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 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 blasted 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.
We’re Glad, But... 

The Student Government Association wants to hear student opinion. Consequently, tomorrow’s referendum will include questions on the nationwide moratorium against the war in Vietnam, the campus cut policy, the pedestrian mall, the amendments to the SGA constitution and articles of incorporation.

We’re glad that SGA is ready to evaluate campus opinion of the moratorium. But we regret that no action will be taken by the SGA on these opinions. Unfortunately, SGA as a group cannot legally endorse any student recommendations which deal with this politically-oriented event. The most that SGA can do is present the results of the opinions of those students who participated in the referendum.

Four choices of a recommended campus cut policy are also on the ballot. We support the recommendation for unlimited cuts, and we think that the majority of students will agree with us. The next step is for this recommendation to appear before the faculty, administrative and coordinating bodies. We believe they will agree with us.

Since Vincent Calabrese, vice-president of business and finance, has stated that student opinion could determine the future of the pedestrian mall, five questions will appear on the ballot concerning the future status of the mall. Calabrese has already stated that the maintenance department has found easy access to upper campus facilities due to the mall. However, since no permanent guard is stationed at the chain, outside deliveries are not accommodated as easily.

The creation of the two new vice-presidential positions within the SGA will delegate some presently needed responsibilities which go beyond the realm of Montclair State College. We especially approve of the creation of the post of vice-president of external affairs who will coordinate all local, state, national and international affairs which involve SGA.

Regarding the revision of the articles of incorporation, we feel that SGA is taking too much power upon itself. We fear that hasty and incompetent decisions can result from this power and infringements upon the constituencies of the other SGA chartered organizations may take place.

The future impact of these articles of incorporation cannot be indicated at this time. We are particularly fearful that although the articles guarantee freedom of the press as organizations may take place.

We regret that the issue most relevant to the student community, the war in Vietnam, the campus cut policy, the pedestrian mall, the ballot concerning the future status of the mall. Calabrese is expected to present the results as the opinions of those students who have to say, instead of speaking for a constituency that has been constituted.

SGA’s ‘No Comment’ Provokes Questions

Doucette Says Legislature Can Be Influential

By Patricia M. Romanisti

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 called into question.

However, according to Greg Doucette, vice-president of SGA, "The assumption is not a policy-making organization. The moratorium policy had to be decided by the Board of Trustees."

Doucette 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, "SGA has made a statement to that effect," he said. 

"Although the student membership is not a policymaking policy, it can influence the decisions of the Board of Trustees," he added. "We have a Board of Trustees that is responsive to what we say."

Explained 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 position on the moratorium, Doucette stated: "I think the Legislature fell down. The 38 representatives should know 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 fine discussion which brought to light the fact that we must get involved."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faith, Freedom and Amateurism

‘Faith in Democracy’ Seen on Nov. 15

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 man-hours, spent millions of dollars and traveled millions of miles to exercise their constitutional right “peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a 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 saying enough to proclaim what many of their elders are too timid to say: our Vietnam policy in the past is a policy of bankruptcy.

Hostile members of the public focus attention on the “riotous” deeds of small numbers of concerned youths, pointedly ignoring the thousands of peaceful protesters who attended the March on Washington. But decisionmakers themselves become responsible for violence when they "allow" a crowd 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 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 oppose misdeeds that endanger the future of our republic.

E.B. Fischer
political science dept.

Facing the Moratorium

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 warring tensions of our time, it is seen 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 different points of view. 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 din of the overwhelming and distracting crusades 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 communication, it should be opposed to controversy will surely close the channels.

5. Thus, I respectfully submit, Mr. President (Richardson), that one of the special meetings of our college participates in this national 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 has an ‘Amateur’ Drama Group. The players are not actors, but ‘Amateurs’ in the truest sense of the word. They are the group that has been performing for as long as the college has existed.

To explain the breakdown of the group, we can look to the recent season. Last year, the Montclair State College Drama Group was an organization which was completely run by students.

Dr. John Kobylt, a professor in the music department, was the director of the group. The students had the opportunity to participate in every aspect of the production, from acting to stage design. The group was not limited to the students who were majoring in theatre or drama, but anyone who was interested in participating was welcomed.

However, this year the group has undergone a change. The students no longer have the opportunity to participate in every aspect of the production. The group has been taken over by the students who are majoring in theatre or drama.

This change has led to a decrease in the quality of the productions. The students who are not majoring in theatre or drama are no longer being given the opportunity to participate in the production. This has led to a decrease in the talent of the group.

In conclusion, I believe that the Montclair State College Drama Group should be referred to as ‘Amateurs’ in the truest sense of the word. They are the group that has been performing for as long as the college has existed. They have a talent that should not be overlooked.
Policy Opinion Range from ‘No Cuts’ to ‘No Policy’

By Roberta Kuehl

School News Editor

Prof. Opinions Range from has made a survey of actual and proposed cut policy in this week’s SGA legislative meeting. The survey, resulting from a study of various faculty and students, indicates that the cut policy is generally unpopular. Mr. Robert F. McCaskey, also of the English department, stated, “We have to be fair.”

A more liberal policy was proposed by Mr. William Nyce of the sociology department. “I believe in unlimited cuts. Classes and courses are a matter of personal choice.”

Dr. Herbert Freeman, chairman of the business studies department, said, “I don’t have a cut policy. If a student’s absent three times in a row, I talk to him. If he’s been absent because of personal difficulties, I take that into consideration.”

Mrs. Robert F. McCaskey, also of the business studies department, stated, “I don’t have a cut policy. If a student’s absent three times in a row, I talk to him. If he’s been absent because of personal difficulties, I take that into consideration.”

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 attendance. Frequent absences affect the student’s mark because they’re fair.”

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 one-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 meet their needs.”

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

Students Favor Campus

Unlimited Cut Policy

By Michael Taylor

The referendum, which concerns students at M.C., is also one of the major questions on the ballot of SGA’s referendum schedule for Dec. 9. Listed as the educational reform issue, 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, stated in a speech on Tuesday: “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, “We’ll make this goal a reality. Miss Leitgeb further stated that ‘any plan of the student body’ should 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’s 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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Guerrilla Theater on Moratorium Schedule

By Barbara Jean Minor

A pseudo-guerilla theater? "It might shock a lot of people into realizing that something is going on over there." This is how Frank Lees, junior English major and member of the SPU, voted to have the former pseudo-guerilla theater skits.

The pseudo-guerilla 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.

In an attempt to rally support for the peace movement, Lees added that on Christmas eve, the SPU will probably participate in some type of moratorium observance that will involve the Town of Montclair, but this activity is still indefinite.

During the hour-long meeting in which approximately 65 members of the SPU voted to stage the pseudo-guerilla theater, the date was set for the performance as Fri., Dec. 12.

SPU members and other students will portray American soldiers, Vietcong, guerillas and Vietnamese villagers in the pseudo-guerilla theater skits.

"At present, the college policy concerning class absences is voluntary with no penalization for those who feel obligated to stay away," Dr. Ronald Haas, SPU advisor and associate professor of education, suggested that Mohammed Ali (Cassius Clay) be invited to speak at a future moratorium observance. SPU members voted to have the former heavy weight champion lecture here in April.

A meeting concerning the gauge-boycott will be held in the faculty lounge, Life Hall on Mon., Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Two Student Conductors Lead Musical America

Musical America VIII, sponsored by the national men's music fraternities, 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.

The 50-member band, directed by junior music major Robert Santin, will perform "Sinfonians" by Philo Williams; "Variants on a Medieval Tune" by Norman Dello Joio; "Fantasia for Band" by Vittorio Giannini; and three other pieces.

Jack Oliva, vice-president of Phi Mu Alpha and chairman of Musical America VIII, noted that American music is the theme used each year. Student conductors, chosen during the summer, are free to choose their own music.

Tickets are available in the Music building or at the door: $1 for loge; $1.50 for orchestra. Credit will be given to all Music 100 students who attend.

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 SGA pedestrian mall committee, together with Mr. Vincent Calabrese, vice-president of business and finance, and Mr. Jon McKnight, director of student activities, have collected about 300 responses.

Chairman of the committee, Tim Fanning, junior English major and SPU member, 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 Nos. 13 and 14, the two days of the November moratorium.

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 "unmaneuverable" 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 mall.

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 committees."

Outdated Constitutions Provoke Bill

"sightly out of order," and that the committee would check for irregularities and obsolescence in the constitutions. Some of the constitutions are as old as 1950, the original constitution of the Student Association Legislature.

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

Robert Stickel, SGA English department representative, stated that many constitutions are "unmaneuverable" and that the committee would check for irregularities and obsolescence in the constitutions.

Back to 1940

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 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 recommendation to faculty to postpone exams, and devote class time to a discussion of modern social issues.

4. Class attendance for faculty and student be voluntary with no penalization for those who feel obligated to stay away.

5. Class attendance for faculty and student be voluntary with no penalization for those who stay away, but that faculty be asked to discuss with their Department Chairman and see that adequate coverage be given to their classes.

6. Regular classes be cancelled with time devoted to meetings of Faculty-Student groups to discuss Moratorium and college policy in the future.

7. All regular college activities cancelled.

EDUCATIONAL REFORM QUESTION:
At present, the college policy concerning class attendance reads as follows: "All students are expected to attend all classes regularly. The treatment and handling of any absences that occur for personal reasons that have nothing to do with illness of less than two days, are left to the discretion of the individual faculty members."

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.