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Find Best Solution To LaVie Deficit

Since the proposal that a \$2 per semester LaVie assessment be levied against freshman students was presented to All-College Cabinet two weeks ago, a great deal of thought has been given to the problem. While all groups represented on cabinet have not taken votes on the proposal, those that have favored some kind of assessment. There is some dissension, however, as to just how the assessment should be made.

It appears that everyone recognizes the need for additional funds. Few people want the quality of LaVie to be lowered in order to put the book out within the range of finances available. Seniors have come to expect, perhaps selfishly, that their yearbook will be at least as good as that of the class preceding it.

This year's LaVie staff is faced with inadequate income to produce the 1953 yearbook. The 1952 LaVie incurred a deficit of \$3000, but a balance on hand of \$5000 enabled the staff to meet expenses. A similar deficit is anticipated this year, but only \$2000 is on hand to pay the costs.

The LaVie finance problem has been coming over a period of years, but until now no action has been taken on it. From 1930 to 1950 the yearbook was supported by assessments of \$1.25 per semester for all students, or a total of \$10 over an eight-semester period. Despite the fact that printing costs had doubled since 1930, the fee was held to \$1.25 until 1950, when the present \$2 fee per semester for sophomores, juniors, and seniors only was put into effect.

However, this 20 per cent increase was expected to meet prices that had increased 100 per cent. The increase came not only too late—it was inadequate. In 1948 a \$15,000 accumulation of funds was transferred from savings into the general account. This fund has decreased yearly until only \$2000 is left with which this year's staff can work.

Cabinet has recognized LaVie's need as a legitimate one. It appears that a fee change, of some kind will be recommended to the Board of Trustees, but since the problem was first posed, several alternate solutions have been suggested.

Senior Class President Ted Kimmel will present an amendment to the proposal at tonight's meeting. At the last senior class meeting it was felt that seniors for the next three years should also pay an extra \$2 to cover the costs of their own books. It was thought that this would help restore the book to a basis where each class would be paying for its own yearbook.

According to Douglas Schoerke, LaVie editor, such a plan isn't necessary. He admitted it was a noble gesture but said that it would be better to return to the "each class paying for its own yearbook" idea over a long period of time. He said the suggested fee for freshmen isn't a fee to "make freshmen pay because other students pay" but the beginning of a long range plan to bring income up to a point where it will meet expenditures.

The Mineral Industries Student Council turned down the proposal as it now stands on the basis that the \$4 per year raise would be in excess of the amount necessary to meet costs. The council felt the proposal should be modified to \$2 a year, to be paid all in one semester or at the rate of \$1 each semester.

The plan is not without its merits, but leaves little room for LaVie to build up the backlog of money that is so necessary in a publication the size and scope of the yearbook. In addition, the extra funds would allow LaVie to expand the yearbook with the use of additional color, the use of additional pictures in the campus life section, and the inclusion of more campus organizations.

Still other suggestions have been made. Some feel that the present \$2 per semester fee for upperclassmen should be increased by 50 or 75 cents. Others suggest that the best plan might be to assess second semester freshmen \$2 this year, and then wait until next year to see what conditions will be.

Since it seems obvious that LaVie will get the money it needs this year, it might be wise for cabinet to table the proposal for the moment and set up a committee of students to work with the LaVie staff and advisers to discover which of the several plans suggested would be best for LaVie, but at the same time put the least burden on the students.

Safety Valve—

Forum Ticket Sale Slow

TO THE EDITOR: There appear to be certain facts about the Community Forum which many students seem not to understand. For instance, it is impossible, at \$3 for a season ticket, to obtain only "big-name" speakers; because the bigger the name, the higher the fee, and it takes at least four or five speakers to present a well-rounded program. A big name, furthermore, is no guarantee of high quality.

Since so few students have thus far demonstrated their ability to recognize the high quality of this year's program, we feel obligated to offer a few facts.

In the first place, the Elsa Lanchester show was included this year primarily because students have requested "a lighter touch." It would ordinarily cost \$3 to see that show, but on the season ticket the cost is only 60 cents.

Some students have been critical of speakers who, in their judgment, were not especially skilled. Walter H. Judd was recommended to us, by a competent speech critic who had heard him, as an excellent speaker.

Several students have complained about the "lack of cultural and educational influences" in State College. They want to hear outstanding authorities, they say. Ikramullah is an outstanding authority on Pakistan, a new democracy—fortunately for us! In his syndicated column, "Washington Calling," Marquis Childs has been demonstrating his authority for years. And only a handful of people know the South and its problems as well as the author and editor Hodding Carter. Besides, all of these speakers have been highly recommended for their command of the English language and their skill on the platform.

The continuation and promotion of forum activities depends upon the students for their support. It takes 840 season tickets to pay for this year's program. Forum tickets will remain on sale until Monday, Oct. 27, at the Student Union Desk in Old Main for \$3.

—Elton S. Carter
Thomas A. Durek
Co-chairmen, State College
Community Forum

Chess Team Needs Funds

TO THE EDITOR: In the past week, there has been much said about the request of the Chess Club for funds. The Chess Club is not asking for a subsidy. We believe, as do most students, that a club should be able to finance its own functions. The Chess Club presented prizes to all winners in its simultaneous exhibition last year from its own treasury. The club has financed all its functions up until now and will continue to do so in the future.

It is the Pennsylvania State College Chess Team—that has been undefeated in match play in two years, won one Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Championship and lost another on a scoring technicality—that is asking for traveling expenses. The team does not represent the club or any group, but represents Penn State; just as the football, debate, and judging teams do.

I believe that if schools like Penn. Temple, Gettysburg, Pitt, and Geneva can aid their chess teams, a school like Penn State can, too. Geneva, a school with less than one-tenth the enrollment of Penn State has paid all expenses for her chess team, and they placed last in Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Chess Finals two years in a row.

The chief "objection" to the team's request is not a valid one because, I believe, a precedent can only be set once. There is at least one organization on campus that is receiving student funds.

For the last two years the members of the chess team stood personal expenses for the "love of the game." But when it comes to a choice between staying in school and playing chess, the former dictates.

—Peter Betley
Chess Club president

Gazette...

Thursday, October 23

AIR FORCE HONOR GUARD, Class A, Armory, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

DEMOLAY CLUB, 216 Willard, 7 p.m.

FRENCH CLUB, McElwain lounge, 7 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, Atherton lounge, 7:30 p.m.

INKLING, 208 Willard, 7 p.m.

LIFE IN MODERN ISRAEL discussion group, 'Types of Kibbutzim', Hillel Foundation, 8 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion group, 'Mechanism versus Vitalism', 107 Willard, 7:15 p.m.

PENN STATE HELLENIC SOCIETY, TUB, 7 p.m.

PHI MU ALPHA, 100 Carnegie, 9 p.m.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS smoker, 3 Carnegie, 7:30 p.m.

TAU BETA PI, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

WRA INTRAMURAL BOARD, White Hall office, 5 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE CLUB, White Hall game room, 7 p.m.

WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 2 White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

WRA SWIMMERS CLUB, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m., beginners, 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS, Grange recreation room, 7:30 p.m.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Couple without children to work for room and board.

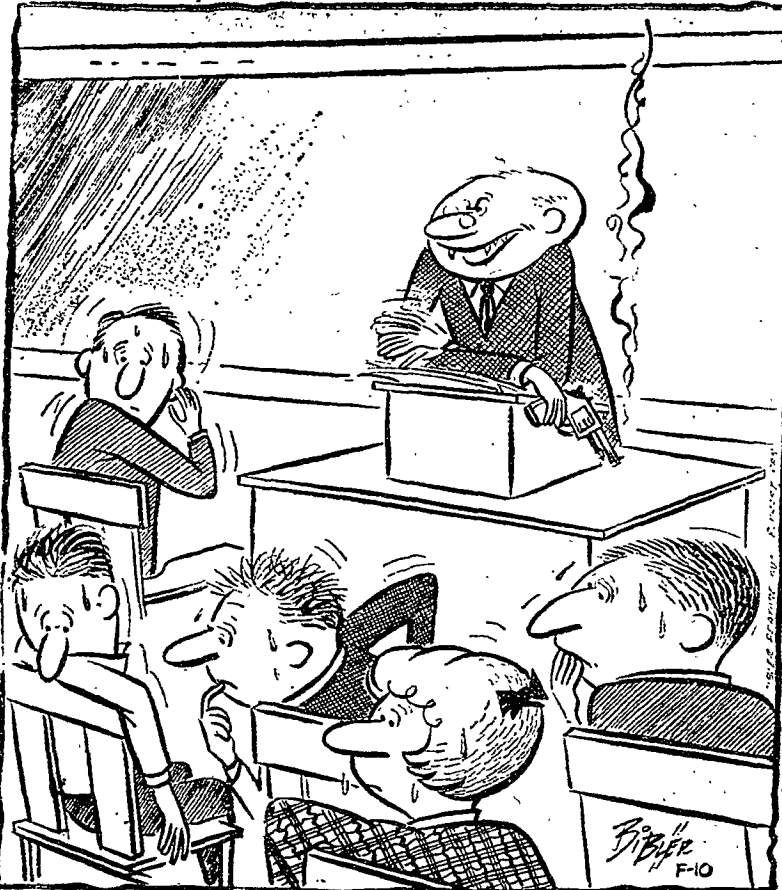
Boy to work for room.

Person experienced in photographic tinting.

Messenger for library.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I'll continue now, if there are no further irrelevant questions."

The Political Scene

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

This is the fifth in a series of interpretive political articles designed to inform the College student about the coming election, Nov. 4, and the issues and personalities surrounding it. The series is intended as a concise, unbiased discussion on a subject we feel should be stimulating and important to Penn Staters.

5. Campus Political Views

As the political campaigns of the two candidates approach their culmination (deadline Tuesday after next) a number of groups around the nation have expressed their preference. Labor, for example, has come out through the CIO and John L. Lewis as favoring Governor Stevenson or at least as opposing General Ike.

Other groups have expressed their fondness for the General—the majority of American newspapers editorially supports Ike, including some of the largest papers in the country, such as the Herald Tribune and the New York Times.

It might be interesting to note, however, the political ideas and opinions of persons more likely to be approaching political problems from the same angle as Penn Staters. Such an approach can be gotten by considering and comparing some of the political views expressed by students on campuses around the country and especially in the East.

About the only obvious, measurable criteria of student political opinion around the campuses are the college and university newspapers, most of which are (or claim to be) accurate representatives of the will of their students.

Perhaps the most interesting (and, incidentally, the most disputatious) of these newspapers is the Spector of Columbia University, which has definitely announced itself for Governor Stevenson. General Ike spent some time as President of Columbia and is now merely on leave from the institution.

Indeed, the General and his workers still do much of their campaigning directly from Morningside Heights on the Columbia campus.

A few weeks ago when the Spector made public its views, it aroused much editorial and news comment in the press of the nation. The typical comment was that the Spector was being very courageous in its editorial freedom.

Some question as to the bravery of their stand arose when the New York Times published the fact that Carl W. Ackerman, head of the Columbia School of Journalism, had announced for Stevenson, and at the same time claimed that the faculty of the school had been urged to remain silent as to political choice.

It appears from this that the bravery was on the part of Ackerman, not the Spector. Nevertheless, it is interesting to note that students and faculty at Columbia who have worked with Ike don't want him as President of the country.

A number of students at Columbia, claiming that the Spector's view was not representative of the student body, said that Columbia likes Ike by an even greater majority than the rest of the country. The Columbia Ike-backers called the Stevenson move there more noise than numbers.

On other campuses in the East, especially in the Ivy League, Stevenson has the edge. Only the Daily Princetonian, of all the league college papers, has supported Eisenhower. This, too, is rather unusual, for Stevenson is a Princeton graduate and was former managing editor of the Princetonian.

The paper lauded Ike as a man who brings to the field of foreign affairs experience and leadership rarely to be found in past chief executives and described him as a true internationalist. It also suggested that a party in power too long naturally tends towards corruption, waste and ineptness.

Another sign of anti-Ike feeling around the colleges is the use of Pogo comic strips in the college papers. Pogo, a mythical possum of extremely interesting political significance, appears in a number of these papers, including the Daily Dartmouth and the Daily Kansan.

At Dartmouth a rush of sizeable proportions was brought about when the paper announced that it was distributing "I Go Pogo" pins. Students crowded into the Daily D's office to pick up these "I Like Ike" parodies.

A number of college newspapers, including the New York University Heights Daily News and Penn State's own Daily Collegian, have remained editorially uncommitted to a candidate. These papers maintain that they cannot remain fair to the student bodies by taking a stand and state that they find it too difficult to arrive at a single opinion among the staffers themselves.

It is not difficult to see why a number of colleges have come out in favor of Stevenson, however, for Stevenson's appeal fits better into their standards. Stevenson, for example, is not a military man, and it may be fair to say that many university students have no particular

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