

Editorial Opinion

# Scranton's Views: Our Questions

William W. Scranton, Republican candidate for governor, will speak on campus at 12:30 p.m. today. On Tuesday, we presented the views of Scranton's Democratic opponent, Richardson Dilworth, on what he considers to be the top ten issues in the Governor race. Today, we are presenting Scranton's list and opinions. The views reported are those which appeared Sept. 30 in The Pittsburgh Press.

These reviews are being presented in the hope that the information will provide background for students to ask questions of the candidate and be better informed when they go to the polls.

As in our review of Dilworth's stands, we have followed each issue with a summary of Scranton's views and in some cases, with specific questions we feel should be answered.

Scranton has termed "economic stagnation" as the "first and foremost" issue of the campaign. "Nothing is more important," he says, "than an effective program that will put people back to work by means of industrial and business expansion." The rest of his list ranked in this order is: education, honesty and integrity in government, padding of government payrolls, a meaningful program of conservation, "bossism" in government and politics, integrity of the courts, development of the highway system, taking the state police out of politics and curbing crime, especially among children.

### Economic Stagnation

To aid Pennsylvania's 31 areas of substantial and persistent unemployment, Scranton proposes that government action plus an inducement of business and industry to locate in the state are necessary. The state should guarantee such firms that our taxes will be stable and not subject to change, that we are interested in their problems and that we can induce the necessary highly-trained and skilled employees to live here.

**WE ASK:** What is Scranton's opinion of the manpower training act passed by Congress this year? What specific methods does he plan to induce industry to locate here? Will he expand the state industrial authority (PIDA)? What does he mean by "stable" taxes and what would they be?

### Education

Scranton says that Pennsylvania has fallen behind in providing enough educational facilities, and because of this we are losing qualified teachers. He says we must improve and expand facilities by developing a first-rate community college program and encouraging our universities to expand graduate facilities. We should enrich our cultural life by more development of the fine arts, he says.

**WE ASK:** Will he consider developing the University's Commonwealth campuses as community colleges? Does he believe a master plan is necessary to coordinate such a program? Since the University is currently attempting on its own to expand graduate level education, will he turn first to Penn State, or will he attempt to work with all the universities in the state? Will this University be the chief recipient of funds for expanding educational facilities? Will he appoint men truly interested in the University to sit on the Board of Trustees?

Does he support a program of televised courses, centered and controlled by this University? What would he suggest to improve the development of the fine arts?

### Honesty in Government

Scranton says a high moral tone must be restored to government at every level. The widespread tendency to treat moral laxity as a necessary evil must be combated, he says. There should be no place in government for officials to shrug off graft and corruption with epithets and to cover up scandals with smart remarks.

**WE ASK:** How would he, as governor of Pennsylvania, attempt to control graft

and corruption of officials at the city and county level? If there were a scandal in his administration, would the press be given full access to information?

### Padding of Payrolls

Extending Civil Service is the way Scranton proposes to stop padding public payrolls and provide more services to citizens.

**WE ASK:** Will the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, which presently passes out thousands of jobs as political patronage, be put under Civil Service? What additional services would be provided under Civil Service?

### Conservation

Scranton says we must end the careless pollution of our streams, and the wasteful practices of strip mining. A program to preserve the wooded hills of the state must be enacted, he says.

**WE ASK:** What is Scranton's position on the University's sewage treatment troubles? How does he propose to rejuvenate the lands ruined by strip mining, and what industries would he encourage to locate there?

### Bossism

"I entered the contest for governor without commitments to any group or any individuals. I made that a prime condition of my acceptance of demands from every section of Pennsylvania that I be a candidate for governor. I have adhered to this religiously and shall continue to do so."

### Integrity of Courts

Courts should stand apart from politics, Scranton says. Judges should be chosen for their legal acumen rather than for their political record.

**WE ASK:** Since Scranton's proposal on the appointment of judges would probably require a change in the Constitution of the state, would he favor calling a constitutional convention to write a new Constitution or would he be satisfied just making minor changes as has been done nearly every recent election year.

### Highways

Highway maintenance should be put back on a cost basis so that funds will be available for new highway construction, he says.

**WE ASK:** Does Mr. Scranton propose that we cut down on the number of state employees hired to maintain our roads? Where would he seek expansion and construction money for new highways, and would he propose new roads leading to the University?

### State Police

Scranton favors establishing a merit system within the state police organization to insure no interference from the State Civil Service or politicians.

**WE ASK:** The state police are now under a merit system. Why would he not favor putting the organization under a more expansive Civil Service?

### Crime

A change of thinking is necessary in our welfare programs, Scranton says. We must not only cloth and feed people on relief, but we must seek ways to rehabilitate them.

**WE ASK:** Does Scranton propose that these people be rehabilitated by finding employment for them, and if so, where would he get jobs? Does he believe the state should provide these jobs, and if so, in what area of government would he provide them without going to unnecessary expense in state payrolls?

This concludes the summary of Scranton's comments on the ten issues he considers of prime importance in the campaign for governor.

As in most platforms, his statements are general. Students must meet with this man to gain the specifics. We urge that they do so, and compare his views to those of his opponent, Richardson Dilworth.

Only by careful analysis of the stands of each candidate can we hope to elect a governor who is fully aware of the needs of the University and the state.

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# Shifting Priorities

by kay mills

The varied activities involved in today's governing process, termed Big Government by those alarmed at its expansion, demand multiple skills and insight from our representatives on every level.

On the national scene, for example, Congressmen are expected to be well-informed and present responsible attitudes on space exploration, the legal intricacies of civil rights, the proper posture toward "emerging" states and the so-called Cuban threat.

All these positions they must determine and support in a revolutionary age while still appealing to general store issues to preserve their legislative lives. The simple fact is that a man must win more votes than any other candidate in his district or state; to gain this advantage, he must appeal to the bulk of voters in their realm of interest — home and the community.

Therefore, time which could be spent in gaining the depth of information to give America representatives at least cosmopolitan in thought is used, instead, to inform the constituencies of all the benefits they have received since the last election.

I would be the last one to deny the importance of public works and tax reform. I am undoubtedly one of the most irate patrons every time I pay a textbook tax, for example.

Likewise, I am well aware that by writing these words, nothing will change. We Americans have not yet reached that state which President Kennedy has urged; no majority has begun to ask what it can do for America.

How expression of this question can evolve from the present state of men's minds causes much pondering. Americans are in the transition between the supposedly carefree "good ol' days" and a grave outlook on the world mess.

There must not, however, be a complete shift. America would not be America without a certain fun-loving quality. Sermons such as this column cannot be the sole public fare. What is needed is that push toward concern for the less fortunate nations because that concern is required for survival.

Americans' best interests are not served by cries of "send the Marines" or "they're just a bunch of cannibals." Both irresponsible statements have emerged, from recent Congresses and open fertile and effective anti-U.S. propaganda fields.

The entire concept was brought home to me recently when I received a copy of the regular report from My Congressman. I do not envy this man. His is a difficult task for he represents the diverse interests from the Washington, D.C., suburb of Montgomery County to mountainous Garrett and Allegany Counties in Maryland.

As elections near, one would expect the greater part of My Congressman's report to be concerned with bread-and-butter issues. With a constituency including many government workers, at least some of whom are interested in their employer outside their narrow field and even beyond the U.S. borders, one would likewise think a portion of the report might concern international troublespots.

Yet note the contents: public works bill, tax reform, Potomac River Basin report, firefighting, Antietam and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, highway construction and county fairs. Yes, county fairs.

ATTENTION! Sixth District (and others suffering the same fate): there IS an outside world. Our Congress makes decisions concerning it. Can we hope for responsible decisions if our own primary concern is last month's county fair?

Our thought processes must undergo notable changes before our representatives can occupy their days and their reports with other than congratulations for fine fairs.



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7:35 Highlight	10:00 Symphonic Notebook
7:45 The Alard String Quartet	12:00 Sign Off
8:00 This is the Subject	

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