

Editorial Opinion

# La Vie Recognition Of 'Campus' Expansion

It has been the unstated policy of La Vie not to print the activities in which a senior graduating from the University has participated while attending a Commonwealth campus.

La Vie has done this for so long that it has become a tradition—one which unfortunately is out dated.

In the past La Vie has defended this practice stating that most of the campuses offered only two-year programs and that it was too difficult to check the validity of a student's activities at another campus.

Considering the growing importance of this University's Commonwealth campuses we believe that La Vie can no longer justify this tradition.

In recent years these branches of Penn State have become more important to the expansion of the University. In fact, the names of these branches have been changed from "centers" to "campuses" to give a more accurate picture of their position within the University's structure.

They are currently destined to play an even more important role in the expansion of the University. Next fall 2,500 of the 5,500 freshmen admitted to the University will enter one of the 13 Commonwealth campuses. And President Walker has indicated that possibly in the future all Penn State students will spend their freshman year at a Commonwealth campus.

Although many students spend only one or two years at a campus, they often fill high positions of leadership in the activities of that campus. At least two of the candidates for office in last month's student government elections began their work with student government while attending a Commonwealth campus.

It would indeed be unfortunate if the outstanding contributions to the University of these and other transfer students were not attributed to them in their yearbook.

The La Vie staff could compile a list of the major activities at each Commonwealth campus with little difficulty. Such a list would protect La Vie from listing non-existent or very minor activities and still allow for recognition of outstanding transfer students.

It would be a simple matter for the La Vie staff to contact a student's campus if a question about an activity should arise.

This year the La Vie staff for 1963 has done much worthwhile revamping and we urge that the senior board extend their up-dating plans to provide for these transfer students.

The University is growing rapidly in areas other than University Park. So are its student leaders.

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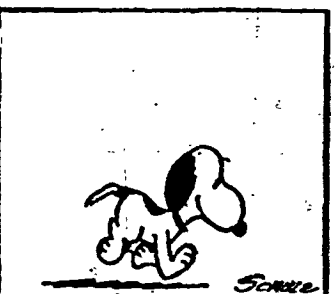
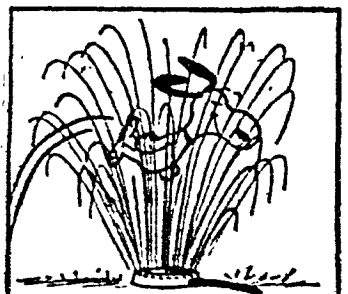
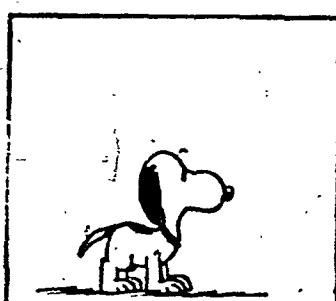
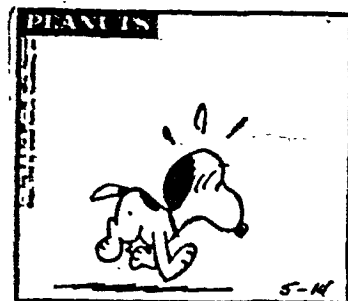
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# Swing Votes Decisive

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It seems ironic that neither the party which controls the executive branch of USG, nor the party with which most of the Congressional leaders sympathize controls the Congress.

This is best exemplified by the actions taken by Congress Thursday night when two major pieces of legislation were passed — the NSA proposal and the bill setting up a student opinion bureau. These bills were presented by opposing power cliques in the Congress and were not supported by the other group.

The vote on both of these bills was close with the NSA proposal passing by two votes, 13 to 11, and the student opinion bureau bill being approved, 13 to 9. These close votes were recorded even though suitable compromises were worked out in both cases.



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The obstinacy of these two power groups was only overcome by the sound, clear, individual thinking of a small minority of Congressmen without a party affiliation.

The NSA proposal was presented by two Liberal party members, Ann Tyson and Murray Winderman, both representing West Halls. The original bill called for USG to join NSA permanently, but the Congress, after many hours of debate and discussion on three occasions finally approved an experimental one-year membership in the national student organization. This membership will expire next spring, unless USG decides to join the group permanently, and will give this student government an excellent chance to study the organization while enjoying full membership privileges at 50 per cent of the normal fee.

Even though this excellent compromise was presented, voting on the bill followed party lines with Liberal party voting for and congressmen who registered with University party this spring voting against the proposal.

This performance was repeated, but in reverse, on the

vote on the student opinion bureau. This bill was presented by University party on their platform this spring and Vice President Morris Baker introduced it to the Congress.

Liberal party-connected congressmen continued their opposition to the bill even though they had passed an amendment putting the bureau under the Public Relations Agency.

This compromise proposal was originally opposed by Baker, but it finally passed with University party-connected congressmen leading the support for it and Liberal party members voting against.

The unwillingness of the two largest coordinated groups in the Congress to accept a compromise is unfortunate. It has often been said that politics is 90 per cent compromise, but apparently this is not true at Penn State.

But, just as this obstinacy is unfortunate, it is fortunate that there is quite a large "swing vote" in the Congress which determines the final say on action the Congress will take. This situation has permitted the Congress to reap the benefits of both power groups, hopefully, without approving the bad ideas of either groups.

### Letters

## Sr. Questions Bomb Testing

TO THE EDITOR: No one wants war, nuclear or otherwise. Linus Pawling is a very distinguished physicist, no doubt, but like the cigarette and cancer (and they have more evidence and subjects to work with) argument this claim that three million neonatal deaths will be the result of the one per cent increase in radioactivity is mere scientific speculation based on very little evidence. They still have not proved conclusively that there is any relation between cigarette smoking and cancer.

If Mr. Ravitz will take a little longer look at the map he will soon see that the majority of the Islands near the test area belong to the U.S. Those that don't belong to the U.S. belong to our close allies. Also I don't believe Hawaii would declare war on us if a missile did land there. A chance for accidental war by a stray missile was the contention of his first letter. The missiles are undoubtedly sent on a trajectory such that in case of a complete malfunction of all safety systems the missile would land within the safety zone set up for this reason.

The only type of accident that could occur at one of our missile bases is that one of the personnel would take control and put the others out of commission so he could launch a missile.

Other country's commanders could launch an attack whether or not we had A-Bombs.

Mr. Ravitz evidently has forgotten that any decision to launch SAC or the missiles is a joint decision by NORAD, SAC and finalized by the only person who singly could launch an attack, the President.

—Dennis Politano, '62

## Change Urged In La Vie Policy

TO THE EDITOR: No recognition will be given to transfer students for their participation in activities while attending a center, according to La Vie. The Senior Board of La Vie states it is unable to validate these activities although all center organizations are under a joint chartering system with University Park.

Efforts are being made to rectify this situation for the benefit of our seniors. There is still time to change this policy for the 1963 yearbook. If you think your time is worthy of recognition, call Sandy Schall of the La Vie senior board to help expedite this matter.

—Bob Crawford '63

### Letters

## YAF Chairman Thormeyer Defends Conservative View

TO THE EDITOR: The following is a reply to Miss Saralee Orton's column entitled "Lest We Forget," which appeared in the Collegian on May 10. It has been prepared by the members of the Young Americans for Freedom here on this campus.

In her column, Miss Orton implies that external communist threat is of considerably more concern than is the internal danger. Those who Miss Orton thinks feel otherwise are grouped under the heading of "witchhunters." She states that these people "find witch-hunting and subversive scares far more exciting than a cold analysis of the foreign threat," and that "The John Birch Society, Neo-Minutemen and members of the YAF fall into this category." She goes on to say that "the methods they use may contribute far more to the destruction of democracy than the action of the communists within our country."

We of the YAF object to the totally unsupported and sweeping generalizations and assertions made about our organization for the following reasons:

● Miss Orton has failed to differentiate throughout her column between the responsible YAF and the highly irresponsible John Birch and Minutemen Societies.

● By not doing so, she has attempted to damage the reputation of the YAF and its members both here on campus and nationally.

● In her attacks, Miss Orton has offered no proof of any kind that the YAF engages in the activities she mentions (witch-hunting, etc.).

The YAF has no connections with either the John Birch Society or the Minutemen, both of which we differ from in both philosophy and method; furthermore, we neither condone nor utilize the methods of either. Unlike these groups, YAF is not semi-secret, but is a reputable and completely open organization, with permission from the Senate Subcommittee on Student Affairs to operate on the Penn State campus.

Our reputation is indicated by the well respected personnel on the National YAF advisory board, which includes among others Rep. Walter Judd, R-Minn., Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., and Gen. Mark Clark. Representatives of the organization have often testified before Congressional committees investigating legis-

lation which would affect youth and the economic life of the nation, further proving the reputation of the YAF, which Miss Orton feels does not exist.

As for Miss Orton's wholly unsubstantiated charge that the YAF "witch-hunts" more than it worries about the foreign challenge of communism, had she read some of the periodicals of the YAF, and in particular the Sharon Statement (our basic principles and beliefs which state that the greatest single threat to our liberties at the present time is the international communist conspiracy), Miss Orton would have seen that her charges were completely unwarranted and in direct contradiction to fact. For those wishing to see for themselves, there is a copy of the Sharon Statement in the Office of Student Affairs.

The YAF stand on this issue is the same as that of the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, who when asked "which is of more concern, the internal or external threat of Communism?", answered, "It is both."

Because of the proven reputation of the YAF, we cannot be compared with the John Birchers or the Minutemen; nor can we be called witchhunters, again because of our factual stand on the dangers of Communism in general, not just internally. We would request that Miss Orton either prove her unsubstantiated generalizations about the YAF, or else retract these statements publicly and print the truth in her next column, since she violated her journalistic responsibilities by her unfounded charges in the first place.

—Carl Thormeyer, chairman, Young Americans for Freedom

### LETTER POLICY

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