

Is "Politics" A Dirty Word Here?

At some times, in some places, for some people, "politics" is almost a dirty word, and politicians have a hard row to hoe to convince their constituents that they can and will work for the people.

What do Charlotteans think of politics? And how do today's young people view politicians? Post reporter Audrey Lodato discussed politics with a group of teenagers recently. Here's what they had to say.

BEVERLY WALLACE, of Tracy Dr., is an eighth grader at Carmel Junior High School. When asked what comes to mind when she hears the word "politics," Wallace replied, "I think of money and how many votes they get, and why young people can't vote." She thinks that the voting age should be 15. Wallace didn't appear to be very trusting of politicians. "They take your money and don't do anything for you," she claimed.



Beverly Wallace
.....Thinks about money



Peggy Anderson
.....Economic problems



Linda Howard
..... "Not always honest"



Delores Rorie
.....Ran for office

PEGGY ANDERSON, a Parker Heights resident, is also in the eighth grade at Carmel. "Mostly I think about the President because he really doesn't do enough about high prices," she began. "He's making the economy harder to deal with. Instead of trying to help us, he goes across the country or helps other countries. He should pay more attention to this country because we're in need, too," Anderson maintained. The young woman doesn't believe she would ever consider going into politics herself. "There would have to be a whole lot of changes first," she declared. "One would be to be really honest with the people about where their money is going."

LINDA HOWARD, a sixth grader at Baringer, lives on Remount Rd. "I think of money and the government," she replied. Expressing her belief that politicians are not always honest, Howard explained, "If they were honest, they wouldn't take welfare checks from poor people." She might consider running for office herself some day.

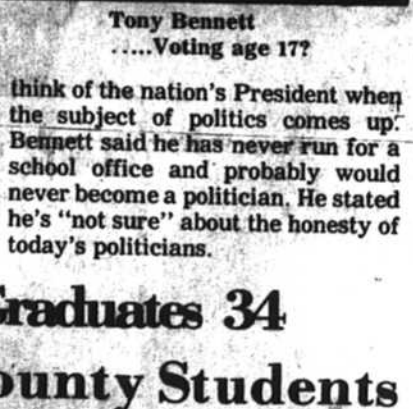


Tony Bennett
.....Voting age 17?

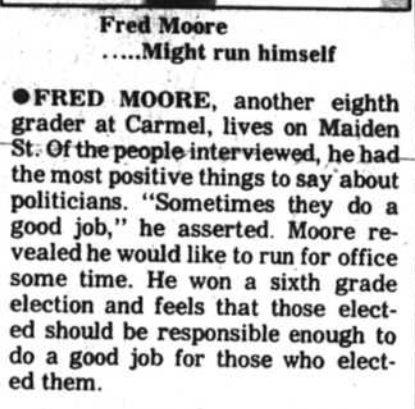


Fred Moore
.....Might run himself

DELORES RORIE, a Carmel ninth grade student, is a resident of Parker Dr. She doesn't believe politicians are honest all the time, either. Rorie would like to see the voting age lowered to "15 or 12." A one-time candidate for elective office herself, Rorie ran for class treasurer this year and, although she lost, might like to try again. Her biggest complaint about politicians is that they "should provide for old people."



think of the nation's President when the subject of politics comes up. Bennett said he has never run for a school office and probably would never become a politician. He stated he's "not sure" about the honesty of today's politicians.



FRED MOORE, another eighth grader at Carmel, lives on Maiden St. Of the people interviewed, he had the most positive things to say about politicians. "Sometimes they do a good job," he asserted. Moore revealed he would like to run for office some time. He won a sixth grade election and feels that those elected should be responsible enough to do a good job for those who elected them.

TONY BENNETT of Forham Rd. attends South Mecklenburg High School. He is in the tenth grade. Bennett would also like to see the voting age lowered to 17. He tends to

Manning Dr., business data processing; Carole B. Mathis, daughter of Carolyn W. Mathis of 417-A W. Eighth St., business administration; Amy A. McCain, 5410 Amity Pl., education of the hearing impaired; Joni Y. McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. McMillan Jr., of 1709 Woodvalley Dr., business administration; Robin L. Ramm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ramm of 2400 Cross Country Rd., business administration; Della R. Scales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scales of 9210 Trinity Rd., See UNC-G On Page 17A

MARGARET SMITH, a bit older than the students above, lives on Rosevine Rd. and works making windows. For Smith, the President is the first one who comes to mind at the word "politics." She said that politicians are "dishonest to a certain extent," and added that there are "a lot of things they need to be working on that they aren't." Smith isn't sure if local politicians are doing a good job or not. "I've been hearing about the garbage problem on the news," she noted, "and I don't think we should have to pay \$8 for garbage pick-up."

UNC-Greensboro Graduates 34 Mecklenburg County Students

Thirty-four students from Mecklenburg County, including 28 from Charlotte, were among 1,958 persons to receive degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the institution's 93rd annual commencement on May 12.

The Charlotteans are: Gwendola W. Willis, 2300 Wensley Dr., Ph.D. in home economics education; Katrina K. Ross, 8319 Jefferson Colony Rd., home economics education, master's degree; M. E. Villasmil-Prieto, 3800 Beresford Rd., special education, master's; Maron C. Ricks, daughter of Charles V. Ricks of 4618 Carmel Rd., master's of business administration; Carole C. Carter, 4336 Old Saybrook Ct., magna cum laude, bachelor of science in nursing; Nena D. Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clark of 6608 Lynfield Dr., summa cum laude, bachelor of science in nursing; Judy C. Rector, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted J. Rector, 2525 Dakdale Rd., BSN; Kathryn M. Robinson, BSN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robinson, 744 Wingrave Dr.; Dana E. Smith, BSN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Smith, 1020 Camborne Pl.; Deborah M. Ashby, daughter of Patricia Thompson of 3221 Northampton Dr., BA, broadcasting and cinema; Catherine R. Billings, 1130 Cheddington Dr., BA, psychology; Mack D. Brock Jr., 5510 Sharon Rd., BA, speech communication; Clay H. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cunningham of 335 Heathwood Rd., BA, chemistry; Katherine M. Hough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hough of 4600 Belle Plaine Dr., English major, magna cum laude, BA; Gwyn Kellam, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald S. Kellam Jr., of 2225 Carmel Rd., BA, sociology; Cynthia A. Torrence, daughter of Shirley C. Flowers of 4735 Monmouth Dr., BA, political science.

Local recipients of bachelor of science degrees are: Jeffrey L. Allee, son of Mr. and Mrs. U.S. Allee of 409 Hollis Rd., business data processing; Clement A. Brewer III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Brewer Jr., of 2809 Remington St., economics; Kimmie M. Ellis, daughter of Joann E. Lilly of 7424 Cheshire Rd., business data processing; Marguerite A. Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade T. Fox Sr., of 415 Sandridge Rd., economics; Gregory W. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Martin of 711



The Stewardess Boards of Parkwood Institutional CME Church was in charge of the morning service recently and presented a drama, "Wisdom From Women In The Bible," in the afternoon. At both functions, special award were given. Margaret Grate and Blanche Williams were announced "Stewardesses of the Year" and presented plaques. Mrs. Grate also received another special presentation for outstanding

service to the Stewardess Board. Pictured above are the participants of the drama: Front row (l-r): Joyce Morris, Mamie Johnson, LaVerne Miller, Doris Hoover, Julia Golden, and Argelene McClurkin. Back row (l-r): Paulette Kimble, Chrysantra Dulin, Elaine Lynch, Loretta Malinowski, Cynthia Woods, and Joanne Dixon. Rev. Rayfield Metcalf is pastor at Parkwood. (Photo By Divine Reflections)

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