

Editorial Opinion

An Interesting Look At Tuition Figures

With a rumor of a tuition or board and room increase floating around the campus, it might be of interest to look at the astounding increase in tuition and fees that Penn State students have been forced to pay in recent years.

When the students that are now seniors began attending this University the tuition was \$125 per semester. During their sophomore year it was increased to \$175 a semester and now just four years later it's \$240 a semester.

When the last tuition raise was announced many students objected. They accused the administration of financing their long-range expansion plans at the students' expense.

Although many screamed and protested, when it came time to pay-up most students (or in many cases their parents) sent the check for the new amount and chalked up the increase to inflation.

But how much tuition inflation can we put up with? The 1956 to 1959 period saw an average increase of 12 per cent in the cost of consumer goods compared with a 92 per cent increase in Penn State tuition.

Let's look at the real reasons for this marked upward trend. Dr. Eric Walker, in estimating the budget for the current biennium, figured on an income of \$57 million from sources other than direct appropriation and a total expenditure of \$101 million. This left a gap of \$44 million which he requested from the legislature.

As everyone knows he didn't get the \$44 million.

Soon after making his request, Walker realized that he wasn't going to get all that he wished. Consequently, after much thought and consultation the administration decided to raise the tuition and reduce the request by \$4 million.

This idea worked beautifully in theory, but in practice it failed for the simple reason that the legislature refused to meet the administration half-way and only appropriated \$34 million—\$7 million short of what was needed.

This \$34 million appropriation represents a 30 per cent increase during the past four years which hardly equates with the 92 per cent increase that students have been forced to pay.

Perhaps pressure on the state legislature is what is needed to halt the geometric rise in cost to the students. And here are some important questions that those who pay the students' bills might want to ask of their elected officials.

Why is 90 per cent of all subsidies to private colleges by state governments in the entire United States paid by Pennsylvania?

Why is the tuition at Penn State the third highest of any state institution in the country?

Why have Penn, Temple and Pitt received the same percentage increase in appropriations as Penn State during the past four years and yet have only shown an increase in enrollment of 3 per cent compared to a corresponding upward trend of 20 per cent in Penn State's enrollment?

If the tuition continues to rise at the same rate as it has during the past four years, in 10 years it'll cost \$2000 a year to attend this University. That's \$10 a day!

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Letters

Old Main Room Proposed For Anti-LP Group

TO THE EDITOR: As a student who has witnessed the anti-Lion's Paw sentiments for the last several years, may I offer this suggestion to Messrs. Brandt, Byers, Sandstrom, and Elms.

I suggest that you apply for a room on the fourth floor of Old Main so that you can also hold your secret meetings behind locked doors. This room can also serve as a place to keep your printing press (for pamphlets and last-minute election flyers), your ballot boxes (to practice stuffing), your tape recorders (to trap party chairmen), your file cabinets (for your many books on how to run a dirty campaign).

Let's be realistic, gentlemen. If the aims and methods of your existing secret and unchartered organization were known, your group would be under a continual stream of well-deserved criticism. Most student organizations here at Penn State perform some service, but I can find no service in yours.

—William Bowers, '60

Cal Students Ask Stevenson Support

TO THE EDITOR: Many students of the University of California campus and throughout California are rallying to the support of Adlai Stevenson for the Democratic presidential nomination. We would like to invite the students of your campus to join us in our work.

Through rallies and petitions students can contribute an important part in demonstrating the continued popular support of Mr. Stevenson. If we, of the college community, can unite ourselves, our role may be decisive in influencing the nomination of this great statesman for president.

Those who are interested may write to: STUDENTS FOR STEVENSON 2514A Regent Berkeley 4, California —Students for Stevenson, University of California

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Glee Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
Angel Flight, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
BX Interviews, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Campus Party, 6:30 p.m., 213 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Dance Concert, 8 p.m., White
Delta Sigma Pi, tutoring for Acetz. I exam, 7:30 p.m., 201 Boucke
Encampment, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
English Colloquium, 7:30 p.m., Nittany Lion Inn
High Speed Computers, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 217 HUB
Lowenberg Speech, 4:15 p.m., assembly room, New Home Ee South
Mike and Rostrum Club, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Phi Epsilon Kappa Banquet, 6 p.m., Autoport
Phi Eta Sigma, 5 p.m., HUB ballroom
Pi Gamma Mu, Dinner and Initiation, 6:15, HUB ballroom
Players Show, "The Sleeping Prince," 8 p.m., Schvab
Senate Meeting, 4:15 p.m., 121 Sparks
Society for Advancement of Management Field Trip, 1 p.m., Parking lot 50
SLCA, 1 p.m., 214 HUB
SGA Assembly, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
SGA, Reorganization, 5:15 p.m., 217 HUB
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George Bukos, Gail Dubrow, Larry Fogley, John Gander, Jerome Gartman, Douglas Gerard, Joseph Haberstroh, Elsie Hickley, Patricia Kampmeier, Beth Kantor, Donald Kenneret, Judith Lohley, Arlene Maxwell, Dorothy Melley, Louis Metevia, Sidney Malmberg, Lawrence Miller, Elizabeth Monk, Amnon Offentler, Carol Oswald, John Roncace, Lynnette Sabre, Norman Steen.

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WDFM 91.1 megacycles
6:55 Weatherscope
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7:15 Postmark: United Kingdom
7:30 Album Review
7:55 News
8:00 This is the Subject
9:00 The Jazz Sound
9:40 Forest City Footnotes
9:45 News and Sports
10:00 Chamber Concert
11:30 Sign Off
FRIDAY
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Sophisticated Lady
7:30 The Guest Disc Jockey
7:55 News
8:00 Starlite Review
9:00 Music of the Nations
9:30 Spoken Words
9:45 News and Sports
10:00 Light Classical Jukebox
11:30 Sign Off

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



BOY, DID YOU GUYS EVER MAKE A LOTTA NOISE COMIN' IN LAST NITE!

Interpreting

Care of Chessman's Rights Overlooked

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

Foreign criticism of the Caryl Chessman execution represents a strange manifestation of mass psychology.

Many criminal cases have attracted world attention and produced widespread demonstrations. But nearly always this has been due to political overtones or a strong presumption of innocence.

This, however, is a case in which a man committed crimes against women which are universally condemned, and the criticism is directed primarily against the long delay rather than on doubt of guilt.

The demand, far more pronounced abroad than in the United States, has been for a reprieve on humane rather than on legal grounds. Newspapers and demonstrators abroad have taken the line that if you are going to execute a man you shouldn't take 12 years to do it.

And yet here is a man who has been given every consideration under law. He was not executed until he himself admitted that every avenue to life had been explored. He said he could prove his innocence by producing the guilty party, but he never did it. He died saying that he would not involve others.

He had money, a series of lawyers, and above all he was given time. It was he, not society, who

prolonged the anguish. Judges of great legal ability and great humanity, from the highest to the lowest, heard his pleas over the years and regularly turned him down.

Yet a newspaper in Belgium, where there is a highly organized government of laws, criticizes the American legal system for permitting "moral martyrdom" for 12 years.

Only a very few foreign commentators noted the extreme care for Chessman's rights.

Hardly any of the foreign commentators seem able to differentiate between an execution under law and the old argument of whether that law is a good one. What they wanted was for the judges and the governor of California to ignore the law.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown never liked capital punishment. He even tried to get it repealed while the Chessman case was pending.

But the United States has arranged it so the will of individual men shall not prevail above the law. If governors and judges could say with impunity, "This is a bad law and I will not permit its enforcement," then the whole structure of the nation would be threatened.



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