

# DOCTRINE

every other daily



Meeting Features Issues,

## Progress Reports

Wednesday's Valkyrie meeting was given over to general suggestions and progress reports. Opinions were voiced concerning the lunch meeting held last week and how it worked. The turn-out was much larger than had been expected and it may be tried again.

Josh Sottfeld brought up the idea of having a can drive to raise money for the school. It was mentioned that the school could expect to make less than twenty dollars on such a drive, but "it's money" according to Josh.

The Big Brother and Sister program at Lassen Elementary School was advertised at the meeting. Sign-ups are being held in T-23. Any student is eligible for the program.

A short report from Burt Segall on the bike racks revealed nothing new, although another complaint has been voiced about them. It seems that athletes, returning from games, can get to their cars, but bike racks are locked. Burt also talked about getting the noon aides to watch bike racks instead of what they now are doing.

Josh mentioned the fact that Valkyrie can bring up and pass motions independently of Student Council. This would mean that it could pass almost anything and have it brought up before the administration. Thus, Valkyrie has as much power as Student Council.

Other features of the meeting included a report from Mr. Larry Foster on the smoking area (which was negative), and an announcement of the next community advisory board meeting by Jeff Berkowitz.

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## Ryan Selected Song Queen

Lori Ryan will be the song-queen for next year as she ran unopposed for her office. The only other qualified persons for the office were the members of the Bee Songleading squad, the rest of whom chose not to run.

Barbara Fredrick, Julie Grant, Jill Ketchum, and Barbara Sampson will be serving along with Lori on the Varsity Cheerleading squad as a result of yesterday's songleader election.

For Bee songleader, Brigette Spencer, Cheryl Matoike and Harriet Berkus were elected with a run-off between Carol Gass'

Sue Shone, and Becky Netzley. The run-off candidates were within five percent of each other from the total votes cast.

The new songleaders will serve until next fall and will cheer at the baseball games, track and field, and swimming events next semester and then they will tackle the football games, cross country, and basketball games.

The election procedure used in this election is a prelude to the system that will be used in the student body election to be held the first week in January. The new election system has been

on an experimental basis since the class elections and though problems were encountered in the first election, Bob Waskul, Commissioner of Elections, feels that the system is not nearly perfected.

Bob stated that one of the major problems in the first election was security, but he feels that he has now solved the problem by keeping strict limitations on the ballot-counting procedure.

The new election system was approved by last year's council since the council felt that homeroom voting is not practical. The turnout at the polls situated in the F-1 windows on election days has steadily increased with over one third of the eligible voters voting in the last election.

### SPOKES FROM THE WHEEL

## President Dissatisfied With Mini-Courses Set

Krent Hunter

Two or three weeks ago I was asked by the faculty to compile some student suggestions concerning the new mini-course program--some ideas on how it should be run, and most importantly, what courses should be offered.

I was extremely pleased to see that the faculty wanted to involve the student body, especially since the purpose of this new "X" program was supposed to be further educational opportunity for the students. I commend Mr. Mel Kreitzman and the others involved for their efforts.

Student Council realized that this new idea of an "X" period learning for the sake of learning, could be an extremely beneficial thing. So, we conducted the requested survey. It was a complete cross section of the student body, utilizing over 500 students. The results were compiled and put in all of the department chairman's boxes. I sincerely hoped that we had helped make a success of the "X" period because we found out which courses the students wanted and would attend. How disappointed I was when I saw the final courses being offered. Some of the "X" periods were not taught because there was not a teacher qualified to teach it. But on the whole, it seems the teachers taught what they wanted

to teach, and forgot about the interests of the students--the people the program was supposedly set up for. Out of ten sug-

gestions of courses already offered here at Monroe, four of them are not being taught. The excuse of no teacher can apply here.

Out of twenty suggestions for new courses to be taught, only five are being offered. Almost all of the top choices of the students, such as leather work, self-defense, astrology, macrame, and others are not being taught.

Students--if you feel you are qualified to teach or help teach a course and get it started talk to a teacher about it. Help yourself! Let's make this "free learning" a success. Bring your ideas and suggestions to Valkyrie, not only on the "X" period, but the total new schedule. Or, drop a note in a suggestion box. I'm anxious to hear from you--are you teachers?

### CSF Sponsors Field Day

Last Saturday, the CSF-sponsored Math Field Day was held for all qualified Valley Junior High School students.

The field day, headed by Marvin Moskowitz, featured competitions in 3-1 math games. Contestants had a choice of Mine, Hex, and 3-3 tic-tac-toe. Prizes were awarded to winners in each category, as well as to high scorers in the two test categories. The tests, in algebra and non-algebra were the focus of the whole field day and the most important competition.

The Viking Varsity basketball team lost its second straight game yesterday afternoon to the Coy Leopards, 14-10.



Viking quarterback Guy Benjamin (left) and linebacker Dennis Shaw were selected earlier this week as offensive and defensive players of the year for the San Fernando Valley by the Los Angeles Times at the annual banquet held Tuesday night. Both also received first team All-Mid Valley League honors with Benjamin selected as Player of the Year for 1971.

# From The Editor's Desk

A newspaper should serve as a communication link between students. DOCTRINE tries to see that this purpose is fulfilled. We are very pleased to see the number of Sound-Offs being

turned in by students. This, to us, is an indication that we are accomplishing our goal. Recently, however, we have received a couple of Sound-Offs that seemingly criticizes the attention being given to the Jesus Movement.

Religion is a big issue on many campuses today and Monroe is no exception. We are not

partial to this particular movement. We regard it simply as an issue that concerns the school.

It is our responsibility to inform you of its existence. If someone wants to start a Mormon Movement, fine. They can be assured of the same coverage the Jesus Movement has received. We might point out that most of the articles on the movement have been in the form of Sound-Offs. That is your doing, not ours. We do not censor your opinions. If you want less Jesus, quit writing about Him.

Valeree Robinson  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

SOUND-OFF

## Capote Blasted For Trying To Support Jesus People

The DOCTRINE never ceases to amaze me. Being in Student Council, I was thinking of bringing up a motion to change the name of the school paper to "The Jesus People." After reading the sound-offs in the

Dec. 13 issue, Miguel had to put in his editor's note, which was fine until the last line. Miguel again put in another plug by saying, "The Jesus movement deserves some recognition." True, Miguel, but so does the J.D.L., A.D.L., the Mormons and any other religion along with

worthwhile organizations, whether we believe or disagree with them. The editor's note said they have offered stories about Jesus in the form of a feature story which was used to inform. Well, I haven't seen the staff go out to inform us about any other religions.

I am not against Jesus in the church and maybe the religion classes but I don't think the editorials should talk about him, and as for feature stories, let's give equal space.

Josh Bottfield

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SOUND-OFF

## Should We Use God In The Flag Salute?

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the exercise thereof."

Amendment I of the United States Constitution, quoted above, have made the celebration of Christmas illegal in our public schools.

Since 1789, this amendment has been interpreted in many ways. The accepted interpretation, however, is a separateness between church and state." Another way of saying it is that no one religion can be considered the religion of any state, or the entire country. It is forbidden! Don't complain to the ACLU; they may have just saved many school systems from being "indicted(?)"! Our school is considered a public agency. They cannot discriminate, discourage, or promote any religions. It is forbidden!

This does not pertain only to Christmas in schools, but what about "...one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty..." our flag salute!!!

Although I am not a Christian, I have the greatest respect, and

love, for Christ, Buddha, God, or others, and their people also, but when you allow God in the flag salute, and Christ in school, we are breaking the law. That's like saying "Everybody wants the money inside the bank, so lets go in and break down the doors, take the money and nobody call the police, because most of us want the money."

The law can be changed. However, I do not promote this because the First Amendment is considered "the cornerstone of our country."

Robert Bienenfeld

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