

Collier Fires Shutout As Vikes Rip Sylmar

Monroe's Varsity Baseball team did it again Monday as they beat Sylmar 6-0 in the city championship quarterfinals at Sepulveda Sports Center.

Tom Collier pitched a five hitter and went the distance for the Vikings. With ace Bob Holt out of the lineup indefinitely due to a sore arm, Collier was under tremendous pressure. But the bulky righthander fired his finest game of the season, fanning seven and giving up only two walks.

Kim Andrew provided most of the punch for the offense as he clubbed out three hits, drove home two runs and scored another himself. Andrew has been on a tear of late, and if he continues to play well he should be named to play the all-city team.

"We played well today," commented Coach Denny Holt. But that was the understatement of the day as the Vikes played errorless ball and supported Collier with six big runs.

Pitching Change

The key play in the game, oddly enough, was a pitching change for the Spartans in the fourth inning. After a single and stolen base by Andrew and a double by Craig Cacek, Redfern was lifted in favor of Dennis King.

Unfortunately, King was wild and allowed a single and four walks before the Vikings led 4-0 and the ball game was safely tucked away.

Gymnasts Muscle Up, Rip Spartans In Semifinals

With very strong performances from John Kolb and Tom Leto complimenting the consistent excellence of Brad Horowitz and Kurt Zimmerman, the Monroe gymnasts enter the City Championship competition a heavy favorite after leaving Sylmar hanging from the ropes 186.53-152.41 last Friday afternoon in the Hollywood High School gymnasium.

Monroe competes in the City Finals for the third consecutive year against West Valley Champion Taft High and their perennial standout Hector Neff Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the Valley State gymnasium.

Taft earned the unenviable position to face Monros by sliding by Narbonne in a meet at South Gate High.

The gymnasts opened the season with a sound trouncing of Taft 188.48-158.15, but the Toredores should prove to be challenging after compiling 178.59 points in their Semifinals competition.

The Vikings take on San Pedro Friday in the city semifinals. Ironically, it was San Pedro who knocked the unbeaten Viking squad out of the city playoffs in 1970. In the only other game Fremont will test Grant and pitching sensation Jim Umbarger.

If Monroe can get past San Pedro, the Vikes will play for the city championship a week from today at Dodger Stadium.

However, the Vikings are playing them one at a time and of utmost concern are the San Pedro Pirates.

Also of utmost concern is Bob Holt's arm, but there'll be a closer look at that Friday.

Four Seek Top Student Post

Four presidential candidates will vie for top office along with three vice-presidential contenders in this week's student body elections.

In the platforms submitted this week, the candidates all expressed a certain amount of dissatisfaction with the present student government.

Bruce Gassin, running for president, feels that the student government has been totally ineffective, the administration has the "ultimate power" in any school issue and can veto any motion, according to Bruce. He goes on to say that instead of this, the faculty, administration, and students should be brought together through a separate government body.

Presidential hopeful Brent Hunter also feels there should be a better understanding between students, faculty, and council. He also believes there should be more student involvement in government. Brent expressed some additional ideas concerning course innovation, auditing, more and varied assemblies, and a more flexible schedule.

Scott Rotheiser, in his bid for top office, expressed his opinions of student government, saying students presently do not have the power they deserve in council. Scott, like Bruce and Brent, feels a need for unity of faculty, administrators, and students. He also feels we need more activities.

Cindy Sweeny plans to hold open forums on a weekly basis if elected. The forums would be similar to Valkyrie meetings but with two differences. Everyone can attend them. Second, grievances and gripes come first. Cindy feels that this is most im-



Presidential candidates in tomorrow's election are: top left to right, Brent Hunter, Scott Rotheiser, Cindy Sweeny, Bruce Gassin and Wayne Watson. Vice presidential hopefuls, bottom left to right are Don Huemen, Jeff Berkowitz, and Mitch Ross.

portant, and then if time allows discuss Student Council issues. She also plans to have committees outside of council that are made up of volunteer students. These committees would be formed to investigate motions on council.

Wayne Watson feels a "streamlined" student council will work faster and more efficiently. He also advocates a student court to which grievances can be taken. The purpose of this is to insure the students' rights under the U.S. Constitution. Wayne also supports an addition of a bill of rights to the Monroe Student Body Constitution.

Mitch Ross, running for vice president, feels student government is ineffective. He believes Valkyrie structure should be altered so homeroom reps would only have to meet three or

four times a semester instead of every two weeks.

If Don Hueman is elected vice president, he will try to organize a group of non-council members to work with the council to tell them what the students want. He is another believer in student-faculty committees. Don also wants polls for student opinions.

Vieing for vice-president, Jeff Berkowitz wants to make it possible for students to help make rules and regulations regarding activities and events. He wants Valkyrie to be run with as strong and fair a hand as possible. He also feels there should be a pass-fail grading system in mandatory classes and lower costs for senior class trips.

Voting will take place on Thursday in homeroom.

Bill Bolde Victorious in Seventh Annual Greenbaum Invitational

Bill Bolde shot a net 78 and scored a handicap bird on the first hole of sudden death play to win the Greenbaum Invitational at Wilson golf course Monday, May 17.

The tournament players at the eighteenth green resounded as Mr. Greenbaum announced a three-way tie of Jim Sharp with a scratch 78, Bill Bolde with a net 78 and Dan Brown also. For the first time in the history of the Greenbaum Invitational a three way playoff was needed.

Tension mounted as the three approached the first tee. Bill Bolde and Dan Brown had only a stroke margin to hold against Jim Sharp, one of the very top

players of the team. The silence, was broken by the impact of a swing which would drive the ball 280 yards down the right side of the fairway and a foot deep into the rough, leaving Jim a very tough shot. Bill Bolde reciprocated with a 220 yard poke down the middle leaving Dan Brown 25 yards behind.

The attempted shot from the rough left Jim a 240 yard deficit which he countered leaving a four wood shot on the back collar of the green. Two more shots left Bill with a twenty-five foot putt and Dan off the green to the left. Bill dropped the ball in two strokes to win without using the stroke advantage.

COMMENTARY

Student Elections Hit

Student body elections at Monroe are traditionally a farcical popularity contest. Each year, the cutest guys and foxiest girls are elected, and this causes havoc in Student Council nearly every semester.

The reason? Well, these good looking chicks or "nice guys" don't always make the best representatives. "Society freaks", as they are often termed, are usually too busy with their social endeavors to spend the time necessary to do an effective job on Council.

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Instrumentalist Ignored

We are writing this because the instrumental music department has been abused and ignored far too long for its members to remain silent any longer. We are a part of the fine arts department, just as the actors in play-production, the dancers in dance-production, the singers in choir, and the artists in the art department. But the overall attitude towards the musicians and their efforts has been pretty low.

Anyone could have walked in on a "Finian's Rainbow" rehearsal and seen the actors snubbing the dancers, the dancers snubbing the singers, and everyone snubbing the orchestra. The orchestra has too long been taken for granted. If one goes to any other school you will not find a musical department such as Monroe's. We have more students in honor organizations (Cal Arts Orchestra, San Fernando Youth Band, All Southern California Honor Orchestra, etc.). It is obvious that the school is ignorant of the quality in the music department. The instrumentalists have been kicked around too long. It is time that the students begin to look to the music department for what it's worth--good musicians and good music.

We have had several different directors in the past three years, and we are just now beginning to get pulled together. All we are asking for is support from the students. Give us a chance.

--Eugene Carl
--Ron Nadel
--Roy Bronder

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**MITCH
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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

As a result, Student Council often becomes ineffective. Although all student body officers are not "society freaks" and deadheads, Council seemingly always has enough of these unconcerned students to make the whole body a complete fop.

So, the only way to make Council effective is to elect intelligent and concerned representatives. This isn't to say that foxy girls and cute guys won't make good representatives, as some of Monroe's top Council members are handsome or cute.

All I ask is that you consider the qualifications and dedication of each candidate before you vote tomorrow. Make it your business to know who is the best candidate for each office, and vote for him or her despite their looks.

In this way, Student Council can become the voice of the students and can finally be an effective body. By taking a little extra time to discover the best candidates you can rid your campus of the "pseudo-democracy" that has plagued it in recent semesters.

---Greg Waskul

Accreditors Praise

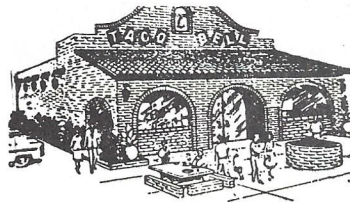
Science Department

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of stories on the report of the accreditation committee

The science department received praise for teacher competency, new classes, and the special advanced biology class, and the use of teacher-made materials when funds are not available. Recommendations: two biology courses, one college-prep and one not; more labs, more and different courses, lab assistants and new equipment.

General recommendations were: more phones for office personnel, more materials, and more space for clerks and counselors.

Informally, the team felt that the main strength of the school was the attitude of student, teachers, and administrators. They also felt the main weakness was sheer size.



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Females Recognized by Writer As Different but Equal Beings

The movement that has picked up the last couple of years is Women's Lib. What is Women's Lib? It is women who want to liberate themselves from the so-called male chauvinism. This writer agrees that there is a male chauvinism, sure they sometimes get lower pay, or are deprived from jobs that any man can get, but how come, all of a sudden, women are making a big commotion about it? What happened to the good old days when women were women and men were men? When women stayed home and took care of the family and home while the men worked and supported their dependents.

Of course there are some jobs that some women can perform better than some men, and vice-versa. You can't find very many male secretaries or maids, and you can't find many female truck drivers or bartenders. That just proves there are jobs for women and jobs for men, and there should be different jobs for the different sexes.

As for the women with the same jobs as men and are getting paid less, it is this writer's

opinion that females are different, but they are equal.

--Allan Taffe

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Blame Trip Failure on Communication Lack

The reason the Alphasian class activity, the trip to Newport Dunes, flopped, was because nobody knew when or where to sign up. The signs advertised the price and date, but not where to sign up. I asked our homeroom representative about the details and he knew nothing.

Another thing was the condition that one had to ride the bus in order to participate. For people who had not other way to go, the bus is great, but I would have preferred to take my own car.

There seems to be a communication gap between the Class Activity Committee and the rest of the class. I'm sorry the Class Activity failed, but it wasn't due to lack of spirit.

George Raino

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