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Election Rules-- Their Meaning

The ballots have all been counted and the victors in Tuesday's election have been established, but the Student Council for next year should not forget the election yet. Many unfortunate incidents occurred to mar what might have been a very above board day for democracy at work.

Unquestionably, the work of the Council at the polls and during ballot counting was of the highest type. During the polling hours neither faction was allowed in anyway to prejudice the opinions of the students balloting. With faculty supervision students tabulated the results and everyone was very much satisfied with the way it was done.

However, praise cannot be distributed in such bounteous amounts to the parties because of their actions two days previous to the election. There were alleged violations of election rules which caused a meeting of the Student Council judiciary committee last Monday. One party in particular was criticized for the

method in which it publicized its candidates and itself. Party heads claimed their actions were within the election rules, and said that the committee was interpreting the rules in such a manner as to be disadvantageous to them.

Whether or not actual violation of the election rules can be established, it remains that the rules per se create considerable confusion because of their inadequacy. Certain groups especially this last election, have taken advantage of their inadequacy in order to promote the parties cause. Whatever they did was partially within the law and partially without. It was left up to the judiciary committee to decide whether or not they had gone to far.

Complaints even got as far as persons high up in the university administration. These officials stated that unless the student parties forgot election "technicalities" drastic revisions in the present form of student government would be made. We can understand certain individuals being out of patience with scheming politicians, but in so far as technicalities are concerned, they are precisely the reason why rules were established.

The present election regulations are all right if everyone would abide by them to the letter instead of trying to find loopholes to their advantage. Evidently, students won't do this. The only alternative is to draft a set of rules so complete and so detailed that no one can get around them. Violation of the rules would mean drastic penalties.

It is too bad that campus regulations cannot remain more as umpires than policemen, but until politicians get dry behind the ears that is just the way it will have to be.

On Other Campuses

By Marsa Lee Civin.

A Tuberculosis Mobile X-ray Unit will begin free X-ray of students at Florida State College for Women. This unit is being operated on an experimental basis to determine the feasibility of taking it in larger institutions throughout the country.

According to the "Maryland Diamond-back" "It doesn't take taxes to beat the axis" and small change from stamps and bonds will go a long way.

Eleanor'n Me

By Alan Jacobs

Yesterday was election day; universal subscription to the "Eleanor 'n Me" was passed; the amendment was beaten, and a great time was had by all—especially campus politicians.

And for an election post-mortem, students who turn quickly to "Eleanor 'n Me" for an impartial resume of the political developments must be disappointed. Not because we have substituted a guest columnist for politics.

He's Russ Roth. He writes "Out of the Frying Pan" for the Daily Minnesotan. His column is about the situation of his writings on the Minnesota campus which is similar to the situation of "Eleanor 'n Me" on this campus.

It is with questionable pride that I point to the results of a reader interest poll recently completed by the Daily. This column led all other features in the Daily in nuisance value; one percent read it through to the end.

Although these figures are gratifying, there is still one thing bothering me, one thing that keeps my joy from being complete. One percent of the readers look at this column, but 0 percent read it through to the end. Now what I want to know is **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ONE PERCENT BETWEEN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AND THE LAST?**

I'm not at all worried about the 99 percent who don't even look at my column. They are undoubtedly plebeians, ignorant oafs and members of the Sight-Saving league. I have a sneaking suspicion that they are the percentage of the University enrollment who are unable to read.

The thing troubling me, however, is that group of extremely intelligent readers who look at my column. Why don't they ever read it through to the end? I think I know why. My theory is that the first paragraph of my columns is so edifying, of such high quality, and so far surpasses anything ever done by any Daily columnist, the readers just naturally stop there. It was so good, they naturally don't expect any more.



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