

OPINION

The Counselor's Corner

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Is it bad to be in a committed relationship during college? Is now the time I should be dating and having fun, while saving the commitment for later?

College is an opportunity to explore who you are and who you are becoming. Relationships are only "bad" in college if the persons involved feel they are unable to fully experience personal growth while in

the relationship. It is up to you to decide how healthy your relationship is with respect to allowing you to continue your development as an individual during your college experience. Relationships with commitment are about communication and respect between the two people involved. Be sure to use communication with your partner to explore the boundaries and expectations of the relationship to determine if it is healthy for you in this particular stage of your life.

It seems like everyone knows what they're doing and where they're going with their lives except me. How can I get on track with finding out what I want to do with my life?

Only you can determine what it means to be "on track" with your life. It is important not to let others influence your ideas about what it means to be successful in the career world. If you feel you are not taking the initiative about pursuing a career, there are some options that

are available to you. Take interest inventories that can indicate what careers you might enjoy or do some volunteer work in areas of personal interest. Many people make several different career changes in the course of their lives as their interests change, so recognize that you don't have to make a one-time choice. In the meantime, don't be too hard on yourself; give yourself permission to explore your options and trust the process!

Benefits of Foreign Language Requirements Uncertain

BY ISAAC BRADLEY

How much foreign language should be required? Today most high schools require or strongly recommend at least two years of a foreign language. Most colleges require another two semesters of a

foreign language in order to graduate.

Is all of this foreign language actually beneficial to the students? The answer is yes and no. A foreign language does expose students to new forms of thought as well as to

different cultures. However, most students take a foreign language only for graduation requirements and then do not pursue the study any further. Students benefit from the exposure to a foreign language, but they do not take enough of it to com-

municate effectively.

Either there should be more foreign language required so that students gain the skills necessary to communicate or there should be less required giving the students the choice to pursue the study or not.

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Campus Voice:

Is Election 2000 Important or Not?

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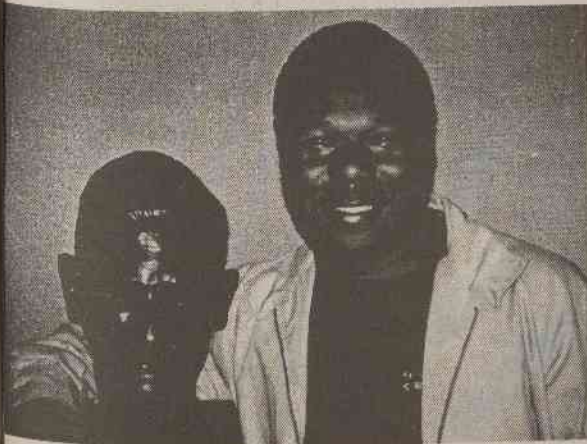
Kelly Sisley: "I think government officials are a bunch of back-stabbing horn balls, and I refuse to vote when they are all evil."



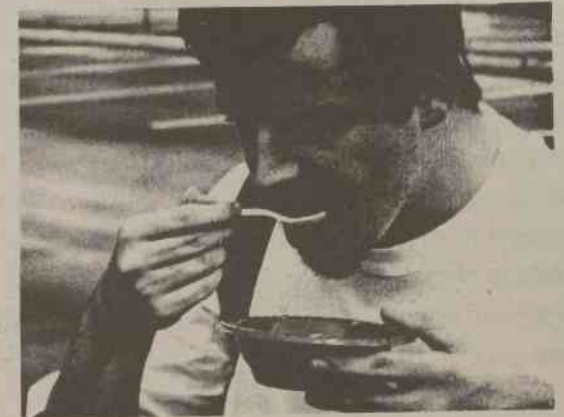
Prof. Jennifer Browning: "I think it is very important to vote because I remember all of the people who have died to give me the right to vote, such as women who have died during suffrage and my grandfather who died in France during WWII. I would feel like I was betraying their memory if I didn't vote."



Kristen Weaver: "It is very important to follow the political race because I want to know who will be running the country. What benefits will they be contributing to our nation?"



Jarvis Broom: "I am registered to vote, although I am not excited about doing so."



Harry Fields: "I think voting is cheesy, just like my macaroni and cheese."