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Capping tuition good for students, economy

The Examiner's May 21 editorial, "What college tuition crisis," clearly reveals the twisted and convoluted logic of the conservative mind. One of the most shocking claims it makes is that there was no tuition crisis during the Ehrlich era. The proof offered to support this inane claim is that students continued to apply to our state universities in record levels.

This is nuts. During Robert Ehrlich's reign, students continued to apply because they had no choice. Trying to make it in the world today without a sheepskin is close to impossible for most kids. The question is how much debt will they have to repay when they graduate. The bottom line is the more our society subsidizes tuition rates, the less they will have to pay back. The debate is about how much of a subsidy should our state be willing to bear.

After World War II, our nation sent every veteran [who could go] to college for free. This action created our nation's middle class. The positive ramifications of the GI Bill continue to resonate today. From the results of that action we should have learned that any modern society that has the best interest of its citizens at heart will see fit to subsidize education. To not do so is just plain stupid.

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'Structural' deficit is the 'structured' deficit

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