



## Behind Closed Doors

# Open Meetings Seen As Help to Trustees

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Third of a Series

It's not very often that discussions on the pros and cons of opening up the University Board of Trustees meetings take on a psychological twist, but that viewpoint was brought out in an interview with a member of the board yesterday.

If one can draw from her experiences, Miss May Jane Wyland of State College is proof that the trustees might do themselves a good deed by opening their meetings.

Miss Wyland told The Daily Collegian that before she was elected to the board, she "couldn't see why they did some of the things they did." Now, her respect of the members has grown tremendously. "I was amazed to see the amount of time and energy those men put into their work on the board," she said. Miss Wyland termed the members "devoted."

Thus, she expressed a thought prevalent among advocates of the open board meeting: it isn't so much the negative attitude that there is something dirty or "tainted" that goes on behind the closed doors, but rather the people as a whole tend to fear and have suspicion of something about which they have little knowledge.

And the chances are that the board might gain much respect from the layman if the meetings were opened up.

However, Miss Wyland also expressed the oft-heard opinion that it wouldn't make much difference

if the meetings were opened up because most of the work is done in committee.

"The Public Information department at the University does a

good job of releasing the happenings at the Board," she said. "Sometimes, I read about things that I didn't even know were going on," she quipped.

Then too, she said, there is the problem of things that come up which cannot be published at the exact moment they happen. These things might be hampered by advance publicity, she explained.

Although Miss Wyland said she didn't feel qualified at the present time to give an opinion on whether or not the press should be present on the grounds of principle (right to know), she did give the critics of a closed meeting fuel for their cause.

"These men are big enough, and have enough knowledge of how to handle people, so that they could do something under the table—if they wanted to," she said. "I guess you could call them 'smooth operators,'" she laughed, "but I think they're fine enough men never to try to put anything over on the public."

Contrasting Miss Wyland's present opinion of the board with her hesitant wariness prior to being elected to that body it seems as though opening the board meetings might be the best public relations move the board could make.

## Lion Missing Rain Today

The Nittany Lion is still ignoring the weather.

He will miss even today's predicted cloudy, mild forecast calling for occasional showers. In fact, continuing to live it up in that remote mountain hide-away, he probably will not even feel the 45 to 50-degree high scheduled for today.

But woodland sources report the Lion is tiring of his gay adventures and may return to campus in the near future.



—Daily Collegian Photo by Bob Lloyd

OFF ON A FLIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE are 3600 books for the library of St. Francis College, Loretto. Wesley Bergey (left), chairman of the drive to collect the books, and John Felus, senior in business administration from Gallitzin, help load a truck for the 55-mile trip, paid for by the Insurance Club.

## Brill, '21, Former Instructor, Named as 'Woman of the Year'

Julia Gregg Brill, retired 1921 graduate, has been named the Penn State Woman of the Year for 1958.

The award was established by the Board of Trustees

last year for presentation "to a woman whose personal life, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of her Alma Mater." She will receive the medal that accompanies the award June 13-14 during the Alumni Institute program.

Miss Brill, who lives in State College, received her bachelor of arts degree in arts and letters in 1921, master of arts in 1927.

Before becoming a faculty member here in 1924, she taught in the public schools of Luzerne County, at Town Hill and Huntington Mills. She taught history

and latin at Bloomsburg High School and European history in Allentown High School.

Miss Brill was named to the first executive board of the re-organized Alumni Association in 1930. During her 20 years on the board she was vice president of the association for several terms. She has been president of the Alumnae Club of Centre County.

She retired in 1954 as professor emerita of English composition. She was vocational counselor of women in the College of the Lib-

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# Mack Resigns FCC Position; Insists He's 'Done No Wrong'

WASHINGTON, (March 3/AP)—Richard A. Mack resigned his \$20,000-a-year post on the Federal Communications Commission under strong pressure tonight, but still insisted he had "done no wrong."

President Eisenhower accepted the 48-year-old Mack's resignation immediately, voicing agreement with Mack that his usefulness to FCC has been seriously impaired by a House investigation of his conduct.

The resignation came a few hours after pounding congressional pressure on Mack to quit reached a climax with the threat of impeachment proceed-

ings against him. Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.), chairman of the special House subcommittee which has been investigating the FCC said Mack's resignation was the only thing the commissioner could do "in the light of all the circumstances."

Harris, who voiced the impeachment threat, said as the situation now stands, Mack is still scheduled to testify before the subcommittee on Wednesday, and the FCC inquiry will continue.

Earlier, President G. T. Baker of National Air Lines, pictured Mack as being crucified—as the fall guy for a conspiracy to which Baker linked several senators. The senators will have a chance to testify later in their own defense if they wish.

Mack's ouster was demanded by most members of the House

# Cabinet Endorses Steele's Judgment In N.Y. Expenses

By DAVE FINEMAN and DICK DRAYNE

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The "actions and judgments" of All-University President Robert Steele's questioned expenditures in New York City were endorsed by All-University Cabinet last night, with three members abstaining.

Steele admitted to a "mistake in judgment", that of spending an extra night in the city, but he said it was "not a malicious wrongdoing."

The prepared motion, presented by Lorraine Jablonski, president of Leonides, said:

"All-University Cabinet endorses the actions and judgments of our All-University President."

The three Cabinet members who abstained from the vote were Robert Nurock, president of the Liberal Arts Student Council, George Thompson, president of the freshman class, and Edward Dubbs, editor of the Daily Collegian.

Steele explained he was "overcome by a rather normal and natural inclination to stay over one night."

In this, he said, "I'm afraid I failed to live up to my responsibilities." "In my position," he said, "this is not allowed."

As to the other accusations, Steele said, "In my heart I feel I have done absolutely nothing wrong."

Explaining the fact that the \$2500 check was taken personally to Larry Sharp's family, Steele said: "We are not an insurance company paying a claim nor was this a check from a charity." He said he "wanted to show Sharp and his parents what the students were doing."

"As far as I'm concerned," Steele said further, "taking along Robert Yeager was 'justifiable.'"

He said he wanted someone to help him through the "highly emotionally charged" experience of meeting the "boy on his back who may never walk again" and the parents and sister.

The choice of Yeager, Steele said, was based on two things. "There was no one else here to go," it being right before the Christmas holiday—Yeager lives near-by in Bellefonte—and he is "entirely qualified as a student leader, or simply, just as a student. He was a perfectly reasonable choice."

Steele explained his expenses: Meals, \$21.00—"I do not think the meals were extravagant. I am used to eating well, and not used to eating in a hamburger stand." He said George L. Donovan, co-ordinator of student activities, had told him that when a person is "representing the University, he will travel in a decent, respectable and first class manner."

Hotel, \$20.36—The sum of \$9.50 a night "is not extravagant in New York."

Taxis and tips, \$17.00—"When you travel in places like Philadelphia (Continued on page eight)

## Benner Pike Named For Widening

The widening of Benner Pike to a 4-lane highway is included in a \$3,103,600 state highway program for 1958, it was announced yesterday.

The Benner Pike stretch is from State College to Dale's Summit, a distance of 4.16 miles, will cost about \$1,500,000 and is part of \$2,040,000 in contract construction.

Other major contract projects announced by J. J. Kelmar, district engineer at Clearfield, are construction from Pine Grove Mills to Boalsburg, 5.86 miles, \$335,000; Millheim bridge, .5 mile over Elk Creek in Millheim Borough, \$150,000; and the Coleville Bridge, .28 miles, \$55,000.

These contract jobs begun last year will be continued: Zion to Hublersburg, 7.79 miles at a total cost of \$675,407.51 and Hublersburg east to the county line, 3.98 miles at a cost of \$500,000.

Work to be done by the Department of Highways crews consists of the building of three bridges, one near Oak Hall, one near Romula and another in Curtin Township.

A total of 8.71 miles of 14-foot roads will be widened to 18 feet at a cost of \$207,100.

Highways Department forces completed a \$743,500 program in 1957, Kelmar noted.

## Skating Party Brings \$556.26 To Sharp Fund

A total of \$556.26 was collected from the skating party for Larry Sharp sponsored by Sigma Nu and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

John Donahue, Sigma Nu chairman of the skating party, said a check for this amount will be sent to Sharp's parents. In addition, he said, \$25 was received for Sharp from the Sigma Nu chapter in Texas which will be added to the skating party funds to be sent to the Sharps.

Several coeds in Simmons sent a \$5 check to Sigma Nu also to be added to the skating party money.

An estimated crowd of 400 attended the skating party Friday, helping the Sigma Nus and Kappa Kappa Gammas to go over their \$500 goal for the party.

## Student Injured In Car Accident

Donald Hastings, special student from Milesburg, was treated at the health center for multiple bruises of the chest, hand, right knee and leg as a result of an accident Thursday morning.

Hastings was struck by a car operated by Paul Barton, Bellefonte RD 1. Police said he ran into the path of the Barton car while crossing the street at the intersection of College Avenue and Pugh Street.

## Leadership Course Shingles

Shingles for persons who completed the Leadership Training course are available at the Hetzel Union desk.