

Hurry Up and Wait

Registration for students this year was a headache, to say the least, especially for seniors. As a senior I was anticipating the privilege of my seniority carries—which include first place in registration line. And with the new yellow cards, the line was sure to go faster. But just the opposite was encountered.

It must be admitted that no one seems to have an answer for a fast and simple registration. If anyone does, the administration would really appreciate it.

One major hold-up for the seniors was the registration of countless "special groups." It has become a real privilege to register early, but for those who have to wait behind, a real gripe. Why does a student have to register early? Granted, some have to have special classes and work in the registration line and bookstores. But over 100? It might be well for any person who requests students to register early to stop and think if these students really have to. And do they realize what a burden they are putting on those who are waiting?

What about the day student who has to work in the afternoon to make money to come and who has no one on the faculty or staff to get him to early registration?

It seems the registration list could be cut considerably. And for those who have to have special classes to play sports, why can't they register immediately after seniors and announce that they have to have certain classes? And as for students who break in line, it looks like we'll need someone up stairs telling us to stay in a straight line and supervise us.

There was one good thing about this semester's registration for seniors—it was their last.

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3,000,000 Youths Registered

Approximately 3,000,000 18-20 year olds have registered to vote as a 27 to 1 Democratic rate, Robert Weiner, National Youth registration coordinator for the Young Democrats office at the Democratic National Committee, announced. 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 11 1/2 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 registration for fourteen.

The National Young Democrats, Weiner said, have been conducting an intensive registration drive for 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. Colleges, 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 27 to 1 Democratic to Republican registration ratio nationwide as proof that "the young people of America are ready for constructive, responsible change."

Young Democratic Clubs of America

For What It's Worth

As the spring semester begins past exams are forgotten and exams for this term are only seen as inevitable. One tragedy is that students rarely are able to see how they score on their exams and the mistakes they made. It exams are worth taking, then surely they are important enough to be returned to the interested student. Isn't it true that you learn from your mistakes?

Open-doors are a phenomena which most colleges and universities encounter. Stroup, Hapy, and Nanny dorms held an open-house on the Sunday before the semester break to see Christmas decorations. It is only a projected thought, but could open-houses on Sundays become a weekly event. This would certainly have both its advantages and disadvantages, but it might be worth at least considering. The previous open-house dates have been a success, and open-house on Sunday afternoons seems to be worth at least a trial. If not every Sunday, maybe once a month!

It was recently called to our attention that Gardner-Webb's school colors are not quite uniform. Some are red and black, but some are the original two. This change is taking place gradually over the years. The students should know what these colors symbolize and their significance. Also which one is dominant and secondary? It matters not so much what our school colors are, as their significance. Whether our colors are purple and green, shouldn't they have some meaning to us?

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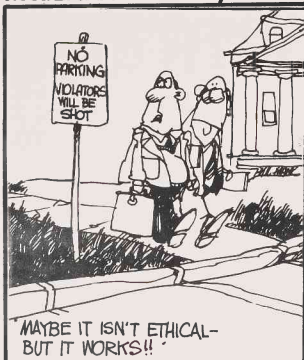
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In My opinion . . .

Editor,

Winnie-the-Pooh Goes to Register.

One winter morning when the air was not too cold but cold, Winnie-the-Pooh was awakened by his alarm clock: Bzz-z-z-z.

"Oh, so early? Now why did Mr. Clock ring so early?"

Pooh thought for a few minutes, then with a smile he remembered. "Now I remember! Today is the day I go to college to register for spring semester."

The smile was because Pooh was a Senior and this would be his last time ever in a registration line.

"I must get in line early so I can get just what I want," said Pooh.

Pooh dressed and ate a nice breakfast and walked to the Green Weenie Room. It was only 8:30 and Pooh's group wasn't supposed to register until 9:30 so Pooh thought he would be near the front of the line. But when he opened the door—

"Oh, dear! It looks like everyone else came early too."

And, indeed, it did. The room was full. So Pooh took his place in line and waited like everyone else.

Suddenly the doors opened and a great mob of people came running in. They were laughing and slapping each other around and were very happy—not a bit like the other people. But, to Pooh's great surprise these new people went in front of the line and on to register without waiting.

Pooh Bear thought about this for a while and at last came up with an idea. Pulling on the sleeve of the student in front of him he asked, "I suppose those other people have to work in registration and need to finish early?"

Joe Cool was standing nearby and he laughed and said, "Oh, no, Pooh. They are athletes. They get to register first."

"Oh," said Pooh, for he knew better than to question anything the athletes did. Especially basketball players. He had learned quite a bit during three and one-half years of college. So Pooh just waited in line with the rest of the seniors.

Shortly, along came a man who walked down the line and looked

very closely at all the men. Pooh thought he was wiser until Joe Cool said the man was checking to see if anyone's hair was too long. And if it was he couldn't register until he had gotten a haircut.

Pooh Bear thought this was very funny. He remembered his American History course and asked Joe Cool, "But, why can't they register with a wig and then get a haircut?"

Cool smiled patiently, "Pooh, everyone knows that men who let their hair grow can't be trusted. Why, then they show signs of individualism. And, even worse things than that."

Pooh pondered this awhile and then said "But, the school gave an honorary degree—a Ph. D.—to a man with long hair."

"Yes, but he has lots of money and is famous."

"Gee," said Pooh. "He must be a smart man."

"Brilliant, Pooh. Why he writes songs. About trains and things like that."

Then Winnie-the-Pooh looked around him and saw some of these long haired men. He saw men with wives and children. He saw men who sacrificed to come back to college to get their degree even though they were 25-35 years old and still worked forty hours a week. He saw Vietnam veterans—men who had fought for their country in a war 12,000 miles away and who had seen their best friends killed in the jungles.

Winnie-the-Pooh saw these men shifting from one tired foot to the other while the basketball players were downstairs registering and he wondered about his country's sense of values. He watched as several of these men were told to get out of line to get a haircut.

Much more happened to Winnie that day. For instance, he learned that the most important thing was to "maintain a line". But, Winnie-the-Pooh wasn't bothered by anything else. For he was over come with sorrow and anger and pity. And, Winnie-the-Pooh dozed a bit that even a jar of honey could make him feel better.

Gary Boyles

Outlook For '72

WASHINGTON (WNS)—Fifty-two thousand bills and 320 days after it convened, the 92nd Congress's first session comes to a close with much still to be done on President Nixon's "New American Revolution" programs outlined last January in his State of the Union Address.

Congress will return next month and continue to debate these and other bills in its second session. What is in store for political year 1972?

January: Congress will return about the middle of the month—probably Tuesday the 18th—and hear the President's third State of the Union Address. The fiscal 1973 budget will follow and probably top 1972's \$229 billion figure.

February will bring another message from President Nixon on the environment and foreign policy. Lincoln's birthday is the 12th, and on Washington's "new" birthday, the 21st, the President will be in Peking conferring with Chinese leaders.

The campaign season meets the snows of New Hampshire in the nation's first presidential primary on March 7. Florida's follows the next week and Illinois' the week after.

April will see an Easter recess mixed in with presidential primaries in Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Earth Week starts on the 17th.

Ten states, including Indiana and Ohio, go to the polls during May and six more—including California and New Jersey—in June, wrapping up the state and 23 presidential primaries before the conventions. President Nixon, in the meantime, will have traveled to Moscow for a summit meeting with Russian leaders in late July.

Democrats go to Miami on May 19 to nominate their candidates, while Congress goes into recess and likely fails to pass all the appropriation bills for the new fiscal year. Republicans travel to San Diego for their convention on August 21. Then on Labor Day—Sept. 4—the candidates are off and running.

Two months and three days later up to 83.7 million voters—including 25 million new voters (18 per cent of total eligible to vote)—go to the polls, and the political year ends.

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Sweetheart Banquet

The annual Sweetheart banquet will be held on Monday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bulldog Room. The theme for the banquet is "I Looked for Love."

The Sweetheart queen will be nominated by the campus clubs. Nominates will be presented in chapel on February 1 and the voting will take place on February 1-2. The queen will be crowned at the banquet by the reigning queen, LaNita Wright.

Tickets will be on sale at the business office during the week of February 4-11. Boarding students will receive their meal tickets to obtain a banquet ticket while there will be a small charge for day-students, non-students, and faculty members. The banquet is sponsored annually by the Baptist Young Women's Association.

SENATE ABSENTEES

January 10, 1972

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