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Please, Governor James!

Right now, one man more than any other holds the strings to the College purse and what he does in the next 30 days will be of vast importance. That man is Governor James. On his desk lies an appropriation bill, passed by the State Legislature, which would give the College \$5,509,545 for use during the current biennium.

In general, two courses are open to the Governor. He may sign the measure as it is, thus giving the College the amount it asked for last January. Or—and this is the more probable step—James will pare the appropriation to a figure nearer the \$4,375,000 in the budget which he submitted to the Legislature. The only thing the Governor can't do is raise the appropriation from the amount agreed upon by the House and the Senate.

It is unfortunate that he does not recognize the need of a larger appropriation. James recommended the same amount which the College had during the past two years. He could see no reason for any increase though it seems apparent that the College requires more money than it did than before it possessed an expanded physical plant and an increased enrollment. The Legislature did not agree with the Governor but he still has the last say.

Before he makes his decision there are several things he should consider.

He should consider that buildings erected by the General State Authority have increased the College physical plant by 48.9 per cent.

He should consider that, because of the high quality of the new buildings, funds requested for maintenance represent only a 36 per cent increase.

He should consider that additional funds asked for support of academic and research programs represent a small percentage of cost in relation to the physical expansion. This is because new facilities are being used mainly to relieve overcrowding.

He should consider not only the enlarged physical plant but also the College's part in the national defense program. This is extensive. It requires money.

He should consider that the average state appropriation to land-grant colleges and universities makes up 47.7 per cent of each institution's income. Furthermore, the average among the 12 largest institutions is 56 per cent.

He should consider that Pennsylvania's contribution to the College is only 42 per cent of total income. This makes Penn State 11th among the larger land grant colleges in the amount of its state appropriation.

Then he should consider that Penn State is fifth in size based on resident and extension students, and eighth based solely on resident enrollment.

He should consider—but we've said enough though other reasons for an increased appropriation could readily be pointed out. After all, the important thing is not what the Governor should do but what he will do. A lot hinges on his decision. We hope he will make the right one.

Something's Wrong Here

Does anyone remember the new parking regulations which were supposed to go into effect about three weeks ago? You know, the regulations which pushed students off into two parking lots, one at each end of the campus. Yes, the same regulations which allowed faculty members to park almost anywhere.

We've been wondering when and if the regulations are going to be enforced. Parking on Pollock Road was prohibited but Pollock Road was lined with cars yesterday. That was about the only regulation which seemed to be much good and even it is not being carried out. What's the matter, Grounds and Buildings? What's the matter, Campus Patrol?

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Parking Meter Puzzle

The parking meter problem on the north side of College Avenue has been bothering most of the drivers in town for the past month so we decided to get the low down and here it is. It pays for the casual shopper not to put money in the meters if he intends to park less than two hours. The meters have been discontinued since the end of the last semester but haven't been removed as yet. This fact, however, hasn't been made public and the drivers have been putting in money needlessly.

And the payoff is the way the borough administrators have been enforcing the law. If you put a nickel in and overstay your supposed limit, you are subject to one dollar fine. If you are aware of the meters' discontinuance and don't contribute toward the charitable (?) cause, you can park up to two hours before a \$5.25 fine can be slapped on. And who ever parks over two hours, anyway?

Donovan Gets Shaft

The laugh of the week was the costly joke played on the genial Student Union manager, George Donovan, who thinks every female passing his office swoons at the sight of his manly physique (suit, size 34) . . . it seems George prides himself on his self-assumed ping pong prowess, having beaten several beginners in his illustrious career. Needled by Ridge Riley, who knows a real sucker when he sees one, Donovan condescended to play Bob Lane a series of matches for a side bet of \$5 in the meantime informing all bored listeners how he was going to trim the ears of his opponent. Lane a wizard at table tennis, kept quiet and then proceeded to sweep ten out of 12 games from G. D., now poorer but wiser.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon girls sent out post cards to all fraternity houses, inviting the boys over to the frat houses. On one of the cards they informed the lads that requests for red heads had to be posted two weeks in advance . . . so that's how long it takes to dye hair red . . . Milt Zeper, of the Varsity Shop, really can't complain of competitors cutting his throat . . . on his softball team he has Charles' clerk pitching and Bob Delancey of Mitten's catching. His most valuable member is Charles, himself, who calls the balls and strikes in most of the Varsity games.

Jimmy McAdam is keeping his finger in the show business even while in ROTC Camp at Fort Meade . . . the new Thespian leader conducted a radio program recently over a Washington, D. C. station, the talent being regimented from the future second lieutenants . . . word from Meade has it that the Penn State boys are leading the pack in everything from rifle shooting to painting the Capital red on week-end leave.

College Appropriations Total \$5,739,545

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 by \$50,000 from state industrial interests.

2. The Wilson bill of \$75,000 for coal and oil research. Fifty thousands dollars of this must be matched by industry.

3. The Letzler bill for aluminum research. This provides \$50,000 for College study of the possibility of developing aluminum resources in the state.

4. The Cohen bill of \$5,000 for tobacco research, cut in the Senate from \$25,000.

Other appropriations passed by the Legislature but which do not give money directly to the College were the Saroff bill providing \$40,000 to the Department of Health for nutritional research at the College; the bill transferring the Joseph Priestley home in Northumberland from the College to the state with \$1,000 for maintenance; and the \$759,121 appropriation to the Department of Property and Supplies for rental of General State Authority buildings on the campus. This has already been signed by the Governor.

Besides the aeronautical engineering bill, three other appropriation measures failed to pass. They were the agricultural research bill for \$321,000 which was not re-

ported out of House committee, the \$110,000 bill for agricultural buildings which passed the House but died in Senate committee; and a \$200,000 bill for flax research which was not reported out of House committee after passing the Senate.

Vesper Music Sunday

A vesper service of organ music will be offered by the Faith Reformed Church at 6:30 p. m. Sunday. Summer session students and faculty members have been invited. The church is at the corner of East College Avenue and Miles Street.

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