

Editorial Opinion

Wanted: Guts!

The disclosure by James B. Long, president of the Board of Trustees, that he personally favors opening the board's meetings to the press and the public seems to be what a number of people would like to have said—but didn't have the courage to.

Long's position that open meetings would create a "healthy situation" agrees exactly with comments expressed by this newspaper nearly two months ago.

But members of All-University Cabinet only last month voted against even asking the board to seriously consider opening its meetings. Cabinet members then turned around and voted to investigate possibilities of having the All-University president sit in on the meetings, apparently indicating that they really would like more direct information after all.

Probably the argument advanced most widely against open trustees meetings—and one of the major reasons for Cabinet's switch—was that the protective shell of secrecy is in some way responsible for keeping the board a body of men of unusually high caliber.

This argument, which was advanced by Cabinet opponents of open trustees meetings, also has been advanced by high administration officials.

The University is indeed fortunate to have as trustees men of the stature of James B. Long. But it is highly improbable that such men need "protection."

And it is also highly improbable that Long—who has served 15 years on the board—would form a personal opinion for opening trustees meetings without giving the matter a great deal of serious consideration.

Many persons—students and administrators alike—appear to have acquired a deathly fear of change, an overpowering concern with what administrators and trustees might think of their actions and a resulting inability to decide issues on their merits.

These persons appear to have dominated much of the action of the 1957-58 All-University Cabinet. It is most fortunate that the trustees themselves have never operated on these premises, which would virtually end Penn State progress.

It is our sincere hope that the 1958-59 All-University Cabinet will have learned a lesson from the pitfalls their predecessors failed to avoid, and will decide issues with the courage of their convictions and those of the student body.

The Changing University

It appears that whether students like it or not, they will be going to more and more noon and night classes as they are now attending more and more televised lectures.

And although we still prefer small classroom instruction to large televised lectures, morning and afternoon classes to evening classes, lunch at noon instead of class, and school nine months a year instead of 12, it appears these things are on their way out.

The expected influx in enrollment is causing the University to use as fully as possible its present facilities.

The University has been a pioneer in TV-teaching, which allows one instructor to teach hundreds of students, all with front seats. The University has just revamped its class schedule to obtain more use from the present facilities during "off-afternoons," noon hours and evenings. The University is also studying the possibility of going on a quarter, trimester or similar system of gaining more year-round use from its present facilities.

While students may grumble about all this, the fact remains the University has an obligation to the Commonwealth to use its facilities as efficiently as possible to help meet the crisis in higher education.

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Letters

Alumni Lauds, Defends Coeds

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to "Two Specimens of Womanhood" (April 11 Collegian), I would like to comment on Mr. Pressman's observations. In my experience with Penn State coeds, covering about six years, I have found them to be as fine young women as can be found anywhere.

In these troubled times, it is much to their credit that they can so calmly go about their main purpose of finding a husband, marrying and having babies.

Today, in sight of the Iron Curtain farmers are tilling their farms, fishermen are casting their nets, and life goes on; and it must go on, regardless of the cries of alarmists and scare-mongers.

Perhaps one of these frivolous females will one day be married to an engineer working on a missile development project. If so, I hope that at the end of the day she greets him with a big kiss, a smile and a well-prepared dinner; and permits for him a few minutes to steal a little peace and quiet from the strain he is under.

If Mr. Pressman could not find intellectual stimulation with his two friends, perhaps he should take notice of their more obviously desirable points, by virtue of which they are able to make life easier for those around them.

—Bob Hawk, '56 Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle

Gazette

- Agriculture Council, 7 p.m., 214-215 HUB
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Job Interviews

Companies interviewing Apr. 30: Allied Chemical & Dye: BS in Chem E, Chem, EE, ME, Mng E. Douglas Aircraft Co: BS MS in Aero E, ME, EE, CE, Math, Phys, Eng Sci. Pomeroy: BS in Bus Ad, LA, Psych, Ed or anyone interested in a career in retailing. (Males only) Lincoln Electric: BS in EE, ME, Metal, Chem E. CAMP INTERVIEWS Camp Wonderland (Penna.), April 18

Hansen to Talk Tonight On 'History of Jazz'

Dr. Chadwick C. Hansen, instructor in English literature, will speak on "The History of Jazz" at the meeting of the Belles Lettres club at 7:30 tonight in Simmons lounge.

Hansen, who received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota in English and American studies, wrote his doctoral thesis on jazz.

Bank Official to Speak

David Eastburn, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, will speak on "Current Monetary Policy" at 7:30 tonight in 109 Osmond.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Didn'tcha see th' sign, buddie?"

Washington Beat

Ike's Big Moment—Pitching the Ball

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON (AP)—The sun shines brightly. The band plays loudly. The infield grass is a beautiful green.

What a day to be president of the United States!

For thanks to a tradition that goes back to William Howard Taft, a president is expected—nay, almost commanded—to be around for the opening of the major league baseball season.

A president may not give a hoot for baseball for the rest of the year, but on this day it would be downright un-American to admit it.

And so they come, in steady procession, to throw out the first ball.

The weakest arm is generally thought to have been Wilson's, the best is conceded to have belonged to a pinch pitcher. Vice President Henry Wallace got off a magnificent throw, almost all the way to second base. Which proves the value of practice at throwing the boomerang. That was one of Wallace's hobbies.

Dwight D. Eisenhower isn't much for spectator sports—he repeatedly has said he's more interested in playing the game than in watching it—but who is he to trifle with such a political tradition?

He flew about 500 miles from Augusta, Ga., and his beloved golf to be here for this game between the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators.

Thirty-five minutes before game time, the preparations are almost finished.

Know what the most important piece of equipment is at an opening day baseball game? No, it isn't a fielder's mitt. It's a stepladder. The photographers already are perched on

them, like alert starlings, around the presidential box.

Lots of nice contrasts. The Capitol, magnificent in the distance, if you can see around the big bear ad.

And during a lull in the spirited band music, you're startled to hear chimes ringing out, "Nearer my God to Thee" from the church across the street.

The U.S. Army band, tooting cheerfully along, suddenly switches to "Hail to the Chief" without missing a beat, the first sign most of the customers have that the President is arriving.

There is a brief moment of excitement when a flashbulb explodes near the President but, except for nervous flutters among many of the Secret Service men scattered throughout the stands, no damage is done.

And now, the big moment. The President draws back, makes a fake throw, and then tosses one that Whitey Herzog, Washington outfielder, grabs, largely because he had the foresight to stand up front, like a third baseman watching for a bunt.

Then Eisenhower throws another one, and this is hauled in by the Senators' batboy, Jimmy Ryan.

And so the season is on, and all the traditions are observed. But the consensus is the President needs a little practice on the boomerang.

