

Only Those Who Show Interest Should Vote

By the end of each election period, the number of students voting always diminishes. Why?

The most generally applied answer to that question is that students have lost interest in the campus elections. This indicates that the student body is not concerned with Salem's future or with the leadership and policies that will govern their campus life. Therefore, the student body should not have the privilege of voting.

The current nomination procedures should be discontinued. Then, the Nominating Committee and a special faculty committee, would select representatives from each class to do the electing of the officers. The number of representatives from each class will be determined by the committee, and they will be selected on the basis of interest shown in campus affairs. In this manner, all of the elected officers will represent the decision of those who are concerned about Salem. It will also save all those who feel that voting is too bothersome from exerting the effort that it takes to throw away an unmarked ballot.

Don't Sit And Complain --- Draw Up A Petition

Something has been done this year to incorporate the student body's opinion into the nomination of campus officials. Now it is the student body's responsibility to see that they use all of the election privileges made available to them.

The Nominating Committee presents two candidates for each office, but this does not mean that they are the only two students capable. The students always have the privilege of petitioning whomever they feel is qualified. A qualified student whose name does not appear on the primary nomination is not handicapped in the election; therefore petitions are not useless.

Since the students have the right of petition, there is no reason for anyone to say that the Nominating Committee controls elections or that their preference was not considered for an office. However, the right of petition is useless unless people exert the small bit of effort it takes to compile a petition.

Students Still Like Ike

In recent months there has been much discussion about the popularity of President Eisenhower. To find out what American college students' opinion is on the issue, Associated Collegiate Press asked the following question of a representative cross-section of men and women across the nation:

"On the whole, how would you rate the job being done by President Eisenhower? Would you rate it excellent, good, only fair, or rather poor? Why?"

Analysis of poll results indicate that over half of those interviewed feel the President is, at least, doing a good job. A sizeable proportion of them rated the job "fair," and only a relatively small number felt he was doing a poor job.

There was generally a more favorable attitude among the college men interviewed than among coeds. Nearly sixty percent of the men rated Eisenhower's performance as good or better, while just slightly over fifty percent of the college women did so. Similarly, the proportion of "excellent" ratings was substantially higher on the part of the men interviewed than among coeds. Equal proportions of men and women felt that the President's performance deserved a "good" rating, but more women than men considered the job he was doing to be "poor." Only a very small percentage of students were undecided on the issue.

Reasons given for rating the President's job "excellent" varied greatly. A Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.) sophomore felt the president was doing an excellent job "because of his attempts to improve the position of the business man and because of the Civil Rights Bill. Also, because of his devotion to his job." A freshman at Juniata College (Huntington, Pa.) rated the president's performance "excellent" because, among other things, he "settled the problems in the Middle East."

Among the reasons given for a "good" rating was one by a sophomore coed at Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.) who feels the "country has prospered" and that Eisenhower is "a good leader." A University of Nebraska (Lincoln, Nebr.) senior coed also feels he has done a good job because he "has many obstacles in his job and has done well in handling the situations," and a senior at Indiana Technical College (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) feels "he is a competent president who holds the respect of every discriminating American." A junior from Knox College (Galesburg, Illinois) agrees that the president is doing a good job, but adds, "Any evaluation of his work is difficult since one lacks historical perspective. The real answer to this question will not be given for many years."

A University of Vermont (Burlington, Vt.) senior feels the job being done by Mr. Eisenhower is only fair because "His poor health is a handicap." A Chatham College (Pittsburgh, Pa.) senior coed also gave a "fair" rating for the same reason as several others—that the president had done nothing either strikingly good or strikingly bad.

Although in the majority, students interviewed who felt the president is doing a poor job also offered many reasons for their rating. A Tyler Junior College (Tyler, Texas) freshman feels that, among other things, the president "has made the U. S. integration problem too big," while a sophomore coed at Bradley University (Peoria, Ill.) thinks the president "delegates too much authority." A Missouri School of Mines (Rolla, Mo.) senior voiced the opinion that the president spends too much time on vacation.

Daddy, Rolls, The Big Wedding

"... and thank you for this nourishment to our bodies and for our loved ones and friends wherever they may be. Amen." Hand me the rolls, Mother.

You know Wednesday mornings are gettin' to be my busiest. Never had so many patients in the office. Eleven examinations today. Like to see it that way though. Everybody's talking about the wedding Saturday. Poor old Claude. Gettin' his daughter married to the Governor's son. He told us in church last Sunday that he had to buy Champagne for four hundred people.

Pass the peas, Ellen. Thank you. Mother! you know I don't like mushrooms in my peas. No. I did not eat any of Ruth Fletcher's peas at the dinner party last night. Hand the peas back to your mother, Ellen. Don't let it happen again, Mother.

Old Claude was kinda' worried 'bout where he was gonna put all those people. I told that's what he gets for marryin' his daughter off to the Governor's son. I told him when Ellen gets married I'd oblige myself to go to South Carolina with her and then I'd take her to the Dairy Mart and buy her a banana split for her reception. Humph! Isn't that right Ellen. Hand me another roll, Mother. Yep. When Ellen gets married we're gonna get by as cheap as we can.

Now, Ellen, I can't help what 'brother Frank' will want. It's not gonna be him that's gonna spend the money for the wedding. You probably won't even marry 'brother Frank.' Now hush, Ellen. You know I don't have anything against 'brother Frank.' I do too like him. It's just that you might not marry him. Alright we'll see!

Oh yeth, Mother, Tom Presson was in this morning. Said he was gonna have to borrow some of Meeklenburg County's police force to keep the folks off the streets Saturday. You'd think they were having a political rally instead of a wedding. I can see old Claude now. Ha! Old Claude and the Governor. Pass me another roll, Mother.

Like I was telling Claude the other morning. I was 'joshin' him of course. And I said "Claude, now that you daughter's gonna be living in the Governor's Mansion I guess you won't be passin' the collection plate with me anymore!" I was just 'joshin' with him, Mother. No, Mother. I said I was just joshin' him.

What did you say 'brother Frank's' father did, Ellen. Oh, yeah. Mother, how old is Eisenhower's youngest son. Oh.

You paid how much. Twenty-five dollars just for a wedding gift. Now, mother, we in this household treat everybody equal. Yes, sirree, and we don't go paying twenty-five dollars just for the Governor's son's gift just cause he's the Governor's son. You can take the gift back and get something cheaper.

No. I'm not going to the wedding. Claude already knows I'm not going. Oh, he just laughed and said he didn't think he'd go either. That Claude! he sure can 'josh.'

Hand me that paper Mother. Wedding is all over the papers too. I bet that kind of sits pretty with old Claude. Oh, Mother. listen to this. Just listen to this. On the first page of the second section. Pajama party at Carolina. Officers broke up a "pajama, drinking and dancing party in an early Sunday morning raid." And there were twenty couples intoxicated. And undressed too. And it was put on by a U. N. C. Fraternity. Okay, Ellen, you aren't going to Carolina, anymore. I don't care if it was or wasn't 'brother Frank's' fraternity, I don't want you to ever set your foot in Chapel Hill again. Eh-law. What are the youngsters coming to. See. If the Governor was such an important man, he could stop all this nonsense at the State University.

Hand me the rolls, Ellen, and stop pouting. It's only my second roll, Mother. Now I know I haven't had more than three rolls, Mother. Now listen Mother. Okay, okay. I'll stop eating tomorrow. Ellen, go in the other room if you have to cry. I am not the meanest Daddy in the world, Ellen. Okay, Mother, here, take the rolls. I just won't eat anymore, Ellen, lower your voice. No, Mother, no. That's alright, if you think I'm too fat I won't eat anymore rolls. Alright, alright, Ellen, you can go to Chapel Hill this weekend, but if I ever hear of any more pajama parties you aren't going again. You understand!

Do you know that everyone in the state of any political importance will be here. Old Claude and the Governor. I bet the people in the county are really gonna line the streets. I don't get it, Mother. The Governor's just a normal man like the rest of us. No reason what ever for all these folk to get so excited about a Governor.

Got to get back to the office, Mother. Oh yeah. Were there any phone calls for me this morning? What did Mayor Wilson want? You don't say. You mean he wants me to meet the Governor at the airport and drive him into town. Why, sure I will, Mother. You know I'd do anything for the state.

Oh excuse me, Mother. I think I'll go call Claude.

—Shan Helms

Remember Chatty! She's So Cute

I was swinging on the chain of a fraternity pin when the wearer darted down the back steps of a small dingy alley. I hoisted myself up on the guard as we entered a small dark room, where two other girls were solemnly seated around an empty can of tomato soup. One of the girls stuffed some dried leaves in the can and lit a fire. She looked up as we entered and motioned for us to sit down around the can. As my wearer seated herself on the dirt floor, I fell in the open lid of a flip-top pack of Winstons and peaked through the crack.

"Madam Chairman," my wearer said to the tall, lean girl, "the select few are all present. We must begin the meeting."

The Madam stood up and pressed her right hand against her chest. "We of this committee have an important duty to perform today. We have been appointed by a group of two to nominate those girls who will nominate the Nominating Committee. Come, Come!" The madam pointed to my wearer. "Sally, bar the door tight." She turned to the other girl seated near the can, "Suzie, see that the window is locked tightly! . . . Now we can begin. The floor is open to nominations!"

"I nominate Patty Perky, Madam Chairman," Sally yelled.

"Give me your reasons why you think she is qualified for this office, Sally," the Madam said.

"Because she has a good personality and everyone likes her and she's always smiling and because she's pinned to my boyfriend's fraternity brother."

"Anything you want to add in favor of Betty's nomination, Suzie?" the Madam asked.

"I'm in favor of the nomination, Madam Chairman," Suzie said. "I think she's a real cute looking girl."

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