

Editorial Opinion

'Closed Doors' Policy Has Gone Too Far

The heavy closed door of the administration has shut once too many times on the student body. And its about time those doors start opening.

For years, students have been kept in the dark while administrative action, from the Board of Trustees on down, has been taking place. Students seldom hear of any of the details of items under consideration until final action is taken and those items are in effect. Example parking regulations'

The Collegian stands by the student body much like professional newspapers across the nation are doing today in a quest for the public's "right to know." But repeatedly Collegian reporters get the same solid door slammed in their face.

Withholding of facts will merely prompt the spread of rumors which in most cases are more damaging than the truth released immediately. Example: news of the Liberty Bowl action'

This secrecy breeds poor relations between students and the administration.

One of the main reasons some have little faith in what student government can accomplish is that it appears that the student opinion is not seriously considered by the administration. What little voice students have in University Senate proceedings is merely membership of one or two students on Senate committees—and these have no vote on committee action.

Student comments and criticism could prevent many ridiculous rulings that have been made. But how can students comment when the door is kept tightly closed.

One glaring example of the value of student opinion appeared with the new parking regulations. At first, the regulations stated that no students could drive on campus at any time. When confronted with the argument that this meant students could not drive on campus to pick up a date Saturday nights, one official said: "We hadn't even thought of that."

It's about time somebody starts thinking . . . for students have a "right to know."

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U.S. Preparing to Give Economic Aid

By J. M. Roberts Associated Press News Analyst

The United States, while insisting that Europe increase its aid to the underdeveloped countries, is preparing to do the same thing herself.

In the beginning the idea was that the United States must have help in cutting her foreign commitments, along with the lifting of European restrictions against dollar purchases, in order to reduce the outflow of her gold.

Since then some things have

been learned about the Soviet Unions foreign economic program which convinced many American experts that economic aid must be increased even beyond any contribution the Europeans may make.

India, especially, needs more help in her economic development program, and even before now she has turned to Moscow when aid was not immediately available from the West.

A White House study committee was reporting at the same time that changing conditions demanding an increase in American arms shipments to NATO members.

All told, the foreign aid plan-

Campus Beat

Liberty Bowl; Do We Detect Political Odor?

Hello again, students: How is your case of "bowl fever"? With all the reports about our accepting a bowl bid, the old story about the right hand not knowing what the left is doing is certainly true.

Thanks a heck of a lot, Governor Lawrence, for playing politics with the Liberty Bowl. It seems that fellow Democrat Dick Dilworth, Philadelphia's mayor, campaigned on a plank to make Philadelphia one of the "sports capitals of the nation." Nothing like helping him out.

Maybe if the Lions make the trip to Philly for the Liberty Bowl, Davy might slip a few extra million in our appropriation stockings for being "good little boys."

The girls in Thompson Hall have a couple of new signs up over their phones: "The great Pumpkin says Shhhhhh!" and "Richie Lucas likes girls with quiet voices."

Campus sounds like a shooting range since they started to dismantle Beaver Field . . . either a shooting range or a woods loaded down with woodpeckers.

Don't the Campus Cops look dapper with their new "Cossack caps?" The caps almost bring out the cops' true personality.

Elections Committee agreed to pay for the lunches of its committee members who missed regular meals in the "line of duty." One of the committee members had lunch at the Skellar.

Collegian staffers are so hepped up to play in the "Blood Bowl" today, that four of them left at 5 this morning for the Steel City.

We wonder what happened to the co-elique chairman of one of the political parties? Seems the campaign has been run—at least on the surface—by one of the party underlings.

The Corner Room can't seem to make up its mind on its price of tossed salad. Seems the price keeps going up. We can't figure whether it's the lettuce or the roquefort dressing that's getting more expensive.

Well, good students, see you in December, Governor Lawrence and Dean McCoy willing

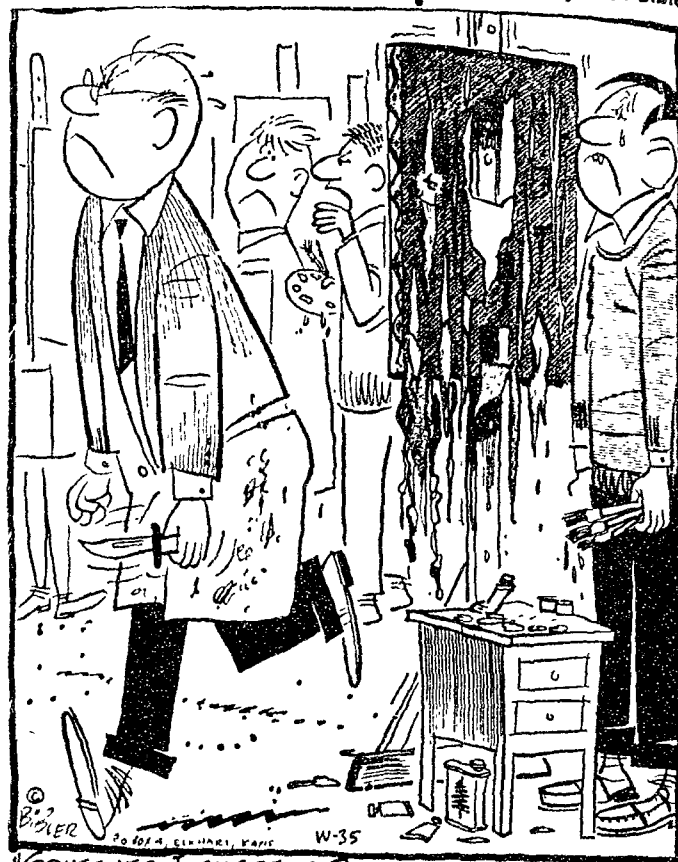
—Prof Wayne

Gazette

- TODAY Graduate Student Square Dance, 8:30 p.m., HUB ballroom. Iota Lambda Sigma, 1:30 p.m., 217 HUB Soccer, vs. Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. TOMORROW AIM, 7 p.m., 205 HUB Art Dept. Reception, 3 p.m., HUB reading room. Artists Series, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Rec Hall Bible Fellowship, 2 p.m., 214 HUB Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Graduate Student Bridge, 7 p.m., 212 HUB Newman Club, 7 p.m., 217 HUB Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab SGA Committee of Center Emigration, 5 p.m., 218 HUB Swedenborgian Service, 10:30 a.m., 312 HUB USF, 9:30 a.m., 218 HUB PSOC Rock Climbing Div.—beginners trip, 10 a.m., HUB parking lot

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



SOMETIMES I SUSPECT PROFESSOR SNARFS CRITICISM JUST A WEE BIT HARSH.

Letters

Jazz President Hits Selection Of 'Who's Who' Be Distributed

TO THE EDITOR: According to the front-page article in yesterday's Collegian, 36 seniors have found favor with the committee that selects outstanding students to represent the University in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

I wonder what this honor bestowed on these deserving students is based on?

A few names are self-evident—Richie Lucas and Pat Botula. I guess the others are "seen more" around the Student Activities Office in the HUB.

It is interesting to note that after the list was trimmed by the committee of George Donovan, Bill Fuller, and student representatives, Nancy Clark, Larry Byers, and Leonard Julius, to 36 out of the whole senior class, the names of Nancy Clark and Larry Byers appeared in the top group of the magic circle—a just reward for a job well done in selecting 34 others that matched their calibre.

—Pete Duncan, '60 Jazz Club President

(Editor's Note: The names as they appear in the article are arranged in the alphabetical order of the counties in which their home town is located. Mr. Byers comes from Adams County, and Miss Clark from Chester County. Hence, the reason for their names being on or near the top of the list.)

—Monel nickel-copper alloy, a forerunner of today's "Alloy Age," was one of the earliest alloys to be generally accepted for corrosion-resistant applications and has been in commercial use for over 50 years.

TO THE EDITOR: In my estimation The Daily Collegian is a very well written newspaper. (The Editor's Note will probably read, "we agree.") It offers a relatively complete but limited coverage of world, national, state and campus news. However, I think there is one section of the paper that is a waste of valuable space. Space that could be used for additional campus or other news.

I am referring to the "Letters" column. True, here in America we enjoy the freedom of speech to voice our opinions. Here at Penn State though, public opinion seems to have little effect on existing conditions.

One condition foremost in my mind is that of the lack of sufficient circulation of The Daily Collegian. Recently a letter appeared in the "Letters" column to this effect. Apparently nothing has been done about it yet, as it is still impossible to get a copy after 7:30 a.m. in Warnock Hall or 8:30 a.m. at the Hetzel Union desk.

I really enjoy reading the Collegian when I am fortunate enough to see one. I hope something will soon be done to increase the good fortune of myself and others who enjoy the publication.

—Ed Seifert, '63

(Editor's Note: Yes, we do agree and thank you. We are planning to increase our circulation to 7000 papers daily but before we do, we must have the consent of our publisher, Collegian Incorporated. We hope that this can be accomplished very soon as we recognize the need for more papers to meet the increasing number of students on campus.)

