

Editorial Opinion

# Call for Parents' Help

The student campaign to convince the state legislature of the University's need for additional funds, and thus prevent a threatened tuition increase has apparently been unsuccessful.

The last chance to avert a boost in tuition now lies with the parents of University students. They must now be the ones to take the campaign to their elected representatives.

**If they want to save about \$100 in added tuition costs for their children next year, they will have to convince the governor and the legislature of Penn State's need for additional funds.**

The legislature has delayed action on the University's annual appropriation for more than six weeks.

Governor David L. Lawrence has proposed a stand-still appropriation of \$17.1 million for the University but President Eric A. Walker insists that \$23.1 million is needed to finance the University's expansion program.

**If Walker's request isn't granted, he has said that an increase in tuition will be necessary to supply the expansion funds.**

The appropriation issue was first pushed aside because of the delay in the Governor's Education Committee Report. That report, made public April 2, endorsed Walker's long range expansion plans.

However, Lawrence refused to change his recommendation for the University's budget.

**In an attempt to avert a boost in tuition, students have been urged to write their state representatives and senators asking their support for the \$23.1 million appropriation.**

However, the centers of political power, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, have apparently been unimpressed with the University's need, and the chances of Walker's request being approved appear slim.

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- Tuition at Penn State is the third highest of all state institutions in the country.

- Penn, Temple and Pitt, all private schools, received the same percentage increase in appropriations from the state as Penn State during the past five years, and yet they have only shown an increase in enrollment of about 3 per cent as compared with an increase of more than 20 per cent in Penn State's enrollment.

- Ninety per cent of all subsidies to private colleges by state governments in the entire United States is paid by the Pennsylvania legislature.

- Penn State's tuition has increased 92 per cent in the past five years, but appropriations have increased only 30 per cent.

It seems probable that the appropriation bill will not come up for a vote for at least two weeks, so there's time for one last barrage of post cards, letters, telephone calls and personal visits to inform the legislators of these injustices.

Other Opinions

## 'Ho-Hum' On Education

The Pennsylvania General Assembly is a place where: —Legislation to give each of the representatives and senators a 50 per cent increase in cash (a \$3,000 expense account every year) and a much fatter pension can pass with the greatest of ease, but

—Legislation to meet the critical financial needs of the public schools, colleges and universities gets nowhere.

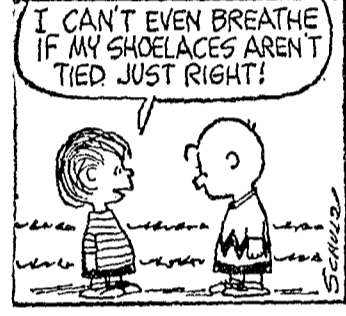
The entire question of education was shoved aside two years ago on the pretense that a study was necessary.

This is the third straight Legislature to "ho-hum" on scholarships and community colleges since they were proposed by Governor Leader in 1957.

The report of a special committee on higher education, set up in the Leader Administration, was set aside with no action. So was a later higher education study by the Legislature's Joint State Government Commission. And now there's talk that further "study" is needed in the wake of the findings of Governor Lawrence's special Committee on Education, set up by legislative resolution.

Pennsylvania's slogan for 1961 well might be: Ask not what the Legislature can do for education—ask what the Legislature can do for itself.

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Letters

## Soph Cites Parents' Role

**TO THE EDITOR:** This weekend would be the best time for the students to request that their parents contact the Governor and their legislators in regard to the full \$23.1 million appropriation for Penn State.

Next week the House is in recess so the parents could phone or personally contact their representative. Personal contact would have the best effect.

**In order to find out who their legislators are, they may contact either their local Chamber of Commerce or me. Out of state students should concentrate their efforts on Governor David Lawrence.**

The senators and representatives are beginning to feel pressure in regard to our appropriation. If enough pressure is put on them they will back us. The strongest pressure would come from the parents and other people of voting age. Students also should write to the Governor.

Our appropriation will be on the floor of the House in about three weeks. I, therefore, urge you to act this weekend and save yourself from a sizable increase in tuition (\$120 per year for Pennsylvania students) next year.

—Gomer Williams, '63

## Gazette

- TODAY**  
 Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Sigma Sigma, 12:30 p.m., Parking Lot 50  
 AWS Fashion Show, 1 p.m., HUB ballroom  
 AWS, 1 p.m., HUB main lounge  
 Counseling, 8 a.m., first floor HUB;  
 8:30 a.m., HUB assembly room
- TOMORROW**  
 Business Administration Awards Reception, 1:30 p.m., HUB main lounge  
 Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB card room  
 Emerson Society, 2 p.m., 210 Eisenhower Chapel  
 Liberal Party Steering Committee, 7 p.m., 212 HUB  
 Newman Club, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB  
 Swedenborgian, 10:15 a.m., 212-213 HUB
- MONDAY**  
 Alpha Lambda Delta, 9:15 p.m., HUB assembly room  
 Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB  
 Bookstore Committee, 6 p.m., 217 HUB  
 Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room  
 College of Education, 4:15 p.m., HUB assembly room  
 College of Education Faculty, 3:30 p.m., HUB main lounge  
 Freshman Class Advisory Board, 9 p.m., 214-215 HUB  
 IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room  
 ISA, 8 p.m., 203 HUB  
 IVCF, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB; 7 p.m., 216 HUB  
 Tax Institute, 8 a.m., 212-217 HUB  
 Tax Institute, 1 p.m., HUB assembly room

Interpreting

# Private Enterprise Awakes to the Light

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Whenever Congress starts considering ways of mobilizing private enterprise on the side of the foreign economic development program, as one of its committees has been doing recently, it runs in the problem of risks.

Investors move very slowly in countries whose very political instability makes them a prime object of American—and Soviet—concern in the cold war.

However, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has now endorsed an idea taking hold in Washington that the new African states need not take sides with the West to qualify for help toward economic and political stability.

Respect their right to neutrality but encourage them with such economic aid as will enable them to keep clear of entanglement with the Communist sphere, was the advice of 3,000 delegates to the chamber's annual meeting.

More and more the country seems to be getting away from the idea of demanding political alignment from those who need aid—the idea of attempting to buy friends.

On another point the Chamber called on American private enterprise to get behind the

nation's efforts to raise living standards throughout the world in "an enlightened and imaginative pursuit of its own interests."

That's a point where private enterprise, with some important exceptions, has been weak in imagination—in realization that its own preservation is one of the major objectives of the cold war which it has largely been leaving to government, and worth taking some risks for.

The word "enlightened" also has a special meaning against the background of an all-too-wide-spread feeling over the world that American private enterprise seeks a new field of colonial exploitation before it is interested.

Government officials, indeed, have been much concerned over American business practice and involvement in political activities in foreign countries.

Letters

## Black Day For Budget?

**TO THE EDITOR:** Next week the budget for Penn State comes up for discussion and vote in the state legislature at Harrisburg.

This budget, if passed, will result in a tuition rise. This rise will cause some students to drop out of college and put a strain on the pocketbooks of the rest. It could cause many applicants to turn to some other college or university where the tuition isn't so high.

**It will be a black day in the history of this university if this happens. It could result in a loss of prestige for the University.**

Many people may think that a decrease of applicants would show that the University isn't

able to attract students. As I have said it will be a black day in the history of this university if this happens.

With the budget coming up for discussion and vote next week, this weekend is the last time for students of Penn State to "help cut the budget cut."

**They should talk to their parents and tell them to write to their representatives in the legislature.**

The \$17 million budget must be defeated and the \$23 million budget must replace it or it must be amended by \$6 million for the student's sake and the University's sake.

I hope this black day never comes.

—Fredrick Barlow, '64

## Reader Praises WDFM Show

**TO THE EDITOR:** Monday night at 9:40 I happened to tune in WDFM and the coincidence brought the kind of satisfaction that is always worthy of note and compliment to those responsible for it.

Sally Layton, "Our Own Miss Monitor," was quietly giving e.e. cummings the kind of advertising no poet should be without.

Her readings were beautifully done . . . the kind of doing that leads one to believe that the reader not only thoroughly enjoys her work but also understands the work she enjoys.

Sally's efforts are the sort of thing that other radio listeners with a yen for "the spoken word" should be told about.

WDFM deserves a toast as well for choosing to present a program couched in poetic textures and having the great good fortune of finding someone like Sally to present the works in the way they were meant to be enjoyed.

I sincerely hope others will be as fortunate in their coincidences; if not, I suggest giving chance a push and making an appointment with Sally Layton for a reading.

—Dale Peters, '61

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