

# From the Editors

It's amazing how different your opinion of a candidate can be based on first-hand impressions.

In this issue we've tried to help you get better acquainted with President Bush and Gov. Clinton through our interviews.



Editors from the Arizona State U., *State Press* and the U. of Michigan *Daily*,

along with three editors from *U. The National College Magazine*, flew to Greensboro, N.C., to interview the Democratic nominee.

As he sat across from us spewing statistics about the environment and foreign investment, it was hard to believe that this was the same pot-smokin', draft-dodgin', philanderin' Bill Clinton from January.

Though he's the consummate schmoozer, you have to give the guy credit for caring enough about college students to take a half-hour of his time for a face-to-face interview with young journalists.

The president, on the other hand, spoke to three *U.* editors with the help of Ma Bell. While editors interviewing Clinton were impressed by his ability to cite statistics and examples, we will never know whether our commander in chief used Cliff's Notes.

But even on the phone, the president came across as genuine. Bush's position on issues like abortion seemed to make more sense when explained personally. Perhaps handlers should let the unedited George out more often; he comes across as a real person — someone with vision.

The visions, positions and personalities of President Bush and Gov. Clinton can be found in the excerpts from interviews conducted by *U. Magazine*. We tried to let the candidates address, in their own words, the issues and concerns of students.

Now you have to make some decisions — will you be informed and will you vote?

Bill Clinton told us: "I do not want your generation to be part of the first group of Americans to do worse than their parents. But I think my generation owes you better than you've been gettin'."

George Bush said: "So you're addressing yourself to a very important audience in your publication."

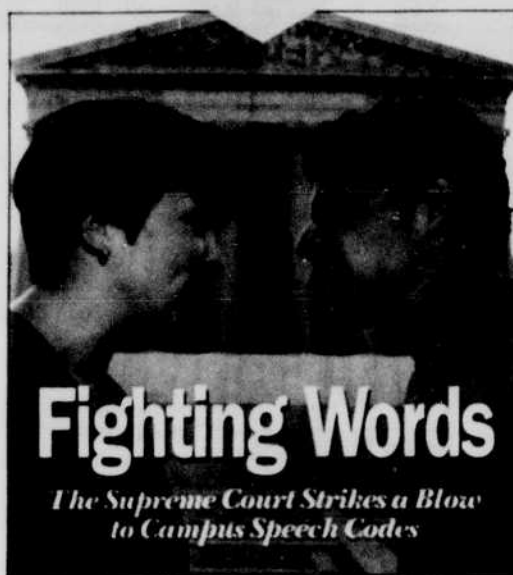
We know college students are important; it's time to make sure our leaders care about our concerns. The '80s are over; we need to ensure we will live as well as our parents by participating in the political process.

We each have a vote. Let's use it.

—Kelley Tuthill  
Editor on Fellowship  
U. of Notre Dame

# CAMPUS COMMENTS

STUDENT RESPONSES FROM ACROSS THE NATION



## Fighting Words

The Supreme Court Strikes a Blow to Campus Speech Codes

### A Voice for Free Speech

I agree with Jackie Spinner's editorial in the September issue concerning the Supreme Court's "hate speech" decision because the First Amendment allows for freedom of speech, regardless of whether that speech is hateful or demeaning to others. I also disliked the Supreme Court's decision, but it was necessary to preserve the basic principles of the Constitution. Limiting "hate speech" is wrong because it limits the freedom of minorities to express themselves. That is a worse crime than using derogatory language in my book.

In a time when high schools are banning such books as *Huckleberry Finn* and *Catcher in the Rye*, the "hate speech" decision is a strong support for everyone's First Amendment rights, not just for those who abuse their rights at the expense of others. Constitutional rights are an all-or-nothing deal: If you limit what one group can say, you have to limit what another group can say, and so on until no one can speak.

Before students start protesting the Supreme Court's decision, they should keep in mind that without the voice of the minority, the United States is just as worthless as those who use "hate speech." **Thomas Lindaman, graduate student, Drake U.**

### The Incorrectness of Political Correctness

I am a Puerto-Rican American, writing specifically regarding your magazine's recent story on the Supreme Court's ruling against limiting free speech on college campuses. I am personally in favor of the ruling. I do not feel that any fellow citizen of this country has the right to limit anyone's speech only to that

which is "politically correct."

I was especially impressed by the statement made by Philip Suggs of Howard U. (a "Negro" college): "Ignorance behind hate speech does not justify curbing it." I found his insight to be most astute, and a welcome breath of sanity and moderation in the stagnant cesspool of censure so prevalent in American universities today.

I understand that my views are hardly "mainstream" in this day of "openness and tolerance." (I have many times seen views which do not comply with the majority silenced in the classroom.)

Nevertheless, I feel that it needs to be said. **Carlos M. Benitez-Torres, graduate student, U. of Texas, Arlington**

### Eeny, Meeny, Miny, Moe...

I'm gonna vote for Bush because he's a war hero and not a draft dodger. **Robert Williams, senior, Texas Christian U.**

The Clinton/Gore ticket is clearly the only choice for any middle-class college student trying to meet difficult financial demands resulting from the lack of federal response to the rising cost of higher education. **Heather Mizeur, sophomore, U. of Illinois**

There is no way I would vote for that tax-raising, wife-cheating, Cuomo-loving, political disaster in the making called Bill Clinton, with his lies about our future and the blasphemy he calls his New Covenant. **Greg Mourad, senior, U. of Virginia**

I would vote for Bill Clinton because when I get out of school in two years, I don't want the economy and job situation to be as miserable as it is right now. **Amy Clark, junior, U. of Texas**

If the news media would just pay attention to the Libertarian Party, perhaps we could get more votes. **Daniel Alman, senior, U. of Pittsburgh**

### U. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## U. VIEWS

RESULTS FROM THE U. STUDENT OPINION POLL\*

If the presidential election were held today, who would you vote for?



Of the 390 calls from Aug. 25 to Sept. 15, 190 were for Clinton, 148 for Bush, 38 for Libertarian Party's Andre Marrou, eight for Ross Perot and six for shock-jock Howard Stern.

"Bill Clinton really scares me. I'm finding that his economic policies are just extremely, well, socialist, really."

— Mark Fleming, junior, Campbell U., North Carolina

"I believe that Bush is totally incompetent of his job and undeserving. The man knows nothing of economics and even less about honesty."

— Roy Embry, freshman, Wayne State U., Michigan

"I would vote for the Libertarian candidate Andre Marrou. I believe that by voting either Democratic or Republican, one is saying that he or she is satisfied with the system."

— Tristan Tom, junior, Cal. State U., Sacramento

\*The U. Student Opinion Poll is a sampling of comments from college students across the country. The toll-free number accepts responses to a question posed to students each month in the pages of *U. The National College Magazine*. The poll is not scientific, and percentages are figured based on verbal responses received each month.

### THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

The College Vote '92

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