

No Surprises in the Election

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There was nothing surprising about the '88 Presidential election on Tues. Nov. 8, and "the only thing relatively unusual about it was that Bush is the first sitting vice-president since Van Buren to be elected president," according to Dr. Neal Bushoven, professor of political science and chairman of the Social Sciences department while commenting on the '88 election of George Bush in a landslide over Michael Dukakis.

"And what's disturbing is that he was elected by about one-fourth of all eligible voters in this country," he said. He added that half of the eligible voters were not "turned on" by the election.

When commenting on the campaign Dukakis ran, Bushoven described it as "goofy." "He made himself a blank screen that Bush could project on," he stated. He said that the fact that Dukakis allowed Bush to dictate the mood of the election and tag him as a liberal contributed significantly to his defeat.

Bushoven stated that a major problem with the campaign as a whole was that neither candidate decided to deal with

where it wants to make cuts, according to Bushoven, and Bush, who promised no more taxes, has to get the money somewhere. "With a Democratic Congress there is real potential for deadlock," he said.

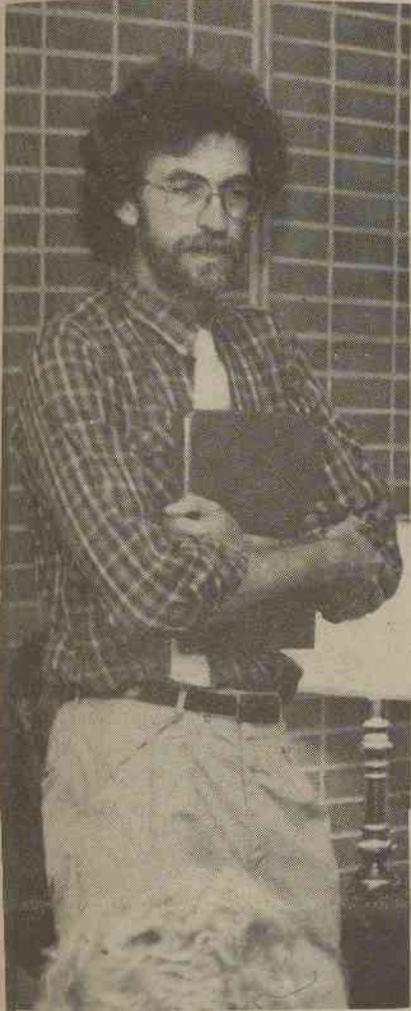
The media played a tremendous part in this election. Bushoven stated that the media is run by people whose interests are making a profit. The goal is to make money, therefore the networks must attract viewers and still keep some sense of integrity. In Bushoven's view there wasn't much "high-powered analysis or a deeper view" presented by the networks. "If both parties could just buy their own networks and pump out biased information about the other party, we (the viewers) would be better off," he said.

"The problem is that we define ourselves as consumers in this country," Bushoven commented. "We feel we can pick and choose from what is given, and not that we can affect the choice, and demand a different choice, or something else. We feel that we can not, should not, and therefore do not affect what is supplied."

important issues. "Dukakis admitted himself that he did not run on issues. And while the country is trying how to deal with serious problems, Bush is discussing issues such as saluting the flag," said Bushoven.

When asked what the ramifications of a Bush administration will be, Bushoven commented that Bush will probably get the opportunity to sway the attitude of the Supreme Court. He said that by appointing conservative judges to the Court, he may in effect change the rulings on some important legislation in our time. He stated that there should be some concern for laws dealing with abortion and civil rights.

Bushoven said that he is not sure that Bush has an agenda. "And if he does have an agenda, it will be interesting to see how effective he is in getting bills passed through Congress," he added. He also said that he was interested to see that when the obvious happens ("We order all these military programs that we can't possibly pay for."), what programs he is going to cut and what the Democratic Congress will allow. The American Public hasn't decided



Dr. Bushoven comments on Election '88.

Two Arrested in Fireworks Incident

Susan Russo

November 2, Wednesday evening, two students were issued a summons for the possession of fireworks. While other students were involved in the incident, the two students arrested were the only ones visible and caught.

Security guard Nell Lee called the names of the students in to the Chief of Security and was instructed to take the offenders to the police. A court date has been set for the two students.

Previously the policy was to give students a warning and take the fireworks away. Last Wednesday a new policy was issued, stating that violators of this law would be turned over to the police. This information was not given to all the students, but only to the suite leaders. The

Student Life Office decided that students were throwing away the papers without reading them. Unfortunately, not all suite leaders posted this information.

One of the students arrested said, "I don't think it's fair that we should get arrested or they should change their policies suddenly without letting the students know."

Dr. Dick Prust, professor of philosophy, said that he did not feel this crime was serious enough to warrant outside interference and called on the Student Life Committee to investigate the matter.

The two students may face up to \$500 in fines and/or six months in jail for their offense.

Winston-Salem Suite Wins Contest

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...and the winner is, suite 5 Winston-Salem. On November 4th the suite lounges throughout the campus were judged in a competition for the most livable, inviting and uncollege-like atmosphere in a suite.

The students responsible for the winning suite include: Greg Lundberg, Troy Blackman, and Chris Mahlstedt.

From the story they told, the inspiration hit one night while they were sitting in the lounge. Lundberg said, "This place looks like" and the plans began.

They collected \$5 from each person in the suite and the residence hall paid for one-third of the total cost.

Various skills learned from their summer jobs were put to use. One suite

member had worked with a mason over the summer and spackled the dry wall, another rewired the lights- which now includes track lights. The phone has been moved to outside the lounge for the times that students are using the room for studying. Another student knew how to paint from working in a paint and wallpaper store. (The color of the paint they used is paris night blue.) New ceiling tiles have been installed and black trim. They have also added new blinds and carpeting.

It's not a common suite lounge. It has been described by some as relaxed and mellow. As the judges were observing, President Reuschling supposedly remarked "Amazing" and Pete Prosser asked "Why don't we hire these guys to do all the suites?"

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