

McCarthyites hope to tip "Time" college poll

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The University Coalition for McCarthy is making plans to gain support, and its most important goal is the stimulation of interest for the Time Poll April 24th.

Time Magazine will be polling students across the country for their 1968 presidential choice. Five to seven million students on 2400 college campuses will be polled. This poll is considered important by the Coalition because within four years these students will be voting; "it will bring a lot of public sentiment to the campaign; and it will be the focal point for students to show enthusiasm for McCarthy."

According to Paul Gandel, acting chairman of the University Coalition for McCarthy, the Time Poll will "make college students aware that supporting McCarthy may be one of the more constructive ways that can oppose the war and provide some of the impetus for a change in government policy."

A convocation may be held with topical speakers who will speak on issues to which Sen. McCarthy supplies alternatives. Mr. Gandel also expressed the possibility of bussing people to the New Hampshire primary, where they will be coordinating with the national organization and electioneering.

The University Coalition for

McCarthy is a coalition of students and faculty. In the coming week, it will have a table set up in Norton Hall where information will be given out and volunteers will be able to join.

Mr. Gandel said: "It's not up to us to generate the support, it's up to the people. The people who have come together thus far are all united in at least one aspect, that of finding an alternative to the policies of Lyndon Johnson. These are students who are no longer content to remain in the shelter of the university and complain. They want to do something actively to obtain at least some of their ends in a way that may prove effective."

Effective pressuring

When asked if he thought Sen. McCarthy had a chance to win, Mr. Gandel replied: "It's not a question of whether he has a good chance to win, but the American political system is a system of pressures and this will be a very effective way of pressuring individuals with power or individuals who will obtain power to reassess present policy."

His answer to whether the Democratic Party will be hurt by a split was: "Firstly it is my belief that it will be Johnson's continuation of his present course of policy that will hurt the party and only a modification of this policy, such as Sen. McCarthy

proposes, that will revitalize the party. Even if one does maintain that it will hurt the party, what's more important—political choice or political solidarity—political palatability or a person who will give them the correct moral decision?"

Meetings of the University Coalition for McCarthy will be open to the entire student body. Mr. Gandel explained that they "will provide the opportunity to show support for McCarthy and to learn what can be done."

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New York, N.Y.—UWM will be one of about 2,000 colleges across the country to vote in "Choice 68", a national collegiate presidential primary election, according to Robert G. Harris, Choice 68's executive director.

Leaders of student organizations at more than 200 universities have already asked to participate in the April 24 vote. Invitations will be sent to

2200 additional colleges this week, Harris said.

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UWM to be 'Choice 68'

Other Wisconsin colleges already participating are UW—

Madison, Marquette university, the Milwaukee Institute of Technology, and Wisconsin State universities at Oshkosh and White-water.

Initial response by student leaders has been highly favorable, according to Harris, formerly student body president of

Michigan State University.

"College men and women see the Primary as a meaningful

political activity and a monumental opportunity to make themselves heard in an effective way," he said.

In addition to indicating their

choice of presidential candidates, students will also have a chance to vote on certain issues of national concern. The selection of these issues will also be made by Choice 68's Board of Directors.

The Board explained the philosophy behind the idea this way: "Never in the nation's history have so many college students been so well informed about the major issues of the day. . .yet they have had little opportunity to express their views in a unified, coherent manner. Choice 68 offers stu-

dents the opportunity to express their preference on Presidential candidates and selected issues—to speak for the first time as a body politic."

According to its spokesman, "The Board expects to turn out upwards of two million votes on campus, enough to command the nation's consideration and attention."

The Board of Directors is composed of eleven student leaders, each from a different region of the country. The Board is establishing guidelines for the Primary, designing the ballot and providing overall direction and leadership.

Schools represented by the Board are the University of California at Berkeley, Kansas State Teachers College, University of Texas, Fordham University, University of Wisconsin, University of Utah, University of Tennessee, Michigan State University, Yale University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Oregon.

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