

Editorial Opinion

Where The Money Goes

Troubled expressions came over many Assemblymen's faces last night as the first results of the Cabinet-initiated budget investigations were revealed.

The budget concerned the SGA compensations for the 1960-61 academic year. Three members of the budget committee had re-evaluated the compensations to SGA members and committee heads and then realigned the compensations, reducing some compensations and increasing others.

The budget committee had been working on the realignment for two weeks. They had been interviewing many of those who received the compensations.

The new figures were presented to the Assembly via the blackboard, because, as Frank Milus, committee member explained, the committee had just realigned the compensations on Wednesday night and the figures could not be mimeographed in time for the meeting.

We feel that perhaps this one-night realignment was done a bit too hastily and so did several members of the Assembly. For example, the work of the Orientation Week heads is certainly as great as that of the Encampment chairman. Why should the latter get more compensation? Why should some compensations almost double?

The budget committee did not present any justification for these sometimes drastic re-alignments and a wide awake Assembly re-committed the bill.

Walter Darren's proposal to at least have a larger committee investigate the matter of compensations and requiring those who receive compensations to fill out forms explaining why they should receive the money is certainly a better way to proceed with this program.

It is at least more intensive than talking to "almost" everyone who was involved in receiving the compensations and then "arbitrarily" assigning the sums.

The objection to Mr. Darren's plan was the time involved. Since the Assembly does not seem to be in a great hurry to deal with other matters facing it, why shouldn't it be willing to devote a little time to something as important as compensations totaling around \$1400?

'Buc Fever' For Lions

The pandemonium that broke loose in front of the HUB television set yesterday when the Pirates brought the world championship to Pennsylvania, carried over to Old Main lawn and the streets of State College last night as Syracuse replaced the Yankees in the hangman's noose.

Those spirited boys from Nittany and West Halls started things off Wednesday night and the pep rallies, organized and instantaneous, last night kept the spirit mounting.

Now that the "Beat 'em, Bucs" slogan has been fulfilled the only one left is "Lick 'um, Lions!"

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Letters

English Comp Controversy Continues

TO THE EDITOR: After reading the letter by Mr. Richard Stein, that appeared in yesterday's Collegian, I realized that he, and probably many others, had misunderstood my letter in Tuesday's paper.

I wrote that letter, not to make a meager attempt to help rid the requirement of English Comp. I from the various curricula, but to bring into the light what the majority of students think of the course.

I was not surprised that the letter caused so much controversy. Students, whom I did not know, called me on the phone and said that they agreed with me and thanked me for writing the letter.

Still others said that their profs thought the letter was the work of a callow freshman who had "a warped sense of ideas."

Without a doubt, I think that the English Comp. course is very important, and that it should be mandatory. No one has yet mastered the English language, and we all can broaden our knowledge of English by taking the course. I, as well as the other freshmen, will profit by taking Comp. 1.

I want to impress upon the reader that by no means did I imply that the course should be banned. I merely asked for a more lenient system of grading.

—Myron Kalina, '64

Student Wants Lots Kept Up

TO THE EDITOR: While reading the Collegian Thursday I came upon an interesting item in the article on TIM. Philip Mark, traffic violation officer, was reported to have said that the \$15 collected from students for parking fees is used for maintenance and construction of new lots.

I would like to know where these "new lots" are located and for whom they are built.

Since I have been here there has been an ever increasing march towards Bellefonte for a student to reach his car. Now we are "asked" to park in any of the six "well maintained" lots on the eastern end of campus.

I believe that many students who have cars will agree with me that it takes hardly any money at all to maintain these dusty, crushed stone lots. Why can't we at least have macadamized lots as the faculty and the administrators do?

Is the money collected from the students and used to build good lots for the students and maintain these lots? Can lots be built closer to the students' dormitories so they don't have to walk a mile or more to reach their cars? The last question is concerned mostly with the West Halls.

Will someone answer these questions?

—John Dively, '60

Gazette

- TODAY
 AIM-Leonides Talent Show, 6 p.m., HUB ballroom
 Bridge lessons, 6:30 p.m., HUB card-room
 Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., Hydraulics Laboratory
 Interlandia Folk Dance and Workshop, 7:30 p.m., 100 Weaver
 I. V. Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 213 HUB
 Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
 Placement, 8 a.m., 217-218 HUB
 Young Democrats, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
 Young Republicans, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor

Hospital

- Sherwood Anderson, Arthur Artman, William Bailey, Ronald Beard, David Brown, Donald Chase, Alice Chelquist, Ruth Feldstein, Robert Fishbein, Kenneth Gardner, Yetta Ginsburg, Lois Greenberg, Dennis Grubb, Douglas Hollinger, William Horwath, Roy Payne, Rosalyn Schaefer, Curtis Stone, Dennis Venzel.

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Alum's 'View' of Politics

TO THE EDITOR: It's difficult for an isolated bystander to gain a clear view of the Penn State political picture, from scattered Collegian reports. If, on the other hand, distance lends perspective, perhaps my observation of the facts would be relevant:

Fraternities have essentially controlled student government for years, and now control both SGA and the two political parties. A new party is formed, the Liberal Party, to give independents a clear voice in politics.

The Collegian immediately and without explanation denounces the new party as (a) dooming a perfect and God-given two-party system; (b) starting a fight with the fraternities instead of acquiescing to fraternity rule.

The only fighting so far has been done by the Collegian staff; I assume they would also have opposed the American Revolution, rather than have all that nasty trouble between the Americans and the British.

The Collegian says independents can act within the two present parties. It seems clear to everyone but the Collegian that fraternities can (and have, repeatedly) require pledges and other members to attend party meetings, and vote under orders. Independents cannot do this in residence halls or elsewhere.

Somebody decides it would be nice to abolish party platforms. After all, they say, we're not like the national government (except that the national government has a two-party system, so we gotta have one too); student government shouldn't stand for anything.

really, except as another activity on a BMOC's list.

It's interesting to note that Campus Party, which offered several sound planks last year, opposes abolishing party platforms; that Liberal Party, which advocates a solid approach to student action on major issues this year, opposes abolishing party platforms; and that University Party, whose platform last year was totally ridiculous (Remember the Archives Museum!), supports abolishing party platforms.

Someone else has suggested that party floor leaders in the Assembly hereafter become the clique chairmen of their respective parties.

This, at least, seems to be a constructive suggestion for strengthening the political system at Penn State. In the past, one difficulty of the party system was a lack of clear identification between party members inside and outside SGA, so that the people who voted initially on the planks might not be the people who got elected on them.

I would suggest that the pro-fraternity Collegian might restrain its blind anger at the formation of an independent political party, and instead promote the consideration of measures which would strengthen a system of representative government for Independents and Greeks alike.

There is no reason for student governments to "fail," as the Collegian seems continually to hope—if interested students are allowed to work for its success, in one form or another, without undue harassment.

—Alan C. Elms
Alum '60

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Interpreting

U.S. Policy Indefinite On Quemoy, Matsu

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon have taken their debate onto dangerous ground in the Far East.

In the matter of Quemoy and Matsu the United States has been pursuing one of the most delicate balanced policies in its whole great array of military postures.

As part of a treaty obligation to Nationalist China, Quemoy and Matsu will be defended if Red China attacks them for the purpose of clearing the invasion path to Formosa. That is all that is definite. How such a decision would be reached is itself indefinite.

For the rest, John Foster Dulles and President Eisenhower preferred to depend on future circumstances for future decisions.

This means that they did not consider the islands worth defending under any or all circumstances.

There is a great difference between defense of the islands and the defense of Berlin. By comparison, they are not of comparable interest.

The islands are of great interest, however, as part of an attitude. They are even of great importance when related to the position of Chiang

Kai-shek's army in the Far East, and its morale. That army is one of the two largest free world armies in the area, along with South Korea's, each having about 600,000 men. Its morale and its fighting ability are a very great factor as a deterrent.

Yet North Viet Nam was also a key factor in the Southeast Asian position. For a time Dulles leaned toward military intervention there. A great deal was involved, including relations with France.

But finally it was decided that it was better to try to save what was left than to involve the whole area in war.

A presidential candidate, discussing such issues, runs the risk of inflexibility after election.

Since this is a war in which it is the enemy which takes the initiative, because he is the aggressor, the more advance information he has of free world attitudes the move he is able to plan his moves with confidence.



ROBERTS

Job Interviews

- Oct. 27
 SHELL OIL CO & SHELL CHEMICAL CO for JAN BS & 1961 MS grads in CHEM CH E for Refinery, Research, Process; BS MS in METAL for Design, Research, Construction, Maintenance. JAN BS & 1961 MS grads in MNG E PNG E for Production & Process work; MS PHD in PNG E for Research & Development. JAN BS & 1961 MS grads in CHEM CH E for Manufacturing & Marketing. BS MS grads in EE ME for Design, Construction Instrument Engg.
 ESSO RESEARCH & ENGINEERING CO & ESSO STANDARD, Div of Humble Oil & Refining Co. for JAN BS grads in CH E EE ME; 1961 MS grads in CHEM CH E EE FUEL TECH ME & PHD grads in CHEM CH E FUEL TECH.
 Jersey Production Research Co. for 1961 MS & PHD grads in CHEM, PNG E, MNG E, ENG MECH. Also for Jan BS grads in ENG SCI.
 York Corp, Subsidiary of Borg-Warner Corp. for Jan BS grads in EE, ME, ENG MECH for design and development, APPLICATION ENG., BS in IE for manufacturing; BS in ME for contact, CONSTRUCTION AND PRODUCTION SERVICE ENG., BS in ARCH E, EE, ME, IE, for sales.