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SRC DECLARES EMERGENCY

ELECTIONS STILL ON JANUARY 30

NOMINATIONS OPEN 'TIL TUESDAY

An emergency meeting of the SRC tonight moved the closing date for nominations ahead to Tuesday, January 22 at 12:00 noon. The date was to have been Saturday at noon, but the Council took the emergency action due to the extreme apathy of the student body. President Tom Calkin said, "There just doesn't seem to be any interest at all."

The SRC and class elections will be held as planned on January 30, that is, if there is anybody to contest them. To date there has not been one single nomination passed in, which is the main reason for the SRC's last-minute decision to move the closing date forward to Tuesday.

In a hastily called interview with the *Brunswickan*, the members of the SRC executive tried to fathom out the reasons for the lack of interest in the elections. President Calkin expressed the opinion that the new election date (a month earlier than in previous years) caused some confusion in the minds of the voters. "Also," said Calkin, "some of the potential candidates might feel that the earlier election would mean that they would have to take office earlier. That is not so. Actually, the new Council will not be sworn in until the last of February. The purpose of this early election is to give the new executive and members an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their duties by observing the outgoing SRC . . . if they wish to do so."

To cooperate with this decision by the SRC, the *Brunswickan* has had to juggle its production schedule in order to be able to publish the names of the candidates in next Wednesday's issue. We will have to rush the list to the printers immediately upon the closing of nominations Tuesday at noon. Even then, it is expected that the *Brunswickan* will be delayed until sometime late Wednesday afternoon.

The postponement creates another problem for the *Brunswickan*. We would like very much to publish photo-

graphs, stories and platforms of the candidates for the executive positions. We feel that this is necessary, in all fairness to the voters and to the candidates themselves. But the Tuesday deadline will not enable us to do so.

What we must do is appeal for the cooperation of all the candidates for the SRC executive. We ask that you notify the *Brunswickan* of your intention to run this Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. At that time we will interview you for a story to be published in Wednesday's paper. Please bring a photograph with you. If you do not do this, the *Brunswickan* will not be able to give you any FREE publicity prior to the election.

BRIEF EDITORIAL . . .

What is the matter with you people? Doesn't anyone want to run for the SRC positions? Do you want your class positions to become defunct? Is it that you think we students are incapable of running our own campus affairs?

If the students . . . and I mean you . . . do not take an interest in student government, then the regulation of all student affairs will be taken over by the university administration. Do you want that to happen?

Surely, on a 2000 member campus, there are enough good candidates to contest all these offices. And there should be wide interest among the rest to pick the best candidates. Let's do something about it! Remember, it's better to have run and lost than not to have run at all. E.B.