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be held responsible for anything." Her face dropped into a posture of gloom when she added, "I'm really frightened and I'm just sick."

Opinions among students were diverse when the subject of future political action was mentioned. "I think that it's obvious that we have to concentrate on the local aspects of government and the Congress to really make this country work."

The hugeness of McGovern's defeat seemed to knock many off balance, however. "I'm upset at both parties," Waldman said. "I just think the whole thing is pathetic."

Some students have already staked out alternative paths to political power, paths that include neither the Democrats nor the Republicans. Dave Huff, graduate student interested in the Socialist Worker's Party, thought that the reason McGovern was nominated "was the fact that the Roosevelt coalition was beginning to crumble. I think that the new coalition he got of young people and oppressed minorities is, after this election, going to realize that the Democratic Party is not the proper alternative and hopefully they'll look for a third party."

Huff said that if this coalition does not choose his Socialist Workers, then perhaps the choice will be "something along the lines of the New Democratic Party in Canada."

Albert Webber, who taught at the Honors College three years ago, is also interested in the possibility of a third party effort. "Maybe people will be fed up with conventional parties after this time and try for the People's Party."

Architecture major Rick Rosenwald wasn't buying any political talk of any party. "It was purely indicative of America that Nixon would get re-elected," Rosenwald said. "I don't believe in the electoral process, I think it's a big shuck and I think that it's always been that way."

Rosenwald felt that the country was "founded by a group of rich elites" and that things are still the same.

One concern of many students was what they thought was the lack of involvement and interest of people in their federal government. Many feel that the President himself discourages such involvement.

"My God," Brown exclaimed, "if there's anything Nixon doesn't want it's people's involvement!"

A real question now exists on what future reaction will develop politically among students, not only at the University, but across the nation. "Everybody's numb," John Crew said, and others voiced similar attitudes.

Although perhaps a few believe that Nixon will show his hand in a second administration, most students felt that things will continue much as they are, with possibly a slight worsening.

Most felt like Art O'Connell, a Ken instructor at the University: "I thought people wanted to be a lot more involved in government but the vote was a vote of not being involved. Voters seemed to say, 'Let the guy with the power—he seems to be doing okay—let him go ahead and run the show.'"

"I thought the McGovern faction was much more like a 'get out and respond' to the people's getting involved and taking some responsibility," O'Connell continued. "It was obvious to me that the President is going to hold back and say, 'Don't worry about it, I'll take it on my shoulders.' It's like a very personal thing, the money and the whole shooting match."

At least one student, however, wasn't concerned in the least. Dennis LeMonu, a young Frenchman travelling through the Western Hemisphere, had his solution:

"I just came from France and I was looking for the truth, you know, and I realized that the truth was in Jesus, that's all," LeMonu said quite seriously. "In fact, I'm out of the world now, you know. I'm sorry to disappoint you for that. The election? What's the election?"

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