

Future, career concerns top freshman priority list

Let's go back—way back to 1972, the year of Nixon, McGovern, protests and the ecology movement. Now compare 1972 with 1978, where energy, Anwar Sadat and "Charlie's Angels" take top billing.

Times change and in six years so do the goals and ideals of college freshmen.

"Five years ago was when 18-year-olds first got the right to vote and we voted," said Mary Dickson, 23. "For one thing, a lot of people were really concerned about the war, the elections, and by voting we felt at long last we could have a say and get something done."

"But now since there's no threat of war, kids just aren't as aware. It's different when friends are being shipped off to fight—more real. Kids don't care about national interests anymore, they're more

concerned with going to concerts and leading a good life," added Dickson, a UNL senior.

Rick Horton, 23, also a UNL senior recalls that, one of the issues facing UNL in 1972 was Jack Mason, candidate for ASUN president, who autographed bananas as a campaign tactic. "The student government is as ineffectual now as it was then," Horton said. In 1972 Horton canvassed door to door for George McGovern, Democratic candidate for president. He said that Nixon was mistakenly perceived to be the peace candidate.

Horton added that today "I'm more personal and practical about what I want. I suppose I am less concerned about national issues, I've gotten more cynical about the whole thing. I'm more decided

now about what I want to do."

Babe Harre, 19, freshman, said one of the things she worries about is "the diversity of classes and the size of classes I'm taking."

Harre is not sure what major she is headed for, but she decided to try college after high school graduation "to feel the real world."

Instead of worrying about peace in the world, she says the national issue that most concerns her is abortion, which she supports. She added "I suppose it's an issue that hits closer to home than what's happening across the sea."

Steve Barta, 19, freshman, said he is most concerned with "finding a date that meets my standards" in college.

He continued by saying he was in college to "become something professional" Barta is not interested in politics and said that although he will vote in presidential

elections, he probably won't bother with state and local elections.

All freshmen interviewed said they are in college to become a professional and make money.

The older students all agreed that although they started college with big hopes and plans, they have become more realistic and practical concerning the job market.

Even the bars that students go to have changed. Back in 1972 it was Der Loaf and Stein and St. George and the Dragon. Now it's "Sweep Left", "Uncle Sam's", and "The Brass Rail". Der Loaf and St. George only are memories.

Students in 1978 are more concerned about their careers and seem to accept changes more quietly than the student of the early 70's.

Harre described the students' attitude today as, "I play things by ear and hope they all fall into place."

Torrijos fears amendment

Panama City, Panama—Panamanian Gen. Omar Torrijos has told a U.S. Senate delegation that he is concerned that he might be forced to submit the Panama Canal treaty to a second vote by the Panamanian people if the Senate amends the document.

Torrijos does not want to hold a second plebiscite, Cranston said.

Husbands battered

Washington—It's not always the wife who emerges with the bloodied nose and emotional scars in the arena of household fights, according to a pair of researchers who studied domestic violence.

The researchers contend that legions of husbands are battered by their wives but don't report it to authorities for fear of humiliation.

Working independently, Roger Langley, co-author of "Wife Beating: the Silent Crisis," and Dr. Suzanne K. Steinmetz of the University of Delaware, conclude that husband-beating possibly is as great a social problem as wife-battering in America.

Langley estimates that 12 million men are physically abused by their wives at some point during their marriage. Approximately 1 million of them are severely beaten, he says.

He calls husband-beating "the most under-reported crime in the nation today."


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Torrijos is concerned by a proposed amendment to the treaty, already ratified by the Panamanian people on a 2-1 margin, that would strengthen U.S. security rights to the waterway after it is turned over to Panama in the year 2000.

According to Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Cal., Torrijos fears a wording change by the Senate may cause Panamanian opponents to the treaty to challenge the treaty.

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