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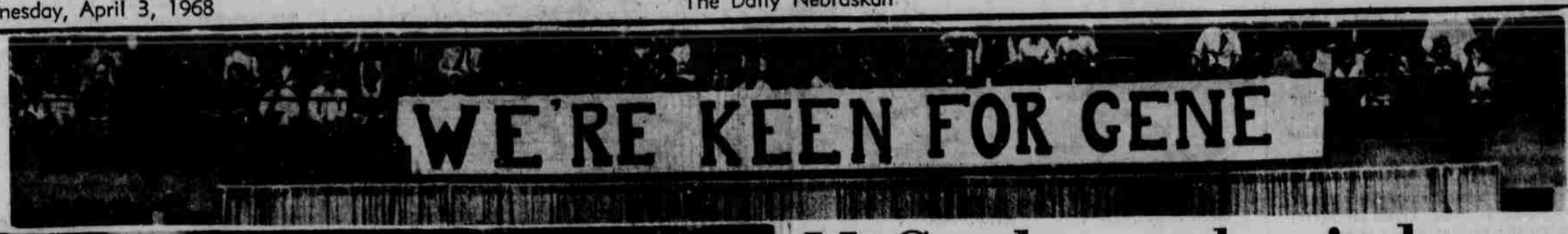

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Senator Eugene McCarthy told and Omaha audience Tuesday that it was a moral obligation to seek the judgment of youth on political issues.

McCarthy seeks judgment by youth on political issues

by John Dvorak
Junior Staff Writer

Omaha

Senator Eugene McCarthy said here Tuesday that it is a matter of moral obligation to seek out the judgment of the young people of the United States on political issues.

McCarthy spoke to an audience of about 2,000, the majority of them students and young people, at the Civic Auditorium.

Interspersed in the crowd were approximately 55 McCarthy workers from the University of Colorado.

McCarthy to speak

Sen. McCarthy will speak in Lincoln at Pershing Municipal Auditorium Wednesday, April 10, at 8 p.m.

"Supposedly the youth of this McCarthy said. "But this has been repudiated by what has happened in the campaign."

"I want to give these young people a chance to participate," McCarthy stated.

The Senator, seeming to enjoy his brief association with the young crowd, appeared relaxed and did not appear tired from his arduous months of campaigning.

McCarthy theorized that the older generation does not want to be separated from the younger one. "The older generation is positively delighted to have young people talk with them about problems and politics."

Reconciliation begun

"We have already begun to have a reconciliation between the older and younger generations of this country," he said.

McCarthy gave a brief history of his campaign:

"At first my support came from the academic community and from young people," he said. "Now we have supporters in every vocation."

"I thought that the people should be able to say yes or no on the issues at the ballot box," McCarthy said.

Johnson not candidate

McCarthy was all but discounted from the running before the New Hampshire Presidential primary. But in that election, he received 41 per cent of the Democratic vote, and, after Republican write-in votes were tabulated, the Senator was only several hundred votes short of the incumbent President Johnson, who announced Sunday that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

"By the Nebraska primary, we hope to have just one Democratic candidate," McCarthy said.

The Senator defined the basic issue of the campaign as how the United States can best effect a settlement in Vietnam and on other old and new national issues.

Americans ready to judge

He said, "I think the American people are prepared to pass judment on Vietnam and domestic issues at the polls."

Judgments of these needs, both home and abroad, are now before the American people. He said that a decision must be made with reference to the President of the United States.

McCarthy, emphasizing his viewpoint of the Presidency, said, "Because of the way our government operates, we have a chance to bring it down once every four years. We call upon the people to commit themselves with great trust. The President has great power over not only this nation but in international affairs as well."

"I feel that in my 20 years in Congress, I know what the problems are," he said.

"I feel that no one currently in the running for the Presidency today has been as clear on the issues as I have," McCarthy stated.

McCarthy's speech included comments on specific, pertinent issues.

Riot report not surprising

—"The President's report on riots was excellent, but there was nothing surprising in it," he said. "It showed how inadequate our present efforts in this area are."

—The farmer seeks parity, he continued. The farmer does not deserve special privileges, just a life as good as other Americans have.

—"The withdrawal of President Johnson doesn't significantly influence the issues facing the United States," he said. "The problems of the United States still remain."

"The United States must cleanse itself of moral uncertainty and build on the tradition of hope, confidence and sound judgment," he entoned.

"If we do this in 1968, we won't have to worry about it in 1984."

Nebraska ROTC program escapes most of national controversy, remains voluntary

by Kent Cockson
Senior Staff Writer

Although Reserve Officer's Training Corps units around the country have had their controversial moments, the ROTC programs at the University seem to fit in very well with the ways of higher education.

Much of the national controversy stems from the compulsory nature of ROTC at various universities. At the University of Newark, about 25 students marched into the middle of an ROTC drill session last fall shouting "Sieg Heil" and "ROTC makes us men" to protest compulsory ROTC requirements.

At Stanford and Berkeley last month, Navy ROTC buildings were set afire. And at Moorehead University in Kentucky, three faculty members were informed that their contracts for next year will not be renewed because they have been actively opposing compulsory ROTC along with some of the students.

Compulsory ROTC requirements were abolished at all land-grant colleges in Nebraska in 1963. This included the University of Nebraska.

Bishop has mixed feelings

Col. James Bishop, professor of military science and commander of the University Army ROTC department, said that he has "mixed feelings as a taxpayer" about the voluntary program currently offered.

"Students will not take advantage of the program to its fullest extent if it isn't mandatory.

"But speaking as an officer, I would say that the voluntary program enrollees are more interested, more dedicated and we don't have as much trouble with them as with those who would be disgruntled if they had to participate in a compulsory program," he said.

The average high school graduate has something to learn from the two-year basic course, he added, in that there is a certain amount to be said for the discipline the incoming student receives.

Cadet walks straighter

"The ROTC cadet walks a little straighter with a little more confidence than he ordinarily would," he said.

Bishop added that if all the opportunities are available to the University student and if it is proven that these opportunities do add to the student's development, then the University of Nebraska is losing if it does not adequately inform the incoming student of the possibilities under the voluntary ROTC programs.

"In other words," he said, "I would not be an officer today, and I have drawn a lot of personal satisfaction from my last 30 years as an officer, if I had not been required to take those first two years of ROTC and afterwards make my own decision to go on."

In the ROTC catalogue, which is made available to incoming students upon request only, Chancellor Clifford Hardin commends any one of the programs to the incoming student.

Backgrounds essential to defense

"The diversified educational backgrounds and leadership qualities of university graduates are essential to the defense posture of the United States in the world today. Future duties as a junior officer in a service of your choosing will challenge your abilities to the fullest," he says.

But the most drastic development recently concerning ROTC has been the initiation of a movement to deny academic credit for ROTC courses.

Three schools — Boston University, Northeastern University in Boston and Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Md. — have already voted to withdraw credit for ROTC courses.

The services are aware that the quality of their ROTC training is coming under scrutiny, and most university ROTC detachments are making an effort to liberalize their courses, make them similar to other college courses.

There are some ROTC instructors and personnel, however, who are opposed to the demands for liberalization, according to a military spokesman. They argue that the employment of civilian teachers to administer any of their courses, even the basic ones, will subtract from the quality of the courses in two ways.

Instructors say that civilian teachers do not share a comparable military background to the military instructors now teaching and therefore are not as qualified or interested in educating the student on strictly military subject matter.

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On Campus Today

A meeting for persons interested in organizing a campaign for young adult sufferage on the University campus will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room 103 of the H building. Election of officers will be held and all interested students are urged to attend.

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The student branch of the ASAE will meet Wednesday at 7:30 in Room 206 of the Agriculture Engineering Hall.

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Men's Ivy Day Sing Chairmen will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Union. Rules of the sing will be discussed and the preliminary tryout date will be announced. It is not necessary that the living units have their song selected by this meeting, but the final selection must be turned into Bill Stratman no later than April 8.

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The Mechanical Agriculture Club will meet in the Agriculture Engineering building Wednesday at 7 p.m. A representative from the John Deere Co. will discuss progress and distribution in his company.

Angel Flight will sponsor a "Blue Yonder Workshop" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Union. The workshop is designed to acquaint wives or finaces of men in the armed services with the problems of military life.

Hardin will get SAF document

Senate to meet to take action

The final draft of the Student Academic Freedom document will be presented to the Chancellor on Wednesday, according to Dick Schulze, ASUN President and a member of the committee which drafted the document.

Schulze said a special session of Student Senate will be called this weekend to discuss the document and take appropriate action.

He said the statement would then go on the ASUN general election ballot to be approved or rejected by the student body in the April 10 election.

The Chancellor's Student Academic Freedom Committee was formed last September to implement the Bill of Rights into University policy.

The Bill of Rights was approved as 17 amendments to the ASUN constitution in last year's ASUN general election.

Schulze said he is hopeful the Chancellor will recommend the document be adapted by Student Senate, Faculty Senate and the Board of Regents.

He added he knows of no opposition by Student Senators to the document. The last available draft of the document was distributed to living unit presidents two weeks ago.