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EL students elect King, Snowe in mock election

By MARK SHANAHAN
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — If the results of a mock election at Edward Little High School are any indication, Angus King and Olympia J. Snowe will be winners next week.

On Tuesday, students at EL selected King, an independent, as the state's 71st governor, and, by a narrow margin, Snowe to succeed George J. Mitchell in the U.S. Senate.

The mock balloting, to be continued Thursday at more than 200 schools around the state, was brisk at EL, as some 530 kids — 50 percent of the school — did their civic duty.

"It's a right we're given, so I guess we should exercise it," said senior Kim Saucier.

Auburn legislator John M. Michael, an independent, was the surprise winner in Maine's 2nd Congressional District race, and a proposal to limit the terms of Maine's congressional delegation was approved overwhelmingly.

It was evident from the strong feelings they voiced for or against particular candidates that some students had paid close attention this campaign season.

Others seemed to be voting along party lines.

Saucier said she supported Democrats and Independents because Republicans "want the rich to get richer." Senior Lara Kendall said she voted only for Republicans, but was not sure why.

"If I had more time, I'd probably pay more attention," Kendall said.

Chip Gavin, a research associate in the Secretary of State's Office, said he expects more than 72,000 students in 270 Maine schools to go to the polls Thursday.

Gavin said the mock election is not only about voting, but also educating kids. In each school, he said, there are discussions of the issues, candidate visits and a voter registration drive.



MAURICE LEVASSEUR/Sun-Journal
Loni Dion folds her ballot as she exits the voting booth during a mock election at Edward Little High School on Tuesday.

Snowe, a longtime Auburn resident and congresswoman from Maine's 2nd District since 1978, won Tuesday with 239 votes. Democrat Thomas H. Andrews collected 214 votes and Independent Plato Truman garnered 64 votes.

In the gubernatorial race, King received 260 votes, Democrat Joseph E. Brennan 143 votes, Republican Susan M. Collins 76 votes, and Jonathan K. Carter, the Green Party candidate, collected 38 votes.

He may be trailing in the polls, but Michael did well Tuesday, besting both Bangor legislator John Baldacci and Norway legislator Richard A. Bennett. Green Party candidate

Charles Fitzgerald finished a distant fourth.

"This is pretty good, super encouraging," said Michael, campaigning in Bangor. "We won the Rita's Lunch Variety poll last week."

Teachers and administrators at EL also cast ballots Tuesday, narrowly electing Snowe and Brennan, picking Baldacci by a wide margin and approving term limits.

"It shocked me that so few people registered. It was like, wow, why do so few people care," said Judith Rosenbaum, an 13-year-old exchange student from Holland. "In 10 years, this generation will be the ruling generation. It scares me that more students aren't more politically aware."

Can they do that?



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Gardiner Area High School students share a voting booth at the school for a mock election held on Wednesday in which 300 students cast ballots.

GAHS 'votes' for King, Andrews

By MIKE LABERGE
Staff Writer

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GARDINER — Lee Markham considers himself a Democrat. But he voted for Republican Olympia Snowe in the race for U.S. Senate.

"I didn't vote for Tom Andrews because I'm a hunter, and I don't like his gun control policy," said Markham, of West Gardiner, who otherwise favored Democrats.

His friend, Rob Ware of Chelsea, voted straight Republican. "I just like the way they work," he said.

Markham is a senior at Gardiner Area High School, and Ware is a junior. They were among the 300 students who cast ballots Wednesday in the

mock election.

The "election" will continue today as students in more than 200 Maine schools make their choices for governor, Congress and the Senate. The results will be sent to election headquarters at the Bangor Auditorium and announced tonight — five days before Election Day.

The idea is to give students a taste of what lies ahead.

"It wasn't a joke to these kids," said Gail Lamb, a social studies teacher at Gardiner High.

"They've learned it's something responsible you have to take seriously."

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A student from the Hichborn Middle School places her votes in the ballot box during a mock election held Monday afternoon at the Howland Town Office. (Photo by Kevin Tenggren)

Eighth graders elect King as governor

By Kevin Tenggren NATL. STUD. -
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HOWLAND - Eighth graders from the Hichborn Middle School in Howland also elected Angus King as governor during a mock election on Monday afternoon.

The election was held at the Howland Town Office and gave students first-hand knowledge of how the election process works. Students got to register and vote in the polling booths as they would if they were 18 years old.

The following is a breakdown

- of their vote:
- U.S. Senate: Olympia Snowe, 32, Tom Andrews, 22 and Plato Truman, 5.
- Governor: Angus King, 21, Joe Brennan, 17, Susane Collins, 12 and Jonathan Carter, 11.
- U.S. House of Representatives: John Baldacci, 28, Rick Bennett, 19, John Michael, 9 and Charles Fitzgerald, 5.
- Senate District 7: John O'Dea, 43 and Tom Minogue, 16.
- House District 138: Pat Lane, 32 and Vanessa Bruce, 30.

- Registrar of Deeds: Susan Bulay, 34 and Cynthia Growe, 26.
 - Penobscot County Sheriff: Ed Reynolds, 55 and one-write in vote for Stu Morin.
 - Penobscot and Piscataquis County District Attorney: Chris Almy, 26 and John Richards, 35.
- A total of 64 students voted during the elections and according to one teacher they often times make more informative decisions than those who can vote legally because they have been studying the issues for sometime.

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BOBBY DUNFEY casts his ballot at the Village Elementary School mock election held Nov. 3. The triumphant candidates among the youngsters were Olympia Snowe for US Senate, Angus King for governor, and James Longley for US Representative. Term limits was give a thumbs up, as well. Photo by Andrew Buckley

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Snowe, King win in mock election

2587EB And students pick Democrats for two House seats

BANGOR — Republican Olympia Snowe and independent Angus King led their rivals in their respective statewide contests in mock elections involving more than 72,000 Maine students. The results were released Thurs-

day night by the Secretary of State's Office based on reports from 223 of the roughly 275 schools taking part in the program.

Snowe received 23,298 votes to lead the Senate race, followed by 16,935 for Democrat Tom Andrews and 3,435 for William Truman, an independent.

In the gubernatorial contest, King had 17,632 votes, Democrat Joseph Brennan was second with 13,502, Republican Susan Collins had 8,030, and independent

Jonathan Carter had 3,947.

Democrat Dennis Dutremble outpolled Republican James Longley Jr. in the 1st District congressional race, 11,230 to 8,131.

In the 2nd District, it was Democrat John Baldacci with 10,036, Republican Richard Bennett with 5,948, independent John Michael with 23,608, and independent Charles FitzGerald with 1,762.

Students voted to support congressional term limits, 20,826 to 15,989.

Secretary of State Bill Diamond, who organized the mock election, said the event was an educational exercise and not a poll or scientific sampling. He cautioned against drawing any link between the mock election results and the outcome next Tuesday.

In 1992, Ross Perot won the mock election in the presidential race, while Bill Clinton won the real election in the state.

The event is designed for students from grades 3 to 12.

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"The Big Push" to register voters

Secretary of State Bill Diamond announced "The Big Push" - a major effort aimed at encouraging Maine residents to register and vote in the upcoming Nov. 8 election.

"We're really making a big push to register voters," said Secretary Diamond. "I hope all eligible Maine residents will register and vote. It's not only a crucial right, but a fundamental civic responsibility."

Maine voters went to the polls in record-setting numbers in the 1992 Presidential election when 73 percent of the state's estimated voting age population cast ballots. That was the best participation rate in the nation and Maine's best turnout ever.

Maine also has been a leader on so-called Motor Voter programs that allow for voter registration at Motor Vehicle branches. That effort started in 1990 in Maine. Approximately 122,000 Maine residents have registered to vote or updated their voter registrations through this program. Since Maine started Motor Voter, it has become federal law.

According to the U.S. Census, 86 percent of Americans who are registered to vote, vote. But many Americans do not register.

"That's why voter registration efforts are vital," said Secretary Diamond.

"The Big Push" includes a variety of programs.

Already more than 10,000 voter guides and registration application cards are being distributed to corporations and others who want to offer them to employees and customers. Letters were sent to more than 120 corporations and organizations in Maine.

Participating companies include Damariscotta Bank and Trust Co.

Materials also will be distributed to offices of the Department of Human Services and the branch offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Voter registration cards that are mailed to municipal registrars must arrive there by Oct. 24. Maine residents may register to vote in person right up until and on election day.

Anyone who is uncertain about their registration status or how to register should call their town office and ask to speak with the municipal clerk or voter registrar. For information about how to register, residents may also call the Office of the Secretary of State at 287-4186 or 626-8406.

Other Big Push projects include:

- Distributing voting information about Maine to United States Armed Forces personnel through a message on the Federal Voting Assistance

Program hot line. Military personnel may call DSN number 223-6500 at no cost to access this service. The commercial telephone number for other callers is 703-693-6500.

- Sending a reminder to all municipal clerks about the rights of homeless voters. Maine allows residents with non-traditional homes, such as underpasses, to vote in the community where they live.

- Offering "A Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election" to anyone who wants one.

- Providing sample ballots to anyone who wants one. People can study or mark in advance and bring it with them to the polls on election day. Newspapers are being encouraged to print sample ballots so readers can clip them out for the same purpose.

- Coordinating the state's participation in the National Student/Parent Mock Election. The more than 60,000 mock votes expected to be cast in this educational project should stimulate more public discussion. encourage

children to vote when they are old enough, and urge parents and others to set an example by voting in the real election.

- Asking Maine media organizations to print or broadcast the pro-voting advertisements prepared by the Ad Council.

- Allowing military personnel in Haiti for "Operation Uphold Democracy" to vote in Maine by toll-free fax in conjunction with the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

- Mailing letters to all high schools in the state encouraging them to establish First Vote programs for students to register and vote. Maine allows 17-year-olds to register to vote. You must be 18 years old to vote.

The material available in this program may be reproduced at will.

Any business, organization, or individual wanting to participate in The Big Push or seeking more information about voting should contact the Office of the Secretary of State at 626-8406.

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If Gardiner students were calling the shots, Independent Angus King would be governor.

With one in three students casting ballots, King drew 87 votes to Democrat Joseph Brennan's 75. Republican Susan Collins placed third with 45 votes, and Jonathan Carter of the Maine Greens came in last with 28.

Someone even cast a write-in vote for Sumner Lipman, an Augusta Republican who lost his bid for the Blaine House in the June primary.

In the race for U.S. Senate, Andrews defeated Snowe 116-102. Plato Truman, a little-known independent, received 15 votes.

Republican James Longley Jr. has counted on name recognition as he campaigns for the state's 1st District congressional seat. One problem: Many students were born after his father, independent James Longley, left the Blaine House at the end of 1978.

In Gardiner, Longley's Democratic opponent, state Sen. Dennis Dutremble, won the contest by nearly a 2-1 margin, drawing 146 votes to Longley's 81.

Finally, students approved federal term limits, 150-103.

Meaghan Whalen, a sophomore from Gardiner,

avored all the winners. She had watched the candidates on television.

"I like what they stand for," Whalen said.

Andrew Ranks, a junior from Gardiner, won two out of three. He voted for Carter for governor, Andrews for Senate and Dutremble for Congress. Ranks also voted against term limits.

"If someone like George Mitchell comes along, and they have to be out in two terms, that's unfair," Ranks said. "If people want them out, they'll vote them out."

At Cony High School, students cast ballots three weeks ago.

The school did not join the statewide program, preferring instead to hold a local vote and publish the results in the school newspaper.

As in Gardiner, Augusta students favored King for governor with 42 percent of the vote. Brennan placed second, Collins third and Carter fourth.

In the Senate, Andrews beat Snowe by a margin of 9 percent, and Dutremble won the 1st District. Cony did not vote on federal term limits.

Back in Gardiner, many said they were surprised at how seriously many students took the election.

Fifty-three 18-year-olds even registered to vote Tuesday.

"The turnout surprised me," said Dawn Gosselin, a junior who worked the polls. "I didn't expect anybody to take it seriously."

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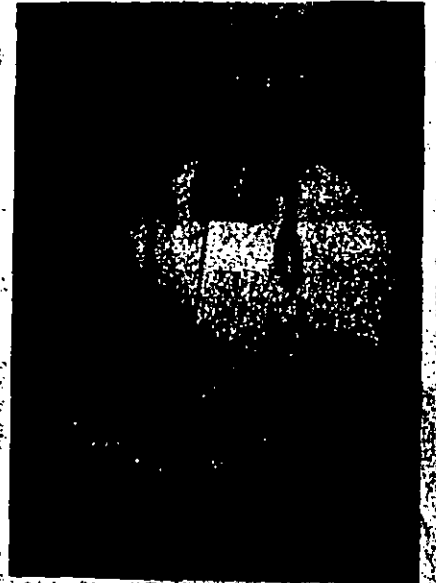
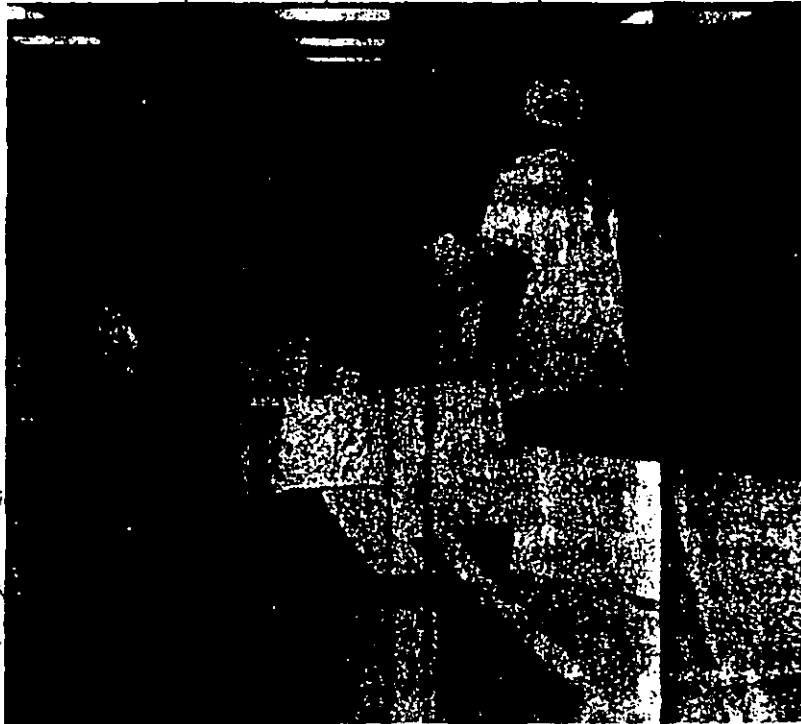
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Dawn Swindler, a senior in teacher Scott Graffam's civics class "You Can Make a Difference" prepares to remove the ballot box containing Friendship student votes at a mock election held Nov. 3.

The Medomak Valley High School cafeteria in Waldoboro was set up with five ballot boxes for the five SAD 40 towns and with voting booths at the Nov. 3 mock election. Winners included Olympia Snowe (R), U.S. Senate; Dennis Dutremble (D), U.S. House, District 1; Angus King (I), Governor; Chellie Pingree (D), State Senate, District 12; and Jim Bowers (D), State House District 60. The civics class students with teacher Scott Graffam also held a voter registration, signing up 20 students, and some volunteered to help with the campaigns of local political candidates.

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Students Learn About Candidates



From left to right: Mr. Tony Maker, Zeke Gaddis, Jeremy Look, Megan Sullivan, Jeffrey Look, Amissa Demmons, Monika Guptill, Eric Segee.

For the past 2 weeks students from grades 7 & 8 at Elm Street School in East Machias have been learning about the candidates and issues surrounding this year's election.

The culmination of all this hard work came on November 3 when the students cast their

votes in this year's mock election. The winners at Elm Street were as follows: Governor - Angus King, Senate - Olympia Snowe, and Congress - Rick Bennett.

Seven students then took these results and traveled to Bangor with Mr. Tony Maker in order to attend the Mock

Election Night ceremonies. The students were able to meet and discuss issues with many of the candidates, as well as obtain autographs from all the candidates who were present. Those candidates included: Angus King, Jonathan Carter, Tom Andrews, Plato Truman, John Baldacci, John Michael, and also Govern McKernan.

The event and experience were of tremendous value to the students and is an adventure they won't soon forget.

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Ballots Counted In Mock Election

In a mock election held November 3 Machias Memorial High School and Middle School students at the Rose M. Gaffney School had the opportunity to express their preferences for state and national offices. The big winners in the election, Olympia Snowe for the US Senate, Angus King for Governor and John Baldacci, House of Representatives, were victorious in both schools. Other winners were John Gilmore, Representative to the Legislature, George Townsend, State Senate and Norman Nelson, County Commissioner. Voter turnout was good with 90% of MMHS students taking time out from study halls and lunch break to go to the polls.

MMHS is one of 250 schools statewide taking part in the 1994 National Student/Parent Mock Election. State Results were reported by the *Bangor Daily News*, WLBZ-TV and WCSH-TV. National Results were announced on CNN.

The MMHS election was organized by senior government students Derek Preston, Justin Look, Ben Richmond, Aaron Coffin, Nicole Alley, Laurie Apsaga, Jason Rossi and Toni Dirsra. Assisting the students in organizing the election was Machias Town Clerk Martha Bagley. Bagley instructed the students in the proper procedure for registering voters and came to the high school to help students get the election started. The Town Clerk applauded the student's effort, stating that they had given students an outstanding simulation of the electoral process. Bagley believes strongly that "teaching young adults how the voting process works is to give them one of the most valuable tools of citizenship."

Faculty members advising the students were Activities Director Jamie Weggler and History Teacher Cora Greer.

Students make their political picks

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Natl. Stud. Poll

by Stephen Betts

ROCKLAND — Olympia Snowe, Angus King, and Dennis Dutremble swept to victories Thursday in a mock election held at Rockland District High School.

Students also supported Chellie Pingree and Clayton Fowlie.

The 300 students who took part in the

mock election also gave their support to off-track betting in Rockland.

The election was coordinated and results tabulated by seniors Julie Hedrich and Scott Pollard.

In the U.S. Senate race, Republican Snowe earned 49.5 percent of the vote compared to 41.3 percent for Democrat Tom Andrews and 9.2 percent for indepen-

dent Plato Truman.

For Maine's governor, independent King received 42.9 percent of the vote compared to 26.7 percent for Democrat Joseph Brennan. Republican Susan Collins got 18.5 percent. Independent Jonathan Carter got 11.9 percent of the vote.

Democrat Dutremble got 53.1 percent
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of the vote for the U.S. House seat representing southern Maine compared to 46.9 percent for Republican James Longley Jr.

In the state Senate race, Democrat Pingree got 53 percent compared to 47 percent for Republican Edward Sleeper.

Republican Fowlie, coach of the high school football team, received 68.6 percent of the vote of students. Democrat Paul Chartrand got 31.4 percent of the vote.

Democratic candidate for district attorney, Kim Seaberg Rosendo got 53.3 percent of the vote compared to 46.7 percent for

Republican Geoffrey Rushlau.

Republican candidate for Knox County treasurer Linda Post won by the largest margin, 76.2 percent, compared to 23.8 percent for Democrat James Hall.

In regards to off-track betting, students supported, 57.2 percent to 42.8 percent, a city referendum that would allow off-track betting.

Students also supported a statewide referendum to limit the number of terms U.S. senators and U.S. House members can represent Maine. This was approved by RDHS students by a 63.9 to 36.1 percent margin.

Students supported all but one of the bond referendums, with the \$21.3 million bond for railroad and ports losing 47.9 to 52.1 percent.

The bond that got the greatest support was a \$20 million one that would help communities cap landfills. This was approved 67.9 to 32.1 percent.

In Waldoboro, students at Miller School also took part in a mock election.

A unit on the democratic process, organized by Waldoboro Town Clerk Becky Maxwell and social studies teacher Ernestine Connelly, began in September and ended

Thursday with 281 students voting for the candidate of their choice in a statewide mock election.

The top issues to students, according to Connelly, were education and gun control.

Results in the gubernatorial race were: Brennan 121, King 95, Collins 42 and Carter 21.

For the U. S. Senate seat, Snowe had 188 votes and Andrews 74. For the U.S. House seat, Longley had 152 and Dutremble 112.

Statewide, with over 200 schools participating, according to Connelly, King, Snowe and Dutremble were the candidates of choice.

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Community school students cast their votes



ANXIOUSLY WAITING — Luke Chouinard, 10, son of Sherry and Chuck Chouinard of Otisfield listens carefully on how to vote while waiting for a ballot. (Photo by Joanie Perry)

by Joanie Perry

OTISFIELD — The election is less than a week away and 53 students in grades 4, 5 and 6 at Otisfield Community School have already decided that Angus King is the best candidate for the governor's seat.

Students registered to vote last week when Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters Tamie Sunderland set up at the school so students could register. Tuesday morning students lined up in the Meeting House on Bell Hill Road to cast their ballots in the town voting booths.

Here's how they voted: U.S. Senate - 38 Snowe, 12 Andrews and 3 Truman; Governor - 28 King, 12 Collins, 7 Brennan and 5 Carter; Representative to Congress - 24 Bennett, 11 Baldacci, 3 Fitzgerald and 3 Michael; State Senate District 25 - 28 Hanley and 17 Twitchell; State Representative District 64 - 22 Underwood and 20 Bennett; Sheriff - 35 Herrick and 9 Bryant; District Attorney District 3 - 27 Mador and 9 Croteau.

Although the students cast votes in all races, including the uncontested, we have only included the contested races in this article.

The following is how students voted on the bond issue questions: Question 1, 24 yes and 21 no; Question 2, 26 yes and 16 no; Question 3, 26 yes and 16 no; Question 4, 28 yes and 15 no; Question 5, 27 yes and 17 no; Question 6, 19 yes and 25 no; Question 7, 19 yes and 25 no; Question 8, 34 yes and 11 no and Question 9, 18 yes and 25 no.

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CHS students vote in mock election

By JASON RHODES

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More than 400 ballots were cast in this year's election before Nov. 8. Crisfield High School administrators gave students a chance to vote for all public and student council offices in a mock election.

During this experience, students used the same voting booths used by the public in the general election. This allowed them to learn to use the machines before they actually vote. Students decided Parris Glendening was the best choice

for governor.

Many students said they appreciated their experience.

"It was good training for when we really vote," said junior Katie Daly.

"It encourages people to vote when they turn 18," Jonathan Jones added.

Junior Dana Chamberlin said, "It made me feel important. I thought it was good practice."

While CHS history teacher John Samus liked the students' enthusiasm, he reminded them that only about a third of America's 18- to 25-year-olds normally

vote. He said he hopes events like this will change that.

Junior Brandon Elliott agreed. "Mr. Samus taught me a lot," he said.

Fellow junior Mary Beth Bradshaw added that voting, "was exhilarating."

Amy Martini said she, "learned to use the machines," which she considered the best part of the activity.

Was the event educational? Junior Rashida Brooks thought so. "I did not even know who the

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candidates were until I stepped into the voting machine," she admitted.

Sophomore Matt Powell stated the most important lesson learned in the election when he said, "Everyone should learn how to vote."

Mr. Samus agreed and encouraged students to vote in real elections. He said it is one of America's greatest freedoms.

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By lunch time the votes for governor showed a tight race between Brennan, the former governor, and King, a former television talk-show host.

In the end, Republican candidate Susan Collins edged out Jonathan Carter of the Maine Greens in the also-ran category for governor, 28-23.

The mock elections were coordinated by teacher Richard Madore and his economics class.

On hand were real voting booths and a regulation Maine ballot box, all courtesy of the Madison Town Office.

"It's something you always see your parents do," junior Jason Webber said of the voting process. "And (students) know they are going to have to be voting one of these times when they get older."

The results from Madison, Skowhegan and other towns across the state were called in to "mock-election central" at the Bangor Auditorium for statewide tabulation, according to Madore.

Madore said one of the surprises to emerge from Thursday's elections is the success of independent candidates.

From Plato Truman for U.S. Senate to Charles FitzGerald, a Maine Green, and John Michael, also an independent, for representative in Maine's 2nd District, the non-party vote was there, he said.



Sentinel photo by Doug Hartow

A real municipal ballot box and town voting booths were used for mock elections Thursday at Madison Area High School.

Truman beat Olympia Snowe in the Senate race, 55-49. Andrews won with 122 votes.

"It was a series vote, a pattern vote," Madore said. "If they voted for Truman, they voted for King, Fitzgerald or Michael."

In high school voting, Michael received 29 votes, FitzGerald 13 votes. Republican Richard Bennett got 52 votes, with Baldacci bringing down the lion's share with 138 votes.

Over at the junior high school, Michael came in second with 45

votes to Baldacci's 116 votes. Bennett placed third with 41 votes, FitzGerald received 23 votes.

In voting at the junior high school for the Senate seat vacated by George Mitchell, Andrews received 130 votes, Snowe 78 and Truman 22 votes.

In voting for local races done only at the junior high school, Alfred Hendsbee, the Democrat, won big in the race for Somerset County sheriff with 118 votes.

Republican Barry DeLong and independent Mark Schinzel each received 44 votes. People's Choice candidate Michael Brown was last with 21 votes.

Hendsbee's name was listed as a resident of Madison. His current residence is Fairfield.

In other local races at the junior high school, Republican Douglas Libby beat Democrat Dorothy Rotondi 119-101 for House District 97, and Republican S. Peter Mills edged Democrat Anthony Noonan 117-97 in the state Senate race. A total of 236 Margaret Chase Smith School fifth- and sixth-grade students voted at the Skowhegan Municipal Building.

Snowe edged Andrews, 119-104, in the Senate race, with Truman earning 13.

For governor, King squeaked out a 92-90 margin over Brennan. Collins and Carter trailed with 15 and 11, respectively.

Bennett led in the 2nd District race with 92 votes to 80 for Baldacci. Michael had 26 and FitzGerald 15.

The students favored term limits, 109-96.

Mock elections:

Brennan, Andrews winners

By DOUG HARLOW

Sentinel Correspondent

MADISON — Democrats Joseph Brennan, Tom Andrews and John Baldacci swept the popular vote in mock elections Thursday at Madison Area High School.

Brennan edged independent candidate Angus King in the race for governor by just four votes, 94-90.

Meanwhile, over at Madison Junior High School, Andrews and Baldacci scored big, while Brennan and King reached a deadlock in student voting, 84-84.

High school ballot clerks Tonia Longe, who spent the entire day at the polls, and Amy Guenette said the turnout was strong, with voter lines forming throughout the day.

"We had everybody come in to vote — teachers, visitors, lunch ladies and janitors. It's a good turnout," said Guenette.

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South Bristol students pick Snowe, King and Longley

By Dan Bustard

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As part of a statewide election education program, South Bristol School students got a chance last week to vote on races for governor, senator, congressman and term limits.

Principal Pamela Sperry said the voting will be a bigger event next year as the student government gets more involved. Voting was done by third through eighth grade students in their classrooms.

Apparently, the students were feeling a bit conservative as they favored candidates stressing the economy and taxes, more of the former and less of the latter.

Independent candidate Angus King and his pro-business, change message was the choice for the Blaine House, outdistancing Democrat and former governor Joseph Brennan 25 to 10. Republican Susan Collins got four votes and independent Jonathan Carter of the Green Party, one vote.

Olympia Snowe, coming off 12 years as the Republican 2nd District representative, edged Democrat Tom Andrews by one vote for George Mitchell's senate seat, 20-19. Plato Truman, running a low-budget, fiscally minded campaign garnered the support of two South Bristol students.

The Longley name seems to mean a lot at the school, although none of the students were even born when a

Longley served as governor. James Longley Jr., the Republican, handled Democrat Dennis Dutremble 24 to 15 in the 1st District congressional race.

Students also seem to share the voter anger which has propelled term limits into a national issue. Nineteen voted for Question 1, the only ballot question given to the students, on limiting the amount of time Maine's congressional representatives can serve. Thirteen voted no.

South Bristol didn't quite follow the trend set by other students in the voting, but the school came pretty close. With 223 of 285 participating schools in, King received 40 percent of the vote to Brennan's 31 percent in the race for governor.

Snowe's 53 percent easily outdistanced Andrews at 39 percent, with Truman well back. Term limits won the support of 58 percent of the students voting.

The only difference was in the Dutremble-Longley race, won by Dutremble rather easily 58 percent to 42 percent for Longley. Students voting in schools in the 2nd District also chose Democrat John Baldacci over Republican Rick Bennett and two other independent candidates.

One sign of where the students definitely don't agree with parents was the Carter vote. Polling consistently in the three to four percent range, Carter and his environment first message pulled in 9.1 percent of the student vote.

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School Prepares for Mock Election

On Tuesday, November 8, thousands of Maine citizens will go to the polls to elect the next governor of the state of Maine.

On Thursday, November 3, grades 4 through 7 at Columbia Falls Elementary will participate with other students throughout the state in Maine's student/parent mock election.

At this time, students will be casting their votes for the next governor. They will also make recommendations on key national issues relating to crime, health, the role of the U.S. in the world, jobs and the environment.

During the week, election activities at the school will involve students in election processes as well as election history. On November 3, mock ballots will be distributed with the results being phoned into mock election headquarters in the Bangor Auditorium. Greg Gray will be coordinating this event, so please do not hesitate to contact him if you have questions or suggestions.

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Students pick Snowe, King, Dutremble, Hathaway, Aiello

25-PTER NATL STUDENT/parent mock election
KENNEBUNK — More than 200 Kennebunk High School students participated in a mock election Tuesday, sponsored by the Political Affairs Club.

Senior Melissa Bobbidge, club president, conveyed the results as follows:
U.S. Senate: Olympia Snowe, 51 percent; Thomas Andrews, 41 percent; Plato Truman, 8 percent.
Governor: Angus King, 39 percent; Joseph Brennan, 38 percent; Susan Col-

ling, 15 percent; Jonathan Carter, 7 percent.
U.S. House: Dennis Dutremble, 61 percent; James Longley, 39 percent.
Maine Senate: John Hathaway, 59 percent; Charles Plourde, 35 percent; Scott Eaton, 6 percent.
House District 8: Kristin Aiello, 61 percent; Jack Libby, 39 percent.
Students supported bond questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.



First-grader Ashley DeWitt eagerly casts her vote as classmate Jason Gendron waits his turn.

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Celina Webber, King vote in hand, wonders what to do next.

Kids vote for less homework, lower taxes, candy in school

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It would be a mistake for candidates who spend big bucks on polls to scoff at Thursday's mock election results.

And if elementary students could really vote, it would have been well worth a candidate's time to have gone on down to Waterboro Elementary School to get some blunt opinions.

Demonstrating that the acorn doesn't fall far from the oak, children were influenced by some of the same arguments that will likely influence their parents. But they were also influenced by bogus campaign messages delivered by well-meaning young supporters of particular candidates.

Though Angus King won the governor's seat in the statewide school tabulations, at Waterboro Elementary, many students disliked what they believed was his stand in favor of year-round schooling.

When ballots were counted, King lost to Joseph Brennan, 166-93. Fourth-grader Caitlin Sanborn voted for Brennan because, she said, "He's not going to have school all year round like some of the other candidates."

King gained at least one vote by a different rumor. First-grader Celina Webber said, "My brother says he's going to let kids bring candy into school," referring to

Waterboro's strict rule of confiscating any Halloween candy brought to school.

Likewise, Andrew Morse (fifth grade) supported Olympia Snowe (who was also the winner statewide in the Senate race) on the basis of another school rumor. "She doesn't believe in homework," he claimed.

But Steven Marchessault (fourth grade) praised Snowe for her concern for jobs, education, and disabled children.

Stephanie Hopkins (sixth grade) took health care into consideration. "Some people don't have enough health care," she said.

Children tended to believe that taxes, which support public schools, are a bad thing because they take money from their families. Caitlin Sanborn, Laura Seehagen, and Meredith Nickerson (fourth-graders) liked Brennan because they believed he would lower taxes. "That's what he said anyway. All the others are going to higher taxes. We don't like that."

There was also the personal contact factor.

Lorin Huggard (fourth grade) thought she'd vote for Brennan "because my grandparents know him."

Several children liked Snowe because, "She shook my hand."

Matthew Macey (first grade) wasn't sure why he liked Susan Collins, but he did know that he liked her name. "My mother's name is Sue," he explained.

Then there was the random vote. As Lauri Ross (fourth grade) waited for her turn in the voting booth, she hadn't made up her mind. "I don't know yet," she said. She would decide when she got there.

A sense of fair play helped some of the students throw their support to Brennan. Brianna Ellis (fourth grade) said Brennan deserved her vote because, "He doesn't insult anyone."

There were votes supporting women candidates just because they are women. "A woman deserves to be governor one time," said Joseph Hebert (fourth grade).

Joan Guerrette's combination grade 4-5 class had spent weeks researching the candidates and representing their favorites in class presentations and debates throughout the school. They ran the election process by checking off student and teachers names on the voter lists, handing out ballots, assisting young voters and collecting the ballots.

No cynics tried to tell these children that elections are a "cruel joke." In fact, one sick first-grader left his Legos on the bedroom floor and recovered instantly when he learned that this was the day to vote. "I'm better now," he said, and ran for the door to catch his ride.