

THE ROVING STUDENT AND HIS VOTE

Some of the several thousand students at universities and colleges across Canada may have to take action if they are to vote in the 32nd federal general election to be held on February 18. The names of some students may be on preliminary voters' lists in polling divisions where they are unable to vote in person on polling day. Avenues are available to overcome this and other situations, provided students take action at designated times prior to the election.

Preliminary voters' lists normally are compiled during a door-to-door canvass by enumerators - as occurred in the general election of May 22, 1979. For this election, there will not be an enumeration. Instead, the preliminary lists will be based on the revised official lists used in the last election. For the upcoming election,

notices of enumeration - in the form of cards - will be mailed no later than January 11 to each voter whose name appeared on the official lists last May. Receipt of the card confirms that a name is on the voters' lists for this election, and the card will indicate where to vote.

The need for corrective action by some students arises from these circumstances:

- a student, who was unable to vote in his "home" polling division last May or who is still on the voters' list there may now be on campus in another place, and unable to get home.
- a student may have changed his ordinary residence since last May.
- a student may have been ineligible to vote last May and is not on a voters' list, but since then has become eligible.

The factor that governs

if and where a student (or any eligible elector) may vote is that his or her name be on the final, revised voters' list, in the polling division in which the voter ordinarily resides on December 31, 1979. For many students, "ordinary residence" means the home of parent or guardian - even though they may be away attending college or university in another place.

If you are a student in that category, and were on the voters' list for the last election, here's what to do:

First, find out if an enumeration card has arrived at home, confirming you are on the list. If so, but you are going to be away on election day, you may vote at an advance poll to be held on three days, February 9, February 11, and February 12. If you are unable to vote either on normal day or at an advance poll, you may be able to vote in the office of the Returning Officer on February 4 to February 8, inclusive, and on February 13 to February 15, inclusive. (This privilege is only available to those who cannot vote either on election day or at an advance poll.)

Some students will be unable to vote on any of those days. If you are absent from your ordinary residence at those times, because you're a full-time student, you may have vote by proxy. To do this, contact any Returning Officer, obtain and complete a proxy form for students. In effect, you will be authorizing another eligible voter, who is on the same voters' list as you are, to cast your ballot. The form must be given to the Returning Officer back home by your-

self or by your proxy voter no later than Friday preceding normal election day.

To use this privilege, you must be away from home for the main reason of attending full-time at a recognized educational institution (generally, an organization that teaches an intellectual or manual skill).

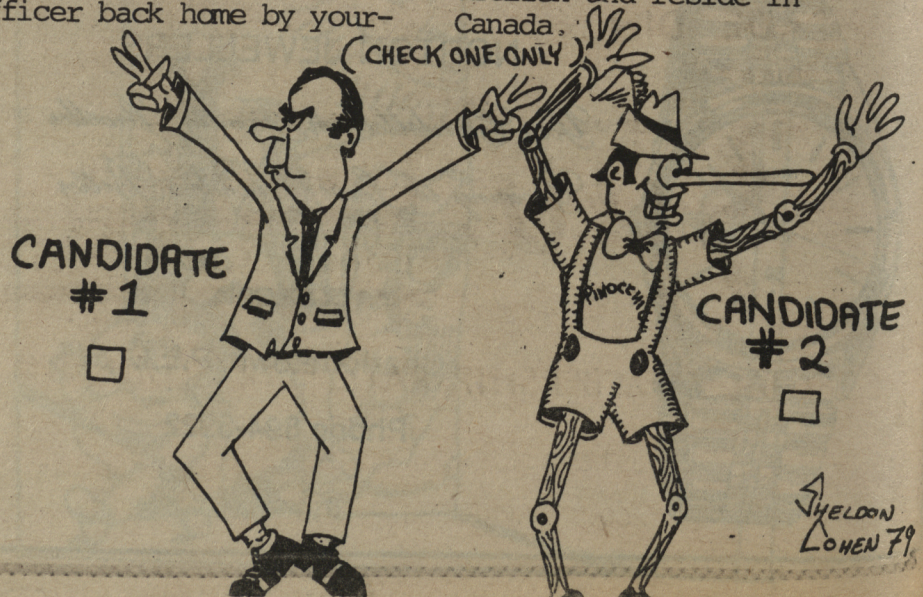
What about a student who has moved since last May, and established a new

ordinary residence? If you have done so, you should contact the Returning Officer of the electoral district where you now live. This applies also if you have not received an enumeration card by January 15, confirming your name is on the voters' list in your "home" polling division.

The phone numbers of Returning Officers can be obtained from the Election Canada advertisements that will appear during election period, or by calling local telephone directory assistance for the number, which will be listed under "Elections Canada".

The Returning Officer will explain the procedure for getting your name on the final voters' list. This is done during a period of revision - adding, deleting and correcting of names on the preliminary list. The revising period for this election occurs on nine days in urban areas, January 25 to February 4, with the exception of Sundays. Revision in rural areas will be done from January 14 to January 30.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be 18 years of age or over by election day, must be a Canadian citizen and reside in Canada.



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