



## PTA Reactivated After Organization Meeting

The PTA will be reactivated this year at Monroe, reported Mrs. Helen Beattie, girls vice principal, following the year's first PTA meeting last Tuesday evening.

Approximately 45 parents attended Tuesday's meeting to discuss reactivation of the Parent-Teacher Association. According to Mrs. Beattie, the community is in favor of reactivating the group this year.

As a first step towards reactivation, the PTA formed three committees concerning by-laws, nominations, and membership. Student participation on these committees is being sought, particularly on the membership committee.

In past years the PTA has rendered many services to Monroe. They have run concession stands at football games, provided fund raising projects and welfare funds for needy students, and donated equipment to the school. The equipment in the duplicating room was donated by the association.

None of these services was available last year as the PTA was inactive. This year the school hopes to enlist the aid of the organization in resource centers and the library.

Mrs. Beattie added "we are anxious to have the services our PTA can provide and we hope students will urge their parents to join and become active."

The next meeting of the PTA will be held Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Odins Hall, and will be devoted to the election of officers.



Student Council and the school faculty show their strength at last Thursday's tug-of-war on the Senior Lawn. The festivities highlighted spirit week, October 4-8.

## Council Permits Reps to Serve

Student Council has accepted an executive decision to allow a representative to serve in the place of the CSF president and another representative to serve in the place of the Boys' League president until he can serve on council starting October 15.

The Constitution Interpretation Committee made up of the

student body president, the parliamentarian, and the Council sponsor handed down the decision after careful investigation. Though the decision did not necessarily have to go through the council, the committee felt that an issue of such importance should be approved by the council as a whole.

The measure was passed overwhelmingly with only three votes in opposition. The problem was

that last semester's council had deleted the section of the constitution that allows a representative to serve in place of the president of these organizations. The committee ruled that, though the constitution does not explicitly state that representatives may serve the constitution does not state that a representative may not serve.

On the lighter side of politics, council decided on the theme for this year's homecoming as "I Remember When", a theme centered on the turn of the century.

## Spirit Week Features Balloon Fight, Races

Competitive festivities highlighted the spirit rallies last conducted on the senior

On Monday students were drenched in a water balloon fight. A three legged race was conducted on Tuesday. Thursday's spiritous activity featured a tug-of-war between Student Council and Monroe faculty. On Friday, to conclude the week's activities, teams in chariot races.

## Harvard Loan Fund Established To Honor Former Monroe Student

An Alan B. Whitney Emergency Loan Fund has been permanently established at Harvard University in memory of the Monroe graduate, who died in an air plane crash in 1960.

Alan, who graduated in 1964, was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve and began flight training following his graduation from Harvard in June 1968. On October 29, 1968 he crashed in Florida while on a solo training mission.

Following his death, Alan's parents requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to an Alan Whitney Fund at Harvard. "The results were overwhelming," said Alan's father, Mr. Ernest Whitney. "...most of the gifts ranged from one dollar to \$25. They came not only from Alan's friends in Monroe, but

from hundreds of friends he made at Harvard. Many of his classmates and their families continue to contribute on a yearly basis."

Mr. Whitney said Monday he was notified by Harvard last month that the fund had exceeded \$5,000, adding that the college could now begin providing interest-free loans to students in emergency situations.

"This is the first time I know of that any fund has been established on the basis of small donations," Mr. Whitney continued. "I feel it's a way Alan can repay others in the future for what he's received in the past." While attending Monroe, Alan was senior class president, editor-in-chief of DOCTRINE, an Ephebian, a CSF Gold Seal Bearer and won awards for excellence in journalism and speech competition and recognition for his involvement in the YMCA and the United Jewish Community.

At Harvard, Mr. Whitney said, (...he desired to attend Harvard from the sixth grade") Alan majored in Political Science, graduating on the Dean's List. He won praise, both for his work with disadvantaged families.

In addition to the emergency fund at Harvard, an Alan B. Whitney Memorial Scholarship Award is given annually to a Monroe student selected by a faculty-administration panel. The award, \$25 donated by an anonymous friend of Alan's, is presented by Mr. Whitney at the Candlelight Supper to the graduating student, who, in the minds of the panel, most nearly resembles, with respect to outstanding scholarship, school and community service, and qualities of honesty, humility, sincerity, a pervading good humor, and a genuine love for his fellow man.

"Alan always strived for perfection in what he did," Mr. Whitney added, "With this he learned that winning and achieving is of no importance unless it benefits others."

## New Officers Selected During Valkyrie Meeting

Valkyrie representatives elected officers at the second meeting of the semester held last Wednesday.

Chosen as vice-president was Dave Wolfe. Eileen Scheowitz was elected secretary. John Pasqueriello and Joanne Matzorkis will serve as this semester's sergeants-at-arms.

Due to lack of time, Josh Bottfeld announced that elections for Valkyrie's steering committee (consisting of three people from each grade level) would be postponed until the next meeting.

After officers were chosen Josh read the duties and powers of Valkyrie from the student

body constitution. Also Bob Waskul, Commissioner of Elections, explained new election procedures. He said that balloting will take place in F hall instead of through the homerooms. Bob added that student ID cards will be punched after votes are cast to make sure that no one votes more than once.

At the next Valkyrie meeting Scott Feinstein will discuss the possibility of pass-fail classes. Also, Stu Sher and Burt Segall will talk about coed physical education classes.

New blue and white DOCTRINE distribution boxes are going up around campus to replace the temporary cardboard boxes. Future plans call for distribution points in building lockers as well.

## Lettergirls Feast Hawaiian

Lettergirls held a potluck dinner at Patty Rogers' house last Thursday featuring a Hawaiian theme.

This dinner included fresh pineapple flown in from Hawaii. The Lettergirls provided the various foods and planned a variety of activities for the entertainment. Attending the potluck dinner were coaches, P.E. teachers, administrators, new and old Lettergirls and other honored guests.

# Spirit Week Assailed, Labeled Anachronistic

Did you know that last week was Spirit Week? Did you even know what it was about?

Supposedly it's the one week when the spirit culminates to an all-time high, and explodes in a rambunctious spiritual unification. To help us get in the right mood Tuesday we had an exciting three-legged race, Thursday we had a provocative tug of war, and Friday other captivating activities were conducted to conclude this electrifying week.

## What Happened?

In actuality, these significant events attracted no more attention than they deserved. Only a handful of cheerleaders, drill team members, and council representatives (who, incidentally, were required to participate) were engrossed by these stimulating activities.

Spirit week is just one more episode in the continuing chapter of student indifference to antiquated school activities.

Let's face it; we all know the spirit trip is dead, and only a few are clinging to what's left of it.

New and exciting things are happening everyday in the world while at school we see the same tedious activities semester after semester.

School spirit is more than just mouthing cheers. Instead, it's genuine concern for the welfare of the students of Monroe. We have progressed to the point where it would be wise to abandon these anachronistic traditions and attempt to involve ourselves in more relevant causes.

It would be pretty frightening if President Nixon were to tell the nation that all the ills of our country could be cured if every American would religiously repeat the words, "We're from America, couldn't be prouder, and if you can't hear us, we'll yell a little louder." Rah!!!

Vicki Tichenor

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## Students To Learn About Themselves In New Class

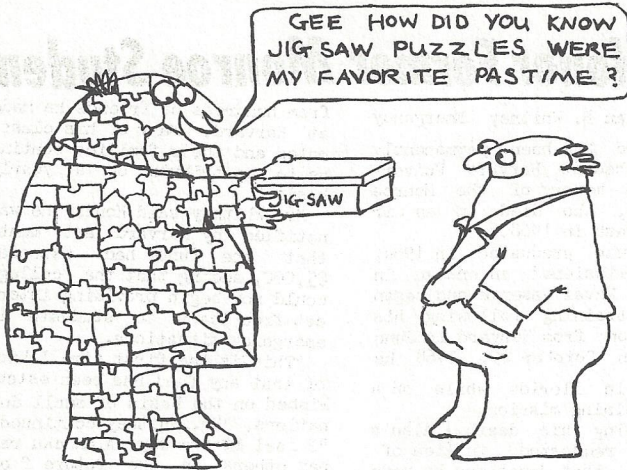
In addition to Rap Room this semester, Monroe will offer a special "Group Counseling" class where students learn to understand themselves better, according to counselor, Mr. Les Summerfield.

The class will also be a problem solving situation which will teach students to communicate their feelings more.

"Group Counseling", will involve students of all kinds but mostly students who aren't doing well in school and are trying to find themselves.

The class will meet regularly on Tuesdays. No credits are received; the class is a voluntary situation.

Students interested in the program should contact Mr. Summerfield.



## CINEVIEWS

# 'Friends' Comes off As Funny But Unrealistic Love Story

by Sheryl Siminoff

"Friends" is a serious rendering of a teen age love story underlined occasionally with humor, but it fails to be very realistic.

Aniece Alvin plays Michelle, a lonely 1½ year old girl who has just lost her father and comes to live with a French cousin.

She soon meets Paul (SeanBury) the rich neglected 15 year old boy who's father is about to re-marry a woman with a mama's little boy for a son. Paul is miserable about this situation and Michelle knows she is unwanted by her cousin. Paul and Michelle have one thing in common. They both are lonely. Because of this they become "Friends".

When Paul runs his father's car into a river, he and Michelle

take off for a cabin owned by Michelle's dead father. Here they find a new world in which only the two of them live. Soon they become more than "Friends."

In this society a 15½ year old boy does not get thrilled over becoming a father, but Paul is thrilled when Michelle tells him she's pregnant. This strikes me as very unrealistic. Michelle's feeling are understandable. She substitutes the love she had for her father to the unborn baby.

Paul's father finds the two in the end. You would think he would have found the two after year. The ending does make you think about what real love means.

A beautiful composition called "Friends", written by Elton John, is heard throughout the movie.

## CINEVIEWS

# 'The Seven Minutes' Better As Novel Than As Movie

by Rosanne Harvey

The Seven Minutes, as a novel by Irving Wallace, was an absorbing, significant, and exciting story. When director-producer Russ Meyer turned The Seven Minutes into a movie, the story lost everything that made it into a best-selling novel.

The movie futilely tries to record a pornography trial in which some enterprising California politicians try to suppress an allegedly obscene book.

From the beginning, "The Seven Minutes" is confusing. The story involves a great amount of detail, along with several subplots. Director Meyer tries to include it all in his movie. The action moves so fast the viewer is lost more often than not.

Cliche sermons against censorship and lengthy courtroom scenes add boredom to the movie's list of qualifications.

The movie stars a team of beautiful actresses and muscular, masculine actors who look like older versions of the "Muscle Beach" crowd. Yvonne DeCarlo, who stars as a key witness for the defense, is the one exception.

The original story does contain some valid insights into censorship, but these were lost in the transition from page to screen.

All things considered, anyone interested would be better off reading the book than seeing the movie.

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