

Editorial Opinion

WUS In South Africa

The World University Service, which provides aid to students in underdeveloped areas the world over, has incorporated a plan to aid the Negro students of South Africa—a plan which grew from the South African government's application of Apartheid to education.

The government's position on racial discrimination in education was clearly and, we think, abhorrently stated by Dr. A. F. Verwoerd, Prime Minister.

"When I get control of Native Education, I will reform it so that the Natives will be taught from childhood to realize that equality with Europeans is not for them..."

When, in 1959, acts were passed to make education a racially segregated experience the "Digest of South African Affairs," printed by the Government Information Office said:

"From an ideological point of view the biggest achievement of the separate colleges will be the cessation of the particular liberalist indoctrination which is a prominent feature of the open Universities."

The closing of the "open" universities to Negro students, strongly opposed by both white and Negro students, severely limited the opportunity for Negro education.

In order to combat this, a small group of South Africans founded the South African Committee for Higher Education (SACHED), which has as its purpose simply "the furtherance of post-Matriculation higher education for South Africans."

SACHED is currently providing tutorials for native South Africans and with the aid of the World University Service is attempting to raise both money and books to continue and enlarge the program.

The cost of educating a student in the SACHED program comes to \$280 per year. WUS gathers funds for this and other programs from universities throughout the United States. WUS also accepts books in their campaign to furnish the library shelves of new Universities throughout the world.

Although the annual WUS drive to aid impoverished students in impoverished lands has not yet begun, students might begin to think now of what they can do to aid this worthy organization.

AWS—A New Trend

In the past year AWS has reoriented itself from a primarily rule-making body to an organization promoting social, cultural, recreational and governmental opportunities for women students.

The AWS primaries will be held next week and women students should make every attempt to acquaint themselves with the candidates to ascertain that their representatives will effectively further the new AWS trend.

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Letters

Socialism, Communism, And Myers

TO THE EDITOR: Thursday's article by Joel Myers was probably the most ludicrous piece of writing I have ever laid my eyes on.

For the past two years Mr. Myers has been writing prejudiced, one-sided articles, that are entirely subjective. They contain few facts and the facts that are given are wrong. I do not mean to infer that Mr. Myers is a prevaricator; he only tends towards one.

This recent article was the ultimate. Never have I heard such a misrepresentation of the facts. He says "The wasteful and possibly scandalous accumulation of surplus material under the Eisenhower Administration."

I deeply resent the use of the word scandalous. There has been no evidence of scandal, that the former President has not acknowledged; and if you want to find scandal you only have to turn to the corrupt administration of Harry S. Truman. Between the mink coats and the freezers, I often wonder how Mr. Truman ever accomplished anything.

But what really "takes the cake," is Mr. Myers' saying that he thinks the Democrats are going to make a sweeping victory this fall. According to a recent survey by the U.S. News and World Report Magazine, the American public is about to make a vote of approval for Republican philosophy.

This is to be shown by Republicans winning many of the Congressional and State offices. I don't know which poll or survey Mr. Myers turned to but evidently he has the facts wrong. Evidently, he is so pro-Democrat that he can't see the facts straight.

If we as Penn State students want to become socialists and then Communists all we have to do is follow the road elucidated by Mr. Myers.

Follow the road toward socialized medicine; follow the road to socialized schools and socialized farming; follow the road towards unbalanced budgets, lack of efficiency and so on.

If we want to be socialists, all we have to do is believe the words of Mr. Myers—a man very much misinformed.

—David H. Johnson, '64

'Think' Signs Stolen from HUB

TO THE EDITOR: "Scratch a student and you will find a potential thief!" Make you mad?

This past week, as a service to students, several members of the faculty worked many extra hours to provide an IBM graphic design exhibit for the HUB gallery. Within 24 hours after the above person straggled home for a well-earned rest, several "persons" stole five items from the show and defaced one of the displays.

As to the quote at the beginning of this letter, the source should remain unknown. However such a sentiment could easily be prevented if students would take gentle action to prevent their weaker "buddies" from polluting the mainstream of student and faculty life.

It is significant here to note that four of the items stolen from the HUB were elegant signs bearing the inscription, "THINK."

—Bill Hanson, Instructor in Art

No Kidding TO THE EDITOR: I think everyone will agree that the cartoon series, 'Campus Comedy,' is something less than amusing. Why not get rid of it? —Steve Ammerman, '62 (Editor's Note: Money. It's already paid for.)

Snowed

Normal Snowfall

by joel myers

The law of averages has finally caught up with the weather pattern, and the total winter snowfall reached the normal yesterday for the first time this winter.

Despite a weather pattern that has been basically favorable for snow and cold weather in Pennsylvania through most of December and January, snowstorms were noticeably absent.

Well-developed storms passed to the east and west of the state, causing heavy snow in the midwest and south. New records for heavy snow have already been established over wide areas of the nation.

Unfortunately for ski enthusiasts and snow lovers, most of the storms that did pass near Pennsylvania failed to develop into significant precipitation producers.

This month has been somewhat more favorable for snow in Pennsylvania, and yesterday's storm brought the total for the first nine days to seven inches.

The record-breaking snowfall of last year has accentuated the lack of snow during



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the first half of the winter.

Heavy snow storms were common in each month of last winter and when the last storm had ended in mid-April, the season's total was a fantastic 92.4 inches. Less than 24 inches has fallen so far this year.

As encouragement for frustrated skiers, the winter of two years ago might be recalled.

Up until mid-February, a mere 6 inches of snow had fallen and some weather experts suspected that the winter might be the least snowiest in history.

The weather pattern changed radically in mid-February, and the last two weeks of February and all of March were marked by an abundance of snow.

Forty-two inches of snow fell in those six weeks, and the winter's total exceeded the normal seasonal amount.

It is impossible to predict the weather for the next six weeks. But, if the basic weather pattern remains unchanged and the law of averages is operative, several more significant snowstorms are likely.

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Jr. Proposes Exam Plan

TO THE EDITOR: As all of us know, the term system here at Penn State has created many problems for both the student and the administration alike. Some of these problems have been solved but there are many others which still remain.

One of the more serious problems still plaguing us is the final exam system, whereby many students find themselves faced with three, four, and sometimes more final exams on the same day.

I know that the administration is fully aware of this situation and intends to rectify it next year, but this will be of little aid to those students who find themselves overburdened with finals this term or in the spring term.

Since I am one of those who face four final exams on the same day, this term and, in all probability, next term also, I have looked into this problem and come up with what I consider to be a very feasible plan for final exams.

This plan is very simple and has been used successfully at the University of Pennsylvania. All it entails is that those classes meeting during the odd-numbered periods of the day (1,3,5,7,9) give their final exams on the next to the last day of classes, and the even-numbered classes (2,4,6,8) give their exams on the last day of classes.

This plan would have many advantages:

•The students with all their

classes on Mon., Wed., and Fri. will not have all their finals on one day.

•The students with classes every day will have their finals spread over four days instead of only two.

•The professors would have their exams spread out and would, therefore, have more time to grade them and turn them in on time.

This would enable the administration to have all the transcripts ready on time also and would save much general confusion and rush.

I have contacted Dr. Walker concerning this matter and in his reply to me he stated that he will discuss the matter further with the Deans. One of his staff members commented:

"Those staff members who saw fit to adopt this procedure, or a similar one, would be free to do so without pressure." Those who do not agree with this idea "would be under no obligation to do so."

I hope that by placing this proposal before the students and faculty it will gain the attention it deserves. This plan will not only considerably decrease the unfair pressure on the students, but will also make things easier for the faculty.

This plan does not have to be adopted as a permanent practice, but it would be extremely helpful if used until a better one is found.

—Benjamin Zuckermann '63

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