

McCarthy says 'real battle' in Congress is with military

Though the "clean Genes" are gone, Sen. Eugene McCarthy's casual style and occasional wit drew more than 600 listeners, most of them appreciative, to a question-and-answer session Monday in front of Walter Library.

And when it ended after 35 min-

utes, they pushed and "squeezed" their way to the graying and wrinkling (but still boyish) McCarthy, to shake his hand or ask a question. Many pushed worn notebooks, old Dailies, or soiled pieces of paper at McCarthy in quest of an autograph.

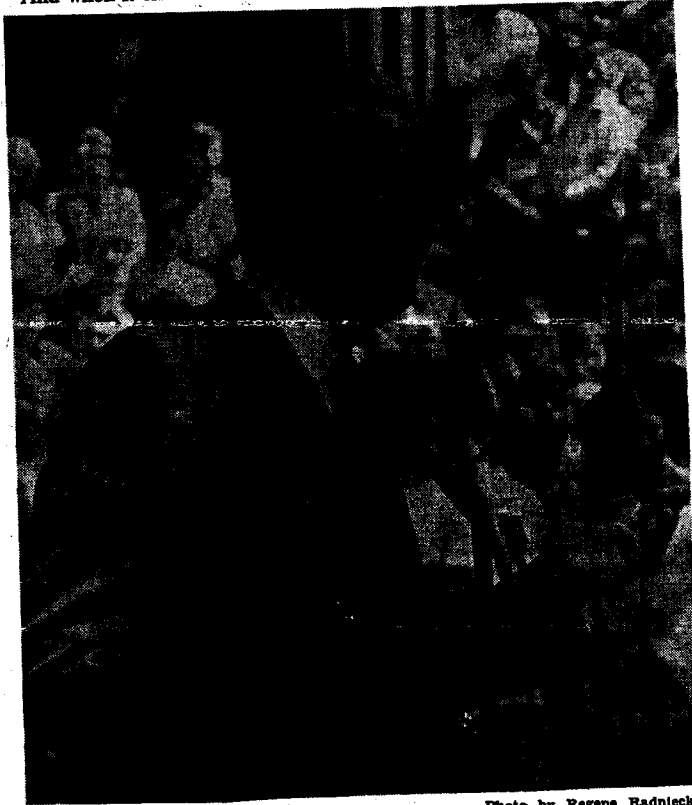


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McCarthy makes first campus visit since campaign
"Clean Genes" gone; admirers remain.

McCarthy, in his first visit to the campus since the presidential campaign, would make no commitments for the future. He often answered questions that required complex answers with "I don't know if I can answer that." "Last year I knew all the answers to all the questions," McCarthy said. "This year I'm not so sure."

McCarthy said he has "left the way open" for a third-party candidacy in 1972. But asked if he would seek reelection to the Senate, he replied "Well, I don't know . . . When do filings open?"

McCarthy had told a similar gathering at Hamline University last week that "certain conditions" will determine whether he will file for his Senate post. Asked yesterday what those conditions are, he said "I'd rather not answer that."

McCarthy spoke of the "military complex" and the anti-ballistic missile (ABM) controversy. Referring to Pres. Richard Nixon's endorsement of an ABM proposal before Congress, he said, "There's a theory that Nixon likes to lose. I hope that's true."

McCarthy told the crowd that the "real battle in Congress is a military one. The fight for academic freedom, civil rights, and anti-discrimination we have to ask you to carry on." But, he added, Congress has "passed laws against ignorance, ill health, poverty, and crime . . . having done that, we really didn't do much."

McCarthy said "We have the Defense Dept., on the defensive," and that de-militarism is "finally beginning."

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