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## Costumes Worn at School to Push Finian's Rainbow

Characters in the up-coming musical production, "Finian's Rainbow", have been wearing their costumes around campus to advertise the show which premieres Wednesday night at 8:00 in Odin's Hall.

This is the biggest production ever attempted by the performing arts department. The show will run six nights beginning Wednesday, March 24 and including March 25, 26, 30, 31 and April first. Tickets are on sale in the Student Store for \$1.50.

The story revolves around the character Finian McLonergan, played by Bob McIntyre. Other actors include Ilise Kremer, Robb Westaby, Josh Grenrock, Valerie Lardner, Tom Greene and Art Eisenman.

The entire performing arts department is involved in the production.

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### ATHLETE OF SEMESTER

## Twyford Named Best

Mike Twyford the captain and leading scorer of the Varsity basketball squad, has been named Monroe's Athlete of the Semester by the DOCTRINE Sports Staff.

Twyford, a senior who averaged 19 points and six assists a game this season, overcame an early-season ankle injury to provide the spark which ignited some excellent performances by the Cagers in the closing weeks of the season.

Only 5'10" tall, Mike was forced to rely on his quickness, hustle, tremendous shooting, and electrifying passing to help mold the Varsity hoopsters into a solid ballclub.

Despite his size, Twyford was not afraid to challenge anyone on the court, as he constantly hit his driving jumpers over such talented performers as San Fernando's Valgene Culton and Poly's Al Green.

Mike's tremendous ability to

hit while in a crowd made him the finest guard in the Mid-Valley League, the toughest circuit in the City.

Great defense was also a factor which contributed heavily to Twyford's selection as the top athlete of last semester.

Twyford's finest performance of the year came when the Vikings faced the Poly Parrots in the first round of league play.

Twyford scored 31 points and had eight assists in the contest to give his team their easiest victory of the season.

Twyford's fantastic performance in that one prompted the entire crowd on both sides of the gym to award him a standing ovation.

Mike also had a tremendous effort in his last game of the season (also against Poly). Sacked with four fouls early in the second quarter, Mike managed to play Poly's ace guard Al Green tough on defense, and dropped 24 points through himself without fouling out.

Mike was named to both the Coaches and Helms All-League Teams on the first squad this season.

## Cacek Spurs Win Over Wolves, 3-2

Craig Cacek's single drove across the winning run in the bottom of the seventh as the Viking Varsity baseball team eked out a 3-2 come from behind victory over Van Nuys Thursday.

The victory kept the Vikings perfect league record (4-0) intact, and gives the hardballers a one-game lead over Poly going into today's crucial battle with the Parrots at home.

Both starting pitchers were extremely tough before tiring in the late innings.

Bob Holt, the Viking hurler, allowed only one hit until tiring in the sixth while Wolves starter Ochoa pitched a seven-hitter.

The Vikings drew first blood as they scored in the fifth inning. With two out, Rich Reinhardt drew a base on balls, went to second on a single by Kim Andrews, and scored on a scorching single to left by Cacek, giving Monroe a 1-0 lead.

Russ Johnson, JayVee pitcher, hurled a no hitter in a 1-0 victory over the Van Nuys Wolves Thursday.

The Vikings lone run occurred when Slater went to first on a walk. He stole second base and went to third on an error and then scored on a passed ball.

## Kolb Leads Gymnasts To Victory Over Pali

John Kolb completed three seconds and a fourth to lead the Vike gymnasts over a totally out-classed Palisades team 173.87-129.11 Thursday afternoon in the Palisades gymnasium.

Brad Horwitz won the all-round competition uncontested with 41.15 total points and three firsts. Comparative scores would prove futile because of "cheap" officiating in all the events. Clearly hit routines scored lower and poorer routines higher.

Randy Patton performed relatively flawless on the sidehorse and was given 5.8 and 6.8 scores, quite a difference and low.

Kurt Zimmerman showing his mastery over the sidehorse with grace and control scored 7.7.

"Randy and Kurt rated about 8.0 and 8.6, respectively in my scoring," commented Coach Lazlo

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Editorial

## P.E. System Requires Change

Physical Education is a mandatory class for all students, every semester. Although an "A-B-C-D-Fail" grade system is presently at work, the PE grade in no way affects the overall

grade point average. It is true that a few PE classes are experimenting with "Pass-Fail" grading, but we see the need for the immediate establishment of this new system.

A common complaint of the regular PE student is that the "squad grading system" is unfair. In PE class a student's placement on a below par squad, can rouse a marked change on his final grade. Many feel that if a "Pass-Fail" system were deployed, bad squad performances

Savary.

Horwitz performing with his usual poise and confidence won the free exercise, high bar, and parallel bars events. Weak competition on the high bar and free exercise events made it a runaway for Horwitz as well as a field day.

Spicers 6.3 left him for behind Horwitz's 7.35 on the invisible mat referred to as the basketball court.

Kolb placed second on the Brown weinie' at 8.0. Casian won the competition with a point total of 8.45. He injured his foot on a hard landing after his flight. Jim Pearson took third.

Gary Morgan streaked towards the tambourine in 3.5 seconds, .4 seconds ahead of Bert Pederson. Dan Jeffer placed third at 4.0, but received a no climb on an excellent climb.

would not drop a student's grade in respect to his individual

A "Pass-Fail" grade, system would ease the PE teacher's grading tasks, while allotting more time for individual instruction. By taking the "dog eat dog" competitive aspect out of PE classes, individual development would soar appreciably.

The Board of Education has the final say on most matters, including a "Pass-Fail" grade system. But if the students, physical education teachers, local administrators are willing to fight for such a system, VICTORY will be ours.

--Bruce Young, Editor-in-Chief

## Varsity Tennis Team Pounds Reseda, 6-1

Monroe's Varsity tennis team recorded their second non-league victory last Thursday by pounding the Reseda Regents, 6-1.

Tenth grader Tony Graham remained undefeated in the first singles as he downed his opponent 8-6 and 6-4.

The Vikes will travel to Fairfax tomorrow for their final non-league match of the season. Game time is 3 o'clock.

## Settle Senior Contribution Controversy With Ruling

The controversy surrounding the senior class gift, has been clarified. It is not mandatory for a senior to "contribute" to the gift fund in order to participate in the graduation exercises according to Mrs. Virginia Cestare, School Financial Manager. Contributions for Amourian class gift will be taken at the end of the semester.

These contributions, along with money from part of the senior dues cards and funds from the past graduating class, total a large sum to be spent on the traditional graduation gift.

# Rap Room Completes Initial Year

by Dorothy Davis and Lori Stein

The Rap Room, a facility designed by Mr. Irv. Lane, has celebrated its one-year anniversary.

The idea of having a Rap Room began with Mr. Lane, student welfare and attendance officer at Monroe, who got "sick and tired of chasing kids around who were failing." Mr. Lane felt that truancy and poor attendance were merely symptoms of more serious problems and that Monroe students should have a place to go to talk about their problems. He met with Mr. Foster and Mr. Miller, who agreed to let him use room 99 as the Rap Room.

Since then, the Rap Room has grown into a kind of "problem

center," where students can find help with their hang-ups, such as drugs, pregnancy, family and school problems. The room's staff includes Mr. Lane, Mrs. Janelle Munn and Mr. Harvey Buzin, pupil service and attendance counselors, and a group of graduate students who come daily from Valley State, and Monroe students working as teacher's aides.

According to Mr. Lane, the main goal of the Rap Room is "to provide a place where kids can come with their problems and learn to take a stand on them. Kids must admit they need help and come in and ask for it. Once you come in, you've got to know

where you're at and where you want to go."

There are only three main rules in the Rap Room: one there is a no-arrest policy; two, students who come in during class must have a pass from their teachers, and three, students may not use the room as a hide out while on drugs. The

Rap Room also has a policy of confidentiality: anything you say there is kept in strict confidence.

The Rap Room is open during nutrition through fifth period. Anyone is welcome there--if he has a problem, wants to relax, or just wants to rap.

## Sucker Sale Highlights Girls League Activities

A Sucker Sale, Girls Week, a Welfare Project, Boys and Girls Banquet, and a picnic highlight this semester's Girl's League activities.

Suckers for the sale will be provided by the Sees' Candies. Girls Week will take place the week of April 21. Each day of that week a special activity will be planned such as Hush Day a volleyball game between the faculty and girls, and a Fashion show. The Welfare Project will

involve visiting Sepulveda Convalescent Hospital April 2. The girls will take cookies to the 46 patients and talk with them.

This semester's officers are Debby McClean, president; Sharon Maxey, vice president; Cindy Tanaka, assistant secretary; Karen Summers, secretary; Eileen Higashida, historian and publicity chairman; Sue Soppe, treasurer; Cindy Sweeny, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Donna Baylor, sponsor. The club meets every Tuesday noon in room 110.

Sound-Off

### Are Student Council Reps Sincere

"After we elect our Student Council officers, do we really ever hear from them again?" The answer to that question is in the hands of us, the students of James Monroe High School. It is our responsibility to see that the Student Body and class officers we elect represent us.

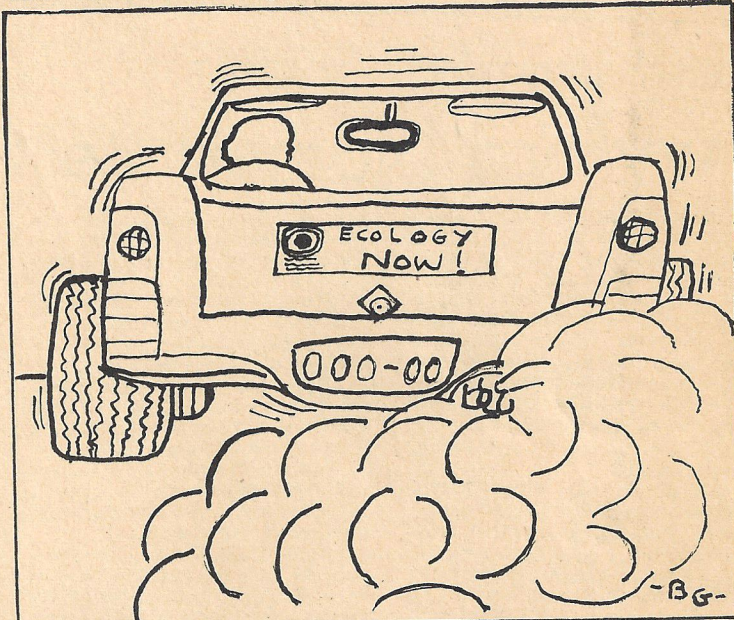
As for representatives of Monroe's service organization, they are more "representative" this year than they have been in years. This is because all of the service organizations' seats on Council are filled by the club presidents, or similar of-

ficer as in the case of the Student Union.

The service club presidents can not hold up council business so they can go back to their clubs with each and every motion. If something of great importance to my club comes up, I will try to bring it back, but I can not waste Council time, or my vote, waiting for my club to voice an opinion or reach a decision. I do my best to vote in the manner that most benefits this school and my organization.

-Mike Leitner

records at Random



Commentary

## Concern For Environment

Today there is great concern for what man is doing to his environment. We all complain of dirty water, and dirty air. Groups are finally getting together and attempting to stop this destruction of the ecosystem that man has brought about through the irresponsible use of his knowledge.

But even now, when this great awareness has been stirred, mainly among the youth of the nation one of our schools' official clubs, Boy's League, sponsors a car show.

In this show, model cars will

be honored, not for their low pollution levels, but on the contrary, for their great horsepower and their abilities to destroy what little we have left.

This is a paragon of inconsistency in our society. Such cars should not be permitted, let alone exhibited. And when our school sanctions such a scheme, it is despicable.

So the Boy's League car show must be stopped or changed to display autos of low or zero pollution levels. Students Unite For Your Air.

-Miguel Capote

## New Crosby Album Cut

by Greg Waskul

If I Could Only Remember My Name, David Crosby's new album fails to achieve the greatness that is expected from a star of his magnitude.

This is the first solo album for Crosby, who has spent most of his recording career with the Byrds and Crosby, Still, Nash, and Young.

The album certainly doesn't lack anything in the area of talent. Crosby teams with such rock giants as Neil Young, Gracie Slick, Joni Mitchell, and Graham Nash on his album, but

not even their tremendous talents can salvage a very mediocre collection of songs.

Crosby, who has written excellent songs in the past ("Deja Vu" and "Almost Cut My Hair," for example), failed miserably here.

Only one song, "Music Is Love," written by Crosby, Nash, and Young, can be considered excellent. The other eight selections can be described as fair to poor, with none of them worthy of Crosby's singing talent. All are unimaginative instrumentally, and the lyrics aren't worth the paper they were written on.

Crosby has been absent from the concert circuit for some time. He doesn't plan any musical engagements in the near future.

It's really unfortunate that a tremendous talent such as David Crosby would put out an album that is as stagnant as If I Could Only Remember My Name.

The listener really gets little or nothing out of the record and it's one of the few albums put out this year that isn't worth buying.

Well, at least it has a pretty cover.

### Voter Sign Up Fails

"Voter Registration was a dis appointment this semester," stated Commissioner of Elections Amy Nishioka. "Two thousand eight hundred and two students registered, 800 less than last semester.

The two week registration period (March 1- March 12) saw 1431 girls and 1371 boys sign up for the May 28 student body elections. Although highly publicized, homeroom registration fell short of last semesters mark of 3600.

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