

Editorial Opinion

We Say It Again: Schwab Inadequate

In June, 1903, a new auditorium was dedicated on the campus of the Pennsylvania State College. It was named Schwab in honor of the trustee who donated the \$155,000 needed to construct the "oversized" auditorium.

In 1903, Schwab Auditorium had 1500 seats and was nearly two-thirds empty when the entire student body of 568 persons assembled under its roof.

The graduating class of 1903 had no worry about rationing tickets for commencement because the new auditorium could provide ample room for the fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, grandparents and even cousins of the 72 graduates.

Fifty-nine years have elapsed since Schwab was dedicated, and no additional facilities have been provided.

Penn. State's student body has swelled to about 16,000. This means that for every student on campus in 1903 there are 30 students on campus today. It also means that while Schwab could more than accommodate the entire student body in 1903, today it can hold only 8 per cent.

The lack of adequate auditorium facilities on this campus has been clearly demonstrated many times in recent years.

In the past two weeks we have seen the urgent need for an auditorium re-emphasized twice—once during the communist challenge series and again when Vice President Lyndon Johnson spoke in the Business Administration Career Day ceremonies.

Saturday evening Senators Hubert Humphrey and Karl Mundt will debate in Schwab. It is indeed a rare occasion when two senators debate off the Senate floor, and undoubtedly student interest in this

Lecture Series presentation will be strong.

It is unfortunate that less than 1200 students will be able to attend this newsworthy event in Schwab.

The Humphrey-Mundt debate may become the third event within two weeks to demonstrate the gross inadequacy of Schwab Auditorium to fulfill the auditorium needs of this university.

It is imperative that the administration recognize this evident need and make immediate plans to construct adequate auditorium facilities.

Attendance Urged For Prexy's Speech

President Walker will address students tonight in his second "state of the University" message. He has indicated that his speech will deal with the present and future problems facing this University.

The President has also said he intends to direct his speech primarily to seniors. We realize that this is a perfect opportunity for the President to make a "lasting impression" on these future alumni about the needs of this University, but we consider the problems of the University to be a matter of concern to every student attending Penn State.

Attendance at Walker's "state of the University" address last year was poor, especially in view of the important topics discussed.

We urge all students, particularly those who complain that Walker doesn't have enough contact with the students, to attend this speech.

Student radio station WDFM has been refused permission to record Walker's address for later replay—a privilege that was granted last year.

While we lament this short-sighted move, this fact makes it even more imperative that students attend this address to hear the University's present academic and physical plans and the problems it will be facing in the near future.

Snowed JFK vs Steel Industry

by Joel Myers

President Kennedy sharply rebuked the steel industry yesterday for initiating a new inflationary spiral by substantially raising the price of steel.

This price increase followed swiftly on the heels of the negotiation of a noninflationary wage contract with the steel workers.

Kennedy was particularly disturbed at the price increase because the government had played a key role in negotiating a steel pact that is in line with his policy of price stability.



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Kennedy believed such an agreement was necessary in the national interest. He feared a lengthy strike or another series of wage and price increases would seriously imperil the nation's recovery from the 1960-61 recession.

Kennedy, who was once called "a big spender from the East," has followed a basically sound fiscal policy and this year presented Congress with a balanced budget even though the recession recovery process has not been completed.

In delivering his January budget address, Kennedy warned that the budget would not balance if the economy didn't recover as expected or if a new round of inflation began.

Although the economy hasn't been as active in the early months of this year as the President's advisers had hoped, the President hasn't scrapped his plans to balance the budget.

Tuesday's announcement of a planned price increase by U.S. Steel could serve as the disturbance that generates waves of price and wage increases that will make the possibility of balancing the budget remote.

Kennedy's remarks at yesterday's press conference indicate that he doesn't intend to accept this price increase without a

fight. Since the recently negotiated wage contract won't cost the steel companies any more money, the substantial price increase cannot be justified in the eyes of the President.

If competition existed in the steel industry, the lack of business would force U.S. Steel, the first to announce a hike in steel prices, to eventually lower its prices to the former level.

However, the major steel companies have followed U.S. Steel's lead in raising prices. This sheep-like action has raised serious doubts in the minds of many Americans as to whether competition really exists in the steel industry.

Also, the industry disregarded the moral bond for little or no price increase in the wake of its agreement to a noninflationary pact with its workers. These factors may precipitate a Congressional investigation of competition among the major steel companies.

Some people have suggested that the steel industry has raised the price of steel at this time in an effort to destroy Kennedy's plans for a balanced budget, and thus raise the chances of Republican victories in the November election.

If this was a motive that influenced the steel industry's decision to raise prices, the steel corporations may soon discover that it isn't wise to oppose the most politically astute man in American politics today, President Kennedy.

For in less than 24 hours after the price increase was announced, President Kennedy began generating heated public opposition to the steel industry's action.

Letters

WDFM Ban At Speech Hit

TO THE EDITOR: Tonight Dr. Walker will address a maximum audience of 402 concerning "The State of the University."

WDFM Radio, which covers all major speeches and events on campus, has requested permission to record this speech for future broadcast.

This permission has been denied.

According to the president's assistant, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, Dr. Walker will be speaking from notes and directing his address only to those present. And so, "the President prefers that it not be recorded."

Perhaps it's true that less than three per cent of the student body will care to see Dr. Walker in one of his none-too-frequent public appearances.

And perhaps there is no local interest in "The State of the University."

And perhaps the President's remarks on this occasion will be of little or no significance.

In that case WDFM's program directors should have enough discretion to edit or to refrain from broadcasting the recording of the speech.

But why should the words of our University's president be addressed to so small an audience, and then lost forever?

What has happened to Freedom of the Press?

—Steve Monheimer '64

Seniors Urged To Hear Prexy

TO THE EDITOR: Tonight we will have the privilege of hearing Dr. Eric A. Walker address the senior class and all other interested persons at 7:30 in 121 Sparks. The President will speak about the present and future problems the University faces, with emphasis upon the role which the seniors will soon play as alumni.

As seniors, we anxiously await the future. We tend to forget to look back over the four years we have spent at Penn State. Our University has given us the opportunity for educational and intellectual experience as well as a variety of rich and pleasant memories. When we leave in June, Penn State will go with us into our new homes and occupations.

We owe a great debt to our alma mater—a debt which may in part be paid by giving our loyal interest and support to Penn State after graduation. President Walker's message is an important one for all seniors to hear. We heartily urge all seniors to attend the President's Report.

—Barbara Hackman '62

President, Mortar Board

Freshmen Urged To Hear Walker

TO THE EDITOR: Lion's Paw and Mortar Board are sponsoring a lecture by President Eric Walker entitled "The State of the University." On the posters the organizations have printed, the inference is that only seniors are urged to attend this lecture.

I would like to urge all freshmen to seriously attempt to hear President Walker's lecture; for whom does the "state of the University" concern more than we who will be at Penn State three more years?

—Thomas Miller '65

President, Freshman Class

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Dink for Johnson Shows Appreciation?

TO THE EDITOR: We had the honor and privilege of having Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States, speak to the Penn State students in Schwab yesterday. Our appreciation to the Vice President was so aptly shown when Mr. Robert Barraclough presented him with an "honorary" freshman dink.

It is indeed a misfortune that he removed it too quickly to pose for the Associated Press photographers, for we are sure that if this picture was released to the public, every noted dignitary would be clamoring to speak at Penn State.

—Jeanne Dughie '63 —Lynn Hyatt '64 —Kathryn Dodge '63 —Cathy Creighton '64

WDFM Schedule

- THURSDAY. 6:00 News 6:05 Dinner Date 6:15 Weatherscope 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT 7:00 Call from London 7:15 Album Review 7:30 Musically Speaking 8:00 News 8:05 This is the Subject 9:00 News in French 9:05 Folk Music 9:30 Opinion 15 9:45 News, Sports and Weather 10:00 Chamber Concert 11:00 Sign-off