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Penn State Suffers Some Growing Pains

In his faculty address earlier this semester, President Milton S. Eisenhower brought out important problems caused by Penn State's rapid post-war growth.

The College must decide, the President said, to do one of four things about enrollment in the future:

1. Continue expanding enrollment to meet demands.
2. Stabilize enrollment and strive for improved quality.
3. Curtail campus enrollment but expand enrollment at centers.
4. Seek an answer somewhere between the extremes.

Immediate reaction might be to seek the middle way—curtail enrollment a bit and improve quality at the same time. This is not always easy. And it may just be the easy way out.

Penn State, because it is Pennsylvania's land-grant college, must meet the educational demands of the State. Therefore the College is under somewhat justified pressures to admit as many students as possible. Because of this, quality must be sacrificed.

Under present admission procedures, freshmen must be in the upper three-fifths of their high school graduating class, or pass an entrance examination. It would probably do no good to raise the three-fifths number, since high schools vary greatly. A student in the third fifth of one high school might well rank in the top fifth at another high school. Despite the entrance requirements, many students entering Penn State are definitely not college

material. There is a problem, then, of weeding those out once they are here.

While they are here, they are using funds which could be better spent on improving quality for a smaller student body. Every student that fails out of college is costing the State money. A high mortality rate, then, is an unnecessary expense. If student selection is good, the expense need not exist. With good selection, the mortality ratio will fall and the money spent for graduates will have been well spent.

Where is the man, however, who can predict who will fail out of college? Many students of low aptitude apply themselves and become good students. Others of high aptitude waste away their time and fail.

Quantity thus is often at the expense of quality. Those who graduate are of sufficient quality. But they would be of even higher quality if less time and money were spent in attempts to educate those not capable of college work.

This is not a "superior" point of view, but a realistic point of view. Graduates of Penn State should be an asset to the State that helps educate them. To be an asset, they must be educated as well as possible. There is no substitute for an education which offers the maximum.

The State may be best served, then, by stabilizing Penn State enrollment to some extent. The College is large enough to offer opportunities not possible at small schools. It must not grow too large to offer good education. It is not that large yet, but it could become so.

Curtailing campus enrollment and increasing enrollment at centers may be a good solution. Complete stabilization of enrollment is probably not the answer. But neither is continued expansion of enrollment. It must be remembered, when the future course of Penn State is charted, that bigness begets as many problems as it solves.

On Junior Week

For two months a group of students has been busily running to meetings, counting ballots, planning programs, auditioning talent and worrying about the annual phenomenon of Junior Class Week.

The efficiency of the committee work would ordinarily give no cause for worry. Projects planned for this year's Junior Week are directed toward class spirit and fun. But both being interdependent, there can be little fun—or success—in the week without class spirit.

Starting tomorrow night with the all-junior talent review, the week's activities will honor the Class of '55. Juniors will be guests of honor at the pep rally Thursday, the prom Friday and the Chapel service Sunday. The coronation of a Junior Prom Queen will highlight the week's emphasis on fifth and sixth semester students. All in all, it seems to be a very well-rounded, well-planned schedule.

But the week is hardly being planned for chairmen and committee members alone. It could be a means of bringing classmates together in a series of enjoyable programs. It could rejuvenate the attitude of class identity. And it could be a lot of fun if enough people show interest. The work of the committees now is a means toward a potentially successful end. Certainly, juniors may realize their part in promotion of Junior Week by attending its functions.

For a class is only as good as what it does. And without juniors participating with the enthusiasm and interest they showed as freshmen, the Class of '55 may not be as good as most members think it is.

—Baylee Friedman

WSGA Meeting

The Women's Student Government Association has been criticized and lauded on this campus for many years now, often by people who know very little about its organization.

At 6:30 p.m. tomorrow students and faculty will finally have a chance to see how it works. The Senate of WSGA is sponsoring an open meeting in Simmons lounge. It will be a typical meeting with projects under discussion that have been discussed before and with ideas that have not.

The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint students and faculty members with the aims and organization of one of the largest governing bodies on campus. It affects every woman student. And certainly what affects the women, affects the entire student body.

Senate meetings have been open to the public for quite a while. Unfortunately, most people attending are in some official capacity. The open meeting is being planned to encourage interest. It can only be successful if interest is shown.

Attending tomorrow night's meeting, whether out of interest or curiosity, is a responsibility for anyone who knows little about WSGA. Student government depends on the individual student. And it's up to him what type of government he has.

—B. F.

Gazette...

- Today
- AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND AFFILIATES, 7 p.m., 117 Osmond Lab.
 - BELLES LETTRES CLUB, 7 p.m., NE Lounge of Atherton Hall.
 - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main.
 - COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
 - COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Business Office.
 - COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 317 Willard.
 - COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie.
 - EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 206 Burrowes.
 - EL CIRCULO ESPANOL, 7:30 p.m., 121 Sparks.
 - INKLING BUSINESS STAFF, people interested in advertising, promotion, or circulation, 7:30 p.m., Froth Office.
 - PENN STATE CLUB, 7 p.m., 405 Old Main.
 - POLLOCK COUNCIL, 6:15 p.m., Nittany 20.
 - PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7 p.m., 318 Willard.
 - QUARTERDECK SOCIETY, 7 p.m., Ward Room.
 - THETA SIGMA PHI, 7 p.m., 219 Simmons.
 - WRA BADMINTON CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall gym.
 - WRA RIFLE CLUB, 8 p.m., Rifle Range.
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Experienced waiters and dishwashers for on and off campus.

- Boy to clean store after midnight. Permanent job.
 - Mechanical or Industrial Engineer to work between 6 and 10 hours a week.
- COLLEGE HOSPITAL
- Hester Anskis, William Dzoba, Anthony Giangiaco, Ivan Kahn, Andrew Krassowski, Karen Scherer, William Lennarz and Marilyn White.
- COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE
- The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.
- ELECTRO METALLURGICAL CO. will interview Jan. graduates in Business Administration, Chem., Phys., Metal., Chem. Engr., EE, IE, ME, and Min. prep. Engr. on Nov. 3.
 - WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE will interview Jan. graduates in ME on Nov. 3.
 - GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Chem., Phys., Metal., ChE, EE, Aero. E., Arch. E., CE, IE, ME, on Nov. 5.
 - CONTINENTAL OIL CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Petroleum Production Engineering on Nov. 5 and 6.
 - PAUL E. WILLIAMS, Ph.D., will interview Jan. B.S. candidates in Bus. Mngs., Eco., Marketing, Pre-Med., Science, ChE, EE, IE, ME, and Arts and Letters on Nov. 5.
 - I-T-E CIRCUIT BREAKER CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE and ME on Nov. 5.
 - ALUMINUM CO. OF AMERICA will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Metal., IE, ME, CE, and EE on Nov. 4.
 - NEW JERSEY ZINC CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in CE, EE, ME, Mining E., and Metal., plus a few outstanding geologists; M.S. candidates in Chem., Metal., Min. Prep., and Ch.E. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Chem., Metal., Min. Prep., and Ch.E. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 or Nov. 4.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



Interpreting the News

Britain and Iran Reaching Agreement

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst

Great Britain and Iran seem to be approaching a deal which will re-establish diplomatic relations, put stored Iranian oil back on the market and pave the way for a settlement between Tehran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

There are a host of complicating factors remaining, one of which—the marketing of the oil—is only a side issue in relations between the two governments.

But Herbert Hoover Jr., sent to Iran by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to look into the possibilities of a settlement of the two-year-old dispute, has changed his schedule to remain in Tehran for a day or so extra before going to Britain, apparently waiting for some concrete expression from the Iranian government.

This follows an Iranian statement that it would like to resume relations with Britain under certain circumstances and then approach a deal with the oil company directly.

The Iranians were believed to be asking immediate lifting of the British blockade which has prevented sale of stored oil, and release of funds due Iran which Britain had placed in escrow pending settlement of the oil company's claims to payment for its nationalized properties. An agreement on these preliminary points was expected.

This faced the world oil industry with the prospect that Iranian oil, produced more cheaply than any other in the world, would hit the market just at a time when peak production, begun in other areas two years ago had begun to outstrip demand.

There had been hope that Iran would eventually make a new operating and marketing arrangement with Anglo-Iranian, which with its widespread outlets would be able to take up the slack and provide for orderly marketing, giving Iran the money the Allies wish her to have for stabilization without disrupting the market. Lifting the blockade before such an agreement might permit independents to rush in and start price-cutting.

The big oil companies would not be worried over a gradual absorption of the Iranian oil in the market, since demand is still growing and would soon take up the slack.

Even under those circumstances American interests in Arabia and British interests in Kuwait might be forced to cut back their production schedules—and thus cut the revenues of the local governments with which they have contracts—during a skittish period caused by Arabian labor unrest and a prospective change of gov-

ernment in Arabia due to the illness of aged King Ibn Saud.

It will also add to the complication of changes already taking place on the American East Coast, where cheaply-produced Middle East oil is competing with Venezuelan and domestic products.

The British and American governments obviously consider stabilized political relations with Iran, which had been flirting with local Communists, politically and with Russia economically under the Mossadegh anti-British government, to be more important than any technical troubles in the oil market. But the whole problem is not one to be worked out in a day, even with the best of goodwill in Tehran and London.

Transportation Positions Open

The Army Transportation Corps is now seeking eligible candidates from transportation majors for positions as civilian executives according to a letter received by the new School of Business from General Paul F. Yount, acting chief of transportation for the Army.

It is expected that 30 or more positions will be opened for the fiscal year July, 1954, to June, 1955.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. Hadley Waters, professor of transportation, in the School of Business.

Weatherman Predicts Sunshine Will Continue

The unseasonably sunny weather will continue today with no change expected, according to the College weatherman. The mercury for the last three days has been close to 66 degrees.

October had almost a record amount of sunshine and was drier than usual, he said.

Panhellenic Council

Panhellenic Council will meet at 6:30 tonight in the Kappa Alpha Theta suite, 110 McElwain.