

Collegian Offers Mini-Research

President Nixon and Watergate

Note: This is the third of a series of articles written by Dr. Salvador A. Parco, assistant professor of sociology, interpreting for Behrend Collegian readers results of mini-research projects conducted primarily by students in connection with a methodology of sociology course he taught last fall term.

The steadily declining popularity of President Richard M. Nixon in the Gallup and Harris polls after the public became more aware of the facts concerning the Watergate scandal prompted Michael J. Woods (3rd term, Psychology), 4268 West 32nd street, Erie, Pa. to ask two hundred (200) Erie residents about their attitudes toward the President.

More specifically, Mike hypothesized that certain groups of people had been alienated by the Watergate scandal while others still supported Mr. Nixon. He expected that older males (over 35 years old) with no college education would be most heavily in support of the President, while younger females (18-25 years) with no college education would offer the least support for Mr. Nixon.

Mike asked students from Behrend, Gannon and Mercyhurst Colleges as well as shoppers at West Erie, Liberty and Perry Plazas to complete his questionnaire which had nine fixed alternative questions answerable by a 'yes', 'no', or 'unsure.' A 'yes' or 'no' answer indicated either support or non-support for Mr. Nixon. Scores were then given to each respondent, with those having high scores (4-5) as supportive and those with low scores (0-3) as non-supportive.

Three out of four respondents indicated non-support for President Nixon. When stratified by age, sex, and education, the only variable where there was a statistically significant difference was age, where 83 per cent of the 18-25 year old respondents were non-supportive of Mr. Nixon, while 32 per cent of those respondents 26 years and older supported the President. While the same trend occurred for the sex variable, where slightly more males were supportive, the difference between males and females was not statistically significant. Neither was education significant, where slightly more of those with no college education supported Mr. Nixon.

Using age as the independent variable, and sex and education as control factors, the Nixon supporters were isolated as those respondents who were 26 years old or over, female, and with no college education. The college-educated males, regardless of age, were consistently non-supportive of President Nixon. Considering the results of this

study, the original hypothesis was not far from the findings. While it was expected that older males (over 25 years of age) with no college education would be most heavily in support of the President, the data indicated that it was the older females with no college education who supported President Nixon.

The findings of this survey could have been more conclusive, in terms of the objective of the researcher, if the respondents' awareness of the facts concerning the Watergate scandal was also measured, perhaps through newspaper or magazine readership, television viewing or radio listening behavior. Then, the reader will be less tempted to think that the older women with no college education supported

President Nixon because they were less aware of what's happening in the national scene. This could be a very sexist and class-biased conclusion.

Nevertheless, aside from the small sample used in the study, other problems have to be considered in making generalizations out of the data. The city of Erie is predominantly a Democratic bailiwick and the researcher believes that this could have a slanting effect in the results of the study. It should also be noted that at the time of the survey (week of October 27-November 2, 1973), prominent personalities connected with the Nixon administration and the Watergate investigation resigned from their respective offices.

TABLE 1
Percent of respondents supporting and not supporting President Nixon
Stratified by Age, Sex, and Education

	Supporting	Not Supporting	N
TOTAL	25%	75%	200
Age: 18-25 years	17%	83%	102
26 years and over	32%	68%	98
Sex: Male	20%	80%	96
Female	29%	71%	104
Education: College	27%	73%	104
No College	22%	78%	96

TABLE 2
Age and support for President Nixon, controlled for Sex and Education

Age	Male	Female	College	No College
18-25 yrs.	19% (9)	17% (9)	23% (12)	12% (6)
26 yrs. and over	21% (10)	42% (21)	31% (16)	32% (15)

Numbers in parentheses are totals on which percentages were based.

Touring Co. to Perform

For twelve days in February, Behrend will seem more like an oversized theater than a college. Not only will there be five performances of "The Drunkard" by the Behrend Players but in addition to our own campus

thespians, a professional touring company will be visiting Behrend on Monday, February 18 to give their version of "The Fantasticks".

The Continental Theatre Company will be performing the longest running off-Broadway play in the history of American theatre. Playwright Tom Jones' "The Fantasticks" centers on two fathers who, in trying to match up son and daughter, pose a feud, arrange an abduction and a subsequent rescue. The fathers' scheme fails, however, and the children go out into the world looking for new adventure only to discover and take refuge in one another.

"The Fantasticks" features such familiar songs as "Try to Remember", "Never Say No", and "Soon It's Gonna Rain."

The Student Union Board is sponsoring this evening of theatre. "The Fantasticks" will be performed in Erie Hall at 8:30 p.m. on February 18. More details about the play will be forthcoming in future issues of The Collegian and on bulletin boards on campus.

Cassettes In Library File

The two Premiere Programs in The Behrend College Radio Series are now available on cassettes in the library. To listen to a cassette, mention the title of the program you are interested in to the librarian at the desk, and you will be loaned the cassette and a cassette player for use in the library. Cassettes can be taken out of the library for classroom and personal use.

All of the programs in the series will eventually be transferred onto cassettes and placed in the library. Tom Doyle can make additional cassettes of the programs for those who wish to have them.

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STUDENT GROUP	PREREGISTER	VALIDATE SCHEDULE
*Upper Division (7th term standing and above)	Feb. 4 (Mo)	Feb. 7, 8 (Th, Fr)
Hamot School of Nursing	Feb. 4 (Mo)	Feb. 7, 8 (Th, Fr)
*Associate Degree (Ag Bus, Bus, EET, MET, LAS)	Feb. 5 (Tu)	Feb. 7, 8 (Th, Fr)
Division of Undergraduate Studies (Counseling)	Feb. 7 (Th)	Feb. 11, 12 (Mo., Tu)
College of Science	Feb. 7 (Th)	Feb. 11, 12 (Mo, Tu)
College of Engineering	Feb. 8 (Fr)	Feb. 11, 12 (Mo, Tu)
College of Agriculture	Feb. 8 (Fr)	Feb. 11, 12 (Mo, Tu)
College of Business Adm.	Feb. 11 (Mo)	Feb. 14, 15 (Th, Fr)
College of Earth and Mineral Sciences	Feb. 12 (Tu)	Feb. 14, 15 (Th, Fr)
College of Education	Feb. 12 (Tu)	Feb. 14, 15 (Th, Fr)
College of Health, Phys. Ed. & Recreation	Feb. 12 (Tu)	Feb. 14, 15 (Th, Fr)
College of Liberal Arts	Feb. 14, 15 (Th, Fr)	Feb. 18, 19 (Mo, Tu)
College of Arts & Arch.	Feb. 15 (Fr)	Feb. 18, 19 (Mo, Tu)
College of Human Dev.	Feb. 18 (Mo)	Feb. 21, 22 (Th, Fr)
Those Who Missed Their Turn	Feb. 19 (Tu)	Feb. 21, 22 (Th, Fr)
Adjuncts	Feb. 19 (Tu)	Feb. 21, 22 (Th, Fr)

*JUNE GRADUATES PLEASE NOTE: Graduating students should complete a No. 10 card and an Alumni Information form obtained from the preregistration station.

New Procedure For -Preregistration-

Advising will begin Monday, January 28, and students should report to their advisors at least a week in advance of the date on which they are scheduled to preregister. The advisor will provide a number 2, number 4, and a college data card, all of which must be presented to the preregistration station. On the assigned dates listed under the headings "Validate Schedule," students will pick up a printed copy of their schedule, review it and if correct, verify it by signing and leaving the signed copy at the station. A copy will be given to the student at this time.

Preregistration will begin on Monday February 4, and extend through Friday, February 22. Students will preregister by bringing their completed cards to the preregistration station located at the north end of the former maintenance building which is situated between the swimming pool and the Reed Building. The purpose of instituting this new procedure is to be able to provide students with a finalized schedule before the end of the present term.

Students who complete the preregistration process and indicate satisfaction with their schedule by the validation procedure will only be required to activate their enrollment a day in advance of the first day of classes next term. STUDENTS WHO DO

NOT PREREGISTER will be required to return for advising and to attend the regular registration which will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 1974.

All students must preregister according to their present College or program. The preregistration station will be open from 9:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on the days listed above.

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programs to which Dr. Fox will direct his attention.

In addition, Behrend also has a Graduate Center offering the master of engineering degree.

The campus site was donated to Penn State by the widow of Ernst Behrend, founder of the Hamermill Paper Co. It has grown from the original buildings on the estate to include seven administrative and academic buildings, three dormitories housing 600 students. Grounds also include a picnic grove, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, archery, baseball and soccer facilities, ski tow and hiking trails. A 300,000 gallon water tower and pumping station are now under construction.

Dr. Fox and his wife, Louise, have two sons, Gary, a sixth grader, and Thomas, who will graduate this year from State College High School.

The Student Union Board's "movie of the week" is Mike Nichols' anti-war satire "Catch-22". It's a vision of a system which seduces people by its appeal to their most destructive instincts while crushing all who resist. Now if you can believe that, you'll believe anything. Alan Arkin, Jon Voight, Orson Welles, and Paula Prentiss star in "Catch-22". Times for the film will be 9 p.m. on Saturday and 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday evening. Price of admission is 50 cents with an activity card and \$1.25 without a card.

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