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Collegian Supports the Right to Know

The primary function of a newspaper is to communicate to the human race what its members do, feel, and think, and in as far as possible to lead that thinking to just and honest ends. The Daily Collegian believes the student body, as its reader, has within the law the right to know.

Often a newspaper is faced with the question: "What good will publishing this article do?" A great newspaper, someone has said, may be described as one which permits its reporters to print whatever they find to be true. It is not the responsibility of the newspaper to do good in everything it prints. It is the responsibility of the newspaper to be honest and fair in everything it prints. No newspaper can bind itself to always do good in a world where its job is to report what is in itself often bad.

In reporting what it finds to be true, a newspaper makes many enemies. People only wish to know the truth so long as it does not injure them. It is only when they themselves are harmed by truth that people find press freedom unnecessary. This newspaper, however, will continue to allow the expression of liberal views in its columns.

The Daily Collegian is not one of the chosen. And although it realizes its unique responsibility, it is not above reproach. It will pursue its duty as it finds it: to find, write, and produce the news with the maximum of verity and sincerity of purpose, without bias, prejudice, or hope of gain.

For many years this newspaper has carried

the legend "For a Better Penn State." It is the Daily Collegian's belief that the best way to a better Penn State is to praise its attributes, justly criticize its faults, and present the truth about it. For to present anything other than the truth about Penn State would be distortion and falsification. And falsification is not the way to a better Penn State.

It is not the intention of this newspaper to be a propaganda organ for any special interest. The Daily Collegian, though operating under College sanction, is not the voice of the College administration. It is the voice of the student body only so far as its staff can interpret that voice. And it does intend to be a voice for what it believes right and reserves the privilege under law to justly criticize groups whose actions affect the student body.

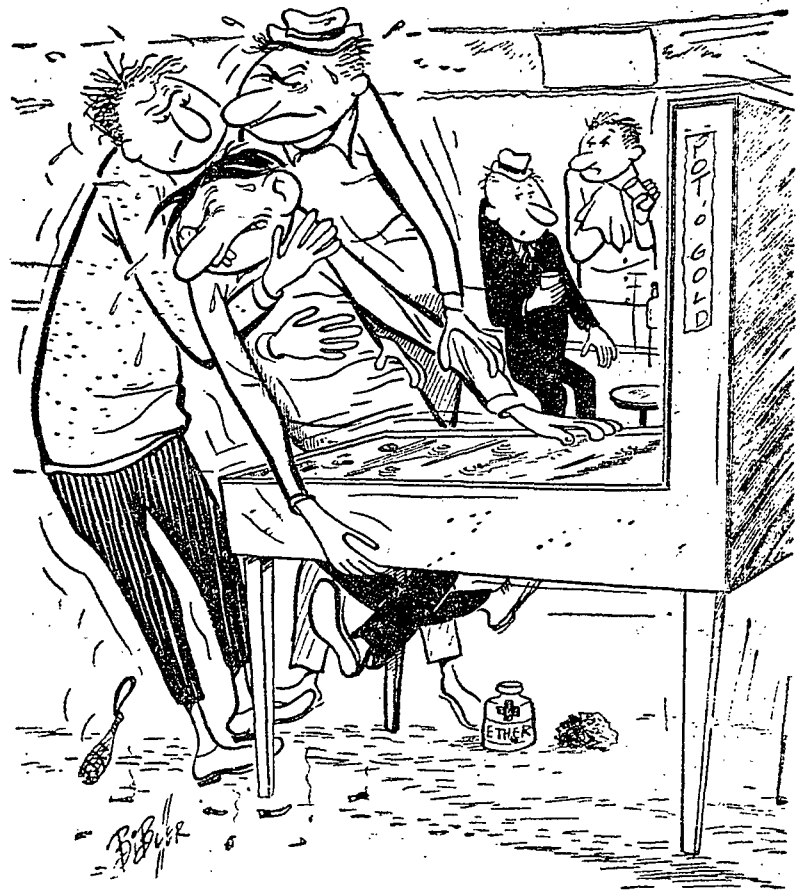
In its process of reporting, the Daily Collegian will sometimes be wrong. It is the privilege, as it is the duty, of this newspaper to make prompt and complete correction of its own mistakes in fact or opinion. And it is the privilege and duty of the public to be critical of the Daily Collegian when it is wrong.

A newspaper thrives or decays upon its reputation for accuracy or lack of accuracy, but no newspaper can be more accurate than those members of a critical public whom it quotes, or upon whose statements it bases the articles it publishes.

These, then, will be the principles to which the 1953-54 Daily Collegian dedicates itself.

—The Senior Board

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"—An' then 'bout two weeks ago he joined 'Pin-Ball Anonymous'."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Collegian Presents Its New Policy

By DAVE JONES

Today the senior board of the Daily Collegian presents its editorial policy for the coming academic year. These are the principles upon which the paper hopes to operate until a new staff takes over next April.

In establishing its policy, the Daily Collegian has been necessarily idealistic. Someone has said to aim for the steeple is to hit the church. If this newspaper cannot attain its ideals, it will at least have the satisfaction of trying. And in its attempt an improved newspaper will result.

To present an accurate picture of the news, a newspaper must be as objective as possible. In trying to be fair, we will make many enemies. In refusing to serve a special interest group, we will alienate many people. This is, unfortunately, the price of objectivity.

Although the Daily Collegian attempts to be an organ of student expression, it will not carry editorials written by non-staff members. Signed editorials are the expression of a staff member's belief. Unsigned editorials are by the editor.

Students not on the Daily Collegian staff who wish to express opinion may do so through a signed letter to the Safety Valve. This newspaper reserves the right to edit or withhold any letters submitted to it for publication.

Many times the Daily Collegian, in presenting editorial opinion, sets forth conflicting views. We do not feel, however, that these conflicts belittle the newspaper. Rather, they are further expression of an attempt for objective and complete reporting.

Many Daily Collegian readers believe this newspaper the official voice of the College. This is not true. Although we operate under College sanction, we do not profess or intend to be a voice of the College. We do tend to be the student voice, but we can only be the student voice insofar as we can interpret that voice.

The Daily Collegian assumes under the law the responsibility and right to attend open meetings to further student information. This newspaper will not be bound by off-record statements at open meetings and will not be bound by statements labeled off-record after the statement is made. If a Daily Collegian reporter is removed during an off-record statement in open meetings the public must also be removed. And this newspaper reserves privilege to report such removal if significant.

The Daily Collegian has been differentiated from other campus groups because of its responsibility. This newspaper realizes that responsibility: the responsibility to be truthful and accurate in what it says.

Decision, Decision, Always Decisions

James J. Crowley has quit his job on the railroad. He doesn't like railroads. He never did. And when the railroad he worked for converted to diesel locomotives he decided to quit. The diesel engine looks to him like "a one-eyed Cyclops that took all the rail out of railroading."

But Crowley is not a man to rashly make up his mind in a hurry. He had thought about quitting for all of the 47 years he had been working on the railroad.

The Real Cat Story!

A dog chased a cat up a telephone pole Thursday in Miami, Fla. and the cat gave birth to four kittens on the pole crossarms.

You'd have kittens, too, if a dog ran you up a telephone pole!

Courage: The Only Cure for Fear

The following article was written for the Toledo Blade by its editor-in-chief Grove Patterson. The Daily Collegian feels it is of particular significance at this time.

At least once or twice a year I like to write something about courage. On the bewildering earth—although in an orderly universe—courage is, I think, the major quality of the human being. We all want peace of mind, but in looking for it, we are too often really seeking for escape. Perhaps we think that by pulling the covers over our heads or hiding in a cave or denying that facts are facts, we shall find tranquility. I am sure it is not found that way.

Unless we are unusually lucky, we are not going to escape the slings and arrows of misfortune. We can, indeed, increase our sense of security and achieve a certain serenity by entertaining no negative thoughts, by thinking affirmatively about every good thing, by an unwavering religious faith, but there come times when our problems call for the plus quality. That quality is courage.

Many of us go about afraid. Even when we think constructively, even when we make a conscious effort to expect only the best, we spend some time in being afraid. Fear is with us in one form or another in too many of our waking hours. Indeed it is with us in our sleep as one may know by unhappy dreams. The unrealistic quality of dreams may rest upon a realistic fear.

No, we can't be sure of escaping anything, but there is one sure treatment for fear—and that is courage. Courage can be cultivated until it is a habit of mind and thought. There comes a time when, faint-hearted and fearful, we must seize ourselves by the scruff of the neck, so to speak, and take courage as a formula and a program. With courage we can do anything. If it hurts, we can do it anyway. Courage is the only cure for fear, and if it becomes a constant habit of thought, it is permanent. It is not what life brings us; it is how we take it.

The most important thing I ever heard a

successful man say was this: "Never be afraid of anything." He had long since given up the unrealistic search for peace of mind by some means of escape. He had finally accustomed himself to face the facts and take them as they came. He had become addicted to the habit of courage, and for him there was no other way. He did not need any other way. I am reminded of something Dr. Mahon said to me once, quoting a railroad engineer: "I will run over the tracks as fast as I can find them."

Our business is not principally with the objective things with which we are confronted, although we cannot or should not turn away from them. Our business is with the subjective, with ourselves. I know that I have failed in many things, but I shall not be cast down. I know that I may have a long and difficult road to travel, but my business is not with the hard road; it is with myself. I do not know that I can do everything that is to be done, but I know that I can do the best I know how—with everything. But no one of us can be sure of that, unless he has adopted courage as a firm policy.

Have you not known people to swagger a bit and pretend to be hard or cynical when you were quite sure they were not that way? They merely lacked the courage to appear as they really were.

Again, it calls for courage not to repeat gossip, or scandal, or an unkind story which will hurt another. It's fun to shock the dinner party by throwing darts. It takes courage not to do it. It takes a kind of courage, at times, to be dull. It takes courage to be silent.

And, finally, it takes a special brand of courage to be good when to be good is at the moment out of fashion.

There may be no better line with which to close this column than one from the Latin of Terrence: "Quod sors feret feremus aequo animo." Someone translated it for me. It means, "Whatever chance shall bring, we will bear it with equanimity."

Gazette ...

April 28, 1953

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COLLEGIAN JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

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