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Gene Roh

The Berkeley candidates

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School board candidate Gene Roh sees himself as a "line worker" for teachers and students in the Berkeley Unified School District.

The 32-year-old Alameda County probation officer believes the BUSD has "forgotten and frustrated" the former and inadequately prepared the latter.

He also believes that as an Oriental he can help bring "the perspectives of the Asian community" to bear on Berkeley school problems.

"My campaign developed out of the Asian community — over our concern that the educational system provide quality education for all, but the campaign is not specifically trying to do 'an Asian thing'," Roh said in an interview.

"I CAN offer something no other candidate has — a track record of having worked with young people exclusively during the last seven years," he said.

GENE ROH
seeks school seat

His work as a probation officer with children, many of them in Berkeley, gave him an "insight and sensitivity" into what students and teachers both feel, he observed.

"I know classroom teachers feel frustrated and forgotten by the present administration and the present board," he said.

HE IS building most of his campaign around quality education, he said, "out of the realization that the Berkeley schools . . . are at times graduating students who cannot read or write."

It is the primary task of schools, he said, to produce students who are "functionally literate, who have the

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MARRIED ON BART — The Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District chalked up another first yesterday when a San Francisco couple was married on one of the track tracks. Sue Burke, 21, and Daniel M. Donovan, 28, said their "I do's" on the train speed between Oakland and Berkeley. Sacramento Municipal Judge John V. Sweet performed the ceremony. The couple plan to honeymoon in Reno, Nev.

—UPI Telephoto

CANDIDATE

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basic tools with which to survive in the world."

Roh has underscored his philosophy in the voter handbook statement that "Berkeley must provide options for all children so that creativity is not inhibited, nor basic skills diluted. I know that within the Asian community, the educational system has failed in spite of the stereotype of academic achievements by Asians.

"I SENSE the pulse of the black and Chicano communities and feel the urgency to commit myself to children learning. Therefore I dedicate myself to an educational system that enhances the dignity and respect of all."

Quality education must be diversified and "not produce an intellectual elite," he added.

On the simmering issue of violence in the schools, the Oakland-born, University of California-educated candidate believes the administration and board "have abdicated their responsibility to provide an atmosphere and climate where students can feel positively supported and safe.

"THERE IS a lack of trust between citizens and the board — people are tip-toeing around on every kind of behavior issue that comes up. We need teachers to become much more involved with their students so they won't be frightened by them."

Supervision and control in the classroom must be maintained so that teachers and students can respect each other, Roh added.

The young candidate said he believes that the answer to serious behavior problems with students is not so much their suspension from school but their suspension from class so they can stay in school and work in programs and projects aimed at removing the causes of their behavior.

ROH SAID he is in favor of "preventative" kinds of programs relying on community expertise to serve as a "buffer" between the school and society at large in dealing with problem students.

"I would have a probation officer close at hand — in a consultative, not an oppressive, setting — to handle these kinds of situations" before recourse to police, juvenile authorities and the courts is attempted, he said.

Roh said he favors "incentive salaries" so that "classroom teachers who are committed to teaching could remain in the classroom and not be penalized for turning down a promotion that could put them into the administration — hence there could be some parity between administrators and teachers."

ROH GRADUATED from the University of California here in criminology and added a Master's in educational psychology.

He is married [illegible] the former Brenda [illegible] father of [illegible] and [illegible]

Heroin the top consumer import

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A San Francisco Superior Court judge said heroin is the top consumer import [illegible] the United States with sales running $6 [illegible]

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HE DISMISSED all of RIOT's claims for short-term profits accruing from a city takeover by noting the report's finding that "it is not likely that significant benefits, such as lowering of electric rates or reducing taxes, could be accomplished within the first 10 years after Berkeley starts operating its own electric system."

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Some policeme stealing drugs

NEW YORK (UP Some policemen in New have been stealing na and money from drug dlers without making a the state's special pr tor's office said Friday.