



Students crowd the attendance office to gain readmission after heavy pre-Easter absence. --Photo by Fidelman

Senator Bayh Speaks to Van Nuys Students

"Every vote does count," stated ten-year Senator of Indiana, Birch Bayh, at a press conference on March 23 at Van Nuys School.

Senator Bayh stressed the importance of the 18-20 year-old vote, saying, "the 18-year-old has accomplished two things; first, the right to vote eliminates the hypocrisy of having your citizenship, but not being able to vote. Second, it gives the youth a piece of the action!" Birch Bayh co-sponsored the twenty-sixth amendment (18 year-old vote) and is committee chairman of the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth amendments (women rights and direct Presidential vote, respectively.)

Bayh, who is also a member of the senate judiciary committee, promoted awareness concerning the 18-year-old vote. "I hope you won't be afraid to use your right to vote.

According to Senator Bayh,

Business Reps To Speak

Representatives from businesses and industries will speak to Monroe students on Career Day, scheduled for Wednesday April 15.

The speakers will include stewardesses from TWA Airlines, representatives of the Civil Services, members of the nursing profession, Hanna-Barbera employees, members of Litton Industries, firemen, men and women police officers, and members of the Armed Forces. They will be speaking in three conference sessions from 9:30 to 11:30.

Featured on Career Day will be television, stage, and screen star Calvin Bartlett, and his brother, Todd Bartlett, a stunt man. Calvin Bartlett is known for rolls he played in "Paint Your Wagon," "Counterfeit Killer" and "Myra Breckenridge."

government and history courses should prepare students for voting. "Every vote does count," Senator Bayh stated. He was first elected by just two votes per precinct. "Each year at least one important measure passes or fails by one Senate vote."

Senator Bayh is in favor of limiting expenditures for the candidates, for disclosing the contributors, for putting an upper limit on advertising and other costs, and for public financing. "We may price ourselves out of the democracy market," he said. Also commenting on socialized medicine, Bayh told of statistics that prove the United States to be thirteenth in infant mortality rates mainly due to malnutrition.

Officers Visit Monroe

Two representatives from the Van Nuys Police Division visited Mr. Southern Courtney's Law and Modern America class to speak to students.

Mr. Russell Young and Mrs. Gaylene Dunn spoke about activities and policies. The talk was very informal and no set pattern was taken.

Mr. Young has worked on the force four years. "I like the morning watch," he said, "from 4:00 to 12:00." He gave pointers on what one should do if one is stopped by police. Be polite and the police will be polite back, he said.

Mrs. Dunn spoke first about her days in the academy. She said she has worked both in the jail and on the street. "The jail was good training for me," she said, but she liked the street work more because, "I'm interested in people."

New Committee Formed

A new committee consisting primarily of department chairmen has been formed this semester to give teachers greater representation in decisions regarding the budgeting of money for educational materials.

The committee members include Mrs. Maureen Rigby, Mrs. Lois Whitman, Mr. M. Lee Hampton, Mr. James Keefer, Mr. Marvin Katz, and boys' vice-principal Mr.

Larry Foster. The group was created at the request of the Faculty Senate to determine how monies will be spent on materials beginning next September.

In previous years schools were allotted money by the Board of Education in pre-labeled amounts for new books and other supplies. However, last September a new policy was adopted in which schools are awarded an Instructional Materials Account (IMA) and are permitted to determine how this is to be spent on supplies.

This year, according to Mr. Foster, Monroe has been operating the IMA which averages to approximately \$18 per year for supplies for each Monroe student without any definite procedures, and the problems encountered dictated the need for the new committee.

Scott Hemphill Wins Honors In Mathematical Competition

Scott Hemphill placed first with a score of 104.75 points in the 23rd annual national MAA test at Monroe.

Twenty other Monroe students also took the Mathematics Association of America test which was given on March 14 by the math department.

Second and third place winners are Jeff Berkowitz with a score of 55.75 and Mark Kelly with a score of 44.50. These three top scores will be combined to represent Monroe in further competition with other schools in regional and national competition.

The MAA test is given to American high school students all over the world. It uses imaginative questions on algebra, geometry, and trigonometry, but gives them a little twist which makes them extremely difficult.

In 1970, Monroe placed first in Southern California out of 125 schools, third in the southwestern United States, and eleventh in the nation.

In 1971, Monroe placed ninth out of 116 schools in Southern California.

Knowledge Bowlers Win

Monroe's Knowledge Bowl has stretched its winning streak to nine for the year by defeating Taft, 270-180. Although not a high scoring meet, the Monroe team distinguished itself in defeating, for a second time this season, the West Valley's number two team of last year.

The Monroe victory was not as decisive as their last meet against Reseda, where they set a two year high scoring mark. However, the team of Steve Berke, Charles Garcia, Scott Hemphill, Dave Rosenthal and Howard Schnee combined for a total of 44 correct toss-up questions.

Monroe's next meet will be against Birmingham at Birmingham during the week of April 17.

Children React Positively To Big Brothers-Sisters

Currently 60 Monroe students are engaged in a volunteer Big Sister-Big Brother program, helping Lassen Street Elementary children with emotional and educational problems.

Monroe students help the children with various activities such as homework assignments, athletic games and personal problems. "The children appreciate things that others take for granted," stated Terri Lunn.

In the beginning the children along with the students were very shy, but eventually they opened up and established relationships, Terri stated.

Lassen children react to Monroe students in a positive manner. "The children look forward to us coming on Friday's," said Terri. They're disappointed when we don't show up."

Rules and regulations make it difficult for the Big Brother-Big Sisters to do many things with the children, but in the past birthday parties and Christmas gifts were given to children.

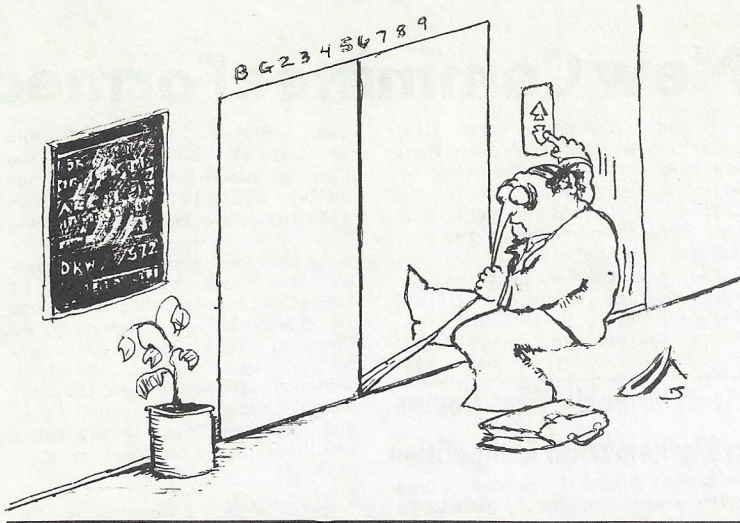
Monroe students are learning from the youngsters as much as the children are learning from students, John Frankenhmore explained.

Accreditation Report

The Foreign Language department is currently working on the group's suggestion that a study be made on the approach to teaching languages. The staff is working on a system of evaluation and objective grading. Also, a list of needs, the cataloging of resources, and film strip purchases are the results of the department's work on the Accreditation recommendations. Also, to help alleviate some of the problems stated in the report, the Foreign Language classes have all been placed together in the top floor of T-Hall.

The committee's suggestion that the Math staff "continue to develop new courses to meet the varying needs of students" has also been explored. Two new courses, Liberal Arts Math and Math 10AB will be offered to Monroe students beginning next year.

The Girls' Physical Education department is also looking into ways of correcting situations cited by the Accreditation team. Currently, the staff is looking into ways of expanding special course offerings and is establishing a list of films and a file of inclement weather games



SOUND-OFF

Jesus: Just A Good Man

The Jesus controversy seems to me a bit ironic. Jesus was a good man who led a good life for others to follow. But to worship him as the Son of God seems to me the result of people's need for the image of a human being to worship.

I, for one, believe that God is the goodness in all of us. To transfer this goodness into the human form of Jesus Christ, to be worshipped, seems to me a bit unnatural.

Jesus is not the only great man. There are many, but Jesus has been used by his followers for wars, hatred, and violence for thousands of years. Even fear, a low emotion to appeal to in the name of God, has been used by the Jesus People to attract followers.

It is my opinion that Jesus was never crucified by his enemies. He was crucified by his followers after his death.

Hal Singer

Student Becomes Boxer

Paul Masi

His eyes bulge out showing remains of numerous punches to the head. His face features scars and he has trouble talking due to a broken nose that he someday hopes to fix. But to Monroe senior Ed McQueeney, being affiliated with boxing has been the highlight of his life.

"It all started about eight months ago," explained McQueeney. "At the time, I weighed 247 pounds and decided to go to boxing manager Frankie Goodman's gym to try to lose some weight and get into shape. While I was there I met a few amateur boxers and little by little boxing was becoming a part of me. When Mr. Goodman came up to me saying he was interested in my boxing capabilities I was overwhelmed and worked all the harder to get ready for my first fight."

He now weighs a mere 156 pounds and has four amateur fights behind him, winning two of them. He has been on television three times and once fought at Chino prison in front of all the inmates. He is only 17 but has already sparred with highly ranked Mike Nixon and idolized Jerry Quarry.

"My goal is to turn professional before I turn 19," revealed McQueeney. "Right now I have been training six days a week for two hours each day. Before or after school I run three or four miles on the track. To stay in additionally good

shape during summer, I am going to work with my father doing construction."

Despite all the training and hard work, Ed says he most has not being able to eat sweets and drink Cokes. Maybe he's the same Ed McQueeney after all.

Three Win Bank Awards

Three Monroe High School students have won awards in the zone finals of the Bank of America Scholarship competition

Dave Rosenthal, competing in the Fine Art division, took first place and was awarded \$250 to help continue his education. He will also be able to compete in the second round of the Bank of America Competition, where he may win up to a \$1,000 grant.

Two other Monroe students were given cash prizes at the competition. Noel Bassett placed second in the Vocational Arts division and was given \$100. In the Liberal Arts division, \$75 was awarded to Bobbie Folliart for placing third.

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