

High School Mock Election Finds Nixon, Fletcher, Evans Winning

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Richard Nixon, Warren Magnuson, Dan Evans and Pasco's own Art Fletcher will be the winners in the Washington State general election Tuesday if Kennewick High student elections are a good indication of voters' feelings.

The results of the Oct. 21 election were announced last Friday in the KHS newspaper, the Lion's Roar, which sponsored the election.

Nixon received 651 votes compared to 391 for Hubert Humphrey and 295 for George Wallace. Write-in candidate Pat Paulsen received a surprising 56 votes, 3.9 per cent of the total cast for president.

Many "political analysts" around the school speculated that this was due mainly to a special television program, "Pat Paulsen for President," the night before.

Gov. Daniel J. Evans was overwhelmingly elected to a second term by KHS students. Totals were 885 votes for Evans and 496 for John J. O'Connell.

Incumbents Warren G. Magnuson and Catherine May, our representatives in Congress, were both given substantial votes of confidence by KHS

students. Magnuson received 1,033 votes while his opponent for the senatorial position, Jack Metcalf, received 298.

Catherine May defeated Lee Lukson by a vote of 940 to 344.

In state offices, Art Fletcher will oust John Cherberg from the office of lieutenant governor if Kennewick High students are right.

Incumbents Lud Kramer will remain as secretary of state, Robert O'Brien as state treasurer and R. V. Graham as state auditor. John G. McCutcheon received the most votes for attorney general.

Richard A. C. Greene, who advocates "limiting Indian fishing rights to four Indians per individual" and "turning eastern Washington over to Idaho," came in a close second to present land commissioner Bert Cole, and Gerald Sullivan

was elected as state insurance commissioner.

In the 16th District elections, the race results were diverse. State Sen. Mike McCormack won a runaway re-election from the students, but it was far different in the race for state representative.

Only 22 votes separated the totals of Doris Johnson, the Democratic incumbent, and opponent C. E. "Chuck" Evans, in the closest race of the school elections.

Mrs. Johnson polled 475 votes to Evans' 453 votes, with only 55 per cent of the ballots marked for this race.

The Benton County bond issue for a fairgrounds building received far less than the needed 60 per cent favorable vote. Totals were 563 votes for and 562 votes against.

Most initiatives and referendums on the ballot were passed.

Four which failed were Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 for investment of public pension funds, SJR No. 17 to create a state building agency, SJR No. 23 to allow excess levy elections for two years and House Joint Resolution No. 13 to allow for pay increases during the terms to state, county and local officials who do not set their own pay.