

Back the Budget Request

Editorial Opinion

Start Flood of Letters

It is time to start the campaign in earnest. Students who are interested in saving hundreds of dollars in tuition costs and students interested in seeing their state University serve the needs of those seeking entrance should write to the legislators of their choice.

Students should ask them to fight for and vote for the full \$23 million appropriation requested by the University.

A complete list of all state senators and representatives appears in this issue.

Students should write to the senator and representatives from their county or district, and more important, encourage their tax-paying parents to write.

A flood of letters from raging headwaters in the Nittany Valley should flash down upon Harrisburg and crest above the Susquehanna's banks at the Capitol.

The letter campaign should reach every member of the State Legislature. But more especially, it should be concentrated on the Governor; on the Senate party leaders, James S. Berger (Republican) and Charles R. Weiner (Democrat); on House majority leader Stephen McCann (Democrat) and House minority leader Willard F. Agnew, Jr. (Republican); on Rep. Dean J. Polen (D-Washington), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which is working on the bill; and on all the members of this committee. House Appropriations Committee members are marked on the accompanying list with dots.

These are the men who carry the most weight and will have the greatest influence on the outcome of the University's appropriation request.

Last week Rep. Polen introduced on the floor of the House an appropriation bill which included \$18.5 million for the University. However, this does not represent any increase over the \$17.1 million which the Governor recommended, because it applies to a 13-month budget rather than the normal 12-month budget.

The bill was immediately sent to Polen's committee for action and this is where the University's fate lies now. If any change in the amount proposed for the University is to be made, it will probably have to be made in this committee.

The letter campaign is most important at this time.

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Gazette

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Former Rep. Discusses Appropriation

TO THE EDITOR: While I sometimes disagree with good Democrat Joel Myers, there are times when I can be in almost complete accord with the thoughts offered by the young gentleman from Philadelphia.

For instance, concerning the matter of Penn State's appropriation. Certainly, I agree, there is a desperate need for the full amount requested by Dr. Walker, but in his attempt to place the blame for past appropriation cuts, Mr. Myers has fallen somewhat short of the target area.

Knowing a little bit about the workings of our General Assembly, and the wiles of some assemblymen, permit me to say that placing the blame on ONLY the Legislature for Penn State's present financial plight will NOT move the average Legislator toward a more generous course during the appropriation hassle.

Even though it is sad, but true, that there are too many members of the General Assembly who concern themselves very little, if at all, with Penn State's financial needs, the blame for this institution's monetary dilemma cannot be placed solely on the Legislature.

Certainly the Legislature, in recent years, has not kept abreast of Penn State's needs, and this letter is not a vindication of that body's actions, but may I suggest that the executive branch of our state government also be asked to demonstrate some ability to face up to its educational responsibilities!

For instance, I suggest that the governor, in 1961, come

through with more realistic action than he did in 1959, when he arbitrarily took a multi-million dollar cut out of Penn State's budget request.

Let's be honest, no matter which side of the aisle one sits on in the General Assembly, it is infinitely more difficult to restore millions to the University's budget after such drastic cuts as 10 million in 1957 by Gov. Leader and almost as much in 1959 by Gov. Lawrence, than it is to vote for the full amount requested by the University and approved by the Governor. (This does not include GSA funds to Penn State. Those funds are of a different nature entirely.)

Please do not construe this to mean I am suggesting the Republicans are for Penn State while the Democrats are not. This is ridiculous. The fact is, in recent years neither the Legislature nor the governor has demonstrated a very realistic attitude in the cause of higher education.

Pennsylvania has had its "road" governors, its "building" governors, its "mental health" governors and now a "highway safety" governor, but what Penn State really needs is a "higher education" governor! I feel certain if Dave Lawrence would demonstrate the same aggressive nature in matters relating to higher education that he did in matters relating to the Pittsburgh renaissance, better legislative action would follow concerning Penn State.

This is not to deny the fact that Penn State would still need what it does not now have—a lot of influential champions

for its cause in the General Assembly. I was a member of the 1957 session of the General Assembly which restored some 2 million dollars of the amount cut from Penn State's request by Gov. Leader.

If this kind of legislative action was important and necessary then, it certainly should have been equally important in 1959, when, to the best of my knowledge, not one legislator rose to his feet to plead Penn State's cause. And now in 1961 the University's friends in the Legislature are once again conspicuous by their silence.

In closing, permit me to observe that Cong. Bill Green of Philadelphia has no trouble whipping that city's large block of state legislators into line behind his pet projects, nor does Dave Lawrence show any reluctance to crack the patronage whip over the Pittsburgh delegation when he wants to.

Perhaps with the support of both these fellows, higher education could be given a big boost. Would it be whistling in the dark to suggest that these two astute politicians throw their political weight behind their only land grant institution's legitimate request for funds by "prodding" their respective delegations into a more realistic attitude toward Penn State?

Unfortunately nobody ever made votes carrying the banner for higher education, but no doubt Pennsylvania's august General Assembly will once again debate at length a bill suggesting an official state dog for the Commonwealth—it always does.

—Bob Breon

Write to These Legislators Now!

The following is a list of state senators and representatives grouped according to county. All correspondence for senators should be sent to the Senate Office Bldg. in Harrisburg. Correspondence for representatives should be sent to the House Office Bldg., also in Harrisburg.

● Indicates member of House Appropriations Committee.

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Francis Worley

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Robert D. Fleming
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Joseph D. Ripp
Leonard C. Staisey

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House Minority Leader

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Jules Filo

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Maurice H. Goldstein
Arthur O. Guesman
George K. Haudenschild
K. Leroy Irvis

George E. Jenkins
Walter T. Kamyk
Harry A. Kramer
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Paul F. Luty
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Representative
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Senator
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Representatives
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Daniel F. McDevitt
William G. Piper
LeRoy A. Weidner

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Representatives
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Joseph R. Holliday
Harold G. Miller

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Senator
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Representative
Evan S. Williams

BUCKS COUNTY

Senator
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Representatives
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Senator
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Representatives
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Representatives
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Edward W. McNally
Louis Rovanske

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CARBON COUNTY

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Representative
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Representative
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Representative
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