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Your Vote Counts

The fast-approaching presidential elections are holding a mirror up to the citizens of this country. And if we haven't looked at ourselves in a long time, all we have to do is open our eyes!

What has happened to our country? Americans are supposed to be independent! We live in a democracy -- a government by the people in which we are supposed to be politically and socially equal. Yet, many citizens are afraid to vote for the person they feel can best hold the highest official position in our country.

We accept the corruption and deceit of politics as a 'necessary game.' We let ourselves be led around by the media. We shun change; we worship tradition -- the easy way out! If this 'way' is more secure -- then why are we in a time of high unemployment and rampant inflation?

Why do we constantly look for complacency? In 1775-1776, we didn't follow the rules and regulations or worry about the security of tradition; because if we had, we would still be under the reign of King George! (Possibly, the American people do want another king). But our history characterizes us as a nation of rebels. Does this disgust you?

We should be thankful for the men at the Boston Tea Party and thankful for the flower children of the '60s -- they help preserve our independence. This is the history of the United States, and it has made us become the most progressive nation of the world!

So, let's open our eyes! These elections will decide in whose hands the fate of the country will rest for the next four years. If this doesn't frighten you, then you have become an apathetic, unthinking robot. Maybe the majority does not want independence. (Certainly, the 'moral majority' wants independence -- if they can write the rules). Actually, we could all help write the rules!

Let's look at the past four years ...no, let's not -- it is by far too nauseating. There is time for a change -- the time is now! It is tiring to listen to all the rhetoric about why one citizen's vote cannot count.

One plus one makes two; plus one more makes three; plus one more makes four.... In the aggregate, that 'one' vote makes a difference; an aggregate is made up of single voices.

Our vote does make a difference -- it gives the individual citizen a chance to tell our elected officials what we have thought of their performance.

If that is no longer important -- then why not let them pick their own successors? If that is no longer important -- then why do these candidates campaign? Why? Because they want your vote!

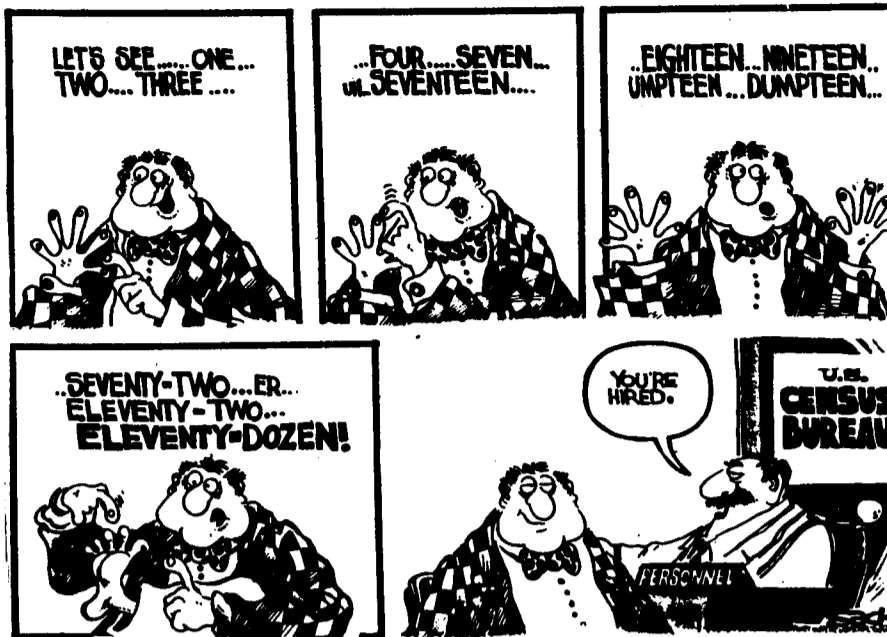
November 4th, we will elect the next president of the United States. No matter whom you vote for -- make sure that it is the man who you feel will do the best job.

This is not idealism. This is accepting reality -- the need for a change!

We all have a choice! And if all people would vote for who they honestly feel could do the best job, we may indeed have a president elected by the people -- not by the media or by tradition!

That one vote may be the only freedom we have left. We can make it mean something. Vote!

--Susan M. Snell



Are Sports Announcers Too Much?

As I sit down to watch Game 4 of the World Series, I realize that for the next three and one-half hours NBC's announcers will be relaying so much baseball news to 60 million people, for which I say, 'Who cares?'

The reason for this editorial is to express how I feel about sports announcers. I enjoy listening to Joe Garagiola on NBC, Pat Summerall on CBS, and Frank Gifford on ABC. These gentlemen do a fantastic job of play-by-play announcing with additional bits of humor added. The announcers that drive me crazy are: Tony Kubek of NBC, Brent Musberger of CBS, and humbling Howard Cosell of ABC. The thing that irks me about these gentlemen is their willingness to give useless information at inopportune times. For example, Brent Musberger asking everyone if they saw the play in the Alcorn State vs. Utah State football game. He knows very well that we didn't. How could we? Tony Kubek, an ex-Yankee second baseman mentioning the Yankees whenever he can. And of course there is ever-so-humble Howard 'I'm always right' Cosell. He has the distinction of being the worst announcer in TV-land. Cosell claims that he built Muhammed Ali; wrong, Ali built Cosell and he is sorry he did. His use of the simile to describe how fast an athlete is just shows that words come out of his mouth at uncontrollable speeds. During the National League Playoffs, his description of Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Garry Maddox was a 'gangling man with antelope-like strides' just had me sitting in my seat in a state of shock. Who wants a detailed description of a man that has antelope-like strides when a fast outfielder tells the story? Howard, do me and 100 million people a favor, announce the game, don't rewrite it in a story.

One last note, having lived in New Jersey for many years and growing up with New York television, I have to say that my favorite all-time announcer is Marv Albert. I had the pleasure of meeting Marv in New York and he is all of these announcers, Garagiola, Gifford, and Summerall plus more. His sports reporting for WNBC is in expertise form and his play-by-play is just as good.

I praise those announcers who do their job, but I bicker at those who can't do their job correctly.

--Kevin Spiegel

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Letter to the Editor

Editor:

I thought that you might be interested in learning that several students in the education program have made very positive comments about the expanded calendar of events section in the C.C. Reader.

You and your staff deserve a commendation for producing the C.C. Reader with such a small staff. It is even more commendable to find that you are willing to experiment and change as a way of meeting student interests and demands.

Bob Lesniak

Nuclear war likely

Campus Digest News Service

Scientists at a forum on the medical consequences of a nuclear war, say that a war will probably break out in the next 20 years.

Some estimate that a nuclear conflict will occur by the year 2000, while others say by the year 1990.

The forum, which was organized in part by the Physicians for Social Responsibility, emphasized the medical problem associated with a nuclear war.

Physicians at the forum agreed that if a 1-megaton nuclear device was dropped on New York City, it would probably kill 2.25 million people immediately and seriously injure an additional 3.6 million. All frame homes would be destroyed within five miles of the detonation point and inflict third-degree burns on those living within eight miles.

Among the animal life that would be exposed to the blast, cockroaches would fare the best. Like every other animal, they too would be blinded. However, they would survive and reproduce because roaches have a relatively high resistance to radiation.