

# Ferraro Explains '73 Budget

by Lori Stein

Emphasizing the importance of after-school sports, Board of Education member Richard Ferraro voiced his concern of the proposed budget cut in sports to students at an open forum in Odins' Hall Monday.

Ferraro, a full-time teacher at the University of Southern California, explained that last year's budget of \$811 million is being cut to \$769 million.

According to Ferraro, a total of \$42 million will be cut from the coming year's budget. He stated that he favors the 3% raise of teachers that has been approved. This will use \$13 million of the allocated funds.

Speaking on other proposed cuts, Ferraro said that 100 nurses will be removed from their jobs if the motion is passed by the Board of Education

Cutting one-third of all after school sports programs has been proposed, added Ferraro. He said that "school sports are vital factors in arousing morale and school spirit." Thirty percent of the minority students in inner-city schools would drop out, continued Ferraro, as he stressed the necessity to save the sports programs from being cut.

Ferraro sees the solution to the lack of money for Los Angeles Schools as one which will have to come by putting pressure on the state legislature and Governor Ronald Reagan, but adds that the responsible way of handling the situation must come first by balancing the budget.

He is also concerned with consumer education, stating that it has "promising possibilities." Ferraro also believes that edu-

cation should train high school students vocationally as well as academically.

Ferraro urged that students attend the Board of Education meetings held bi-weekly at 4:00 PM at 450 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

## Bowlers Enter Tourney

Monroe High will enter two teams in the All-City Bowling Tournament Saturday, April 29, at Midtown Bowling Center, in Los Angeles.

Monroe Bowling has an "A" and a "B" team "A" consisting of Tracy Simpkins, Sue Johnson, Cathy Jenkins, and Candy Paul. The "B" team members include Carol Miller, Peggie Wessel, Kim Purdy and Miriam Sockeina.

Team "A" will bowl at 1:00 p.m. and the "B" Team at 9:00 a.m.

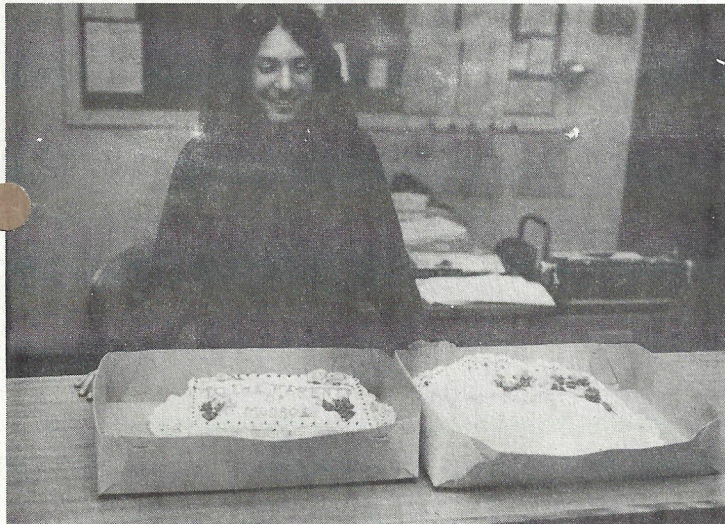
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Upholstery student Bob Clements eyes cakes made by Alan Fine and Barry Gussin of the West Valley Occupational Center commercial baking class for last week's PTA meeting.

## Hardballers Sweep Tigers

'Twas not a pitchers' duell!

Down by one run in the top of the seventh inning, the Viking hardball squad sent 14 men to the plate and scored nine runs to demolish the San Fernando Tigers, 18-9, yesterday at San Fernando.

The victory over the Tigers sweeps the three game series, with the Vikings scoring 48 runs to San Fernando's 11.

Tiger pitching was atrocious giving up 11 walks, 12 hits, two balks, a wild pitch, 18 runs and hit batsman.

Viking pitcher Russ Johnson allowed eight earned runs on 12 hits and was lifted in the seventh for a pinch hitter, with John Flinn getting credit for the save.

Steve Marcer powered a grand slam home run over Viking center fielder Brad Rice's head in the second inning to give San Fer-

nando a 6-3 lead. Lavonne Chalk hit a solo homer in the beginning of the inning for the Tigers' first run.

Viking right fielder Craig Cacek blasted a three run homer in the fourth inning, for his third four sacker of the season, giving him the undisputed lead in the MVL.

Cacek, who participating in boy's week will act as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team tonight against the Expos, is now batting .529, also for the league's lead.

Cacek will sit in the dugout and observe the managerial tactics of Dodger skipper Walter Alston.

Bruce Rosenblum extended his hitting streak to ten games by singling in the third inning, knocking in a run. Rosey went one for five.

## Student Rights Book Given to L.A. Schools

The Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, a booklet codifying Los Angeles Board of Education policies regarding student rights, has now been distributed to all Los Angeles City Schools after a delay of over one year due to unsettled controversies.

The handbook for the first time clarifies what students may and may not do in areas ranging from personal appearance to cur-culation of material to use of communications facilities.

The booklet had taken account of the recent state legislature decisions asking schools to "encourage students to express opinions, to take stands, to support causes, and to present ideas" instead of turning away from student opinion.

Though it does not necessarily

meet the expectations of students that have been seeking more freedom on campus, it does represent a liberalized policy of student rights than had been previously help by many schools.

But in spite of the handbook, one member of the IA Board of Education told student members of the Student Affairs Council that if they wanted to be treated as adults, they ought to attend adult school, according to Mr. George Schneider, principal. Mr. Schneider also stated that the Board lawyer has verified this attitude by claiming that the Board refer 18-year-olds to adult school if they insist too greatly on such things as signing their own absence notes.

The principal felt that it was sad to see the School District approve such a liberalized code

A cake-baking contest is being held this Friday morning in celebration of the birthday of James Monroe. Prizes will be awarded. For further information, pick up an entry form in the girls vice-principal's office.

and then turn around and make such statements about 18-year-olds. He said that there will be much controversy and perhaps some court cases before the issue is settled.

One of the things stated in the handbook regarding circulation of outside material on campus is that such material must be approved by the school principal prior to circulation. But the principal may only deny circulation to material that "clearly" created a disruption of racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice; is obscene or pornographic according to current legal definitions; or incited students to be disruptive or commit unlawful acts.

The Junior Varsity Hardballers soundly defeated the San Fernando JV's, 17-8. Jim Decker powered a grand slam for the Vikings while Rolan Higashida hit a three run blast. Joel Garcia was credited with the win.

## Luncheon to Honor Students

A luncheon sponsored by the Panorama City Rotary Club will take place Thursday in Odins Hall honoring seven Monroe students for their outstanding work in industrial arts.

Each student's name will be on a plaque that will be added to every year and place in each one of the seven shop classes.

The students are: Bryan Fisher (Wood); Gary Lawrence (Graphic Arts); Joe De Angelo (Electronics); Marc Rubin (Metal); Clayton Thompson (Auto); Bill Balch (Architecture); and Garry McKinley (Technical Drafting).

# Teacher Clarifies X Schedule

In my last letter to Sound Off (April 24), I countered Editor Capote's assertion that teachers "benefit" at the expense of students from the present X schedule. I would now like to comment on other questions which were raised.

First let me clarify the status of our X schedule. When this was put into effect at the beginning of the spring semester, it was with the provision that there be an evaluation of the total program and its implications at mid-term. To this end surveys were taken of both teachers involved with mini-courses, and students, through their sponsor rooms. Several proposals for changes were made, including the return to an X-period in the middle of the day. Although there was criticism, the desire to continue with some form of flexible scheduling was overwhelming expressed. At this point, the Faculty Department Chairmen's Committee was assigned the responsibility to consider the various points of view and to seek ways to implement the program.

Capote correctly reported that

the chairman voted to continue on the present mini-course schedule, but he was mistaken in what he concluded were the reasons for this action. The "pressure" received from the Area Superintendents was a requirement that any proposal for change be submitted to them for study and approval. Since this would delay the implementation of any change, it became a matter of simple practicality to continue of the present schedule for the remainder of this semester. The alternative would have been to return to the old regular schedule.

I further question the proclamation by the Editor that the program is a failure. No suitable criteria for this kind of judgement has yet been agreed upon by either the faculty or the student body. Certainly it is not a failure for the "ten percent" who are benefitting from the enriched program. Those who choose not to take advantage of the opportunities which are offered fail themselves. It is not the system that fails them.

I would like to emphasize, that each change from the established policy of the past has been subjected to careful review by all levels of the school community students, teachers, and parents. The need for constructive change has been expressed by all of these groups. Let's keep trying it; we'll like it!

Mr. Victor Selinsky

Tickets may be purchased at the Student Store for 75 cents for any tenth grade student wishing to attend the Sophomore Class Bar-be-que, Wednesday, April 26 in the Agriculture Area.



# Teacher Turns Classroom Into Small Arena Theatre

In 1959 Mr. Mel Flack designed a theatre to be built on Monroe's campus. Thirteen years later he has given up and in substitute turned E10 into an arena theatre.

The arena will not substitute Odin's Hall for all performances, only those which can be presented in a small area. The first presentation planned for the arena theatre will be Play Production's "Evening of Comedy", May 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Using the arena brings up a few problems. One being with 91 people in the room, things are going to get awfully warm, but air conditioning runs up to \$1200.00 and the school doesn't have the money.

The room is designed to be a miniature Forum. Black risers stand around the room with chairs on top. Mr. Flack hopes to purchase cushions for the chairs.

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