

# *Student Reaction to Amnesty Mixed*

A recent poll of students at Monmouth College on President Nixon's proposed amnesty bill drew a mixed reaction from most of those questioned.

Forty-five of the seventy-five people questioned agreed that amnesty should be granted. Twenty students were against any form of amnesty, including partial punishment, such as serving time in the army or as a social worker.

Four thought that some form

of punishment was needed, although not necessarily in the armed forces. Three people were undecided either way and three refused to comment.

Reasons for and against the granting of amnesty covered a wide variety of reasons. In speaking out against amnesty, the majority felt if a person would not serve in the armed forces then he did not support his country and should not be allowed to return.

Beverly LeBeau said, "I don't believe in amnesty for draft evaders because I can't forget all the men who died for this country, whether they believed in the cause or not."

Frank DelGuercio does not favor amnesty but believes "there should be conditional return to the United States."

Those in favor of amnesty had various reasons of which the most popular was that of reconciliation. Roy Rutsch favors amnesty because, "In the spirit of reconciliation, in order to help heal the divisions in the country, amnesty should be granted."

Fred Luzzi feels similarly in favor of amnesty. "It is a good way for the government to make up for the damage they have done to the lives of the American people."

Helen Vasiliev sees the other draft dodgers the ones within the country, and proposes the same amnesty be granted for those outside the country as within. "Some of the guys that went to college got deferred and it's not fair to the ones who couldn't go to college. They'd be drafted for sure. If you don't believe in something, like the war, you shouldn't fight for it."

The poll was taken by students in the Journalism I & II class.