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An Attack—and Possible Motives

At what was perhaps its liveliest session of the year or of a couple of years, Cabinet Thursday night dignified Byron LaVan, Lion party clique chairman, by consenting to even listen to his request for the resignation of William Johnson, as Elections Committee chairman.

LaVan's carefully-prepared bombshell stunned Cabinet like they've never been stunned before (in our memory) and it left them wondering about the exact purpose of the attack.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the attack as such was one of the most ridiculous fiascoes ever to reach the floor of Cabinet in many a moon. That is, there was no doubt in the minds of anyone except LaVan—presumably.

We are not so sure that even LaVan, however sincere he may have tried to sound, did not also feel that he stood very little chance of ousting Johnson.

He did not have a sufficiently strong argument of direct facts to sway Cabinet. His claim of losing 150 registrants because of the late arrival of Elections Committee members to a clique meeting struck us as verging on exaggeration. Just verging, mind you.

The charge that Johnson and others caused a disturbance during a clique meeting hardly seems worthy of inclusion in a case so serious as impeachment.

Then there was the charge which, we believe doomed LaVan's case completely. That being the one concerning Johnson's alleged bitterness toward political parties generally and toward Lion party specifically because of certain campaign work last Spring.

This topped them all in the absurdity column. Thursday night's bitter man certainly was not Johnson, LaVan seemed to more closely fit the role. After all, a win is a win for the candidate but a loss is a loss for the clique chairman (or vice clique chairman).

And so went LaVan's rambling and vindictive case. Full of little things which were not worthy of Cabinet's ears.

All this mess has caused wonderings about campus. If LaVan didn't have a case of facts (and we are assuming that he did not) then he must have been banking on the fact that in a battle of personalities (which the debate was called several times Thursday night) he would have the top spot in Cabinet's heart rather than Johnson.

Not after LaVan's presentation which evoked

frequent bursts of laughter and caustic remarks (which even the polite gavel of Robert Bahrenburg could not stifle).

So it is left up to the people connected to guess or to find out what LaVan's real motive was. He must have had a motive. All the preparation must have been done for some end.

It is said that Lion party is not doing so well as it should if it is to unseat the present party of power. We've heard that Lion party may be just a little worried. In view of the registration so far they have good cause to be.

So then it might be that LaVan is throwing all his eggs into one basket and is trying, by some devious means to pull a big swing over to Lion party on the sympathy angle. This is only a guess. However, if LaVan is trying to set himself up as a martyr for the students against Cabinet or any other group he has certainly started on the right track. By insulting Cabinet's intelligence he accomplished this very neatly.

We envision a possible repeat of last year wherein Lion party again acts in direct violation of the Elections Code and then after having its fingers slapped by Elections Committee takes the "students' appeal" to Supreme Court (if it still exists) and plays on the students' sympathy. If this is the Lion strategy it is a dangerous game. Someone's fingers might not only be slapped but might get burnt.

Another thing which stuck in our minds was LaVan's ill-fated attempt to take a slap at Lion's Paw. In doing it he drew a diagram of a triangle on the blackboard. We have been told that this diagram is famous and we are led to believe that this deviation in LaVan's case might not have been his own idea. Could the motive be directed toward Lion's Paw? This has also been done before. This is generally considered a fairly hard task.

So these are a few of the possibilities. Other interested persons may have other ideas. And then Byron LaVan has his own—the right one. His real reason for the preposterous attack on Johnson.

Maybe we are taking the thing too seriously. Maybe LaVan just decided to get in a few licks for the enjoyment of being in the spotlight.

If that is the case then the big act is over. The star has had his big moment. Now let's all settle back down to a clean election despite LaVan's mention of a dirty one.

—The Editor

Hazards of a Short Vacation

All-University Cabinet has taken an intelligent stand on the Christmas vacation issue.

We feel that the students should have the longer vacation, but that it is probably impossible to get it through for this year's vacation. It would be wise to have a Cabinet committee crystalize ideas and suggestions before they are presented to the administration.

It would be desirable for the administration to change the returning date from Jan. 2 to Jan. 3 for this vacation. Cabinet should work on getting this through for this year. It would be dangerous for students to travel back to school on New Years Day. Some students may have a long distance to travel making it necessary to leave Jan. 1 in order to make 1 p.m. classes the next day.

It is also unfair to have students break up a national holiday such as New Years to return to school. We suggest the administration look into the matter carefully before they let the present dates remain.

As for the days taken at the beginning of the vacation—we feel that this too is undesirable and should be changed for future years. Several points may be brought out against the shorter vacation.

It is far more difficult to get the part-time jobs needed by many students if the vacation is shortened. It means that students who take jobs must cut a few more days of classes. It means that they may not be able to work as long. Or it may mean that University students

will lose jobs to students from other schools which get out earlier.

The importance of these part-time jobs should not be underestimated. For many students these jobs represent spending money for the rest of the school year.

Another problem which was brought to the fore at Cabinet meeting is that many students prefer to do their shopping in their home town. Some students claim that the selection in State College, a small town, does not compare to that of their home town which is larger. With the present dates for Christmas vacation students will have only one day at home to shop at home. We feel that this will not be enough.

Students have also pointed out that they would rather have a long Christmas vacation than semester vacation because their friends are home from other schools. This also, though not as important as some others, is a point that should be considered by the administration.

We feel that Christmas is one of the most important of all American holidays. It is a time when the family unit is strengthened. It is a time when American customs and traditions gain primary importance.

The administration should take into consideration that by chopping off these few days before Christmas they are delimiting an important part of the family holiday festivities. This should not be done.

We hope that for next year the administration will revert back to the old dates.

—Sue Conklin

Stirring Oration

A lively discussion of the Supreme Court set the stage for the best speech we have heard from the floor of All-University Cabinet in two semesters.

Lash Howes, Association of Independent Men president, at the close of the Supreme Court debate Thursday night delivered an overpowering speech.

Howes was in favor of the amendment to abolish the court. He presented his ideas with clarity and sincerity.

Whether students agree or disagree with his points they could not help but feel the intensity with which he opposed the retention of the Supreme Court.

We admire Howes' integrity which was exemplified when he maintained his own convictions in spite of the feelings of AIM.

His discussion of the subject showed interest and a great deal of thought. Whether agreeing or disagreeing with Howes, we feel that students would have to respect his reasoning which was clear and unbiased. Although opinionated

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Tomorrow
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, 6:00 p.m., 9 Carnegie
FRESHMAN COUNCIL MIXER, 7:00 p.m., Hillel
GRADUATE CLUB AND MARRIED COUPLES GROUP,
"WIENER ROAST," 7:30 p.m., Hillel
HOME ECONOMICS-FORESTRY MIXER, 2:45 p.m., parking lot near Forestry building
LAVIE SENIOR BOARD, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
LOX AND BAGEL BRUNCH, 11:00 a.m., Hillel
PENN STATE OUTING CLUB, 10:00 a.m., behind Osmond Laboratory

Monday
BEGINNER'S HEBREW, 8:00 p.m., Hillel
CAMERA CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Mineral Science Auditorium
FRESHMAN COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m., 101 Willard
INTERFAITH COMMITTEE, 7:00 p.m., Hillel
YIDDISH LANGUAGE AND CONVERSATION, 7:00 p.m., Hillel
University Hospital
Veronica Antrim, Rose Marie DiEmidio, Naomi Naylor, Nicholas Rock, Mary Weeks, Edward Anderson, Norbert Connors.

on the subject, Howes showed an open minded attitude.

All of these attributes combined with a well delivered speech made for a powerful oration. Cabinet and the audience clapped at the close of Howes' speech. This is only a slight tribute for the gift Howes made to Cabinet.

—Sue Conklin

"Well, Nobody Can Say I'M Not Keeping On A High Level"



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They Call Us Apathetic

—by evie onsa

Politics, like the weather, is something people talk about but often don't do anything about even when they are given the opportunity.

This apathetic attitude on the part of students is shown in a recent poll by Look magazine which pointed out that college students fail to understand or take responsibility concerning national elections.

The article entitled "Tragic Fact: Our Young Voters Don't Care" was based on a sampling survey of 1300 students at 24 colleges. It disclosed that only two out of five college students, all of whom had turned 21 since 1952, planned to vote in November.

It is hard to believe that this could be a true picture of the situation. Although this survey included colleges from all sections of the country the number queried seems too small to be indicative of a nation-wide attitude. Nevertheless, it doesn't speak very well for students who are supposed to be among the more informed and interested citizens.

If this "I don't care" attitude is so prevalent at the college level, how can people with less education, people with less time and opportunity to devote to the study of the issues than students, be expected to care.

The survey revealed that 24 per cent of the students did not lean toward any particular party, 34 per cent showed no interest in who would be the next vice president. Three out of 10 didn't favor anyone for the presidency and 71 per cent admitted that their choice would be strongly influenced by the candidate's personality and appearance.

Look puts it this way: "The sobering fact of the matter is that a very large number of our young voters plainly don't care one way or another about the coming presidential election, or are so confused that it amounts to the same thing."

There's no excuse for Penn State students to be confused with or disinterested in the campaign. Active Young GOP's and Democrats on campus and informative articles by political science department members are two reasons for this.

The fact that Collegian has had repercussions, both favorable and otherwise, about running Herblock's political cartoons is one indication of interest.

Neither have eligible students any excuse for not exercising their voting privilege. Those from New Jersey and New York may vote on an absentee ballot. Students in Pennsylvania, where the absentee ballot is not used, may obtain excuse blanks at the HUB desk. These must be signed by an elec-

tion board member when you vote.

Ike or Adlai? College editors choose Ike. Results of a recent poll taken by the University of Connecticut student newspaper showed 190, or 77 per cent.

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'Automation' Commended By Walker

Automation will bring many problems, but the result can only be good, Dr. Eric A. Walker believes.

Dr. Walker spoke on "Automation in Today's World" at a dinner meeting Thursday night in the Nittany Lion Inn of the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges of Business Administration.

Would Bring Problems Materials, fuel and manpower are among the perplexing problems automation will bring, Dr. Walker said. The material problem, he said, is a pressing one, whereas the energy difficulty, with the potential now seen in uranium and in harnessing energy from the sun, is solvable.

"But the manpower problem can never be completely solved," Dr. Walker said. "We will need highly trained men to carry out our program of automation and the program will be delayed because of the lack of such people."

Trained Personnel Shortage Because of the shortage of trained personnel, especially in higher skills, Dr. Walker said that industry must learn to use engineers, technicians and artisans at their highest possible skills, "for not for many years will they be able to obtain all the people needed at these higher levels."

This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES SATURDAY

6:55	Sign On
7:00	Musical Marathon
8:00	Hubzapoppin'
8:30	Just for Two
9:30	Hi-Fi Open House
11:00	Sign Off