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NSA Critique: Hidden Motive?

The National Student Association got in a neat slap at The Daily Collegian in a report from the recent regional NSA conference which was presented to Cabinet last night by Barbara Hendel, regional director.

Miss Hendel made a special point to ask that the Collegian Editor and any other Collegian personnel read closely the report of the NSA Student Press Workshop which was drawn up by one Edwin Henrie, a delegate to the conference.

She said she felt that there were quite a few good points in the report and that Collegian would benefit from them.

One benefit, at least was derived from reading the report. It gives us a chance to answer some of the many criticisms which are directed at Collegian from time to time.

In essence, Henrie mentioned several things which a campus newspaper should do and then gave his views on how well the Collegian was accomplishing these objectives.

He said that the Collegian was doing a fairly commendable job on all phases except the editorial page. Of course, this gives us just cause to rush to our own defense. We had to debate the move, however, because of 1. the source of the criticism and 2. the paper's general avoidance of arguing editorial policy outside the editorial page itself.

However, for the sake of timeliness we will attempt to defend.

Henrie says the editorials in this paper are "radical." Obviously, a statement of this profundity could come only from someone who really knows what he's talking about. Only someone who has a vast knowledge of newspapering would slam a newspaper for being "radical."

We would be greatly interested to know what the word means, however. Without trying to expound a history of freedom of the press, we ask: "Was John Peter Zenger (father of freedom of the press) a radical in his time or not?" We're not trying to compare ourselves with Zenger, but "radical" is a woefully weak critical term.

To Whom Is the Press Responsible?

Responsible freedom of the press in university newspaper areas has long been a bone of contention on many American campuses. Recently, Sigma Delta Chi, mens' national professional journalistic fraternity, passed at their convention a resolution to increase the study and discussion of campus freedom of the press, with the object of determining in what ways responsible freedom of the press is being abridged.

The problem is basically three-fold.

The major portion of the problem can be attributed to the fact that it is as now impossible to define the nebulous limits and responsibilities of the province of campus journalism. It is a mott point as to whom the campus press owes its basic allegiance.

Another segment of the problem is centered in the fact that often this press is criticized and censured by individual students and university officials who are uneducated in the basic tenets of journalism. Misconceptions as to the role of the press arise from this lack.

The final part of the problem falls to the few campus publications which have abused their responsibilities in the light of the journalism profession. Some university officials have seized these isolated examples as general cause for alarm and eye the campus press with distrust and scrutiny.

How to meet this problem is of essential concern to journalists, students and officials alike. Infringement of the freedom of the press on any scale has a chain reaction in a democracy.

In speaking to the Sigma Delta Chi convention, Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, editor and published of La Prensa of Buenos Aires said that even in countries where there is free ex-

pression there are still ignorant people who believe that freedom is dangerous.

Dr. Paz stated that "Those who fear freedom are also freedom's enemies. There are governments in the Americas that do not deny liberty—they merely do not understand it. There are short sighted rulers who want to reduce the mission of the press, not realizing that the press is essential to the formation of public opinion which alone can make democracy effective."

We hold that by these standards the press owes its prime allegiance to the moral beliefs and ethics of those who comprise it. It is the responsibility of the press and the press only to foster these high qualities.

For a campus newspaper to condone suppression of legitimate fact by any group related to the university we believe violates the ethics of our profession. To alter our beliefs or stands on any issue concerning the welfare of the student body—whether minor or major—is to shirk our moral responsibilities.

The university newspaper cannot and should not be the proponent of any particular point of view—either student or administration. The students who clamor that they do not favor or agree with a stand taken by the paper and the administrations which attempt to control the news which goes into the paper fail to see the objectives of the newspaper profession.

Dr. Paz stressed that the measure of a country's greatness is evident in relation to its press. In the same manner the measure of a university's greatness can be seen in its relation to its press. Only with a free press can a university set into practice the concepts it teaches.

—The Editor

—Becky Zahm

Safety Valve

Olympics and the 'Press'

TO THE EDITOR: The Olympics have ended and similarly the world's hope of utilizing this honorable event for the bringing about of international friendship has gone. Not since Hitler turned his back on Jesse Owens in 1936 has an Olympic meet been so disgracefully mangled by world politics.

The fisticuffs which occurred when Hungary met Russia in water polo may have been understandable in the light of Hungarian resentment. However, I understand that some 5000 fans booed and jeered the Russian "aggressors." They took sides; in this case the side of the favored Hungarian team. This was the most splintering blow to the nature and spirit of the competition.

Yet the Olympics has been doomed since the sickening journalists of the world decided to keep national scores. Is this ethical, just, or sensible? What chance has a Thailand against a United States? Obviously, if this were the objective of the competition, how many countries would consider their chances worth an entry?

"Which country won the Olympics?" What a ridiculous question. What a distortion of sportsmanship. When will you realize, most reverend lords of the press, that the men in Melbourne were athletes, not politicians, and that you of the 20th Century lack the maturity and ideals of men who lived thousands of years ago? You have quenched the Olympic torch with foul ink.

—Matthew Robinson

Little Man on Campus by Biblea



"Remember—I said the test would be over class discussions."

From Here By Ed Dubbs

Christmas Presents

Although it's getting pretty late, I have just begun making out my Christmas gift list.

Deciding what to give the persons on the list is quite a problem, but finding the money to buy the gifts is a bigger one.

Here's what I'm giving and/or would like to give the persons on the list:

Becky Zahm, Collegian copy editor who became famous by feuding with a campus magazine, a life subscription to Froth.

Ron Casarella, Froth editor, a new pair of scissors and a new paste pot.

President Eric A. Walker, top administrative tennis player, a tennis ball.

Mildred A. Baker, director of Food Service, a cook book.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a book, "How to Enjoy the Presidency When You're Too Old to Play Golf," by Harry Truman.

Elmer "Skip" Wareham, instructor of Music 5, music appreciation course, an Elvis Presley record.

All-University Cabinet, that group of student leaders seeking "appreciation" a Supreme Court. Fraternity and Independent men, more places to park.

Judith Hance, Education Council president, a book of Roberts' Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Rip Engle, football coach, a bowl bid next year and a new crying towel.

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, holiday spirit.

Sue Conklin, Collegian managing editor, a bodyguard.

Ossian R. MacKenzie, the athletic dean of the College of Business Administration, a striped pair of Bermuda shorts.

Dr. Ruth C. Silva, associate professor of political science, Truman's Memoirs.

Dr. Frank J. Sorauf, assistant professor of political science, a used "I-Like-Ike" button.

Steve Fishbein, WMAJ's professor of Groovology 54, a new joke book.

C. V. Tummer and Clyde Klutz, famous campus personalities, kicks in the rear.

The Corner Room, something unusual.

Everyone, a merry holiday season.

People, influenced by radio and television and such statements as "the fighting city editor," often see the newspaper business as nothing more than one thrilling experience after another. Believe me, it is far from that.

Wednesday night and early yesterday morning Dave Bavar, Collegian photography editor, and I spent a chilly, damp night in the woods with a search party out for a lost hunter.

To some this may sound like fun, tramping through the foggy Huntingdon County mountains of mud and underbrush, but not to Bavar and me.

It wouldn't have been so bad if we would have gotten a good story, but we never found the guy!

Bavar, incidentally, fell in a creek, camera and all.

Student Injured In Auto Crash

Kermit Yearick, junior in animal husbandry from Mill Hall, received cuts on his head and right knee Wednesday in an accident on Route 45 one mile southwest of State College.

Yearick drove off a side road near the Little League ball park onto Route 45 and hit a car driven by James L. Harpster of Pine Grove Mills, police said.

Harpster was treated for face cuts. Both victims were treated by a State College physician. Damage was \$700 to Harpster's car and \$100 to Yearick's car.

Holiday Dance Planned By Lancaster Alumnae

The University Alumnae Club of Lancaster County will hold its annual Christmas Formal at 10 p.m. Dec. 28 in the Hotel Brunswick ballroom.

Wally Spotts' orchestra will play for the dance.

Admission is \$5 a couple. All proceeds will go to a scholarship fund.

Reservations may be made by notifying Bernard Baymiller at Sigma Chi fraternity.

Students Needed Oil Cans

Early University students were advised to bring with them a carpet, mirror, washbowl, pitcher, pail, broom, lamp, and oil can.

Tonight on WDFM

Table with radio program schedule for WDFM 91.1 MEGACYCLES, listing times and program names like 'Sign On', 'Contemporary Concepts', 'Starlite News', 'News Roundup', 'Light Classical Jukebox', and 'Sign Off'.