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Chapel Hillians Seek McCarthy Signatures

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A state-wide petition to show citizen support for Presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy is expected to receive 500,000 signatures throughout North Carolina.

The Chapel Hill petition has collected 1000 names; Asheville received 2926 signatures in eight days.

The petition states: "We, the undersigned, wish to make public our support of Eugene McCarthy and urge the Democratic Party to nominate this man of courage and integrity for the President of the United States."

The North Carolina petition was instituted by Alden Lind, chairman of the State Co-ordinating Committee for McCarthy. Such a petition is being distributed nationally as well. At least 20 million signatures is expected on the national level.

In North Carolina, Lind is the only delegate who has pledged his vote to McCarthy. The other 58 votes have been pledged to the state's favorite son, Dan Moore, for the first ballot at the

convention in Chicago.

A spokesman at the Chapel Hill Headquarters of McCarthy for President said that many of the delegates from this state are sitting on the political fence concerning their votes in subsequent ballots.

Through the influence of the state petition, it is hoped that the Tar Heel delegates to the national convention will be swayed to the side of McCarthy.

"Any pressure, anything this impressive, is bound to be influential to the delegates," said the local spokesman.

"If the petition does not show a majority of support for McCarthy over the other presidential aspirants, it is still important.

"The purpose of the petition is not to excessively pressure the delegates, but to show the support that's already there."

Public backing of Senator McCarthy was also shown in a recent telephone poll in Raleigh and the immediate vicinity.

Two polls were taken so that a standard error could be calculated. There were 88 people in the first poll on July 15, 1968; 97 were telephoned in the second on July 16.

Results showed that 40% of the interviewed preferred McCarthy; 32% preferred Humphrey; 27% voiced no opinion.

On the North Carolina ballot, Wallace, Nixon, Reagan, Rockefeller, Humphrey and McCarthy will be listed. A narrow majority of those telephoned stated that Wallace was their first choice; Nixon was their second choice.

Wallace received 19% as first choice. Nixon followed closely with 17%. McCarthy received 14% of the first preference opinions.

A second choice, Nixon received 10.40%; McCarthy received 10.35%; Rockefeller was chosen by 10.20% of the interviewed.

The results of the North Carolina petition will be sent to the McCarthy for President Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Compilations of the individual cities' petitions will be sent to the North Carolina delegates before the beginning of the Democratic National Convention at the end of August.

Other states throughout the nation are expected to do likewise to reveal the strength of public support for McCarthy's candidacy.



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Supporters Collect Signatures

... on petition for McCarthy

Student To Refuse Service Induction

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"I will refuse induction because the draft is an oppressive form of institutionalized slavery," said Robert "Corky" Eaton this week.

Eaton, who hopes to be a UNC senior in history this fall, will refuse induction in the U.S. Armed Forces next Tuesday, July 30, at the Raleigh induction center.

A support demonstration will be held for Eaton by "The Resistance," a national anti-draft organization. Local members of "The Resistance" will stage the demonstration, which will draw an estimated 20-50 people.

According to Eaton, the demonstration will be "an affirmation of life." It will not be a sombre anti-draft rally like many that have been held.

Eaton explained that the support rally will be festive. "I do not think that people should be sad when another person takes control over his own life and rejects the forces of destruction."

"Corky" Eaton and George Vlasits, a former UNC student, turned in their draft cards during the Pentagon march last October. Vlasits, the only other

local member of "The Resistance" to be arrested for refusing induction, was arrested for this act in April, 1968, and is now awaiting trial after having posted \$2500 bond.

Eaton predicts that it will take the Federal Grand Jury in Raleigh at least one month to indict him following his draft refusal July 30. He was ordered to report for induction on July 1, following a seven-month unsuccessful appeal of his Selective Service classification (1-A).

Eaton has a 2-S student classification until November 16, 1967, when the Selective Service System reclassified him 1-A Delinquent. His last appeal failed May 9. He is still classified 1-A Delinquent.

"The Resistance" members and supporters will leave Chapel Hill from Y-Court on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. They will assemble at Raleigh Municipal Auditorium at 8:30 a.m., shortly before the demonstration at the induction center which is scheduled to last from 9-11 a.m.

Eaton plans to go through the regular procedure at the induction center until the tests are concluded. He will refuse to step forward when the inductees are called for the loyalty oath.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 'Encouragement But Few N.C. Delegates'

By BILL RUSSO
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Senator Eugene McCarthy, in his bid for North Carolina delegates to the national Democratic Convention, received a "North Carolina style encouragement" for his campaign Thursday—a wish of luck but few delegates.

That at least was the word he gave reporters at a brief news conference after his meetings with Governor Dan Moore and the democratic delegates.

On a more serious note, Senator McCarthy said that he would not accept the Vice-presidential nomination. He also indicated that if elected he would replace FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Selective Service Head General Hersey.

The Senator spoke at three gatherings in Raleigh Thursday—an airport rally, a cause of the delegates and a large public rally at noon.

Both at the airport and at the address to the caucus Senator McCarthy emphasized the relationship of his campaign and his "coalition of conscience" to

the Democratic convention.

Its central issue, he said, was the Viet Nam War and a test of the Democratic Party's conscience to repudiate the Johnson Administration's involvement in South Viet Nam. Further, the convention would be a test of the political process of the Party.

The Senator continued, stating that the Democratic Party could demonstrate that the Party is still for the people by keeping an open convention and eliminating the unit rule. Finally he felt that the delegates have a responsibility to represent the people of their districts rather than the Party leaders.

At his noon rally outside of the Sir Walter Hotel Senator McCarthy was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of about 5-6,000 supporters.

His address centered around three major points: the end of the war in Viet Nam, the responsibility of the Democratic delegates to respond to the will of the people and a domestic plan of "four new rights for

Graduate Students To Meet

There will be a meeting of the Graduate Students' Association at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 1, in Gerrard Hall. All students in the graduate, law, medical and professional schools are invited.

Members of the steering committee will describe the Association's activities since its founding in May. There will be an open-floor discussion and suggestion period and an opportunity to volunteer for Association projects.

Hank Steadman, a sociology grad student and member of the steering committee, described the Association as "an organization for all graduate students, not just those who want to do political work. We're interested in doing things like spreading around the news of what's going on in every department, providing money for the grad students teaching experimental college courses, providing more reasons and occasions for grad students to get together."

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