

Editorial Opinion

Is Hub Expansion Adequate For 1963?

It was with joy that we received the news of the proposed expansion for the Hetzel Union Building. But a little reflection caused our joy to be tempered by one thought—even if the proposed expansion is completed will the student union be adequate for the needs at its time of completion?

While any expansion is certainly an improvement, and one for which the students would be duly grateful, the time to evaluate expansion of the facilities is now while the plans are still in the preliminary stage.

When the HUB was opened in 1955 there were about 12,000 students enrolled. Even then the \$3 million building was only half the \$6 million structure originally considered.

Today the enrollment is approximately 16,000 and the planned expansion may appear to be adequate for the present need.

But the additions, if made, probably won't be ready until 1963 or possibly later, and by that time the enrollment is expected to hit 20,000 to 22,000.

Will the student union then be like today's rockets—obsolete even before its construction is completed?

Only about half the additions recommended in the 1958 report by All-University Cabinet have been accommodated in the preliminary plans presented to the HUB Board.

Granted, some of the rooms recommended no longer seem necessary and perhaps the list should be re-evaluated and revised, but there are a few notable absences. Recommendations overlooked—expanded cafeteria; increased art exhibit area, listening booths and reading rooms. Also one significant recommendation that has arisen since the report—a university bookstore. (Of course this would have to get past the Board of Trustees first.)

HUB operation and expansion is financed by a portion of each student's tuition, earmarked for this purpose.

As long as student money is going to be used to construct the union, the students should be sure that the maximum expansion, as dictated by the needs a few years hence, and allowed by the finances available, be included now.

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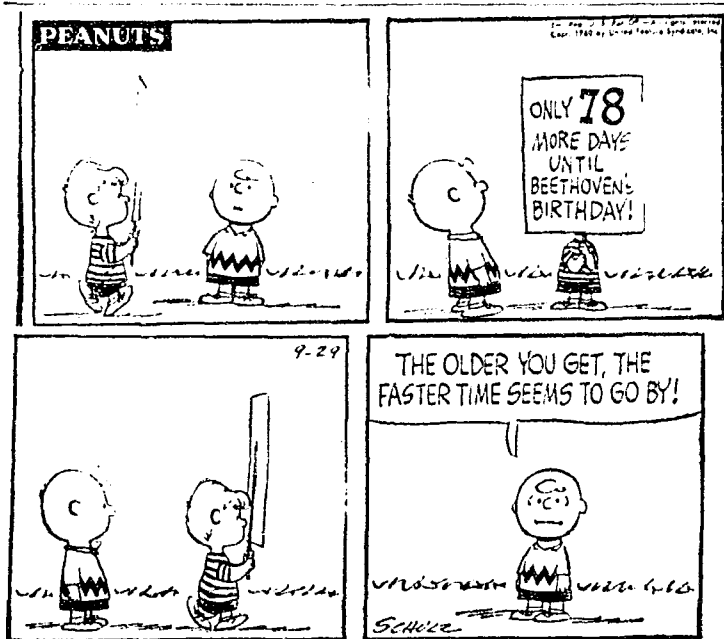
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Elections Keyed to Economy

by Joel Myers

If you can predict the trend of this nation's economy during the next six weeks, chances are you can predict the outcome of the presidential election.

Such things as employment, farm income and the voter's opinions of the business outlook on election day have been the deciding issues of many past presidential elections.

In 1932 the Democrats achieved an overwhelming victory, largely because the Republicans took the blame for the "Great Depression."

Partly because of the widely held view that the Democrats were better able to manage the nation's economy than the GOP, the party of Roosevelt and Truman were able to retain control of the White House for 20 years.

Even today, that image which was first created nearly 30 years ago, persists among the majority of the nation's voters. Recent surveys indicate that a decisive majority of the electorate regard the Democrats as the party best able to maintain a fully operating and productive economy.

The latest Gallup Poll, which was based on a cross-section

of 2000 voters in all types of occupations and in representative parts of the country, shows John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon running neck and neck.

Both candidates claimed 45 per cent of those questioned with 10 per cent being undecided.

With this survey indicating such a close election in prospect, one can see that only a slight shift in the economic conditions of the nation is needed to swing the nation one way or the other. The Democrats would tend to benefit from a downturn while the GOP would stand to gain by an upturn.

Economists express mixed emotions about the business outlook. The majority of them, however, seem to think that the trend will be down for the next several months.

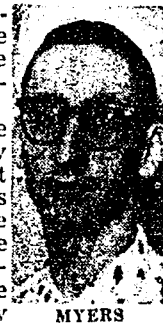
The cost of living index re-

mained stationary last month. This indicates a lessening of inflationary pressure, which in effect, is a way of saying that the recessionist forces increased.

Steel production, another economic gauge, has remained at very low levels during the past several months and there is no sign of an immediate upturn.

Another indicator of business conditions—the stock market—has been experiencing a downward trend for the past month. Yesterday it sank to its lowest values in nearly two years.

No one can say for sure what will happen in the next six weeks, but if unemployment continues to rise, farm income continues to fall and the electorate become pessimistic about the business outlook, Kennedy should have the edge on election day.



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Letters

Rand Book Needs Criticism

TO THE EDITOR: Today I had the experience of reading the book review by Miss Rosenthal. ATLAS SHRUGGED by Ayn Rand is, I feel, a well-chosen subject for a review—regardless of its non-novel polemics and its sheer length—but I do not feel that Miss Rosenthal gave Miss Rand the injustice that her novel deserves.

I do not mean to go off on pedant-like ravings concerning the review itself. My comment is that I feel Miss Rosenthal has not been as critical of Miss Rand as I feel she could have—and ought to have—been. Granted the work is huge in number of printed words, and granted that the number of sub-plots, and even "main" characters, is large; but, I still feel that your reviewer could have done a more specific commentary than she did.

For just what specific commentary did the review make? That the romantic scenes in the book are "interesting." That is an understatement. They stand as a classic of melodramatic emotionless writing about that which, centuries ago, Ovid called simply the ART of making love.

In reading this book I felt that Dagny Taggart, as well as her various lovers, were all emotionally wooden and flat characters who did violent passionate things all day long in their huge business concerns, and thus they could not understand the glorification of something so simple and "ani-

malistic" as making either verbal or physical love.

No, I did not find the book romantically interesting.

That which I did find interesting in the novel is Miss Rand's propagation—for page after page—of the philosophy of egoism, that is, "excessive love and thought of self . . . is the valid end of all action or the motive of all conscious action." While still half-way through the book this summer my comment concerning it was that Egoism is one thing, Egotism is another, and Ayn Rand is a complete, absurd, negative transcendence of both.

May I suggest, if you are looking for an interesting novel concerning big business and power politics, something like THE LAST HURRAH; should you desire a "romantically" interesting story (done with skill and plot by a true literary craftsman) try A FAREWELL TO ARMS or THE SUN ALSO RISES; or, should you desire a novel that combines the "romantic" while suggesting a sort of "philosophy" why not give THE BROTHERS KARMAZOV a thorough reading. I'll lend them to you . . .

I do not mean to provide a reading list. What I do mean to suggest is that Miss Rand's novel ATLAS SHRUGGED can be read, in my humble opinion, for the singular reason of the amazement of seeing how long a bad story can be sustained over wooden characters in fantastic plot situations — over those 1000-plus pages.

—Stephen R. Blum, '61

Jr. Hits' Status Seekers'

TO THE EDITOR: I read with great interest a statement in yesterday's Collegian attributed to Dennis Eisman, Campus Party vice-chairman, in which he said, "We invite or better yet implore all students interested in better student government to attend our meetings."

Eisman's statement was in the form of a rebuttal to the newly-formed Liberal Party which has considered limiting membership only to independents.

It seems that the spokesman for Campus Party is making a belated effort to acquire the independents' interest.

Essentially, the argument over university politics is not between fraternity and independent representation, even though the fraternities outrank the independents 41 to one on SGA Assembly; but which party can do the most for the students.

To this observer, it appears that the two major parties are controlled by a group of "Status Seekers" trying to perpetuate their own gains and keep-

ing better student government secondary.

For example, the members of Campus Party, who won in the spring elections, voted a major segregation plank out of their platform, after the election. Also, two years ago Beta Sigma Rho fraternity ran all of its members up to a Campus Party meeting to nominate their fellow brother, Leonard Julius. Last year Beta Sigma Rho switched its support to University Party and successfully nominated another brother, Richard Haber, the current All-University president.

Now Mr. Eisman might think that this is better student government but I certainly do not. What really seems to be the trouble is that the ideals of the cliques that have been running campus politics, reek of hypocrisy.

Fraternities that switch parties and assembly members that throw out platforms, can't help but contribute to the overall apathy of the school.

The spokesman for the Liberal Party says that they are new blood, I for one hope that they can prove it.

—David J. Hladick, '62

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Team, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Air Force ROTC Drill Team Rushing Smoker, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom
- American Marketing Association, 7:30 p.m., 200 E. Beaver Ave.
- A.F.S.A., 7 p.m., 312 Locust Lane
- A.W.S. Publicity and Election, 6:30 p.m., 212-213 HUB
- Cwens, 5 p.m., 215 HUB
- Dr. Davis Exam, 1 p.m., 212-213 HUB
- English Department, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
- F.F.A., 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 212-213 HUB
- Freshman Customs Board, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 212-213 HUB
- Graduate Student Association-M.I. Section, 4:30 p.m., M.I. auditorium
- H.E. Club, 7 p.m., Simmons lounge
- Mike and Roadrum, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
- News and Views Staff, 8 p.m., 14 Home Economics
- News and Views Training Board, 7 p.m., 14 Home Economics
- Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
- Riding Club, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- Rod and Coccus Club, 7 p.m., 206 Paterson
- S.G.A., 7 p.m., 203 HUB
- Sociology Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
- Textile, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB assembly room
- U.C.A. Politics Committee, 4:15 p.m., 211 HUB
- Young Democrats, 7:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- Dance Club Tryouts, N - Z, 7 p.m., White Hall

HOSPITAL

- Virginia Bruder, Alexander Cimochowski, Marie Cranford, Carolyn Cross, Ranagit Datta, Anne Farley, Linda Fenner, Louis Fiorello, Carole Forman, Joan Gilbert, James Gangola, Richard Hurford, Evelyn Koehlin, Jon Lang, Jacquelin Leavitt, Johanna Locher, Suzanne Mengel, Edward Niskey, William Martin, Anita Padovano, Ronald Rupp, Kenneth Reynolds, Lois Rothenberg, Michael Ressler, William Shenk, Eleanor Simon, William Uram, Barbara Watchorn, Richard Weiler, David Yon.

Job Interviews

- OCT. 11
Allis-Chalmers Co. for Jan. BS & MS Grads in AGR, E, CH E, CE, EE, IE, ME, MIN, PREP ENGR, MNG ENGR.
- OCT. 14
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company for BS and 1961 MS grads in ACCTG, BS & 1961 MS & PHD grads in CH E, CHEM, ENGR, SCIENCE, ME, PHYS, CER TECH (14 only) for research and development. Also for BS in CH E, E, EE, CER TECH, ME, IE for production and design engineering.
- Cincinnati Milling Machine Company for Jan BS grads in EE & 1961 PHD & MS grads in CH E, METAL, IE, ENG MECH.
- Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation for Jan BS grads & 1961 grads in CHEM and 1961 PHD grads in METAL.
- OCT. 17
Duquesne Light Co. for Jan. BS Grads in EE (Power Option) ME, E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Co. for 1961 PHD Grads in CHEM, CH E, ME, ENGR MECH, METAL, CER TECH, & PHYS, ET, AG-BIO-CHEM.
- Merkel & Co., Inc. for Jan. BS & MS Grads in ANAL CHEM, INORG CHEM, ORG CHEM, PHYSICAL CHEM, PHYS, CH E, IE & 1961 PHD GRADS in ANAL CHEM, INORG CHEM, ORG CHEM, PHYSICAL CHEM, & PHYS.