

# Nixon Wins Student Election Poll by A (Big) Nose

by Barb Dzikowski

With numerous campaign promises clearly in our midst, and November 7, Election Day, quickly approaching, a small group of random LaSalle students were questioned to determine their political preferences.

Out of the 136 students surveyed 63 were seniors, and 73 were sophomores. The idea was to find out if much difference existed between the two separate factions of the student body, considering that seniors are near or have already reached the voting age.

Because "he's done a good job so far," President Richard Nixon won a 64% majority of the presidential votes. The major complaint made about Nixon's opponent, Senator George S. McGovern, who received 29%, was that "he changed his mind too often."

68% of the total seniors questioned favored Nixon, 19% chose McGovern, and 2% were undecided.

Paralleling with the senior vote 60% of the sophomores wanted to see Nixon re-elected, 29% favored McGovern, and 10% were un-

decided. The remaining 1% thought that Congressman John Brademas was the best man for the Presidency

Of those who favored Nixon, some of the following reasons were cited: "He knows what he's doing," "I trust Nixon," "His ideas are more concrete," and "so he can finish his plans about Viet Nam." One student stated it bluntly, giving his reason as, "He ain't two-faced."

Among reasons for supporting McGovern were: "He is determined to end the war, restructure

economy, and he is responsive to wishes of the progressive movement," "He is much more human, not a typical politician," and "I'd like to see a new person as President." Another student stated that McGovern "isn't as tricky as Dicky is."

Still another student opinion, concise if cynical, was "To be frank, it's not really much of a choice."

Out of the two congressional candidates, incumbent Democratic John Brademas and Republican

Don Newman, Brademas won a substantial majority in both classes. 79% of the seniors favored Brademas to 17% supporting Newman. The sophomores that were surveyed chose Brademas by 75%, compared to Newman's 14%. The remaining percentages were undecided.

In the race for governor, the vote was much closer. 49% of the seniors wanted to see Republican Otis Bowen as their governor, and 43% favored Democratic Matthew Welsh. The sophomores were a bit more reluctant in this category, one sophomore admitting that "I never even heard of them." Thus, 14% were undecided, 49% supported Bowen, and 37% wanted Welsh.

But along with the more concrete reasons for favoring a candidate, physical appearance always manages to creep into the race somehow. One student favors Nixon because "I like his nose." But George McGovern need not worry on that basis, for, as another student commented, "he has better looking ears."

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## All-State Orchestra at Butler Welcomes Faye Purucker

Friday the 13th turned out to be senior Faye Purucker's luckiest day. She received a letter informing her that she had been selected to perform in the 1972

Indiana All State Symphony Orchestra.

Chosen from six state-wide flute finalists because of her mature tone quality, Faye will travel to Indianapolis November 2 and 3 for rehearsals and a concert at Clowes Hall at Butler University. The program will include music (to those of us who are unclutured this means "hard" stuff) from "Outdoor Overture" by Aaron Copeland, "A Night On Bald Mountain" by Moussorgsky and the Third Movement from Hanson's Symphony 2.

With the help of Orchestra teacher Mr. Zeal Fisher, LaSalle's Pied Piper sent in a tape of two octave chromatic scales, excerpts from exercises and a solo, September 26.

Faye decided to enter the contest after she read an article about a girl who played an instrument in the All State Symphony—to Faye, the experience is a great honor.



## Junior Class Officers Begin Duties



Junior class officers from left, Patti Gremboweiz, Vic Berry, Judy Hans. Back row from left Karen Ross, and Pat Beecher.

"I feel that I can do a better job," says newly-elected president of the junior class, Pat Beecher. He is beginning his first year as class officer, and holds high hopes of planning a worthwhile class prom as his major goal. Pat also speaks of raising "lots of money" for his class, mostly in the traditional ways, such as candy sales and car washes.

Also heading the junior class this year are Judy Hans, vice-president; Karen Ross, secretary; Vic Berry, treasurer; and Patti Grembowicz will serve as chairman of the Executive Board.

Junior class sponsors for the 1972-73 school year are Mrs. Katherine Dooley and Mr. William Robinson. "Each of the candidates running for office worked very hard," comments Mrs. Dooley.

## 'Boy Wanted' Back Stage

### Game Room Focus of Crew's Efforts

The LaSalle Drama Club's first production of the 1972-73 season "Boy Wanted," will climax weeks of preparation by hard working Drama Club members.

The play, a comedy revolving around three college sorority girls, will be performed November 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m. Eileen Lake, Nita Hollis, and Melissa Gard appear in the 3 female roles and a few changes have been made in the original casting.

"Everything must work like a clock," says Drama Club sponsor,

Mr. Jerry Stover, referring to the numerous jobs that are performed in preparation for any successful play.

Among these jobs, comes the incredible task of designing the set realistically. Mr. Stover has never used any designs except his own, and says that a great deal of "imagination" is needed before anything is actually prepared.

The stage crew works diligently, from 60-80 hours for each play. This particular set, which is to be done in wicker furniture, will focus

upon a game meeting room in a sorority house.

All the "behind-the-scenes" workers are equally responsible for the success of any play. Costuming, make-up, props, publicity, lights, and sound effects are being perfected by thirty to forty students.

Tickets for "Boy Wanted," which are not yet on sale, will be available in advance for 75¢ or \$1.00 at the door.

## Choir Joins RFK Jr. in Dedication of New School

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will be on hand to dedicate the new Kennedy School, named for his late uncle, John F. Kennedy.

On October 29, the LaSalle High School Choir will present the musical Portion of the dedicational program of the John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

The program will start at 3 p.m. Afterwards, the school will be open to the public for a tour until 5:30 p.m. The visitors will be able to see clay busts of J.F.K. and Martin Luther King, as well as the school planetarium.

The Kennedy School choir will sing "Power and Glory," and the two choirs plan to sing "Oh My Soul Bless God The Father" together.

# SOCIETY IS NOT TO BLAME

The following guest editorial is written by Dr. Francisco Aguero, the Cuban-born Spanish teacher, in reply to last issue's editorial.

The editorial in your last issue was a very good one. The commentaries in the article are very important, but I think today's society is not to be blamed with all the responsibility.

Society is composed of men and we men shall be responsible for our decisions. What you said in your article about all students wanting to go to college, I found to be very true. But not all men are born with the same abilities and capacities, and just the ones who really know they can do the job should go to college. Not because "John" is in college, should "I" be in college also.

You have to ask yourself "Am I able economically and academically, and can I fulfill such responsibilities?" or "Do I want to go to college because my friends are going to college?"

If you answered "yes" in the first case, and your answer is honest and sincere then you should go on to college, with satisfaction knowing that you're there for the right reasons. If you answered "yes" to the second question, then you should definitely NOT enter college.

But money is not the only thing that is necessary. I have found that most students are going to college to gain "responsibility" and because they "know exactly what they want to do" with their lives.

But many times a college-bound student will act a bit "self-defeating" in money cases. Because of the excess hours devoted to a job, the student may tend to neglect his school-work, all the while hindering his chances of gaining entrance to the college education toward which he is working so hard.

# OPEN FORUM

*Editor's Note: We welcome comments and complaints from administration, personnel, parents and students in the "Open Forum" column and we assure you that all letters will be read.*

*Material will be published according to available space and our judgement of its relevance. If you wish your letter to remain anonymous, please indicate this. We do, however, ask that all letters be signed so that the editors know who they are from.*

## HOMECOMING QUERIES

### ANSWERED

"What is a Homecoming? Should it be called a homecoming? What does a Homecoming court represent?"

The Explorer Staff has asked me as a semi-official speaker for Student Gov't to respond to several questions that have come up concerning the Homecoming.

A Homecoming is defined as a gathering or social affair where graduated Alumni (or people that have left a given place) return home. This brings to mind the question of who comes home when the LaSalle student body has a homecoming. Really, no one comes home. Anyone can go to the game but the dance is limited to a one student-one guest basis. So the idea of alumni returning home takes wings and flies out the friendly doors of LaSalle High.

What does a Homecoming court represent? Is it a beauty or academic contest, or is it popularity? Through the years at LaSalle it has represented mostly popularity

and in some instances beauty.

Another question posed is why were one half of the girls chosen for fall court from Student Gov't? Fixed election? If so I think we should question who is elected to Student Gov't and for what reasons. Is it because they are "kinda cute" or they might get something done? After all one does not campaign for court and tell his goals as one could do for Student Gov't.

Fault lies largely with the student body who votes for popularity and cuteness when voting for representatives. If this large portion of the student body who questions the representation in both the Student Gov't and the court would separate the two when voting, it would bring about a noticeable change.

If Student Gov't representatives were voted on for ability and enthusiasm, and court voted for beauty, popularity or what ever it is these girls are supposed to represent, the conflict over these "same" girls holding too many positions and the feelings of nonqualification would be dissolved.

A separation of this type would possibly bring unity between the Student Gov't and the student body whom they represent. When this much conflict exists between elected representation and the body which they represent, it's time to look over the situation. Let's not put the blame on Student Gov't or the girls within the Student Gov't who made court; after all they didn't vote themselves into office or court. It was the student body (by majority vote) who voted these "same" people into various positions. For a change to take place it's up to the student body to change this familiar pattern.

Bygone are the days when we

must (or should) sit back and let others make decisions for us, and fool us out of us. Think about it.

Diane Newburn

## SOUND-OFF ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Who are your student leaders? Are they the class officers? The Student Government? By the attitudes of some young people I have come across, it is my belief that some of the students look to youth that have very outspoken ideas and beliefs.

Contrary to popular opinion, however, these are not your student leaders. How much have these young people done for our school other than criticize? They sway the student' attitudes and ideas to the point where the young people look to them for leadership and not to the Student Government of Administration, where they should go. The students also look to these outspoken young men and women for attitudes that are not positive but critical of the school and "representative bodies" of the school.

It's easy to sit down for five minutes and write a third grade analysis of the school and Student Government, but it takes long hours of hard work and disappointments to get something constructive done. Now ask yourselves, are you going to look to a student who uses his mouth to get his ideas across, or are you going to follow a student who uses his mind, energy and time to represent the student body? Use this as a basis for your decision. Then decide who really represents you.

Steve Donovan

# 1972 B.C.

by Shirley Waller

Under the spirited leadership of Mrs. Leona Johnston, this year's Booster Club is really on the go!

Mrs. Johnston said that several projects are being planned, many of which are already in effect. For example, the sale of football programs. Also, in the latter part of October, members of the Booster Club are planning to decorate the Lockers of all Senior athletes that have participated in fall sports.

Because of the great interest and participation in the Booster Club membership drive, a LaSalle dream will soon become a reality. A new lion mascot outfit has been ordered and will be shipped in November. Mrs. Johnston added happily, "So we'll have it in time for the first basketball game!"

In addition, Mrs. Johnston also pledged the continued support of the Booster Club to all sports activities. She indicated that plans for a special fund-raising project are already being worked out. In regards to this "mysterious" project, Mrs. Johnston said, "We expect to announce it in the near future."



Vic Yeandel

Since the sophomores are about to vote for the candidates of their choice, according to popular opinion we should perhaps omit all elections and proceed with a popularity and beauty contest.

The first thing that sophomores should do is to look over the list of candidates. If a friend of theirs is on the list, no more needs to be said. If by any chance the candidates are unknown to the sophomores, they should look at every poster in the building, count them to see which candidate has the most, and grade each poster. The candidates with the most appealing posters will, of course, win.

If speeches are held this year, sophomores should pay special attention to them. They should listen to the candidate who stutters the least, as well as notice who is the best dressed.

If the sophomores still do not know any of the candidates, and they've counted and graded all the posters, and observed their clothes--and still cannot make up their minds, I recommend voting for the candidate who is most qualified.

## PERSONALITY STUDY

# STEPHEN STILLS TO VISIT ACC

by Barb Dzikowski

At the famous Woodstock Festival in 1969, a relatively new group called Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young made their second appearance in front of a live audience. Although it was a new group, its members were already widely accepted into the rock-music field.

Each of them had previously been members in other prominent rock groups. Graham Nash came from the Hollies, David Crosby had previously been with the Byrds, and Stephen Stills had originally been with a group called the Buffalo Springfield. Neil Young who joined the group after their first album was completed, was also a former member of the Buffalo Springfield.

After quitting their respective groups, they combined their talents and thus created the dynamic sound of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. "We're just four lads who get together from time to time to make records or do stage shows," comments Graham Nash.

The combination was an immediate success because of its somewhat new sound. Much of the

music of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young was emphasized by acoustic guitars and vocal harmonies, bringing a touch of folk music into the rock dominated scene of the late 1960.

Among their greatest hits was "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," written by Stephen Stills. Now, however the group rarely performs as a whole, although from time to time two or three of them will get together to do duets or trio acts.

Because of this loose arrangement, they have much time to devote to individual work. Stills has recorded several solo albums, and among his more successful songs are "Marianne" and "Love the one you're With."

Tonight Stills will be appearing at the A.C.C. along with Manessa. With the prestige gained from his past laurels as a rock performer, along with the musical experience he has gained from them, the show will most certainly have a professional's quality, and prove to be quite worthwhile.

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# The Mystery of Halloween Still Enjoyed by Students

by Rosemary Marnocha

At least one night a year is sanctified as the realm of macabre—that sensually weird twilight-world on the other side of the mind that we call Halloween.

For most of us now, Halloween has lost its childhood “trick-or-treat” spookiness, or pre-teen prankishness, but there is still a bit of ghoulish relevance left. And that element is the element of horror, that once-in-awhile desire to terrify ourselves, of for the more psychic of us, probe into the subconscious worlds of the occult, witchcraft, dreams, and sixth senses.

A variety of outlets exist for our self-frightening urges as well as inlets for our mystic moods. On the cinema scene are the old stand-bys of “Creature Feature” “Night Gallery,” and the recent phenomena of horror films in

which masses of animals attack humans, for example, “Willard,” “Stanley,” and “Frogs.” Then, there are book-films such as Rosemary’s Baby, Mephisto Waltz, and Methusela Enzyme (by the same author incidentally).

Psychic games such as séances, oui ja boards, and “Kresgins ESP” also exist. Moreover, in recent years, there has been boom interest in tarot card reading, palmistry, white-witchcraft, The Devil’s bible, horoscopes, and reincarnation. Eastern philosophies such as Yoga, Zen, and Ying-Yang are in vogue. (Hmm, but whatever happened to faith healing, voodoo, and zombies?)

One needn’t look far though for psychic stimulation. Courses such as Mystery and Suspense or Identity are quite satisfying. And, of course, Mr. Fuchs, an authority on vampires and werewolves, would

be glad to oblige in a fiendish chat! So as the fateful date of October 31st approaches, let us rise together in our continual search for psychic stimulation and delve down into the depths of Halloween macabre. Happy Halloween!

## NOTE

No School Next  
Thursday - Friday. . .



## Woeful Expressions Accompany PSAT

by Anne Jankowski

Glance around LaSalle’s halls today. The seniors are walking about with joyful smirks on their faces. Why?

Of the choices given below, select one (and only one) answer which most correctly expresses the reason for this phenomenon.

A. They just tortured a sophomore by stuffing him full of cafeteria goodies.

B. Tomorrow lucky juniors take the magnificent PSAT which so many seniors know and love.

C. They just let the air out of the principal’s tires.

D. None of the above.

Although A is a direct possibility, the word tortured, according to cooks, rules out this choice as correct. This leaves 3 answers, of which B is the most nearly correct.

While college bound juniors carry their little red PSAT booklets to their classes, sneaking peaks at the most interesting (?) exam-

ples given, other classmates delight at their worried expressions.

There are many different methods used in preparation for this PSAT. Some students cram by studying Webster’s from cover to cover, taking speed-reading courses and going through old Algebra books; while others sit biting their nails. Still others take the sensible approach to the whole matter. They forget about it until 8:00 in the morning of test day, tomorrow.

But after all these preparations, one question lingers in the minds of these conscientious juniors. “Why, oh why, so early on Saturday morning?” The only reasonable explanation for this is that, through their observations, the College Entrance Examination Board found that more students hang around LaSalle on weekends than any other time.

But, Juniors take comfort, for as time passes the sophomores will

be the ones who carry pamphlets and set alarms for early one Saturday, while your snickers can be heard echoing throughout the halls.



Visits by college representatives scheduled for the near future are:

- October 30—Michiana College of Commerce
- October 31—Memorial Hospital School of Nursing
- November 1—Aquinas College, Grand Rapids
- November 6—DeBry Institute of Technology, Chicago
- November 7—Indiana University, Bloomington and South Bend
- November 7—Bethel College, Mishawaka
- November 7—Marian College of Indianapolis
- November 8—St. Mary’s of the Woods
- November 9—Tri-State College, Angola

All seniors who plan to enter college this fall, must register for the SAT on November 4. The cost is \$6.50 and registration forms are available in the guidance office.

ATTENTION JUNIORS:

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# LIONS LOCK PENN IN THE NIVC CELLAR

The LaSalle Lions pleased the homecoming crowd and the LaSalle players' parents by destroying Penn, 41-20, on a cold day, which held a heart warming ending. Senior Dan Grundy led LaSalle,

scoring 3 touchdowns, blasting the Kingsmen defense by both his running and pass reception.

LaSalle scored first as Junior Tom Wilhelm pulled in a Bob Pinkert pass, that covered 19 yards, to

give the Lions the lead. Penn tried to quick keck but the attempt backfired as the snap was fumbled and defensive end John Dawson recovered for LaSalle. On the next play, Dazzeling Dan Grundy ran 28 yards to give LaSalle a 12-0 first quarter lead.

LaSalle was not the only one to gain a touchdown on an opponent fumble. The Lions fumbled, turning the ball over to Penn, who promptly took advantage to add 6 points to their side of the scoreboard.

Dan did his thing again, this time on an off-tackle run, out racing the Penn defensive backfield on his way to his 2nd score. Bob Pinkert added one of two P.A.T.'s.

The kick-off that followed was

only a meer 16 yards and was covered by LaSalle. Now LaSalle had another chance to add to the Penn downfall. Grundy struck once more this time with the help of Bob Pinkert, who tossed Dan a 33 yard touchdown bomb. Pinkert added the P.A.T. and LaSalle closed the half leading 28-6.

Penn kicked off to the Lions to open the second half. Once more the Lions took advantage of the gift, capping the drive with Bob Pinkert dashing 33 yards for the score.

Penn, now out of the game, desperately fought back passing for a touchdown plus adding a 2 point P.A.T. Now LaSalle lead 34-14.

LaSalle's next drive was almost

killed but a roughing the punter penalty by Penn gave LaSalle a second chance and the Lions took advantage, tearing up the Kingsmen defense with Lennie Werner adding the cherry to the topping in the form of a 6 yard touchdown run.

Penn passed from their shot gun offense for another touchdown but the cause was lost 41-20.

Though marred by 7 fumbles, LaSalle held strong, only breaking three times (a great deal usually but Penn broke 6 times). Tonite LaSalle will be tested as the Colonials (the north of the toll road) host the Lions at Clay Field.



Bob Pinkert rams into the endzone for one of LaSalle's TD's in the Penn game Friday.

## Tigers Slip Wheel from Lions Paw

On a luck-less Friday the 13th, the LaSalle Lions were defeated in a hare fought battle against Jackson, 17-15. The loss cost LaSalle the wheel.

LaSalle scored early in the first quarter on a 37 yard run by sophomore Steve Rodick. Todd Ehninger kicked the P.A.T., giving LaSalle a 7-0 lead which held up all through the first half.

The third quarter brought Jackson into the game with a touchdown, and then a field goal. By the end of 3 quarters of play, LaSalle had slacked off to 10-7.

The fourth quarter was action-filled as Jackson scored once more to gain a 17-7 advantage. The Lions fought back, Senior Bob Pinkert lead the Lions to the one yard line where he went over to make the score 17-13. The Lions went for the 2 point conversion, Steve Rodick got the call and made it into the endzone.

The final quarter put everyone on the edge of their seat. With minutes remaining, Jackson was forced to punt. The punt was bad and LaSalle had the ball near midfield just out of winning field

goal range. But on the first play Jackson intercepted a Bob Pinkert pass, sealing the LaSalle doom.

Even though LaSalle out ran the Tigers, 334 yards to 220, the score is what tells the toll.

This loss was really a doubled loss, one in the field, the other in the trophy case. This wheel symbolized the rivalry between Jackson and LaSalle since the schools began. Never won by a team two consecutive years, LaSalle held the wheel for two straight years, due to the 1971 tie and the win the year before.

This year the wheel stored in a back room, received little attention. Now Jackson can view it!



Faces are changing at the girl's volleyball games. Two varsity teams, cross country and swimming, lens their efforts to boost the spirit of the spectators, as well as those of team in action.

## Man Of The Month

by Valton Cummings

## Bob Jones: Reflection On A Friend

The Man of The Month is a column created to bring out the men behind the scenes of LaSalle's athletic program.

Bob Jones is the ex-athletic director fo South Bend. He recently retired form the job and is now vacationing with his wife down in Mobile, Ala. Our principle, Mr. Hafner, was asked about his feelings towards Bob Jones.

"I consider Bob Jones my closest friend, player, coach, administrator, and teacher. I give my greatest respect to Jones."

Bob Jones was an outstanding high school and college athlete. In 1934, he played pro football for the Packers and after leaving them in 1935, he became coach at Central. He was also admired because he never forgot the names or faces of his players, and he was always willing to help them.

"In 1963," continued Mr. Hafner "he became Athletic Director of South Bend. During this time, he helped initiate the start of junior high wrestling; Jones got the annual football jamboree started, and he got the basketball

holiday tournament underway at the A.C.C."

In addition, Jones helped build the total athletic program of South Bend, and coached several state champion football teams. Alot of his ex-players are coaches of South Bend schools, and these coaches received classroom instructions from him. Mr. Hafner said that all people "would have some kind of relationship with a man of his caliber," for he was always willing to talk to people.

Coach Ross Stephenson met Jones during World War II, when they were stationed in Europe. After the war was over, Jones was a major. Around 1946, Bob Jones stayed in the reserves and became a full colonel.

"I didn't know him personally until after the war," Coach Stephenson said. He is from Wabash, Indiana where he was an all-state

football player. In 1934, he played in the college all-star game; that same year he joined the Packers.

During his time as Athletic Director of South Bend, a new system of financing was inaugurated including the jamboree and the tournaments, and just last year

He was also able to provide a complete coaching staff with additional assistant coaches for all freshman sports.

"In the 15 years I was with him, I was his backfield coach for 10 of those years. I felt fine working for him. And our relationship turned out to be excellent," commented Stephenson seriously.

Jones waved good-bye to a capacity crowd of 7,000 fans at the jamboree this September. Ron Bella is now Athletic Director of South Bend.

## X-MEN RETAIN WINNING TRADITION

by Larry Gooden

Coach Lenny Rzeszewski savored the sweet taste of victory as his x-men came through by winning the city meet.

Theoretically, Jackson, the conference champion, was to dominate the city meet, but Lior runners proved them wrong, snatching the title away from Jackson and last years' winner, Clay.

Even so, this was no easy victory for LaSalle as Lions won it with 56 points and Jackson third with 58.

Coach Rzeszewski deemed this as the closest race for the city crown he has ever known.

Placing for the Lions were Bob Bratton 6th, Kenneth Hale 9th, Mike Ghyselink 11th, Ric Cass 14th, and John Grezgorek 15th. Grezgorek and Cass passed up two Jackson and Clay runners to make

the victory possible. Also, key men in the victory were the two pushers, Steve (Butch) Scruggs and Harry Taylor.

The cross-country team had compiled some very interesting statistics in its 7 year history. The team, according to Rzeszewski, has won one sectional Championship, three city titles, and two conference championships. Thus giving trail record of 40 wins and 13 losses. Its conference records total at 22 wins and 8 losses. The cross-country team, believe it or not, ranks with LaSalle two major teams, wrestling and basketball, in the field of accomplishments.

The X-men did have a big disappointment, by failing for the first time in LaSalle history to qualify the team for the regionals.

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