

Editorial Opinion

Action on the Horizon

For two reasons it is heartening to know that the Board of Trustees plans to consider in June the question of opening its meeting to the public and the press.

First, it is significant that board members are willing to consider and take action on a question brought to their attention by a student group.

The question of open trustees meetings has been discussed in student circles for more than a year.

But last year's incompetent All-University Cabinet flatly refused even to ask the trustees "respectfully to consider" open meetings. Members expressed the view that this would be an affront to the trustees and would question their honesty.

Yet the open meetings question now has been taken to the trustees themselves simply in the form of a letter from The Daily Collegian.

A second even more important gratifying thought is represented by the fact that the trustees will take action on the open meetings question.

We believe the University's impending growth and the resulting need for public funds and public understanding make trustee action imperative.

The trustees' action in establishing public meetings, similar to those required by law of every school board, public authority and legislative body in the Commonwealth, would enhance the University's position as THE state institution of higher learning in Pennsylvania.

Dedication's Not Enough

President Eric A. Walker paid a significant compliment to the faculty's dedication in his recent "State of the University" address—but added that dedication was no longer enough.

Walker, in citing wages and salaries as the most important single item in the University's proposed 1959-61 budget, said that dedication alone cannot build a great University. The President said the faculty and staff have for many years kept the University going on compromise salaries, make-shift arrangements and their professional dedication.

But more money, he said, is what we need—and it's easy to see he's right. The University has the lowest average salaries for professors, associate professors and assistant professors out of nine comparable universities in the Midwest and East—a shameful situation for a state so wealthy and populous as Pennsylvania.

The dedicated faculty must first be considered for wage hikes in view of their devotion to the University; but this is not the most pressing need for a bigger wage budget.

The University cannot subsist on these men indefinitely, but must be able to attract new talent if it is to reach its goal as a center of learning. And with the high competition for able educators throughout the country, salaries are the greatest and ultimately almost the only inducement to be offered.

Dedication's admirable, but it won't hold a faculty together forever.

Letters

Reader Blasts Fraternities

TO THE EDITOR: Fraternities seem to have existed for hundreds of years, ever since man has found that such pseudo-societies can facilely supplant the rigors of reality.

Curled securely in his bane ritual and symbolism, he experiences awe in the presence of calculated stimulants. How like real life are his sadistic methods of breaking down the inherently dignant human being, degrading this "paragon of animal."

This institution which clings to many American colleges, including some more famed ones, while fostering social necessities of institutional life, is enslaved to its past, chained by its "heritage," a victim of its history.

The unantly named "help week"—as if a person is extenuated mental and physical aggravation could be capable of helping anyone—demonstrates one of the benefits of this illustrious "heritage." Trying to regress to less mature periods, its members enjoy the "enlightenment" of secret societies in the old club house behind the barn.

But this sacrilegious analysis is not recognized by the fraternities. They simply turn around and continue to drag their past behind them

—Ralph H. Fertig

Student Favors New Grade Plan

TO THE EDITOR: In regards to the 5-point grade plan (The Daily Collegian, Feb. 6), may I say that such a system of grading is certainly needed. It is undoubtedly the fairest system of grading the University could offer to the students, and it would give to the student the actual grade that he has earned.

Many instructors grade numerically throughout the term, and then at the end of the semester they are forced to give a generalized letter grade.

In high school trigonometry class, I learned that averages of figures could only be accurate to the extent of the significant figures in the original numbers. Yet here, grade points divided by credits taken comes up with a fineness that sometimes approaches the absurd.

I wish every success to Mr. Zepp of the Chemistry-Physics Student Council, and to All-University Cabinet in their efforts to secure for the students of Penn State a grading system based on actual earned grades.

—Duane L. Mohoney, '61

Gazette

TODAY

- Bridge Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
English Department, 3 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Grad Student Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
Hillel Services, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
Players' "Music By Night," 8 p.m., Center Stage
MI Colloquium, 4:15, MI auditorium

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

- Judith Anderson, James Baker, Kenneth Bartlebaugh, Margaret Ciborowski, Jack Crosby, Sandra Diarone, Thomas Fagan, Clifford Freed, Ellis Griffith, Michael Gushy, Ronald Kifer, Henry Lausch, Joseph Perbach, Victor Rodite, Thomas Sweetney, Frederic Tietz, Margaret Whittaker.

Forestry School Dance

The School of Forestry will hold a semi-formal dance at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the State College Odd Fellow's Hall. Music will be provided by the George Sotter combo.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Grid of crossword puzzle answers with words like BOP, Pincer, Oriana, Walrus, Leader, Fads, Pre, Assume, Meed, Lambs, Emerson, ASEA, MME, KILLTER, Porkpie, Deplete, Priers, Hog, Iran, Trysted, Gesso, Shay, Holden, Cow, Carl, Radial, Conalog, Marriage, Parade, Apologia, Endoman, Nor, Roof.

Letters

Summer Job Plan Abroad Queried

TO THE EDITOR: An article in The Daily Collegian of Nov. 12, 1958, concerning opportunities for summer work abroad, led several students to make inquiries at the reference desk of Fred Lewis Pattee Library about the sponsoring organization, ASIS (American Student Information Service.)

The Council on Student Travel has sent (to the library) some information which it obtained from its agency in Paris and from the U.S. Department of State in order to answer similar inquiries it has received.

Both of the agencies contacted by the Council on Student Travel stated that they would hesitate to recommend the ASIS to students. They report that at least one European government has asked ASIS to discontinue its activities in that country.

The Council states that there is little that can be done to assist students in obtaining work abroad because of regulations governing employment there, except by U.S. firms having foreign offices or through the U.S. Government.

The Reference Department of the Library has a little information on opportunities abroad which students may be interested in consulting, e.g., USSA "Work, Study, Travel Abroad" and UNESCO "International Work Camp Projects List and Council on Student Travel," Europe; "Sources of travel information." It also has the UNESCO publications, "Study Abroad" and "Vacations Abroad," but these do not give information about work opportunities.

The Reference department welcomes inquiries about organizations or publications and urges students and faculty to make use of its resources before "putting their money on the line."

—Mildred A. Ailman, Reference Librarian

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Job Interviews

FEBRUARY 17

Grange League Federation will interview seniors interested in employment with their company.

MARCH 3

Kroger Stores. BS: AG, BUS ADM.

MARCH 4

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp.: BS: METAL, EE, ME, IE, CH E, FUEL TECH, ACCTG, BUS ADM; LA: GRADS: METAL, ACCTG, BUS ADM.

MARCH 5

New Jersey State Highway Dept.: BS: CE, Atlas Powder Co.: BS: CHEM, CH E,

- CE, MIN ENG.
U.S. Rubber Co.: BS: CHEM ENG, CHEM, IE, ME, ATTCG, BUS ADM.
Pratt & Whitney Aircraft: BS & GRADS: ME, AERO E, PHYS, MATH, CH E, METAL ENG, MECH.
Household Finance Corp.: BS or BA: LA, ACCTG.
Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.: BS: ME, EE, IE, CH E, CHEM, PHYS, ACCTG.

MARCH 6

- Hazeltine Corp.: BS: EE, ME, ENG SCI; MS: EE.
G. C. Murphy Co.: BS: ECON, BUS ADM, MKTG, ARCH.
Rohm & Haas Co.: BS & GRADS: CH E, CHEM. Juniors in CH E for summer employment.
Leedy & Northrup Co.: BS & GRADS: EE, ME, CH E, PHYS.
Dorr-Oliver, Inc.: BS GRADS: CH E, CE, ME, MIN, PREP, ENG, MIN ENG, SAN ENG.

Camp Interviews

- Applicants must sign in advance in 112 Old Main.
Cradle Beach Camp, N.Y. (Men and Women); Feb. 24.
Cajwin Camps, N.Y. (Men and Women); Feb. 26.
Camp Menatoma, Me. (Men); Feb. 27, 28.
Camp Quimbeck, Vt. (Women); March 19.



Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"You boys will find it a little easier to draw if you step back from the model a little."

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