



Aftershock Results In Minor School Damage

Yesterday's severe aftershock has caused a series of problems around the campus according to Principal E.A. Miller.

Although yesterday's shock only registered 3.8 at the Cal-Tech laboratory in Pasadena, it was felt much more sharply in the Valley area.

The aftershocks have once again clogged Monroe's water lines creating low water pressure. Water in the drinking fountains is low making it difficult for students to get a drink, and toilets won't flush correctly. After yesterday's tremor, the

school's gas had to be shut off for repairs, creating problems for the cafeteria staff. The gas remained off for two hours and caused delays in food preparation.

In the bookroom, Mr. Miller has requested that some of the shelves be removed for safety reason. After the February 9 earthquake, the shelves leaned to the walls and have a tendency to sway during the recent shocks in the past week.

Population Bomb: Essay Contest for LA Students

"The Population Bomb: What Can the School Do?" essay contest is now in progress.

Contest entrants must be enrolled in a Los Angeles City School in the 9th through 12th grade. Essays must be typed, double spaced or hand written, and be no longer than 1,000 words in length. On the entry include phone number, home address, name of school, and grade level. All entries must be received before April 30, 1971. Send entries to Essay Contest, Planned Parenthood World Population, 3100 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California 90005.

The essay is sponsored by the Planned Parenthood World Population. Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second, \$50 for third and honorable mention for fourth. The winners will be announced on May 31 and will appear on television to discuss their essays and receive their awards.

Knowledge Bowl Team To Battle Reseda, Chatsworth

In its first two meets of the season, Monroe's Knowledge Bowl team headed by Mike Leitner and Jeff Berkowitz, will compete against Reseda and Chatsworth High School teams today and tomorrow.

The first meet will be held today period six in room F-1 against the Reseda Regents; tomorrow's meet against Chatsworth's Chancellors to be in E-1 period four. Guests are welcome to view the teams at both meets.

Members of Monroe's team include Scott Hemphill, Charles Garcia, Howard Schnee, Marvin Moskowitz, Anne Connor and Mark Yokimizo.

Student Council Working On Improving PA Announcements

Improving the current system of making PA announcements has been the major action taken thus far in the fourth regular meeting of Student Council.

A committee, headed by Greg Waskul, looked into the problems with the current system of PA announcements and submitted six recommendations for Student Council to act on.

Passed were motions to air PA announcements three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday), to establish a list of all the regularly scheduled meetings to be posted in the homerooms, and to check all PA boxes and the main PA control area for mechanical problems.

Motions to substitute a weekly bulletin for the current daily one and to air PA announcements at the close of second period were defeated.

Still pending was a motion to ring a bell at the end of the eight minutes allotted to home-

room business during period two. The motion also provides for the eight minutes to be turned over to the Valkyrie representative to read the bulletin and conduct other school business.

Other members of the PA announcement committee were Leslie Kirk, Bruce Young, Bobbie Folliart, Wayne Watson, Mark Yokimizo, Jay Eisenberg, and Scott Rotheiser.

Student Council has also initiated a visitation program where Council members visit interested classes to discuss the achievements of Student Council and receive any suggestions from the students.

Originally intended for history classes only, the program has proved so successful that it has been to English classes.

Interested Social Studies and English teachers may request representatives from council by returning the mimeographed request form or dropping a note in the Student Council box in the Main Office.

Grenrock Receives Honor

Josh Grenrock has been chosen as one out of 25 drama students in the United States to study at Julliard School of Fine Arts in New York next year.

His audition took place four months ago at Beckman Auditorium. Each student had to perform two dramatic pieces: one classical and one contemporary. The judges also gave him several improvisations to do.

Josh is mainly interested in comedy but is very fond of every aspect of the theater. He plans to go to New York during the summer and get settled before September. The idea of starting over again in New York is exciting to him, but he is also dreading the distance between Los Angeles and New York. When asked about his feelings on moving to New York, he had this to say, "There is no way in which I could grow other than going to Julliard in New York and breaking away from all the stifling atmosphere that I am presently surrounded by."

He was also named best actor in the play "Muzeeka" at the one-act play festival at Valley Junior College March 29. Josh can presently be seen as "Og" the leprechaun in "Finian's Rainbow" through today.

Julliard is the largest, and one of the finest, schools of fine arts and is located in Lincoln Center. This is the second time in two years that a Monroe student has been accepted; Sandy Johnson was accepted in 1968.

Friday's Sportsnight

Sponsored By Juniors

Tomorrow night from 8:30 to 11 the Junior class will sponsor a Sportsnight. Everyone is invited. Guest passes may be attained in the girls gym before 1 p.m. today. There is a 50¢ admission charge. No V.A.C.'s will be accepted.



Bob Cohen prepares to make P.A. announcements, which may be limited to three days a week.

From the Editor's Desk

I am highly critical of a recent Sound Off (Kevin Allen) opposing Student Council's resolution to send a letter to the L.A. Board of Education requesting the purchase of non-union lettuce instead of union lettuce.

I, as a member of Student Council, voted in favor of sending the letter. Kevin said that we (Council members who voted yes) should be ashamed when our Council passes motions such as these while neglecting important school issues. This letter is taken as an individual action of Council members not as a motion passed by Council.

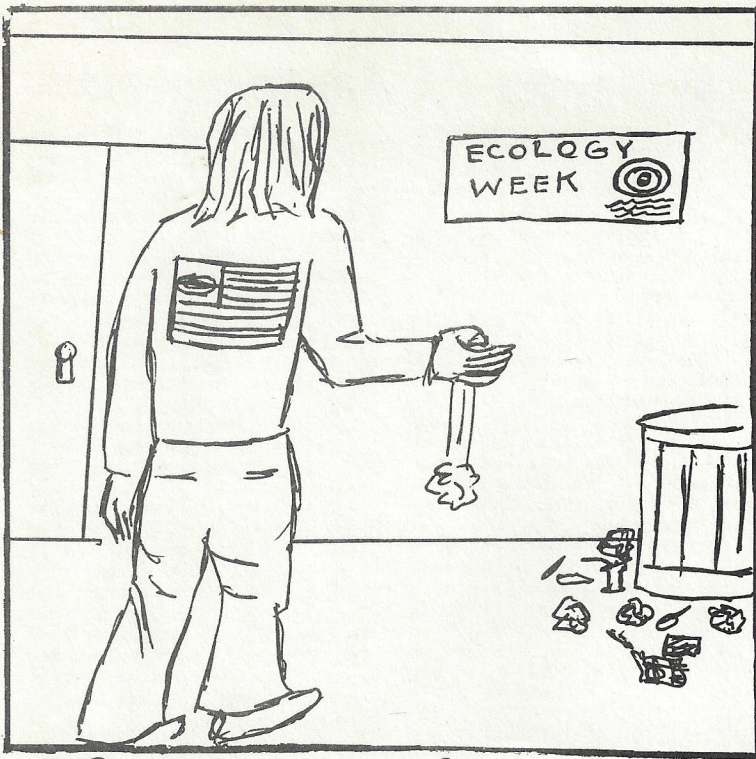
Kevin seems to infer that the Board of Education should be

alienated from those who elected them. "No one should tell anyone" is an example of the poor communication that most representatives seek to end.

He points out in his "Sound Off" that union lettuce is cheaper. This product has often been attacked because of its high chemical and pesticide residues. These factors along with the plight of the non-union workers swayed my vote in favor of the resolution.

It is my opinion that the Lettuce Letter resolution was the most significant motion passed by Council this semester.

--Bruce Young, Editor-in-chief



Swimmers Defeated by Braves for First Loss

Gary Netzley and Mike Staley led the way as they put on outstanding performances against the league dominating Birmingham Braves, but were forced to accept a 54-41 loss, Monday at Birmingham.

Staley put on a convincing performance, as he placed first in the 100 yard Backstroke with a 1:01.9 time, while Netzley took second place in the 400 yard Freestyle in a fashionable 4:31.0 time.

The Medley Relay also proved to be a disappointed contest for the Vikings for they took a

losing, 1:11.0 time.

The Cee Stokers were also forced to accept a beating by the Braves.

The only events the Cees took were the 200 and 100 yard freestyle, both won by Dean Holbrook and the Free Relay, which the Vikings ran away with. Holbrook Mann, Conradson and Bridges combined to put a fantastic 1:08.1 win past the Braves.

The Bee Stokers left Birmingham with a discouraging 71-24 loss.

They were only able to put together two wins Monday afternoon. Those were earned by Chuck Dominick, with a smooth 57.0 time. Jeff Dedrick ripped by Birmingham's Jim Davis to take a 1:04.3 in the 100 yard Backstroke.

60 Students Assessed On Educational Attainments

Sixty students from Monroe were selected to participate in a National Assessment at Educational Progress last Thursday.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is a census like survey of the knowledge skills, understandings, and attitude of young Americans. Its goals are to make available data on the educational attainments of students and to measure any growth or decline which takes place in selected aspects.

Two areas, reading and literature, were being assessed. The assessment required 50 minutes. In the first year of its operation, science, writing, and citizenship were assessed with approximately 90,000 people participating.

Landscape Architect Discusses Proposals

The landscape architect from the Board of Education, Mr. Davis met with the Campus Beautification Club Friday and dis-

cussed proposals to solve the problem of muddy lawns on the campus.

The club had proposed four plans for barriers around the F-Hall lawn; a hedge with a wire passed through it, a hedge with a picket fence to back it up, a plain wood picket fence, and a concrete planter or bench.

Mr. Davis said that hedges would be impractical because the maintenance crews are no longer required to take care of them and the school board is no longer putting hedges up. Also, the required width of the hedge would reduce the size of the lawn too greatly.

About the wooden fence, he said that there would be too much trouble with splinters and the cost is too high. He also estimated the price of the concrete bench all around the lawn at \$3000.

Mr. Davis proposed that a three foot high chain link fence with vines growing on it be placed all around the lawn leaving one or several openings. The vines would make the fence look pleasant and he claimed that maintenance would be negligible.

Also discussed at the meeting was the condition of the soil. Mr. Davis explained that the soil in this area is good farm soil but when the school was built, engineering soil was put over it to keep the buildings from sliding. But this soil is very compacted and does not allow water and roots through. The solution would be to put new topsoil in and plow up the old soil.

Physics Class Seismograph Measures Five Aftershocks

Walk into the front door of 06, make a sharp left turn, and if you aren't watching your step you will trip over what looks like a telescope.

Walk in the back door, make a right turn, and you will trip over a complicated-looking invention about a foot tall, known to the initiated as a seismograph.

These are the playthings of Mr. Warren McMillan's Physics classes. In addition to the telescope and the seismograph, there is a laser, built by the physics classes.

The seismograph was built about a week after the February 9 earthquake by Ron Madel and Bob Wells. So far, according to them, about 5 aftershocks have been recorded. However, now that aftershocks have died down "we may take it down," said Ron.

The telescope is a permanent loan from San Fernando Valley State. Plans for it include the building of an observatory, hopefully off of school grounds, as "the roofs here sway too much," according to Bob.

Students may come and view the equipment in 06 during first through third period. Members of the physics classes will answer any questions.

Monroe does not at present own a nuclear reactor, but.....

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