

Election '76: A Student's Look

By MATTHEW WENTZ

The campaigning has started and the candidates are off and running. The purpose of this article and articles to follow is to familiarize the student with what's happening and what to look for in hopes that we all may become more involved in politics. It is important that we all involve ourselves in the electoral process so that our voice will be heard. Our voice won't be heard on election day if we're in the dorm watching the tube or sleeping the day away. If one doesn't vote one shouldn't complain about what is happening in our government.

First let's look at the candidates and generally where they stand in the political spectrum. The Democratic frontrunner at this time due to strong showings in early caucuses is Jimmy Carter, former governor of Georgia. He boasts an impressive record while governor and represents the new and progressive South. He has gained support from conservatives, moderates and liberals in the party. He vows to reorganize governmental offices if elected. He has the momentum now but that could change.

After Carter the picture becomes cluttered. Governor George Wallace of Alabama is running again with the hopes of garnering many northern votes from anti-busing forces. His strength is in the South but with Carter in the field it appears that Wallace may be weakened. Henry (Scoop) Jackson of Washington is in a strange position. A year ago Senator Jackson was considered the Democratic frontrunner

The Blame Of Defeat

Feb. 7 Methodist 97; Wesleyan 55.

Feb. 7 Everette 86; Wesleyan 82 OT

What can be said? The 75-76 Bishops basketball machine is slowly but surely grinding to a halt. During last Thursday's game, in which Wesleyan lost to Methodist, only a scant number of supporters were out to cheer the Bishops. What an utter disgrace this is? Why didn't we go out and cheer the team on? That's one thing we have here. Its utterly disgusting. So the team isn't doing all that well. Let's face it, we have the shortest team in the conference. What can you expect? Last Saturday night's game against Everette was a real thriller with Wesleyan losing 86-82. I happened to witness this game and was surprised to see the attendance for a game on the weekend. Wesleyan was winning and everything was going their way. This brings me to a definite conclusion. The "fans" are everything. Why sit around in your room doing nothing when you could be out cheering potential winners? I cannot see any reason whatsoever a team playing their best, but continue losing, keep any support down at all! Until next time . . .

but now, due primarily to ambiguous stand on certain key issues both present and in the past he has dropped back into the pack. His lackluster campaign style has also proved his misdoing but Jackson is a well funded candidate who almost certainly will be in the race till the end so he should by no means be counted out of the picture. Another candidate, Loyd Bensten of Texas, though well-funded, can be counted out of the race unless lightning strikes the frontrunners. The conservative Texan up to now has found little support outside of Texas primarily because conservatives are happy with Wallace (D) and Reagan (R). There is little ground left for a conservative after those two.

Now we come to four candidates representing the more liberal segment of the party. They are Congressman Mo Udall of Arizona, Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, former Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma and '72 vice-presidential nominee Sargent Shriver. All four have fought for voter identification but according to the polls they have yet to succeed. However when the primaries begin that could change very quickly as the candidacy of George McGovern did after the first primary in '72. None of the four have an abundance of funds but one victory could

Flea Market And Bake Sale

The Faculty wives of North Carolina Wesleyan College in cooperation with the students and staff will be conducting a Flea Market and Bake Sale Saturday, March 13, 1976, at the First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount.

All proceeds will go towards beautifying the campus i.e. dorm lounges and T. V. lounges respectfully. Any student or staff member interested in working with the sales, pickups, etc. please contact Dean Horne, Mark Beavers, Deanne Morgan, Nancy Ethridge or Charlene Cook. Pick up points will be at the Interfaith office and library. Anything is needed toys, crafts, clothing, etc. So bring articles from home after Spring break. Baked goods should be given to Deanne Morgan or Charlene Cook (at the library) on Friday or delivered personally Saturday morning at the church. The actual sale will be from 10 til 4 on Saturday, adequate parking is available so come on out, find a bargain or some goodies. For further information please contact any of the above people. Thank you!

By DEANNE MORGAN

"Every Epoch Is Equal Distant From
The Eyes Of God"

Leopold Ranke

solve their problems and all four with the possible exception of Harris, have the organization that could bring that victory. Watch these men because almost certainly one will emerge as the choice of liberal Democrats.

For the Republicans it's a two man race between President Gerald Ford and former California governor Ronald Reagan. The early primaries are very important for the Reagan campaign. If he is to be a viable candidate he must do well in the early primaries. New Hampshire, Florida and North Carolina in particular. Reagan is running a vigorous campaign pushing the idea of the need for a balanced budget and a governmental re-organization. His plan is sketchy though and could very get him in a lot of trouble in the near future. However the more flashy Reagan could beat Ford, who is frankly far from charismatic.

Up to this point I have briefly outlined the major candidates. Now I'd like to point out a few things we should watch for in the next few weeks. First it will be important to see the early strength of Ronald Reagan. The polls show a close race between Reagan and Ford but if Reagan shows poorly early in the primaries his chances to get the nomination will be practically finished. However a strong show from Reagan and Ford is in trouble because with his lackluster style playing catch-up would be difficult.

In New Hampshire no Democrat is favored but whoever wins will be given a boost. It could be that there will be no clear cut winner in the state but there could be a clear cut loser and this candidate or candidates will be in early trouble. It will be important to see how

Interfaith Information

Interfaith Commission would like to extend invitations to all the students of N. C. Wesleyan to attend our gatherings of prayer, study and worship.

We are meeting for prayer in the Student Union in room 145 (door with the sign of the fish on it, across from the Post Office) on Thursdays during the 10:50 block of time.

On Thursdays at 9:30 p.m., in the lobby of North Dorm, we are meeting for Bible Study, topical discussion and fellowship in song. Refreshments will be provided after some meetings.

It is our prayer that:
God will bless you
and keep you.
God will make His face
to shine upon you and
give you peace.

well early frontrunner Jimmy Carter runs in the state. With his strong organization he may win but it isn't anything he expects. New Hampshire voters will cast their ballots on February 24th. One week later the voters in Massachusetts go to the polls. In that one we'll probably see one of the liberal Democratic candidates win and become the flagbearer of the left side of the party. It is difficult at this time to speculate who that man might be but I would keep an eye on Shriver and Udall. George Wallace is in a good position there also. Strong anti-busing sentiment in the Boston area may set him up for a good showing.

The next primary to watch is on March 3rd in Florida. That primary will feature a head on battle between George Wallace and Jimmy Carter. Both men are in a position to deal the other a very serious setback. Carter has the most to gain and

the most to lose. A win or a tie could give him the momentum and the Democratic nomination. Whereas a loss of more than five per cent may severely cripple him and lose him the nomination. Realistically speaking, Wallace stands very little chance of getting the nomination but a loss in Florida will kill at chance he does have.

I hope this article, general as it is, will stir some interest on campus to find out more about the candidates and maybe even get involved in the campaign. What is important now is for everyone to register. On voting day go to the polls. If you'll be here when your state votes get an absentee ballot so you can mail in your vote. If you like a candidate push to everyone around campus. Let's make things happen. There's no excuse for apathy as long as there is a world of imperfection in which we live. If you don't vote, don't complain to me because you blew your chance.

America, America, God mend thine every flaw;
We won't be saved by Lawrence Welk, by Maude, or by Hee Haw.

There is nothing free about American free enterprise. You and I pay for it. The "Dutch treat" isn't what we thought, and our gross national product is even more so. Now we hear that the Lockheed Corporation, so generously bailed out by the United States Congress a couple of years ago, has guildered the palm of the Prince Consort of the Netherlands to the tune of a cool million. And that's not all. The present total charity traceable to Lockheed's commitment to the pursuit of happiness is twenty-four million dollars. The Stahlmeisters never had it so good, and we should make certain that they never come by it so easily again. Generosity has long been marked down as an American trait, your honor, and the Dutch were sympathetic as we struggled to be born a nation, but such outright philanthropy? Somewhere I read that, to put it in a contemporary idiom, it really doesn't pay to engross

the market, if we do it by becoming the sole of virtue.

What has the American Dream come to in the two hundred years since our birth? How have the wings of our eagle come to be so consummately clipped? Roger Williams, who protested against cheating the Indians and just as surely would have resisted bribing the Eskimos, warned us long ago that "Having bought truth dear, we must not sell it cheap, not the least grain (sic) of it for the whole world, no, not for the saving of souls, though our own most precious. Least of all for the bitter sweetening of a little vanishing pleasure: for a little puff of credit and reputation from the changeable breath of uncertain sons of men: for the broken bags of riches on eagles' wings."

Indeed the bags have broken, and the eagle's wings are cracked. Je desire Roger!

By EBULLIENCE BATTLE

