

Editorial Opinion

USG Could Lead Textbook Tax Fight

Dr. David Kutzman, Pennsylvania's secretary of the administration, said last Thursday that the main problem preventing the removal of the four per cent sales tax on textbooks stems from difficulty in distinguishing between textbooks and other books.

This opinion, which is apparently the view of the Lawrence administration, was expressed in answer to a question posed to Governor Lawrence by a member of this newspaper.

The fallacy of the reasoning behind this opinion seems to point up the inadequacy of the student campaign to eliminate the sales tax on textbooks—a tax which brings in relatively little revenue to the state coffers, but which adds to the financial burden of the state's college students.

Most colleges and universities have their own bookstore or work closely with local bookstores in ordering textbooks for courses being offered, so that the proper books and quantities of each are available.

Professors in each department prepare lists of required textbooks.

It seems to us that the books placed on such a "textbook list" could be officially recognized as textbooks by the state and thus exempted from the sales tax.

A well-organized campaign designed at demonstrating the ease with which textbooks could be differentiated from non-texts might win the support of the Governor.

Such a campaign would need leadership. Here would be an excellent chance for the new student government to win the support and prestige it thinks it deserves.

USG could provide the coordination for a state-wide effort supported by students at colleges and universities throughout the state to eliminate the tax on textbooks.

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Complications Hit GOP

by john beauge

A week ago the state Republican organization appeared to have its party fight settled when Rep. James E. Van Zandt and Judge Robert E. Woodside announced they would run as a ticket for the positions of senator and governor, respectively.

Much has happened since then and the intra-party battle is waging as thick as ever. It began when Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., said he would still consider running for governor if he were drafted.

The junior senator from Pennsylvania said that he had former President Eisenhower's backing if he would run. Also he said that Eisenhower thought the ticket of Van Zandt and Woodside was "miserable."

After a series of telegrams between state GOP leaders and the former chief executive, it was learned that Eisenhower had only said he would endorse any ticket with Scott on it or one that Scott backed. Both Woodside and Van Zandt have stated that they were in the fight as a ticket to the end. Scott, on the other hand, said he was not sure if he wanted to run.

Yesterday he said he would announce Thursday if he were interested in the position of governor. In the meantime two other movements among state Republicans have gotten underway.

One is a movement urging Judge Woodside to withdraw himself from consideration and the other was a move to draft Rep. William Scranton for either governor or senator. Scranton had earlier turned his back on any such thoughts saying he was only interested in running for the House of Representatives, but yesterday said he would accept a draft.

There has been some talk that Scranton would be acceptable to both Scott and Woodside as a compromise candidate and thus end the intra-party feuding.

If this would happen the problem would shift to the senatorial spot. Van Zandt has said he is not interested in running with Scott, but would be a part of the Scranton ticket?

About the only thing that is known for sure right now is that the Republicans are in the midst of a battle which could hurt them in November.

The Democrats, however, will have the chance to bring their party fight to the foreground later today when they meet in Harrisburg to discuss their candidates.

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Planning Ahead

by joel myers

A master plan for higher education in Pennsylvania is expected to be released in April according to Charles Boehm, superintendent of public instruction. But the proposed expansion of University Park to accommodate 25,000 students by 1970 may not be a part of it.

The Lawrence administration does consider Penn State a land grant institution, but not a state university. In the opinion of Boehm, there are no state universities in Pennsylvania.

Judging by the views of Boehm and the remarks made by Gov. Lawrence in a press conference attended by several members of this newspaper Thursday, the state administration believes Penn State's educational responsibilities should be mainly confined to central Pennsylvania.

Temple is being expanded to eventually accommodate the increasing educational needs of eastern Pennsylvania, and Pitt or possibly a Penn State center will ultimately assume the major higher educational responsibilities of the western part of the state.

Although Gov. Lawrence leaves office in January, his concept of the state's higher educational structure will be embodied in the master plan which will set the guidelines for the state's educational development for years to come.

The contrast between the Governor's concept of Penn State's status and future role contrast sharply with recent announcements by Old Main officials.

Whether or not the University is legally a state university is secondary to the fact that the persons who will greatly influence our appropriations in years to come do not believe we are or do not want us to be.

With this in mind it might be wise for the University administration to give up its elaborate dreams of rapid expansion, and turn instead to consolidating and enriching what we already have.



MYERS

Letters

Frosh Favors Pollock Dance

TO THE EDITOR: I am a freshman and would like to say that I agree with the letter published last Wednesday, concerning the dance which was held in the Pollock recreation room Sunday evening.

May I take this time to explain that to Mr. Paul DeSena that in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary the word recreation is defined as play or relaxation or in my personal view, letting off steam.

And what better way is there for a college student to release the tensions of the day than to dance.

If the recreation room is not for play or recreation, what is its purpose? What was it built for?

One thing for sure is that the dance on Feb. 4 had a bigger and better turnout than did the dance I saw at Pollock which was sponsored by the Pollock Council and which, to me, was one big flop.

Personally, I thought the SPONSORED dance at Pollock was about as exciting as an old men's home or maybe a little worse. But how could that be? You notice I didn't say old folks home because the folks word is both male and female. I didn't see many, if any, females at the SPONSORED Pollock dance.

I saw no obscene or dirty dancing at all at the UNSPONSORED dance and I firmly believe that if the dance had continued the students would have kept it an orderly dance.

Furthermore, the students handled the dance and themselves in a very mature way because these students are mature enough to keep the dance in a sensible fashion.

So I make a motion that the words on the recreation room door be changed to STUDY LOUNGE since dances with any turnout cannot be held there.

—David Jenkins, '65

Letter cut

Senior Hits Coach Feud

TO THE EDITOR: The Penn State gymnastics team met Army on Saturday and lost, but the gymnasts lost much more than a gym meet.

Participants in athletic events must make personal sacrifices, but our gymnasts were victimized by a personal feud between their coach and Tom Moloney, the coach of Army. The feud is a result of Mr. Wettstone's current opposition to the A.A.U. and Mr. Moloney's support of it.

The gymn meet was reduced to a battle of wits, and every method of psychological warfare imaginable was used with each coach trying to outdo the other.

I was at Army on Saturday and I saw the effects that this war had on some of the team members. I saw it seize a man who is known for his stern personal discipline and bring tears to his eyes.

I saw it force a dignified and sensitive person to compete in a weakened state because of illness, and it humiliated him for all to see. I saw a person we all know as happy and easygoing turn into a mean and vengeful tyrant. It was a traumatic experience for all and it should not have been.

My criticism is not of Mr. Wettstone's opposition to the A.A.U., for this may well do some good. I criticize the situation which grew from his position.

I am not sure Mr. Wettstone could have done anything to change the situation, in fact he may have been as much a victim as the others.

But, he was a victim of his own desire to win and some of the team members were used unjustly to this end. If this is an example of things to come in inter-collegiate gymnastics competition, I hope Penn State never competes again.

—G. Walker Carson '62

Letters

Four Point Plan Proposed by Soph

TO THE EDITOR: After reading of the decadent state of civilization at Penn State I propose a four point plan to raise our cultural value.

●Closing of all bars, state stores, and fraternities within a 20-mile radius of State College so no alcoholic beverages can be obtained.

●A similar closing of the Lion's Den and similar "dens of derelicts" so no non-alcoholic beverages or food can be obtained.

●Removal of all sofas and chairs from University property, and destruction of all vending machines.

●A National Guard Division to carry out the above points, which will have the support of the majority of Penn States.

May I suggest that all troops be placed under the command of the WCTU, PSCMS, and other sages who consider themselves full-fledged reformers or potential dictators.

—Roger A. Perkins, '64