



Academic Future Bright; Evaluation Half Compiled

By ROCHELLE MICHAELS

The University's academic future is looking up, and that trend should continue if things continue to move as they are, Nelson M. McGeary, assistant to the President, said yesterday.

Discussing the evaluation program which is now about half completed, McGeary said, "We can't do everything we need to but we can try our best. I don't see why Penn State can't become one of the top universities in time."

THIS EVALUATION system is being used for the first time and will take about two more years to complete, McGeary explained. It is a bigger program than that used by any university which engages in an evaluation program, he added.

To choose an evaluation team, each department submits to President Walker a list of six men from outside the University outstanding in that particular field. Walker chooses the final three-man team for each department, usually from the list of recommendations.

Meanwhile each department undergoes rigid self-evaluation and writes a comprehensive report of what they consider to be their weaknesses and strong points. That report, usually well over 100 pages long, is sent to each member of that department's evaluating team.

When the outside team arrives,

they study the department from every angle for three days. The group interviews the college dean, professors, students and members of other departments to discover attitudes that exist. They read student term papers, final examinations and writings of faculty in the department. If there is any research being conducted at the time, they study that also.

The last day on campus, the evaluating team discusses their findings with Walker. After leaving, they write a comprehensive report and submit it and their recommendations to Walker.

The department then meets, discusses the recommendations and formulates a five-to-ten year plan. McGeary said the proposals also act as a guide to Walker in determining the allocation of University funds to various departments.

ONE GLARING deficiency shown by the evaluations is that the salary structure is too low to be competitive with the best American universities, McGeary

said. He noted that the President, on the basis of these reports, is asking for additional funds for faculty salaries—especially on the associate and full professor levels which have very low comparative salaries.

In the completed departmental evaluations, the humanities have done better than the scientific and technological fields for which the University is well-known, he said.

THIS CANNOT be blamed on an over-emphasis of research, McGeary stressed, as the evaluating groups criticized some departments for lack of aggression in seeking financial support for research.

McGeary merely commented: "There haven't been a whole lot of surprises. In general, the University has itself sized up pretty well."

Even the departments of landscape architecture, nuclear engineering, speech and Slavic languages which were highly

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Coltrane Concert To Begin at 8 p.m.

John Coltrane, one of the harbingers of abstract jazz, will appear at 8 tonight in Schwab, sponsored by the Penn State Jazz Club.

Coltrane's tenor sax has been affiliated with such modern jazz men as Miles Davis and Thelonius Monk, both of whom he left so that he could play in his own evolving style.

He has been accused of being "anti-jazz" because of his tendency to take the requirements of a certain number of beats per bar per composition rather casually.

With Coltrane tonight will be McCoy Tyner on piano, Elvin Jones on drums and Jimmy Garrison on bass.

Bill on National Defense Act May Change ROTC Program

By STEVE CIMBALA

A bill proposing changes in the National Defense Act that may drastically reshape Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps programs in the nation's land-grant colleges has been submitted to the United States Senate.

Defense department officials presented the proposal, Colonel Ellis B. Richie, professor of Military Science, said recently. It is the product of a special defense department council composed of military experts and college officials.

THE BILL will allow all land-grant colleges to convert from four-year voluntary or semi-compulsory Army and Air Force ROTC programs to two-year voluntary programs, Richie explained.

Under a semi-compulsory pro-

gram, students must take the first two years of ROTC instruction, but are free to elect or disregard the next two years of instruction.

Formerly, the act stipulated that all land-grant colleges and universities had to conduct four-year programs, either voluntary or partially compulsory, and prohibited two-year programs in any form, he said.

The new revision, if passed, will allow schools to remain in their present programs or to convert to two-year program, which would be voluntary, he added.

Since the bill provides federal subsidies for schools that convert to the two-year plan, Richie said, most colleges will probably adopt it.

Defense department officials drew up the bill, he said, at the urging of military and educational experts who were conducting research into ROTC instruc-

tion in the nation's colleges.

He said increased pressures from students' major curricula, in the form of additional course requirements, were detected by researchers and prompted their decision to push for the two-year course.

These additional major courses often prevented students from devoting sufficient time and study to their ROTC courses, Richie said.

As a result, he added, defense officials decided to encourage educational institutions to limit their ROTC programs to two-year voluntary courses.

The bill, which will probably reach Congress late this month, also provides for an increase in the monthly stipend for students currently enrolled in the advanced phases of ROTC programs, or the latter two years of a four-year course. Richie said he could not predict the amount of the increase.

CONTRASTING the two-year and four-year programs, Richie

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Election Interviews

Candidates Show Desire To Improve Parking Areas, Congressional Actions

By JOAN HARTMAN and MEL AXILBUND

Bus transportation, parking facilities for west campus residents and student apathy are among the major concerns voiced last night by Nittany and North Halls candidates for the Undergraduate Student Government Congress.

In addition, the candidates agreed that the present average requirement for service in Congress is acceptable, but some indication of interest in student government should also be required. A 2.0 All University average is required.

CANDIDATES in the Nittany area are Paul D. Miller, Campus Party nominee, and David Tanner, self-nominated.

George Jackson, Elections Commission chairman, said Thursday that Miller will not be docked votes as previously announced. Jackson said a second check showed his transcript had been submitted by the deadline. Terry Igoe, Nittany area, is not a candidate, because he failed to turn in his petition, Jackson explained.

Miller: "I think there could be

some kind of civil service for USG. I don't mean civil service as it is in the U.S. government, but some kind of training program on just exactly what USG is, what it does and what its committee functions are."

Tanner: "I think more and closer contact between congressmen and their constituents could come about through additional publication in The Daily Collegian. Another step would be the publication of the proposed congressional measures and their posting on residence hall bulletin boards where interested students could see what their representatives are trying to do."

In North Halls, the candidates are Lawrence Linder, self-nominated and William Keller, Campus Party nominee.

The third candidate, Thomas Lavey, another Campus Party nominee, was not present for the interview.

Linder: "I think there is a lack of communication between the representative and the area he represents. One solution might be an open question period in the dining hall at a

specified time each week."

Keller: "I think there is a lack of communication between the students and their congressmen. The reason is that students just aren't interested. It is the main duty of a congressman to stimulate such interest."

Campaigning continues this weekend and voting begins at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday on the ground floor of the Hetzel Union Building. The HUB poll closes at 5:30 p.m.

RESIDENCE AREA voting will be conducted in Pollock for Nittany candidates, North and West Halls dining areas from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Miller also said he would like to see snack facilities provided within the area for Nittany residents.

Tanner said he wanted to see the now inactive USG Transportation Agency provide the service to metropolitan areas which it was planning.

Keller said parking facilities should be provided on the west end of campus for residents of that area. Miller also suggested USG could work on this.

EEC Upsets French Block

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—President Charles de Gaulle's attempt to slam the European Common Market's door against Britain was checked but not definitely defeated last night by the united opposition of his five trading partners.

They insisted, and the French finally agreed after two days of heated behind-door talks, upon a further meeting Jan. 28, the date originally set for the next round of negotiations with Britain.

But in Britain, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's

Conservative government was reported facing up to the possibility of final collapse of its efforts to gain entry into the European economic club and its 170 million potential customers. It has spent 15 months in the effort.

The United States was drawn into the controversy by rumors sweeping the corridors as the Common Market ministers debated.

ONE RUMOR suggested some kind of secret deal to balance French dominance in the Common Market had been made between President Kennedy and Macmillan at their December meeting in the Bahamas.

George Hellyer, spokesman for the U.S. mission accredited to the Common Market, issued a memorandum denying the rumor and saying, "No greater distortion is possible." It reiterated U.S. support for European unity and Brit-

ish membership in the Common Market. In London, the British government also denied there had been any secret Kennedy-Macmillan deal.

DE GAULLE, who told a news conference last Monday he was opposed to an Atlantic community dominated by the United States, was quoted as predicting Britain's eventual entry into the Common Market, but perhaps after he leaves office.

Thursday, French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville asked that further negotiations with the British be dropped.

But a member of one delegation said, "The French backed down before the pressure from the five (West Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg), who told them: Either we meet again on Jan. 28 or we leave responsibility for the break-off to you."

OTHER REPORTS suggested the French back-down came from a proposal that Emilio Colombo, Italian trade minister and one of the most brilliant technical experts here, be appointed to draw up a full progress report on where the negotiations actually stand right now.

Bernreuter Notes Dropout Decrease

The percentage of students who have been dropped from the University for academic reasons has decreased markedly since fall term 1957, Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president for student affairs, said yesterday.

Bernreuter explained that the percentage of students who are on academic probation or have received "warnings" for low grades have remained fairly constant in the same period.

At the close of the first semester 1957, 10 per cent of the students were dropped. After the 1958 fall semester 9.2 per cent were asked to leave, 8.2 per cent in 1959, 7.7 per cent in 1960 and 3.2 per cent in 1961.

Bernreuter attributed the sharp decline in dropouts to the higher caliber student which the University is accepting. He notes that the admissions standards have been tightened considerably in the past few years.



CAMPAGNING BEGINS: As the election of six new congressmen nears, the candidates step up their campaigns. Shown after an interview last night are, seated (from left), the Nittany area candidates, David Tanner and Paul D. Miller. Standing (from left) are Lawrence Linder and William Keller, candidates for two North Halls seats. Thomas Lavey, North Halls candidate, was not present for the picture or interview.