

## Editor's Corner

The response to the summer issue on black electoral politics has provided us with the opportunity of adding a new feature to *PS*, articles which respond to *PS* symposia.

In one of the responses, Paul Peterson interprets the election of Harold Washington for mayor of Chicago somewhat differently from the analyses of Twiley Barker and Michael Preston in the last issue of *PS*. In the other response, Steven Brams argues for a voting method that would allow a Jesse Jackson to run in the presidential primaries without falling into the role of spoiler.

### Presidential Selection

The articles encompassed in the theme of this issue, Nominating Presidential Candidates: Rules and Strategies, continue the debate over a black presidential candidacy, a debate which transcends this particular election season. However, this issue's symposium has as its central concern the broader issues of presidential selection: What are the rules and procedures? How have they changed in both parties over the last 15 years? What are the strategic implications of the rules? What forces impinge on presidential nominating procedures? What are the implications for democratic theory and governance?

Byron Shafer ably introduces the key factors in presidential selection and explains the difficulty of predicting specific outcomes despite the considerable amount of knowledge we have about this process. He then in a second piece, nevertheless, attempts to map out several scenarios for 1984 in the Democratic party. Other authors address a variety of issues pertaining to presidential selection.

Robert Huckshorn and John Bibby provide a corrective to the usual neglect of the Republican party in considerations of presidential selection. Robert Nakamura puts to task those who condemn Democratic party reforms. James Lingle uses the question of a black candidacy to show how Democratic party rules operate. Charles Hamilton looks at the shifting bases of support and consequent strategies as candidates successfully move from nomination politics, to election politics, and then to the politics of governance. Richard Rubin examines the role of the mass media, especially national television news, in legitimizing primaries and nationalizing the nomination process. Finally, Nelson Polsby questions whether Democratic party reforms have left its procedures more democratic.

Readers might want to take special note of several other articles in this issue: Theodore Lowi's provocative argument for a three-party system, Charles Henry's tribute to Ralph Bunche, and Herbert Weisberg's review of the career and scholarship of APSA President Philip Converse. Finally, there are several articles on the annual meeting—most notably Carol Nechemias' articles on two of the plenary sessions—that give some of the flavor and the substance of the meeting.

### Editorial Board

As Thomas Vocino and Paula McClain rotate off the *PS* editorial board, a special note of thanks is due them as well as other members of the board. Tom and Paula were members of the board when we began altering *PS* and were willing to take the risks which have allowed *PS* to evolve into its current form.

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