

ELECTION 1984: GOOD TO MISS'

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zinning of a school year is usly inappropriate time to e le students to make any re than two weekends in a 1 Roommates, classes, yolwho are calling all the y yere to sit in the cafeteria tienum exposure (and when al r heaven's sake) are basic leerBesides, the first Tuesday e orber is light years away. en get ready to vote later, well...no. Wrong!

tor you have crawled out aveler a very heavy rock or a syfrom the historic "First too duate Student In Space" ng fou probably have noticed oye'g strange about this fall. timial politics are in the air. bection of 1984, more so prite election in the last two timasks Americans to choose ally candidates and parties st dosophies of government er markedly. Winners of

this year's contest cannot fail to have a greater impact on the future of the United States than those produced in elections wherein the choices were between Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

Back in July and then again in August people with funny hats, gaudy badges, obscure banners, and passionate eyes took over nighttime television. Between 9 and 11 one found nothing but conventions were on the networks. There they were: Democrats and Republicans alike, blathering into the mikes that network talking heads had thrust upon them. Orators, themselves symbols of all sorts (ethnic group, sex, income level, educational achievement, dietary and exercise persuasion), made impassioned pleas to those before them and to the millions they hoped were watching on the to miss.

Whatever one can say about and brouhaha. There is, however, American politics today, sedate a method in the madness. and sober they are not. Presidential politics, in many ways, is a grand show. The summer's cir- ing more votes than the other guy cuses got us primed for the barn- is the object. If kissing babies, storming of the fall. If you prefer shaking hands outside factory more technological images, the media extravaganzas prepared us for the brain-numbing spots and 45-second news blurbs that we will see until the first week in November.

Almost all of our Presidential elections have had bizarre and theatrical qualities to them. With the possible exception of the two associated with George Washington, few have escaped looking very weird to someone. Europeans who like to observe the American scene are completely baffled by the entire enterprise. Some Americans, obsessed with tube. Two weeks of that is difficult order and appropriate procedure, decry these deviations into banality

Quite simply, Presidential politics is about winning. Garnergates, flying to four cities in one day surrounded by a gaggle of media hacks, debating one's opponent in a variety of ways generates those votes, then it must be judged worth the effort.

"youth vote," but young people for the process. make the pursuit a crap shoot for each.

For young and first-time voters now. the statistics are dismal. Since the adoption of the 26th Amendment the stick. If you haven't made other "firsts", however, opporto the Constitution that gave plans to vote absentee, do so. tunities for bungling abound. It is 18-year olds the right to vote, Write or call your County Board easier to get it wrong than to do it vote and have voted less frequently about registering and voting. than any other age group.

for example, in order to be eligible pain out of absentee voting. to vote this November, one must No one is keeping students from MHC's fall break.

students is the hassle of absentee taken by the prospective voter. voting. There are several forms to The 1984 election offers college

young voters have registered to of Elections. Ask for information right.

If you want to register in Part of the problem is registra- Madison County, call the Marshall

tion. Most states require voters to Office. Helpful notaries flourish register a month or more before here on campus; try the financial the election. Generally, it has to be aid or the business office done in person. In North Carolina, cooperative folks there take the

register by October 9th. Conve- being a part of this year's big niently, this date coincides with political show and very important craziness known as the election. A second problem confronting But the initial steps have to be

fill out, deadlines to meet, and students another transition out of Both parties yearn for the notary publics that have to vouch adolescence. For most, this will be their first Presidential vote. Both of these impediments can Generally, adults recall with fondbe overcome if plans are made ness the first time they voted, when, and something about the If you haven't registered, get on circumstances of that vote. As with

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"Business in college towns often save." we saved \$38 last month, charge high fees for returned ead he paid that much in checks - anywhere from \$8 to \$20. eis bank for overdrafts and A habit of writing bad checks can -: harges. He writes checks result in a bad financial reputation somely and often uses an auto- and can make it more difficult to ller machine to withdraw get checks cashed," Harkness said. A Wachovia Personal Banker that students should:

time he writes a check or can explain which checking account option may be the most economical for college students. To open a checking account, most banks like Wachovia prefer a driver's license for identifica and a \$100 minimum deposit. driver's license for identification

One type of no-service-charge checking, called Wachovia Free Way, requires a minimum of \$400 in a Wachovia statement savings account. The account can be set up as an individual or joint account ugh checking accounts are with parents or spouse. An interest t, most convenient way to rate of 51/2 percent is paid on the

To avoid overdrafts, money can particularly to college be automatically transferred from on a limited budget, statement savings to the checking account at a charge of \$1 per transfer. To receive free checking students would still need to main-When a check is return- tain the required minimum balance tailer, the customer usual- in savings despite any transfers to returned check charge to cover overdrafts. Also, any savings account that is tied to a checking account for overdraft protection and acidental overdrafts. Transearns 5¹/₄ percent interest. "Free way is a popular account with college students," Harkness said. "It protects the student, whose expenses may vary from time to time, from service charges, and it is a good deterrent against using money they really want to

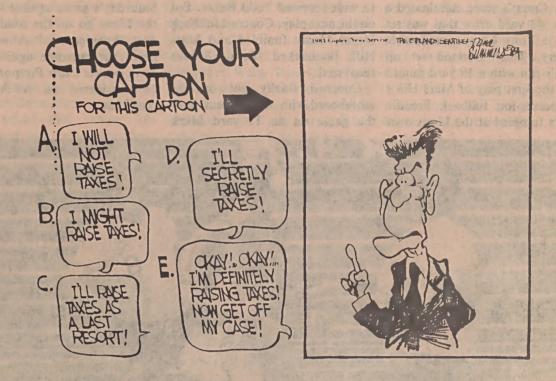
Maintaining minimum balances may be difficult for college students, but with proper planning, service charges can be reduced or avoided. To keep charges to a minimum, Mr. Harkness suggests

1) Try to anticipate and limit the number of checks written.

2) Pay cash whenever possible, but don't carry large amounts of cash.

3) Plan ahead and stick to a simple budget. This will not only make students aware of how they spend their money, it will make them more judicious in their spending. 4) Be careful to keep sufficient

funds in their accounts. 5) If possible, open a joint account with parents, who can maintain the required minimum balances or help prevent over-



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ners who maintain ape minimum balances, ofuse check writing and of automated teller and follow prudent planning can reduce or service charges, overd returned checks.

drafts. 6) Give parents a supply of deposit slips from their checking

accounts, so that they can make deposits quickly and easily in any branch around the state. 7) Remember that a banking day

is defined as the hours between 2 p.m. one day and 2 p.m. the next day. This will help avoid confusion actions made after 2 p.m. will not be processed until the next day.

8) Balance their checkbooks against their monthly statements each month. If the checkbook doesn't balance and the problem can't be found, they can stop by their bank's office. At Wachovia,

a Personal Banker Secretary can help find the mistake quickly and

in balance. Mr. Harkness also advises students to become acquainted with someone at the bank office on campus or nearby.

can show the student how to stay

"If a problem arises with an account, it helps to know someone," Harkness said. "Establishing a relationship today will be beneficial in the future."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, AT 8:00 P.M.

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some degree of mutuality, of com- personality. patibility, of disposition, of personality, and of interests.

Being a friend calls for an invest-) with Jonathan, the son ment of time and energy. Friend-Saul, that it was better ship must be patiently nurtured and cultivated. Someone has said, "True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in the that a relationship should be worth and choice." In this area, quality counts more than quantity. Friendship grows best in a s as wee with Tennyson who climate of openness, trust and transp upon the death of his mutual self-communication. That In short, a true friend is there, in ly pref. H. Hallam, "Tis better makes us vulnerable, of course, Iuseunoved and lost than never and opens us up to the possibility of being hurt. And sometimes we sake of friendship. ed to tnerally pity those who might wish we could be a turtle for he three without friends, and it a while and crawl into a nice, safe Vatifor us to identify with shell. But crawling into shells, bited. like the late millionaire building walls, and wearing masks really loward Hughes, who is not only destroy meaningful relay to to have had no real tionships with other people, they also jeopardize our own well-

(Sidney Jourard in The e in could have to begin with a Transparent Self) believes that dish theffection we feel toward honesty in relating can even lead to person. There must be the disintegration of one's own

FRIENDSHIP

How do you feel when somebody you thought was your friend turned out not to be your friend after all? Pretty rotten, I bet. We just somehow expect that a true friend will be loyal through thick and thin. Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times"; and Proverbs 18:24 is more explicit: "There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." good times and bad, willing to engage in give-and-take for the

Notice that it's give-and-take a two-way street. Each person feels good enough about himself or herself to give others freedom to be themselves, too. There's healthy "space in the togetherness." There's acceptance, and appreciation of the uniqueness of the other, and sharing each other's joys and tears. And when the pain of misunderstandings and anger and hurt come, there is the blessed gift of

forgiveness.

Finally, true friendship means not using another person for any selfish end of our own. You've heard it said before, I'm sure, that things are to be used, not people. In his poem The Prophet, Kahlil Gibran said of friendship,

> And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit, For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own

mystery is not love... In fact, Jesus expressed that

principle more strongly still when he said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). We not only do not use our friends for selfish ends, we are willing, if need be, for our lives to be spent on their behalf.

I have sometimes participated in an exercise — and perhaps you have, too - in which we were asked to compose our own epitaphs. I think I could be happy if mine should read: She was a good friend. Hypnosis that goes beyond entertainment and BSP, an original comic parody of ESP.

