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# The Daily Collegian

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## Collegian Policy: For a Better Penn State

(Today a new staff takes over the operation of the Daily Collegian. The policies it will follow throughout the coming year are explained below.)

The main concern of a newspaper—this one included—is to tell the news; to inform the human race about what it is thinking and doing and feeling; to report what is happening and the significance behind the event.

The Daily Collegian's position as a newspaper is nearly unique. It enjoys a measure of freedom many professional and most collegiate papers do not attain. Because of this, the Daily Collegian is a better paper than it otherwise would be. Likewise, we believe, Penn State is better because of this. Only a well informed public can make wise decisions.

Acting under the freedom granted it, the Daily Collegian is able to present the news it feels is significant to its readers. As a student newspaper, Collegian feels an obligation to publish campus news. But it is not obligated to print the news of any specific group or to cover any single event.

News is relative to the other news of the day. The play any one story receives depends on its importance in relation to other stories to be published on the same day. Ultimately, it depends on judgment.

Collegian does not print publicity as such. It prints publicity when what is being publicized is also news.

Collegian always strives to keep its news accounts objective. Writing, however, it must be remembered, is a subjective process.

Not all news is pleasant; in a world where there is ugliness, newspapers cannot report only the agreeable. Newspapers do not make the news; they report it.

To protect some who have made unpleasant news is unfair to the reader and to every other person who is not similarly protected. Therefore, the Daily Collegian will not withhold legitimate news nor will it suppress names unless it deems such action within the public interest. We can think of few instances in which this would be the case.

Collegian reporters attending public meetings have, we feel, the same rights as the public itself would have. If the public were at the meeting it would hear and see all that takes place; likewise, we feel the reporter has the right to report everything

that takes place at meetings he attends in his capacity as a Collegian reporter.

Off the record remarks at open meetings are, in fact, not off the record by virtue of the fact that anyone could walk in and hear them.

The Daily Collegian supports no campus or national political party. It has, however, the right to comment upon platforms, candidates, and actions of any or all parties.

Collegian's relative freedom gives it a complementary responsibility. We pledge ourselves to uphold the responsibility we assume by publishing a newspaper: to keep bias from creeping into our news columns; to exercise our best judgment in the coverage and the play given news; to not knowingly print an untruth; to make corrections when errors have been printed; and to continue to maintain that treating all equally and fairly is the only way to operate a newspaper.

Presenting the news is only one function of a responsible newspaper. It has an obligation, we feel, to interpret the news, comment on it, and exercise its right to criticize. Correspondingly, Collegian recognizes it is open to criticism.

We feel the editorial must be fair and must present an honest—although not necessarily a popular—viewpoint. Collegian does not claim to be the spokesman for the majority of student opinion, the faculty, the staff, the alumni, or the University itself.

At least one of the functions of Collegian editorials is to inspire students to think for themselves. Often editorials pointing out the pros and cons of an issue are printed toward this end.

Collegian's unchanging editorial policy is stated on page one: "For a better Penn State." We attempt to present viewpoints, not dogma. Editorials, therefore, represent the viewpoint of the writer, not the paper. Collegian, however, assumes responsibility for the publication of its editorials.

Editorials and letters to the editor are selected for publication on the same standards: good writing, good taste, and good sense. Letters must be signed, and, we feel, letter writers must assume responsibility for what they say. Therefore, we will not withhold names of letter writers or print false names.

These, then, are the policies we pledge ourselves to uphold during the coming year.

—The Senior Board

## Unfair Counselors?

Men who eat in the Nittany dining halls have been complaining that their counselors, who are supposed to set good examples for them, "cut in the food line." These objectors, who feel they are being treated unfairly, say they think the counselors should wait their turn in the line just like other students.

But counselors who "cut in line" are doing so under orders from the dean of men's office and we feel the dean's office has good reason for making this a requirement.

In order to have a properly disciplined dining hall it is necessary for the counselors to be present while the bulk of the men are eating. If a counselor enters the hall before any of the men do, he will have finished eating by the time the hall is filled, and if he waits for the end of the line most of the men will have eaten and left.

It is the counselor's duty to keep order in the halls. Administrative officers have complained to the dean of men's office because of fist fights, food fights, and water battles while the men were eating. The Association of Independent Men Judicial Board of Review suggested that the men be more closely watched while eating so as to cut down on the number of discipline cases resulting from dining hall misconduct.

Having the counselors "cut in line" at the beginning of the dining times is part of a year-long experiment to determine the effectiveness of

## Gazette ...

Today  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 218 Willard  
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 111 Carnegie  
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Collegian Office  
COLLEGIAN PHOTO STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie  
CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY—ALL STAFFS, 7 p.m., 215 Willard, bring Student Directory  
CLOVER CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 HUB  
FRESHMEN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Commuters' Room, Woman's Building  
HOME EC CLUB, 6:30 p.m., White Hall  
HOME EC CLUB CLOTHING INTEREST GROUP, 7 p.m., 223 Home Economics  
NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rosary, 4:30, Church, Bishop Sheen on TV, 8 p.m.  
PHI MU ALPHA meeting, 9 p.m., tomorrow, 100 Carnegie  
STUDENT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE, 8 p.m., 208 HUB  
YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, 6:30, 214 HUB  
ZOOLOGY CLUB, 7:30, 214 Frear Lab.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Harold Berg, Pauline Christ, Lorraine Cobosco, Richard Divany, Nancy Ehler, Archibald Gentles, Mary Goode, Marcia Gracion, Glenn Heasley, Jay Livzey, Eileen Moffa, Jack Morrison, Asu Tosh Pal, Kenneth Poff, Diane Poole, Milo Rodich, Carol Roland, William Smith, Mark Wallace, Gertrude Winzenburger, Donald Wise.

their presence, James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men, said.

According to the Judicial Board, the number of disciplinary cases in the dining halls has decreased during the past year, partly because of the implementation of the new system.

If more counselor supervision means less student discipline, we are in favor of "line cutting" in the Nittany dining halls.

—Jackie Hudgins

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Well, Prof, I've known the formula all my life—guess nobody ever tried it before."

## Safety Valve ...

The Daily Collegian welcomes letters to the editor. To be published, letters must be signed with a bonafide signature. Names of writers will not be withheld. Letters should be typewritten and are more likely to be published if they are brief.

## No Double Jeopardy in Our Courts

TO THE EDITOR: With regard to the recent letters and editorials concerning whether or not a student may be placed in double jeopardy before a student court, I would like to clear up a little foggy thinking. First, a student who is apprehended by the local authorities for committing some minor offense does not appear before a student judiciary body unless publicity is given the offense and the fact that the offender was a University student.

When a person does appear for the above reason (and there are numerous other reasons a person may appear before one of these bodies) the only charge which is acted upon is: Conduct prejudicial to the good name of the University. The only reason details of the original offense are heard is to make it possible for the judiciary body to decide on the seriousness of the detrimental conduct, and to hear all extenuating circumstances. When judgment is made, however, it is made only on the one charge mentioned above.

The students comprising the judiciary groups themselves are among the most thoughtful and conscientious people with whom it has ever been my pleasure and privilege to work. Several times this year Tribunal has been in session more than four hours considering just one case, and I'm quite sure that all student courts are just as concerned in seeing justice done. Every effort is made to get the facts, and consideration of the offender is the prime rule.

Also, remember that all major decisions and punishments handed down by student courts are reviewed by a Senate sub-committee, which has representation from the student body and from the faculty. Just one more safeguard.

Now, to show how justice at Penn State differs from military justice, which by the way, does not place offenders in double jeopardy either. In the first place, in military justice, trials are not conducted by the offenders' peers. They are at Penn State.

Secondly, unless an appeal is made, little or no review is given the case, and in any case no peers of the offender are present at the review.

And last, but not least, in a military court strict court procedure must be adhered to. No extraneous facts are considered, and no consideration is given the offender outside those granted by law. Student courts do not observe exact protocol, and all forms of evidence, opinion, defense and consideration may be used in arriving at a decision.

These are the facts. Use them to arrive at your opinion of our student judiciary system, and I hope you will agree with me that it is a good and fair one.

—Kaye W. Vinson Jr.

## Students Warned To Be on Alert For Impersonators

Captain Phillip A. Mark of Campus Patrol, has issued a warning to students to watch out for any person in plain clothes posing as a Campus Patrolman. Mark issued the warning yesterday in conjunction with a recent series of blackmail attempts.

Couples parking on University grounds at night have recently been approached by a man posing as a Campus Patrol officer, Mark said. The man, dressed in street clothes, has taken couples' names and addresses; then called up the girls and attempted blackmail.

Various descriptions of the man have been vague, Mark said, and efforts to catch him have been fruitless.

"Any officer on duty will be in uniform," Mark said, "and any officer off duty and not in uniform does not have official authority."

The number of students living off campus, 6705, almost equals the entire student enrollment of 1940, when it was 6779.

## UCA Dance Set For TUB Tonight

The weekly square dance sponsored by the University Christian Association will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 tonight in the Temporary Union Building.

An instruction period will be conducted from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for registered students.

Chauncey P. Lang, professor of agricultural extension and assistant state 4-H leader, will call for the dance.

## Pollock Council Meeting

Pollock Council will meet at 8 tonight in Nittany Dorm 20 to nominate and elect officers for next year.

Frank J. Simes, dean of men, will speak at the meeting.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:25 Sign On  
7:30 Marche Memories  
8:00 Behind the Lectern  
8:30 Music of the People  
9:00 Informally Yours  
9:15 News  
9:30 This World of Music  
10:00 Thought for the Day