

# RANK & FILE

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## Who's the Babe?

## Keyette Club Pilots Teacher Week

Does the face to the right look vaguely familiar to you? You may have been looking at a mellowed version of it for six months.

If you can correctly recognize this teacher — plus the ones pictured on page three — you might win the Baby Picture Contest being sponsored by the Keyette Club during Teacher Appreciation Week Feb. 27 - March 3.

The 47-member girls' service club is sponsoring the week as a tribute to Marshall's faculty. In addition to the Baby Picture Contest, the week's activities will include providing each teacher with a Keyette assistant and directing the election of Teacher Superlatives.

"Keyettes want to remind students that teachers are human too," explained Gail Walter, club president. "We want the student body to participate in the week's activities and to make things easier for their teachers."

Highlighting the week will be the Baby Picture Contest where students will try to match teachers with their baby pictures. In addition to appearing on page three of this issue, the pictures will be posted on a bulletin board in the cafeteria throughout the

week. "Gag" prizes will be awarded to the three students who correctly identify the most faculty members. The winners will be announced Wednesday afternoon and all the teachers' pictures will be correctly identified on Thursday.

Statesmen will elect Teacher Superlatives through homeroom March 2. One male and one female teacher

will be honored by such titles as: Hardest Homework, Best Natured, Busiest, Artiest, Wittiest, Most Trivial Tests, and Most School Spirited.

Each teacher's Keyette assistant will help him by grading papers and decorating classrooms. In addition, Keyettes will decorate the faculty lounges and provide cakes and cookies for the teachers.



Who's the Babe?

## Three Teachers, Substitute Bolster Marshall's Faculty

The new semester brought with it three new teachers and one permanent substitute to Marshall. Mrs. Syrma Basarab replaced Spanish teacher Mrs. Antoinette Pontari. Mrs. Sandra Birkholz is now teaching English I, replacing Mrs. Mary Verhage. In Vocational Electronics, Mr. James Dean is taking Mr. Othel Adam's place.

Both Mrs. Verhage and Mrs. Pontari are resigning from teaching and Mr. Adams leaves to take a position in the county administration.

Mr. Tony DeBenedictis is Marshall's circulating permanent substitute. A former art teacher at Woodson he recently finished working toward his master's degree at Catholic University.

### Experimental Substitute Plan Tried

Having permanent substitutes is an experimental idea in Fairfax County this year. Under the Teacher Replacement Pool plan, permanent substitutes have been hired on a regular basis to fill in for absent teachers. Under the plan, a teacher who resigns or is ill indefinitely can be replaced by the permanent substitute.

Twenty permanent substitutes are employed by the county, ten for intermediate and high schools and ten for elementary schools. The substitutes are on the payroll of their home school but may be called upon to teach at any other intermediate or high school in their division.

### Basarab Started in Czechoslovakia

Mrs. Basarab, GCM's new Spanish I and II teacher, has been teaching off and on for several years. She first became interested in teaching while living in Czechoslovakia during her husband's tour of duty there. A need for English instructors prompted her to volunteer and thus started her teaching career. Although

she has taught both Spanish and general science, she prefers Spanish. "I especially prefer teaching the higher levels because of the emphasis on literature," she states. A former substitute teacher and graduate of the University of Minnesota, she hopes to complete her graduate work at American University by taking night courses and attending the summer session.

Another graduate of the University of Minnesota and former substitute, Mrs. Birkholz has not limited herself to teaching academic subjects. Although she will teach English I at GCM, she is very interested in the arts and has taught ballet.

A former electronics instructor in the Navy, Marshall is the first public school teaching site for Mr. Dean.

## Students' Art Spotlighted In New Library Gallery

GCM's library is becoming an art gallery!

For several years the library has shown student paintings in various places around the library but now one separate conference room is being set aside to feature outstanding student artists with their own art show.

Senior Becky Douglass is the first Statesman to be honored. Her exhibit of 32 oil and water color paintings and pencil and ink sketches presently adorns the room. According to Mr. Ray Wilkins, art teacher, "The primary purpose of these exhibits is to spotlight students like Becky who are really serious about their art and have produced many good works."

## Drama Dept. Plans Shower March 9-10

A dry, dusty ranch in the drought-stricken West will be the setting for Marshall's next play, "The Rainmaker." The romantic comedy by Richard Nash will be presented by the drama department March 9-11 in the school auditorium.

Linda Browder, 11, will play the lone female role, Lizzie. Cast members are Bill Little, File; Ric Paul, 12, H.C.; Bill Thomas, 12; Noah; Mark Adams, 11, Jim; Steve Cross, 11, sheriff; and Kevin Adams, 12, Starbuck.

Starbuck, the rainmaker, is a con man who attempts to relieve the drought while at the same time work his wiles on Lizzy, a plain, 27-year-old girl who is afraid of becoming a spinster.

Senior Glenda Condon is assisting Mr. G. Mitchell Cobb in directing "The Rainmaker." Karen Oberg, 12, is the technical director and scene design is by Amey Owen, 12.

In addition to "The Rainmaker" the drama department is preparing a one-act play, Jean Giraudoux's "The Virtuous Island," to be presented in the area play competition at Langley March 18. The gentle satire is set among the natives on a South Sea island in 1794 and pokes fun at the ever present British decorum.

Senior Nell Fuson is directing the play. Helping Nell will be seniors Barbara Lunsford, as assistant director, Nancy Beatty, as scene designer, and Karen Oberg, as technical director.



Becky Douglass — self portrait

## Heart Hop Stresses Superlatives, Cupid

Marshall will be "coming up roses" Feb. 25 when the Sophomore Class sponsors the traditional semi-formal Sweetheart Dance in the girls' gym. From 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. couples will dance to the music of the "D.C. Magnetones" engulfed in a sweetheart atmosphere complete with a "Sweetheart tree." Tickets for "Under the Sweetheart Tree" will be \$2.00 and will be available again today in the cafeteria.

Highlighting the evening will be the announcement of the Senior Superlatives and the crowning of the Sweetheart Queen, both chosen by the Senior Class. Earlier in the month seniors elected one boy and one girl each to be honored as Most Talented, Most Intellectual, Best Personality, Friendliest, Most Ambitious, Most Dependable, Wittiest, Most School Spirited, Most Attractive, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Athletic, or Best All Around. In a break with tradition, those students selected as Best All Around will be christened "Mr. and Miss Statesmen," according to Patty Walsh, 12, chairman of the election committee.

The gym will be transformed into a dim "Sweetheart Forest" for the dance whose theme is borrowed from the 1966 song "Under the Sweetheart Tree." Jan Summers, Sophomore Class Vice-president, called the theme, "soft and romantic."

The dance is the first major Sophomore Class activity and "even though we are not quite experienced we have learned well," said Jan. "We have taken into consideration past dances and have tried to learn from those who sponsored them. In general, we are trying to make this dance the event of the year."

Richard Petree, dance chairman, added, "We are especially looking forward to having the 'D.C. Magnetones' play because of their diversity of talent — TJ Brass, rock, soul, folk, popular. In fact, they're soon to tour the country with 'Paul Revere and the Raiders.'"

## Tube Show Taps GCM

Seven Statesmen will be chosen from among 15 senior and junior nominees to represent Marshall on the television program "Youth Wants to Know." The half-hour program, carried nationwide on ABC, is aired locally on WETA (Channel 26) Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Possible panel members for the "Meet the Press" type show were interviewed and screened by Miss Susan Gallagher, a program representative. The 15 interviewed had previously been suggested by various school departments on the basis of the student's general knowledge, his ability to relate effectively with adults, and his conversational ability.

According to Miss Gallagher, the names of the panelists and the celebrity they will interview will be announced shortly. She explained that the students selected may be partially contingent on the special field of the guest.

From a description of the few program guidelines, the show is designed to encourage open and in depth discussion between the seven panelists and the guest personality. Statesmen will be free to challenge the celebrity with any questions, according to Miss Gallagher. Nothing is rehearsed and, though the show is taped, she stressed that "nothing has ever been cut."

## June 9 Graduation to Honor Marshall Plan Anniversary

Seniors will commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan at their graduation June 9. Dr. Forrest Pogue, seasoned journalist and Gen. Marshall's biographer, will speak on the significance of the plan at the evening ceremony on the football field.

The Marshall Plan, largely conceived by General George C. Marshall and started in 1947 under his direction as Secretary of State, provided for financial and material aid to war-ravaged Europe. It is considered by some political science experts to be the cornerstone of the United States' foreign aid program.

Dr. Pogue's military works earned him the following meritorious citation from the U. S. Army in 1964: "Dr. Pogue's many achievements in the field of military history, his knowledge of military affairs, and his standards of historical scholarship have been of inestimable benefit to the United States Army."

### World War II Combat Journalist

As a combat historian during World War II he was, for a while, with the First Army in the European Theater of Operations from Omaha Beach to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. He received several U. S. medals and the French Croix de Guerre. His journalistic assignments took him to cover the Normandy invasion, the Allied entry into Paris, the north flank of the Ardennes, the capture of Leipzig, and the meeting with the Russians at Torgau.

Among Dr. Pogue's eight major books have been the first two of a four-volume series on General Marshall's life: *Education of a General* and *Ordeal and Hope*. He is currently

working on the third volume of the series. He has, for the past 11 years, been director of the George C. Marshall Research Library and in 1964 was named the executive director of the George C. Marshall Research Foundation in Lexington, Virginia.



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# Poster Piracy

RANK & FILE joins SCA President Nancy Terrill in congratulating the Sophomore Class for their excellent and original publicity campaign for the Sweetheart Dance. If the sophomores have spent as much time planning the dance as they obviously did planning their publicity — and all indications show that they have — then tomorrow night's dance may well be the best yet of this school year.

Unfortunately RANK & FILE must also join Nancy in denouncing a new game at GCM this year. It's called "Steal the Poster" and the Sophomore Class, like every organization that has publicized an event this year, has discovered it. To our mind there can be no explanation for this childish thievery.

We considered the fact that maybe someone was conducting a personal paper drive. Yet there have been no reports of individuals trying to storm the bookstore or even an acute paper towel shortage in the restrooms. However, if someone or a small group of someones (or a group of small someones) is conducting their own paper drive, we suggest they openly solicit contributions from a school that is traditionally responsive to paper drives.

## Interloper\* Wins Again!

By Mr. Edwin Vergason

The following was written by Mr. Edwin Vergason when he was an English teacher at McLean and it appeared in McLean's student newspaper, THE HIGHLANDER in 1959. We feel this parody is applicable at GCM and since Marshall is now fortunate in having Mr. Vergason as a senior English teacher, RANK AND FILE is reprinting it.

Scene 1: Room 302X of local high school

Time: Almost any period of the day

Characters: Teacher, students, the Interloper

Teacher: And now let us review the difference among our synonyms for the word *killing*. Egmont, can you tell us the difference between murder and assassination?

Egmont: Yes, Ma'am. You just murder somebody that's not important, like in your own family, but you—

THE INTERLOPER: Please excuse the interruption. The following people are wanted in the cafeteria immediately: Chilly Bean, May N. Nays, Legge O. Lamb, and Waldorf Sallette. That is all.

Teacher: Now let's see. Where were we? Oh, yes, Geraldine Flippe, can you differentiate between a massacre and a slaughter?

Geraldine: Who, me, Teacher?

Teacher: Yes, please.

Geraldine: Would you give me a repeat on that beat?

Teacher: I want you to —

THE INTERLOPER: Please excuse — wh-ho-s-s-s-sh! Is this dang thing on? Please excuse the interruption. Attention, all teachers. Attention all teachers. May we have your attention, please? Thank you. That is all.

Teacher: 1—2—2—Quickly, Lemuel Lowenstein—what is the difference between slaying and dispatching?

Lemuel: Wh—dat's a darb—wh—let me see—don't tell me now. We had dis yestiddy, didn't we?

Teacher: Yes, and the day before that.

Lemuel: Oh, it's familiar all right. Wh—let's—uh—I—I got it!

Teacher: Yes!

THE INTERLOPER: Whoosh—whoosh! 'Scuse 'turbation. Bus 8 that took the place of Bus 152 has just arrived with students that missed Bus 116. Will all the students from Bus 94 that were going to Sherman Adams School on Bus 73 please take Bus 8 to the school instead. You can tell Bus 8 by the card in the window that says Bus 44. Thank you. That is all.

Teacher: 4—5—6—7—

THE INTERLOPER: Correction, please! That was Bus 12. Thank you.

Teacher: So help me, if that thing—

THE INTERLOPER: Sorry to interrupt, but we have just received a very important announcement. TOOT! TOOT! For those of you who may have missed the first week's performance of SHOW BOAT, there is good news. A special performance will be given December 9, 10, 11, and 16. You may obtain tickets in New Orleans. Tickets are \$7.50 for both students and Seniors . . . that is all.

Teacher: That's the last straw—

THE INTERLOPER: Excuse the interruption, please. One addition to that last announcement. TOOT! TOOT! Thank you. That is—ugh—I can't breathe—HEL-P—p E-E-e-e-e . . . !

Scene 2: A gibbet on Gallows Road

Time: Later

Characters: 3 students, a gathering crowd

Egmont: Going to be a nice execution, isn't it?

Geraldine: A killer, Dad!

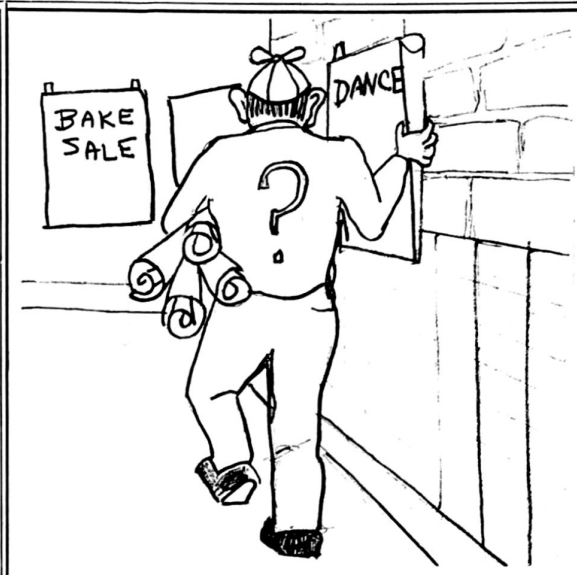
Lemuel: I don't see why she done it, killed him, I mean. The guy on the P. A. hadn't done nuttin' to her.

Egmont: When she said she was going to wrap the cord around the speaker, I thought she meant that P. A. box in the room. I just hope this doesn't give other teachers ideas.

Geraldine: Oh, they're getting ready to snap the trap, Pap. Hear the drums? (Drums roll in distance)

THE INTERLOPER: We are sorry to execute this interruption, but we have something of attention to bring to your importance. The hangman wishes to announce that he left a short rope of length on the victim's neck a few minutes ago and it has disappeared. Unless it is returned immediately, the teachers will not get a raise this year. Michele has an announcement. "It is customary for the boy to give the girl a corsage at a hanging. Fortunately we have been able to secure the services of the Reeking Rose Flower Shoppe. The Reeking Rose is offering a special on their Execution corsages. For \$15 you get a bouquet of Bleeding Heart, Cypress, and Judas tree leaves. Just ask for the Graveyard Group. Thank you—e-e-e-e-e . . ."

\* An interloper is an intruder.



## Letters to the Editor

## Luring Posters Lauded

I would like to congratulate the Sophomore Class on the outstanding job they have done in preparing for the Sweetheart Dance. Under the direction of Richard Petree, dance committee chairman, eye-catching posters and unique publicity gimmicks are luring the student body to their activity.

Almost a month ahead of time, posters were put up, immediately catching the attention of the students. Unfortunately, many of these posters

were stolen. I hope that students will have enough respect for the work that went into the publicity to return these posters.

The sophomores have set an example for the rest of the school by showing what can be accomplished by enthusiastic students. I am glad to see one of our underclasses so organized and I compliment them for it.

Nancy Terrill, '67  
SCA President

## Sophs Lead Honor Roll

Sophomores lead all classes in the number of students on the second nine weeks' honor roll with 129 members, seniors follow with 124—nudging out the juniors by one, and the freshmen again have the fewest.

Six Statesmen show all A's for the second time; they are seniors David Anderson, Alan Smith, Gail Walter, junior Michele Pugh, sophomore Jan Rouzer, and freshman Honorine Donnelly. Seven other students also made all A's, including Patricia Reynolds, 12, John Affeldt, 11, Barbara Dutchak, 10, Teresa Hughes, 10, and freshmen Lynn Galletly, Susan Spiece, and Susan Woodward.

The following honor roll members all earned B averages with no grade lower than C. A student may receive a C grade and still be on the honor roll if he earned an A to balance it out. Honor roll students include:

### Seniors

Ackerman, David  
Allison, Edna  
Arts, Mary  
Barden, William  
Beatty, Nancy  
Boatright, Randall  
Borhannon, Thomas  
Brewer, Donna  
Brown, Catherine  
Bullock, Linda  
Burton, Lynda  
Byers, Edward  
Cann, Tony  
Cardwell, Michael  
Carlsen, Patricia  
Carr, Carroll  
Christoferson, Don  
Cordani, Frances  
Counts, Mary Ellen  
Crawford, James  
Culler, Paula  
Davison, Cynthia  
DeWilde, Donald  
Embrely, Thomas  
Evans-Smith, Lesley  
Fillman, Marilyn  
Flynn, Christopher  
Francis, Lynne  
Fuson, Neil  
Gless, Richard  
Goble, Karen  
Grems, Keith  
Griffin, Catherine  
Griffith, Gordon  
Groves, Janet  
Guthrie, Arthur  
Hackman, Jan  
Haller, William  
Halloran, Joanne  
Hammond, Rosina  
Hassett, Mary  
Haurin, Donald  
Held, John  
Hemley, Beth  
Hilton, Betty  
Hipley, Diane  
Hough, Doug  
Iverson, Peggy  
Ives, Karen  
Jackson, Carol  
Johnson, Jerry  
Kent, Debbie  
Kessler, Catherine  
Klear, Bob  
Lawrence, John  
Leake, Mary  
Leamer, Barbara  
Lee, Ken  
Leet, Becky  
Lewis, Lloyd  
Lippincott, Melanie  
Long, Terrill  
Loritsch, Brian  
McCullough, Judy  
Marshall, Susan  
Mason, Barbara  
Mattozzi, Gary  
McGuire, Jerry  
McNamara, Patricia  
Maynard, Tom  
Michael, Steve  
Moore, Ray  
Morris, Mary  
Mossie, Phyllis  
Moseley, Diane  
Mahan, Diane  
Nielsen, Deborah  
O'Bannon, Vicki  
Oberg, Karen  
Ours, Ellen  
Peer, Daniel  
Pierce, Sharon  
Reeves, Richard  
Regtmeier, Rolf

### Juniors

Allen, Richard  
Anderson, Doug  
Anderson, William  
Argiripoulos, John  
Ault, Donna  
Bantow, Edward  
Barker, George  
Beisel, Kathryn  
Best, William  
Borow, John  
Boswell, Alan  
Bowe, Patricia  
Brook, Dawn  
Broder, Linda  
Bruce, Linda  
Buchanan, Gary  
Bullock, Jo Ann  
Chaplin, Paul  
Cockrell, Rosalyn  
Columbo, Johanna  
Compher, Jan  
Conson, Kathleen  
Cooke, Sharon  
Cottrell, Eddie  
Counts, Douglas  
Compton, Pamela  
Cubbage, Gilda  
Dixon, Sandra  
Durant, Kenneth  
Easton, Paul  
Evans, William  
Flinchbaugh, Barbara  
Gardner, Gordon  
Gary, Virginia  
Gothardt, Linda  
Hall, Margaret  
Hankinson, Dorothy  
Hansen, Chris  
Harding, Deborah  
Harman, Mabel Ellen  
Hassett, Barbara  
Harris, Elke  
Hoffman, Constance  
Holtschuh, Steven  
Houston, Craig  
Huber, David  
Hume, Susan  
Iverson, Virginia  
Jacobson, Karen  
Johnson, Marilyn  
Karnes, Howard  
Kincaid, William  
Kosco, Leonard  
Adams, Julia  
Anderson, David  
Bishop, William  
Augustine, Charlene  
Barden, Jeanne  
Beckwith, Joyce  
Beerbower, Gretchen  
Bickel, Corretta  
Blanton, Sharon  
Bobchek, Christina  
Bonner, William  
Brougham, Kerry  
Burrow, Rhea M'gan  
Carbaugh, Edward  
Cardwell, Phyllis  
Corrigan, Denise  
Curry, Denise  
Kurylo, Mark  
Lamanna, Mary  
Lamon, Barbara  
Landis, Sarah  
Luehrs, Robert  
Luhning, David  
Luppi, Mark  
Mahan, Mack  
Malecki, Kathleen  
March, Richard  
Martin, Sarah  
Martins, Gail  
McFarlane, Rena  
McGowan, Ann  
McGuire, Glenda  
Meeler, Melinda  
Miller, Karen  
Mitchell, Joan  
Moore, Scott  
Morgan, Robert  
Morrison, Marianne  
Murray, John  
Oberg, Kathleen  
Patterson, Dianne  
Potter, Susan  
Ragan, Richard  
Ramos, Maria  
Rogers, Kenneth  
Russell, Sonya  
Schoenberger, Nancy  
Shafer, Richard  
Siemann, Carol  
Skalnik, Maria  
Smith, Patricia  
Snyder, Jill  
Stoward, Larry  
Stanford, Mary  
Storck, Linda  
Stover, Harold  
Synok, James  
Taylor, Mary  
Tyler, George  
Upchurch, Philip  
Ward, William  
White, Gail  
Widener, Michael  
Wiener, Eric  
Williams, David  
Williams, Wendall  
Williamson, Linda  
Woodward, Mary  
Wright, Mary  
Zimbro, Donna

### Sophomores

Blanton, Sharon  
Bobchek, Christina  
Bonner, William  
Brougham, Kerry  
Burrow, Rhea M'gan  
Carbaugh, Edward  
Cardwell, Phyllis  
Corrigan, Denise  
Curry, Denise

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## Statesmen Of the Month

By Bobbie Cambrey

Statesmen of the Month for March are Mary Woodward, 11, and Allan Lewis, 12.

Mary is active in many phases of student life at GCM. In addition to being SCA vice-president and captain of the JV cheerleaders, Mary Mary Woodward works on the yearbook staff and in Junior Class activities. She was also a member of the 1966 Homecoming Court.

Allan is new to Marshall this year but he has already shown an active interest in several school activities. For his outstanding play on the Allan Lewis varsity football team he was honored with GCM's Most Valuable Defensive player award and also named to the All-Potomac District team. Allan is a member of the Concert Choir and had a role in the dramatic production "Spoon River Anthology."



## Acceptances Now at 92

The establishment of semester grades and final class rankings complete most seniors' college transcripts as the real waiting period begins. However, for 92 Statesmen the agony is already over — or at least some of it.

The 22 boys and 24 girls most recently notified of their acceptance are: VPI: Carl Blundell, Diane Nahon, Bobbie Cambrey, Don Christopherson, Doug Day, Chris Flynn, Keith Grems, Jim Hanratty, Diana Leamer; RADFORD: Alison Ekstrom, Meg Klein, Barbara Lunsford; UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA at GREENSBORO: Donna Brewer, Amey Owen; FURMAN UNIVERSITY: Lynda Burton; METHODIST COLLEGE and EMORY AND HENRY: Jim Crawford; DAVIS AND ELKINS: Jean Culler; HIGH POINT: Sandra Driscoll.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA: Mary Hassett; BOSTON UNIVERSITY: Nancy Duin; CARNEGIE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Don Haurin; MISIRER-OCORDIA: Kay Koloc; UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA: Becky Leet; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: Edna Allison.

BRIDGEWATER: Beth Hemsley, Susan Schramm, Cathy Smallwood, Dean Spector, Katie Cockrell; CATAWBA: Katie Cockrell, Dave MacGawell; THEIL: Pratt Barnes; MADISON: Nancy Berdine, Carmen Adams; LYNCHBURG: Ed Brazas, Bruce Wood, Dean Spector; GEORGE MASON: Mary Artz.

PURDUE and NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF MINING: Dave Ackerman; SHIPPINGSBURG: Robert Baldwin, Darl Sams; EAST CAROLINA STATE: Barbara Rauth; NEWBERRY COLLEGE: Susan Schramm; MICHIGAN STATE: Alan Smith; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA: Doris Stiles; UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA: Bob Tierno.

VMI: Tony Robey; STRAYER JUNIOR COLLEGE: Katie McGlasson; WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR SECRETARIES: Matt Wade, Debbie Kent; FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Karen Fennel; SOUTHERN SEMINARY: Lesleigh Evans-Smith; RPI: Debbie Nielsen.



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Mark Luppi, 11, competes with Chess Club president, Eugene Glick, 10, as the other three team members, Charles Lewis, 11, Scott Moore, 11, and Ramsey Forbush, 10, look on.

## Enthusiasts at Marshall Play Old Game of War

By John Pagliuca

The king fled back across the field of battle, pursued by a knight and several foot soldiers led by an irate bishop. His own force had been deci-

mated and he controlled only a few soldiers. As he ran from one side of the field to the other, his opponents closed in until finally he fell, defeated.

Does this sound like a scene out of history? Perhaps the climax of a famous battle? In reality, this describes the action of Marshall's Chess Club.

The Chess Club, third in their division of the Northern Virginia Chess League, is composed of dedicated followers of the ancient game of chess and its intricacies. The intense concentration with which they attack their specialty would rival that of athletes in a championship match.

Success in the league this year has rested on the shoulders of the five man team and their sponsor, Mr. Stephen Mohler. Leading these boys is Eugene Glick, 10, club president. The other four members are Mark Luppi, 11; Ramsey Forbush, 10; Charles Lewis, 11, and Scott Moore, 11.

The present record for the team is 7-4, and if they can beat the Falls Church and Annandale players they will be in second place in Northern Virginia and eligible for the Chess League tournament which includes the top four teams. Many of the team members are also planning to enter the individuals tournament for the best player in the league.

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## First Aiders Help Safety At Marshall

Ask a member of this team who his opponents are and he won't answer Falls Church or McLean or Madison. Ask him what he uses for equipment and he won't say helmets or bats or basketballs. This isn't a sports team, but a first aid team, working behind the scenes at GCM to assure the safety of the students.

The squad of 15 boys was organized at the beginning of the year under the direction of Mr. Richard Oliver and Mr. John Harris to assist in safety promotion and emergency aid in the school.

The members help the rescue squad at athletic events, direct students during fire drills, and assist the fire marshalls in inspection of the school. They can be of help to student organizations by showing them how to decorate for dances within the limits set by the county.

### Inspect Marshall

Another important responsibility they have is the safety checking of the buildings and grounds. Each morning the school is inspected and each existing or potential hazard is disposed of before many of us know it ever existed.

All of the boys' efforts are completely on a voluntary basis and they furnish their own equipment. The Dunn Loring Fire Department, however, has made a well appreciated donation.

Twelve hours of first aid training are required for membership to the team. More volunteers are needed and encouraged to join the squad and may talk with either Mr. Harris or Mr. Oliver about this.

The present team members are Bill Best, 11; Jon Reidel, 11; Jay Reidel, 11; David MacGammell, 12; Tim Tripp, 12; James Ferry, 11; Michael Brown, 9; Bob Aamodt, 11; Ken Anderson, 9; Alton Wood, 12; Wesley Upchurch, 12, and John West, 12.

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## Senior Girl Wins Homemaking Title

By Paul Stephan

Senior Susan Marshall has never taken home economics and she claims she can neither cook nor sew. But Susan has become GCM's Homemaking of the Year, placing first in the Betty Crocker Homemaking of Tomorrow examination given to senior girls on Dec. 6.

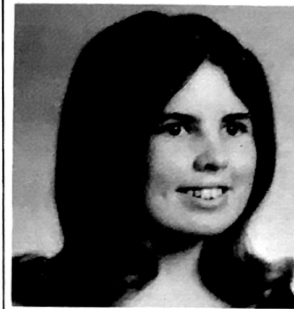
With the first hurdle behind her, Susan faces many more tests before she could become state winner in the Betty Crocker contest. Her latest

test was an essay on "The Danger of Combining Homemaking with a Career."

"These tests," Susan explains, "are designed to test one's basic aptitudes about homemaking rather than one's actual knowledge, although it's important to have the necessary skills too." Susan is modest about her homemaking abilities, although she will admit under duress that she can make good chocolate chip cookies.

She is no stranger to excellent test results, having received a letter of commendation in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Besides these honors, she is a member of the Quill and Scroll, journalism honor society, and advertising manager of the RANK & FILE. She also finds time for community service as a Keyette.

Since Susan's father is a colonel in the U. S. Army, she has seen a lot of the world. Among other places, she has lived in Taiwan and England. Her travels have taken her to Japan, Guam, Okinawa, Korea, Hong Kong, and much of the United States. While abroad, she became interested in the subject she intends to make her career — foreign service.



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# Statesmen Finale Tonight Against Wakefield

By Mike Cascio

Marshall, assured of beating last year's 5-13 record, winds up a victory-spotted season tonight against first-place Wakefield. On the home court, the Statesmen will attempt to thwart the Warriors, who are atop the Potomac District in the standings.

The top Wakefield team, winner of seven games in a row, recently had a hard time taking last-place Langley and had to do it in the final four seconds. GCM, on the other hand, romped easily over Langley, 53-37.

But the Statesmen will have to contend with an almost perfectly balanced team. Warriors Barry Duehring, Tim Cassidy, Jack Weiser, and Marty Martin, divide most of the points among themselves. Like Marshall, they do not depend on one "star," although Tim Cassidy sometimes edges his teammates in scoring and steals. The Statesmen lost to the Warriors the first time around, 70-54, after mustering a 29-26 halftime lead.

## GCM Season Up-to-Date

After dropping the first five games, Marshall came on strong to beat McLean, and then knocked off rivals Falls Church and Langley. In the Langley contest, Coach Robert Smith thought he was sparing the Saxons when he put in the second string, but they still managed to rack up a 53-37 victory for GCM.

Washington-Lee, a tall and tough team, tied the game at the final buzzer and then squeaked their way to victory over GCM in overtime, 38-35.

Marshall goes into tonight's game with six wins and 11 losses to their credit. Five of the six victories came against District competition, thus giving the Statesmen a fair ranking in the Potomac District.

## Statesmen Sink Saxons

Mark and Bob Page combined to score 42 points, each hitting for 21, last Saturday night against Langley. The Statesmen romped over the Saxons for the second time this year, 75-66, and brought their record to

six wins, 11 losses, giving Marshall their best varsity b-ball record in the school's history with one game remaining.

## Marshall Takes Two, Drops One

The Statesmen helped knock the J.E.B. Stuart Raiders out of first place with a 57-55 upset. John Walton led the cagers with 16 points. Stuart never regained their strength as they recently lost to Wakefield and W-L.

The McLean Highlanders were the victims of the killer Statesmen, who tallied their highest point total (81) and highest point spread (19) of the season. The 81-62 win included a fantastic 24 points by Statesman Mark Page. Sophomore John Brown, brought up from JV late in the year, hit for 17 points while playing less than half the game. The final minutes were marked with the presence of the second string, which included four

juniors — Tom Efrid, Bob Samson, Bill Hoy, and Steve Gardner — and one senior, Tony Cann.

After these two wins, the Statesmen were defeated by Yorktown, 44-37, after a halftime lead of 22-20. Steve Brisbane, 12, and Mark Page 25 points between them.

## District Tournament Next

The Potomac District Tournament will begin March 1 at Washington-Lee. Marshall has an even chance to represent the District at the State Tournament March 8-11. The District Tournament rules give every team a chance, regardless of standing. The first-place team in the regular season (probably Wakefield) meets with the tournament winner to decide the championship in the District. Thus if Marshall wins the tournament, and then beats the top team... who knows?

## JV to Finish Tonight; Boys Ready for Varsity

Marshall's junior varsity basketball season closes tonight against Wakefield, but the record falls somewhat short of showing the team's ability and spirit. In the cagers' first six games, the final outcome was decided by a margin of two points or less. They recently took two games in a row against Stuart and McLean.

GCM has never had a winning varsity basketball team but a detailed look at the JV shows that this year's team could change the varsity outlook within the next two years.

Leading the all-sophomore team are co-captains John Brown and Scott Smith. Brown was moved up to the varsity squad in mid-season but Bob Wiggins filled the vacancy adequately. While the team lacked height, they almost always managed to overcome

it during the season.

The strong rebounders on the team were Rick Gauch and Barry Huang, but George Bailey has been considered by some as the best for all-around ability. Bailey transferred from Langley after his freshman year and became a strong player on the JV team.

During the season, the JV team has hustled to become established, with a 6-11 record going into tonight's game. Behind their mentor, Coach Doug Crupper, the team has shown that on the basketball scene things could change soon for Marshall.

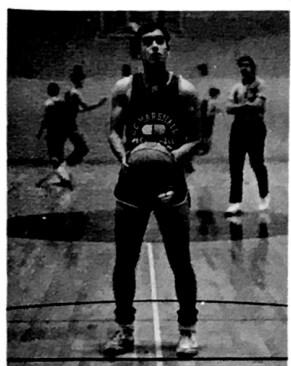
## GCM VARSITY 66-67 RECORD

GCM	Opponent	Result
58 Mt. Vernon	61	L
41 Edison	52	L
46 Fairfax	83	L
40 W-L*	48	L
51 Stuart*	57	L
53 McLean*	51	W
43 Yorktown*	52	L
31 O'Connell	68	L
40 Falls Church	39	W
53 Langley*	37	W
50 Madison	66	L
54 Wakefield*	70	L
35 W-L*	38	L
57 Stuart*	55	W
81 McLean*	62	W
37 Yorktown*	44	L
75 Langley*	66	W
? Wakefield*	?	?

\*—District games

## Sports Spotlight

### Senior John Walton Takes Honors as 'Big Little Man'



John Walton

By Paul Stephan

Lew Alcindor does not play basketball for Marshall High School. There are no unusually tall players on the team. To compensate, the Statesmen have relied on speed, agility, and hustle. They have been getting this from their captain and spark-plug, senior John Walton.

"It feels kind of funny when someone jumps over you," says John. "But there's nothing you can do about it. I have to be faster, more alert, and I have to try harder." John has tried hard enough to be a leader in scoring for GCM. Although he is short in stature (5'7"), he is a giant to the opposing players.

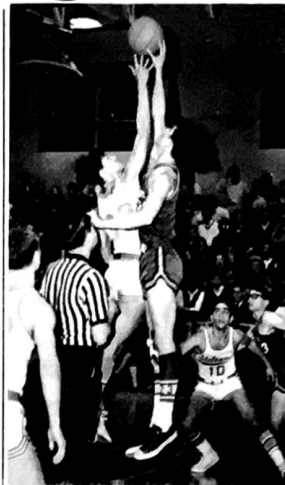
Besides playing basketball, John played on the varsity baseball team last year. Speaking about their prospects for 1967, he says, "We need some more pitching, but otherwise we're a good solid ball club. We should do well this year."

John spends most of his time on athletics, and says he has little time for other activities. But he admits he especially enjoys popular music. "I love records," he says, "I have lots of them, mostly rock-and-roll."

John hopes to go to Texas University next year. "I don't know about playing basketball there," he says, "but I'd like to play on the baseball team."

As far as Marshall's basketball plans for next year are concerned, John has high hopes. "We will have some fine varsity players back next year," he explains, "and there are some good players on the J.V. and Freshman teams. The only thing that can hurt us is redistricting. For example, the freshmen are having a very good season, and they will be broken up by the new school districts."

As far as the basketball team's hopes for this year are concerned, John is also enthusiastic. "We should finish strongly," he says, "and I think we'll do well in the tournament. We have a great bunch of players. We always get along together, and their spirit is terrific. We felt the same way after losing the first few games that we felt at the beginning of the season, and that takes fantastic spirit."



(Left) Mark Page tips the opening jump-ball to GCM captain John Walton in the winning McLean game. (Right) High scorer Mark Page flies through the air to score two of his 24 points in the McLean massacre.

## Post-Season Wrestling Features GCM Stars

With the regular season over, the GCM wrestling team is presently competing in tournament play. A winning 6-5 record was enough to gain the team a rank of fourth in the district. Their county record was another laurel in their crowns. The wrestlers beat every Fairfax County team they played except for Falls Church.

## Two Go to State

Marshall wrestlers took two places in the Northern Virginia regional tournament last weekend at Annandale, thus giving GCM two berths in the State Tournament, to be held at Norfolk this weekend. Juniors Jeff Johns, in the 112-lb. class, and John Murray, in the heavyweight class, both took fourth place in their weight classes.

Six Marshall wrestlers came out on top in the District Tournament. Although GCM came in fifth out of seven in team standings, John Murray, 11, Gary Mattozzi, 12, Tom McAndrew, 12, Art Lewis, 12, Bob Haney, 12, and Jeff Johns, 11, obtained berths in the regional tournament by placing in the top four in each weight class. Johns came in first in his 112-lb. weight category, but Haney was injured and was not able to go to the regionals.

"I think the boys did a real fine job," commented Mr. James Hoy, wrestling coach. "What really made the difference, though, was their attitude. They were really fighting in every match." In checking the record, Mr. Hoy's statement is proven as his grapplers defeated Edison, 29-21, the first-ranked team in the area and last year's District champions.

Seven of the varsity wrestlers have a winning record, with Jeff Johns at the top. His final record was 9-1, with a commendation from Mr. Hoy for "outstanding work."

## JV Year Successful

The story of the junior varsity season is one of unqualified success. With a record of 7-1, they racked up one of the best records of any team at GCM. Coach Hoy once again pointed out that this year's JV is "great, really great."

## Girls Climax Year Tonight

GCM's feminine b-ballers face tough competition in the closing game of their season this afternoon. Ranked third in the county, the girls will take on Groveton, who is ending their second consecutive season atop the rankings. Marshall posts only one loss, to Woodson, 41-35.

Seniors Becky Leet and Brenda Parker, the high scorers, lead the team as co-captains. Making up the rest of the starting six were Beth Hemsley, 12, juniors Dot Hankinson, Sue Ramos, and Christie Barnes.

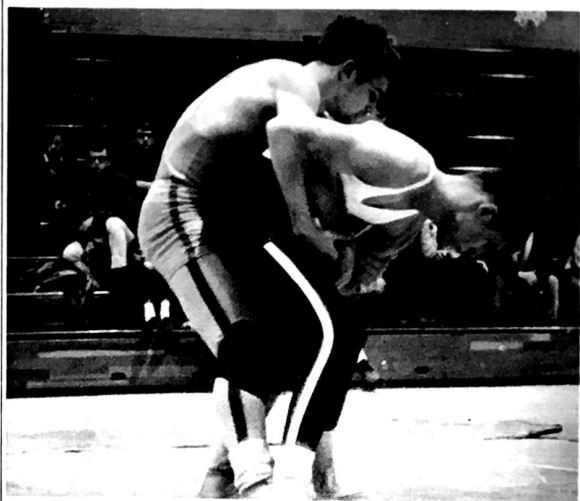
With the use of their fast breaks and versatile jump shots, the varsity offense is usually able to grab a quick lead and then keep it due to the strict zone defense of the GCM guards.

Working as a unit, the girls' record was marred only by one defeat, while their first nine wins had them at least fifteen points ahead of their opponents.

## Feminine JV Also Victorious

Energetic, but more important, winning, the girls junior varsity posts a record of nine wins and three losses, ranking in third place.

Forwards Celie Price, 9, Bonnie Tapp, 10, and Jan Reed, 10, led the scoring column. Co-captain Nancy Hallam was the roving player who combined with Jan to set the pace.



GCM senior Art Lewis, in the 145-lb. weight class, is on the verge of taking down his opponent in the recent District tournament. Lewis decided his foe as GCM sent six men to the regional tournament last week.