

A&M Joins Nation In Choice '68 Vote

Last December we asked for your opinion on a proposal sent to A&M, as well as thousands of other colleges and universities, for participation in a special election called "Choice '68."

Although there seemed to be a lack of student interest, A&M student government leaders were interested. For the first time students would be able to participate in a Presidential election which would be "as important as the primary in any contested state."

Through the efforts of Clarence Daugherty, chairman of the Issues Committee, and campus coordinator for Choice '68, A&M will participate next Wednesday.

Underwritten by Time Magazine, the forthcoming election was organized by 11 student board representatives from all regions of the country.

Although there seemed to be a lack of student interest, more than 1,000 colleges and universities participating with a combined enrollment of more than five million students.

There has been a recent outcry by a few students here that A&M students are apathetic, that they don't have an outlet for their opinions, and that they reject present Vietnam policy.

Choice '68 will be the first great opportunity for students here and across the nation to make their presence felt on the U. S. political scene.

By 1972, more than half the electorate will be under 30 years old, and next Wednesday's election will give the first indication of the views of the young.

"Never in the nation's history have so many college students been so well informed about the major issues of the day. Yet, to a large extent isolated from their society, they have little opportunity to express their political views in a unified coherent manner," says the group.

For almost every Presidential candidate the primary will be important. Although more than 70 per cent of those voting will not be old enough to vote in November, their opinions will be felt by 1972.

Both Kennedy and McCarthy are drawing a great deal of their support and active campaign promotion from college students—those that will have the opportunity to vote Wednesday.

For them, it will be an important indication of just how strong and wide-spread that support is among all campuses.

For the first time Nixon will be pitted on a ballot with Ronald Reagan, Nelson Rockefeller, John Lindsay and others.

For the first time, millions of students will express their views on Vietnam, our bombing and on the crisis in our cities.

The importance of your opportunity to vote cannot be overemphasized. The opinion of a block of five million voters can win or lose any future election.

Almost every Presidential candidate has supported Choice '68. President Johnson has met with their student board of directors, and that board has met with numerous officials and political analysts to determine both the candidates to be presented on the ballot and the choice of questions.

The ballot will be a part of the Student Senate elections next Wednesday and will be distributed at that time. (See page 4 for sample ballot.)

The ballots from this campus and every other college campus will be sent to one of the regional centers and the results tabulated by a computer.

The results will appear in national magazines, newspapers, and on radio and television, and those results will be an important indication of student sentiment for today's Presidential candidates.

McCarthy Urges Ouster Of Rusk

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy said Wednesday night Dean Rusk should be replaced by a new secretary of state, to give evidence of administration "willingness to change its course" in the Vietnam war.

He said that would be an encouraging sign that the White House is prepared for "a process of joint conciliation" with the Communists to end the fighting.

The Minnesota senator roamed Pittsburgh from the gates of a steel plant to the office of Mayor Joseph M. Barr in a day of campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination.

McCarthy said he wants to face Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York in a man-to-man, televised debate before their crucial May 7 contest in the Indiana presidential primary.

He suggested a format similar to the presidential campaign debates between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon eight years ago.

Answering telephoned questions from viewers on KDKA-TV, McCarthy said, "I think this would

be a very good test between Sen. Kennedy and me. I'm hopeful that we'll receive invitations to appear together in Indiana and in other states."

McCarthy said he already has received and accepted an invitation from the American Broadcasting Co. for a joint appearance with Kennedy. He said he hopes Kennedy will accept, too.

He said debates would be valuable to help voters choose between two candidates with similar positions on most issues.

"You're trying to decide which man might make the better candidate or the better president," he said.

ABC said in New York it had not heard from Kennedy. The network said no date's been set, but such a debate would probably be carried sometime between the June 11 Illinois primary and the Democratic convention Aug. 26.

Kennedy said in Eugene, Ore., "I have said I will be glad to meet all the candidates and debate them, but I would like it to involve all the candidates."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Literacy Council Expecting 75 For Annual Conference

Seventy-five persons are expected to join in the Texas Literacy Council's tenth annual conference Friday through Sunday at the Ramada Inn.

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, Brazos Valley Literacy Council president and dean emeritus at Texas A&M University, said the council needs volunteers to assist in educating illiterates.

"It's amazing how many people can't read a stop sign," Trotter remarked. "The only way they know it's a stop sign is by its shape."

N. W. Jackson of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, will discuss "The Literacy Problem in Driver Education" in a Saturday talk.

"Our people," Dr. Trotter noted, "go into homes or places of business and teach functional illiterates during hours convenient to both teacher and student. We are not tied to school schedules."

Trotter said there are more than 3,000 adult functional illiterates in the Brazos area.

Registration begins Friday night. Action begins at 8:45 a.m. Saturday when Dr. Kate Adele Hill, Texas Literacy Council president, introduces College Station Mayor D. A. (Andy) Anderson for welcoming remarks.



"Somehow, I feel my grades are going to hit an all-time low this summer!"

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

It is a sorrowful situation when students are subject to flunking a course because the professor is incompetent.

This professor is a graduate student to my knowledge. If the University has to use graduate students to teach, it should use those who have knowledge of the subject and can pass this knowledge to the student.

There is a difference between knowing the subject and being able to pass it along. Professors, good ones, know how to pass it along. I don't believe this student knows his subject or how to pass it along.

The University should test these graduate students to see if they qualify for the teaching of the course. If students are to be subjected to this situation, it is my opinion that they should be permitted to drop the class without having to take the flunking or WF, as the present policy does not permit the student to drop a class after the first two weeks without getting a WF (withdraw failing) even if the student is passing the subject.

It is my hope that this situation will be corrected in the near future.

Santiago Iglesias, '70

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Academic Vice President Wayne C. Hall said A&M has very few graduate students in charge of classes. Exceptions, he added, are made to the WF policy when the situation warrants.)

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the goals being sought as solutions to these problems.

He said that sometimes goals are incomparable because they affect society in completely different ways.

An example used was the problem of deciding whether a national goal should be to put a man on the moon or to clear the nation's slums. Neither of these tasks could be accomplished solely with present means.

"Some problems can be solved only by enlarging the means we use to solve those problems," he concluded.

Bulletin Board TODAY

The Peace Corps Club will hear a panel of returned volunteers at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the YMCA.

The Abilene Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 208 of the Academic Building.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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