

# A Better Tomorrow

The Daily Collegian ends its winter term schedule tomorrow. And, looking back over this term, probably one of the dullest terms on record news-wise, Collegian staff members have tallied a list of things they feel deserve student interest, if not support, next term.

The campus bookstore proposal was the biggest news topic towards the end of the term. Reactivated once again after a 30 year history of discussion, the proposal is finally close to becoming a reality. Despite the slowing down factor of the University Senate, various Undergraduate Student Government officials have plodded on, ironing out the details of establishing some type of bookstore on campus.

A Philadelphia book dealer has offered his assistance. If a bookstore, or at least some type of semi-campus bookstore will become a part of the campus scene, it could easily happen next term—if students will give their full support. This afternoon, a rally is planned at Old Main to show the administration how strong student opinion is for the bookstore. A large student gathering would help those who have given their time to mold the bookstore proposal into concrete terms.

The plight of black students is no less serious

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than it has been before. When less than 200 black students are part of nearly a 25,000 student population, something is radically wrong. The answer is not in a false, benevolent and insulting attitude of white student charity towards a pretense of friendship with black students. The answer lies in restructuring the student population to include more black students and an academic appreciation of the contribution that black Americans have made to the United States. It means giving black students the feeling that they belong and that they are as important to the University as any other student.

In his case, the University could begin an active and sincere process of changing its admissions policy to bring a more diverse spectrum of students to the University—a revised admissions policy to not only encourage more black students to come here, but an admissions policy to bring in more students, regardless of their color, who are without middle-class backgrounds and who don't always meet up to middle-class admissions standards.

Vietnam is another problem. Although it is of immediate concern to seniors, it is still an area which every student, including freshmen, can give their attention to. As the war worsens, as prospects for victory and for ultimate justification of our actions to the rest of the world dim, as President Johnson becomes more recalcitrant and unyielding to pressure to change our course of action, it is imperative that students take more action to show their feelings. This year is an election year, and students can form a powerful lobby for those presidential candidates they feel do the most towards resolving the conflict.

These are three basic areas which involve students on this campus at present. Spring term, they say, is the most important term when it comes to getting things done. This spring term could be one of the most active in the history of the University, if we pledge ourselves to meet a few goals, to agitate for a few changes, to protest what we feel is wrong. There's plenty to do. And there's always a need to have plenty of people to do it.



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## Letter to the Editor

### The Presidents Speak

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the student body of Penn State, we would like to express our complete support for procuring a student bookstore. The extensive work done by USG and the obvious support of the student body expressed through recent petitions, show beyond a doubt the real concern on this issue.

In a period of rising costs whether they are in the form of football tickets, Rittenour medical expenses, or a proposed tuition increase, we firmly believe that it is time to provide one area that offers some reduction in educational costs. A university book store would provide such a reduction for all students.

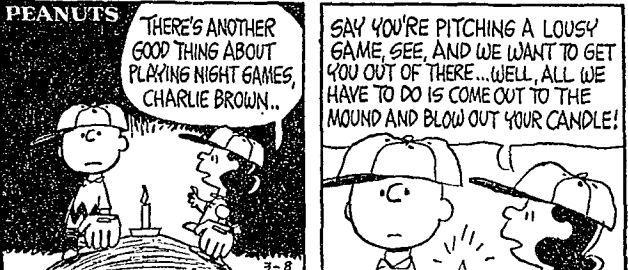
Further, we believe that because the vast majority of Pennsylvania universities already have such bookstores, there is no reason that Penn State, the largest of all universities in the entire commonwealth, should not have a similar facility.

We hope that the administration realizes that this is no passing quail of a few outspoken students. This is a University-wide problem affecting students and faculty alike. We strongly urge that positive and immediate action be taken.

Mike Hobbs, President Class of '68  
Mich Work, President, Class of '69  
Harv Reeder, President, Class of '70  
Scott Miller, President, Class of '71

### TODAY ON CAMPUS

Chinese Club, 7:30 p.m., 214 Mortar Board, 9 a.m., 218 HUB  
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During the past six months, there has been increasing discussion concerning a rise in tuition charges at Penn State, University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and the fourteen State Colleges. An arbitrary figure of an overall increase of \$100. per year has been discussed. At this rate we have estimated that this will be equivalent to more than a \$10 million tax increase, affecting more than 100,000 students.

Throughout winter term we have been in constant contact with education officials and legislators in Harrisburg. There is a definite air of indecision so far, with most elected leaders preferring to remain non-committal since this is a controversial subject and since this is an election year for half of the Senate and all of the House.

We have also been organizing for the first time all the state colleges and state-related universities to form a unified, coordinated state-wide protest element. We have received nothing but encouraging response. We will meet with student leaders of all these colleges over term break to formulate additional plans to effectively oppose a tuition increase on the state level.

There are two groups to whom we can direct protests against a tuition increase. One is to the campus administrations, the other is the legislature.

If we aim to protest at the administrators we would in effect be asking them to cut their budget requests and at the same time to cut the quality of our education.

Since this is hardly desirable, we must direct our protest efforts to the Senators and Representatives of Pennsylvania. We have sent an initial protest letter to all of these legislators. Now it is important that you back-up this protest. Over term break you can play a decisive role in letting your representatives to Harrisburg know that you are opposed to a tuition increase.

Personal contact with these men and women will let them know public sentiment is against this tuition increase. Try to call or visit your legislators at their offices in your district. If they are not available, leave a message stating your opposition. Talk to your parents, have them write letters of opposition.

If you don't know your legislators or where to contact them, call U.S.G.'s Liaison to Harrisburg, Bill Cromer at 237-1941 or contact your district court house.

It is imperative that you take this initiative to inform your legislators of your feelings. Then they can begin to look for other ways to finance education, rather than "tax" the student. If you are apathetic on this issue, it could cost you money.

*Yours sincerely,*  
**Jeffrey Long**  
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**William Cromer**  
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