

# School Life Hectic As Students Were Hit By Politics

The idea for a mock Political Convention was conceived by Miss Eylar in January. After taking a survey of her Contemporary Affairs classes to see if enthusiasm merited undertaking the project, permission was granted, and from then on things really got hectic. The MPC Central Committee began plans for state standards, finding keynote speakers, a banquet, decorations, programs, publicity in newspapers and on TV, microphones, chairs, money-raising projects and the delegates' identification tags. During this time, many of the states were deciding who their candidates would be, and getting ideas for their demonstrations.

Finally it was the night before the convention; enthusiasm and tension were high as students eagerly decorated the gym and looked forward to the first session of the MPC. Many did not know quite what to expect, and, at first, the Convention Hall was rather quiet as each person waited to see what to do next. However, by dinner time, everyone was beginning to start recruiting support for their favorite candidate's demonstration.

After some very good entertainment (faculty band, Thespians, trios, and humorous interpretation), the delegates settled down to begin nominations. This continued until 9:00 p.m. Then everyone rode buses home, tired but waiting eagerly for the next day.

After many hours, the second session started and

by this time, feeling was really running high. First, nominations were finished midst rousing demonstrations and then the roll call votes started. States began switching their votes and no one knew who would be elected. Finally after eight ballots, Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas was selected as Presidential nominee. Stuart Symington was elected on the first ballot as his running mate. The convention was closed with the retiring of the colors and concluding remarks with presentations by MPC Central Committee Chairman, Bruce McKellips. Following this, many exhausted delegates attended the post-convention dance and became even more weary. After watching the convention on TV, most were ready to go home. The next day, several delegates cleaned up. After everything, all agreed that the theme of the Convention, "Education Through Experience" was certainly fulfilled.

The other side of politics at Bothell High, although not on such a gigantic scale, was certainly as exciting because all new officers for the 1960-1961 school year were elected. It was a close race, but everyone who was elected was a wise choice and should do a very good job leading the Senior High next year.

On the following pages are pictures of the newly elected officers and the tremendously successful convention.

## '60 - '61 A.S.B. Officers



From left to right: President, Ron Dickinson; Vice-President, Ron Green; Secretary, Anne Prideaux; Asst. Secretary, Charlotte Szekely; Treasurer, Ernest Lockwood; Business Manager, Mike Wojcik; Athletic Councilmen, Jerry Rettig and Don Granvold.

## Cheer Leaders



Standing from left to right: Jean Smoot, Sharon Lahaie, Gene Gentry, Pam Benine, Cherie Wickland. Kneeling: Mike Fuhrer.

## Song Leaders



Standing from left to right: Dorothy Walker, Barbara Johnson, Mikel Gentry, Pam Strand, Linda Koontz. Kneeling from left to right: Colleen Kellet, Diana Pricer.

## Girls' Club Officers



From left to right: President, Karen Matzen; Vice President, Magella Pepin; Second Vice President, Gay Fluharty; Secretary, Joan Birchard; Treasurer, Gail Gustafson; Legislative Council Representative, Patsy Lagerstrom.

## Boys' Club Officers



Left to right: President, Dave Anderson; Vice President, Tom Demetre; Secretary, Jim McMurray; Sgts. At Arms, Dick Schoolcraft and Mike Durbin.

# M.P.C. Tremendous Success!!

The Mock Political Convention officers that the Permanent Organizations Committee selected: (left to right) Tim Davis - Sgt. at Arms, Terry Still - Tally Clerk, Miss Eylar - Head Advisor, Barb Heald - Secretary, and Paul Curry - Chairman.

Without the Central Committee, the Convention would never have been as organized and successful as it was. All worked hard as they carried out their assigned duties.



Miss Eylar, Bruce McKellips, Central Committee Chairman, and Paul Curry, MPC Chairman meet Governor Rosellini, the Democratic keynote speaker during the first day of the convention.

Paul Curry, Convention Chairman, with gavel in hand.

Here, Miss Eylar, Bruce McKellips, and Don Christensen, ASB President, meet Lloyd J. Andrews, the Republican keynote speaker during the second day of our convention.



# The Calm Before The Storm!

Confetti lay motionless, signs were under the seats, all was quiet as the Governor of Washington addressed the student body. The gym was transformed and looked so patriotic with its bunting, flags, and signs. Notice the boxes of confetti strung to the ceiling.



Governor Rosellini, the Democratic keynote speaker on Thursday, May 12, won everyone's applause with his speaking and warm smile. The Central Committee sat on the platform during the entire convention while the press busily published the latest decisions and votes.



Again, peace prevailed as MPC Chairman Paul Curry opened the convention and asked for committee reports. Everyone listened since every single minute was a new experience. Oh - if they only knew the chaos that was to follow!



# Enthusiastic Supporters



Here is just a small example of the action between demonstrations. Each delegation, from Alaska to Wyoming, was thoroughly represented as delegation chairmen bargained for support of their candidate.

The demonstration for Kennedy had just as much confetti, yelling, and noise as the other demonstrations. The people sitting near the aisle could always expect a handful of confetti to be thrown in their face by a close friend supporting a rival candidate.

Through all ballots, Texas delegates, with their ten-gallon hats and guns, never lost hope for their own Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ). There was nothing like a demonstration for your candidate to make you lose your voice.



Each nominating speaker gave his speech from the front platform. Usually all was silent until he or she finished; then came the twenty-minute demonstration, which would be followed by the seconding speech. Here Alan Corner puts everything he has into nominating Nixon.



# Eat And Be Merry

The MPC Banquet on the evening of the first day (Thursday, May 12) fed a luscious spaghetti dinner to over 550 students in 45 minutes. Everyone was discussing the demonstrations and nominating speeches at this point, and wondering if their own demonstration would get in that evening.



Entertainment — The faculty formed a German Band, which was thoroughly appreciated by the student body. With Mr. Gay as the paunchy leader, you could also see Mr. Siverson and Mr. McNutt on the drums, Mr. Eide on the tuba, Mr. Ackerman on the trombone, Miss Toth on the clarinet, Miss Bohnen on the trumpet and Miss Eylar on the saxophone.

The Thespian skit, "AND THE LAMP WENT OUT", was hilariously received. Here the mother, Linda Dobbins, is whisking the heroine, Karen Einmo, out while the villain, Al Zindel, is glaring at the hero, Jim Bennetsen.



Long banquet tables filled with students were decorated with red, white, and blue crepe paper with a Republican elephant or a Democratic donkey popping up every few feet. Campaign signs covered the walls, which added to the excitement and activity that filled the air.

# Success And Confetti In Large Amounts

Pep and energy were displayed by the delegates as nominating speeches were made.



The gym looks as if it had been hit by a hurricane after everyone had gone home, leaving the debris for the clean-up committee.

Even the faculty joined in some of the demonstrations. Here Mrs. Dodge is marching for Adlai Stevenson with great enthusiasm as she is showered with confetti.



Bruce McKellips presents Miss Eylar with a gift as a token of the students' appreciation of her efforts to make the convention successful.

