

Editorial Opinion

Greater Role Proposed For Alumni Association

The possibility that the University's fight for a larger state appropriation will be injected into this year's gubernatorial and legislative election campaigns has grown stronger in recent days.

In the April edition of the Alumni News an editorial by Ridge Riley, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, calls for alumni of the University to "see to it that all candidates in all districts are acquainted with all the facts, and make an effort to elect those who react intelligently."

Mr. Riley, who rarely editorializes in the magazine, presented a vigorous argument on the right of Penn State as a state university to receive more funds.

In the past, the Alumni Association has presented its members with all of the facts in the University's fight for additional funds. Alumni were even urged to support the University's drive for greater appropriations last year.

By taking this extra step and actually advocating that alumni cast their ballots on the basis of candidates' views toward the University, the Alumni Association is making a step toward forging the alumni into a political force.

The necessity to make such a move is certainly a sad commentary on Pennsylvania's educational system and the state's elected officials.

The University administration, although having met with strong resistance in Harrisburg, is being wise in not making any effort to insert itself or the University into the political firing line.

Penn State's appropriations are already too closely connected with politics. Any action by the administration that increases Penn State's dependence on the politicians would certainly not be in the best interests of the University.

However, the Alumni Association, which is independent of the administration, should continue to make every effort to enlighten alumni on the relations between the legislature and Penn State.

This might include the compilation of voting records on the University's appropriations and attitudes of all candidates for the state legislature.

Such information might also be sent to the parents of University students under the sponsorship of the Alumni Association.

The cost of preparing and mailing this material to non-Alumni members may ultimately pay large dividends to both the Alumni Association and the University.

Move Johnson's Speech

The possibility of changing the location of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's speech on Tuesday from Schwab Auditorium to Recreation Hall received two boosts last night.

Financial support for switching the speech to Rec Hall was pledged by USG while Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the College of Physical Education and Athletics, shed a ray of hope on the feasibility of scheduling the change.

Although McCoy could not make a definite decision last night on whether Rec Hall would be available, he said he would consider calling off physical education classes if necessary and if the speech would benefit a majority of students at the University.

Those handling the Business Administration Career Day have expressed reluctance to reschedule the speech. They seemed doubtful, even yesterday, that they could fill Schwab.

They seem to be more concerned with giving a good impression of the University by having an overflow crowd in Schwab than accommodating a larger audience in Rec Hall.

Judging from the tremendous student interest in national and international affairs as evidenced by the strong response to the "You and the Communist Challenge" series, we feel that Schwab could not begin to accommodate all students interested in hearing our Vice President speak.

We maintain that the primary concern of the sponsors of Lyndon Johnson's appearance should be to give every student the opportunity to hear the address rather than to worry about giving Johnson a good impression of this University by viewing an overflowing Schwab Auditorium.

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Scranton's Future Discussed

by John Beauge

In 1960, a virtually unknown political figure captured the 10th Congressional District in the Scranton area for the Republicans while President John F. Kennedy was sweeping the same district by nearly 40,000 votes.

For William Warren Scranton this was only the beginning. Little did he realize that a little over a year later he would emerge as one of the candidates for the GOP nomination for governor.

This 44-year-old businessman who calls North Abington Township, 10 miles north of Scranton, his home, was selected by GOP leaders this winter after the party appeared to be split between U.S. Hugh Scott and Superior Court Judge Robert Woodside.



Now teamed with Congressman James Van Zandt, who is running for the Senate, he is trying to get past J. Collins McSparran, state grange master, in the May primary.

Like McSparran, he comes from a political family. His father was long active in Pennsylvania politics and his mother was National Committeewoman from Pennsylvania from 1928-1951, and national vice chairman from 1940-1944.

Unlike his opponent, however, his chances of winning the May 15 primary are good. He has the state organization back of him and has drawn first place on the ballot. Both of these factors will give him votes.

Although Scranton is listed as the favorite, he has not stopped campaigning. He has moved all around the state and has scheduled a day of campaigning in the Williamsport area today to meet voters in the central part of the state.

One of his biggest aims is for the economic development

of the hard coal country, and he has been working toward that end in the U.S. House of Representatives as a member of the banking and currency committee and as co-chairman of a special GOP group to study unemployment.

In many ways Scranton could be compared to President Kennedy. He is a slim six feet tall with bushy, gray-tinged hair. Just as the President has a Harvard accent, Scranton has a predominant Yale one. Also he comes from a wealthy family.

On May 15 the Republican voters of the state will go to the polls to nominate either a person who was born and raised on a farm, or a man who has spent all his life in the business world.

It has been an interesting campaign so far, but with the state organization back of him, Scranton should have little trouble defeating McSparran. However, when it comes to facing Richardson Dilworth in November, the results could go either way.

Letters

Seniors Urged To Hear Walker

TO THE EDITOR: This Thursday evening Dr. Eric A. Walker will deliver a message to the senior class, and all other interested persons, on "The State of the University."

Dr. Walker's message will show what has been happening to Penn State in the past few years and will give us an insight into what we can do as graduates to keep our alma mater the great university that she is.

Most of us do not realize that we are Penn State's for our entire lives and not just during the time we are undergraduates.

Our responsibility to Penn State extends throughout the years following our graduation. "The President's Report" will bring this fact to the minds of everyone who hears it.

We urge every senior to attend this important meeting. —Lion's Paw Class of '62

World At A Glance

JFK Asks Aid For City Traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy asked Congress yesterday for \$500 million over the next three years as a first step toward helping cities unsmash traffic facilities outmoded by mushrooming suburbs and growing use of autos.

Kennedy expressed hope that air, rail and bus travelers can enjoy bargain rates by recommending that Congress remove federal control over minimum intercity fares.

He asked Congress to make available \$100 million during the fiscal year starting July 1 as the first installment of his program. The money would be made available to public agencies in the form of direct grants to be matched by local, non-federal contributions.

The President also asked that Congress:

- Provide federal loans for urban mass transportation by removing the time limit on the \$50-million loan authorization voted last year.
● Authorize for three years emergency grants for mass transportation undertakings.

Supreme Court Vetoes Appeal On Blue Laws

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The state Supreme Court rejected yesterday the latest move by business interests to test the legality of Pennsylvania's Sunday Blue Laws.

The high tribunal, in a per curiam ruling announced by Chief Justice John C. Bell, rejected a request for a reargument of an appeal lost last March 21 by Bargain City, U. S. A., a discount chain.

The action left open to authorities enforcement of the law banning sale of certain items on Sundays.

Attorney for the store, however, indicated they would press their appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. They claim the 1959 amendment to the Blue Laws—first adopted in Colonial days—was unconstitutional because it permitted certain business activities and denied other kinds of selling.

The amendment bans the sale of clothing, furniture and other items, but permits the selling of souvenirs, among other things.

Berlin Mission Activity Resumed

BERLIN (AP) — U.S. and Soviet commanders agreed yesterday to restore freedom of movement to the U.S. liaison mission in Communist East Germany and to the Soviet mission in West Germany.

The agreement was reached at two meetings in Potsdam, East Germany, between Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, U.S. Army commander in Europe, and Marshal Ivan S. Konev, Soviet commander in Germany.

The agreement, ending a series of restrictive moves and countermoves between Russia and the United States, called for resumption of normal mission activity starting at midnight.

There was no public mention of the quarrel that caused the restrictions, touched off March 20 when East German police shot up a sedan of the U.S. Military Mission assigned to Soviet army headquarters in Potsdam.

Clarke protested at that time. Marshal Konev said he was sorry.

Japan to Show U.S. Films

TOKYO (AP) — Japan will import 231 feature-length films, more than half of them from Hollywood, in fiscal year 1962, the Finance Ministry said.

Dean Forsees No Test Ban

GENEVA (AP) — The Soviet Union's tough take-it-or-leave-it policy makes it impossible to conclude a nuclear test ban treaty, U.S. Ambassador Arthur H. Dean declared yesterday.

He told a three-power subcommittee meeting working on the test ban that negotiations are frozen but that the United States is willing to wait hopefully for a last-minute change in the Soviet attitude.

The Soviet delegate, Semyon Tsarapkin, countered with a charge that U.S. plans to resume atmospheric testing in the mid-Pacific late this month had made the position darker.

The Soviet Union has said it would set off a new series of shots of its own if the U.S. series takes place.

U.N. Proposal Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected yesterday an attempt to amend a pending United Nations financing proposal to deny American economic aid to countries more than a year behind in their U.N. assessments.

