

Editorial Opinion

Study May Foster More Realistic Attitude

A federal survey shows that some 40 federal agencies spend about \$2 billion yearly on education programs.

A Washington reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, Josephine Ripley, said in a recent column that this fact so shocked legislators that most of the education bills now pending in the House are being held back while a study is conducted to see how much overlapping is involved in these projects.

Representative Edith Green, chairman of a House subcommittee on higher education, said that more money is being spent on education and research by these various agencies than by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

This expected study of educational expenditures by government agencies should reveal to many Congressmen what many educators and forward-looking corporations have known for some time: that educational training and research stimulate a more efficient and productive operation.

The educational expenditures by federal agencies merely reflect the growing importance of research and educational training in many and varied fields.

These agencies have apparently found that these educational expenditures in their area result in a more productive long range operation.

That this should come as a shock to many Washington legislators merely points up the lag that often exists between the need for legislation to keep up with advances of science and society and the realization of this need by Congressmen.

We hope that Congressmen, after overcoming their initial "uneducated" shock, will begin to take a more realistic view of the expanding importance of research and educational training on all levels.

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the clicking shutter

Picture-Taking Problems

by John Beauge

Few people realize the work that the Collegian photography staff goes through to get some of the pictures which appear in the paper.

A good illustration of this would be the one which appeared in the paper last week of John Witmer reading a magazine in the Ritenour Health Center after he learned

he was elected president pro tempore of the USG Congress.

That picture, which would normally require less than five minutes to take, took almost two hours. Here is how it happened.

Early in the evening the city editor gave me the assignment to get a picture of the new president pro tempore of the Congress. I arranged with our USG reporter to set up a picture after the election at about 8 p.m.

About that time I arrived at the HUB meeting room. The election was in process. The reporter informed me that Witmer, one of the two candidates, was not there.

The vote was taken and Witmer won easily. That was just the first of many complications. I took a picture of the complete Congress with the idea that if I couldn't find Witmer I could submit it.

My next step was to find Witmer. I left the HUB and went over to the infirmary.

I asked the nurse at the desk if he had been admitted. She would not tell me until I told her why I wanted to know. I explained the situation and said that I wanted to get a picture of him in the hospital.

Her first reaction was that it was against the rules and visiting hours were from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and I should come back the next day.

I persisted so she consented to call a supervisor. The supervisor said she did not want to make a ruling and would check with other authorities and then call back. A few minutes later she called back and said the answer was no.

I asked the nurse whom I could call to seek permission but she said the answer had been given and I should come back the next day if I wanted to talk to anybody.

It was nearing 9 as I walked back to the Collegian office through the falling snow. I discussed the situation with the city editor.

He suggested that I call Dr. Edgar Krug, assistant director of the health center. Dr. Krug said that he would not sanction any picture unless Witmer would put his clothes on and come down to the lounge. I agreed and at 9:15 started back to the infirmary.

I asked if I could get a shot of Witmer checking in, but the nurse said no. Witmer suggested a picture of him walking in the front door. She also denied that.

She said that if I didn't take the picture according to the health center regulations, I couldn't take it at all.

She said no hospital allows pictures above the first floor except in the case of babies. I disputed this fact and she said I'd better hurry up and take the picture.

The only thing that was left was to shoot Witmer reading a magazine. The nurse said I couldn't have anything in the background which would indicate that it was taken in the health center.

It was after 9:30 before I was finally able to get my picture, almost two hours after I had first left the office on the assignment.

Of course, not all the pictures are that difficult to take, but the next time you see a fairly simple picture in the paper, remember it might have taken longer to get than a complex one.

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Demonstrate Now

by Joel Myers

Rise up students of Penn State and meet the challenge of the sixties!

We must prove to the great philosophers of our age that we do not shun the responsibilities of revolution, demonstration and physical action.

Grab your soapboxes, light your torches, raise the banners and prepare to demonstrate.

Of course we must choose the theme of our demonstrations carefully, or the philosophers might call us frustrated crusaders, the HUAC might brand us Communists, the public might call us radicals and the administration could brand us as disobedient sons and daughters and throw us all out of school.



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After toying with several more radical possibilities, I concentrated my thoughts on the following noble campaign ideas:

● A mass demonstration to abolish ROTC once and for all. All students not enrolled as "play soldiers" would march to the drill field whenever a leadership laboratory is scheduled and stage a sitdown strike, thereby blocking the field and ruining the drill.

● A protest against the parking problem, which would consist of all students driving their cars on campus at 8 a.m. and 5:10 p.m., thereby catching professors and administrators in a massive traffic jam.

● A protest against the poor seats assigned freshmen at football games, which would take the form of a giant rally outside Beaver Stadium on the day of a specifically chosen home game.

Cheering freshmen would make it impossible for paying customers to enter the park causing mass confusion, screams of "we want our money back" and a significant drop in attendance. The result of repeated demonstrations would be 46,000 seats for 16,000 students and good seats for all.

● A carefully engineered plan to aid the WCTU, which would have thousands of students frequent a pre-selected local beer establishment. All

other beer joints in State College would be boycotted. After a few days, the frequented establishment would probably have greatly increased its stock and then the throng of beer-drinking students would move on to another beer hall.

This ingenious campaign would not only cause all beer establishments to greatly overstock, which could lead to financial failure, but would not deny beer to "needy" students for the duration of the anti-liquor campaign.

After having carefully considered all of these demonstration ideas, I decided that the most noble demonstration would consist of a long hike to Harrisburg in pursuit of more funds for Penn State.

Once this Coxy Army-like mob of students reaches the Capitol, a spontaneous demonstration would commence and then continue until the legislature rendered a decision on the University's appropriation request.

If they grant us the additional money, we could return home.

However, since there is little chance of the close-minded legislature paying any heed to part of its constituency, students would be wise to prepare for a trip further south.

We could march to Washington and demand that Congress appropriate the extra \$4 million that Penn State so badly needs. Obviously Congress would ignore such a precedent-setting proposal.

But, not wanting to go home without having had one successful demonstration, we might change our topic to that of an Easter vacation.

Being already one-seventh of the way to Ft. Lauderdale we might just as well continue our trip southward. With the entire student body in Ft. Lauderdale Easter week, it's obvious that the administration would lose the battle of the Easter vacation and the demonstration ability of the student body would be recorded for the philosophers of our age to admire.

Letters

Grad Questions 'The Lion Roars'

TO THE EDITOR: Friday, the Collegian cited Mr. Diem in "The Lion Roars" with "the highest of Collegian tributes," for "his conviction that the University stands above and is more important than any individual."

Can this be interpreted to mean that the Collegian would cite with the highest of Collegian tributes a person whose conviction is "that the ruling body stands above and is more important than any individual,"

or "that the state stands above and is more important than any individual"?

—John Campbell, Graduate (Ed. Note: No. We meant Mr. Diem sacrificed his own position to uphold the principle that this University should function for the best interests of the whole, rather than vested interests of one individual. University in this context did not refer to any ruling body but to the sum of all individuals that comprise it.)