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Reduction of Fees Needed in Future

The approval of the \$17,500,000 biennial appropriation for the College was a long, hard fight, but we won.

And with that victory the Pennsylvania State College took another long stride toward improving the quality of the service it will be able to render the state of Pennsylvania.

How long that stride will be can in part be measured in dollars. The previous appropriation from the state for the 1949-51 biennium totalled \$10,886,000. The bill approved by Gov. John S. Fine represented an increase of \$6,614,000 over the last College budget.

The addition of \$6,614,000 is awesome enough, but the figure is all the more impressive in view of the fact that it is an increase of almost 60 per cent over the 1949-51 figures.

Much of the credit for the huge increase the College has received belongs to President Milton S. Eisenhower and the financial end of the College administration. Despite the politically inspired battles over tax legislation and the ensuing confusion and economy moves in Harrisburg, Penn State managed to weather the hot air and come out with nary a mark.

Selling the legislature on the idea of such a large increase in the College's appropriation was a task that took careful preparation and planning. The success of the campaign stands as a tribute to President Eisenhower's almost incomparable ability as a public relations man. An economy-minded legislature made the task more difficult than it normally would have been and the process was complicated and compounded by the longest session in the history of the legislature.

Penn State came through the long haul with the largest appropriation in its history. But, as most students know, fees at Penn State are higher than at most state institutions. There is, however, no "fat" in the current appropriation, so it will be impossible to lower fees.

With an eye to the future, we hope the administration will urge and the next legislature will grant an appropriation allowing for decreases in student fees. Then and only then shall Penn State be a college for the common people of Pennsylvania.

Consider College In Phone Dispute

R. Y. Sigworth's recent suggestion to limit calls on the dormitory line to five minutes should really be taken to heart by the students of Penn State.

We doubt that students know all the work and inconveniences they cause the operators at the switchboards. Sigworth said 10 girls work on the switchboard which has positions for only eight. He says during the evening rush—7 to 10 p.m.—it is impossible for an operator to work more than one hour at a time.

Another thing, and more important, is that students do not realize just what the utilities section of the physical plant is doing to keep telephones a convenience to students on campus.

The Bell Telephone Co. has asked the College to raise the price of phone calls from the dorms downtown to 15 cents if and when new rates go into effect March 9, and the consensus is that they will. Sigworth says the College does not even want to raise the price to 10 cents at that time (as the rate increase provides), but the law will require them to do so.

The reason why Bell Telephone thinks the College should raise the price? There is a considerable loss taken by the College every time a pay call is placed; it amounts to thousands of dollars each year.

Now, if the school can do, or try to do, that much for the students, why can't the students show a little consideration for the school and school employees. Certainly the five minute limit is better than the 9 p.m. deadline.

—Andy McNeillie

IFC Should Probe Low Scholarship

In reviewing the rather sad picture of the scholastic standing of Penn State fraternities, we have shown a tendency to take it for granted that living in a fraternity is in itself damaging to the scholastic standing of the student.

This is a supposition which is open to question, for it takes too much for granted. When we assume the truth of this statement, we assume that fraternity men have a higher scholastic standing before they become fraternity men than they do after belonging for several semesters.

There is no evidence to uphold this contention. To be truthful, there is no evidence to support any claims about influence of fraternity living on studies and grades. And there should be.

We suggest that the Interfraternity Council make an attempt to study the scholastic problem. If you don't think the scholastic standing of Penn State fraternities is poor, we suggest you take a look at the all-College group averages recently released by the College.

Fraternity men ranked as the lowest group in the College, with an anemic 1.38.

A study of the averages of fraternity men before and after they have entered fraternities would serve two purposes. First, such a study would show whether fraternity living lowers the average of a student, or whether men with low averages gravitate to fraternities. In addition, the survey could be broken down from house to house so that house averages could be correlated to the type of pledge system and study hours regulations and enforcement in an attempt to discover what methods work best.

This seems like a worthwhile project for IFC and the Association of Fraternity Counselors to undertake.

Senior Reception Is Excellent Idea

In days when a college graduation assumes the appearance of a factory assembly line, the announcement that President and Mrs. Eisenhower will hold a reception for members of the January graduating class is a welcome addition to the mid-year ceremonies.

The reception will give mid-year graduates and their parents an opportunity to meet—and say good-bye—to the College's first family. We feel certain they will find the Eisenhowers charming people.

Our only regret is that such a reception cannot be held each June so that the bulk of the '52 graduates can get acquainted with the Prexy and Mrs. Prexy. The size of the June class makes such a reception impossible.

In the meantime, students—seniors as well as lower classmen—will find the doors to the Prexy's office open at all times, within the limited time of his crammed schedule.

Busy as the Prexy's schedule is, we have never known him to turn a student away from his door.

Safety Valve—

9 p.m. Deadline Is No Answer To Telephone Situation

TO THE EDITOR: I was very much amused by the proposals and statements included in yesterday's article (Jan. 16 issue of the Daily Collegian) on the phone service to the women's dorms.

The proposed 9 p.m. deadline is a wonderful idea. Help solve the problem of 5000 men trying to call 3000 women by cutting available time by a third. A complete solution could be attained by eliminating phones completely—then there'd be no phone problem. The campus parking problem could be solved equally well by prohibiting parking on campus.

Also in the article "the number of calls at other times of the day on the dorm line does not warrant an increase of trunk lines." Regardless of Mr. Sigworth's claims, the policy of the Bell Telephone Co. is to install enough phones to handle the peak load. Consider the situation carefully. The average student spends about five hours a day in class, sleeps eight hours, and cannot use the phones from 10 to 12 at night. Eating consumes another one and a half hours.

If during three of the remaining seven and a half hours the students as a whole want to concentrate their phone use, why not let them?

How about giving the men of the College a break, Mr. Sigworth. If you wasted three hours a night or two a week calling the dorms and waiting between calls, you'd probably be willing to part with a little of that \$17,500,000 the College just got to eliminate this basic bottleneck.

—Peter J. Lunde

Letter Cut

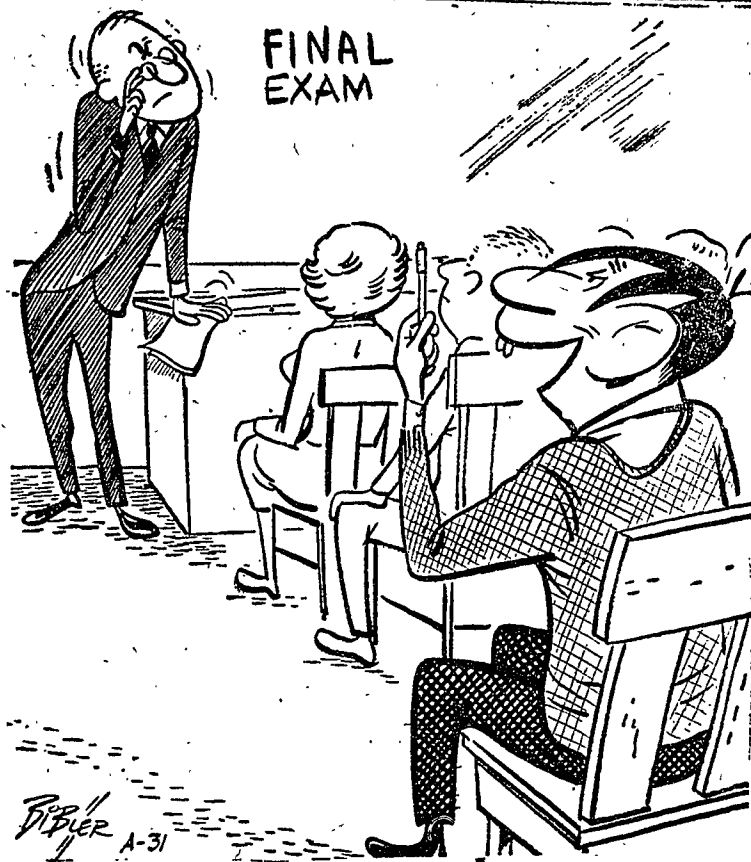
(Ed. Note: Nobody has "proposed" setting a 9 p.m. deadline on phone calls. Such a move was "considered," which is a far cry from a concrete proposal. The telephone congestion is as displeasing to Sigworth as it is Lunde, and like Lunde, Sigworth has no say over the \$17,500,000. Let's be fair.)

"Who stabs my name would stab my person, too, did not the hangman's ax lie in the way." —Crown

"It is a miserable thing to live in suspense; it is the life of a spider." —Swift

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"By the way, prof—what is the name of this course, anyway."

Interpreting the News

Applause Turns To Afterthought

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

The applauding warmth with which Winston Churchill's address was received on Thursday seems to be about evenly matched with cautious congressional afterthought.

The British prime minister's suggestion that the U.S. should join other states in a token international defense of the Suez Canal had already met a cool reception when broached on the executive level, and found no better fate in Congress.

He said he had not come to ask for gold to support Britain's living standards. This is the full quotation. It is important as against the partial one, that he had not come to ask for gold, which has been widely quoted, and commented upon outside its context.

But if Mr. Churchill was not sighting at the ingots of Fort Knox, he was sighting at the ingots of Pittsburgh, the wheels of Detroit, and the fields of Kansas. He was saying, as he said before America entered World War II, if you will give us these things we will do something for you that otherwise you would have to do for yourselves—we will help defend you to the limit. But he didn't say it very well and is being criticized.

I have frequently referred to the old boy as having a terrific presence about world affairs. Yet on this trip he has not exhibited the same sureness, the same plan, about how to conduct a 1952-model war, with all its new complexities, which he exhibited in facing the more direct and feelable Hitler war.

Chairman Richards of the House foreign relations committee said "who could blame the old lion if, in his speech, he seemed not to realize that the victorian colonial

and empire system is a thing of the past?"

Well, it's hardly a matter of blame. In Churchill's case it is certainly to be tolerated and sympathized with. But it is a grave matter in dealing with some of the very problems he mentioned.

Britain and even Churchill have reformed a lot in this respect, but it is the remainder of this attitude which has produced great troubles in Iran, Egypt, and elsewhere which now become problems of the United States.

Senator Bridges (R.-N.H.), referring to the Suez proposal, said "I can't see anything there at the present time that would affect U.S. security," and therefore require the presence of even a token American military force.

Well, there's plenty there that affects American security, just as there is in Iran, in Korea, in Southeast Asia, and anywhere where Russia might be able to take over another outpost in her expansionist drive.

But whether the interests of the free world would best be served by such an extreme show of solidarity with Britain in Egypt, involving America deeply in the hatred of the Arab world for Western domination, is an entirely different sort of question.

Mr. Churchill's speech was not received in Britain with unmitigated applause, either. His virtual promise to go along in Asia if extension of the Korean war becomes necessary, caused raised eyebrows and considerable discomfort. So did his talk about aiding Chiang Kai-Shek on Formosa.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express even took the tack that the Suez proposal meant yielding part of Britain's authority in the Middle East. Britons have never been too happy about the positions occupied by the United States when postwar stringencies forced British withdrawal from Greece and Turkey.

"Food and People" will be the theme for the Spring Week-End of the School of Home Economics at the Pennsylvania State College. The annual program will be held on campus April 25-26.

Gazette . . .

Saturday, January 19

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Carolyn Barrett, Harvey Bolan, David Fenton, Marcia Germaine, Thomas Jeffrey, Lavern Merritt, James Minick, Joseph Saber, John Taylor, John Thompson, Anthony Tornetta, Ross Zimmerman.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Decision Before Dawn 2:13, 4:06, 5:59, 7:52, 9:45
STATE: Flame of Araby 2:11, 4:03, 5:55, 7:47, 9:39

NITTANY: Arizona Manhunt 6:25, 8:19, 10:15

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Man for secretarial work.
Men to serve as sub waiters and dishwashers between semesters.
Man to work for room.
Driver for delivery truck in evenings.