

Paulsen Campaigns at Monmouth

Last Wednesday night, September 13, Monmouth College was honored with the distinguished presence of one of our nation's presidential candidates—Pat Paulsen. Mr. Paulsen, who considers himself "a common, ordinary, simple savior of America's destiny," is the unquestioned messiah of the Straight Talking American Government (STAG) Party. Pat Paulsen entered politics quite by accident in 1968 when rumors began circulating concerning his candidacy for Presidency. He disproved them saying, "I have not only denied it to nationwide audiences on television, but spent considerable time traveling around the country, visiting and subsidizing groups of loyal supporters who deny it too." But the people needed him so he finally said to himself, "I owe it to my country." Despite his narrow defeat by President Nixon, he decided to run again four years later in this year's election.

Mr. Paulsen discussed his stand on the major political issues. If elected President, he plans to solve the economic problems by decreasing the number of jobs to increase the economy. He promised to stop the bombing and end the war in Vietnam. Mr. Paulsen proposed to abolish the income tax and place a tax on sex. He declared that Americans would have to "pay to play". It would solve many of our economic problems. "Can you imagine the guy in the 90% bracket complaining?" He promised to give the American people everything they want. If they want promises, he'll give them promises!

After the political fervor died down, Mr. Paulsen continued his lecture toward more intellectual pursuits. He opened his discussion with "Astrology, the Occult, and Things That Go Bump in the Night." Progressing from Astrology, Mr. Paulsen went into heavier thoughts concerning Transcendental Meditation explaining that "transcen" meant thinking through and "dental" meant having to do with the mouth. This is referred to as thinking through the mouth, otherwise known as "smartmouth".

Following this discussion, Mr. Paulsen swung into the subject of drugs. He brought along an educational film which showed the disastrous effects of those funny cigarettes on young, innocent, college kids.

This led him into his next topic on sex education. He told the audience, "I am opposed to sex education in the schools. Let kids learn it where we did—in the gutter." He proceeded with his visual aid demonstration using a Ken and Barbie doll.

The next subject of his lecture concerned Women's Liberation. Mr. Paulsen believes, "No one should be denied equal rights because of the shape of their skin!"

Winding up the educational segment of his speech, Mr. Paulsen held a question and answer period. Asked why he came to Monmouth, he replied, "for humanitarian purposes." The lights were dimmed once again and Mr. Paulsen displayed his talent in doing hand shadows. Some of his most creative pieces were: "Man Reaching for Piece of Bread" and "Fist with Arm Attached."

The closing session of Pat Paulsen's visit took on a more serious tone as he showed a touching film commemorating the futile waste of lives in Vietnam. He remarked that a friend of his had made the film and it had affected him deeply so he wanted to share it with his audience. He finished his lecture telling his audience that he was just a humble, ordinary human

being and if anyone wanted his autograph he would stamp it with his electronic name stamper after the show. Mr. Paulsen left the stage without any further fanfare other than a 15-minute farewell speech. The audience wildly cheered his departure.

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