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## Collegian Policy: For a Better Penn State

(Today's issue of the Daily Collegian is the first to be published under the direction of a new senior editorial board. This seems a fitting time to publish a statement of the newspaper's policy as adopted for the 1954-55 year.)

The Daily Collegian is published by and for students at the University, and is partly financed by student funds. Therefore it feels its obligation to the student body as a whole. We believe Collegian can best serve the students by being a newspaper and not a propaganda machine for any group or organization.

Collegian makes every reasonable effort to cover all major campus news and to print information of interest to special campus groups. Although we are under obligation to cover the news in general, we are under no obligation to publish any particular item. Since news play is a relative matter, depending on what happens each day on 40 news coverage areas, it is impossible at any time to promise to give prominence to any story, or even to be able to print it. Collegian attempts to print as much of the significant and interesting news as possible, but each story must be evaluated in relation to other stories breaking the same day.

In regard to campus politics, Collegian favors neither party but cannot always provide equal space for news which is not of equal importance.

Collegian editorial writers are given the opportunity to present as many viewpoints as possible for student readers. Editorials express the opinion of the writer and are subject to standards of good taste and good sense. Our general policy is expressed in the Collegian motto: "For a better Penn State." Collegian supports the University, but we believe overall improvement will result from recognizing and seeking solutions for existing problems. Therefore, Collegian, in its editorial columns, feels free to criticize any campus groups or individuals when criticism is justified. We also reserve the right to comment on off-campus events.

News stories are written with two major factors in mind: accuracy and objectivity. Reporters are expected to make every effort to be unbiased, objective, fair, and accurate in their reporting and writing. However it must be remembered that writing is a subjective process and even the best reporters are subject to normal human failings. Collegian accepts its responsibility to make immediate corrections of any errors in fact which may occur.

Collegian does not knowingly or willingly withhold names or information merely because publication might result in discredit of a person or group. The persons and groups, not the newspaper, are responsible for their words and actions. Such material is not printed, however, unless it is deemed to be in the public interest. Collegian has the right to report at whatever length it sees fit the proceedings of any meeting which is also open to the public, and which is a matter of record. Collegian also reserves the right to report details of any meeting to which a reporter has been admitted in the capacity of a reporter. If secret proceedings are to take place and the reporter is asked to leave the meeting, the newspaper may report that fact if it is significant.

Collegian policy does not permit reporters to participate in meetings at which they represent Collegian except to ask for clarification. On the other hand, staff members present in unofficial capacity retain the right to speak just as any other student.

Since it feels free to criticize, Collegian is receptive to criticism from any quarter. However, we reserve the right to judge for ourselves the practices we consider best for the newspaper, the students, and the University.

—The Senior Board

## Dating Rules and the Academic Program

Two issues will be discussed and voted on by Freshman Council tonight. Both concern more lenient rules for freshman women.

One is the removal of the regulation that first semester women may not date after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The other proposal is to give two special 11 o'clocks to second semester women who have attained a certain scholastic average. The latter seems a realistic solution to a problem of scholastic average.

The number of freshman women on academic probation (having a .5 average or lower) after their first semester is extremely high. If a high number of freshmen women are getting low grades, a moment's consideration is due before handing out privileges.

Longer weekend hours were granted to freshman women last week—this is one new privilege. Before allowing them to date on weekday evenings, too, the situation should be examined carefully.

The no-dating rule is not being enforced at present. Many people feel that an unenforced rule is worse than no rule at all. It is hard to see a way in which this rule could be enforced. Hat societies were suggested, but they are not police agencies, and enforcement should not be their job. Housemothers could give blackmarks

to persons dating after 5:30 p.m. if there were an infallible method of checking on students.

Perhaps when the rule was written, it was felt that in the adjustment from high school to college coeds would have trouble in setting up good study habits. Rather than realizing the importance of studying, some freshmen might stay out every evening until 9:15 p.m. This might result in poor grades. The coed would realize this after below grades come out, but it is harder to bring grades up at this point, than to develop good study habits from the start. This then is a preventative measure.

At present, all students know the rule is there. For those students who need to put more emphasis on studying, it is a constant reminder to them to study.

Consideration should be given before extra privileges are given to freshman women. The best solution in regards to the low averages made by students, seems to be granting two 11 o'clocks to those getting a good average. Until a better program to help students learn to study, no dating rule is of more benefit than harm. Once erased from the books, there will be no reminder to students who tend to forget the importance of studying.

—Dorothy Stone

## Outstanding Frosh: They Should Be Honored

A plan to honor outstanding freshman men, adopted as this year's project for the sophomore class, is something which has long been needed at the University.

Campus organizations are being asked to recommend outstanding freshman men to receive the awards. The reports from these organizations will be compiled by a selection committee, and judged on a point system.

Freshmen will be judged on the basis of extra-curricular activities, scholastic average, and participation in sports.

It has also been suggested that those honored be given activity points toward membership in a hat society during their junior year.

Cwens has provided a means of recognition for freshman women for many years, but until now the men have been left "out in the cold."

As a result, some men become discouraged and feel there is no point in participating in extra-curricular activities. If some form of recognition is given, men may be encouraged to take a larger part in student affairs.

However, the purpose of recognizing freshmen should not be just another means to provide a person a way of making a name for himself. If persons are not carefully selected, the membership might become merely another

social organization and lose sight of its original aim—to honor outstanding freshman.

If membership is selected from those who really deserve recognition, participation in student affairs might receive the boost it needs.

—Don Shoemaker

## Gazette...

Today

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7 p.m., 204 Burrows CLOVER CLUB, 7 p.m., 111 Plant Industries COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 102 Willard DELTA SIGMA PI BUSINESS MEETING, 8:30 p.m., Pi Kappa Alpha STUDENT HANDBOOK ADVERTISING STAFF, 8 p.m., 104 Willard CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., 304 Old Main SOCIOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Home Economics Living Center

### INFIRMARY

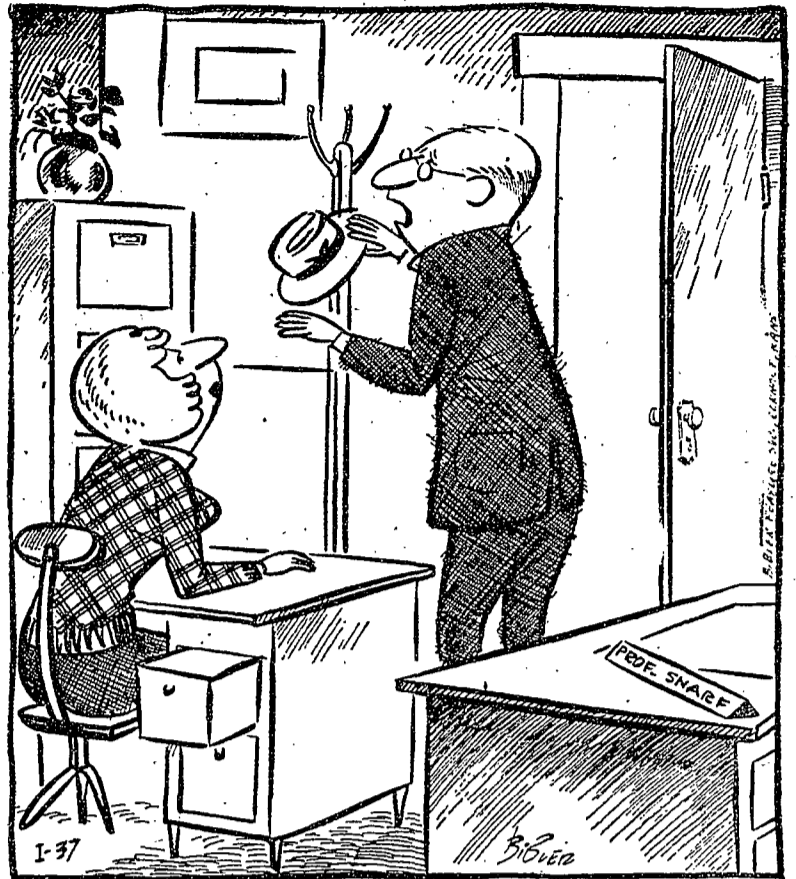
L. Lee Schore, Priscilla Street, Nancy Troland, Jane Mason, Cecilia Poor, Myrtle Mason, Richard Blank, Firman Shoff, Theodore Herman, Chester Potash, Benjamin Lowenstein, Howard Downing, Thomas Glenn, John Pine, Isaac Evans, and James McLean.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Meal jobs available at fraternities.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Call 'Visual Aids' and see if they have a movie they can show my class—I just don't feel like lecturing today."

### Pundt Says:

## African Nationalism Continues Growth

By MARNIE SCHENCK

That there are strong feelings of nationalism in the countries of North Africa and that it is only a matter of time until all these countries win their autonomy was stressed yesterday by Alfred G. Pundt, professor of European history. Pundt, who recently returned from a year in Europe and North Africa, was speaking to the Faculty Luncheon Club at the Hotel State College.

Pundt said nationalism in Tunisia, Lybia, Algeria, and French and Spanish Morocco started to grow when the Ottoman Empire collapsed after Algeria came under French control in 1859 and Tunisia followed later. Lybia was taken over by Italy in 1911.

These countries became centers for widespread investment by the mother countries, Pundt explained. During World War II North Africa became a theater of operation and brought the natives into contact with western culture. This served as an agitation after the war and great hatred of Europeans and Americans arose because the people felt they had been left behind.

Lybia finally received its independence in 1951. Since then, however, Pundt said, the country has been regressing. The country's economy has collapsed because it had been controlled by Europeans and now the local government, especially in Lybia, is doing all in its power to make life unbearable for Europeans, he said.

An example of economic waste in Lybia is shown where the Italians built hundreds of large U-shaped buildings for housing, Pundt said. The buildings are now completely deserted and falling to decay, he explained. Unemployment has become widespread, he said.

Pundt feels that now since the Palestine incident and Lybia's independence that Tunisia and Algeria will soon be freed. He does not believe that the societies for freedom are Communist controlled.

When asked what America's position should be in North Africa, Pundt replied that he thinks America should pull out entirely. At present the United States is building air bases there. Pundt said our presence there only serves to heighten the natives feeling that Westerners would try to control them again.

When questioned about education, Pundt said schooling is compulsory for children from six to 14. However, only one-seventh of the children of Tunisia, one-sixth in Algeria, and 4 per cent in Morocco attend school.

In Morocco, he added, half of the budget is spent on educating the children of Europeans, while

## Marines to Accept Officer Candidates

University seniors and graduates between the ages of 20 and 27 may become Marine Corps officers this year under the Officer Candidate Course program, according to Major Richard R. Bucher, USMC, assistant professor of naval science.

Accepted candidates will begin a ten week course at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., in November 1954. Candidates must hold a degree in fields other than medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, theology, pharmacy, music, or art.

All candidates are subject to serve three years of active service after appointment to commissioned rank. Interested students may obtain additional information from Major Bucher in 201 Engineering E.

## Sigma Delta Chi To Visit Capital

Eleven undergraduate members of Sigma Delta Chi, men's national professional journalistic fraternity, will leave tomorrow afternoon for a Washington, D.C. tour.

The trip has been arranged by Frederick B. Marbut, professor of journalism and adviser of the group.

While in Washington the group will visit the Senate press gallery, Associated Press office, Washington Press Club, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and see a television show. They will return Thursday night.

## Handbook Candidates

Students interested in working on the business staff of the Student Handbook may meet at 8 tonight in 104 Willard.

the total European population comprises only 4 per cent of the population of the country.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
4:00	Baseball—Penn State vs Bucknell
7:30	Record Review
8:00	U.N. Story
8:15	Call Card
8:30	Tops in Pops
9:15	Music News
10:30	Hall Sign Off