

Editorial Opinion

Delay Hinders Planning

The news that the report of the Governor's Committee on Education will probably not be ready before March 25 comes as a severe blow to the University.

In light of the governor's decision to freeze the University's appropriation until after the presentation of this report, this delay could have disastrous effects on University planning. This is particularly so now, since the University is making a bold step into the new four-term system during the coming fiscal year.

Definite plans cannot be made until the size of the appropriation is known. The University will not even know how many students it can accept for admittance next year until definite budget appropriations are made.

Thus, the University is placed in the untenable position of having to plan next year's operations and not knowing just what they can plan for.

The size of the budget, of course, is always the primary factor determining any planning. A late appropriation could play havoc with the University's planning for the four-term system.

The University's total budget as recommended by President Eric A. Walker is \$63.4 million, of which \$23.1 million has been requested as an appropriation from the state. If this amount is not received, the University will have to try to scrape up the difference from other sources or curtail its operations accordingly.

The fiscal year for which the University must plan begins on June 1.

If the Governor's Committee does not report till the end of March and it takes another month for bills to be passed on the University's appropriation, it may be the end of April before the administration knows how much money it has to work with.

This would leave them exactly one month to draw up plans for operating the University under this entirely new four-term system. This system is not used by any other University so the administration has no precedent to go on.

It is already known that the Governor's Committee report will recommend that the University play an expanding role in the state's higher educational system and that a significant increase will be necessary in the funds allocated to it.

In view of the detrimental effects a late appropriation can have on the University, the Governor should rescind his freeze and propose legislation asking the full \$23.1 million appropriation without waiting for his special committee report.

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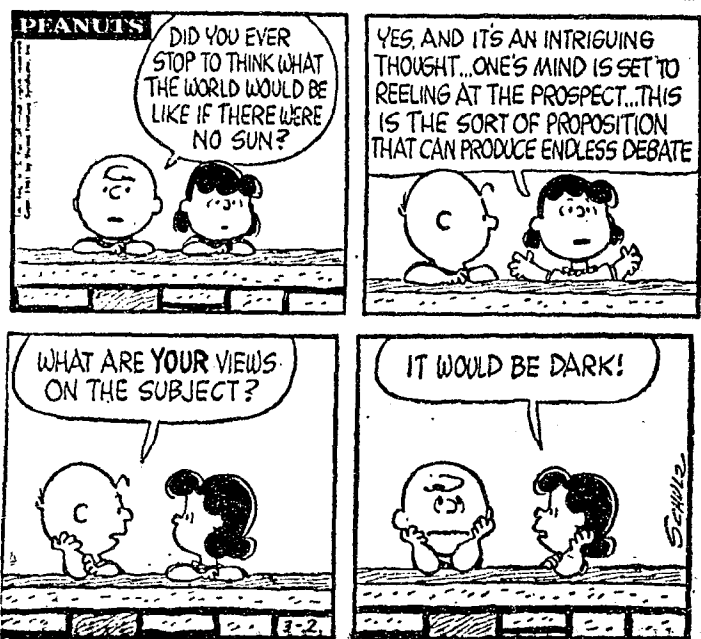
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Snowed General Deposit Attacked

by joel myers

In an unpublicized and surprising move Tuesday, the administration increased the cost of attending the University.

This boost in expenses for already over-charged students came in the disguise of "a general deposit," which is supposed to replace the individual deposits for losses, damage and breakage fees.

The cost of this combined fee is \$25 for all students already enrolled and \$50 for all incoming students, according to Carl Barnes, controller.

This money will be returned upon graduation, but will be out of the students' reach during their most economically de-

pressed period — their college days.

It is interesting to compare individual deposits that are currently charged. Now, residence hall deposits are \$10; military equipment charges, \$20; chemistry breakage, \$10; and towel and locker deposits for men, \$2.

If a student had to pay all of these deposits under the present plan, it would cost \$42. However, very few students have ROTC, physical education, chemistry and live in the residence halls at the same time.

In fact, nearly all men living in rooming houses or fraternities of fifth semester standing or higher have none of these expenses. Yet, they will be forced to pay the \$25 or \$50 charge. This doesn't seem fair.

We realize that a single deposit will make it easier for the office of the controller, but the this exorbitant charge with the

money demands made upon University students, particularly since last year's tuition increase, seem to justify a review of this decision by University policymakers.

It's interesting to observe the possible hidden motives behind this decision. Twenty thousand students each paying \$50 will provide the University with a fund of \$1 million. With enrollment expected to rise in years to come, this fund should show a further increase.

Although this fund is not University property, it may come in handy in years of lean appropriations from Harrisburg.

Also, the interest from \$1 million wisely invested ranges between \$30,000 and \$40,000 annually.

We wonder if some University administrators aren't losing complete sight of the students in their seemingly blind effort to expand the Nittany Valley education complex.

Letters

Group Seeks Views About Health Center

TO THE EDITOR: Within the last two days suggestion boxes have been placed around the campus in such places as the HUB desk, Pollock dining hall, Warnock post office, Sackett, Boucke, Redifer dining hall and Waring lounge.

These boxes have been placed there by the SGA Infirmary Committee in an attempt to get some student views concerning the Ritenour Health Center.

As has been previously stated in The Daily Collegian, this committee is endeavoring to bring out into the open some of the suggestions and complaints concerning the Health Center and the Dispensary, and through consultation with the officials of the Center, attempt to create greater cooperation and understanding between the student body and the Infirmary. The only way that this committee can accomplish its purpose is to have some ideas to work with.

Here is the opportunity for students to have their say concerning something that is vital to everyone, and I am asking all of you who wish to cooperate to please take advantage of this chance.

I feel that this committee can do a fine job with the aid of the students, so I again ask that you take the few seconds necessary to write down what you want to say and drop it into one of the suggestion boxes. It may prove to be a very worthwhile effort.

—Eugene Zuckerman '63

Vacation OK'd

TO THE EDITOR: I disagree with Messrs. Altman and Hipple. A long Christmas vacation is better than a Thanksgiving vacation. At Thanksgiving finals will be nearer than at Christmas; we will need our study most then.

—Richard Helffrich '64

Gazette

TODAY
Alpha Eta Pi, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Association of U.S. Army, 7:30 p.m., Phi Delta Theta
Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
Interstate Debaters, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Lenten Service, 7 a.m., Wesley Foundation
Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society, 7:30 p.m., Junior High School Cafeteria
Panhel, 9 p.m., 212 HUB
Placement, 8 a.m., 208 HUB
Pennsylvania Society of Special Ed., 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
SGA, 7:30 p.m., 208 HUB
University Party, 7 p.m., 218 HUB

Letters

Suggestions for SGA

TO THE EDITOR: Having discussed deficiencies of SGA, it is necessary to remedy the trouble spots which undermine the capability, reliability, and responsibility of the organization, the chief factors in establishing effective student government.

The University administration, having legal and moral responsibility to the state legislature and to the parents of the students for maintaining and promoting the student welfare, delegates as much of this responsibility to the student body as it can handle. The administration tries to fulfill the desire of the students to regulate their own affairs and to promote good citizenship practices among the student body as well as to ease the burden of its responsibilities in this area.

The crux of the matter, however, is that the students' desire for freedom of movement in the area of student affairs does not seem to be so great as their aversion to accepting the responsibility for this freedom. The degree of freedom given the students is directly proportional to the responsibility they assume, their capability, and reliability.

I suggest the following remedies for the mentioned trouble spots in order to achieve the chief factors in establishing effective student government:

●Eliminate direct election (Assemblymen and class presidents) with the exception of the All-University officers (president, vice-president, and

secretary-treasurer). This eliminates the class myth.

●Substitute the constituency groups (TIM, AWS, IFC, MRC for the class representation. This establishes a defined and specific constituency.

●Add interest groups (ICCB, Leonides, ISA, Panhellenic Council, etc.) to the legislative body. The interest groups would serve as lobbyists, having no vote. This provides the legislative body with direct contact with a cross section of legitimate student interests, and gives the interest groups a real opportunity to present their views.

●Membership of the legislative body should be kept to a workable number. This insures the operational efficiency of the legislative body, without deleting the field of talent for the committee system.

●Establish an SGA training program. This would promote responsible thought and action on the part of all student government participants.

●Adhere to sound administrative principles such as direct chain of responsibility, one man accountability, defined division of labor and responsibility, and the demanding of high standards of performance.

The above is offered for your consideration, and is intended to serve as a point of departure for constructive and realistic criticism.

—Earl Gershenow, '62
(Editor's note: This is the second of two letters submitted by Gershenow. The first appeared in yesterday's Collegian.)

'Downbeat' Revives Debate

TO THE EDITOR: Realizing the risk involved in reopening a letter debate whose furor seems to have abated, I would like to contribute a comment on the subject of the recent Ray Charles Concert at Recreation Hall.

As the Jazz Editor of "FROTH," I have already expressed my opinions of Ray Charles in my column of last month's issue. At this time, I would like to point out a review of Ray Charles which appeared in this month's "Downbeat" magazine.

The review, written by Ralph J. Gleason, Contributing Editor of "Downbeat," was written after seeing the Ray

Charles group in person—not after simply reading the backs of record jackets. I hope that by quoting this authority some progress may be made in the controversy which has arisen.

"Any jazz club that has the opportunity to book this band, with or without Charles, should take it. Any jazz fan or musician who misses the opportunity to hear this unit under any circumstances is depriving himself of one of the most rewarding experiences available in modern music."

Our Jazz Club has taken that opportunity. I hope they keep up the good work.

—Ed Uria '63
FROTH Jazz Editor

WDFM Schedule

THURSDAY
8:25 Financial Tidbits
2:30 Stock Market Reports
4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Music at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Seven O'Clock Report
7:15 Album Review
7:30 Portrait of a City
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 This Is the Subject
9:00 Folk Music

9:30 Opinion 15
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Chamber Concert
12:00 Sign Off

HOSPITAL

Neil Anderson, Stephanie Andruzak, Jeanne Averill, Adelaide Cassella, Judy Cheadle, Charles Drum, Judith Fara, Rene Foster, Robert Gilmor, Marcia Glenn, Thomas Greenlee, Nellie Hughes, Allen Kine, Helen Ledoux, Carol Messikomer, Judith Opperman, Herman Otter, Alice Riccadonna, Helen Schmidt, Renee Steier, Franlie Stein, William Whitlatch, Frederic Wolman.