

Survey on Elections Reveals:

Few Students Know the Issues

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An informal Daily Collegian survey of 65 students yesterday afternoon revealed that most of them know little or nothing about the coming spring elections.

Reporters on Pollock road and in the Hetzel Union Building asked students these five questions:

- What is the referendum in the elections about?
- Name as many of the party platform planks as you can.
- Who are the present All-University officers?
- Give a brief description of the proposed student government reorganization.
- Do you intend to vote?

Students were also asked to give their opinions on campus politics and the proposed reorganization.

Probably the most surprising result of the survey was the failure of many students to name at least one All-University officer. Of the 65 polled, 16 could not name a single officer. Only 12 persons could name the All-University vice president (Stephen Garban) and just three knew that John Gingrich was All-University secretary-treasurer.

More than one-third of those polled said they would not vote in the elections.

One student was brutally frank about his reason for voting—the vice president of the fraternity he is pledging is running for a Student Government Association office.

Although the entire election is based on the assumption that student government reorganization will be passed, only 18 persons knew there would be a referendum on student government on the ballot.

Those who knew anything at all about reorganization had only a

vague idea of the entire plan. Some knew it was fashioned after the national government, but little beyond that. No one said outright they would vote against it.

Even though many of them said they intended to vote, 49 out of 65 failed to name any of the planks of either party. Those who knew none of the planks, but intended to vote anyway, said they would make an effort to learn some of the issues.

With each party having three planks and 65 people in the survey, it would have been possible for a total of 390 planks to be named. Only 19 were. Reorganization, by both parties and University party's grading system

plank were the most frequently named.

A few persons mentioned Campus party's proposal to install parking meters on campus or University party's plan for a committee to air complaints from town independents.

Some persons who probably didn't want to look too badly informed, resorted to making up their own plans. Among those created were AM facilities for WDFM, HUB expansion and extended vacations. One student even resurrected last year's dead voluntary ROTC issue.

Opinions on the value of student government reorganization, and campus politics differed.

Leonard Parnell, junior in arts and letters from Hazleton, said he doesn't think student officers have enough executive power to carry out their plans under the present system. "They have a lot of fine ideas," he said, "but they always seem to be blocked by administration red tape." Parnell said he wouldn't vote.

"I don't think student government does anything," Ralph Hirt, junior in forestry from Phoenixville said, "but I have some friends running and I guess I'll vote for them."

Roger Munnell, junior in music education from Washington, said he didn't like any politics and that all government tended to be corrupt.

Joseph Barnard, junior in forestry from Chester, was a bit skeptical. He said he thought student government looked good on paper, "but it will be interesting to see how it works out."

More optimistic was Charles Claar senior in electrical engineering from Philadelphia, who said, "I think it's a good thing. It gives more people a chance to anticipate and takes student government out of the hands of a select few. It also gives party planks a better chance of getting through."

Talk about apathy, here's what Robert Ball, sophomore in meteorology from Norristown, had this to say, "Politics doesn't seem to have much to say. Really, to be truthful, I'm just here for my degree."

Some of the reasons given for not voting proved interesting. Lack of interest in "the whole thing" (Continued on page five)

75 Coeds To Present Aquacade

The 19th annual Women's Recreation Association aquacade will feature 75 coeds in the show's 11 routines which depict the various elements of a newspaper.

The show "Naiad News" will be presented at 8 p.m. today, tomorrow and Saturday in the White Hall pool.

The first number, "Rockets Launch the 1959 Aquacade," depicts a rocket going into orbit. It is directed by Ann Tolson.

Patricia Lenhardt and Betsy McKensie will direct "Penguin." Eight forecasters featured in the "Weather" report routine are directed by Martha Heft and Sheila Gallagher.

Sue Hansen and Jane Ingley supervise the fourth number which depicts a financial report. It is done to the tune of the "Typewriter Song."

Nine swimmers report the entrances of the day into eternity in the "Obituary" column. Directors for this number are Nancy Schane and Sally Soecker.

"Garden Party" represents the society page. This routine is under the supervision of Naiads' president, Shirley Pittman. A "Travel" number will be directed by Julie Lloyd and Karen Mylting.

The sports page routine will feature "Daily Racing Results" under the direction of Jessica Whitaker. Polly Mitten directs the "Movie Premiere" with actresses swimming to the tune of "Summertime."

"Horoscope" highlights Suzi Dinsmore and Shirley Pittman who also directed the number. The final number of "Naiad News" will be "Commemoration of World War II Veterans" directed by Suzi Dinsmore.



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