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## Maybe Someday They Will Learn

The school year 1956-57 saw a new administration take over in Old Main at probably what could be termed the crossroads of Penn State history.

The University faces a destiny to grow and expand to help meet the higher education needs of the Commonwealth.

The University within the next decade may even double its present size, and it took a hundred years to reach the present size.

The road of growth will bring many headaches to the University. The new administration even this year has experienced its share.

For the University to grow and expand to meet the needs of the Commonwealth will take foresight planning and administration. But probably most of all it will take money.

The University undoubtedly will have a difficult time obtaining the necessary funds, considering most of it will have to come from the state—a conservative state. It's a state in which residents would often rather do without than to have to pay taxes.

President Eric A. Walker, we think, has done a tremendous job in pushing for a higher budget for the University. But it appears his work may be to no avail. The University will probably receive a \$27.7 million appropriation.

The faculty and staff members may not receive that much-needed pay increase, but none can say that the President has not done all humanly possible to obtain the necessary funds.

It will indeed be disheartening if the University has to curtail its expansion program because of lack of funds. The University, we believe,

is obligated to meet the growing crisis in higher education in the Commonwealth. But Dr. Walker has said plans for constructing new men's dormitories on Park Ave. will have to be discarded if the University only receives \$27.7 million from the state.

Harrisburg says the money just isn't available. The Legislature had to slash almost \$100 million from Gov. George M. Leader's budget to keep it balanced. And, as we have said, "taxes" is a dirty word among state legislators and residents.

This year, then, certainly hasn't been an encouraging one for the new administration. It's had to learn its "knocks" early.

Many legislators are denouncing federal aid to education. Someday maybe they will learn that it's actions like appropriating the University a \$27.7 million "disaster budget" that bring on federal aid.

And maybe someday residents of the state will realize that they cannot receive necessary services without paying for them.

We second Sen. Jo Hays (D.-Centre-Clearfield) when he says students "might exert a tremendous influence on this issue if they really wanted to do so." They can do this by making their wishes known to members of the General Assembly through letters, telegrams and personal contacts.

This is a chance for the students to make the "P" in Pennsylvania stand for "Progress" and perform a valuable service to the University and higher education as a whole in the state. —The Editor

## Safety Valve

### 'Personalities' Again

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to comment on the letter in yesterday's Daily Collegian by Marjorie Blank and Jean MacMahon concerning the controversy over the LaVie personality selections.

I feel that Miss Blank and Miss MacMahon, the two Senior Editors of LaVie, in their letter gave more of an appearance of being hit where it hurt rather than an intelligent analysis of Miss Harkison's ability to criticize and a reasonable defense of the selections.

Miss Blank and Miss MacMahon contended that because the person doing the criticizing is a junior, by virtue merely of being a junior, she is not qualified to criticize. I do not think it is logical to arbitrarily decree that the competence to criticize rests on a person's semester status.

I would more think that the criterion would be solely one of whether or not the person doing the criticizing is objective. Because this controversy directly concerns only seniors, I would suggest that informed persons in any class would be perhaps more qualified to criticize than many seniors.

And it strikes me as being even less logical that Miss Blank and Miss MacMahon are objective regarding this matter. Miss Blank was a member of the LaVie Senior Board which "selected" her to be included in the personalities and Miss MacMahon was also a member of the same group which "selected" her to be one of the six LaVie belles. I think that this eliminates them from being in any position to judge the critical competence of anyone who reviews the selection.

I realize that selecting the personalities is a matter basically of personal judgement and in many cases of weighing them against each other. I also am aware that it would be an almost superhuman task to select a group that would please everyone.

However, when nine out of the 14 eligible LaVie Senior Boarders emerge as personalities and another as a belle, they leave themselves wide-open to criticism regardless of their own self-evaluated worth.

If the members of the LaVie Senior Board wish to protect themselves from this yearly barrage of criticism they will and can intel-

ligently devise a method of selection which will not solely involve the Board itself.

I certainly do feel that the campus athletes were ignored in this year's selections. Miss Blank's and Miss MacMahon's lame excuse that "it is much easier for a sports star to make a name for himself than it is for a student leader" is a poor excuse at its best. And it certainly does not justify a ratio of 42 student leaders to one lone athlete.

After all, all the people interested in athletics subsidize LaVie by the end of their senior year to the tune of approximately \$14 dollars and they are just as entitled to their share of their "personalities" as are the meager 27% of the student body who were interested enough to vote in the past student government spring elections.

I'd wager that more than 27% of the student body shows up for the football games.

Essentially, the yearbook is for the entire senior class, not just for a few privileged persons to give themselves a perpetual pat on the back. And if there are to be personalities I think it is only fair to have some consideration of everyone's preferences. —Becky Zahm

## Cooperation Praised

TO THE EDITOR: I am sure that it is entirely appropriate at this time to express the sincere thanks of the Committee on Traffic and Parking Study to The Daily Collegian, the Penn State student body, and the employees of Physical Plant for excellent cooperation in the field work of the study during the past week. Through the effective participation of everyone named above it was possible to complete a difficult job with excellent results in a minimum of time.

It might be added that employees of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, who installed and maintained the automatic traffic counters on campus for the entire week, expressed pleasant surprise at the absence of tampering with the equipment. They reported this as the first college community in which they had no trouble with vandalism.

—Calvin G. Reen  
Professor of Civil Engineering

## Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"This will make a good exam question: 'Compare social psychology to psychology of music.' But when you make up the final make the question read: 'Collate the formation of social stereotypes and the effect of the social environment of the individual with the psychological principle underlying the musical arts.'"

## Safety Valve

### CD Plan Defended

TO THE EDITOR: In your (Miss Harkison) editorial concerning the proposed civil defense program for coeds, you said, "Requirement," however, is a strong word." The University and others like it all over the country, use the same word for the men's ROTC program. Where does the difference lie?

Not in the relative value of the programs. The ROTC boys are given only a general and limited military background . . . yet intensive training in first aid and evacuation procedure would prove immediately useful in time of war.

It is very unlikely that adequate numbers of coeds would volunteer for such a course if it were made optional. Yet Pennsylvania is curcially lacking in trained CD workers.

Does the difference between ROTC and CD training programs lie in the amount of time needed to reach program? I don't know—but I do feel that this CD training should not be a case of knowing how to tie a tourniquet once, or of remembering how to provision a home for any emergency . . . just long enough to take one test.

Instead of giving "serious consideration . . . to the merits of a shorter program," the Administration should consider the most satisfactory length for such a course, shorter or longer.

I think a two-year course would be more satisfactory than a one-semester one. But whatever is decided, I think the basic idea of required civil defense training for coeds remains a good one, and should definitely be given a trial. —Alan C. Elms

●Letter cut  
(Editor's Note: Mr. Elms, a freshman in psychology, originally suggested the civil defense program to President Eric A. Walker.)

### NSA Defended

TO THE EDITOR: During the past two weeks, the United States National Student Association has been severely criticized by the Editor of The Daily Collegian. I feel that much of the criticism has been unjustified and would

like to clear up a few points which Mr. Dubbs has mentioned.

Mr. Dubbs has said that during the summer of 1956, nine students from the . . . University attended the NSA Congress and failed to prepare reports for Cabinet. But what Mr. Dubbs evidently failed to realize was that only five of these students' trips were financed from the NSA budget which Cabinet approved last year. The other four delegates were representing their respective student councils and did not have any allegiance other than those student councils.

Mr. Dubbs mentioned that "we got lost somewhere in the reasoning." Evidently he was referring to Cabinet's decision to send four delegates this summer. What Mr. Dubbs failed to realize was that the new Cabinet, after gaining additional information, voted to send four delegates to the Congress in spite of, not because of, the similar actions of previous Cabinets. Cabinet decided that it wanted to look at NSA for itself and not depend on precedents set by previous Cabinets and on editorials written by previous Collegian editors. For this Cabinet is to be commended . . .

And Mr. Dubbs has also popularized the idea that these delegates will be attending the Congress for the single purpose of discovering what NSA is and does. . . in addition to this objective, the four delegates will be actively participating in four commissions: Student Affairs, Student Government, Educational Affairs and International Affairs.

In addition, Mr. Dubbs has recommended in his latest editorial that Cabinet reverse its vote to send four delegates to the Congress. Yet, it was the same Mr. Dubbs who last weekend accused Cabinet of being a turncoat . . .

—Ed Henrie,  
NSA Coordinator

●Letter cut  
(Editor's Note: Mr. Henrie would do well to re-read the editorials.)

### Unclaimed Matric Cards

Approximately 100 matriculation cards are still to be picked up in Willard Hall. Students must have the cards in order to register next fall.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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