

Senators Program:

Still Waiting

We have observed and commented on the Senators Program several times during the few short weeks that we have been publishing; we expressed relief that the program was finally starting to move, and we outlined the plans under which the senators would visit the campus Monday night.

We appealed for support from the Greek system and the residence halls, which was promptly and enthusiastically given from both. And then we sat back to see if John Kenagy could work the program even more effectively than Tom Kotouc did two years ago.

Perhaps Kenagy shouldn't be personally blamed because no Senators could be invited Monday night, but, as committee chairman, he should be held responsible for the complete and utter failure of the program to date (the Unicameral convened in January) and for making the program work in the few remaining weeks he has at his disposal.

No, the program has not been a complete and utter failure; senators will tour the campus tomorrow, and many students are interested. But we are interested more in "improving communication between the senators and the students" (one of Kenagy's stated purposes for the program) and do not feel that very much contact will be enjoyed in the lightning tours Thursday. At least no as much as we have experienced in the past with living unit visits.

In writing this editorial, we did not ask Kenagy for excuses, nor did we attempt to evaluate the reasons for his failure. We do know that senators accepted invitations two years ago, and see no reason why they shouldn't now. If they are too busy, the program should be dropped. They weren't two years ago. If they aren't interested, the program should be sacked. They were two years ago.

We understand that the committee scheduled a meeting last night. We will be waiting with interest to see whether there is any justification for failure, whether there is any hope for the future, whether we would be better off to quit wasting our time.

• FRANK PARTSCH



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'Government Solved Unemployment Already'

Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles reprinted from the Kansas State Collegian dealing with a federal public works program. Today's column presents the negative case.

By Don Dressler

"The Federal Government should not establish a national program of public work for the unemployed," is the position of the negative teams in Inter-Collegiate Debate this year.

There are presently two by two arguments. First, there is no need for such a program to solve the problem of unemployment. Second, any program of public work has disadvantages which should discourage its use.

THE PROBLEM of unemployment is not as great as it is often pictured. In fact, the rate of unemployment has steadily decreased in the last few years. In 1961, the unemployment rate was about 6.7 per cent. This rate was reduced to 5.6 per cent unemployment in 1962, and as of December, 1964, the unemployment rate was 4.9 per cent.

There are presently two approaches to solving the problem of unemployment taken by the Federal Government.

FIRST, there are programs designed to stimulate the business economy and provide job openings for more people. The tax cut, the "Economic Opportunity Act," and the Appalachia Program are of this type.

SECOND, the government is now trying to establish programs which will prepare the part of the labor force which is unemployed

for the jobs which the expanded business economy is creating. The "Manpower Development and retraining Act" is one such program.

In other words, the Federal Government is now trying to encourage the creation of jobs by the private sector and at the same time is helping to train the unemployed to fill these new jobs.

THE PROGRAM of public works is not needed because there are now in existence programs designed to solve the problem. And the fact that the rate of unemployment is dropping seems to indicate the programs are succeeding.

Not only is the establishment of a program of public work not needed, but it is not advisable because of two defects in such a program.

FIRST, a public work program would be much more expensive than the present systems of solving unemployment. The cost of planning, hiring supervisors, and purchasing supplies, in addition to the wages of people employed in the project, would make such a program of public work more expensive (per job created) than a program like a tax cut.

Not only that, but a program of public work takes more time to institute than a tax cut needs to stimulate the economy. Thus, the negative contends that a program of public works should not be established by the Federal Government because the problem of unemployment is being solved by the existing approach of the government in helping stimulate jobs and train the unemployed to find jobs.

PHASE IV

By Blacksheep

After advocating student awareness and the idea of a great America last week, I looked around and was told many noteworthy things.

That SNCC is a communist front organization, which it is not; that the university is still the sin center of the state, which is also untrue; and that to advocate liquor and dates in dorm rooms would bring everyone from the PTA to the 'holy trinity' down on one's head, unfortunately, this is true. The one thing left is the perennial complaint about women's closing hours. About this something can be done.

The regulations that govern these hours are set by the twenty-one members of the A.W.S. Board and after approval of the Dean of Women they are the law.

When asked about the reason for these regulations, Jan Whitney, president of A.W.S. said, "coed safety"

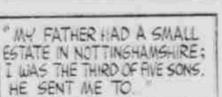
though she declined to say what was meant by this.

The members of the A.W.S. Board do have a responsibility to the coeds that elected them to office, but does the present method of formulating and approving the closing hours by the board meet this obligation?

To the average coed, regulation of closing hours is one of the more important functions of A.W.S. and one that directly affects her life. Surely it must be more than just an administrative matter.

The A.W.S. Board could serve its purpose better if it met to formulate a set of hours, then submit them back to the A.W.S. members for a vote of approval. This would give each individual coed a chance to express herself and give A.W.S. a firmer basis for their authority.

Before this can be done the A.W.S. Board must be aware of a desire for change. This can be shown through A.W.S. representatives in housing units, by petition, or by talking to A.W.S. Board members. Change can be made.



CAMPUS OPINION

Profs Should Be Rated

Dear editor,

The following may not be long, but it is significant. Off and on there have been talks about administration departments, etc., instituting an evaluation system by the students themselves for rating their instructors.

So far, nothing! How about the students themselves putting out their own evaluation sheet?

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