

# High School Seniors Start Sweating Out Admission to College

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The next few weeks will be a period of high tension in more than a million U.S. households where high school seniors are sweating out admission to college.

Some colleges and universities are already sending out acceptance notices. Many others will do so during February and March. By April, students who haven't received a "yes" letter will be very worried—and so will their parents.

It would be nice to assure the troubled seniors and parents that they have no real cause for concern—that everyone will wind up in the college of his choice.

**Now More Difficult**

But the facts don't permit this. Getting into college has been growing progressively more difficult each year, as mounting enrollments press against the capacity of America's higher education system.

In past years, it could be

reported truthfully that, although the big-name institutions were swamped with applicants, there were still many good colleges and universities with vacancies.

This year that statement cannot be made quite so glibly.

"The first-rate institutions, and even the second-rate ones, are filling up fast," said an official of the American council on education.

Students with good high school records can still be reasonably certain of admission to a good college—not necessarily their first or second choice, but one at which they can obtain a splendid education.

**Rumors Are Untrue**

The perennial rumors that circulate among high school seniors, to the effect that you have to make scores of 600 or better on "college board" entrance examinations to have a chance of getting into any

popular institution, are simply untrue.

Admissions officers, even at the big-name colleges in the east, are much more flexible in their policies than that. And they are increasingly disposed to regard the student's high school record, rather than his entrance test scores, as the best barometer of success in college.

"Any student who ranks in the upper 40 per cent of his high school graduating class—that would usually mean a 'B' average or better—has an excellent chance of getting into a good college this year," the American council on education official said.

**Will Accept Students**

There are colleges and universities that will accept students who rank lower in their graduating classes, and some state institutions are required by law to take anyone with a high school diploma.

But a C-student is going to have trouble getting into any of the more select institutions, unless he has phenomenally good scores on entrance tests or is able to show the admissions officer some other reason why he might be a good gamble.

"Apply early and often" is the motto of college-bound youngsters nowadays. Most begin firing off applications early in their senior year of high school. And it is increasingly customary to send applications to at least three, and sometimes five or six, colleges.

But this multiple application habit has become such a problem for admissions offices that many institutions now require a fee of \$10 or more with each application. In some cases, the fee is returnable if the student decides by late spring to withdraw his application—or if he is turned down.

**All Eggs Together**

One of the biggest mistakes students make in multiple applications, according to admissions officers, is to put all their eggs in one basket. They apply to several different institutions, all of which are equally hard to get into. It is much smarter to bracket the target by applying to one prestige college that's very selective, one good but less-well-known institution, and one that can be considered relatively sure fire.

If all of a student's direct applications are turned down, he still may find a college that will accept him, thanks to three new centers which specialize in matching students with vacancies.

They are the College Admissions Center, 610 Church st., Evanston, Ill.; The College Admissions Assistance Center, 535 East 80th st., New York 21, and the Catholic College Admissions and Information Center, Assumption College, Worcester, Mass.

**Students May Register**

For a modest fee, a student may register at one of these centers. There his high school record and test scores will be examined during the late spring and summer by admissions officers from scores of colleges which still have vacancies. The colleges write directly to students who seem to meet their standards, inviting them to apply. This system has prevented heartbreaking disappointments for thousands of young men and women in the past few years.

Still another last-ditch solution is to apply for admission in February (start of the second semester) rather than in September.

Many institutions which have no room at the start of the fall term are looking for qualified applicants to fill vacancies caused by drop-outs and flunk-outs at the mid-term mark.

**Will Get Worse**

The college admissions problem will get worse before it gets better. The U.S. birth rate jumped sharply in the years following World War II, and this "bulge" in population is now approaching college age. Enrollment has increased 17 per cent during the past two years, and authorities anticipate that it will increase even more than that during the next two.

"Two years from now," said a U.S. office of education official, "we'll think that the 1962-63 college enrollment figures were small."

The American Council on Education, pleading for congressional action on federal aid to colleges, warned this month that enrollment is fast approaching the absolute capacity of the nation's higher education institutions. It said that unless federal funds are soon provided for a rapid expansion of dormitory and

classroom facilities, there will be no hope of taking care of all the young people who want and deserve a chance at college.

**Another Begins**

When a student is accepted by a college, one worry ends and another begins: how to pay for it.

The cost of attending college have risen steadily for the past two years. The U.S. office of education estimates that the cost for freshmen entering next fall will average about \$1,600 at public institutions and \$2,400 at private institutions.

But these figures may be misleading. In the first place, they cover only tuition fees, room and board, and do not include such substantial costs as transportation, clothing, and spending money. In the second place, as national averages, they are not necessarily applicable to any particular institution.

**Cost May Range**

In actuality, the cost of going to college may range from as little as \$200 a year for a student who lives at home and commutes to a public institution, to more than \$4,000 a year for a resident student at an exclusive private college or university.

Aside from scholarships (for which the competition is increasingly severe) there are a wide variety of student loan programs to help finance college costs.

The biggest is operated by the federal government, under the national defense education act. The loans are made by the colleges themselves, with the federal government putting up 90 per cent of the money and the colleges the other 10 per cent. The maximum loan is \$1,000 a year, but the average runs about \$500. No interest is charged until the student graduates.

**10 Years To Pay**

Therefore he has 10 years to repay the loan with annual interest of 3 per cent. If he goes into public school teaching as a career, and remains there five years, half the loan is forgiven.

About 235,000 students received \$110 million in loans under this program during the current academic year.

Several states also have student loan programs, and many banks, insurance companies and other private organizations are now offering educational loans.

## Reter Urges Assessment to Promote Valley Pears

Raymond Reter, Medford orchardist and shipper, deplored the small attendance at Friday afternoon's Fruit Growers' League meeting and urged greater attendance of "grass roots" growers to work on problems affecting all of the fruit industry.

"We must clean up our own house and use every ingenuity to expand our markets," Reter said. "We will not be able to get government programs every year (referring to the school lunch program purchase of surplus pears.)"

"I have continually urged and I urge again increased assessment for promotion of pears. The consumption of pears on a per capita basis is not keeping up with the population increase," the veteran shipper said.

**Praises Reter**

Later the league went on record praising Reter for the "untold hours" spent on working out fruit industry problems. Another motion praised Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) for his help with labor and marketing problems.

Reter also noted that the European Common Market is strictly an agriculture protectionist market. He severely criticized the state department for "dragging its feet" in retaliating against France and Germany for violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The current marketing

problem is one of surpluses, Reter pointed out. However, recent freezes in the south may help sale of pears, he noted. The amount of citrus concentrates is down. The longshoremen's strike has tied up shipment of bananas, he added.

**Spain Suffers Freeze**

Since Spain suffered a freeze some European countries are going to Argentina for their pears. This is a high cost crop due to current inflation in Argentina. Probably few Argentina pears will be shipped into the United States at this time compared to the 350,000 boxes shipped in at one time before, Reter said.

The fruit crop surplus situation could have been seen in June when the over-all world market was faced with bumper crops from European countries. The volume of California cling peaches was another key factor, the shipper noted. California may have an even greater peach volume next year, Reter said.

Australia expects to ship 6 million cases of cling peaches by 1968, he added. He said Del Monte pears are being canned in Italy.

**End in Storage**

One million more boxes of winter pears ended up in storage this year compared to last year, Reter said.

He reported that the Pacific coast fruit industry is waiting for shipping orders for 413

cars of pears for the school lunch program, 161 carloads from the Rogue Valley, 161 from Washington, 85 from Hood River and six from California.

Dave Lowry, chairman of the legislative committee, said most of the committee's work during the current congressional and legislative year will be to analyze legislation and take steps necessary on legislation adversely affecting the fruit industry. A close working association with other agricultural groups is invaluable, he said.

**Interesting Development**

The labor committee reported the most interesting development the past year was the complete about face by the labor department on importation of Mexican Nationals.

Growers also asked for 300 Navajo Indians originally at the state level, but later cut it to 43. Drinking, complete satisfaction with \$4 or \$5 a day and the high cost of transporting them to the valley made them far less desirable than the Mexican Nationals, it was reported.

Nineteen recontracted Mexican Nationals picked far more pears in three weeks than the Navajo Indians, it was reported.

Oct. 8 the rain poured two inches of water into the valley in 24 hours. This was followed by a severe wind on

Oct. 12. Over 500,000 boxes were still unpicked on the trees.

Paul Culbertson, chairman of the experiment station committee, said his committee has not been too active the past year. Dr. Peter Westgard, new station entomologist, and Dr. Porter Lombard, new station superintendent as of Feb. 1, will make the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment Station the outstanding one in the state, he said.

The pear decline report is ready and will be available to all league members soon, Culbertson said.

As vice president of the Oregon State Horticulture Society, Culbertson said next year's session will be Nov. 20, 21 and 22.

Edwin Gebhard, outgoing league president, thanked all committee members, and public agencies for their cooperation during the past year. He

noted several problems arose which could have been crucial ones if they had not been dealt with early.

**CITY'S FOR THE BIRDS**

London—(UPI)—Birds in Holland Park are becoming increasingly urbanized, a natural history society report said Friday. It has blackbirds use drinking straws to build nests, sparrows take sugar from the park cafeteria and robins eat bread crumbs from the hand.

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## Sawyer To Speak at Association Event

Jackson County District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer will speak on the small claims court and its application to the rental industry at a meeting of the Rogue Valley Apartment House association at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23.

The meeting will be held in room 35 of Medford High school.

Judge Sawyer received his degree in economics from Willamette university and graduated from the University of Oregon law school. He was in private law practice in Medford before becoming district judge in 1960.

A business meeting will be held the same evening and all apartment house owners are invited to attend.

## BODY FOUND

Astoria—(UPI)—The body of William Wineman, 48, Warrenton, wanted for questioning in connection with the death of his wife, was found hanging from a tree Thursday afternoon.

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