

A Policy for Printing the News

(Following is a restatement of policy as adopted by the Board of Editors. Many of these are long-standing but basic policies of the Board)

A newspaper's first function is to print the news as accurately and fairly as possible, thus informing the public of the happenings about them. A 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 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 news stories as objective as possible 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.

Collegian will print the news it believes is significant to its readers. As a student publication it is our responsibility to print campus news; but because of manpower and space limitations we cannot print news of every group and event.

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. The decision as to what constitutes news necessarily rests upon the judgement of the editors.

Collegian will not recognize any comments at open meetings as "off the record." There is no such thing at a public meeting since these remarks are not off the record by virtue of the fact that anyone can walk in and hear them.

Collegian will pursue its reporting duties as it sees fit — to find and report 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 the 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, 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 medium. 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 not be upholding our principles.

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

Because one of the functions of Collegian editorials is to inspire students to think for themselves, we will present various viewpoints on a subject. Collegian does not claim to be a mold of student opinion.

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. Names may be withheld upon request at the discretion of the editor.

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

We welcome criticism. Collegian readers also have a responsibility — 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



breakfast with bill

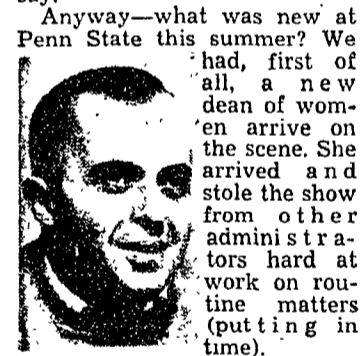
Summer's Gone; Memories Remain

—by bill jaffe—

"How was your summer?" What did you do? "Summer sure agreed with you."

Everyone is familiar with these sayings, in fact many of us are darned tired of them. Especially me. What did I do? — just spent the entire summer at good old Penn State.

But, don't worry, it wasn't as bad as all that. I stayed here of my volition to work and play in the Nittany Valley. Work included editing the Summer Collegian and working for the University's Public Information Office. Play included — well we better not say.



Anyway—what was new at Penn State this summer? We had, first of all, a new dean of women arrive on the scene. She arrived and stole the show from other administrators hard at work on routine matters (putting in time).

Several men students were seen and suspected of visiting Thompson Hall early one morning—in fact they were seen crawling out a coed's window. A disclosure of this one morning, brought a thorough bed check. Several times throughout the summer we were visited by large hoards of high school students — first for the FHA convention, then the Rainbow girls, and finally the State 4-H delegates. The town boys had a ball, but students complained loudly of the noise and dis-

turbance these groups caused. Mateer Playhouse at Standing Stone offered wholesome cultural entertainment in the offerings of "Cat on the Hot Tin Roof" and "Three Men on a Horse." We mustn't forget the fine musical program which included weekly song fests, quartet recitals and a multitude of other offerings.

A mention of the summer activities wouldn't be complete without the news that nearly every state society from the Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association to a Conservation Laboratory met on campus.

The annual August graduation saw 555 students receive degrees in a simplified ceremony which pleased everyone. The steel strike had no effect on the 14th annual Steelworkers Institute as the union workers held daily sessions in above all things — how to talk and negotiate with management.

To top the summer off, Prexy raised tuition and added to the woes of all University students. Those with cars, screamed a little louder as a \$15 campus parking fee was instituted. Then came the 24-hour parking regulations.

What a summer! Thrills, excitement, Whipples, crowds, teenagers and—work.



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