

Editorial Opinion

Intelligent Votes

The approach of all-University elections is often accompanied by an increase in the tempo of campaigning and a noticeable tendency for the campaigns to be based more on personalities and less on qualifications.

We are always glad to witness a step-up in the intensity of the campaign since it provides a means of discussing and evaluating many of the important issues affecting University students. It also helps to arouse student interest in controversial issues and problems.

We deplore the injection of personalities into the campaign, and believe the politicians who attempt to capitalize on such a move will find they have underestimated the intelligence and sophistication of the voters.

In the elections that will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, students will select three all-University officers, three class presidents and two USG Congressmen.

We urge all students to vote in this election, but more important we urge all students to vote intelligently after considering the qualifications, opinions and objectives of each candidate.

A wise decision can be made by reading and evaluating the party planks and discussing them with the candidates.

The Daily Collegian will help voters evaluate the issues of the campaign tomorrow by presenting a thorough analysis and evaluation of each slate's campaign planks.

Every student but especially the critics of student government has an obligation to cast intelligent ballots in this election.

If USG is to become an important and more powerful instrument and spokesman of the students, it needs the support of every student. An intelligent vote is the best means of registering that support.

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CAMPUS COMEDY



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the AP

Where Does Apathy End?

by ann palmer

With all this talk about student opinion on campus I wonder how much you've heard lately. One night last week I was escorted back to the dorm by four or five freshman men.

We began to talk about Collegian and soon one of these young men piped up and said, "You know all that stuff about USG that you print in your paper?"

"Well, why don't you just throw it out. We don't care about that stuff. Why, I didn't even know they had elections around this place until some guy knocked on my door the other night and told me to VOTE."

This greatly disturbed me because I know there are many people around this University with similar sentiments. They don't know what's going on, they don't care and they refuse to bother to find out.

College years mold a person's character. Here one trains for a profession, adjusts to living with other people and forms interests which one will pursue throughout life.

With this philosophy on the

value of college in mind, I keep wondering if this freshman's present outlook will follow him and others like him for the rest of their lives. When he is 21, will he still be unaware of elections until someone tells him to vote?

Before I go any farther, let me anticipate reaction to my statements. Many of you are thinking: "National politics are different from campus politics. Sure, we'll worry about elections when we're out in the world."

Will you?

I wonder how many people on this campus realize what they are missing by being apathetic. This University offers students a chance to participate actively in a representative government. It offers student political parties where issues that concern every student are brought up, discussed and acted upon.

In this week's election full medical and dental care for students and a revised grading system are just two of the issues at hand. These issues touch every student directly. If students can't identify themselves with issues so close at hand, how can they expect to develop an intense interest in broader national issues?

Some students say: "I came to college to get an education.

I go to classes and I study and I couldn't care less about all these little extracurricular activities."

After graduation will these same people say: "I have a job. I mow lawns for a living. I couldn't care less about the price of steel, civil wars in Africa or racial problems in the South?"

It frightens me to think that students at this and at other Universities are developing their characters along such apathetic lines. There is much offered at this University that self-made student scholars call trite.

But these "trivial things," such as student government, elections and political issues offer students a chance to develop their interests and broaden their knowledge of the practical side of life. These "trivial things" make a student into an interesting and interested person with more facility than a 6-inch volume of the latest nuclear developments.

This country is constantly demanding more and more vitally interested and level-headed young people. Where will they come from when students seem to be developing the attitude: "Throw it out. I don't care. Somebody better tell me to vote, or I won't." I wonder how long it will be before they ask to be told HOW to vote.

Letters

Jr., Soph Hit University Party's Campaign Tactics

TO THE EDITOR: Last Thursday University party held a series of rallies in West Halls. These gatherings were heralded by posters, proclaiming "Dean Wharton, Morry Baker, and Margo Lewis (36-22-36)" and "Even if you aren't interested in Margo!"

This was a direct answer to U.S.G. President Foinini's plea for "an appeal to intelligence" through "tasteful campaigning." These meetings were notable for their misinformation and misrepresentation.

A new low in campaigning was reached when Mike Devonik, chairman of University party, attacked the National Student Association as a "left-leaning, ultra-liberal organization, considered by some to be communistic."

These "some" do not include Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, Senators Morton (Republican National Chairman) and Humphrey (Senate Majority Whip), former Vice President Nixon and Governor Stevenson; all of whom have lauded the National Student Association.

Previous to this indulgence in fantasy, University party's candidate for U.S.G. vice president, Morris Baker, commented that the National Student Association is of little value to the students. More than one million students at 400 other colleges and universities feel otherwise.

They see some value to: • a non-profit book-ordering service which guarantees to supply students with all text books at savings of 10 to 25 per cent;

• a student government information service which will supply information on how other schools have solved problems similar to those which arise at this University;

• and numerous other services.

In short, Messrs. Devonik, Wharton, and Baker, and Miss Lewis, we feel a campaign should be waged on issues not personalities, facts not "figures."

-Murray Wisderman '63 -Ann Tyson '64

Campus Party Hit for Deals, Corrupt Politics, Tactics

TO THE EDITOR: This time last year the present all-University officers were elected on a "reform ticket." The whole campaign was based on the promise of clean, effective campus politics.

The students heartily supported this idea and swept the Campus party candidates into office.

This year, because of their inaction and unoutstanding leadership the Campus party leadership is hurting for a major campaign issue or for some gimmick to use.

Because of this void the Campus party has resorted to methods of campaigning which they so loudly criticized last spring. Any reform this year is needed within Campus party itself.

It seems to me that they want so to stay in power that they are closing their eyes to their own methods.

Deals have run rampant both inside and outside of the Campus party. One example is the merger between Campus and Liberal parties. Last year when the Liberal leadership entertained the suggestion from some of the Liberal party members to merge with University party, Campus party, with the help of a few opportunistic, new Liberal party members, blocked the intended action.

I use the words "a few," and "new" pointedly, because the old members, the founders of

Liberal party, have left the party in disgust.

The merger was blocked by the mass registration of pro-Campus party students as Liberal party members. This I think is a rather underhanded method symbolic of what Campus party stands for this year.

Another example of Campus-Liberal parties' corrupt politics is the way in which nominations were handled. Ann Mahoney was seeking a nomination from Campus party. The Campus party chairman changed the time of the nomination meeting rather than permit Miss Mahoney to beat one of his hand-picked candidates.

Neither Miss Mahoney nor her supporters were notified of the change. How can the Campus party candidates and leadership provide fair and effective leadership for all of the student body, when they deny it to many of their own members?

Because I do not agree with the Campus-Liberal platform in practice of corrupt politics, I ask that each voter remember that a man's deeds reflect his character.

Rather look to the University party ticket to provide the leadership, experience, understanding characters and personalities that should represent you in the all-University offices.

-Al Sharp '64

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