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The seniors acquiring National Merit Semifinalist rank are (clockwise) Ted Hodges, Mike Eversmeyer, Jim Skalnink, Poe Leggette, Diane Azarawicz, Martin Buchanan, and Katie Hall. Not pictured is Bruce Crouch.

## Eight Achieve Merit Status

by Nancy Knight

Eight of Marshall's seniors were recently named Semifinalists in the 1970-71 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students acquiring the honor are Diane Azarowicz, Martin Buchanan, Bruce Crouch, Mike Eversmeyer, Katie Hall, Theodore Hodges, Poe Leggette, and Jim Skalnink.

Selection of the Semifinalists was based on their National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test scores. The test was given last February to over 710,000 rising seniors nationwide. The 14,750 students to acquire Semifinalist status rank in the upper one per cent of all high

school seniors in the United States.

Speaking of the National Merit Semifinalists, Edward C. Smith, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation states, "They have already demonstrated both high intellectual capacity and a readiness to develop their abilities."

In order to be considered for one of the 3000 National Merit Scholarships available, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing. Endorsement of the school, a summary of high school achievements and interests, and high scores on a second National Merit Test are required. About 96% of the Semi-

finalists are expected to become Finalists.

Each Finalist will compete for one of the 1000 National Merit \$1000 Scholarships, as well as the renewable four-year Merit Scholarships. Selection of the Scholarship winners will be based on grades, extracurricular activities, and test scores, as well as individual need.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation will announce its winners next spring.

## SCA Releases Plan For DIG Program

by Barb Brownell

Two separate weeks of Free Form Education will be sponsored for and by the student body this year.

The first scheduled week will begin December 14th and will last until December 18th. If this Free School encounter proves to be successful, the second period will take place in early April.

Because many students were not able to take the desired courses last year, a brochure of all information concerning schedules was distributed last week to allow students adequate time to choose a variety of Free School courses. Statesmen will have knowledge of their schedules approximately two weeks before each session, and every teacher will be given a roster of the pupils in his class.

Participating students will follow a seven period day and will attend a number of classes including those taught by outside speakers and those involving independent and experimental studies. During the weeks of DIG, a new

exchange program will be held with Madison, McLean, and Oakton in which approximately five Marshall participants will share courses with students at each of these schools. GCM, in return, will receive several exchange students from the formerly mentioned schools to take part in the DIG program. Skipping of classes will be discouraged and it will be necessary to check on those cutting classes if too many problems arise.

With the crew of committee chairmen including Helene Maddox, Course Catalog; Bruce Crouch, Brochures; Pat Lichner and Jo Ann Morning, Outside Speakers; and Terry Farmer, Experiments in Studies, GCM's two sessions of Free Form Education are likely to be successful.

And states DIG committee chairman, Poe Leggette, "With the cooperation of students and a little luck, Free School will offer a wider variety of opportunities for the students' intellectual interests."

## Production Leads Announced For "My Fair Lady" Musical

by Melissa Hughes

The principal actors and actresses for *My Fair Lady*, Marshall's upcoming musical extravaganza, have been announced.

Donna Wallace, 12, will lead the cast as the cockney flower vendor, Eliza Dolittle. Henry Higgins, the speech professor, and his mother will be portrayed by Gary Calore, 12, and Missy Manley, 12. His British chum Pickering will be played by Bruce Benson, 11. Acting as Dr. Dolittle and his duo of pals, Harry and Jamie, will be Stan Murphy, 11, Stuart Harvey, 12, and Jim Skalnink, 12, respectively. Bob Ellis, 12, will characterize Eliza's boyfriend Freddy, while Laura Bannister, 9, will serve as her maid.

The chorus, a group of twelve girls and twelve boys, will sing and dance while representing the two social classes characterized in three different scenes: the cockney element in Covent Garden, and the ladies and gentlemen at Ascot race track and during the final Viennese Waltz ballroom scene.

Aiding Miss Irene Planinsek, drama director, as Assistants to the Director, are Stuart Harvey, 12, and Rise Paul, 12. Miss Planin-

sek expresses her optimism by commenting, "We are only in the initial period of rehearsal, but many of the song and dance routines are perfect. This lends itself to the talent of our actors and actresses, and we predict a smashing hit!"

## What's Up

OCTOBER 9: Varsity Football — George Washington (home), 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 13: Cross Country — McLean (home), 4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 16: Band Candy Drive begins, and Varsity Football — Herndon (home), 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 19: "Back to School" night

OCTOBER 23: Varsity Football — McLean (away), 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 24: PSAT tests — 7:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 30: Varsity Football — Fort Hunt (away), 8:00 p.m.

A very successful Homecoming weekend, highlighted by a swamping of the Oakton Cougar football team 32-0, saw many alumni returning to Marshall.

Spirit Week, which preceded the important weekend, ended with a large pep rally and the juniors receiving the spirit stick for having the most participation in the week-long events.

Friday's football game began with the parade of floats in which five groups were competing. "Screaming Yellow Cougars" entered by the Class of '74 took the first place prize. Halftime included music by the GCM marching band and routines by the Georgie Girls and the majorettes.

The show was concluded with Mr. John Broadus, principal, crowning Inés Padilha (Marshall's AFS student) Homecoming Queen. She was presented with a dozen red roses and a football signed by the entire varsity team. Her attendants were: Lisa Bendorf, 12, Dee-dee Daly, 12, Linda Gough, 11, 10, Debbie Triplett, 10, Beth Shelton, 9, and Cathy Trimarchi, 9.

Saturday night the Senior Class capped the weekend by presenting

the Homecoming Dance, "An Evening In Paris." Upon entering the school through the underclass courtyard, couples found themselves on board a large airplane, in flight to Paris. However, the passengers soon found that they were not headed toward Paris but were being hijacked to the deserts of Egypt.

The couples then entered the girls gym and were confronted by murals of temples, genies, camels, servants, and flying carpets. The desert atmosphere was further enhanced by an actual oasis in the middle of the floor. It was complete with sand, palm trees, and pools of water. The music was provided by the "Scrooge."



A radiant Homecoming Queen, Ines Padilha, and her court attendants



## Local Residents Support Burling Tract Park Land

A year's struggle to save Burling Tract ended a few weeks ago for many area residents, including some students from Marshall.

When area dwellers began to protest the planned housing construction on the Upper Potomac Palisades by developers, Fairfax County was pushed into action, and sought to buy the land. The developers were not willing to comply, and the only recourse of action was for the county to condemn the land—take it over for public use. The county raised the necessary 3.6 million dollars with outside help, and the wooded tract was saved.

The people supporting this cause should be congratulated for working so diligently and for their foresight. They saw the need for more unspoiled land where people could enjoy nature. They wanted someplace where peace and quiet could be found for more than a short time.

It seems a shame that Fairfax County and other communities throughout the United States were not able to plan ahead and buy some of the wooded land available years ago. Though such tremendous growth of suburbs might not have been foreseen 30 years ago, it was going on 20 years ago and land might have been bought before it became housing developments. Now the county has had to resort to "last-minute" measures when these situations are brought before them by interested citizens. At least it can be said that, "Something CAN still be done."

## Student Offers Suggestion

Dear Sir,

Because of the heavy work load in Guidance there have been many students who have either been discouraged from transferring in and out of classes or who have been waiting up to 3-4 weeks for transfers with no results.

To lighten the load of Guidance, I propose that the student be allowed to do most of the work involved in the transfer himself. The student would have access to several copies of a complete schedule of courses and study halls showing what periods each class is offered, with what teachers, the number of students presently in the class, and the maximum number of students permitted in the class. It would be the student's job to plot his own schedule change, to write it out, to get teachers' and parents' signatures, and then to submit the transfer forms to Guidance

for final clearance. This would save the Guidance Department most of the work involved in schedule changes.

Respectfully yours,  
Martin Buchanan.

### Letters To The Editor

Would you like to voice your opinion? Do you want to comment on some school, community, or national issue?

Your school newspaper is the voice of the students in that school. Therefore, the *Rank & File* would like to encourage students to submit Letters to the Editor on any and all subjects.

Please bring all letters to the *Rank & File* room. Some person on the staff must know who wrote the letter, but the name can be omitted when the letter is published.

# Where Is Our Pride?

Signs reading "Pride," "Be Prideable," and "Be Proud of Your School" greeted Marshall Statesmen upon their return to classes this year.

"Pride" was to be our school goal for the year. Fulfillment of this goal would be based upon a collective effort of each individual who would want to accept this responsibility to keep GCM at its No. 1 standard.

However, even during these first few weeks of school, several incidents have occurred in which a minority of students have hindered our progress toward this goal. Students have destroyed and defaced property on nearby apartment and office buildings repeatedly and to such an extent so as to cause the owners to warn the school against further trouble. A disturbance occurred when some freshman boys attempted to enter the Senior Class Courtyard. The results showed a lack of good judgment on both sides since the seniors acted somewhat harshly, while the freshmen should have respected this senior privilege in view that it will someday be theirs.

Such small things as littering the classrooms, halls, and cafeteria, smoking in the bathrooms, and abusing the already lenient dress code by going barefoot seem to be widespread.

Is this the Marshall that can show such great spirit? that has shown such good judgment in dressing when we have so few rules to abide by? that has demonstrated its responsibility under the new attendance system and has shown its maturity by keeping a good classroom atmosphere during the trying hot spell a few weeks ago?

Pride is a personal, individual thing. If, upon seeing a student start to do a destructive or negligent action, a friend or fellow student would ask him to stop, our goal would be a little more fulfilled. Let's not say Pride was our goal. Let's say Pride is our goal.

We have our Pride.

Let's show it!

## Equal Representation For All

Some interested students have voiced their concern over the number of votes each graduating class has in the SCA since representatives were elected from second period classes. They wondered if there would be equal representation for their class since many of the representatives would come from rooms containing mixed grades.

As of the first House of Representatives meeting, the count had more or less evened itself out: Seniors, 15; juniors, 19; sophomores, 19; and freshmen, 15. This accounts for only 68 out of 94 second periods because quite a few rooms did not submit the form stating who their representative was.

It is hoped that concerned students can see that this slight four vote margin should not affect voting on any issue.

### Statesmen of the Month

## Izzo and Haller Elected Statesmen of the Month by Junior and Senior Classmen

Starting out the 1970-71 school year as Marshall's Statesmen of the Month are Nancy Izzo and Bob Haller.

Nancy has lost no time in getting involved in Marshall this year. She is Chairman of this year's Homecoming Dance. Nancy is also secretary of her class and an SCA representative. A member of Tri-Hi-Y for the past year, she was vice-president of the club for the 1969-70 school year and is secretary this year. As a junior, Nancy was a finalist in the Miss Marshall Pageant and represented her class on the Homecoming court.



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Bobby has been very active in athletics at Marshall. In his first year he played on the freshman football team. He played on the varsity squad during his sophomore and junior year. This year an injury has, so far, kept him from participating on the team, but he hopes to be able to play soon. Bob was a member of the Varsity Track Team during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Aside from being outstanding in sports, he is also an honor roll student at Marshall.



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... Homecoming Queen Ines Padilha during the halftime festivities ...



... the Varsity cheerleaders lead the Statesmen out to victory before the Homecoming game ...

## Marshall Introduces New Elective Courses

During the 70-71 school year, Marshall has introduced several new courses, some of which are in the Art, Music and Home Economics Departments.

A new course is being offered by the Arts and Crafts Department and is centered around sculpturing. Mrs. Sybil Rush is teaching this follow up class to Sculpture I. Though most of the classes are predominately seniors, anyone having completed the first sculpture course may sign up.

The Stage Band which has been well received at Marshall concerts has now become a regular course. There are two Stage Band Classes: the Wind Ensemble, which is a concert group directed by Mr. John LaCava, and the Concert Band instructed by Mr. Wilmont Trumbull. Most Stage Band students are chosen according to interest, conducting ability, and proficiency at playing a musical instrument.

The Home Economics Department introduces a new class on Dress Designing taught by Mrs. Ruth Moulton. During the year each girl studies the history of costume, current events of fashion, and the basics of design. Students also learn to design their own patterns and eventually their own garments, several of which they shall make into clothes for a fashion show at the end of the semester executed entirely by the students. The course is available to all Junior and Senior girls who have completed two years of Home Economics and who have above average sewing abilities.

## Frosh Cheerleaders Chosen; Boys Join Squad With Spirit



Smiling from the top of the bleachers are the freshman cheerleaders. Left to right are Ray Mele, Thomas Carmichael, Bay Kotite, Judy Wolkensdorfer, Kathy Woodward, Phyllis Stover, Lori Gough, Lynn Leonard, and Richard Bates. Not pictured: Terry Cecil.

Fifty-six eager girls appeared before the judges at the annual freshman cheerleading tryouts.

A few hours later eight were chosen as the 1970-71 Freshman cheerleading squad. They are: Judy Wolkensdorfer, Phyllis Stover, Kathy Woodward, Bay Kotite, Terry Cecil, Lori Gough, Thomas Carmichael, and Lynn Leonard.

Each girl was required to perform two cheers, splits, split jumps, and cartwheels. In preparation for this event a clinic was held several days before where the girls were taught the cheers and stunts by the JV and Varsity Squads. The judges' decisions were based upon poise, enthusiasm, and agility. As it is every year, the task of selecting the

girls was difficult since there were so many good contestants.

This year the freshman squad will include two boys; Ray Mele and Richard Bates. The boys will perform special stunts and cheers along with the girls.

The new cheerleaders will begin cheering the boys on to victory October 1st when the Frosh football team plays their first game at Oakton.

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## American History Classes Engage in Disunia Games

A governmental game "Disunia" engaged Mrs. Martha Williams and Mr. John Schögl's second, fifth, and sixth period U.S. History classes for three weeks. The game resembled the early formation of the thirteen Colonies.

Disunia is a country which originated when the earth, in the year 2080, split into four equal parts by a "slightly miscalculated atomic explosion." Only people flying in spaceships at the time escaped death. The Americans again landed on the somewhat distorted earth and set up thirteen independent states, modeling themselves after the early thirteen Colonies.

Students learned how governments are formed and operated when they became citizens of Disunia. The citizens elected state officials such as Governor, Congressmen, Economic Analyst, Political Analyst, and Military Analyst. These officials ran their states making many necessary decisions. These independent governments made many political maneuvers such as placing taxes and shipping tariffs on other states, declaring war on

other states, and forbidding other countries the usage of their ports and land passages. The gods, Mars, and God, had complete control over flict Disunia with droughts, floods, epidemics and other fatal crises.

When citizens were asked what they thought of Disunia they commented, "It's a terrific teaching aid that makes me really realize the strains that nations undergo."

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Dinky Jones brought down after a long gain against Annandale.

## GCM Wins Three Straight Meets; GW at Home Tonight

After three straight victories Marshall's Statesmen will try to double last year's victory total when they host George Washington High School.

### Annandale, Mt. Vernon Stopped

Marshall's defense effectively contained the running games of both Annandale and Mt. Vernon, holding the Atoms to 84 yards on 37 rushes and allowing the Majors only 59 yards for 32 attempts. Combined, Annandale and Mount Vernon averaged only 2.1 yards carry, a large improvement over

the Falls Church game in which the Jaguars gained 244 yards on the ground.

The defensive backfield of Chuck Smerdzinski, Doug Naquin, Mike Dutchak, Charlie Payne, and Bob Jones allowed Annandale's George Knox 130 yards in the air and Mt. Vernon's Randy Hinson 113 yards. It must be noted here though that Knox threw the ball 35 times and completed only 13 while Hinson was successful on only 10 of 25 attempts.

Offensively, in the Annandale game Dinky Jones scored both Marshall touchdowns and ran for 144 yards on 24 carries. The first touchdown was set up by a partially deflected punt by George Caras which gave the Statesmen the ball on the Atoms' 27 yard line. From there Jones scored on runs of 12 and then 15 yards. With 10:45 gone in the fourth quarter Jones scored what proved to be the winning touchdown on an end run from 14 yards out. Annandale's only touchdown came

on a 6-yard pass from Knox to Tom Fadden with only six seconds remaining in the game.

Against Mt. Vernon, Marshall was held to only 92 yards on the ground but quarterback Mike Oliff completed four of eight passes, including a 69 yard scoring pass to Curt Midkiff. Marshall scored first on a 21 yard run by Al Boudreau in the second quarter. Mt. Vernon, however, took the lead on a perfectly thrown 27 yard pass from Hinson to Randy Knight midway through the third quarter. Lou Marinacci kicked the extra point to make the score 7-6. GCM came right back taking the kick-off and moving to a first down at their own 31 yard line. Then Midkiff took a 15-yard pass from Oliff, shook off two tacklers and went the remaining 54 yards for the score. Oliff hit Midkiff again for the two extra points to bring the final score to 14-7.

### Oakton Routed

For the annual Homecoming game Marshall's opponents were the hapless Oakton Cougars. The Statesmen controlled the entire game and rolled to an impressive 32-0 victory. The main ingredients in this Marshall victory were, once again, the running of Jones and a tenacious defense. Jones scored twice, on a run of 3 yards and a 32-yard screen pass and gained a total of 132 yards on 26 carries. The defense held the Cougars to 96 yards total offense and caused seven turnovers, five coming on interceptions and two on fumble recoveries.

## JV Wins First Two; Future Promising

Using teamwork and some fine individual performances, the GCM Junior Varsity football team has powered its way to victory in its first two contests against Madison and Annandale.

In their first game, the Junior Varsity journeyed to Madison to take on the Warhawks. The Statesmen's first score came when Mike Atalla picked off a pass, and with great blocking, returned it 80 yards for the touchdown. The game was tied 6-6 until the fourth quarter when halfback Gary Smerdzinski broke through the Madison line for the winning score.

Freshman quarterback Mike Holmberg survived a shaky first half and returned to play a fine second half.

### Atoms Smashed

The next game with Annandale was also tied 7-7 going into the fourth quarter, but the Statesmen finally pulled away with a 20-7 victory.

In the game, GCM showed a fine running attack. Gary Smerdzinski ran for over 100 yards and two touchdowns. Fullback Jim Roberts also gained substantial yardage.

As in the first game, Atalla intercepted a pass and ran it back 23 yards for a touchdown.

## CC Looks Strong in Close Loss

The Marshall Statesmen encountered highly-ranked Oakton, Tuesday, September 29, in the first cross country meet of the season, and narrowly lost, by a score of 25 to 30.

Mike Ohnrod of Oakton set a new Marshall course record, covering the 2½ miles in 12:22, six seconds faster than Bob Leake's old mark. Leake finished second at 12:30. Also scoring for Marshall were George Clay, who came in fourth, Jamie Acevedo, fifth, Jim Coady, ninth, and Dave Cannon, tenth.

The JV team also lost to Oakton, by a score of 21 to 37. Scoring for the Statesmen were Kit Lewis, John Martin, Don Allison, Alan Boyet, and Ken Hosford.

Analyzing the Oakton meet, Coach John Schlögl stated, "We were pleased with the performance. We're going to get tougher

as we go along." He regrets the loss of the team's number 2 runner, Mark Derrick, who is in the hospital.

Coach Schlögl thinks the varsity can have a winning season instead of last year's 1-4 record. He is happy with the boys' "wholesome attitude," and he likes their desire to run.

Tomorrow, the team will compete in the Colonial Invitational meet at the College of William and Mary. Results of the Madison meet were too late to report in this issue.

The Oakton meet was not the first competition for the Statesmen.

In a pre-season scrimmage, the varsity beat Falls Church, 23 to 38, and the JV shut out the Jaguars by sweeping the first five places. In the varsity race, Leake took first, and Clay and Acevedo placed fourth and fifth respectively.

## SPORTSFOLIO

by Corinne Savage

This year, Sportsfolio will attempt to recognize outstanding seniors of every sport. Selected for this issue because of his attitude, skill, and consistently good ball playing, is senior defensive back Chuck Smerdzinski.

Chuck first went out for football his freshman year at Marshall. He played that year on the freshman team, and his sophomore year on the JV squad, as a running back.

His junior year, Smerdzinski on the Varsity squad, he made the transition to defensive back and lettered at that position.

As a defensive back, Chuck is one of the "unsung heroes" whose efforts are often not recognized, except by his coaches and fellow team members. "The keys to a good defense are teamwork, desire, and communication," he says. Chuck has contributed to this team effort by being responsible for an interception and two blocked punts so far this year.

Chuck believes that attitude is a decisive factor in making for a

successful team. "Football can be compared to life," he says. "You can't quit, even when you're down two touchdowns. That's something Coach Henry taught us. In the Falls Church game, when the score was 12-0 in their favor at the half, Coach Henry came into the locker room and told us what we were doing wrong, and what we'd have to do to win. Then he stopped, looked at us and said 'Smile.' Of course then we all came out smiling and believing we could do it."

Defensive backfield Coach Cloud believes that Chuck is one of the finest defensive backs he has ever coached. "The one thing you can say about Chuck without fear of contradiction is that he give 100% all the time," he says. "He's a leader on the squad, and he leads by doing, not just talking." Coach Henry agrees with Coach Cloud's appraisal. Chuck always keeps a sense of humor in the huddle, and comes back for the next play. Most of the time, we assign positions on the defensive squad based on where he's needed the most. I'm always wishing there were two Chuck Smerdzinskis."

Besides football, Chuck has lettered in baseball, and hopes to play some ball in college. He is a "B" average student and would like to work with children, either coaching or teaching, in the future. "Winning is important," he says, "but I want to be able to teach kids about sportsmanship, spirit, and pride; qualities that extend beyond the game."

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