

EDITORIAL

"A Short Reminder"

On November 4th, 1980, Americans of voting age will once again have the privilege of choosing between a number of political candidates in order to fill a variety of governmental offices. They can vote to fill positions in this city and county, along with positions on the state and national level. They will also have the opportunity to decide on a number of proposals, both state-wide and at the local level.

But rather than encourage you to vote for this candidate or against that proposal, I am going to take a different route.

This is because I believe that those of you who do plan on voting have already gathered most of the information which you were hoping to get in order to make intelligent, rational decisions at election time, and really would not be too impressed by an endorsement from the **Campus Update**. But don't misconstrue this to mean that **Campus Update** staff members do not endorse particular candidates, or would not like to see a certain proposal pass or be defeated. It's simply that at this late date it seems better not to use the **Campus Update** as the mouth-piece of any particular candidate or proposal-pusher, but only to pass along a short reminder. (Another reason that I am not using the paper to endorse particular viewpoints is that there is simply not enough time or space in the paper for everyone who would like to share their point of view before election day arrives.)

The short reminder was brought to my attention during the recent visit by Mrs. Joan Mondale (see story on page one), and seems to be especially fitting as election time draws near.

For some it may conjure up thoughts of election day activities -- and voting, while for others it may speak of a much deeper commitment and involvement than does voting alone. But whatever it reminds you of, I hope that you will at least consider for a moment the meaning of the following statement, which I will ascribe to 'Anonymous', and will also take the liberty of paraphrasing slightly.

"If you want your government to run in a certain way, or according to a certain philosophy, there is no surer way for you to see it be accomplished than for you to get personally involved, and to actively work towards that end."

P.S. (The preceding statement carries the official endorsement of the ACC **Campus Update**.)

By Pat Bedore, editor



We've been trying to get a picture of the **Campus Update** staff since the very beginning of the school year, and we finally got four of them together in the same place at the same time. From left to right are: Advertising Manager Eric Thompson, Photographer Pat Collins, Editor Pat Bedore, and Assistant Editor Dave Talbot. Not pictured is Business Manager Beth Anderson.

Many Issues Face Michigan Voters

Once again, voting age Americans have a chance to vote in the coming elections. Without giving all the pros and cons of each issue, we would like to take this opportunity to relate those things which will be on this year's ballot. If you live in Alpena County you can vote for:

- a President and Vice-President, choosing between the candidates from six different parties; a representative to Congress, choosing between three candidates; and a representative in the State Legislature, choosing from two candidates.

There are also four elections for state-wide boards of education. For the state of Michigan Board of education there is a choice between

8 candidates, with two needing to be elected. For the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, two positions again need to be filled, and there are eight candidates to choose from. For the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, there are eight candidates to choose from, with two positions to be filled. And for the Board of Governors of Wayne State University, there are also eight candidates to choose from, and two positions to be filled.

There are several offices to be filled on the county level. First is the office of prosecuting attorney, and there is only one candidate on the ballot. (Keep in mind that you may also write in candidates for the

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1980-81 ACC Student Senate (from left) are: Tom Skiba, Sarah Dowling (vice-chairperson), Todd Bordewyk (chairperson), Diana Flakes (treasurer), Stuart Grenkowitz, Diane Dargis (secretary), and Sal Frontiero. Not pictured is Lori Long.

That New Time Religion

(No-cR) Each year, the University of Minnesota student activities office offers area churches access to religious preference cards, filled out voluntarily by over 14,000 students.

Last year, for the first time, the churches responded enthusiastically, picking up the cards and contacting the students. "That's never happened before in the 14 years I've been here," says Robert Ross, a student activities assistant and associate professor of religious studies. "It's a sign of how the climate has changed."

It's also a sign that organized religion now plays a much bigger role in campus life, although the definition of that role varies sharply from school to school. At UM, Ross doesn't believe more students are becoming involved in religion but has seen a sharp increase in the number of religious groups operating openly on campus as registered organizations.

Students at Carroll College, a small Wisconsin school affiliated with the Presbyterian church, have always had a high rate of church attendance (40% in 1979). Those students are now asking for more traditional worship, says Chaplain Cornelius Houk. So the weekly campus service will no longer offer interpretive dance, multi-media shows or other less structured methods of worship. "The students want a pastor, a choir in robes and standard liturgy," says Houk.

Evangelical religious groups are a major factor in the increased interest in worship, but while they're still booming on some campuses, they're losing impact on others. Nationwide, Jimmy Locklear, public relations director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship says membership was up 15% last year, indicating a period of growth not seen since the early '70s. He believes cult groups have stimulated campus interest in spiritual beliefs, helping spur religious growth. Like many others, Locklear also believes the current climate of uncertainty and disillusionment has turned students back toward traditional values.

The Rev. Richard Hicks of Howard U. says evangelical and fundamentalist groups continue to grow in numbers on that campus, but other "mainline" religious groups, like his own United Methodist faith, remain weak in influence. Many evangelicals invest more time and effort into campus recruitment than more traditional religions, Hicks says.

At Duke U., just the reverse is true, says Chaplain Robert T. Young president of the National Association of College and University Chaplains. He believes non-institutional Christian groups, like Inter-Varsity and Campus Crusade for Christ,

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