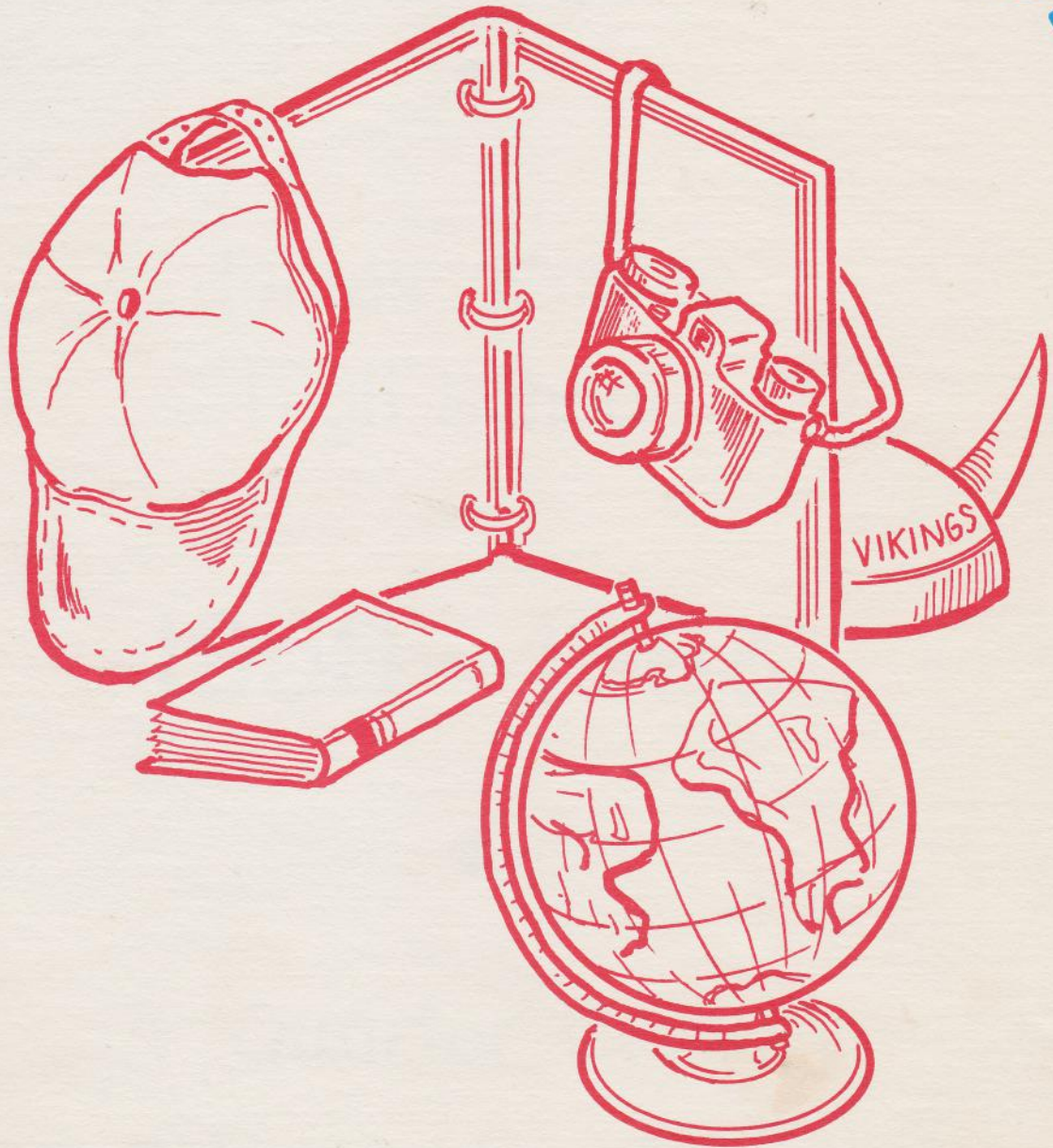


MONROE HIGH SCHOOL



1958 - 1983

The Viking Saga



James Monroe
High School

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**A Quarter Century
of Academic, Athletic,
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Dr. William Jay Settle
The First Principal

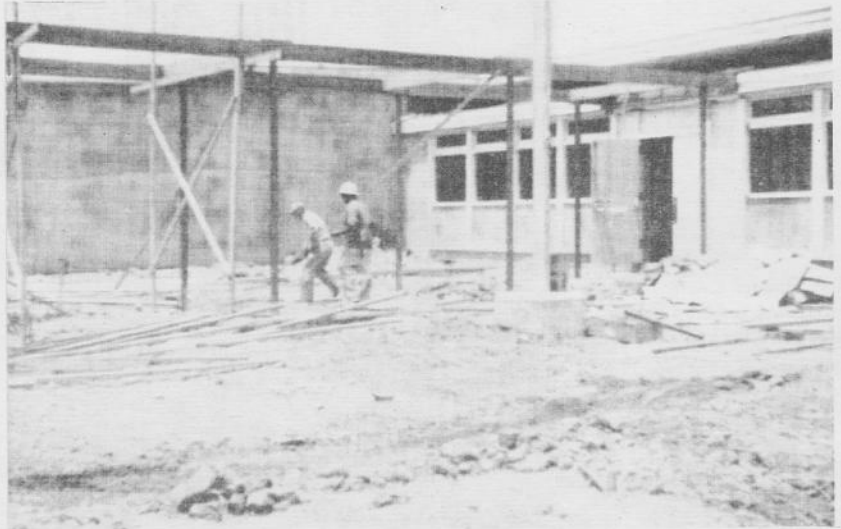
James Monroe High School opened its doors in September 1958, with 1900 students in the 10th and 11th grades only. Three weeks after the school began, the first issue of the **Monroe Doctrine** was off the presses.

John McAdams, star center on the varsity basketball team, was elected first student body president. Pat Summers (Loveridge), currently an aide in the student store, was student body treasurer.

Cheerleader skirts were well below the knees, and Doug Michelson, at present head basketball coach at Hart High School, was a member of Monroe's varsity squad. The first drama performance (in Odin's Hall) was Jean Anouilh's "Thieves Carnival," and clubs included future leaders in business, teaching, homemaking, engineering, and medicine. There were also a pep club, a writers' club, and a forensics club.

Eight openers—still kicking—

Mr. Alzenstat, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Cestare (Mills), Mr. Falotico, Mr. Hampton, Mr. Miller, Mr. Newman, Mr. Schmidt.



The campus a-buildin'

Class of W '60 Dirigons

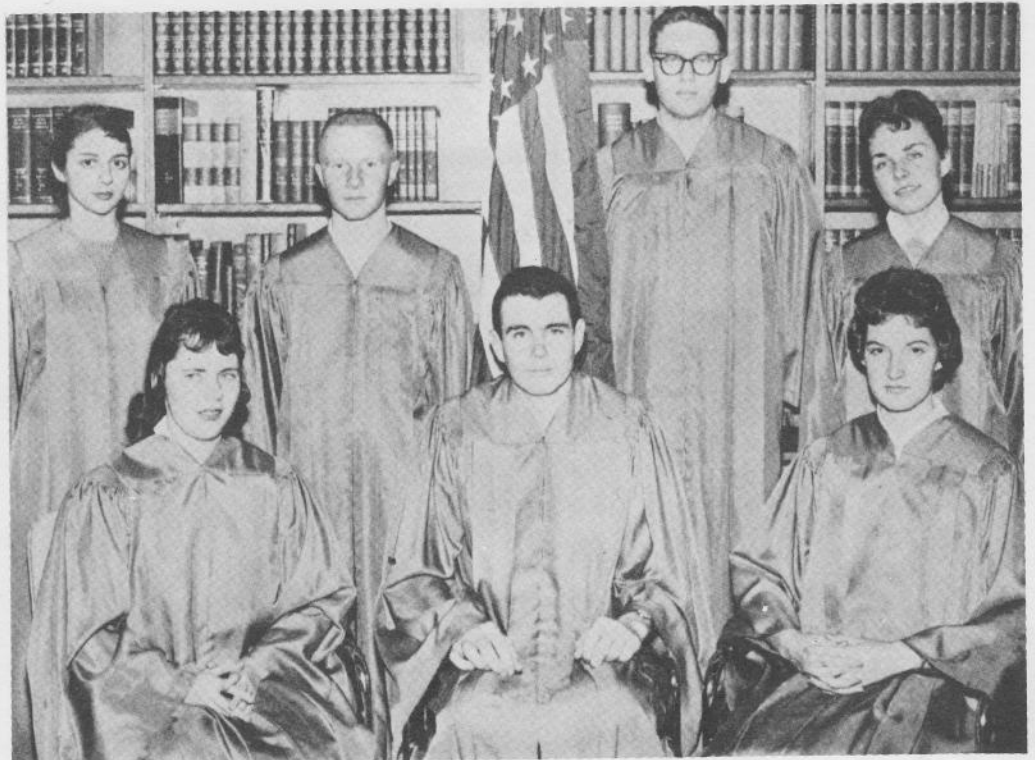
The Dirigon Class of Winter 1960 was Monroe's first graduating class. It introduced the Candlelight Supper (now the Senior Awards Dessert), the Senior Breakfast, and many other now regular aspects of senior life.

The senior prom was held (as it was for many years) in Odin's Hall; the following senior class honored the graduating seniors by putting on the prom for them, decorating Odin's Hall and taking care of all other activities related to the prom.



Lars-Eric Sorenson and Britt Marie Thuren, of Denmark and Sweden, respectively, Monroe's first two foreign exchange students.

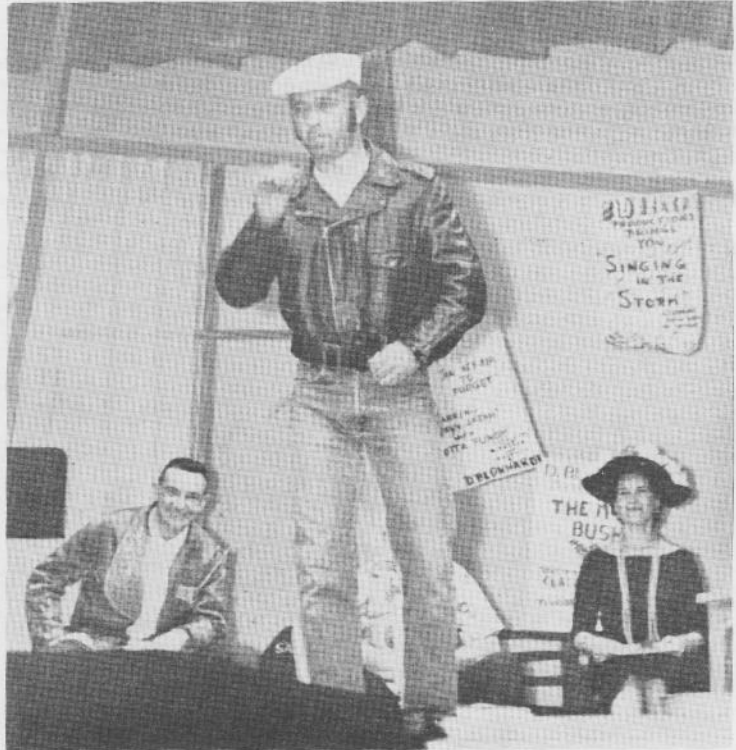
Those stern faces were the faces of justice—Monroe's first Student Court. John McAdams (center, bottom row) was chief justice.



Class of S '60 Valions



Bill Elliott, who created Viking Vic and Viking Val.



Boys' Vice Principal Robert Malcolm cuts up "Faculty Varieties."

In June Monroe graduated its second class, the Valions, but the school was much reduced as 700 10th and 11th graders transferred (along with a number of faculty members) to the newly-opened Granada Hills High School.

In the spring Monroe held its first Jamboree, inaugurating a series of drives to pay for the installation of lights on the athletic field. (Eventually, Monroe became the first city high school to pay for its own lights.) A feature of the Jamboree was an 11th-12th grade football game, with door prizes, including a vintage 1941 Cadillac.

Dances included a Backwards Dance. Monroe had its first (of six) faculty shows, "Faculty Varieties," starring, among others, Mr. Bill Aizenstat and the lately-retired Mr. Gene Friedman.



Class of W '61 Olympians

Winter 1961 saw Monroe with five different singing group classes (an all-time high), an art service class, and a Rocket Club, among other "spectacularities." The Olympians lost to the Elysians in the first ever senior play day, and the first school talent show became history.

The Olympian sweater was charcoal and white and the class held its senior picnic at Griffith Park.

Monroe began to swap talent shows (for assemblies) with other high schools, and a brass bell from a "retired" Santa Fe locomotive became the school's victory bell.

High Tones—one of five vocal groups at Monroe in the "good old days."



Could this be a conga line at a dance?



One of Mr. Mel Flack's more ambitious productions—"The Skin of Our Teeth."

Class of S '61 Elysians

The Summer 1961 Elysian class became the first graduating class to complete all three years at Monroe. Student body president Bill Lyle served as mayor of Los Angeles during Boys' Week, and **Confetti**, the school's literary magazine, was published for the third year in a row.

Monroe equaled other polls in picking Richard Nixon to defeat John Kennedy, a straw vote on the presidency. Monroe won the safest (accidents) school award in Los Angeles, for the second consecutive year.

Two voluntary (no credit) math classes were offered at 6:30 and 7:10 a.m., and in January, it was decided to offer an extra grade point for grades in honors and AP classes.



Upper, left—the beginning of senior field days and the inevitable tug-of-war;

Upper, left—the beginning of senior field days and the inevitable tug-of-war; lower left—this very much resembles a sweetheart (Valentine) dance; lower right—Jamboree queen Jennifer Peak is the center of attention.

Class of W '62 Adrezians

A state administrative team gave Monroe full credit, the earliest such accreditation in LA high school history. The football team finished its regular season undefeated (but twice tied), then lost, 12-0, in the first playoff round to the eventual city champion, Manual Arts.

Six classes were offered at 7:10 a.m. only to students with six regular classes: honors American Lit, Power Reading, chemistry, US Government, geometry, and Vocal Production.

Sue Ailman took off for a semester in New Zealand, Monroe's first non-summertime exchange student, and proceeds from the Jamboree paid for a sports scoreboard.



Left—Jim Hills at full grin.



Right—the faculty band for "My Fair Lady's Gentleman."



The athletic field lights—purchased from money entirely raised by student body activities—go on for the first time.

Class of S '62 Celestians

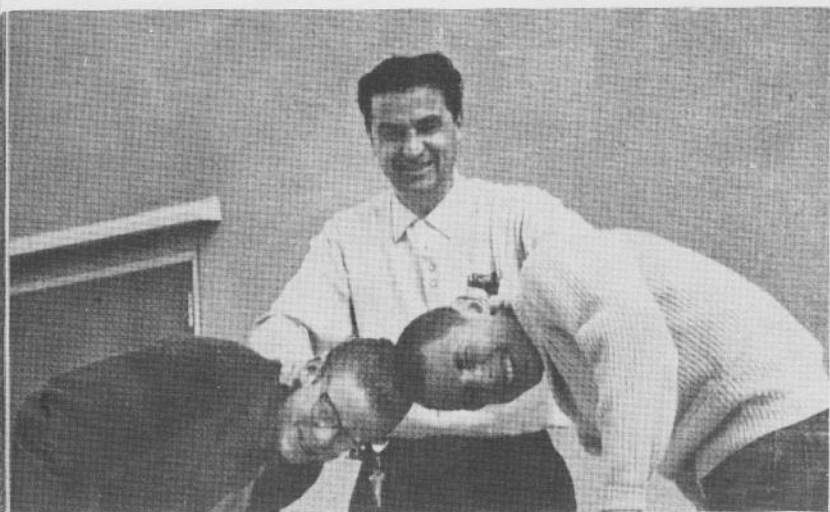
Monroe's faculty engaged in its most ambitious venture (of all six faculty shows) when it presented "My Fair Lady's Gentleman," a role reversal based on the famous musical, with a seven-piece stage band, a bum's chorus, and other innovations.

The agriculture department's horticulture division won first place in the Los Angeles Beautiful competition, **Doctrine** and Student Council "battled" to a 9-9 tie in their annual softball classic, Girls' League switched from a banquet to a Father-Daughter Frolic (a kind of play-day.)

Carrie Brand became Monroe's first Valley Bank of America winner, when she took first place in the fine arts category.



Bottom, right—Print Shop Teacher Richard Weber talks sense to a couple of students; bottom, left—Steve McAdams about to crown one of his teachers? above, left—something funny in physics?



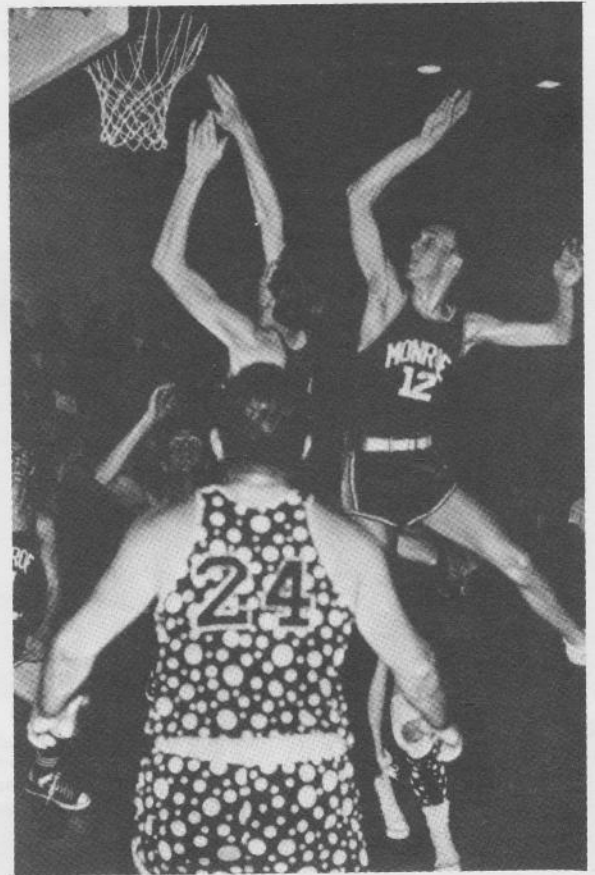
Class of W '63 Centurions

Lower left—The "gardeners" do their thing; lower right—The Mafia invades; top—the faculty and senior basketballers have at each other.

Monroe held its first ever Student Council Week in the fall of 1962, and six school clubs participated in Christmas charity projects.

The annual car show was its usual success and Doctrine and Council staged their traditional softball fiasco.

The Christmas Formal was the highlight dance before the Senior Prom, and the varsity football team smashed its way to five straight victories before running into three straight losses. The varsity basketball team trounced the faculty in their annual matchup.



Class of S '63 Delphians

The annual car show was its usual success, and Doctrine and Council staged their traditional softball fiasco. Flapper Follies (a dance) was the feature extra-curricular, and the fifth annual Jamboree was another big one.

The Vikings hosted an exchange student—Eduardo Lodi— from Argentina, and CSF established its first Knowledge Bowl team, with Mr. Steve Greenbaum as sponsor.

Tenth grader Craig Newman began to make his mark on the track in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and in the long jump.

Left—In the days when the rope climb was a part of gymnastics; top right—Doug Michelson models the latest garb; bottom right— Play Production presents "Onlons in the Stew."



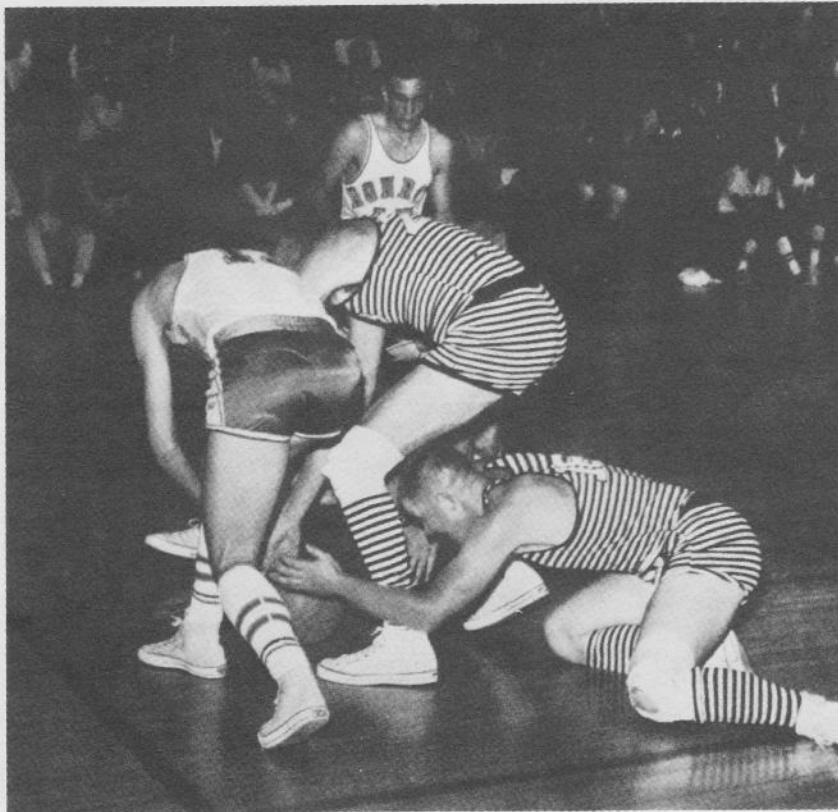
Class of W '64 Myrmidons



Most Likely to Succeed



The Candlelight Supper



The Faculty-Senior "Basketball" Game

Enrollment soared to 3400, almost double the opening figure in 1958. An active GAA (Girls Athletic Association) included badminton, volleyball, basketball, and softball. A faculty-senior basketball game highlighted fall activities, and the faculty put on its third show; this one was called "Avalanche" or "The Year of the Big Wind," and it featured, among other things, a genuine coffin fashioned by the wood shop.

Among the new classes offered was a class devoted to the work of a fellow named William Shakespeare.

Class of S '64 Valparisians

Mr. E.A. Miller became principal of Monroe in February, 1964; a Japan Day assembly highlighted semester activities, and the Doctrine ran its first color photo.

Monroe's Knowledge Bowl team, which was occasionally involved with radio and TV under guises of "It's Academic" and "Scholar Quiz," was launched by CSF and student body president and footballer Jim Umber placed first in Valley Bank of America competition in math-science.

A Monroe student scored 100% on the WAVE entry test, becoming the first applicant ever to do so, and all was right with the world, which also saw an opera club established at Monroe.



The girls help the boys in the pie-eating contest.



A couple of faculty witches during "Avalanche," the faculty show.



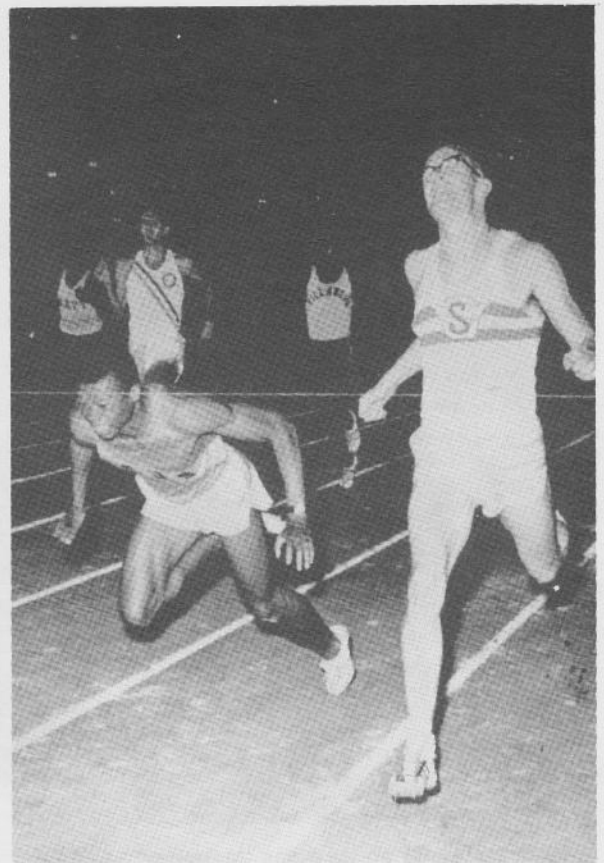
Student body election campaigning in the "good old days."

Class of W '65 Aretesians

Twenty-one hundred Vikings out of a total student body of 3600 purchased activity cards, and in October, math teacher Mike Larrabee, a USC grad, won two gold medals at the Tokyo Olympics; he was 30 years old when he won the 400-meter dash and ran on the winning 1600-meter relay team.

Jayvee and tenth grade cross country teams both finished second in the city, and news came that in the previous August, *Scientific American* magazine had run an account of experiments on plant hormones done by senior Rick Caggiano.

Left—The Mike Larrabee gold medals, one in the 400 meters, the other in the 1600-meter relay; top right— Mr. Viking cavorts; bottom right— Olympic gold medalist and Monroe math teacher Mike Larrabee winning a race for the Striders.



Class of S '65 Caltesians

California Scholarship Federation launched its noon tutoring program, and junior Bruce Cohen became the first Viking to opt for spending his senior year in a four-year college, choosing the University of Southern California.

Under Mr. Al Johnson, Monroe students interested in ceramics formed YOSOPAM, "Ye Olde Society of Potters at Monroe," dedicated to the perpetuation of pottery-making.

The annual is dedicated to Nagoya Municipal Technical High School, Monroe's sister school, and a varsity sprinter runs the 100-yard dash in 8.9 seconds, a world's record—until they measured the course.



Lower left—Andrea Kaplan whirls a mean fandango; lower right—a group of the "kids" at the Caltesian beach party; above—why don't you just take a guess?



Class of W '66 Savants

Monroe boasts of seven National Merit finalists, and the University of California, Berkeley, congratulates Monroe on the fine freshman academic performances of nine of its graduates.

For the first time, a Los Angeles Unified School District band marches in the Rose Parade, all 108 Vikings.

John Stuart Jenks graduates with a 4.4 grade point average (extra points being awarded for honors classes), the highest in the school's history, and goes on to Harvard.



Above—The mayor of Nagoya greets Monroe students visiting Los Angeles' sister city; left—artist in flight—Modern Dance; below—Ye olde Society of Potters at Monroe—hard at work.



Class of S '66 Chevaliers

Art teacher Warren Shelton presents Monroe with his handiwork—a sculptured bust of the school's namesake, President James Monroe.

Robert Malcolm, boys' vice principal since the opening of the school in 1958, moves on, and the Doctrine is named the best newspaper in the city.

CSF takes its first honor day field trip, and Andrea Bartlett, Pam Gonsalves, and Debby Rodney win contests, and a deputation of Monroe students visit Los Angeles' sister city, Nagoya, Japan, and Monroe's sister school, Nagoya Municipal Technical.

Below—Who knows? Right—This was dancing, in those days; above—unforgettable girls vice principal Gerry Schwaderer leading a cheer?

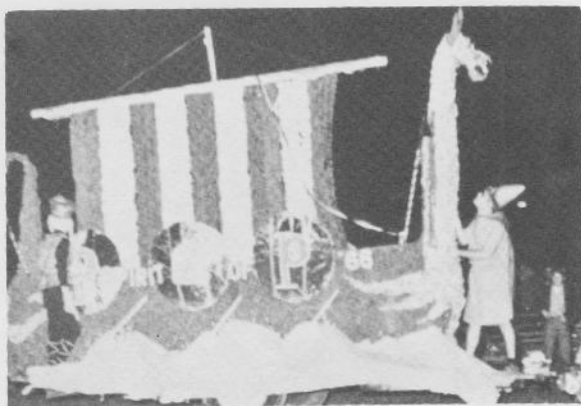


Class of W '67 Praetorians

Monroe opens with just under 4,000 students, and the program includes AP classes in French and Spanish, six English electives, and German, Russian, and Japanese.

The gymnastics team wins the city championship, the play production group puts on "The Madwoman of Chaillot," AND TENTH GRADER Mike Porter places first in an all-Southern California math competition.

Kathy Kelly wins a Los Angeles championship in extemporaneous speaking at the National Forensics District event. At the same time the Monroe Speakers Association puts on the Southern California tournament.



Below left—prize-winning Praetorian float at Homecoming; above left—"The Grape Society"? above right—typical senior girls in their holiday best; below, right—a new sport: grass skiing.

Class of S '67 Ceresians

The faculty puts on its fourth show, this one called "Shame," a very broad take-off on the movie starring Alan Ladd. At the same time, honors begin to roll in. Paul Tidwell wins a Lockheed scholarship; Mitchell Luskin wins a \$1,000 award in the **Los Angeles Times** Fund in the science area; and Richard Miller is one of two Southern California students selected for a National Science Youth Camp. Clear Creek counseling begins, tutoring begins at Gledhill School, and the Disc Jockey Club is launched.

A senior concentrates fiercely on what counts.

student body president Larry Thompson



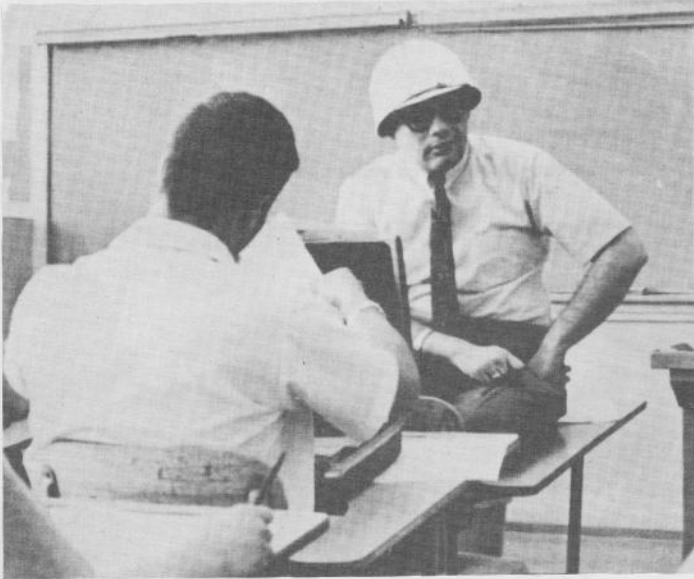
Rah, rah, rah!

Class of W '68 Dravidians

Homecoming features Monroe's tenth anniversary, and, for the first time, underclassmen enter floats in the annual competition, at which Michele McCann rules as queen.

Play Production offers "Pajama Game," and hula hoops invade the campus, as students demonstrate their increasing maturity.

Student Council also creates a first by hosting a Valley-wide Human Relations Conference at Monroe.



Right—principal finds niche in car wash; left, above—Mr. Katz lectures on peaceful co-existence; left, below—merlin (or someone) visits.

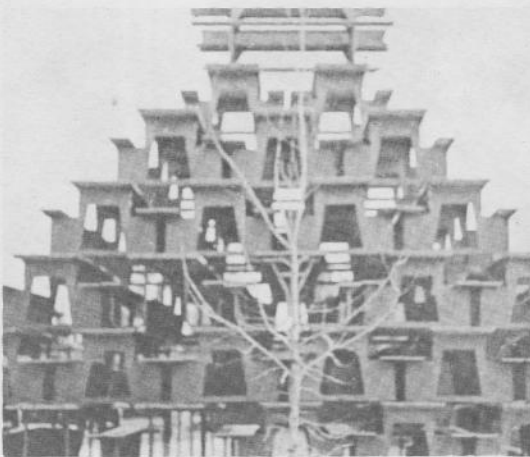
Class of S '68 Valdigians



Student body president Greg Ireland wins first place city honors in the liberal arts division of Bank of America competition, and Michele McCann wins a Hughes scholarship in math-science.

Students watch Play Production's "Crucible," and Monroe's chapter of CSF sponsors the South Central Regional Conference of CSF at CSUN (then San Fernando Valley State College) with 1600 students in attendance.

Left, above—Seniors demonstrate school-learned athletic skills; left, below—Seniors leave monument to school; below—a pie-eyed boys' vice principal?



Class of W '69 Cartesians

Three foreign exchange students add to Monroe's population, and Viking Service puts on a Halloween party for San Fernando's juvenile hall.

The Jayvee cross country team wins the city championship, and CSF inaugurates its Valley-wide mathematics field days (still going on) for junior high school students.

Steve Knowles takes first place in the West Valley's United Crusade speech competition, and the winter class holds its all-night party at Universal City (B.D.—Before Disneyland).



Above—The art department "project;" below—Classy Can competition; right—the Cartesian float.

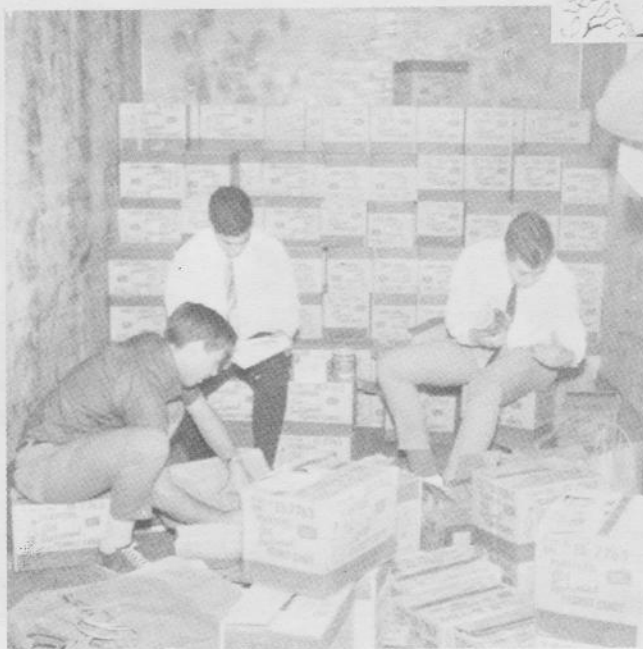


Class of S '69 Aliisians

Advanced Placement US History joins Monroe's string of AP classes, and a B-10 wins two roundtrip tickets to San Francisco in the VAC drive. Student Council opens lunch time gripe sessions, to the pleasure of many students, and an investment club joins the growing list of things to do. CSF takes an honor day field trip to UC Santa Barbara, with three students to a bus seat, all in a heavy downpour, and the gymnastics team—who else? wins the city title.

Mike Porter is a state winner in the Labor test, worth \$500.

Below—The peanut drive is underway; right, top—Faculty dance hall girls rest in "Shame," third faculty show; right, bottom—not exactly 79 trombones.



Class of W '70 Delshalons



The 23-day teacher strike was the chief topic of conversation during the school year, with students as divided on the subject as the teachers. As a result, no final exams were held.

Knights and Ladies (two separate clubs then) sing Christmas carols at Sylmar Juvenile Hall, and Mr. Mel Flack's Play Production puts on a stirring performance of "The Lottery" in central stage in Odin's Hall, with percussion and modern dance adding to the general atmosphere.

The Delshalons graduate in the gym, the last winter class in Monroe's history, as the Los Angeles Board of Education eliminates midyear classes and graduations.



Above—Mr. Keefer admires his "facsimile;" left— Star runner Neil Bernstein climbs one of the Pierce hills; right— "entertainment" at the senior barbecue.

Class of S '70 Aurorians

Bagels Unlimited and the Student Union join the list of clubs, and the semester begins with a two-day teacher boycott.

Monroe holds its first Book Fair, and 12 National Merit finalists are named (the most in Monroe's history, and their ranks are augmented by two transfer students).

Team teaching is introduced at Monroe, with classes taking place in Odin's Hall, and, as usual, to mixed reviews. The Bee swimming team highlights the sports year by winning the city championship.

Monroe places first in Southern California in the Math Association exam out of 125 schools.



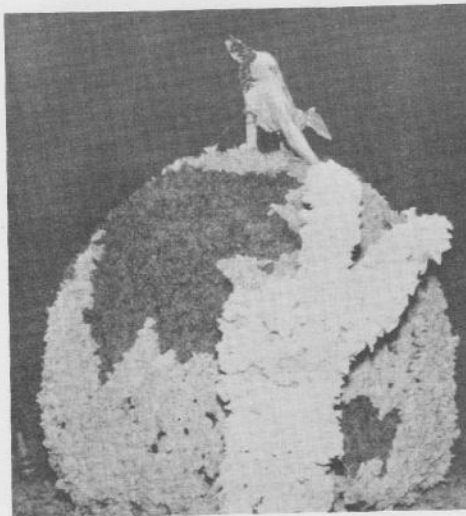
Above—Poster Palace; left— the Powder Puff football game; right—What grace, what delicacy, what is it?

Class of 1971 Amourians

The Amourians become the first full year class, and a visiting state accreditation committee criticizes Monroe and the Los Angeles school district, thereby causing much misunderstanding and fear.

Monroe boasts three married couples as teachers, and the Rap Room, a place for meditation and personal counseling, opens. Vocal Ensemble puts on a folk rock musical, and Mr. Pete Kanonchoff, Business Ed department chairman and one of those who opened Monroe, dies.

DOCTRINE experiments as an "every-other-daily, and Monroe suffers only minor damage during the February earthquake. The gymnastics team wins another city title, and the baseball team wins its first city championship. Tim Quinn wins the state pole vault crown at 15 feet 2 inches.



Right—the Rap Room; top, left—the six National Merit finalists; top, right—Peace, the Homecoming float.

Class of 1972 Alphasians

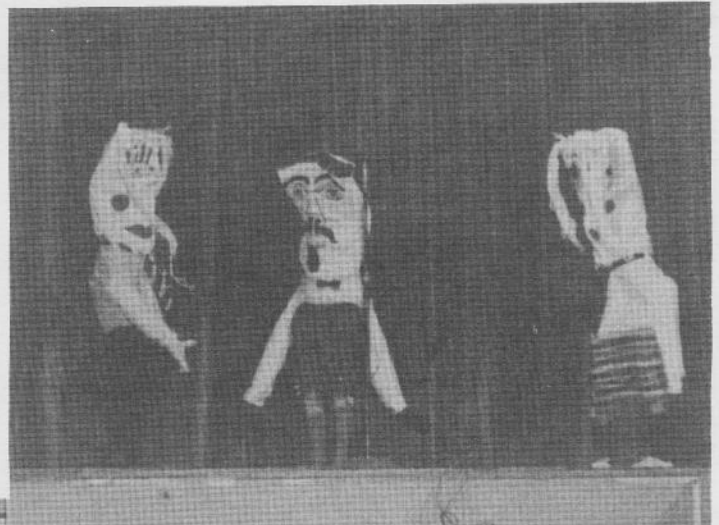
With the opening of Kennedy High, Monroe loses approximately 200 students, and 15 teachers transfer, but the Vikings number somewhere between 4600 and 4900 and are estimated to be the largest high school in the state. The single lunch period was a real treat!

Monroe's continuation school comes into existence, and it eventually adopts the name of Albert Einstein High. E-10 begins its transformation into a Little Theater, and the Monroe nursery school (Childhood Education) is established.

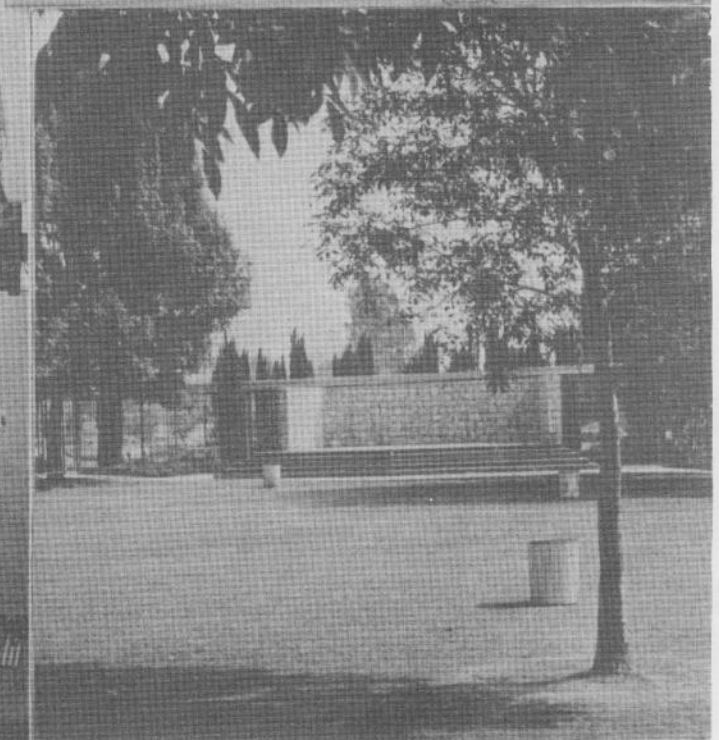
David Rosenthal takes third place in fine arts in the city Bank of America competition, Darr Conradson wins the city United Crusade Speech Contest and Howard Schnee wins a \$500 Labor test award.

Monroe goes very experimental with the establishment of its X-program, a program which includes mini courses, varied daily schedules, and some 70-minute periods on certain days. (Winchell's and other nearby hangouts do a land-office business.)

Junior Guy Benjamin (later of Stanford fame) and lineman Dennis Shaw make the all-city football team, as the varsity loses in the city finals to Carson, 41-20. The Bees set a school record in a 63-0 victory over University, and Tod Muckler wins the first of his three city diving championships. The swimmers beat Burroughs for the first time in 15 years and Tim Quinn vaults 15 feet 8½ inches, best in the US.



Bottom, right—the Senior Lawn in greener, cleaner days;
bottom left—a rare view of the inside of a student locker;
top—barbecue entertainment.



Class of 1973 Avantes

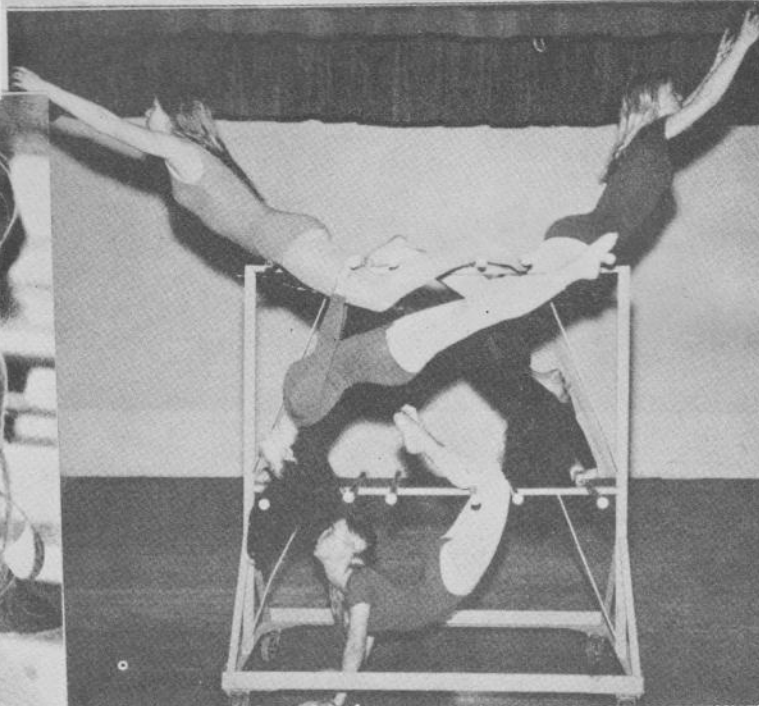
A campaign by Doug McBride and Pete Hess to have the James in Monroe changed to Marilyn is not taken too seriously by many, but it gets some national attention. Seven band members make the All-City Band and march in the Rose Parade.

Marti Evans places first in Valley Bank of America competition, and the X-schedule is abandoned due to student apathy, and CSF holds its first book fair.

E.A. Miller, Monroe's principal for 9½ years, departs for Venice High, and 45 of 53 AP test takers, pass. The widely-publicized Stull Act (to evaluate teachers and dismiss incompetents) goes into effect; it proves totally ineffectual.

Tod Muckler wins his second city diving title, and Richard Nance wins the city mile championship, but Guy Benjamin ends his high school football career early with an injury; nevertheless, the football team scrambles as far as the city semi-finals with such victories as 12-8, 8-7, and 5-0. (Yes, that was football!)

Lower left—Laugh, clown, laugh; lower right—a modern dance pretzel; above—the Childhood Education class and student teacher.



Class of 1974 Altruistsians

Dr. Clifford Davis, ex-USC footballer, becomes principal, and the Rap Room (one of Monroe's great innovations), closes for lack of funds. Student Council flirts with dumping the office of president and replacing it with a speaker, and the track team fights Coach Balzarett's hair length dictates.

In the year of the rhubarb, four Student Council members streak (it was "in" then) and are nabbed. Council and Dr. Davis disagree strongly on appropriate punishment; guess who wins.

The varsity cross country team wins the city crown as old reliables Richard Nance and David Bernstein run 1-3, the girls' softball team wins the city title, Tod Muckler takes his third consecutive city diving championship, and the varsity baseball team outslugs Taft, 9-8, to win the city crown and complete a banner sports year.

SWAS, Monroe's alternative school, opens its doors, Ronnie Geller wins a Lockheed National Merit scholarship, and Kathy Lench and Jay Heatt dazzle audiences in "My Fair Lady." Bill Foster wins a \$500 state labor test award.



Below, left—senior barbecue chef Joyce Zane; below—not an outdoor strip, but a cross country meet at Pierce; above, left— faculty show performers Friedman, Greenbaum, and Gullfreda; above—two muddy left feet.



Class of 1975 Les Inspires

Mandatory teacher transfers stir up students, teachers, and community to launch an uneven year. Gerrick Sharrigan, Monroe teacher and counselor for 10 years, dies of a heart attack, and Earl Matthews, a Viking math teacher since 1959, is killed in an accidental fall.

Monroe takes the top three places in Trade Tech's mechanical drafting contest; Cheryl Cushing places second in the city Bank of America vocational arts, and Eric Hagestad wins the state Betty Crocker competition. Eric wins \$1,000 and a 6-day trip to Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg for himself and his sponsor.

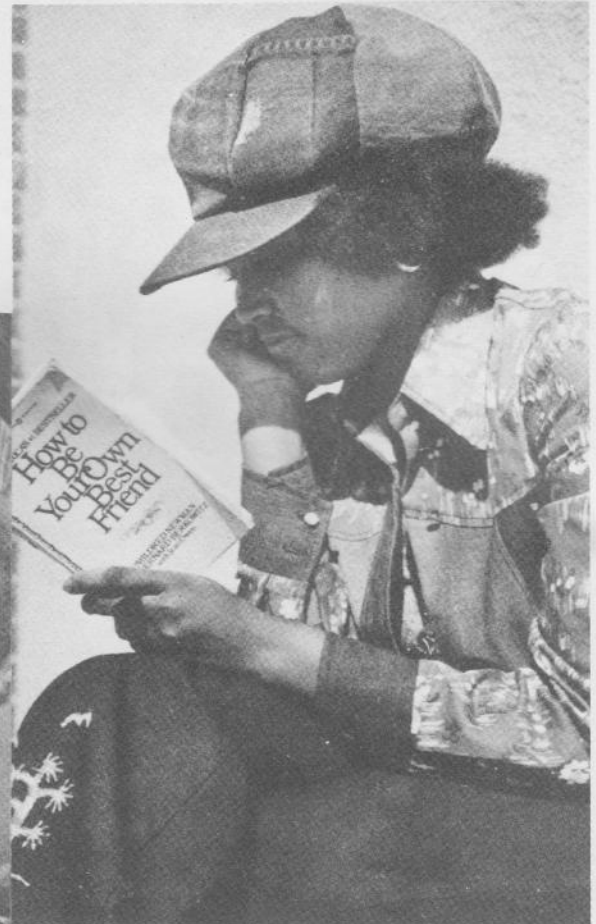
The drill team places first in city tests at South Gate; 10th grader Mike Schumacher is named Los Angeles sectional treasurer for the Future Farmers of America; and Doctrine editor Mark Bowman attends the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

Mayor Bradley speaks with students in Odin's Hall; junior Dan Klionsky wins the Notre Dame alumni award; and Kathleen Kelly and Scott Sachs win Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce auxiliary awards for volunteer service.

Alison Levin shakes up the athletic department by announcing plans to try out for Jayvee football, but sports survive as Mike Bernstein wins the city 10th grade cross country title, and gymnasts win another city title.



Below—onlookers admire decorated cakes in the annual contest; right, below—Self-improvement isn't just a modern phenomenon; right, above—an early day chanteuse.



Class of 1976 Les Gens Libres

The library has a downsurge in book loss with the installation of a "book detector," and the Los Angeles school board rescinds its prohibition of contact sports for girls; there is, however, no immediate stampede to girls' football.

The state legislature introduces the California High School Proficiency Examination, but the much-feared brain and lame-brain drain does not occur. Milton Chan wins a \$500 labor test award.

English teacher Jane Sprague has her second book published, the juniors make their contribution to posterity with a pumpkin-carving contest (the winner's effort to go to Mt. Rushmore), and Student Council fights a courageous (but ultimately losing) battle against the School Board's decision to spend \$250,000 on its part in the city's Bicentennial celebration. Council gets some TV coverage in its fight, and Principal Davis gets flak from downtown for not suppressing Council.

A Monroe faculty team runs second in a city faculty cross country tournament, and the gymnastics team beats Venice (who else?) for the city title, but the baseball team loses a tough 2-1 struggle to Granada for the same crown.

Below—getting the most out of class;
below, right—tripping the light fantastic;
above, left—a trampy Sprague; above,
right—a study in windows.



Class of 1977 Varangians

ROTC comes to Monroe for the first time, and Student Council and the cross country teams combine to stage a run-a-thon to help raise money for new band uniforms. (They got them, eventually.)

Both football and basketball teams make the semi-finals of the city playoffs, and Mark Czerniakowski and Mark Tappen win the city handball championship.

Sam Aboah, foreign exchange student from Ghana, places third in a VFW speech contest entitled, "What America Means to Me." Sam went on to Princeton.)

Terri Higashida (student body president) wins the city Kiwanis Leadership contest (also a UCLA alumni scholarship), Cindy Heintz places second in the city Bank of America vocational division, and Steve Demsher is first in the all-city drafting contest.

Golfer Vic Wilk shoots a 64 for a school record, and Robin Strugo is a labor test winner of \$500.



The Godfather



Bottom, left—the band homecoming float; left—seniors at play; bottom, right—Fra Glowienke.



Class of 1978 L'Esprit Nouveau

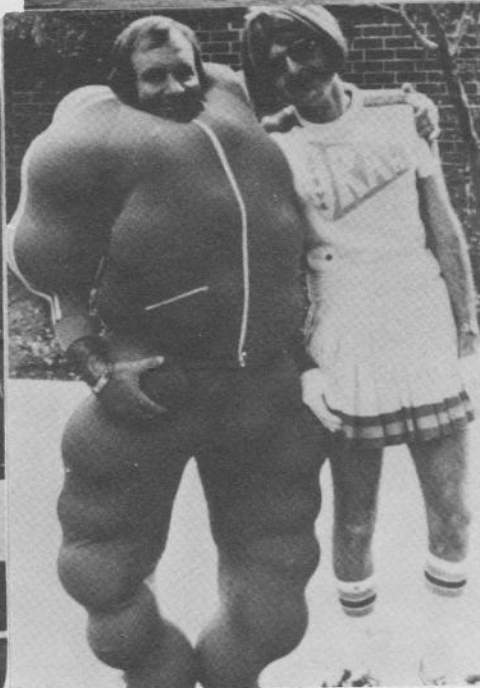
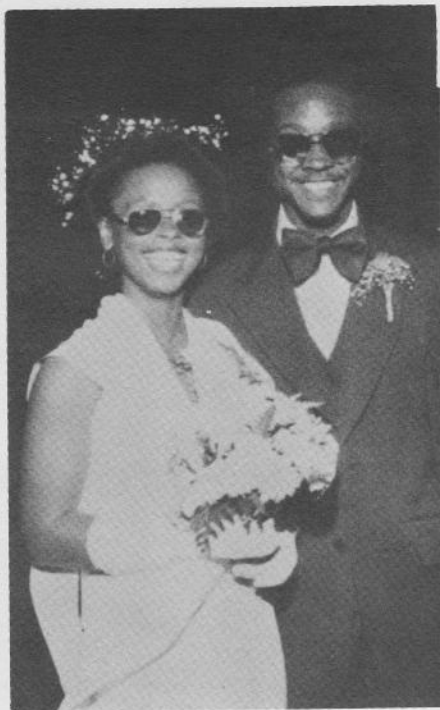
Monroe gets a full seven-year (the maximum) accreditation, and chocolate goes on sale (for band uniforms). SWAS goes to the rescue (with sandbags) of flood-threatened homes in the Sunland-Tujunga area, and Play Production puts on an original by Roger Bezanis, who also directs and acts in it.

Seniors breakfast at the ill-fated Busch Gardens, and the annual is loaded with colorful seniors.

Doctrine goes back to a weekly (instead of every-other-daily), and the faculty stages its fifth show (to raise money for the faculty scholarship). This one is called "Bloody Hands" or "The Short, Happy Life of Richard III," with full Shakespearean costumes.

Cindy Bronder places sixth in a statewide Bill of Rights essay contest, David Miller places second in the city's B of A fine arts competition, and Alan Sokoloff is a \$500 winner in the state Labor test.

Below left—a prom princess and friend; center—a little night music; right—Cutest Couple? above right—Richard III is dispatched in the faculty show by Frema of Arc.



Class of 1979 Sharifians

Monroe receives \$52,000 from the Board for some badly-needed repainting, and Student Council holds its first ever student exchange with a non-California school: four Council members visit Adams City High in Adams City, Colorado, just across the border from New Mexico, and then Adams sends a quartet to drink in California sunshine.

Students in work studies of Special Education raise \$50 to help feed some rare birds in the Santa Barbara zoo.

Jean Drager Taylor, long-time Monroe PE teacher, is killed in an auto accident.

Sukkoo Kim and Jeremy Kline win \$500 awards in state Labor Federation test competition, giving Monroe eight such winners in 11 years.



Left, above—Santa and his elves; left, below—The Invisible Man appears for a moment; right, above—dressing up for the senior photo; right, below—John David practices coughing.



Class of 1980 Genesis

Dr. Clifford Davis is transferred, and Robert Naidis replaces him. The junior and sophomore classes join the seniors and have their first spirit weeks.

Junior Richard Button goes to Antarctica with the Navy as a sea cadet, and the gymnastics team wins another city title.

Dr. William Jay Settle, founding principal of Monroe, after whom the athletic field is named, dies after a long illness. The state legislature stirs up a solid controversy with its banning of junk food. What is a high school student to live on? Glen Dickson wins a \$500 Labor test award, giving Monroe a winner for five consecutive years.

Below, left—Western daze; below, right—pierced ears? above, left—a popeyed potter; above, right—the first annual (get it?) Yearbook volleyball tournament.



Class of 1981 Questrians



Left—a heady sextet; right, bottom—Here's looking at you; right, center—Wendy wins another right, top—senior promenade.



Settle Field is dedicated at homecoming, and the Settle Fund also buys a new marquee; an athletic-academic scholarship is established in Dr. Settle's name.

A computer is installed at Monroe to improve record-keeping (that's what the man said), and, to keep the computer happy, homeroom is restored. The Galley closes, but senior Mark Epstein finishes fourth (in a field of eight) in his race for a school board seat.

The gymnastics team (ho hum) wins another city title, and Cesario Marquez wins both the mile and 2-mile city championships, the first-ever city double-winner for Monroe.

Karen Axelton wins the city Girls' Week essay contest, Vicki Anderson wins Valley fine arts competition in B of A, and Ke Sook Kim wins another \$500 labor test award, giving Monroe a winner in six consecutive years.



Class of 1982 Futurians

Robert Naidis retires at mid-year, and Ron Berz takes over as principal. The Galley re-opens, and Monroe sends a team for the first time to the city competition in the California Academic Decathlon.

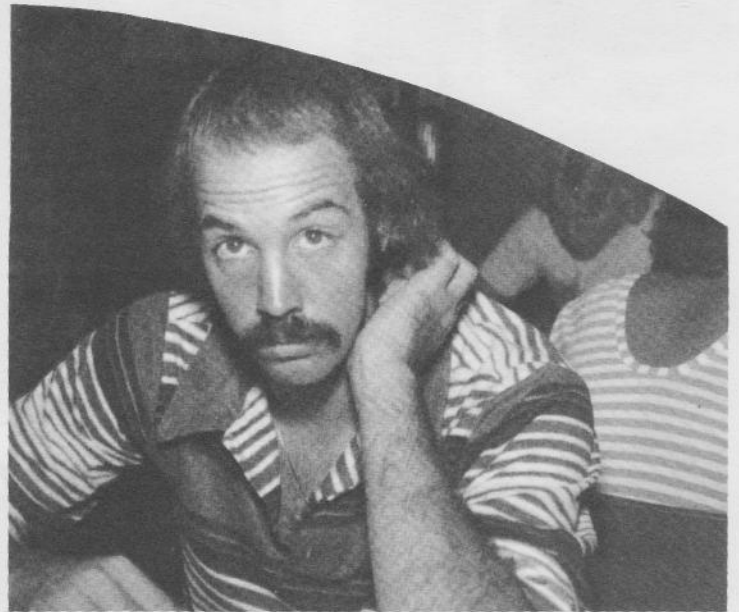
The gymnastics team wins its third consecutive city championship, and rival gym coaches hatch a scheme to deport Coach Les Sasvary to Hungary.

Glen Cook and Andy Kopito serve on the State Accreditation Board, and John Wilson (sea cadet) makes a Navy trip to the South Pole. "It's cold there," John is reported as saying.

The faculty puts on still another show, this one being another attack on poor Will Shakespeare, "Rummyo and Gillette," netting still more scholarship funds.

Julie Lee is named Miss Korea of Southern California, and junior Karen Vensko is one of six Bill of Rights contest winners. Musical Production switches from a musical to a revue for the first time in 14 years, and the entire Yearbook staff gives a Saturday to help with the Special Olympics.

Below, right—the winning (sophomore) Homecoming float; above, right—Think of your senior year as the happiest of your life; below, left— I am being funny; above, left—Rummyo, Rummyo, where the heck are ya?



1983

The campus gets a new face, as Principal Ron Berz, beginning his first full year, inspires flowers outside the library, resodding of the senior lawn and environs, plus murals on and in the gym and T-Hall.

The senior class boasts 15 Valedictorians, all 4.0 students, by far the largest number in Monroe's 25-year history. Kate Mullikin, one of the painting crew, wins a scholarship to Otis-Parsons, John Wilson (Navy bound) wins a US Senate Youth Scholarship, Brian Hart and David Koistinen win National Merit Scholarships, and Danny Levy becomes the first Viking to win the California Scholarship Federation Seymour Award for the South Central Region.

Cath Bernstein wins a silver medal in the Academic Decathlon, Danny Levy places first in the Valley in Bank of America fine arts competition, and Brian Hart and Steve Pappas win UCLA Alumni scholarships.



Upper left—Work coordinator Bill Rankin develops a new system for handing out work permits; lower left—T-Hall gets a badly needed face lift; upper right—the broom brigade; lower right—it's grass (that other kind of green stuff) again.

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