

Muckler Takes City Swim Crown

Sophomore diver Tod Muckler wrote his name into the Monroe record books Friday, by capturing the City diving championship at Belmont Plaza.

Tod scored an overwhelming 252.30 points to leave second place Rick Boy of Gardena far behind at 234.85.

Although the Vike mermen showed good team strength overall by nabbing nine scoring positions they were unable to score more than one second and one first place finish.

They wound up fourth behind Taft, El Camino, and Westchester.

Led by the superior swimming of John Silvera, the Taft Toreadors nabbed a 58 point first place in the City finals to defend last year's crown.

Only bright spot for the Vikes, aside from Muckler's feat, was the 100-yard backstroke, with Mike Staley and Jeff Dederick taking second and third. Staley took a sixth in the 200-yard freestyle to record one of two doubles scored among individual efforts.

Rich Gullixson took two fourth

place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle to record the other double.

Other Vike finishers were Gary Netzley, who placed sixth in the 200-yard individual medley, and Brent Hunter, who took sixth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Birmingham's swimming sensation, John Larson managed to notch a win, set a city record 1:47.12 in the 200 free to break Eagle Rock's Brad Gilman's 1:47.20 time.

Larson also took a first in the 100 free at 48:88, just .4 off the City record. El Camino's Nino Duccini also set a new city record clocking of 53.2.

The senior state testing results are available to any senior wishing a copy of his or her scores. Interested seniors should report to the counseling office and put their names on the form letter. The results will be attached to the letter and delivered to the student.

Agriculture Crew Fixes Grounds

Paul Masi

Pulling weeds, planting, watering, and keeping the planters free from trash are only some of the duties performed by this semester's landscaping design class, as they work on the four planters near the lunch area.

The class, headed by Mr. Jack Yost, has been a big success amongst workers and student body alike.

"I was approached at the be-

ginning of the semester by the administration," commented Mr. Yost. "They asked me if I would have my class take the papers out of the planters. I agreed and little by little, we were taking more time out to keep the planters looking good. Now we take complete care of the planters."

The students involved in the projects are: Mike Volpe, Mitch Crozier, Lance Thorpe, S.L. Van Ostrand and Foremen Bill Stuart and Joe Paine.

Mr. Yost is now planning a summer session in which the class would put in planters and plant a lawn near the Library. Students will do all the cement work and plumbing necessary. All interested students are advised to see Mr. Yost sometime during the day.

Computer Course Offered

A Computer Science course will be offered to interested students this summer at Monroe High Summer School.

Two computer languages, Fortran and Basic, will be taught, along with the opportunity to use two computer terminals. There is no pre-requisite for this class; however, enrollment is limited.

Interested students should contact either Mr. Surjit Bassi or Mrs. Lois Whitman, of the Math Department.

Dept Conditions Improve

by Lori Stein

A further check on the progress of the accreditation recommendations reveals that steps have been taken to improve conditions in the English, Industrial Arts, and Guidance departments, according to Larry Foster, Boys' Vice Principal.

Investigating the possibility of implementing the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) recommendations that 25 be the maximum number of students for composition classes, the department has found that English classes are kept below norm of other departments. However, class sizes are far above NCTE recommendations because of the necessity for English teachers to have time for conferences and grading papers.

Also, the English department has weekly meetings in the Resource Center to explore the suggestion that the faculty "consider ways to develop listening and viewing skills as part of their emphasis on communication skills program."

The Industrial Education department has prepared slides and has been sending students to visit the ninth grade shop classes in an effort to implement the suggestion that "the department staff study the possibility of closer coordination and program planning with feeder junior high schools."

Also, lists have been compiled by each shop as to what would be needed to bring them up to 1969

standards so that the suggestion that "the District and administration make a serious effort to update the obsolete machines and equipment in the industrial arts department as compared to modern day industry."

A close contact is being maintained in an effort to coordinate and articulate new information to the guidance classes, including visits from the counseling staff, and career advice has been installed to meet the recommendation that the two departments work more closely together.

Other suggestions being acted upon deal with a study of non-teaching assignments and educational workshops for teachers.

Trackers On To Semis

With hopes of an LA city team championship now relatively slim, Monroe's varsity track and field squad will advance seven individuals and both relay squads into semi-final competition this weekend as a result of Saturday's quarter-finals held at Wilson High School.

With the Mid-Valley League pitted against a weakened Northern League, Valley athletes completely outclassed their opponents as they filled 31 semi-final berths compared to only 22 for the Northerners.

Coach Dean Balzaret's spikers, undisputed MVL champions with a perfect 5-0 record, scored three victories in the fourteen-event affair and captured both relays.

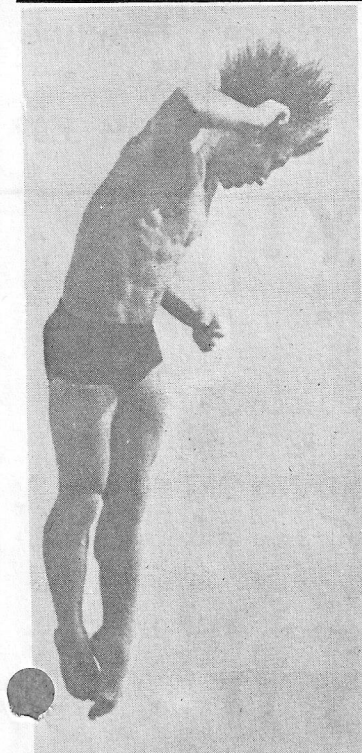
Junior Tony Edward, whose ability among tough city competition was highly questionable due to numerous injuries this season, was a surprise winner in the 220 yard dash with a blazing 22.9 victory while teammate Greg Groves captured third place with a 23.2 performance.

Jack Ernst, whose survival among city competition is also questioned, clocked a 51.0 second place finish in the 440, only one-tenth of a second behind winner Gene Hawkins of Belmont.

One of the more surprising performers for the Vikings was sophomore sensation Richard Nance. Nance, destined to be the finest miler in Vike history, clocked a 4:30.4 second place finish in the mile behind unbeatable Wilson superstar Jose Amaya, who finished way ahead of the field with a streaking 4:16.3 Nance, however, did top Dave Askren and Dave Turner, a pair of arch-rivals from Granada Hills.

Hurdler Dave Swan escaped elimination with a 20.6 fourth place showing in the 180 lows while teammate Greg Fitzgerald tied for first in the shot put with Gary Wilde of Birmingham. Both had identical tosses of 52-9 3/4.

Although defending LA city and California state pole vaulting champion Tim Quinn is out of the money due to a knee injury, Mike Pendleton, the surprising MVL champion, qualified with Dale Stark of Van Nuys and Jim Burns of Marshall. All posted leaps of 12'0".



Diver Todd Muckler shows form which enabled him to win LA city diving championship at last Friday's city finals at Belmont Plaza. This was the first diving championship ever won by a Monroe swimmer.

Student Complains About Lack of Spirit and Support

A Living Bra gives support, why can't Monroe?

I'm talking about sports—for instance gymnastics. On May 8th the whole gym team spent 2nd period advertising the important Venice Monroe Semi Finals meet.

Well, we lost; however only two tickets were sold for the bus going to Venice. Unfortunately a neutral school could not be possible.

However, I am really angry. Not because of the fact we lost the meet, but because of the fact only the gym team, a few cheerleaders, a couple of teachers (one coach Sasvary), and the Doctrine writer Ed Kasper were at the meet.

Psychologically, there was no one to show a routine too! With the support and spirit that Monroe has, it's no wonder we haven't won as many championships as we should have.

I can understand students not coming during the regular season, but during Finals! This school could use some of the kind of spirit and support Venice gives to their school. Well as Monroe students always say: There's always next year!!!!

Dave Walsh

Rallies Plug May 22 Show

Mock political rallies began yesterday during lunch on the senior stage and will continue throughout the week to advertise this year's musical, "Of Thee I Sing".

Larry Cedar, who portrays the presidential candidate John P. Wintergreen, his vice presidential candidate Throttlebottom portrayed by Arthur Eisenman and their opponent John Tweedledee, played by David Marcotte will give speeches expressing their platforms. During this rally the Monroe Production Orchestra will play selections from "Of Thee I Sing".

May 22, the candidates will conduct a political debate on the senior stage, a dance marathon May 23, also, a corn muffin eating contest is being organized.

Superintendent Addresses School District Employees

Superintendent of Schools William Johnston addressed nearly 50,000 teachers and staff members in a district-wide radio broadcast Tuesday, May 2, to inform the school district's employees about the current and future operations of the school system.

The superintendent called attention to the 1972-73 preliminary budget and proposition 2, the \$350 million state school bond issue which will be on the June 6 ballot.

Ecology Courses Get Grant

The Los Angeles City Schools is in the process of requesting a \$300,000 federal grant to continue the development of new methods of teaching ecology from Kindergarten through High School.

The funds are being sought under Title III of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education

Act; it supports innovative educational programs.

The ecology teaching program, when finished, may become a model for school systems across the nation. The grant will allow local teachers to keep working on a basic curriculum for all grade levels, teaching material, teacher training programs, and converting the Laurel Ecology Center into a production facility and student visitation center.

A \$1.4 million budget deficit in the LA City Schools has resulted in a three-day delay at the start of summer school. The six-week summer session will be from June to August.

Portable Classroom Usage, Bussing Pole Discussed

The need for classroom space at 25 pre-1933 earthquake hit schools was solved when the LA City School Board of Education agreed to move 210 portable classrooms and expand the voluntary transportation program.

The Board also authorized Superintendent William Johnston to establish a task force to parents on the subject of voluntary transportation of students; the parents responded to the pool affirmatively. They said they would permit their children to be bussed to avoid the possibility of double-sessions.

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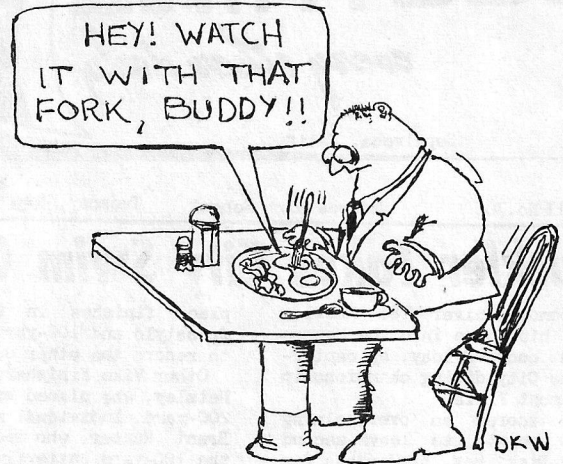
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