EDITORIALS

Presidentials '68

It would seem that the political situation in the United States is extremely disheartening. The polls proclaim that the heroes have all been eliminated in one respect or another via political blackballing or assassination. Eugene McCarthy lacked the support of the elder generation which, in spite of the growing discontent with it, still runs the world. He had many new, bold ideas, and this brought about his presidential demise. Robert Kennedy, the polls hint, would have beaten Hubert H Humphrey in the presidential nominations. However, even if he had lost the nomination, he had enough supporters to cause a split in the Democratic party. Mayor John Lindsay would be presidential material, however it is apparent that he is not one to buck the organization. He, too, has enough supporters, or could have rallied enough to put up a better fight for the Republican nomination than did Reagan or Rockefeller. These two presidential aspirants practically gave the nomination to Richard Nixon by throwing their hats in and out the ring on a seemingly weekly basis. That race was certainly not one.

It is safe to assume that the Republicans have the odds on their side for putting a man in office. They have a unity which is lacking if not non-existent in the Democratic party. One must admit that they played a smart game of politics. The choice of Spiro Agnew as VP candidate did bring several McCarthy Democrats over to the GOP. He is a grand speaker in comparison with the other sides' counterpart. Little else can be said either derogatory or complimentary because he is literally an unknown. This perhaps is the best qualification for this post.

Now mention must be made of Sen. Muskie. It would seem that in this campaign he is assuming the role that Hubert H. Humphrey made so obscure four years ago; (ie. the ever-faithful flunkie). No one can hold this against HHH, because actually in 1964 nothing was really needed from him to assure a Democratic victory in November. But this is not 1964, it's 1968, and if ever a presidential candidate needed a good supporting "actor" this is the year. The main reason for this is Mr Humphrey's unwillingness to answer any questions straight. I, for one, [illegible] Muskie [illegible] Democratic party candidate, George Wallace, who is making an unbelievably strong bid for top post. Wallace is an extremely outspoken, honest man. He has been reported as being prejudiced. His supporters say, "That is not so, he believes the separate but equal policy." In my opinion, that puts him several notches above Hitler, but does not sanctify him. So far, his wisest move has been to deny any affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan. As for his stand on rioters and looters, he seems to direct his policy at Negroes.

Who can be blamed for the state which now exists in our country? I say that whenever a country loses faith in its leader and practically forces him to refuse to run for office, the blame must be put on the country as a whole. When President Johnson revealed his decision to withdraw, he left the country without a leader. The country left itself without a leader.

What's left for America? We can hope for unity behind whoever is elected in November, we can hope for a sense of national pride to expose itself. As I said earlier, hope is fine, but it doesn't accomplish anything. Even so, we must hope for action. Contradictory? Yes! But what else is there short of a police state but hope? Any answers or arguments will be appreciated by the CUB.

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The CUB staff appreciates the interest already expressed by the letters in this issue.

Letters to the Editor

CAMPUS

Dear Editor:

For the betterment of Behrend Campus, action should be taken to stop the gambling that occurs among the students every term. Why should the reputation of Behrend suffer because of it? It might not be so bad if the gambling involved cards or dice, but it involves the education of the individual, generally the returning sophomore.

[illegible] student leaves in the spring with [illegible] he needs for his major, but only [illegible] there is [illegible] to [illegible] to take [illegible] Dean's office. [illegible] student [illegible] his chances at getting courses at Behrend that he needs for graduation. How many students found math closed to them? (Granted it was opened to them, but why was it closed in the first place when it is a course known to be required by the students' college?) How many students were expecting to take psychology? How many students expected to take Spanish? How many students will not receive the desired courses because their

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