

Is Power For You?

Political groups, lobbyists, and Congressmen worked hard to pass the 26th amendment giving 18 year olds the right to vote. The average 18 year old has not taken advantage of this amendment.

Various youth movements felt the 18 year old should have the right to vote. This was a big political issue. They claimed that if one was old enough to die in Vietnam, he was old enough to vote. Now that the 18 year olds have the right to vote, they do not take time to register.

A good many young people seem to be more concerned about turning 18 so that they can go up the road to have a beer. They do not even worry about registering to vote.

Many persons get a big kick out of saying that the 18 year olds do not bother to register. They say, "I told you so; just look at the 18 year olds, they are not as con-

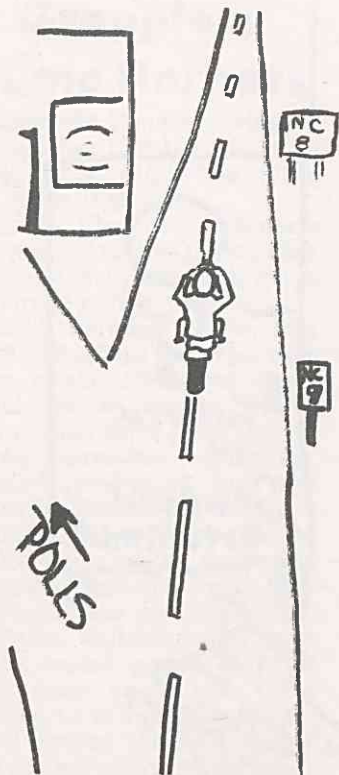
cerned as they made out to be."

Politicians were cautious of the 18 year old vote, but now they pay little attention to it. The 18 year olds have almost lost all the political edge that a good many concerned people have worked for.

It looks as if the 18 year olds have become like a few of their elders. They have let apathy overtake them in their every endeavor.

We might think that our vote has little significance, but we are wrong. It takes us and all the other people to change this place for the better. The easiest way is to vote.

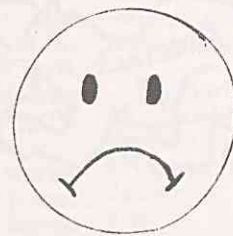
The problem exists in the initiative and concern of the 18 year olds. We must take the responsibility of being an American citizen. Our theory of government cannot exist without the cooperation of everyone.



Frown-On-The-Mouth Department

Happiness is supposed to be the dominating factor in life. So to get a little closer to the student body, I thought I would find out what puts students into ecstasies of rapture. Instead, I found the evil of sadness lurking throughout the school. So, in answer to Charles Schulz and his group of freaks on a constant high, here is the ASHS version of

Unhappiness Is . . .



- . . . waking up and finding out it didn't snow like the weatherman promised
- . . . getting into Mr. Smith's class and finding that you left all of your homework equations on your desk — at home
- . . . getting into Mr. Smith's class
- . . . somebody opening the bathroom door as you walk by
- . . . turning in an overdue library book to get your report card, and wishing you hadn't
- . . . getting a refusal slip from the college you applied to
- . . . getting your draft notice
- . . . getting both a refusal slip from the college you applied to and your draft notice
- . . . bumping into Mr. Frazier while trying to smuggle a Huskee to the picnic area
- . . . dissecting an earthworm after eating a plateful of spaghetti
- . . . dropping a 37 page term paper with none of the pages numbered
- . . . losing another game
- . . . working for four hours on a homework assignment and then discovering you did the wrong thing
- . . . getting out a book for an open book test and finding out the book you thought was English Lit. was really French II
- . . . waking up at 8 a.m. and rushing to get to school, only to find it's Saturday
- . . . getting excused from your most hated class, later learning you missed seeing the teacher have a nervous breakdown
- . . . starting up the car and finding some smart-alec had put some sardines on the crankcase
- . . . not being able to open your locker because somebody had learned your combination and switched locks
- . . . just getting into the bathroom when a fire drill starts
- . . . a half-period assembly
- . . . giving a book report on a book you made up, then finding out there really was such a book, and your teacher had read it
- . . . sitting alone in the lunchroom
- . . . rainy days and Mondays
- . . . having a teacher looking over your shoulder when you make a mistake
- . . . reading this article

Have A Little Faith

America seems to be spinning uncontrollably in times of hardships. Many citizens believe that our government is composed of hypocritical, deceitful officials. The cause of most of the unrest is the Vietnam War. The government should not be criticized; instead, the government deserves respect and congratulations for helping bring about the withdrawal from Vietnam which will soon be completed.

The Nixon Administration has

been accused of prolonging the war in Vietnam. The reverse became evident when President Nixon disclosed a Vietnam peace plan which had been secretly offered to the Communists. The Vietnam peace plan was not only ignored, but the enemy accused the United States of avoiding an adequate agreement.

The Vietnam peace plan consisted of a total withdrawal of U. S. forces from South Vietnam within six months after an agreement if North Vietnam

would accept a general ceasefire and an exchange of prisoners when the withdrawal is complete. The peace plan also asked for "new presidential elections in South Vietnam within six months of an agreement, supervised by an independent body, with incumbent President Van Thieu resigning one month prior to election." Our government has pulled off some elaborate bummers, but the present efforts to end the Vietnam War should be respectfully recognized.

The Nixon Administration may not be as bad as it is presented to the public. After all, the administration has tried to end the war as quickly as possible, without throwing South Vietnam into the open jaws of the communist tiger.

Briefly Speaking

The Student Council wishes to thank those who have helped to maintain the concession stand during home basketball games.

Two student-convenience items have been installed this month. The telephone in the lobby and the ice-cream box in the cafeteria were put in because of student request. They will remain for use as long as these privileges are not abused.

With the upcoming assembly planned to present the gubernatorial candidates, we would hope that the future voters will listen carefully to what these politicians have to say.

DISTORTED REFLECTIONS
DIZLOBIED BELFECTIONZ

Each year the recording industry is blessed with new groups creating albums that are landmarks in musical history.

Already in 1972, a group has reached this height. In fact, our own school is the home of this assemblage of talent. Recorded on the "Mabel Black" label, the album is titled "Live (?) at Albemarle Senior High," by the Insiders.

The album opens with a rousing 15:37 minute performance of "Over the Hill," a song originally recorded by the British group, Ten Years After. A piercing lead guitar segment by Mr. Hawkins marks the level of musical ability that carries on through the album. Miss Misenheimer, as vocalist for this song, gives a haunting interpretation of the British born lyrics.

The remainder of the first side is a sensitive drum solo of "I Got Rhythm," by Mr. Klutz.

On side two, Miss McKenzie belts out "Me and Bobby McGee" with even more force than the late Janis Joplin. The present number one sound in the nation, "American Pie," finds a place on

the album as Mrs. Weydell makes her singing debut.

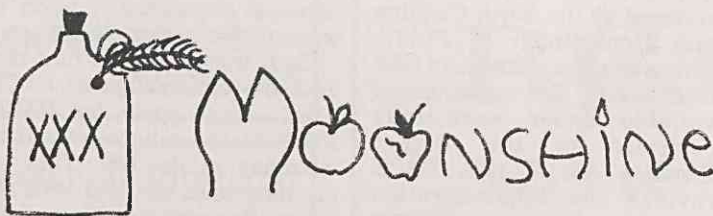
The highlight of the record is the vocal blending of Coaches Frazier, Lentz, Swanner, and West in barbershop quartet style on a medley of inspirational tunes ranging from "Hail to the Varsity" to "Ninety-Nine Bottles." At the conclusion of the medley, the school's American flag flaps in the wind to accompany the quartet on "Star Spangled Banner."

The last cut includes an astounding recording of Madame Deese and "The Twelve Days of Christmas." A mumbling French I class provides the vocal backup. By the way, the song is performed in French, so have your favorite French textbook handy for translations.

The album finale is a moody piece designed to aid in falling asleep. It is an eight minute item, appropriately titled "After-Lunch Stomach Noises of Three Sophomore Boys."

The album is now on sale at all shady record stores and is available in LP, 8 track, and cassette.

For those of you who complain about your paper, consider this: if you are really concerned about the contents and appearance of the paper you could write a letter and end this space-waste.



To change a pumpkin into another vegetable, throw it up into the air and it will come down squash.

Acoustics: what one shoots pool with.

If the United States puts cows into orbit, would they be the herd shot around the world?

Hydro-electric dam: what happens when my old man steps into a puddle of water while using an electric razor.

Confucius say: Some people are like blisters — they show up when work is done.

Tuscaloosa: what happens when an elephant runs into a tree.

Naval Reserve: spare bellybuttons.

Recently, Patti Hairyes stepped on the scales in front of McClellans and inserted a counterfeit penny. Then she silently stole a weigh.

Did you hear about the man who always called a rake a rake until he tripped over one in the dark?

Hi folks,
Hope you all are doing well. Things here are really looking good. An ice cream freezer has just been installed in the cafeteria, and the people here are nice enough to leave the ice cream wrappers on the floor with all that delicious ice cream on them. I sure hope they bring in some doughnuts soon. They are much more filling.

The other day the school was visited by Mr. Ground Hog. He's our fifth cousin twice around, isn't he? Anyway, while he was being introduced one of the starving, poverty-stricken students, thinking Ground Hog was sausage, immediately put him in the frying pan. It's lucky that student didn't see me, or else I might have been made into mousemeat.

By the way, one of the big wheels up here is moving to your part of town. Tell Sis to watch out, because he's a dirty rat.

Mom, I love you. Maybe I'll come home in the spring.

Squeaky