

Poll Shows Collegians To Be Against Lowering of Voting Age From 21 to 18

Although less than one-third of most college students are eligible to vote in state or national elections, nearly nine out of every ten believe they should not be allowed to go to the polls before they are 21.

This is shown in a national study conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys of America. Asked, "Are you for or against lowering the voting age from 21 to 18?" only 11 per cent answered "yes."

That suffrage is for adults only seems to be a firmly-set tradition with the American people, voters as well as non-voting students. A sampling conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion in June, 1939, pointed out that 83 per cent of the nation opposed reducing the suffrage age to 18.

Interviewing a carefully-selected section of students in all types and sizes of institutions, the Surveys found:

	For	Against
All student	11%	89%
Students 21 or over 12		89
Student less than 21 19	90	

The tabulations show that opinion is heavily in the opposition, and all student groups agree by almost identical percentages. It should be noted that it is the younger people themselves who are

most opposed to allowing minors 18 to 21 to vote. Students 21 or over—a group of nearly half a million—are slightly less opposed to such a change, and adult non-students are the least against. The usual reason given in the student poll was that voting should be restricted because young people 18 or 19 do not know enough about government. Survey figures, however, tend to show that sometimes college students are better informed than the average voter. For example, an American Institute poll brought to light that one third of the voters were not familiar with the activities of the Dies Committee. The Surveys found only 17 per cent of the collegians had no opinion on the same subject.

Whether to give the younger persons a voice in the government was brought into the headlines recently when the American Youth Commission pointed out that the constantly-increasing number of aged people, who are eligible to vote, is making possible such programs as the Social Security Act, while youth, which is not enfranchised, has no power to bring about government solution of its problems.

Rice Males Prefer Intelligence Over 'Oomph' in Their Gals; Against Frats

Only eight per cent of Rice Institute's male students prefer red-heads, a survey by the Owl, student and alumni humor magazine, has revealed; and intelligence, beauty and personality won out over "oomph" and wealth as the most desirable attributes in women.

Brunettes are preferred by a majority of the men, with blondes and brownettes tying for second place. The average Rice man is on the conservative side, the poll showed, and only about half of the men drink or smoke. Among those who drink, the preference is Scotch. The majority prefer "sweet" dance music to swing bands, and only 20 per cent enjoy "jitterbug" dancing.

Two dollars is the average amount a Rice man spends on a date, and he usually averages about one date per week, the survey showed.

About half of the men admit they are in love, and most of these say that the girl is not a Rice student. The majority of the students believe there are too few coeds enrolled at Rice.

Most of the men admitted that they go to church less now than before they started to college. Eighty per cent favor house parties, but the majority are against

literary societies for women on the campus, and do not favor an attempt to establish fraternities at Rice.

About 25 per cent of Rice male students admit they try to "neck" on a first date, and the same number believe there is not enough social life at Rice. The majority say they would not marry before graduating from college.

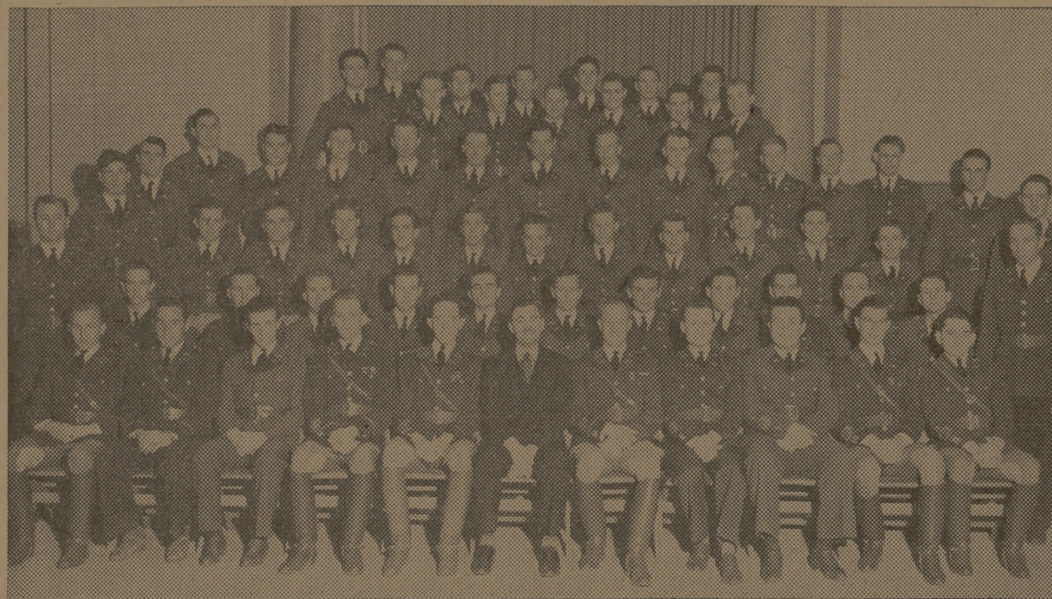
The average Rice man is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs about 153 pounds, is about 19 years old, and has brown hair and either brown or blue eyes. His favorite sports are tennis and football. About half of the students have cars.

DALLAS JUNIOR A. & M. CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The Junior A. & M. Club of Dallas was recently organized, electing its first group of officers to serve for the initial year. The club will cooperate with its present organization, the Dallas A. & M. Club.

Officers were elected as follows: J. H. Finley, '38, president; Louis Pou, '37, vice-president; Johnny E. Hewson, '39, secretary; Harry V. Percy, '38, treasurer; and James Jolley, '37, parliamentarian and sergeant-at-arms.

THE SINGING CADETS OF AGGIELAND



Above are shown A. & M.'s "Singing Cadets" (formerly known as the A. & M. Glee Club) of 1939-40, who today are making a trip to Houston to make several appearances. The 68-man, all-cadet organization directed by capable and energetic Professor J. J. Woolket is now in the last stretch of the most successful and spectacular season in its history.

Officers of the Singing Cadets during 1939-40, besides the director, have been Maynard Curts, president; Sig Neubert, vice-president; Charlie Zahn, business manager; Gilbert Michalk, publicity manager; Reynolds Smith, librarian; and Marion Lyle, pianist.

'Singing Cadets' Continue Active Season In Public Appearances in Houston Thursday

By A. J. Robinson
The Singing Cadets of Aggieland, climaxing the most successful and spectacular season in their history, today are taking a trip to the city of Houston to make a number of public appearances.

The club left this morning in two chartered busses to arrive in Houston at 9:30 a. m. when the programs will begin with vocal presentations before two high school student bodies there. At 11:30 the Singing Cadets will present a radio program over station KTRH from the Rice Hotel and during the noon hour they will be dinner guests of the Houston Rotary Club where they will sing.

Thursday afternoon they will gather for an informal picnic and meeting with the Houston A. & M. Mothers' Club at the George Washington Junior High School at 5:30. At 7:45 Thursday evening the club will meet for a performance from the Mothers' Club at the same high school.

The Aggie singers will return late Thursday night.

The organization of the 'Singing Cadets' has done well for itself and has greatly aided in creating favorable publicity for Texas A. & M.

This singing club was organized at mid-term three years ago with

an original membership of sixteen students under the presidency of Henry Elrod. The 'Singing Cadets' first called themselves the A. & M. Glee Club, but decided that their present name would be much more descriptive.

During the first year of its organization, the singing club made a trip to both Austin and San Antonio and sang for high schools, churches, A. & M. Mothers' Clubs, and civic organizations.

Last year the membership of the 'Singing Cadets' increased to 26 members, and sang for many events on the campus, including church programs, radio programs, student organization meetings, and made its spring trip to Houston and Galveston where they had an enjoyable time in meeting the many Texas girl students of home economics, who were holding a meeting in Houston at that time.

Among the outstanding programs presented this year songs for the Texas Teachers Association meeting in Guion Hall, a program at the annual football banquet when the Sugar Bowl was presented to the nation's number one team, a program in the Loew State Theater in Houston during the Rice corps trip, Christmas caroling on the campus and in Guion Hall, a contribution to the NBC network Sugar Bowl Program, songs for

Ex-Aggie Is Civic Leader in Slaton

Fred H. Schmidt, ex-Aggie of the class of '14, owner of the Model Grocery and Market at Slaton, was recently elected president of the Board of City Development and Chamber of Commerce of that city. He has long been an active figure in the fraternal and civic life of the city of Slaton. He has previously served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and is also a past president of the Slaton School Board. He is active in Masonic circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and their four children were campus visitors last spring at the 1914 class reunion. He received his degree in civil engineering in 1914, and was captain and quartermaster on the cadet regimental staff. He has owned his present business for the past 14 years.

Bertrand Russell, famed English philosopher, has been appointed special lecturer at Harvard University.

A thief stole a money bag containing \$85 from Frank Huston's home in Andrews, Ind., then returned three days later, pried open a window screen, and returned the bag—with \$25.60 still in it.

For a Louisiana State University stage production, one student wrote 30 songs in 27 days.

Carrot-topped Louisiana State University students have formed a "Red-Head" Club.

The University of Rochester men's glee club sang at the White House on Easter Monday.

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In Poland, a man with a short-wave radio listens to American shortwave news broadcasts and acts as the only newspaper within a radius of twenty miles.

All over the world, people like him, in neutral countries as well as warring nations, have come to rely on American radio for complete, unbiased news as well as the only country in which radio is not a mouthpiece for the government's official attitude.

The shortwave of American radio is hidden from most Americans because the shortwave stations are directed abroad, and their beams pass, literally, over the heads of American listeners, bouncing off the radio ceiling to earth again only after have traveled many miles from their point of origin. The Columbia Broadcasting System operates two such stations, WCBX in New York and WVAB, a subsidiary of Columbia's WCAU in Philadelphia. WCBX's signals are aimed at Europe during the day, towards South America at night; WCBX is heard in South America during the day, in Europe after dark.

A large map of the world stands in the office of Miss Elizabeth Ann Tucker, shortwave chief of CBS. Colored pins indicate places from which Columbia has received listener letters. There are pins in every continent of the world, pins in New Zealand; in Delhi, India; Nanking, China; and Greenland.

"The letters we've been getting indicate that citizens in belligerent nations are almost as thankful for our entertainment as they are for our news. Ben Bernie is still a favorite from Australia to France," says Miss Tucker, "but the objective reporting of news is what most of our letters comment on."

At the present time, CBS shortwave stations are equipped to operate in six foreign languages. A speech by President Roosevelt of international interest is broad-

cast over both stations, followed immediately by translations into French, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish, and Portuguese, made by Columbia's staff of foreign language experts. Daily news bulletins from American press associations are always given in six tongues, in addition to English.

While the bulk of the programs of these stations consists of American standard broadcast band programs, many of these shows are specially arranged for foreign broadcast. The Ford Sunday Evening Hour is announced in Spanish for South American listeners and so is the "Hit Parade".

The taste of foreign radio listeners never quite parallels that of Americans, although it comes very close. Hollywood news is in great demand in all parts of the world, as is news of radio personalities. Everyone likes American jazz, although swing is sometimes a bit too much. On the other hand, the demand for good music in South America is even greater than it is here. Special concerts are frequently broadcast by short-wave with Spanish announcements. South Americans are also extremely style-conscious, according to Miss Tucker. At present, Columbia is airing a special series of style talks in Spanish.

Harvard's physics department has attained a world's high pressure record of 2,800,000 pounds per square inch.

Seventeen Ohio convicts have received certificates for completion of Ohio State University extension courses.

The University of Cincinnati in one year has 38,000 columns of news printed about it in the nation's newspapers.

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