

Leonardo da Vinci Exhibit in the Gallery Lounge

By Grace M. Cole

The current exhibit at the Gallery Lounge featuring the scientific developments of Leonardo da Vinci demonstrates the work of a genius to whom civilization pays homage. The exhibit, presented through the courtesy of the IBM Corporation, will run until May 20th.

Some models displayed in the Gallery Lounge, which historically may not be accredited to da Vinci, are the printing press, flying machine, parachute, triple-tier machine gun, military tank, hygrometer, and the paddle wheel ship, to name a few.

Wandering past the Gallery Lounge one is drawn inside by the illustrious colors and strange shapes that seem formidable. Leonardo da Vinci was a genius whose powerful mind will remain an object of wonder and admiration to ordinary mortals. It is uncanny that he excelled in so many different fields of research and made important contributions to nearly all of them.

Leonardo da Vinci, the

painter, would never accept what he read without checking it with his own eyes. There was nothing in nature which did not arouse his curiosity and challenge his ingenuity. Although da Vinci was sought after as a painter, few could

have had an inkling of the extent of his knowledge and how that same knowledge would later influence civilization.

It is unlikely that da Vinci had any ambition to be considered a scientist. All his

exploration of nature was to him a means of gaining knowledge of the visible world, such as he would need for his art. He thought that by placing art on a scientific foundation it could be transformed from a humble craft into an honored and gentlemanly endeavor.

He never published his writings, and few people could have known of their existence. But we do know something of the range of productivity of da Vinci's mind because his pupils and admirers carefully preserved for us sketches and notebooks; thousands of pages covered with drawings and writing, with excerpts from books that da Vinci read. It could be possible that da Vinci was afraid of publishing his discoveries for fear of being called a heretic, for he anticipated the theories of Copernicus which were later to bring Galileo trouble.

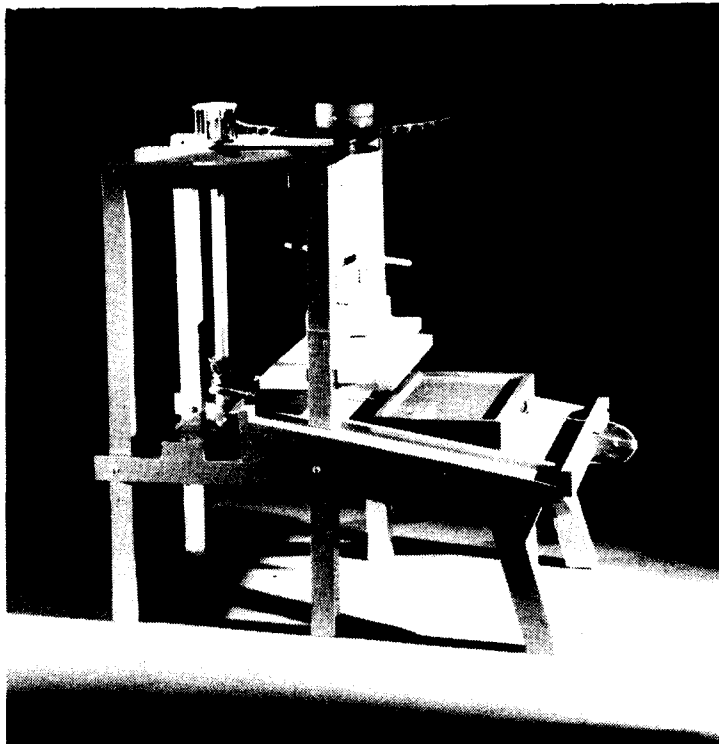
In military design, we are surprised to find him close to us in mechanization. One of the most startling of his developments is the armored car, ancestor of today's tank. In addition to other achievements, da Vinci designed canals that

are still in use today in Italy.

In 1938, the city of Milan, Italy, held a great exhibition of full-scale reconstructions of the works of Leonardo da Vinci. A panel of scholars, scientists and engineers approved the plans for each of the replicas and their construction was executed down to every minute detail. The exhibition traveled briefly, and during World War II was destroyed by bombs in Tokyo.

Following the war, a new set of models were constructed on a smaller scale and exhibited in the Los Angeles County Museum. Early in 1951, the IBM Corporation acquired the collection. Since then the collection has been shown throughout the country in colleges, museums and libraries.

In connection with his study of warfare and weapons, Leonardo da Vinci wrote, "When besieged by ambitious tyrants I find a means of offense and defense in order to preserve the chief gift of nature, which is liberty." If da Vinci were to travel through time and visit us today, he would surely feel at home in our mechanized world.



Now Leonardo, what does this do?

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We try our best to represent you, but we need your help on SGA and Faculty Organization Committees where students have an opportunity to effect change or voice their opinions. Don't just say we never do anything

without giving us a look. If you are interested in joining a committee or serving on SGA leave a note in an SGA mailbox or come in and talk to one of us. Taking part in student activities can't hurt that much, and it can pay dividends.

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Well, I seem to think that many priorities are screwed up. Why should the people who don't even go to the school anymore be given the best seats? Why? Because they help balance the budget. That's why. And that's wrong!

Where were they when Dr. Oswald went to Harrisburg to plead our budget case before the Senate Appropriations

Committee. They all should have written a letter to their legislator telling them what a disgrace it is for the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania to deny this university the right to exist as it sees fit! I suppose that they were in the banquet hall, talking about how lousy their 50-yard-line seat is for this fall.

About last week's letter

A Letter To Young Inyang
Dear Young:

In recent weeks we have heard much of you: first in your unsuccessful bid for the SGA Vice-Presidency; then in your unsuccessful attempt to have the results of that election invalidated; and finally in your article entitled, "No Accusations, Comments and Questions," which is a misnomer, for you hurl several thinly veiled accusations at the Chief Justice & the Election Screening Committee. Indeed, all three of your thrusts in the above directions seem to have failed in their purpose.

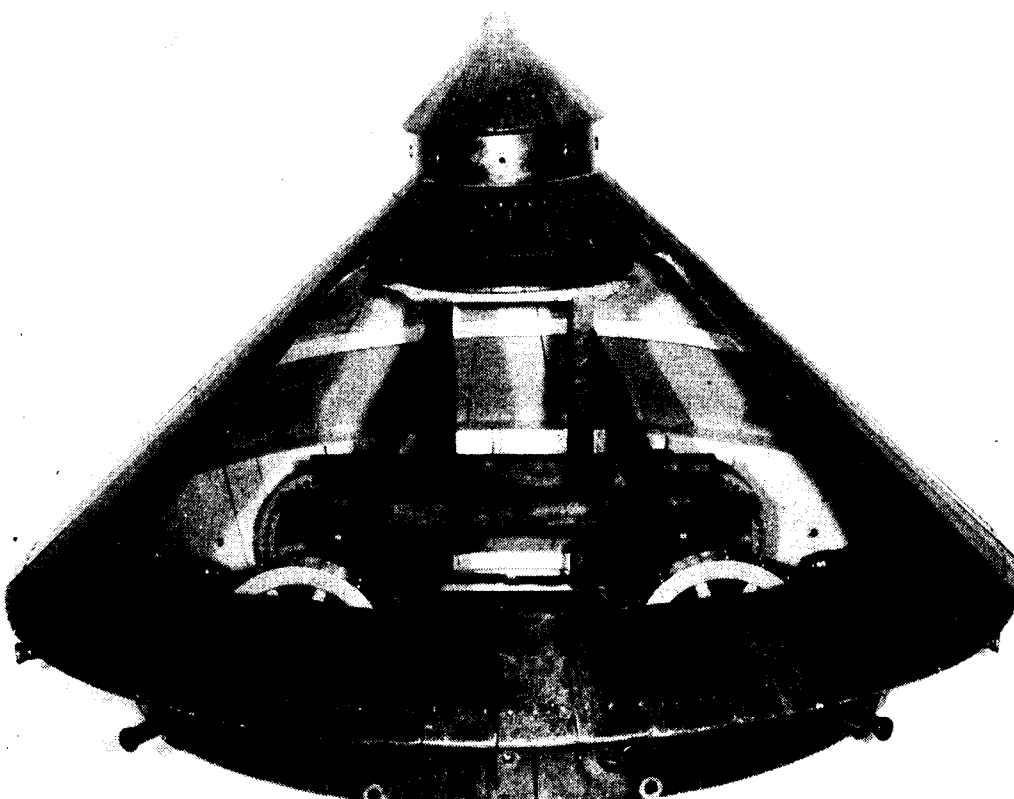
However, Young, there are, I say, grounds for hope. A fellow with a fine imagination such as yours can certainly find more "fundamental flaws" & "grey areas" of the SGA constitution to easily makeup for all previous setbacks. Winning is not everything! Grover Cleveland once said, "What is the use of being

elected, or re-elected, unless you stand for something?" It is the stand one takes that is all important in American politics. However, Young, we sometimes put too much weight on that as a device, and take too few pains to support it with fact & logic. This is particularly true when selfish motivation or prejudice is an integral part of our commitment to certain "visions". Realistically, there can be no substitute for good "honest" reasoning.

As the complex problems of today grow, so will our need for leaders of ability, candor, and earnestness. Historically, the American people have always responded to these leadership qualities, and an ambitious man should always keep it in mind.

In this age of complacency & division this, my friend, is the only path to, and he who does will certainly find success.

Jerry Rhen
Associate Justice
Student Court



No Schlock, despite what you may think, this is not the missing nimbus.

This is entitled: Common Sense

In regard to the article "No Accusations, Comments and Questions" by Young Inyang I would like to rebut the implied accusations, correct the inaccurate comments and reply to the questions. But first I have a comment to make. In my reply to your request for a hearing, I specified that any charges you were to bring were to be in writing. I requested a copy of them at the hearing. To this day you have not replied. I could have thrown the case out then and there on the grounds that you failed to comply to the rules. Technical? Yes. Hair-splitting? Yes. Nit-picking? Yes. Inconsequential? Yes. But still a violation of the rules. We heard your case anyway. We applied the best rule of thumb there is, a good strong dose of common sense. In legal terms this is referred to as

materiality. The test is to look at the infraction and then determine if it is of such a nature as to affect a material portion of the matter at hand. Therefore, you got your day in court when you were in technical violation of a minor rule. We applied this same rule to the charges you brought. Let us now examine them:

1. In Re your perennial obsession with the moving of the ballot box and the early counting procedure: I point out that at the hearing you could not produce one person who was unable to vote because of it. You did not then, nor do you now, charge that: A) any ballots were added; B) any ballots were not counted; C) any ballots were changed. So what's the issue? What constituted a "fundamental flaw"?

2. In Re your complaint that part-time students voted: I call attention to your statement that I "ruled that this did not violate the constitution". That statement is not inaccurate, it is out and out false. I ruled that voting by part-time students did technically violate the constitution, but when the issue was put to the court, they (I did not vote on any of the charges) voted that "this was still insufficient grounds for a review of the election", as reported in Tim Adams' accurate and objective article of the previous week. You go on to say that you "do not support any rule that discriminates against part-time students". Neither do I and neither did the voting members of the court. So what's the issue?

3. You challenge my objectivity