

# Profs Disagree On Significance Of John F. Kennedy's Assassination

By Janis Kostash

Will the death of President Kennedy make a significant difference on the American political scene?

"Yes," say Professors C. W. Hobart and S. Qureshi.

"No," says professor R. E. Baird.

The conflicting ideas were presented at a panel discussion on the consequences of the Kennedy assassination, sponsored by the New Democrat Party last Tuesday.

"It doesn't make much difference," was the stand taken by Professor Baird of the political science department. He said that the president was only one element of the complex system of government.

## POWERS ARE LIMITED

President Johnson or any other man would be much the same in the position as Kennedy was. The system limits and selects presidential powers, Dr. Baird said.

Any president is limited by several factors, he continued. One of these, the democratic system, causes a candidate to appeal to every man, so that the party aims become general compromises. The candidate moves to the center of the political spectrum to attract the floating vote.

Dr. Baird predicted that President Johnson will pursue the Negro vote, and make a special effort because people think he won't.

## PERSONALITY TELLS

Professor C. W. Hobart of the sociology department pointed out an area in which the personality of the president does make a difference—the field of civil rights. He called this an "unstructured area," and commented that Eisenhower did nothing in it, but that Kennedy did.

Professor Hobart speculated that people generally will accept a change from Kennedy's stand on the civil rights issue. He described the depth of hatred of the southern whites against any sort of advancement of the Negro—students at the University of Mississippi cheered when they learned of the assassination. Southern whites also might regard President Johnson "as a turncoat," if he continues Kennedy's stand, Professor Hobart said.

He noted that in any situation the people could become panicky, and one thing they could depend upon would be the strength of the symbol of the presidential position.

## SHOES DON'T FIT

Professor Qureshi, of the political science department, described the Kennedy image as "policy, personality, and rapport." Disagreeing with Dr. Baird's main theme, he emphasized possible changes in American foreign policy, resulting from the change of presidents. The situation is bound to change, as the presidential personality has a strong influence on the position, he said. "Johnson won't step into the shoes of Kennedy, and the shoes of Kennedy

won't fit him."

The discussion led to an analysis of the Eisenhower government, and a comparison between actions taken by the last four presidents. The panelists also speculated on the possibility of Robert Kennedy becoming vice-president.

## Old Guild Meets & Sups In Lister Inn

The Guild for Medieval and Renaissance Studies will hold a series of meetings in Lister Hall starting Dec. 19.

At the meeting, history Professor Donald Blackley will discuss the deposition of King Edward II of England.

On Jan. 16, Sir Edmund Spenser's *Anatomy of Courtesy* will be studied and commented upon by Jean MacIntyre of the English department.

Ludvig von Bertalanffy of the department of psychology and zoology will trace the development of the letter from the middle ages on Feb. 15.

The series will be concluded March 12 when William Nieman will speak on "The Papal Place at Avignon."

All meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the small banquet room at Lister Hall.



**EDUCATION WARPED**—When doors are run into, they break; but in the heat of exams laminated desks and students alike have a tendency to crack. What is the matter with the seats of learning in the Ed Building?

## Sandwich Tops Curl, Crack As Biting Cold Ruin Desks

By Larry Krywaniuk

Desks in the Ed Building are cracking up.

"The strain of our everyday society is too much for them," you say.

No—"Old Man Winter" is to blame.

The desks are of a newer design and have "Formica" tops, composed of two pieces of press-board sandwiched between

three pieces of arborite.

They were delivered in very cold weather, and when they were brought in, they warped. This caused some of the tops to crack from corner to corner, or to separate into two layers, curling in opposite directions.

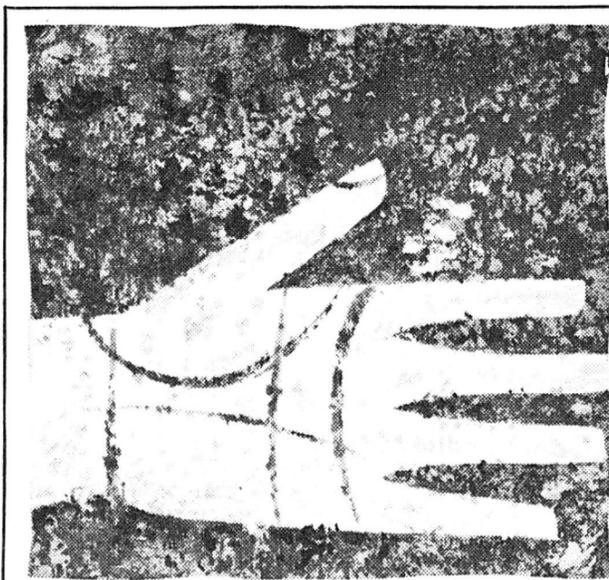
According to Bill Jordan of the Purchasing Department, the manufacturer, B. K. Johl, will replace the tops at no extra cost as delivery was his responsibility.

This type of thing has happened in the past but this time it could not be avoided because the cold snap struck before the boxcar-full of desks could be unloaded, Mr. Jordan added.

These desks are considerably lighter and generally much stronger than others and this was the reason given for their purchase.

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