



McCarthy: pass history's test, 1984 may never come

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In his campaign speech Wednesday night, Sen. Eugene McCarthy said that if he and his supporters can pass "the test in 1968, then 1984 may never come."

The 8 o'clock program was running about 15 minutes behind schedule when the people began clapping for a McCarthy appearance. Moments later, McCarthy entered from the rear of Pershing Auditorium surrounded by campaign workers and receiving generous applause from those who filled about three-fourths of the auditorium.

Noting a sign that read "It was awfully lonely in New Hampshire" stretched across one wall, McCarthy said he will continue to disprove those who laughed at the beginning of his campaign and considered it a children's crusade.

McCarthy said his campaign to challenge the judgment of the administration is "not a test in isolation but a test in history when we are called upon to demonstrate not only heroic virtues like courage but also unheroic virtues like patience and forbearance."

The democratic presidential hopeful added that college students of the present administration and that public dissent first centered on the campus.

He added that he looks for students to carry on the campaign and he assured students (who comprised most of the crowd) that they and their fellows had done the right thing.

McCarthy listed three reasons student involvement is so vital in the 1968 election.

First, America needs a greater commitment of knowledge in solving its problems.

Second, McCarthy said, when a problem arises in America today, there is a tendency to find the man who knows the most about the problem, and society now turns to the college campus for help.

The third reason for emphasizing student involvement, he said, is that "we're dealing with an America projected into the future."

He added that since this projection involves trust, hope and the country's youth, and if the young people are willing to take a chance on the future to make it better, then the nation's political leaders "ought to be willing to take the chances with you."

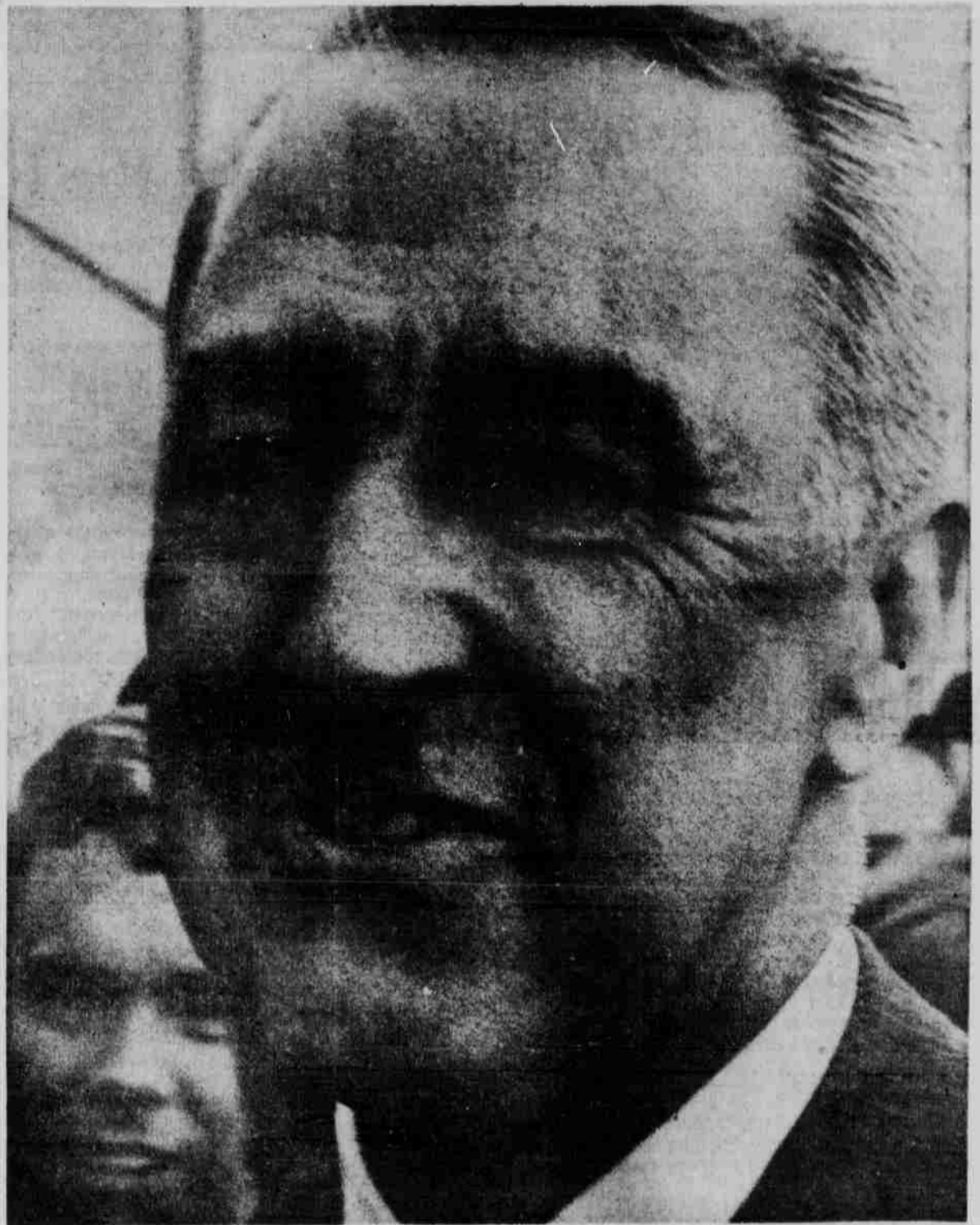
McCarthy called his campaign a politics of responsibility, reason and decision.

He said that in the past, a war was justified if the good coming from the war was proportionate to the lives lost, but he said that this was not so in Vietnam and he gave

credit to President Johnson for his response to the public demands for a negotiated peace soon.

McCarthy said that the most pressing need domestically is a solution to deal with the problems in America's great cities, and that the problem has been underscored by the assassination of Martin Luther King.

He added that every citizen should have the right to a decent job, education, health and medical attention and a house in a decent neighborhood.



Picketing continues

Concerned University students and Lincoln residents move into their fourth day of picketing Thursday in their attempt to prompt the Lincoln Board of Realtors to remedy what they term existing unfair housing practices in Lincoln.

The demonstrators will meet at 11:45 Thursday at the State Federal Securities Building at 134 S. 13th, Bob Ginn, group coordinator, said. Ginn said Wednesday, the demonstrators have asked the realtors to adopt a three point program.

The program asks that:

—"realtors refuse to accept the listing contract of any individual homeowner or landlord who wishes to discriminate by race, color or creed in the sale or rental of his property."

—"that Lincoln realtors propose a model open housing bill."

—"that Lincoln realtors locate and remedy cases of discrimination through a real estate counseling service staffed by realtors."

Regents defend Marxer

The Board of Regents came under fire Wednesday for coming to the defense of Draft Resistance leader Charles Marxer, a philosophy instructor.

In a statement released yesterday, the Board of Regents announced their "complete and unanimous disagreement with Mr. Marxer and his ill-advised remarks."

Despite this the Regents said that "in a democratic society, Mr. Marxer as any citizen, has a right to express his personal views, disagreeable as they may be."

Marxer organized League

Marxer, a visiting philosophy instructor who will leave the University at the end of this semester, organized the Nebraska Draft Resistance League last month. He spoke in opposition to the Vietnam war and the draft at a recent Hyde Park in the Nebraska Union.

State Senator Clifton Batchelder said in an interview Tuesday that the University had gotten out of the voters' control, as the Regents' refusal to fire Marxer indi-

cates. Batchelder said that he had asked the Regents to remove Marxer "on the basis that he is an undesirable influence on the youth of our state."

Moral courage lacking

"If the Board does not have the moral courage to assume management responsibility in the interests of the taxpayers, they should step aside and let the people elect a new board," he said.

On Campus . . .

Today

The Young Democrats will present the movie, "Thousand Days" this evening at 7:30 p.m. in Love Library Auditorium. The movie highlights the John F. Kennedy administration before the former President's assassination. Admission is 75 cents.

University of Nebraska Dames will elect new officers this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Union.

In the Regents' release, Board President E. N. Greenberg stated that extensive investigations by local and federal authorities have not detected any violations of the law.

"Review by faculty members has not revealed abuse of his teaching responsibilities in the classroom," Greenberg said.

The statement said further that Regents are "convinced that the vast majority of the faculty and the student body does not support (Marxer's) position."

The Quiz Bowl will be held at 6:45 this evening in the Union.

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A U.S. Marine Corps Officer Selection Team will be in the Union today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Marine Corps has officer programs available for freshmen through seniors; all lead to a second lieutenant's commission upon graduation.

No summer 'take-home' courses ready

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Though students and faculty alike are interested in conducting summer "take-home reading" courses, it appears now there will be no such courses available this summer.

"As of right now economics is the only department indicating interest for this summer and no definite plan has been formulated," said Nancy Eaton, chairman of the Arts and Sciences College Advisory Board.

"I plan to ask them to hold their program until next year so that we can organize a complete, well-planned program in many of the departments," Miss Eaton said.

The idea of the take-home reading course was initiated successfully last spring under the guidance of Neshia Neumeister and Robert Hough, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

An English course was offered to students with a 2.5 grade average. After reading the course's books all summer, the 36 students who participated returned last fall to take an exam. All of the students passed the test, receiving three hours credit on their record. It was offered on a pass-fail basis.

Hough said the students were enthusiastic about the English course and strongly urged its continuance. He said he has already received a number of phone calls from students desiring to take the course this summer.

He termed it a highly successful innovation, adding he thinks there is still enough time in the semester to formulate another take-home course for this summer.

Early in the first semester Miss Neumeister approached the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board which agreed to sponsor the take-

home courses.

The general attitude of the board members was for expansion of the program to other departments in the Arts and Sciences College, Hough, the board advisor, said.

He explained that each board member was assigned two or three department heads to work with in establishing courses on a take-home basis.

He said it would be up to each department to set the requirement for the courses it would offer.

Miss Eaton said the members were assigned too late in the years to approach the department heads. She indicated the board had given priority throughout the year to other projects it has been working on.

David Landis, a board member, said the members were told sometime after the spring semester began to contact their assigned department heads.

NU's grading system now includes "plusses"

The University grading system will be virtually back on the 9-point scale due to an amendment passed Tuesday by the Faculty Senate.

Professor Royce Knapp presented the amendment, which passed two-to-one margin. It provides four "plus" grades in addition to the present A,B,C,D, and E. The new system will go into effect immediately.

The scale additions are: AX — 4.5; BX — 3.5; CX — 2.5; DX — 1.5.

Professor Knapp said Wednesday that the amendment stemmed from the findings of an Ad Hoc faculty committee formed to investigate grading problems.

"We found that depending on the college, 35 to 48 per cent of the freshmen at the University were on scholastic probation this year," Knapp said.

"This is inconsistent, because for the past several years, 80 per cent of the University's freshman class has come from the upper one-half of their high school graduating classes," he said.

In addition, the committee further found that in every other class, sophomore, junior and sen-

ior, the present overall average is lower than the 1965 overall averages, when the school used the 9-point system.

"We found little evidence of curriculum change or higher standards. Therefore we had to conclude that the problem was in the grading scale," Knapp said.

"This change will decrease the chances for 'C' students to go on scholastic probation," he continued. "We expect 20 to 25 per cent of the freshmen to be put on scholastic probation, but four or five out of ten is impossible."

Knapp noted that students "owe a debt" to Chancellor Hardin, who initiated the investigation into the grading scale. A deans' study presented to Hardin caused him to appoint the committee consisting of Knapp, Professor Frank Dudek of Psychology, and Professor Lyle Young of Engineering Mechanics. "Evidently the four-point system was being misused here," Knapp said. "At this university, a 2.0 average is the minimum average to stay in good standing, but it is also the exact middle of the grading scale."

He further stated that other schools who successfully use the four-point system must give more grades of B.

"The University is the only school in the Big Eight with a drop out rate of 1,000 a year," Knapp said.

"These kids didn't just flunk out, either. Some dropped out because they didn't think they would be able to graduate," Knapp said.

Outgoing ASUN President Dick Schulze termed the Faculty Senate's grading change "a slap in the face to what ASUN has worked for all year."

Schulze said that the move goes against the basic points outlined in the newly released Student Academic Freedom Committee report.

"We can't let this issue go by without some reconsideration," Schulze said. "Students have been bypassed on this item that directly affects them."

Schulze met Wednesday evening with student leaders to discuss student position on the quick decision.