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## Editorials

### Election Rebounds

At first glance the 1972 elections may appear to have been insignificant and, in fact, rather dull. In truth, this year may be remembered as one of the most noticeable election years in history.

One thing that marked this election was that this was the first time ever in this country that 18-20 year olds were allowed to vote in a national election. It was originally thought that the new "young vote" would cause a significant difference in the outcome of the election.

Ironically, the "young vote" had almost no effect on the final result with only a margin of 2 per cent separating those 18-24 year olds who preferred McGovern over those voting for Nixon. Even in a close race this percentage would not only have come nowhere near the predicted effect, it probably would not have changed the results at all.

The significance in this is that though society is constantly stereotyping the young into the same opinions and feelings, there is actually as much difference among young people's points of view as anyone else's. It is not fair to judge them as a single block of society to be expected to function all in the same way any more than it can be expected that all people of the older generation should be of the same mind.

—J.H

### Nixon Re-election

United States citizens are going to get the shaft for another four years.

Richard Nixon was re-elected to the presidency.

Is it possible that the United States can withstand another four years of a drawn out war, unemployment, and skyrocketing food prices? Sixty-one per cent of the voting population must have thought so.

Nixon, in a televised speech during the 1968 campaign, blamed the Democrats for not ending the war in the previous four-year period. Now, as of right now, has Nixon's Republicans.

While campaigning in 1968, Nixon stated that unemployment could no longer run rampant. He pledged that more Americans would be put on payrolls. The unemployment rate has jumped 200 per cent since his inauguration.

Nixon's price-wage freeze was to halt the explosive prices of food. The salaries of many blue and white-collar worker have been frozen while food prices are still going at a hot pace.

So, when you are tired of working yourself ragged with little money to show for it, keep this poem in mind:

The elections are over;  
 The results are now known.  
 The choice of the people  
 Is now clearly shown.  
 Let's let by-gones be by-gones  
 And grievances pass.  
 I'll hug your elephant,  
 If you'll kiss my ..... (donkey).

—JAH

### Drugs On Campus

It's about time that the Administration cracked down on the illicit use of drugs as Ashland High.

Either the use of drugs at school is not apparent to the faculty or they are too gullible to see its obvious use; nevertheless, nothing forcefully reprimandative is being done about it. Students come to school half-stoned. Many of those students use the school as a no-man's land for drug dealing. Some even use the staff at school itself.

Open your eyes!

It has gotten to be a frightening experience anymore to even go into the lavatories. If a few students are not smoking cigarettes in the bathroom somebody else is smoking God-only-knows-what.

Breathe some of the smoky lavatory air!

If necessary, a patrol of the local drug-users' hangouts should be made by the Administration. Crack down; show force. Let the violators know that they are being observed.

Most adults consider high school students old enough to make their own decisions. In many cases, this is not true. If "forceful" guidance is necessary, give it to them.

—JAH

## Comments

To the Editor:

I am sick and tired as well as disgusted at the number of people who continually come to the games drunk. I am not condemning drinking as a whole but only when people "under the influence" insist on showing up at these public events. My stomach turns when I go to the games and see students from our school meandering around in a drunken stupor. It is not becoming to the individual nor is it fair to others who want to enjoy the game to have our school drunks fall all over them and, generally, ruin their time. No matter what anyone says, the students of this school set an example by which they are judged by other schools.

What kind of impression can ever be given if a certain number of the student body insist on behaving in such a disgraceful fashion. Besides the other schools seeing the "cream of the crop" in all their glory so do the townspeople. Perhaps that is why we don't receive the support from them that we used to.

Finally, these individuals who come drunk to every game must surely have problems if the only way they can hope to have fun is by getting "smashed" and parading their degenerate condition for everyone to see. If one can't face reality what then can be face? If these weak-charactered idiots think the only way they can show their maturity is by displaying their thoroughly disgusting condition then they are by no means mature. If one must resort to drinking at least he could be considerate of others and stay away from these public events. I am sickened as well as disgusted at the behavior of these fellow classmates and am ashamed to be from the same school as these immature and repulsive alcoholics.

Pam Hoffbubr

### Librarians Earn Many Accolades

Has someone changed the library? Yes, the library has been transformed from an uninviting drab place to a bright cheerful atmosphere.

The library is a happy gold green color now as compared to the previous paint job. Previously three walls were a depressing green and one wall was pink. Mrs. Pauline Rey said, "This is the first time that the library has been painted in 27 years."

Adding elegance to the library are the new Roman shades and the new carpet. Mrs. Rey amazedly said, "Can you believe these new shades actually cost less than those old waterstained blinds." The carpet and shades were installed in the library over the last summer by the maintenance crew.

People from all over the school have contributed to the new library look. The woodshop loaned their equipment, knowledge, and time in order for the new charge out desk and other furniture to be built. The art department composed the color scheme for the library. The science department donated an aquarium and did some cassette recordings. Most of all the librarians and library aids have donated much toil and planning in order to modernize the library.

## Editorial

### Locker Conditions

By merely walking down the hall in the old building, where the library is located, one can open 60 per cent of the lockers with a mere flip of the wrist.

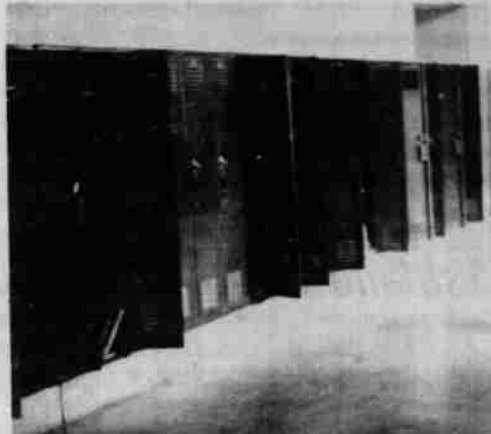
The purpose of the lockers is to provide a secure place for students to keep their belongings at school. In view of the fact that numerous coats and other personal objects have been stolen from them, something should be done to remedy the situation.

The lockers in the outdoor quad area appear to be the most secure, but even those are not always completely theft-proof. Some fail to latch shut after being closed. Another problem with the outdoor lockers is that quite a bit of moisture gets in and does damage to the contents.

Many students have taken it upon themselves to purchase their own combination locks to keep their things safe. This shouldn't be the student's responsibility.

The school should either repair the lockers or furnish combination locks to the students. Students have a right to keep their belongings safe while they are at school.

—RPD



By merely walking down the hall and lifting the handles, this many lockers were opened.

### The Literature of Imagination

by Dale Nelson

Tarzan first killed a lion in Argosy All-Story magazine for October, 1912, and thus the name of his creator, Edgar Rice Burroughs, began to become memorable to the adventure-reading public.

Yet *Tarzan of the Apes* was not the first story to be penned and published by ERB: in 1910 a magazine serialized a novel called *Under the Moons of Mars*, the author being one "Norman Bean." Actually, "Norman Bean" is a typographical error; Burroughs had signed the story "Normal Bean," for fear, perhaps, of being thought a little crazy—or at least too imaginative.

If one reads the story he can see why. *Under the Moons of Mars* (now available as *A Princess of Mars*) was a highly colorful and adventurous novel laid on the planet Mars; modern readers know that satellites have shown us a Mars quite incapable of supporting intelligent life at least of the type we are familiar with. Yet one is likely to find the imaginative narrative so vivid that "mere facts" are ignored for the sake of enjoying the story.

Burroughs created a Mars with its own cultures, people, beasts, and plants; he developed units of measurement for them, social and economic systems, even architecture.

As an added inducement to the prospective reader, Burroughs frequently incorporated satire into the stories (a la Gulliver's *Travels*). The reader may find himself smiling appreciatively at ERB's descriptions of crooked clergymen, irrational rulers, absurd customs, and the petty wars of city states.

But Burroughs did not contribute only these books to the realm of science-fiction and adventure reading. He also created Pellucidar, the world inside our world—again, the reader will probably be willing to sustain his disbelief for the sake of the fun of reading the books in the series. Here also there are elements of humor and satire, as well as the rousing adventure and colorful writing ERB is famous for.

He also wrote two books taking place on the moon: these are in some ways the best of the SF novels by Burroughs, for they portray a greater depth of characterization the usual for ERB, such as the depiction of Moses Samuels, the old Jew, "a tragic, heroic figure," as Richard Lupoff call him in his book *Edgar Rice Burroughs: Master of Adventure*. The moon books are also notable for their satire of a communist state; furthermore, it is interesting to note that the culture of the future they portray has the free persons living in a manner similar to that of the American Indians. Burroughs wrote several western novels, including two showing the story of "the conquest of the West" from the Indians' point of view; in the moon books he incorporates some of his knowledge of the American West for a unique culture of the future.

Virtually all of Burroughs' books offer adventure and imaginative narrative; but the reader may find, even if he or she does not care for science fiction and adventure an attraction in the books for their elements of satire and their comments on the human condition.