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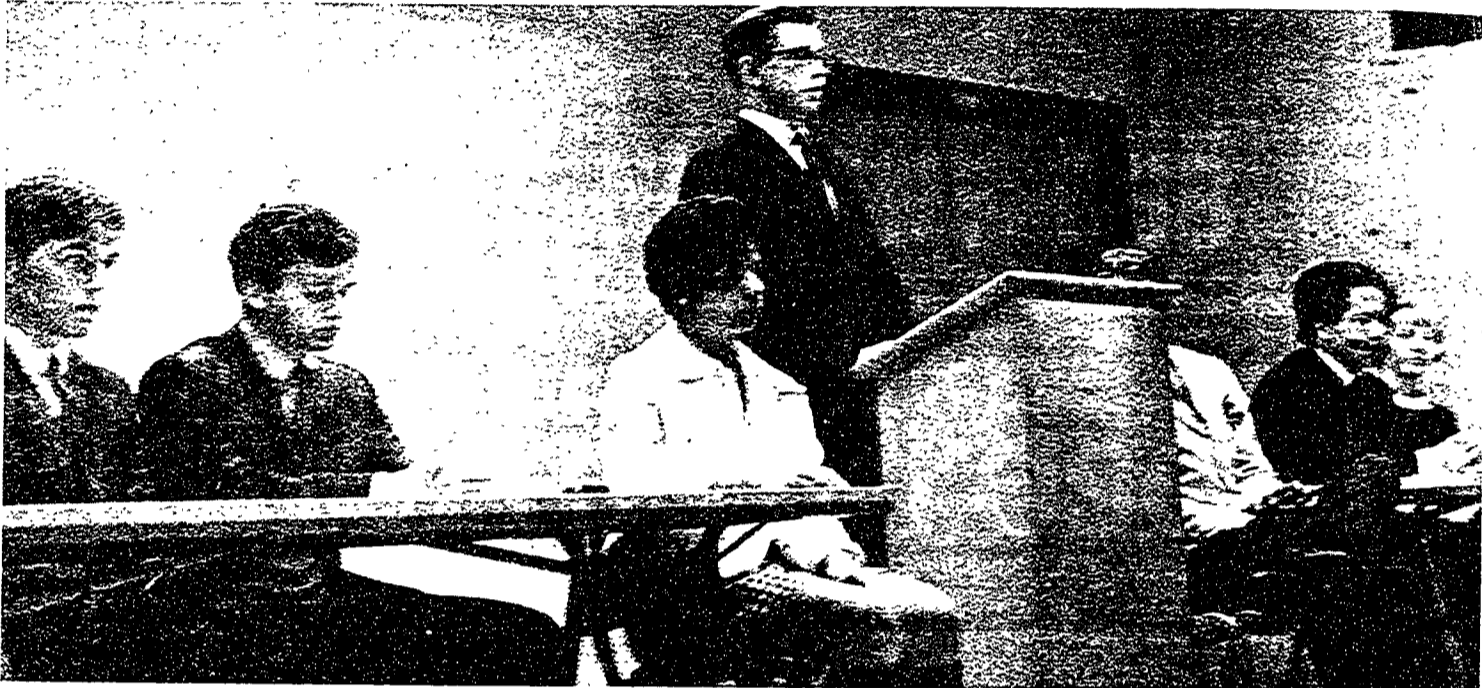
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Platforms Presented



STUDENTS SPEAK OUT FOR CANDIDATES

In conjunction with the Choice '68 election on April 24, a debate was held last Tuesday during the common hour in the RUB lecture room. The purpose was to give the students a clear view of several candidates and their prospective platforms. Ron Batchelor introduced the program to the seventy students present by stressing the importance of this election. Choice '68 can become the primary for the "informed" college student and equal in importance to any state primary. It is an opportunity to let the candidates know the political attitudes of the future voting public. Ron pointed out that most students are stereotyped by adults as indifferent or irresponsible to world situations when actually they have proven to be more sensitive to what is happening than previous generations.

Claudia White, the chairman of Choice '68, then informed the group that the speakers' purpose was to interpret their candidate's views. An impersonal question-answer period was to follow the speeches if any questions developed or if anyone desired to make any additional comments.

Heading the list of speakers was Shirely Vassbinder who presented the political views of potential Republican candidate, Nelson Rockefeller. She claimed Rocky to be a strong candidate by pointing out his past record of wins and his popularity with other Republican Governors. Although he has not yet said he will run, Shirl feels that he will, and to quote the old maxim; "He who runs least runs best."

Charles Kennedy spoke next for Dick Gregory, a candidate on the Peace and Freedom ticket. He stressed that people should vote for a candidate if his platform is good regardless of whether they think he has a chance or not. Charlie stated that Gregory's platform emphasized love and equality, and his concern for the minority groups.

Democratic senator, Eugene McCarthy was handled by Dave Shuttle. He stated that Senator McCarthy's influential ability is apparent from his successful political record. He mentioned that McCarthy's beliefs and desires centered around American man's freedoms and rights and feels that America needs a "change in administration". Shuttle quoted McCarthy who stated that the main issue of the election is not Viet Nam and not riots, but leadership and direction.

Speaking next for George Wallace, a candidate on the American Independent Party ticket, was Ken Carpenter. He stated that Mr. Wallace's beliefs in individual advancement and his concern for individual rights was exemplified by his positive stand on individual state's rights.

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