

Editorial Opinion

Inform the People

In his testimony before the joint session of the State Senate and House appropriations committees next week we hope President Eric A. Walker impresses upon the legislature the urgency of our need for funds.

He should explain the disgraceful results of last year's deprivation of money, and spell out the consequences of another refusal to grant the full budget request.

The increase in tuition, hike in room and board fees, the regulation requiring pre-payment of tuition, the establishment of a \$50 general deposit and a host of tighter fiscal regulations grew from the legislature's unresponsiveness.

The failure of the General Assembly to grant the University's full request may be an indication that the people of Pennsylvania are not acquainted with our needs.

While this year's drive for funds should be directed to the legislature, any large scale expansion of the University and its Commonwealth campuses must be the wish of the state's electorate.

Thus, the University administration must begin a publicity campaign, which will inform the state's citizens of Pennsylvania's educational needs and Penn State's attempts to fulfill them.

A job of this nature will not be easy, but the University's ultimate success in achieving the size and greatness envisioned by many administrators may depend on the success of such a campaign.

We are sure students, alumni and all persons interested in the growth and future success of Penn State will be glad to help.

Control of the Press

When the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette called "30" during the fall, few observers were surprised. Rumors that Pittsburgh was to be left with one daily newspaper had long circulated in the trade.

Now the new year has brought an end to two of the four Los Angeles dailies—an end that was also preceded by rumor and followed by charges of a deal between owners of the LA papers.

Whether or not there was a deal involved is important, but not as important as the chop down in the news market available to the public.

The right of the people to know—to be informed—to hear all sides of an issue and then reach conclusions—is protected primarily by competition in the press.

The events in Pittsburgh and Los Angeles, however, only reflect the current trend in American journalism toward a monied and monopolistic control of the press. Too few citizens are aware that such a situation presents a grave challenge to their freedoms.

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Letters to the Editor

Williams States Plans To Aid PSU

TO THE EDITOR: Once again the students have been dealt a severe blow by the announcement that the state will give us \$4 million less than requested.

Since this is a very important election year and because the state's budget has been balanced for the first time in many years, there is little chance that Penn Stat. will receive a higher appropriation.

Mr. Reed Ferguson, one of the lobbyists, is in agreement with me that if money can be cut from something else, Penn State will receive more money. There appears little chance that this will occur.

Therefore, I suggest that the student body take the following action:

- Concentrate most of our efforts, not on this year, but on next year. Dr. Walker will try to cut back in some other field before he asks for another tuition boost. He should be able to cut back and still increase the teachers' salaries with the increase in appropriation that Penn State will receive this year.

- Pressure for a bill to be introduced in the General Assembly making Penn State the State University and granting a charter to the same effect.

- Endorse Mr. Sinkler's (past chairman of the now disbanded Citizens' Committee on Education) recommendation that the Governor's Committee on Education be reactivated.

- Endorse Dr. Walker's plan for an independent State Council of Higher Education to direct the orderly development of education opportunities in Pennsylvania.

- Endorse Sen. Hays' plan for making our Board of Trustees more responsible to the Commonwealth.

- Realizing that a higher appropriation will mean that money must come from some source, recommend that Pennsylvania adopt a new modern constitution which would eliminate much of the needless duplication.

As soon as preliminary discussions with members of the General Assembly to determine the climate in Harrisburg are finished, I shall begin a state-wide drive to get these points adopted.

—Gomer Williams '63

Karl's Column Draws Debate

TO THE EDITOR: Judging from Jim Karl's editorial entitled "Narrow-Minded Profs—You Bet," I am starting to doubt if Penn State prepares men for professional jobs or gives it to them.

Mr. Karl grossly contradicts himself by saying that Lundy, a mediocre student, "expected no pressure on a prof from a department head to raise a grade," and then saying that a "deal" between John Egli and the department head was almost accomplished.

I admire our athletes, but I can feel no sympathy for their long practice hours. There are many students in various activities who spend as much time the full year around without any more compensation than prestige and self-satisfaction.

I do not know the details of Lundy's case, but I know that the excuses for the flunk (frustrated, unbalanced, etc.) profs are strikingly familiar to those used by most flunkers. The entire faculty would probably be considered mentally unbalanced if we believed half of these excuses.

The only solution to Mr. Karl's problem is to offer Wayne Lundy's father a liberal contract with no escape clauses.

—David Sigman '62

'Future Plans—Undisclosed'

TO THE EDITOR: Recent events indicate to me that Penn State is in more financial trouble than the student body realizes; I think it relevant to point this out, since the inability of the University to extricate itself from its difficulties has so far resulted in a corresponding depletion of our bank accounts.

President Walker, at the cost of severed relations with the students, has been on the road trying to raise funds; he has not been successful to date, while at the same time disgruntled graduates are not falling over themselves to kick in to the alumni fund.

In the aftermath of Business VP Albert E. Diem's resignation, Dean of Women Dorothy Lipp warned of possible increased dorm fees, already jacked up once this year. She told Lyons Hall girls last term that if 250 vacancies in women's dorms around campus were not filled, housing fees might go up. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO WILL FILL THESE VACANCIES ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY ONES WHO HAVE HOUSING CONTRACTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

Early fee payment and the increase in refundable deposit give additional evidence of the school's lack of working capital, entirely apart from Dr. Walker's warnings of long-range enrollment and expansion cut-backs to come.

The largest share of the recent tuition boost went to give faculty members a long-de-

served pay raise, and, in my opinion, the administration is to be congratulated for taking this step so necessary to retain Penn State's academic walls intact.

Neither should high Old Main officials be blamed for the current financial straits which resulted from "overexpansion" or what on hindsight appears to be a faulty estimate of the Pennsylvania voters—and their representatives—intelligence.

The citizen's suppression of his scarcest resource, the highly trained employee, can only result in a bigger depressed area bill which he, the citizen, will have to pay.

I am critical, however, of President Walker's failure to make a frank appraisal of the University's financial prospects, such an appraisal as that which last year resulted in the intensive, albeit futile, letter-writing campaign to Harrisburg.

Because the Penn State student will apparently have to pay his own way, at least in the foreseeable future, I think he is entitled to some forecast of his educational invoice. As things now stand the outline under Albert E. Diem's photo, which appeared in The Daily Collegian on the announcement of his resignation, neatly sums up the situation for students, faculty and administration alike: "Future plans undisclosed."

—Lawrence W. Cameron '64

'Peace, Not Panic'—SENSE

TO THE EDITOR: Hiroshima: August 6, 1945

"Crowds of maddened people were running like demented lemmings, trying to get across the river. They were screaming and it sounded like one enormous voice . . . their skins hung from them like strands of dark seaweed!

Instead of noses, holes! Their ears and hands were so swollen as to be shapeless . . . In their terror of dying they clawed their way over one another, their eyes hanging from their sockets, pushing one another into the river, and screaming all the time." (Children of the Ashes, by Robert Jungk)

But it couldn't happen here?

We in the peace movement have been charged with being unrealistic. Perhaps we are. Perhaps the stark realities of the Hiroshima holocaust are unrealistic. They are fairy tales and we are authors. Soon we may all be characters.

History has shown us that arms build-ups have ultimately led to wars. Today, in the thermonuclear age, war means the extinction of life as we know it. Therefore, if we assume that everyone values life (his own, at least), we come to a contradiction inherent in the whole

concept of the cold war arms race.

Those who vacuously belittle the risk of global war and annihilation—the same ones who would continue the arms build-up—knowingly or unknowingly are encouraging their own destruction and that of civilization.

Right-wing extremists here and abroad rave that Communists cannot be trusted, that negotiations are meaningless since they mean "concession." We do not absurdly propose that the United States "concede" to the USSR. We advocate negotiation and compromise ON BOTH SIDES concerning disarmament, the present crises and others which may arise. "Compromise" and "concession" are not synonymous.

A policy of increased military expenditures and resumption of testing will hardly create an atmosphere of trustfulness and compromise, needed if any negotiations are to be successful. We do not condone nuclear testing by any power!

It is not a question of being "Red or dead." It is a question of life for all peoples on our globe. We must live side by side in peace, not panic and hatred. Let America take the lead in the "peace race." Future generations will thank us. We will thank each other.

—SENSE: Students for Peace

