

Walker Hits State Education

(This is the first of a series of three articles on President Eric A. Walker's views of the role that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must play in educating its residents.)

President Eric A. Walker said last week that there is a direct correlation between education and unemployment, and that Pennsylvania is inviting economic deterioration by not encouraging college enrollment on a mass scale.

"Pennsylvania has now had three education reports," Walker said, "and each one pointed out that the Commonwealth not only sends fewer high school graduates to college than other states of its size and wealth, but does decidedly less for higher education than most."

Walker added that this fact would not in itself be alarming were it not that Pennsylvania already suffers from high unemployment and is destined to suffer even more.

"As an industrial state," Walker said, "there is no question that the Commonwealth has been seriously affected by the advances of automation and electronics. Moreover, there is convincing evidence that this situation will worsen in the next ten years."

Rejecting the thesis that Amer-



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ica must learn to live with unemployment, Walker said he urges education beyond high school for more and more youngsters in order to meet the expanding needs of technology, management and the professions.

Pennsylvania, in common with other states, will need no more unskilled labor in ten years than

it now has, Walker said. On the other hand, he added, authoritative figures indicate that it will need 40 per cent more people in the so-called "professions."

"These people," he insisted, "can be trained in our colleges and universities but first we must have the colleges and universities and secondly we must have the money with which to operate these colleges and universities." At present "we are doing nothing about either right now, he stated.

Walker cited figures to show that in the United States only Massachusetts ranks below Pennsylvania in per capita expenditure through tax sources for higher education.

"This is an indictment," he stated, "of which no Pennsylvanian should be proud. And unless we do something about it, and do it quickly, the price in human suffering will be humiliating."

Instead of sending 24 per cent of its high school graduates to college, Pennsylvania should be making at least a modest effort to match the national average of 33 per cent.

New Four Term Plan Explained

New students on campus may be puzzled over the many allusions they will hear to something called the "four-term plan."

Neither animal, vegetable or mineral, the plan represents a departure from the semesterly academic world into a school year of four 10-week periods.

Announced early in October by President Eric A. Walker, the plan lengthens the class periods from 50 to 75 minutes with a 20-minute break in between classes.

Walker has stated that the principle reasons for a change in the calendar are to:

- Provide a more flexible program of studies and one more readily available to the needs of Pennsylvania's rapidly increasing numbers of college age students.
- Increase the year-round utilization of the resources of the University.
- Adjust the affairs and relationships in the University to make a maximum contribution to

the varying needs of the Commonwealth.

The average credit load per term is from 8 to 13 credits.

An additional major change initiated by the term system is the elimination of the final examination period. Final tests will be scheduled for the last class period.



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The Pattee Library hours of operation have been announced as follows:

On today and tomorrow the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. From Thursday until Aug. 24 it will be open from 7:50 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturdays it will be open until 5 p.m. and on Sundays it will be open from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

It will be closed on July 4.

From Aug. 24 to Sept. 24 the Library will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and closed on Sundays.

Ed Prof Receives Grant

Robert H. Holtzman, assistant professor of education in the department of educational services, has been awarded a Danforth Teaching Study Grant by the Danforth Foundation for a study period from Sept. 1 to May 31, 1962.

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