



## McKenna Hoping For Fruitful Season

by Ed Kasper  
Sports Editor

In the five years that he's had the job, Ken McKenna has never had the pleasure of coaching a Monroe team to a Varsity tennis championship. But things are looking towards the bright side.

The problem? "Birmingham and Granada" McKenna readily replies. "They're always rough".

Birmingham apparently has a lock on first place every year in the Mid-Valley League race while Granada Hills is always a close second according to McKenna.

But the situation appears to be encouraging for McKenna, whose squad's have never finished higher than third.

The 1972 Monroe Varsity tennis squad, which debuts in league competition today, boasts a bevy of talent which is highlighted with the arrival of four sophomore racketeers.

"Upset Granada, that'll be my whole year" says a smiling McKenna.

And with a team headed by All-City returnee Tony Graham, McKenna's upset hopes over Granada Hills could just turn into a reality.

Graham, a junior sensation described as a "prodigy" by a fellow teammate, is a seasoned player with

lightning quick reflexes and sweeping maneuverability. Ranked among the top 15 in Southern California for his age group, his sophomore efforts last year earned him a first team All-MVL honor.

He went undefeated in pre-season play this year.

Along with Graham in the singles division will be second seated Scott Partridge, a sophomore.

Partridge, who comes from a tennis playing family, is described by McKenna as being the "steadiest" among his four 10th grade phenoms.

Andrew Molnar, a "quick-footed, hustling competitor" according to McKenna, along with Steve Brevadero and Jim Mayall, another swift moving duo, round out the sophomore additions.

But McKenna cautions that meets are not won in the singles alone, and has a pair of established units prepared for the doubles competition.

Dick Atwood and Glenn Gormley, described as experienced seniors by McKenna, along with Gary Reeder and Steve Krakowsky will play in the number one and two positions.

"In many cases the doubles can win or lose the match" McKenna warns. "They're the key to our team".

### Students Win Honorable Mention for Art Awards

Receiving honorable mentions in the Topanga Plaza Art Show, March 15-22 were Dan Love for his abstract painting, Cathy Villanueva for her two dimensional drawing, Nora Rooney for a plaster sculpture and Richard Mandel for a photo of the after math of last year's fires.

The contest was open to all high school students residing in the West Valley.

Awards were given in three categories; 1) two-dimensional (watercolor, oil, tempera, acrylic, etc.); 2) sculpture and ceramics; 3) photography.

Prizes were given for best in each category, first place and two honorable mentions.

## Meeting Plans Future Of X-Period Program

A special faculty meeting to decide the future of the mini-course program was held this morning during X-2 to decide what action will be taken on the recommendations made by the special program evaluation committee.

The committee was scheduled to present three proposals to all members of the faculty, one from Mr. Southern Courtney, chairman of the social studies department, one from Mrs. Lois Whitman, chairman of the mathematics department, and one from Miss Linda Miller, assistant to the girls' vice-principal.

Mr. Courtney's proposal entails three X-periods during the week, one in the middle of the school day on Wednesday to be

used for student activities and mini-courses, one Tuesday after school for tutorial programs and faculty training, and one Mondays before school exclusively for faculty staff development.

Mrs. Whitman's proposal is similar to the original schedule used during December and January except that it is the same schedule week by week. And Miss Miller's proposal is similar to Mr. Courtney's except that the

Monday morning staff development period has been replaced with another first period and the Wednesday X-period is before lunch instead of before period three.

The evaluation committee has decided that a change in the schedule is necessary because of the overwhelming response from students and teachers to return to an X-period during the school day and the complaints from the students of irregular times for school starting during the week which has contributed to tardiness to first and second period.

"Regardless of what action the faculty chooses to take, it looks like students are going to be in for less sleep in the morning than they have been having lately," stated Miguel Capote, student member of the evaluation committee.

After compiling a 4-2 pre-season record, which included convincing victories over Chatsworth, Cleveland and Reseda, the 1972 edition of Monroe Varsity tennis appears ready to hit the courts.

League competition begins this afternoon with contd. on back

### Public School Week Set

Public Schools Week will take place here at Monroe during the week of April 24-28

The whole concept of Public Schools Week is to let parents see school as it "really is" without any "dress up as open house in the Elementary and junior high school levels are, said George R. Schneider, school Principal.

Parents will be able to sit in on any classes this week at any hour during the day. Also, parents will be able to sit in any "X" periods and mini-courses.

On Wednesday, April 19, teachers will be in their rooms from 2:00-3:00 pm for any parents wishing to discuss their child's report card sent home the previous Wednesday.

Monroe's golf team, remaining undefeated in league competition won its third league golf match defeating Van Nuys 33-21 Monday.

## Tracksters to Face Wolves

by Bill Peck

The Viking track squad, presently undefeated in its latest bid towards an MVL championship, will face the Van Nuys Wolves tomorrow in what should prove to be a repeat performance of Monroe's meet at Birmingham, two weeks ago.

Wolf tracksters are very well equipped in field events with Dan Arnold heading shot putters, showing a season's best mark of 53' 2 3/4". Leroy Smith acts as trail man putting 52' 6 1/2", for his best shot.

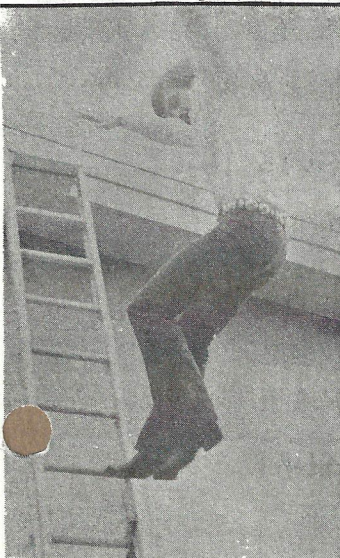
Van Nuys sprinters are headed by Marty Ieko, boasting times of 10.2 and 22.7 in the 100 and 200 respectively, and promises to give Viking Greg Groves an abundance of good competition. If Groves could possibly emerge victorious in both races, the Vikings would most likely have their best showing of the season, point wise.

Viking distance runners Richard Nance and Mark Hilton should have their hands full with Wolf Gerardo Canchola as the former cross-country star runs both the mile and the two mile events. Canchola's best mile, 4:31.4, is far behind Nance's 4:27.2, however, a Viking school record, chalked up in the pre-Easter meeting against the Braves.

In that same Birmingham contest, Hilton only managed a 9:49.4 two mile, good enough for first but 2.2 seconds behind Canchola's best effort.

Monroe backers will glue their eyes on state champion pole vaulter, Tim Quinn, who's 15'2" success, earlier this season, is already the best in California.

Vike sprinter Tony Edwards has had his leave of absence prolonged, as he had a wisdom tooth removed, adding to the problems with his knee.



Stunt man Tod Bartlett falls off the library building during yesterday's Career Day activities.

# 'Carey Treatment' Gets Excitement

by Sheryl Siminoff

Blake Edward's newly released "The Carey Treatment" starts out very slow and dragging, but gradually turns into an exciting mystery, provoking the controversial topic of abortion.

If you remember the old "Our Man Flint" series, you'll remember James Coburn. Coburn wack again as the spy, the lady-killer, but in a more realistic version.

Coburn's character, Peter Carey, isn't some agent working for a top secret organization. He does not practice Karate or chop everyone he comes into contact with, nor does he pull out his trusty shoe phone and hidden weapons. He's only one human being who cares.

When Carey arrives from the coast and finds a brilliant young surgeon accused of abortion, which later turns into a murder, Carey is determined to discover the real facts.

"The Carey Treatment" isn't one of the best movies, though. It has its bad points such as the direction. In one scene, Peter Carey is shown leaping out the door without shoes and then appears in the street with shoes in the very same scene.

Altogether, "The Carey Treatment" is a big improvement in spy-mysteries, comparing it to the well known ridiculous James Bond escapades.

# Coach Hopeful

Cont. from front  
the Vikes hosting the San Fernando Tigers. Today's meet could prove exciting. "On paper we're winners" says McKenna. But he continues to drive with caution knowing that the upset is always possible.

Sound-Off

# Student Calls For Change

Probably the most controversial, and needed, change yet to be made in our school system would be an open campus. A few schools have been forced into this situation and seem to be working out fine, but our school has yet to consider it seriously.

The plan I would propose would make a few drastic changes. First, there would be no attendance taken. Grades would be given only through homework, tests and projects completed, not by how many times you were in class.

There could be certain classes where we go once a week and turn in assignments and collect more, all of it personal research. This would allow time for the teacher to give great personal attention to those who do come and really need help. It would also benefit the students who enjoy learning but don't profit from the classroom situation or those teachers who teach only to satisfy their egos as a leader. One teacher also added, "This

So, with an excited McKenna and a team of encouraging young players, tennis season begins today.

But for McKenna Thursday April 20th is the date which most likely repeats through his mind. That's the day his squad will face Granada Hills.

would also be good for teachers, like me, who don't like to lecture and don't need or want a whole class in the room."

To me, an open campus would seem the only way to put an end to the pretense that's been going on for all these years.

You see, our parents and administration, with all their years of wisdom and experience, seem to feel they can make us go to school if we don't want to, with the carefully taken attendance, and the big, scary "Narcs." Anyone in high school is capable of writing an absence excuse, as good as, if not better than, any parent--and many do.

Another of our fun little necessities we come into constant contact with is the attendance office. I have known people who cut more days than they really want to just because they don't want to join the sadistic mob at the attendance office.

Janie Prange

Sound-Off

# Jesus Praised By Ownby

In response to Pat Hunter's Sound-Off about Jesus March 20, I would say that you completely missed the point Pat. Jesus not sent to Earth to predict future, as you seem to think. He was sent to Earth by God to die for our sins, in order that we might have life, (John 3:16 and John 11:10). Can any other man make the same claim?

The predictions that Jesus makes are not just for the sake of prediction alone, but to tell when the Son of Man will come again. In Matthew 24, the disciples ask Jesus when He will come again, Jesus then tells about the end of the world in very simple and frightening words.

We, as Christians, are not afraid. Romans 10:13 says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." John 1:12 says, "But as many as received Him, to become the child of God, even to those who believe in His name."

Concluding, there is no doubt that Jesus is "The way, the truth, and the life." I praise the Lord that He has brought you to read these words.

Gordon Ownby

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