In Case of Insomnia – Campaign spending
Is it really necessary?

By William Kestenbaum

The iron-fisted budget of Senator Nixon’s now proposing campaign reforms is great. Only $100 a year for the average candidate (which would have become proficient through long practice) are more qualified to point out the errors in the system and thus make suggestions and his past actions. However, I will not make the comparison (as I eventually could do now, if I were so inclined) on the idea of campaign spending and campaign tactics.

For us, I can hardly conceive of any activity more wasteful of resources. Billions of millions of dollars spent by candidates in a presidential election year, all for the drudging a certain name and slogan into the public mind. It involves all advertising tactics which means, while the candidates may not, they do not tell the “whole truth, and nothing but the truth.” Doesn’t a politician feel at all guilty about putting a spot for him sandwiched between a plug for hemorrhoids and one for dog food? Is the truth in advertising law applied to political commercials?

When they might possibly be slightly biased, newspapers and broadcasting media should be able to do a much more able job of getting the candidates’ real messages across. But then maybe the candidates don’t want to know their real messages. Possibly Nixon’s suggestion of repealing the equal time requirement for political candidates** will force some cabal politicians out into open debates, but who will judge which candidate’s real message is the real message?

The suggestion to shorten the presiden
tial campaign is an excellent one. Why can’t we set aside a dollar for private political contributions is essential, except political parties, have to pay all their bills. Why, at least, they can’t the organizational campaigns? Why can’t we set aside a dollar for supporting the organizational campaigns? Why can’t we set aside a dollar for the political parties squandering dollars for the trivialities of commercials?

I will comment (did you think I could mention the candidates’ need for money?) on the last point. Why is campaign spending tax deductible? And what about that dollar donated to a candidate’s political foundation which is used to support the candidate? Should not the candidate be required to file a report with the Federal Election Commission?

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Conversations we’d rather not see

B: Good morning, I’m calling for the PF
desk.
A: The PF is SHPEHDKF.
B: Is this the SHPEHDKF?
A: The “Fittest Public Servants I Have Ever Known Defense Fund.” How much can I put you down for?
B: Not a penny. There’s not a snow
day that we would go to contribute to those lying, thieving, crooked, power-hungry former high government officials.
A: I can fully understand and respect your position, sir. I am Irving Dow, formerly of the Lew firm Dow, Katchem, Horst Right now I work for the Warner Revenue Service.
B: Um yes. As a matter of fact, I just happen to have a copy of your return for the last several years on my desk. Rest assured that you will not have a single minor problem with the audit of those returns.
A: Audit? what audit?

By Curtis Reeves

I’ve reached a disagreement with my editor-in-chief. He says that he won’t run the ad which says that the majority of the staff members are columns by staff mem
der editorial policy of the The Tech.
A: And I say how else am I supposed to know what your position is except through this Friday’s battle against Thursday was written by one person, and not the entire staff?
My guess is that much of The Tech is written by one person, and not the entire staff.

Like I said, the dispute arose over Greg Saltzman’s column about the afterparty Monday. My gut reaction is that it should never have been run, but my more intel
lectual feeling says: “okay, run it, but make sure people know that it’s not the official word.”

To me, the reasons for not running it were obvious. You don’t print that kind of material unless you want to come off as being a liberal and elitist. You don’t send out print mass right ears (those boxes in the upper right hand corner of the page) either. It makes for an argument which can only be detrimental to the way people view our campus in the way that it is not a professional.

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Appelman and company over in Walker seem to have their own vendetta against the editor-in-chief. He says that he won’t run that “crass for wit and intellect,” The Tech might as well look at its own publication, The Daily Reamer. And is The Tech ready to make the judgment that a man’s penis is more important than his (which was its own pictorial view of the streakers)? or his ideas?

But philosophy aside, I turn my at

tention to Saltzman’s words on Monday’s column. He seems to be losing his object to the advertisement of a “pornographic movie,” which I will only agree with a certain by a former editor-in-chief of The Tech, that “for a hundred and sixty dollars I’d run half a page of a penis.”

I don’t mean to defend Monday, either. After all, I can’t be the same issue as too much an obvious. I was somewhat disappointed by Saltzman, and the running of his column.

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Media battle continues, disputes ensue Round Six

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A: The one our computer just selected you for. We all know that minor problems don’t worry too much. I am glad to hear that.
A: Yes, I can assure you that all of your problems will be major and serious. You put me down for $1000 for the SHPEHDKF?
B: By the way, what else do you do besides working for the IRS.

A: I also handle our liaison with the FBI.
B: Really, how interesting.
A: Not half as interesting as your dossier which happens to be right in front of me.
B: Well, you know how it is.
A: We certainly do. And that’s why we take special precautions to see that nothing of this must frankly admit is most demeaning information ever gets out. It’s all kept safely locked away and guarded right over there next to the Xerox machine and the photography lab.
B: I’m glad to hear that.
A: Yes, there’s a fine set of 12 x 14 glossies we’ve developed from the Xerox. You really do lead a most active life.
B: Tell you what, how about $100,000 for the SHPEHDKF?
A: We’ll make your income ought to be going to that 1995 charity. Why not make it $20,000? It’s the best in
vestment you’ll ever make in your future.
B: First off, $100,000!!!
A: I have over a bag in a paper bag will do nicely. Just leave the intrace in locker number 1660 at Washington National Airport.
B: Great, good talking to you. Glad to do my part to see that the finest public servants I have ever known get a fair trial.
A: They wouldn’t do that (click) I’ll be run, out to the airport for another pickup. When you get back, call up Rose Mary and let her know what you’ve got so she can add it to the list. Let’s see who’s next.

(ending of dialing)

A: Good morning, I’m calling for the SHPEHDKF.

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"The Wizard of Id" by Brant Parker and Johnny hart

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1. The author argues that campaign spending is wasteful and ineffective, as it involves advertising tactics that are not always informative.
2. The author questions the fairness of allowing political candidates to deduct campaign expenses from their taxes.
3. The author suggests that political candidates should be required to file a detailed audit of their campaign expenses.
4. The author proposes that political candidates should be more transparent about their campaign spending and activities.

Language and Tone:

The author uses a critical and questioning tone, expressing frustration with the current state of campaign spending.

Usage of Language:

The author uses jargon and technical terms related to politics and campaign finance, such as "political candidates," "tax deductions," and "campaign expenditures."