

Editorial Opinion

Responsibility to Comment

A newspaper has a function beyond the straight news reporting of what the human race is doing. Too often we have found that this function is misunderstood and maligned by our audience and for this reason we are stating The Daily Collegian's editorial philosophy.

Newspapermen and women in close contact with the events of each day are in a position to be more acute observers and more conversant with the issues of the day than the layman may be. Further, they have available reams of background information on nearly every issue pertinent to the readership they serve.

In essence then, they are qualified to make judgments and critical evaluations of actions, events and issues because they have the factual basis necessary.

Collegian feels it has the responsibility to comment editorially upon any issue that faces its audience, upon any fact or action that affects them, upon any justice or injustice as it sees it.

Collegian does not claim to be omniscient. But it does claim that part of the freedom and responsibility of the press is freedom and responsibility to comment and to dissent.

Collegian does not claim to represent the administration, student government, faculty, student population, the alumni or the residents of State College. It only claims that editorials represent the considered views of the editors. Individual members of the Board of Editors who wish to present an individual view or look at an issue in a personal aspect may do so in a column.

Collegian has often been criticized for not expressing views favorable to the University or to one or another of the student organizations.

We do not believe that it is our job to paint Old Main white or to ignore poor judgment or lax government.

Any organization that wants to make itself look good hires a Public Relations Director. Collegian does not exist to perform this type of service.

It is our belief that the best way to better Penn State is to praise its attributes, constructively criticize its faults and present the facts about it. To do anything less would be falsification and misrepresentation.

We welcome and value letters to the editor on any subject. Because we take responsibility for our statements, we expect letter writers to follow suit and sign their names.

Unsigned letters will not be accepted. Names will be withheld upon request only if the editors feel the inclusion of the name might subject the writer to intimidation or abrogation of his rights.

Nearly all letters to the editor are printed, subject to condensation and editing for good grammar and good taste, and all are filed with the date of their acceptance or rejection. In the latter case, a reason for the rejection is also filed.

We feel, finally, that our readers have a responsibility to criticize the Collegian—to make certain that we uphold the journalistic ethics, which are our path and our contribution "For a Better Penn State."

A More Active Role

President Kennedy went before the United Nations Monday and urged the world organization to save itself from impotency.

He urged the world body to maintain its strong one-man Secretariat, and took time to reiterate the U.S. position on Berlin and Southeast Asia, and proposed a new disarmament plan.

But, perhaps more significant than these developments was Kennedy's comments on colonialism.

He said the last vestiges of traditional colonialism will be removed by patience and goodwill. Nevertheless, Kennedy hinted the United States will take a more active part within the limits of its responsibilities to speed up the movement of self-determination.

The so-called neutralist or unalligned nations tend to overlook the Communist colonialism that has made satellites of many former states, because it is a disguised form of colonialism.

Kennedy termed this type of colonialism the "harsh-est" kind, and proposed the application of free choice throughout the world.

We hope that the President's remarks can be taken as an indication of a more positive attitude by the U.S. government toward the problem of colonialism.

For too long the United States has been identified with the forces of stagnation and imperialism. It is time that the United States foreign policy takes the form of the ideals upon which this nation was founded and exists today.

Our belief in freedom of choice is our strongest weapon—we hope President Kennedy intends to employ it universally in the Cold War.

Interpreting

Leaders Worry Of War In Southeast Asia

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

There is apprehension in Washington lest the war in Southeast Asia prove merely to have been dormant, and that fighting in Laos may be renewed and Communist attacks on South Viet Nam intensified with the imminent end of the rainy season.

In his United Nations speech Monday the President interpolated a reference to this season in the section of his prepared text locating Southeast Asia as a trouble spot of importance comparable with that of Germany, a clue to what is in his mind.

Already the Communists have been stepping up their guerrilla attacks in South Viet Nam, using Laos as a base for some of them. In turn the United States has been stepping up its military involvement in the Vietnamese defense.

It's aggression when you kill people in their beds as when you kill them on the battlefield, the President said.

In any look at Southeast Asia the northeast horizon is dark with storm clouds.

Red China is entering her third year of disastrous crops. Epidemics are beginning. Materials for export—especially to pay the Soviet Union for economic aid and Canada and Australia for wheat—are very limited.

The population is growing faster than anywhere else in the world, due partly to an official policy which for several years has assessed an increasing birth rate as an asset and stopped a birth control campaign. Not even on Java or Japan is there so little ground for so many people.

And the only places for them to go are Southeast and South Asia, India, or the undeveloped lands of Far Eastern Russia. Of these places, Southeast Asia is the only area which has an already available food surplus and the capability of really fast expansion of production.

Letters

How Far Miami? Question Sophs

TO THE EDITOR: We certainly agree that the "groans" at the Navy game were entirely uncalled for, because the University is definitely not interested in "making a killing" at the expense of the students; but may we ask what route the editors propose to extend the mileage from P.S.U. to Miami, Fla., to 3000? Via Chicago?

—Tony Gebicki, '64

—Carl Frederick, '64

(Editor's Note — We realize it may be hard for them to tear themselves away from the Florida sunshine, but we made the gross assumption that, if any Penn Staters traveled 1500 miles south, they would also return.)

Limit on Customs Requested

TO THE EDITOR: It is, it seems to me, insulting to our instructors when we allow so much outside noise that the lecturer can barely be heard. This was the case today in professor Kasch's Ring Structure course, (Dr. Kasch is a distinguished visiting professor of mathematics from Heidelberg).

I suggest, therefore, that cheer and song sessions be restricted to the twenty minute period between classes.

—H. J. Biesterfeldt Jr., graduate student

a la carte

Freshmen Spirit—Hard to Appreciate

by karen hyneckal

They may not be able to find Engineering C (who can?) and perhaps they don't know who our quarterback is, but one thing can be said for our freshmen—they've got spirit.

All freshmen do. Every fall they swarm on our campus, anxious, enthusiastic and completely "out of it."

They barrage us with questions (what time are lights out? . . . what's that about a mechanical lion?), tell us about their unusual experiences that day and mess up our traffic system on Pollock sidewalk.

But they have spirit, these freshmen. They are excited about everything from the food in the dining halls to their television classes and they are willing to do just about anything to really belong to Penn State.

Soon, however, they'll learn. They'll buy clip-boards and sneakers. They'll arrive late for classes (if they arrive at all)

and will sit with half-bored expressions on their faces.

They'll complain about lack of sleep, money, grades and time. And the only thing that will rouse them will be the slow realization that Christmas will come, eventually.

The traffic system on Pollock Road will go back to its normal pace and no one will give a second glance up the Mall to see how stately the library looks at the top.

It happens every year and it's a shame. And the longer we're here, the harder it becomes to appreciate it all—the courses and people and events that we might otherwise have missed.

No need to sob every time the Alma Mater is sung nor to bemoan our approaching graduation. Rather, we should simply take a look at our freshmen and before we indoctrinate them, let them indoctrinate us . . . if with nothing more, at least their spirit.



Miss Hyneckal

Campus Beat

For you new students let me introduce myself, I am Professor Wayne and I teach classes in the curriculum of Hubology. I have not set hours for my get togethers but they all meet in the HUB. I know you will want to schedule at least three hours of my snap courses.

On the serious side I know all of you grow to like this University in the wilderness of Pennsylvania. There will be the 8 o'clock classes in Wagner on the mornings when the temperature is 10 below and the

wind is 30 miles per hour.

Not to mention the snow that will not be shoveled for the long hike. Of course, there will be the first time you try to get into the Skeller but get stopped because you "forgot your matric card." Aside from a few other such incidents, I am sure you will love this place.

Finally, this summer gave some brave souls a chance to enjoy attending 75 minute lectures in 90 degree heat. Oh yes, they didn't use the air conditioned rooms because they were afraid they would spoil the students.

—Prof Wayne

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