

Editorial Opinion

# Students Might Help Avoid Tuition Hike

Senator Joseph Hayes said that any appeal for an increase in Penn State's appropriation this spring must be personalized. Legislators must feel pressure favoring an increase from individuals in their voting districts.

The University, last week, took a personal approach by writing letters to students' parents explaining that a tuition boost would be imposed next fall if the legislature did not grant its appropriation request for \$23,113,014.

We suggest also that students write letters home urging their parents to write to their representatives in support of the increase. However, there is nothing to prevent students themselves from writing to legislators asking for the increase and protesting the necessary tuition raise if it is not received.

Many Penn State students today are or will be tax payers and voters in Pennsylvania and the legislature might bear this in mind.

Students here, particularly seniors whom the fee hike will not even affect, should by now appreciate the value of education and the opportunity that this state institution afforded them. To be unconcerned about its future because you are not affected is selfish.

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One of the problems connected with Penn State appropriations is that Pennsylvania citizens and legislators have never developed an inherent feeling that the University is really the state institution of higher education.

Several private schools were operating long before Penn State was established and the University went through many phases of development before it became established as an institution of higher learning.

However, the research and services performed at the University do a lot to aid the state and \$1 million of the appropriation increase requested would be devoted to a special program of research projects for the betterment of the commonwealth.

President Walker has said that Pennsylvania's other colleges and universities do not and can not perform the services for the state that the University does.

Consequently, Penn State indeed deserves a higher appropriation and should definitely have the extra \$6 million requested.

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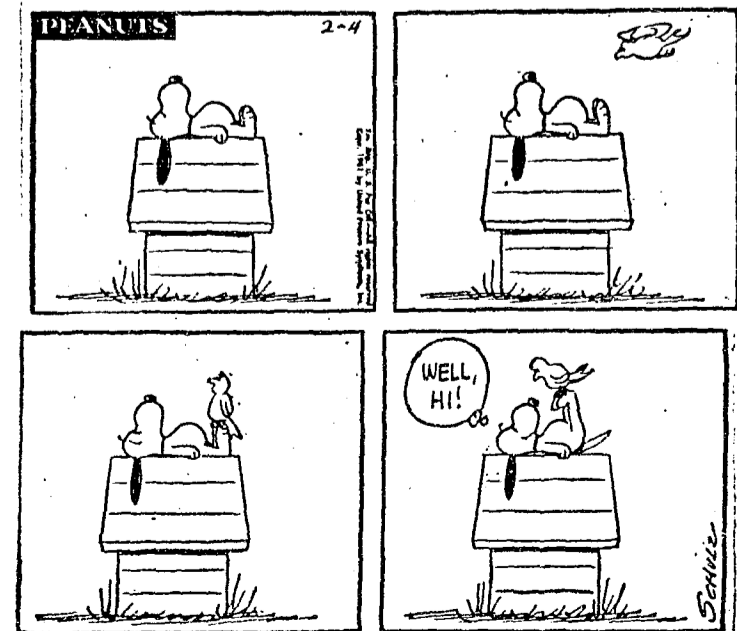
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Letters

### Eight Protest Fee Increase

TO THE EDITOR: If the Legislature refuses the University's budget request, tuition will increase. In order to prevent this, each student should ask his or her parents to urge their representatives in Harrisburg to vote to grant the University's budget request. We must make our voices heard if we hope to avoid a tuition increase.

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Other Campuses

### Texas Begins Teaching Plan

Compiled from the Intercollegiate Press  
The University of Texas Council on Teacher Education has approved an "expressway" route to high school and elementary school teaching for academically-talented juniors and seniors.

Selected students will be able to compress professional preparation for teaching into two semesters (or a summer session and a semester) instead of the standing four or five semesters.

Special courses will be ready for prospective high school teachers this spring. The elementary school program will get underway in the spring.

### Gazette

- TODAY
- Alpha Kappa Psi, business meeting, 7 p.m., Rushing Smoker 8 p.m., 321 E. Fairmount Ave.
  - Angel Flight, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
  - Frath Circulation, 8:30 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Industrial Education Society, 7:30 p.m., Tau Kappa Epsilon
  - ICG, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
  - Journ. Student Assoc. Lecture, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
  - Journ. Student Assoc. Reception, 8:30 p.m., HUB main lounge
  - LA Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
  - MI Student Council, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB
  - Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., MI
  - Outing Club, 7 p.m., HUB auditorium
  - Panhel, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
  - Schuhplattlers, publicity meeting, 8 p.m., 214 HUB
  - Social and Rec. Adv. Committee, 4 p.m., 212 HUB

From Washington

# Congress To Miss Meyer's Dissent

WASHINGTON—The new Congress looks a lot different from its immediate predecessor, if only for the absence of one vigorous voice of dissent.

That voice belonged to U.S. Rep. William H. Meyer, a towering, soft-spoken Democrat from Vermont who was a Penn State honor graduate and who pursued a two-year career of raising hob with the established order.

A native of Philadelphia, Meyer made national news in 1958 when he defeated former Gov. Harold J. Arthur for Vermont's lone House seat and became the first Democrat to win statewide office since 1850.

Meyer joined with some other liberal Democrats in criticizing Eisenhower foreign and defense policies. He also has advocated world disarmament,

Beginning today, The Daily Collegian will increase its coverage with Washington news service reports of events in the nation's capital of interest to University students.

They will be written by William Harris, a Washington law student, and Robert Franklin, a former Collegian editor.

Harris, a California graduate, has reported for newspapers in California, Colorado and Ohio. Franklin, who has won three Pennsylvania newspaper awards, is a reporter for the Northern Virginia Sun in Arlington.

eventual recognition of Red China and its eventual inclusion into the United Nations.

One of his biggest battles, his fight against the military draft, has special significance for the 46-year-old ex-Congressman.

For Meyer, who boxed as a freshman at Penn State and played two years of football as a 170-pound tackle, registered as a conscientious objector during World War II. Nevertheless, he says, he is not a pacifist.

"American Democracy is on trial," he told the House, as it considered renewing the draft in 1959. "If this House continues to permit military leaders and their spokesmen to usurp the powers and duties of Congress, then Patrick Henry spoke in vain... If we allow a modern Praetorian Guard to incubate as a menace to modern Rome, we will have chosen Sparta at its worst in preference to Athens at its best."

In listing 10 reasons for dropping the draft, he told the House the Pentagon knows the system is wrong, but is afraid

to abolish conscription, which is wasteful in every way; creates a false sense of security; weakens the country's total strength; interferes with the proper development of its youth; violates American traditions and does not contribute to peaceful solutions of world problems.

"We have no right to conscript labor at substandard rates nor to maintain a system riddled with inequalities," he said.

Meyer advocated a "better and cheaper" well-paid voluntary Army as an adequate military defense that avoids "crucifying our traditions on a double-edged sword" of "cancerous militarism."

"It costs \$11,000 to train a draftee over a two-year period," he told Washington Wire. "But 97 per cent don't reenlist."

Nevertheless, the House voted 381-20 to extend the draft to July 1, 1963.

Meyer was a driving force even in college days, when he was graduated from Penn State in forestry in 3½ years. He has worked as a timber cruiser, state and federal forester, Civilian Conservation Corps technician and supervisor in West Virginia, Maryland, Wisconsin and New Jersey, followed by 10 years with the Soil Conservation Service in Vermont.

In 1951 he entered private practice as a consulting forester and became executive director of the Vermont Forest and Farmland Foundation.

The Meyer's daughter, Kristin, was graduated from Penn State in June 1959. One of their two sons, Karl, has been arrested for demonstrations against a New York compulsory civil defense law and an Omaha missile base.

Meyer's courageous individualism didn't help his chances of winning reelection last year. Although he ran nearly 5000 votes ahead of President-elect Kennedy, he lost by 25,000 votes. He was defeated by Republican Gov. Robert T. Stafford, who himself won the governorship by only 700 votes in the unusual Democratic year of 1958.

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### Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler

