

# A Statement On Collegian Policy

With this issue a new staff assumes control of and responsibility for the editorial content of the Daily Collegian.

Although there may be, in individual cases as they arise, changes in Collegian policy under this new regime, there will be no change in the basic policy of the Collegian in regards to the coverage of campus news.

So that there may be no confusion, let Collegian's news policy be clearly defined.

Collegian makes every reasonable effort to cover all the major news on campus and to print information of interest to special segments of the student body. Although as a student newspaper we are under obligation to cover the news in general, we are under no obligation to publish any particular item.

News play is a relative matter, contingent upon what is happening on an uncounted number of news fronts. We cannot at any time promise to give major prominence to any story, or even to guarantee that it will be printed.

Naturally Collegian does its best to print as much of the significant and interesting news that it can, but each story must be evaluated in relation to other stories breaking the same day.

As regards campus politics, Collegian favors neither party, but cannot always allot equal space for news which is not of equal importance or significance.

Collegian editorial writers are given virtually free rein in order

to present as many viewpoints as is possible. Editorials express the opinion of the writer and are subject to standards of good writing, good taste, and good sense. In its editorial columns Collegian feels free to criticize student government, the student body, the administration, and any other campus groups and individuals, and to comment on off-campus events.

There is not a set, editorial policy on any particular issue. Collegian's idea is to present viewpoints rather than dogma.

As to general editorial policy, we are for the College, but this does not prevent us from seeking to correct what we think to be amiss.

Collegian is partly financed by student funds, is published by and for students, and it therefore feels an obligation to the student body as a whole. We believe that the Collegian can serve the students best by being a newspaper, not a propaganda machine for any group or organization. No special group is synonymous with the student body. Thus, news stories are not considered by us as publicity, but as news, and they are printed because of their news value.

News stories are written as matters of fact, not because Collegian supports the views expressed therein. Reporters are expected to make every attempt to be unbiased and objective. It should be remembered that writing is a subjective process and reporters—even the best of them—

are subject to the normal human failings.

Collegian will not knowingly withhold names from news stories, nor suppress information, merely because it might reflect to the discredit of some persons or groups. The persons and groups are responsible for their words and actions, not the Collegian. However, all such material will be weighed and not be printed unless it is deemed to be in the public interest.

Collegian has the right to report the proceedings of any meeting which is also open to the public and is a matter of record. We take a dim view of those persons who, in open meetings, request that their words not be reported. We shall require good and sufficient reason for not publishing their remarks.

Collegian also reserves the right to report details of any meeting to which a reporter has been admitted in his capacity as a reporter, and if secret proceedings are to take place the reporter should be asked to leave. However, the fact that he has been asked to leave will be reported if it is significant.

Since it feels free to criticize, Collegian is open to criticism from any quarter and welcomes it. We object strongly, however, to the attitude that Collegian is expected to support any particular group, person, or program.

We reserve the right to think for ourselves.

—The Senior Board

# Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Aw, this course ain't so rough. I never cracked a book in it last semester."



## The Way We See It

By MARV KRASNANSKY

"Judge people by the company they keep" is an old proverb. Like most proverbs it sometimes applies and sometimes does not apply.

In the current American scene it seems to be a watchword. "Judge people by the company they keep." Guilt by association.

If you are unfortunate enough to have belonged to one of those organizations that has been tagged "red" or "red front" by the United States attorney general or the committee on un-American activities, that makes you a red or red-fronter.

This is the sort of thing that can work both ways, however, as we will attempt to show.

On April 11 Generalissimo Franco was given the Medal of Merit of the American Legion in recognition of "his valiant fight against Communism." The medal was presented by a representative of Earl Coker Jr., national commander of the Legion.

Were anyone to suggest that the Legion were a fascist or fascist-front group, all heck would break loose. But, this is exactly the same kind of reasoning the Legion and other self-appointed patriotic defenders of the "truth" (as they see it) have applied.

Pennsylvanians were given a taste of this kind of reasoning not too long ago when the protests of the Legion led to the cancellation of a dance program by the Pearl Primus dancers in Harrisburg. That the protest of the Legion against Miss Primus was responsible for the cancellation of the show here at Penn State seems painfully obvious.

What was the Legion charge against Miss Primus? Her association with certain unnamed New York organizations.

The Legion used this flimsy guilt by association technique with success against Miss Primus, and can be expected to use it again. The Legion succeeded in barring Miss Primus without even naming the organizations she is said to have been associated with. This is kangaroo evidence in a

kangaroo court. This is the same kind of evidence, the same kind of logic by which the Legion could stand convicted of being a fascist organization.

There is another interesting and important facet to the case under discussion. In its eagerness to fight communism, the Legion has probably contributed to the communist propaganda machine.

President Eisenhower, among others, has on more than one occasion suggested that the war we are fighting today is a war for men's minds. It is an ideological war, a war in which our footing is precariously weak if we choose the Francos and the Perons of the world as our allies.

The memory of Commander Coker may be short, but the people of the world have not forgotten who were the allies of Franco. As the New York Post asked, "why isn't (the Legion) presenting posthumous decorations to Franco's ex-partners—a couple of guys named Adolf and Benito?"

So we have the rather disgusting picture of the voice of the American veteran honoring an ally whose former partners snuffed out American lives in a war from which the guns are still cooling. And neither, it might be added, is Franco himself entirely clean of American and Allied blood.

The men in the Kremlin must have had a big laugh over this one.

## 'Please Vote' Old But Worthy Story

With student council elections due to begin this morning, it is once again time to run off the usual "please vote" editorial.

Last year, an unprecedented turnout for the elections of council members in six of the College's eight schools resulted in a record of 30 per cent participating in the balloting.

This ridiculously low figure does not indicate anything in particular, except perhaps apathy. The reason could be because not enough students know what the councils are for and what they do.

Each year \$1000 is divided among the eight school councils to be used for whatever they see fit during the year. Concern over \$1000 of student money should, in itself, be sufficient to bring more than 30 per cent to the polling places.

The student councils, since they are in positions to maintain close contact with the deans of the schools, often help in formulating policies that very directly affect all the students of the respective schools.

The councils are not compact bodies, but are fairly large groups, composed of representatives of all four classes. Large as they are, they find it necessary to convene from two to four times a month in order to conduct their business.

Since those nominated for the positions have shown themselves inclined to do this work, the favor of a vote is not too much to ask of the individual student.

—Bud Fenton

## Safety Valve . . .

### Wants 'Linesman' As Senior Gift

TO THE EDITOR: Seniors! Penn State is fast becoming known for its good taste in acquiring outstanding works of art. We believe that such works as Mr. Henry Verner Poor's murals in Old Main and our Lion shrine are enjoyed by all students. These were senior class gifts of past years.

This year, seniors are getting the opportunity to present another major piece of art to Penn State. This is the statue, "The Linesman," beautifully sculptured in red Swedish granite by William Zorach. Mr. Zorach was a guest lecturer last semester, making a lasting impression on those who had the pleasure of hearing him.

"The Linesman" could be placed in the courtyard of the new dorms, on the Mall, or in the main entrance plaza of our proposed Student Union building. The cost of only \$5000 would still leave \$3000 for another gift. Let's give something beautiful and memorable—"The Linesman."

—Members of Scarab, architectural honorary, and Phi Gamma Alpha, art honorary.

## Gazette . . .

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Equitable Life Assurance society will interview June graduates in C&F Saturday, May 5.

National Biscuit company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Electric Storage Battery company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., and E.E. Thursday, May 10.

Bell Aircraft Helicopter division will interview June graduates interested in working on helicopters Monday, May 7.

Harbison-Walker Refractories company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., and Cer. Wednesday, May 9.

Pennsylvania Railroad will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Air Preheater corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., and a few in E.E. and Chem. Eng. Thursday, May 10.

Portsmouth Naval shipyard will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., and C.E. Wednesday, May 9.

Aluminum Company of America will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Metal, and Chem. Eng. Friday, May 11.

Standard Pressed Steel company will interview June graduates in Metal, M.E., I.E., and C&F Wednesday, May 9.

H. J. Heinz company will interview students with a basic training in Chem. & Biology for summer work Monday, May 14.

Navy Bureau of Ordnance will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Phys., Aero. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., S.E., Metal, Meteor., Mining Eng., and PNG Tuesday, May 16.

Allen B. Dumont Laboratories will interview June graduates in E.E. Thursday, May 17.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

West Dorm residents wanted for regular work in dining commons for remainder of semester at 60 cents an hour.

Male student wanted to work all three summer sessions in exchange for room on 300-block East Hamilton street.

Waiters and counter boys for local restaurant at 50 cents per hour.

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Tuesday, May 1

BELLES LETTRES club, Prof. D. K. Merrill speaker, North East Atherton, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE organization, 409 Old Main, 8:05 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business candidates, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business junior and sophomore boards, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS club, election of officers, 218 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.

LIBERAL ARTS student council, 108 Willard Hall, 8 p.m.

NITTANY BOWMEN, 209 Engineering C, 7 p.m.

PANHELLENIC council, 208 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE club, nominations and movies, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGY club, movies, 204 Burrowes, 7:30 p.m.

WRA BOWLING, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.

WRA FENCING, White Hall, 7 p.m.

WRA OUTING club, Southwest Atherton, 5 p.m.

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