Students prefer Nixon in MONTAGE presidential poll

Nixon's the one!
At least he is in the opinion of the majority of Branch students surveyed during Montage's first presidential preference poll. Here are some of the comments:

Chris Large: "I favor Nixon because of his foreign policy and particularly for his stand on Vietnam."

Mary Seeton: "I'm for Nixon because neither Wallace or Humphrey seems to have the answers."

Judy Okey: "Nixon will do what he pledges. He is more sincere than the other candidates."

Steve Wheeler: "Nixon's had experience as Vice-President and can deal with Vietnam."

Judy Bender: "I like Humphrey. He has had the experience and wants to stop the trouble in our country."

Bill Fisher: "Nixon will cut spending abroad so we can help to end the poverty in our own country."

Bob Baum: "Humphrey has the nerve to see Vietnam through. He'll put down violent demonstrations in a manner that people will respect and obey."

Vincent Reis: "Humphrey is the only candidate who has given a sound answer to the problem in Vietnam."

George Nussia: "Humphrey is a somewhat conservative and his ideas are good on Vietnam. He can give a good poverty program to help the people."

Cindy Bradford: "Wallace has opened the way for a third party candidate. I think it's time someone stood up to the idea of people getting along with each other."

Rick Smyer: "I support Nixon. He's a liberal and I think he can do the job because of his past experience."

Pat Bryant: "I'm for Nixon. Humphrey is a plastic pygmalion of LBJ and Wallace oversimplifies the issues."

Becky Garmus: "I'm not fond of Wallace or Nixon. Humphrey is the best because he has a concrete policy on Vietnam."

Senate elections coming

Branch student senate elections will be held next Wednesday and Thursday. The polls will be open from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 and 7-9 p.m.

All students are eligible to vote and must show their identification cards before casting their ballots.

For those freshmen without ID cards, their current paid fee certificate will be accepted as proper identification by the election board.

Any ballot marked improperly will be discarded and the election board will be the final judge in all election disputes.

Election returns will be posted next Friday on all bulletin boards.

Student Senate will reconvene on October 27.

A new record

Ted "Father Time" Byers set a new K fire record last Monday as he kept the giant letter burning 32 days.

Last year's freshmen kept the annual tradition ablaze for 31 days.

Byers held an almost continual vigil over the fire, taking time only to attend classes. He even slept out on the hill every night and did his homework by lantern light.
Greek news

Compiled by Bill Wallace

Flo Smilaycuff of Alpha Delta Omega Sorority was elected chairman of the Greek Council at that organization’s meeting, last Tuesday.

Other officers elected include: Al Schweitzer of Phi Delta Psi, vice chairman; and Linda Hunt of Sigma Chi Beta, secretary.

At a meeting held Thursday, October 10, Alpha Delta Omega Sorority re-elected as president, Sweetie Jackson. Her cabinet will consist of Flo Smilaycuff, vice president; Linda Cicchinelli, recording secretary; Mary Kay Ritschard, corresponding secretary; Mary Cossentino, historical; and Ann Bollinger, chaplain.

They also have plans to attend a style show at the Stark County Historical Center, November 16.

Sunday, October 6, was the meeting date for Sigma Chi Epsilon Fraternity. The following new officers were elected: Larry Wilgus, president; Henry McGhee, vice president; Greg Morgan, secretary; Dave Seffens, acting treasurer; Roger Justice, usher; and Rusty Cole, sentinel.

Gilligan to speak

Student government and Political Science Club announce that U.S. Senatorial candidate John Gilligan will speak here Thursday, October 24, at 3:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall 100.

He will discuss questions concerning the draft, Vietnam and student financial aid.

Football kicks off

Intramural football got under way October 6 with two games being played on the specially laid-out field north of the building.

The teams captured by Eric Smith and Jack Wurzel emerged victorious. Seventy teams were formed by the boys.

Studies program assists students

The Student Studies Development Center in room 112 began its program Monday, October 7, and will hold classes through December 7.

The program is designed to help all students improve reading skills such as speed, spelling, composition, comprehension, and vocabulary.

Each student is tested to determine his skill level. He is then given appropriate materials and instructions.

Students can study specially programmed materials, including the S.R.A. reading laboratory and reading tapes. They can learn the techniques of comprehension in particular study areas, such as chemistry or history.

The center was initiated last year by the Office of Student Affairs.

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A powerful force for order

"Make them do their thing outside, not inside."

"Actions like those are unacceptable."

"Purposeless groups have no place here."

This is just a sampling of the deluge of comments received by Montage and student government offices last week after the "Love-in" and match throwing incidents allegedly caused by the so-called "Head" group (see story page one).

It was apparent to this writer that a large number of Branch students were solidly opposed to any disruption of normal operations of this school by a group or individuals. Not one student came to the defense of the "Head" aggregation.

A possible explanation for this one sided uproar is the fact that most Branch students take their education extremely seriously. Many of them are paying their way through this university by means of full or part time employment. Others are attending

Studies program assists students

Lee Brubaker and Terry Ford of the English department worked closely in coordinating the laboratory with Jack Poorman, reading consultant for Canton Public Schools.

Student Affairs Director Warner Mendenhall said the laboratory program will help students develop better reading skills and study habits. "It will give good students the opportunity to become excellent students," he said.

At the same time this service will be an asset to classroom teaching efforts, he stated.

Anyone interested in joining this program may contact Mr. Mendenhall or Mr. Brubaker.

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Communicate in '68 vote for

Bickis, Bernier, Dando, Hoover & Keith

(pd. pol. adv.)
Political Science Club elected the following officers at their October 10 meeting: William Bernier, president; Anthony Marchiano, vice-president; Schelie Dando, secretary; and Myrtle Rothwell, treasurer.

The club plans to hold a mock election and bring various political speakers to Stark Branch.

**Old barn becomes Branch Theatre**

A Stark Branch instructor and three students have turned a barn into a theatre this past summer without outside professional assistance.

The idea behind the project was thought up late last spring by Denny Bettisworth, a speech and drama instructor here.

Not only did Mr. Bettisworth come up with the idea, he also drew the plans for the remodeling.

Work got under way, June 17, when Mr. Bettisworth and one student, Ric McCarthy, a sophomore, initiated the project.

Help came shortly. Harry Law, a senior at the main campus of Kent State University, added his services the beginning of July.

It was only a three-man crew until the final addition was made, Mike Chanak, a sophomore at Stark Branch.

The major facelift included complete insulation of the building. A new ceiling was also installed and the walls were paneled in unfinished cedar wood.

Major construction included the building of two dressing rooms, an elevated light-sound booth and two restrooms which are still not completed.

The interior remodeling features new overhead lighting and high rise seating platforms for easier viewing in the 200-capacity audience area.

Versatility enters the picture, too. Besides accommodating precessium arch type of productions, the building can be set for theatre-in-the-round productions.

Externally the building has taken on a new look. It has been spray painted green and will be trimmed in brown. Parking facilities have been added and flood lights are being installed to illuminate the parking area.

Though not all the work is completed, Mr. Bettisworth is confident that the theatre will be finished by the time of the first play, Comedy of Errors, is presented December 6 and 7.

Tryout schedule for the five-act play is as follows: October 21 and 22 at 4 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. in the theatre barn.

Tryouts are open to all students.
Cheer squad tunes up for cage wars

Stark Branch's '68-69 varsity cheerleading squad includes: (top row, left to right) Lynne Warner, Elaine Cebulko, Linda Cicchinelli, and (bottom row, left to right) Madalana Matter, Janet Tedrick, Linda Hunt and Debby Zingler.

Miss Cicchinelli, Massillon High '67, is starting her second year as a Branch cheerleader.

Miss Hunt, the other returning cheerleader, is a '67 graduate of Timken High where she was a majorette.

Miss Zingler, Hoover High '68, cheered for three years in high school.

Miss Warner is a '68 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas and was a cheerleader there.

Miss Tedrick, Lehman '68, was a cheerleader on her school's reserve squad.

A '68 graduate of Central Catholic, Miss Cebulko was a varsity cheerleader there.

Miss Matter, a sophomore, was a varsity cheerleader for Perry High in 1967.

(words by Joann Schulte, photo montage by Jim Hillibish)