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Clinton the choice in PSH survey

Election Survey Results

CHOICE	VOTES	REGISTERED	UNREGISTERED
Bush	22 % (28)	91 % (28.3)	9 % (25.6)
Clinton	33 % (27.3)	92 % (28.2)	8 % (23.5)
Perot	6 % (25.9)	78 % (26)	22 % (25.5)
Undecided	24 % (28)	85 % (27.3)	15 % (21.2)
Write In	1 % (30.5)	50 %	50 %
Not Voting	14 % (23.5)	9 %	91 %

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Bill Clinton leads President Bush by an 11-point margin in a Penn State Harrisburg poll.

The poll, conducted during the week of Sept. 28, collected the upcoming election choices of 260 students and faculty.

The results show Clinton is the major choice with 33 percent, and Bush is trailing behind with 22 percent of the votes.

While filling out the survey, many people complained that there isn't anyone worth voting for. Undecided voters totalled 24 percent, ranking just two percent higher than Bush supporters.

Many people said they think their votes won't make a difference. Fourteen percent of those polled do not plan to vote.

Although Ross Perot had not yet announced his plans to return to the race, he was a choice on the poll and received six percent of the votes.

Approximately three-quarters of the people we surveyed are registered and are planning to vote.

Those people registered to vote tended to be, on the average, older than those not registered.

The presidential debates began Sunday, Oct. 11. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Vote percentages were rounded off to the nearest whole number.

Numbers in parentheses represent the average age of that category.

This survey was given to 260 people. It was passed out in the Lion's Den during different days and times, given to classes and presented to people in the Olmsted halls.

Although this survey was not random or scientific, effort was made to represent all ages, majors and student types.

Professor resigns over contract requirements

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Twice nominated for the James A. Jordan Memorial Award for Teaching, Charles Kern, professor of accounting, turned in his resignation after being told he has to add another class to his schedule.

Kern has been teaching three classes each semester since he started here in 1980, even though his Fixed-term I contract required four.

"It just isn't feasible to take on a fourth," Kern said.

David Hansen, assistant to the associate provost, said that telling Kern to take on another class is an effort by the administration to use the faculty to the fullest extent.

Hansen said that this enforcement of

contract policy would have come eventually.

"The concern to use the budget efficiently has caused this to come to a head sooner," Hansen said.

Kern was not the only professor to feel the effects of the crunch.

All faculty working under a Fixed-term I contract were told that four classes are mandatory, even though they might have been teaching three in the past.

In the school of business administration, there are two other Fixed-term I contract professors. They have taken on the fourth class.

According to the Penn State Faculty Handbook, a Fixed-term I contract is a full-time position for a period of not less than six months. It may be renewed annually.

This contract provides professors with a full-time position without the requirement of research and publication. And their salaries reflect that difference.

Fixed-term I professors earn, on the average, 60 to 70 percent of a tenure-track professor's salary.

Tenure-track professors are required to research and publish new methods and theories in their field of specialization.

Dr. Krishna Dhir, head of the school of business administration, said that research is an important part of the educational system.

"The overriding goal of the business administration department is to provide current, state-of-the-art business methods," Dhir said.

Dhir said that having a Ph.D. and doing research means that a professor knows how to advance his or her specific field.

"Not publishing has a direct effect on the ability of the school to present a quality education," Dhir said.

Kern earned his B.S. and M.B.A. in accounting at University Park.

Since then, he has been a certified public accountant. He runs his own firm in Camp Hill. Many of his employees are Penn State Harrisburg alumni. He also hires two or three PSH interns during tax time.

"I wouldn't have stayed on for eleven years if I didn't like the job," Kern said.

Bush visit to Penn State causes controversy

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Although it's been almost three weeks since Penn State Football Coach Joe Paterno rose the Nittany Lion Banner to welcome President Bush's campaign to PSU, faculty and students are still talking about it.

Throughout the PSH campus, the event has generated almost as much discussion as the campaign itself.

"I thought it was in poor taste," said Carlos Bigles, a junior in accounting. "It

portrayed the university as being pro-Bush, whether or not it was the intention."

"They should have gone a little bit more out of their way to ensure neutrality," he said.

Lawrence Bates, a 1992 PSH graduate and Middletown resident, expressed stronger dissent about the incident.

"As a student who lived through two Republican presidencies--under Bush and Reagan when government funding to state institutions like PSU decreased--I'm disappointed with Paterno," Bates said.

"It seems like a bunch of hype, like the Pepsi deal," he said.

Leaning toward a kinder opinion, SGA President Rick Delgiomo said, "I think it's wonderful that Paterno endorsed Bush, but I don't necessarily agree with the fact that he tagged it with PSU as a whole," he said.

Allan Rossman, a visitor to the PSH campus who lives in Carlisle, said, "I think the coach certainly has a right to endorse whomever he wants, but if he uses the PSU logo, it might be inappropriate."

Faculty members expressed concern

about the misuse of the university's symbols and image, especially considering the performance of the Blue Band in uniform.

"The band and all the symbols of the university were marshalled in support of the campaign," said Louise Hoffman, associate professor of humanities and history and chairperson of the faculty affairs committee.

"I think it was totally inappropriate to

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