

Editorial Opinion

University Does Job; What About State?

Penn State is the only university in the state which has specifically pledged itself to handle a large proportion of the increasing number of students seeking higher education in Pennsylvania each year.

Yet chances that the state legislature will understand the need for the additional \$6 million in this year's appropriation request appear to be slim indeed.

The last budget submitted included a request for an additional \$5 million per year to operate and expand Pennsylvania's only state university. An increase of \$1 million per year was granted.

Undaunted by this blow, the University proved that its pledge was not idle words by admitting 1200 students more than their normal quota last year, even though the legislature had not seen fit to provide the funds to handle this addition.

The move was a manifestation of the University's intent to live up to its responsibility to the prospective students of the state. Moreover, it was an expression of faith that the legislature would realize its responsibility to support these students.

New buildings have been built to handle the influx of students. This causes plant maintenance costs to mount.

The University pledged to take another 1200 increase in admissions next year—but it can't even pay off the expense for the last 1200 without the appropriation increase.

The University of Pennsylvania, Temple, Pitt, Drexel and the state colleges all receive state funds. None of these has made a definite commitment to substantially increase admissions.

Few have even given an indication that they would provide for a significant proportion of the 12,000 additional students expected to seek entrance to colleges in this state next year.

No school in the state has matched Penn State's growth to assume its responsibility to the future of Pennsylvania.

Why then should the legislature not assume its responsibility to grant the appropriation needed to do this job?

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Snow, Records Pile Up

by joel myers

The myth of the "old fashioned" winter is being decisively destroyed this season as Old Mother Nature produces a never-before equalled onslaught of snow and cold.

The big storm of the past weekend was the fifth major and widespread snowstorm to strike Pennsylvania this winter. Many winters produce no such major and widespread storms.

Three of these storms produced excessive snow in eastern Pennsylvania, four heavy accumulations in central Pennsylvania and five substantial, but not record-breaking snow accumulations in the western part of the state.

Another heavy, but not

widespread, storm hit the southwestern part of the Commonwealth yesterday.

The magnitude of this winter's heavy snowfalls is reflected in the total snow accumulation. Most areas in eastern and central Pennsylvania have already received nearly as much snow as had fallen in any previous winter season and some areas have established new all-time records.

For example, the weather observer in Harrisburg has measured 69 inches of snow, 17 inches more than the old record.

Philadelphia, with 47 inches for the winter, is just eight inches short of its all-time record.

The unusually cold weather that has prevailed almost continuously since early December has allowed the snow cover across Pennsylvania to grow deeper and deeper.

This cold weather, which has reached record proportions in some sections of the state, has also caused most rivers to

freeze solid.

This combination of frozen rivers and deep snow cover constitutes a very serious flood threat.

The snow cover represents several inches of frozen water that is just waiting for a warm spring rain so it can melt and run down the hills and mountains toward the sea. If the rivers weren't frozen, they might be capable of handling most of this load, provided the snow melted slowly.

However, with ice jamming the rivers, a very real flood threat exists for practically all low-lying areas of the state.

The critical period will start in the next few weeks as slowly moderating temperatures accompany the approach of spring.

If the warm-up is slow and no heavy rain occurs, the snow will melt slowly. If, on the other hand, rain and warmer weather combine, Pennsylvania's worst winter in history could be followed by the most devastating floods on record.



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Letters to the Editor IFC Chaplain Subtlety Sours Senior Defends Rights Of Association

TO THE EDITOR: I was disappointed yesterday to note that the usually clear thinking editors of the Collegian have been "carried away" by the prevailing climate of public thought against discrimination.

Although I too am earnest in my desire that all citizens of our country have equal access to the rights, responsibilities and privileges of citizenship without respect to their race or ethnic origin, I think it would be to defeat this purpose if, to accomplish it, other essential human rights would be sacrificed.

Therefore I deplore this and all other attacks on constitutionally guaranteed freedom of individuals voluntarily to associate with each other in lawful organizations.

Any University rulings denying this right would be as ungodly as they would be unconstitutional, imperiling this principle which is essential to a democratic society.

George F. Haney IFC Chaplain

(Editor's Note: Maybe it depends upon which rights, freedoms and democratic principles are more important.)

Gazette

- TODAY ACE, 7 p.m., "Love in Elementary Grades," Living Center-Home Ec South Air Force Glee Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room Angel Flight, 7:30 p.m., Armory Basketball Officials' Club, 7:30 p.m., 2 White Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB Delta Nu Alpha, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Nu DUC Student Council, 7:30 p.m., Old Main Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 214-215 HUB IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB Men's Debate, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB Panhellenic Council, 7 p.m., 216 HUB P.S. Special Ed, 6:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB SGA, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB Student Handbook, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB University Party, 7 p.m., 213 HUB

Ph.D., M.S. to Be Given For New Area of Study

A program of studies leading to a master of science or doctor of philosophy degree in solid state technology has been established, according to Dr. Harold K. Schilling, dean of the graduate school. Candidates for these degrees will not study in any specific discipline, but will have courses in the colleges of Chemistry and Physics, Engineering and Architecture, Mineral Industries, or in a combination of the three.

TO THE EDITOR: The purpose of this letter is to refute Miss Dyer's article of February 7:

with the hope that those people who swallowed the pomaine of Miss Dyer's alphabet soup will regurgitate its contents after the right ingredients are offered for consumption herein.

with the realization that what she called Mickey Mouse activities really approach being Mighty Mouse activities.

with the hope that the Collegian and Miss Dyer will reevaluate the judgement used in writing such an article.

Are the alphabet groups really Mickey Mouse groups that do nothing? I say not, judging from my own experience.

As an officer of the IFC and the president of my fraternity (English and Greek alphabet groups) I am proud of what is probably the strongest fraternity system in the country—one that in the past year, on its own, carried out plans to improve scholarship and safety standards of its houses, and generally carried on social and governmental activities that could be replaced only by the University's hiring highly paid people.

As editor of the Student Handbook for two years, I and my colleagues put hundreds of hours into producing a booklet to better acclimate new students to the University.

This too could only be replaced by the University's hiring salaried people and bearing the costs (now mostly done by advertising) of producing a 100-page booklet. This is sponsored by SGA—another alphabet group.

And what about SGA? I admit it has been bogged down and inefficient the past year. But you still can't overlook the fact that in the past year it has sponsored the invaluable student insurance and SGA Flight programs and forced the administration to drop its discriminatory housing lists.

And what about the SGA sponsored Orientation Week—a major undertaking requiring hundreds of hours of work by the students who execute it.

AWS also came under fire and also its president, Margaret McPherson. Calling AWS a collection of budding Margaret Chase Smiths was a direct slap at one of the most outstanding persons to ever attend this University.

Miss McPherson has carried a Dean's List All-U average over the past seven semesters, and at the same time represented student opinion at the University Senate and Penn State co-eds in the Dean of Women's office. Do you forget the efforts of AWS in helping

establish longer hours and other liberal benefits in the past year?

I can only condemn the Collegian for printing such an article—because on its editorial page it crusades for better student government, and then elsewhere in its pages ridicules the sincere efforts of the alphabet groups; because such an article, although funny, belongs in Froth where it can be read in the proper light and not accepted as editorial fact by the new students on campus to whom it was directed. Maybe Collegian should reevaluate its methods of achieving its goal of a better Penn State.

I hope that this points out the fact that activities are worthwhile—both to the University and those participating.

I hope too that the Collegian decides on an appropriate, consistent method of editorializing for a better Penn State. There may be some Mickey Mouse alphabet groups on campus, but there is one that is going to the head of the pack—C-O-L-L-E-G-I-A-N (remember you are an activity too).

I also question Miss Dyer's ridiculing activities when she herself is very active in them—Collegian, LA Council, AWS Judicial, the Symphony Orchestra, Orientation Counseling, and many others.

I hope Collegian realizes Miss Dyer's article was a mistake that should not be repeated.

—Ben Bronstein '61

(Editor's Note: One of the functions of a newspaper is to entertain. We are sorry you missed the intended humor and we are also sorry that our campus organizations have apparently lost the ability to laugh at themselves occasionally.)

WDFM Schedule

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