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## V.P.'s in and out

### Crouch appointed Academic VP; Reidenbaugh leaves Development

Institute President Dr. William W. Hagerty has announced two major changes in the make-up of Drexel's team of vice-presidents. The first is the appointment of Dr. Ralph Crouch, the current dean of the College of Science, as vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Crouch, who will succeed acting vice-president Leroy A. Brothers, will assume his new post on September 1. Dr. Brothers will stay on at Drexel as acting provost until such time as a permanent provost is selected.

Following on the heels of this announcement came the news that Dr. H. Richard Reidenbaugh, the college's current vice-president for development, will be leaving soon. Mr. Reidenbaugh, who plans to complete his work here by September 1, has accepted an offer to become Executive Vice-President of the Board of Trustees and secretary of the Endowment Association at Wichita State College.

Reidenbaugh's resignation marks the third turnover on the vice-presidential level of Drexel's administration within the past six months. Earlier this year Dr. Carl Gatlin, then vice-president for academic affairs, resigned for reasons involving the personal health and well-being of his family. Then in June Mr. Rudolf Vogeler retired as vice-president for student affairs and, on July 1, was replaced by a former Rutgers' dean, Dr. Edward C. McGuire. Dr. Crouch's appointment and Mr. Reidenbaugh's resignation thus mean that come September 1, Drexel will have one vacant vice-presidential seat and will have only one vice-president with more than two months' experience in his position--Vice-President for Financial Affairs Harold B. Myers.

Dr. Crouch was appointed to his new post by Drexel's Board of Trustees after being selected by Dr. Hagerty and a committee which served him in an advisory capacity. After screening a variety of candidates, the committee forwarded to the president a list of the names of candidates whom they recommended for the job. From this list, Dr. Hagerty selected Dr. Crouch.

The screening committee was composed of representatives from each college or division at Drexel plus all the academic deans and two students--David Jamieson and Lyle Wolf. It was chaired by Dr. John Tallmadge of the chemical engineering department, who also chaired the

committee charged with selecting a new dean of engineering. Commented acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Leroy Brothers: "He (Tallmadge) does a very good job of handling these committees."

One of the duties of the vice-president for academic affairs, Dr. Brothers went on to explain, is to "make the judgments that (must) be made before you pick a new faculty member." He "sees every prospective faculty member," he stated, and he must always be "looking for quality."

In addition, continued the ex-dean of the College of Engineering, the veep is responsible for "the approval of all the academic budgets, and for the operation of a number of facilities and departments including the co-op office, the Evening College, the Graduate School of Library Science, the Registrar's Office, and the computer center.

Succeeding Dr. Crouch as acting dean of the College of Science will be Dr. Irvin Miller of Drexel's Physics Department. Dr. Miller will serve until such time as a permanent dean for the college is selected.

In explaining his decision to move to Wichita State, Mr. Reidenbaugh said that, "the challenge and the excitement of the job (that he would have there) was enough to offset the loss of leaving Drexel and the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. It's really a wonderful opportunity." He continued, "I realize there's still plenty to do at Drexel but at Wichita things are like they were at Drexel five years ago."

The 47-year-old father of two describes his job at Drexel as

"made up of two broad essential elements." The first of these, he believes, is "interpreting Drexel to its several constituencies and publics." Secondly, he continues, the Vice-President for Development is concerned with "securing funds...for Drexel, both from federal and state governments and from private institutions and grants."

Earlier this week, President Hagerty stated that no definite decision has yet been made as to who will succeed Mr. Reidenbaugh. "We have interviewed several men," he explained, "but we haven't picked anyone yet." Aiding Dr. Hagerty in reviewing candidates for the post are acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs Leroy A. Brothers, Institute Trustee Albert Nesbitt, and several other Drexel administrators and trustees.



Newly-appointed Vice-President for Financial Affairs Dr. Ralph Crouch (left) converses with his predecessor, Dr. Leroy A. Brothers.

### "Too much work" says Hagerty; Brothers named acting provost

Dr. Leroy A. Brothers has been appointed acting provost effective September 1, according to Institute president Dr. William W. Hagerty. Dr. Brothers, who is currently acting as vice-president for academic affairs, will serve as provost until such time as a permanent administrator is selected for that position. He will be succeeded on the vice-presidential level by Dr. Ralph Crouch, who was formerly Dean of Science here.

Drexel has not had a provost since March of 1965, when Dr. Allen Bonnell resigned from that position to become president of Philadelphia Community College. Dr. Bonnell, who also served the Institute as vice-president, was succeeded to the latter position by Dr. Carl Gatlin.

"I didn't replace the provost for the simple reason that I thought it would be more useful if I didn't have anyone between me and (the vice-presidents)," explained Dr. Hagerty during a talk to the Student Congress on Tuesday. "The fact of the matter is," he reflected, "that it's just too much work... and there are too many things not being done. For example, in my first couple of years here, I

used to just sort of have an open house on Wednesday afternoons once a month.

"Also, Gatlin and I used to go around (to the various departments)," he continued, "and I'd take twenty and he'd take twenty and every year each one of us would visit twenty departments. The next year we'd swap them over and visit the other ones. That way each academic department had a chance to talk to either Gatlin or me once a year." As a result of the increased workload, Hagerty continued, the board has authorized him to appoint a provost.

"Probably fifty percent of his job," he explained, "will be budget development. Right now all of us work on the budget from... about the middle of October to the middle of April. When you're on this you can't do much of anything else."

"The other thing the provost will do is... divide with me the visiting of departments, developing the communications patterns that not only you and I would like to see but also what the (Long Range Planning Commission) specifically called for as one of their strong recommendations."

## Hagerty briefs Congress on housing and tuition

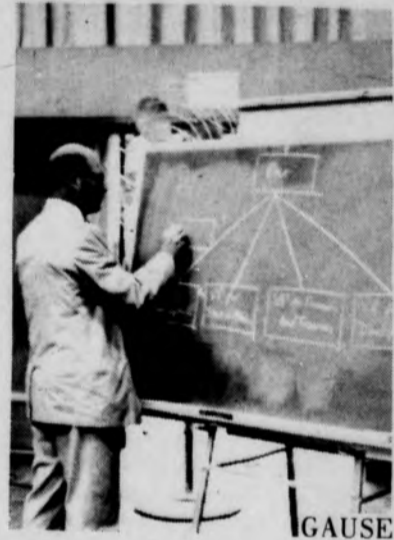
Drexel President Dr. William W. Hagerty delivered a talk on current issues to the Institute's Student Congress on Tuesday during that body's fourth regular meeting of the term. The presentation, which concerned itself with a variety of topics ranging from the new women's dormitory to Drexel's financial problems, came as the result of an invitation to speak to Congress issued to Dr. Hagerty by Student Body President Mel Brooks.

During the course of his explanation of the college's money problems, Hagerty stated that Drexel's budget--even with no new activities added to it--would increase about \$1.2 million over last year, assuming an annual increase of six percent. "We calculated our budget for next year in the amount of \$3.2 million," he explained. "The governor has recommended the same amount we got last year (\$2.426 million) and the House has passed that bill. Now if the Senate passes that, that means that we're about \$800,000 short."

"I guess if I had known this was going to happen," he reflected, "I would have had to raise tuition \$100. We haven't done that. I guess what we're going to do is to try to pull in our belt."

Dr. Hagerty next commented

about questions raised about the plans for the new women's dormitory. "One of the requirements of the government," he explained, "is that if you're going to borrow federal money, you may not build



Dr. Hagerty boxes in his vice-presidents as he explains changes in Drexel's organization chart to Student Congress.

(at a cost of) over \$8 thousand per student in the dormitory." He said that the plans drawn up by a group of students and administrators, and presented to him as proposals for the design of the dorm by Dean of Women Shirley Welsh, would have cost nearly \$14 thousand per student and that consequently they had to be drastically revised.

The president then hastened to assure those present that Drexel is indeed planning for other types of housing in the future. "There isn't any doubt," he said, "that as our housing program develops we will have other types of housing, (including) apartments for a variety of uses."

Dr. Hagerty also spoke to the Congress about the work of the Long Range Planning Commission and about his plans for the position of provost (see related article below). He had little to say concerning the future of the Humanities and Technology Program and liberal studies at Drexel except that Hum-Tech would be maintained with "substantial changes" in the program.

Immediately following the president's address, Dean of Men Oscar J. Eichhorn showed a short film on Mantua supplied to him by the Mantua Community Planners. The movie, which was produced by the MCP, concerned conditions existing within the communities of which Drexel is a part and the work of the MCP in them.

### Strike negotiations creep slowly along

The janitor's strike by members of Local 69, Building Service Employees Union, went into its third week today with both sides taking a "let's wait and see" attitude.

The last formal meeting of union and management was held last Friday. John Joniec, a union representative said, "Nothing constructive occurred (at the meeting). We're sitting around waiting to negotiate with management."

Joniec observed that the strike was "starving people to death." "Lots of people are applying for welfare," said Joniec. "We should be sitting and talking." Mr. Harold Myers, chief Drexel negotiator said that the meet-

ing last Friday failed because the union leadership wasn't prepared to talk. "I invited them to call on me anytime Saturday or Sunday. They haven't."

Myers said that he was sympathetic to their demands but that he believed Drexel janitors were among the most highly paid in the city.

Drexel's proffered package for the men still stands at \$.17/\$.16 an hour increase for the next two years which includes fringe benefits. The women are offered \$.09/\$.07 for the two-year period.

The fringe benefits are Blue Cross and an allocation for a pension fund. Together they total three cents an hour.



Mr. H. Richard Reidenbaugh

# The Campus Seen

By David W. Jamieson

Drexel is striving for excellence as an educational institution. As most people realize and the Planning Commission made very evident, the development of an excellent university, which requires the best faculty and all the necessary facilities, depends highly upon financial resources.

Given the fact that as a private institution Drexel is extremely limited financially, we must develop along the best possible yet least costly route. Such a path should follow our present lines of strength, namely Science, Technology, and Commerce.

## Present quality

Many of our present programs are of the highest calibre and many more are approaching that level. However, we also have programs which seriously need development. It would not only be practical, but extremely wise to concentrate our limited resources and efforts on building upon our areas of strength and those complimentary areas which reinforce said strengths, as well as, significantly add to the total education of the student.

A quality education in any field consists of a mixture in the course work, involving all of those areas which are necessary for an individual to accept a significant position in our com-

plex society, i.e. professional, practical, and liberal studies; and the availability of opportunities to gain a variety of meaningful experiences. I do not feel an education of this nature is available to all Drexel students, although most of our programs are heading in this direction and the Planning Commission report should be adding some support to this approach.

This discussion leads me to our present Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Division and the Planning Commission are both recommending the establishment of a degree-granting college. However, it seems there is some disagreement on what the nature of said college should be. By nature, I mean simply what areas of study would be available to the student. The answer to this and many other questions is closely related to the entire topic of liberal studies at Drexel.

## Eng. and liberal studies

There is presently a proposal in the Engineering and Science Curriculum Committee to include a coherent program in liberal studies in the professional curricula of these Colleges. The Bus Ad Curriculum Committee is also working on a complete review, which I'm sure will include the topic of liberal studies. If such a package is

included in our professional programs, the service role of our present Division will be increased. The courses included in such a package will also begin to identify those areas of Humanities and Social Science on which Drexel will have to concentrate, through faculty development, in order to attain the high quality desired.

A liberal studies program at Drexel should be related to and complement our present areas of strength, for this approach would be more useful and meaningful to our students, the vast majority of which fall into Science, Technology, and Commerce. To develop unrelated programs would

not only be an extreme financial burden; but would also work against the entire philosophy of Drexel, one which I feel should not be destroyed, but further developed.

Such development could include liberal studies programs based on the entire new spectrum of topics concerning the relationship and usefulness of the Humanities and Social Sciences to our technological society and the adaptation of the methods and materials of Science and Technology to the ills of our culture. Such a spectrum seems to offer unlimited possibilities for new degree-granting programs.

I would like to throw my hat

into the recommendation circle by encouraging the establishment of a new College with degree-granting programs of the nature I described, a strong, flexible program following the Hum-Tech philosophy and a necessarily large service role to the other colleges. The addition of this new facet at Drexel will add significantly to the education of all Drexel students, for each individual will have new opportunities for experience and course work. The interaction among the entire community, as they cross the traditional educational lines and develop new philosophies will greatly enhance the education of all concerned.



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## Epistle

Editor, Drexel Triangle:

In spite of the janitors' strike, the SPB mixer was held last Friday. It was an enormous success in terms of quality of bands, lighting, publicity, behavior of the audience, set-up, clean-up and attendance.

Without the help of a few people who unselfishly gave their time and effort during set-up (from before 7:00 p.m.) and clean-up (till after 2:30 a.m.), the mixer could not have been held.

I wish to publicly thank these people. First, Al Walker, the Event Chairman, who organized and ran the entire mixer. Second, Bob McConnell, who not only worked, til early the next

morning during clean-up, but who ran, earlier in the day, one of the best Hours of Pleasure (with Don Richman) the school has ever had. Finally, since there are too many to mention by name, let me thank collectively the Brothers and pledges of APO, the members of The Triangle and WXDT who helped out, and naturally, the Social Committee of the SPB, who have made my job as committee chairman very easy.

To everyone who helped out at the mixer, my thanks on a job well done.

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Vice-President  
Social Chairman  
Drexel Student Program Board



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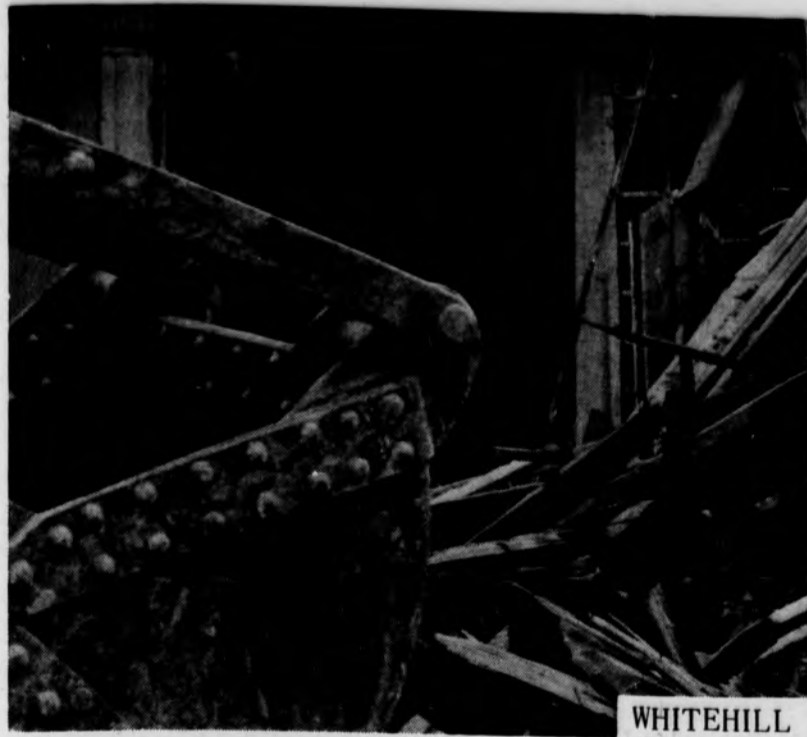
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# Easy Rider

By Rich Lampert



WHITEHILL

## Billet

Editor, Drexel Triangle,

We would like to be informed where Mr. Alex Turfa and the Boston Sunday Globe, which he quotes, obtained the information for Mr. Turfa's recent article "Music is the Message." The article reads like a promotion tract written by a local AM-radio disc-jockey.

Mr. Turfa declared that Seeger, Paxton, Baez, the Farinas, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Judy Collins and Peter, Paul and Mary were the masters of the protest-folk song and that "Dylan was merely weaned upon protest songs which others strove to develop." What the hell, Alex, with the exception of Pete Seeger, all of the aforementioned artists became popular after Dylan AND became popular performing Dylan's works. Dylan's first album was released in 1961 and he had been writing songs for some time prior to this. Furthermore, Alex, you missed the fact that Woodie Guthrie was THE major influence on the early works of Dylan. You should also be aware that the major of Dylan's works are not, in fact, protest songs. Dylan writes and sings about life from his own personal viewpoint.

Later in the article, Mr. Turfa compares the Beatles' "I want to hold your hand" with Dylan's "Just like a rolling stone." How can you draw such a ridiculous analogy, Alex, between the Beatles' description of an idealized "teeny-bopper" type of love and Dylan's hard, down to earth interpretation of the absurdity of materialism and false-security. Dylan's rock is infinitely superior to the early Beatles.

Mr. Turfa then brings his bungling pen into the area of rock music. He falsely credits the Jefferson Airplane, The

Doors and the Rolling Stones with pushing rock 'n roll to its frontiers. Agreed, the Stones are an excellent rock group, but their recent albums have had little change in tone. But come now, Alex, you must admit that the Airplane's commercial wailing and The Doors morbid and exhibitionistic droning are far down on the list of rock greats. You have overlooked the most avant-garde groups in rock music today, Alex. Frank Zappa and The Mothers of Invention have indeed explored many areas of music that other groups would never dare enter. Ten Years After, perhaps the most talented collection of musical gymnasts ever, combine hard rock, blues and Woody Herman style jazz in an explosive orgasm of rock and jazz. The New York Rock and Roll Ensemble, an excellent group of musicians with classical training, has brought Bach-influenced music to the rock stage. We suggest that you listen to something other than Hy Lit's WDAS-FM in the evenings, Alex.

In conclusion, Alex, if you think rock music is "phasing out" discuss this point with the unprecedented 45,000 crowd that attended the AC Festival last week and the tens of thousands expected at the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair later this month.

You have many contacts among the lumberjacks to get you facts when someone attacks your imagination.

Dylan

Try to do a little more research for your articles in the future, Alex.

Sincerely,  
Jim Rusling  
Bill Kohr

"Easy Rider" is not an easy movie. Almost anyone who comes away from the movie will be sickened in one way or another. If you approve of the do-your-thing ethic, you'll be sickened by the fates of the protagonists, and if you're straight, you'll be revolted by the glorification of doing nothing.

The movie concerns two guys who make a huge bundle of money selling drugs and then take off across the country looking for a place to settle down with it. They don't glorify the drug scene; they exploit it, and you wonder why you should have any feeling for the characters.

Inexplicably, the feeling comes. These guys are quite real and quite natural. They don't make speeches, but their grunts and monosyllables become expressive. And they let you fall in love with the country they're seeing. The idyllic imagery of these two lone men on motorcycles rolling across Monument Valley makes you realize what this country was before people got to it.

If you're a cinema buff, you can look on the Monument Valley sequence as a repudiation of the good guys/bad guys version of the West. John Ford, who is responsible for many of the classic old-fashioned Westerns, shot many scenes in Monument Valley, and now the viewer has to be struck by the contrast. Motorcycles where there used to be stagecoaches? Dope pushers where incorruptible sheriffs used to tread? Morality plays must be dead.

The two principals, played by Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, run into a variety of carefully-selected bits of Americana along their way. They pick up a young, drunk, liberal lawyer somewhere in the South, and he goes along with them for a while--complete with old football helmet in lieu of a crash helmet. The three of them experience a small town southern diner, complete with six teeny-boppers (who are fascinated) and about a million rednecks (who seem to be ready for a lynching.)

After that scene, you loathe small-town America. Hopper, who won an award at the Cannes Festival for his direction, has made the local rednecks about as evil as you can get without making them commit a single overtly hostile act.

Anyway, everything boils down to the fact that there's nowhere to go. They try a hippie-type commune out in the wilderness, and they try New Orleans during Mardi Gras, but they can't find what they're after.

In a way, this story is a modernized version of Kerouac's "On the Road." The hangups are new and the language is cruder, but once again a search for oneself leads nowhere. There is evidently nothing in America that strikes a responsive chord in the protagonists. Someone has dropped their Grail down a well, but they don't realize it; they keep looking until their search is

forcibly halted.

Some people have taken this film to be an attack on America, and indeed that was my first impression. In reality, it's the expression of the alienation of a small group within a very large nation. If it is the obligation of a nation to adapt itself to the needs of even a small minority, then the United States does stand guilty as charged.

There just is nowhere for the protagonists of "Easy Rider" to turn. Are we too narrow or are they too far from the norm? It's hard to say. At least, the film leaves us with the message that there is a part of our society which cannot be assimilated because so many common people are unwilling to try to absorb them.

That's a bad flaw in a supposedly great nation, and "Easy Rider" shows the flaw in a great piece of cinema.

## Announcements

Fifty sections in the Science and Engineering Colleges will be participating next week in a pilot faculty and course evaluation under the auspices of Student Congress. \*\*\*\*

June graduates and Grad students--The Scientific Manpower Commission (SMC) may have an alternative if you're facing induction. SMC is working with the Department of Defense to match graduates' educational skills with the technical needs of the service. Contact SMC, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. (202-233-6995 or 961-1550) for assistance.

Drexel's Summer Band and concert ensemble will appear at

Rittenhouse Square next Wednesday as part of a series of concerts sponsored by the Center City Residents' Association. The public is invited to this free concert scheduled to start at 8 p.m. \*\*\*\*

Seniors--The Red Garter Party will be held next Tuesday night at the Red Garter, 2222 Market Street. Peanuts will be on the house and discount beer tickets will be available in the Court next week. \*\*\*\*

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## A Perspective On Financial Aid

by Jim Kitch

Many college students who depend upon financial aid of some kind to make ends meet are having a very hard time of it these days. One reason: the Nixon administration's anti-inflationary spending curbs and similar economy drives on the state level have sharply reduced the amount of governmental aid available. In addition, legislative dilly-dallying (in both Washington and Harrisburg) has put quite a few students in the position of having their promised aid unavailable to offset September billings because final appropriations have not yet been made.

And, as if that weren't enough, the prime interest rate on loans rose this year to a whopping 8 1/2 percent—a full 1 1/2 percent more than the current 7 percent legislative ceiling on guaranteed loans. The increase in the interest rate reduces the amount of money available for private loans to college and university students.

Of the five most important types of financial aid—private scholarships, private loans (including bank loans, etc.), state scholarships, federal scholarships, and federal loans—only private scholarships remain untouched by current circumstances. While private student loans are being undermined by rising interest rates, federal loan and scholarship programs are suffering as a result of presidential frugality.

In his budget recommendations to Congress, Mr. Nixon requested \$162 million for the National Defense Student Loan program, which received \$193.5 million last year. Further, he failed to request funding for several programs authorized by the Higher Education Amendments of 1968, including aid to graduate schools and support for cooperative education programs. And, while he did request \$175.6 million for educational opportunity grants (an increase of \$51 million over last year), the House Appropriations Committee cut this amount back to \$159.6 million.

### Legislative lethargy

On the state level fiscal cut-backs, while evident, have not proven themselves to be the worst problem. That rather dubious honor goes rather to "legislative lethargy"—that is, the inability or unwillingness of the lawmakers in Harrisburg to appropriate money to Pennsylvania's scholarship programs.

Last year 67,479 Pennsylvanians received state scholarship program and, while it is true that the state legislature passed a resolution of intent to support the program, this document only gives the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency the go-ahead to process scholarship applications—not to award grants. No moneys can be awarded until some kind of appropriations bill is approved, and even that must wait until at least September 8 when the legislature, now in recess, reconvenes.

Still, while there seems to be no immediate solution to the dilemma facing state scholarship recipients, there is hope for federally aided students. The proposed EOG allocation, for instance, still represents an increase of some \$35 million over last year even after being cut by the Appropriations Committee. And that same committee recently announced that it plans to ignore Mr. Nixon's request for a cut in NDSL funds and not only maintain them at last year's level, but actually increase them to an all-time high of \$229.1 million.

Another hopeful thing is that neither the HAC nor the House expressed any interest in changing the president's recommended \$154 million allocation for the college work-study program. Last year the program received \$139.9 million.

### Three percent subsidies

Emergency legislation to keep private lenders in the business of providing guaranteed loans for college students has also been introduced into the Senate and the House of Representatives. Under similar bills in both houses, the government would provide private loan companies and banks with interest subsidies of up to three percent to keep their return above the prime interest rate. In general, private lenders have been reluctant to make such loans when the prime rate exceeded the legislative ceiling.

One big question in the minds of everyone concerned with the effectiveness of the proposal is whether the delay in its passage caused by the congressional recess (which began on Wednesday and runs until September 2) will result in a major reduction in the amount of money available for private loans to students. Usually most of these loans are made during the latter half of August and the first half of September.

Some Washington sources have expressed their opinion that even with the delay, most private lenders would make the loans. The legislation, they explained, "would make the payment of interest subsidies retroactive to July 1, so that the lenders would be assured of the subsidies for loans made before final congressional action."

Other observers were, however, somewhat less optimistic. William M. Simmons, Jr., chief of the insured loans branch of the VSOE, for instance, has estimated that at least a 25 percent reduction would occur in the number of loans available during the 1969-70 school year unless some action is taken soon.

When the several bills currently on the floor of Congress will be approved by that body and when the desperately needed appropriations for the state scholarship program will be made by Pennsylvania's legislature—if indeed they ever will—no one can now say. It is certain, however, that neither action can be taken before September, since both of the governmental bodies in question are currently in recess.

But perhaps the most important question to be asked now is not when these measures will be instituted, or even what effect their delay or defeat will have, but rather what can and should be done to guarantee every interested person access to some kind of higher education. Proposals to this end range from some type of governmental loan corporation devoted exclusively to meeting the students' financial needs all the way to free higher education supported by tax revenues. Just what plan will eventually be adopted is a matter for speculation, but one can only hope that the financial crises which students, colleges, and legislators alike are encountering this year prove sufficient to motivate the latter group to take some action to prevent their recurrence—and to take it soon.

# Sweating the small stuff

by Linda Thompson

Lately a lot of people have been talking mental health at Drexel. A few have realized that talk is not enough, and they have tried to do something about it.

The trouble is, at Drexel you fight a bureaucracy to get anything done, as men like Dr. Art Shostak of the Social Science Department have discovered. Like many institutions of its kind, Drexel works through official channels. Roughly translated, that means every proposal must climb the organization chart before it can be seriously acted upon.

The first small tremors of discontent shook President Hagerty's office after a group of Dr. Shostak's students wrote memos to Dr. Hagerty as a class assignment. Shostak, rather than dealing with textbook cases in his social problems class, proposed that the class write these memos which were to outline areas of mental stress in college life and offer preventive strategies. Shostak collected and read the memos, then forwarded them to Hagerty.

Dr. Philip J. Dorman, head of Drexel's health services, says that he had submitted a report calling for an investigation of mental health a few days prior to this. His report, he says, was on Hagerty's desk but had not been read yet when Shostak's students wrote to Hagerty.

At any rate, both the letters and Dr. Dorman's proposal probably shared the same file folder. Soon after they were received, they were brought to Dr. Hagerty's attention.

One or the other seems to have stirred the administrative brew because after a few quick telephone calls, Hagerty agreed to sit in on one of Shostak's classes. More than that, he came ready to speak and discuss, accompanied by Dr. Dorman, Dean of Freshmen G. William Zuspan, and former Assistant Dean of Students Charles Pratt.

Each gave a short presentation covering areas that concerned him: Hagerty suggested more recreational facilities to release tensions, Dr. Dorman discussed Drexel's psychiatric staff and the need for better communication between medical personnel and students, and Zuspan talked about the freshman counseling and ad-

visory systems and their role in mental health. Pratt, who was new in his job, was mainly an observer.

The memos, Dorman's report, and the class visit all contributed to what happened next. A committee composed of nine members, three of them students, and headed by Dorman was es-



tablished to study Drexel's mental health and offer suggestions.

It was at this point that the Philadelphia Bulletin picked up the story and lavishly praised all involved for their concern and cooperation. The tone of the article was optimistic, and the writer indicated that with the formation of the committee the problems were as good as solved. He did not take into account the fact that it would be months be-

fore any constructive action could be taken to alleviate the shortcomings.

The committee worked through spring term and came up with a list of recommendations which were given to Dorman to be included in his report to Dr. Hagerty. The first draft has been written, and will be presented to the committee for review and revision during August. The final report will be written and will be presented to Hagerty by Dorman via Dr. Edward C. McGuire, vice-president for student affairs, sometime around Labor Day.

The present draft of the report, Dorman says, is not negative nor is it alarmist in nature. It outlines several trouble spots and proposes solutions. One of these is an improved psychiatric staff located in Drexel's new Health Center. Others may deal with preventive measures.

We may well ask what problems have been focused on and, more important, what are the proposals for reform? Hopefully, any reforms will be an improvement over the present situation, but will they be adequate?

It seems student involvement both in planning and in execution is necessary to the evolution of better mental health, and this responsibility must not be shirked if the issue and the proposed reforms are not to end where they began—on the president's desk.

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