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Cambridge summer scholars reminisce their European experiences.

## Europe, Cambridge Welcome Statesmen

"All I can say is I can't wait to get back and see more.

This one sentence seems to express the feelings of Mary Ann Alford, Malinda Harris, Mary Ann Kellan, Jane Milne, Didi Ripperger, and Liz Sorgen on the subject of Europe. They spent six weeks there this past summer as part of the American Institute for Foreign Study Tour Group.

The girls left from the J.F.K. Airport in New York July 11 accompanied by their chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lawrence Oaks. After visiting Rome and Paris briefly, the Study Group traveled to Cambridge, England where they remained for four weeks.

At the University, the students had the opportunity to study English Literature, Music, Architecture, and impressionist painters. Courses on modern Britain and the local Camsurroundings

The last five days of the tour were spent in London where everyone went sightseeing and shopping. The students then returned home Friday, August 20, with the following com-ments on their trip:

"Time flew so quickly that one hardly had time to realize that one was seeing famous places and things that one had heard about all their lives. Places such as Versailles, the

### What's Up

SEPTEMBER 17: Football - Falls Church (home, 8:00

pm SEPTEMBER 22: Girls Tennis – Madison (home), 4:00

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SEPTEMBER 29: Girls Tennis

Herndon (away), 4:00 SEPTEMBER 30: House meeting -

Louvre, and Sistine Chapel, and all of London were just unbelievable."

"After this trip I can adjust to anything-late planes, 20 hour train rides, sex-crazed Italians, lost passports, mixed-up reservation

"Cambridge is a little college town with little gardens and fields and trees. It was like living in and trees. Camelot.'

"The courses were basically cultural type classes which made them interesting. All the teachers were quite good and quite entertaining."

"One of the highlights of our trip was a dinner at one of the restaurants near Notre Dame. We were served a typical five course meal in four and a

### Sock It To The Block!

Members of Marshall's three publication staffs will be selling Block subscriptions during the annual drive,

September 20, to October 1.
Included in the Block are 11 issues of Marshall's newspaper, Rank & File, 2 copies of the school's literary magazine, Reveille, and the annual yearbook, Columbian,

The price of the Block still stands at \$12, with an alternate Family Plan available to those students who have a brother or sister also attending a brother or sister also attenuing Marshall. Using the Family Plan one member purchases the Block for the regular \$12. The second purchaser in a family can then buy the Block for 59, accompanied by his brother's or sister's receipt. Both persons involved in the Family Plan will receive all three publications.

Publications' staff members will be traveling from room to room sell-ing the Block during homeroom

In addition to current news articles, Rank & File, which is published every three weeks, will include more feature and human interest articles. Reveille plans to incorporate more underclassmen ideas as well as to better organize their production. The Columbian will be as large as last year's 273 page edition and will include more color photographs.

# SCHOOL STANDS DIVIDED

by Lynne Fitzpatrick

Marshall's administration has been reorganized this year into four sub-schools. This new concept of a school-within-a-school is an attempt to deal effectively with the large en-

The new system developed out of a concern that students were becoming lost in the shuffling of 2400 names. By working with small num-bers of students, it is hoped that communication channels will be improved, and parents, administration, students, and teachers will "effec-

tively work together cooperatively."

Each sub-school will be comprised of one class and be staffed with a grade-level principal, two guidance counselors, and a full-time secretary.

The senior class school office will be located in the left side of last year's "guidance office". The senior principal, Mr. Charles R. Baker, will be working with counselors Mr. James O. Bowman and Mr. Theodore

On the right side of the "Guidance office" will be located the junior class school office. Mr. Robert S. Robinson will serve as sub-school principal, working with counselors Mrs. Eloise Adams and Mrs. Jeanne Tucker.
Staffed with sub-school principal

James H. Hoy, the sophomore class school office will be located in room 110. Mrs. Velma Matthews and Mrs. M. Adcock will serve as counselors.

Headed by sub-school principal Richard C. Oliver, the freshman class

school office will be located at the front of the school in last year's "main office". Freshman counselors will be Mr. Wayne Spangler and Mrs. Carol Tomlinson.

Along with supervising class activities, attendance, guidance, parent conferences, discipline, and assemblies, each sub-school principal will be in charge of several classroom departments. Mr. Baker will head the English and Math departments while Mr. Robinson will head Vocational Education and Health and P.E. departments. Mr. Hoy will supervise the Science, Language, Art, and Home Economics departments. Mr. Oliver will head the Social Studies, Business Education, Music, and Industrial Arts

# GCM Drama Department to Present 'Hello Dolly' November 10, 12 and 13

The GCM Drama department has chosen the play Hello Dolly as this years production to be presented on

November 10, 12 and 13.

Hello Dolly, which was adopted from Thornton Wilder's The Matchmaker is the longest running musical in Broadway's history. Set in Yonk-ers, New York, 1890, the story is based around a young widow, Dolly Levi, and her attempts to marry a miserly old half-millionaire, Horace Vandergelder, owner of a feed and grain shop. Other major characters include Irene Molloy, a hat merchant, Cornelius Hackle, Mr. Vandergelder's clerk, and Barneby Tucker, who is Hackle's friend and Vandergelder's stockboy.

The play is being directed by Mrs.

Odorizzi, the former Miss Planinsek, and is sure to be a success. The construction crew has been hard at work since the end of school last

year. The set, which is in its final stages, will include a runway con-structed in front of the stage to be used in the train scene.

Auditions for the play were held this past week and the cast was chosen. Unfortunately the results

came in too late for this issue but will be printed at a later date. Any students wishing to work on any of the crews should see Mrs. Odorizzi. Tickets for the play will cost \$2.00 and will go on sale several weeks before the production is presented.



Drama Crew members are hard at work.

### Concern Creates Community Center



Jody Jaeger relaxes after building a community center

Twenty-one students from the northern Virginia area Project Concern program spent two weeks during August in Sharp, Tennessee.

Jody Jaegar represented Marshall in this group effort, which provided the residents of Sharp with a community center which will give the

small town "a place to pull to-gether."

The students provided the workmanship, and from a shell, con-structed a combination community and day care center. The completed center contains electricity, running water, a septic tank, a kitchen and two other rooms. The rooms were furnished with tables, chairs, benches, and a handmade toy chest which was filled with toys contrib-uted by the families of the kids working in Sharp.

Jody noted that the townspeople were at first apprehensive, but this was soon replaced by curiosity and respect when the young people attended church on their second day in the town. Boarding and meals were provided by members of the com-

The completed community center will provide a place of meeting as well as a Head Start program which will aid many of the underprivileged children. The center will also serve as the headquarters for a CID (Community Information Depot) worker who grew up in Sharp and will live work with the townspeople as a social worker. The worker will attempt to help the intensely proud people of Sharp "help themselves."

Jody Jaegar, asked to comment on the trip, stated that "people are people no matter where you go and their concerns are basically the same-a love for one another, and a deep faith in God." She described her two week stay in Sharp as "one of the most meaningful times of my life. I needed people just as much as they needed me.

twenty-one students left Sharp, Tennessee with a new community center and returned home with a deeper feeling for all people.



#### EDITORIAL AND MANAGING STAFF of RANK & FILE NEWSPAPER George C. Marshall High School



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#### Student Rights Bill Revised; **Smoking** Dilemma Unsolved

"The privileges and rights of all students shall be guaranteed without regard to race, religion, sex, creed, or national origin."

The Fairfax County school board recently altered its policy on student rights, in order to better meet the needs of all students. Many surprising changes appear in the revised policy, while points of great controversy remain unchanged.

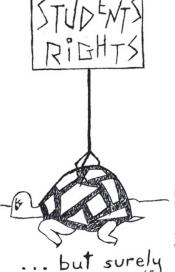
For the first time, students will be permitted to view their cumulative records, with parental consent. Included in these files are IQ test scores, academic grades, and other guidance reports.

Class-cutting will involve a greater risk with the new policy on unexcused absences in effect. A student missing a class without a valid reason will not be permitted to make up any written work, including tests. He may, however, receive private assistance from the teacher on assignments which may lead to the understanding of future lessons.

The county policy continues to leave the option of final examinations up to each individual school. Several students voiced their opposition to the exams at the close of last year, stating that these tests contributed little to the educational experience. Now is the time for students to be discussing the possibility of discontinuing exams with their teachers and administrators.

Unfortunately, the smoking policy is yet to be altered. Although Marshall's number of smokers is overwhelming, no mention has been made of any sort of smoking lounge. Several smoke-filled bathrooms cry out the desperate need for such lounges. A survey which appeared in the April 1970 issue of the Rank & File showed that 375 out of 406 smokers would go out of their way to use smoking lounges if they were provided. Hopefully, the school board will keep these factors in mind when they reappraise the smoking policy in January.

The closed-campus policy forbids students to leave the school grounds during the school day without parental permission. Because the administration is responsible for each student from 7:30 in the morning to 2:30 in the afternoon, the county is not likely to approve an open-campus policy. Should a student be involved in an automobile accident during the lunch hour, the school would be completely liable.



The Fairfax County grading scale seems to be an inaccurate method of measuring students' knowledge. Too many people become so preoccupied with the grade they are receiving, that they seem to lose interest in the courses they are taking. One possible alternative would be a pass-fail grading system. This way, students wouldn't be subjected to the pressure of an A to F scale, and would take a greater interest in their studies.

The great need for reformation of the Students' Rights Policy has been recognized by more than just the students. It's good to see that the channels are open for changes.

#### RANK & FILE STATES POLICY, WELCOMES ARTICLES

The members of the Rank & File Staff would like to introduce the newspaper policy for the 1971-72 school

The Rank & File, which is published every third week, attempts to keep the student body aware of all aspects of school life. Covering athletics, academic subjects, extra-curricular activities, and the Vocational Department, as well as

topics of human interest, the newspaper tries to meet the interests of all students at Marshall.

We are always open for suggestions. Students wishing to submit letters-tothe-editor or news articles are encouraged to do so. The Rank & File Room, located upstairs next to Room 236, will be open before school and during second and fourth periods.

## Largest Freshman Class Ever Voices Opinions on Frosh Day

Frosh Day is get acquainted day for the in-coming freshman, but how do the freshmen

feel about a day all to themselves in Marshall?

Roy Boatright-"It was a good idea but it could have been more involved as far as the assembly went. I noticed everyone busting to get out of the auditorium."

Greg Bartholomew—"It was better getting

lost with only freshmen there.'

Leigh Dance-"I'm kind of lost right now but I love it here, everybody's smiling and there's so much spirit."

Cindy Doallas—"I think that this is a great

school and that everyone seems to unite to-gether with enthusiasm and spirit."

Vince Moyer-"To my knowledge, the size impressed me as well as the bum steers given

by Stan Murphy's guides."

anonymous—"I almost went crazy trying to find my room."

John Cheffens-"Entering Marshall High School for the first time I felt that the teachers, students, and school were cool. Later in the day I met a lot of new friends, friends I'll be graduating with in another four years."

David Frazier—"It was... interesting."

Keith Williamson—"I think it was very

helpful letting us know what the set up of Marshall was like and how to get around in

Dick Nanna-"Easier to get around than I

anonymous-"Marshall is an impressive school because of its great spirit and vast-

Hugh Manning—"It helped us freshmen find our way around." Jerry Welbourn—"Marshall seems to be good in everything."

anonymous-"Frosh Day was not very exciting although it gave me a chance to find my way around. I saw lots of old friends, looking the same with different clothes.

Jean Weeks-"The teachers all seemed to be extra-friendly and I thought that it was all a put-on to give the freshmen a good impression but I turned out to be wrong."

Candy Kern-"Frosh Day was good be-cause I would have been really lost on the first day. The Keys and Keyettes were real helpful because they answered questions and helped you find your way. I didn't like assembly at all. It was boring. It just told us all we learned at Freshmen Orientation Night last year. The handbooks contained all the information about the school."

Donna McGiehan—"I like the way we got

to meet all the 'heads' of the school.

Jane Dawkins—"I still have not found my locker. Except for missing the bus the day was most enjoyable."

Debbie Cestaro—"Already I have met many

people. To make it short and simple;

Frosh Day is a must Because I couldn't even Find my bus!"

Amy Casey-"It's so different than junior high, the school itself is bigger, and there are a lot more places to get lost in.

Sarah Taylor-"I think orientation was a lot better than parents night. The only thing that parents night accomplished was getting me more mixed up than I was in the first

anonymous—"Frosh Day was pretty good because then only 3/4 of the students are totally confused instead of the whole school.

## School Philosophy Reconsidered

In response to the apparent apathy and dissension that plagued Marshall last year, a committee of faculty members and students is now forming in order to develop a new school philosophy.

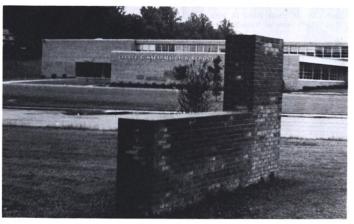
Ideally the task of this group is to draft a new philosophy which will create a more optimistic attitude among the students, faculty, and administration.

Twelve teachers, each representing a department in the school, were selected by Mr. John T. Broaddus, prinicipal, to stand on the committee. "Hopefully it will be a learning thing," explains Mr. Victor Kryston, chairman pro tempore of the committee. Mr. Edwin Vergason, representative for the English Department, hopes for something "stimulating and invigorating."

Other faculty members of the committee include Mrs. Catherine Oldham, Mrs. Isabel Carrico, Mrs. Dorothy Hanzal, Mrs. Caryl Tomlinson, Miss Kathleen Kronyak, Mr. Ed Henry, Mr. James Dean, Mr. Robert Wallace, Mr. Antone Gallaher, and Mr. Robert Robinson

Students to be represented on the committee are tentatively schedule to be selected through the English classes. To get a complete cross-section of students, each student will categorize himself according to his interests and attitudes.

Each interest group will then elect a member to represent them on the philosophy committee. To date the faculty sector of the committee has planned no action until the students are selected and join the committee.





Finnish kids take a "Kahvia" break

## Summer Discovers Helsinki and Finns

Editor's note: After spending the summer in Finland, senior Barb Brownell is passing on her experiences to the students at Marshall

"No, you shouldn't put a student's cap on your head until you've passed the Student Examination. If you do, you'll have bad luck," warned Leena, a typically blonde and slightly superstitious Finn.

At eighteen, she will complete her final year in secondary school, comparable to an American high school, and "write" her Student Examination, which entitles her to wear the visored velvet student cap giving her entrance to the University in Helsinki. Many years of work and study have led to the exam date, and most pupils who take this test speak Finnish, Swedish, English and, German, and have studied the sciences, mathematics, and physical education. Their studies are important, but there are few extracurricular activities. When the snow melts, the days grow longer, and at the end of May, the school doors close for a full three months. Finnish youth can really enjoy life.

The sun sets at 10 p.m. and rises at 3 a.m. All the more time to laugh and be merry. The discos, movie theaters, and amusement park, Linamaki, close late. Early in the morning the bustle begins and by noon the streets are crowded with kids-kids walking, talking, shopping, laughing. The Finns say there's not much to do in Helsinki in the summer. In the morning you wouldn't believe it, but after noon you watch the crowds disappear from Mannerheimentie and reassemble in milk baaris overlooking this main street. A favorite pastime is to sit around and drink Jaffa, an orange drink, and "size up" the small groups that trickle in from time to time. There seems to be an endless contest to see who can dress in the latest, moddest, and most absurd outfits. No one is

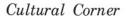
content with "just casual clothes", and a walk in the streets of Helsinki is comparable to being lost in a Vogue fashion magazine. The clothes are nice enough while they're in style, but soon they've been in style a little too long, and everyone wears the same things. As new fashions are introduced, Finns either have to have full purses, or wear their old clothes a little longer.

"it's really too bad; explained a Finnish fashion designer with whom I traveled to Turku. The basics, like nice dresses, are being passed up for clothes which look all right now but soon go out of style. That's why we've had so much trouble with shoplifing in Helsinki. Few kids have the money for lots of clothes, so they go into stores and shoplift just to be able to wear the latest fad, they're arrested and crime rate rises."

Tired of the crowded baari, it's out into the street again and down to the Kaupatori, the city's open air market which is full of sights and sounds and is probably the liveliest area in all of Helsinki. Pass the wharf, buy a bag of minnows from the grizzled fishvender in the rickety boat, and feed the gulls. Then lose yourself in the jumble of people in bright, gaudy costumes, and succumb to the cries of merchants hawking their wares.

To take a sauna at 3 p.m., the rocks must begin heating early in the morning. As you enter the little wooden house from the fresh air, you're momentarily suffocated, and eventually relaxed. Then, thoroughly baked, massaged, and beaten with birch branches to improve your circulation, you dive into the freezing lake water and moments later you climb back to the sauna for more of that pure and refreshing feeling. Later that night you might pick strawberries in the woods, go sailing, and eat white smoked fish for supper.

It's all very nice. The Finnish kids like it and so did I.



### Chase Away Old Sit-At-Home Blues

Today's youth is supposed to be rather accustomed to having more money than the youth of yesteryear. We also have found that we have to "shell out" a lot of it in order to have a good time. It now costs as much as \$2.50 to see a local movie and "an arm and a leg" to see one in D.C. While the prices are rapidly going up, the quality of the neighborhood flick is going down. So Rank and File has collected together several activities which seem to be a promising entertainment at reasonable prices (reasonable as in anywhere from \$1.00 to \$4.50). All these activities are scheduled for sometime before October 8. Unless the prices are listed, call the given number for information.

On September 19, the Baltimore Civic Center will present an evening of rock music by the "Black Sabath". This group's popularity is rising quickly in this area while it is already one of the best bands on the west coast. Tickets are on sale for \$3, 4, 5, and 6. Also at the Civic Center on the following Sunday will be a concert by the "Jackson Five" who need no introduction. Tickets will be \$4.50 and up.

#### **Student Studies Abroad**

Roberta Willia, 12, will be returning home on January 8 after a year's stay in New Zealand.

The trip abroad for Roberta and many others was made possible through the American Field Service. This year the club will raise funds by selling peanut brittle, celebrating A.F.S. Week, having those inevitable bake and lollypop sales, plus oodles of other activities.

Who can join A.F.S.? Anyone and everyone who is willing to work and have fun simultaneously. Does one have to travel abroad to join? Certainly not! The club's function is to raise funds to send desiring Marshall students abroad and to support foreign students while visiting here. Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesdetings are every 1st and 3rd

The Kennedy Center, which has just recently opened, will be having a show at Concert Hall on October 1 featuring Burt Bacharach. This will be followed by a James Taylor concert on October 3. For ticket information, call the Center at 254-3602.

Shady Grove Music Fair is an experience in itself. It is a building like a tent inside where the stage is in the middle of the theater, and all the concerts and plays are done "in the round". During this week Shady Grove will feature the Tom Jones Show. Next week there will be a follies-type show called "This Was Burlesque". Following that will be a two-week run of "Fiddler on the

Roof". For information call the box office at 948-3400. At the Reed Theatre in Alex-

At the Reed Theatre in Alexandria, there are several movies playing this month which are re-runs of some of the best films made. Among these will be "A Thousand Clowns" which was a very successful Broadway play and some classic Marx Brothers films. All movies every night are only \$1.00; call 589-9000 for

complete information.

Wolf Trap Filene Center has closed down for the year but The Watergate will continue to give free concerts in D.C. Located right on the Potomac River, the Watergate concerts provide an extremely inexpensive way to spend a relaxing evening.

## Frosh Cheering Squad Prepares for Season



Freshman Cheerleaders from L to R: Maureen Manley, Cathy Waller, Leigh Dance, Debbie Minan, Janet Kinder, Suzanne Renfroe, Robin Savage, Beeky Cecil.

Have you been wondering who those unfamiliar girls are in the red and blue uniforms? Well, you know now that they are this year's Freshman cheerleaders.

The eight member squad includes Becki Cecil, Leigh Dance, Janet Kinder, Maureen Manley, Debbie Minan, Suzanne Renfroe, Robin Savage, and Cathy Waller.

This years squad was chosen differently from other Freshmen squads in the past. Last May, notices were sent out to the various junior high schools announcing Freshmen cheerleading try-outs. Those girls interested in trying out came to Marshall for a one-week clinic and were then selected according to their performance on a cheer, a chant, splits, a cartwheel and a jump.

cartwheel, and a jump.

Why was the squad selected in a different manner than in previous years? The squad was selected early in hopes that each girl could improve her cheering ability and add more to the cheerleading squad. In the past, Freshmen cheerleaders were somewhat limited to the number of cheers they knew because of the short period of time in which they had to learn them. Now the squad will have a chance to become more organized.

Mademoiselle Williams Returns

### Paris Is Left Behind

"It was a fantastic year!" was the reply given by Miss Laurie Williams answering a question about her year long stay at the University of Paris at the Sorbonne.

Miss Williams taught French here at Marshall up until two years ago, when she became one of the few Americans selected to receive from the French government a scholarship to go to the University of Paris.

The University itself is a very large cultural center attended by students from all over the world.

The particular courses Miss Williams was interested in included French history, literature and art. As a major project of the year she produced a thesis on the Modern French Theatre titled "La Réussite d'un Art dramatique", around a current avant-garde theatre group called le Théâtre du Soleil.

All of the efforts she put forth during her year of study proved to be a success, for at the end of the year she not only received her Master's Degree in French civilization and language, but also graduated in the top of her class.



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Senior President Mike Gotay seems overjoyed to claim the "Big M" for his class at last Friday's pep rally.



Live Entertainment

#### Overpower Statesmen in Season Atoms pener

Sometimes you have it and sometimes you don't; we couldn't keep it the times we had it. Four fumbles, only three passes, and Atom Mike Lucido 10, were our downfall as the Annandale Atoms were victorious over our Marshall Statesmen 15 - 7.

On Marshall's opening play, quarterback Mike Oliff, 11, lateralled to running back Al Boudreau, 12, who ran 30 of his 134 yards making it seem as though Marshall would continue its previous winning streak. One of the fumbles stopped them from scoring. We weren't the only ones having problems. During the second quarter Annandale quarterback Bruce Belander, 11, tried to run, making a considerable gain, but fumbled.

Trying to get a score on the board, we again squandered the foot-ball away by fumbling.

Annandale played its ace, tailback Mike Lucido, 10, who ran twice for long yardage. Lucido averaged 9.5 yards a carry totaling 237 yards. With approximately 20 seconds left in the half Belanger attempted a pass in the endzone which fell from the fingertips of the receiver. There was no score at the conclusion of the first

During the third quarter Marshall's defense, led by captain John Maley, 12, held Annandale from scoring, but no sooner had they walked off the field they were needed again; we had fumbled the

Annandale's new quarterback Pete Conaty, 11, took advantage of the fumbled punt by wearing down the Marshall defense finishing with a hand off to Lucido who crossed the goal line to put Annandale ahead 6 to 0. The field goal attempt failed.

The touchdown seemed to spark the Marshall offense as Al Boudreau continued his first half running abil-ity with a 37 yard run. A few plays later running back Jay McKeever, 12, sent the referees arms in the air with a 13 yard run to tie the game at six all. The lead was ours as Blair Flynn kicked the ball threw the goal posts for the extra point making the score Marshall 7, Annandale 6.

The fourth quarter began with Lucido making another one of his

long gains, getting the ball inside the Marshall 20-yardline for Annandale.

Marshall's defensive line backer Mike Little, 11, and defensive end John Maley, 12, stopped the on-coming Annandale offense, forcing them to try for a risky field goal. Annandale brought in Brian Grainer. who did his job by kicking a field goal from the 23 yard line to put Annandale ahead 9 - 7 with 10:05 left to play.

Marshall's offense hadn't thrown in the towel yet, as they drove the football down to the 13-yard line of Annandale. On third down the Statesmen fumbled on the 5 yardline.

Annandale gave the ball to Lucido three times. Twice GCM stopped him; the third time he ran 79 yards for a touchdown, making the final score Annandale 15, Marshall 7.



Junior Quarterback Mike Oliff evades an Annandale pursuer.

# Regional Champs Rely on Offense

The Varsity Statesmen, with 23 returning lettermen, will have an even stronger squad than last year's Re-gional Champions. The offense should be greatly improved despite the loss of Dinky Jones. The defense, best in the area last year, will be hurt by the loss of several key players, but there are still seven starters returning.

The punting and kicking game is improved with Billy Lowe and Blair Flynn as punters. Flynn also kicks off and has the point-after and field

#### OFFENSE PRETTY WELL SET

According to Coach Henry, "the offense is pretty well set." Junior quarterback Mike Oliff will direct the offense. Coach Henry says, "Mike is an exceptional passer, a good runner, but most of all a real leader." Oliff had a 51 per cent completion record

and nine touchdown passes last year.

Jay McKeever and Al Boudreau will be the running backs. They alternated last year. McKeever averaged 4.6 yards per carry, while Boudreau averaged 4.1 yards. Boudreau was second to Dinky Jones in points

The wide receivers are Curt Midkiff and Billy Lowe, both returning starters. Midkiff was the leading pass receiver last year with a total of 18 receptions from quarterback Mike

With seniors Jim Murray and Keith Gibson as the tackles, the offensive line is the brightest spot on the team. Gibson was honored on the All-Suburban Virginia team selections by the Washington Evening Star. Murray earned the Washington Post selection as a member of the All Great Falls District team. Murray is beginning his third year on the Varsity and Gibson is starting his second.

The first string guards are seniors Paul Reeves and Richard Gardner, while Whitney Meredith, 12, will see most of the action at center. Steve Denning, 12, replaces Charlie Jones as the tight end. From tackle to tackle, the offensive line is the same one that finished last years' season.

#### DEFENSE IS STILL STRONG

The defense will certainly miss Chuck Smerdizinski, Bobby Jones, Dan Little, and George Caras, but the seven other returning starters should build another outstanding defensive unit.

Junior Mike Little, a key per-former last year, is the left line backer. Letterman Tom Haller and Steve Perlik are battling for the right line backer position.

At right defensive end will be sen-

ior John Maley, who Coach Henry feels is about the best in the area. He made the All Suburban Virginia team last year. Junior Joe Coates, at left defensive end is suffering a hand injury, and is being replaced by sophomore Adrian Peery.

The two tackles are Earl Case, 12,

and Jim Day, 10. Case is a returning starter. Senior Ross MacKenzie, a line backer last year, is replacing George Caras at middle guard.

The defensive secondary is unsettled. Mark Larson, 12, is replacing

letterman Doug Naquin, 12, mans the other. Jeff Bush is giving Naquin quite a battle for the starting job. Charlie Payne takes over for Chuck Smerdzinski at strong safety with Mike Dutchak as his back-up man. Mike Atalla is the free safety.

The first game of the season should be about the hardest. Marshall's first game is against Annan-dale, Coach Henry's old school. They are the favorites to take their district title. They have over twenty letter-men returning, and their only weakposition.

Falls Church, the only team to de-Falls Church, the only team to defeat Marshall last year, will have a strong team, especially on offense. Quarterback Forrest Kobayashi and fullback Rob Day will lead the

The biggest problem the Statesmen may have is over-confidence. Coach Henry said, "This year every-body will be gunning for us." There is nothing some teams would like more than to upset the regional

### **SPORTSFOLIO**

by Mike Morina



Billy Lowe was chosen to be spotlighted in the initial Sportsfolio for his athletic prowess and his exciting, agressive style of play.

In his first year at Marshall, he played tailback for the Freshman football team. As a sophomore he shifted to wide receiver for the Junior Varsity. Last year, Billy devel-oped into a fine receiver and became integral part of Marshall's offense. Bill caught 15 passes and aided the team's running backs with his downfield blocking. He also handled the punting chores, finishing with a 35 vard average. Included were several kicks on the run, and even one with his left foot. Against McLean he passed twice from punt formation for gains of 37 yards, and 94 yards for a touchdown.

After winning a Regional Cham-pionship last year, Billy has even higher hopes for this year's team, "If the team pulls together and the defense improves we can win the state championship."

Billy played on the Freshmen and Junior Varsity basketball teams before lettering last year as a guard. His specialty was defense on Coach

Smith's defense-minded team.

At 5'8", 140 lbs. Billy does not have overwhelming size, yet he is able to excel at football and basketball, which are considered sports for the "big man." How? Bill's greatest assets are confidence in his ability, hustle, and determination. They were most evident in the Regional Title game against Edison. In the first quarter Billy received a hip injury that hindered his running and should have kept him out for the remainder of the game. This left the team without an experienced punter, so after several nearly disasterous attempts by a replacement, Billy returned to the game to do the rest of the punting.

His style of play wins him few friends on the opposing team, but occasionally their grudging admira-

tion.

The versatile Billy also played on baseball team in the Junior Varsity baseball team in his Freshman and Sophomore years. Billy is also an accomplished diver. When he was 14 he finished as one of when he was 14 he finished as one of the top three divers in the state in the 13-14 year old age group. In fact, Billy hopes to attend Virginia Com-monwealth University on a diving scholarship. If not, he hopes to enroll at Ferrum Junior College

## JV Gridmen Eye Title: Depend on Defense

Coached by Mr. Dean Sissler, Marshall's J.V. gridmen expect to use their tough defense for a shot at the district title.

Defending against the opponents' ground attack will be ends Don Farmer, 11, and Mark Olson, 10. Marshall fields sophomore Jerry Smith, and freshman Jim Dunn at the Smith, and tresimal failt of tackles, along with junior John Bukowski at middle guard. Sophomores Bill Berg and Kevin Fuller will fill the linebacker slots, while sophomores Rick Knight, Jim Collis, Tom Barnes, and Bill Gates defend against the pass

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The offense, headed by sophomore quarterbacks Mike Holmberg and Dwight Neal, will also be tough. The running game, led by Mark Bendorf, 10, and Mark Jones,

9, will have linemen Cliff Carroll, 10, Randy Rives, 10, Allen McCarter, 10, Lee Berkebile, 10, and Dana Christian, 11, opening the holes. Neal and Holmberg will be throwing to receiv-ers Marty Wilson, 10, Dave Varrel-man, 10, and Christian. Sophomore Mike Miller will kick extra points. and sophomore Keith Chamblee will punt.

Other members of the team include freshmen Jon Wick, Dave Caras, Martin Kinsman, and sopho-Caras, Martin Kinsman, and sopho-mores John Lee, William Zimmer, John Atalla, James Bour, Tom Childress, Chuck Hoffarth, David Ford, Ray Gallagher, Randy Hall, Bill Horan, Paul Johnson, John Harsch. Due to publication deadlines, results of yesterday's game could not be published.



Atom-smasher Ken Farmer brings down his opponet.