

Editorial Opinion

We Review Our Purposes During Newspaper Week

Several times during the year we take time to re-evaluate our purposes to stimulate measurement of our success in achieving these goals.

This, being National Newspaper Week, is one of those times of the year. We would again like to review our basic purposes and goals. We welcome student correspondence on our performance.

The Daily Collegian is a student newspaper; it is run by students, financed partially by student fees and partially by funds gained from advertising revenue. It is written and edited by students of The Pennsylvania State University.

We strive to present as much varied news of University and student affairs as our space will permit. We are not bound to concern ourselves solely with news items which reflect favorably on the University, for we feel that the University is benefited as much by constructive criticism and exposure of faults as it is by praise of its many good points.

Our right to comment on any situation affecting the student body is a vital student freedom, found in relatively few student newspapers. We present our views on events and situations affecting students in our "Editorial Opinion" column. The editors of this paper are also privileged to present their individual views through signed columns.

Every student is given the right to comment and express views in a responsible "Letter to the Editor."

The Daily Collegian has complete editorial freedom, unencumbered by censorship. We take tremendous pride in this freedom and the responsibility connected with it.

The Daily Collegian is published by Collegian, Inc., which acts as our board of directors. We are chartered by the state of Pennsylvania.

This week we join with many newspapers in the United States and in the free world in an appreciation of the freedom of the press and of expression which we enjoy.

VOTE Today!

The entire legislative branch of student government is now being elected. Voting will continue today and tomorrow during class hours in the HUB and on the Mall, during dining hours in each dining hall and in the evenings in floating polls roaming the downtown area.

Students can vote only in their living areas. Voting polls for students living off campus have been set up on the Mall and in the HUB.

The Congress which students will elect this week will have a strong voice in determining any actions taken by student government in the next year. Whether you vote or not, those students elected will be speaking for you.

This year will be a vital one for student government. The "founding fathers" of the current representative system of government have been replaced. The system has survived its first formative year; it will now be seen if the system can serve the governmental needs of the student body without those who formulated its organization and who led it through its first year.

The new Congress will have many problems to face. These will include whether the student government at Penn State will become a permanent member of the National Student Association; what the future of campus political parties will be and what will be the jurisdiction of the Student Supreme Court.

Last year, over 42 per cent of the student body voted in the Congressional elections. We hope that that figure will be topped this year.

Support the candidates of your choice by voting.

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An Enemy On the Run

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For the past several months the news media of the free world have been proclaiming that the Vietnamese, aided by the United States, are on the offensive in their war against the communists in Southeast Asia.

During the past several years the United States has been fighting a losing war in the so-called backward nations in Southeast Asia. Just this year we were forced out of Laos by the Communists and a neutralist settlement was made that, at most, will only be temporary. We have been asked to send troops to Thailand to deter possible aggression by the Communists in neighboring countries. In Vietnam we are fighting to preserve the territorial integrity of that country.



COLEMAN

Vietnam was one united country until 1954 when the Communists overran the northern portion of Vietnam and set up a Communist state there. The French held on to South Vietnam.

In recent years, the Communists have been infiltrating the border between North and South Vietnam and President Kennedy has committed the United States to defending South Vietnam. We have been on the losing end of the war until now.

The average Vietnamese guerilla is not a hard core Communist soldier. He has been trained only

in the use of his particular weapon and has had little training in combat tactics.

Called a Viet Cong guerilla, the Communist is not well-equipped by our standards. He wears no uniform. A pair of rubber-soled canvas shoes suffice for combat boots. His weapons are generally very inferior. He uses a poisoned cross-bow, spears, and traps. A few of the Viet Cong carry old French rifles. They have no effective supply or communications system. There is no air support.

On the other hand, the U.S.-equipped Vietnamese soldier has a uniform, an American M-1 rifle, a submachine (portable) gun, or possibly the new lightweight, high-velocity Armalight .225 caliber rifle, which is considered by many experts to be the best jungle weapon in the world.

He has a superior supply system, firepower, superior communication and air support if and when he needs it. He is, then, much better equipped than the Viet Cong. But, the Viet Cong guerilla has been winning the battles because of the tactics he has used.

These tactics can be traced back to the years of French power in this area. The French forces were very small and therefore could not carry out large scale patrols or raids against the Communists. The Vietnamese army was trained by the French and adapted the French tactics of waiting in forts for the rebels to attack, and then pursuing them. This allowed the guerillas to move unmolested through the dense jungles. Their camps were not disturbed and they could carry on their training

and planning without fear of attack. This situation has been reversed.

With full scale entry of the United States into the conflict, the Vietnamese are being trained in ranger and anti-guerilla tactics by instructors of the 1st Special Forces, United States Army. They have adapted British tactics used in Malaya to the jungles in Viet Nam. They are showing the Vietnamese how to prepare ambushes for the Viet Cong, how to counter his attacks and how to pursue him. Most important, our army is convincing the Vietnamese that the Viet Cong is not invincible.

Among the newer aggressive tactics used in this theatre is one that has achieved outstanding success, Eagle Flight. Eagle Flight consists of loading American helicopters with combat-ready Vietnamese troops. The helicopters are flown over the countryside to seek out the Viet Cong bands.

An adaptation of Eagle Flight is a plan in which helicopters and troops on the ground are constantly on the alert for reports of contact with Viet Cong forces. The helicopters then fly to the scene of the encounter and drop into the thick of the fighting or assist in pursuing the fleeing Viet Cong.

While the new tactics being used may not show a rise in kills and captures of Viet Cong troops, they accomplish a far greater purpose in that they do not allow the Viet Cong time to consolidate and plan new attacks. Rather, the Viet Cong are kept on the run.

It is for this reason that the Vietnamese are on the offensive. They're taking the war to the Viet Cong.

Letters

Negro Student Comments On Miss Kunkleman's Column

TO THE EDITOR: I, being Negro, was very interested in Miss Kunkleman's column in The Daily Collegian of Oct. 10, 1962. The first thing I noticed was her use of the words desegregation and integration. Miss Kunkleman, they are not the same. Desegregation is concerned with the rights of all human beings, be they black or white.

Each citizen of the United States has rights guaranteed to him by law. However, integration is an individual relationship. It deals not with laws but with morals, and each person's acceptance of another human being for what he is, exclusive of laws.

I should like to ask Miss Kunkleman a question. Why should we be aware of intermarriage? I am becoming sickened by people asking me, "Do you believe in interracial marriage?" and "You really don't want to intermarry, do you?" To each person I give the same reply, "I don't believe in interracial marriage because it simply does not exist!" People fail to realize what marriage is. It is an "inter-

personal" relationship. The priest or minister does not marry two races, but two people. Two people, individuals. They are the ones to determine their relationship, not you, not society, not I. I therefore ask you again, "Why should we be aware of this situation?"

Next you use traditions, fears and Negro standards as examples of the Southern Whites' basis of criticism. My dear Miss Kunkleman, if tradition were a valid reason for doing anything, then the world would still be in the Dark Ages. As for fear of retribution, the Southern White only sees what he himself would do in a Negro's place. Finally, people in the same economic group, be they of any race, generally have the same living conditions and social standards.

Miss Kunkleman, you have no need to travel any further south than South Allen Street for material on prejudice. Look about you on this campus. Note the fraternities. With few exceptions they are farces to the ideals of brotherhood. Note the subtleties of housing around here, and use these as examples of prejudice in your column.

—Warren Barbour, '65

Froth Co-Editors Issue Apology

TO THE EDITOR: Because our own medium of communication has been suspended, we, the co-editors of Froth, are using this space to make an apology to any social organization which feels that we have damaged its image by singling it out in a story. Any such action taken by us was completely unintentional and was made in the firm belief that we would not cause any hard feelings due to the nature of our magazine.

If publication is continued, it will not happen in the future.

We also wish to thank everyone who has and is working for our causes. Even if we go under you can be assured that the support that you have given us will not be forgotten.

—Andi Buscanics '63
—Edwin Urie '63

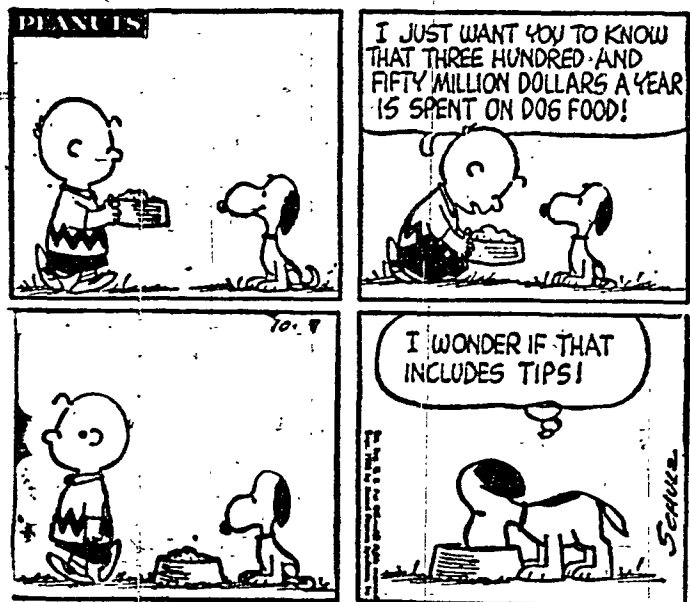
SCCA Hit By Junior

TO THE EDITOR: On October 10, 1962, at 10:45 p.m., the Student Check Cashing Agency was closed. Why? It is perhaps understandable that during the first week of a term things might be a little confused. But during the third week of a term there is no excuse. This was not the only time the SCCA has failed to open in recent days.

If the SCCA, as it claims, is a service to the students, it should be dependable. Therefore, the agency must have regular hours. The student leaders take nearly \$500 a year from us to run the SCCA. Why don't they produce?

Perhaps the time has come for an investigation. Can the University run it better? Surely, one full time employee or two are more efficient than fifteen part time students. If the controllers cannot operate the SCCA—well—let them die.

—A. L. Harris, '64



Got word the other day that the new Campus Party chairman will spend the year surrounded by 38 lovely females. I also hear he has only one other male with which to share this paradise. Wish you all the luck in the world, my boy!

—Prof Wayne