

Editorial Opinion

Collegian Policy in Printing the News...

The philosophy that guides The Daily Collegian in its news coverage is that not only is it a right of the people to know in a democratic society, but if that society is to survive, it is a necessity that they be informed.

To place this philosophy in its campus context, the Collegian aims to print as accurately and fairly as possible all news it deems of vital concern to the students.

News value is judged solely by the student Board of Editors, which enjoys a freedom from censorship unknown at most colleges and universities.

The editors realize that this freedom from censorship likewise places its corresponding burden of responsibility solely on their shoulders.

The Collegian jealously guards this cherished freedom, and zealously strives to meet the responsibilities it imposes.

Collegian attempts to print campus news which comes to the students through no other paper, and secondly to carry a digest of local, state and national news for those readers who do not have time to read it in more detailed reports.

Because of space and manpower limitations, Collegian cannot print all news of every campus group or event. But it evaluates the news and attempts to print that which is of most interest to most students.

Collegian is not a publicity organ.

Its news columns cover events and activities and carry what its editors consider newsworthy and not what may be needed to pump the prestige of a certain group.

Similarly, news items must be weighed

against all other news of the day and be played according to their relative importance.

The Collegian feels obligated to call upon University officials as well as students for information that affects student life, rights and welfare. Since this is a state institution most of the University's affairs are of public concern.

Collegian does not make the news, it merely prints it. A newspaper is often criticized as printing negative rather than positive news. Unfortunately, news is not evaluated on its pleasantries or cheerfulness but rather on its impact and affect on the readers.

People by nature wish to know the truth only so long as it does not make them uncomfortable.

Neither is comfort a principle of news evaluation.

Too often a student or administrator does not enjoy seeing his verbal statement of yesterday in print today. He may then condemn this as untruth because he doesn't want to believe it.

Another "out" that gun-shy news sources often try to use is, "This is off the record."

At a public meeting, Collegian does not accept this request. Its reporters feel free to see, hear, and report all that transpires, because in fact, nothing can be "off the record," if the meeting is open to anyone who cares to attend.

The Collegian, then, attempts to report news affecting students, fully realizing its responsibilities to evaluate it fairly and print it factually.

Cheer, Don't Groan

When the prices for seats at the closed circuit telecast of the Penn State-Miami football game were announced at last Saturday's game, a loud groan arose from the crowd.

That groan was uncalled for.

The University did not decide to telecast the Miami game because it was interested in making profit. It did so to provide the students who couldn't make the 3,000-mile trip, a chance to see the game.

The expense and effort to which the athletic department has gone testifies to this motive.

It will cost \$10,000 to return the game via closed circuit television to the campus. This is the cost for line charges and setting up the equipment.

A near capacity audience will be need-

ed in both Schwab and Recreation Hall for the University to break even on the venture.

Before the University could make arrangements for the telecast, it was necessary to get clearance from both the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. and the University of Miami.

The Miami game telecast will be experimental. If enough tickets are sold to prevent the University from losing money on the project, other away football games may be televised on a similar basis later this fall.

We hope the student body responds enthusiastically.

Considering the cost—half the price of admission to a live game—and the exciting game that is expected, we think it's a good buy.

Term Standing, If You Please!

Progress, as many students discovered at the Navy game, has its drawbacks. The University abandoned the semester system as archaic, and with it went the traditional matriculation card.

This card was not sturdy and did not resemble the "credit card" we now sport. But it had one very valuable asset—it stated the term (nee, semester) of the bearer.

When called yesterday, Warren Haffner, assistant registrar, said, "This is the first I've realized this problem."

No one, we realize, can think of everything, but this oversight may cause more problems for students than the administration can now foresee.

As mentioned, seating in football

games is determined by class. But more important, many elections for student councils and governing bodies are based on a class representative system.

Some of these elections are coming up in a few weeks.

To nip undue chaos in the bud, we suggest an alphabetical schedule be drawn up whereby each student could report to Willard and have his "Certificate of Registration" stamped with his term standing.

In the future there should be a permanent designation of term standing on this paper half of the matric card, since a new one is received each term.

We realize that this would mean a great expenditure in man hours, but this administrative oversight must be corrected.

Interpreting

World of Threats Or World of Peace

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On a day when he admitted that the very life of the United Nations is at stake, President Kennedy challenged the General Assembly to take new action and new responsibility for the future.

He virtually promised, if it would do so, to turn over to it some of the programs by which the United States has been acting more or less unilaterally to produce the kind of world in which she wants to live.

Here was Kennedy at his inspirational best, an earnest young man, recognizing cold realities, unwilling to be Red rather than dead, but looking "across this world of threats to the world of peace."



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He was attempting to revive the faith of the United Nations in its own future, laying directly upon it the choice of a world living in peace instead of dying in its own flames.

He proposed that disarmament control and inspection be placed under the United Nations.

He gave strong indication that the United States will one day consider surrendering its foreign economic and technical aid program to the United Nations so that "development can become a cooperative enterprise."

This is a highly controversial idea which many objective students of world affairs have supported for years. He proposed an official U.N. "Decade of Development."

He reiterated United States proposals for a U.N. Peace force and an extension of U.N. fact-finding and mediation powers in international disputes. He

advocated U.N. control of space as neutral area, of space communications, of weather study, and eventual control.

In the next 10 months, he said, the United Nations may determine the fate of man for 10,000 years.

He promised, in the tone of a man who makes his vow to his God, the dedication of the United States to the aims of the charter.

He told the world that it could be free if it would, with no nation, great or small, required to conform to the will of others.

The ordinarily reserved assembly applauded when he said that "weapons must be abolished before they abolish us." When he said we would never negotiate out of fear and never fear to negotiate the applause lasted six seconds.

When he spoke of self-determination and free choice, and of the firm intent to defend Berlin, there was more.

Also when he reminded of Pushkin's fictional Russian czar who ordered his people frozen within their own boundaries. At this, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko smiled.

And at the end, the applause continued for a full minute before the adjournment announcement, and then continued until he passed from the hall.

He sounded just like an American, steeped in traditional ideals, facing unhesitatingly into the winds of trouble, apprehensive yet unafraid, believing that there is a future for the highest aspirations of man.

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