F.D.R. LEGACY? . . .

Conservatism Booming On Nation's Campuses

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Those of you who have Time (magazine) and occasionally read it, may have noticed the article in the Education section concerning the growing ten-
dency of college students throughout the U.S. to lean to-
ward the right in their political views.

Goldwater fan clubs under the guise of such national or-
ganization titles as the Inter-
collegiate Society of Individ-
ualists and the Young Ameri-
cans for Freedom, and local campus groups such as Yale's
Calliopean Society and Wiscon-
sin U.'s Conservative Club have just recently been created, but
the rapid growth of these fledg-
ing organizations represents a radical change from the apa-
thetic attitudes of most colle-
gians of the previous decade.

LAST YEAR, fuelled by the
spark of such events as Negro sit-ins and growing dissention
over the practices of the House
Un-American Activities Com-
mittee, college students through-
out the country suddenly awak-
ened to what was going on in
the world after a long period of
social and political unaware-
ness, somewhat akin to a state of
mental suspended animation.

Last year college students pro-
vided a youthful and massive
shot-in-the-arm to the causes
of the various candidates in the
race for the presidential nomi-

cations. Most of these students
backed the conservative fac-
tions.

Students have offered many
reasons for turning conserva-
tive; probably the best expla-
nation for the new trend, how-
ever, can be accredited to youth's natural rebellion
against conformity, and to many students the liberalism of
their elders is the most iron-
bound conformity.

THOSE WHOSE parents felt
that F.D.R. hung the moon are
rebelling against the concept.
As Roger Claus, president of Wiscon-
sin's Conservative Club
told the Time reporter, "You
walk around with your Barry
Goldwater button, and you feel
the thrill of treason." Perhaps
Froud would analyze this con-
servative trend of young Ameri-
cans as being the final rejection
of Mother and Father.

Another big persuader is pro-
fessional pressure of "liberal-

ism, liberalism, liberalism." The
student also takes pleasure in
rebelling against the views of
his professor.

At any rate the conservative
political views found on the col-
lege campus have created a po-
itical force that can not easily
be sneered at. College students
now represent a growing voting
bloc which the politician can
not afford to neglect. To those
of you who still call yourselves
liberals, there is but one word
of consolation . . . wait until
next generation. Our children
will naturally rebel against our
conservative political views and
in twenty-five years, liberal or-
ganizations will begin to rear
their sinister (Latin for left)
heads throughout the college
campuses.