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Snowballs and Snowmen Set Christmas Scene



Peggy Aamodt

Francie Bradford

Becky Newell

Debbie Strayer

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by Kathy Kurke

On December 20, tomorrow night, the annual SCA sponsored Alumni Christmas Dance will round out the activities of the 1969 school year. It will be held in the cafeteria from 8:30 until 11:30 p.m.

This year's theme will be "A Snow Ball." The cafeteria will look like a snowy winter night, decorated in silver, white and blue. The effect will be brought out by scenery such as candy-canes, fir trees, papier-maché

snowmen, snowflakes, and Christmas trees. There will even be frost on the windows.

The Queen will receive the traditional dozen roses. She will be accompanied by her court in a sleigh, an appropriate effect for the theme. The court for this year will include Peggy Aamodt, Francie Bradford, Judy Cockrell, Becky Newell, and Debbie Strayer.

The price of the tickets will be \$2.50. The Alumni will be admitted free.

The dance is traditionally formal dress for the Seniors and semi-formal for all underclassmen. This tradition has not been carried out to any great extent in the last few years. Couples of

all grades have been seen formally attired.

The couples will dance in the festive holiday mood to the music of the Jerome Sleeper Quintet.

Sue Woodward, 12, Chairman, and Lois Montgomery, 12, Co-chairman, have been working diligently to make this year's Christmas Dance the very best.

What's Up

DECEMBER 19: B-ball—Hammond (away), 6:30 p.m. Wrestling—Ft. Hunt (away), 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 20: Alumni Christmas Dance, SCA.

DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 5: VACATION.

JANUARY 3: Civil Service Exams, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

JANUARY 6: B-ball—Langley (away), 6:00 p.m. Wrestling—Langley (home), 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 9: B-ball—Oakton (home), 6:00 p.m. Wrestling—Oakton (away), 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 10: SAT and ACT Tests.

JANUARY 12: Early closing.

JANUARY 13: B-ball—Lee (away), 6:00 p.m. Wrestling—Woodson (home), 6:00 p.m.

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JANUARY 23: B-ball—McLean (away), 6:30 p.m. Wrestling—Herndon (home), 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 27: B-ball—Jefferson (home), 6:00 p.m.

Woodward, Carbaugh and Donnelly Receive Honors

by Maureen Doallas

Seniors Honorine Donnelly, Susan Woodward, and Vince Carbaugh have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1970.

These students, nominated for this honor by their school, are automatically in competition for the Governor's Trophy to be presented to the top Outstanding Teenager of Virginia. Each of the 50 state winners will compete for one of the two National Outstanding Teenagers of America titles and scholarships. These awards are made available by the Outstanding Americans Foundation.

The foundation selects students on the basis of ability and achievement. It is dedicated to honoring, inspiring and encouraging young people to take full advantage of the opportunities in America. The program is designed to bring to the attention of the American public the positive achievements and attributes of today's young people, the leaders of tomorrow.

All three students are active in many phases of Marshall life. Onnie, currently SCA President, is also a hard working member of the AFS, Keyette Club and

National Honor Society. Susan is actively involved with the SCA, the Keyette Club, the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. She is the chairman of the 1969 Alumni Christmas Dance. Vince has achieved recognition in the field of sports. These students have also maintained excellent academic records.

In addition to the honor of competing for the Governor's Trophy and the Outstanding Teenager of America title, as well as college scholarships, each will receive a frameable certificate in recognition of their honor in February.

ATTENTION: CLUBS

The PTA Club Grant Program is designed to help GCM Student Clubs and Classes carry out their respective charter purposes by providing funds to undertake projects and activities they otherwise would be unable to do.

Grants in amounts not less than \$10 and not more than \$100 for any one club or class will be made. Applications for grants must be made according to all rules and procedure. They will be judged by a committee of parents, teachers and students.



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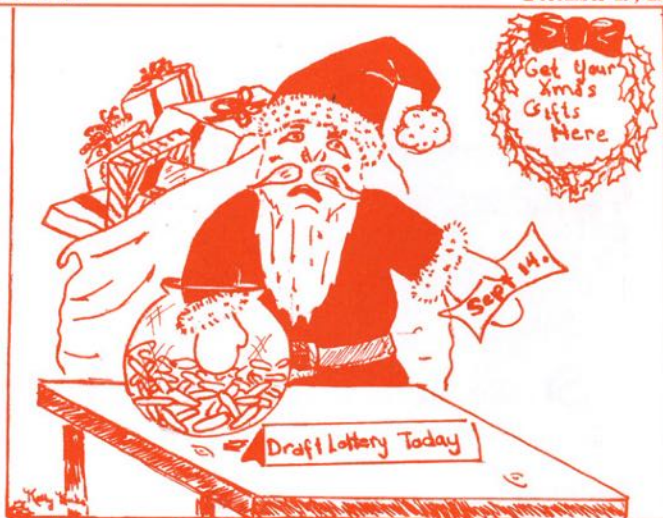
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German Club: The German Club who was responsible for starting inter-club soccer and helping to get the other language clubs started, would like to thank all of the people who helped us this fall. This includes Mr. Robinson, who gave us an early talk, and Mr. Yost, who assisted us in times of need. Also, I have deep gratitude to my teammates who played in the German-Russian game. They played great soccer against the Russian Club with invincible odds which seemed endless to each of us. These invincible odds included being one man short, and no replacements. But they held until the end when the Russian Club moved ahead by two points. We hope that this effort will not have gone to waste by this spring.

Dolf's Dozen

These are some of the notes I took during the annual meeting of the Harold Stassen for President Committee.

8:00 a.m., November 25—Began convention preliminaries. We are meeting today in the Smithsonian Building of History and Technology in the hall of Great American Heroes. We were served sweet rolls and tomato juice as an appetizer(?). It will probably be a sour day.

9:00 a.m. After much witty conversation interrupted occasionally by tomato-juice-burps we moved into the main meeting location, having been served our appetizers in the area of the special exhibit tracing the "Development of American Hog Husbandry." Filing into the hall, we received sample publicity pamphlets for Harold E. including "The Thoughts of Harold E. Stassen," (one page long); "Harold E. Stassen—A Man for Our Times," reprinted article from the *New York Herald Tribune* of April 1, 1951; "Stassen—An Honest Man," by Bobby Baker; and "My Most Unforgettable Character," reprinted from a *Reader's Digest* article by Tiny Tim. These papers I quickly translated with the help of my H.E.S. secret message decoder. Among the publicity releases given to me, I found a message addressed to all high school H.E.S. organizers which stated in part:

"Your mission, should you decide to accept it, consists of building the support of young people for Stassen. We realize this mission is difficult if not impossible, but there are some factors which will help you. The youth of today is reacting against the Establishment and its glamorous people and is worshipping instead certain anti-heroes. We feel that Mr. Stassen is a natural for the job. He is so far 'out' that, with a little bit of publicity, it should be relatively easy to start a fad making it 'in' to be a 'Student for Stassen' . . . As always, if you are caught you will have to return your secret message decoder, your H.E.S. ring with a genuine faceted graphite stone and a microdot compartment, and your H.E.S. committee card. You will probably self-destruct in five seconds. If not, good luck Dolf."

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With a "ho ho ho and a Merry Christmas" the Keyettes decorated the school. They will also be helping at the Salvation Army center in Falls Church, and making toys for needy families. The Keyettes also sponsored a rummage sale, with such outstanding items as gum, soap, pencils, and smashed beer cans!

Class of '71: January 17, in the boys' gym, the Class of '71 will present a Marshall first—a Donkey Basketball Game. With the school faculty on one side and the junior class boys on the other, we will sponsor a basketball game. So? What's so good about that? Glad you asked. Each player must play the game on a Jackass! They can't make one move (shoot for the basket, pass the ball, or move around the court) without being mounted on their donkeys. To make it more exciting, each donkey is trained to his own trick. This should prove to be one of the best games of the season. Nobody should miss it! This could be better than the Madison game.

SCA JINGLE BELLS

SCA, SCA, Yeah for SCA!
All the way with SCA!
Oh yeah for SCA! Ohhhhhhh
SCA, SCA, Yeah for SCA!
All the way with SCA!
Oh yeah for SCA!
Dashing through the halls
Is Mike with mike in hand.
He passes by sweet Sue
Who's brightening up the land.
Sue Woodward is there, too,
With social things in store.
She's working with Chuck Phillips
And also Gary Calore!
REPEAT CHORUS

At meetings in our school
Jim's gravel noise is met.
While minutes we do find
By Alice and Janet are kept.
Brenda thinks up the thoughts.
Steve guards our treasury big
And Wayne and Jenny Lippincott
Do concentrate on DIG!
REPEAT CHORUS
Our office we keep clean
Or Onnie quite mad gets.
Candy who counts the vote
Sees who the school elects.
Steve Holstrom entertains.
On Peggy dates depend.
And Richard leads our welfare work.
And this is now the end!
**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
THE SCA ! ! !**

F.T.A.: The F.T.A. recently visited Westgate and Pimmit Hills Elementary Schools to observe teaching. Our only future plans include a tour of the Epileptic Center in Leesburg.

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Through the snow,



Asu prepares for her first American Christmas.

Perplexity No. 4

The first person from each class to tell Mr. McCarthy personally the correct answer will receive a certificate for a free pizza from Doby's Pizza Kitchen.

In the following subtraction problem, each of the letters stand for a different digit (1-9), the same letter representing the same digit throughout the problem and different letters represent different digits. Now there are 10 solutions to this problem, but we want the one in which $X = 7$.

SANTA
— CLAU
XMAS

The answer to last month's problem was \$20.16. Senior Carl Scheffey, junior Martin Buchanan, and freshman Lee Parkhurst worked out the correct response.

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Christmas Customs Imported

Christmas, as it is known in the United States, is not celebrated in Turkey, according to Marshall's AFS student Asuman Güven. However, several European Christmas customs have been adopted into their culture during the 20th century after Turkey became a republic.

As January 1 was already a holiday, the borrowed festivities of decorating a Christmas tree and giving simple presents were combined with those usually celebrated on New Year's. Relatives visit together for an evening feast including chicken or lamb, special breads, and the continental dessert of fruit. Although many children have read of Santa Claus, he remains only the storybook figure that he is depicted to be.

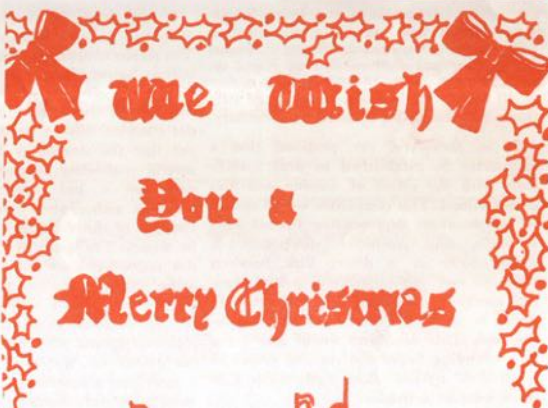
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Most Turkish inhabitants are Haneği Moslem with a smattering of Alevi Moslem. Both sects believe the same concepts, but some rites differ. Christ's birth is not celebrated as the Moslem God is Allah. The principal Moslem religious ceremonies, Ramazan Bayrami and Kurban Bayrami, are celebrated on different dates each year.

Ramazan, a thirty-day period preceding Ramazan Bayrami, compares with the fasting seasons

of Advent and Lent. Nothing is eaten during the day except a huge dinner signaled to commence by a cannon at changing times each day. After eating, the people attend religious ceremonies at the mosque. Young children and the aged are not obligated to participate in this observance. Following this time is the three-day Ramazan Bayrami, the more important feast of the two. The various age groups visit all the family's friends at different hours of each day when money and presents are bestowed upon the teenagers, while the young children receive special kinds of candy. Thus, another name, the Festival of Candy, has sprung up.

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Christmas in Puerto Rico Resembles U.S. Customs



Christmas in Puerto Rico as observed by Lydia Torres, 10, is much the same as in the United States.

However, it is much more extravagant.

Holiday celebrations begin about December 22 and last until the 7th of January. Many of the varied festivities take place in the evenings and last until the early morning hours. Christmas is celebrated with the entire family, including aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandchildren. Each evening

is spent at a different relative's home who is hosting that night's party. The party is complete with singing and dancing which is accompanied by maracas, guiros, and guitarras, their native instruments. After this party, about 3 to 5 a.m., the merry-makers visit close friends to serenade them. In this way they are awakened and another party is begun.

Puerto Ricans do have Christmas trees and Santa Claus. As in the United States the children can sit on his lap at the local department store. The major difference in

Christmas customs concerns the types of food that is served. The main dish is usually roast pork which is barbecued over an outdoor pit. The pork is complemented by side dishes of pasteles which is made from a special type of green bananas, mecillas which is made from the blood of the pig and arroz y gandules which is a rice and green pea dish.

Special desserts are also quite popular during the Christmas season. Tembleque, which is made from coconut and milk and arroz con dulce, which is made from rice, milk, and raisins are the two most common desserts.

In Puerto Rico, as well as many other Latin American countries, January 7 is also celebrated. This is the day of the "Three Kings." The children have a strong belief in the kings much like they do in Santa Claus. They leave grass and fresh water for the camels which carry these noble men. The kings come bearing gifts to the good children.

New Year's is also greeted with a party attended by many relatives. The evening is spent reminiscing over the events of the previous year. At exactly twelve o'clock the lights are lowered and the members of the family embrace each other.

THE MIS-CONCEPTION

by Craig Updegrove

It was so very long ago.

Shepherds
Angels
Mary.

All responsible for one incident in "ancient" history.

Triumph and Celebration started with them.

Christmas started with us.

There always will be Christmas.

For there always will be those who

would receive rather than give.

For there always will be those who

would forget rather than remember.

For there always will be those who

would die rather than live.

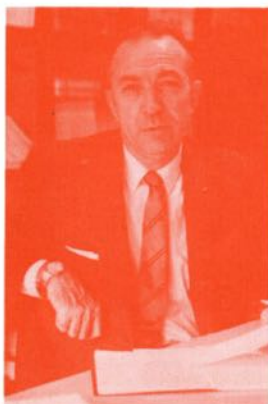
Bottled, wrapped, tied, and

exploited—

Christmas is here again.

It was so very long ago.

Merry Christmas from the Friars to: Kris, Jode, Lar, Claude, Ferone, John Pat, Francis, Alex Kriss (BGI), Miss P., Marg, and the kid



Mr. John Schlögl



Mr. Robert Wallace

Schlögl, Wallace Chosen As December's "Elder" Statesmen

With emphasis on the Social Studies department, the ICG has chosen Mr. John Schlögl and Mr. Robert Wallace as December's "Elder" Statesmen of the Month.

Mr. John Schlögl, a former American University social studies teacher, has taught World Geography and United States History at Marshall for two years.

When asked his philosophy of teaching Mr. Schlögl stated, "Teachers have a responsibility to challenge the student to perform the best of his ability and, at the same time, the teacher has an obligation to assure that the student benefits from having taken the course. It's a two-way street. Both student and teacher take an active role—a dialogue."

Besides teaching, Mr. Schlögl devotes much of his time to GCM's athletic program. Not only is he head coach of the Cross Country team, but also assistant coach of Marshall's track and field team.

Mr. Schlögl attended Columbia and Fordham Universities where he also participated in athletics.

A teacher of ninth and tenth grade World Civilization and Advanced Placement European

History, Mr. Robert Wallace enhances greatly Marshall's Social Studies department.

He loves working with students of high school age and feels that he identifies quite well with them. Mr. Wallace believes that a teacher should be "somewhat human and exert all the compassion he can."

Though he enjoys teaching at GCM, Mr. Wallace states "the size and complexity of Marshall can sometimes be frustrating to identify with."

Mr. Wallace, an antique buff, spends a great deal of his spare time adding to his collection.

Merry Christmas

to our devoted Editor and our hard working sponsor and all the members of the Staff.

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The National Junior Honor Society thinks it's a not so happy season when our troops in Vietnam have to spend Christmas with M16 rifles instead of their families. Remember them at Christmas.

'Twas the Week of Christmas

by Lynne Fitzpatrick

'Twas the week before Christmas and
all through the school
Not a pupil was working or follow-
ing the rules.
The projects weren't finished,
were lagging behind
In hopes that the teachers would
give us more time.
Tests were all taken;
the tears had been shed
As visions of "F's"
danced in our heads.
Glad to be rid of the books,
pens and maps
We had just settled our brains
for a long winter's nap.
When out in the front
there arose such a clatter
We sprang from our seats to see
what was the matter
Over to the windows
we flew like a light,
Tore open the blinds and
saw what a sight.
The sun, shining on no
snow at all
Gave no luster of winter,
more likely Fall.
When what with our wondering
eyes should we see
But a Pep Rally,
filling everyone with glee.
With a set of cheerleaders
so lively and fun
That we knew in a moment
that school was done.
The Georgie Girls, majorettes, and
band had appeared
As the chanting began for
the first peppy cheer.

"Now, Marshall, now, Marshall,
we know you're the best.
Go Statesmen, fight Statesmen,
the best of the rest
To the top of the list;
we'll be number one
We'll beat them all,
even Madison."
The cheer was exciting and
went so well
That we shouted when we heard it
in spite of ourselves
The bell rang and echoed
through empty corridors
And away we all flew
in one great big roar
But we heard one refrain as we
walked out of sight
Happy Christmas to all and
to all a winning night.

Flakes of Sky

I am outside, just standing still
looking up at the frosted grey-blue
sky. My face is being pelted by a
soft cold substance which the sky
is losing. It seems as if the sky
itself were breaking into millions
of tiny delicate pieces and falling on
the earth. A chilling movement stirs
these particles with one another.
They are of the same color, yet
the design of each is different. There
is no sunlight. It is not strong
enough to filter through these
falling pieces of sky. It's as if the
sun has fallen from orbit. These
flakes of sky stick to the ground,
and to me, and to everything. It
feels cold, yet it changes form when
it lands on anything warmer. Every
piece that falls has its place, as if
it were a part of a big puzzle which
fits together when it lands, only to
melt and eventually sink into the
ground.

Vicki Heath ('71)



Merry Christmas to our kiddies!

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From we to thee

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Troumerei

by Gary Calore & Poe Leggette

The winter twilight has my curse
In the sinking sun
Where damson dust is fused
With the fiery crest
and soaks the humid night.
Where in such hazy mesh,
cursed with cold
all purity is strained
through to ephemeral zones—
drifts of crystal pyramids
beneath the glazing tide.
Where on such a winter's eve
it's Christmas,
Wayfaring on a wistful road was I
with the milky mist in tandem,
and a passion wept to me
melting melodies swiftly strained
by winding gusts of snow
where in Swathing Rivulets
gushed the inky sky
and the rapturously gaping worlds
bizarre
opened as a tattered eye
with sunken lures in me.

Deep wells did spot the mystic air
with fragrant breathing caverns
that did sweeten with suckle
the rankest mold
and drew my soul within them
How free is the windless flight!
Swaddled from a body's pain
who from the spirit is divorced
and rolls in twisting agony
not assuaged in silken amnion.
And yet that pain would weaken will
and though that spirit be divorced
From pain. The purpose of
the vilest men would turn to love.
Beneath the scope of all deep wells
A human passion therein doth dwell.
The light of every Christian heart
Glows brighter with the night
But in the most reserved part
A dark thought lingers from the start
'Tis kindled most from spite.
And pinnacles and paragons
speak loudest when virtue weeps
for joy.
So do, to the best, this time employ.

Clubcity - cont.

Art Club: This month, the Art
Club painted the front lobby win-
dows with traditional Christmas
designs. The club is also using the
small office bulletin board to exhibit
work done in the art classes.

Key Club: The GCM Key Club
kept itself busy during December
with a pair of inter-division
football wins over George Mason
(30-0) and Falls Church (24-12).
Also, a candy sale to dispose of
leftover Halloween sales was held.
Volunteers showed up to help at
the Potomac Tuberculosis and
Respiratory Disease Center and
found it closed up. A very success-

ful fall membership drive brought
in several new sophomores and
seniors and work in connection
with the March of Dimes Mothers'
March is planned for January.

Keyette Club: The Keyettee of the
Month for October was Lois
Montgomery. The Keyette of the
Month for November was Barbie
Adams.

The Burroughs family would
like to take this opportunity to
express our deep appreciation to
the school faculty and students
for showing their concern during
the time of our sorrow. God
bless each and every one of you.

Newspaper Representatives Meet with Dr. Watts

On Tuesday, November 18,
Fairfax School Superintendent Dr.
Lawrence M. Watts and County
School Board Chairman Alan Gold-
smith held a forum for representa-
tives of the County's high school
newspapers. The conference was the
second of a series of meetings

designed to increase communication
between the individual student
bodies and the school board.

Students from the Fairfax County
schools were invited to ask the
administrators any questions they
or their schools had concerning
school board policy. The atmosphere

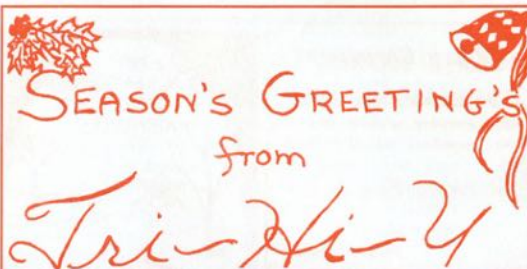
was relaxed, and the questions asked
were more specific and pertinent
than those discussed the month
before. The most heated topic of
debate was the right of a student
organization to distribute non-
academic literature on school
grounds, especially that of a political
nature. When presented with the
evidence that this is a constitutional
right, Mr. Goldsmith pointed out
that distribution is prohibited on the
grounds that is could obstruct the
educational process, presumably by
blocking traffic in the halls.

Other topics discussed were
scheduling of class periods, the
length of the school day, à la carte
menus, and the problem of drug
traffic. The discussion became so
intense that it lasted half an hour
longer than scheduled, ending on a
note of mutual cooperation and
understanding.

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Cagers End Pre-Holiday B-ball Tonight

Marshall's Statesmen visit Hammond tonight at 8:00 in their fourth game of the season. Results of the Fairfax game was too late to make this issue. In pre-season scrimmages the varsity beat Yorktown, lost two close games to GW, and lost another to West Springfield.

A thrilling 77-51 victory over Stuart in the opening game featured Dinky Jones scoring 16 points and winning "Defensive Player of the Week." Team captain, Vince Carbaugh, scored his varsity career high of 14 points and 6ft. 8in. senior Mike Clark was high rebounder with 16. Clark also scored 14 points. The Statesmen shot 59 per cent from the foul line and over 50 per cent from the floor. Mr. Smith said he was exceptionally "pleased" with everyone's playing. Scott Reynolds, 6ft. 5in. forward,

out with a knee injury, has recuperated and is now able to play.

The varsity beat Mount Vernon 59-46. Tony Pearson was selected as defensive player of the week and Mike Clark was high scorer with 13 points and high rebounder with 16.

JV Underway

The JV also beat Mount Vernon 62-45. Rayme Roth scored 20 points to lead the Statesmen to their first victory.

This year's JV consists of freshman Burnet Pearson, sophomores Al Boudreau, Rayme Roth, Billy Lowe, and George Hopper. These boys, as of now, appear to be the starting five. Other members are Marco Polo, Dale Shell, Mike Dutchak, Mike Lee, Steve Cardwell, Gerry Dameron, Mark Derrick and Ray Smith.

Junior Varsity opened their season with a disappointing 51-45 loss to Stuart. Billy Lowe and "Muskie" Pearson each scored 11 points and George Hopper was high rebounder with 9.

In their first two scrimmages a lot was learned by losing to taller Woodson and West Springfield. The last scrimmage was successful, beating Edison 74-47.

Fresh Picked

On the squad are Mike Goto, Mike Little, Stuart Heironimus, Tim Hudson, Clark Coats, Jack Clark, Mike Olaf, Pete Vincent, Mike Cuihane, Brad Evers, Rick Petty, Billy Leonard, Clark Thomas, Scott Melton and Hal Steel.

West Springfield was their first opponent. Their first regular season game is January 6 against Langley here.



Mike Clark sets up for two foul shots in the Stuart game.

Grapplers at 2-1, Visit Fort Hunt

Both Marshall's Varsity and JV Wrestling teams have lost to Annandale and won over Hammond and Lee in their season's first three matches, and visit Fort Hunt tonight.

Varsity Loss to Atoms

A rough way to start the season —against Annandale brought a 38-6 Atom victory. Junior 185-pounder Dan Little won on riding time and senior co-captain Danny Naleppa won the 175 lb. contest.

Four Statesmen fell to pins but Coach James Hoy noted that "nobody gave up."

Comeback Win Over Hammond

Marshall rallied and used forfeits in the 185 and unlimited classes to defeat Hammond 29-19 and even up the Varsity record at 1-1.

115 lb. sophomore Bob Bonner was praised by the coach for his 6-0 win but 130-pounder senior Mark Rubin pulled a pin on a very worthy opponent for the night's outstanding performance. Senior Larry Bish muscled his 145 lb. contestant 5-1 and senior co-captain Jimmy O'Donnell won his 165 lb. match 7-0. Naleppa finished with a pin in the first period to tie the team scores at 19 all before the forfeits iced GCM's first victory.

Co-captains Naleppa and O'Donnell praised the excellent attendance at the first two matches saying, "I've never seen so many people at

a wrestling match. It's great," and "I hope the crowds won't dwindle when the basketball season starts." "If we keep improving as much as we did between these two matches, we ought to have a decent season," noted O'Donnell.

JV Bow to Annandale

Annandale's balanced strength shone again in a 30-14 victory in the GCM JV opener. 155 lb. sophomore Frank Berzak took a pin and Jim Murray, another sophomore, wrestling 181 won his match 10-0. Sophomore Vince Arbez won the 175 match 10-5 and junior Randy Shuford won 3-2 over his 115 lb. contestant.

"A little bit better than last time," was Coach Everett Cloud's happy appraisal of his squad's 39-12 stomp over Hammond. Each team took two pins but the Statesmen doubled the Admiral score, 24-12, before accepting forfeits in the 175, 185, and unlimited weight groups. Freshman Mike Serabian tied his 107 lb. contestant and Shuford took a 7-3 win in the 115 match. 130-pounder freshman George Manukas made a second-period pin. Junior Dave Petrey won his 137 match and junior Greg Hoagland followed with a narrow 3-2 win at 145. Berzak turned in a strong performance, 7-1, and sophomore John Maley sat-out his 165 lb. opponent at the start of the second period and pinned him 71 seconds later.

Female B-ball Competition To Open Against Madison

Marshall's Girls' Varsity Basketball team opens its season on January 9, 1970 against Madison.

The team was selected earlier this month and is "determined to stomp Madison." Five players are returning from last year's varsity. They are Sandra Caldwell, 12, Celie Price, 12, Sue Smith, 11, and Lynn Trichler, 11. Brought up from last year's JV squad are Jane Bishop, 11, Mimi Bright, 11, Joanne Blum, 11, Cindy Houck, 11, Donna Scott, 11, and Nancy Vincent, 11. Barbara Horn, 11, Barbara Lennon, 12, Jerri Rives, 11, and Trudy Wayne, 12, are new-comers to the team this year. The Varsity team plays a twelve game schedule and is expected to improve last year's 3-9 record.

According to Miss Mary Haskins, varsity coach, "The team is working hard and with determination as well

as team spirit. Every team is the hardest to beat."

JV Works to Improve

Also practicing for their first game with Madison is the JV team. They are coached by Miss Terry Conroy, physical education teacher. The members of the team are Kerry Amonett, 9, Vicki Brock, 9, Jill Brown, 9, Patty Brownell, 9, Ginny Bush, 12, (manager), Jackie Caldwell, 9, Marjorie Clark, 11, Valjean Clevenger, 9, Christine Cockrell, 10, Emily Farmer, 10, Belinda Henry, 10, Linda Hudson, 10, Sue Katona, 9, Cindy Kesner, 10, Anne Lockhart, 10, Donna Lockhart, 10, Mindy Manley, 9, Mary Senseney, 10, Peggy Morning, 10, Dawn Rogers, 9, and Cheryl Riss, 9.



Recent wrestling practice.

The Old Sideliner

by Paul Wacker



In my opinion, Vince Carbaugh is probably the most versatile athlete around Marshall. Vince has been a two year varsity letterman in football and basketball, and will be a three year letterman in baseball. He served as a quarterback during the football season, was a second team all district guard last year in basketball, and plays second base on the baseball team.

Varsity basketball coach Robert Smith says of Vince that he has desire and love of competition which makes him a winner. Another thing that Vince has which is necessary to play good ball is intelligence, which he reflects not only on the court but in his academic efforts. Besides being active in sports, Vince is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Letterman's Club, the Russian Club, and the Russian Honor Society.

I asked Vince which sport he enjoyed most and he replied: "It all depends on the season—during football season, it's football; during basketball season, it's basketball; and during baseball season, it's baseball." (An answer I'm sure will please Coaches Ed Henry, Smith, and Jim Miller.)

But since this is basketball season let's concentrate on basketball. Recently elected captain of this year's varsity basketball team, Vince feels that Marshall ought to capture the district title. "There's no doubt in my mind that our chances are better than ever to take district. Madison is the one to beat—and I figure Oakton will be in there too." Vince reiterated again the rivalry between Marshall and Madison, citing last year's basketball victory over them in the district playoffs as his most memorable sports experience here at Marshall.

Next year Vince plans to attend V.P.I., hoping to continue his sports career in the beginning of his sophomore year.

Incidentally, the next game is tonight at Fort Hunt, JV starting at 6:30 p.m.



Basketball Captain Vince Carbaugh shoots in the Stuart season opener. Carbaugh made a career-high 14 points and snared six rebounds.