

Heuman, Hunter, Segall Say Student Council Ineffective

In spite of a few commendations, Don Heuman, past student Council Parliamentarian, Burt Segall, well known member of

Valkyrie, and Brent Hunter, ex-student body president, expressed great discontentment in the way in which the present student government is functioning.

Don Heuman stated that this council has neglected to enact all of last semester's legislation that was left over, such as extension of privilege card privileges. He feels that the council has been handicapped by being stuck with a new system, a system to which he is opposed. He said that there are too many people in council for it to be effective.

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Brent agrees and stated, "Student council is only as effective as the people who run it." He feels that Josh has taken it too much as a joke and should be more serious, business-like, and organized.

Burt Segall feels that something has gone wrong with council's leadership. He claimed that both Josh Bottfield and Jeff Berkowitz ran on a platform of more student rights but that he has seen very little done in this area.

Both Dan and Burt give credit to Jeff Berkowitz for doing things he promised, such as having a clock installed in the lunch area, music during lunch, and improvement in the flag salute procedures.

Brent claimed that the new two-house student council system is not working because people do not want to make it work. He added that the council has run out of issues to work on.

Burt stated that representation is the main function of student council but added that only a small percentage of students have been represented. Don said that council should act as liaison between administration and faculty to students and should learn how the school is run.

When asked about their predictions for Council's future, Don stated, "It can only go one way--up!" Burt said that it depended on who gets elected to office.

Five Council Members Give Revealing Opinion

A series of interviews was held by DOCTRINE with several members of the Student Council representing what DOCTRINE believes to be a diversified group of opinions among members of the council. These are the questions asked by DOCTRINE and the responses given by Jeff Berkowitz, Bob Waskul, Senior Class representative, Steve Decea, Junior Class representative, Lori Stein, Ladies president; and Cindy Sweeney, administrative liaison.

Q--In comparison to past student councils, how do you compare this council and why?

Jeff Berkowitz says that Student Council has two groups of people, the experienced and the inexperienced and this semester's council has more inexperienced people than in the past. It is the inexperienced people that are "putting the thing together" unlike in the past when it was led by experienced leaders. Members now have more ambitions than in the past but "it is pretty straightened out now."

Bob Waskul says that in comparison to the past councils, this council is "More mediocre, less effective, less organized, and the people are less concerned and unaware of what's going on in the school." The council is not doing anything of significance, which is not unusual, but is less than before. Meetings have been held with one or two things only on the agenda. And there are problems getting people to run for office.

Steve Decea had no response. Lori Stein system. that it doesn't rate with the others, even though others were not so hot either. There is a "Lack of

issues to organize and develop and plan out some course of action." The council leadership is very bad and lacks "dynamic charisma" that makes leadership material.

Cindy Sweeney says that in the past councils, people were more respectful than they are now. Too many people speak out of turn in comparison to the past. There is no big issue as past councils have always had. The split-up of council has made it difficult and voting has become unfair. As Administrative Liaison which is an appointed office, she has more voting power than someone who is elected.

(Continued Wednesday)

SPORTS

Monroe's Varsity net squad, in the midst of one of its brightest seasons, will close the 1972 MVL season tomorrow afternoon when they'll host area rival Granada Hills.

Tip-off is slated for 3 p.m. It will be a big day for Coach Ken McKenna's netters as a city playoff berth hinges on the final score.

In their first meeting on April 20, the Vikes were trimmed by the Scot swatters, 4-3.

Junior Tony Graham, rated 4th in city competition and 12th in Southern California, is undefeated in season action and will spearhead the Vikes attack.

Monroe's Varsity gym squad, in quest of their second consecutive city title, will meet the highly potent Venice Gondoliers tomorrow in the Venice gym.

Tickets for rooter buses are on sale in the student store for \$2.00.

LACK OF ISSUE IS NO EXCUSE

STAFF EDITORIAL

It is apparent, in spite of the optimistic outlook of certain members of the student council, that this semester's council has been less effective and less organized with less response to student needs than past councils. Student government has thus begun a downward trend that will probably continue in future councils as manifested by the few and unqualified candidates that are running for next semester's offices.

This semester's problems could probably be reduced to two major inefficiencies, lack of strong, responsible leadership, and lack of issue. The first problem is the direct fault of the student body for not using its power of vote to elect competent representatives--only 800 students voted in the last student body election. The second problem is the fault of the council, it is too incompetent to see the issues where they are.

Council members have been complaining that there is no big issue this year as in the past.

Past councils have had such "biggies" as revision of dress standards, quad improvement, student court, and various other things. But council members have failed to see why these past issues were big--because the councils made them big, they were not big by their own.

Some council members even go as far as to claim that the lack of issue this year means that all Monroe students are rather content about the way the school is being run. When students have to use bathrooms that look like the east side of London during a heavy fog; when the trash problem is so bad that custodians claim if the campus were left unclean for one day, they would not be able to pick up all of the trash for the rest of the year because they could not make up lost man-hours; when activities are so bad that all but one of the school-sponsored dances this semester have run in the red, we doubt very much if there is a lack of issues.

WEDNESDAY, SOME OF THESE ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED.

... From The Editor's Desk

Valeree Robinson
DOCTRINE Representative

Student councils are often criticized for their lack of success in areas of student interest and concern. Occasionally, a council will promote a major accomplishment and win the support of the student body. This does not happen often enough, however, and this year's student council has been no exception.

The major achievements of student council this year--if any deserve that distinction--would have to be limited to the experience with the PA and flag salute, and Politics '72. Of all of these, Politics '72 was the most successful.

The PA plan was instituted to allow all major messages to be presented during Tuesday's sponsor room and Friday. Shorter, less important messages were to be announced during the rest of the week for a three-week trial period. The flag salute was divided into two parts. For a two-week trial period, the salute was to be conducted by homeroom teachers. Following this, a call to colors and the pledge were to be experimented with for another two weeks. Politics '72 was successful largely due to the efforts of one person--Darr Conradson, commissioner of assemblies.

Much of Council's business was involved with trying to make the bicameral system more feasible and more workable. Many of the motions passed were intended for Council's benefit only and had no effect on the student body as a whole. Minor "accomplishments" were made, however, in the direction of the school itself.

A candy drive committee was organized to check into the feasibility of another drive. Possibilities were investigated until it was decided to leave the decision up to individual clubs. Other "achievements" include the installation of a telephone in the gym, the upcoming Battle of the Bands, the repair of the clock in the lunch area, live music at lunch, a student phone book, and an A-Pass-Fail system of grading in the PE departments.

Recent Budget Cuts Hold LACS Helpless

Randy Herbold

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Johnston asked that every person connected with the Los Angeles City Schools write to their representatives in Sacramento demanding funds to help the LACS from utter catastrophe, in a radio speech to school staff members Tuesday, May 2.

In recent weeks the present budget for the LACS has been discussed by the school board. In balancing the budget, which was presented to the board on April 10 by Superintendent Johnston, a \$23 million cutback was required.

The board, sitting as an augmented budget and finance committee during the nine sessions, reduced the budget by \$32.4 million, providing the \$23 million as well as another \$1.2 million in program improvements, \$4.7 million for mandated classified salary increases, and about \$1.5 million to improve the instructional programs at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The cutbacks bring to almost \$100 million the school district has been forced to slash from its programs and service during the past four budget years.

Nearly 2,000 probationary and substitute teacher positions have been lost because of deep cutbacks into the instructional program.

Two major cutbacks increased class size by two and abolished the sixth period in grades 9-12. These two actions alone amounted to about \$7.3 million in budget cuts.

Some 16,300 classified employees were affected when the committee voted to reduce the work week by two and one-half hours and the work year by five days, adding another \$6.7 million to the reductions.

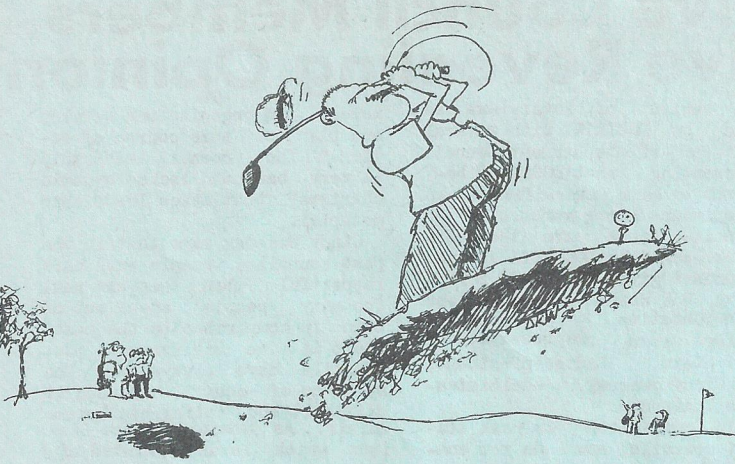
Included in the \$1.2 million in program improvements, these will affect Monro High: a re-

duction in the work year by an additional five days for certain classified executives and administrative positions; a cut in the work year by two days for certain certificated and classified ten-month employees; a revision of personal necessity absences allowed for certificated and classified employees from six days to three days; elimination of school journeys (other than curriculum trips) and decreased additional pupil transportation services; elimination of pre-registration advisors for secondary schools; reduction of supplemental pay for after-school academic and athletic teachers and coaches (\$168,825 in athletic transportation included previously); staff advised to work within \$100 million remaining to maintain academic classes and athletic program.

Superintendent Johnston urged the need to support Proposition 2 on the June ballot. He also discussed the possibility of teachers buying into the retirement system.

The board will meet May 18 to consider recommendations and policies upon which to compile the tentative budget schedule for adoption on June 15.

Other important budget data required by law and July 6, adoption of the published budget, and August 7, adoption of the third budget.



Evening of Comedy Tonight

by Sheryl Siminoff

Share "An Evening of Comedy" tonight when play production presents a new and unique theatre in their arena.

Tonight's "Evening of Comedy" consists of three one-act plays. The first, called "Fumed Oak" was written by Noel Coward and directed by Liza Bolke. David Marcotte is featured as a husband who, after 15 years of marriage, walks out on his nagging wife, played by Beverly Zaslow, his over-protecting mother-in-law, done by Kathi Lench and a bratty daughter named Ellsie, portrayed by Louise Schwartz.

The plot of this act is based on a serious situation, but the lines are delivered in a comical fashion. This is why the play is referred to as an "unpleasant comedy."

Writer Noel Coward feels that it's his job to show life as it really is. "Everyone has a little bit of unpleasant and pleasant inside of us," stated Liza Bolke.

The second play included tonight is Anton Chekhov's "The Boor." We see Lorraine Cronin, Dennis Silvey, and Jay Heatt in a farce about man's hypocritical nature.

The last situation is directed towards the intellect rather than towards the sense of humor. "Apollo of Belloc" is presented with a very serious motive.

"Offering the actors the ability to project loudly and a room of intimacy, this production has been the best learning experience we've had in years," Mr. Me. Flack, play production sponsor said.

The actors have also enjoyed working in the arena. With Odin's Hall there wasn't any audience contact," commented Louise Schwartz.

Directing three one-act plays has been just as hard as organizing one whole production. One-act plays are usually used as learning devices for Drama B students, according to Mr. Flack.

Since the room cannot hold a band or orchestra, music will be piped through loud speakers all around the room.

The Vike girl volleyballers demolished the visiting Verdugo squad Wednesday, 15-6, 15-6. The Vikes will move on to city competition Saturday after having taken the league championship with a 9-0 record.

Los Angeles Philharmonic To Give Concert Tuesday

Vocal Ensemble will host the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra for an invitational concert Tuesday in the boys gym for valley elementary school students and selected Monroe music students.

The orchestra will perform the overture from "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, Suite #2 from Small Orchestra by Stravinsky, Hungarian Sketches by Bartok (in four movements), and Symphony #8 in F (Finale) by Beethoven.

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