

We heard the voice of the people when. . .

Bush beat Dukakis

Hail President Bush!
The near landslide victory of George Bush over Michael Dukakis came as no surprise to us.

A poll taken a few weeks before the election showed that Bush was the favorite among our students. Dan Quayle, Bush's running mate, was not as well liked as Lloyd Bentsen, the Democratic nominee for VP.

The issues that were most important to those of us who were too young to vote were varied. They ranged from help for the homeless to help for farmers. Among the most frequently stated concerns were college aid, drug control, pollution, and the national deficit. Most of us agreed with the rest of the nation, however, that both candidates avoided tough issues such as these. Many of us thought that Bush and Dukakis were too wrapped up in insulting each other and discussing petty, non-issues like gun control and the Pledge of Allegiance. While

Bush felt that saying the Pledge should be required, Dukakis believed it to be a personal choice. Here's what some of us had to say:

'You can't pick the man to run our country on how suavely he can say the Pledge.'

'(The Pledge) creates spirit and pride and a sense of nationalism in our country.'

'One should support his or her country and be loyal to it.'

Of course, as it was in the rest of the nation, there were a few of us who just didn't care. We really didn't like either candidate. One person said, 'We should cancel the election and find (candidates) who are at least partially competent and who we can trust our country with.'

In the weeks after the election, those of us who claimed to be Republicans had the opportunity to strut our stuff in the hall ways. The Democrats, however, reluctantly settled into the idea of four more years under a Republican Chief Executive. Together, we hoped for a successful, peaceful road to 1992.

Clockwise from top left: Democratic VP nominee Lloyd Bentsen; his running mate, Michael Dukakis; The President George Herbert Walker Bush; The Vice-President Dan Quayle.

