

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP ISSUE!!!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.....
THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You may have noticed quite a bit of Young Dem activity going on this past week. You probably saw our table up in the O.C., and you may have known that Jerry Cavanagh spoke on campus Friday. We also had a meeting on Thursday, and passed petitions for Jerry Cavanagh at the Pontiac Mall on Saturday.

This week we are having our meeting in Room 125 O.C. at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Phil Mastin from the Pontiac Democratic Headquarters will speak to us about what needs to be done in Oakland County from now until November. And on Friday the Young Dems are sponsoring a dance. All this--- Just for YOU.

You may brush this all aside as a fantastic increase in activities during a membership drive to attract new members. But not so! This is the rate at which we operate. If you like lots of activities, things are going to get a lot better.

We meet every week. One week for business, the other for a program. Programs are planned on poverty, inflation, and the radical right. Many candidates have also been invited to speak to us. Socially we're planning a bonfire and possibly a hayride or a beach party. We will, of course, be working quite hard for the many Democratic candidates in the area who need our help and support.

You see, we don't believe in being a sit-around-do-nothing club. If there are things to be done, the Young Dems plan to do them. So if you like lots of activity and exciting work, COME ON OVER TO THE YOUNG DEMS SIDE--- for the best of it.

Ev Dirksen shows up in the Senate on crutches. He certainly takes his job as Republican leader seriously-- now he even dresses the part.

-- reprinted from the Detroit Free Press

CAVANAGH ON CAMPUS

Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh addressed an Oakland University audience Friday, May 27, in his campaign for the senatorial nomination. The appearance, sponsored by the O.U. Young Democrats, highlighted their activities to this point in the election year. Cavanagh spoke after a short tour of the O.U. campus. Doug Kavanaugh, President of the Y.D.'s, introduced the Mayor and cited the growth of the City of Detroit under his leadership.

The Mayor spoke of the changing forces in the world and the growing influence of today's youth. He said our domestic needs should not be subordinated to our military ventures; some of our policies need constant reexamination. "We are forced to ask difficult questions--and we are forced to reexamine our policies--because of the very disturbing moral questions connected with it, and because of the huge problems the war has either brought or left unfinished at home. For there have been riots in Watts as well as in Da Nang. And there is a fundamental discontent both here and abroad."

Cavanagh said that our commitment to Viet Nam should not take precedence over our domestic needs, and implied that the whole situation in South East Asia should be reevaluated. He cited the needs of a "politics of realism" to correct our foreign policy mistakes, one of the worst of which has been its failure to change to the new standards needed for today's world. "Instead of new ideas and innovations, instead of a forward thrust into the future, much of our foreign policy is locked in the past." Cavanagh's "Spirit of '66" is designed to best meet the "Challenge's of the '60's".

During the question-and-answer session which followed his speech, Cavanagh denied that any city money was being used in his campaign, saying that any investigation would prove him right. He favored changing our present military draft system to one of a more equitable basis allowing options of service to one's country. He said NATO is another example of our failure to modernize foreign policy, and while its concept is good, it is in need of revision. Mayor Cavanagh also noted the immediate need to end water and air pollution.

EDITORIAL - From the Chief

State Representative Jack Faxon
The Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Jack,

I take this opportunity to remind you of the necessity of placing the age-18-vote proposition on the ballot this year. In the end the people will have final approval of this measure, and the resolution should not be held any longer. It has received tremendous popular support, including the blessings of both parties.

If people aged eighteen to twenty are to obey laws, fight in the military when called, and pay taxes, they should have the privilege of electing their officials who determine these obligations. Of course, there are many other arguments for this measure which run far deeper. For instance, it can strongly be argued whether there is enough difference in "maturity" between the two ages so as to deny the vote to one.

If this proposition does appear on the ballot, it could engender much more support for the elections coming. In the long run, its very enactment will mean the extension of political rights and responsibilities to a group of more than 600,000 now without them.

I would also urge that this group be allowed to serve their party as elected precinct delegates.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Weingarden

editor's note: the above letter was sent to Rep. Faxon on May 25, 1966. It is printed here verbatim--in other words I'm not responsible for the mistakes. Any comment may be directed either to Ken or to myself.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL THOSE WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT THE FIRST EDITION OF THE ELEPHANT HUNTER:

Dear Sir or Madam,

You may be right at that.

Sincerely,
Mike Vitale, editor

THE DECLINE AND FALL OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF JERRY CAVANAGH, REVISITED

In his famous speech Friday, Jerry Cavanagh did his utmost to project himself as dynamic, a real swinger. "I personally feel," he said, "this trend toward student and faculty involvement is a good one, bringing a fresh creativity to the old problems." He even included a quotation from Albert Camus, supposedly the "in" author on campus right now.

It is quite possible that Mr. Cavanagh has an electric personality, but his speech did not turn me on. Cavanagh criticized out foreign policy, which he said "is locked into the past." Naturally, he had a better idea, "a politics of realism, not appeasement." This turns out to be a return to isolationism, not exactly a new idea, and the creation of neutral buffer states, which I believe originated before the Mayor's birth. The diversion of defense monies to domestic programs might be a popular idea, but it is as far from reality as International Village. Cavanagh wants this neutral state (neutral like Cambodia? or like Indonesia?) governed by a "popularly elected . . . government." How this government would be elected in a country with an active guerrilla force and no democratic tradition he does not say; he figures that after the elections the V.C. can "be permitted to integrate (infiltrate?) themselves into such a new legal (?) framework."

There were lots of other questionable statements in Jerry's speech (e.g., riots in Watts and riots in Da Nang are somehow connected), but I guess you get the general idea, or rather don't get the general idea, which was his general idea. And then, Soapy wasn't very good either.

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