

Election outcome rests with you

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From the Gore official website, a viewer can access GoreNet, the Gore campaign for young voters. An e-newsletter, GeneratonW, can be accessed from the Bush campaign website.

Yet both Gore and Bush continue to travel to college campuses as well.

Gore, along with his eldest daughter Karena Gore Schiff, have traveled to many college campuses to hold the Gore campaign "At the Table" discussions. At the discussions, students may voice any questions and concerns they have of issues that pertain to them. Most "At the Table" discussions have focused on the economy, environment, and jobs; many issues which are strong to all candidates.

According to a recent debate with Governor Bush, Gore says education is his first priority. Gore said he intends to modernize schools, create smaller classes, test all new teachers, and create a safe academic environment. Gore intends to create a \$10,000 maximum on college tuition tax credit.

Both Bush and Gore agree to create a new accountability for the school performance, and placing control into local hands.

A current issue, the approval of RU486 (a.k.a. the day-after pill), was also discussed at the debate. Bush said he was disappointed at the FDA's decision. He then followed his explanation with his intention to create a law that will give every person — and born or unborn children — a chance to live.

Gore supports the FDA approval of the drug. Gore said he "trusts women to make the decision which will influence their lives ..."

The larger concern of this campaign is the Supreme Court. There will be four seats for the up-coming President to fill. These positions will be with the appointees until death. The younger generations will have to face these judges for many decades to come.

Bush said he'll appoint "strict constructionists," while Gore will appoint those who believe the "constitution grows with country and history."

Social Security is also an issue that affects the younger generations. With the Baby-Boomer generation heading towards retirement, the Social Security system will see a major decrease in funds that may bankrupt the system unless precaution is taken.

Gore said he intends to balance the budget by 2015, place all interest savings into the Social Security fund, and keep Social Security in a "locked box." Gore also says he will veto anything that comes before him intending to borrow money from the Social Security fund. With his plan, Social Security will be secure for 50 years, he says.

Bush intends to share the government surplus. A \$2.3 trillion surplus has been generated and Bush said he wants to place \$1 trillion of that money into a savings with a better rate of return. The trillion and the interest will be given to the Social Security fund.

Many issues of the presidential campaign will affect the younger generations for decades to come. Yet polls show a low registration amongst the ages of 18-24.

However according to Newsweek, the low registration rates and attendance at past elections does not necessarily mean today's youth are uninformed. Rather, it may be that the government simply does not offer what this newest crop of voters is looking for.

In a recent survey, 64 percent of the Generations X and Y believe the country should have a third major political party.

"If you show enough support, the man in power has to take it into account," commented Isaac Langeland (1st semester, engineering). Isaac said he'll probably vote for Ralph Nadar of the Green Party.

Nadar — and Pat Buchanan of the Reform Party — are vying with Democrats and Republicans for the presidential seat. In polls, neither party shows much chance of winning.

Local students said they believe "identity politics" is a major issue that needs to be addressed. Identity politics, concerning ethnic, gender, religious and sexual orientation, are considered "too messy" for the campaign trail, according to Newsweek.

If you're considering boycotting the election, thinking your vote doesn't count, consider this:

Generations Y and X are larger than the baby-boomers by 10 million. If we vote, we could actually *decide* this election.

For more information on the campaigns, visit the following:

- Democrats: www.algore.com
- Republicans: www.georgewbush.com
- Green Party: www.nadar2000.org
- Reform Party: www.gopatgo2000.com
- For platforms from all candidates, visit www.issues2000.com.

Campus to get new entrance this summer

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of 2001, and should take as little as three weeks.

Dr. Tomezsko said construction will be scheduled so that campus commuters are not inconvenienced, even though lanes on 352 will be temporarily shut down as the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) installs the light.

The entrance will have three lanes and will culminate in a bus loop that runs near the center of campus, almost up to the Commons building.

Costs for the project are expected to be in the area of \$500,000, to be paid entirely by Penn State.

However, Lisa Colwell, of Delco's Business Services, said that the campus is, "hoping to get additional funding from PennDOT" and other federal sources.

Frustrated by the endless waits to make a left onto 352, many students said they were pleased by the news of the new entrance.

However, as with all changes, there are some who object.

"It's a good thing," said Business Major Stephanie Radwell, "but they put a new light near where I live, and it actually caused more accidents because people tried to beat it."

Administrators hope students accept and use the new entrance after construction is complete.

However, as Colwell said, "There is a tendency in people to want to beat traffic lights."

The current entrance will remain open to the public as long as traffic remains fluid, and as Colwell added, "Safety is the number one concern."

News & videos on campus television

By Doris Ruiz
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These days, TV pretty much shapes all of our lives. Just think, how many hours do you sit in front of a TV at home?

Well, now you can watch TV on campus. It's Penn State's new way of making you feel at home.

The College Television Network (CTN) made its premier on campus in August.

The news/entertainment provider airs in more than 1,200 colleges throughout the United States. The programming includes specially produced CNN news and sports, music videos from around the world and localized campus messages all on one channel.

The network features short segments that are updated daily via satellite. Those of you who still remember high school will remember a resembling program called "Channel One." This is a much more advanced version of it.



Photo by CHARLES REED

Students watch the College Television Network in the Lion's Den. The televisions are everywhere around campus and all show a mix of news, features and music videos.

The difference? CTN runs all day.

The News and Features segment broadcasts national news along with spot segments to keep students up with current events.

Global spin provides a short yet thorough look at what's happening internationally. The next segment called 'Wet link' keeps students updated on the nation's latest breaking news.

There are also short segments on sports for those who are waiting for those big scores ...

And the most popular segment — the Music Videos — can be heard

throughout the hallways.

You can find CTN in all of the campus lounges. And although it gets a bit too loud in places like the ever-shrinking lounge in the Main building, some students find it entertaining.

"It's better than no TV at all," said one freshman. "Though it would be better if we could change the channel occasionally."

And unlike the newspaper readership program, CTN affirms its state-of-the-art exclusive programming is of no cost to the college or the student body.

Love/Hate

Mr. SGA President
"Every little thing that you do,
Baby I'm amazed by you ..."
and for that
I love you.

To the guy with the leather
jacket and spiked,
bleached hair, stop
trying to look so cool. It just
isn't working.

To the people who agreed

to pose for photos in the Lion's
Eye, we love you.

To the people who keep
making fun of me and others
like me, I hate you.

And I hope you get to
experience the hate you've
shown to us.

To the student in the plaid jack-
et who held the door for me
when I was overloaded with

books ... Thanks.

To the person who found the
stray cat near Main and took
her home, I love you.

To the guy who tried to look
at my answers, I hate you.
I didn't study for six hours just
so you could cheat.

To the staff who stepped
in and helped calm

an angry situation ... I love
you. And thanks.

To the person who keyed
my car Oct. 3, I hate you.
Get a life.

If you're interested in putting
your love/hate ad in the Lion's
Eye, bring \$2 and your ad to
Room 215 at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday
or Thursday.