



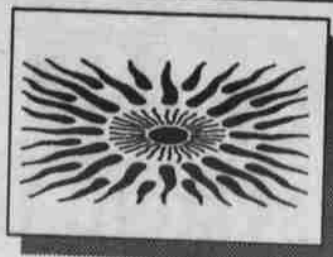
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Clinton holds 17-point lead in student poll

by Thomas Moore
News Editor

Worried students named the economy the most important issue of this election year, according to an informal poll taken by *The Rebel Yell* on Monday.

The poll, which coincided with Democratic vice presidential candidate Al Gore's visit to UNLV, counted 131 out of 301 undergraduate students, (43.5 percent) saying the economy was their biggest concern.

In descending order, the next most important single-word issues to students were: abortion mentioned by 11.9 percent; education, 11.3 percent; foreign policy, 5.6 percent; the environment, 3.9 percent and family values, 2.9 percent.

Domestic issues were mentioned 9.6 percent of the time but were combined with various sub-issues to make this an omnibus category. The remaining miscellaneous responses included gun control and unintelligible responses by a few people who could not choose any one concern.

Although Gore took pride in his label as an environmentalist—

an issue that placed low in this poll—he has no reason to be disheartened. When asked who they would vote for if the presidential election were held today 50.5 percent said they would vote for Democrat Bill Clinton.

President Bush was 17.6 percentage points behind with only 32.9 percent of the responses. The percentages were taken from all respondents and not just the people who said they were registered to vote.

In a population often derided for its lack of awareness and apathy, 235 out of 301 students (78 percent) said they are registered to vote. Only 22 percent of those polled—66 students—said they were not registered.

Of those registered, 46 percent are registered as Republican, 34 percent are registered as Democrats.

While this was an informal poll, and the sample group may not be representative of the general population, it does mirror the loss of the so-called "Reagan Democrats" as predicted by such political pundits as David Gergen in last week's *U.S. News and World Report*.

The poll broke undergraduate students down by class, 31.9 percent of the respondents were juniors, 25.3 percent were freshman, 24.9 percent were sophomores, and 17.9 percent were seniors. The graduate student sample was too small to use.

While changing the breakdown of figures from each class to percentages overstates any trends they indicate, it does present the juniors as the most-registered group. Eighty-one juniors said they were registered and 15 said they were not.

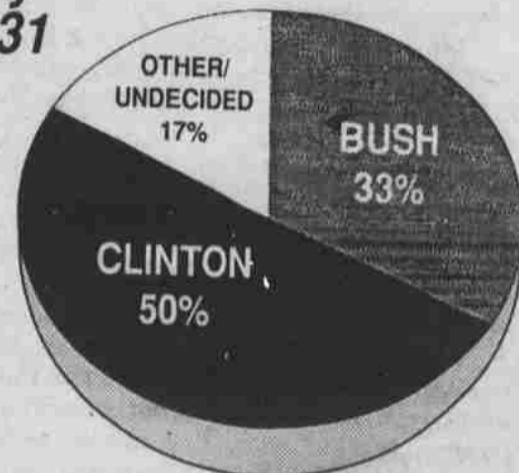
The juniors chose Clinton over Bush by 41 to 36 responses if the election were held that day. Of the 81 registered juniors, 41 said they were registered as Republicans, 28 said they registered as Democrats and 12 as independent.

Sophomores chose Clinton over Bush 49 to 18.

Seniors chose Clinton over Bush 38 to 25.

In the final group, the freshmen class, 38 would vote for Clinton as opposed to 25 for Bush and of the 53 registered, 24 were Republicans, 19 were democrats and 10 were independents.

Survey
Aug. 31



Are you registered to vote?

Yes	235	78%
No	66	22%

Of those registered:

Republican	109	46%
Democrat	80	34%
Other	46	20%

What do you consider the most important issue?

Economy	131	43.5%
Abortion	36	11.9%
Education	34	11.3%
Foreign Policy	17	5.6%
Environment	12	3.9%
Family Values	9	2.9%
Other	62	20.9%

Source: Rebel Yell research

Out-of-county voters face dilemma

by Tonya Lomeo

Election time is upon us, and the vote is a tool which everyone should use. However, UNLV has a number of students who either reside out of state or out of Clark County and therefore cannot use Clark County polls to vote.

There is an answer to the dilemma. According to the absentee ballot department of the Clark County voter's registration, UNLV students have two choices—either send for an absentee ballot from the county in which they reside or claim residency in Clark County and register as a voter.

Although it is too late to send an absentee ballot for Tuesday's primary elections, there is still time left for the general election ballots to reach UNLV students.

Most election departments prefer to send their absentee ballots 40 days prior to the election to allow for review and return time. However, most will send ballots as late as two weeks beforehand. Usually, the deadline to return absentee ballots is one week prior to the election.

If you are a student attending UNLV and would like to register as a voter in

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Bang the drum slowly



photo by Rob Wasserman

The UNLV Marching Band drum line rehearses during the early morning hours near the Lady Rebel softball field.