

Opinion

Interested in taking over *The Collegian*?

Applications are now being accepted for the position of editor of *The Collegian* for the 1992-93 academic year.

If you are a registered student in good standing with the College, you are eligible to apply.

If you are interested in applying, you must submit a statement of your journalistic qualifications, your editorial philosophy, an assessment of the current strengths and weaknesses of *The Collegian*, and your plans for the organization of the staff.

Your application must be turned in to *The Collegian* office no later than Friday, Mar. 20, 1992. If you have any questions about applying, call *The Collegian* office at 898-6488 and ask for Todd J. Irwin, editor.



From the hip

Learning one of life's lessons lately

On the plane to Germany last year, I met a really smart man. I don't mean book-smart, I mean experience smart. He told me a lot of stories which, at the time, I didn't really understand or even care to try. I was scared and nervous and excited about my semester abroad, and I didn't want to be bothered with meaningless stories.

I realize now that the stories weren't meaningless - they were very important. I'd like to share one of them with you.

When this man, Andrej, began sailing, he had a lot of people to help him and to sail with him around the usual area. As he became more comfortable, he began to sail further out. Most of the others went along with him to see what was out there.

Soon, he was no longer satisfied, and wanted to go further. Many of his old companions hung back. They were afraid. This saddened Andrej for a little while, and he wondered if he, too, should stay back where he started with the others. He decided that he had to go on.

Several people joined him. As they sailed further, new people started to sail with him. But when he needed something more again, the same thing happened as before - the others tried to hold him back. He went on, though, despite being alone and soon found new companions to sail with.

When he went home, his old sailing buddies were still there. Some welcomed him, but some didn't speak to him because they thought he had become too good for them.

You don't have to sail to understand the story. And as graduation approaches, it's starting to become more and more real. I will soon find out who my real friends are. They'll be the ones supporting me from far away, just like I'll be supporting them.



Phoebe Bonfardine, administrative assistant for *The Collegian*, has recently discovered her favorite thing at Behrend: the peanut butter eggs at the RUB desk.

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