Neirad Poll Reveals 65% For Nixon

RESULTS OF THE NEIRAD PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL

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McLoughlin Thinks Economy Prime Issue of 72

By Sandy Ward

James McLoughlin, Democratic candidate for the fourth Congressional district, spoke to a group of students and faculty at Darien High, Friday, October third.

McLoughlin is in the middle of a walking tour from Byram to Bridgeport on the Post Road because, "I believe in getting out and talking to people and, lacking dollar power, I'm using foot power."

He said that he thinks that the overriding issue in this year's campaign is the state of the economy.

In Bridgeport, unemployment is up to 8%, but this figure is misleading, he remarked, because it also includes Enston, Fairfield and Monroe. Bridgeport proper is probably closer to 18.7% while in the ghetto it is probably as high as 30%. He said that the high cost of living is a crime and that the government should concentrate on getting the money to the people so that the internal economy could flourish.

He feels that the biggest hold-up on things to be done in the war. He said that the time is long past that we can police the world and we should turn our energies to make the country strong. To make a good country would do more to fight communism than wars, he added.

He also believes that the important issues of '72 are housing, especially in the cities, and ecology, especially the cleaning up of Long Island Sound. He said that the time for doing it is now. He urged everyone to get involved in government and to vote.

He was then asked how he feels on the POW issue. He said that he didn't think that the bombing is working and that we should stop it and get the troops home. He said that it's about time to start trusting people again. "Let's sit down and talk". That's the only way that we're going to get the prisoners home, he added.

When asked what he thinks about the legalization of marijuana he said "I'm not really for it." He believes that it has all come up so recently that we know so little about it. It isn't a good thing and it isn't good for society, he remarked. But he does feel that the penalties for possession should be reduced.

Busing, he feels, isn't an end, but a tool, a method to be used to bring about quality education. He is not for forced busing all over the map.

When asked when we will be able to walk the streets safely he replied "probably never." He feels that there are a lot of causes of crime, especially in poor areas. He believes that these areas can be relived, but certainly not over night.

He said that he supports George McGovern for the presidency because he feels that he will make a better president than Richard Nixon. He said that Nixon doesn't provide the leadership the country needs and that McGovern will. He feels that McGovern does have a chance because the polls can't be relied upon. He thinks that it is curious that in his walk along the Post Road, he has yet to meet a single person who has been polls.

"Big Jim" (as he is known to his fellow Democrats) has been twice elected alderman of Bridgeport and four times a state representative. He was elected Assistant Majority Leader by his fellow Democrats in the house. The former Governor Dempsey appointed him to the 1969-'70 Revenue task force. McLoughlin sponsored the bill to create Connecticut's Student Education Loan Fund.

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By Roger Horine

In a telephone poll conducted on October third, fourth, and fifth of 295 D.H.S. students, 65% favored Nixon, 24% McGovern, and 11% either abstained, wanted someone else, or were undecided. This represents the preferences of one-fourth of the student body. Balloting was done through a random sampling of the homerooms.

The poll also netted figures for the races for Congressman in Connecticut's fourth Congressional district. The choice was between the incumbent, Stewart McKinney (R), who received 63% of the vote, and James McLoughlin (D), who received 31%. 31% were undecided.

As can be seen in the table, Mr. Nixon ran well ahead in all classes, receiving a solid majority of votes cast. It is worth noting, however, the differences between the classes. Among the seniors, 74% were for Nixon, where 56% of the juniors endorsed him. There were almost three times as many people undecided among the juniors as in the senior group. The sophomores were between the two extremes of the juniors and seniors in all the figures for the Presidential choice.

If the seniors were overwhelmingly Republican in their choice for the President, such was definitely not the case in Congressional poll. McKinney didn't get a majority among the seniors, but fully 89% of the sophomores voted for him.

James McLoughlin is the "dark horse" in this campaign, and this may be a factor in his poor showing in the lower grades. With 7% of the seniors indicating that they would be voting in the national elections on November 7, they are the most likely to gather information on all of the candidates; they, therefore, are possibly more apt to vote for any of the lesser known nominees than the younger counterparts. The sophomores, having heard badly of McKinney, might be more likely to vote for the one-name (perhaps the only name) they have heard most.

Among the 11% undecided in the Presidential preference, write-in votes were cast for such notables as Ted Kennedy, George Wallace, Archie Busker, and Mickey Mouse. One ballot indicated a Mouse-Agnew ticket.

Theater 308 To Open With 'The Skin Of Our Teeth'

By Margaret Martin

Rehearsals for Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth," a production by Theater 308, are underway. The play is to be performed November 17 and 18.

The play was chosen by a 308 committee which considered a dozen or so other possible titles. Mr. Richard Searles, the director, is enthusiastic about the choice and is looking forward to the performance. He described the play as a "philosophical comedy" dealing with three problems men face in his struggle for survival: natural hazards, moral disorder, and his tendency toward self-destruction in war.

The play centers around a typical American family, the Antrobuses, with Chris Kroeger as Mr. Antrobus, Sarah Scholtz, as his wife, and John Cannon and Alison Widman as his two children. Kathy Kinnamon plays the ambitious and beautiful Sabina.

Cast of Theater 308's "The Skin Of Our Teeth" in preliminary rehearsals. Left to Right: Mr. Searles, Alison Widmann, Sarah Scholtz, and Chris Kroeger.
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OPEN CAMPUS

One of the main reasons that we don't have an open campus, stated by the administrators and the Open Campus Study Committee, is that our parents don't want us to have it. Some of our parents don't want us to have it because they think that we will be cutting classes, coming late, and generally not doing what we are supposed to be doing. Yet, the new attendance policy makes it impossible to cut class without drastic consequences, and even teacher is supposed to deal harshly with tardiness. So now the parents really have nothing to fear. Right?

Chances are that they won't see it that way, but even if a few of them don't, the privilege of open campus should not be denied to those whose parents are in favor of more student freedom. After all, the school's authority is derived from the parents.

The school is legally responsible for us during the regular school day, and it takes parents' permission to release the school from that responsibility. The simple answer to this problem is for the administration to require the parents to give permission for their "child" to leave school whenever he or she so desires (only during a free period). The school could then issue cards, similar to those sold as student cards that admit you to football games, to all students with parental clearance. These cards would bear the student's name and signature. The student would be required to have the card on him whenever he leaves the campus, much the same as his driver's license.

With this plan the students would have their freedom, the parents would retain control, and the school would become more responsive to the needs of the school community.

The Idealist

Dear Comrades,

Though we be oppressed by our very brethren, we must find strength to break the chains that bind us to the regimes of our predecessors. The idealistic nature of our autonomous keepers has now manifested itself in a new policy of fascist conformismo. We cannot but bear the thought of it's terrible consequences. But we must have courage to face the future. For the time is near when we shall once again enjoy the strength of freedom it was with our fathers. Freedom with power, the power to control our destinies. And this be not a shallow power inspired by our oppressors, aided by our complacency, not just an exercise in parasoverignty. This is the beginning of the revolution, and the consummation of our dreams. I will keep faith. I, sincerely, your friend always the Idealist

John Hession

Mr. Coulombe Defends
New DHS Cut Policy

By Mr. Gerard Coulombe

Roger Horine believes that the new attendance policy comes as "a giant step backwards" at a time when the school is in education is toward more freedom. It does not seem to follow, Roger, that a policy which allows the student more freedom than he has had in previous years when cuts were not allowed as a matter of policy, when the ultimate consequence was not failing a course but being asked to withdraw from school.

You would have your readers believe that the sum of the days preceding and following vacation plus free days equal the days of the school year, and therefore, equal to zero cut days. A good trick. We do distinguish between a necessary family trip or vacation and one that a student decides to take with or without the approval of the parents. The first is excused absence, the second is unexcused. Both however, count as part of the 20% absences.

In true, Roger. We have a closed campus. But open end this year for students who have unscheduled time at home instead of unscheduled work. There is record keeping. Parents and guardians are notified of free and illegal cuts. Parents and students have a right to know where they stand in relation to the cut policy and its application.

Your article concerns what you call a common practice of extending homebound instruction. This year's application of illness, or should there be frequent absences.

It starts at 7:00 o'clock, the 80% attendance rule for credit in the days of the school year. What you speak of "as attendance policy does give the student the chance to take one or more of the days off which he chooses to do so. The 20% rule is a step backwards" at a time when the many students would failing a course but being asked to withdraw from school.

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Viewpoint

AN INTERVIEW WITH COACH BATTINO

"Physical education is playing a significant role in the overall health and well-being of our society. It is essential for our students to understand the importance of exercise and to incorporate it into their daily lives."

"Physical education lessons are designed to help students develop physical and mental skills, promote self-confidence, and encourage a healthy lifestyle."
Record Review

JOHN MAYALL--U.S.A. UNION

For those people who love the blues and the late John Mayall, (not that any of us are gremlins), this is an album that you must get. It's one of the series that John put out that did not use drums or any other type of "heavy" percussion. On this album John is backed up by a violin player named Sugarcane Harris, a very excellent bassist Larry Taylor, and a smooth jazz guitarist by the name of Harvey Mandel. All of the songs are written by John Mayall and sung by John Mayall and... the art is John Mayall's and just about everything is his except for the musicians who are all American. It's the first time Mayall ever worked with an all American band and it's pretty good.

18-Year Majority Provides Opportunities and Pitfalls

by Chris Krupa

It's a typical Friday night in Port Chester, New York. The bars and clubs are packed with teenagers. There is one difference between now and the past, however. There aren't so many Connecticut teens down from the border line towns. Why?

"Except as otherwise provided by statute, on and after the effective date of this act, the terms 'minor', 'infant', and 'infancy', shall be deemed to refer to a person under the age of eighteen years and any person eighteen years of age or older shall be an adult for all purposes whatsoever and have the same legal capacity, rights, powers, privileges, duties, liabilities and responsibilities as persons heretofore had at twenty-one years of age, and age of majority, shall be deemed to be eighteen years of age.

That's what happened in Connecticut on October 1, 1972. The law changing the age of majority to eighteen went into effect. So now, instead of having to go to New York for a beer or two on a Friday or Saturday night, a person eighteen can go to one of the numerous bars in the greater Stamford area.

If one is under the age of eighteen and wishes to drink, he may encounter serious difficulties here, however. In order to purchase alcoholic beverages in the state of Connecticut an eighteen year old must possess a majority card, which is obtained from the town hall for one dollar and a one-by-one map shot along with a birth certificate. According to reports from some Connecticut teenagers it's next to impossible to get into a bar in this state without a card.

Of course, that is not the only aspect of the law that affects the eighteen-year-old in Connecticut, although in many minds it is the most important. Let's look at some of the other effects:

The law lowers the right to own property to the age of eighteen. Many parents have refused to buy their son or daughter a car saying that they would have to wait until they were twenty-one and they could sign for it themselves. Now at the age of eighteen one can go to any automobile dealer and buy a car for either cash or on credit. Without the parents' signature. And if one does buy that car and has no license, he can go down to the Motor Vehicles Department in Stamford and get one--"That too without a parent's signature.

Any eighteen-year-olds planning to escape to New York to get hitched? Why go to New York when you can get married right here in Connecticut without your parent's consent? How about a loan to get that marriage off the ground and going right? Go ahead. Just head for the bank and start the procedures. Of course you'll better take someone along that has credit in the bank or you may be disappointed.

People have been asking how the "establishment" has been taking the whole matter. Some of the bar owners in New York were asked if this new cut in the majority age would help or hinder their businesses. In New York they said that the Connecticut youth would still pour into their places. But, judging from the number of Connecticut youth having already left Port Chester except for visits, business will decrease a little more than slightly.

How about the police? How do they feel about the whole matter? The Darien Police chief, John Jordan, does not feel that there will be any marked change in the duties of the police or in the attitudes towards those over or under eighteen. So, whether you're eighteen or not and you get caught doing something that's a no-no, you're going to be busted. And it's twice as hard on those that are eighteen for the simple reason that they have to pay their own bills and serve their own sentences and do anything else that those twenty-one had to do before.

Parents also have the right to dismiss their child from home when he is eighteen. Parents do not have to support their children over the age of eighteen and if a child over the age of eighteen decides to live at home, his parents have the right to charge him room and board.

Those of you who are eighteen now are considered adults. But beware, because there are some trap doors in the new law that most of us have failed to see. And for those of you who aren't eighteen but will be shortly, you have a lot to look forward to and a lot to look into.

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CLOTHES FROM... AROUND THE WORLD
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Hot On The Lot

Johnny B's super machine
By Chip Harrington

If you drive into the school parking lot you may notice something unique roar down the hard pavement in the early morning light. This, as you may have guessed, is J. B. Goodman's super machine, "The Black Rose".

The machine is a two-door Ford roadster of 1940 vintage and for years it has been on the road to restoration. Originally purchased for the sum of $13, The Rose now has over $1000 invested in her intricate, high performance structure. Under the hood she packs a '40 Ford flathead V8 equipped with a 2 1/2" carb, dual points, dual water pumps, sparkplugs, and some other rusty items which haven't yet been identified. Her exhaust system consists of stack manifolds, one cracked for better breathing, and a single muffler. The remaining tailpipe was removed simply, and quite unexpectedly, as a matter of fact, on an unnoticed bolder.

The interior of The Rose is quite interesting. The inside of the door is left open so one can watch in amazement the workings of the windows, lock, and handle. The seats are partially upholstered quite creatively with an old drape bearing beautiful flower designs and the wooden floor is lined with the black painted and old homework papers. The dash was left in antique rust. As for the paint job on this baby, well, nothing to compliment the contours of The Rose's futuristic design better than exotic grey and black primer with a few splashes of contrasting red/purple.

Overall the "Black Rose" is an incredible piece of machinery, second to none in our beloved DHS parking lot. The super-machine blends beautifully the extraordinary talents of a 1940 mechanical brain with an exponential beauty that is unique to only the "Black Rose".

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MCLoughlin Brother, Johnson

Vote Democrat
**Soccer Team Wins Two, Captures First Place**

The Blue Wave soccer team continued to play consistently as they came up with two victories and a tie which enabled them to take hold of first place in their division by a mere one point over New Canaan and Wilton.

Rippowam 4-0. By beating Rippowam Darien had the chance of moving into first place for the first time in many years. As a result Darien produced a great team effort which inspired a 4-0 rout of Rippowam.

Captain Parker Antin started off the Blue Wave scoring attack by scoring on a penalty kick. The Brian Nadranko scored as he smacked the ball by the Rippowam goalie. Eric Hansen, usually regarded as a defensive stalwart, headed one in on a corner kick. Robbie Back booted in the final goal to cap off the scoring.

Darien’s defense once again produced an outstanding game. Through great team effort, goalie Chris Cushing came up with his first shut-out of the season.

Brian McMahon 1-1. The Blue Wave soccer team battled Brian McMahon to a 1-1 tie game. There was good play in the first half, but neither team could score a goal as the first half ended 0-0.

The second half saw many opportunities for both teams, and McMahon scored first, showing good play in our penalty area. With less than two minutes remaining on the clock, John Rhett headed in the tying goal.

After two five-minute overtime periods, neither team scored and the game ended in a tie. The entire team played well, with special credit going to Chris Cushing, the Blue Wave goalie, who did an outstanding job.

Wilton 2-1. In the opening minutes, Darien scored on a perfect pass from John Rhett to Parker Antin. Wilton then drove back for a score.

There was end-to-end action, and fine defensive play from both teams; particularity from the Blue Wave's Andy Holmes, Bob Back, Eric Hansen and Chris Cushing.

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**Cross Country Gains Victory**

Danbury — Our Cross Country team was soundly beaten by one of the best teams in the state. Captain John Schofield could only manage a fifth place finish for the Blue Wave. John Brissette was right behind him taking sixth place, but it wasn’t enough as the next three men from Darien, Al Drago, Gary Leonard and Doug Roberts finished in eleventh, twelfth and sixteenth places respectively.

Our Cross Country team also participated in a tri-meet with Brian McMahon and West Hill. It was a great team effort for both Varsity and JV as they won by wide margins over the other schools.

The varsity started it off when they took five of the first seven places. John Schofield came in first, John Brissette second, Al Drago third, Gary Leonard sixth and Doug Roberts seventh. The varsity record now stands at 6-0-1.

J.V. The J.V. Cross Country Team is still undefeated. They beat Danbury by a close score. Those who helped the Darien cause were Al Meeker finishing in eleventh, twelfth and sixteenth places respectively.

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After a disappointing loss, Darien bounced back to capture their first win of the season. Darien’s record now stands 1-3.

**RIDGEFIELD 7-18**

Weather conditions hampered both teams as Fairfield County received one of the worst rains of the year.

Darien scored first as Scott Harrington took the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. This was all of Darien’s scoring as they were unable to move against the Ridgefield defense. Darien had other opportunities. A Harrington interception gave them good field position, but Darien offense could not move. Roger Smith also had a good punt return but Darien could not capitalize. Penalties hurt Darien also and although there were the same weather conditions for Ridgefield it did not seem to affect them.

**Andrew Warde 16-13**

The Blue Wave got its first win by beating Andrew Warde in a close game. Andrew Warde took possession of the ball on the opening kickoff against an entirely new defense for the Blue Wave. Warde scored on its first drive and plunged over from the 1-yardline for the score.

After exchanging punts, Darien then drove down the field, on the running of Seylerth, Harrington, and Ludwig and Seylerth capped off the drive on a 19-yard touchdown run. Andrew Warde couldn’t move the ball, and punted to Darien.

Darien again drove down the field on the running and receiving of Scott Harrington. But the drive stalled and with fourth down and long yardage, Steve Seylerth kicked a field goal to put Darien ahead 9-0. Darien had another scoring opportunity when with seconds remaining in the first half, Scott Harrington intercepted a Warde pass and with his return got Darien in fine field position. But time ran out.

In the second half, Darien again scored with Harrington capping the drive by snagging a Seylerth pass on the goal line and running it in on the following play. The conversion by Seylerth was good. Warde scored again, but it was meaningless as Darien then ran out the clock for a Blue Wave win.

The J.V. football team, coached by James Kirk, Joe Zoppi, and Mike Sangster, has a record of 2 wins and 1 loss. The J.V.’s lost the opener to Stamford 6-12, and won the next two beating New Canaan 22-8, and Ridgefield 8-6.