

Editorial Opinion Wrong Concept

Governor Lawrence does not believe a state university should cater to the lower and middle income groups.

The primary function of a state university according to Lawrence is "to educate" the residents who carry the tax burden of the state.

This clear-stand, which was given at a recent news-conference, is significant in that it aptly expresses the concept behind the attitudes and policies that the Governor has followed in the field of higher education.

Lawrence is conscious of the need for expanded higher educational facilities, and his administration has taken some action to fulfill this need. However, the governor has not been alarmed by the skyrocketing cost of higher education.

In order not to miss out entirely on the particularly talented high school students, Lawrence has supported efforts to increase the state's scholarship program.

This is a relatively minor effort and not enough to meet the great challenge of providing a college education to all capable high school students. Failure to face up to this challenge now can only hurt the Commonwealth and the nation in the long run.

We're not suggesting socialized education, where everyone who wished to could go to college. But we do believe that unless action is taken immediately, the multiplying costs of education will soon restrict a college education to persons in the highest income bracket.

This will not only hurt the welfare of the state, hinder industry, have a downgrading effect and lower the morale of citizens of the state, but may prompt education-minded families to migrate to other states.

It is imperative that the state government realize that a college education must be available to all capable of doing college work.

This would require that Pennsylvania direct the efforts of its state university to the education of capable high school graduates who come from families in the lower and middle income brackets, and cannot afford a college education at a private university.

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Tshombe Shouldn't Come

by Joel Myers

Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative youth organization, has instituted court action in an effort to force the State Department to rule in the visa request of Moise Tshombe, president of rebellious Katanga province of the Congo.

Tshombe's two visa applications have been ignored by the State Department.

The YAF has a rally dubbed "Conservative Rally for World Liberation From Communism" scheduled for March 7 in Madison Square Garden in which

they hope to honor their hero, Tshombe.

The State Department regards a visit by Mr. Tshombe as not in this nation's best interests "because it would interrupt and jeopardize progress" toward Congo reunification.

This view is consistent with U.S. policy under President Kennedy of supporting the



United Nations operations against the secessionist movement of the self-styled Katanga president.

The Kennedy Administration has felt that a strong and unified Congo would represent the best deterrent to Communist infiltration, while U.S. support of Tshombe would have provided a split through which the Reds could increase their influence in Africa.

This position drew great criticism from conservative spokesmen during the months of U.N. action against Tshombe's military forces.

The more rightward-leaning Congressmen severely criticized President Kennedy and lauded Tshombe, who has the backing of Belgian mineral wealth. A Congressional investigation of the U.S. position was promised in December by Senator Barry Goldwater, former president Herbert Hoover and other Katanga supporters.

The thunder from the right quieted rapidly when the U.N. action proved successful in disposing of the Communist influence in the Congo.

Antoine Gizenga, the main Red spokesman in the Congo, was arrested and his following rapidly diminished after he took an unpopular stand on the Congo situation.

Although legally the State Department may not be able to refuse Tshombe's visa request, the official and rightful position of the U.S. makes Tshombe an enemy of the United States and as such the request should be denied.

No U.S. soldiers have yet died fighting the U.N. battle in Katanga, but we have provided money and supplies to the U.N. command seeking to reunify the Congo.

Thus, it is neither in our best interest nor morally right to allow Tshombe to come to this country and accept an award from a group of self-proclaimed super-patriots.

Such a visit would not only appear as an inconsistency in our foreign policy, but might give Tshombe, an impressionable man of erratic action, a false sense of support.

Letters

Rationality Of 'Experts' Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: I am interested in the article by Mr. Myers regarding the advertisement against the resumption of nuclear testing. It appears that Mr. Myers sees no basis for the feelings of the signers and concludes that the President will make the best decisions because he has as advisors the top men from all branches of science.

The latter assumption must be considered again. The question I raise is "Are these top men free to make rational decisions?"

On this point, I submit the following: McCone, newly appointed director of the CIA, has financial interests involved in military contracts. That professional military men from general to private hope for war to increase promotion and prestige is no secret.

Also, congressional leaders receive most of their backing, monetary and moral (pressure), from the large industrial giants who thirst for lucrative government contracts.

All the above came out in favor of testing nuclear weapons saying that we must keep up with the Russians. (They admit, however, that there is now enough nuclear power to blow up the world seven times). Can men so economically bound to war make rational decisions?

I think Mr. Myers should consider his use of the word "naive" and consider other ideas besides those of (in his term) "experts."

—Susan Ravitz '63
—Arthur Ravitz '62

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Musical Boost

by John Beauge

Not many students would be willing to give up two hours of dating time on Saturday night to volunteer their services to help stir up student spirit.

But that is what approximately 20 students have done the past two Saturdays by bringing their musical instruments to Rec Hall to play for the basketball games.

Unknown to many students, this band was not forced into playing. Several members of the Blue Band got together and asked fellow musicians to donate their time. The results were conclusive.

The basketball team not only defeated Army and Pittsburgh, but student spirit at both games was higher than it had been most of the season.

The band cannot take sole credit for helping to raise the spirit because the cheerleaders also made their appearance at the same time. The two together, however, did most of the job.

Basically there was nothing wrong with the organ music used earlier in the season, and at other sporting events, but it is difficult to get the spectators in the right mood by playing "smooth type" pre-game music.

The biggest change caused by the band and cheerleaders was the increase in spirit during time outs. Formerly these minute breaks in the fast action of

a game reduced the crowd's spirit to almost nothing.

This spirit in the last two games was kept up with the aid of the cheers and fight songs, many of which used to be heard only at football games.

The whole outlook of the basketball games switched from a two-hour sitting session to two hours of lively action. The spectators once again felt they were part of the sport.

It is my hope that the idea of the band and cheerleaders at the basketball games will not be forgotten now that this year's basketball season is over.

Next year when the season rolls around it would be nice to see them back again. There is one selection that should be added to the pieces the band plays. That would be the Alma Mater. It could be played either before the game or at halftime.

Next December is still a long way off, but the best way to start off a successful basketball season would be to have plenty of spirit behind the team from the beginning. There is no better way to do this than have cheerleaders and a band at the first and every home game.



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Letters

Frosh Hits 'Shirts-In' Rule Set by Housing for Dining Hall

TO THE EDITOR: Now I've heard everything!! In the past few months I have been told many things by the Housing department, but this one takes the cake. It seems there is a ruling to the effect that no shirts may be worn outside of the pants in the dining halls.

Would you believe some man was paid thousands of dollars to design this shirt, but because in years gone by shirt tails hanging out were a sign of sloppiness, even now when styles are constantly changing any sort of shirt outside must go inside?

Finally, like all my other fellow students, I was taught to conform. (A few friendly words from my counselor seemed to help my learning quite a bit.) But now this new found power of Housing has spread to ridiculous extremes.

Anyone that has ever worn a sweater with a collar take notice — that any sweater is doomed to die in the dining hall. Mine has been classified by Housing as a shirt.

I bought it as a sweater, the man in the store told me it was a sweater, my friends at home thought it was a sweater, but guess what? Housing says

it is a shirt and what Housing says goes.

When I tried to defend my position I was told it was a shirt whether I like it or not. So now I have another shirt. I didn't plan it that way, but I was convinced by people who are in a position of authority, and who naturally know more about the clothes I wear than I do, that it is a shirt. I am resigned to my fate.

For the next three years I will behave just like all the other little products of the Penn State Machine. When we are put in as raw ingredients, the university brags about the diversity of its student body.

People from all over the United States and from all parts of the world add to the cultural environment of this school. But when we get out, we will all talk alike, think alike, and, most of all, dress alike.

Fellow students please don't give up as I have, for I am sure that somewhere in the midst of you there is one person with the courage to get thrown out of school for wearing a sweater, not a shirt, but a sweater, out of his pants in the dining hall.

—Arthur Epstein '65