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Elections: A Chance to Sound Off

It isn't often that the general mass of students in the freshman and sophomore classes have the opportunity to express their views without moving out of the orbit of their everyday activities. Today, however, they have that opportunity in the class elections.

Unfortunately many of these students will not take the opportunity to express their opinion. The reasons for not expressing their thoughts will probably fall into three categories:

1. No opinion to give.
2. The individual voice does not amount to anything.
3. Too much trouble.

None of these reasons actually constitute a valid argument for not voting. The first reason can be tied in with the third. If the student voter does not have an opinion, then it apparently was too much of a chore to learn anything about the candidates. If it was too much trouble to learn anything about the candidates, then it will be obviously too much trouble to stop at Schwab Auditorium to vote.

Ignorance of student affairs can lead only to trouble. The presidents of the sophomore and

freshman classes have a seat on All-College Cabinet. Cabinet has control of \$12,300 of student money. How that money is spent depends on the students elected to office. If the money is handled improperly by officers elected by only a handful of the two classes, then the majority of the students have only themselves to blame.

The idea that one vote does not amount to anything becomes more incorrect as the number of voters decreases. Last year the winner of the race for secretary-treasurer of the freshman class was decided by 19 votes. Nineteen students held the balance of power.

This year the elections are being held in Schwab Auditorium, the building that is closest to the busiest intersection on campus. Previously the elections had been held in an out-of-the-way place—Old Main. Registration, contrary to some ideas presently held, is NOT required to vote. Only matriculation cards are needed.

The future of student government may well be in the hands of those who bestir themselves today to taking a little time to express an opinion.

—Dick Rau

Safety Valve... On Drinking: The Future Course?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Last year I was chairman of the Interfraternity Council Board of Control. Through the experience gained from that job, certain basic truths concerning fraternity social life appear as evident to me today as they did then.

As is common knowledge, the College has been working toward the goal of improving social standards within fraternities by restricting drinking, requiring chaperones and promulgating the "housemother" idea. These are basically the tools with which the administration has chosen to use in tactfully dealing with the situation. However, is it not evident to all fraternity men that these tools are slowly but surely doing the job? When finally it is accomplished what will be its effects upon you and I—the fraternity man?

At the present time we enjoy the privileges offered by our unchaperoned dating code and appreciate the numerous advantages it offers. However, the recent indication by the administration of the more frequent required use of chaperones at social functions should certainly define the trend. The difficulty of obtaining chaperones who can meet the stipulated qualifications are all too well known to many a frustrated social chairman. What does this

mean? Of course the obvious answer is housemothers and the financial burden they most certainly represent.

We all agree that the primary reason for this action is the drinking problem. With these facts evident before us, what then should be the course IFC chooses to take?

Last year in a specific case involving fraternity drinking, the term "cat and mouse game" was used which I think clearly represents the course IFC has chosen to take until the present time. I think it is time that fraternities face reality and readjust their values in dealing with this important situation. To become more specific—in order to keep the privileges offered by the encampment dating code intact, I suggest that IFC take positive steps to eliminate drinking as an organized activity in each house rather than continue its short-sighted approach to a very real problem.

Perhaps, the suggestion of such a movement is way ahead of schedule. Some feel that fraternities do not have their backs against the wall. But what better way is there of improving relations with the College for which fraternities exist and still retain some of the privileges we enjoy?

—Glenn Wiggins

Gazette...

- Today
- FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor, Rec Hall.
 - NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics.
 - POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., McElwain lounge.
 - SOUND WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., Schwab Basement.
 - WRA ADVANCED SWIMMING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., White Hall pool.
 - WRA BEGINNER'S SWIMMING CLUB, 6:45 p.m., White Hall pool.
 - WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall.

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The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.

- J. C. PENNEY CO., INC. will interview Jan. graduates interested in Merchandising on Nov. 16.
- STANDARD OIL DEVELOPMENT CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates, M.S. and Ph.D. Candidates in Commercial Chem. on Nov. 19.
- THE YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION will visit the campus on Nov. 19 to discuss opportunities

in the organization with interested students.

- UNION CARBIDE AND CARBON CORP. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 12 and 13.
- S. MORGAN SMITH CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in IE and ME on Nov. 12.
- MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, ME, ChE, Commercial Chem., and Chem., M.S. candidates in EE, ME, ChE, Commercial Chem., and Chem., and Ph.D. candidates in EE, ME, ChE, Commercial Chem., and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 17.
- DEERE AND CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in ME, Ag. E., EE, CE, and Commerce students on Nov. 17.
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- MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL REGULATOR CO. (BROWN INSTRUMENT DIV.) will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, ME, IE, and Phys., M.S. candidates in EE, ME, and Phys., who have completed at least one semester, and Ph.D. candidates in EE, ME, and Phys. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, on Nov. 17.
- ERNST AND ERNST will interview Jan. graduates in Acctg. and Bus. Adm. on Nov. 16.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Interpreting the News

UN Newsmen Hope For Cooperation

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst

Correspondents at the United Nations are now waiting to see whether the Eisenhower administration's efforts to improve the handling of information for the press will have a counterpart in New York.

The American delegation to the UN has been getting a "bad press." American actions have been poorly explained or not explained at all. The reporters say it's because they can't find out anything.

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., the chief delegate, early adopted the attitude that he would do all the talking for the delegation—and then got too busy to see correspondents. It began when the delegation press officer said he was not authorized to comment on any item on the agenda of the February meetings.

Ever since then requests for special briefings have been turned down. Reporters were refused information even on what subjects different delegates would handle when the delegation was being organized, and then that night heard the delegates say on television what they were doing.

Under the Truman administration, there were daily press briefings by the delegation press officers to keep correspondents abreast of the meaning of delegation actions. These briefings have deteriorated this year to a mere means of distributing a few handouts from Lodge.

Correspondents are convinced that part of this is due to

Lodge's inexperience and part to the fact that he is often unaware of how things are developing at the State department.

This latter has caused trouble in Washington, too. Just recently department press officers denied knowledge of impending decisions on Trieste only to have them blow up in their faces at top levels.

Lodge also has professed a great busy-ness when approached by correspondents, and some accuse him of taking time to grease only the wheels which squeak the loudest. They cite one case in which, to quiet querulous dispatches to the British press, he called in British correspondents for a briefing on subjects about which American correspondents had been pressing, but they were left out.

Wednesday Lodge was a guest at a luncheon on the UN Correspondent's Association. It was one of those off-the-record affairs. But Lodge heard some of the complaints, despite his position as guest. He left the impression that he had been unaware of some of the trouble his press policies had been causing. Reporters came away wondering if things might get a little better.

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