Senate Passes Policy

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would meet twice a year with the staff to "exchange views and consider editorial and financial difficulties."

Considerable Debate

There was considerable debate over the bill calling for admission of poor and minority youth, before the first and third parts were passed.

The first part originally read: "Black youth, poor youth, and any other group that the University Senate may consider to be included in the general definition given earlier in this report be included in entering classes in the Pennsylvania State University at least to the extent that those groups are represented in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Several senators objected to the implied establishment of quotas. Stanley Weintraub, professor of English, said, "We can do our part without having restrictions attached."

Laurence Lattman, professor of geomorphology, objected to the "any other group" clause, saying that the "University Senate is taking to itself the ability and power to designate certain groups as having representation in the student body."

'Unconstitutional'

Other members declared the specific identification of "black youth" as unconstitutional.

The amended proposal which was adopted reads: "Students whose educational status, for reasons largely beyond their control, denies them full opportunity for development in the society, be included in entering classes in The Pennsylvania State University, the general goal being to more nearly represent the e groups in proportion to their numbers in the Commonwealth."

The second part called for the admission of these groups "throughout the University system," rather than to any particular campus, in "recognition that the presence of youth from these groups serves as a valuable informal education in background differences for all students on the campuses."

'Exhibit A'

This was sent back to the Committee for revision, as many members objected to the implied "Exhibit A" attitude expressed towards these students in the bill, on the basis that it was "demeaning."

The third proposal, calling for the establishment of a central office "to coordinate the identification, recruitment, admission, financial aid, acquistion of financial resources and counseling," was accepted by the Senate.

In other Senate action, rule Z-13, which sets guidelines for dormitory visitation by members of the opposite sex, was submitted by the Committee on Undergraduate Student Affairs.

'Bar Professionals'

Lattman, the committee's chairman, said the bill designates only undergraduate students, so as to "bar high school students and 'professionals'."

The proposal was adopted with the amendment that Commonwealth Campuses may "adopt or modify Rule Z-13 in accordance with local needs and conditions."

A motion to change the present term system to a modified semester plan was tabled, and will be presented as the first order of business at the July meeting.

The Committee on Resident Instruction recommended that "the Senate approvce the adoption of the two-semester that "the Senate approve the adoption of the two-semester 1971."

The new calendar would provide for 15 week fall and spring semesters, with a ten week summer term..

The Senate also accepted an extensive report of the ad hoc Committee on the Modern Land-Grant University.

"Our Town," Your Town

BARRIE YOUNGFELLOW, William Swetland and Roger Miller in a scene from the 1969 Pennsylvania State Festival Theatre Production of "Our Town".

Our Town Opens Season

Tickets to the 1969 Pennsylvania State Festival Theatre are now on sale at the Playhouse box-office. Box-office hours are 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. weekdays.

The 1969 season is based on the theme, "Made in U.S.A., A Summer of American Drama." Six outstanding plays by American playwrights will be presented from July 2 to September 6 at the Playhouse and Pavilion Theatres.

Student tickets are $1.50 for each play. Students will be admitted to a preview night, the night prior to each scheduled opening, for 50 cents.

Opening the season Wednesday will be Thorton Wilder's "Our Town," a nostalgic view of a small American town—and of the American ways of life—at the turn of the century. The drama was awarded the 1938 Pulitzer Prize.

Performances will be given July 2-6 and 8-12 at the Playhouse.

The Pennsylvania State Festival Theatre, now in its twelfth professional season, is the Equity stage company operating duringthe summer under the sponsorship of the Department of Theatre Arts.

Governor Grants Stay; Rockview Vigil Delayed

By ART SANTORA
Collegian Staff Writer

A vigil protesting the execution of Carl Melton at the State Correctional Institution at Rockview was postponed after Gov. Raymond P. Shafer announced a stay of execution Tuesday.

The vigil, sponsored by the Centre County Committee to Abolish the Penalty of Death, was to take place Monday at the time of the scheduled execution.

Mrs. Catherine VanDerKar, president of the committee, said that the new stay of execution is "almost as cruel as the actual execution." Melton has received 17 stays of execution since his conviction in 1959.

Mrs. VanDerKar said that another vigil will be planned for the new execution date in November if necessary.

She said a resolution condemning capital punishment and a bill to abolish the death penalty are now before the Pennsylvania General Assembly, but that chances for passage of either are not good.

In cooperation with the committee, the United Campus Ministry sponsored a teach-in last night to "educate the community on the evils of capital punishment."

A delegation from State College plans to present Rep. Francis Worley (R-Adams), Rep. Eugene Fulmer (R-Centre) and Gov. Shafer with petitions carrying 1,800 signatures asking a halt to executions.

Jay Campbell, an assistant professor of law enforcement and correction who is presently involved in setting up rehabilitation programs at Rockview, said Rockview is a minimum security prison whose occupants have been selected for rehabilitation. Campbell said it is contradictory to "prepare people for college in one wing and execute them in another."

He described capital punishment as "primitive vestigial blood revenge which our society is outgrowing." He said that those who would be executed have already been incapacitated and present no threat to society.

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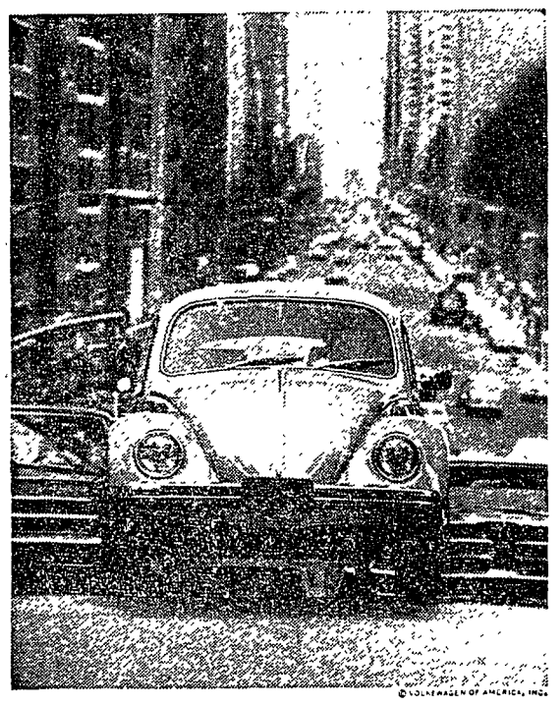
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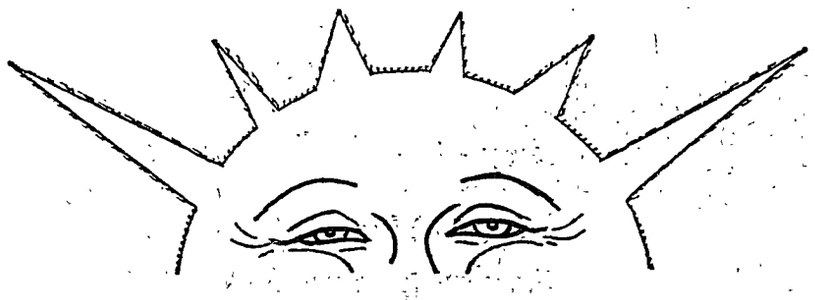
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