

Barbara Wood Crowned As Miss Marshall 1970

The crowning of senior Barbara Wood as Miss Marshall 1970 brought two months of preparation, excitement, and anticipation to a close for 20 semi-finalists.

Also among the top five were first runner-up senior Dolly McElroy, second runner-up sophomore Cherie Jones, third runner-up senior Donna Reins, and fourth runner-up junior Marcia Asp. The Miss Congeniality Award was presented to Dolly.

Carl Scheffey

Carl Scheffey has been named to the Honors Group in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, sponsored by the Science Clubs of America. He is one of three hundred students in the United States to receive such an honor.

About her newly-acquired title, Barbara says, "I still don't believe it. My first reaction was one of shock, and I still look around for someone else when I am greeted with a 'hi, Miss Marshall.'" Barbara also states that the pageant is a good experience, and a lot of fun. "You can't really lose, no matter what happens," she continues. "One of the best things about the pageant was how close all the semi-finalists become; everyone was so helpful and friendly."

Barbara, who enjoys waterskiing, iceskating, sewing, and painting, plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall, with the hope of becoming an art teacher. Her more immediate plans include a dinner for two at Evans Farm Inn, taking a modeling scholarship at Cinderella Finishing School, and traveling to Nassau with Miss Laurie Williams.



Charlie Mason, Janet Stephan, Duane Hampton and Clinton Wolfe pose in the library.

Debate Team Wins Two In Match with Madison

On Monday, March 16, the George C. Marshall Debate Team won two matches against Madison. The winners were Varsity Negative, composed of Gary Calore and Duane Hampton, and Junior Varsity Negative, Janet Fetner and Clinton Wolfe.

Coach Mrs. Betty Little admits that this year's debate team is not the best that GCM has had, but attributes the cause to "overinvolvement." She says that this is not bad (in fact, quite the contrary) and that her team tries hard, which is important.

However, statewide the Marshall Debate Team has done extremely well, winning two of three matches in Richmond. Mrs. Little added that Northern Virginia is a hard area to compete in. This may have been a deciding factor in Marshall's high placement statewide.

Marshall's debate team holds practice sessions at meetings of the Toastmasters. Practice dinner sessions are also held at the homes of coaches Mrs. Little and Mrs. Martha Williams. In spite of low county placements this year, Mrs. Little is confident of "a great team next year."

What's Up

- MARCH 27-30: Pupil Holiday.
- APRIL 2: Honor Society Inductions.
- APRIL 3: Sr.-Jr. Basketball Game, 7:30 p.m.
- APRIL 4: Mr. Ugly Contest, 8:00 p.m.
- APRIL 6-10: Traffic Safety Week.
- APRIL 13-17: Indian Week.
- APRIL 15: Choral Dept. Folk Concert.
- APRIL 30: Band Concert, 7:00-11:00 p.m.



"Temper, temper," warns Jacques (John McKernon, 12) to Hapagon, the Miser (Stuart Harvey, 11).



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Rank & File Gets No. 1 Rating

by Bill Bassett

Rank and File receiving a first place rating by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association was one of the many highlights of our trip to New York City as GCM's delegates to the 46th annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention.

Other memorable events included *Promises, Promises!*, Mama Leone's, Chinatown, the Royal Manhattan Hotel, Sardi's, the Waldorf-Astoria, the subway, Jeopardy, and a taxi-jam at five on Saturday afternoon. Don Acker, Greg LeRoy, Kathy Kurke, Missy Hughes, Diane Fitzpatrick, Barb Bass, Corrine Savage and I will remember all of it.

We arrived at the Royal Manhattan Hotel, which, as advertised, is in the "heart of the theater district," at 1:15 Thursday, March 12. At 2:00 we arrived at Columbia University via the subway. (Definition: Subway—something that rattles and shakes at 70 mph), registered for the convention and attended sectional meetings till four o'clock. That night we saw *Promises, Promises!* and went to Sardi's after the show for coffee.

Friday varied in all the activities. Greg chaired a Community Reporting Seminar, we received notice of our first place rating, Don and Kathy attended an invitation-only reception at the Overseas Press Club, we went to see the television game show Jeopardy, ate dinner at Mama Leone's and visited Chinatown. Between all this we attended meetings at Columbia University.

Saturday was another busy day. There were more meetings at Columbia, a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria, and the hassle of getting ready to leave New York to come home.

I don't think many of the people who went up to New York wanted



Rank and Filers Diane Fitzpatrick, Kathy Kurke, and Missy Hughes enjoy their first roller coaster ride on the New York subway.

to come home, with the possible exception of Mr. McCarthy, who was probably delighted to realize that he would not have to chaperone ten teenagers in New York City again until next year.

On the way home several of us talked about the city. Greg ought to receive something for: "New York is an extended hand waiting for a tip," or Barb's comment at the Waldorf-Astoria luncheon, "Yeah, yeah, oh wow," or Don's overly loud comment, overheard, I'm sure, by someone, "Who do these cats think they are anyway?"

When we first got there we hated the iron wrecking balls and piles of he would not have to chaperone 8 rubble. Torn up sidewalks. Honking taxi's. Banging, clatter, and the smog. We asked why everyone rushed so, but in the end we found ourselves rushing through crowds and traffic from one place to another, because in New York time is as precious as life itself.

And like a current commercial on TV — "Ah, New York do you have a moment?" We found it had several.

Overseas Press Club Hosts 2 GCM Visitors

by Kathy Kurke

On Friday the 13th, while the Rank & File staff was in New York attending a convention of the CSPA (Columbia Scholastic Press Association) Don Acker and I represented our school, at a "by invitation only," reception of the Overseas Press Club. Only 50 schools in the United States received the honor of an invitation.

The speakers, which included the renowned William Kimbel, were certainly not as interesting as the room in which we listened to them and ate our refreshments. The walls were covered with unique and interesting photographs of many of the historical happenings of our day. On the right wall hung two large plaques engraved with the words, "Those Colleagues Died Serving a Free Press for a Free World." Beneath this was a list of the names, dates, and places of reporters who died writing for our papers, while overseas. Two such reporters who died in Viet Nam last year are Oliva E. Noonan, and Paul David Savanuck. These heroic men and women had once sat in the very same places as we were sitting.

I wonder if any of those students visiting from Marshall, or the school in Tampa, Florida, or from the school from Brooklyn, New York, or any of the others will ever have their names hanging on that plaque, in memory of their great contributions to the free press of a free world.

DIG Highlights Final Week of March

Rank & File congratulates the SCA and involved students and faculty members for their hopefully successful effort in bringing DIG week about.



DIG your own thing

Before We Evaluate DIG

DIG is not quite over yet and time forces this to be written before it even began. A valid appraisal of it is yet to come, but before we assess this huge undertaking, let us remember all the effort spent to make it come about. Thousands of man-hours were directed in a sincere effort to create total free-form education — ultimately the best form of learning.

This small taste of a very sweet thing needs to be savored, remembered, and supported. Many things besides the course lessons have been learned. Administrative problems, scheduling snags, and some lack of cooperation have hindered this worthy endeavor. Let us not buck such an advanced experiment. Let us show the older generation that we are able to do some self-improving things together correctly without tripping ourselves and wasting the unselfish work of those closely involved in DIG.

Statesmen Offer DIG Opinions

Jennifer Lippincott (12)—“All I can say at this point is that I hope everyone enjoys DIG week so I won't feel all this work has been worthless.”

Carol Nongale (9)—“I don't think DIG is worth all the time and effort these people have gone through. Many students aren't going to participate or make an effort. It's not worth it!”

Connie Rufner (9)—“I think it has been carried out well. I hope all the students are planning to attend and cooperate.”

Stuart Harvey (11)—“DIG is a start toward making the school more ‘tolerable’ for the student. However, it's unfortunate that it has become as highly regulated as our normal classes, and that the student is forced to attend.”

N. Simonson (11)—“First off, I think that DIG is a stupid name. I can't remember what my suggestion for a name was, but I don't like DIG. But what's a name? I feel that the people who have been working on Free School have done a good, rather, a great job. It ought to be a marvelous week.”

Roy Porter (11)—“DIG fulfills a real need felt by many students for a more creative and interesting education.”

Kay Absalon (9)—“I think DIG is really great because it will give us a chance to get away from our regular classes.”

Vivian Petrey (9)—“I think DIG is a great idea! It's a good time to try things you couldn't do otherwise!”

Jan Smith (11)—“DIG is a long awaited and much needed experiment in updating our archaic school system. Hallelujah!”

Joyce Bailey (11)—“The Free School program is a step forward in education. The one drawback I can see is that our educa-

tional system, geared toward exams, colleges, languages, etc., will soon cover up any good that might come from it.”

Pat Burke (12)—“From A. S. Neill's *Summerhill*, the idea of ‘free school’ really was put into practical use—it works. I really think that free school, when applied logically and practically will work. That logic and practicality, being education of youth in smaller numbers, education on a live-in basis, and the dedication of administration, teachers, and parents to the idea of free school—until these three main goals are reached—the belief in free school—education will change little for the better.”

Marlyn Harsch (11)—“DIG has become separated from the majority of the students—only the students working on it can really know about it and everyone else is becoming apathetic. Maybe an extra period for the nine weeks would have worked better.”

Ray Hudgins (9)—“I think it's great. But the one course I'd like to take is ‘for girls only’ and ‘girls' gym.’”

Robert Porter (10)—“I find that, although the Free Form Education Program is a golden opportunity to expand horizons, too many students are using it as a period in which to goof off.”

Ken Briot (9)—“I think it is a good idea but for those of us who need to bring up our grades, we need more school time since there is so little left. I hope we get to have it.”

Gerry Dameron (10)—“I think DIG is a really great idea and I'm enthusiastically looking forward to it! I only hope that some people don't ‘muff it up’ for the rest of us. I also hope that some of its policies and general ideas can be applied to our normal school system . . .”

Letters to the Editor

Dear Students, Faculty and Administration,

I was recently asked to conduct a course in “free school” on underground literature and, really not knowing what the subject matter would be, I accepted. After the acceptance several members of the DIG staff suggested that underground newspapers would make an excellent starting point. I agreed and decided to start my discussions on the question: “Does *Free Press* and *Quicksilver Times* have literary value?” From this I hoped to branch out into the field of underground writing to certain books and records.

After all these decisions, I held off from prom-making plans until after preliminary scheduling to see what the response to the course would be. It was favorable and I began making preparations, obtaining materials and speakers. Then, several days later, prior to final scheduling, I was informed that my course had been cut. On further inquiry the DIG board informed me that my subject matter had been ruled obscene by the administration, thus the decision to cut it.

I cannot argue against the right of the administration to make such a decision but I will argue that I should have been included in the discussions of the course since only I knew its total content. Normally, I would have probably accepted the cut, but after the preparations I had made, rather extensive and complete, this situation caused one considerable embarrassment and extra hours of work. I'm sure that if I had been consulted about the course, a compromise could have been reached.

I must conclude that the “free school” idea is being corrupted beyond limit here at Marshall and I am disappointed with the entire operation.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Ellis, '71

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Mr. Kennedy's about school spirit. In this letter Mike tells us that there is nothing wrong in “booing” the referees at a B-ball game. I disagree.

First, the refs are there to referee the game. They don't get paid any more or any less if we lose; in other words, they couldn't care less who wins the game, just so it is a fair one. So booing the refs accomplishes nothing constructive and it may prejudice them against us.

Second, booing the referees actually shows your lack of school spirit because, in booing the refs, you are stating your lack of confidence in the team ability to win a fair game.

Incidentally, I was voted the “Rickety Rick Top-Shelf Award.”

Bob Brock,
Class of '71.

ATTENTION:

The purpose of this Notice is to announce to students the concern of Fairfax County Juvenile Court judges over distribution of drugs.

Each intermediate and secondary principal is asked to bring the following announcement to the attention of all students.

Judge Frank L. Deierhoi and Associate Judge Richard J. Jamborsky of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court have announced increasing concern over cases of juveniles selling or distributing drugs to class-mates in County high schools.

“Within the past month, four youths have appeared before the Court in unrelated cases because of their selling or distributing of drugs, three occurring in school. Three of the cases involved the sale of LSD. All four youths, after being found within the purview of the Court, were given jail sentences. Two were also given substantial fines.

“The judges have requested that the hesitate in the appropriate cases to continue imposing stiff jail sentences on youngsters who are guilty of selling or distributing drugs.

“The judges have requested that the Superintendent of Schools bring the judges' views to the attention of the students.”

Editor:

The tennis team looks mighty tight this year with the addition of new cream-colored tennis wind-breakers added to their already mod uniforms. In addition last year's district winning team has been promised fences to back up the already terrible appearing courts; they are currently surfaced with blacktop which is next to impossible to play on.

Don't you think that the only team ever to win a district title at Marshall deserves better playing conditions and better equipment than this?

Anonymous.

Statesmen of the Month

Students Select Woodward, Reynolds As Outstanding Statesmen for March

Elected by a popular homeroom vote as March's Statesmen of the Month are seniors Sue Woodward and Scott Reynolds.

Sue, the former SCA Secretary, now serves as chairman of the SCA Social Function Committee. Acting as Secretary of the National and French Honor Societies, Sue is also Vice-President of the Keyette Club. Sue was chairman of this year's Christmas Dance, and plans to attend Wellesley College in Massachusetts next

Susan Woodward fall.

Acting as Vice-President of the Lettermen's Club, Scott has played Varsity Basketball for two years. Scott recently received a five-year football scholarship to the University of North Carolina, after his second year of Varsity Football at Marshall. Scott plays the drums for GCM's “Mandella.”



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Involvement Is Theme of Safety Week

The week of April 6-10 heralds the arrival of Traffic Safety Week. All three service clubs, the Key Club, Keyette Club, and Tri-Hi-Y, plan a program of participation; the SCA also is involved in the task of impressing upon each student the importance of highway safety.

All the participating clubs and organizations will make signs and posters to be put up during Traffic Safety Week. The rodeo which many students remember from last year will also be held in the rear school parking lot. The purpose of this activity is to test driving skill and ability. (Any student with a valid driver's license is eligible to participate, and automobiles will be provided.) Tests of reaction time, braking distance and reaction to lights will be held in the cafeteria at this time also. An assembly concerning Traffic Safety Week is planned; Corporal Edward Cox will speak on automobile safety, stressing the importance of safe and defensive driving, and the service clubs are organizing skits to be presented at the assembly. Officer Cox and the participating clubs are stressing the theme of greater involvement this year, so that more students will be affected by the program, and perhaps take steps to develop better driving habits.

In addition to the other activities planned for this week, Officer Cox will conduct a Teen Ride for Safety. On the nights of April 10 & 11 the Fairfax County police can take eleven students each night to the scenes of accidents and to emergency wards. This would stress the importance of driving safely better than any lecture or assembly. If this program is successful, it may be continued into the summer for students at all Fairfax County high schools.

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Mr. Ugly Contest Well Under Way

The twenty Mr. Ugly Semi-finalists are nervously awaiting the night of April 25, when one of them will be crowned Mr. Ugly 1970, by Steve Holstrom, who currently reigns.

The chairmen, Terry Snyder, 12, and Steve Helstrom, 12, said that this year's pageant will be a combination of last year's format, and that of Alice's Motor-Inn. Unlike last year, the dance will be held on the same night as the pageant. It will still be a girl-ask-boy dance, but will be a masquerade. The "Four Mourning" will provide the musical entertainment. During the time it takes the band for the breaks, the several stages of the pageant will be held.

The semifinalists include seniors Mike Boback, Bill Jones, Mike Mohler, Paul Perlik, Gerald Pleasant, Barney Tygrett, Bill Spitzig, and John Ransom. The junior semi-finalists are David Shuford, Steve Mosely, and Eddie McAtter. Dave Tozar, Paul Cross,

Bobby Lemmons, and Vince Arbelaez are the contestants from the sophomore class. The freshmen include Raymond Tilry, Mike Little, Robert Heintz, and Donald Farmer.

Dolf's Dozen

by Mobe

This month Dolf is proud to announce he was not one of the recipients of the Spiro Agnew Writing Excellence Award, presented annually in Lamar, S.C. Instead, Dolf will continue to please his readers as in the present issue.

Last week, Dolf was invited to an "I Can't Wait Until Tomorrow 'Cause I Get Better Looking Every Day" party up at Joe Namath's pad. I was at first impressed by the Rembrandt and the Wyeth on the living room wall, and the Hefner in the bedroom. Joe casually poured root beer while the clutter of Old Maid cards could be heard in the distance. It was an impressive sight, to say the least. I was also treated to a Broadway Joe cocktail. You drink two or three and you don't know what your Namath. Another cherished drink was the Rouns-a-belt, with just a dash of Klem mint. It's guaranteed to clean your Super Bowl and blitz your offense. This enlivening drink will soon be served with the Pete Rozelle Seal of Approval.

On the table I saw several unused matchbooks from the Bachelors III, along with a dusty picture of Vince Lombardi, who once referred to the AFL as the "Mickey Mouse League." When I asked Joe about this, he just said the title of his next book would be "Of Mice and Men."

Joe also said he was debuting in a Broadway show entitled "Oh Shea Can You See?" The last I saw of Joe, he was attempting a pass with a blonde in the hall. You can rest assured his knees won't be sore after this game.

Dolf



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At a certain 9-hole golf course, the holes were placed at distances of 300, 250, 200, 325, 275, 350, 225, 375, and 400 yards apart. Now supposing a man could always strike the ball in a perfectly straight line and send it exactly one of two distances, so that it would either land before the hole, beyond the hole or drop into it, what would the two distances be that would carry him around the course in the fewest number of strokes? Two possible choices might be 100 and 25 which would carry you around in 34 strokes. But this can be bettered.

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NSHS Announces Selections

by Diane Fitzpatrick

The National Senior Honor Society has again updated its membership and is pleased to announce that thirty-seven juniors have been accepted as members. Eight seniors are still being considered but these names were too late for this issue.

The students were chosen by the faculty committee, with the help of guidance, teachers, and the students themselves. Scholarship, leadership, and participation in various activities were several of the qualities considered in each individual.

The new members include Dale Anderson, Diane Azarowicz, Barbara Bass, Joanne Blum, Randy Bolce, Linda Bordt, Gary Calore, Michael Cannon, Robert Conger, Carol DeWilde, Maureen Doallas, Mike Eversmeyer, and Harlow Farmer. Also accepted were Mary Fisher, Diane Fitzpatrick, Randy Flynn, Katie Hall, Daphne Hammond, Marilyn Harsch, Stuart Harvey, Cynthia Houck, Melissa Hughes, John Kincaid, and Poe Leggett. The group continues with Katherine Misko, William Newell, Linda Nielsen, David Petrey, Roy Porter, Penny Rogers, Mary Pat Shannon, Michael Sibley, James Skalnink, Janet Stephan, George-Ann

Tobin, Barbara Voorhees, and Tom Young.

An induction ceremony will be held on the evening of April 2 in the library. Judge Vail Pischke of Falls Church will be the principal speaker. Short speeches describing the characteristics of the

Honor Society will be delivered by the present NSHS officers. The new members will receive membership cards and certificates.

Any student who is still interested in becoming a National Senior Honor Society member may be considered next fall.

Compiled Inquiries Reveal Opinions of GCM Students

SCA President Onnie Donnelly submitted the following report to the Rank and File:

After almost two months we have finally completed the SCA evaluations. One question asked most often of us is "What was the purpose?" We wanted to find what the students think. We need this knowledge to find the direction that students want the SCA to go. After carefully reading every evaluation, here is a general consensus:

Should students involve themselves in the problems of their community?

Those who are against feel that it would be too much to do and none of our business. They commented that with parents and society against any of our attempts, what's the use? It wouldn't do any good.

Those who are for maintain we are part of that community and soon the problems will be ours. An informed and experienced student

will be a discerning and effective voter. The gap between parent and student, community and student, and young and old should be bridged.

The welfare chairman comments, "Our job is to present to the interested student projects which he can participate in. There are many things to be done, so we hope those who are dissatisfied with our suggestions will give some feedback."

Do you feel that the elected officers are fulfilling their duties?

Although 1,136 students replied "yes" to this question, there were 356 students who answered "no." Their reasons are:

- 1) SCA does not take its job seriously.
- 2) The SCA is a social group, a clique.
- 3) The homeroom representatives are not fulfilling their jobs.
- 4) The SCA does not do all it can do for the student body.
- 5) One cannot express opinions to the SCA for fear of ridicule or a lack of concern.

By way of comment I would like to say: We do take our job quite seriously; we are not a clique but a group working together; we need your help; we cannot do what you want if you won't tell us what you want. We need your opinions so please offer them.

Also, although this question was asked in reference to SCA officers, we received many complaints about class officers not fulfilling their duties.

What can SCA do for you?

Many Marshall students feel that SCA should increase student interest and involvement, and that the student government should represent all students. Other requests ranged from smoking lounges and Coke machines to more dances and clean bathrooms!

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Gary Youngling and Nan Horn

Two DECA Students Win District Awards

Seniors Nan Horn and Gary Youngling have won first-place awards in the recent DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) district 12 competition for advertising layout and speech, respectively.

Ten area schools participated in the contest held at Herndon High School on Feb. 16. Other competitive categories included sales demonstration, display, group sales presentation, job interviews, sales judging, and student-of-the-year.

Nan and Gary went on to enter the State Leadership Conference in Richmond on March 14. Accompanying them were seniors Jim Jackson, John McGuire, and Glen Morris, the three voting delegates for GCM's DECA chapter.

Highlighting the year's activities, according to Mr. McAteer, DECA advisor, will be the annual employer-employee luncheon. On April 21 each DECA member will be host

to his employer for lunch at the Elk's Club. A program of speakers will be presented to the 11 county schools expected to participate in the luncheon.

DECA is a professional organization which is "an integral part of the Distributive Education program." DE offers preparatory instruction for students who desire to explore distribution as a career, seek a broader knowledge of the principles of free enterprise, and build a foundation for continuing education relating to the field of distribution.

Virginia ranks high among participants in Distributive Education, supporting the second largest program in the country. Fairfax County has the largest DE program within the state of Virginia with over 1,000 students enrolled last year. These students worked a combined total of 626,484 hours with an average hourly wage of \$1.74. Total student earnings equalled \$1,090,449.69.

AFS Forum Held in February

On February 28 Mr. Chester Twentyman and Captain Antoine Gallagher, along with nine GCM students, attended the Virginia High School Forum in Richmond.

The main purpose of this forum was to serve as a get-together for foreign students living in Virginia. Teachers and students from all over the state attended this forum in which the different impressions this country has made on the visitors were discussed. Ideas were exchanged on a forum-type basis. Several panels made up of about five students were set

up to point out the main differences between their countries and America. Questions were formed by moderators concerning relations between American students and students abroad. Their conclusions were made on the basis of their newly acquired environment. The ideas were then commented on by group discussions.

Since most AFS students are talented in some area, whether it be dancing or writing poetry, their special skills were demonstrated during the forum. The program was entirely arranged by AFS students; each person dressed in his native costume and performed mainly singing and dancing acts. GCM's foreign student Asu Given, who participated in one of the panel discussions, also performed a Turkish dance.

This forum program was started twelve years ago to help the Student Co-operative Association broaden the world views of Virginia students by associating them with others from all over the world. According to Mr. Twentyman, their success has been overwhelming.

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Soviet Trip Set for July

This summer Miss Sula Floros and Mrs. Betty Little plan to take a group of GCM's students on a six week tour of Russia which is sponsored by the Foreign Study League.

The group plans to leave from New York on July 1 and fly to Vienna, Austria for a five day tour. Then they will fly to Budapest, Hungary and Warsaw, Poland, spending four days in each city. In Russia, they will stay in Moscow for twelve days, and then travel to the fifth largest city in the world, Leningrad, for an additional twelve days. Finally, five days in Berlin will wind up the tour on August 11, totaling up an enlightening forty-two days.

Because last year was so successful, Mrs. Little and Miss Floros decided that Russia would be a good place for a student to learn comparative government and at the same time learn about Russian culture and language. The students participating will take Eastern European Government and Civilization in one of the Russian cities that they will visit. There will be eighty hours of classwork which will be equal to half-credit in school. Excursions and field trips will be educational and at the same time entertaining. In Moscow, typical after-class excursions would include Red Square and the Kremlin, a boat ride on the Moskva, Trekiaka Gallery, and a co-operative farm. Theater, art museums, and a visit to a Bolshoi ballet performance are several activities scheduled for entertainment. The students and chaperones will stay in tourist hotels. The total cost, including hotel, transportation, meals, instruction fees and texts, insurance and sight-seeing expenses, will be \$1,140.00.

This Russian program is available to any student at Marshall. Anyone interested in obtaining additional information about applying for the trip please contact Miss Floros or Mrs. Little before April 1.

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As far as the suggestions and comments went, we had basically four pretty consistent ones:

- 1) More participation and spirit (That's really up to us all).
- 2) More publicity for SCA activities.
- 3) Clean bathrooms (We really need your help for that one).
- 4) SCA help Free School (SCA is sponsoring free school).

In conclusion, an average of 1,600 people answered our questionnaire. Almost 300 people wrote comments. Thank you for the interest, and once again, what the SCA is, is up to you.



Miss Wagoner



Mr. Smith

Drama Project Originates From Parent's Interest

Having a mother of one of the students interested in teaching drama set the stage for the ninth grade World Civilization classes' production of the Greek play *Antigone*.

When Mrs. Jean Dance, mother of freshman Kim Dance, heard that her daughter's World Civ class was studying Greek drama, she contacted Mrs. Kathleen Walsh, one of the English teachers in this program, with the idea of assembling some of the students into a cast to present a Greek drama. Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Dance, who formerly taught dramatics at Penn State, asked the students for volunteers, held auditions and selected the cast for *Antigone* in December. January and February saw the members diligently practicing after school.

Antigone debuted the first week of March for the four World Civ I classes. The double World Civ rooms created a natural theater-in-the-round, the traditional style of presenting Greek drama. To lend further authenticity to their production, no scenery was employed and

ten girls made up a Chorus in the ancient Greek style. For costumes, scarves, pendants, and sandals were added to the long robes borrowed from the Choral Department.

Because this production went off "extremely well" and Mrs. Dance is president of the Joyce Kilmer P.T.A., one of the principals, Mr. Milan, invited the students to perform before the junior high students. Five hundred pupils watched *Antigone* on March 9, and afterwards Mrs. Dance was presented with a bouquet of roses.

According to Mrs. Walsh, "The project started off as a small extra credit assignment and grew and grew. Everyone is very proud of it, especially since the entire cast worked so hard to make it a success."

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Wagoner, Smith Receive 'Elder Statesman' Honors

In honoring GCM's Physical Education Department, the Inter-Club Council has selected Miss Jean Wagoner and Mr. Robert Smith as March's "Elder Statesmen of the Month."

Miss Jean Wagoner, who teaches Girls' Health and Physical Education at three levels, coaches the Varsity softball team.

A former student at Radford College and the University of Virginia, Miss Wagoner has taught at Marshall for eight years. She enjoys GCM very much, and feels that her main duty as a Physical Education teacher is "to teach the students activities that they can use and enjoy now, as well as after they graduate."

Besides teaching, Miss Wagoner spends a good deal of her time reading, traveling, snow and water skiing, and is learning how to sail.

Mr. Robert Smith, coach of Boys' intramurals and Varsity basketball has taught Physical Education at GCM for five years.

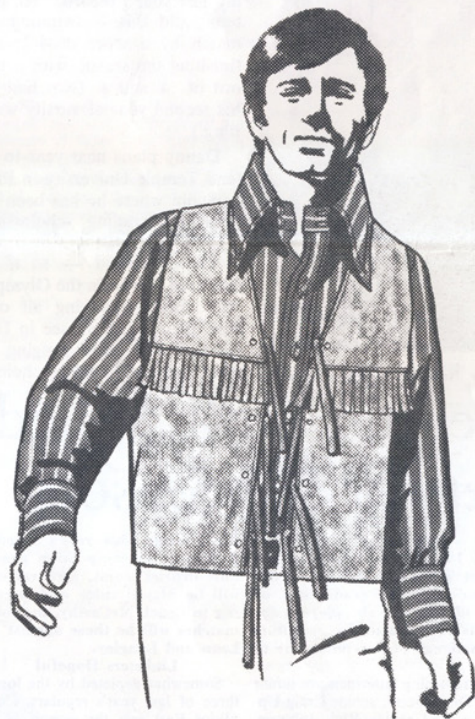
Following his education at the University of West Virginia, Mr. Smith played basketball for the Los Angeles Lakers. He then came to Marshall where his outstanding efforts in coaching the Varsity Basketball Team have proven to be most successful.

Being a Physical Education teacher, Mr. Smith states that "there is a more loose situation in class, and you get to know the students better." He also feels that each student should be given a lot of responsibility.

During the summer, Mr. Smith spends much of his time at the beach, or teaching at recreation centers.

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The Old Sideliner



by Paul Wacker

Although previously mentioned in this column, Danny Naleppa has again attained a goal worth talking about. Not only did he take District in varsity wrestling and Regional — but he also became this year's state champ in the 175 lb. division. (A feat accomplished by only two other Marshall grapplers in past seasons.)

Coach James Hoy says of Danny: "He worked hard and did a great job at the State Tournament. He really surprised me — because he went through quite easily. In fact the only real close one he had was the last one. He took the pressure extremely well, which is probably another reason for his success." I'm sure most of you don't realize the difficulty involved in taking State. What it amounts to is wrestling what is equal to a season's number of matches, 10, in three weekends, which is a lot considering how much mentally, as well as physically, wrestling takes out of you.

I asked Danny about his final match against Larry Nash of W&L whom he had previously defeated in the Regional Meet by a score of 6-1. "I really never dreamed I'd take state — all I knew was that it was my last high school match, and I wanted it. I just wanted to beat my last year's record." He certainly did this — winning the match by a score of 4-2; and finishing the season with a record of 11 and 1. (Not bad for his second year of varsity wrestling.)

Danny plans next year to attend Temple University in Philadelphia where he has been offered a wrestling scholarship. Incidentally that is where Bill Cosby graduated — so if we don't see Danny in the Olympics with medals hanging all over him, then we might see in Hollywood with girls hanging all over him! It is a tough choice.



Danny Naleppa—State champion

Tennis, Golf Squads Set for '70 Seasons

By Bill Berzak

The 1969 Tennis team won the District Title with an 8-1 record and despite the graduation of three of the top six players the team is enthusiastically accepting the challenge of defending the title.

The returning lettermen are junior Bruce Dingleberry, senior Craig Updegrave, and senior Rick Johnson. These players currently occupy the 2, 3, and 4 positions respectively. The big surprise of the season must go to vastly improved junior Steve Draper who holds the number one berth. "Steve is going to be an unexpected boost to our team's chances of winning the District but he is going to be facing some real tough competition in this position," states Coach Patrick McCarthy with reference to Draper's relative inexperience. Also returning from last year's squad are players Forest Arnold, Jim Sibley, Bill Berzak, Don Spiece, Terry Farmer, and Bob Brock. The new faces this year include Steve Heilbern, Mike Sibley, Dave Jackson, John Simons, Mike Liotta, Paul Wilson, Walter Young and others.

Coach McCarthy, obviously disheartened by the loss of last season's one, two, and four ranked players, none the less is hopefully eyeing a 7-3 record. Unlike previ-

ous seasons, this year's schedule is limited to competition against only district teams. However each will be played twice and, according to Coach McCarthy, the tough matches will be those against McLean and Langley.

Linksters Hopeful

Somewhat depleted by the loss of three of last year's regulars, Coach Major Earl sees the season as primarily one of rebuilding the team but at the same time looks forward to another fine performance by the team.

Junior Nick Nikas, who tied for the lowest individual score in last year's regional, heads the list of the returning lettermen, including seniors Rick Zabel, Mike Kennedy and Gordon Ettenson. Adding strength to this season's squad are Jim Bellor, Sean Cavanaugh, John Spencer, and Paul Perluk.

"Madison as usual is the team to beat," stated Coach Earl. Last year Madison edged Marshall for the district title (as the case seems to be in most GCM-Madison rivalries) and as a consequence the team is particularly looking forward to releasing tension on Madison in this year's upcoming two matches. Like the tennis team, the golf team will be playing a revised schedule with two matches being played against each of the district schools.

GCM Nine at Madison Today; 7 Home Night Games Planned

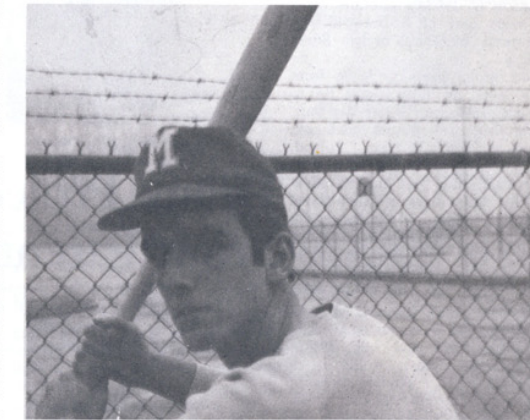
Last year Madison, defending State champs, was the team to beat and they were . . . twice.

In keeping with tradition, GCM opens today at 4 p.m. with long-time rival Madison. This the opening game of the '70 season for both teams and it will be played at Madison.

Head Baseball Coach Jim Miller will be backed up this year by Assistant Coach Everett Cloud who is handling the pitching staff. At this point Coaches Miller and Cloud are both pleased with the strength and control of senior lefthanders Steve Papa and Rick Zappollo. Junior left-hander Blane Brady is doing a good job on the mound and at the plate with hopes of showing his team-leading average on JV somewhere in the Statesmen lineup. Rounding out this year's mound men are two right-handers, hard throwing Gene Kephart and sophomore standout Ray Smith.

Holding the catch spot this season will be senior Jim O'Donnell backed up by either Dwight Raines or Rayme Roth.

Though the pitching staff is strong, the infield, undoubtedly, will be the Statesmen's strongest point both offensively and defensively. The bread-and-butter combination at shortstop and second base will be manned by 3 year starters Steve Miller and Vince Carbaugh. At third base will be strong hitting Kephart and Gary Rufner will be at first. This will be the second year that these four have played together



Senior lefthander Steve Papa shows his potent batting form.

at a unit. Backing up these starter will be four capable juniors Chuck Smerdzinski, Tom Cavanaugh, Steve Ledford and Karl Mohay.

Again this year the big question mark will be the outfield. Not one starter from last year will be back and the only returning outfielder will be Mike Harris. Junior Bob Jones and sophomore Al Boudreau are up from JV and as of now these three pose as probable starters. Other contenders are Juniors George Caras and Bruce Dagley. It is also possible that a few pitchers or in-

fielders may be converted to outfielders.

Depending on practices and scrimmages, Coach Miller says, "Whoever hits will play, trite but true."

Even though we beat Madison 2 out of 3 last year, Oakton beat us 3 out of 3 (twice by one run) and Langley and McLean both beat us once to help Madison win the district title.

Again this season, the Warhawks are the team to beat, so come out and see the game today.

Varsity, JV End Second Frosh Third

Marshall's Varsity Basketball team finished its season and tournament play with a 17-3 record, one of the three losses to Oakton for the tournament championship. The only other team to beat GCM in regular season, McLean, was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the tourney.

The JV finished its season at the 12-7 mark, 9-1 in district play, and lost in overtime to Oakton in the two-team JV tournament.

The Freshman team ended its season strong again, winning five of its last seven outings to hit the 5-5 mark. The team was never beaten by more than seven points, the last two losses by only 2. Clark Coates averaged almost 14 points per game and Stuart Heironimus had almost 10 rebounds each match.



Surprise junior fuzballer Steve Draper serves one up.

Tracksters Pace for Springy Season

Sparked by a surge of STP, or Statesman Track Power, the GCM track and field team enters the 1970 season with a strong underclass turnout. The next meet will be at Madison, Wednesday, April 1, at 4:00 p.m.

Coach Meredith Boyd notes that this year, "We are going to be young and we are going to be building." His plan for success in building up a strong overall program involves getting as many freshmen as possible each year and "keep them interested." This season's turnout should work well in the plan.

Predictable strengths for the upcoming schedule include the mile,

with Bobby Leake out to possibly break the GCM record of 4:21. Also on the mile will be Vince Arbelaez and Kit Lewis.

The shotput may also prove a high spot for the Statesmen, with Danny Little and Bobby Haller returning, joined by Charlie Scott. Vernon Kelley looks good on the long and triple jumps, the events that Rick Gauch excelled in last year.

At Decot should fare very well on the high hurdles, along with Mike Terwilliger, Harry Phillips, and Whit Meredith, two of whom are freshmen. Decot also may have a shot at breaking the high jump record of 5'10".

Kim Greene will pose our main threat on the sprint events and two frosh, Steve Keene and John Haney figure to help out.

The half mile event will be headed up by Leake, Arbelaez, Mark Derrick, Gary Phones and Pat Winners.

Cross-country contestants Jaime Acevedo and Chris Cippel will be working in the two-mile run.

Defending district champion Madison and fastly improving Oakton figure to pose the strongest district competition, as may McLean.

Statesmen are urged to attend the track and field meets to support all GCM spring sports activities.