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...And Then a Recommendation Is Made

The Joint House-Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday recommended the \$27.7 million "disaster budget" for the University. This came on top of an interesting study released by the research bureau of the Department of Public Instruction.

The results of the survey, which were released Monday from Harrisburg, show that only one out of 70 Pennsylvanians is now attending college. This ranks the state, in proportion of population, 32nd in the nation. Pennsylvania even lags behind its neighboring states. Only West Virginia has a poorer showing.

New York has one college student to 47 persons, New Jersey and Ohio one to 56, Maryland one to 59 and Delaware, one to 67.

College-trained personnel make up only 5.4 per cent of the state's population over 25 years, ranking Pennsylvania 29th in the nation. Here, too, it lags behind its neighboring states except West Virginia, which ranks 44th.

Pennsylvania should not be proud of these figures. The state should want to correct them.

But on top of the release of these figures, the powerful Joint House-Senate Appropriations Committee recommends \$27.7 million—truly a "disaster budget"—for its state university!

What exactly does a \$27.7 million appropriation mean to the University?

It means it cannot assume its role as the state, land-grant institution of the Common-

wealth. It cannot supply the services demanded by residents of the state. It cannot afford to expand to meet the growing crisis in higher education. It cannot afford to increase salaries of its faculty and staff.

The faculty and staff have been waiting and hoping for a salary increase. "Our salaries," President Eric A. Walker told the Assemblymen in Harrisburg April 2, "lag behind other universities of our kind by a considerable percentage and behind industry by a much greater margin. We are losing men to industry which in most instances offer 50 per cent salary boosts."

The University, with a \$27.7 million appropriation, will probably lose many top men. Undoubtedly many faculty and staff members have been staying on just in hopes of a pay increase—an increase which may not come about.

The University has many new dormitory plans on the drawing boards. It has borrowed approximately \$40 million for dormitory expansion. A \$27.7 million appropriation will probably kill these plans.

The University has an obligation as the state and land-grant institution of the Commonwealth to expand to meet the crisis in higher education.

It cannot meet this obligation and crisis on a \$27.7 million appropriation.

—The Editor

How Did Some Sneak In?

In the back pages of the 1957 LaVie, there are informal pictures of 43 students who are titled "personalities."

This year's selection of "personalities" is worse than ever. Many outstanding students who have contributed much to the University were overlooked and, on the other hand, several were included that have little claim to fame.

The basis for selecting the "personalities" is supposedly campus fame, activities, and a "positive" contribution to the University.

A "personality," we believe, is one who is well-known among students. A student should not be rejected just because he is disliked by a few.

Out of 43 "personalities," only one was selected for his contribution to sports. A ratio of 42 to 1, in favor of campus activities, is a disappointing proportion since many athletes are more widely known than members of All-University Cabinet.

LaVie was severely criticized last year because the senior board of LaVie was overwhelmingly represented in "personalities." At that time, LaVie staffers said that next year they would be more selective.

It seems that they failed. This year there are 10 out of 16 LaVie senior board faces smiling in the "selected" section. Two of the six who weren't selected are juniors!

One reason why so many LaVie people are

included is, as one senior boarder said, "You can't tell the person sitting beside you that he doesn't deserve it."

The selection of personalities, granted, is not an easy job. When dealing with possibly hundreds of eligible students, no yardstick can measure who is the most popular.

The method by which they are now selected, however, is poor. The nine college student councils draws up a list of students whom they believe are personalities and submits it to LaVie. The senior board of LaVie compiles the lists and, in approving it, can either add or subtract names.

LaVie "Personalities" should be selected by a board of students who would automatically be included. This board could perhaps include the editor of LaVie, the editor of Collegian, All-University president and the senior class president.

To avoid missing students, the board could check the membership lists of hat societies for the past three years and Who's Who in the News at Penn State. These lists are not all-inclusive, but they might rescue the names of a few worthy students.

LaVie next year should make a particular effort to carefully weigh the merit of every eligible student. The "personalities" should be selected wisely and objectively.

—Judy Harkison

But Not Two Years

The University is toying with a plan that would require coeds to take two years of civil defense—a plan that has good possibilities.

The training would include instruction in first aid and evacuation procedures and would grant the same credits for the courses as men receive for the compulsory two-year military science program, President Eric A. Walker said.

"Requirement," however, is a strong word. It is doubtful whether the majority of women would be interested in learning two-years worth of civil defense. If a two-year program would be necessary to adequately cover the different aspects of civil defense, the program should be made optional.

Two years is a long period of time. If the program were shortened to one semester or one year, it would be attractive to more women students.

Civil defense training is a good suggestion and would, as Dr. Walker said, help the Commonwealth in time of emergency.

However, serious consideration should be given to the merits of a shorter training program.

—Judy Harkison

Cooling Relief

The Cathaum Theatre has taken the long-awaited lead for air-conditioned movie houses in State College. The theatre hopes to have a 60-ton cooling unit installed by July 1.

The State Theatre is obtaining estimates on the costs of installing air-conditioning.

Students have been sweltering in warm State College movie houses for years. Many words have been written on this page and many students have worked for air-conditioned theatres.

The two theatres deserve congratulations for taking the steps toward installing air-conditioning—even though they are many years late.

—The Editor

Almost Overlooked

Ten men and two women students were honored for their outstanding scholastic achievement by receiving the Evan Pugh Scholarship awards yesterday afternoon in a small-but-impressive ceremony.

The selection of the winners, made by the University Senate Committee on Scholarships and Awards, is based mainly on scholarship. The list of names is then given to President Eric A. Walker for approval and the University Senate for ratification.

Dr. Franklin B. Krauss, president of the Honor Societies Council, addressed the scholars and presented them with their awards.

Four of the five seniors were winners of the awards in their junior year.

The awards, given annually in memory of the first president of the University, were established over a decade and a half ago by the council.

The medals are donated each year by the council. The senior winners receive gold medals and the juniors, silver.

Several years ago the awarding of the medals was done in Schwab Auditorium along with other scholastic awards. However, few persons attended these ceremonies. The University one year even dismissed classes for the ceremony.

Many persons admit that Penn State lacks the "academic atmosphere" it should have. Maybe someday yesterday's small-but-impressive ceremony will attract the interest of the entire student body and faculty. Then we will have that better "academic atmosphere."

—Paula Miller

Gazette

TODAY
HAT SOCIETY COUNCIL, 8 tonight, 212 Hetsel Union Bldg.
NITTANY GROTTOS, 7 tonight, 121 Mineral Industries.
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Stanley Burd, Nancy Himmelreich, Thomas S. Joyce, Nilda Lopez, William Newhouse.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"If you think we're busy now—you should come in some time when it ain't so close to finals."

A Fateful Day For the President

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, May 21(A)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was in France at the time, taking over as the new commander of the North Atlantic forces. So he probably neither knew, nor cared, what was happening in Carson City, Nev., on Feb. 26, 1951.

Yet what took place that day may have a bearing on the troubles President Eisenhower is having today with Congress. And it may explain why, so early in his second term after a surprisingly easy victory, he feels he has to take his case directly to the people.

For on Feb. 26, 1951, Nevada approved the 22nd Amendment. Since it was the 36th state to take such action, the amendment that limits a president to two terms became a part of the Constitution.

Eisenhower is the first to serve under this new limitation, and some political scientists, who have been queried by Rep. Stewart L. Udall (D-Ariz.), believe it puts a real check on his powers.

As long as a president can run for office again, no congressman with political ambition—especially if he is of the same party—is likely to oppose him too far, is their reasoning.

But once the President says he won't run again, or is barred from another term, each politician busily begins dreaming of his own glorious political career.

Or as Clinton Rossiter, chairman of the Department of Government at Cornell University, said in a letter to Udall:

"Everything in our history tells us that a President who does not or cannot seek reelection loses much of his grip in his last couple of years"—Rossiter was writing a month ago, before the battle of the budget became quite so intense—"and we no longer can afford Presidents who lose their grip."

Udall, who wants the amendment repealed, has asked political scientists what they think. So far 20 have agreed with him, 2 have said no, and 2 have said they don't think much of the amendment but aren't anxious to see it removed.

And what about the first man in our history to be affected by the limitation?

On Oct. 5, 1956, long before his present problems, Eisenhower told a news conference:

"By and large, the United States ought to be able to choose for its President anybody that it wants, regardless of the number of terms he has served. Some people have said, 'You let him get enough power, and

this will lead to a one-party government.' That I don't believe.

"I have got the utmost faith in the long-term common sense of the American people."

Juniors Named To Class Board

Thirty-six persons have been appointed to the senior class advisory board, Thomas Hollander, class president, has announced.

They are: Joseph Ann Butler, Audrey Sassano, Elizabeth Marvin, Patricia Moran, Leslie Shultz, Joyce Fullerton, Patricia Miernicki, Rosemary Keating, Barbara Bollinger, Barbara Kinnier, Betty Adelson, Mary Metz.

Mary Kreider, Carolyn Johnson, Mary Lockwood, Mrs. Jacqueline Brown, Isabel Barnes, Josephine Hough, Edwin Henrie, Bernard Appelbaum, James Olmes, Richard Zeller, William Harrison, Thomas Schneider.

Warren Carmichael, Robert Nurock, Stephen Higgins, James Stratton, David Tressler, Marshall Berman, Robert Yeager, Ronald Ross, David Faust, Jack Halpern, James Jimirro and Leslie Phillibaum.

National Forestry Group Elects Shain to Office

Louis Shain, junior in forestry from Philadelphia, has been elected forester of Xi Sigma Pi, national forestry fraternity.

Other officers are Robert Stutzman, junior from Johnstown, associate forester; Gareth Turgeon, junior from Everett, secretary-fiscal agent; and Charles Strauss, junior from Pittsburgh, ranger.

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11:30 News: Sign Off