

Cathy Rigby shows form that has made her the top female gymnast in the country. Cathy will be on hand tonight in the fifth annual gymnastics exhibition.

Horowitz Returns to Demonstrate In Annual Gymnastics Exhibition

Brad Horowitz will return to Monroe along with six other graduates from Monroe's City Championship Gymnastic team to take part in the fifth annual gymnastic exhibition to be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the boy's gymnasium.

Brad, the best gymnast Monroe has ever had, was Mid-Valley league champion on the parallel bars 1969-71 and Mid-Valley all around champion in 1971. Brad will demonstrate on the parallel bars and the horizontal bar at the exhibition.

Larry Bilow, now a member of the San Fernando Valley State College gymnastics team, was Mid Valley league champion on the rings in 1971. During the exhibition Larry will participate on the rings.

Kurt Zimmerman and John Kolb,

who are attending USC this semester, are two other ex-Monroe gymnasts returning for the exhibition. Kurt was last year's city champion on the side horse and John was last year's city champion on the parallel bars.

During the exhibition Kurt will be working on the side horse and John will be demonstrating on the parallel bars and the high bar.

Jeff Blanck and Gareth Burk, who are also members of the 1971 city championship team, will also be performing at Thursday's exhibition. Jeff will be vaulting and also working on the high bar. Gareth will be demonstrating on the high bar.

Greg Casian, Mid-Valley league champion on tumbling 1969-71, will be tumbling at the exhibitions.

COUNCIL QUOTES

Council Kicks Off Semester With New System, Goals

This semester, Student Council has initiated a new working system designed to give individuals more free time to work on their individual jobs.

The system consists of two main branches--executive and legislative. Forming legislation and acting on items that concern their jobs and organizations are the purposes of the executive branch. They are allotted nine votes in council as a whole. The Junior, Sophomore, and Senior Class Presidents, the commissioners of Assemblies, Athletics, Campus Beautification, Elections, Publicity, Service, and Social Activities, Knights' and Ladies' Presidents, Lettergirls' and Lettermen's Presidents, Girls' and Boys' League Presidents, A.F.S. President, C.S.F. President, DOCTRINE Rep, and the Music Society Rep comprise the executive

branch. The chairman for this semester is Mike Spore, Knights' President.

The legislative branch is composed of the President and Vice-President, Corresponding, Recording, and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, all class delegates, Parliamentarian, Administrative Liaison and the Foreign Exchange Student. Their job is to enact legislation when they feel it is necessary.

A new position on Council was created by a motion brought up by Miguel Capote, former Doctrine Rep, last semester. The Music Society Representative's seat was officially installed during the latter part of last semester's session. This semester's rep, David Rosenthal hopes to improve the Music Department-student-administration relationship. He would also like to get the Society a seat on the Financial Board.

New Reclamation Centers To Control Waste Pollution

Two new reclamation centers in the Valley area will be opening on February 12 in an effort to help stop solid waste pollution, according to members of Mrs. Jan Cupples Ecology class.

Any kind of glass bottles, aluminum and steel cans, plastic milk containers and paper can be brought to either 8840 Vanalden St. in Northridge or 9701 San Fernando Road in Sun Valley on Saturdays beginning this week.

According to students in the Ecology class, the new reclamation centers will support themselves because the collected "waste" materials will be sold back to the companies that manufactured them.

Pipelines for water and irrigation tubes are made from the reclaimed plastic bottles. Asphalt that is less slippery and shines in the light can be made from recycled glass. Pulp, recycled paper and pressed board can be made from recycled newspapers and junk paper.

Ecology students supporting these reclamation centers stress the importance of saving these solid wastes.

Interested persons may call 984-8739 or 894-3918.

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Youth Assembly to Secure National Convention Voice

Approximately 2,000 young political activists from throughout California gathered at San Jose State College and at Loyola University in Los Angeles to map strategy designed to ensure a place for the youth movement inside the convention hall at the Democratic National Convention next July.

The purpose of this event was to give the knowledge and the tools with which one could help organize a massive turn-out of 18-21 year-olds to the February 12 caucuses to select potential delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The importance of bringing together young people and help them maximize their influence of the ultimate selection of a Presidential Candidate, was stressed by Stanford's Student Body President, Larry Diamond.

'Honor Thy Father' New Look at Mafia

by Rosanne Harvey

The mass media is forever explaining and exploiting the evils of organized crime, the Mafia in particular. We are led to believe that the Mafia is the most potent evil affecting our world. Gay Talese, in his non-
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fiction book, *Honor Thy Father*, casts a new and startling light on this shady subject.

Talese's book is the story of Salvatore Bonanno, a leader and the son of a leader, of a New York Mafia "family." Bonanno's involvement with the organization and with the law composes the bulk of this work.

The narrative is based on facts which Talese obtained from Bonanno himself, as well as from members of his close family. The story that emerges paints the Mafia not as the force the media has pictured, but as a deteriorating organization run by old and often powerless leaders. Talese's account is extremely realistic and objective and does a good job of making President Nixon, his administration, and the FBI look ludicrous.

Talese offers sensitive descriptions of Bonanno's wife, family and shows unusual understanding when describing the ordeals they underwent during Bonanno's trouble with the law.

The story also details the nation and growth of the family and the organization of which Bonanno was a part. An examination of the Mafia businesses adds to this to give the reader a good idea of the reasons and the structure behind the organization.

Lettermen Plan Big Future

This year Letterman's Club has been silent, but active. In fact, we have done many things, and will do a lot more this semester.

Here is a partial list of the club's activities: last semester we sponsored the karate exhibition, held golf tournaments for lettermen and faculty, opened the Big Brother program, (initiated by this club) to the entire school, attended an LA Kings hockey game, and held some of our meetings in the agricultural area--cooking hot dogs.

Any athlete who has lettered in any sport, or who was cheerleader, is welcome to join Lettermen. The club is whatever its members want it to be. We are working very hard to improve the club's performance here on campus. We are seeking more service activities and simultaneously attempting to increase the entertainment for members. We want the athletes to come to our meetings, become involved in the activities, and hope Lettermen's Club will continue to be an outstanding club at Monroe.

Lettermen's Board

Cheese Shops Thrive in Near-By Shopping Centers

Several of the large shopping centers such as Northridge Plaza and Topanga Plaza feature some small shops where you can eat your fill for free. These are the cheese shops.

When you enter a cheese shop you are immediately bombarded with varied samples of cheeses, crackers, and salami. The flavor of the cheeses is fantastic compared to the packaged processed cheese one buys at the supermarket.

For a minimal price you can purchase a quarter pound of one of a hundred kinds of cheese and munch away as you shop. As an added advantage, this natural cheese is all protein.



MOVIE REVIEW

'Desperate Character' Not Masterpiece as Described

by David White

"Desperate Characters" is described in the papers, on radio, TV, and on theater tape recordings as "a masterpiece in restrained terror." This, plus the title, lead an audience to wait in suspense through the entire movie for the story to begin.

But it never does.

The picture is merely an appropriately musicless presentation of a few days sliced out of the unexciting lives of a lonely couple in New York. They don't

like the city, or the people in it, or their jobs, or their friends, or each other, or their lives, or themselves. But they are insensitive enough, after being trapped for so long in their cold world, that their emotions never seem to grow into hate.

Playwright Frank Gilroy's directorial debut can more accurately be called a masterpiece in restrained depression. The story is extremely well-written. Shirley MacLaine and Kenneth Mars are perfect, displaying constant expression of suppressed disgust and fear; yet never quite gaining complete audience sympathy.

Somehow, despite its plotlessness, the movie manages to be excellent, bordering on boredom the whole time but never falling into it.

'Harold and Maude' Hilarious Love Story

by Sheryl Sminoff

"Harold and Maude" is an absolutely absurd rendering of a love story, hilariously satirizing everything from individualism to morality.

Harold loves Maude. Maude loves Harold, as the ads read. But it's not that simple. For one thing, Maude, portrayed by Ruth Gordon, is an 80-year-old woman who hasn't any regard for morals, and Harold is an unhappy suicidal boy.

Harold and Maude do have one thing, in common, though; they both are avid funeral-goers. In fact, this is where they meet.

The absurd thing about it is the fact that an 80-year-old wo-

man turns a 20-year-old boy on to live--a boy who has always had everything his heart desired.

Ruth Gordon's portrayal of Maude is unforgettable. Miss Gordon brings to life a character with a free soul and an energetic personality, beautifully.

Even though Harold, portrayed by Bud Cort, doesn't say much, he does create a gloomy atmosphere about the character by the use of facial expressions rather than words.


As Maude would say, "If you want to be high, be high. If you want to be low, be low, because there's so many things to do."

Vikettes Pick New Officers

Pandora Poserekides and Audrey Slagboom will be next year's Drill Vikettes.

The new drill masters and officers for the Monroe Vikettes were announced at Fredericks in Panorama City.

Other officers are Shari Gordon and Julie Root, Routine Chairmen; Heidi Donckels, Kathy Mahaffey, and Janey Rother, Secretaries; Julie Nakazawa and Sue Shone, Treasurers; Sharon Hill and Jeanie Mlenar, Prop Manager.



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