

## New Principal To Strive For Better Communication

Bringing about a better communication between students and teachers is the major goal of Monroe's new principal, Mr. George Schneider.

Mr. Schneider, taking former principal E.A. Miller's place this semester while he goes on a sabbatical, considers himself quite lenient and looks forward to his first job as principal of a school.

Throughout his 21 years in the Los Angeles school system, Mr. Schneider has taught social studies and has been Vice Principal of many high schools, including Reseda, and Fremont. At Fre-

mont, he had the difficult task of trying to restore order as Vice Principal during the 1965 Watts riots.

Mr. Schneider was brought up in Wisconsin and moved to Los Angeles in his senior year of high school. He went on to college where he attended Notre Dame until he went to battle when World War II broke out. While fighting, he was wounded in both legs. He was shipped home and soon got a job working in a clothing factory. Although the pay was good, Schneider decided to go back to college and get his teaching credentials.

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## E-Hall Lavatories to Open for Experiment

The boys and girls lavatories in E hall have been brought up to standard and will be opened next Monday in an experiment in student responsibilities being carried out by members of the student government and concerned students.

The project is the fulfillment of a promise Mr. Larry Foster, Boys Vice-Principal, made at the last Valkyrie meeting to clean up one of the school bathrooms and test if students are responsible enough to keep it clean. According to the agreement, if the lavatory is kept in good condition for one month, other bathrooms in the school will also be repaired.

New towel dispensers and soap dispensers have been installed in both bathrooms. Toilet dispensers and the napkin dispenser in the girls lavatory has been

replaced. The toilet seats were cleaned and replaced and everything has been put in working order. New mirrors have also been installed.

Though Mr. Foster is hopeful that students will keep the bathrooms in good condition, he is pessimistic about the outcome of the project. Last week in spite of the bathroom being closed for the repairs someone broke in and tore one of the newly installed soap dispensers off the wall as well as dirtying up the toilet seats.

Josh Bottfield, Student Body President, seems very assured of the success of the project. He is hoping that students show enough responsibility to keep the lavatory clean since it would mean more clean bathrooms on campus as well as a step towards open campus.

## Van Nuys Youth Clinic Has Open Youth Advisory Board

The Van Nuys Youth Clinic now has a youth Advisory Council open to anyone who is interested in helping the clinic and the community, according to Vern Hudson, a Monroe student and member of the Council.

The Youth Clinic operates in liaison with Rosemary Barter of the City Health Department, according to Vern.

The clinic Youth Advisory Council has already had many activities. They had a VD film festival with old melodrama type movies complete with booing and hissing. They had a survey to find out how people felt about the clinic and its services, and open rap sessions in the waiting room.

## Transiency Rates Drop

Transiency rates among Los Angeles students have dropped slightly but still remain at a high level, school officials reported.

The rates reflect the level at which pupils are transferring in and out of Los Angeles schools, a movement which can harm the pupil's rate of learning. Los Angeles' transiency rate is among the highest in the state among large school districts.

The transiency percentages cannot be directly related to the total turnover of pupils at a school during a particular year. Instead, they show the number of pupils who transfer in or out of a school at any time during the year as compared to the total student body of the school.

Educators believe that pupils frequently suffer educationally in moving from one school to another. They contend that a child's learning is interrupted temporarily by changes in books or teaching methods.

A high transiency rate can reduce a teacher's effectiveness because of the time he must spend in learning a new pupil's educational background and achievement level.

The greater the pupil movement the less chance the school will have to work with the child and the lower will be the achievement level.

## SPRING BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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This new bell schedule will be put into effect on Monday after an evaluation of the previous schedule was made. School will now start at 8:00 and end at 3:20.

( ) indicates periods longer than 5 minutes.

Monroe's Varsity basketball squad closed out their not so fortunate season on a somber note Wednesday night as they were narrowly edged by Granada Hills, 58-57.

## Miller On Sabbatical

Principal E.A. Miller left last week on a semester-long sabbatical which will include journeys to such countries as Taiwan, India and Israel.

Also during his 14-week tour Mr. Miller will visit Japan, Thailand, Ceylon, Nepal, Persia, Turkey, Egypt, Greece, and Italy.

Mr. George R. Schneider will serve as acting principal until Mr. Miller's return in September. Mr. Schneider, a graduate of UCLA, has been active in the Los Angeles City School System

for 21 years and will be transferring from the vice-principal's post at Reseda High

Reflecting on changes he has seen since he came to Monroe from Bell Jr. High eight years ago, Mr. Miller assumed a generally negative tone: "School has become just one more thing to do, not the most important," he said Friday. Students, he said, are neglecting school activities. "Admission to the Knights and Ladies organizations used to

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# From The Editor's Desk

I have just started a new movement called Plant Liberation. I am basing it on the premise that plants are superior to all other living creatures on this Earth.

First of all, plants outnumber human beings. If plants ever decided to take over the world, they would succeed in just a few minutes. They could cut their photosynthetic process for a few days and the Earth's atmosphere would soon be depleted of all of it's oxygen.

Second of all, plants do not need to eat to survive. They produce their own food and what would be more superior than that? All they need is a little bit of

light and they can live forever.

Plants have no major organs exposed like a brain or a heart. Therefore, they can take great injuries and still survive. They can be trimmed, mowed, eaten, or cut and still come through.

Last of all is that plants can take more pain than any other living creature. Pollination, the process by which plants release their sex cells and multiply, is the most painful experience known in existence.

Therefore, give in, humans, because there is no hope. Plants are superior.

Miguel Capote

## BOOK REVIEW

# Novelist Irving Stone Acclaimed For Revealing Freudian Writings

Rosanne Harvey

Irving Stone has long been known as an unusually perceptive novelist and biographer, with such works as Just for Life and The Agony and the Ecstasy to his credit. Once again, he establishes himself as the master of the biographical novel in The Passions of the Mind.

Stone's rather lengthy novel outlines in painstaking detail the life, work, and world of the father of psychoanalysis, Dr. Sigmund Freud. The tremendous amount of research that went into the book make the narrative come to life as a realistic and empathetic portrait of Freud.

The pictures Stone paints of Freud's family, friends and colleagues are lively and imaginative. He embroiders staid facts with dialogue and details from his own mind, preventing the monotony which easily arises in a biography the length of The Passions of the Mind.

Although the book contains a great deal of psychoanalytical vernacular, it is as understandable to the layman as to the professional. Thanks to the explanations by Stone and a glossary of terms, the readers share Freud's discoveries and can understand the case histories.

The only flaw in an otherwise faultlessly constructed work is a tendency toward vagueness in the final portion of the book. Stone's characterization of Freud is strong and vivid until this last section, when the reader

senses a change in the character but which Stone does not explain or elaborate upon.

Psychology enthusiasts will find the book to be a wealth of information. Anyone looking for a good story of a great man will discover The Passions of the Mind to be a tremendously interesting and powerful book.

## MOVIE REVIEW

### 'Billy Jack' Receives Praise

For a movie which at first seems like one of those terrible shoot-down westerns, "Billy Jack" turns out to be an unusually honest and contemporary portrait of the violence and prejudice in our society.

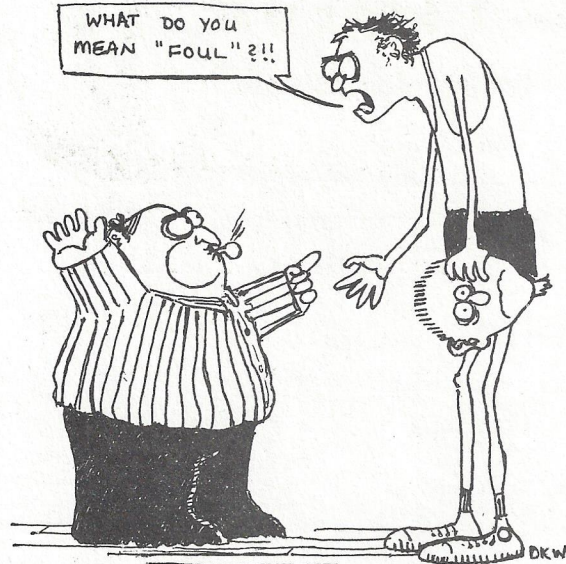
Not like the old cowboy and Indian western, where the Indian is a dark skinned enemy to the white man, we see the white man represented by the townspeople; as he really is, his own enemy, violent, cruel, and highly prejudiced. While the Indians desperately try to achieve equality and peace with the white men.

Writers, Frank and Teresa Christina show you both points of view on violence when they create "Billy Jack", portrayed by Tom Laughlin, as a violent but caring human, and Jean portrayed by Delores Taylor the director of the reservation's "Freedom School", as a believer in a completely non-violent society.

At Jean's "Freedom School" every race is represented. Here young people, usually run away are given the freedom to express their own minds, to go anywhere and do anything they desire without being protected from the real world in which they live, full of hate and violence.

"Billy Jack" will make any white man or woman walk away from the theatre with a feeling of hate for some of their own race.

Sheryl Siminoff



## New Principal Arrives

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While teaching social studies, he was approached by a faculty member to become a vice principal. After years of being a vice principal, Mr. Schneider is taking his first job as a principal. He admits that this will be an experimental semester but feels that with the help of students and faculty members this semester could be quite successful.

He favors the new bell schedule, stating that it breaks the monotony of the traditional school day and says that a cleaner campus is a must because it is so much easier for students to communicate in nice surroundings.

## SOUND-OFF

### PE Guards Called Insult

I find it totally insulting that P.E. should put "guards" on us to prevent us from leaving after our regular P.E. teachers have dismissed us. All other classes in this school are allowed to leave a few minutes before the bell rings if class is over. What's good for the rest of the school is good for P.E. too. I don't see why P.E. should be different. There is no point in just standing there like some babies who have to be watched twenty four hours a day. Most of us are eighteen or close to it and in the outside world are considered adult enough to vote or sign contracts or anything else except drink alcohol. We don't need watching! Whoever is responsible should get on the ball and rectify the situation. It's about time we were treated like human beings and not like cattle.

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## SOUND-OFF

### Watch Over Bikes Wanted

Last Friday I got my bike stolen from school--the same as 21 other people at this school this semester. The bike was also locked. With that security you would figure there would be no worry, but I was wrong.

Since theft is a problem, I would like to propose a solution. Why doesn't the administration appoint someone to watch the bikes instead of watching "kids" cutting class. In words, instead of having narcotics and narcs patrolling the grounds, have some people stationed at the bike racks. Students should have the right to cut a class without being hassled by a narc, and they should also have the right of protection for their property.

Ben Liebman

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This semester a new practice has been instituted in which the bicycle racks will be guarded by a student at all times.

## Miller Takes Sabbatical

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bo on a competitive basis," he noted. "Now new members must be recruited." He also said that students seem less "goal oriented," that although the same percentage is going on to college, fewer are going to the large schools, and that more students are waiving participation in school activities to seek employment.

Mr. Miller pointed to budget cutbacks, however, as the most tragic change he has seen. Explaining that all other possible deletions have already been made, he said that the only money-saving alternative left to the district is the dropping of teachers, which, he said, invariably means a drop in the quality of education. Seven teachers were dropped from the Monroe staff last semester and Mr. Miller said he anticipates further cuts in 1972-1973 when new property legislation is enacted.



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