, lend a hand once in a while. Are you interested in people, in what goes on around here? Member to get an intent-to-run petition which must be handed in no later than April 14th. It must have the valid signatures of at least 25 first year students before your name will be placed on the ballot. Election will take place the third week in April, so keep your eyes open for the exact time and places.

Also coming up on this campus are the Annual inter-campus tournaments in bowling, table tennis and chess. Anyone interested should contact the U.S.A. office as soon as possible.

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mends that you leave your books on the shelves while you eat instead of using valuable chair and table space.

NEED MONEY? -- Consult the COLLEGE BLUE BOOK: SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND LOANS volume now available in the library (Ref. LA 266.C686). SUMMER FINANCIAL AID -- Applications for Summer Term Financial Aid are available in the Student Affairs Modular Building. Interested students should obtain one from Dean Johnson immediately.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE -- The Hellenic University of Philadelphia has announced that \$1,000 from the Dr. Michael Dorizas Memorial Scholarship will be available for a Student Educational Scholarship for the academic year 1976-77. The use of these funds is offered to one or two students of Hellenic descent who will be attending an accredited university or professional school. The applicant must also be a resident of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia county in Pennsylvania; New Castle County in Delaware; or Camden County in New Jersey.

FREE TUTORS -- The Office of Student Affairs has instituted a free tutorial service under the College Work Study Program. Any student who is encountering academic difficulty, please see the secretary in the Student Affairs Building for an appointment.