

Editorial Opinion

Letter Campaign

The Liberal party deserves commendation for being the first student group to jump behind President Eric A. Walker in an effort to stir up support for the University's appropriation request.

The party has announced plans to conduct a "write your representative" campaign among students on campus and is also sending letters to newspapers throughout the state.

**These are all good moves to try to convince legislators of the University's need for the full appropriation.**

The need is exactly this—if the full appropriation is not granted, tuition, which is already the second highest of any land grant college in the country, will take another big jump. If this fact doesn't activate students, we don't know what will.

Students should flood letters to their representatives, the Governor, the majority and minority leaders in the Senate and the House. We have but one word of caution on a letter campaign—take care in the timing.

Letters will be much more effective if they reach the legislators just before the appropriation bill is introduced or during the time it is on the floor of the Assembly. This is not expected to be until the beginning or middle of March, after the report of the Governor's Committee on Education is given.

**If letters are received too soon they are apt to slip the memory of the Legislator, but if they are fresh in his mind when his vote is called for he cannot ignore them.**

It is good to be laying the groundwork for a campaign now, but it would be better if the letters were actually sent a week or two hence.

Every state student is either a voter or a potential voter and should make his feelings known to the men who are representing him in Harrisburg.

We would oppose the idea of form letters. These would be immediately discarded by legislators as the work of one person with solicited and maybe even forged signatures. In any event they would not carry the weight that individual handwritten letters would.

**Likewise, we feel a petition, regardless of how many signatures, could only be an aid and not a substitute for personal letters.**

Students should also encourage their taxpaying and tuition-paying parents to join the letter campaign.

Student Government Association in representing the student body should draft a definite stand backing the University's full appropriation request and explaining the need.

Students have a big stake in the outcome of the appropriation request—at least a couple hundred dollars worth—and this should be enough incentive to stir them to action.

Letters

Liberal Party Sends Letters About Budget

**TO THE EDITOR:** Recently you may have read that the Pennsylvania Legislature is planning to grant six million dollars less than the amount needed by the Pennsylvania State University to maintain its services to the commonwealth.

We as a group of Penn State students are writing to explain why we believe the University urgently needs the full amount requested and to ask for your support on the matter.

The University must meet expenses in order to keep its doors open to the influx of Pennsylvania's prospective students. Last year Penn State admitted an additional 1200 students to meet the demand.

This year the University plans to admit another additional 1200 students, 10 per cent of the estimated number of Pennsylvanians who will then be seeking college entrance. However, failure to receive the increased funds will prevent the University from extending this service.

In this case, many of the residents of your own city may be refused admittance because of the lack of accommodations.

Also, the research and services performed at the University do much to aid the state. One million of the requested appropriation would finance a special progress program of research projects dealing with issues vital to Pennsylvania.

**We appeal for your consideration and interest in this matter and for your influence with the legislators of your district. The Governor has stated that the granting of the needed amount would require an increase in taxation.**

Only your willingness to assume the responsibility for strengthening the educational standards of the state will make this measure possible. Pennsylvania State University, as an important institution in the life of the commonwealth, needs this appropriation.

—Dale Harris, Liberal Party

*(Editor's Note: The letter is a duplicate of the one which Liberal Party is sending to newspapers throughout the state. We would like to point out that the appropriation measure has not yet come before the legislature. Governor David L. Lawrence has recommended that the Penn State appropriation remain at the present 17 million (six million less than the request) pending the report of his committee on higher education.)*

Interpreting

USSR's Plan May Backfire

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

The Soviet Union has thrown a war scare into the Congo crisis, is attacking the United Nations, and by those acts may lose permanently the support of many of the newly emerging nations which she hoped would help advance her cause.

The alacrity with which she called the pro-Communist Antoine Gizenga group the legitimate government of the Congo, thus providing her with a technical basis for a Laos-type military airlift if she chooses, has disturbed everyone who hoped to smooth over the Lumumba crisis without a chaotic civil war. And the smaller nations do hope for this.



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The break in relations with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld of the United Nations, and the attempt to scuttle the entire UN operation in the Congo, runs against what most of the nations have already voted in favor of, and threaten the focal point around which they believe their security revolves.

India, which frequently ignores Western policy, is a powerful leader among these countries which, however naively, wish just to be let alone.

One of the most significant products of the Soviet actions on Tuesday was the immediate expression of disapproval by India.

Instead of withdrawing the

UN force from the Congo, India said, it should be strengthened along with the whole UN policy. Its Congolese troops which should be disarmed, and foreign elements eliminated, said the Indian ambassador to Washington, adding: "It should only be done in the UN."

This is faith reiterated despite UN inability to act decisively so far. It is, by its direct contradiction of Communist policy, a strong complaint against anyone who would promote chaos in the Congo for their own purposes.

The Soviet idea that she can establish a puppet regime even in part of the Congo, as she has tried to do in Cuba, without producing a direct conflict and perhaps war with the West, is farfetched. If it comes to that, through promotion of civil war, the West will not sit back and see Africa start down the Communist road as did Asia after World War II.

The Western powers, also, are just as determined as the small nations that the United Nations shall not be undermined.

If the Soviet Union continues her pressures on either or both of these points, she will produce a coalescence which might not have occurred otherwise.

Letters

Arabs Appreciate U.S. More

**TO THE EDITOR:** While I was reading Miss Lynn Cerecice's quick interview with Mr. Baddah (The Daily Collegian, Feb. 14, 1961), this statement aggravated my sight: "Many people of Kuwait picture the U.S. citizen as someone who wears a cowboy suit, rides horseback and carries a gun."

Being from that area and knowing its people well, I could not but question the exactness of this statement. After discussing it with my friend Mr. Baddah, I came to the conclusion that his interviewer had either misunderstood him or put words into his mouth. I feel that it is my duty to point this out lest anyone takes the wrong impression of our knowledge of America.

In the meantime, I would

like to emphasize the fact that our notion of the typical American is not that superficial, and that we know about Great America more than some Americans know about themselves.

It is true, that a good number of the movies shown there are of the "Western" type. However, when people go to see them, they do realize that those movies are shown not because they exemplify the American life, but because they are easy to comprehend by non-English speakers.

I doubt that any Arab would be so narrowminded to "picture the U.S. citizen as someone who wears a cowboy suit, rides horseback and carries a gun."

—Saleh Humaidan, '64

Jr. Discusses Food Waste

**TO THE EDITOR:** I would like to publicly thank Mr. Stephen Blum for having the good sense to say something that I have been afraid to say for so long a time.

I also feel that the wasted commodities of the country are deplorable. We preach the righteousness of capitalism to the various underdeveloped countries of the world in the hope that they will believe us and steer clear of socialism, as defined in Russia.

But what proof do we offer these people as to the worth of a system of economics that demands the waste of countless millions of dollars worth of food while people are starving or at any rate going hungry?

In sociology we had a film on India which told us that the

children of the peasant class of India usually only eat four reasonable facsimiles of a meal every week. We in this country eat easily five times as much as they do, and, much to our own shame, we waste many times that amount of food.

Our way of life is the best way of life on most counts and we know it, but some of the other free peoples of the world do not know it. It is up to us to show them this truth, which is so very obvious to us.

—Donald Fies, '62

*(Editor's Note: Fies is referring, in his first paragraph, to an article written by Stephen R. Blum, junior in arts and letters, which appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Daily Collegian.)*

Gazette

TODAY

- AF Glee Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- American Nuclear Society, 7:30 p.m., 105 ME
- Basketball Officials Club, 7:30 p.m., 2 White Hall
- Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee, 6:30 p.m., 216 HUB
- Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
- Encampment Reunion, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- Faculty Women's Bridge, 7:45 p.m., 212 HUB
- Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- Grad Student Association, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
- Gymnastics Club, 4:30 p.m., body mech. room, White Hall
- IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 215 HUB
- Jazz Club, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
- Liberal Party, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB ground floor
- Penn State Outing Club, ski division, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
- Phi Epsilon, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB
- Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 210 HUB
- Pre Vet Club Executive Meeting, 8 p.m., 216 HUB
- SCA Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
- SGA, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- University Party, 7 p.m., 212 HUB

HOSPITAL

- John Adams, Justo Andrade, Judith Baker, Frank Fee, Madeline Golde, Andrew Halstone, Alfred Ketterring, Robert Kish, Linda Levy, Fred Marcus, Alan Mills, Susan Moldovi, Nancy Noigt, Howard Penkower, John Reber, Kenneth Reynolds, Lawrence Rickman, Ellsworth Sawyer, Ronald Stumons, Margaret Tietz, Margaret Tighe, Dale Troutman.

WDFM Schedule

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 Stock Market Report	8:30 Stock Market Report
3:50 News and Weather	3:50 News and Weather
4:00 Critic's Choice	4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Three at Five	5:00 Three at Five
6:00 Studio X	6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weatherscope	6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Obelisk	7:00 Album Review
7:30 The Jazz Sound	7:30 Portrait of a City
7:55 News Roundup	7:55 News Roundup
8:00 This Is The Subject	8:00 Starlight Review
9:00 Folk Music	9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
9:30 Opinion 15	9:45 News, Sports, Weather
9:45 News, Sports, Weather	10:00 Ballet Theatre
10:00 Chamber Concert	12:00 Midnight Mood
12:00 Sign Off	1:00 Sign Off

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