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Eisenhower Deserves Re-election

In less than two weeks the American electorate must select a man to lead the free world through a period of continuous crises. This leader will assume a position wherein a single mistake could plunge the world into disastrous atomic warfare. Approving the leadership exercised these past three and one-half years, The Emerald believes President Dwight Eisenhower should be re-elected.

He has brought a spirit of unity, tolerance and confidence to his countrymen. His administration has contributed to the nation's prosperity; he has successfully and patiently led the free world through a global obstacle course; and he has earned the great confidence in which he is held by Americans and free men everywhere.

Both candidates for President are basically high class men. Despite often contradictory words forced by the necessities of practical politics, both hold quite similar views. Eisenhower calls his program "middle of the road"; Stevenson calls himself a "moderate"; both labels are quite accurate.

Stevenson, as a political personage, could not hope to defeat a man of Eisenhower's great prestige and popularity. Thus he must find issues with which to stir up the voters.

But issues big enough to overturn the President just aren't there. Farmers aren't happy, but most Americans are prosperous. People aren't given everything they'd like to receive from the government, but the administration has been progressive in social legislation. The world situation leaves much to be desired, but most people feel that leadership in this field has been good.

Stevenson has hit upon two new issues in recent days. He inferred that it might soon be safe to end the draft, a statement which made our European allies nervous. Then he proposed to stop testing the H-bomb. Neither of these inspires much confidence in Stevenson; if there is one field in which Eisenhower is least open to attack it is in matters of national defense.

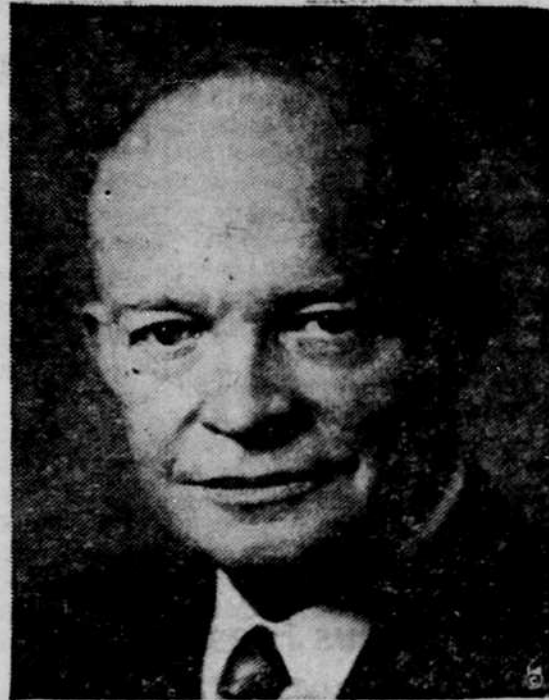
Foreign policy is not the number one issue; on this both candidates are in general agreement. The ability to unite and lead the free world is the test.

But there are other issues which should be evaluated in selecting a President.

Farmers are in bad shape, economically. Science and mechanization has increased production; markets have been depleted by foreign competition. Such over-production naturally has resulted in falling prices, ever since the end of the second World War.

Such economic facts of life cannot be repealed, but they can be ignored for a while by paying high rigid supports to ever-increasing crops. This wins farm votes, but is economically unsound. Flexible supports must be used over the long run, unless we're to permanently pay farmers for food we can't use. The President's veto of the high support bill was one of the most proper and courageous acts of statesmanship we've seen in a long time.

Eisenhower, because he is so popular, can



do what he feels is right, and is not dependent on the support of various pressure groups. He appeals to Americans as Americans; Stevenson's pitch seems to be "what's best for you (pressure groups) must be what's best for the country."

The Eisenhower administration has balanced the budget and applied the brakes to the runaway inflation it inherited. By not harrasing business it has created a healthy industrial climate in which capital is willing to invest. Thus employment is at an all-time high, as is take-home pay. Even farm prices have started to rise, as the burdening surpluses are reduced.

But in assessing candidates and issues, the ability to lead the free world is obviously the key. At Geneva our President personally convinced a once-skeptical world that the United States really wants world peace. He seized the initiative from Russia.

We know a Greek exchange student who knows nothing of farm supports or partnership power. But he expresses the world's confidence in the President's leadership when he says, with his limited English vocabulary "Eisenhower—he's a GOOD man."

He has restored dignity to his office. His economic policies have contributed to the greatest peacetime prosperity in the nation's history. He demonstrates the honesty and the courage to meet each problem according to the national interest, rather than political expediency. He has obtained peace and kept it, unstable as it is and will continue to be through the foreseeable future. And to millions throughout the world he's a "good" man in whom they have confidence, a man who gives them faith in their own ability to withstand the forces of tyranny.

Stevenson and Eisenhower are both worthy candidates, by far the best available to their respective parties. One appears to be a good man and adequate candidate; the other has proved himself a man equal to these troubled times.

If any mere human measures up to the requirements of the office he seeks, then our President does. He deserves re-election.

Now We Know



College Capers ...

From Coast to Coast

By **NANCY FERGUSON**
 Emerald Columnist

While reading exchange newspapers this week I thought I was reading an Emerald when I read the headline: "University Day: Free Cut or Not?" But it was the North Carolina Daily Tar Heel.

"...and all 11 o'clock classes had been cancelled.

"The opening bars of the Star Spangled Banner were sung and the ceremony was underway. The students had gathered—all 1000 of them.

"What about the other 5000 student who had no 11 o'clock classes Friday? Well, after all, that class had been cancelled for the day, and it would be an ideal time to get in that extra hour of studying, or to catch up on some much-needed sleep, or just to loaf."

A "Gorgeous Gams" contest

Letters-to-editor Policy Reviewed

The Emerald, anticipating the usual election-year increase in letters to the editor as Nov. 6 nears, wishes to remind potential letter writers of the following policies:

Unsigned letters are never printed. This is the reason we did not print the letter now being circulated by "Mr. P." and "Mr. L." the campus hoaxers. We need the names for our own protection, and we feel that a person who has something to say should have the courage to sign his name. If the hoaxers are afraid to reveal their identities, they were invited to have some friend write a letter defending them. That offer is still open.

A name occasionally is withheld by request only when the editor knows the writer's identity and is presented a justifiable reason for not printing it.

Letters of less than 300 words are given first consideration. Due to mechanical limitations letters longer than this length stand the risk of not being printed.

Letters must reach the editor's desk by 11 a.m. to be considered for publication the following day.

for the boys, similar to our "Ugly Man" contest, is being held at San Jose State with the proceeds going to the Campus Chest fund.

At OSC it's Homecoming weekend starting Friday with the theme "Haunted Homecoming." They, too, are starting a float parade.

The OSC Barometer stated the parade promises to start a new tradition and "If all goes well, the parade could turn out to be the biggest in Corvallis for many years."

On Saturday 1000 pounds of beef will be barbecued for the enjoyment of alumni and students at 75 cents a plate.

According to the S. C. Daily Trojan, plans for nondenominational church services brought to the campus each Sunday are under way.

Other colleges successfully sponsoring such a program are Stanford, Columbia, Princeton, Claremont and Rutledge, stated the article.

Whether to print grades along with students names in the "Bawlout," a Stanford publication similar to our "Pigger's Guide," was the subject of a poll printed in the Stanford Daily.

Two of the opposing reactions follow:

"The main purpose of publishing students' grades in the Bawlout seems to be to make it easier for many nosy members of the student body to round out their knowledge of their comrades' personal lives."

"The grades should be printed. I'm just nosy. I usually look up the plus points of the girls I go out with. I like them to be relatively high, but not so high that I think she's smarter than I."

Students Handle Situation

(ACP)—Students at the University of Mexico took things into their own hands after one of their number suffered a broken leg when he was struck by a bus. They seized several buses and refused to return them until the bus company had paid damages to the unlucky student.