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Quake Causes Light Damage

by Debi Rising

Only small damage accrued on campus as a result of Tuesday morning's earthquake, according to Principal E.A. Miller.

The science rooms suffered most of the damage when chemicals and bottled specimen fell off the shelves. The damage, was light only leaving a terrible odor.

Most of the books fell off the shelves in the text book room and library. The library shelves moved but are still safe, according to advisors.

Some cracks appeared in the walls but none are in the side walk.

Many workers worked

Monday to clean the mess, and get things back in order.

Although students had a seven day holiday instead of four it will not affect the rest of the semester. Teachers will catch up on what was missed.

The only rescue that was made was some small animals kept in one of the rooms.

Many students had to evacuate their homes because of the fear that the lower Van Norman Dam would break. Workers empty the dam to a safe level to relieve pressure on the wall.

The school water pressure is low,

which had caused the locking up of some of the lavatories. Most of the schools in the San Fernando Valley are having the same problem.

Other schools in district have had to close because of their damage. Not one school building collapsed, according to Mr. Miller

Twyford All-MVL

Mike Twyford, varsity guard and captain of the basketball team, was awarded a first team berth on the all-Mid Valley League Coaches team.

Bruce Battle, San Fernando's high scoring forward, was voted most valuable player, and joined teammates, Jesse Boyd and Valgene Culton on the first team. Billy Hunter of Birmingham rounded out the squad.

Vikes Larry Patrick and Jady Copeland received honorable mention from the coaches.

Al Hyam, the captain and high scorer of the Viking Junior Varsity team, was named to the first squad in the Jay-Vee classification.

Students Unite Against Lettuce

The Student Union is organizing together with 10 other L.A. High Schools, a movement to stop sale of non-United Farm Workers lettuce in L.A. School District Cafeterias.

Petitions asking students to pledge their support of the lettuce strike are being circulated outside of school to be presented to the Board of Education.

The Student Union hopes the petitions will be enough to make the Board change its policy towards the lettuce strike. The Union plans to organize a massive boycott of the cafeteria along with other high schools if the board does not comply.

Presently, the Board is buying all their lettuce from West Coast Citrus distributors which buys the cheapest on the market, whether Union or non-Union.

"The board now buys enough lettuce to supply four large supermarket chains. As long as multimillion organizations such as the Board block off social improvements brought by such things as lettuce strike, there is no hope", stated Miguel Capote, active Student Union member.

Norbert Dill will perform his Gym Wheel specialty, at the gymnastics exhibition held Thursday, Feb. 25 in the Boy's Gym.

Club Visits, Aids Hospital

Lettergirls, a service organization, will participate in the "Athletes for Youth" program in which they will visit hospitals with Dodger stars, Wes Parker and Jim Lefevure.

The visits will stress the danger of drug abuse and the importance of physical care.

Lettergirls, are involved in a project collecting clothing for underprivileged teenagers.

This year seven schools will be attending the annual lettergirls sponsored conference from all over LA on May 17.

The annual lettergirls banquet will be held on February 18.

Is Man Really So Big?

Man is the most superior intellectual being of the Earth. We have been since the beginning of time

The first men had rocks, sticks, and his own mind to work with. In the years, (millions of years, I should say), that followed, man has advanced his mind so fully that he can do anything, from plowing the earth's soil to harvest crops, to dropping a one foot cubical powerful enough to totally destroy the earth and everything on it.

He can ruin our

earth, too, with just every-day, neglectful living. I'm speaking about that 'man made' wonder known as 'pollution'.

We have sent men to the moon, we have built parks and game reserves. We also have polluted the air lakes, streams, and soil.

Man has the power to beautify, or destroy the earth. Man is big.

On Tuesday, February 9, at 6: A.M. the San Gabriel fault slipped approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches causing California to shake

'slightly'. This wasn't 'man made', but nature's doing, yet 52 Californians died, and within 30 seconds, buildings that took man several years and millions of dollars to make, crumbled to the ground. Thousands of people's lives were affected, all because of this minute displacement of earth. Is man really so big?

-Nino King

See Cathy Rigby perform in the annual Monroe gymnastics exhibition, which has been moved to Thursday, February 25 at 8:00 in the Boys' Gym.

Sound-off

Prejudice Unfair

I must say in all honesty that I am very sad to hear Rich Wright's beliefs (Sound-off Feb. 5). Rich, do you look on all longhaired people? Do you honestly take all of your so-called junior Bolsheviks for such fools? I hate to say this, but your brand of prejudice is the same kind that has separated black and white for over 100 years.

The incident in the art class you spoke of is just one happening. Can you rate a certain clique on just one incident? That's like me saying a black man offered me a quarter yesterday for a penny. Man are those blacks fools. I hope to God that this never happens to me. Rich, I hope to God it does not ruin your life.

I just want to ask you to think carefully about your sound off and if you should still feel the way that you did when you wrote it, I'm sorry. Each person has some good inside of him. Try to find this in people and maybe by doing this you can begin your own revolution against hatred and prejudice.

-Mike Nathan

Vote System Changed

"To make the Student Council vote more representative of the majority of the students," is the purpose of the special voting system which will be used next semester, according to Dan Poston, former parliamentarian of Student Council and new student body president.

The "special voting system" is the distribution of votes to the representatives of the most students. This will be done by crediting one vote to appointed officers and club presidents and two votes to student body officers and class presidents. This system will be used when a third of Student Council feels that an issue requires it.

The reason for applying this next system is that previously representatives of small groups controlled a third of student-council votes even though they represented less than one-third of the students.

Vahalla On Sale Now

"Last year people did not expect such a sophisticated edition. This year they can look forward to a higher calibre year book," forecasts Kaja Czerniakowski, Vahalla editor.

Vahalla may be purchased in homeroom through February 27. The dates will not be extended. The price is \$7.



Vahalla has improved with 16 more pages color cover, more color pictures and a new technique in year books. 1,900 were sold last year. Taylor Publishing Company of West Covina will be printing Vahalla at an estimated cost of \$14,000. Vahalla will be distributed during the last week of school.