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## Gridders Face Birmingham

After demolishing the San Fernando Tigers 34-19 last Friday, Monroe's varsity football team will attempt to maintain their perfect 4-0 record tomorrow night when they'll host the Birmingham Braves.

The Braves, who boast a not so fruitful 0-4 record, have had their share of problems this year, the latest being the Poly Parrots who demolished them last Friday, 30-6.

Mike Oates heads up the quarterback position and is backed up by Jeff Marcus, who saw light action against Poly. Oates however led the squad through most of the Poly game as he completed 5 out of 13 passes for a total of 107 yards.

Oates in the backfield with Oates will be running backs Jeff Ross and Mark Brandt. Ross led the Braves' rushing department Friday, gaining 59 yards on 17 carries (a 3.5 average) and scored Birmingham's lone touchdown against the Parrots.

The Vikes, however, enjoyed their crushing victory over the Tigers last week, a game which

was a "must win" for them. Fernando Nunez, who sparked the Vikes running attack against the Tigers Friday gaining 133 yards, would have no problem in repeating his performance tomorrow night against a crumbling Birmingham defense.

Monroe's class Bee football

team will also be in quest of their fifth consecutive victory tomorrow. With solid performances by Bob Slater and Tom Perkins last week, the Vikes are sure picks for win number five.

Varsity kick-off is scheduled for 8:00 with the Bees beginning at 5:30.

## Boys League Striving For Student Interest

Stirring more interest amongst the male population of the school is Boy's League's major goal for this year, according to President Gary Mason.

This year Boy's League will sponsor such activities as the Boy's League-Girl's League Sportsnite, the car show, Boy's day in Government, the Boy's League football service organization and, coming up soon, an

open forum with the number two man in the Los Angeles Police Department, Chief McAlister.

Other Boy's League officers include, Gary Netzley as football chairman, Don Heuman as Assistant chairman, Boy's League representative Marvin Moskowitz, Louis Weiner as secretary, Treasurer, Gary Bielher and Gary Reeder as assistant dance committee chairman.

## Hunter Asks Students' Help

There is a certain irony to a situation in which a person wants change, and only complains; wants a "voice" and yet won't work for it. He wants these things, but because he gets nowhere, he proceeds to condemn the very body that can give it to him—Student Government. How can a government function when no one is behind it, when few people even know it "does anything", or could care?

But, students take heart! It seems that part of the answer lies within the body itself. Perhaps Council, in its own frustration, is too quick to condemn the students. Our goal in Student Government must not get ourselves involved with the students.

When this is done, the student body realizes we have a "purpose" the cycle is on its way to being broken. New innovative ideas and programs can be put through, but only if we have an effective, respected Student Council, supported by the students. Then, we will have power, our voice.

A program will be launched very soon to attempt to inform the Student Body how Council functions—to bring the government back to you. The program

will try to tell you what we have done, and what we are work-

ing on. For once we let the Student Body know we are here, we have accomplished things and have some "purpose".

Student Council needs your help; we want your suggestions. Use the suggestion boxes! Every suggestion must be looked into and personally answered—then it is really your government. It directly involves the students.

Before we and judge others, we must start with ourselves. Council is working on improving itself. I am trying to run Council in a more "goal oriented" fashion. A motion is being researched that would completely revamp the structure. Hopefully, a Student Government Assembly will be in the works very soon.

Should we condemn this year's Council for trying to involve you, and work on itself?

Can a captain run a ship without a crew?

Give Student Government a chance, better yet, give yourself a chance!

Brent Hunter

Student Body President

## 41 Per Cent of Community Turn Out for Bond Election

12,004 of the 28,971 registered voters in the 24 consolidated precincts of the Monroe area cast their votes in the defeated bond election last Tuesday.

41.4% of the eligible voters balloted in this area in the special election, almost four percentage points more than the overall 37.5% turn out.

Also, the breakdown of voters in the Monroe area does not follow that of the entire city. 48.8%, as opposed to the total 56.0% "yes" vote, of the Ballots were in support of Proposition A. This area fell short of the required 66 2/3% "yes" votes by 447 votes (18.2%).

A further breakdown of the votes reveals that in precinct 103, the one which volunteers from Monroe who supported the bond proposal worked on, 48.7% of the 1282 registered voters balloted in the special election. In this precinct 56.4% of the votes were in support of the bond issue. A quota of 323 "yes" votes were needed from this precinct, and 353 were received. However, only 56.5% of the casted ballots favored Proposition A and, although a majority, the vote fell short of the 66 2/3% needed to pass the proposal.

## Lettergirls Conference, Sports Day at Monroe

The Lettergirl Seven School Conference and Sports Day will be held at Monroe, December 7, according to President Debbie Drury.

The purpose of this event is for Lettergirls from different schools to get together and discuss ideas concerning membership and creating new ideas for events.

Before the Conference the girls will serve a lunch and conduct competitive team sports.

The Lettergirls have invited representatives from Sylmar, San Fernando, Granada, Poly, Chatsworth, Van Nuys, and Kennedy High Schools for the Conference.

New Lettergirl officers are President Debbie Drury, Vice-President Linda Zuckerman, secretary Bonnie Mohnsen, Historian Cindy Tanaka, and Treasurer Suellen Fiestman.

## In Senior Test Program Three Subjects Included

State tests were administered to seniors last Wednesday and Thursday.

The seniors were given a series of tests pertaining to English, Social Studies, and Math.

Mrs. Linda Johnson, in charge of testing at Monroe, stated that all scores would be put on the individual student's accumulative record but should have no bearing on future college plans. Scores will be available next February in the Counselor's office.

Last year Monroe did quite well having an average I.Q. of 103 in comparison to the 98.11 I.Q. registered by the rest of the schools in the state.

## Proposed Project X Delayed, Not Thoroughly Planned Out

The proposed Project X, which was planned to begin this week has been delayed because the project was not yet thoroughly planned out, according to Mr. Marvin Katz, Social Studies Chairman.

Project X, will consist of, having another period X before school, after school, or during lunch. This would put the school on a 7 period day.

The purpose of X period would be for students to receive special tutoring or take a series of mini-courses. These mini-courses would be specialized according to the interests of the students.

According to Mr. Katz, the majority of the faculty felt the school was not ready for this project because the requirements, the types of classes, and procedures, has not been worked out completely.

Mr. Katz feels the project would have been a failure if it was started this week because the students were not consulted first about how they feel.

Before Project X, a modular system was proposed, this system would have blocked all classes, but was vetoed.

# Council Member Raps Argument

So, here it is—the latest in the series of articles written for, and against Student Council. I feel that I am qualified to write this article as Student Council has been a part of my schedule for 2 semesters. This time listen to the facts, instead of the worthless arguments that have been presented by students who haven't taken the time or trouble to visit a Council meeting, write a suggestion for the suggestion box, speak to Council representatives, or work through many various clubs and organizations on campus for change. I presume it is change these individuals are looking for — and not merely a chance to be published in the DOCTRINE.

This semester Council is working harder than ever before to be the representative body it was intended to be. Perhaps in the past the duties of Council were confused; members were not required to be especially representative....but it is CHANGING this year. Members are being reminded constantly of their duties and responsibilities to the various factions on campus. Any student is invited to come to T-23 and see the goals and priorities that Council is setting

up for itself this year. Every member of Council will be working in two ways: to do the best possible job for this club, and to improve Council as a working unit.

Getting back to a few basic facts, try these on for size.... If Council is "just a bunch of people off on their own little ego trips," why are these people spending their own time and effort working for projects such as the bond drive, the P.O.W. campaign, a ticketron for the Student Body, a curriculum review board, hope walk, a mid-valley league council, and many other projects that concern our school directly. For once Council is trying to get involved with the students—instead of waiting for the students to become involved with Council. Are those people who complain sooooo loudly about Council, working just as hard to see that those projects they support succeed? Or is it easier to blame Student Council because they have become the likeliest scapegoat for the Fall, 1972?

—Jan Lonsdale  
Student Body Recording Sec.

BOOK REVIEW

## 'Bless' Called Touchingly Written

by Margarene Meyer

"Bless the Beasts and the Children" by Glendon Swarthout, is currently billed as a movie about six boys trying to save a

number of buffalo from slaughter. As anyone will say if they have read the book or seen the

movie, the title means little until after you have read about the tragic conditions and experiences that lead up to the actual saving of the buffalo.

The story is set at a boy's camp where survival and competition are the key words. The six star characters are considered failures in these areas, so they band together to form "The Bed-wetters" under the leadership of

fourteen-year-old Cotton. Flashbacks are used to make the reader truly aware of the underlying reasons which prompted the boys to band together in their unusual quest. Their own experiences in being treated as neglectful parents' children each boy in a different way.

The only person who really has faith in the boys is their leader, Cotton. He is convinced that the boys will never again be called failures if they can successfully complete their mission.

Stories have been written before about boys with these same problems, but none quite as touchingly as Mr. Swarthout has in "Bless the Beasts and the Children."

## Peerless Pigskin Picks

	Kasper	Arden	Missi
Birmingham at Monroe	Monroe by 14	Monroe by 30	Monroe by 17
Granada Hills at Poly	Granada by 7	Granada by 16	Granada by 10
USC at Notre Dame	Notre Dame by 10	USC by 7	Notre Dame by 10
California at UCLA	California by 7	EVEN	UCLA by 7
Wisconsin at Ohio State	Ohio State by 16	Ohio State by 14	Ohio State by 14
Green Bay at LA Rams	Rams by 8	Rams by 21	Rams by 10
Baltimore at Minnesota	Minnesota by 6	Minnesota by 10	Minnesota by 3
Washington at Kansas City	Kansas City by 3	Washington by 7	Washington by 7



REVIEWS

## 'THX 1138' Proves Strange, Depressing For Moviegoers

by Rosanne Harvey

"THX 1138" is a movie frightening and depressing in its prophecy of the world to come. In the tradition of Huxley's *Brave New World* and Orwell's *1984*, the picture leaves the viewer with a sense of foreboding of things to come.

Robert Duvall, as THX 1138, is the hero of the story. A numbered member of an automated society trying to beat the system. Don Pleasence plays another criminal insurgent. As THX 1138's "roommate", Maggie McInerney gives a moving and well-executed performance.

The movie's dialogue gives the

viewer an impression of aimlessness and bareness in the realm

The components of the picture are praiseworthy, but all of it together makes a strange and de-

initely depressing film. One looking for light entertainment should steer clear of "THX 1138".

The excellent photography and visual effects add to the impression of a sterile world. The

seemingly disjointed, floating scenes and people enhance the idea of the tranquilized society.

SOUND-OFF

### Writer Warns of ID Abuse

I work the VAC gate, and every Friday night I go through the ritual of asking to see I.D.s in addition to the VAC cards.

Your VAC card, alone, will not let you into the student section. You must present your I.D. card too.

The reason for this rule is the plain fact that there just aren't enough seats to go around in the student section, when one person's I.D. card admits three people.

Should you ever forget your I.D., you will just have to sit in the general admission section.

For the few of you who have been successful in passing off your temporary I.D.s, remember that the permanent ones will be in use shortly. And he who tempts the fates must sooner or later face the music or pay the piper.

Don Heuman

### Defends Spirit Week

In defense of Spirit Week Sound-off (Oct. 11) I agree with the things Vicki Tichenor said up until 1) the third paragraph Spirit Week activities, 2) the fifth and sixth paragraphs which state, "School spirit is more than just mouthing cheers." Yet no one was required to attend

Vicki doesn't mention that cheers are part of that so-called spirit. I admit it would be pretty frightening if President Nixon were to say, "Our nation's ills would be cured if we said a cheer." Also if a yell-leader or Mr. Miller were to say, "The ills of the school would be cured if we said a cheer." But no one has said that yet. So what's your beef Vicki?

Band, Drill Team, and Cheerleaders are part of spirit. A game without them to boost morale when the chips are down.

Concern of welfare of students cannot be spirit without open spirit (yelling, cheering and participation) and vice versa.

SPHIT - Don't knock it till you've tried it.

Steve Gross

A.K.C. Great Dane Puppies

See Mr. Shepard