

Editorial Opinion

Penn State's Needs Hang in the Balance

"Send money" is the proverbial student's proverbial message home.

"Send money" was also the University's message to Harrisburg this week. The University's need, however, is quite a bit greater than that of any individual student.

President Eric A. Walker is believed to have asked Gov. George M. Leader to include somewhere around \$40 million in the biennial state budget next year. The exact amount of the request was not released.

A \$40 million appropriation would be an increase of about \$13 million over the figure for the current biennium.

Walker's last budget request to Leader was for an appropriation of about \$38.5 million, but the figure was pared to \$27.7 million by the time it got into the budget and was further cut to \$27.2 million by the General Assembly.

The outlook for increased state funds for the University is complicated by a joint appeal for more money from the Universities of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh and Temple University.

A spokesman for these universities has said they do not wish to decrease Penn State's share of the state's college-support dollar, but only to increase the total amount spent on colleges by increasing their own shares.

This is without a doubt a fine ideal. And an increase of state support is due. But in practice, Pennsylvania legislators have almost always seemed unenlightened in their spending for educational and welfare purposes. Often it has seemed that highways are more important to them than colleges.

Whether or not the legislators vote large increases in college-support funds, the "lion's share" of the funds that are appropriated should without doubt go to Penn State, for a number of reasons:

- Penn State is The State University. Although its officials have chosen to operate it as a private corporation sometimes when this seems more convenient, nevertheless it is the one official commonwealth institution of university stature.

- As the state university, Penn State must cater to the educational needs of the people of the state. It must give a higher education to as many people as possible who seek this education.

- To meet these needs, the University has launched a mammoth expansion program, which is expected to result in an enrollment of about 35,000 by 1970, with about 25,000 on the main campus.

- The University needs the state money to pay adequate salaries to attract and hold the kind of instructors who will give the best possible education to the most people.

- The University is dependent upon the state for a larger percentage of its income than is any other comparable institution in the Commonwealth. Its fees do not begin to compare with tuition charged at private institutions, nor can it compare endowments.

The University cannot increase its fees and charges to raise all the additional money it needs. To do so would be to put the goal of a college education beyond the reach of many Pennsylvania residents. In the past fees have increased approximately proportionally with increases in state appropriations.

Walker will undoubtedly have to lobby in Harrisburg even more vigorously during the next session of the General Assembly than he did during the last—and he worked hard and well in 1957. Many of the University's needs hang in the balance.

But at this point, obtaining an adequate increase in the state appropriation looks like an uphill fight.

Letters

Reader Wants New Cartoons

TO THE EDITOR: It is to be expected that upon our return to school in the fall we hear and see the same old ads from the downtown stores, who wish to impress upon the freshmen the location and wares of their places of business.

However, why must the readers of The Collegian be again subjected to Bibler's cartoons? We have come to expect Froth to print the same old jokes year after year, but The Collegian usually is above that sort of thing.

When the same stale cartoons are printed for the third year in a row, it is time for a change. If nothing better can be obtained, the space should be devoted to something else.

—Rae Hoopes, '60

EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately, Dick Bibler draws only three new cartoons a week.

Death Sentence Hit In Alabama Case

TO THE EDITOR:

Buried beneath super highways which rocket us to brinks of war, lies the obscured aged byway to be traveled again on Oct. 24. Jimmy Wilson will walk this path.

Another example of white man's wrath.

For a dollar ninety-five, he'll no longer be alive on Oct. 25.

—Eli Joel Katz, graduate student

EDITORS NOTE: James Wilson, a Negro, has been sentenced to death for robbing an Alabama woman of \$1.95.

Gazette

TODAY

- Bryan Green Committee, 1:15 p.m. HUB Driveway
- Freshman commuting women, elections, noon, McElwain lounge
- Juvenile Correctional Training Conference, 9-12 noon, 212-217 HUB
- Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
- Penn State Bible Fellowship Workshop, 2-3:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
- Student Movies, 8 p.m., Assembly Hall, HUB

TOMORROW

- Circa literary magazine, 6:45 p.m., 109 Boucke
- Hillel choir, 6:30 p.m., 214 Carnegie Hall
- Hillel Foundation film, "The Juggler," 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- Hillel Get-Together, Grad and Married Couples Club, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- Outing Club, Mt. Nittany Climb, 2 p.m., Osmond Parking Lot
- Physical Education Student-Faculty Outing, 2 p.m., Civil Engineering Camp, buses from Rec Hall
- Sigma Delta Chi, 7:30 p.m., Theta Delta Chi
- University Party, 7 p.m., 121 Sparks

MONDAY

- Business Administration Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 114 Boucke
- Child and Baby Care classes, 7:30 p.m., 330 W. Beaver
- Penn State Engineer, 7 p.m., 211 Mechanical Engineering

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Raymond Abrams, Eniko Bornemisza, Robert Bridge, Gerald Carlson, Michael Carlson, Edward Caye, Gail Dubrow, Anne Farley, Carol Fegley, Allan Fornicola, John Glasola, Evan Herdman, William Hewlett, Robert Jones, Andrew Jordan, Robert Kopff, Warren Kraft, Howard Mairhofer, Donald Minnich, Judy Moore, Richard Pigoski, Richard Sabel, Marvin Sauters, William Schiarp, Willard Smith, Michael Turner, Fred Bower, Gretchen Hub.

At the turn of the century, on an average day, 15 million newspapers were purchased. Today, 58 million newspapers are purchased on an average day.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Interpreting

Is Formosa Part Of Mainland?

By J. M. ROBERTS
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A major question about the Chinese offshore islands is not whether they belong to the Chinese mainland, but whether the mainland belongs to the Communists.

The Chinese Nationalists long ago adopted the contention that all the islands including Formosa belong to the mainland. That was when they were in charge of the mainland.

Now the mainland is controlled by what much of the world looks upon as usurpers. The claim is made that the Nationalists should keep whatever foothold they can pending a reconquest or a counter-revolution.

The British press and British Labor party, serving a people who are vastly more familiar with Far Eastern trends than are Americans, have been highly critical of this conception.

They do not see the Peiping regime as something temporary, insofar as the present period of history is concerned, any more than the Red regime in Russia has proved to be temporary.

The British government goes along with the United States formally. But some of the very few kind words Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has received from the British press recently came because of the mildness of his UN speech Thursday. Previously he was roundly berated.

The general British expression has been not only that Quemoy is not worth fighting for in any case, but that the

Chinese Reds have a good claim.

This has been tempered in some cases by the realization, believed to have a strong bearing on the government's formal stand, that the Reds might also make a case about Hong Kong.

In effect, the British ask why, if the United States would not fight in 1947-48 to save the whole body of China, she should now make such an issue over a vermiform appendix.

The question would have more validity if the whole world had not been confused in 1947 by Communist claims that theirs was an internal, agrarian, patriotic movement, instead of being a part of international Communist aggression.

Also, even if the United States had then recognized the need for the principal of opposing Communist use of force, she was not in a position to do anything practical about it.

Now, by admitting the Peiping regime's right to control the off-shore islands, the United States would be admitting its right to control the mainland. That is something she is not prepared to do.



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