

ORANGE LEGISLATURE HAS UNIQUE MOTIONS

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Of the three legislatures in Y&G, this year's Orange legislature had the most controversy surrounding it.

For one, the Orange legislature, on Saturday, entertained two separate motions to silence two delegates, Aaron Trockman and Matthew Shine, the latter of which ran for governor.

Neil Patel, a legislator from Jefferson County DuQuion, explained the motion.

"We hit a majority [for the motion] but it has

to be two-thirds [to pass]," said Patel. "I don't think he deserved it really. All they did was take things a little too far on one of the bills. I think we've all been guilty of that at one point or another," said Patel.

Others, such as Daniel Betty and Chase Cappellano, both from Kankakee BBCHS, believe it would not have hurt anybody if Shine had been silenced.

"He [Shine] just needed more tenacity," stated Betty.

"I've had enough 'Shine Time' for a lifetime," said Cappellano.

Trockman was nearly

silenced for a completely different issue.

"He spoke out against most bills he [initially] claimed to support," said Clayton Bosch of the Paris Heritage.

"I was in his committee, and he wanted to amend every bill," recalled Chris Eisenmenger, also from Paris Heritage.

Other delegates believed that both should have their time to debate and not fear getting silenced.

"I think the whole ordeal is a little unorthodox and pointless," said Tamara Abu-Tayeh, from

Springfield Williamsville. "Everyone should have the right to speak."

The Orange House also passed a motion to censure the Secretary of State Janesh Rahlan.

"I think that the Speaker was just a little fed up with the 'epic bill flow failure,'" explained Clayton Bosch, from Paris Heritage.

When Rahlan was asked how he felt about the whole motion, he seemed very indifferent.

"It didn't really affect me because I was eating dinner at the time," said Rahlan.

Chief justice candidates have battle of oral arguments

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Saturday, in room 212 at 5:00 p.m., there was quite a bit of excitement among the attorneys.

Megan Godette, an attorney from Network Andrew, and Scott Nelson, an attorney from Heritage Neuqua Valley, presented their oral arguments for their case in what was an exhibition match against each other.

This legal match was significant because both attorneys ran for Chief Justice, with Godette winning.

"[The match was set up by] Mr. Tramel with his

mean and evil spiritedness," said Godette.

Nelson, on the other hand, had a different view of the competition.

"When someone beats you by 445 votes, it's kind of entertaining to have the opportunity to make a little bit of a statement about how you feel your qualifications might [compare]," said Nelson.

After it was all over, who pulled out the victory?

Nelson won the exhibition match in the eyes of Mary Venderly, an attorney from Heritage Naperville Central, who thought, "[Nelson] did better."

Nelson's loss of the race for Chief Justice did not appear to be due to his lack of skills, but more likely because of his personality."

Mike Gilewicz agreed. "Behind the cheerful demeanor and all the wise quips is really an angry and ambitious individual desperate to make it to the top," said Gilewicz, an attorney from B. R. Ryall Wheaton Warrenville South.

Nelson was formal and gracious upon his win of the exhibition saying, "Really I was proud of my partner [Milton Kho], who handled himself very well."

Shine's speech raises some controversy

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Matthew Shine, a representative from Network Stagg, told a heroic story Friday during his speech.

The story told of a defining moment in Shine's life when he rescued a drowning child while working as a life guard.

"The story didn't go over as I hoped. It didn't get the reaction I expected," said Shine.

Recent allegations have claimed that the story

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Y&G IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

This past weekend has been one full of many exciting events from Antonio Clinton's exciting speech to a mass quantity of impeachment movements.

Overall the weekend was full of success, and many of the delegates went home happy.

Hopefully every one of us learned something between Friday and Sunday, whether it was about our government or not.

Between learning that the random roommates assigned Thursday night can turn out to be people you will continue to keep in touch with, to learning that

you can't really write an editorial without starting controversy, the weekend was full of learning for me.



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Because of this memorable weekend, I am looking forward to participating next year in the program on college staff. I have met

new people every year and hope to be able to stay in touch with them.

Y&G has taught me many different things about our state, its government, and its people. I feel as though we are lucky for getting to partake in this program, and I hope we all are thankful for the opportunities it has provided for us.

I wish every delegate the best of luck in their adventures next year in college and high school. I hope those who have felt that the program has made an impact on them would consider coming back and helping in the future.

College staff jobs varied during weekend

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Delegates have all seen the college staff walking the halls of the Capitol and the Crowne Plaza.

You might have even recognize some of them walking around.

Despite the perception of college staff as only security, they are more than just behavior control.

One of the common jobs of the college staff is to be on committee duty, helping with parliamentary procedure and ensuring that everything runs smoothly.

Tim Benoist a former member of Y&G who is now attending St. Louis University, stated "I serve as a parliamentarian. We make sure they follow parliamentary procedure."

Benoist also spoke about his other more behavior-oriented jobs.

"We do other jobs such as curfew, clean up, and towel duty," said Benoist.

The college staff is responsible for bringing up new towels to the delegates in the hotel.

Besides these jobs, some in college staff are assigned to bill flow.

Their experience is valuable in this area because they have been there to see how to effectively manage bill flow.

Despite all the work they do as a college staff members, some still think it is easier than actually participating in Y&G.

Suzanne Kolasa, a college staff member attending Valparaiso, said, "[College staff duty] is more relaxing [than participating in Y&G], but I do miss participating in Y&G. In fact that is the reason the majority of the college staff return to help out."

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was fiction.

When asked to comment, Shine said, "That story is true, and actually happened."

Jenna White a page from Network Stagg defended Shine.

"The story was 100% true. Matt is a quality guy and wouldn't make that up."

She also said, "The speech was about making dreams come true, and we don't have much time, so make the best of it."

Most delegates trusted Shine.

"I believed the story when he told it," stated Stephen Vercellino, a legislator from Jefferson County Sesser-Valier, who also ran for governor.

"Are you going to read *The Observer*?" Delegates respond

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As the big weekend comes to an end, we journalists in the newspaper press are busy writing our final stories.

However, we wonder how many delegates will actually read the 4th edition of the Observer which

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