Cut Policy Question Is On Ballot

Referendum Seeks Moratorium Opinions

By Don Pendley
News Editor

Student opinion on the Vietnam moratorium and the pedestrian mall are some of the questions on the referendum to be presented to the MSC student body starting tomorrow.

The referendum, to be held in the Memorial auditorium lobby beginning at 9 a.m., will also include questions about constitutional amendments, articles of incorporation amendments, and the cut policy.

The Vietnam moratorium question will ask for student beliefs on MSC's position on the December and future moratoriums. Students will be asked to approve one of seven policies, ranging from "regular college sessions to be held with no reaction or to recognition of the moratorium" to "all regular college activities canceled."

Five sections compose the pedestrian mall question. Abolishment of the mall and opening of the mall at night are two of the questions to be voted upon.

The cut policy, as stated by the administration, leaves most of the determination of the cut policy up to the individual professor. The question asks students if they would prefer unlimited cuts, the present policy, one cut per semester hour, or an explanation by the professor of his cut policy at the beginning of the semester.

The articles of incorporation were originally adopted in 1934 and students will vote tomorrow on a revision. The main points in the revision are:

"The (Student Government) association shall be subject only to the authority of the president of Montclair State College in those matters which are within the responsibility of the president." Previously, the SGA was responsible to the state of New Jersey.

"The president of Montclair State College shall have the right and responsibility to interfere in any action by the student government which considered to be illegal under the laws of the municipal, state or local governments..." Under this policy, for example, if the SGA were to set up a drug policy which were in conflict with the state, federal or local governments, the MSC president would be responsible to see that the will of the federal, state and local governments are carried out.

"The (SGA) corporation shall not have the right to interfere in those constitutionally-guaranteed rights to freedom of the press." This section deals with those rights granted by the U.S. Constitution to all concerned with all levels of the press.

"The corporation shall not engage... in carrying out propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation." If this section is approved, the SGA and its departments (such as the Council on International and National Affairs and the MONTCLARION) would not be permitted to make statements concerning policy initiated by the college and federal, state and local governments.

The question dealing with the SGA Constitution changes involve a maximum number of representatives in the Legislature and the establishment of two new vice-presidential posts, the vice-president of academic affairs and the vice-president of external affairs.

‘HOPE FOR U.S.’

"The U.S. was only invited in Vietnam by our own puppets," stated Dr. Benjamin Spock as he stashed away at American policy and called U.S. leadership "immoral" and "illegal." Spock, prominent child psychologist, went on to say that inferior education, poverty and racial discrimination in America are rampant throughout America. In his lecture entitled "Dissent and Social Change," last Tuesday, Spock called for "increasing militancy in our dissent" and added that "the only hope for America is that the young people have the courage and ideals to change." — Mike Traylor.
SGA’s ‘No Comment’ Provokes Questions

Douceute Says Legislature Can Be Influenced
By Patricia M. Romanish
Staff Reporter
After issuing a statement of “no comment” concerning the moratorium policy of Montclair State College, the Student Government Association’s effectiveness as a policymaking organization was questioned.

However, according to Greg Doucette, president of SGA, “The assumptions are not a policy-making organization. The moratorium policy had to be decided by the Board of Trustees.”

Douceute explained that the actual agreement reached at the SGA meeting was that individual choice should govern the decision of students in participating or not participating in the protest. “They said, Doug. Doucette. ‘SGA has not only the opportunity but also the obligation to influence policy wherever it is appropriate.”

REFLECT OPINION
Concerning the failure of the SGA to take a positive stand on the moratorium, Doucette stated: “I think the Legislature fell down. The 38 representatives should have known and reflect what student opinion is concerning such important issues as the moratorium. Some do and some don’t.”

The disappointments which arose from the moratorium decision provided what Doucette termed a “new beginning” for SGA. The meeting which followed the moratorium, he said, “was a time for soul-searching and much free discussion which brought to light the fact that we must get the(Address:)

Greg Doucette
Democracy Best.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Faith, Freedom and Amateurism

To The Editor:

Some Americans prefer to see the Nov. 15 gathering in Washington as a subversive act. Instead, it should be viewed as a profound demonstration of faith in the democratic process. Several hundred thousand students gave millions of dollars and traveled millions of miles to exercise their constitutional right “peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for redress of grievances.” In this way, students publicized their belief that elected leaders are responsive to the voice of the people.

If officeholders, particularly members of Congress, subject to re-election next year, are wise, they will listen to what college students have to say instead of regarding the demonstrators as errant children. These young people are trying to understand the goings on of the political world and to explain what many of their elders are too timid to say: “Our Vietnam policy can’t be right, we’re bankrupt!”

Hostile members of the public focus attention on the violent deeds of small numbers of concerned youths, pointlessly ignoring the millions of dollars given to the cause by the vast majority. But decisionmakers themselves become responsible for violence when they fail to pursue a policy that is blind to change.

It is safe to say that for the hundred-odd Montclair students who participated in the Washington rally life will never be quite the same. Memorable hours shared with 300,000 peaceful activists left an indelible imprint. Thus for young and old alike, Nov. 15 was a day dedicated to the belief that the highest act of patriotism is to stop the misdeeds that endanger the future of our republic.

E.B. Franck, political science dept.

FACING THE MORAUMNTRUM TRUTHS

To The Editor:

The following is the speech I made at the special meeting of the faculty, dealing with the Nov. 5 moratorium.

“When, in the course of academic affairs, it becomes necessary for a faculty to meet in special session to consider the role it should play in the weathering tensions of its time, it seems prudent, necessary and, hopefully, clarifying to reiterate several time-honored truths:

1. The search for truth and its free and unfettered dissemination is our primary reason for existence.

2. The search for truth requires the ventilation of opinions, the positions and the protection of those from the crushing majority. Thus, in a college, ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ give way to the search for a dynamic, global and flexible total understanding.

3. In this spirit, the American campus cannot hide from the glare and the strain of the overwhelming and distracting crusis imposed upon our nation and its people by the continuation of the Vietnam intervention, with all of its attendant dislocations, fractures and abrasions in our national life.

4. If the American campus fails to keep open the channels of controversy then the forces opposed to controversy will surely close the channels.

5. Thus, I respectfully submit, Mr. President (Richardson), that the officers and leaders of our college participates in this nascent controversy, but rather how to implement such participation.”

Daniel Brown, psychology dept.

No Amateurs

In Production

To The Editor:

If the production of a play is going to be evaluated by the talent of its performers, I believe that a critic need not mention that Montclair State College is a production of amateurs. The performance conveyed all the sensations intended by the actors. Congratulations to every character of the play.

Carla Campomemosi, ‘73

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Policy: The Controversial Issue

Students Favor Campus Unlimited Cut Policy

By Michael Taylor

To cut or not to cut, that is the question.

And it is a question that concerns students at MSC. This is also one of the five questions on the ballot of SGA's referendum schedule for Dec. 9.

Listed as the educational reform question, it is concerned with the present cut policy and the proposed cut policy. That is, the proposed cut policy of the SGA cut system committee subcommittee of the SGA educational reform committee.

Lorraine Leitgeb, chairman of the cut system committee said in Life Hall last Wednesday: “The function of the committee is to get support of the student body for cut system reform.”

Which one of the four alternatives the students support. Miss Leitgeb went on, will become our goal and we will try to make this goal a reality. Miss Leitgeb further stated that "any plan of the cut system committee would have to be approved by the faculty council.”

SGA President Ken Traynor was the founder of the cut system committee and says of the present cut policy: “It is unclear and could be more explicit.” Traynor personally feels that unlimited cuts is the only alternative. "Students at Montclair State are responsible students and really want their education. They should determine how much classroom knowledge and activity they should have to build their education.” Traynor said.

The present college policy concerning cuts is: “All students are expected to attend scheduled classes regularly. The treatment and handling of any absences that occur for personal reasons including illness of less than two days, are within the jurisdiction of the individual faculty members.”

Traynor would like to have a large turn-out for the referendum and sees student support as a stepping stone to reform.

The four alternatives on the ballot will be:

1. Unlimited cuts.
2. Present policy as stated in present policy.
3. One cut per semester hour credit.
4. Class attendance requirements.

The referendum will run for about a week and student government legislators will be speakers answering questions on the five points of the ballot.

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Campus Life

THE COLLEGE BOWL

By Roberta Kuehl

Asst. News Editor

Mr. Robert Streetman, department, said, “I don’t have a problem with attendance. I have no problem with people coming to class.”

But Mr. Robert F. McCauley, also of the English department, stated: “In large classes it’s somewhat impossible to keep attendance precisely. I’d take many absences into consideration and talk to the person. If reading the text is the main point of the course, attendance isn’t that important.”

Mr. Robert F. McCauley, also of the English department stated, “In such subjects as steno, typing and office practice, the time in class is very valuable. I insist on the students’ presence. They have to be in class to develop their skills.”

A member of the math department, Mr. Thomas Carroll mentioned his position on cuts. “I permit the student to come and go as he pleases. However, when it comes to the final analysis of grades, and a student has missed more than the third of the classes, I make no attempt to raise his grade or be of help. If someone were absent for two weeks in a row, I would assume there’s a reason. If a student has trouble, I’ll help him.”

Miss Pauline Foster of the physical education department noted her policy. “I have no policy. If someone takes two cuts, I wouldn’t count it against the person. I’m lenient with cuts. If someone’s absent for a long time, I find out the reason and deal with the person individually. I give students freedom and try to be fair.”

Dr. Richard Barker, who teaches European history, has an unlimited cut policy. “I do make out an elaborate seating chart, but it’s mainly to learn names, not to take attendance. If you can make the classes worthwhile enough, then you have no problem with attendance. I have no problem with people coming to class.”

A member of the history department, Dr. Robert Beckwith, commented: “I don’t take attendance and I hope I notice if people aren’t there excessively.”

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Psych Poll's Validity Cause for Doubt

SGA Will Use Own Questions Tomorrow

By Helene Zuckerbrod

News Editor

The validity of the psychology department's random survey of student opinion concerning past and present moratoriums has been questioned by the Student Government Association. As a result, a question on that subject will be included in the SGA referendum tomorrow.

The survey, resulting from a faculty meeting, was composed by a committee of undergraduates, graduates and professors from the psychology department, according to Terry B. Lee, SGA psychology department member.

Lee pointed out that three factors were drastically changed from one class to another. For example, in my introductory classes, the students have difficulty with the reading; therefore I'm strongly in favor of attendance. Frequent absences should always be reconciled with the objectives of the course and the requirements.

A more liberal policy was proposed by Mr. William Nye of the sociology department. “I believe in unlimited cuts. Classes are large and it’s impossible to begin with. You can’t force people to learn things.”

Mrs. Robert F. McCauley, also of the business studies department, stated, “In such subjects as steno, typing and office practice, the time in class is very valuable. I insist on the students’ presence. They have to be in class to develop their skills.”

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The All New Bowlero

By Michael Traylor

The All New Bowlero — Ron Clifton

New Pinnspoters
New Kickbacks
New Ball Returns
New Pizzazz
New Masking Units
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Questionnaire Invalid Due to Distribution

Eleven Montclair State students have been responsible for formulating and distributing a questionnaire concerning student opinion of the pedestrian mall.

The students, who form the SPU pedestrian mall committee, together with Mr. Vincent Calabrese, vice-president of business and finance, and Mr. John McKnight, director of student activities, have collected about 300 responses.

Chairman of the committee, Tim Fanning, junior English major and SPU president, stated that although the responses will be tabulated, the questionnaires are not statistically valid due to the methods of distribution.

Fanning noted that questionnaires were distributed in Life Hall lobby and cafeteria during Nov. 13 and 14, the two days of the November moratorium.

Guerrilla Theater on Moratorium Schedule

By Barbara Jean Minor

A pseudo-guerrilla theater? "It might shock a lot of people into reality of what's going on over there." This is how Frank Lees, sophomore social science major and assistant of the MSC Student Peace Union, summarized the idea of a "pseudo-guerrilla theater," a mock presentation of the war in Vietnam.

The pseudo-guerrilla theater is one of several activities planned by the SPU for this month's anti-Vietnam war moratorium, which will be observed on Fri. and Sat., Dec. 12 and 13.

Other activities include an indoor vigil for peace, an open forum on the war, workshops pertaining to the war and distribution of antiwar literature.

Lees added that on Christmas eve, the SPU will probably participate in some type of antiwar observance that will involve the Town of Montclair, but this activity is still tentative.

During the hour-long meeting in which approximately 35 members of the SPU voted to stage the pseudo-guerrilla theater, the date was set for the performance as Fri., Dec. 12.

SPU members and other

Two Student Conductors Lead Musical America

By Don Pendley

Maiical America VIII, sponsored by the national men's music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Sigma Alpha Iota, the national music fraternity for women, will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial auditorium.

James Muscarelli, junior music major, will conduct the choir composed of 75 students of Phi Mu Alpha, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Phi Mu Epsilon, assistant professor of music at MSC; "The Gates of Heaven" and "The Search for Freedom" by Randall Thompson.

However, since Calabrese has stated that student opinion can affect the mall, its future status may be determined during tomorrow's election. Both the election results and the questionnaire results will be combined after this week's referendum.

Fanning mentioned the problems which have been noted concerning the mall, including the "impenetrable" rear hill. However, the campus security force will now have the responsibility of surveying this hill during bad weather and, if necessary, reroute traffic away from the construction.

Concerning student participation on the committee, Fanning said that "students interested in the mall or any other problem on campus, should contact the SGA rather than forming their own committee."

Outdated Constitutions Provoke Bill

By Don Pendley

News Editor

A bill which would correct some irregularities in organization constitutions has been passed by the Student Government Association legislature.

At their meeting last Tuesday, the SGA legislature voted to approve the bill, which will create a "constitutions review committee." The purpose of the bill is to "triennially review all student organization constitutions."

Robert Sticket, SGA English department representative, stated that many constitutions are "sightly out of order," and that the committee would check for irregularities and obedience in the constitutions. Some of the constitutions date back to the 1950s, stated Sticket, and even to the 1940s.

The bill was drawn up by Sticket, because of two organizations having troubles from within which related closely to constitutional discrepancies. This prompted Sticket and the other counselors (James Wynne, physics-earth science department representative; Sharon Wanchio, class of 1971 representative; and Lorraine Leitgeb, class of 1972 representative) to formulate the bill.

According to the bill, all class I organizations (such as Players, Montclair Athletic Commission, campus publications and others) will be reviewed the first year; all class II organizations (special interest groups) will be reviewed the second year; and all class III organizations (fraternities and sororities) will be reviewed during the third year.

However, at any time an organization may request a review by the committee. This would have first precedence over all other organizations then under review.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REFERENDUM

I. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:
Do you accept the proposed Student Government Association Constitutional amendments? YES NO

II. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDMENTS:
Do you accept the revised Student Government Association Articles of Incorporation? YES NO

III. PEDESTRIAN MALL QUESTION:
The entire Life Mall is closed to incoming campus cars all hours of the day with no parking privileges.

YES NO 1. Should the Life Hall Mall be open to cars due to inclement weather to help facilitate access to V. parking areas?

YES NO 2. Do you think the Life Hall Mall should be open at night?

YES NO 3. Are you in favor of the pedestrian Mall as it presently exists?

YES NO 4. Abolish the Mall entirely?

5. Any additional suggestions or comments:

IV. VIETNAM MORATORIUM QUESTION:
(circle one)
1. Regular college sessions to be held with no reaction or recognition of the Moratorium.
2. Regular college sessions to be held with recommendations to faculty to postpone examinations so as not to penalize those involved.
3. Regular sessions be held with a representative to formulate the bill.

The above policy was not formulated by students. As a student, I would prefer (circle one):

1. Unlimited cuts
2. Present policy as stated above
3. one out per semester hour credit
4. Class attendance requirements to be determined by the instructor, and be stated explicitly at the beginning of the semester.