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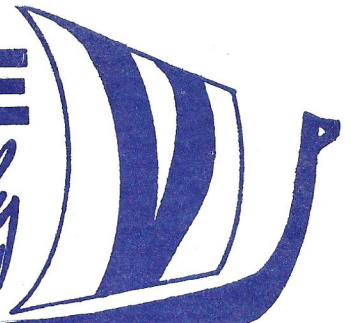
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Minicourse Committee Presents Two X-Schedules for Approval

Two final proposals for an X-schedule by the Mini-course committee, to be put into effect next semester have been presented to the faculty for approval.

Both proposals involve starting and ending school through the week at the same time, both schedules starting at 8:10 a.m. Also the proposals include an X period in the middle of the day, a much requested feature by students and faculty. No classes are longer than 60 minutes.

The early dismissal of school on Friday has been eliminated because of a Board of Education decision that defines the school year. This change was made because of objections to the early

dismissal by area superintendents.

The main difference between the two proposals is that one adopts three X periods--X1, X4, and X6--while the other involves only two--X4 and X6. All classes begin and end at the same time during the week, an important change because of recent problems with student tardiness.

The faculty will be voting through their staff meetings during this week on which plan to accept. The plan chosen then will be presented to the school administrative offices for approval.

Graham Aims For Title

Viking tennis star Tony Graham took another step forward towards a possible LA City individual championship Saturday afternoon as he handily defeated Birmingham's Steve Pompan at the Griffith Park tennis courts to advance into this weekend's semi-final competition.

It was Graham's third consecutive victory over Pompan this year and Saturday's contest proved to be no different than their first two meetings as he easily posted victories of 6-1 and 6-3 over the Birmingham ace.

Graham, although only a junior, is one of the city's premier performers and his spectacular 23-0 season record proves it.

Not only did he make a shambles of his Mid-Valley League opponents this season, as well as last year, but Graham has been recognized as one of Southern California's finest swimmers for his 15-16 year old age group.

In this Saturday's semis, Graham will return to the Griffith Park courts to challenge Palisades High School's Craig Johnson and, hopefully, a shot at next week's finals.

Tip-off is slated for 1 pm.

Venice Eliminates Hardballers, 1-0 Eighth Inning Error Proves Fatal As Gondo Ace Hile Twirls Two-Hitter

by Ed Kasper, Sports Editor

Monroe's Varsity baseball team, battling in a desperate attempt to retain their 1971 LA City crown, lost a tough luck, 1-0 decision to Venice Monday afternoon on a two-out, eighth inning error, and subsequently was eliminated from the 37th annual All-City Tournament.

With runners on second and third, and two-down in the extra inning contest, Viking first baseman Bruce Rosenblum committed his first fielding error of the season when a Russ Johnson offering to Venice superstar Jerry Turner, was slammed directly at him, bouncing off his chest.

Rosenblum made a futile attempt to get Turner at first, but pitcher Johnson was late in arriving to the bag, and Gondolier second baseman, Bob Price had already raced across the plate with the afternoon's only score.

Turner, who batted a whopping .431 in Western League competition with 27 runs batted in and four homers, appeared astonished when Viking skipper, Denny Holt gave pitcher Johnson the nod to work to him, rather than issue an intentional walk to load the bases, and face left-fielder Bob New instead, only a .283 hitter.



It was a dismal game for the Vikes who fell as victims to starting Gondo pitcher Mike Hile, only a junior, who twirled a two-hitter on the Mid-Valley League champion Vikings while administering six strikeouts.

On the other side of the fence, Vike starter Johnson, also a junior, was way off his two-hit, twelve strikeout, 14-0 performance over Eagle Rock in the tournament opener, but fine defensive performances, including four double plays, kept him in the game.

But if it was anything the Vikes lacked, it was hits.

A second inning single to center by left-fielder Dale Walker and a third inning double by second baseman Bob Slater was the best they could do.

Unlike the convincing 17-2 and 14-0 victories posted by the Vikes during MVL action, Monday's contest was a complete turnabout as the big bats, those of Craig Cacek and Rosenblum, were silenced as Hile held the Vikes in the palm of his hand throughout most of the contest.

HEADS-UP!--Viking shortstop Bill Barto completes double play as Venice catcher Jim Vanlandingham cautiously avoids ball during second inning of Vikings' 1-0 heartbreak loss to Venice on Monday. Vikes completed four twin killings for possible play-off record.

Photo by Moreland

Knowledge Bowl Falls to Granada

The Monroe Knowledge Bowl team suffered its first defeat of the year yesterday to a vastly improved Granada team, 430-325.

Both teams now have identical 11-1 records each losing to the other once during the season. Because of the tie in the West Valley league, play-off meet is being scheduled at Birmingham within the next two weeks.

The meet's outcome was in doubt for most of the forty minutes of play, with Monroe and Granada holding slight leads throughout the first half. It was in the second half of competition that Granada took its commanding lead.

The Highlander attack was led by Jeff Auerbach and Carol Lee.

Steve Burke led Monroe's valiant effort with 17 correct answers. Following Steve were Charles Garcia and Scott Hemphill with 10, Dave Rosenthal with 2 and Howard Schnee with 1 correct answer.

After the play-off, the Monroe "Brain Trust" will respond to a faculty challenge, which should be held before the end of the semester.

Valedictorian Speaker Named

An ecstatic Lauren Livingston learned Tuesday that she will be the Valedictorian speaker for the 1972 graduation exercises.

Lauren will present her five-minute speech which is a "correlation between music and the awareness of every generation and the challenges that are now ours" before an estimated 4000 people during graduation exercises June 16. "It's a great honor to be chosen as the Valedictorian speaker; I'm really excited," said Lauren.

Lauren became interested in

the graduation speeches when she read the announcement in the bulletin. "I do and I'd take a shot at it--I've never done anything like this before." She then spent four weeks rewriting and revising her speech.

She competed against Joe De Angelo, Don Heuman, and Andrea Gage. They were judged by Mrs. Helen Beattie, girls vice-principal; Mr. Donald Chamberlain and Mrs. Linda Johnson, senior class sponsors; and Mr. Dennis Holt, who put the graduation speech program together.

"The competition was really great, and I feel greatly honored being chosen," Lauren said.

Truancy Rates Increase

Over 15,000 non-illness and truancy all-day absences have been recorded since the beginning of the 1971-72 school year, according to Registrar Robert Kindseth.

In a school-wide bulletin distributed May 15, Mr. Kindseth said he called Pupil Statistics "to find out how much in dollars that meant to the school district. We receive \$1.07 per student per day. That figures over \$15,000 the school district has lost this year."

Mr. Kindseth, in the bulletin, asked the Senate "Tardy Committee" to "please do something about the alarming rate of absences." He noted that, although Monroe's student population has dropped considerably, from 3900 in the ninth school month of last year to 3678 this year, the rate of absences has grown. "If something isn't done," he said, "we'll need to request IMA (Institutional Materials Account) funds for a new file cabinet to hold all the paper..."

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SOUND-OFF

Explorer Probes "Privacy"

I am 17 years old and a student of Monroe High. I am also a Police Explorer lieutenant assigned to Van Nuys Division for the last 3 years. I am in charge of some 28 explorers and 4 sergeants. One of the explorers subordinate to myself was involved in an incident at Monroe that was the subject of a commentary by a student of Monroe.

Recently an article appeared in the DOCTRINE's "Sound Off" column which made statements that students are constantly being watched as though they are criminals. It gave an example of 4 students being arrested by another student and turned in for the crime of smoking in the bathrooms.

When I read this article, I decided to investigate the situation which is normal proceedings in such occurrences. What I found

was that one of our Explorers was passing a girl's bathroom in one of our halls when he observed a male inside it. He also observed a female with him smoking a cigarette. The Explorer waited for them to exit. When they did, the Explorer asked them to come along with him, together with two other girls as witnesses who were also inside. He then proceeded to the nearest telephone to call for the proper authorities.

What he did was not out of line, nor was it anything unusual. The Explorer did what was expected of him or any other conscientious person. He observed someone doing wrong and took the necessary action.

I recently observed a person stealing a bicycle seat in the lots, but because I took action to protect property, and caused the thief to be suspended, I'm a pig. I don't understand how students can complain about all the thefts that occur, and then turn around and call a person pig when an arrest is made.

I am sorry that I had to write this rebuttal, but I believed it to be necessary. All I have stated is true and is documented in my report to the department concerning this incident.

Explorer Lieutenant
Richard T. Long

28 Juniors Gain Ladies Admission

Twenty-eight junior girls have been selected as next year's Ladies, according to Lori Stein, Ladies president.

Kerry Silvey, Kathy Keiley, Terry Koch, Maureen Hurley, Cheryl Chaffee, Louise Schwartz, Judy Zachs, Shannon McClary, Rhondelle Kellogg, Terry O'Keefe, Beverly Smith, Jeanette Patterson, Joanne Schnee and Peggy Berri have been chosen.

Also, Debbie Zuckerman, Susie Shimomaye, Karen Zimmerman, Ellyse Weise, Alyce Rubinfeld, Meryll Peyser, Julie Grant, Barbara Diamond, Barbara Sampson, Susan Schmidt, Linda Varblow, Gayle Zimmerman, Janis Steffen and Jan Lonsdale were picked.

DOCTRINE carries three types of opinion articles. Editorials are usually written by the Editor-in-Chief, and express the feelings of a majority of DOCTRINE editors. Commentaries are written by individual staff members and express their own opinions. Sound-Offs represent the views of members of the student body.

Mock Elections Slated

A mock election will take place on campus Thursday, June 1, to enable the entire student body to elect their candidates for the national presidency in each of four parties.

The election, which takes place five days before the actual California primaries, will be run like a regular election with each voter declaring his or her party and receiving a ballot with the names of representatives of each party.

All ballots will be tallied on a special computer that will not only record the names of the votes into grade levels, girls and boys and students that are registered to vote in the June 6 primary.

Mr. Gerald Perlmutter and his Tuesday X-2 mini course "Politics '72" are planning the election.

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