

Young Democrats Say:

Three Million Youths Registered To Vote

Approximately 3,000,000 18-20 year olds have registered to vote at 2.7 to 1 Democratic rate, Robert Weiner, National Youth registration coordinator for the Young Democrats office at the Democratic National Committee, announced today. These are the results of a survey of Secretaries of State and Voter Registration Coordinators across the country conducted by the Young Democrats' National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

This total represents 27 per cent of the 11½ million eligible 18-21 year olds with the presidential election coming up in more than ten months. The total registered at this early time surprises many political analysts who had predicted that young persons would not register in large numbers.

Results were obtained from thirty-two states, as well as a breakdown of party registra-

tion for fourteen.

The National Young Democrats, Weiner said, have been conducting an intensive registration drive in the 18-20 year old age group since June 1, 1971. They have sent teams of canvassers to assist local groups, sponsored rock concerts, held statewide and local registration workshops, and utilized telephone banks and

other techniques. College, high school, and non-student youth are all being urged to register.

Weiner also praised the many local and national groups besides the Young Democrats which have contributed to what he termed, "an excellent beginning." He stressed, however that it is only a beginning, and that

the critical period for registering young voters will be the next six months, in order for these voters to have the maximum impact on next year's Presidential, Congressional, and local elections.

Weiner cited the 2.7 to 1 Democratic to Republican registration ratio nationwide as proof that "the young people of America are ready for constructive, responsible change."

FOOTBALL DROPPED AT UC-SANTA BARBARA

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (CPS)—The University of California at Santa Barbara has dropped intercollegiate football because of financial difficulties.

The decision ends 50 years of football at UC-Santa Barbara.

Football coach Andy Everest had his contract extended for one year. He will take on classroom duties. The assistant coaches were fired.

TURTLE DOVES SING IT OUT

KUALA LUMPUR (CPS)—Seventy-two turtledoves competed recently in a singing contest run by the Aquarists and Aviarists Society of Penang.

The winning bird was imported from Bali by a policeman at a cost of \$1,300.

Kuala Lumpur was the scene last spring of what was first reported to be a war involving several tens of thousands of frogs but later was reported to be an annual mating rite.

Future of Campus Radio To Be Determined Soon

Meetings of the Student Senate will be held in the next few weeks to determine the future of the campus radio station, WUNF, according to SGA sources.

SGA President Jim Cochran has appealed to those interested

in seeing the station revived to come to the meetings with some concrete plans and some proposals prepared.

The specific times for the meetings will be announced in the near future.

(CPS)—If you've ever floated on a waterbed and enjoyed it, you'll soon have the chance to ooze around on a mud bed.

The developer calls it "incredibly comfortable. It's softer than a feather bed. It's like floating. You can relax completely."

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One disadvantage is that the mud weighs twice as much as water and therefore poses a weighty problem.

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Review: R. D. Laing's Self and Others



OTHERS provides a provocative study of schizophrenia and the varieties of human experience.

Both R. D. Laing's books and practice have popularized the radical new theory of the causes of schizophrenia and other forms of "insanity." "People are driven mad by other people," he writes, by the pressures of society and the family. Laing's ideas have been the cause of considerable interest and controversy in recent years.

Here is what they are saying about R. D. Laing:

"The life and energy of Laing's vision—in his practice as well as his books—creates a little more open space for the self in the world . . . Laing can at least give us a start in the direction we need to go." **Marshall Berman, The New York Times Book Review.**

" . . . he is that rare breed in which the scientist and artist dwell in the same skin . . ." **Rollo May, Saturday Review.**

"An exceptionally courageous psychiatrist who is willing to plumb his own depths and challenge head on the hypocrisy and duplicity of his own profession and the larger society of which it is so prominent a part." **Robert Coles, The New Republic.**

R. D. Laing's THE DIVIDED SELF and SANITY, MADNESS AND THE FAMILY are also available in Penguin edition.

SELF AND OTHERS by R. D. Laing
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Special Programs Still In Limbo Pending Action

The Special Programs Committee is still in limbo here at UNC-A until there is some positive action by the Chancellor. Members of the committee forwarded a proposal to the Chancellor at their last meeting to set up a new committee, making it a commission and giving it regular, institutional funding as well as student funding.

The proposal, written up by the Chairman of the committee, Mr. Robert Trullinger, added that members of the commission should serve terms of two years, thus giving the body a continuity. Further, it advocated the development of a file of speakers and programs available.

Chancellor Highsmith, in an interview with the Ridgerunner, stated that at present there are several avenues open.

First, the Chancellor will

request from the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees that the present recreation facilities use fee of \$7.50 be expanded to \$12.00 and that the fee be split in half, six dollars per year per student for recreations use and the other six dollars for speakers, cultural programs, music, entertainment, etc. All programs would be under the discretion of the Commission.

Another path is for the Chancellor to request in the next budgetary requests, the addition of a line-item for special programs, thus granting specifically designated funds for such programs. The second alternative in this direction is to seek a looser line-item budget so that there would be money available, although not on a designated basis.

The SGA, also at the last meeting of the committee with-

drew any guaranteed support from the committee, due to the fact that the administration can not guarantee funds. Chancellor Highsmith explained that at present, the funding for events like the upcoming writers' symposium and the Russell Johnson appearance have to be liberated from the general expenses budget. "We think we're still going to pay all our bills and we see the importance of having speakers on campus, so we pull the money out of the general operating expenses budget," Highsmith pointed out.

Until there is solid administrative guaranteed funding, SGA President Jim Cochran feels that it is useless to continue on any planning since there is no budget to base a program on.

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