

Collegian Policy to Print the News

(A new Board of Editors today takes over the day-to-day operations of The Daily Collegian. The policies it has adopted are stated below. Many of these are longstanding and are merely restated and repledged.)

A newspaper's first function is to print the news as accurately and fairly as possible, thus informing the public of the happenings that are going on about them. A relatively new function is to provide objective news analysis and background so the readers may know not only what happens, but also why it happens and who is making it happen.

The Daily Collegian enjoys a certain freedom of action and expression not found in many professional or most college newspapers. Collegian Inc., a board composed of student, faculty and administration representatives who serve as the paper's publisher, has delegated responsibility for the newspaper's day-to-day operation to the Board of Editors.

This special freedom carries with it a corresponding responsibility. The Board of Editors pledges to uphold these responsibilities in putting out the newspaper—to report the news as accurately and fairly as possible, to exercise our best judgment in coverage and display, to not knowingly print falsehoods and to correct any errors that may be printed, to keep bias out of news stories, and to treat equally and fairly all persons and organizations. We feel this is the only way to operate a newspaper.

Unfortunately all news is not pleasant. Like any other newspaper Collegian is dedicated to print a complete picture of the days happenings. Therefore it must print the unpleasant along with the pleasant.

In endeavoring to print the truth, a newspaper finds it sometimes makes enemies. People by nature wish to know the truth but only so long as it does not make them uncomfortable; it is only when

the truth hurts that they condemn what they consider excessive freedom of the press.

Acting under its cherished freedom, Collegian will print the news it believes is significant to its readers. As a student publication, Collegian feels obligated to print campus news; but because of manpower and space limitations it cannot print news of every group and event.

The importance of an article is relative to other news of the day. The prominence any article receives depends on what the editors believe to be its importance as compared to other events of the day.

Since the University is supported largely by public funds, most of its affairs are of public concern. Therefore, Collegian feels it has the right to expect from any University official information which is of legitimate concern to the public or the student body.

Collegian is not a publicity bulletin. It will print publicity only when it is also newsworthy. The decision as to what constitutes news necessarily rests upon the judgement of the editors, who have been trained to make such decisions. Because newspapers cannot print all the news that comes to its offices, the editors must be selective.

Collegian reporters attending meetings should have the same rights the public itself would have—to see and hear all that takes place. There is no such thing as "off the record" remarks at a public meeting since these remarks are not off the record by virtue of the fact that anyone could walk in and hear them.

Collegian will pursue its reporting duties as it sees fit—to find, write and circulate the news and to supply adequate background and analysis information with a maximum of accuracy and sincerity and without bias, prejudice or hope of material gain.

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... And Its Right to Comment

Presenting the news is the first function of a newspaper. But another aspect of its duty to inform is to interpret the news and comment on it.

The Daily Collegian has striven for many years toward its motto—"For a Better Penn State."

Some students and faculty and administrative personnel believe Collegian should print only articles which reflect favorably upon the University.

We strongly disagree. Collegian is not a public relations leaflet. We believe the best way to better the University is to present facts about it, to praise its attributes and constructively criticize its faults. To do anything else would be distortion and falsification and that would not be a way to better Penn State.

We believe that editorials must be fair and must present an honest, well thought out viewpoint. We will not criticize for the sake of criticizing, and we will make alternative suggestions whenever possible.

Collegian does not claim to be a mold

of student opinion, but rather a guide. Our editorials will attempt to present viewpoints, not dogma. Because at least one of the functions of Collegian editorials is to inspire students to think for themselves, editorials often will present both sides of an issue.

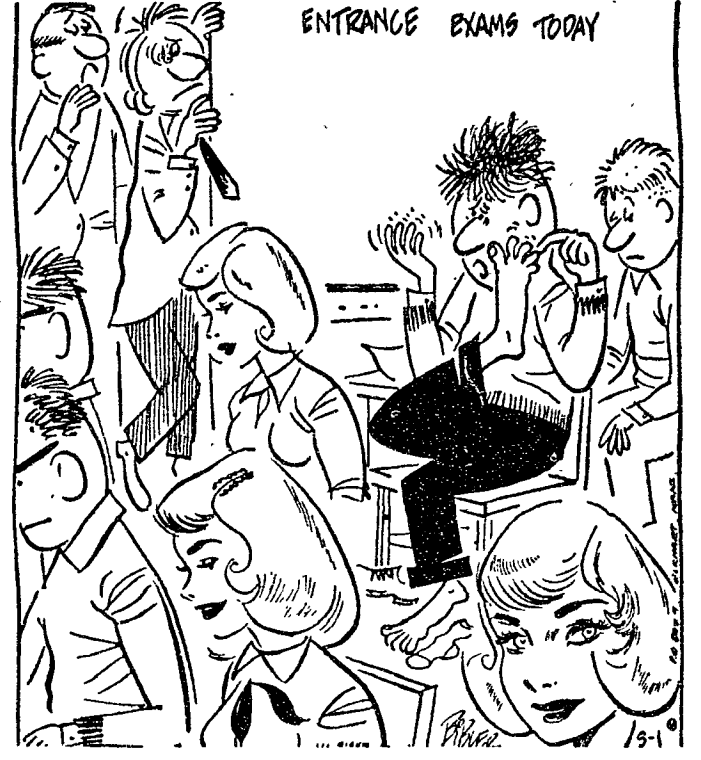
We welcome the views of readers through letters to the editor. These letters must be signed. The identification of the writer will be checked before letters are published. We believe the writers must assume responsibility for what they say. On a few occasions, names may be withheld upon request.

Editorials and letters to the editor are selected for publication according to the same criteria—good writing, good taste, and good sense.

Lastly, we welcome criticism. Collegian readers have a responsibility too—to see that we do not accidentally stray from the policies to which we have pledged ourselves, from our journalistic ethics or from our goal: "For a Better Penn State."

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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Sometimes I think the 'math section' of this test is a little too rough."

Graduate Sees No Initiative

TO THE EDITOR: I've read, with considerable interest, the recent commentary in the Collegian relative to an evaluation of Penn State. As a graduate student who did his undergraduate work at Penn State, I feel somewhat qualified to add to what has already been courageously brought forth by the editor.

Recently in a class there was a discussion about the nature of evaluating prospective candidates for graduate school. Many idealistic, fair and objective criteria were proposed . . . none of which exist at Penn State. Here, there is only one criteria: "Will he shine shoes?" Anyone showing signs of intellectualism, independence and initiative is in direct conflict with the archaic, egotistic and dictatorial powers of those who wield undemocratic authority over the student's destiny. Many feel the effects of personal prejudice in determining whether or not they are qualified for graduate school. Fortunately, this despotism is not universal, but wherein it exists, it is insidious.

Besides the despots and spineless dociles who follow, there are a good number of truly fine men at Penn State. Amid the existing conditions, it is surprising that the distinguished men remain . . . I have little doubt that their attachment is fragile to say the least. To maintain the gifted, indeed to attract the gifted, demands drastic measures, not encampments. Penn State has tremendous potential, yet unrealized because of the described all-pervasive power of some men who hide their evils behind the Ph.D. connotations. Under this Ph.D. label are easily hurt adolescent tempers. We need to help Penn State realize its potential, not at Harrisburg appropriations meetings, but by cleaning up our own backyard.

—Robert Reeder graduate student

Reader Questions Double Jeopardy

TO THE EDITOR: Concerning your April 25 front page article about a junior being dismissed for "after-hours dating," I am very much interested in a fact brought up in the text. I neither condemn, nor condone, the student's actions; however, if your article is accurate, this man was done a grave injustice. In any civil court in the land the rule of "no double jeopardy" stands. No person may be tried twice for the same crime. Yet here at Penn State we find the case of a student being tried and acquitted of a "crime" on Wednesday and again being tried on Friday for the same offense, at which time he was found "guilty" and was dismissed from the University.

Just what would have happened if at the end of the second trial he was still found "not guilty?" Could he have been tried again, and again, and again for the same actions?

Are we being robbed of a basic American right?

—Tom Maxwell, '61

Gazette

TODAY
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., HUB
Hillel services, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30-11 p.m., 3 White
Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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| GODIVA | LARAINES |
| AMINES | ANISETTE |
| TALENTSCOUT | RUN |
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