

## Books give comic relief from campaign hijinks

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Jackson blasts Mondale. Mondale criticizes Reagan. Reagan chastizes Jackson. Seems as though the Disney Channel or comic books are the only places you can turn to if you want to escape all the political darts, barbs and other nonsense. Why the sudden deluge of propaganda? It's almost convention time, and the media are keying up for the event like a kid waiting for a circus (any parallels are purely innocent).

Now there's another alternative to the campaign sideshows. "Who's in Charge Here?" by Gerald Gardner or "Everybody for President" by Gil Campbell and Martha Gorman — two political satires for those who are tired of hearing too much of a subject that has been treated with exaggerated seriousness.

"Who's in Charge Here?" — the sixth edition of Gardner's unique form of political satire — uses news photos paired with clever balloon captions and turns an otherwise legitimate photograph into

a satirical look at the world's dignitaries.

Nothing is sacred in Gardner's book. He manages to catch everyone from Ronald Reagan to the Pope to Prince Charles and Princess Diana in humorous and sometimes unflattering poses, and uses them to his imaginative best.

The first edition was published in 1960, and President Kennedy liked the book so much he invited him to a White House dinner.

For those who prefer to be involved but just can't say NATO with a straight face, "Everybody for President" by Campbell and Gorman might be the perfect alternative.

This do-it-yourselfer has definite classic potential. Everything needed to run for office is included in this presidential guidebook: advice, candidate, registration forms, a certificate of candidacy, a bumper sticker and official White House parking sticker.

Everything about this book is done wonderfully tongue-in-cheek, and shows how carried away some politicians can get in a "serious" campaign.

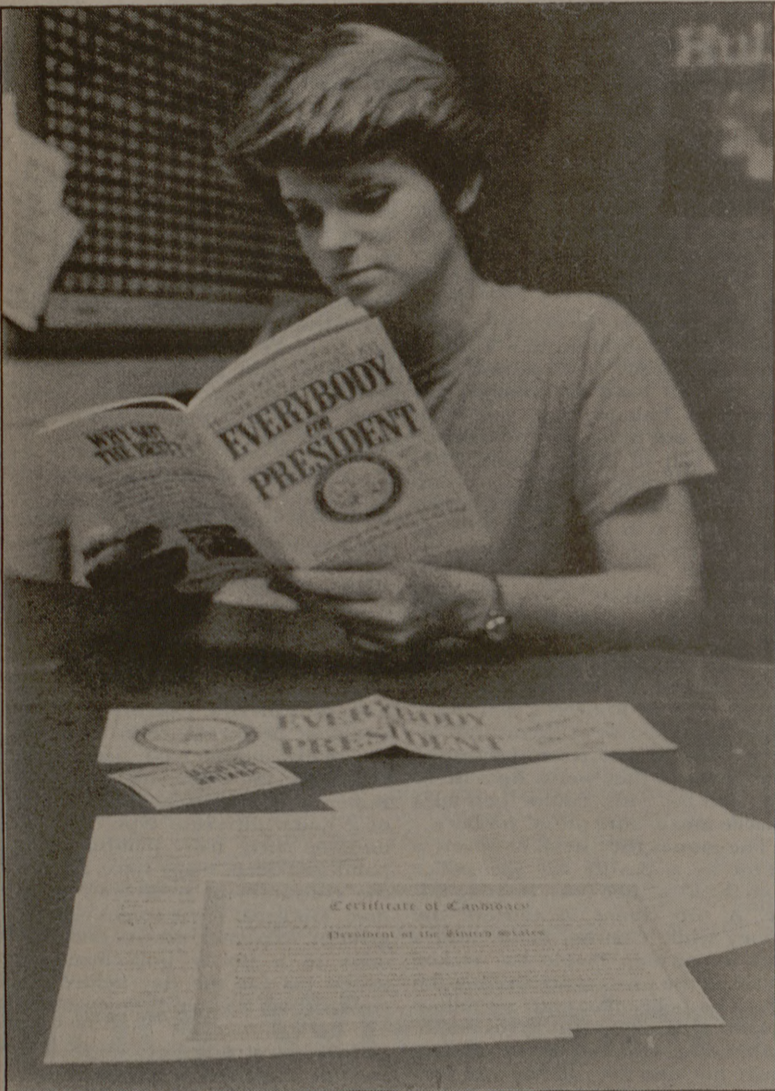


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### Political funny business

A potential candidate (above) reads all about campaigning in "Everybody for President" by Gil Campbell and Martha Gorman (Workman Publishing, \$4.95). The book even comes with a do-it-yourself kit that includes registration forms and an official bumper sticker. "Who's in Charge Here?" by Gerald Gardner (Bantam Books, \$2.95) takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the world's celebrities, political and otherwise.



## Old score rescued from water

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A team of conservationists, using tweezers, scalpels, a deep freeze and blow driers, saved the original score of Leonard Bernstein's new opera "A Quiet Place," which suffered serious water damage, officials said Wednesday.

The score of the opera — including revisions, notations and phrasing marks — was shipped to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts July 6 following its European premier last month at La Scala, in Milan, Italy.

The opera — commissioned jointly by the Kennedy Center, the Houston Grand Opera, La Scala and Inhe center — will be ready in time for its East Coast premier July 21 in the newly refurbished Kennedy Center Opera House, spokeswoman Laura Longley said.

Kennedy Center officials found the suitcase or box containing the score had been in or contained some water and about one third of every page had water damage, said Peter Fay, director of the center's Performing Arts Library.

Also damaged was the score to Bernstein's 1950s one-act opera, "Trouble in Tahiti," which is performed as a companion piece to the new work.

"The box had been soaked with water. The parts were unreadable and the pages were sticking together," Fay said.

"It's as if the books themselves got stuck in water somehow. No one is absolutely certain. About a third of every page and every part was soaked through with water.

The score was immediately sent to the Library of Congress conservation office "where they dropped everything they were doing, treating it as if it were the rarest manuscript in the world," he said.

A team of 20, headed by the conservation officer Peter Waters, separated each leaf with tweezers.

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