

Editorial Opinion

Distortions and Facts

Town students who have been hit by the \$10 school tax have legitimate right to complain, for the tax is levied to support State College area schools, which can benefit only married students with small children.

But some points should be straightened out before considering legitimate complaints, for some town students have blown the protest far out of proportion before examining the facts very closely. Some corrections:

The tax does not affect every town student—it applies only to those with apartments, i.e., rooms with private kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The tax is not new—it has been in force for years, and the hike from \$5 to \$10 was made last year.

It was not instituted by the borough to gouge student pockets—the tax was levied by the school board to support schools and has nothing to do with borough finances.

The tax was not aimed at the "poor" students who must live in town—fraternities and residence hall occupants are exempted because they are legally considered roomers and not residents. This ruling is based on the type of living facilities and not financial status.

Local students who live with their parents are not exempted—they must pay the same amount as everyone else.

The tax is not peculiar to State College—many other communities use the same method to support their school systems

These are not all the misconceptions angered students came up with, but they are representative.

But these students do have a legitimate complaint: that they are contributing to a school system from which they do not benefit in a community which is not their legal residence.

Very few students have children old enough to use State College schools; those that do should be taxed, but the rest left alone. Students live in State College not because they have chosen it as their residence but because they have chosen the University for an education.

The school board should be reasonable enough to see that the school tax is an unfair imposition on students who did not ask for it and do not benefit from it.

Town students should spend less time loudly complaining and concentrate on a more respectful attempt to convince the school board that their unreasonable tax law should be rephrased and University students exempted.

Inconsistent Music Lovers

Students are a funny lot. Last week they grabbed every available ticket to hear one of the world's finest orchestras.

This week they are declining the chance to hear one of the world's great singers, Jussi Bjoerling.

Last week Recreation Hall was filled with students who wanted to hear great music.

This week it may be half empty of students missing great music.

Only 1480 tickets have been distributed to students since they were made available on Tuesday. This is hard to understand when it is remembered that 1400 tickets for the orchestra were distributed in one hour.

Students are not the only ones that aren't taking advantage of the opportunity. Tickets for non-students went on sale yesterday and at the close of distribution only 165 had been sold.

Jussi Bjoerling has been acclaimed by many as the world's greatest tenor and one of the three best active opera singers.

A half empty Recreation Hall would be a discredit to the University as well as to its culture of her students.

Tickets are available today at the Hetzel Union desk.

Letters

Club Is Seeking Dam Workers

TO THE EDITOR: The project of cleaning up Beaver Dam is under way. The reason for this project is to provide a recreation area suitable for ice skating, canoeing, fishing, hiking and camping for Penn State students.

Last weekend the Army Engineers and the Outing Club started clearing the bottom of the drained dam in cooperation with Edwin L. Cooper, (associate professor) of zoology, and Harold B. White and Fred M. Coombs, of the Physical Education college.

Menaces to canoeing and ice skating will be removed, the new sluiceway will be completed and the dam will be filled and stocked with trout by April 15. The area will then be utilized by the Outing Club for the aforementioned recreation.

The project will go on for a few more weekends, and all students—especially Outing Club members—are asked to help in this expansion of the University's recreation facilities.

Transportation will leave from behind Osmond at 1 p.m. Saturdays and 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Old clothes and boots should be worn. Food (at a very nominal cost) and moral support will be provided by girls of the Outing Club.

A hearty thanks is extended to all Outing Club members who helped launch this project last weekend.

—Jack Huddar, vice president, Outing Club

Gazette

TODAY

Alpha Tau Alpha Dance, 9 p.m., HUB Ballroom
Bridge Class, 6:00 p.m., HUB Cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 12:40 p.m., 218 HUB
Cosmopolitan Club, Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
Education Student Council, Public Relations Committee, 6:30 p.m., 204 Willard
Foods Chairmen, 5:15 p.m., Simmons back study lounge
Hillel, Sabbath Eve Services, 3 p.m., 224 Locust Lane
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 1 White Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
Lecture, Dr. Henry Margenau, 5:15 p.m., 119 Osmond
Mathematics Colloquium, 3:15 p.m., 9 Sparks
Mineral Industries Colloquium, 1:15 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
Phi Mu Alpha, 7:30 p.m., HUB Assembly Room
United Christian Association, 4 p.m., HUB Assembly Room

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Donald Alcorn, John Anthony, Donna Berman, Arnold Bleiweis, John Chotta, Robert Dean, Terhune Dickel, Frank Fuller, Allan Gummo, David Hladick, Charles Koons, Clifford Logan, Martha Manley, William Mendicino, Monte Montgomery, Richard Morson, Barbara Polansky, Thomas Potter, Joseph Rapine, David Schappell, Barbara Shefman, William Updegrove.

Job Interviews

MARCH 5
Pa. Farm Bureau Cooperative: group meeting, 7 p.m., 210 Armby. Individual interviews: 117 Tyson, Mar. 6, 7.

MARCH 11
Farmers Home Administration: group meeting, 7 p.m., 210 Armby. Individual interviews: 117 Tyson, Mar. 12.

MARCH 12
Chrysler Institute of Engineering: any engineer qualified for grad school.
Chrysler Corp.: Management Trainee Program: any engineer qualified for grad school.

MARCH 16
The General Tire & Rubber Co.: BS & GRADS: ME, CH E, IE, CHEM.

MARCH 17
U.S. Secret Service, (Treasury Dept.): BS or BA: BUS ADM. I.A.
O. Hummel Co.: BS & GRADS: CER TECH, CH E, CHEM. JUNIORS: CER TECH for summer employment.

York Corp.: BS: ME, IE.
The Martin Co.: BS: EE, ME, ENG SCI, AERO E. GRADS: CH E, EE, ME, AERO E, PHYS.

B. F. Goodrich Co.: BS & GRADS: CH E, CHEM, ME, ACCTG, BUS ADM
B. F. Goodrich Tire Co.: BS: ACCTG, ECON.

Dravo Corp.: BS: ME.
Caterpillar Tractor Co.: BS: ME, EE, CE.

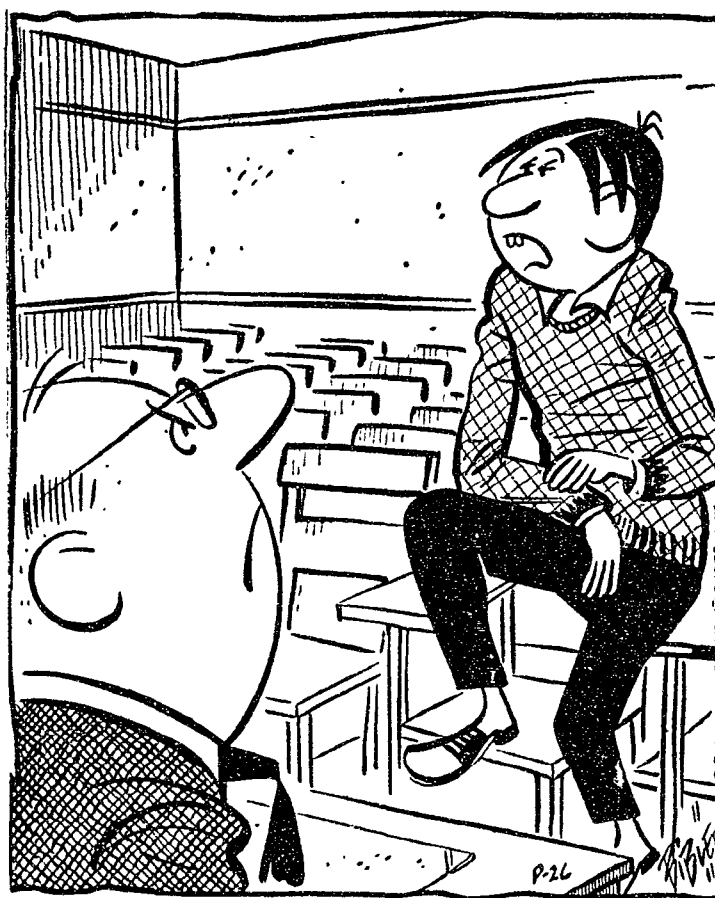
Kaso Standard Oil Co.: BS: BUS ADM.
Proctor & Gamble Co.: BS & GRADS: CH E, ME, EE, CE, IE, ENG SCI for summer employment only.

I.B.M.: PhD Candidates Only: MATH, CHEM, EE, ME, METAL, PHYS, PSYCH.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JAFFA CHIC BOS
ARIAS HERO MENU
BENCHMARKS ALII
ADELAIDE PYLON
TERR DRAPING
MAB YELP OTOS
ADRA SALTCELLAR
STENA DUR SEATO
STANLEY CUP SNUB
DUAL KNUD DBS
ALBANIA KNOB
POOLS SOLIDEST
ARAL ATTIC GREEK
CARY GRIN ELATE
END EASE RENEW

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"So I haven't been coming to class—why can't I get credit for this as a correspondence course?"

from here to infinity

Clement Attlee Takes a Bow

by bob thompson

We took a tour with Clement Attlee and Lions Paw members yesterday. And while on the tramp around the campus, we learned a lot about the old man who was once Prime Minister of Great Britain.

As are many Englishmen, Attlee is outspoken—about certain things. He commented on rock and roll, American tea and John Foster Dulles. He also took a side trip to purchase a razor while on his tour of the campus.

Attlee kept pace with his guides quite remarkably for a 76-year-old. "I'd rather not comment on Dulles," he said as he trudged along between Beaver Field and the Lion, "especially since the chap is ill."

His hosts were concerned at what they would call the member of the House of Lords. When asked whether he should be called Sir Clement, or Earl Attlee, the gentleman replied: "It really doesn't matter. 'I don't really give a damn.'"

Attlee was outspoken in his dislike for American tea. "The Americans," he commented, "play the old bag game." "I didn't mind the colonists throwing the British tea into Boston Harbor," he

said, "but I certainly don't like it dug up and served to me now."

Prior to his press conference, Attlee took time out for a spot of tea. We couldn't see whether it was American or British.

The former Prime Minister had a few comments about rock and roll. In his perfect Oxford English, he said, "It's rather primitive I would say."

The side trip by car—most of the sight seeing tour was made afoot—took the Britisher to a local drug store, to purchase a new safety razor. He lost his old one on the train trip to the campus. To say that his razor was old is the understatement of the year. He had had the razor for 46 years.

Rather perplexed that the University had as many students as it does, Attlee quipped: "How are you able to find out who to put on the baseball team if there are 16,000 students?"

Attlee spent a few minutes talking to another Englishman—now an American—President Eric A. Walker. Walker's greeting to the former Prime Minister: "You look just like your pictures."



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