

Quarterback

Joe Roth '74 MVP For Griffs

Sophomore Junior College All-American quarterback Joe Roth was voted by his teammates Grossmont College's most valuable player for the 1974 football season this morning at the team's awards banquet held at the Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley.

The 6-foot-3, 180 pound Roth was an obvious choice having set every Griffin passing record on the books. He completed 211 of 370 passes for 2,663 yards and 28 touchdowns in leading Grossmont to the state championship and a 10-0-2 final record.

Sophomore defensive back Steve Ford was voted the team's most inspirational player. And this selection for this award should've been easy to come by since he played in Grossmont's 34-17 state championship victory over Orange Coast despite having been injured in an automobile accident only one week before.

Offensive tackle Bill Dawson won the scholar-athlete award.

Marv Brown, Grossmont's biggest player at 250 pounds, was the Griffins' most valuable player on defense, while tackle Jeff Walton was voted the team's top defensive lineman.

Bob Lucas and Ford tied for the most valuable defensive back award, while linebacker Randy Bowker won tackler of the year honors. Tom Saska was the team's most valuable linebacker, while freshman tackle Mike Bushree was the team's most improved defensive player.

Sophomore linebacker Jeff Anderson was voted the team's most consistent defensive player.

Offensive awards went to Roth for most valuable and to tackle Jim O'Donnell for top lineman. Fullback Harry Scott was the most valuable back, while tight end Bill Helms was the team's top blocker.

Dave Oliver, who caught 144 passes for 1,727 yards and 14 touchdowns over two years, won the team's top receiver award, while offensive linemen Steve Rymer and Ken Parris won most improved and most consistent lineman awards, respectively.

Mike White, head coach at the University of California — Berkeley, was the guest speaker at the brunch.