

EE Dedicates Final Edition to Parsons

In its final issue of the academic year, the editors and staff of *Eagle Eye* feel it is only appropriate to dedicate the final issue to retiring LHS president Richard T. Parsons, Ed.D.

Dr. Richard Torrence Parsons, who has served as president of Lock Haven State College for almost 28 years, will retire as head of the institution in August.

Born in 1909, Dr. Parsons graduated from Lock Haven High School in 1926 and from Mercersburg Academy in 1927. His bachelor of arts degree was received from Lock Haven State College in 1931, and his master's and doctorate degrees were received from the Pennsylvania State University.

He instructed high school English at Point Marion from 1931-1933 and at Fayette City from 1933-1935. He then became an English instructor at Lock Haven State from 1935-1937, dean of men at the college, and in 1942 at the age of 33, he became the youngest college president in the United States. He also served as advisor to the student newspaper which at the time was *The College Times*.

Parsons Oversees Growth, Development

Parsons' presidency has seen LHS grow from a small state teacher's college with an enrollment of 346 to an expanded multi-purpose undergraduate college with an enrollment of 2300. The faculty has grown from 38 to 200. Physical development has already tripled the number of buildings on campus.

Innovation also merits Parsons' career. His plan to give students more of a voice in college affairs resulted in the subsequent importance of the student government at LHS. Also he has long been interested in a non-grading system for freshmen whereby they may concentrate on learning "for knowledge's sake" instead of struggling for grades. He was very instrumental in getting the faculty to institute the present pass-fail option here at LHS.

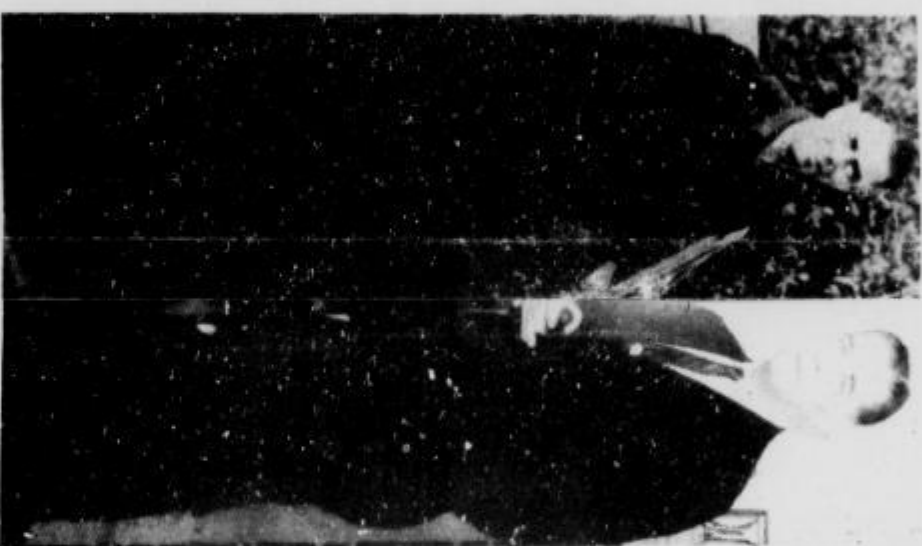
Seeks Faculty Innovations

He continually challenges the faculty to innovations in teaching methods and curriculums. The LHS president also favors the seminar over the lecture method of teaching.

Parsons has been affiliated with many organizations. Among them have been advisor to the State Council of Education; Pennsylvania and National Education Association; Phi Delta Kappa; District Governor of Rotary International; vice-president of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (he is currently president of the organization); and advisor to the State Council on Higher Education.

In the fall of 1967 when Parsons celebrated his 25th anniversary as chief administrator of LHS, Dr. M.E. Kolivosky, academic dean of Hillsdale (Mich.) College noted that Parsons' tenure as president since 1942 has been during a period of great transition in American higher education. The tall man, Kolivosky pointed out respects the dignity of others. "Seldom do people ever rise beyond the faith that someone has in them. Richard Parsons has a way of encouraging students to go back and try harder." He added, "I wonder what stirs the individual more than a new feeling of having value and worth?" He continued:

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The pending retirement of Dr. Richard T. Parsons will mark the end of an era at Lock Haven State. In his 28 years at the academic helm, the president has provided leadership and freedom for the students, the faculty, indeed the entire college operation, to grow and flourish.

Opinions have occasionally clashed and tempers sometimes flared between the president and this newspaper; yet in spite of this (or perhaps because of this), *Eagle Eye* wishes to sincerely express its high regard for Dr. Parsons. Throughout the differences, President Parsons has always asserted the right of the student newspaper to operate independently of any college domination and to accept its own accomplishments and failures. He has remained a staunch defender of freedom of the student press.

As a eulogist remarked at his 25th year testimonial banquet: "Richard Parsons has a way of encouraging students to go back to try harder."



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privilege to be associated with him."

Charles Vonada, retiring member of the social science department said, "From the time I have known Dr. Parsons he has been an enthusiast of students and in favor of gearing the whole institution to students and their need. This is one of the beliefs I've heard him speak of most frequently. There has always been a close association and friendship between students and faculty. This along with other things I've said fits in with the campus. Faculty has always been interested in students and their welfare first. This was encouraged by the administration."

Many Important Milestones'

In serving in various administrative capacities with Dr. Parsons along with having an intimate relationship with him, both officially and unofficially Edward H. Young stated, "Dr. Parsons' career, as leader of Lock Haven State College has been marked by many important milestones. Today's fine physical plant is a monument to that leadership, but even more important than that, he is leaving a monument in the minds and hearts of thousands of Lock Haven's alumni and present undergraduates."

"His deepest concern in all major de-

isions had been 'the student'. He has stood over the years for high quality education. He has built the College's academic reputation to a high point of acceptance within and without the academic community. His door has always been open to students and faculty alike for a frank discussion of problems and concerns

Governor to Name Successor
Parsons announced his early retirement late in January effective August of this year. He had originally decided to retire at the end of the 1970-71 academic year but changed that decision stating earlier in the semester, "For the first time I felt that I could not communicate with certain students...There seems to be a great barrier between certain student leaders and their attitude toward my office."

The presidential selection committee should recommend one or more candidates to the board of trustees sometime during or before the next board meeting, held next week. The board will then study and maybe eliminate some of the contenders. From here the candidate's names will go to the department of education, then back to the board which will choose a candidate and recommend him to the Governor. The Governor should then make his decision sometimes in June.

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Retiring head librarian, Dr. Gilmore Warner stated, "The thing that strikes me as most basic in Dr. Parsons is that he is a 'real man' at the same time that he is an administrator. His characteristic attitude is that of a rational man. In all my associations with him I have always felt confident that decisions would be reached on the basis of reason rather than upon preconceptions. The interest of the student is one thing that is foremost in his mind; he keeps an eye on the basic educational purpose of the institution. It has been a rare

Faculty Holds Another Special Meeting

The LHS faculty again held a special meeting yesterday. Ten tenured faculty members had petitioned for the meeting. These faculty members had drawn up a proposal to be sent to the editor of the *Express* pending approval of the faculty.

Early in the meeting Mr. John Johnston gave the assembly background information concerning the question of who exactly is responsible for the distorted stories appearing in the May 8th issue of the *Express*. Johnston stated that Buck O'Riley told him that he did not distort any information because the information had been presented to him by Robert M. Coltrane,

director of Public Relations at LHS.

Upon being asked by Johnston if he had released statements referring to "demands" of the students and a possible "take-over", Coltrane replied that he had been informed that threats of a take-over had been expressed from conversations he had with students.

Johnston also pointed out the misrepresentation LHS received from the *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*. The essence of that statement was that the planned take-over of the LHS campus by students never materialized.

Several professors who were

in attendance at all meetings presented their views of the error by saying that the words "demands" of "take-over" were never used. Mr. Lee Van Horn stated that this error was "willfully done by the campus press" and that the "image of the college has been badly misrepresented." Backing him on this issue was Mr. Vincent Stewart who stated that the "faculty was never presented with a list of student demands." In addition, they "never asked for the college to be closed."

The vote to send the proposal to the *Express* passed by a large majority.

SCENE By AQUARIUS

Decision of Harvard's President Pusey to retire ahead of schedule is great news. His replacement should be a man who's in touch—and aware of students as warm bodies with expanding minds, not statistics or conspiracies... The latest Bond movie is turning off droves of kids who used to dig the series. Apparently they can't be coned any longer by the formula mix of sadism, the gimmick of gadgetry, the chase after some unidentified "enemy," and the use of women as phallic pawns... To the question of whether Paul McCartney is really dead, Ringo Starr replied, "He says he's not, but you never know when Paul is being serious."... Time Magazine going to pot? 'Tis widely rumored copy boys there can supply joints to any scribes on request... Those California grapes we've all been boycotting are being shipped in increasing amounts to Vietnam... Due in April from Lancer Books, this paperback: *The Secret Diary of Ho Chi Minh's Daughter* ("She made love—not war"). It's hilarious, wildly erotic, warm, witty and wise... The University of Dayton's Experimental College lists these goodie courses: "Nudity and Exposure," "Laff" (Learning about Fun and Frolic) and "Come Together" (play, learn, liberate, create space)... Said the witty stick of chewing gum to the piece of caramel: "Funny, you don't look chewish."... The Pussycat League, a group of feminists who look feminine and love men, have this motto: "The lambchop is mightier than the karate chop."... No wonder the Administration can claim the backing of a silent "majority." Citizens writing letters of criticism to Nixon or Agnew often receive engraved form replies thanking them for their support!... At San Jose State College's Survival Fair students bought and buried a new car, donned gas masks to breathe the air of the future, and pledged young marrieds to not exceed two children. Fair's slogan: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."... Then there was the guy who gave up Lent for drinking... Swedish actress Essy Petsson rates Sweden as one of the least sexy countries in the world. She blames it all on the men, who are "as cold as the climate."... The "ban the butt" campaign has had its greatest impact on the 17-24 age bracket, of whom only 34% now smoke... "Never put down a student in front of other students."—Dr. Irwin Gertzog, political science teacher at Yale who was top-rated in the students' "Course Critique."... Navel Intelligence: Free tickets to the University of Washington's Home-coming Ball went to whoever could match photos of belly-buttons with the faces of the six contestants for Queen... Much in European press but nothing in our papers on how Brazil is stripping its forest Indians of their land and selling it to American corporations... God—love us!

Strike Committee Defines Goals

The amendment to a Senate Bill attempts to end the war by stimulating that no more funds can be spent in Southeast Asia beyond June, 1971; it provides that South Vietnamese who might be endangered by an American withdrawal may come to this country.

Copies of the petition are available in the PUB and the committee urges that completed petitions be sent to Pennsylvania's two senators.

A new committee has been formed to hear complaints from students who feel that they have been intimidated or discriminated against by faculty in the implementation of the pass-fail policy passed by the Faculty last Friday.

The committee includes Russ Diesinger, Doug Dows, and Jack Hopkins, all of whom live in Smith Hall.

Any student who is intimidated in the course of applying for the optional pass-fail or who feels he has been given an unfair grade should contact one of the committee members.

The faculty policy is that any student may elect to take any or all of his courses of pass-fail, provided that he does so in writing by 5:00pm so in writing by 5:00pm., May 13, to his major department/division Chairman.

The college defines a "D" as passing.

A delegation of students plan to go to State College on Saturday, May 16, to hear and

speak to Senator Richard Schweiker. Anyone who would like to join the delegation should contact Mike Martin or Jim Crampton.

So that no time will be lost this summer, a meeting has already been set for June 2

in the PUB at 7:00pm. Anyone who is here this summer and who wants to continue working should attend this important meeting.

The sub-committees of the Student Strike Committee met last evening in the Parsons Union Building to plan activities for the coming weeks.

The fund-raising committee is tapping several sources for funds for mailing to students during the summer and for the support of the activities that are to be mounted in coming weeks.

By Friday, May 15, peace posters will be available in the college bookstore. The posters, which are being designed and produced by students, will sell for fifty cents each.

Students in the various dormitories are being solicited for stamps, envelopes, and other mailing supplies and faculty members will soon receive a request for donations by mail.

Applications for membership in the American Civil Liberties Union will soon be available so that students may join and support that organization.

Another committee is circulating petitions in support of "The Amendment to End The War" in Southeast Asia which has been introduced into the Senate, under the sponsorship of Senators McGovern, Godell, Hughes and others.

The Student Strike Committee has issued a document which sets the goals of the student action at LHS and defines concrete action for individuals to take to achieve those goals.

The document reads as follows: We student citizens of America must drive for the following goals to return the government of the people to the people:

1. Completely disengage ourselves from all military action in Southeast Asia.
2. Stop the present administration from spending tremendous amounts of tax dollars on immoral death weapons.
3. Avoid further incidents of student tragedies that have and will continue to divide our nation.
4. End the unjust draft.
5. Revise our present judicial system so it is fair and just for all, including Bobby Seale and the Chicago Seven.

The question now arises what we as students can do in order to achieve the above goals.

1. Keep informed.
2. Write, phone, or visit your government officials.
3. Join and support any organization that will further our purpose.
4. Participate in boycotts, demonstrations, dealing with the cause.
5. After you have finished reading this give it to someone who has not.

The document concludes with the admonition power lies in numbers.

To the editor:

Did anyone stop to notice what was taking place in the dining hall last Tuesday evening, the 12th. I was concerned about the long, long line winding around the dining hall and I questioned Mr. Eltz about this. Mr. Eltz said that he was conducting a general audit and only had one master list, which caused the long line. I think the master list could have been separated into three lists by number, resulting in much less waiting for the students. I feel the reason Mr. Eltz didn't do this is because he knew he would have to have a lot more steak on hand to feed the students—something he probably didn't have. The general audit is a good exercise for serving steak as many students wouldn't wait in such long lines for steak. It is about time the students of Lock Haven State College did something about the way their dining hall is being run. Remember you students pay some taxes and your parents pay much more in taxes which goes to pay for the service rendered by Servomation. It is about time the dining hall operates for the students (as it was first intended) and not for the advantage of Servomation.

Mike Young
"Sarge"

The number of "problem drinkers" in the U.S. is rising at a greater speed than the total population.

William Henry Harrison died after having served only one month as President, the result of pneumonia brought on by delivering a two-hour inaugural address in a freezing wind.

IT'S GREEK TO ME

ZETA TAU ALPHA

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha had two busy week-ends in a row recently. First was Greek Week-end when they participated in the Greek raft race and in Greek Olympics.

The sisters would like to congratulate Kappa Delta Rho and Tau Kappa Epsilon on their victories in these events, and would also like to thank all those who participated for their effort and sportsmanship. Also, thank you Lambda Chi Alpha for sponsoring Greek Olympics.

The second busy week-end for the Zetas was the week-end of May second and third. On Saturday, Zeta Tau Alpha held their annual senior send-off at Hanna Park. There, Gay Foster received the award for the outstanding senior. Then on Sunday Zeta Tau Alpha initiated 9 new sisters.

The new sisters are: Sally Brown, a freshman from Wellsboro majoring in elementary education; Michele Dann, a freshman from Port Allegheny majoring in elementary education; Barb Gnagy, a sophomore from Somerset majoring in elementary education; Debbie Gnesda, a freshman from Bushy Run majoring in liberal arts social sciences; Julie Hall, a freshman from Dannville majoring in physical education; Barb Keller, a freshman from Elizabethtown majoring in social welfare; Jane Rigard, a freshman from St. Marys majoring in English; Donna Salvatore, a sophomore from Reading majoring in secondary social sciences; and Pat Sammons, a freshman from Wallingford majoring in elementary education.

An Initiation Banquet was

held at the Take-a-peek Inn following the ceremonies. At the banquet Debbie Gnesda received the most outstanding pledge award.

The sisters would like to announce the engagements of Connie Hoag to Chuck James, Linda Ingerick to Charles Probst, and Jane Rigard to Bill Verostek. Also Kerry Smith is pinned to Jim Carpenter of Sigma Pi and Melody Valmont is lavaliered to John Roberts of Phi Mu Delta.

The sisters want to thank Bobbi Slavin for being in the Miss LHS contest. She worked hard and we are all very proud of her.

To the editor:

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha would like to thank all the fraternities and sororities for participating in Greek Olympics.

We also extend our congratulations to this year's winners, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Sincerely,
Dale Sherman
Chairman
AXA Greek Olympics

You'd think by now
God would say
"Phooey!"

What with all the hate,
the indifference to war,
the fanatical selfishness we see around us.

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