



Gymnasts Top Foes In Mid-Valley Finale

Brad Horowitz highlighted a superlative performance by the Monroe gymnastics team with an 8.01 event average and three firsts, to make a runaway of the 1971 Mid-Valley League finals held Thursday in the Boys' Gym.

Monroe took the team trophy with 181.95 points while Poly was a distant second with 60.1 points. Van Nuys, 30.5, San Fernando, 21.9, Birmingham, 16.1 and Granada Hills, 14.6, rounded out the scoring.

Horowitz's first in the all-around competition was expected, but the convincing manner in which he performed proved to be a crowd-pleaser. Dana Crosley had a 6.87 event average, while Richard Jimenez's 5.19 qualified them both for City competition.

The gymnast compiled victories in the top four positions in the rope climb, top four slots on rings, high three positions on the side horse, and three top spots on the parallel bars.

Gary Morgan won the rope climb as he grasped the tambourine in 3.2 seconds. Dan Leffler took second ahead of Larry Bilow and Brent Pederson.

Kurt Zimmerman performed with excellence on the side horse to record a 8.7 score to surpass Randy Patton's outstanding 7.5 showing. Bilow placed third.

Bilow scored a remarkable 8.7 on the rings to bring tears to the eyes of some University observers and to take a first place trophy. Morgan's 8.4 took second behind his cohort and slipped him by Arthur Camarillo 8.15.

"If it weren't for the Divine power of God, I wouldn't have been able to overcome this obstacle," proclaimed Bilow in recognition of his performance.

Coach Lazlo Sasvary did an excellent job in sponsoring this years finals as everything was quite organized and moved along smoothly.

"This was by far our best meet. We are now on our way to good performance against University," commented Coach Sasvary.

Student Body Applications Available In VP's Office

Applications to run for next years student body officers are now available in the Boy's Vice Principal's office, according to Amy Nishioka, Commissioner of Elections.

To run for the office of President or Vice President, a student must have a 2.5 (C plus) grade point average on his last 20 week report card and present program. To run for any other office he must have a 2.0 (C) average. All U's must be made up by two E's and the respective Vice Principal's approval is required. Applications must be in the Boy's Vice Principal's office by May 14.

Championship Team Does Battle Tonite

Tonight's final will take place at KNBC studios in Burbank. Any student interested in supporting their school in this all important match are welcome to pick up free tickets from Mrs. Jan Livingston in room Ell. Those students going must meet at KNBC studios with their tickets no later than 9 p.m. Tonight's taping will be broadcasted on Channel 4 sometime in late June.

Monroe's Championship "It's Academic" team puts everything at stake tonight as they battle for the City Championship.

The two schools Monroe will be competing against, Santa Monica and University High, have a great won-loss percentage in league play and it will take an all out effort by the Vikes to pull this one out and bring back a City Championship.

The team features Beth Berke, Jeff Berkowitz, and Michael Dubrow. They go to the City Championship by way of beating North View and Airport High in a real cliffhanger, April 26.



BRAD HOROWITZ - performs the technique on the parallel bars that helped him muscle his way to place first in the all-around competition in Thursdays Mid-Valley League Finals.

Council Invitational Forum Probes Student Opinions

An invitational forum by student council was held Wednesday in Odin's Hall when four English and Social Studies were invited to express their opinion on student politics and Council issues.

This program was part of the new Council visitations program to social studies classes, which was called very successful by Council members.

Student Body President Daniel Poston opened the meeting with a summary of what Student Council had accomplished this semester and Vice-President Bobby Cohen spoke of Valkyries achievements.

Students on the floor then gave their opinions and asked questions of the student Representatives. Mike Spore, ex member of Student Council, complained that the government had been repetitious of last semester's Council and that no real new action had been taken on other issues.

Dan then explained that they had done many new things but that this semester there are not as many major issues as last semester.

Other issues were the Video tape equipment to be purchased, the problem of true representation on Council, and the lettuce letter petition sent by Council to the Board of Education.

Though the program was new and different than anything done before, several council members expressed the opinion that the class visitation program was much more effective.

Amourian Senior Prom At International Hotel

The Amourian Senior Prom will be held on June 5, 1971, at the International Hotel, from 8:00-12:00 p.m. The theme of the Prom will be "We've Only Just Begun" which was voted on by the Senior Class Council earlier in the year.

Music will be provided by the DOOMS DAY REFRESHMENT. The band will play continuously for those who wish to dance as well as listen.

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the Queen of the Prom and her court of four Princesses. Senior girls who are interested in running for Prom Queen are asked to sign-up or have somebody else sign them up this week in the Girl's Vice Principal Office.

Cost of the Prom is \$8.00 per couple. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are on sale now at the Student Store. This is the one event you can't afford to miss.

American Lit Students In Film-Making

Students in Mrs. Eleanor Hecht's American Lit. class are gaining first hand knowledge of film-making and it's techniques through experimentation and production. The ideas for making the films originated last term when Mrs. Hecht felt she wasn't reaching some of her students, and so donated her conference period and own capital to bridge this gap, through the film making process.

The results of her innovation were viewed on Monday. The first production "The Con Game" concerns the trials and trivialities of life at school complete with the clever and amusing aspects of smoking and pollution in the heads, parking dilemmas, cribbing and cheating on exams, and lastly the heroine's confrontation with the principal himself, Mr. E.A. Miller.

The second film, which has already been sold, is entitled "Classes Interruptus" an anthology of all the annoying, time wasting distractions which plague teacher and student every day. Summons, tardy excuses, etc.

Each film is an amusing take-off on old-time movies, (fluttering eyelids, swooning, heroines, and piano accompaniment) set to modern, everyday incidents.

Faculty performers include Mrs. Hecht, Mr. Friedman and of course Mr. Miller.

Student credits go to Debbie Jimenez, Kevin Byram, Jim Peterson, Phyllis James, Jerry Maitland, Louis Flores, Gary Mould, Josh Bottfeld, and Steve Rubin.

Mrs. Hecht will have a class next semester called Mass Media English for those interested in the mechanics of making films.



COMMENTARY

Valkyrie Action Ineffective

When in a representative-type government, the leaders of the legislative bodies start using their power to satisfy their own pet ideas rather than satisfying the wishes of the people, the first step towards pseudo-democracy is taken.

This first step has already been taken by the student council over Valkyrie. I am speaking about the case of whether the student council or the election board would have the power to disqualify a candidate for student body elections.

The student council spent three days discussing the issue and half the time was spent arguing about technicalities. But because a certain group of individuals felt it necessary to take up half a Valkyrie meeting to fulfill their desires, the motion was discussed in Valkyrie in an unconstitutional manner because an opposing view was not presented.

And because of this unnecessary action, an issue of more

importance because it affects all present and future students of Monroe, the quad improvement proposal, is not allotted the time it requires.

Valkyrie is beginning to be used more and more as an extra twenty-five votes in council and a rap session between the reps

and the leaders rather than as the most representative body for students on this campus.

It is up to the Valkyrie representatives to pressure the leadership and become the autocratic body it was intended to be rather than Council's little propaganda corner, because the leadership seems to be taking no action in this direction.

When our student government spends more time discussing those issues that involve only a handful of students that run for office and neglect the complete student body, one cannot help but wonder why we are so ineffective.

Miguel Capote

Bikers To Tujunga Creek

by Karen Kurtz

At 9:10 on a Sunday morning fourteen brave people started out determined to reach their destination before sundown, only 9 made it. Such was the fate of the Bike Club as they rode to Tujunga Creek in Sunland.

It was a beautiful day as we started out on Plummer towards Van Nuys and Pacoima, all ready and eager to go. We were almost to Foothill Blvd., when behind us we heard a voice say "Ride in the white part of the road." It was our friendly neighborhood police officers.

Of course there were some in our group who thought it was fun to ride in the middle of the street, three abreast, and in a few minutes we heard a familiar voice saying, "Hey you in the red, pull over." It was our friend the police officer.

After a slight delay we were on our way again to Lopez Canyon

to see a quake fault. We never found it, but we did find a nice boy's camp.

Again we started along Foothill towards Tujunga. We had no further trouble with our friends and we arrived in Sunland after a nice climb in altitude when we tried to ride up a very long steep grade. We had been riding for about three hours.

Finally we all arrived at the place where the creek was supposed to be. It wasn't. After a little excursion through a desert-like terrain we arrived at the creek and spent a very enjoyable afternoon, building dams, throwing rocks at each other and just having fun being a bunch of nuts.

The trip home was quiet and all downhill. The only thing really wrong with the trip was that not enough people showed up.

Silver Seal Bearers

The following 40 students have also earned the rank of LA City School Silver Seal Bearer: Melinda Leonard, Jorene Sharp,

Debbie Stuke, Kirk Gramcko, Cindy Nach, Mark Onspaugh, Frank Allegra, Mary Berge, Barbara Blakeslee, Randi Goldman, Marion Jones, Tom Ludovise, Linda Sterk, Marian Dent, Sue Komoorian, Beth Petrunak, Marsha Swardlow, Janice Abbey, Desi Kovacs, Valmere Fischer, Dianne Sampson, Terri Wilkinson, Judith Humphrey, Marcia York, Bruce Young, Scott Conover,

Diane Kern, Howard Fortnoff, Robert Westaby, Mike Dubrow, Donna Rimmer, Vance Ventresca, Sue Go-

vea, Suzanne Kaplan, Ken Kolar, Joscelyn Mohl, Donald Engstrom, Keith Gordon, Barri Sibbald, and Karen Tuohino.



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