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'Cloak of Semisecrecy' Should Be Removed

The Board of Trustees is the top policy-making group at the University. It pretty much has the final say on what Penn State will do and what it won't do.

This powerful group meets behind closed doors. The press is barred.

The public, however, has the right to know what goes on at these meetings since the University is supported primarily by public funds.

The Centre Daily Times, this newspaper and other state newspapers have been trying for years to pry open the closed door. But we still have to rely on what the University gives us from the meetings. These are called "hand-outs."

In plain words, the University "hands-out" what it wants to. Collegian, the Centre Daily and other newspapers are now receiving "hand-outs" from the Trustee Executive Committee meeting held over the weekend.

However, this situation could soon be changed by a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Sen. Jo Hays (D.-Clearfield-Centre).

The meetings of the board of trustees of state institutions—including the University—would be opened to the public under the measure introduced by Hays.

These include, in addition to the University, trustee meetings at the 14 state teachers colleges, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and the University of Pittsburgh.

In his speech introducing the bill, Hays noted that the Senate unanimously approved a bill March 6 which would open meetings of authorities and commissions within the state. He added that, "as you know, for many years all meet-

ings of councils, school boards and road supervisors have been open."

Hays said his bill covers the segments of the state which "plan and control the program of higher education for the 55,000 college and university students who each year enroll in publicly-supported institutions.

"It is the segment that has been allocated over \$54 million in the current budget of Gov. (George M.) Leader."

Hays then pointed out that college enrollment is going to greatly increase in the next decade and along with the increased enrollment will come increased expenditures.

"These institutions handle large numbers—both students and dollars—and will be responsible for many more in the near and far future," Hays pointed out so wisely.

Even the persons who now elect and appoint the University trustees do not know what their representatives are doing on the board. They do not know how they voted. How can the alumni intelligently reelect their nine representatives when they do not know how they stood on decisions facing the board? How can the agricultural and industrial groups intelligently reelect their representatives on the board? Or the governor intelligently reappoint the public's representatives?

The public has the right to know what goes on at the Board of Trustee meetings, if for no other reason than their tax money is at stake. This bill is long overdue. The state should remove this "cloak of semisecrecy."

—The Editor

Floats for Hats

All-University Cabinet tonight will hear a recommendation by Robert Krakoff, Spring Week chairman, to eliminate the Mad-Hatters contest next year and substitute a Float Parade.

The main reason behind this suggestion stems from the fact that an event involving large numbers cannot run smoothly regardless of the amount of previous planning.

Approximately 6000 students participated in the Mad-Hatters contest this year and as a result the event ran overtime, the judging was unfair and the general organization was poor.

The purpose of the contest was to give everyone a chance to be creative. A float parade would not defeat this purpose since everyone in an organization would be working on the construction. It would, however, cut down on the number of actual participants, eliminating much of the confusion that resulted from too much participation in the Mad-Hatters contest.

An event such as this would generate greater interest and spirit among the students working on the float. It would also allow fair and accurate judging and it would create greater spectator interest on the part of both the students and townspeople.

The Float Parade was eliminated from the Spring Week events two years ago to cut down the academic and physical strain on the students. The proposal, recommended to the 1955 Encampment, also suggested cutting the Carnival from two days for the same reason. Both of these proposals were later approved by Cabinet.

If the Mad Hatters contest is eliminated, the Float Parade could be reinstated without any additional strain on the students.

The reasons behind the recommendations are sound and Cabinet should approve the recommendation.

—Ginny Philips

Radio-TV Training

An inter-departmental major in radio and television, the possibility of which is now under study, would be an excellent addition to the University curricula.

The field of radio and television is rapidly expanding and every year draws thousands of college graduates.

Penn State students intending to work in radio and television are now informally majoring in either speech, journalism or theatre arts. Several departments offer courses in radio and TV but these are designed primarily for the particular department.

With an inter-departmental major, a student would receive specific training—not just dabble in the elective courses that are presently available.

The proposed AM student radio station, af-

Same Old Lines

Room-drawing is being carried on this year in the same unorganized manner as in previous years. Independent senior women were requested to meet at 10 p.m. Tuesday in Simmons Lounge to draw for their rooms for the coming year.

More than 100 women were crowded into the lounge and delayed for an unreasonable length of time. The drawing began at the end of the alphabet, so that women whose names came at the beginning were kept waiting throughout the entire process, which lasted three hours.

It would be much more efficient to use the system employed in registration for courses: dividing the students into alphabetical sections and assigning different times.

One person from the dean of women's office did all the registering. This is too big a job for one woman. Several women should register students—one assigned to take care of applications for each of the residence halls. Then the coeds could go to the woman who was registering for the hall of her choice.

If a coed changed her mind after she saw what rooms were available in that particular building, she could then go to the end of the line for her second choice.

For the past two years plans for improving room drawing have been suggested, but nothing has been done to improve the matter.

Room drawing is admittedly a large operation. However, registration for courses is much bigger and more complicated, but through the years the rough spots have been ironed out so that registration now runs smoothly. There is no reason why the room-drawing process cannot be run more smoothly.

—Pat Earley

Gazette

Today
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 tonight, 212 Chapel.
WRA ACTIVITIES BOARD, 12:30 p.m., 103 White Hall.
University Hospital
Robert Berish, Richard Brown, Ernest Bowley, Stanley Burd, William Bush, Glenna Gilger, John Godette, Jane Jennings, Marie Moran, Richard Neely, William Newhouse, Jay Pifer, Joan Rapoport, John Sweeney, Barbara Whitner, Rebecca Zahm.

fording a wider range of practice, could possibly parallel a radio-TV course of study.

The basis for such a curriculum is here now. With improvement and inter-departmental cooperation, we believe the University would have little trouble in organizing a specific but well-rounded training program in radio and television.

—Judy Harkison

Scientist to Speak To Botany Group

Dr. George L. McNew, director of the Boyce Thompson Institute, Yonkers, N.Y., will address Phi Epsilon Phi, botanical fraternity, at 7:30 tonight in the Penn State Room of the Nittany Lion Inn.

The topic of his speech is "The Scientist in Modern America." It is open to the public.

A private banquet and initiation will precede the address.

President Elected By Hotel Greeters

Walter Dickinson, junior in hotel administration from Swarthmore, has been elected president of the Hotel Greeters.

Other officers are James Knipe, freshman from Bala-Cynwyd, vice president; William Scatchard, junior from Lititz, corresponding secretary; Joseph Butler, junior from Carmichaels, recording secretary; and Constance Hindman, sophomore from Butler, treasurer.

300 Lanterns Sold; Sales to Continue

About 300 copies of the Lantern were sold yesterday, according to Robert Nurock, business manager.

The literary magazine will remain on sale today at the Mall bulletin board, the Corner Room, the Hetzel Union Building and Waring Hall.

Persons interested in working on the circulation staff this afternoon will meet at noon today at the Mall bulletin board.

Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Worthal passed his bluebook? What are you trying to do—ruin my reputation?"

Interpreting the News

U.S. Won't Sit Idly; Dulles Is Around

By J. M. ROBERTS

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One of the worst mistakes a flaccid world ever made was to play ostrich while Adolf Hitler reared Germany during the 1930's.

While the United States was in retirement from world affairs, while France relied on the Maginot Line which may

or may not be comparable with today's reliance on atomic deterrence, and while Britain wandered around in her own economic muddle, Hitler set the stage for a new war.

The German staff was re-established in secret. But everyone knew about the growing divisions of Panzers. They burst into full view in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Nevertheless, few believed that Hitler would try again where the Kaiser had failed. Indeed, few believed anyone but a madman would precipitate war again while the memory of the destruction and disruption of World War I was still fresh.

But Hitler was a madman, and the designing militarists of Italy and Japan were ready to follow his lead. These thought they could take the world by surprise and divide it among them.

For years now the Communists have been violating the Korean armistice by moving modern war material, especially Russian-made airplanes, into new North Korean bases.

The Allies have made small protest, realizing that protestations were no good unless backed up by a willingness to resume the war. Insofar as the United States is concerned, that would be one of the most unpopular things which could happen.

But now Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has revealed the United States does not intend to sit idly by while the Reds build up the capacity for another attack on the Republic of South Korea, the first nation established under the aegis of the United Nations.

The armistice is a dead letter, he says, adding that it did not contemplate the fact that replacing Allied arms in Korea on a piece by piece basis, as agreed, would become impossible as the development of new weapons killed off manufacture of the old ones.

The armistice is more of a dead letter, however, because, like the Versailles treaty, one side pays no attention to its provisions.

The alternatives open to the United States are to leave her

own and Allied forces with a popgun defense against modern attack weapons, to restore their strength, or to pull out of Korea.

The Reds will scream loudly when the atomic field guns and the guided missiles start moving in, just as they are screaming now that the Americans and the Formosans, with their tiny strength, are preparing an attack on the Chinese mainland.

But what other answer is there when you are dealing with a totally unscrupulous enemy?

Mortar Board Elects Officers

Carolyn Johnson, junior in home economics from Wilmington, Del., has been elected president of Mortar Board, senior women's hat society.

Other officers are: Sondra Peters, education major from Meadville, vice president; Gail Gilman, elementary education major from Abington, secretary; Mary Conrad, recreation major from Washington, D.C., treasurer.

Mary Mertz, education major from Lansdowne, historian; and Virginia Mensch, music education major from Bellefonte, and Nancy Siftar, education major from Bethlehem, song leaders.

Veterinary Science Prof To Address Dairy Club

Dr. S. B. Guss, associate professor of veterinary science extension, will speak on "The Brucellosis Program of Pennsylvania," at the Dairy Science Club at 7 tonight in 117 Dairy.

He will discuss the control of this disease which infects cattle and causes undulant fever in man.

Tonight on WDFM

Time	Program
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	"A" Train
7:55	Sports
8:00	As You Believe
8:15	BBC Weekly
8:30	Jazz Panorama
8:45	Special Events
10:00	Chamber Concert
11:30	News; Sign Off