

Editorial Opinion

# Alumni Should Help Back the Budget

Last year University officials, students and their parents fought a long and hard campaign to secure enough money from the state so that the proposed expansion rate of the University's facilities could be maintained.

The campaign ended in total failure last summer when the General Assembly refused to increase the stand-still appropriation recommended by Governor Lawrence.

A tuition hike, an increase in room and board fees and a general tightening of the University's fiscal policy was prompted by the legislature's failure to support its state university.

University administrators will probably request an increase in state funds again this year so that the University can grant admission to a greater number of the Commonwealth's qualified students.

Two important factors will be operating in Penn State's favor during this legislative session, and if handled properly by University officials they could pressure the Assembly into granting Penn State's full budget request.

- Legislators will not want to jeopardize their chances of re-election by antagonizing any part of their constituency by voting against an educational appropriation.

- The lobbying machinery and experience that administrators and students gained from last year's fight for money could make this year's budget effort more efficient.

To be successful, the University must begin early in rounding-up support for this year's budget campaign.

The most influential segment of the Penn State community, the alumni, was not used in last year's fight for funds.

The alumni's interest in bettering Penn State is demonstrated in many ways each year, the most evident taking the form of contributions to the University.

If Penn State's graduates could be persuaded to take up the fight in support of the University's budget, the chances of favorable legislative action would be considerably enhanced.

Perhaps the Alumni Association could send a letter to each University graduate explaining the budget situation, and appealing for support in pressuring the legislators into favorable action.

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Letters

## Vacation Motives Interpreted

TO THE EDITOR: I think I've figured out why the Prexy is against our having the three day vacation.

He knows that outsiders realize that if their friends and relatives from Penn State don't come home for Thanksgiving it will create a feeling of uneasiness toward this school.

This feeling will, of course, affect opinions when the college catalogs begin to be opened by high school seniors.

Maybe a few thousand of these students like the idea of Thanksgiving at home and will decide to go to another school which is "just as good."

This would relieve some of the over-crowdedness on our campus and thereby relieve the Prexy's mind of a few small worries like more dorms, more classrooms, a larger Rec Hall, etc.

There might be a few good students in the bunch who like their family and home. Too, there might be a potential football All-American that liked Thanksgiving and turkey and choose the "Panther" instead of the "Lion." (Rip take note.)

Or maybe the Prexy still thinks cranberries will give us cancer and he's trying to protect us.

Merry Christmas!

—James Cremer '64

## Simmons Senior Says Slip-ups Treacherous

TO THE EDITOR: There is a standing joke around Simmons Hall that the housemen are waxing our front steps instead of our rooms!

I wonder how humorous this is to the many students who have had the misfortune of slipping and painfully injuring themselves on those treacherous steps.

Can't something be done to alleviate this dangerous situation before the snows camouflage the steps entirely, making them even more dangerous?

—Reva M. Rubin '62

## Gazette

- TODAY
- Alumni Cider Party, 8 p.m., HUB main lounge
  - Alumni Luncheon, 11 a.m., HUB ballroom
  - Alumni Registration, 8 a.m., 1st floor HUB
  - Hillel Movie "The Young Lions", 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
  - News and Views, 10 a.m., ground floor HUB
  - Student Films, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
- TOMORROW
- Folklore Society, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
  - Greek Games Committee, 6:15 p.m., 212 HUB
  - ICCB, 9 p.m., 218 HUB
  - Peace Corps, 4 p.m., HUB main lounge
  - Slavic Center Open House, 2-5 p.m., Myra Dock House
  - Speech 200, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
  - Student Films, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
  - Swedenborgian, 10 a.m., 212 HUB
- MONDAY
- Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room
  - ISA, 7 p.m., 208 HUB
  - Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
  - Placement Service, 8:45 a.m., 212 HUB
  - P.S. Bible Fellowship, 12:15 a.m., 213 HUB
  - P.S. Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., 214 HUB

## WDFM Schedule

- SATURDAY
- 5:00 News
  - 5:05 Saturday at State
  - 6:55 Weathercasts
  - 7:00 Hi-Fi Open House
  - 9:00 Offbeat
  - 1:00 King's Corner
  - 2:00 Sign-off
- SUNDAY
- 5:00 Chapel Service
  - 5:30 Chamber Music
  - 6:35 Mormon Tabernacle Choir
  - 7:00 The Third Programme
  - 12:00 Sign-off
- MONDAY
- 3:55 Financial Tidbits
  - 4:00 The Philadelphia
  - 5:00 News
  - 5:05 Music at Five
  - 6:00 News
  - 6:05 Dinner Date
  - 6:55 Weathercasts
  - 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
  - Listening Post London
  - Album Review
  - Masterworks from France
  - News
  - Contemporary Concepts
  - Passport
  - Campus and Religion
  - Artists Series Preview
  - Bookmark
  - News, Sports, Weather
  - Symphonic Notebook
  - 10:00
  - 12:00 Sign-off

Interpreting

# Questions Raised By Red Congress

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

Two of the interesting questions raised by the Communist party congress in Moscow involve internal affairs of both the Soviet Union and the international movement.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev has been bragging about Communist advances and what the Communists expect to do in the next 20 years.

Why does the ruling clique work so hard to establish a whipping boy?

At this point, why does Red China, in such desperate need of Soviet economic aid, refuse so pointedly to approve the inclusion of Albania among the boys being whipped?

Traditionally the czars, and then Stalin shortly before his death, set up whipping boys—the Jews—to distract attention from administrative failures.

The Khrushchev administration, on the other hand, has depended primarily upon anti-foreign agitation. He never really carried his anti-Stalinist campaign to the people.

Yet now he goes back to beating the "Stalinist" bushes which he seemed to have cleared out pretty thoroughly through the execution of Lavrentia Beria, the demotions of some like Georgi Malenkov, and the virtual exile of V. M. Molotov.

Many observers think that if Khrushchev still faces any internal danger now it lies

with the army. Yet the army gets less public criticism than others with whom he has had trouble.

And the whole world of communism is asked to join in the beating of the "old crowd."

There may be a more fundamental reason for pressing the Albanian issue. In both the Mediterranean and Latin America the Chinese Reds have been seeking to export their revolution almost as actively as in Asia, which might be considered their more natural field.

There have been signs the Soviet Union does not always appreciate these efforts. Especially in Laos the Soviet intervention appeared in some ways to have been designed to forestall any unilateral victory for Peiping there.

Preservation of the hard core qualities of Communist organization, and its pretensions to be a religion in which all dissenters are heretics, are also important to the Kremlin.

But what foreign observers would like to know particularly is what is happening in the Soviet Union itself, and to the confidence of the Soviet leaders of international communism, which now requires them to use whipping boys."

Letters

## Jr. Hits Holiday Policy

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the recent issue concerning the Thanksgiving vacation, I have come to the conclusion that most of our student body, particularly those handling the conflict, are extremely near-sighted.

May I suggest that all supporters of the "Turkey at home" campaign consult those little blue and white calendars which were so lavishly distributed during registration.

If you will note, the administration has been lenient enough to give us Easter Sunday off as "Easter Day Recess." How generous of them.

Did it not occur to our great white fathers in Old Main that a predominately Christian university should observe the day of crucifixion? At least we could cancel the classes between 12 and 3 o'clock on Good Friday afternoon. Now is the time for us to call this oversight to the attention of the calendar committee.

It might even be a good idea to combine it with any action which might be done on the Thanksgiving controversy. At least the administration could

not plead insufficient time to correct this error.

Is this new issue that I have discovered a mistake, or is it intentional. I notice that one day is allowed for an Independence Day holiday as well as Thanksgiving.

They even had the audacity to schedule the first day of fall registration on Yom Kippur, the most sacred Jewish holiday.

Has our University become so efficient in their "ultimate" four term system, that they can't allow the students a little sentimentality for observing nationally recognized holidays properly?

Perhaps our smiling friends, the State College merchant, thinks the new tradition of Mom and Dad visiting junior at Penn State is more profitable than junior going home for these holidays.

At any rate, if this policy of scheduling holidays persists, the state will be forced to change the purpose of our educational system from "helping the individual develop to the utmost of his capacities" to "the mass production of mechanical robots."

—Jerald Lichty '63

## Frosh Wants Batteries Returned

TO THE EDITOR: When I received my acceptance to Penn State I was very pleased because this was a school that everyone talks about. It has high standards, excellent courses, and most important of all, an "honor system."

This "system" is the answer to every student's prayer. All worrying about dishonesty is to be vanished because Penn State students are trustworthy. The University trusts us not to cheat on exams and if we should catch anyone "cribbing" we are supposed to turn them in. (But of course no one cheats, so no one is turned in.)

Think, just one minute, have you ever seen a bicycle without a lock; or have you ever seen a student hang up his coat

without first saying a prayer that it will be there when he returns. What has happened to the honor of the students?

Also, if this letter should "hit home" to anyone, would that student please return the batteries that he "borrowed" from the headlight of my bicycle.

I realize that batteries are very expensive (40c) and it's a long walk to an automotive supply store (1 block) but I'm cheap and lazy and would like my batteries back. Pretty Please!

You weren't really too smart, the bicycle next to mine had a generator on it. Just think, it would have meant no batteries for life!

—Arthur Epstein '68

