

Elections Are A Privilege For All American Citizens

Class elections were held at RMSH on Friday, January fourth and the results have caused many comments from students concerning the candidates, voting, and results. In a recent poll taken among students from all three classes at school, the following questions were asked:

1. Are you registered to vote?
2. Did you vote?
3. Why did you vote (or why didn't you vote)?
4. Are you happy with the results of the elections?
5. Why (or why not)?
6. Do you feel that a small majority of students participates in class elections?
7. Do you like the method of self-nomination?

SENIORS INTERVIEWED CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

In the senior class, David Nobles responded:

"Yes, I am registered and I did vote in the elections because I wanted to become involved in our student government. I am not totally satisfied with the senior class officers because some of the candidates that I supported were not elected. Of course, I feel that a small number of students elects our officers. Yes, I am satisfied with the self-nomination."

Earl Lawrence, a senior, said, "Yes, I am registered, but I did not vote because I didn't have time." When asked if he was satisfied with the results of the senior class elections, Earl said that he was not. He does feel that a small number of students participated in the elections. Earl also said that instead of self-nomination, the class officers should nominate candidates to run for office.

SENIORS HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT

Toni Capps, another senior, stated, "Yes, I am registered but I did not vote because I checked out of school Friday. I forgot to vote

in the run-off Tuesday." In response to question No. 4, she said that she was very satisfied with the results of the election because the new officers were the people she would have supported if she had voted. She also said that the new officers were qualified for their jobs. In response to question No. 6, she said that she agreed that a small number of students elects the class officers each year. She likes the method of self-nomination for she feels that if people want to do the job, they will elect themselves.

JUNIORS INTERVIEWED ABOUT ELECTIONS

Three juniors were interviewed, and Steve Perry said:

"Yes, I am registered, and I voted Friday in order to have a voice in student government." Steve was satisfied with the turnout of the elections for the junior class, but said, "Some candidates seem to be elected by popularity, not necessarily by qualifications." He answered "yes" to questions No. 6 and 7.

Gwen Henderson, when asked for her opinion, replied, "Yes, I registered and I voted to help the candidates that I wanted to support. Yes, I am happy with the results because I feel that our officers are qualified." Gwen also answered "yes" to questions No. 6 and 7.

The third junior interviewed remains anonymous, but said that she is not registered and she did not vote because she didn't have time to do so. She is satisfied with the results and thinks that the new officers are capable of doing a good job. She also answered "yes" to questions No. 6 and 7.

SOPHOMORES EXPRESS OPINIONS ABOUT ELECTIONS

Robert Privott, a sophomore, said that he is registered and voted Friday. When asked why he voted, Robert explained that he ran

for (and won) the office of vice-president last year and many of his classmates supported him, so he voted this year to support the candidates of his choice. He was happy with the newly-elected sophomore officers and when asked question No. 6, he said that he did not believe that only a few students were active in the elections. He agrees with the method of self-nomination because he believes that if a person is nominated to run for an office, he usually does so whether or not he really wants to serve.

One anonymous sophomore said that she is registered and did vote in order to have a voice in the government and to elect the candidates that she wanted. She was satisfied with the results because most of the students that she supported were elected to office. She feels, however, that not enough students participate in elections and many students register but do not vote.

SOPHOMORES STILL TALKING ABOUT ELECTIONS

Corbi Bulluck, also a sophomore, said that she is registered and voted on Friday in order to take part in the student government and to help elect the candidates she supported. She was satisfied with the election returns, for she feels that the new officers are capable of doing a good job. She stated that she thought her class had a fairly good percentage of voters, and agrees with the method of self-nomination because she thinks that students who nominate themselves must be willing to work.

GET INVOLVED OR DO NOT COMPLAIN

It is obvious that not all students voted in the elections, and some of these students are not satisfied with the results. Everyone at RMSH has the right to vote in our school elections, and, in some cases, one vote DOES make a difference. To have a voice in our student government, get out and vote! Exercise one of your most precious rights - the right to vote.

It is more difficult to conceal ignorance than it is to acquire knowledge. And think of the benefits.



"You cannot refer to the Rumble of 1776 and Honest Abe's pad and still expect to pass American History, John."

Two RMSH Clubs Show School Spirit

The Good Sports and the Phalanx clubs are really busy this month spreading their school spirit all across Rocky Mount Senior High.

The Good Sports Club is busy selling ribbons. Ribbons will be sold throughout the basketball season. The club urges students to buy ribbons, because the money earned will be used for the annual athletic picnic. A wise saying of the Good Sports Club is "More ribbons sold means a better picnic."

The Phalanx Club is flooded in stationery. Beautiful floral stationery is being sold by Phalanx members at the reasonable price of \$1.25. The money earned from this project goes into the treasury to be used at later dates. They urge RMSH students to buy stationery, as it will help support the club in other projects. The Phalanx Club plans to get the Heart Fund underway the early part

of February, even now they stress that all students contribute to this fund as the money may save many lives this year.

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