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A Time For Contemplation

Finally it is over.

The "exquisite agony" of campaigning, after being briefly replaced by the "exquisite agony" of sitting out the election returns, has subsided into the post-election slump.

We, and millions of other Americans like us, sat glued silently to our television sets last night as the returns slowly ebbed into the national centers. Alternately hopeful and discouraged, we finally, like many other Americans, crumpled into bed in the wee small hours of the morning—totally exhausted.

It was a thrilling, unbelievable show the American people put on for themselves; one packed with the kind of drama that television cannot supply in the most carefully written western or detective story. It was a drama of the people's voice, and as such was loaded with suspense.

The final results, such as they were, proved beyond doubt one supposition that many of the nation's pundits had been hinting at as the campaign drew to a close:

A national election is no longer a state-by-state affair: television, radio and improved communications have directed the major appeals of the candidates not at small state interest groups but at overall national interests.

This is not to say that certain local issues did not prevail in various areas (e.g., the oil depletion allowance in Texas, state's rights in Mississippi). But it is to say that the overall closeness of the election returns throughout the nation, not including, of course, the large urban areas, indicated general national feeling toward the candidates rather than local feeling.

Therefore there were few areas in which one candidate completely outstripped the other. Margins of victory or defeat were narrow

everywhere. The nation voted; areas did not.

And now we have a new President.

He will not take office until January; his influence on national affairs, however, will be felt almost immediately. He will be the leader of much of the nation almost overnight, or at least that part of the nation which prefers to be led by him.

We, and a great many other Americans, have placed a great amount of trust and confidence in John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the young man who wanted to be President.

Now he is President, having achieved the post in one of the most arduous fights in American politics. The first job is over, the first battle won; the other jobs and the other battles will make this first seem miniscule by comparison.

Wednesday seemed to be a day of contemplation, and rightly so. Senator Kennedy appeared quiet and calm as he made his short victory speech; the nation, indeed, seemed solemn and reflective.

And there is, indeed, cause for reflection. John Kennedy faces a task so strenuous as to be killing, so frustrating as to be maddening. He will be confronted with a people not on the move in any way, and will have to put them on the move. He will meet leaders from other countries who will regard his youth and buoyance with suspicion. He will be pressed to make decisions in minutes that no man should make in hours.

We stand, now as before, with John Kennedy. We place faith in his strength and hope in his courage. We will move under the belief that he can guide us and the free world on the road to peace, peace of mind, heart and soul. We offer him our prayers and our faith and our good will. America will move.

A Welcome To Addison Hewlett

We are pleased to welcome back to the Carolina campus a true friend of this University—Addison Hewlett.

He speaks tonight at 7:30 in the auditorium of Howell Hall on "The Legislative Process in North Carolina." No person could possibly be more qualified to address a group on this subject, for Hewlett has been a member of the North Carolina General Assembly since 1951,

serving as Speaker of the House in 1959.

Throughout his 47 years, the Wilmington attorney has demonstrated a keen awareness of the educational needs of this state, giving of his time as a trustee of both Wake Forest College and Campbell College. He is also a former student body president at Wake Forest. Hewlett was a member of the General Assembly sessions that passed both the Pearsall Plan and Pupil Assignment Act, the famed basis for North Carolina's handling of the 1954 Supreme Court decision on the integration of public schools.

Last May, Hewlett offered himself as a candidate for the United States Senate, and polled over 225,000 votes in his bid to unseat Senator B. Everett Jordan. It was a privilege for this paper to give him an editorial endorsement for that position. We have always felt Addison Hewlett possessed the highest leadership credentials and political integrity. He has served this state well.

We strongly commend his appearance tonight to one and all. Hewlett is an outstanding man, and we are glad Student Government officials have had the foresight to invite him to appear again in Chapel Hill.

D. B. Y.

A Note On Honor Tests

There has been great discussion recently by the women students concerning the test on the Honor Code and Campus Code given to each returning woman student by the Women's Honor Council. Many students have said that they took a test on the rules last year during the orientation program and that this test was an insult to their honesty and intelligence.

The council administered the test because the plea of ignorance in most instances continues to be used by a defendant at her trial.

The council is keenly aware of its responsibility to the individual and to the University. For this reason we felt it necessary for each student to know how the council operates, how a suspected student is reported, and how the actual trial proceeds.

Those taking this test were given a chance to express their personal views as to the value of the philosophy behind our Honor System. Some replies were that our System does not work and it is not practical; therefore, why have it? The council realizes our System is far from perfect, but the Honor System does present to each student a goal for which to strive. The University prepares us for life academically; the highest character and integrity in an individual are as important as academic achievement. The academic success will never be useful if one is incapable of sharing his knowledge by living with his fellowman in mutual trust.

Graham Walker, Chairman
Women's Honor Council

NSA VISITORS:

Tunisian Students Give Their Impressions Of Lodge

Editor's note: The following are statements made by the Tunisian students visiting on the campus, concerning their attendance at the talk given by Henry Cabot Lodge.

I went Saturday evening to listen to Mr. Cabot Lodge, and I had the hope of hearing him answer the question which is so near our heart: what would be the Republicans' program on that which concerns the Algerian drama?

Unfortunately our questions remained unanswered, and Mr. Lodge neither pleased nor convinced me.

Statement by Abdelaziz Ghachem—Member of the administrative board of UGET (National Union of Tunisian Students).

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I believe Mr. Lodge said that the Republican party had the sympathy of the African nations—I doubt this seriously! I am sorry he could not answer my question, "Why did you (Cabot Lodge) abstain from voting when the Algerian question was brought up before the United Nations?" Yet at the last U.N. debate, Mr. Cabot Lodge said that the Algerian resolution was very close to American ideals—why then abstain from voting?

Furthermore you felt it necessary to apologize to France for having granted visas to the Algerian delegation to the U.N., while on the matter of the U-2 you said that a nation need not apologize when they believe that what they are doing is right or for the safeguard of their country.

Statement by Rachid Benouameur—President of the United States' wing of UGEMA (National Union of Algerian Students).

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This may be the first time that what is happening around the world will influence the election in the United States of America. We can no longer say that the foreign policy of the USA is truly a foreign policy towards other nations. Our friends from Tunisia, who share my views, watched Mr. Lodge forget their specific questions which had been given him about Algeria, being more interested in collecting votes for the Republican party.

As a student of Political Science I am fortunate to be studying presently in the United States. I feel that these elections are the best laboratory for my studies. I want to listen to Lodge only for the technical side of the campaign.

What Mr. Lodge said has been reiterated by Senator Kennedy—

"The Outcome Was, Of Course, Inevitable —"



Independent Candidates

It is a rather uncomfortable fact that campus politicians, like their national counterparts, are elected by interest groups. Very seldom do we note the success story of the Independent candidate—the true reformer who is sponsored by no group (or groups), and whose zeal for public office is stimulated by his desire to reform the many ills of the political system at UNC.

We would like to suggest that there is a need at Carolina for just this sort of independent—a candidate who is not bound in his allegiance to any group, but rather makes a broad appeal to the students as students, and not to a fraternity faction, or a dormitory faction. There is a need for a candidate who can rise above the partisan campus politics; a candidate with a keen eye for what is better for UNC, and not better for the fraternity set, or the dormitory residents.

Yes, there is need for reform at the University, and only the true Independent can carry out the necessary changes. There is a need to tie the students closer to the functions of student government by communicating to them the policies of the government. Why not, for example, a "State of the Campus" message broadcast each year over WUNC-TV, and featured in the Daily Tar Heel? Why not this sort of direct appeal to the students on the aims of the Student Government for the coming year? Why not an informed Student Body that is knowledgeable on the policies that its representatives are carrying out?

Furthermore, why not draw the dormitory resident closer to the University by increasing social privileges? Fraternities sponsor parties in living units, why can't the dormitories have the same? By equalizing the advantages of dormitory and fraternity life, there should result a greater cohesion in the University as a whole. As the situation stands, there are social stigmas attached to both fraternity and dormitory residents, and a continuing battle between the two. In short, why not make the dormitory more than a living residence—make it a center of the student's collegiate life.

Most important of all, why not make the campus officer an example of the higher values for which a University must stand? There is need for a candidate to emphasize the advantages of the many programs for scholastic advancement at Carolina. If an officer published periodic reports of scholarship after graduation, of special course work for interested students, and of worthwhile activities on campus, his influence would urge students to assume these values, and incorporate them in their years at Carolina.

Yes, there is a need for the Independent candidate in campus politics—a candidate with ideas, a candidate with energy and initiative to carry the ideas to fulfillment, a candidate with prestige to be elected, a candidate willing to rise to a need. But we are beset with a problem: where is this candidate to be found? Possibly he could be sitting in a dormitory room, or a fraternity house, or in "Y" Court. We hope that he can be found. We further hope that the students will have the conviction to vote for him.

Bob Silliman

Another On Prestige

A great deal is in the open now about U. S. prestige.

The greatest unrest may be in our citizens with regard to the possible failure of the great American way to provide for the

inner satisfactions as well as the exterior needs of the people.

A lot of people are afraid. They are even afraid of each other, of simple relationships, because another victim of the Age of Machines might have an emotional or psychological fly-off if he is confronted with his problems.

We think of medical and technical provisions for those who break down, but the everyday solutions to sickness of dissatisfaction and monotony are often neglected.

Stimulants to the numbness of neglect seem simple and unforgivable to disregard. Conversation is great without the popular ultra-friendliness and "smilarity" or the hollow pity or the personal impersonal imposition. Hospitality to ideas has a good flavor, but good ideas a better one. Playing it cool is hot tea if it means sizing up a situation honestly and taking action.

We can't successfully handle mechanization if we let it smother our self-confidence and undermine our sense of direction.

John William Brent

REFLECTIONS

Visitors to the Morehead Planetarium are apt to see more stars than they anticipated if the hedge which borders the east side of the Planetarium parking lot is not cut back to allow those leaving to see traffic on Franklin Street.

Vision is obscured by the hedge which projects so near the street that it is difficult, if not impossible, to see traffic coming west on Franklin, without pulling out too far into the street.

Somebody is going to find that their car has suddenly become a hood ornament for a Mack truck as they pull out to take a look.

Let's cut it back a little. We like living.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Readers Attack Old Dominion, UNC Student Body

To the Editor:

I read Mr. O'Neill's comments (Nov. 7) concerning that great state of Virginia. I saw Virginia's virtues in print, and, as a native North Carolinian, was brought to my proper humility when I found I have always held such biased opinions towards the Old Dominion. Mr. O'Neill, with his brilliant disclosures, straightened that which had been heretofore twisted and distorted concepts of our northern neighbor.

I wish Mr. O'Neill's letter could be printed in all the major North Carolina papers, and, possibly, in all the major papers in the South. I am sure, as many other Southerners, I did not know that important Southern leadership has its nucleus in Virginia. I am sure a vast majority of the people south of the Carolina-Virginia line still do not know that the owner of Virginia does not sell apples.

I am glad Virginia has led the

South into attitudes which make it have unbounded respect for the Commonwealth. I do think, though, Virginia's leaders should give serious talks in Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and the other cities where there is not enough blind following of the Virginia plan.

Thanks be to Mr. O'Neill for telling me of a land, "the most honored of states," where there are so many possessing "worth and dignity." To think I went for twenty-two years believing that Virginians are no better than are other people of the United States, and to think I have even stooped to call Virginians "sore backs" makes me realize that my ignorance should not be tolerated.

With humble reverence to Virginia,

John P. Page

To the Editor:

It is with great displeasure that I write this letter because it

should never have had to be written. I would like to congratulate the student body for their very fine showing of courtesy and maturity at Saturday's political meeting for Ambassador Lodge. We are supposed to be the future leaders of America, but how do we act when some important visitor comes to Chapel Hill?

We act like a bunch of young immature high school punks at a pep rally instead of college students at a political meeting. I think that we should be proud of ourselves in that we are able to make and fly paper airplanes, heckle and jeer, and call our visitors names. I think that my fellow students should realize that they are no longer in high school and that their actions go unnoticed.

With Mr. Lodge were members of the press and many prominent people of North Carolina who have done so much for the University. I am quite sure that

these people were disappointed and very much displeased with the actions of the students at the meeting. I know that Mr. Lodge was caught off guard by the group of punks that sat in the front rows, in that their actions are usually associated with an uneducated, backward mountaineer. Their actions were more than immature, they were plain discourteous.

After the rally, I was out in back of Memorial Hall waiting to greet Mr. and Mrs. Lodge, when a group of these so-called "students" started shouting "Jehovah." I know that I felt mighty embarrassed and I am sure that Mr. Lodge didn't feel very much at home. Again, congratulations for the fine impression that was bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. Lodge. I know that they will be looking forward to returning to Chapel Hill.

Carl Pedersen

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