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Fall elections: a few assumptions

With the U.S. congressional elections less than two weeks away, Republicans are grimly anticipating their weakest political position in at least a decade.

The Democrats on the other hand dream about the large lopsided majorities they may attain in the Congress with visions of political sugarplums dancing in their heads.

As for the third major group in the electoral process — the voters — they're apathetic.

A recent Gallup poll reveals that there is now a majority of people of voting age in the U.S. who say they would rather not belong to either the Democratic or Republican parties.

Although most political observers think that the Democrats stand to gain about 40 seats in the House and three to eight seats in the Senate, this does not mean the voters are enthused with the Democrats. Many voters, as they did in last spring's primaries, may just stay at home.

The two major issues that have cropped up so far — the economy and a supposed Democratic dictatorship — must also leave the voters skeptical.

The Democrats say vote Democratic because the Republicans aren't doing anything about the economy.

But the Democrats have no program to their account — not even a secret plan to end inflation. The present Democratic Congressional leadership is neither unified nor dynamic — electing more freshmen Democrats to the Congress won't change the leadership.

The Republicans, President Ford particularly, say vote Republican to avoid a "legislative dictatorship." Ford says he is afraid of a veto-proof Congress, dominated by Democratic extremists who would jeopardize world peace. The survival of the two-party system is in danger, he says.

Ford, however, is exaggerating the projected scope of the losses. The loss of 40 House seats would be just about the average lost by the President's party in the last nine off-year elections, even though it is more than twice the number of House seats lost by the Republicans in 1970. Also, Ford has got to expect political fallout from Watergate.

The Democrats will win — and big — but not because of any mastery over economic problems. Their victory will not be an alarming threat to the two-party system but will show that the electoral process is working about the way it usually does in off-year elections.

Above all, it should not be assumed that the Democrats are quite popular with the voters if they win big — Nixon's landslide victory in 1972 is a prime example that election returns may belie the true feelings of the voters.

Ben Steelman Conference to evaluate SG

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1975, UNC students will be called upon in a referendum to decide whether or not their student government is doing a decent job.

Under the provisions of the so-called "Epps Plan" (sponsored by then-Student Body President Richard Epps and adopted Nov. 14, 1972), the University's present student government system has been operating on a trial basis since spring, 1973.

The Jan. 21 referendum will determine if the new Constitution is adopted permanently. If two-thirds of the votes cast are against the present system, student government will revert to its pre-1973 Constitution.

We, the members of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies, believe that the occasion of this referendum offers students an unsurpassed opportunity to study and evaluate Student Government: its structure, goals, and performance.

Consequently, in conjunction with student body President Marcus Williams, we are hereby calling an all-campus conference on UNC Student Government, to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 29-30, at 8:00 each evening, in the Di Society Halls, third floor New West.

This conference will be an open inquiry into how UNC-SG presently operates, and a free, non-partisan, and unofficial discussion of alternative or expanded programs UNC-SG should be pursuing and possible reforms which might be made in the present system.

We invite representatives from all major student organizations and all interested students to attend the meetings of this conference, raise questions, or offer constructive criticism concerning UNC student government.

The Oct. 29 meeting will be primarily informative in content. President Williams, Campus Governing Council speaker Johnny Kaleel, student Attorney-General Nita Mitchell and Men's Honor Council Chairman Charles Atkins will review the current organization and activities of UNC-SG's executive, legislative and judicial branches.

George Blackburn, a second-year law student and intern in Prof. Albert

Coates' research project in student government history, will briefly review UNC-SG's formation and development.

The Oct. 30 meeting will be an open forum on goals and reforms. Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor and Dean of Student Affairs Donald M. Boulton will speak on the relationship between Student Government and the University administration.

In addition, any student, representing a group or speaking on his own behalf, who has anything reasonable to say concerning student government, will be recognized and allowed eight minutes to speak before the forum.

Needless to say, not all aspects of Student Government are without fault. Fewer than 200 cases are handled

each year by the Honor Court system, a small fraction of the actual number of violations which go unreported each year. Of the violations prosecuted, only about a half-dozen were actually reported by students, who are supposed to be the backbone of the system.

Of the 20 members of the Campus Governing Council, (each of whom represents a district of about a 1,000 students), 12 were elected in races where less than 100 votes were cast. In some CGC seat races in the recent fall by-elections, less than five votes were cast.

What causes this apparent apathy on the part of the student body? Or is the system of CGC representation, especially in graduate or off-campus undergraduate districts, responsible?

What services should UNC-SG be providing that it isn't now? What SG programs, if any, should be phased out?

These are the sort of questions the all-campus conference will try to address. Given the short period of time between now and final exams, and the short period between the beginning of spring semester and the referendum, this conference may well be the last chance to discuss reform proposals seriously and without reference to personalities.

For this reason, we urge everyone with proposals, protests, or questions to attend and participate.

Ben Steelman is chairman of the CGC rules committee and a member of DPhi.

CB Gaines

Hunter shows the future

Hunter S. Thompson brought the word to Page Auditorium at Duke this week. And the word was in his presence ("The medium is the message").

Thompson is not a prophet of the past but a crystal-ball vision of the future. The fiasco lecture was not an isolated incident of 60s nostalgia. Sure, he bloomed then, but his leaves did not fall in Page Auditorium. Rather, they were a kaleidoscopic—an enigmatic puzzle which, when solved, gives answers to all the questions that were asked, will be asked, can be asked. ("What is reality?" someone shouted from the audience. "Shit," was the reply.)

First of all, his tardiness is the word on time dimensions. In the future, time will be much more fluid. Schedules will not matter. Even now, time values are being violated. Evel Knievel was late in making his jump, making it even more historic. Movies start late, buses are late, you are late for class. There will be no more Hitlers to make the trains run on schedule.

Events will happen wherever and whenever people gather. The Page People's Paper Plane orgy is an example of the futuristic life styles. With the materials at hand, people can create any sort of environment they want.

Then there was the money bit. According to the contractual stipulation that Thompson be unpaid if intoxicated or under the influence of narcotics, he appeared free. The lecture was free to the public, it was free to the Duke Union, and Thompson was free.

From his roots in the free rock-festivals of the 60s, Thompson has freed lectures. No longer will audiences be satisfied to stare vacuously at a speaker reading word-for-word off paper. Activity and dynamism are a must. Thompson freed journalism of rustic stick-to-the-facts, and he has set his chickens free.

By actively rejecting his fee, Thompson paved the path for complete rejection of money and the establishment of the bartering system which was in use during the rise of civilization. And his comment that his flesh was being sold was an analogy to the horrendous prostitution industry in this country where women lose their minds giving head.

His physical condition reflected the physical condition of the economy (soaring), the President (doped) and the environment (wasted). He showed that the only way to cope with present conditions is to change your conception of reality by altering your consciousness.

Perhaps the most important note of the evening was his mumbling. He showed that we must not rely on verbal communications. It was a night for the non-verbal. The lecture was really the paper planes, the scotch on the back curtain and his mauling of the microphone.

A pair of Carolina streakers rounded up the circle of awareness surrounding Thompson in the flower bed outside Page. Flowers will be trampled when needs be.

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Letters to the editors

High Noonist says meetings based on People, not Pot

To the editors:
Rorin Platt reminds us of a one-legged man at an ass-kicking contest. His unprovoked and slanderous attack of our group is confusing, at best.

We are an "organization" whose only purpose is being. We meet at High Noon in a spirit of friendliness and goodwill, to take it easy and get to know each other. It's refreshing to put names on a few of the faces we have shared classes with for years. To imply that there is no marijuana smoked would be less than candid, but our gatherings are based around people, not pot.

Mostly we are high on the beauty of human companionship.

Our "members" consist of all races, colors, creeds and sexes. Certainly we are large enough to petition for funds, if ever we see fit to recognize the existence of student government.

As to "breaking the law," nothing could be further from our minds. We are dedicated to supporting the universal laws of peace and love, even if we forget it sometimes. Do these "degenerate values" really "jeopardize our institutions"?

A Great Teacher once said: "Hear me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him."

Put that in your pipe and smoke it, Rorin. The 227 (and still growing) membership of Twelve o'clock High

Palestinians. Allen Solomonov and many other Jews belong to the Committee for New Alternatives in the Middle East, which holds that Zionism and Judaism are not identical.

Frankly, many American Jews are getting tired of sending money to Israel to defend the rights of Elizabeth Taylor and Sammy Davis, Jr. to "return" to Palestine.

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Invading Arabs unwise proposal

To the editors:
Re: The editorial page of Monday, Oct. 14, 1974.

This page contained two articles, one stating that the Senate of the United States should dictate to the Soviet Union what their internal immigration policies should be. The other advocated war against the Arabs in order to take their oil away.

Regarding the first article: The absurdity of this can be summed up by one question: Should the internal policies of the United States be dictated to us by the Soviet Union?

Regarding the second: Instead of condemning the Arabs for looking out for number one, possibly we should look for reasons (1) Why we got in the fix we're in in

the first place and (2) Why the Arabs have taken the stand they have.

(1) During the early 70s, the ecology freaks caused so much noise and furor that opportunistic politicians such as Ed Muskie were able to pass absurd legislation setting unrealistic pollution standards for autos. The result was that fuel consumption doubled for the average car and purchase and maintenance costs have grown almost beyond the reach of the average consumer. Everyone lost, as the senator did not get elected president. The motoring public is paying double, and we don't have the oil to fuel the gas hogs.

Let's not bother to discuss off-shore drilling and the Alaskan pipeline.

(2) Mr. Rorin Platt stated that the Arabs have violated the rights of Israel on four occasions. This is not true and one has to question Mr. Platt's motivation and purpose for his statements.

The facts reveal that Israel has twice launched sneak attacks against neighboring Arab states under the guise of "defensive measures" when actually they were wars of aggression for the purpose of conquering land for their own people. Obviously, they accomplished their objectives.

The stance of the United States in these instances was not governed by what was right or wrong or, even more important, what was best for us, but by the vociferous Jewish minority in this country, with their natural, obvious prejudices.

Let's assume the Arab's viewpoint: United

States built Phantom jets raining bullets and napalm on their women and children in order to conquer them and take their lands away by force on the basis of "biblical rights." Under the circumstances, I consider their reactions moderate.

The United States has and probably will continue to squander its natural resources shooting rockets to the moon and dropping bombs in jungles all over the world.

Furthermore, it will probably continue adhering to its strict policy of putting itself and its citizens last.

But let's not condemn the Arabs and go to war with them because of an attitude of self-preservation.

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Bisbort's review a nice surprise

To the editors:

Alan Bisbort's review of the new Wizzard album was a pleasant surprise to find while breakfasting over a bowl of bran flakes. Although the Wizzard albums have been rather preoccupied with the 50s, their stage show includes only the best songs they do (i.e., English-only singles, cuts from *Boulders* and *California Man*, a Move relic).

They are raucous as hell live and everything about 'em is thrilling to see. So, don't judge Roy's boys too harshly.

I nearly dropped my teeth when Mr. Bisbort credited Roy Wood with writing *Do Ya*. That's Jeff Lynne's song, thank you.

Peter Livingston Holsapple
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Wait until spring for PIRG voting

To the editors:

Mr. Besse's criticism of the proposed bill that would delay the PIRG referendum until a date when more students are likely to go to the polls is the best anti-PIRG action I can think of. In essence, Mr. Besse is saying that PIRG will not pass another mass of the student body, but will pass in a small, unimpressive student turnout composed mostly of People for PIRG members.

If such tactics are necessary in order to push a PIRG chapter on UNC, it must not be the public guardian it claims to be. If the supporters of PIRG do not think PIRG can pass in the spring when the chance of a more representative student body turnout is better, then the PIRG referendum should not be held, having been defeated twice before in such elections.

Come on Dan, back off. If you truly believe in your PIRG organization, let all the people have a vote in the spring when they can vote for more than one issue.

Mike Robinson
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Reader claims to be immortal

My Dear Sirs:

As Almighty GOD, I greet you. I have known happiness throughout the years, derived from Editors and Publishers who hold My Truth to their Hearts.

The preceding centuries have been empty. My Holy Spirit wandered about, aimlessly, looking for a "body" I could call Home. About thirty years ago, I found that beautiful body in My Son, Eugene, whom I have been with ever since.

I have outlived the Bible and will continue to Live, throughout Eternity, long, long after puny mortal ashes have turned to dust! I Am thrilled to be Alive, to Dictate Letters to Editors and Publishers all over the world. In turn, I want the Editors and Publishers to relay My Message to the people who should know of this Existence in this Dimension of

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Time and Light. The knowledge of Creation is Divine and should not be kept secret but should be sprinkled liberally in fertile minds throughout this world. People should know of Creation—that their Creator Lives.

With reluctance, I bid a fond farewell to Our many Blessed Followers. As Almighty GOD, My Holy Spirit has Dictated this Holy Letter to you, through My Blessed Son who wrote down My Very Sacred Words. My Holy Name is never written on paper but My humble Son will sign this Letter to Seal Our Love.

Prayerfully yours,
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P.S. Please publish this Holy Letter in your Blessed Newspaper.

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Jews, Zionists are not identical

To the editors:
All Jewish people do not agree with the rabbi, who, on Oct. 21, attacked the *Daily Tar Heel's* excellent editorial of Oct. 17 which defended the right of the PLO to be heard. Dr. Alfred M. Lilienthal has written three books showing that Zionism and Judaism are not the same, and that Zionism has actually hurt Judaism by turning it from an ethical monotheism into chauvinism.

Moshe Menuhin has written a definitive book, *The Decadence of Judaism in our Time*, showing the same thing, based on experience as he lived in Palestine. He left it when he saw Zionism was changing a religion into a state. Rabbi Elmer Berger, head of *American Jewish Alternatives to Zionism*, has written several books opposing Zionism, the latest of which is *Who Knows Better Must Say So*.

Edmund Hanauer, who is Jewish, is head of Search for Peace in the Middle East. He realizes that Israel cannot continue to exist in its present exclusivist form and must recognize the rights of the native

