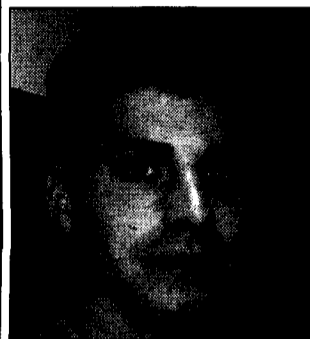


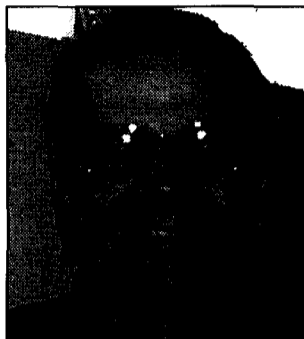
What reforms, if any, need to be made to the presidential voting process?

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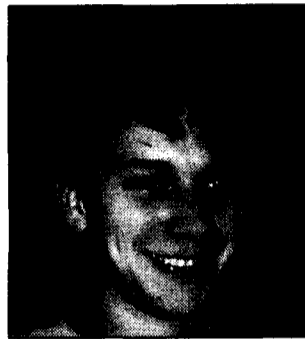
Albert Soror
Finance

"Make one voting booth; more modern and easy to understand."



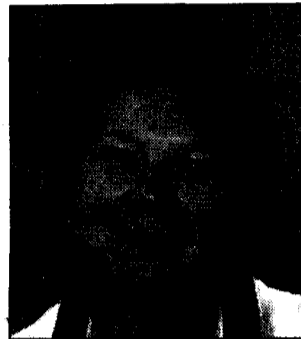
Joe Kosanovic
Secondary Education/Social Studies

"A standardized national ballot should be implemented so that wherever you are in the country, you'll understand the process. This national ballot system should be state-of-the-art to rid our system of antiquated voting machines and ballot systems."



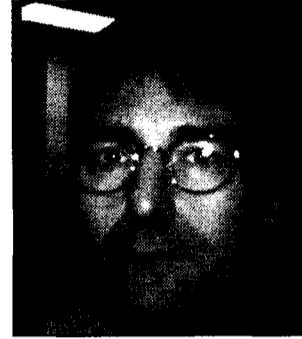
John Miller
Criminal Justice

"Our candidates seem to be spoiled rich kids . . . We need to change that. This is a country of common people, so let's let common people run it."



Katheryn Siegfried
Applied Behavioral Science

"I feel they should still use the electoral college vote. There are always going to be mistakes made in an election, and I feel the count they have at the end of the first count is the count they should go by."



Scott Mehring
Finance

"The Constitution works; leave it alone."



Virginia Henry
Secondary Education/Social Studies

"The Bush side seems to want to push ahead and ignore votes just to get on with things. The Gore side wants to take time to make sure everyone's vote counts and that the candidate the people voted for is elected to office. It seems to me that the Bush side doesn't place much value on every citizen's vote."

National "Indecisive Day"

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Reaction to the non-election varied. Schally felt the recount should continue. "How 'bout if we count until it's the same two times in a row," she quipped. Her classmate Sandhya Prasad disagreed. She felt the "more we recount, the more prone to error" the process would become. Both expressed concern over the ballot mixups in Florida and elsewhere.

The increased interest in the process excites Dr. Carol Nechemias, associate professor of public policy. In a panel dis-

cussion in the Oliver LaGrone Cultural Center Nov. 16, Nechemias, Dr. Robert Bresler, professor of public affairs, Dr. Steven Peterson, professor of politics, and Dr. Jeremy Plant, professor of public administration and public policy, discussed the unusual election and its implications. Nechemias believes the election's close count exposes "dirty little secrets like every vote counts plus or minus a 3 percent error."

Plant agrees with Nechemias that the country will be "cleaning out the cob-

webs" following the problems with this election. He also feels the "clear winner is the American people because the process of voting is more important than the grab for power."

At the same time, Plant feels scrapping the electoral college process should not be done casually. He warned that "Lincoln would have never been elected without it." Plant feels the electoral college helps maintain the two-party system.

Jennifer Boger, graduate student in public administration, worked with Gore's election campaign in Michigan. She feels "disheartened" by the circumstances in Florida. "If there were 19,000 votes thrown out due to double voting, those people should be allowed to vote again," Boger said. At the same time, she thinks Gore should have conceded Nov. 18. Boger feels the Florida situation should be left in the hands of the lawyers for the disenfranchised people. She's afraid that if Gore himself continues to challenge the outcome it will "make the Democrats as a whole look bad."

Regardless of the final outcome, the country has once again been immersed in a media frenzy. During the Nov. 16 discussion, Bresler hoped aloud that "maybe this will be the last blast of the continuous soap opera."

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