

Editorial Opinion

A Plan Is Needed

Governor Lawrence, in offering Temple University the status of state university, has added to the confusion of this state's already complex higher education structure.

The adoption of this proposal will mean many new problems for Penn State and the State Colleges.

What will be the scholastic relationship between Temple, Penn State and the State Colleges? Will students be able to transfer indiscriminately from one to the other?

Will one school suffer because of lower scholastic standings at another?

How will Temple's new role affect the future plans of Penn State and its Commonwealth campuses?

The answers to these and many other questions will remain unknown until the Legislature takes action on the Governor's recommendation, but University officials would be wise to begin thinking about the consequences of such action.

The extra funds for Temple indicate that Pennsylvania is finally awakening to the need for state supported higher education in a system bridging the state.

Rapidly rising costs of education have placed a college degree beyond the reach of many of the Commonwealth's citizens. A further increase in tuition could have a serious affect on the state's future.

When this fact is coupled with the boom in college applications that is expected to begin in 1964 as the post-war babies reach college age, the urgency of this need becomes clear.

With this in mind, Governor Lawrence and his predecessor, George Leader, established special education committees to study and make recommendations for the improvement of Pennsylvania's educational system.

A report released last year by the committee appointed by Gov. Lawrence called for the expansion of the state's higher education network using Penn State and the State Colleges as a nucleus of this growth.

Lawrence has disregarded these suggestions, which were the result of painstaking and exhaustive work.

Before the state's higher education structure becomes more complicated, a concrete plan of expansion and development is needed.

Such a plan which would work toward the standardization of higher education in Pennsylvania should be drawn up immediately.

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University Dealt Heavy Blow

by joel myers

Persons who have wondered whether relations between Old Main and the state Capitol were strained need ponder the question no longer.

Governor Lawrence's proposal to extend state university status to Temple University is a heavy blow to the plans of President Eric Walker.

Walker's long range plans for the University and its Commonwealth campuses, which were endorsed last year by the Governor's Special Committee on Education, called for the expansion of the University's facilities to accommodate 35,000 students by 1970, in a system blanketing the state.

Lawrence ignored these plans

when he compiled the state budget.

Although the University administration has attempted to remain politically neutral, its association with the rural areas, which are traditionally Republican, and the political leanings of certain administration figures have given the University a GOP tinge.

This, together with last year's "back the budget effort," which irked Lawrence, apparently prompted the Governor to slice \$4 million from Walker's budget request of \$24 million.

The Governor's deal with Temple University and his proposal to greatly increase the state allotment to another Philadelphia institution, Drexel University, may have political overtones.

Bill Green, influential Philadelphia Democrat, is under pressure to yield a Philadelphia

Congressional seat in the coming reapportionment.

The extra funds for Temple and Drexel may represent part of a "pay off" to Green in order to get him to surrender that seat.

From a practical standpoint it would seem more logical to expand the Ogontz Center of Penn State than Temple University.

Temple is located in a run-down residential district not far from the center of Philadelphia and building costs include the purchase of relatively expensive real estate and the demolition of homes located on the site of construction.

Just a few miles north of the city in one of the most beautiful areas in Pennsylvania is the sprawling grounds of Ogontz Center.

Construction there would be cheaper than in center city and the atmosphere is much more conducive to study and academic events.



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Campus Beat

New Hazard - Treemen

Welcome back friends and students for round two! After spending that long month away from State College it was wonderful to walk down the Mall yesterday and see that the University fathers are watching over us. The sign along the way said "Warning. Men In Trees." No, they weren't dropping olive branches.

I heard that the sights were none too pleasant at Willard at 9 a.m. the day after finals. The big stampede was to get those grade cards in by deadline so that the IBM could decide who would graduate the next day. The lights burned in Willard - but those of you enrolled in Hubology got deferrals. Those term papers written on napkins are so hard to read.

I'm hoping all the freshmen are ready to be indoctrinated to the glammers of the twist, the limbo, the steps of Boucke, the rain, the ice, the snow and hugging it with me in the Lion's Den, if you're too young to make it to the local pubs for TGIF sessions. If you're careful about the men in the trees, you too may reach 21.

-Prof. Wayne

On Other Campuses

Arizona State Students To Select Voting Areas

Compiled from the Intercollegiate Press

TEMPE, Ariz.—Students at the Arizona State University will select the area in which their government will act through the establishment of a plebiscite.

Dr. W. P. Shofstall, dean of students, is credited for this innovation which will be distributed among the student body throughout the year, enabling new campus issues to be presented to Associated Student officers.

In the fall, the student body president asked for the following pieces of legislation:

- establishment of a Student Public Relations Board
- establishment of a Political Academy similar to Notre Dame's to give students a better understanding and exposure to current events
- revision of the election code, especially in the area of general qualifications
- establishment of a student check cashing service
- re-evaluation of intramurals with possibility of setting up campus physical fitness program
- framework for setting up campus-wide plebiscite.

In Course Honors

WHEATON, Ill.—The newly-instituted "In-Course Honors" program at Wheaton College provides for:

- honors sections, especially at the lower division level
- interdivisional seminars at the upper-division level
- senior independent projects

Graduation honors are confined to those participating in

the second and third above-mentioned programs. Participants are carefully selected by the Honors Program Committee at the end of their sophomore year.

The college reports the programs stemmed from three convictions.

• Academic honors mean comparatively little when earned by accumulating grade-points in courses with somewhat heterogeneous levels of academic expectancy.

• The needs of the superior student are not always met in routine-type education.

• Emphasis on academic excellence must increasingly pervade the entire campus.

The University of Colorado has for a number of years employed the In-Course procedure in their Honors Program, allowing one or two hours additional credit for independent research projects in established courses.

DePauw University encourages independent study in regular courses to allow the student to study some aspect of the course more thoroughly. The student may earn one credit hour for such independent study in the second semester of the freshman year and both semesters of the sophomore year.

Gazette

TODAY
Fellowship Supper, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation
Student Films, 7 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall

TOMORROW
Coffee Hours and Worship, 8:45 a.m., Wesley Foundation
Newman Club, 7 p.m., 212, 213 HUB
PanHel, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Lounge
PanHel Rush/Guides, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB
PanHel Counselor Meeting, 217-218 HUB
SENSE, 2 p.m., 218 HUB
Student Films, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB

MONDAY
Ag. Ec. and Rural Sect., 3:45 p.m., 214, 215, 216 HUB
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212, 213 HUB
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., card room HUB
Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
P.S. Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
USAF Recruitment, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., ground floor HUB

WDFM Schedule

SATURDAY
5:00 News
5:05 Saturday at State
5:55 Weatherscope
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
6:25 Morning Tabernacle Choir
7:00 The Third Programme
12:00 Sign-off

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