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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. The policies it will follow throughout the coming year are explained below.)

The primary duty of any newspaper is to inform its readers of the needs. Since the first issue of The Daily Collegian, its motto has been, "For a Better Penn State." The Daily Collegian attempts to fulfill this motto, and, at the same time, carry out its responsibility to the student body by printing the news, printing it when it happens, and explaining the significance behind the event.

The Daily Collegian enjoys a rather unique position as a newspaper. It is published by and for the students at the University, and is partly financed by student funds. Because of this singularity, it possesses a degree of freedom many professional and most collegiate papers do not have.

It is not the intention of this newspaper to be a propaganda organ for any special interest. Although the Collegian operates under the sanction of the University, it is not the voice of the administration. It is the voice of the student body only so far as its staff can interpret that voice.

The Daily Collegian does not claim to be the spokesman for the majority of student opinion. It is under no obligation to support opinion in matters the Collegian feels may be false or misleading.

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.

The Daily Collegian makes every reasonable effort to cover all the major news on the campus and to print information of interest to the student body. News is relative to other news of the day and the play any one story receives depends on its importance in relation to the other news stories of the day.

As a student newspaper, we are under no obligation to publish any particular item, although we are under the obligation to cover the news in general. We cannot, at any time, promise to give major prominence to any one story, or even be able to print it. Collegian does its best to print as much of the interesting and significant news as it can, but each story must be evaluated in relation to other stories to be published on the same day and the amount of news space available.

News stories are written as matter of fact and not because Collegian supports the views expressed in the story. Reporters are expected to make every attempt to remain unbiased and objective in their reportings and writings.

The Daily Collegian reserves the right to report the details of any meeting with the same rights the public, as spectators, would have. Off-the-record remarks at an open meeting are not off the record by virtue of the fact that anyone could walk in and hear them.

Collegian reporters are expected to take no part at all in meetings at which they represent the Collegian, except possibly to ask questions or clarify a point.

Writing, it is to be remembered, is a sub-

jective process, and reporters, even the best of them, are subject to normal human failings. 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 corrections of its own mistakes in fact or opinion. And it is the privilege and the duty of the public to be critical of The Daily Collegian when it is wrong.

Collegian does not knowingly and willingly withhold or suppress information merely because it might reflect to the discredit of a person or group unless it deems such actions within the public interest.

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, as well as other off-campus events.

Presenting the news is only one of the functions of a responsible newspaper. It has an obligation also to interpret the news, comment upon it, and exercise the right to criticize.

Therefore, Collegian editorial writers are given the opportunity to present as many viewpoints as possible for student readers. However, we feel the editorial must be fair and must present an honest although not necessarily popular viewpoint. Editorials represent the viewpoint of the writer and not the paper. Collegian assumes the responsibility for the publication of its editorials. They are subject to the standard of good writing, good taste, and good sense.

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

Editorial letters to the editor are selected for publication on the same standards as those of the staff members. Letters must be signed and the Collegian will not withhold names of letter writers or print false names.

Collegian does not print unpaid publicity either on the editorial page or in the news section of the paper. The editorial page is not a sounding board for free publicity, and therefore, we reserve the right not to print letters that do not contain good writing, good taste, and, most of all, good sense. Collegian will print publicity only when it is also of news value to the student body.

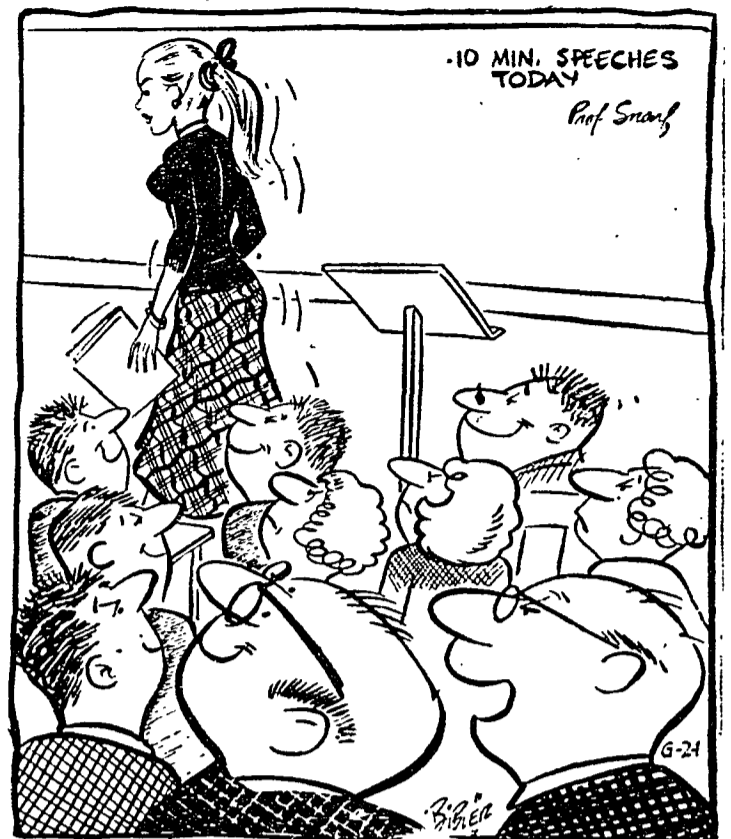
A newspaper thrives or declines upon its reputation for fairness and accuracy, or lack of fairness and accuracy. But no newspaper can be more accurate than those members of a critical public whom it quotes, or upon the statements it bases the articles it publishes. The Daily Collegian feels it has an obligation and responsibility to the student body to thrive and attain a solid reputation of accuracy and fairness. With the help of the student body, we believe that this has been attained and will continue.

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

—The Senior Board

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Think we can get her to do an encore on the Theory of Relativity?"

'Round the Rim

Bustles Of Spring

By BECKY ZAHM



Whipples weather is with us again! It seemed as if spring would never make it, but it finally crept back in the saddle over the past weekend.

And with spring comes Spring Week—one of those better weeks. Having successfully weathered the coronation and variety show last night, tonight the carnival descends upon us like the black plague.

Ride 'Em Cowboy

Assuming that the more stalwart will survive this and the Mad Hatter's Parade, a new twist has been added to this year's festivities. This event, which should prove to be one of the highlights, will take place Thursday night in Rec Hall. The spectacle goes under the nondescript title of the donkey basketball game.

In way of explanation to those who haven't been informed, it goes like this . . . The game consists of a rather unorthodox form of basketball in which the participants ride donkeys. There will be two games—one between fraternity house presidents and the other between campus wheels and profs—all riding donkeys. Therein lies the rub—how to tell the difference?

The Spring Week committee has also thoughtfully provided sanitary engineers for the game. Frothy and the Nittany Lion have the dubious distinction of claiming this honor. There must be easier ways to get a hat.

Mixing Business

Speaking of the Spring Week committee, the Spring Week chairman came up with a winner two weeks ago. While reporting to Cabinet on Spring Week progress he informed them that "Miss Pennsylvania will be here for the coronation, but I'm not yet quite sure of her capacity." Nice talk.

Spring has also brought about somewhat of a national phenomenon with a booming interest in Shakespeare. According to the New York Times it's becoming quite stylish to quote the bard. Shades of Lit. 60! So, brush up on your Shakespeare, start quoting him now. Besides, it fits so well into a normal conversation.

Tea and Sympathy

With finals not too far away, think of the sad plight of forty fellow students. Last week this notice appeared on the blackboard in 217 Willard:

Prayer of Our Petition:
Will the person who made a

96 in the last Com. 1 bluebook please refrain from ruining the curve in the future.

40 Fellow Coffee-drinkers

Beside this notice was a chart showing that in the grade range between 0 and 60 there were forty students . . . from there to 100 there was one. The moral of this story is—drink tea.

Skimming the Surface

Along with the measles a rash of skimmers has erupted on campus. By way of explanation skimmers are the light straw hats with blue and white bands now being displayed in downtown shop windows. They have long been a standby with the Ivy League colleges which well explains why they're just arriving here.

One of my friends, anticipating Skimmer Day at Penn, (pardon the oath) decided to purchase a skimmer at Jack Harper's. After modeling skimmers of all sizes she used her woman's prerogative to dally around making up her mind. Finally, after Mr. Harper produced a red and blue band which could be attached to the hat for Skimmer Day, she bought it.

In all sincerity, I must confess that it does not resemble a Lilly Dache creation on her. It's a lot closer to the truth to say she bears a fair resemblance to the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland. But, on the other hand, it's nice to see some ivy around here other than on the walls.

Tonight on WDFM

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| 6:45 | ----- | Sign On |
| 6:50 | ----- | News, Sports |
| 7:00 | ----- | Dr. Henry Finch Philosophy |
| 7:45 | ----- | Lecture |
| 7:50 | ----- | Romance Languages in Spanish |
| 8:00 | ----- | News Roundup, National and State |
| 8:30 | ----- | Invitation to Relax |
| 8:30 | ----- | Time for Pine |
| 9:00 | ----- | Behind the Lectern |
| 9:30 | ----- | Ag Hill News |
| 9:45 | ----- | The Day's News, Sports, and Weather in Review |
| 10:00 | ----- | This World of Music |
| 11:00 | ----- | Sign Off |