

Editorial Opinion

Work of Peace Corps

The movement toward getting the Kennedy Peace Corps into operation is gaining momentum and it might be a good idea for college students to be giving participation in it some serious thought.

The program is, from all indications, not going to be anything which would appeal to draft dodgers or students just out for a lark.

Combatting illiteracy or building drainage ditches in some African village is going to be hard, demanding work—and this is precisely the type of work for which many students entering the corps will be trained.

Students may work on farms or on construction projects and they may build roads—in short, students working in the peace corps will have to get their hands dirty.

Other areas in which peace corps students may be used are education and health projects.

The question is will U. S. college students be able to meet this challenge—will they be able to do the necessary work and to make a "good impression" upon the countries in which they work?

The Colorado State University Research Foundation has made a thorough investigation of the advantages and pitfalls of having young Americans volunteer to serve in the backward villages of the world and has made a favorable report.

The report said that such a program was "practical."

Small pilot projects are now underway to test the plan in the toughest possible way. Several groups of American volunteers have been sent to teach in African villages.

The governmental framework for launching the program on a full scale has been begun in Washington with the University's vice president for academic affairs, Lawrence E. Dennis, as a part of the original nucleus.

Selections for the program will be made from student volunteers. Those selected to serve abroad will probably be trained in the language and customs of the country in which they will work as well as certain necessary skills such as farming and road building.

Helping the African and Asian nations in their rice paddies may do more to protect the world from domination by the Communists than all the ICBM missiles the United States can amass.

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Letter to Legislator

by joel myers

Dear State Legislator:  
Are you aware of what is happening at The Pennsylvania State University?

This University, which is a public institution dedicated to the education of all academically-capable persons in Pennsylvania, has been forced to deviate from its chosen path and is now steering a course of discrimination.

This discrimination is one of the ugliest forms of prejudice that exists since it is based on one's ability to pay.

The constitution of the United States guarantees everyone the right of a free and public education. With the tremendous progress in scientific knowledge, technology, and automation during the past few decades, this education has come to include college training.

Penn State, which is THE "public" institute of higher learning in Pennsylvania, has been forced to increase tuition rates at a phenomenal rate during the past few years because of insufficient appropriations from the State Legislature.

When the students that compose this year's graduating class were seniors in high school, it cost \$250 a year to attend Penn State. When these students became freshmen, the annual charge jumped to \$350, and when they became juniors the tuition was further increased to the present level of \$480 a year.

We all realize that these are times of inflation, but how much tuition inflation can students (or their parents) absorb? In a period during which the consumer price index rose 14 per cent, Penn State's tuition increased 92 per cent.

These geometrically rising tuition costs along with the initiation of hidden costs — entrance fees, counseling fees and a general deposit — have prevented many academically qualified students from acquiring an education.

This year, thousands of Pennsylvania high school graduates who finished in the second fifth of their graduating class will be denied admission to Penn State, because

this university lacks the funds and space to accept them. Thousands more who finish in the upper fifth of their class will be denied an education because they lack sufficient money to finance it.

The strange situation in Pennsylvania whereby private schools compete for public funds has produced several institutions that offer an education, but all are priced too high for the average family.

Pitt, Temple and Penn, three private institutions that receive public funds, have not only failed to hold the line on their already-high tuition fees in recent years, but haven't met the college application boom as well as Penn State.

Although these schools receive the same percentage increase in appropriations as Penn State during the past four years, they have only shown an enrollment increase of 3 per cent compared to a corresponding increase of 20 per cent in Penn State's enrollment.

There is nothing wrong with supporting private colleges and universities, but this support should not be at the expense of the public schools. Ninety per cent of all sub-

sidies to private colleges by state governments in the entire United States is paid by the Pennsylvania state legislature; yet, the tuition at Penn State is the third highest of all 67 state universities in the nation.

There is just once chance for saving the last vestige of a reasonably priced and public education at Penn State and this is to support President Eric Walker's budget request.

Dr. Walker has promised to accept 1200 additional students this fall. In order to meet the increased costs created by these new students and the generally increased costs of operation, \$6 million in additional funds is needed next year.

If this increase isn't granted by the state legislature, the burden will again fall on the students and the tuition will soar to the highest of all the state universities in the nation.

As a graduating senior at Penn State and a voting citizen of Pennsylvania, I would like to join with the 20,000 students on the Penn State Campuses, the 50,000 alumni and thousands of incoming students along with their families and friends in urging your support of Dr. Walker's budget request.



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World at a Glance  
U.N. Bolsters Congo Force U.S. Envoy To Meet K

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — The United Nations reinforced its Leopoldville garrison yesterday, underlining its warning that UN troops will fight the Congolese army if necessary to retake the vital port of Matadi.

Moroccan soldiers from the UN detachment in Katanga Province were airlifted into Leopoldville and emergency arrangements were made to airlift 600 soldiers from Tunisia. The first of 3000 troops India is sending to the Congo probably will arrive in a week.

The Congolese army has been showing increasing belligerence in recent days, apparently fearing the UN Command will try to disarm it.

The United Nations has about 16,000 troops in the Congo and its strength will be boosted to around 20,000 men by the reinforcements from India and Tunisia.

Formal opening of negotiations between Congolese political leaders meeting in Malagasy Republic marked time because Antoine Gizenga, head of the leftist Stanleyville rebel regime, failed to show up. He is the only leading Congo politician not there.

Elizabeth Taylor Improves Greatly

LONDON (AP) — Lovely Elizabeth Taylor late yesterday was reported "greatly improved" in her desperate fight against pneumonia but still not out of danger.

After another night of anxiety at the exclusive London Clinic where the 29-year-old movie actress lies gravely ill, her doctors announced:

"Over the last 24 hours the general picture has greatly improved though Mrs. Fisher's condition still gives rise to considerable anxiety."

Smiles on the faces of friends emerging from visits reflected their relief and an air of guarded optimism over her condition.

Queen Elizabeth's physician, Lord Evans, left the hospital at nightfall after hours of attendance on the beautiful star.

Police Use of Radar Remains Illegal in Pa.

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Senate last night defeated for the present a bill to legalize use of radar by state police in prosecuting speeders. The vote was 22-25.

X15 Sets Record; Hits 2650 m.p.h.

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The X15 began its long-planned assault on the near reaches of space yesterday by streaking faster than 2650 miles an hour, a record for manned flight.

Officials said instrument checks may revise the figure upward to 2800 m.p.h.

Air friction heated the rocket plane's skin to an estimated 700 degrees, another record for manned flight. But the pilot, Air Force Maj. Bob White, said he was comfortable in his pressure suit and air-conditioned cabin.

White surpassed his own X15 speed mark of 2275 m.p.h. with only a brief, two-third throttle burst of the craft's mighty new space engine.

Penn State Freshman Talks With Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Barr, freshman at the Pennsylvania State University from Port Matilda, was one of six 4H Club leaders who discussed America's farm problem yesterday with President Kennedy.

Barr, on behalf of the group, presented Kennedy with a bound, engraved volume that told in words and pictures the story of the nation's 2,302,000 4Hers. The six were chosen to see the President on the basis of their 4H leadership.

Fall Registration Date Protested

TO THE EDITOR: Although the administration is continually being confronted with fall registration problems, it seems to me that they should have used a great deal more foresight when they moved registration back a week to solve the football game attendance problem, for they created another problem.

This one is not with football game attendance, but with registration itself. The first day of registration is on the same day as a major Jewish holiday.

—Bruce Cobin, '64

Gazette

- TODAY  
Arnold Air Society, 7:15 p.m., Delta Chi  
AWS, 9:15 p.m., Pollock & Solarium  
AWS Parliamentary, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB  
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room  
Engineering Architecture Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 103 Osmond Lab  
Froth, 7 p.m., 214 HUB  
Grad Student Association, 7 p.m., 218 HUB  
Investment Club, 8 p.m., 218 HUB  
Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation  
IVCF, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB  
Kappa Phi, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation  
Orientation Committee Meeting, 9 p.m., 212 HUB  
Phi Epsilon Kappa, 9 p.m., 214 HUB  
Phi Epsilon Omicron, 7 p.m., Home Ec. Living Center  
Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 203 HUB  
Quarterback Society, 7:30 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha  
Sigma Tau Epsilon, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation  
Sports Car Club, 8 p.m., 214 Boucke  
TIM, 8 p.m., 203 HUB  
Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall