

Editorial Opinion

# Requesting Federal Aid

The University's student loan fund may be more than tripled within the next two years.

President Eric A. Walker has asked that the University be allowed to take part in the National Defense Education Act of 1958 which authorizes up to \$260,000 per year to each participating institution. Walker has asked for a total of \$581,000—\$116,000 for the rest of the 1958-59 year and \$232,500 for each of the next two succeeding years.

The University's present loan fund comes from the Board of Trustees. Most of this semester's \$50,000 is in use, and the Board has made \$62,000 available for next semester.

It is unnecessary to point out that such a federal loan would be a benefit to the University. How often have we known students who have had to quit school or stagger their education over a long period of time, because of financial difficulties?

This increase in the loan fund would go far toward eliminating this problem—a problem that is becoming more prominent by the day.

Both the University and the federal government recognize the need for a great increase in the educational facilities of the nation. A college education is no longer the luxury it once was; it has become almost a social and economic necessity.

This need for education—and sometimes it seems almost an obsession—is plainly reflected in the provisions of the federal loan act.

The loans are to be paid off in ten installments, beginning one year after graduation.

There will be a three per cent interest, except for students who enter the teaching profession. These students will be "forgiven" half the principal and the interest on that principal at the rate of 10 per cent per year after they become teachers.

Also, the government asks that special consideration be given to superior students in science, mathematics, engineering or a modern foreign language.

It is gratifying to see that the federal government is willing to provide large sums of money for education, and that the University is quick to apply for the available funds.

And if the loan fund comes through, students must do their part and take advantage of it—not having enough money in the student loan fund is regrettable; having it and not putting it to use is inexcusable.

# 'It Can't Happen to Me'

The air raid system of Washington, D.C., was set off accidentally last week.

As klaxons sounded and sirens wailed, people on the streets of the nation's capital scanned the skies or just waited for a traffic light to change. Almost no one attempted to seek cover or leave the city, according to the Associated Press.

Even the Civil Defense headquarters didn't have any idea what was going on.

The reaction in Washington perhaps is a reflection of the great American belief that "It can't happen to me."

This belief is reflected in almost every aspect of American life. The recklessness that has emanated from it has caused countless highway accidents, financial disasters and other individual misfortunes. It could cause the violent deaths of hundreds of thousands of persons in a surprise attack on the nation's city.

The civil defense siren signals are:

- A steady wail for five minutes means evacuate the city.
- A rising and falling wail means it is too late to evacuate, take cover.

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Letters

# Coeds Blast Dorm Rules

TO THE EDITOR: Is there a rhyme or reason for some of the rules that are imposed upon the coeds living in the women's dormitories at the Pennsylvania State University?

For example, if we are permitted to wear slacks and bermudas to classes, and to most campus activities, why aren't we permitted to wear them to our dining halls? Why are we not permitted to wear bermudas in our lounge, which is supposed to be our home away from home?

Our rooms are supposed to be our own, but are they? No!!! Surprise inspections of our supposedly "private" rooms are the rule rather than the exception. If we desire to keep our rooms neat, then we will; if we don't, then it is our own prerogative to do so, since we are members of a democratic society.

Compulsory dorm meetings every week have proved to be, in our estimation, a waste of time. We realize they are of some value; however, they become highly repetitious. We can't go to the library, study or do anything else we may desire because we get blackmarks if we miss a meeting of great unimportance.

This is a university and we are supposed to be young women and not children. How can we be when we are subjected to these rules and regulations which control our every move?

—Linda Weinberg '62; Gertrude Barth '62; Marilyn Chapin '62; Carole Ziegler '62; Myra Liebman '62; Carol Roland '62.

# Student Attendance Asked at Reception

TO THE EDITOR: Social gatherings between students and faculty provide a welcome meeting place for an exchange of ideas on a much more informal basis than will be found in most classrooms. For some reason, these "social gatherings" certainly seem to be few and far between.

This lack exists for the simple reason that the planning of such a function hardly seems worth the trouble when student attendance is so very poor. It might surprise you to know that Mr. "Unknown" standing behind the lectern can mean more to you than just a grade on a paper.

Let's make an attempt now to change the apathy and blase attitude that is present—by your appearance at the Junior-Senior Faculty Reception tomorrow (Wednesday) night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the HUB Main Lounge. Since the sole purpose of the reception is to better acquaint junior and senior women with their faculty and administration . . . need you have more reason to drop in for a short time?

—Jean Kissick, '59, Chairman

# Gazette

TODAY

- Agriculture Student Council, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
- Angel Flight Drill, 6:30 p.m., Armory
- Belles Lettres Club, 7:30 p.m.
- Bryan Green Executive Committee, 2:15 p.m., Waring
- Cabinet Judiciary Evaluation Committee, 9 p.m., 218 HUB
- Chemistry-Physics Student Council, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
- Collegian Ad Staff, old members, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Business Office
- Collegian Promotion Staff, 6:15 p.m., 216 Willard
- Freshman Regulations Board, 12:30 p.m., 212 HUB
- Gamma Sigma Sigma pledges, 6:15 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- Gamma Sigma Sigma members, 6:45 p.m., 216 HUB
- Intercollegiate Conference Government, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
- Neu Bayerischer Schuhplattler, 7 p.m., 2 White
- WSGA Judicial, 6:15 p.m., 217 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Helen Ferri, Brenda Fichtner, Larry Foshman, Arthur Nagel, Lois Rothenberg, Marilyn Teicholtz.

# Visiting Prof to Speak

Dr. Herbert Heaton, visiting distinguished professor of history from the University of Minnesota, will discuss "Socialism—The Fading of the Dream" at the Economics Faculty Seminar at noon today in dining room A of the Hetzel Union Building.

# Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



"You should have seen her demonstration LAST year."

Behind the News

# Football Failure, Frost Fight Fete

By Bob Franklin

Between the Nittany Lions and Old Man Winter, the City of Pittsburgh must have been embarrassed almost to tears at the opening of its bicentennial celebration.

The Lions smashing second-half attack, which paralyzed the Pitt Panthers 25-21, sent Penn State fans into a gleeful frenzy, not just jumping up and down in the stands and screaming their lungs out, but creating a near-riot on the field and ripping down both goal-posts two minutes before the game ended.

Old Man Winter's attack on Friday morning appeared to catch many residents unaware. Those who did not find driving dangerous were snowed in.

But while Pittsburghers had to admit defeat at the hands of Old Man Winter, many of their newspaper and radio correspondents refused to admit defeat at the hands of the Nittany Lions.

"In Pitt Stadium this afternoon," went a typical radio report, "the Panthers won the statistics but lost the game 25-21 to Penn State."

Nor are all Penn Staters fans of the Nittany Lions.

While victory parties were being held all over the Peng-Sheraton Hotel, an English

teachers' conference was underway there.

A lapel tag identified the man riding next to us in the hotel elevator as a University professor attending the conference.

"What did you think of the game?" we asked him.

"What game?" came the startled reply.

"Why, the Penn State-Pitt game," we replied, shaken.

"I didn't know there was one," he said. "Who won?"

(This prof reportedly has told classes that The Collegian is "nothing but trash." We'll be glad to let our readers decide who is out of it.)

Another game victim was the fraternity pledge who turned his radio off before the game's end. He reportedly told a brother that Pitt won, 21-18. We understand he's still carrying a piece of goal post.

One goal-post dividing problem was solved right after the game by three students who made off with a 6-foot piece of post.

They stopped at the first house they came to outside Pitt Stadium, borrowed a saw from the owner and divided the post into three equal parts — on the spot.

