

Editorial Opinion

The Board of Trustees

The University's Board of Trustees will open its annual winter meeting in Harrisburg this afternoon.

One item of the Board's agenda is the Senate's recommendation to switch to a voluntary ROTC program.

As usual the Board's agenda has been kept secret. The Board meets behind closed doors. Its agenda is not pre-announced. Only those actions which are approved are released to the public.

The fact that ROTC is going to be discussed is known only because President Walker revealed it when the Senate passed the action last October.

This closed door policy of the Board is incongruent with the wish of this university to be recognized as THE state university. As such a state institution, it would be bound by the state open door act as passed by the Pennsylvania legislature. This act requires all state agencies to conduct their policy-making meetings in open session.

Also proceedings which are held behind closed doors, naturally arouse suspicion. In this particular instance, where the Board is making decisions which affect many, if not all students, the secrecy is especially unwarranted.

On the ROTC issue we hope that the Board will accept the recommendation of the University Senate and approve the institution of a voluntary ROTC plan.

Voluntary ROTC has been fully discussed on both local and national levels. Its merits clearly outweigh any drawbacks.

The ROTC program has been studied and restudied on this campus for almost a quarter of a century.

A proposal for a two-year voluntary program on a nationwide scale is presently before the United States Congress. We feel this development emphasizes the merits of a voluntary program.

As it is a matter of national defense, we feel the aim of the ROTC program should be to produce the best officers possible to lead the nation in this perilous era.

It seems obvious that the best officers are going to be the ones who are truly interested in the program. They will put maximum effort into it.

Time is of the essence. Let's pick that fruit which has been ripening for over 23 years.

Sams Shows Faith in Students

We would like to add our sincere thanks and appreciation to the multitude of such expressions which have been coming in to The Daily Collegian office for Henry Sams, head of the Department of English.

Dr. Sams' statement to The Daily Collegian, concerning the English department's relation to Froth, was one of courage and faith in students almost unheard of at this University. His is an attitude which makes students want to do a good job in their endeavors. It is extremely welcome in this day and age when too many seek to force students to do good jobs.

The Daily Collegian strongly believes that student interest and student achievement would flourish under such an atmosphere. Students would feel that University personnel were counting on them—not scrutinizing them—that University personnel believed in their capabilities—not played along with their "silly games."

Such is not the case at present. Dr. Sams is in the minority. This is deeply regrettable.

During the fall term the editor of this newspaper described the feeling of oppression she found in communist East Berlin: "The situation cannot remain as it is. A fire cannot burn without an oxygen supply." This is equally true of student expression at this University. When students are so limited, their chance to take responsibility so oppressed, the estimates of their capability so depressed, they are left without an "oxygen supply." This situation cannot remain either.

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All too rare is the talent for writing news stories with the subtle element, the between the lines touch. Rarer still is the art of making the "tongue-in-cheek" bulge not so obvious that it looks like a case of mumps.

There is a way some journalists have of reporting the news completely, factually and objectively, yet indicating in an indirect manner the comment pro and con that may have been raised about their subject. Other writers create such dry stories that they might as well be one-inch fillers on page 39 for all the information you really get.

Consider a recent unsigned example from Reuters, the British news service. Some hack could have written the following and have been done with it:

"The Korean government has announced that its \$5 million recreation center for United Nations forces and foreign troops in Seoul is nearing completion."

The Reuters man, however, expanded this item and, even sticking to the facts, has written a piece that may cause some economist to wonder about underdeveloped nations and all that.

The project involves more than

pingpong tables and checkerboards. It is termed by many, he says, a "Las Vegas of the Far East." The government officials say the country needs the center to boost its tourist industry, but "critics say the project is an extravagance for a country which had nearly to double its money issue in two years to finance public works."

The building was financed by Gen. Chung-Hee Park's military regime and is thus not a flashy demonstration by the United States. The center, however, is called "Walker Hill" in honor of the late Lt. Gen. Walton Walker, commander of the 8th U.S. Army. And the main structure of the hill that bears his name is "a futuristically designed hilltop bar with its main frames in a 'W' shape."

Our Reuters correspondent then simply listed what will be housed in the buildings, and I for one wonder how that battered old American image will stand the strain if the Korean people ever see it and its principal patrons in action.

"A 95,000 square foot, 4-story building houses a 550-seat night club, a 24-hour service grill, a gambling casino, a slot and pinball machine room, a 4-lane bowling alley, an indoor swimming pool and Turkish baths.

"Bus tours will be organized to historic sites in an around this 600-year old capital and to new

attractions at Pannumjom in the demilitarized zone." My sense of respect for war dead forbids sarcastic comment on this one.

I kept reading this little gem in Saturday's paper and wondered how such depth got into anything other than the almighty and hallowed New York Times. Then the reporter calmly wrote that the five hotels on the hill are named after American generals who were U.N. and 8th Army commanders during the Korean War, such as the Douglas, the Matthew, the Maxwell, the Lyman and the James, for Generals MacArthur, Ridgeway, Taylor, Lemnitzer and Van Fleet. Honored, sirs?

Maybe the Reuters man took delight in writing this piece about his American cousins, especially in light of recent bristling backs on both sides of the Atlantic. Regardless of motivation, he prodded the imagination with his last paragraph: "Walker Hill officials expect American soldiers, rather than civilian tourists, to be the main guests, for the time being." I'll bet.

I've been told by my contemporaries that maybe the project will really provide the Korean economy with a needed boost. Perhaps. But the Reuters dispatch says much that indicates that the only pump which will be primed is the one at the bar. Sayonara to Seoul's picture of Americana. Or maybe they know us too well already.



MISS MILLS

Letters

Review of '62 Called Misleading Pro Problem

TO THE EDITOR: Of course since 1963 begins, a review of the events of 1962 is most interesting.

"Williams Reviews Past Year" which appeared in the issue of Jan. 19th, I believe, is a letter that leaves much to be desired. Apparently, Williams did not give much thought to it, as most of the points are highly misleading and mythomaniac.

Indeed it is obvious that when Williams says that "the Communists advanced throughout the world scoring significant victories in . . . Algeria," he is ignorant of the fact that Ben Bella prohibited the Communist party in Algeria last December.

Williams speaks of freedom of

the press being denied in America; this may be true, but I believe that freedom of the press is nothing absolute, and that the national interest should overrule.

Williams further refers to the United Nations "continued invasion and atrocities against the pro-West Katanga." I wonder whether he speaks for Senator Dodd or for himself. We all know that the United Nations is in Katanga at the request of the Congolese government.

It is evident, according to his statement, that Williams would rather go along with Henrick Verwoerd and "Roy Boy" supporting Tshombe in their attempts to establish "white supremacy in black South and Central Africa, than the "atrocities" of the United Nations in Katanga. Would he likewise support the South in seceding again from the United States?

Lastly, Williams says that "this year will also see a further decrease of the free world with British Guiana going Communist."

I wish he would differentiate between the sweeping wind of socialistic nationalism, characteristic of most colonies and former colonies, and creeping international communism.

Let's review, but positively, please.

—Almouzar Maiga, '64

Campus Beat

'Smaller' Classics

WDFM has discovered a new influence in the field of classical music. It's that trend known as "smaller" classical works. On their program schedule sent to the Collegian last Friday night, one classical music program featured some "smaller" classical works. I wasn't brave enough to tune in and hear them.

—Prof Wayne

WDFM Schedule

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1963
- 4:15 "The Philadelphia" Franck; Symphonic Variations D'Indy; Symphony on a French Mountain Air
- 5:00 Dinner Date: Relaxing dinner music; Schultz & Recht
- 6:00 News Analysis: Summary of day's news
- 6:15 Weatheroscope: Joel Myers
- 6:20 Concert Hall
- 7:30 Highlight: USG; Morris Baker reporting
- 7:40 Radio Moscow: Tapes from this Russian station
- 8:00 This is the Subject: "Problems of Education in Africa"—roundtable discussion
- 9:15 Mostly Music: Accent on Jazz tonight
- 9:55 Campus News on AM and FM
- 10:00 Classical Canvas: Two hours of classical

Pro Problem Solution Given

TO THE EDITOR: I agree with you that something should be done about the number of students on probation. It is my considered opinion that if a student is on probation, he or she should be reprimanded in some way.

An athlete who is on probation cannot compete in sports, and I'm sure if one would take the time to check, there would certainly be a smaller percentage of athletes on probation in comparison with the record of the whole school.

I feel that if a student were on probation, he or she should be limited in his or her participation at dances, sporting events, etc. One way of implementing this limitation would be to give students on probation some sort of distinguishing characteristic on their matric card, and when he or she comes to an event where one needs to show his matric card, they would be barred.

Of course, this is a sneaky way of relieving the fact that places such as Rec Hall and Schwab Auditorium are overcrowded, but I believe that if a student has good marks he or she should have priority over the student with poor grades.

After all, learning is the main reason why we attend this great school, and once the student realizes that fact, I'm sure the number of students on probation would drop.

—Joseph Melusky '64

2 Congratulate Sams on Stand

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations to the English department and to Dr. Henry Sams! It's very comforting to know that someone on this campus doesn't want to act as a censor to student expression. It's a welcome and happy surprise which I'm sure many of us appreciate.

Thank you very much for the vote of confidence.

—Judy Mathe '65

TO THE EDITOR: Kudos to Harry W. Sams, head of the Department of English, for his enlightened and courageous stand against censorship.

To prefer a "spontaneous magazine expressing student sense and sense of humor" is a truly noble principle to expound in a "sometimes" imperious atmosphere.

Jim Caplan '66

