



Students Prefer Mid-day Mini-Courses

Tuesday's survey on the effectiveness of the mini-course program held during the sponsor period showed an overwhelming request from students to return to the X-period during the middle of the day.

Seventy-six percent of the survey forms were returned polling approximately 2700 students. Of these, approximately 67 percent would like to see the X-3 or some other during-the-regular-day mini-programs put back into effect. Some of the reasons given were that students are already here and more likely to attend classes. Students without a first period are not affected with an X-period before period one, and those students that come to school in car pools would not be affected.

The main reason for the change of last semester's X-3 period was that supervision problems were encountered by school officials during the extended nutrition for those students not

attending class. A special evaluation committee consisting of counselors, teachers, and students more or less agreed that the supervision problems do not outweigh the gains of an X-3 period. The consensus of the committee was to return to the X-3 or some other during-the-day X-period.

The survey also showed that at least 13 percent of the students are regularly taking advantage of the courses that are being offered with at least 15 percent attending the courses occasionally. Members of the committee agreed that the program was being effective for those students that were attending, but there was disagreement on the effectiveness of the program as a whole.

Many new courses were requested by students. Overwhelmingly requested were Motorcycle Repair and Scuba Diving as well as Photography, Leathercraft, and Beginning Guitar. Students as

As fate would have it, Kennedy High's debut on their brand new track was saved from Saturday's record breaking heat, but ran into Friday's wind and "The Great Sardine Machine."

Taking the lead at the start, the Viking track squad left Kennedy with little or no room to

breathes as they mercilessly thrashed the Cougars 78-38.

Although without the services of junior sprinter Tony Edwards, who is expected to return this week to race Taft, the Vikings took eight of ten running events with much credit going to the relay teams and their runaway performances.

The mile relay team of Kevin Rocque, Bill Searby, Chuck Ball and anchorman Jack Ernst clocked a 3:37.5 timing, while the 4x40 relay squad of Guy Benjamin, Greg Groves, Chuck Ball and anchorman Steve Bergman was timed in 45.2.

Kennedy was exceptionally talented in the dashes with Cougar Tom Campbell edging Viking Greg Groves with 23.9 in the 220.

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Vike miler Mark Hilton led the way with a 4:42.7 clocking while two miler Scott Kellogg took first in 10:25.4.

Jack Ernst took the 4x40 with a time of 53.7 while Viking Rich Onyshko placed second in the 880 behind Cougar Ken Blakley clocked at 2:06.0.

The top low and high hurdler was Viking Dave Swan with timeings of 21.5 and 16.6.

Tim Quinn won the pole vault with a 10'6" vault and Greg Fitzgerald took the shot put with a 49 1/2 marking.

The Vike Bee squad was also victorious, led by the fine running of Rich Nipert in the 220 with a 25.3 and ple vaulting of Chuck Manente with a 10' vault. The final score was 49-46. The Cees were defeated 21-65.

The Viking track team will take on a tough Taft Toreador squad this Friday at the Viking stadium.

Jan Lonsdale Chosen As Girls State Representative

Junior Jan Lonsdale has been chosen as Monroe's Girls State representative. There is one representative from every high school in California. These girls will attend a convention at Squaw Valley from June 28 to July 5.

At the Girls State Convention the girls learn about the state and state governments. This is to prepare them to take an active part in their government in the future.

All eleventh grade girls were able to apply for Girls State representative. Jan was chosen on the basis of three things: 1) her grades had to be in the upper one-third of her class, 2) she must have had experience in community or school service, 3) she must have leadership abilities.

The applicants also had to write an essay on why they wanted to be Girls State representative.

Gym Team Victorious

Monroe's gymnastics team, under the direction of Lez Sasvary won its second meet of the season defeating Wilson 132.74 to 118.32 Thursday afternoon in the boys gym.

Wilson's team looked much better than Taft or Grant did last Thursday, but still fell short of Monroe.

One of the main factors of the meet was that Wilson's team arrived almost an hour after the meet was scheduled to begin. Because of this, the team did not have time to warm up before the meet began.

The lack of warm-up time may have been the reason that Wilson was trailing after the fourth event 75.6 to 84.95.

It may also have been one of the reasons that Wilson's coach, after the fourth event, decided that his team no longer stood a chance of winning the meet.

Another factor, not to be overlooked of course, was the performance put on by the Viking squad that, though not as good as last year's team, may be all-circuit material. One of the Vikings who put out a good performance was Doug Day, who finished second in the all around competition behind Deed of Wilson.

Other Vikings who put in good performances during the meet are: Ed Atwood, Dale Axberg, Tom Leto, Paul Parent, Cary Rubin, Dave Walsh, and the Monroe fan's favorite, Arthur Camarillo who scored 8.85 (out of a possible 10) on the rings.

"Monroe has a very fine young Gymnastics team," Coach Sasvary commented after the meet. He also stated that the team was trying its best to bring another city championship to Monroe but still needs time to practice.

"COUNCIL QUOTES"

Valeree Robinsor

The two branch system that Council now operates under was designed for the sake of efficiency. Members of the executive branch were supposed to be allotted more time to work on their jobs; members of the legislative branch were supposed to initiate most of the legislative action.

Because the two branches meet separately, the usual communication line is breeched. To avoid this, it is one of the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary, Carol McClean, to act as liaison. This, in itself, creates another problem. Carol cannot be in both branches at once nor can she be in any one branch all the time.

Another objection is the ratio of the legislative's votes to the executive's votes. If a situation ever arose where one branch was in favor of a motion and the other was opposed, the legislative would be in the majority. The question has been raised whether the secretaries need as much of a voice as they

well as teachers are being sought to teach these classes, according to Mr. Scott.

But the effectiveness of the program is still to be evaluated. Even the survey was inconclusive in the question of the success of the program. A major evaluation will take place at the ten-week point and teachers of the program will soon be polled, according to Mr. Scott.

LA Municipal Hall Hosts Soviet Arts, Crafts Show

An art exhibition entitled "Soviet Union: Arts and Crafts in Ancient Times and Today" will be held at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery in Barnsdall Park, 4804 Hollywood Blvd., March 10 through April 5.

The 50 million dollar exhibition is expected to gain special interest especially from junior high school through college students. This will be the first time that a show of this scope has ever been sent outside of the Soviet Union.

As a part of the cultural, educational, and technological exchange program between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, priceless, elaborate jeweled robes and royal vestments from Tsarist regimes, works in gold and silver, and primitive and modern artifacts will be shown.

have. Under the bicameral system, they have a larger vote than the commissioners and presidents.

Certain offices on Council don't require as much work as the others. For the most part, these people would just as soon return Council to its old system. Some members feel they are not given the best opportunity to represent their groups in the executive branch.

The suggestion has been raised that Council meet as a whole at least twice a week, leaving the remaining days open for other business.

Last week, Council held open, informal sessions to deliberate the success of the two-branch system. The present system was to last until the ten week at which time it would undergo review. It appears that the issue has ripened prematurely, especially since Jeff Berkowitz, Vice President, created a motion for Council revision. Most of the above criticisms were raised during discussion.

DON'T PLAY SO ROUGHLY WITH YOUR GRANDSON.



Sprinklers To Be Replaced

Sprinklers are going to be gradually replaced between the A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and S halls. The most recent replacement was that between G and F hall.

Since the quad improvement bill was not passed, the grass areas between the halls have to stay. The sprinkler system in the ground are the original ones and have to be replaced. The pipe used now is made of galvanized steel which corrodes if it stays in the ground too long. The new pipe which will replace the old is both copper and plastic which will not be effected by this corrosion. The pipe had been patched so many times that it was impossible for them to be patched further. The repairs and replacement of the pipe are done by the Los Angeles City School Board Plumbers.

Drama Teacher To Plan Theatre For New School

When Horizon High School opens next September in West Los Angeles, Mrs. Frema Rood will serve on the school Board of Advisors in charge of setting up a school theatre.

Horizon High School, a private school, will be the first of its kind. From 8:00-12:00 Horizon will conduct regular requirement classes, but from 1:00-5:00 various fine arts classes will be taught. The high school will be supported by well-known composers, artists, musicians and actors.

Serving on the Board along with Mrs. Rood will be such well known people as Paul Newman, Steve McQueen and producer John Frankenheimer.

MOVIE REVIEW

Man Must Prove Himself By Violence in 'Straw Dogs'

Lori Stein

Does Man really need violence in order to exist? Must a man use force in order to "prove himself?" According to the theme in Sam Peckinpah's movie, "Straw Dogs," the answer is yes. The movie centers around a man's struggle to establish himself, both physically and morally, in a new home and totally new environment. The plot it-

self ranged from the dull and boring to the terrible and horrifying.

As the movie unfolds the audience sees Dustin Hoffman's strong opposition to the use of force as men from the town slowly invade his house. By the end of the movie, though, Hoffman is "forced" to become violent. And in twenty overdone minutes of bloodshed, after killing no less than six people, he manages to "prove himself a man" by the warped standards of society. I totally disagree with the message of the movie.

The only things worth commending about "Straw Dogs" are the acting and the vivid presentation (which was extremely disgusting) of the abundant gore. Dustin Hoffman, however, did an excellent job as the leading character; once again he showed his unsurpassable talents as an actor. Susan George, playing his almost-nymphomaniacal wife, also put in a noteworthy performance.

If you wish to be entertained, then forget about seeing "Straw Dogs." Perhaps if you intend to do some very deep soul-searching it would be worth seeing. The only reason I sat through the whole movie was because I enjoyed the company I was with.

SOUND-OFF

Yoga; Surrogate for PE

Many students are fed-up with the competitive aspects of the P.E. department, the strenuous calisthenics, and disrobing. What is physical education? Is it playing games and doing exercises? No that is not all that involves physical education. It is also getting to know your body, its advantages and limitations. And getting rid of those attained through yoga (the union of mind and body.)

The armed forces use yoga to improve concentration and absorb knowledge faster. Many schools have already included yoga in their P.E. department.

So if the vice principals want to see less non-strips in their offices and you want to have that stamina and piece of mind that only yogis can attain, you must express your desires to those teachers who have had yoga in their classes and to the members of the Physical Education department.

Om shanthy shanthy shanthy

Don King

MOVIE REVIEW

Love Triangle Theme of 'Bloody Sunday'

Valeree Robinson

The latest penchant of today's movie directors is to create a movie that has no apparent plot. Instead, their creations sometimes have hidden, subtle meanings. Gone are the days of old when you could go to a movie and expect to be entertained. Today's features are, for the most part, intended for people who enjoy being hit with shocking ideas and, sometimes, shocking photography.

"Sunday, Bloody Sunday" has nothing to do with a Boston massacre on a Sunday afternoon. It does have a great deal to do with homosexuality--and more. The old cliché of "two's company, three's a crowd" can be aptly applied.

Glenda Jackson delivers a credible performance as the forsaken third party. Alex is her name and sex is her game. She has accepted Bob (Murray Head) knowing his condition of the second party (Peter Finch) but it takes her one hour and 45 minutes to decide that this arrangement wasn't meant to be. The introduction into this situation comes when Alex and Bob "babysit" for a friend's passle of brats who smoke pot and raise general heck. One night of that

her for the good doctor, and the viewer gets treated to a dissertation on infidelity. And so it goes.

"Sunday, Bloody Sunday" is up for four Academy nominations - best actor, Peter Finch; best actress, Glenda Jackson; best director, John Schlesinger; and best original story and screenplay. After all, how many other movies attempt to show the somewhat uncool relationship between a doctor, an English youngster, and a divorcee? It's not a bad movie, only a little upsetting, but certainly not recommended if you're looking for new kicks.

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