

Bolde, Decea Compete For Presidency

A nomination assembly will be held at noon today in Odin's Hall to acquaint students with candidates running in tomorrow's student body elections, which will be held during nutrition and lunch on the senior stage.

An assembly was also held Monday to introduce students to vice-presidential and minor office candidates. Today's forum will focus on presidential candidates, in addition to minor office hopefuls, according to Crystal Hunter, commissioner of elections.

In races for seven of the 15 available offices, candidates are running uncontested while for one position, recording secretary, there is no candidate.

Bill Bolde and Steve Decea are each trying to serve as next semester's student body president. Bill has served this semester on Student Council as commissioner of athletics and feels that he is "fully aware of the present issues surrounding students today," and says in his platform

that his primary goal, if he were elected, would be to make students "aware of these problems and by doing so giving them a chance to help themselves."

schools to exchange ideas; he feels that the G-Hall patio and the agriculture area should be open for students' lunchtime use and he favors a "see no evil"

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Bill hopes to continue research on an open campus and smoking area, and continue his efforts to secure an A-pass-fail grading system in PE classes.

Steve Decea feels that a permanent visitor section should be established in Council with classes formally invited to observe Council's operation. Also, if elected, he hopes to arrange monthly meetings between

smoking policy. Steve also hopes to preserve the PA system, to set up special classes "to follow up on this summer's quad improvement project," to air students' views, and to hold a candy drive to buy lights for the tennis courts and other school supplies.

Candidates for the student body vice presidency are Steve Gellman, Art Rieman, and Gayle Zimmerman.

Ronnie Goodman and Mike Waskul

are vying for the office of treasurer; Pam Meyers and Ann Surtshin are running for commissioner of assemblies; and Steve Berke, Donna Schwartz, and Linda Verblow are candidates for commissioner of publicity. Robert Hienefeld and Steve Zipp are running for the office of commissioner of campus beautification; and Brent Shoji and Jan Spector are candidates for commissioner of social activities.

Many minor office candidates are running uncontested. Susie Shimozono is the sole candidate for corresponding secretary; Cindy Kaplan is running alone for the assistant secretary's position; and Cheryl Shrader is opposed for the office of alumni representative.

Roger Mesick is alone in the race for commissioner of athletics; George Sublette is uncontested for commissioner of elections; Tom White is the only candidate for yell king; and Dave Eisenberg is the sole contender for commissioner of service.

Hardballers Defeat GH

Behind the two-hit pitching of Vike southpaw Russ Johnson, the varsity hardballers soundly defeated Granada Hills, 3-0, for MWL crown yesterday at Mon-

The victory not only gives Monroe the league championship, but puts the Vikings in a favorable position for the playoffs. The Vikes will now play the runner-up squad of another league to be announced in their bid

for a second City title.

All three Vikings runs, coming in the fourth inning, were earned as the Highlanders committed three key errors.

Vike right fielder Craig Cacek led off the fourth with a sailing fly ball that was dropped by the Scot left fielder, Dave Moody. By the time the ball finally reached the infield, Cacek was safely on third.

Catcher Dennis Shaw grounded out to Scot third baseman Al Henderson before center fielder Brad Rice knocked in Cacek with a base hit up the middle.

First baseman Bruce Rosenblum then struck out, for what should have been the last out and third baseman Geri Grandi singled to put runners on first and second.

The final two runs came when Highlander catcher Scott Gilchrist overthrew first baseman Gil Kubaki in a pick-off attempt that allowed runner number two of the inning.

After given the ball on the relay, Kubski overthrew third baseman Henderson, trying to get Grandi and allowing the final run.

Johnson stifled Granada hitters as he struck out four while allowing only one past batsman. After Scot second baseman Len Mohny walked in the fourth, Johnson retired the next eleven hitters before center fielder Jim Krug bounced a single over the box, in the seventh.

Johnson's excellent pitching array included a sinking curveball, which was the chief cause for 14 Highlander ground outs.

Despite the loss, Scot pitcher Don Olson hurled six innings of four hit ball. Olson was not only cheated a victory, but was also robbed of a base hit in the second when Rosenblum, making the defensive play of the game, leaped high for a line shot off of Olson's bat.

STAFF EDITORIAL

It is truly a mark of incompetence to see that in the significant innovation this year, the minischedule, Student Council played no active part in its planning. No wonder that such a small percentage of students has been taking advantage of the program. Student Council has also neglected to give major attention to a series of recommendations made by the accreditation report about student government. As Lori Stein, member of the accreditation committee, stated, "We are only paying lip service to the report."

It is quite apparent by the small and still decreasing percentage of students that are joining school clubs that clubs have got to change if they are going to attract students. Yet Student Council has passed the buck by saying that clubs should change themselves instead of heading a major movement of club reform as is warranted. It is amazing to see school clubs doing the same sort of activities year after year in spite of their failures.

The same holds true of school activities. Though many Council members claim they have been taking major steps in improving and updating activities, the continual failure of many of them is proof of ineffectiveness. Two commendations should be given, however, for two new and innovative activities that have attracted a large group of students--the Battle of the Bands and the cake-baking contest. But these are the exception and not the rule.

Viking Activity Card privileges have been reduced drastically during the past three years. Dances no longer offer

lower prices to VAC holders and the VAC assembly has been struck from the record. Council members stated that the reason prices at dances are not lowered for VAC holders is due to the amount of money that has been lost in these dances lately. How absurd to raise prices and expect to make money that way. They also stated that the VAC assembly does not attract more VAC sales. This is probably true since most VAC holders are athletes who are forced to buy the cards before they can participate in sports, so the extra bonus of a live rock assembly is truly a welcome addition to the card..

The marching band, an excellent, prize-winning band that almost got to march in the Rose Parade this year, has been complaining that their wornout uniforms need to be replaced. They have offered their services in any way possible to raise the money but legal limitations do not allow them to donate money for this specific purpose. The only way they can raise the money is through a school candy drive which they have offered to run themselves. Yet the Council has been putting the band's need in a secondary position claiming that the money from the drive could be used more effectively to purchase a new marquee to replace the present one on the corner of Nordhoff and Haskell. Council does not realize the harm they are causing the band, not only to their presentability but to their morale.

We feel that there is justification to the claim that there are no major issues this year.

Gymnasts Downed

Monroe's 1972 gymnastics season has come to a close.

The Varsity matmen, in a futile attempt to re-capture their 1971 LA City gym title, were neatly eliminated by a potent Venice squad yesterday afternoon, 145.55 to 135.12.

By virtue of their victory, the Gondoliers earn the right to face Chatsworth in next week's City title match at Valley State College in Northridge. The Chancellors earned their title berth by defeating a stubborn Van Nuys squad yesterday, 139.65 to 136.83.

It was an afternoon of both frustration and disappointment for Coach Les Sasvary's City champs as they witnessed the Western League champion Gondoliers score convincing victories in almost every event.

An obvious turning point in the afternoon's activities came in the side horse where Venice scored the Vikes, 23.40 to 19.95, a five and one-half point margin.

Viking ace Dan Thruarson captured high point honors on the bar with a 7.7 score.

Little Art Camarillo, who performed an ever so vital clutch routine in last year's City finals, proved to be a solid contender for All-City ring honors as his 8.5 marking topped all competitors.

Faculty Members Visit Continuation School

The Continuation School of James Monroe High School held an Open House Tuesday, May 2, for the entire faculty and staff at their newly finished facilities on Tupper Street, behind the Agriculture area.

The faculty consists of Mr. Mark Lustica, who teaches English, social studies and related subjects, and Mr. Bob Burton, who teaches math, science and related subjects.

According to Mr. Burton, the purpose of continuation school is "to provide classes for students who are unable to attend regular school for one reason or another."

Crafts Shown at Library

Showing how small looms are made and operated, crafts woman Lea Schwiebert will host a weaving demonstration at the Panorama City Branch Library on Friday night, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Weaving demonstrations on card, popsicle, and hand looms are open to all ages and are a free public service program.

Valkyrie OK's Pass-Fail PE

During the Valkyrie meeting held yesterday at lunch, a motion to have a pass-fail grading system in all physical education classes was passed and will go into effect in September.

The meeting, headed by Jeff Berkowitz, student body vice-president, also passed six other motions.

In the next few weeks classified ads will be posted in home-rooms for the benefit and convenience of students.

Tickets for the Jethro Tull concert at the Forum on June 23 will be on sale. Any interested student should turn in the \$7.50 fee to Jeff by May 12. Jeff also announced a plan to move the noon bands from the senior stage to the football field.

The cafeteria is palming to initiate new ideas in posting food items and prices in full view of the students to speed up cafeteria lines, stated Mrs. Ruth Cowdrey, cafeteria manager.

Also, Mrs. Virginia Cestare announced that the lunch area loudspeakers will be replaced or fixed in the near future.

Finally, it was announced that copies of the Student rights handbook are available in the student Council room (129) for interested student body members.

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The school has been in existence since September. Before that, students were referred to Van Nuys, Poly or San Fernando High Schools for regular sessions from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. and to Cleveland High School for Saturday continuation schools. Students are now referred through the vice principal's offices quite often by the students' parents.

The most common reason for attending continuation school is extended absences.

"Students are allowed to work at their own pace. If they are absent, they just pick up from where they were when they return," stated Girls' Vice Principal Mrs. Helen Beattie.

"Many regularly return to school afterwards."

The school has recently set up individual reading carrels (booths) for students to improve their reading abilities and areas for students to individually view film strips.

Vikette Competition Group Performs in Battle of Bands

The Vikette Drill Team Competition group will be performing at the Battle of the Bands in the Hollywood Bowl June 23.

The group consists of Carol McClean, Wendy Shay, Myrna Ricketts, Debbie Hannel, Debi Baldwin, Cathy Stolz, Debbie Willis, Julie Grant, Carol Rodningen, Janet Schultz, Lisa Mortana, James Morse, Shari Gordon, Audrey Slagboom, Julie Root, Crystal Hunter, and Karen Smith.

Tickets will be sold by the competition members toward the end of the month.

Livingston Offers Hindu Philosophy

Hindu Philosophy (Bhagavad-Gita) is taught in room 111 Tuesday during X-1 by Mr. Robert Livingston.

The class is reading Bhagavad-Gita and is also concentrating on life and the God of man and their relevance to today's society.

Mr. Livingston has also gone into Krishna and the Drishna philosophy, "Each man must do his duty," and doing the duty that is natural to the individual.

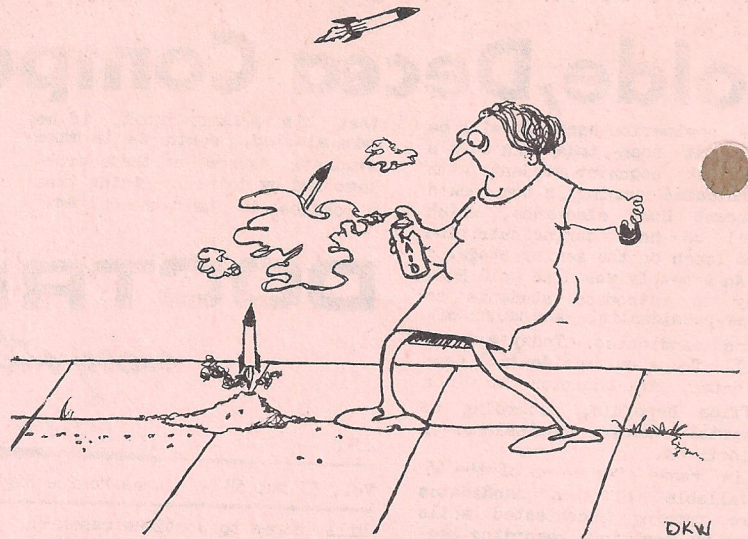
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Five Council Members Give Their Opinion

Continued from Monday's issue

The student council members being interviewed are Jeff Berkowitz, student body vice-president; Bob Waskul, senior representative; Steve Decea, junior representative; Lori Stein, Ladies president; and Cindy Swee-ney, administration liaison.

Q--What significant things has council done this semester?

Jeff says the Politics '72 program and physical education "A-pass-fail" grading. Increased communications with other high school governments that has led us to the conclusion that Monroe is one of the most liberal schools around.

Bob says the attempt to update activities has been more successful than in the past. Also the Politics '72 program.

Steve says "Council hasn't exactly done anything of significance." Council has been getting ideas from other schools, but has spent too much time on how to run council.

Lori says the revised flag salute over the PA, pass-fail grading for P.E.

Cindy says council has done nothing of great significance.

Q--Do you feel that Student Council is relevant to the "typical student?"

Jeff says "I'd like to think it is." But there are different groups of student on campus and there is no typical student. "We've tried to reach each separate group by providing for their own interests. But I can't understand the lack of people running for office. A very unqualified group of people are running."

Bob says council is not relevant to students. Though certain people are trying hard, they are failing. Should try more student-initiated activities.

Steve says they should try to be more relevant by being closer

to the class councils and clubs. Ideas should come from them.

Lori says "Council is definitely serving only an elite group." It could become relevant if it stirred more interest among the average students.

Q--What is the cause of the failure or success of this council?

Jeff says that council is a failure at all. It had a start but now "we've got it together." We've accomplished the Politics '72 program, music at lunchtime, clock and speakers in the lunch area have been or will be repaired, showers are fixed and there is soap, etc. Little things are being done that past councils left undone.

Bob says council is a failure. Lack of organization and competency on the member's part. The leadership is disorganized and "we're going around in circles."

Steve says "We are sort of in trouble. The new system hurt us and we've spent all semester adjusting to it." Also, the office of Administrative Liaison is not really working and should be replaced with a regular administrator that would be a permanent part of the council.

Lori says, "First let's change the people, then let's change the system." It is the people that have caused its failure.

Cindy says it is neither a success or a failure, but is in between. "We have no really big problems. The system is good, but it is the people that are wrecking it." The leadership is not good and the school has out of "good leaders."

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