

Senior Awards Highlight Breakfast

By Sandy Tuchinsky

It was a bit chilly but certainly a gala event. The 1971 Senior Breakfast of the Amouria class is now over but never to be forgotten. Beginning crisply at 6:30, breakfast was served to the masses, the menu being hot cocoa, coffee cake, fruit cup, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash potatoes (sorry but they weren't too brown) and milk, because

everybody needs that.

After a rousing breakfast, senior and students alike carried on the giving of the gag awards. Various awards included Best looking, Helea Perry and Greg Hogan who proceeded to pin

on the rest of awards. Most kissable, Pam Ford and Mike Violet; biggest chowhound, Sue Marshall and Neil Weiler; most

naive, Deni Hargrove and Aaren Kern; most fickle, Amy Nishieka and Dan Poston; dirtiest mind, Janice Allen and Tom Jones; most likely to marry a millionaire, Leslie Kirk and Dan Rigney; biggest matchmakers, Jacky Sayre and Jady Copeland; most sarcastic, Monica Arth and Bob Cohen; and personality plus awarded to Arlene Jue and senior breakfast

enace Mark Onspaugh.

Teachers, administrators and personnel were also awarded, a few being: All Around Good Guy, Mr. Robert Kindseth; Ozzie and Harriet standins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston; most humble, Mr. Robert Murphy and Mr. Larry Foster; Clark Kent award, Mr. Bernie Feuerman; Giant award, Mrs. Charlotte Segal and the Mutter of Pearl award to Mr. Gerry Ferlmutter.

Opinion varied as to the success of the senior breakfast. One senior remarked that the activity was the highlight of the year. Others felt the format might be changed for next year's breakfast.

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Vocal Ensemble Performs

Vocal Ensemble, under the supervision of Mr. Gerald Miller performed for an ecology program at Mayall Elementary School March 9.

They sang a few songs from their upcoming Folk-Rock Show: "Big Yellow Taxi", "Save the Country", and a song written by Valerie Dunlap entitled, "Smog".

Yearbook Price Increase Fails to Hinder Sales Drive

Despite the increase in price, 1731 Valhallas were sold as the second week of sales came to a close.

Financial Manager, Mrs. Virginia Cestaire, said "the annuals are selling fairly well. We have set this year's goal at 2100 sales and I am hopeful of coming close to that figure."

Last year 1758 annuals were sold. However, at the \$6.50 price, only \$10,540 was brought in. With this year's 50¢ increase in price, the sales have already net \$1731 with a full week yet to go during the drive and the special last week sales for those students who suddenly decide that they want the annual. Last week sales will be on a strictly first come first serve basis with the price being raised an extra dollar because of the lack of annual remaining.

Yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Joan Peterson said, "the staff has worked very hard in getting everything together and I feel that this book will be bigger and better than ever. For the extra 50¢ the students will receive 16 more pages. These pages are necessary due to the amount of new clubs on campus."

The annual's theme for this year is kaleidoscope which stresses changing patterns on campus.



Marsha Tuggey and Jack DeMay walk proudly back to their seats after being duely awarded as the Class Grumps. Helen Perry and Greg Hogan observe the proceedings attentively, while Mark Onspaugh prepares to continue the morning festivities.

Hardballers Rip Scots In Opener

Scoring three runs in the third and fifth innings, Monroe's hard hitting baseball team breezed past Granada Hills last Tuesday 7-1 to record their first league victory.

Pitcher Tom Collier went all the way for the Vikes while John Boyce was charged with the loss for the Scots.

The Vikes wasted no time in the first inning as Skip Willis led off with a walk, stole second and third, and finally scored when he tagged up on a Kim Andrew fly to right.

With the Vikes out in front 1-0, neither side crossed the plate until an explosive third inning when eight batters came to the plate. Willis drove one to the fence for a triple, Rich Reinhardt walked, followed by a double from Andrew which Willis

scored on.

Jerry McArthur then singled in Reinhardt for a 3-0 lead leaving himself and Andrew on second and third respectively.

Dan Keyser was hit by a Boyce pitch to load up the bases. Boyce, having control problems, was replaced by Bruce Fox who retired the side, but not until Kim Andrew tagged up to give the Vikings a commanding 4-0 lead.

But the Vikes ran into problems in the bottom half of the third as the Scots rallied on hits from Fox, Bob Krug and a double from Dan Olson to give the Scots their only run of the game and tighten the Vikes lead to 4-0.

Still not satisfied, the Vikings went to work with the bat again in the fifth scoring three

more runs. Kim Andrew doubled, followed by singles from McArthur and Keyser to again load the bases for a Bill Barte triple and the final three runs of the game, and the 7-1 score.

The Vikes threatened to score again in the sixth when Willis reached third but was unable to score as no one was able to bring him in.

The Vikes are rapidly proving that they are the team to beat and have excellent chances of clinching this years M.V.L. title.

In a game yesterday afternoon, the Vikings faced the San Fernando Tigers but results were not available at press time.

Spikers Meet Taft Today In Test of Viking Strength

The Viking spikers take on Taft today in their last non-league meet of the season.

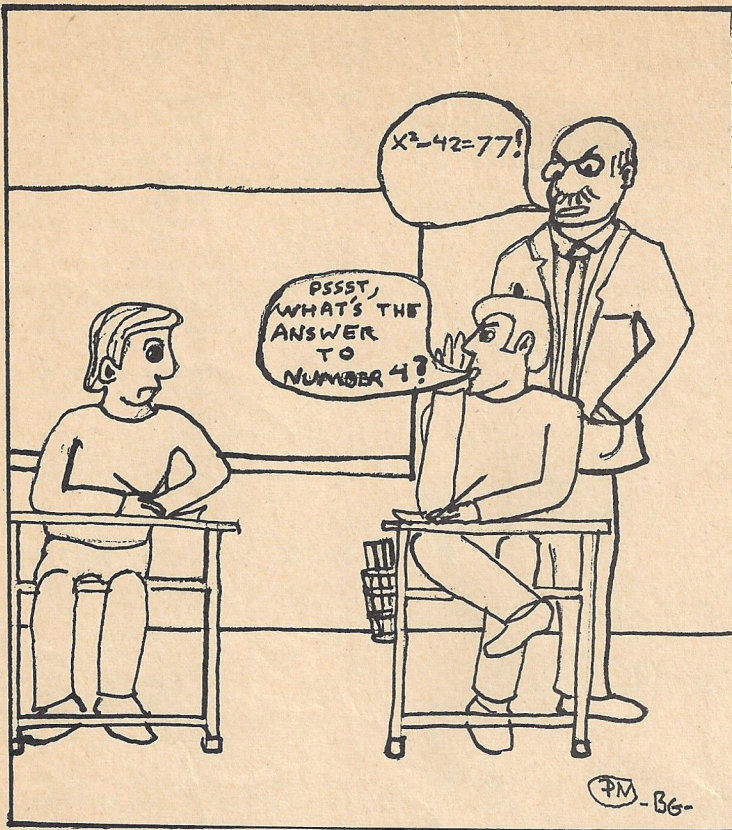
The meet should tell just how strong the Viking track team really is. Although all three divisions coasted to victory in last weeks matchup against San Pedro and Venice, the Toreadors will be no pushover. Favored to win the East Valley League title, the Taft Varsity ripped all competition in the East Valley Relays last week and should be tough.

Coach Balzaretz now has a delightful dilemma in picking his Varsity sprinters and 440 relay team, as two of his stars, Greg Groves and Tony Edwards, have Bee exponents.

Thus, the coach can run them in either the Bee or Varsity competition.

Considering the Vikes have a pair of fantastic sprinters in Skip Willis and Steve Bergman, the coach will probably run Groves and Edwards in the Bee competition.

Also highlighting Today's meet will be Tim Quinn's attempt to break the school pole vault record of 14 feet. Quinn has narrowly missed at 14'1" in the last two meets and could break it today.



MEN'S LIB IN THE KITCHEN

Cooking Class Goes Coed

By Bruce Young

"Hey Lorin, where's the flour sifter?" "Dang it Jady, you used too much shortening." No, just daily conversation in the Consumer and Family Class.

The class, often referred to as Coed Cooking, is made up of senior guys and girls who enjoy making a variety of foods. This interesting set-up leads to good natured rivalries and the question, "Who's the better cook?"

"Men are definitely superior in the kitchen. For them it's a form of art whereas for women it is a common chore," stated David Fernandez, a member of the class.

"Women are better cooks, they measure more precisely instead of slopping things together," rebutted Kathy Higashida. "They also have more sensitive taste buds," Janet Berman added.

"Men are more rational because patience is necessary in the kitchen," Kent Burns mentioned. Kathy Payne pointed out that "Women are neater" while Diana Davidson said "I feel that guys are good cooks as far as steaks but a woman's place is in the kitchen." Linda Hajek agreed saying "Women are more natural in the kitchen."

Dom Greco seemed to sum up the spirit of the guys in the class noting "When men put their minds to it, they can cook as well as women."

The class, taught by Mrs. Maureen Rigby, spends a large time cooking, but is also concerned with other matters surrounding food. Preparing food and diet menus, and learning how and when to buy certain foods,

are just a few projects during the semester.

Who knows. If the Consumer and Family class cooked on a bigger scale the cafeteria would undoubtedly go out of business.

COMMENTARY

Changing Times Call For Updated Teaching Ideas

Ideas, times and people are changing. The only problem is that some people aren't changing with them.

Two of these problems are outdated teaching methods and school regulations.

Recently I talked to a Monroe Biology Instructor on the subject of outdated teaching methods. "I feel that students today are composed of much more independent minds than the students of the past."

It is nothing new that students, like adults, don't like to be told what to do, like in a military camp. It also seems to take away from learning and is a big bore to the student who is listening and it also, in most cases, makes the student dislike the teacher. However, there are teachers here at Monroe that have realized that there is a change in today's generation, and are teaching so that students find the class interesting and also enjoy it. I feel that this change will eventually come about in all teachers in the near future.

-----Jeff Arden

Gymnasts Take Team Trophy at Invitational

The Monroe gymnastics team previewed its 1971 chances for the City Title that barely eluded them a year ago by taking the Perpetual Team Trophy for first place in the first annual All-San Fernando Valley High School Gymnastic Invitational Meet held at Van Nuys High School last Friday evening.

Sponsored by Van Nuys Legion Post #193, the competition had its rough spots but it surely didn't evolve from the performances by the Monroe gymnasts.

Each school was permitted to have one specialist and an all-round man compete in the different events.

Brad Horowitz, the all-round gymnast for Monroe, took high points honors by placing fifth on free ex, 4th on sidehorse, 3rd on the horizontal bar, and 1st with his crowd-pleasing routine on the parallel bars.

John Kolb, brother of Brian Kolb former Monroe gymnast
ATHLETE OF THE SEMESTER

Larry Patrick Selected As Third Athlete of Semester

A deadly long range jump shot and a school single-game scoring record-breaking performance helped earn Varsity cager Larry Patrick the number three spot in the Athlete of the Semester balloting.

Larry broke the school record of 31 points with an incredible 32 point performance against the tough Granada Hills Highlanders.

Patrick, a senior, was the Cinderella story of the 1970-1 semester at Monroe. Not even a starter at the beginning of the season, Patrick worked his way to stardom and a 15.3 season average.

Against Granada Hills, Patrick connected on 6 of 12 shots from the field and an unbelievable 20 of 21 free throws, including 17 in a row.

What makes Patrick's performance even more incredible was the fact that high school games are only 32 minutes in length. Thus Larry averaged a point each minute against the tough Highlander defense.

On the whole, Patrick was probably the best shooter on the team, but his path to glory was not easy. Only a Bee as a junior, Patrick had to prove himself to coach Rankin.

However, once the league season began there was no doubt as to who would be the Vikes number two guard would be. Playing with reckless abandon, Larry parlayed his limited natural talent with his immeasurable desire and came up with a winning combination.

great, showed his skills and ability by placing second behind Horowitz on the parallel bars and advanced himself right into position to be a prominent City competitor.

Greg Casian surprised everyone, even Coach Lazlo Sasvary, as he scored a "respectable" 8.85 on the long horse for a first place in free ex.

Kurt Zimmerman, City Champion on sidehorse, worked his routine well enough for his anticipated first place finish.

Sharing second place in the ring competition, Larry Bilow showed that the rings will be one of the bright spots and should help the team where it lacked last season.

The meet was run fairly slow and many complaints about the mediator, Coach Jack Voygt of Van Nuys High, were outwardly exhibited.

Hector Neff, Taft High all-round competitor, told Voygt that the meet was run "like a circus".

Neff was immediately ejected from the meet for his remarks, but not before he took a first in free ex.

The gymnasts compete in their first meet Friday at 6:30 in the Grant High School gymnasium against Taft and Grant in a triangular affair.

SOUND OFF

Attendance at Sports Events Causes Problems

As the current sports calendar is constructed, gymnastics meets are held on the same day as baseball games. This overlapping should be changed to allow the maximum number of Monroe students to attend each activity.

A VAC holder is entitled to attend all gymnastics meets and all baseball contests. This, however, is impossible due to the fact that both of these activities are held simultaneously. This, then, puts a burden on the sports enthusiast. Should he enjoy the baseball game, or would he rather watch the gymnasts compete? The student must then choose one of the events, both of which he is entitled to attend.

Is there a solution? I think so. Reschedule the gymnastics competitions from Thursday to Wednesday. This would enable activity card purchasers to become involved in both contests as spectators; while increasing school spirit.

It is unlikely that this semester's sports schedule can be altered, as it has already been planned. However, this suggestion would be worth considering for the coming year. The purpose of the VAC is defeated when Monroe students must choose between school events they wish to watch. The sports calendar should be organized to allow all the students to attend all the activities in which they are interested.

-----Ross Klein

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