Value of Debates Aired by Students By LYNNE CEREFICE

What value and effect do the recent Nixon-Kennedy TV debates have on the current presidential campaign?

About 90 per cent of approxi-mately 30 students interviewed on this subject praised the series of debates as an excellent opportunity for the American public to "meet" the presiden-tial candidates and gain a more complete understanding of impending political issues and party platforms.

Most students agreed that since the debates are complete-Iy unrehearsed, they provide the American public with a sound basis for judging the candidates and their political views. The spontaneous guestions of newsmen, they said, force the candidates to discuss all the issues.

By giving the opposing candidates a chance to confront each other before the public, the TV series serves to clarify any misconceptions voters may have concerning their positions on various issues.

On the other hand, about 10 per cent of the students said that the debates serve no useful purpose as far as the public is concerned.

Students supporting this view, explained that most people have already decided how they will vote. They said that a large segment of the popula-

tion does not consider the debates in an objective light. Instead, the people tend to be influenced by only those phases of the discussions which confirm previously formed opinions.

In reference to the candidates' performance, most students said that Kennedy took the offensive in answering questions, while Nixon maintained a defensive position. Several students said that this distinction was more apparent in the first debate but that Nixon's comments were strong in the more recent one.

About half of the students felt that Kennedy's manner of speaking appeals more to the liberal-minded voter, while Nixon's style finds support in the conservative voter. The other half considered

the candidates equal in appeal. Several comments on basic campaign issues showed that about 20 per cent of the students interviewed considered the presidential race a contest between personalities rather than policies. About half of the students

felt the debates could be improved by increasing the length of the programs. They ex-plained that in many instances, complete discussion is ham-pered by the time limit.

The other 50 per cent supported the opinion that an increase in time allotted for the debates would only prolong confusion and cause the public

to lose interest.

Reiter Asks HEc Awards Ag Council Applications For Support

Richard Reiter, junior in horticulture from Mars, Pa., reported last night on the Ag-riculture High School Counsel-ing Program, urging council members to help inform scien-tific-minded high-school stu-donte dents.

Speaking at the Agriculture Student Council meeting, Reiter said high school students should know about the possibilities in the agricultural and biological sci-ences curriculum and be encour-aged if they have an interest in science

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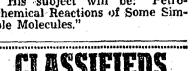
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Walker--

(Continued from page five) policy recommendations; to recommend action and expenditures to the state legislature and executive; to approve the establishment of new degree programs: and to recommend the establishment of new institutions, Walker said.

In his speech Walker added that the total expense of education in Pennsylvania would depend upon whether higher education is made available to a larger or smaller percentage of young persons in the future.

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