

Editorial Opinion

State Aid Formula: Good for State and University

At last an agreement has been reached on the distribution of state funds to institutions of higher learning in Pennsylvania.

For years a battle of strings and influence has been waged by these schools in the state capital as each fought to attain the percent of state funds which they felt was necessary for their operation and expansion.

Some of the schools found it necessary to employ a full-time lobbyist in Harrisburg for the annual appropriations battle.

The formula which is a complex nine page report should eliminate most of this direct competition for state funds among these five schools.

An agreement of this sort has become almost a necessity. Higher education in Pennsylvania is just now beginning to ascend the steep slope of adequacy.

This agreement on the distribution of state funds could be the beginning of a state-wide plan to meet the higher educational needs of this state.

The immense educational needs of the state cannot be solved by these institutions acting separately. They must coordinate their efforts in order to perform their duties well.

A consideration almost as important as whether or not the formula is good for the state is whether or not the formula is good for Penn State.

As we lack the practical experience necessary to estimate accurately the sufficiency of this formula for Penn State's needs, we base our support of the formula itself on President Eric A. Walker's statement that the formula "provides a basis for adequate support for us to move toward a university of 35,000 students by 1970... (and) for support of research and continuing education... (It) is an equitable basis for determining support."

In light of this approval of technicalities, we support the concept with assurance.

Preferential treatment is given to this University. It is in a category by itself. Where the formula puts limitations on the amount of increased state funds for faculty salary increases and library expansion for the other four schools, Penn State receives full consideration for these improvements.

This University also receives state funds to augment its federal allocation for land-grant extension services, for research expenditures, and for continuing education expenses.

It appears that Penn State will definitely benefit from this formula and will continue to reap the benefits of it as the University continues to expand.

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A Rare Species

by ann palmer

The awakening of sleepy animals after a month-long winter hibernation is always a sight to behold. University Park, U.S.A., offers a perfect setting for viewing at close range this phenomenon.

Sometime during the cold but sunny afternoon a little less than one week ago, the University Park species of animal could be seen relaxing behind the wheel of his little metal shell with tires as he enjoyed a leisurely ride back to the magical world of Nittany.



Due to the liquid habits of this species, the only stop deemed necessary on this blissful journey was at the Old Silver Dollar watering hole. As our subject of study nears University Park, we begin to notice a trait dissimilar from those of most animals.

We have all seen horses and cows begin to run as they approach their stables. The University Park species, however, seems to slow down as the scent of his winter home wafts through air holes in the "shell."

But even a turtle eventually reaches his destination and so does this University Park animal.

When he does, his traits become increasingly comparable to those of the ant. He begins to colonize, to socialize and to scurry about. He is rarely alone. He thrives on companionship. He becomes noble. He resolves to perfect his species.

If one watches closely, one can detect the security capacity of the University Park species as he begins the process of "stocking up for the winter." He will scurry to the outskirts of University Park and into large burrows on College Avenue with pockets bulging. He will trudge out of said burrows with parcels of all sizes and shapes... pockets flat.

At other times he will scurry into one large burrow in the very center of University Park. If one peers inside the "air holes" of this burrow, one sees many members of the species gathered inside. The animals are eating, drinking, jabbering and pacing up and down. Their eyes move strangely... from side to side. The animals like to look at one another. All the while a large grey box against a side wall of the burrow's most crowded room emits a strange wailing sound which seems to excite the animals.

Meanwhile on the west end of University Park, an interesting process is taking place. In a very large and very hollow burrow, animals go in and come out and go in and come out. Hour after

hour for two full days this continues. Inside the animals display their capacity for order as they move along slowly in line.

Their social system is also evident. Each animal is inspected by a blue-suited member of the species as he enters the burrow. If he is allowed to enter, he spends the entire time serving the head animals who are seated inside. He carries bits of paper and cardboard back and forth and back and forth from one head animal to another. After a variable amount of time, each one leaves this large burrow never to return.

On the fourth or fifth night after their winter hibernation and return to University Park, the animals become very excited. They begin to pace up and down the streets and walks of University Park in pairs. And for the first time since their arrival, many head for the fifty-four burrows located outside the University Park. The action in these burrows is quite similar to that in the central burrow of University Park.

They eat, drink, jump around, jabber and look at each other. This goes on for quite some time but suddenly all animals scurry back to University Park en masse. One may deduce that the University Park species has a very intricate internal timing device.

But alas, this is the final exhibition of energy in the University Park species for almost ten weeks. For shortly thereafter, the animals begin to come and go from their very own burrows to several other campus burrows. Each day it is the same. Each day the animals move more rapidly and more intently.

But the observer must not despair, for he also will find that this dull routine adopted by the University Park species is only temporary. He will see that in just ten weeks the animals of this species will again come to life and move with strength and vigor.

Back into their metal shells with tires, through the mountains of the surrounding area, back to the old Silver Dollar watering hole and out to face the world.

soft touch

Off to Borroloola

by donnan beeson

After much consideration and introspection, I have decided that the only way I am going to be able to succeed in the coming years is by going away to Borroloola, Australia. I want to go there to find myself, for I feel very lost in this exceedingly large world and with all these remarkably competitive people who surround me wherever I go.



Borroloola is a northern spot which I chose because I like the name. It amuses my fractured sense of humor. Confidentially, I expect that I will find others of my contemporaries there, for it has become the style to go away to an unknown spot and marvel at one's overwhelming bewilderment with the world and certain sociological phenomena. Perhaps we will be able to work up a Seance Club or some such organization and wallow together in the depths of uncertainty.

Borroloola thus joins the ranks of other popular discoveries such as New York, Mexico, Cambridge,

Mass., and unaccounted others.

I do not know whether or not there will be a good psychiatrist in Borroloola, but I will try to find one. They are fine people for those of us in need of finding ourselves and a marvelous excuse for not exerting oneself any more than talking to them. For instance, if one is under the care of a psychiatrist, he does not have to go to college, nor does he have to find a job, and most important of all, Uncle Sam will not take him. One is free to wal-

low. Actually, this Find Yourself Movement has grown out of proportion. What is apparently involved in the procedure seems to me to be more overwhelming than the original trauma. One must be very well versed on himself to be lost. He must be able to analyze his every reaction to each situation that confronts him whether it's having another beer or studying for a bluebook.

He must be, or appear to be highly nervous and have had to take Miltowns or some other tranquilizers at one point or another. He must feel that his parents are square and find it impossible to dig them, or any other person in a position of constituted authority.

So I am hoping that by going to Borroloola, I will be able first to lose myself more than I have already been able to and then start the search proceedings. It should be pleasant, but I hope it won't take very long because I like being a Regular Person pretty much.

Campus Beat

Copy Runners: A Breed Apart

I got confirmation straight from the horse's mouth yesterday on a rumor I've been spreading for months. Seems as if an executive of radio station WDFM who used to work for the Collegian shed all his clothes except a basic garment to run Collegian copy through the town of State College to the printshop. He says it was raining and he didn't want his madras shorts to bleed. It's good to hear students still have some spark!

—Prof Wayne

WDFM Schedule

- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9
4:15 Philadelphia Orchestra: Poulenc, Milhaud and Francaix
5:00 Dinner Date: music to dine by
6:00 WDFM Feature Report: news analysis
8:15 Weatherscope
8:20 Virtuoso: classical music
7:30 Weekend Preview: Saturday's Artists Series
7:55 News
8:00 Pleasures of Music: Dr. Raver
9:00 Campus and Religion
9:15 Mostly Music
10:00 Synphonic Notebook: classical music

Letters

Stranded Students Thank 'Housing'

TO THE EDITOR: Amidst the complaints we occasionally hear concerning the Housing and Food Department, we would like to interject this thought. We believe the credit should be given where credit is due. During final exam period of last term an extremely bad snowstorm prevented hundreds of students from going home, leaving them snowbound on campus; in some cases for two or three extra days.

Although the dormitories were to be closed, they remained open until all students obtained means to leave. Also, extra meals were provided for all the stranded students at the HUB's Terrace Room.

We realize that the Food and Housing Department made these extra arrangements for the students' convenience, and we would like to extend our thanks to the department for doing so.

—Albert Barbush '63
—Roland Polimadei '63

