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CHOICE '68--THE STUDENTS' VOICE

In recent years the college student has emerged as an important figure of the American society. In response to this, TIME magazine has chosen to sponsor the National Collegiate Presidential Primary. Choice '68, as it is more commonly known, is a public service program of TIME through which the aware college student will be able to express his opinion of the situations existing in the United States today through an organized election to be held on April 24.

Behrend campus along with all of the other PSU campuses and other colleges all over the United States has been selected to participate in Choice '68. Considered one of the coordinators for the northwestern region of Pennsylvania, students from Behrend will be conducting the voting in various colleges in the area. The results of the entire national election will be sent to each candidate in order to inform them of their standing on college campuses throughout the United States.

The ballot will present a slate of fourteen candidates including: Fred Halstead, Socialist Worker Party; Mark Hatfield, Republican; Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat; Robert Kennedy, Democrat; John Lindsay, Republican; Eugene McCarthy, Democrat; Richard Nixon, Republican; Nelson Rockefeller, Republican; George Romney, Republican; Harold Stassen, Republican; and George Wallace, American Independent Party. In order to acquaint Behrend and other interested students with the platforms of the numerous candidates, April 16 has been designated as a debate date. On this day some of the student along with members of the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans will present the platforms of the respective candidates. To be held during Common Hour on that day, the floor will be open for comments and questions from the attending student body.

Choice '68, however, is more than just a Presidential election. Students will also be able to voice their opinions on several vital questions facing the American voters today. Of immediate importance is the course of action the United States is to take in Viet Nam. The student voter will be able to indicate his choice between such courses of action as withdrawal or escalation. The bombing of North Viet Nam will be another important issue on the ballot. Away from the Southeastern Asia situation, the urban crisis in the United States proper will also be up for consideration. Such topics as education, job training and riot control will be included in this heading.

The results of this mock election will be able to serve as an indicator of the attitude of the college student. If the collegian is the aware or concerned student that many journalists have pictured him to be, a large turnout should result. On the other hand, if the college student is apathetic and indifferent towards the situation surrounding him, only a minority vote can be expected.