**What’s Your Politics**

How would you vote? If you were to go to the polls and cast your vote in the election, two weeks from today, would you be able to do so intelligently? As the voters of tomorrow, we should try to become better informed about the issues that face our nation before they happen. We should take the time to understand the problems, so that we may be able to make the right decisions.

Many of us, unfortunately, do not concern ourselves as to why a major shortage now exists, but, rather, are chiefly interested in when, if ever, we will again be able to buy the things we need. Yet, this very shortage is of a particular economic issue as the O.P.A. or our foreign relations.

Although the majority of the people here at Lindendwood are not yet eligible to vote, we should all concern ourselves with the outcome of this November election. Not only will it determine which political party will control Congress and very possibly the Senate, but it also has a profound effect on our educational systems. We will be voting then and certainly we will do so intelligently.

**Crowded Campuses**

Do you and your roommate have only one close between you? Are you sleeping in the same bed every night? Do you wear the same shoreline in your wardrobe? If you answer yes to these questions, you are not alone.

Do you yearn for your huge room at home? Then think, for just a moment, of the fortunate students at universities, who are crowded into even three-generation houses where densities are such that decorate third-floor hallways.

Some of the universities have been forced to utilize old barracks as dormitories. In one boy's college in Maine the entire Sophomore class is housed in twenty-two old, classic, plain dormitories. The rooms are so small that their floors are overcrowded. There are over four hundred students in three years of service or army life. It probably is true to return to college and be shoved into a barracks again.

Some other schools have redoubled their efforts, or have parceled out their students to individual homes, where they share the house with children, grandparents, and old-maid aunts. But the living conditions, though improved somewhat, do not have such a permanently harmful effect as the overcrowded classes. Classes for under thirty, the largest size for a class here, are unheard of in most overcrowded universities.

In many schools classes are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., yet it is necessary to broadcast lectures over a public address system to the six dormitories located outside the city. Students, hungry for an education, are willing to overlook these minor inconveniences. In view of all this, our complaints look rather silly, and our living conditions appear luxurious.

**Authors In This Issue**

The Linden Bark features every month a supplement containing poems, short stories, and essays written by members of the composition class. In our first supplement we are featuring a few of the articles submitted. This not only enables us to see your name in print but you are satisfied of knowing you have created something others are interested in.

**Bark Barometer of Campus Opinion**

**Poll Reveals That Lindendwood Students Change Their Minds—Eighty-five Per Cent Shift Furniture In Their Rooms—Radiators Present Biggest Decoration Problem**

"Now, if I stand on top of the chest of drawers and you push it from window to window, I can hang these curtains—maybe." Ooooh! My startled aunt, I’ve hit the same finger again.

The aforementioned were run-of-the-mill remarks of L.Cites as they strapped themselves into a horse and buggy. One should suppose that after a month of school the air might have cleared a bit, but not the case. Recent Bark Barometer poll reveals that 85 per cent of the girls have rearranged their furniture since the last poll. Further statistics on decorating problems show that 50 per cent do not know what to do with their rooms. A study of the decorating problem shows that 50 per cent were concerned about lack of space; 40 per cent found difficulty in furnishing rooms; 30 per cent found it difficult to decorate; and 20 per cent found it difficult to decide on a theme.