

All good things come to an end

By Sheila L. Bickel
Entertainment Editor

The Collegian...Some of you read it, some of you don't. A select number of students care about the paper and others would never notice if it was gone, but for a very few of us, *The Collegian* has been something bigger than many of us would have thought.

Everyone likes to feel as if they belong to something bigger than themselves and for many of us on the staff we have found that feeling.

It is very difficult to sum up what being a part of this organization has meant to me because after this issue nothing will ever be the same.

A new staff with new ideas will start out a new year. Whether the changes are good or bad is not for me to decide. That's your, the reader's, job. But I would like to take a chance to thank everyone who has been there.

Jen Colvin: Not only is she the best Editor that anyone can ever have the privilege to work under

but she is also one of the most genuine individuals I have met. She has a strength that not only surprises us but sometimes herself. She has a made tremendous strides with the paper and those who follow have VERY big shoes to fill. Some will succeed but none will match her accomplishments.

Tom Keefe: I can't even count the number of times he's saved my ass! Regardless of the space I need to fill, Tom has an ad to put there. He has accomplished so much for his age and he has me in a constant state of awe. He also helps me keep things in perspective and that is a blessing in itself. Tom doesn't put restrictions on his friendship, he just cares.

The Staff: This year has definitely been my favorite of the four primarily because of the people. Danielle, Plizga, Tim, Colleen, Mike, Sara, and everyone else, you guys are the best! I wish all of you the best of luck with your future projects and I will truly miss the Wednesday night stress fests.

My Advisors: Kathy and Ursula are two of the most amazing teachers I have met. I know I never say it enough but I truly respect both of you. You have shown me that doing the right thing is the ONLY thing worth worrying about.

My Sisters: What can I say about this group. I love you all! Everyone has stood behind me during the tough times and helped me celebrate during the good ones. You guys know how much the paper has meant to me and it is a wonderful feeling to hear your words of praise and your comments about the paper. Thanks.

Greeks: We all know that the administration on this campus is against us and probably will be after many of us are gone, but if we stand together in a unified front (like we did in SGA) we are a force to be reckoned with. I urge all of you to take advantage of the paper. Remember this is a STUDENT run paper for the STUDENTS! Greeks are students too and deserve a fair shake the same as any other organization.

To anyone that I have forgotten, I apologize. I feel as if I just won the Oscar and now I have to give my speech. But I don't give speeches...I write.

Anyone ever involved with a newspaper knows that the experience changes you. I know that I personally have changed and gained so much from the past four years working with this project.

I also know that I have given a little part of myself to this paper. I have given it freely and asked nothing in return. Everyone on this staff has and those who will follow after us should realize this. This is not the administration's paper or one individual's paper. It is OUR paper. And though I leave the paper a little rough around the edges because of the battles we have fought, I take with me something that no one can ever destroy...PRIDE. I'm proud of what I've done and proud to be associated with this wonderful organization.

But as the old saying goes...All good things must come to an end.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll find something you like in a mail-order catalog while browsing this week. Avoid petty bickering with a family member later in the week. In romance, it's best to keep your feet on the ground.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You probably won't be in the mood for large get-togethers this week, as socializing isn't in the stars. Inmate tête-à-têtes will suit you fine. A business proposition is not what it appears to be.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A spur-of-the-moment shopping expedition could lead to an exciting purchase for the home. A business proposition may have strings attached, so tread lightly. Exercise good judgment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll be receiving some helpful information from a business associate this week. However, you may feel that a child or a romantic interest is not giving you the full story. Get to the bottom of this.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to shop for yourself. Buy something that will make you feel good and bolster your flagging morale. A friend may seem demanding. Guard against fuzzy thinking this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You may not be in the mood to handle a work project this week. Interesting news comes from someone who lives at a distance. A weekend end concern may have you a bit bewildered.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Impatience could mar work efforts this week. Slow down and do a good, thorough job. Avoid disputes about career concerns. You'll treasure extra time for yourself this weekend.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partners make decisions this week involving the use of joint assets. Guard against overspending on pleasure later in the week. You could feel someone is not telling you the truth.

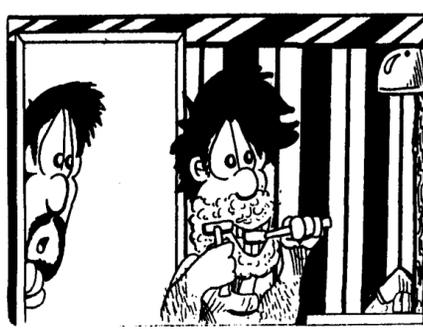
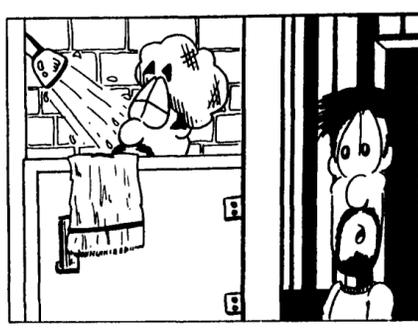
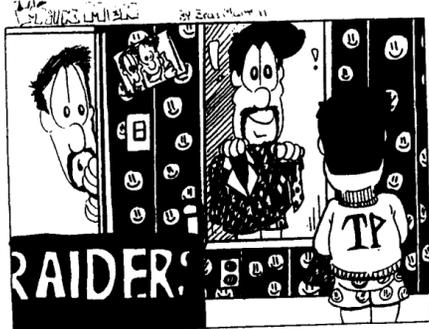
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend entrusts you with a confidence, but later in the week, you could encounter some misinformation. You'll want to spend some time now on completing an unfinished task.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be willing to ask for help if you need it this week regarding a do-it-yourself project. Not everything is clear this week about a job concern. A relative may get on your nerves.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You may find a work project tedious or difficult this week. A co-worker could extend you a weekend social invitation. It's best to be clear-headed where romance is concerned.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll be socializing this week with family members. Extra expenses may arise in connection with travel. A domestic concern seems a bit confusing this weekend.

© 1997 King Features Synd., Inc.



Contemplation of an enchanted dream

by Jason Simmons
Collegian Guest Writer

I wave my hand at the sky and the clouds blow away. The sun shines, the lillipops dance, and the women frolic and play. I strike the strings of my lute on this sunny day and the women frolic and play. Notes of dreams float the atmosphere in eloquent array. They circumnavigate this college on this sunny day. Reverie invokes the frolicking women to arise and follow my leading steps, as my lute! do play.

Instead I place my lute upon the ground; to frolic on a sunny day is but a dream while the women frolic and play. I have been sad, and then I have been cynical. Of now I feel the melancholy of the times, and I have been melancholy. I have been gleeful and effervescent until the bubbles of joy transmuted to an entropic flattened state. This realm has granted me an array of emotions that I dare never to repeat, never to forget, for it is my history. Next

year I will sojourn me to University Park and I, the pied piper, have yet to play.

How may I play my lute when it plays dreams, not music? My dreams rise like hot air while reality descends upon the ground where I step. A year in the past, when the jolly holiday season reached its end like a donkey screaming as it is thrown from a cliff by an evil Mexican, or maybe it was a good Mexican and an evil donkey; the first week of semester two has begun. It was an ecstatic time for me, for a shy female of whom I opened up would be the respondent of my dating question. I never asked, for I was told by another of her previous engagement earlier that day. I was glum in the piano room that day.

Perhaps you know who you are. It is you, pretty girl with blonde hair that shines golden like copper. I still feel hurt for what I could not have, though it was through no intention of yours. I am only sad. I only knew- if I was only told. You did not know. I was spun in a dust devil of contagion over you during the last year. Upon brushing the dust of love

from my sleeves I continue my contemplation. I will remember you.

How may I play my lute if I am alone? I have been alone, yet I have had friends, good friends. Thanks Tom. Of all of those female, they have their friends. What am I to do? If I do stand alone should I not play my lute for real?

I am benevolent, not malign. I am gentle, not impeding. I am honorable, not nefarious. I am cynical, not hopeful. I am musical. How may I not play my lute if I do know how to play it? I must learn to create, not to encounter.

The notes of my lute regenerate this realm. The ponies, gumdrops, and lillipops dance once more, but for the first time. The sun shines and the women frolic and play. I lead them with my lute into the enchanted forest adjacent to this land. We dance in merry circles smelling the sweet gumdrops growing from the canopy. Herds of centaurs gallop upon the sacred ground. An elven choir sings to my lute, they sing Hava Nagilah. Fairies and sprites hora upon the glittering canopy. They break a branch of olive tree and place it upon the head of my dancing body. It forms a crown for all to see, for I am no longer your pied piper. I am your emperor.

Censorship ?

by Doreen Foutz
News Editor

From what I understand, the administration wants to influence the content of the *Collegian*. Is there an attempt by the administration to get rid of the current *Collegian* staff because we chose not to print administrative press releases and we ran controversial material? I heard through the grapevine that the administration is upset because of this year's *Collegian* and *Collegian* staff in general. This is fine. I am glad. This shows me that we did not allow ourselves to be controlled by the administration.

Our student newspaper is not to be used by administration as a way to get press releases published. The *Collegian* is not an administration newsletter—they have the bulletin for the distribution of their information. Why, may I ask, is our STUDENT newspaper staff being dictated by administration?

Just for general information I would like to bring to your attention that the Dean of

Students at another college in Pennsylvania was fired. Why is this important, you ask? He was fired for his attempts to censor the college's student newspaper. The students complained about his overbearing presence, sort of what I am doing right now, and he was fired. Yet, our administration tries to censor our school paper. This makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?

How can a communication major gain the valuable experience he or she will need to join the work force when the administration picks the people it likes to work for the *Collegian*? First, the administration took away my chance to gain radio experience. There is nothing for me to do there. I can't run the boards. Instead, I can sell advertising and listen to talk radio. Maybe I should have gone to Gannon.

At Gannon the students run the music station, they announce school events, and they even get to run the boards. Our business/talk radio station here doesn't allow any of this.

Now the administration wants to censor our student newspaper. Great, why don't they choose the whole editorial board, what can be run, and after all this maybe the press releases will be printed.

Thank you administration for the chance to gain my much needed experience. I started on the paper as a writer, then an assistant editor, and now I am an editor. This is my thank you for all of my hard work? The administration doesn't want any of the current staff to return. This, I guess, includes me. Thanks for understanding that this is a student run, student read newspaper.

I honestly wonder how many students know that only one person applied for the editor-in-chief position by the original deadline. Only one person. One. But, since certain members of the administration weren't too fond of this one applicant, they quickly opened up for more applications. This is only one more example of how the *Collegian* is being censored. Fight for your right to read what is important to you. How interesting are administrative press releases?

I am sorry that certain members of the administration did not see my work on the *Collegian* as progress in a positive direction. My efforts were those of a journalist. Journalists are not supposed to print only the good, but instead are to find the controversial issues and expose them. Apparently any controversy here at Behrend is supposed to be kept secret.

Good luck to next year's staff. Maybe if some more of the school's information is printed then maybe more faculty and staff will read the paper. This should be the goal of all student newspapers...

John's farewell

John Amorose
Collegian Staff

What a long, strange trip it's been. I've been ranting and raving in my opinion column for a semester now, and this is it; the final cut, the big kiss-off, the great big hug good-bye. From smoking to cloning to reverse racism, I complained about almost everything, but I'm far from done. I'm going to take what could turn out to be my final opportunity to set some things straight. (Warning: those with heart conditions and expecting mothers should be advised to please leave the room. Things may get out of hand.)

First of all, I am not, nor have I ever been, a racist. And those of you in my reading audience that choose to believe otherwise are flat-out wrong. And like Forrest said, "that's all I have to say about that," Ms. Henry.

Second, for Loretta Brandon, the "anti-smoking" lady, listen up. I'm going to smoke until I decide it is time to quit. And the more of you nonsmokers that get in my face, the more cigarettes I'll smoke. I'm going to get a job, and probably a good one, whether or not I stink of smoke and ashes or not.

My final shout goes to the powers that be, the establishment, the proverbial "man"; everyone who has sat back in his or her own respective offices on his or her respective butts and criticized our dear *Collegian* (I will not use any names to protect the innocent). Why don't you do something about it? No one comes down to the office on Wednesday's when editors and their assistants are putting in at least seven or eight hours. You are all not down there when we must fight to use the two good computers, or the two light tables. Next

semester, why don't you so-called critics come down and squeeze into our tiny office, where the entire staff really can't maneuver around each other, it's unbearably hot, and, well, it sucks. But we do it anyway. Each week, the staff comes down and does the best job that they can, regardless of classes, work, or whatever other obligations come with being a college student. And personally, I think it has been a damn good paper this semester, despite what "they" say.

In closing, I believe this is the first rung in my personal ladder of greatness, and you have all been a part of it (well those of you who read me). To you all, I am eternally grateful. And if you are to learn one thing from my endless tirades this semester, let it be this: don't complain quietly. If you don't like something, let it out. Write letters. Write articles. Stand in front of the Reed building and shout "We will not go quietly into the night!" We, as students, pay the salaries of each and every staff member at Penn State-Behrend. So basically, they work for us. Don't take what they have to say as scripture. Question the knowledge. Question the authority. It is your University, and it's time to take it back! Power to the people! Attica! Attica!

So farewell to you all. I'll close with the immortal words of my second favorite person in the world, Roger Waters. (Tammy, you know you'll always be number one in my heart). "Finally I understand the feelings of the few. Ashes and diamonds, foe and friend. We were all equal in the end."

Peace, Love, Empathy,
John Amorose.

Auf wiedersehen !

Colleen Fromknecht
Opinion Editor

Well, it's that time of year again. As we wind down the semester we start to turn our thoughts to the summer and what it holds for us. The last week of classes will pass quickly, then we will have to face the week of dreaded finals. After that, we will be faced with blessed peace, at least for a short time.

It always amazes me to find that the semester is almost over. I am never quite prepared to see it end; I feel I have left too many things undone. Yet I am not crazy enough to wish that it could be extended.

This semester I tried a new activity. I joined the *Collegian* as its Opinion Editor. For those people who know me the question is why did it take you so long? I am not known for having an unassuming personality. As a matter of fact, I am more likely to tell you my opinion whether you want to hear it or not. I guess that this makes people uncomfortable.

Yet I am not going to apologize for making people uncomfortable. It is important, especially in today's society, to communicate the wrongs and injustices we see all around us. If we do not holler loud and clear, there will be too many people who will not stand up for others, and even more who think a certain kind of behavior or action is permissible.

So I make people uncomfortable. I bring up issues which I think are important and it forces (I hope!) people

to think about them. If they agree with me fine, but if they don't that's fine too. That's what America is about. Healthy discussion from all kinds of viewpoints which enables us to make intelligent opinions about our lives.

If you feel the issues I raise are irrelevant and are a waste of time to think about, I feel sorry for you. Every day people get burned by the "little things" that "don't matter". This view is optimistic. All oppression starts with the "little things." That is the way tyrants consolidate their power. Do you think Hitler immediately started imprisoning Jews when he first came to power in Germany? Heck, no! He worked up to committing those atrocities.

So beware, never let someone in power "handle" things for you. Always question what they do. It is especially true in a college setting. We are spending big bucks and deserve to get top quality for our hard earned dollars. If each student attending Behrend took an active part in seeing how his or her money was spent, I bet our lives here would be much different.

So I joined the *Collegian*. I am vain enough to think that I made enough people think and question some of the goings-on around here. But I am always fully aware that most people don't care, and the newspaper provides about ten minutes of entertainment before being discarded.

So I'll leave you with one final thought. Peace!