

Democrat Speaks At Assembly

Lori Stein

Bussing, national economics, electoral college, capital punishment and court reforms were issues discussed by Pat Gallagher, speaker for the Democratic party, in the first presentation of the assembly program, Politics '72 Tuesday.

Mr. Gallagher, a candidate for the California State Assembly,

said that there is no official Democratic party view on bussing. He furthered by saying that the presidential candidates had varying opinions on the issue. Mayor John Lindsey, for example, is in favor of bussing, but Hubert Humphrey sees it only as a last resort for integration in education, said Mr. Gallagher.

The Democratic party disagrees with President Nixon's economic

plan, stated Mr. Gallagher, because of the method and the exceedingly long time that it was in effect. Also, according to Mr. Gallagher, the plan gives major tax breaks to industry and corporations while the Democratic party feels that individuals should receive these benefits.

On the subject of the electoral college and its effectiveness Mr. Gallagher stated that the party feels that "We're tending toward a national convention instead of an electoral college."

The Democratic party supports the abolishment of capital punishment, believing it is not a deterrent to crime, continued Mr. Gallagher. He said there is a general feeling of support for the California State Supreme Court in its decision to eliminate capital punishment.

Several court reforms are supported by the Democratic party added Mr. Gallagher. He said that issue's concerning jury selection changes, insurance plans that would eliminate 25 per cent of the cases on the court dockets and expanding the ability to judges to reduce felony charges for marijuana cases to misdemeanors were generally favored by the party. "There are specific laws that must be removed from the books and the courts before the judicial system can work effectively."

The next speaker for Politics '72 will be from the Peace and Freedom Party today in Odin's Hall.

Monroe's Varsity swim team breezed through another meet, badly defeating San Fernando, 67-23. The Bee and Gee teams also won with scores of 77-16 and 69-13 respectively.

Change Candy Drive to Smaller Selling Scales

A new system has been proposed in the Candy Drive Committee of Student Council wherein the school-wide candy drive will be brought down to a club or group level, such as Band or DOCTRINE staff, so that the funds will go where they are needed.

The school-wide candy drive through the gym classes was dropped because it was too much trouble for the gym teachers. The school therefore has gone away from the school-wide drive and does not expect to return, according to Linda Zuckerman, student body treasurer.

Under the new system, candy drives will be conducted by individual groups, clubs, or classes, to purchase needed items or equipment.

Film Festival to Feature

Several Old Time Films

Featuring W.C. Fields and the Marx Brothers, Monroe's film festival will provide an evening of laughs and old time entertainment. The 50 cent admission per person will go towards a listening center and cassette library.

The two hour and ten minute films will feature two of W.C. Fields' films, "The Pharmacist" and "The Fatal Glass of Beer."

Richard Ferraro explains 'Politics '72' on March 20

Richard Ferraro of the Los Angeles Board of Education will speak to students of the Monroe High School campus, March 20 during a "Politics '72" program being run by student-members of "Speakers and Involvement."

The program was created to inform students of what is going on in national politics so that they may cast a more informed vote.

Phase I of the "Politics '72" program will have speakers representing the Republican, Democratic, American Independent, and Peace and Freedom speaking on campus to enlighten students of party views.

It will also include student voter registration by Deputy Registrars in March 22 and 23.

The "Speakers and Involvement" group is hoping that at least 75% of eligible student voters will register and participate in the program.

Phase II will involve actual campaigning done by the individual candidates of their representatives. A few of the invited campaigners are Paul McCloskey, George McGovern, Ed Muskie, Mayor Sam Yorty and a member of the Nixon Family.

Campaigning will run from March 23 to June 6 and a mock election will follow.

Future programs will include ethnic groups, occupational vocation and social awareness.

Guest speakers will include representatives from Hari Krishna, the L.A.P.D., and the League of Women Voters.

"This is a step of the right direction," stated student body president Josh Bottfeld. "It will provide a chance for students to become more politically aware. It will bring the outside world into the students on campus."

Knowledge Bowl Wins By Tremendous Margin

In its most devastating victory in two years, the Monroe Knowledge Bowl team outclassed a weak Chatsworth squad by the score of 620-180. The meet's outcome was never in doubt, with a half time score of 310-90.

Team high scores were Steve Berke and Scott Hemphill, with 23 and 15 correct answers. The four other team members scored as follows: Charles Garcia with 11, Anne Connor and David Rosenthal with 6 and Howard Schnee with 5 correct answers each.

Next week's meet against Taft High, is scheduled for Tuesday, at Taft.

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Batsmen Victorious, 4-1

by Bill Peck

In the latest chapter of undefeated Viking baseball, the Van Nuys Wolves fell victim to Russ Johnson's four-hitter and the powerful three hit attack of catcher Dennis Shaw, 4-1, Monday afternoon, at Van Nuys.

Shaw led the offensive thrust, knocking in the first two Viking runs with the first of three singles and scoring the last run from third, on a sacrifice fielder's choice.

The first inning saw Dan Keyser draw a walk and steal second. Bill Barto then singled Keyser to third only to steal second himself. The Vikings were momentarily frustrated as right fielder Craig Cacek popped out and center fielder Brad Rice grounded out before Shaw could hit safely and collect two RBI's from losing Wolf pitcher, Gavin Smith.

Shaw singled to start the

fifth inning and was pushed to second on Geri Grandi's sacrifice. Bruce Rosenblum then singled to put runners on first and third setting up Bob Slater's hard grounder sending Shaw home.

Vike pitcher Johnson was superb, notching his third win in as many outings, while striking out eleven Wolves and walking only two.

After the game, Johnson, to the surprise of all, felt he "could have pitched better," although allowing but one Wolf run to score.

Viking strategy accounted for their third run as Wolf pitcher Smith, walked in Bob Slater with bases loaded, a frequent happening throughout the ball game.

The Wolf's run came in the second inning as Brendon Ledey sacrificed home Ross Rychecky, who earlier walked.

Student Rights Examined by Cutrow, Civil Liberties Rep

The purpose and meaning concerning the new guidelines for student expression on campus, as adopted by the Board of Education in October, were discussed by Mr. Al Cutrow, a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union last Thursday.

Since the 18-year-old vote was granted, the preparation of youth to exercise their rights and duties as citizens in a democratic society includes intercommunication of ideas. This inquiry includes an expansion of student rights regarding petitions, newspapers, bulletin boards, insignia, and other written matter, according to the Board of Education, Mr. Cutrow stated.

The introduction of these guidelines states "There should be no prior censorship of requirements of approval of the contents or wording of printed material." The guidelines are intended to aid each school in forming its own guidelines.

They constitute neither law, rule, or regulation and are designed merely to provide suggestions.

In the past principals had full authority. Now, with these guidelines, principals can base their beliefs on something, said Mr. Cutrow.

Students are allowed to distribute petitions, newspapers, leaflets and other written matter. The only material prohibited is material which is obscene or expresses social values. "What is obscene?" asks Mr. Cutrow. "Everyone has their own definition of the word. Material is pointless when school offers judgement."

Mr. Cutrow emphasized the idea related to time prohibition. The guideline states, "Distribution is limited to the hours before school, during lunch and after school is dismissed." He added, "Of course these are the periods when students are not really in a school atmosphere."

New Schedule In Danger

As you know, our "X-schedule" is in grave danger of being discontinued. Birmingham, the school which initiated and first experimented with this "X" scheduling had to drop it due to lack of attendance and resulting problems. If no one goes to the "X" schedules, then the required school hours will not be met. Also, there is danger of a student going to school, then deciding to leave it.

If the attendance of the mini-courses, tutorial sessions, and other offerings of this scheduling continues to decrease, there is grave danger of us losing our new schedule which gives us increased educational opportunities and privileges. If the X schedule is to be saved, the students of James Monroe High School must save it.

Brian S. Gitt

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Tax Facts

The total tax rate for the Los Angeles City Schools amounts to \$5.0079 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Special purpose taxes for schools in Los Angeles amount to \$2.2852 per \$100 assessed valuation. These funds are used for such programs as adult education, community services, education of the mentally retarded and of handicapped minors. In addition the money is used for making buildings earthquake safe and for providing meals to needy pupils.

BOOK REVIEW

Minister's Biography Praised

Jeff Arden

Tortured For Christ, the inspiring autobiography written by Richard Wurmbrand, re-enacts the scars and tortures that he and other Christians acquired during his 14 years in a Communist prison.

The underground minister vividly describes some of the inhumane treatments received. "Among some of the tortures received was brainwashing. During this process we were told things like nobody loves you, nobody loves you..."

Wurmbrand goes on to say that "We were placed into small refrigerated boxes with doctors watching us. When we were within moments of death, we were thawed out and the process began again." This is just a sample of what happened.

He goes on to tell of his wife and her experiences, "The Christian women were brutally beaten and raped by prison guards. The mockery, the obscenity is horrible. The women are compelled to work hard at labor and work on a canal that had to be built. They had to fulfill the same workload as men. They shoveled dirt in the winter. Prostitutes were overseers and competed in torturing the faithful. My wife has eaten grass like cattle to keep alive. Rats

and snakes were eaten at this canal by the hungry prisoners. One of the joys of the prison guards on Sundays was to throw the women into the Danube River, and then fish them out. They continued to do this over and over while mocking them."

Wurmbrand also talks of the people that helped the Christians, who were also thrown into prison and tortured. Many became crippled for life because of this.

The author gets deeper in his descriptions and tells of what should be done around the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In his book, he points out how important it is for the world to take action on this brutality, and how the forces of Communism must be stopped.

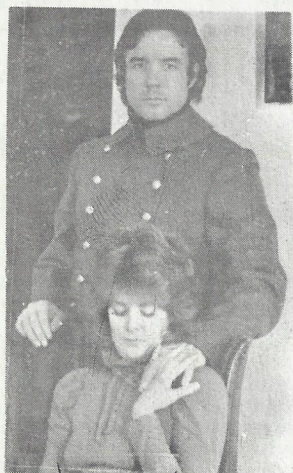
After Wurmbrand's release in 1966, he stood before the Internal Security Subcommittee in Washington and stripped to his waist where 18 deep scars were seen.

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