Is McGovern selling a used car?

By Mark Haley

It's amazing how times change people. A few years ago it was assumed that Nixon would sell his mother an Edsel this year.

Now, according to a recent Gallop poll, the situation has changed. McGovern today leads Nixon by 25%, and one could conclude that McGovern is selling a used Edsel.

This 25% lead represents the biggest margin in a recent presidential election at the close of a campaign. So far.

What happened to George McGovern? His problem goes beyond the fact that he is running against his vision of America. People don't know much about McGovern.

Lab offers energy policy

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Inform about energy and its effects. The situation has been greatly improved with the present situation on ecology, but the public's interest seems to suffer as usual.

Previously, people were in the dark - informed - about power, but now will all the self-proclaimed experts say too many are over-informed. This is probably more understandable. It has been an effort to be made a realistic view and counter the alarmism of the environmental groups. This is largely due to the pressure of government and industry. All is not as rosy as some would like to see it. The death and destruction. Once people have a better idea of where things really stand, it will be easier to save the mid-Mideast road.

Unfortunately, it is not just the average consumer who does not know his facts about energy. Large sectors of government, industry, and the press have been behind the program's main thrust.

As there are two groups in the position to create a realistic view of energy, both must be credited. A realistic view of energy must be made known here also. Perhaps the prestige of MIT and its faculty will give more weight to the points which the Lab wishes to make.

Independent studies of problems, such as the assessment of resources, are sorely needed. Many of the present investigations were undertaken by the various McGovern followers. Many people aren't quite sure what he will do once he's in office.

It was not that McGovern's basic ideas are so fundamentally unique. Some of his political philosophies are ingrained in many Americans' political thinking. People do change in the country. It's just that the manner in which McGovern wants to change things has left many of his supporters feeling and disillusioned.

On the whole, for instance, the polls clearly show that people want to get out of Vietnam. But McGovern blundered on his best bet, and soon, according to the October Gallop poll, most people assume that Nixon can do a better job of it than McGovern. McGovern lost some of the energy companies which either began with a biased view or were looking only for factors of direct interest to them. If the Lab can generate a comprehensive study of the industries of not only technical factors but also societal ones, it will have an invaluable contribution.

Along the lines of maintaining this independence is the necessity of becoming too dependent upon one sponsor or group of interests. At the faculty meeting, Mason stressed that new sources of funding would be sought and listed some of those organizations that are presently looking to the Lab for research in energy, there is the whole gamut of federal agencies from the AEC to NSF, then state and local governments, the fuel companies, the utilities, industries that consume large quantities of energy, and so on.

The Energy Lab could become a major force at the Institute. It can provide a wealth of new opportunities for faculty and students alike. Overall, provided that the community maintains an active interest, the Lab can do far more good than harm for the laboratory's new world and so should be a very worthwhile addition. More importantly, students and faculty who are interested in energy considerations should not hesitate to become fully involved in the Lab from its earliest stages.

McGovern's plan seems a bit hazy. And since he has dropped his plan of giving 1000 dollars to every American, it is hard to tell what type of economy we will have if either McGovern or Nixon are president. Both seem equally non-committal.

McGovern has also made a number of public moves which have shaken his support.

On the one hand he says he supports Nixon 100%. Then he rejects it and drops him from the ticket.

His domestic plans seem a bit hazy. Many people aren't quite sure what he will do once he's in office. Such as to play politics.

Clearly if Nixon is to blame for the war, these administrations are to blame equally for its continuation, and Johnson would certainly deserve as much blame as Nixon. It appears that McGovern is really making plans.

And the Watergate affair, if proven true, which he is proving that way. If proven true, it would do once he's in office. Such as to play politics.

Probably the most important point in elections is to dig a little deeper when people aren't ready for his vision of America. People don't know which of the choices, and yet who doesn't quite practice what he preaches during the rest of the week.

Some of his supporters still suggest that he is the front runner, while McGovern is the front runner, while McGovern is still having his own campaign and he hasn't waited on his views.

Some go as far to suggest that he is going to win, but the President withers on his views.

The American voters aren't buying an Edsel this year.