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Benjamin, Shaw Receive Top Award at Banquet

Quarterback Guy Benjamin and middle linebacker Dennis Shaw were selected as 1971 Co-MVP's Wednesday night at the annual Viking Varsity Awards dinner held at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills.

Benjamin and Shaw, both first team All-City selections, are co-recipients of the coveted Mike Donatoni Award which signifies the most outstanding performance of a Varsity football player. Donatoni, a star fullback for the Vikings, in 1967 died of leukemia following his graduation in 1968.

The banquet, which included a movie, and numerous awards, was highlighted by a rousing standing ovation for Co-Coaches Ken McKenna and Harry Frum by the more than 250 guests in attendance. Three year letterman Co-Captain Gary Bernardi awarded a plaque signed by all team members to McKenna and Frum for their outstanding leadership during the 1971 campaign and their building of character and self discipline among the squad.

The pair were also presented with a football book as a gift from their team.

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Among other awards during the evening was the Scholar Athlete Award which was presented to defensive tackle Don Richards who boasts a 3.6 scholastic average.

Guard Steve Haynes was recognized as most valuable offensive lineman while linebacker Steve Krause was selected as most valuable defensive lineman.

A truly deserving award went to center Brian Grist as the

Ram's Horn Will Host GAA

This year's G.A.A. banquet will be held at the Ram's Horn restaurant on Thursday, January

Girls who have been in G.A.A. this semester will be presented with pins and certificates or letters, depending on the number of semesters they have been active in the club.

Mrs. Linnea Haas is in charge of the banquet.

Tickets are on sale now in the Girls' Gym for \$3.75 per person.

by Ed Kasper Sports Editor
most improved offensive lineman while stocky Ed Milkovich was the most improved defensive lineman.

Chunky fullback Mitch Drootin was awarded the most valuable offensive back while Bernardi was listed as the most improved.

Jim Sharp was presented with most valuable defensive back award while the most improved honors went to Steve Clark. All were presented trophies.

Guy Benjamin and Rick Mays will serve as 1972 Co-Captains.

Awards were presented to Bernardi and Shaw for their outstanding leadership as co-captains.

Guests were also treated to a unique feature during the evening, a movie which consisted of outstanding highlights of the 1971 season which Frum later labeled the "Steve Bergman Highlight Film." The 30 minute production required 18 hours of editing by Frum and McKenna.

Sackheim, Jenkins Take Awards in GAA Contest

Miriam Sackheim and Steve Jenkins won trophies for high series' at the GAA-sponsored coed tournament January 5, with scores of 334 and 389 respectively.

League trophy awards will be given to GAA bowling members at the semi-annual banquet which will be held at the Ram's Horn January 20. Team 7, (which calls itself "High and Low"), consisting of Diane Sena, Toni Carpenter, and Cathy Jenkins, placed first. The second place team, team 10, ("Gutter Bugs") includes Karen Elias, Diane Hancock, and Claire Smith. Both teams will receive trophies, along with the winner of the most improved player award and the individual high game award.

Next semester, according to Miss Beverly Pennock, GAA bowling sponsor, the club will offer a coed tournament at least once a month. Tournaments with other high schools are also being planned.

GAA bowling meets every Wednesday after school at Matador Bowl. Anyone, whether beginner or advanced bowler, is invited to attend.

Marcotte, DeAngelo Talk At Bill of Rights Dinner

David Marcotte and Joe DeAngelo, officers of the Monroe Speakers Association, represented Monroe at a Bill of Rights a-

ward banquet last Tuesday at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel Ballroom.

Each year there is a Bill of Rights contest where various people can enter and express their ideas and thoughts on the Bill of Rights. Dave and Joe entered this contest and spoke to adult groups and student organizations.

Tom Reddin, ex-Los Angeles police chief, was a guest speaker at the banquet. A South African foreign exchange student from William S. Hart High School in Saugus was one of the two students who presented their speech at the banquet. According to Joe this speech had a good impact on the audience. It expressed different views when he contrasted the South African government to the US government.

Awards were presented to all students that attended the banquet.

Combined VAC-ID Card To Do Job Of Separate Cards

A new combination VAC-ID card has been approved by the student council and will be put into effect next year, according to Jean Ramondi, AFS representative.

The purpose of the new card is to allow students to carry only one card instead of two and make it less probable that a person will lose his cards.

The card will be a regular ID card with a small sticker that will be added to those who buy their Viking Activity Cards. The sticker will be placed over the part of the card labeled "ID Only" and will identify the bearer making it unnecessary to punch the card. This sticker is designed so that it cannot be removed without it ripping into small pieces.

Pictures for the new card will be taken in the spring of the year prior to its use and will be taken with special equipment to be loaned by a professional studio. Ninth graders will be photographed in their junior high schools before they enter Monroe.

Cagers Lose Fifth Straight

The Birmingham Braves, turning in their most outstanding performance of the season, notched their first MVL victory Friday night as they rolled past the Vike cagers, 63-47.

It was a night of sloppy ball handling and poor defense for the Vikings whose 1-6 record now ties them with the Braves for the cellar position in the MVL. Vikes' only victory in circuit action came at the hands of the Braves on Dec. 10 as they posted a sturdy 78-67 win in first round competition.

Trailing 32-25 at halftime the Vikes coasted into a swirling tailspin in the second half as they could muster only 22 points, which included a meager 9-point fourth period.

New Ladies president for next semester is Lori Stein. New Knights president is Mike Spore.

Birmingham forward Jon Jackson was high point man for the evening as he came off the bench to dump in 16 points while teammates Jeff Schermer and Bob Lucarelli also hit in double figures, scoring 15 and 14 points respectively.

High point man for the Vikings was Al Hyam, who notched 11 points in the losing cause.

The Vike Jayvee squad was also frozed by a streaking Birmingham team, as they were trounced, 72-49.

With all hopes for any play-off berths in city competition now abandoned by the Vikings the only remaining highlight of the season would be that of the role of spoiler.

The Vikings' final two encounters of the season will be against the Poly parrots and Granada Hills.

Current MVL Standings

	W	L
Van Nuys	7	0
Granada Hills	4	3
Poly	4	3
San Fernando	4	3
Monroe	1	6
Birmingham	1	6

Play Production to Present Series of Selected Stories

Members of Play Production will present "Existential Theatre", a series of selections from famous plays, novels and essays to selected English classes the final week of school.

After the presentation a round table discussion will be held. Here students will argue the existential philosophy.

Existentialists feel freedom is a responsibility and a burden, according to Mrs. Fremma Rood.

Beginning this spring Mr. Mel Flack will take complete charge of Play Production class, according to Mrs. Fremma Rood.

Mrs. Rood, who previously taught play production, will transfer to the musical theatre workshop where she will help direct "Of Thee I Sing," this year's musical production.

Handball: Here to Stay

By Paul Masi

Each day during lunch on the P.E. field about 50 students and even a couple of teachers gather to watch or take part in high school's fastest-moving sport, handball.

Students sit anxiously in their seats at the end of fourth period each day waiting for the bell to ring so that they can hurry off to the P.E. field to reserve a court. Many of the students enjoy playing the game so much that they don't even bother to eat any lunch. Within five minutes after the passing bell to lunch all six courts are taken. Spectators begin to gather behind each court to root for their favorite players as they leisurely eat their lunches.

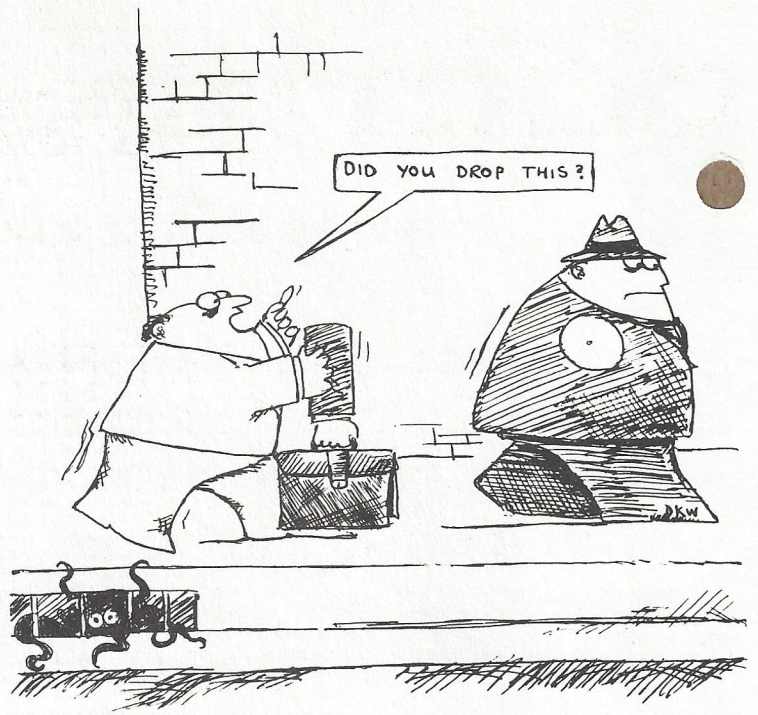
The best games usually take place on the south side's middle

court known as the "championship court." The games there usually feature the best players in the school including two teachers, Mr. Robert Sawyer and Mr. Don Chamberlin, both from the math department. When these two team up there is always a little more incentive for the student opponents to win as this is their big chance to get back at a teacher. While the teachers try to outthink the less knowledgeable students, the opposition counters by "outfinessing" their elders, hitting the ball all over the court, which is usually an effective tactic. As the game comes to an end the next team in line tries to best the "champs." This goes on all period with few teams being able to dominate play because of the amount of competition.

Mr. Roy Pellerin saw the amount of students interested in this exciting sport and held a tournament, with a sophomore, Tome Hernandez, emerging the winner.

Many of Monroe's students went on the stiffer competition during winter vacation at a Valley-wide tournament at Chatsworth High and did quite well.

At any rate, handball has arrived at Monroe in full title and is open to all. Do I hear any more teachers volunteering?



Kiddies to be Disillusioned By 'Star Spangled Girl'

With a G rating, "Star-Spangled Girl" will bring the kiddies down to the nearest movie theatre, only to be disillusioned.

The plot isn't too difficult. Super patriotic Olympic swimmer Sandy Duncan moves next door to anti-American writers Tony Roberts and Tod Susman, one falling madly in love with one. Big deal!

Sandy Duncan, star of the CBS production Funny Face, is hardly recognizable. Her warmth and charm are lost in numerous shouting sessions.

Miss Duncan is also quite unbelievable. With her high-pitched voice and an obviously phony Southern accent, she sounds like Minnie Mouse rather than a southern belle.

Neil Simon's successful Broadway play offers nothing to the screen but one (or maybe two) laughs.

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Liberators Strike Tracksters

Perhaps the latest controversial issue at Monroe has been girls petitioning to join the boys' track team.

The situation began when two juniors, Anita Daas, and Teresa Schonberger, found a bulletin announcement for track team sign-ups. The girls sincerely wanted to join, so they talked to Mrs. Sheila Deming, teacher of "The Women in American History" class and she encouraged them to go to Coach Dean Balzaret, who told them that it was illegal and that it was against the law.

The girls didn't stop at this. They went to Principal E.A. Mil-

ler and he contradicted Balzaret, saying that there is no such law. The two went back to the Coach with this news.

Coach Balzaret told them that there was no time for them, but he would help them work out fifth period in the co-ed track class. Coach Balzaret pointed out that the girls would cause many hinderances to the team.

As one of the track team members put it, "The workouts would go a lot faster and be more enjoyable, but the guys and the girls couldn't compete against one another."

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