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Consider All Facets Of Radio Situation

A student radio station on campus seems to be getting closer and closer to reality. On Monday, the announcement was made that the College was considering sharing half the yearly operating costs of the proposed station. This would amount to approximately \$3000.

The other half of these annual expenses are supposed to come from the student body. The natural method of obtaining these funds is through the levying of a student fee. However, no matter how small the fee or what the purpose of the fee, groans of distaste over such an idea always are heard.

Penn State needs a radio station. If a small fee (in this case about 15 cents a semester has been suggested) is necessary to obtain the station, then there should be little objection to the fee.

But before action is taken on the fee proposal, several questions must first be cleared up. Among these are: How soon will the station's coverage extend to all students, or at least to the top number of students that can possibly be reached? Does the \$6000 annual operating expenses allow for this expansion to take place? Just how much control will students have in the operation of the station? If the station is expected to operate only two hours a day to begin with, how long will it take to increase the daily number of hours of operation?

Some students will also question the statement issued by the radio committees that the basis for the fifty-fifty split in expenses is that the station will provide a means of educating students in radio work and at the same time provide a means of communication for the students. They will say that if the operation is going to be fifty-fifty, what about the \$10,000 that students have already put toward the station through senior class gifts.

The question of future expansion may prove to be one which could cause trouble for the station. Naturally the fraternities and the large living units downtown will want assurance that they will eventually be able to receive the station's signal before supporting the fee. If the estimated \$6000 yearly expense does not allow for this type of expansion, the 15 cent fee may have to be increased. Or perhaps the College could assume the cost of this expansion in upholding the fifty-fifty cost split.

Now that the station is so close to reality, and yet not close enough to go into any real operation until next fall, it would not be wise to rush into the matter without careful consideration of all the issues involved. It seems safe to assume, however, that the radio station will be operating next fall.

Academic Honesty Is Student's Duty

Before Christmas vacation the Council of Administration emphasized Rule W-1 under Regulations for Undergraduate Students. The rule deals with cases of academic dishonesty.

It was reported that faculty attention was being called to this rule to insure uniformity of treatment in academic dishonesty cases. The rule reads, "The College regards all acts of dishonesty as deserving severe punishment. Any case of dishonesty shall be reported to the student's dean, through the head of the department and the dean of the school in which the dishonesty was committed."

At the same time the emphasis came, a student was dropped from the College for academic dishonesty. The College has shown that it will act and act promptly. With final exams but a few days away it is not too soon for us to re-emphasize the importance of honesty—considered by most to be a virtue in life.

The pressure will soon be on. It is up to you, the student, to uphold the conduct which is expected of not only Penn State students, but students throughout the world.

—Mimi Ungar

March of Dimes A Worthy Crusade

The March of Dimes is currently holding its annual campaign for funds. One of the features of this campaign in the College area has been the WMAJ Discs for Dimes show, on which listeners pledge various amounts to the drive to hear certain records played on the program. This year's Discs for Dimes Show will be held Sunday night.

There is little doubt that the March of Dimes is one of the favorite charities which conduct annual drives. Its stock in this area rose tremendously last fall when Centre County was classified an epidemic area. The county group spent over \$20,000 last year. Most of this money went into hospitalization costs, which totaled over \$15,000. And 25 per cent of the people stricken with the disease during the epidemic are still in the hospital.

The March of Dimes is not conducting an organized drive on campus. It cannot because it is not a member of Campus Chest. Last spring there was a great furor caused by a misunderstanding concerning the March and the Chest. A national foundation ruling does not allow local chapters to take part in combined drives such as the Chest.

The ruling is one which causes some bewilderment on the part of many people. The reason given by the national headquarters is that such drives cut the money gained by the March by about two-thirds.

One important thing students should remember when they see the March of Dimes cans downtown is that they are covered by the Centre County fund. Fifty per cent of the county's collection after the drive remains in the county. Of the 50 per cent which goes to the national group, a certain per cent goes to aid epidemic areas (such as Centre County). The rest is used for research, etc.

Centre County is considered the home county for all students at the College. Thus, if a student should be stricken while here, the local fund is at his disposal. This makes the county's lot a tough one, especially since few funds come from the College community of 11,000 students.

While a March of Dimes campaign will not be conducted on campus, students should be cognizant of the great work being done by the group. Their recognition of these efforts can be shown by contributing to the drive through the March of Dimes cans in downtown business establishments.

Spring Schedules

Two weeks from today registration for the spring semester will begin in Recreation Hall. Under the new centralized registration system, which worked quite successfully last fall, students are to have their schedules checked by advisers early. Therefore, when they come back from vacation, if they manage to get home during finals, they are ready to pick up their forms and register.

As those who made mistakes last year found out, little errors just do not jibe with a fast-moving, highly-organized registration system. Now is the time to work out a schedule and check and recheck it to make sure that no silly and avoidable mistakes have been made. This can save plenty of trouble later on.

At the same time, advisers could probably save themselves a great many headaches by calling in their advisees to at least get them moving toward the completion of a schedule. With the final rush before exams now in process, many students are becoming somewhat flustered. A little reminder on the part of advisers could prove a great help.

Safety Valve—

Lawn Display Lauded

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their generous contribution in supplying a most magnificent display during the Christmas season in the front campus. We have seen many displays during our time in State College, but this was one of the finest to ever adorn the front campus. The people of the community and visitors have passed along to us many complimentary remarks about the display.

We wish to you and the other students of The Pennsylvania State College a very successful year and if there is anything that we can do for you, please let it be known.

—M. C. Mateer
President, Chamber of Commerce

Gazette...

Wednesday, January 14

GERMAN CLUB, Simmons Lounge, 7 p.m.
HILLEL CONCERT, 224 S. Miles St., 8 p.m.
KAPPA PHI KAPPA, 207 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY, Sigma Phi Sigma, 7:30 p.m.
PENN STATE GRANGE, 100 Hort. Bldg., 7 p.m.
PENN STATE HELLENIC SOCIETY, TUB, 7:30 p.m.
PI TAU SIGMA meeting, 211 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.
WRA BOWLING CLUB, White Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, White Hall, 7 p.m.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I got several to clip to my final exam papers—I don't want Prof. Snarf to forget whose paper he's grading."

Interpreting the News

British 'Trade' Drive Now in High Gear

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

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The British campaign for "trade, not aid," predicated on a demand for removal of American tariff barriers, has gone into high gear—perhaps prematurely.

Britain wants to try to bridge the dollar gap and thus bring sterling back into the fold of hard currencies. Her top leaders, right up to Churchill, have joined the effort to convince the United States that it is to the general benefit of everyone.

R. A. Butler, Britain's chancellor of the Exchequer, says, "The right policies for a creditor country like the U.S. include readiness to receive imports, and to let foreign goods compete in their domestic markets without artificial obstructions. In the U.S. that touches particularly upon tariff policy and tariff procedure, quota restrictions, buy-American legislation, shipping discriminations and subsidies. Moreover, the trade, not aid, policy would be greatly strengthened by a continuation and expansion of U.S. overseas investment, both governmental and private . . . reasonably steady American purchase of raw materials, at reasonably stable and economic prices, would be a very great help."

British negotiators are expected to bring their proposals directly to Washington very soon, perhaps even next month. If they do, they are likely to run into an American situation which has not jelled.

They will have the support, in the main, of the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce. But there is a strong movement in both business and government circles to consolidate all U.S. activities in the international economic field under one agency. The argument over this seems likely to keep policy unsettled for a much greater time than the British are inclined to wait. And if the idea is ultimately adopted, organizational delays will be added.

The British, unless they are to add to the natural hesitations of a traditionally protectionist country, must also be prepared to answer promptly a very pointed question. That will be, "What commitments are you willing to make against trade with the Iron Curtain countries?"

Andrei Gromyko, the nimble Russian ambassador to London, has spent a great deal of effort trying to make a new trade deal with the British. The U.S. takes a dim view of anything which helps the Communist economy and thereby eases the pinch put on Iron Curtain peoples by the Kremlin's emphasis on heavy, or war, industry. Britain takes the view that she benefits more by her imports from Eastern Europe than the Communists do by her exports. She gets a fifth of her timber, of which she is very short, from them, and a third of her coarse grain imports, as well as many other important items. Yet only 2.5 per cent of her imports come from there, in return for 1.5 of her exports. It's not so much the size as the kind of business done there in which Britain is interested. But she may have to agree to further restrict it—war materials are now banned—in return for U.S. concessions in other fields. For one thing, she continues to sell rubber to Russia, within the limits of pre-Korean War demand, although she has cut off sales of this definitely strategic material to Communist China.

Britain may be asked, too, if she cannot display a little more friendly attitude toward the two great projects which Europe is now working on, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European army.

The forthcoming negotiations, therefore, will not consist merely of presentation of British proposals and American consideration of them. There's going to be some bargaining. If the British insist on beginning them before the new Washington administration can get itself set, they may result only in frustration.