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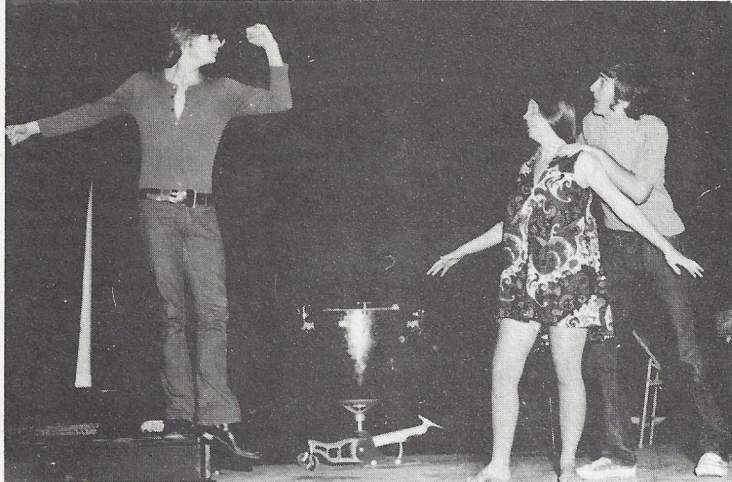
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Today report cards are being distributed in 2nd period classes. Students are to return them to their homeroom teacher at the end of the day. They will be taken home tomorrow to be signed by parents.

The Chatsworth Chancellors emerged victorious in last Monday's special football tie breaking decision. They will now square off with Monroe's Viking Varsity this Saturday at Birmingham with kickoff slated for 1:30.



Eric Reichl (L), Linda Woerhle, and Stuart Sher add finishing touches to Feiffer's People premiering tomorrow in Odin's Hall.

'Feiffer's' to Premiere

"Feiffer's People", Play Production's first dramatic presentation this semester, premiers Thursday night in Odins Hall.

"Feiffer's" consists of a series of black out skits satirizing American society. Nothing is sacred with Feiffer, as he knocks everything from motherhood to Vietnam, according to Mrs. Frema Rood, director.

There's never a dull moment

Runners To face Granada

The Viking ship destroyed a strong Scotch army in the Friday's football battle, but the final meeting is yet to come.

A powerful Varsity Cross-Country team led by the fine running of Richard Nance, (10:17) last week) and Mark Hilton (10:19 last week) will face the Granada Hills Highlanders in the final league meeting at Pierce College tomorrow.

Coach Dean Balzaret considers the Highlander squad, "the best team in the City" and said "we are going to run for our best times of the year" in order to defeat the Scots.

The Vikings must win, as their record stands at 3-1 to a perfect Highlander record of 4-0. Junior Varsity runners of both teams have swept all their meetings gaining both squads records of 4-0. Scott Kellogg, winner of last week's race with a time of 11:03, felt Granada Hills was the "Final Exam."

Don Musselwhite said a victory over Granada would be the "whip cream on the pudding" after outclassing all other opponents.

The tenth graders, led by the consistent David Bernstein face similar problems as they must conquer Granada for the Mid-Valley League crown.

during "Feiffer's"; either you're watching a satirical skit or listening to the fantastic band, consisting of Jesse Evans' on electric guitar, Gary Leigh playing drums, and Liza Reinstein on piano.

There are 42 people in "Feiffer's People", but the major performers are Louise Schwartz who, according to Mrs. Rood, will steal the show, and Eric Reichl and Robin Freedman, who are both very slick and professional, according to Mrs. Rood. Lorraine Cronin plays the telephone operator, Rick Behyda is Huey and Larry Cedar plays Bernard.

"Be prepared to open your mind and eyes. "Feiffer's" hits home hard," said Eric Reichl and Robin Freedman.

Knowledge Bowl Team To Debut Against Chatsworth

This year's Knowledge Bowl team get their season underway tomorrow as they take on Chatsworth at Chatsworth High School.

The team, sponsored by Mrs. Jan Livingston, includes Charles Garcia, Anne Connor, Steve Berke, David Rosenthal, Howard Schnee, Cathy McClain, and Captain Scott Hemphill.

The team has had little chance to practice for tomorrow's meet due to faulty practice buttons which are used during lunch rehearsals in Mrs. Livingston's room.

In order to win the Mid-Valley League Championship, the team will have to get past such schools as Birmingham, El Camino Real, Granada, Reseda, Taft and Chatsworth all of whom they will meet twice.

Bees Destroy Highlanders

By Jeff Arden

ing grace are the only way to describe the manner in which the Bee Gridders handled themselves against the Granada Highlanders, giving them a 49-6 beating, while setting two new school records, along with becoming undefeated MVL Champions.

The Vikings captured the new record for scoring in a season during the fourth quarter, surpassing by three points the old mark of 273.

After recovering a Granada fumble, the Vikings took control of the ball on the Scot's 12 yard line. On the next play, the Vikes lost 15 yards on a penalty, sending them back to the 25, where the hopes looked dim for the new record, with only a minute to go in the game. But the unexpected came to pass, with a Russ Johnson pass to tight end, Steve Keyser, who took them into the end zone and pass the mark. The conversion added an extra two, to set the new record at 276 points.

The defensive squad also set a new Monroe record, allowing only 18 points this season to shatter the 1962 mark of 25.

Despite the trouncing, the contest prove to be quite interesting.

In the first quarter, the Scots had the ball on their own 34. After a 15 yard penalty. With fourth and a long 17, the Highlanders were forced into punt formation. Following a bad snap, defensive end Tom Derby jarred the ball loose from the punter, while Mike Regalia recovered in the end zone for the Viking's first touchdown.

In the third quarter the Highlanders took the pigskin 62 yards in 12 carries for their

only touchdown, while the Vikings reciprocated by taking the ball 64 yards in 14 carries to contribute seven points more to the upset.

On the kickoff following the touchdown, Steve Lamb received the ball, but only temporarily, as once again the Viking defense recovered a costly fumble to bring the football to the Granada 4 yard line. Bob Slater went in for the six points, and a Steve Keyser reception in the end zone added two points.

Along with the great line, defensive backs Mark Spitler and Drew Bridges both had excellent evenings.

Band Aired on Merv Griffin

The "social event of the season" occurred last Thursday night when the Viking marching band, accompanied by a small cheering section, invaded the Merv Griffin Show.

Fifty members of the band surprised Mr. Griffin by appearing in full uniform and presenting an inspiring performance of "Hey, Look Me Over." Brent Hunter, student body president, led the crowd in a rousing "Monroe spellout." Gue Johnson played a red-faced solo of "Hey, Look Me Over" on her glockenspiel and Brian Lash, drum major, made his trombone debut on stage with Merv and Elke Sommers.

The Vikings were not the only celebrities present. Along with Miss Sommers were Mrs. Barry Davis Jr., Mrs. Chuck Donors, Mrs. Don Adams, Mrs. Harold Robbins, Mrs. Quincy Jones, and Mrs. Stuart Whitman.

Rankin Predicts Middle Finish For Varsity Cagers

"Somewhere in the middle" is the prediction by coach Bill Rankin on just where he figures his Varsity basketball team will finish this season.

This year's cagers, comprised almost entirely of last season's J.V. team, will open their '71-'72 season Friday night when they will travel to face the Reseda Regents in the first of four non-league tilts.

This year's squad will have 12 roster players with Rankin occasionally placing outstanding J.V. players on his Varsity bench.

Randy Cohen and Jim Reed will head up at center for the Vikes while Bill Balch, Dave Burlingame, Cohen, Perry Crawford, and

Jack Ernst are expected to join the squad at the conclusion of football season.

Rounding out at guard will be Dale Geide, Dave Hardisty, Al Hyam, Randy Lazar and Mitch Ross.

Rankin sees no "outstanding individuals" on his team but will attribute its success to their ability to "discipline ourselves to play as a team, rather than individually."

Rankin will be aided by two additional student coaches this year who will work with his J.V. squad. John Smithy and Russ Hobins, both former Viking Varsity basketball members, will assist the J.V. squad.

Fortunate Pilgrim Labeled Fast Moving, Exciting Book

by Rosanne Harvey

Although The Fortunate Pilgrim will never be a book of the magnitude attained by The Godfather Mario Puzo has succeeded in producing another sensitive and honest portrait of the Italian American.

Set in the New York ghettos of the 1920's, '30's and '40's, The Fortunate Pilgrim is the story of the Angeluzzi-Corbo family. The book relates the struggles of the invincible matriarch, Lucia Santa, to raise her family of six strong-willed offsprings.

Puzo writes with an authentic knowledge of the life style of his subjects. His comedies become more hilarious and his tragedies more agonizing because of this familiarity.

As with The Godfather, Puzo's Characterization is superb. Each of his characters assume and retain a vivid individuality in the reader's mind.

The dialogue of Puzo's colorful characters tells a story by itself. It enhances the excell-

Voice of Dar Conradson Called 'Interesting, Witty'

Interesting, different, and witty are words that only begin to describe the voice of Dar Conradson, the half-time announcer at Monroe's football games.

Dar, who writes his own half-time announcements, has a gift for humor. This is one of the reasons he enjoys what he does so much. He also enjoys the "fringe benefits." "Being among the 120 Vikettes is quite an experience," says Dar.

Dar has also been made senior songleader, along with Mark Suzumoto, Gary Netzley, Brent Pederson, and Derk Munsie.

Dar loves to make people laugh and proves it every half-time. According to Dar, "One of the greatest things God gave us is the chance to smile and the gift to laugh." Dar, is certainly giving Monroe fans the chance to do both.

Religion Class Sees Temple

Monroe's new comparative Religions class visited the Nesheigwan Buddhist Temple, in downtown L.A., the first in a series of field trips, Thursday.

Reaching the temple at 10:30 a.m., the class was escorted into the main sanctuary, where they viewed the wall murals and ornaments.

Afterwards, they moved into another sanctuary, where one of the eight Buddhist Priests briefly explained his beliefs and held a short question-answer period.

As the tour ended, the students loaded into the bus to leave for Chinatown, escorted by Mr. Robert Livingston and Mrs. Natalie Taksar, to eat lunch, and browse through the town.

John Dougan, commented, "I enjoyed the trip and it gave me an opportunity to see the religion as it is actually practiced."

ent job of characterization. Once again, the author's intimacy with his subjects proves a tremendous asset.

One of the greatest points in favor of The Godfather was its fast-moving, exciting plot. The Fortunate Pilgrim follows this example until the book's conclusion. Here Puzo drops into an uncharacteristic spell of sentimentality and melodrama. It is the only detraction from an otherwise well-organized and executed story.

The book is harshly realistic and excitingly human. Fans of The Godfather should consider it a must. The Fortunate Pilgrim is an immensely readable novel.

Vocations At Pierce, Valley

Opportunities to attend vocational and occupational courses at junior colleges are now open to 11th and 12th graders, according to Mrs. Elaine Holzer, career advisor.

Starting this spring, high school students will be able to receive training in vocational and occupational areas at Valley and Pierce Colleges. Credit from the classes can be applied to an AA degree or a student can receive a certificate of completion and achievement.

Welding, numerical continuity and data processing are examples of the offered courses. The classes will be held in the afternoon and students must provide their own transportation.

Mrs. Holzer emphasized that the courses are open to all 11th and 12th grade students. Applications should be in to Mrs. Holzer before Christmas vacation.

Speech Contest Open To United Crusade Speakers

The students who spoke on the United Crusade at elementary schools have an opportunity to participate in a speech contest on the same subject with other high schools in the area, according to Mr. Robert Berg, Speech teacher.

The students may use the same speech they presented to the elementary school classes or they may write a new one.

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commentary by david white

Scuba Course Taught

"G.A.A. scuba diving is a fantastic course," according to Mrs. Donna Gillinger, girls P.E. teacher, who is one of the 11 students.

Mr. Herbert Haas, a certified scuba diving instructor in Los Angeles County, teaches the class with the help of Mrs. Linnea Haas, safety diver. Eight girls and three adults are participating in the course.

Scuba diving is an eight week course. Every Tuesday after school there are lectures, giving a total of 16 lecture hours. Thursday evenings are spent swimming, for a total of 24 hours in the pool. On two Saturdays the group learned diving from a beach and on Saturday will be spent on a Catalina beach trip.

To be eligible for the scuba diving course, a swimming test must be taken. This test consists of swimming 40 minutes without touching the side of the pool. Swimming in circles for 20 minutes is the first phase of the test. This is immediately followed by 10 minutes of treading water and 10 minutes of floating.

Skin diving in the pool teaches the proper kick and the use of the mask, fins and snorkel. The students spend four weeks skin diving and four weeks with scuba tanks in the pool.

The first Saturday trip was to Leo Cabrillo Beach. The purpose of this trip was to study the beach and the waves. The students learned where to enter and exit the water. They practiced skin diving through waves and swimming through kelp.

The scuba diving groups made its second beach trip to White's Point. Here they learned to go out over rocks. They had a class exercise on the ocean floor, which was 25 feet down. The fact that White's Point has no kelp made the underwater trip most rewarding.

Their final trip will be a boat trip to Catalina. They will be diving right off the boat on their way. Underwater photography, spear fishing and

catching crabs and abalone will be taught.

The mask, fins and snorkel are personal equipment. The tank, wet suit and vests are rented, running about \$15 for the course.

The course includes learning first aid involved in diving and learning the fishing and game laws. An important part of the course is learning to avoid panic reactions.

COMMENTARY

Student Accuses Coaches Of Favoritism Toward Teams

Mike Liebo's sound-off (Nov. 3 issue) brought to mind another fault of the Boy's Physical Education department. It seems to me that P.E. has become a secondary thing to the P.E. teacher with all emphasis going towards those boys affiliated with athletics.

In my gym class it appears that the students have a limited number of activities because the teachers are keeping certain areas off limits to the regular P.E. classes.

The football field can not be used because of the possibility of tearing up the lawn. The gym can't be used because the floors are being cleaned so the basketball players won't slip and also to make the floor look good. Then you go out to the regular grass field and are unable to play as well as you are capable of because the field is more mud than grass due to the sprinklers being left on all night.

When you try and make your way to the handball courts you are greeted with rubbish which hasn't been cleaned up covering the whole court making it impossible to go "all out" in a game for if you will step on a lunch bag and go flying.

Maybe the P.E. department should open their eyes to the regular P.E. classes and give them the various playing conditions that they deserve.

Paul Masi