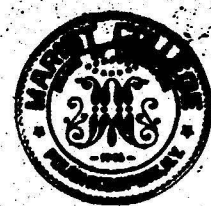




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The Inner Circle

Rumor had it that this morning's issue would present a factual report of the week's campaign without commitment to any candidate. Rumors are never anything more than rumors: consequently with the aid of positive and factual information, The Circle wishes to endorse the candidates who, in our opinion, will be most beneficial in the operation of an effectual and progressive Student Government.

Achievement, regardless of its seemingly trivial importance to some, must be taken into strong consideration when choosing any candidate. Tim Keneally has, over the course of his three years at Marist, excelled: a reiteration of Mike Tobin's nomination speech is unnecessary. Keneally's tenure as President of the Class of '69 is impressive; he is the only class proxy who availed himself of the right to voice opinion at the Council proceedings, to work with a positive attitude for the group he represented. Although portions of his platform contain the expected loopholes which can be found in any slate of proposals, features such as the Publicity Board are definite steps forward to accomplishing the badly needed link between Student Government and the individual student. The reinstatement of the defunct Council Bulletin proposed by Mr. Hulett, falls far behind Keneally's scope.

The proposal along with the guarantee which we will demand be met concerning the Course Guide cannot be overlooked. The present Council has planned to publish a "clean" Guide to Registration, but Mr. Hulett has made no mention in this area of furthering the work and plans of the Council upon which he proposes to build.

The question in point is to decide which candidate will be able to work effectually with the administration. We hold that Mr. Keneally will maintain student support in correlation to administrative rapport.

The Vice-Presidential race was the most heatedly contested position for the '69 S.G.. Les Lombardi presented a platform unequalled by anyone, save his opponent. Lombardi's explication and amplification of the ex-officio duties of the Veep are quite substantial, and equally desirable. However, the scope of his platform is, quite evidently, too limited. If elected, Mr. Lombardi would supervise club activities and little more. He has no proposals for definite achievements in the

areas of academics and athletics, save the all contingent theme of club cooperation. Should campus organizations refuse to assist and support him, Mr. Lombardi is left as the head of the Marist Blood Bank.

Mr. Mahoney has gone far beyond the constitutional scope of the V.P.. He has seen the office as a productive one in correlation to Presidential affairs. In essence, Mahoney looks to advancement for MOTH, not achievement for clubs.

It's a shame that the candidates for Treasurer folded during the debates: both could have decapitated each other, but, for reasons beyond us...

The choice for Treasurer must fall with Bro. Jack Lehman, for the same reasons as those of Mahoney. Lehman's scope excels the proposals of Mr. Neligan; he takes an active interest in Student Government affairs, rather than concentrating on the fundamental principles of bookkeeping. The Treasurer, as Bro. Lehman proposes should be a dynamic cog in the S.G. wheel. Mr. Neligan failed to visualize this; the specifics of the Neligan platform follow too much debit-credit thought, and the computer proposals have been planned since October (you can read it for yourself in the Oct. 5th edition of The Circle). Therefore, Bro. Lehman looks like today's winner.

Jack "Peaches" Corcoran ran the best campaign the campii has seen in many a year; his candidacy speech was the best of last night's seven speakers. "Peaches" receives a unanimous endorsement from The Circle because of his drive and imagination in running a perfect campaign. We feel he would have easily defeated any opponent had the office been contested.

The candidates for class representative, as we see them are: Senior - 1, Shanley, 2, Davis; Junior - 1, Kohe, 2, Ulasewicz; Sophomore - 1, Tortorici, 2, we can see no other candidate to definitely recommend. The other three have issues to both recommend and reject them. We call it a toss up - you pick.

We have attempted to present logical and factual reasons for endorsing this slate of candidates. The final decision is left to the reader. Should the student disagree with our madness, we hope that our presentation will cause him to vote rationally, and only after careful consideration.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Given the accomplishments of the Brosnan administration, the campaign for Student Government President for the '68-'69 year was bound to be a letdown; was bound to be almost an anticlimax to, actually, Joe Brosnan himself. It was.

Tim Keneally, Junior Class President, was pitted against Alan Hulett, Junior Representative to the Student Government. The campaign which, commenced last Wednesday, started off slow and never really got off the ground. Keneally suffered from an initial disadvantage; that being he was considered the front runner for so long that people would easily spot faults in his methods. Hulett's campaign started off on a dynamic note -- the "man with ideas" -- he was pictured as the thinker, the only one the race with brains.

The contest brought the basic issues down to experience vs ideas. The platforms did suggest a few delineations which allow an element of rationality to the voters choice:

- Communications; Keneally proposes the establishment of a Publicity Board, while Hulett recommends the reincarnation of the Council Bulletin.

- Student Academic Committee; Hulett spoke basically in the interest of involving more of the student body in the activities in this area and made several worthwhile proposals and endorsements of SAC programs. Keneally stressed involvement of the SAC on the departmental level to reach an earlier stage of decision-making on the part of the APC.

- Academic Grievance Board; Hulett proposed the inauguration of this body to assist the student in faculty encounter, Keneally demurred, feeling that student should bring their grievances direct to the teacher rather than chancing an attempt to pillory a teacher.

- Academic Dismissal Board; Another proposal of Hulett would press for student representation on this board. Keneally desires first to examine the criteria for dismissal and then act on the findings of this evaluation.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

The campaign of Lester Lombardi for Vice-President during the past week has been a remarkably good one. Les' picture is admirably etched on the front page of his platform pamphlet, lending it an extra bit of class that no one has yet equaled. It even makes Les' platform a page longer than his opponent.

To date, the campaign has been fairly quiet. There are, of course, the "Don't Mess with Les" posters on every bulletin board on campus, but until Monday night at the Freshman Class meeting, the main issues of the race were not kicked around in public.

Lombardi's campaign is divided into two main headings - Coordination and Communication. He seems to have put forth some good solid ideas into the office of the Veep. Under Communication, he is in favor of a weekly radio program on WMCR where the Student Government "should avail itself." Centralized bulletin boards, informal meetings, and a revived agenda of S.G. proceedings warrant further inspection. Even the idea of the Marist Journal sounds great. Under communications, Les hopes "to insure a balanced calendar"

In contrast, Les' opponent, Dan Mahoney, does not seem to exem-

plify as much inventiveness as the Tall Day Hop. Danny says that he will "work actively for new proposals," but makes no mention of what these new proposals are or whose ideas they will be.

Maybe the fact that Dan is active on the Student Academic Committee is the reason for his seemingly drought of ideas. Dan can possibly see that much of Les' proposals can never get off the ground and thus wishes to improve and not invent.

Dan has proposed to attack existing problems and solve them first. He sees no reason for creating new problems to go along with new ideas.

There can be no doubt that the Vice-Presidential race is the one to watch today. Both speeches were excellent and the rebuttals followed suit.

Things really began to take on form early this morning, however, when Les and Dan met in room 411 Champagnat for another debate. The room became so crowded with interested students that the confrontation had to be moved into the fourth floor lounge. Lombardi began with his platform ideas, while Mahoney sat back and

listened. Les became all wrapped up with centralized bulletin boards and athletic grants. He kept pounding on these and similar ideas. Mahoney stressed the fact that the office of V.P. will be a full time job and that the Veep will have little time for trivia.

Dan seems to have the stronger points and went away from the debates looking more like a Vice-President than Les. The only mystery still left unsolved seems to be why Mahoney did not run for President.

Lou Niressi

TO: ALL CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

We have spoken frequently about Marist's growing commitment to the Mid-Hudson Community. We now have an opportunity to demonstrate that commitment. Marist has been asked, as has been Dutchess and Vassar, to recruit volunteers to conduct a survey which is fundamental to the success of the Model Cities Program. The Model Cities Agency has approached us for at least 200 volunteers. An important briefing session will be held on Thursday, March 7th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Theater for these volunteers. The survey itself will be conducted in two sections during the last two weeks of March. I am urging every campus organization to push this drive for volunteers. I think we would all like for Marist to be in the forefront of an effort to make a better Poughkeepsie. We have long theorized about civic and social action and are now challenged to do something.

For the record I would like to have the names of those who volunteer from your club or organization by March 6th, earlier if possible. Stephen Nohe is the Student Coordinator of this project.

Sincerely,

Bro. Edward Cashin

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY RACE

There has been no race for the position of Corresponding Secretary to the Student Government. The only candidate for the post is Jack Corcoran. One of the main objectives of Mr. Corcoran is to revise this office from its present role as merely a letter writing post to one performing a more dynamic function for the campus.

If elected, Jack sees himself moving in the direction of greater communication on campus. He would like to see a Publicity Board which could aid in achieving the desired unity and communication on campus. He would like to utilize the school

paper and radio station as ways of informing the student population of his opinions concerning social and cultural events and the student government's activities.

He would like the student to have a greater familiarity with the trends in campus opinion and to achieve this end would try to expand the labors of the Student Opinion Board and also to have a published report of the findings of each poll.

Jack Corcoran says that his basic incentive is that he wants to work for the school. He feels that any lack in experience is balanced by his desire to perform.

TREASURER

Last night Jack Lehman and Charles Niligan presented their platforms to the student body and countered each other in the light of the material that was presented in the information that both candidates had published previously.

After Lehman presented verbally his opinions in regard to the office of the treasurer, Niligan accused him of dealing in generalities. Niligan proposed, what he considered to be specifics that were important in carrying out his duties in elected office.

Lehman stressed in his platform, as well as in his campaigning throughout the night, that the treasurer must consider strongly his voting responsibility in regard to such committees as SAC, ICC, and the EOA program. Niligan felt that such voting responsibility didn't carry the weight that Lehman implied in regard to the office of treasurer.

Niligan stressed the practical side of the office, while Lehman endeavored to express his theory of progressiveness.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE RACE

The race for the two senior representatives to the next Council was originally a four-way affair, but with the withdrawal of Charles Weistmiller, three men are left contesting the two positions: Mike Shanley, Dudley Davis, and Gerry Landers.

Mike Shanley has been his class' representative to the Council for the past year. He has been extremely active on the Council, having been a delegate to the Intercollegiate Council, the author of the guidelines for responsible attendance, and one of the delegates to the Campus Life Committee. Although Mike did not campaign extensively, he did state to the Circle that he felt that his job as student representative has been "not merely that of a legislator, but that of an intermediary between my class and the Council."

Dudley Davis is the present recording secretary of the Class of 1969. He is a member of the Theater Guild, the Italian Club,

the Reynard editorial staff, and the Naval Reserve. In his platform he asserts the importance of communication between his class and the Council, and among the members of the class itself by the appointment of two representatives to each senior floor and to the Commuter Union. He also stresses a greater respect for school property, and promises that he will work hard for the quality of the 1969 Reynard.

Gerry Landers has been an active member of the crew team and the ski club. In his platform, he says that he feels that it is the duty of the executive board of the Council to initiate major programs and that all representatives should be informed in this action. He also feels that there is a lack of communication which needs remedy and that the Council must help the Residence Board in concretizing the policy on drinking in the dorms.

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE RACE

Despite the last minute drizzle of campaign literature on the part of the candidates, the campaign for Junior Representative was relatively uneventful. The seeming lack of interest on the part of the Class of 1970 was evident from the poor turnout at a class meeting held on Monday night in the Theatre. At this meeting, it was learned that one of the candidates, Ed Hallen, had withdrawn from the race. This left three candidates to choose from: the incumbent, Steve Mohe, Jerry Garey, formerly of the Hazing Committee, and Tom Ulasewicz, an unsuccessful candidate for Freshman Class President last year.

by any of the candidates that caused a stir was the stand taken by Ulasewicz against the proposed Baseball team.

The lack of interest in this campaign can possibly be explained by the fact that none of the candidates really had any major issues to discuss and that none of them made any kind of an effort to mention any.

There were no real issues discussed at the class meeting on Monday night. The only thing said

SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVE RACE

Monday's confrontation between the candidates for the office of Sophomore Representative proved to be an enlightening look at campus politics, as the four opponents leveled charge and counter-charge in an attempt to undermine the other's position.

John Kaley, one of the hopefuls, began his talk by launching an attack on the work of the current representatives. Stating that a lack of communications between the student and his representative exists, Kaley, as a part of his platform, promised more personal contact with the members of his class. To keep the students more informed about the activities of the Student Gov't he also proposes a bi-monthly bulletin which he will issue along with the other class rep.

One of the incumbents, Pete Tortorici, defended his work with the Student Government and said that the communications

mentioned by Kaley in fact existed in the form of a newsletter published whenever the need arose in order to keep the class informed of the problems facing the Government. Commenting on the proposed bi-monthly bulletin, Tortorici said that it was unnecessary since there was not that great of a divergency of material of pressing interest was dealt with by the Council to warrant such frequent publication. He went on to say that he was running on his experience and performance with the Student Government.

The problem of communication was also raised by another candidate, William Rooney. He stated that though it is necessary for the student to cooperate with his representative, it is a two way street and the rep. must bear a great deal of the burden. In offering his ideas the duties of a representative Rooney said that the rep. must seek the ideas and attitudes of his class and employ them as a guide in dealing with matters before the Council.

Finally, Tony Parga, the other Freshman Representative,

presented his views to the gathering. Running primarily on his knowledge of Student Government acquired during his tenure of office, Parga agreed with Tortorici on the existence of communications between themselves and the class. He said that the rep is powerless without the full support of the class and that "...it is the job of the student to go to his rep..."

The meeting itself was originally scheduled to be a panel discussion on select issues, but, in actuality, it was an opportunity for the candidates to present their platforms while being able to publicly comment on the position of their opponents.

There has been some question raised by Mr. Rooney and Mr. Kaley that they were not given sufficient information regarding the nature of the meeting and were therefore unable to present their ideas as effectively as they might have liked to.