

EDITORIAL

81% IN A POLL RESPOND NEGATIVELY TO NIXON

According to a survey conducted by the Pennsylvania Collegiate Press Association of Pennsylvania's collegiate newspaper editors between March 24th and April 26th, 81% of the editors surveyed indicated that the job President Nixon was doing was either fair (39%) or poor (42%).

In addition when asked to rate the job Congress has done in the last year 79% of the editors responded Congress was doing either a fair (56%) or poor (23%) job.

Regarding Nixon's performance the editors responses to six more specific problem areas provided further evidence of an overall negative evaluation of the administration. Nixon's handling of the problem of race relations produced the poorest response from the college editors with 48% of the students giving the president a poor and 38% a fair rating. Eighty-four per cent of the editors disapproved of Nixon's dealings with the problem of poverty and 81% with his performance in the area of pollution and environmental health. Regarding the war in Indochina 81% of the editors surveyed responded with either a fair or poor negative evaluation, with 6% rating Nixon's job here as excellent, 13% as good, 23% as fair and 58% as poor. The editors also disapproved of Nixon's handling of Congressional Reform and the war threat in the Near East, though with regard to the threat of a war in the Near East 34% of the editors responded positively and expressed their highest approval of Nixon's efforts in this area.

Likewise, as in Nixon's case, when Congress was evaluated in terms of the same six problems, Pennsylvania's editors by and large, again, rated the job Congress has been doing along negative lines. Forty-seven of the fifty-two editor respondents indicated that they thought the job Congress was doing with respect to Congressional reform was either poor or fair, and concerning the other problem areas between 72% and 84% of these students rated what Congress did last year in negative (fair or poor) categories.

In response to the question, "how do you think change in America is likely to occur in the next twenty-five years—through relatively peaceful means or through a revolution?", 17% of the editors as opposed to 42% of the national student average in December (Gallup poll December 1970) responded through a revolution, while 41% of the editors as opposed to 44% indicated that they felt violence was justified.

Beyond this, 79% of the surveyed editors agreed with the statement that the American

political system does not respond quickly enough and 73% indicated that they still take pride in being American.

The sample of students as classified by their responses indicated that 29% among them were Democrats, 21% Republican, and 48% Independent as opposed to the national student most recent Gallup averages finding 30% Democrats, 18% Republicans, and 52% Independents. Thirty-six per cent of the editors in the PCPA poll considered themselves politically left of center, 44% as middle of the road, and 8% as right of center compared to 7% far left, 30% left, 41% middle of the road, 15% right, and 2% far right in Gallup's most recent national student survey results.

Following are the questions and results of the PCPA survey:

1. How would you rate this job Nixon has been doing as President—as excellent, good, fair, poor?

10% excellent, 46% fair, 8% good and 35% poor.

2. How would you rate the job Nixon has done in the last year concerning the following problems?

a. Pollution and environmental health, 17% good, 38% fair, 42% poor; b. Indochina War, 6% excellent, 13% good, 23% fair, 58% poor; c. Race relations, 13% good, 38% fair, 48% poor; d. Poverty, 2% excellent, 13% good, 40% fair, 44% poor; e. War threat in the Near East, 2% excellent, 32% good, 38% fair, 25% poor; f. Congressional Reform, 2% excellent, 21% good, 44% fair, 25% poor.

3. How would you rate the job Congress has been doing—as excellent, good, fair, poor?

19% good, 56% fair, 23% poor.

4. How would you rate the job Congress has done in the last year concerning the following problems?

a. Pollution and environmental health, 2% excellent, 21% good, 48% fair, 30% poor; b. Indochina War, 17% good, 34% fair, 48% poor; c. Race relations, 13% good, 52% fair, 32% poor; d. Poverty, 14% good, 40% fair, 42% poor; e. War threat in the Near East, 2% excellent, 19% good, 37% fair, 36% poor; f. Congressional Reform, 2% excellent, 6% good, 34% fair, 54% poor.

5. How do you think change in America is likely to occur in the next twenty-five years—through relatively peaceful means or through a revolution?

73% peaceful means and 17% a revolution.

6. Do you think violence is sometimes justified to bring about change in American society or not?

40% yes, 46% no, 12% other

7. Some people say that the American political system does not respond quickly enough to meet the needs of the people. Do you—

79% agree, 13% disagree, 6% other (explain)

8. Would you say you take pride in being an American, or not?

73% yes and 17% no.

9. How would you politically classify yourself?

37% left, 44% middle of the road, 8% right and no one far left and far right.

10. Generally speaking do you consider yourself as a Democrat, Republican or Independent?

29% Democrat, 21% Republican 48% Independent.

Age, 20.4; Sex 75% Male, 25% Female; Year, 12.5% freshman, 17.3% sophomore, 31.8% junior, 21.2% senior.

Now, Now, Dr. Jacob

by Lee Nell

At the outset of this perhaps I should explain that I do not pretend to be completely objective—after all, how many of us can be. Mr. Ogden has, from time to time, contributed articles to the CAPITOLIST, but I do not know him personally. So I do not feel that I must defend him.

At the same time, I must confess that the library and/or its staff has always treated me fairly and with relative expediency. Nor do I possess the pleasure of knowing Dr. Jacob personally. So up until now, I have had no reason to remark on the library—or on its chief.

But now I should like to take this opportunity to respond to Dr. Jacob's letter which appeared in the CAPITOLIST on May 19. First, Dr. Jacob refers to Ogden's letter (of a previous issue) as "marginally literate." Since I had no trouble in deciphering it, am I to assume that I am marginally literate, too? Or is something else being compounded with puerility in this case?

And befuddled syntax! How sinful! But I'm afraid that Dr. Jacob may be equally sinful. "It does take time and money to acquire back runs of journals but (sic) we have made substantial progress in strengthening the depth of our holdings and (Sic) I wonder if Mr. Ogden correctly ascertains what we in fact do have. (SIC)" Tsk, Tsk. The comma, Dr. Jacob, may be your salvation.

I, too, am moderately chagrined—only moderately—that Dr. Jacob would resort to a type of tantrum—if not crude, perhaps sciolistic—about Ogden's article. But I realize that the library has been the target of several recent fusillades.

This must be the reason that Dr. Jacob seems to be suffering (and he, rightfully, does not accuse Ogden of being its victim) from one additional infirmity—paranoia. I'm sure that the staff of the library are doing their best, and it seems that no one appreciates it. I, for one, would like to give my hearty vote of confidence to the library staff. I'm sure that, in spite of a few malcontents, the students really love you all. So, keep up the good work, and, as they used to say in Rome, "Illegitimi non carborundum."

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Dean's Committee On Student Affairs

by Ann Topper

Present: G. Gold, Dean Grimm, J. Powell, A. Topper, T. Wimmer (guest).

1. The committee heard a report from Dean Grimm regarding residence hall improvements which will be completed over the summer months. It was noted that carpeting will be installed in all residence hall corridors; drapes will be hung in all rooms and soundproofing of lockers will be completed before the beginning of the Fall Term 1971.

2. It was noted that Miss Kathleen King has accepted the position, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs—Residence Programs and will begin her duties on August 1, 1971. Committee recommended that a news story regarding Miss King's appointment, be placed in the CAPITOLIST before the end of the Spring Term 1971.

3. The committee discussed its relationship with the Student Senate and other student organizations. The committee will act as intermediary and coordinator between the Student Affairs office and the student body and will exist independently of SGA. The committee will work directly with the Student Affairs office on matters regarding student welfare and student services. The committee agreed to set up procedures whereby they would be in touch with other student organizations and student committees so as to insure direct flow of information into the Dean's Office.

4. The committee discussed the possible relocation of the Health Service Office and unanimously agreed that the office should be moved to the building (Placement Building) housing the Placement Center, Security Department, Personnel Office and various student organizations. This move will result in more space being available for student consultation with doctors and nurses and will result in better health services for all students. It was noted that the present facilities are inadequate in terms of space available and privacy. Students are not able to consult privately with either nurses or physicians. It is hoped that the move will be completed before the beginning of the Fall Term 1971.

5. Committee discussed various ways of soliciting opinions, ideas and complaints of students. Individual members of this committee will meet with various student organizations and will probably set up a table in the Main Building in the very near future.

6. Members of the committee expressed concern about last year's orientation program. Dean Grimm requested Terry Wimmer to talk immediately with Dean South regarding the formation of the Orientation Committee.

7. Dean Grimm discussed resident assistant selection and appointment. It was noted that thirty-nine students applied for resident assistant positions and at the present time credentials are still incomplete for seventeen students. Dean Grimm indicated that he would notify the seventeen students and request them to take action in order to have their credentials completed. Procedures were outlined for resident assistant selection and noted that final selection will be made by a committee consisting of seven students and three staff members. Dean Grimm will appoint from the list provided by the committee.

8. The committee has been requested to consider the question of location of all on-campus placement recruiting. A recent change of policy at University Park has resulted in all recruiting (military, Vista, Peace Corps, etc.) being conducted in the Placement Building. In the past some recruiting was conducted in the Hetzel Union Building.

SENIOR DINNER DANCE

June 5, 1971

Parkview Manor
Hershey, Pa.

Cocktails 6:30

Dinner 7:30

Dancing 9 - 2

Carnival: A Semi — Success

by Lee Nell

On Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, the annual Capitol Campus Carnival brought people from Campus and Community to the Olmstead Plaza for all kinds of fun and games.

The Carnival was organized by the XGI's and ran Friday night and Saturday. The patrons could be seen at the dunking booth, basketball throw, the gaming wheel, the food booths, the cat game, the bingo board, the can smash or buying candles.

Unfortunately for the social committee, not too many of the people were riding the rides. The rides were guaranteed \$1,200 for their services. The intake, however, was only \$396. So the social committee will have to make up the difference from their own funds.

The other groups fared a bit better. Net profit figures are not yet available, and some of the gross figures are not either at this time. But the list of gross income for those reporting is as follows:

XGI, food, \$265.35; SGA, \$39.70; Business Club, \$58.10; RSC, \$82.30; XAE, Dunking Booth, \$91.85; Head Shop,

\$120.60; XGI, Wheel and Tic Tac Toe, \$140.65; and Ski Club, \$119.35; at a total of \$917.90.

So, apparently, people were spending money on some of the games. And apparently, some of the groups made some money. This, and the failure of the rides to make their fee, has caused some students to call the affair a "roust" while others have called it a success. We'll call it a semi-success and let you decide.

One of the high points of the carnival, though, was Tom Ogden's magic, ventriloquism and fire-eating show. For those of you who missed it, you missed a good one.

With some tears of sadness and with some of joy in our eyes, we say goodbye to this year's carnival. We can look forward to next year's a little wiser and with the hope that it will be more of a success. But whatever the case, the Carnival did bring some of the community to campus to share at least some fun. For that we may be happy. Perhaps if we measure success in those terms, we can look to next year with more optimism.

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