

editorial opinion

Old political experts look at the Senate race

Tom Jefferson sat on a cloud dusting off his wig, portering the day's events back on planet Earth when a much newer heavenly tenant, Ike, walked by.

"Say, General, what do you think of this young guy, Hefley, and all his problems with his girlfriend?" asked the founding father.

"Sure makes for a lot of bad press when you're trying to get elected for office," George Marshall warned me about such things back during World War II," replied the general.

"Sure is a difficult thing to keep a secret with all these new-fangled tape recorders. Sure am glad they didn't have such things when I was on Earth," said Jefferson.

Ben Franklin, always one to get in on a discussion, sat down next to Tom on the next cloud.

"THAT'S THE PROBLEM with these young guys. They keep it a secret. Everybody knew about me. But then, I was old and everybody got a big kick out of it," said the American sage.

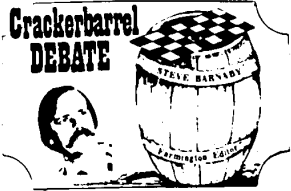
"I full agree. But the question is, does it affect the way you run your public affairs?" chimed in a young Bostonian, with a full shock of hair.

The participants turned and looked at Jack Kennedy and pondered the question.

Almost simultaneously, the entire group chimed in, not in unison.

Someone said, "Let's go ask Franklin Roosevelt. He has some experience in such matters."

The group hustled over to where FDR was sitting and petting his dog, Fala. After having the question put to him, the New Dealer took the cue, the holler from his mouth and gave a big smile.



"Well, boys, it's certainly isn't the wisest thing to do. But everyone makes a mistake and deserves the right to figure out his personal life for himself," he said.

"Forgive and forget, that's what I always say," said Ben.

ABOUT THAT TIME, a short, red-haired gentleman came storming through the clouds.

"You hear what he said, Jefferson," yelled Alexander Hamilton in his usual oratorical manner.

"That's the problem, Jefferson. You always tried to make hay out of my personal life. What good did it do you? We were both damn good leaders of our country and you certainly weren't a saint," he howled.

The clouds rumbled as Jefferson stared at Hamilton.

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Lust versus stupidity: American style politics

By JACQUE KLEIN

It's a hard time to be a politician in this country. With the new-fangled tape recorders and the cameras, it's almost impossible to keep a secret.

My friend, a former member of Congress, told me about a recent campaign. He said he had a lot of trouble keeping a secret about his private life.

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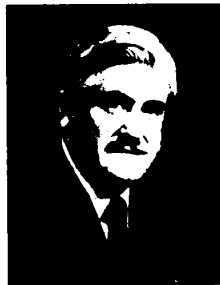
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OCC protests Lichtman stand

Dear Sir: Was Fred Lichtman not unemployed when he was writing at Oakland Community College? What would it take to get the unemployment?

What a cheap trick by a high speed vehicle that would stop by the campus every day to get to the high school.

It would be impressed if a disaster would strike the college and rescue units would get in because illegally parked vehicles are blocking the hydrants. Perhaps the young lady who passed out in a faint due to a strong drug reaction would have impressed the councilman's respect when the Farmington Hills ambulance didn't get close enough to the building.

Is it a "wage" march? More power to Director Holko and Mr. Mayor's. It is absurd that they recognize the problem that we have been faced with since we lost our police force.

As for the so-called dispute between the Oakland County Sheriff, where do you people get your information, or are you afraid to get the truth?

The fact remains that certain college officials at Auburn campus tried to quash a disorderly person ticket without using proper court procedure. The sheriff's main interest is to maintain equal law enforcement. He could care less if you are a faculty member.

Can you really believe this is what Director Holko wants? No, Councilman Lichtman, I don't think so.

Come to think of it, nor do we. If the officials of Oakland Community College would follow the sheriff's request, we could go back to work and earn our living, return to our jobs as police officers and not window dressing.

All of us have graduated from an accredited police academy, as any officer in the State of Michigan is required to do and that is to include the federal academy. KAs for making us auxiliary officers, sorry, that wouldn't work.

Ben Rovinsky
Department of Public Safety, OCC

to member at Oakland Community College.

Yes, I agree it is ludicrous to tie up Farmington Hills police officers to do the job that belongs to the public safety officers of Oakland Community College.

Director Holko and his officers have a much greater responsibility to the citizens of Farmington Hills than to Oakland Community College, especially when Oakland Community College doesn't contribute one cent to the city.

Yes, the city generated more than \$300 million in violations. Is that a lot of money? No way. How about wear and tear on patrol vehicles, removing traffic officers from areas that need special attention and extra secretarial staff to process the violations? How much overtime will be necessary to process the tickets?

But they don't have to be armed — said Lichtman. Fantastic statement. For your information, councilman, out of a 13 man department at the Orchard Ridge campus, alone, there are three of us who have a combined time of better than 60 years of law enforcement, including the federal law.

The detective sergeants out of Detroit have worked morality booster, bunco narcotics, body guard and patrol.

Mr. Lichtman, please find out more about us before you make a statement like that.

Furthermore, sir, just what makes you think we would agree to becoming auxiliary officers for Farmington Hills? We are good officers and the only thing we want is to go back to work. Don't take our jobs away.

Under the circumstances, Director Holko is doing a fantastic job and I hope he allows his traffic bureau to continue enforcing local ordinances for which the campus comes under.

BEN ROVINSKY
Department of Public Safety, OCC

in 1968 in the highest of Jimmie Carter's year best bet. In 1968, you'll read that the peanut capital of Georgia may be the latest in a series of "Trucks In." And if you're about to get a delivery truck in 1968.

For the famous words of Earl Butz, Jr., "You don't have to be a politician to be a politician." You don't have to be a politician to be a politician.

As I said before, you have to watch every word in these days. It's not just a matter of being a politician, it's a matter of being a politician.

I called another candidate and his wife answered the phone. I said an appointment with your husband. I said that was over like Jimmy Carter saying, "In my heart, I know your wife."

There was a time when you could not vote for a man who was having an affair and she'd eventually ask, "Who's your other?" But now she'd want to know if you were having an affair, she'd want to know if you were having an affair, she'd want to know if you were having an affair.

They are really going downhill. The press used to want a reasonable direct length of time after the death of a president to reveal the scandal about his mistress or flares. I understand they're still conducting an investigation about the sexual escapades of Franklin D. Roosevelt's terms.

But now they don't even want until a guy gets elected before they hand out the scandalous details about his devious past are splattered all over the front pages of your daily press.

MY MAMMURIST said something very succinct about the perked charges being leveled against certain candidates. If they want to make a big deal about every man who ever failed around, we'd have self-government for sure.

The way things are shaping up, it looks like the National Organization of Women is putting some dirty tracks on male politics. What kind of world would we have if the Burns, Evans, the Virginia Hays, the Dwyers, and the Flaybys, Burns were in stalled in the White House?

All the verbiage, mud-slinging and his political superficial issues in this campaign can be summed up in a grand theme: Lust versus stupidity, take your pick.