

Editorial Opinion

It's A Long Walk

A student march to Harrisburg to support the University's request for a full \$23 million appropriation seemed rather far-fetched when it suddenly appeared, then just as quickly disappeared, from the campus political scene last week. But it might bear close examination.

Such an expression of purpose by students would focus national attention on the University and its budget problem, for newspapers and wire services would certainly find it newsworthy.

And when you consider the way the national magazines, radio and television networks covered the Bowling Green and Fort Lauderdale uprisings, it is not unlikely to expect that they would spotlight a 90-mile march by students for what would certainly have to be considered a "good" cause.

But here arises the first question. Where can you find students who will walk 90 miles, even if they might save themselves a couple bucks a mile in tuition costs?

The theme of students struggling to prevent a tuition increase in order to complete their education might inspire considerable public support for the University, if you could get any students to struggle that hard.

In light of the fact that few students could even be motivated to pick up a pen and write a letter to their legislature, it is extremely doubtful that you could get them to walk 90 miles.

There is no doubt, however, about the publicity which would be derived, but this brings the second question. How would this publicity affect the governor and the legislature? Would they be more or less likely to vote the full appropriation request for the University?

This is hard to predict, but the present situation isn't. The governor's proposal of \$18 million is expected on the floor of the House this week and there is little hope that it will be raised through an amendment on the floor.

So it would seem that there is nothing to lose but there is an outside chance that widespread favorable public opinion might pressure the state government into granting the needed appropriation, if you can find a sufficient number of dedicated student-hikers.

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The Law of the Jungle

by meg teichholtz

You do not realize the power you have in your hands.

The power to finally take student government out of the suffocating grasp of small time status-seekers and grant it to those who still maintain a vital concept of democracy.

The power to gain, or even try to gain, jurisdiction in determining where you will park and if you will march in ROTC drill for another year.

The power to say "yes" when Old Main says "no."

There is one factor which underlies the inefficiency your student government has demonstrated for two successive years—the people in control have been seeking their own self-interest, not YOUR interest.

I have heard them deny this and pass the blame to their co-workers, their Assembly (which should, by the way, be your Assembly), their constituency and their constituency.

Just for the record, the blame does rest with these so-called leaders.

Now you ask, how did the current "leaders" get where they are in student government if they are not serving your interest. It is a logical question and the answer is actually quite simple.

There is a definite power structure at Penn State, and the way to the top is to climb the rungs carefully and know the "right" people.

Please note that leadership ability is secondary to smoothness of approach, a calculating foresight and good timing.

The various activities in which this leadership is supposedly demonstrated are tools for the politicians. They become known in councils and on committees. They are on their way up.

With minor variations, political "leaders" at Penn State come from a few of the many fraternities. These groups usually decide among themselves whom they will prime for an election and when to start priming him.

It is all planned out a long time before each election, and

anyone who deviates from the system gets "shafted" when parties nominate or when Lion's Paw taps.

There is a great deal of psychology involved in this system.

Most of you are probably wondering why these local glory-getters even bother. I've wondered the same thing, and there is no pat answer.

One reason is a quest for status.

Another and stronger reason focuses on their desire for good recommendations for future jobs and graduate school. If they have to play "yes man" for the administration to get them, they'll do it.

Remember too, that most of the students forming their constituencies have never bothered to muster a protest against this status-structure which could be a student government.

Every indication is that it is much easier to plead mass ignorance than to investigate the sincerity of the candidates now competing for SGA offices.

Take stock of your power before you vote.

Letters

Activities 'Essential' for SGA Prexy

TO THE EDITOR: Does Miss Wolford have any idea what the duties and responsibilities of the SGA president are? Does she realize that brilliant ideas are useless if not implemented? Her column in Thursday's Collegian would not indicate so.

In that column she attempted to degrade those whose interest in Penn State has been evidenced in student activities, as if these people were seeking nothing but recognition and as if they never learned anything from such experiences and never did anything to benefit the students.

If she doesn't believe that the student body profits from the efforts of those involved in activities, then why is she making such a fuss over the biggest activity of all, the SGA presidency? Perhaps she really does realize that such involvement is desirable, because she was certain to inform everyone of all her candidate's activities (not a very long list).

Perhaps subconsciously she even recognizes that student activities are not merely desirable, but essential qualifications for an SGA president.

The president must have experience in leadership and organization in order to lead an efficient student government. He must realize the demands such an office places on an individual and must be certain that he is capable of the load.

It is invaluable if he knows beforehand the details of student organization and University administration, so that he will know which people can help accomplish desired goals. Students, take Miss Wolford's advice with a grain of salt, and consider carefully the qualifications most desirable for an SGA president. It is important to elect a man with good ideas, but it is also important that that man be capable of carrying out those ideas.

—Charles Gaston '61
—Stephen Brown '61

WDFM Schedule

- TUESDAY
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7:00 Seven O'Clock Report
7:15 Album Review
7:30 Significant Years
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 Accent On Sound
9:00 Drama Showcase
9:30 Focus
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Contemporary Classics
12:00 Sign Off

Letters

'Foianini' Column Attacked

TO THE EDITOR: I found Miss Wolford's column in Thursday's Daily Collegian very significant and heart-warming — because of the realization that it was the last editorial of her yellow journalistic career with The Daily Collegian.

May I dispute some of the points she made.

She hints that Bob Harrison has a long list of activities but had done no work in them. I mentioned specifically in nominating him that he was not just a joiner, but a worker.

She, in effect then, is either calling me a liar, on doing a bad job of reporting all that was said at the meeting, using just those facts favoring her side of the story. I am sure his co-workers, superiors, and advisors in student activities will verify that he works in them.

I can personally attest that he works in them, as I live with him in the same fraternity and know that he usually gets along on about four hours of sleep a night in order to do so.

She says that Duane Alexander would not make a good president because he made a mistake in his handling of reorganization.

I find it good to know that both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Harrison have made mistakes. It shows that they have at least made enough effort to permit them to make mistakes.

Mr. Foianini, of course, hasn't made any mistakes in student government. He hasn't done anything in student government. Mr. Alexander and Mr.

Harrison are at least human enough to make mistakes it is comforting to know — and not the infallible deity of common sense that she makes Mr. Foianini out to be.

I find it interesting, too, that Miss Wolford looks down on those candidates who have a long list of activities, and then takes the pain to devote a paragraph of her column to listing Mr. Foianini's activities in the radio field. Did he ever make a mistake in radio-activity?

She then says that Mr. Foianini is not a member of a fraternity or an "in" group—insinuating that he is under no outside influence, that his views are all his.

Mr. Foianini rooms with John Brandt, the ill-fated Campus party chairman of last year, and I am quite sure he deviates very little from the ideas of Mr. Brandt's "out" group that is still trying to be an "in" group if it ever wins an election.

I am sure Miss Wolford won't mind my putting Mr. Foianini and Mr. Brandt in the same boat and letting the readers decide if they want to sink Mr. Foianini as they sank Mr. Brandt last year.

In closing, Miss Wolford gave up the last two words of her last column to say ELECT HIM. It would have been just as valuable if she would have said instead — GOOD-BYE.

Good-bye, Miss Wolford. You have used The Daily Collegian for the last time to attack other groups while furthering the cause of your own "interest group" — Brandt Incorporated.

—Ben Bronstein, '61

Gazette

TODAY

- Ag Student Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
American Chemical Society, 8 p.m., 111 Boucke
AWS South Halls Council, 7 p.m., Miss Houtz's office
Collegian Credit Staff, 6:45 p.m., Collegian office
Education Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Electrical Engineering Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 207 E.E.
Five O'Clock Theater, 5 p.m., Little Theater, Old Main
Geophysical Seminar, 8:15 p.m., 121 M.I.
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Psychology Department, 4 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 216

- SGA Legislative Sub-committee, 9 p.m., 214 HUB
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TIM Movies, 12 noon, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
West Halls Judicial, 12:15 p.m., 217 HUB

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Jazz panorama
Forum of the air
Comedy
Sports
Obelisk
Campus news, sports, weather
10:00 Virtuoso
12:00 Sign Off
HUB

