

Collegian's Policy

Collegian has been attacked many times, and perhaps rightly so, for concentrating on campus affairs in its editorial columns, while ignoring vital national and international issues, and for taking sides with important issues that come up in student government. For this reason, Collegian wishes to restate its editorial policy.

1. In political campaigns and elections, the Collegian remains impartial. Since there is only one campus newspaper, the staff sincerely believes that it would not be justified in favoring one party, since the other party would not have a voice through the press. This is the same policy that is followed in many cities where there is only one newspaper. Therefore, junior and senior board members of Collegian are not permitted to participate in politics.

2. The Collegian does not have the facilities, at present, to print national and international news, and therefore does not feel justified in discussing these issues in its editorial columns. Until the Collegian returns to a daily basis, it prefers to remain simply a campus news organ.

3. All unsigned editorials in the Collegian are written by the editor-in-chief, and express the opinion of the majority of the senior, or governing board, of the paper. Signed editorials are written by members of the senior board, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the entire staff.

4. The Collegian reserves the right to take sides in campus issues, other than politics and elections, in an attempt to sway student opinion to the side which the staff feels is the right side. To cite a present example, the Collegian staff feels that political platforms should be more than vote-getters, but should actually be feasible and be carried out once the party gets into power.

In following this policy in its news and editorial columns, the Collegian makes an earnest attempt to live up to its motto, "For a Better Penn State." Like all other newspapers, the Collegian is human and is subject to human frailties, or mistakes. For this reason, the "Letters to the Editor" column is open to any reader who wishes to express his opinion, whether it affirms or opposes Collegian editorials.

Welcome, Mothers

Tomorrow Penn State will revive one of its most honored traditions, May Day and Mothers' Day weekend. This will mark the first time since the start of the war that a weekend has been devoted solely to mothers.

Collegian welcomes the hundreds of mothers who will be visiting the campus over the weekend, and earnestly hopes they will enjoy the many events and entertainment that have been planned for them.

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Old Mania

By BARBARA INGRAHAM

Dreams of postwar parties came true along Fraternity Row last weekend. And once again couples observed the old State tradition of attending at least two house dances on a Saturday night.

Listed on the social calendar was a revival of the Miami Triad Dance for the Sigma Chi's, Betas, and Phi Delta Thetas. Also a SPE p'edge dance, a Theta Phi Alpha-Phi Kappa pledge dance, a Chi Phi turn-about party, and an afternoon dance followed by a dinner at the PIKA house.

Sigma Chi's, Sweethearts

Glimpsed at the Triad dance were these Sigma Chi's and their sweethearts . . . Bob Jones and Kappa Lois Maloy . . . John Sidery and Theta Marty Ball . . . "Legs" Erdman and AChIO Gerry Reinhart . . . Bud Kirkpatrick and AOPi Charlotte Schibetta.

Dancing to the music of Sonny Roy at the PIKA house were Tom Lannen and Kappa Marjorie Tyson . . . Fred Strathmeyer and Phi Mu Betty Watts . . . Bob Lewis and Jean Hunger . . . Bob Heckel and Gamma Phi Gladly Lou Miller . . . Chuck McClellan and Gamma Phi Marge Seibert.

The Theta Phi Alphas and the Phi Kappas had their pledge dance at the Phi Kap house Saturday night. And as was to be expected lots of the Phi Kaps escorted TPA's. To illustrate this point there are these couples . . . Julia Pastewks and Nick Kaniuga . . . Beatrice Glover and Jim Bosnick . . . Bea Shaw and Pat Mooney . . . Ginny Luckey and Bob Shilling.

Turn-About For Coeds

At the Chi Phi turn-about party the girls found out some of the fine points of lighting a fellow's cigarette and helping him to put his coat on. Some of the Chi Phi's and their dates were Hal Pratt

and AOPi Pat Trester . . . Matt Scyeller and AChIO Doris Moran . . . Whitey Saint Clair and KD Clair Harvey . . . Jake Minford and AOPi Lucy Seifing.

From our rings for co-eds files comes the news that Margaret Bitner is wearing a sparkler from Bud Sailer. Bud recently returned from Japan . . . AEPi Sonny Fuchs is engaged to Harvey Barsha . . . TKE Dave Lundy gave a ring to ChIO alum June Thomas. Helen Chapman has received a ring from Jack McWilliams, a Temple boy . . . Avis Wardrip and Jim Morrow are engaged. Jim is studying music at Juniata College.

They're Still Doin' It

Chi Phi Jack Evans gave his pin to Gamma Phi pledge June Snyder . . . Three Kappa Alpha Thetas received fraternity pins. Barbara Kriney is wearing a Sigma Pi pin from Walt Funk, ditto Betsy Heagy from Sigma Pi Jack Smith. Jeannie Weaver is pinned to Chi Phi Bob Rose . . . Phi Sig Delt Lou Rosenfelt gave his pin to Phi Sig Sig Janet Schmidt . . . Sigma Pi Fred Smith and Marty Koons are pinned.

Spoudekasters Suzanne Broude and Jean Ann Thompson trekked down to Annapolis last weekend . . . and this weekend AEPi Ruth Rosenbaum is planning to visit Dickinson for a Phi Epsilon Pi house party.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of the Engineer, there appeared an article written by three residents of the community of Windcrest who signed their article as three X-GI Engineers.

I am making a public reply to these men, in an effort to clear up the erroneous impressions which they have sought to create.

The statement was made that the College does nothing but make promises when requests are made for improvements. Since these men have failed to consult the present administration of Windcrest as to what promises have or have not been made during our contacts with the College authorities, I cannot see how they can state with so much certainty that promises have not been carried out. I am sure that the College authorities have not made any promises to individuals in Windcrest that they have not made to members of the administration. I wish to state publicly that Windcrest has had the complete cooperation of Mr. Ebert and his staff, Mr. DeMarino, Professor Galbraith, and all other College authorities, insofar as is humanly possible, in making Windcrest a more pleasant place in which to live.

Adds Improvements

I quote directly from the article which appeared in the Engineer: "The College saw that the trailers got here and put them up—period." In answer to this, I say emphatically that it is a deliberate falsification. Furthermore, I present the following evidence to substantiate my statement. The children's play pen has been erected, the painting of the trailers is proceeding satisfactorily, grading and seeding of the lawns is also progressing at present, and I might mention a letter which I sent to Mr. Ebert at the beginning of this semester.

In this letter, I requested repairs to certain common facilities and the installation of several conveniences. Mr. Ebert's response was prompt and efficient and the requested repairs and installation of conveniences were accomplished within a few days. I would like to present also the fact that the College has made available to us the ground on which we have instituted our community gardening project. The College has cooperated with us to the fullest degree by plowing, harrowing, and fertilizing this ground for us and supplying gardening tools which are available to any and all residents. Still further, without solicitation

on our part, the College has indicated its desire to equip our community hall with a complete recreational library for use by our residents.

No Profit

These three X-GI's state that the College always has been, and always will be a great one for making money. My answer to this statement is that the College is absolutely forbidden to show a profit on the trailer operation. At the present moment, there are exactly four hundred and eleven (411) names on the waiting list to obtain a trailer. The inference is plain enough; I shall comment no further.

When these three "X-GI Engineers" signed their leases for occupancy of their trailers they agreed to abide by all rules and regulations. One of the stipulated rules is that no electric hot plates, toasters, irons or heaters are to be used in the trailers. By stating what happens when one of these appliances is used, these men are making a public confession of their refusal to abide by the rules. For their information, I would like to point out that this rule in particular is designed to safeguard their families and personal possessions. The electrical load limit is five hundred watts per trailer and usage of a higher load may result in serious consequences from fire.

Lack of Confidence

I deplore the lack of confidence in the Council and myself shown by these men. We live under the same conditions and we understand that these conditions could be more advantageous. However, were it not for the trailer community, I fear that many of us would be forced to forego our college education or at best to put it off for several years. Our community is not designed as a permanent replacement for normal housing conditions but merely a temporary expedient to enable the maximum number of X-GI's to take advantage of the educational facilities provided by the GI Bill of Rights.

I would like to point out that Council meetings of Windcrest are open to the residents of Windcrest. There are no secrets in the administration of our community. The Council would like to have any complaints or suggestions brought up at regular meetings, either by the residents themselves or through the member of Council who represents the zone in which the resident lives. I am sure that these three

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Bullosopher

BY FERDINAND

J. Solvency Dingleberry, only feline to ever win a Palmer penmanship award for his fine Spencerian handwriting, came limping into the Collegian office this morning, his right forepaw swathed in bandages.

"Another run-in with the College administration," the Bullosopher queried, "or did a car run over you at the corner of Al'en and College which still doesn't have that stop-light you recommended a few weeks ago?"

"I'm a victim of circumstances," Dingy asserted. "For once I didn't have to open my mouth and stick my foot in it. I've got writer's cramps from signing so many petitions."

Dingy, who has a wide-awake, alert outlook on politics both local and national, admits the dubious value of petitions. But the situation in State College is fast becoming ridiculous.

Alarm Clock Petition

Only this past week a petition was circulated in Atherton Hall to have alarm clocks installed in the wall of every room. Within a half-hour, 35 signatures were listed. Of course this is an extreme example, but nevertheless it reflects the confused attitude on the part of harassed students who are being called upon to sign numerous petitions.

Dingy doesn't remember signing so many papers since the semester his father, old Tom Cat, cut off his checking account. While there is little likelihood of cutting down on the number of signatures one will be called upon to give during the current petition-signing fad, there is a possibility of cutting down on the general chaos.

Why not have all petitions cleared through Student Union desk at the beginning of each week? Then, all related petitions could be neatly stacked by Mr. "Where's my Student Union" Donovan for the convenience of those who want to sign.

Little printed notices could be posted, listing the petitions for the current week with a short paragraph devoted to reasons for signing. If student interest favoring Dingy's proposal is indicated, he will start circulating a petition to petition petitioners.

Dingy's Picqued

Dingy, slightly picqued because women's honoraries tapped the other day without including him, may be slightly biased in calling the following facts to our attention:

Of the 31 women tapped by Cwens (a national sophomore activities honorary founded by the late Thyrsa Amos, Dean of Women at the University of Pittsburgh and brought to the campus in May 1928), 26 were sorority women and 5 were independents. The selection was made from a group of 600 women. A further breakdown shows that the Chi Omegas and KAT's each had seven; the Alpha Chi Omegas, four; Delta Gammas, three; Kappa Kappa Gammas, three; and the Kappa Deltas and Gamma Phi Betas brought up the rear with one each. Our congratulations to the five lucky independents and the 26 sorority women.

Coincident Department

There is no similarity between the above story and the nasty rumor that the KKG's, ChIO's, AChIO's and Thetas swung a deal to pack Home Economics honorary offices, we have been assured.

NROTC News

By TOM KELLY

The Navy Ball at the Nittany Lion was a great success indeed. The intermission offerings of Pfeleeger and Mitchell; the rhythm section of the Navy Band; Trinity, the local vocalist; and the Navy quartet went over smoothly. This in spite of considerable competition from the other end of the hall where, what appeared to be a private party was pursuing its course. However, in spite of the antics in the background we managed to hear half the jokes, and most of the songs.

Hit Parade

Our choice for the song least likely to make anybody's hit parade is one particular trainee's rendition of "I'd rather date a Zeta true, than date the Queen of Kalamazoo."

Numerous trainees are announcing their intentions of getting married as soon as they're out of the Navy, as it says on page 312 of Barrett's Familiar Quotations, "How weird."

Believe It or Not

The NROTC Nittany Sea Lion will appear on schedule in case you've been worried.

Joe Eastlax and Nick Bibbo vied for the attention of a young lady Saturday night at White Hall, Bib by resorting to underhanded tactics emerging victorious.

Well, since this has been a draft week, with no trainees jumping out of windows, as we say in French 2467, A'voit.