

I suppose you might call this a post-mortem column since the new Board of Editors officially takes over the reins of The Daily Collegian Monday.

I have mixed feelings about ending my four years on

Collegian — of great relief as I return to the "normal" life of a student, of regret as I finish the most vital and worthwhile course I have taken at this University.

There are things I'll never miss about Collegian — the complaints that the Pickle Producers Club did not make the front page (or didn't make it at all);

The phone call ten minutes before deadline with a "big" story that MUST go in that Professor Gretchne is coming in 1963 to speak to the Rose Growers Association;

The muddy coffee in the ma-

chines in the back room; SGA when it meets until midnight and makes us go three hours overtime; The Froth Collegian parody

issue:

The embarrassing inaccuracies in spelling or content in stories;

The staffer who never shows

up to write the lead story. Regardless of all the head-aches reaped from Collegian, there are still a lot of things I will miss - those red-letter days when we have a perfect paper;

Future Collegian banquets; The opportunity to meet,

converse with, and befriend countless numbers of people; The fun and excitement of

gathering and writing news; The laughs (and tears) we've

had at some of our own blunders as well as some of those of other student groups.

Most of all I will miss the people I have worked with who have kept me going on some of those horrible nights when I have been determined to guit.

There are only eight people on this campus who know the benefits and rewards of spending four years on the Collegian staff - the has-been board of editors.

To the new board I will say that they are embarking on one of the most nerve-racking, migraine-producing, ulcer-forming, wonderful years of their lives.

I hope that at this same time next year they will cherish the same memories and feelings I now have that their four years have been well-spent in molding them into responsible, dedicated journalists.

-Thirty-

Letters

Legislative 👘 Pay Raise Defended

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is in reference to the article by Gomer Williams, concerning the legislative pay raise passed by the House of Representa-

tives several days ago. I feel that Mr. Williams' charge that this pay raise was "unwarranted" is ridiculous. As a former page boy in the House of Representatives for the 1959 and 1960 sessions, I had an insight on the expenses, both public and private, of our State Legislators.

First of all, contrary to popular belief, legislative jobs are full-time positions. The legisla-tive week is usually three days with an additional day or two, many times during the session, for committee meetings.

This entails living in Harrisburg for a good part of each week of the annual session. Under the Leader Administration the sessions average 10 months a year. The 1959 session under the Lawrence Administration lasted nearly 11 months.

Our legislative jobs are grossly underrated as well as underpaid. Why is it that only those who can afford to be legislators are the ones who are our legislators? Why isn't there better quality in our state government?

Because poor salary keeps many interested, honest and enthusiastic persons out of seeking these political jobs. Why not make these jobs worth trying for? Remember, good government costs money. -Richard Miller, '64

•Letter cut

Atmospheric Danger Seen In 'Tramps'

TO THE EDITOR: The trampolines that are to be constructed in the 400 block of E. College Ave. across from the girls' dorms will indeed be a wonderful asset to the austere, intellectual college atmosphere.

I hope you realize that you cannot trampoline successfully without shouts of gles and laughter and "Music to Trampoline By." What good are quiet hours in the dorm when most of the disturbance will be outside?

The opening of the trampoline park may even coincide with the beginning of finals and the beginning of warm weather when all the windows are open.

The University has already voiced its opinion on the use of trampolines in the case of the tragic accident of Larry Sharp.

Having talked to the Police Chief and the Borough Manager, I find that they are both sympathetic with the student who must contend with this in-evitable nuisance.

Because the site selected is in a business district, their jur-isdiction is limited. The students and the administration must combine their efforts to maintain the dignity of Penn State.

-Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown, '62 Richard S. Fontaine, '61

Froth 'Gem' Termed Crude

TO THE EDITOR: Hearty congratulations to Froth on their to-be-expected taste in the promotional ad they ran in Tuesday's Collegian. This is a prime example of how advertising suffers through crude approaches such as this gem. Perhaps their next humorous ad might headline "WE LIKE EICH . . .", and why not?

Congratulations to The Daily Collegian, also, for showing unusual judgment in running such an ad. It brings back the days of the old Springmaid sheet ads. Keep up the work, fella's, you're making a name for yourselves.

-David Truby

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