

Editorial Opinion

Contact Your Legislator

The election of a governor and new state legislators will take place this fall before the final decision is made on the University's state appropriation for 1963-64.

However, much of the initial administrative planning on college appropriations will begin long before the new administration and legislature takes over.

In order to aid students in carrying Penn State's fight for funds to the legislature, USG agreed last night to print a current list of legislators from every district in the state. This list will be available at the HUB desk for the rest of this term.

The failure of the state administration and legislature to meet Penn State's demand for funds is a well-known story. The result of this negligence on their part has been increasing costs for the University's students and the crippling of Penn State's efforts to prepare for the tide of Pennsylvania's war babies that will soon be demanding a college education.

If the legislature again fails to meet the University's budget request, plans for physical expansion and improvement of faculty quality will receive another setback.

University students and parents can help in the University's fight to meet the state's educational needs and forestall further tuition increases by contacting their state representatives this summer.

Maturely-written letters containing sound arguments will undoubtedly help the University's cause. But, a visit or telephone call to your local representative may prove even more effective in convincing him of the impending crisis in state education.

We feel the Board of Trustees should have open meetings

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Money-Making Schemes

by Joel Myers

The decrease in activity that accompanies the summer term may give some administrators leisure time. This column suggests the time be used for examining money-making schemes, which can be sprung on the returning students with great suddenness in September.

To prevent another student uprising over the lack of a Thanksgiving vacation, students could be sold "cut OKs" which would permit them to enjoy turkey at home for a premium. Professors would be urged to schedule exams during this period, so these "cut OKs" would become big revenue-producers.



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A walking speed limit of one-quarter mile an hour could be posted on all University walks. All students running to class could then be fined.

Also, toll gates could be erected along all bicycle paths. This project might not be very lucrative unless the time be-

tween classes is shortened to five minutes.

Dr. Walker's pond could be stocked with trout, and fishing licenses, could be sold on his front porch.

The General Deposit could be increased to \$500, and then it could be loaned back to students who could not meet their tuition expenses after such a huge initial outlay. Obviously, interest would be charged on the loan.

A tax could be levied on the USG bus service.

Students could be prohibited from attending football games, thereby opening up 15,000 additional seats for general sale.

The pre-payment date for tuition could be set several years in advance, thereby requiring all students to pay the \$25 late fee.

The Dean of Men's office might allow the "beatniks" to return to the HUB Music Room, and could then sell general admission tickets.

The insurance on Walker Laboratory could be increased and then the trees that surround it should be removed. The additional heating that would result from the extra

sunshine might be just enough to set that highly inflammable building on fire, which might prove quite profitable.

Overnight permissions might be sold to coeds for \$10 apiece.

The very profitable business of renting campus benches by the hour might be undertaken once permission is received from the class of 1960, which donated the benches to the University. The rental rate would vary proportionately to the degree of seclusion of the bench.

Also, the booths in the Lion's Den might be rented by the hour. Special rates might be provided for weekly contracts.

All the toilets on campus could be made coin-operated.

The University might investigate the possibility of founding an old-fashioned protection company, which could sell its services to coeds afraid to venture out into the night.

Although the administration may disregard many of these profit-making suggestions, I am confident that some will be adopted in time. The sooner they are, the sooner air-conditioning can be installed in Old Main.

Letters

Jr. Urges Quality

TO THE EDITOR: President Eric Walker and the administration are striving for a doubling in enrollment within the next 15 years. This marked increase will be accomplished with the expanding use of facilities during the summer term; by the increased appropriation for dorm and classroom buildings; and by an overall expansion of faculty and administration.

By definition, Penn State must admit more and more students as the population increases. This is reasonable. But in the process of all this expansion, one extremely important concern is evidently being ignored. This is the concern for quality. Should we not first have firm building blocks? Let me be more concrete.

Penn State's faculty is underpaid. Face the fact. The average salary received by a Penn State professor is significantly lower than the salaries received by professors in most other colleges and universities in the state.

Then, what school will the more qualified professors attend? The answer is self evident. We are not getting top professors because the administration is concerned with student increment only. Both the school of journalism and the curriculum of architecture has lost its accreditation. This loss is due primarily to poor teaching standards and overcrowded classrooms.

Before this university builds any more towering dorms, ice skating rinks, and football fields; before it spends our money haphazardly (e.g. excessive ground maintenance and rugs for classroom buildings), let it take this money and put it into the pockets of eligible professors. Let it enhance a very poorly rated library.

The primary concern of Penn State's administration is not to obtain boards of students, but to obtain a sound, educational unit. I would rather sit in a dingy Frear Lab taking an accredited course in Journalism, than in a million dollar structure with nothing to show for itself.

I sincerely hope that this university will invest our money in quality education and not purposes of shallow student increment!

-Ronald Smolin '62

Sr. Discusses Medicare

TO THE EDITOR: A few further comments on the medical aid issue, discussed in Carol Kunkleman's column May 23.

Ignoring President Kennedy's obvious attempts of the past year for a tremendous increase in his own powers and responsibilities, and the advisability of permitting this, let's stick to the field of medicine for a moment. Mr. Kennedy wishes to provide hospitalization for the aged, feeling that people over 65 years of age need this additional financial aid in times of personal crisis.

The proposed King-Anderson bill would pay part of the hospital expenses for all Social Security pensioners, regardless of need. It would cost an estimated \$1.2 billion per year, not allowing for the almost certain skyrocketing effect on demand for care that inevitably results from state medicine.

The present system of medical "allowance" and the Kerr-Mills law provides hospitalization, nursing-home care, physicians' fees, etc., based chiefly on the patient's means.

It appears that the President has no intention of stopping here, as he has submitted to Congress further health plans covering such fields as aiding migrant farm workers, vaccinating preschool children, and setting up clinics with federal money. He said recently in a speech at Madison Square Garden that "what we are now talking about, most of the countries of Europe did years ago. The British did it 30 years ago."

What he failed to mention is that in England today, over 40 per cent of her residents and in-terns were born and trained in other countries. Why? Her

young doctors, tired of long hours and low pay, are leaving England to practice elsewhere. This is an example we should follow?

In addition, the medical profession in the United States, with its shortage of doctors, dentists, schools, nurses, and hospital staffs, could not possibly cope with the additional load that "free" hospitalization would cause.

Forget, then, that the United States is founded on principles of free enterprise and private business, and should have enough independence and initiative not to copy what "most of the countries of Europe did years ago." Forget what regulation by the federal government of medicine, education, prices, etc. will lead to. Just look at the issue for another moment.

The present system provides abundant medical care, but only for the needy, not the greedy. The King-Anderson bill gives limited aid to all old folks; not enough to the very poor, more than necessary to the insured or financially independent. Which do you choose? -Bruce Blanning '62

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2:05 Sign-Off

