

Editorial Opinion

All Possible Haste

Although a mix-up caused much confusion with regard to the University Library budget last week, it now seems that bonus funds for next year will be forthcoming.

This follows the recent announcement that expansion plans, through the courtesy of the GSA, will be drawn up for Pattee. The specifics of this expansion remain uncharted—but for anyone who hasn't noticed, expansion is seriously needed. To say that the plans for library expansion deserve top priority is, at most, an understatement.

University Librarian Ralph McComb last term estimated a 25 to 50 per cent increase in the use of the library over a comparable period during the fall semester 1960.

He attributed this to the four-term plan with its academic condensation overflowing into the halls of Pattee. Perhaps the term plan has precipitated some of this and perhaps it is also due to a more general increase in the intensity with which Penn State students seem to view their academic lives.

Whatever the cause, it has created some new problems which the over-taxed library staff did not need, but now must solve.

A major concern is overcrowding, particularly in the circulation room where a clot congests an overburdened system.

The numbered tabs students receive in exchange for their book requests are colorful, and probably prevent the crowds from suffocating the circulation staff. However, they do not seem to be the answer when students must wait up to an hour for their books to come out of the stacks.

The answer, of course, is that the library is understaffed and needs more funds to hire the staff required. But then, it also needs books. Where exactly does one establish a priority among the crises?

One solution would be to open the stacks to the undergraduate body—but this brings an immediate risk of self-defeat since books would probably disappear faster than they could be replaced.

Or the library might open the stacks and establish a checker system so that no one could leave the building without checking out books. With the central location of exits, such a system might work. It would also relieve the pressure on the circulation staff.

In any event, the situation is harassing both the librarians and the student body. The latter does not have the time to stand and wait. Since the term system seems to be the cause of this increased use, and since time is the term system's scarcest commodity, those responsible for the University's adjustment would be advised to find a solution and implement it, with all possible haste.

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Letters

Pitt Student Challenges Sports Column

TO THE EDITOR: I have just finished reading Dean Billick's column in the March 1 Daily Collegian, entitled "Challenge to Pitt Matmen," and I find myself differing with just about all of his accusations.

Mr. Billick accuses Pitt of using tactics detrimental to college wrestling. I will admit that Pitt wrestles a conservative match, but whether this is harmful to wrestling is debatable.

In many sports there are conservative styles of play, involving strategy. This is the way Pitt wrestles. They do not go out on the mat and throw caution to the wind to please the fans. They wrestle a deliberate match intent on winning as best they know how.

Just because this is not the most popular style of wrestling, it is not reason to chastise it, nor does it mean that it is not enjoyable to watch.

Mr. Billick gets specific when he states that only four Pitt wrestlers, Rich Martin, Daryl Kelvington, Augie Arrigone and Jim Harrison, did not stall. This must mean that Sherm Moyer, John Zolikoff, Ken Barr, Tom Jeffries and Jeff Ware were guilty of stalling.

Let's examine some of these cases. John Zolikoff defeated Dick Campbell, 7-6. The fact that this match was so high-scoring points out that stalling was not prominent. True, Zolikoff tired badly in the third period and was forced to go on the defensive. But due to his condition he had little choice.

Ken Barr was called for stalling and perhaps deservedly so, in the third period. But look at the situation this way. After two periods Barr had a 4-0 lead over Phil Myer and was in the process of scoring a major upset.

Strategy dictated that he play the defensive role in the final period and thus rule out any chance of losing.

Accusing Jeff Ware of stalling is ridiculous. If anything Ware was over-aggressive. Four times in the first period he took Dick Walker down but three times they were ruled off the mat. Walker achieved his pin because Ware was over-aggressive and allowed himself to get into a bad position.

—Bob Smizik
Pitt Student

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Clean-up Asked For USG Exec

TO THE EDITOR: As a student interested in student government and the functioning of USG, I have been attending some of the past meetings of the USG Congress.

The impression I received from both the executive officers and the Congress was that USG symbolized a new start in Student Government. The first task of USG is to present to the student body a new fresh look at student government and to "iron out" the problems of the past.

However, this fresh look was somewhat wilted at this past week's meeting. I am referring, of course, for those of us who attended the meeting on Thursday night, to the deplorable appearance of USG President, Dennis Foianini.

Perhaps the iron used to "iron out" problems of student government, should have been applied to President Foianini's shirt. Also the lack of a coat and tie did not help to exemplify USG's fresh, new clean look.

I was quite appalled that The Daily Collegian had not provided a photographer to capture the image of the students' USG President and present this image to the student body in Friday's Daily Collegian.

Perhaps, as is a common good business policy, a clean neat appearance, would tend to uphold the character of a clean, neat, fresh student government.

—Mark T. Daniels '63

Letters

Sr. Endorses Proposal To Aid WUS Projects

TO THE EDITOR: We, the Class of '62, have the opportunity to benefit the University campus and to enhance the tradition of the senior class gift.

World University Service, an organization of Penn State students, has petitioned the Senior Advisory Board to include on the ballot for class gift voting (during spring registration) one of three proposals. These include:

- a student hostel in Greece,
- a student hostel in Chile,
- a student ward in India.

Over 100 members of our class have signed this petition, indicating a desire to have one of these proposals on the ballot.

How can these proposals benefit our campus and how can they enhance the tradition of the class gift? Here we might ask ourselves, what better way could there be of improving our campus than by calling attention of campuses around the country to the fact that at Penn State there are students who are taking an active part in the elimination of basic problems which are, in part, responsible for the crises in the world today?

Certainly the addition of physical projects to our campus is of some need, but what of the need of students throughout the world who have no

housing, no medical care, and barely enough food for daily existence? Do their needs outweigh ours?

What of the tradition of the class gift at Penn State? Are these proposals in keeping with this tradition? The answer is that any of these proposals would immeasurably enhance this tradition.

The class of '62 would be placed in the eyes of campuses around the nation as a student body concerned with the problems of disease, and poverty, and ignorance which face the future leaders of underdeveloped countries throughout the world.

The tradition of the class gift would take on a new and imaginative meaning that would serve as a guide to students throughout the country.

No one could say that by deciding to use the class gift for one of these projects the class of '62 will be eliminating even a sizeable fraction of the problems facing these countries, but everyone will say that by taking such action, our class will be leading the way for future senior classes at Penn State towards a positive role in the peaceful war against poverty, ignorance, and disease which plague the world today. What will we do?

—Michael Winters '62

Operations Revamp Asked

TO THE EDITOR: A recent series of incidents has provoked me to write a letter to The Daily Collegian expressing my extreme disgust with certain things that occur here at Penn State.

Mail service can, at best, be termed very poor. On at least two occasions the workers in the area Post Office have done no more than put a note in my mailbox to the effect that a special delivery letter was waiting in the Post Office to be picked up by me.

When a student is expecting important mail, there is no reason in the world for this delay. Students should be notified immediately that special delivery mail is waiting for them.

The immaculate timing of the maids in delivering clean linen and cleaning the lavatories is second to none. I don't think I need elaborate on the complications that arise from these situations. I am sure that a more convenient time could be arranged for these tasks.

Also, although I was not here at the main campus last year, I have been told that the dorm rooms were cleaned every week instead of the present twice a month schedule. The rooms accumulate enough dirt from week to week that regular cleaning should be done beyond normal sweeping.

Two clean sheets a week would also be an improvement. Undoubtedly, there are more

of the infinite number of things explained away by rising costs.

In a recent visit to the health center to receive "treatment" for a cold, the only term that can describe the attitude of the doctor is rudeness. No examination of any kind was given. He wrote a few words on a piece of paper as a prescription and that was that.

Anyone with any imaginable disease from cold to plague apparently would have received the same "treatment." I might add that the center was not crowded.

To go from one wing of a dorm to the other, at least in North Halls, it is necessary to go to the basement of one wing, down the hallway, and back up the stairs in the other wing.

Yet there is a passageway between all floors that is always locked. There is nothing in the passageway that could be stolen. The only thing there is a key-operated elevator.

For visitors and guests, or for that matter, anyone unfamiliar with the dorm, not to mention the residents, this is a great inconvenience.

There are other things that could be listed, some lesser, some greater, but this will do as a start. Academically, Penn State is high on the list of institutes of higher learning. Yet the way many things are done around here leaves much to be desired.

—Arthur J. Coombes '64

