

# Agnew Grilled by High School Students

Spiro Agnew, in a historic press conference before 1200 high school journalism students yesterday, gave his views on the 18-year-old vote, legalization of abortion and marijuana, amnesty for draft evaders, the plight of Israel, accomplishments of the Nixon Administration and other topics.

The conference itself, sponsored by the California Scholastic Press Association, was open only to high school students and all professional newswriters were barred. Press releases for wore servoes and mews'agers were written by attending students.

Vice President Agnew feels that the new 18-year-old vote will not affect the upcoming presidential election significantly. He said that the young opinion is just as diverse as adults.

Mr. Agnew stated that he has always supported the 18 year old vote, even as far back as 1966 when he presented a case for it in the Maryland constitutional convention. He expressed "a great need to recognize the fact that in today's technological society, people mature early in a political sense."

On the subject of the legalization of abortion, the Vice-President said that "we should be cautious" because of the religious overtones involved. He added that the abortion topic brings up a difficult question as to when life really begins.

Speaking on marijuana, Mr. Agnew said that the Presidential commission has not reported yet, but added that penalties have been reduced considerably. "We are going to have to be careful about legalization," continued the Vice-President, because old

Miguel Capote and Lori Stein civilizations have known it and have never really legalized it.

The Vice-President said that blanket amnesty should not be granted to draft evaders, but that individual cases be considered in the future, taking into account the circumstances at the time of the evasion. His reasons against large scale amnesty are that it would put a premium on

legal disobedience and that for every person that fled the draft another person that would not ordinarily be drafted was inducted.

Mr. Agnew also stated that the American Jewish leaders are very pleased with the way the Nixon Administration is handling the Middle East crisis and the plight of Soviet Jews.

## DOCTRINE

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Varsity swimming ace Mike Staley strokes to victory in Monday's 58.5-35.5 loss to Birmingham.

## Swimmers Lose in Grudge Battle Against Birmingham

After facing what many call the toughest team in the city, the varsity stokers had their perfect 3-0 record shattered by a solid Birmingham squad 58.5-35.5 Monday at Rita Curtis pool.

The 200 medley relay was the most exciting event of the afternoon, as it ended up a tie. The Braves' team of Bardos, Bannister, Case and Swartz remained right even with the Monroe squad of Staley, Silver, Hunter and Gullixson until the last lap when Swartz pulled ahead. The lead was only temporary, as Gullixson turned it on to catch trying the event at a dead time of 1:46.8.

The beating proved fatal for the Vikings as they were only able to capture three events.

One of these was in the 100 backstroke where Monroe ran away with first and second places which came from Mike Staley, with a fashionable 59.1, and from Jeff Dederick, clocking a fine 1:02.8.

The splashers also went on to abduct a victory in the 200 in-do. Varsity star Gary Netzey forced both Case and Trimboli of Birmingham to settle for second and third places as he glided to a respectable 2:12.6.

Monroe however was unable to collect victories from many of their specialities.

Rich Gullixson had a good afternoon, but when facing the Braves' Hunter, he was unable to get those few extra yards and was forced to settle for a second place clocking of 53 flat, only one second behind Hunter.

Racing neck and neck all the way in the 400 free style was Chuck Dominique for the Vikes and Trimbole for the Braves. An excellent race prevailed, but Dominique was unable to catch him, settling for a second place at 4:19.0, which was only two tenths of a second ahead of third placing Ladig, who put in a breathtaking effort.

## Register To Vote!

Today and tomorrow Deputy Registrars will be on campus during lunch. Students eligible to vote should go to the Senior Lawn.

## A Volleyballers Victorious While Bee Team Downed

Monroe Girl Volleyballer's split a match with the visiting Kennedy Cougars last Tuesday.

Monroe's Viking A team downed the Cougars in both games played, 15-4 and 15-3, respectively. The Viking Bee team opened this year's competition against Kennedy with a loss of two out of three games played.

The Viking A squad opened their first game with Mary Corbett serving. Excellent spikes were made by Sue Soppe and Kathy Borawski. Highest scorer of the first home was Mary Corbett.

In the second match, the A team's Kathy Borawski, one of Monroe's outstanding players, scored ten points and helped Monroe to win with the final score of 15-3.

In the first Bee game played the Vikes, led by captain, Kerry Silvey, downed the Cougars 15-8. In the second match the Cougars swept control of the Vikes coming out with a score of 15-3, and in the third game the Vikes held control until the game went into overtime. The Cougars caught up, then came in the lead with the score of 19-17.

The Vikings will host the Van Nuys Wolves this afternoon in a three o'clock game.

## PROGRESS CHECK TAKEN

## Accreditation Progress Seen

A progress check last week has shown that considerable strides have been taken to implement the recommendations made by the accreditation committee that visited Monroe, according to Larry Foster, Boys' Vice Principal.

After acting on the suggestion that ways to provide more freedom of choice for selection of English textbooks, the department has gained the right to do this. Also, the recommendation that "the English staff seek ways to increase budget allowances for the purchase of paperback books" has been effected as the department is now allotted funds from an Instructional Materials Account and budgets the amount needed for paperbacks.

In the Science department, plans for new courses to be offered in September in Astronomy and Outdoor Education are meeting the committee's suggestion that additional courses be taught for non-academic students. Also, the suggestion that the staff "consider offering a two-track biology course to serve both college prep and general students" has been implemented as a program of standard, low-

academic ability and academically enriched biology classes will begin next fall. The Science department has also made a direct appeal for funding of power and service utilities for new biology labs.

(continued on Friday)

## Computer Center in Use As Keypunch Installed

Monroe's Computer Center has been reactivated by the installation of a keypunch in B-11. The purpose of the keypunch is to punch holes on computer cards, which was previously done by students marking the cards by hand.

The keypunch is being rented for \$300 for the remainder of the semester, with the money being supplied by the School-determined Needs Fund.

The students using the keypunch are in the Computer Work shop, honors math, data processing and office procedures classes. Judy Ywoorski of the office procedures class is in charge of the keypunch room, assisted by teachers in the Math and business departments.

# ...from the EDITOR'S DESK

Miguel Capote

Despicable is the word I use to describe the irresponsibility that students have displayed by partially destroying the rebuilt E-hall bathroom during the past few weeks. The experiment, though it is not a complete failure, does not point the way toward the rejuvenation of other school bathrooms and I disagree with our student body president and our boy's vice-principal in opening up the C-hall bathroom.

I have to congratulate the girl's for keeping up their E-hall bathroom to the extent of upkeeping the plant and other paraphenelia that have been placed there. But the boy's lavatory leaves something to be desired. One of the soap dispensers has been ripped off and last week one of the toilets was plugged up, flooding the bathroom.

The reason the girls have done a good job is mainly because their bathroom is used more as a lounge than as just a place to discharge your necessities. Therefore they feel more apt to take care of it. The boy's use the place for more of a quick drag and smoke room than anything else.

## SOUND-OFF

### Council Quotes Column

#### Labeled Misinformation

I would like to correct some misinformation which occurred in the "Council Quotes" column, March 10. Valeree Robinson said I was successful in having my motion, making Yell King and MSO president the same office pass.

First, I did not bring up this motion; Jeff Berkowitz did. In fact, he brought up this motion after my motion to make the Yell King, as an office eligible for other offices, was defeated (Yell King, an office without a seat in Council, is not permitted to run for any other office.)

Secondly, I was opposed to Jeff's motion, which would not give MSO the chance to choose its own president. This is where she is in error. Since she said that I brought up the motion, it is implied that I voted for it. I did not. These two things convey an unfavorable impression of me, of the members of MSO (they are against Yell King being MSO president) and other members of the student body.

It's a pity that the large majority of students have to suffer because of the irresponsible actions of as little as two or three students. But it is even a greater pity that the large majority does not have the guts to stand up and fight for their rights. Until students learn to stop passing the buck of responsibility and start making their own decisions, we will continue to have our bathrooms destroyed, our campus littered, our classrooms disturbed, and an open campus a dream instead of a reality.

### Advisor Finds Jobs For Three Monroe Students

With a little help from Mrs. Elaine Holzer, career advisor, three Monroe seniors are now working at volunteer jobs in the valley to gain experience for future high paying jobs.

One girl, Rona Rollins, is a receptionist at the Panorama Chamber of Commerce where she types and files. Rona works two hours a day, five days a week.

The two other girls, Nineen Honroth and Diana Nicoletti, are also doing volunteer work three days a week at the Junior Achievement center. Nineen and Diana work in the Duplicating room, as Receptionists, and typing letters and reports.

Any students interested in job opportunities are invited to see Mrs. Holzer in the text book room.

### An Evening of Comedy To Be Presented Soon

"An Evening of Comedy" will be play production's next project to be presented, in the new miniature theatre in the round the first week of May.

"An Evening of Comedy" consists of three short plays, "The Boor" by Chekov, directed by Dennis Silvey, "Apollo of Belloc" to be directed by Mr. Mel Flack, and "Fumed Oak" written by Noel Coward, and directed by Liza Bohlke.

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COMMENTARY

## Field Trips Necessary For Interesting Learning Process

Barbara Pekover

Wednesday was foggy at 8:25 a.m., and a bus load of students, including myself, went on a very meaningful field trip to the L.A. Courthouse. Under the supervision of Mr. James Medeiros and Mr. Southern Courtney, we were allowed to go to any court case that was otherwise open to the public to sit in and listen to.

One case I went to, concerned an alleged narcotics user and a narcotics officer. A female judge presided and the jury consisted of 7 women and 5 men; 8 whites and 4 non-whites. A lengthy consultation at the bench led to a 15 minute recess. My friends and I took advantage of this "break in the action" and went to another case; a Civil Court case concerning an auto accident that happened in

June of 1968. The 2 men involved in the case had foggy memories and their statements were conflicting. The baliff courteously came over to us and informed us what was going on; it was a suit for \$1,200 car damage. We listened to the testimony of plaintiff, defendant, and a police officer. The judge then asked us to make a decision on the case. After doing so, Judge Philip M. Saeta announced the court's decision. The parties left and the judge asked us to approach the bench to discuss our decisions (we were all in agreement with the court).

I, as well as many other students, feel that field trips of this nature are essential in the quest for knowledge through discovery and involvement.

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