

Runners are State Champs



Kicking hard, Jim Coady sprints to the finish line.

The Varsity Cross Country team finished the 1972 season by winning the Virginia State AAA Cross Country trophy for the second time in a row. Marshall scored a total of 119 team points, with Handley coming in second and Woodbridge finishing third.

Dave Cannon finished second in a field of 185 runners. Cannon ran the 25 course in 12:04.6, just one second behind the winner. Dave Watt finished 16th with a time of 12:38. Dave Clay was 32nd, Kevin Jones, Tom Barnes and Jim Collis finished 39th, 40th, and 41st, respectively.

The Marshall Cross-Country season is now over. The Statesmen finished with an 8-0-1 record. The team got off to a good start by shutting out Herndon 15-47 on Sept. 26. Then Madison, Langely and Mclean were defeated handily in following meets. The team won the County and District titles by larger margins. The lone tie came on Oct. 24 when the runners tied Oakton 27-27.

Probably the toughest meet for the Statesmen was the Regional meet at Burke Lake. This was because three men were in poor health. Yet Marshall went on to win by a score of 93 points to the nearest competitor's 97.

With the cross country season over, Coach John Schlögl had a chance to sit back and reflect on the whole thing. He thought that the turning point of the season was Marshall's victory in the Regional meet. "We won that one with three men in less than prime health," Schlögl, "We were in much better health for the State meet."

Support by the students is important to any team's success and Schlögl feels that the team had plenty of support this year. "At the State meet, Marshall had about 100 people there," he said, "There were Cheerleaders, students, and alumni from local colleges present."



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Atom's Rally Tops Marshall

by Mark J. Olson

Last Saturday the Marshall Statesmen lost a 14-13 heartbreaker in the Regional Championship against the Annandale Atoms. The Atoms were highly favored but the underdog Statesmen turned the game into a very exciting, well-fought contest.

The Atoms won the opening coin toss and received the kickoff. Then Quarterback Pete Conaty decided to establish the Atom's running game. Three times Conaty handed off to All-Regional Running Back Mike Lucido. Three times the Marshall defense stopped Lucido for little or no gain.

Marshall took the punt and began moving relentlessly toward the Annandale goal line. Quarterback Mike Oliff ran the triple option to perfection and Payton Bailey pounded out several first downs. Bailey finished his best game of the season with 184 yards of 41 carries.

Bold, After Marshall gained a first and goal on the Atom seven yard line the Annandale defense held and the Statesmen were forced to try for a field goal. The snap from center was high and kicker Blair Flynn was thrown for a loss trying to run the ball.

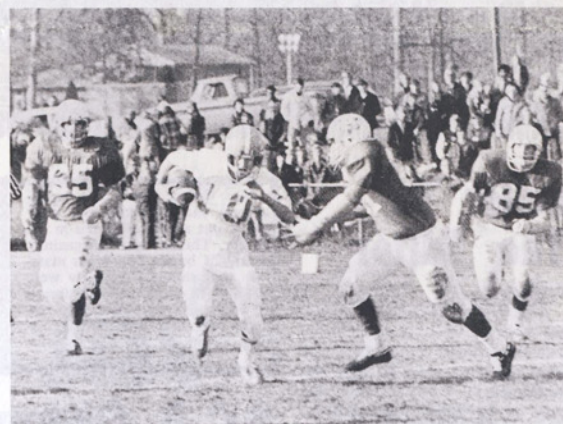
The Statesmen's defense, led by Tackle Mark Snow and Linebacker Steve Perlik again stopped the Atom's attack. Gary Smerdzinski intercepted a Conaty pass deep in Atom territory. The pass was intended for All-Regional Receiver Tom Fadden. Marshall's secondary kept Fadden bottled up and limited him to two catches.

With the Annandale defense keying on Bailey, Oliff threw a 30 yard touchdown pass to Sophomore Mike Gless. Flynn added the extra point and the Statesmen led 7-0.

Marshall's defense was fantastic and Annandale couldn't get moving. The Statesmen took an Atom punt and again drove into Atom territory. Bailey pounded out yardage play after play and Annandale finally keyed too heavily on him. Oliff faked to Bailey and hit Blair Flynn with a pass over the middle. Flynn trampled an Atom defender and ran in for a 20 yard touchdown pass. His extra point try was blocked and the Statesmen led 13-0.

With one minute left in the first half the Statesmen's lead seemed secure. The Atoms had the ball but they were nowhere near "scoring" range. Conaty faded back and under a heavy rush threw the ball as far as he could. Tight End Bruce Belanger made a fingertip catch and out-raced everybody for a 65 yard touchdown pass to put the Atoms back in the game. Brian Grainer kicked the extra point to make the halftime score, Marshall 13 and Annandale 7.

In the third quarter the Statesmen offense continued to grind out yardage. However they were not able to score. Marshall's defense kept the Atoms bottled up. Sophomore Defensive End Butch Farrell stopped



Oliff breaks strong Annandale defensive line.

one Atom drive by knocking the ball out of Lucido's hands. The Statesmen recovered the fumble and the third quarter ended with no score.

Annandale finally mounted a drive midway through the last quarter. Lucido managed a 22 yard scamper that put the ball on the Statesmen's doorstep. Lucido bulled over from the four to get the game-tying touchdown. Grainer's extra point try was almost blocked but it split the uprights and put the Atoms on top 14-13. Marshall received the kickoff and again drove into Atom territory. Bailey carried almost every play and the Atoms seemed incapable of stopping him. They finally did, one foot short of a first down on the Atom 21 and Annandale took possession of the ball. The Marshall defense didn't give up and the Atoms were forced to punt. The snap from center was low and six Statesmen closed in on the

loose ball. Perlik picked the ball up and headed for the goal line. He went down in the pile of bodies scrambling for the ball and the Statesmen's offense took over. A short pass took the ball to the Atom 19 yard line and the attempt for a field goal was made with 17 seconds left. It was a long 36 yard try and Flynn's kick was wide to the left. With 12 seconds left on the clock the Statesmen had lost. But they played an excellent game and deserved a better fate.

Marshall is the youngest team in Northern Virginia. The Statesmen had 17 juniors, 22 sophomores and two freshmen dressed out for the game. Sophomore Mark Jones, Bill Brown, Gless and Farrell all started and played good games. The Statesmen future looks bright for years to come.

"Morp" Recalls The Good ol' Days

"Hey, Baby, let's bop on down to the malt shop. Then we can go to the drive-in in my new yellow Edsel." To Marshall students, this would hardly be the ideal date. Yet to the Marshall faculty, these are classic lines. Reminiscing back to the '40's and '50's brings a tear to many a teacher's eye. Stacks of 45's, cokes for a nickel, and lots of ice cream will set the scene for the MORP, that's "Prom" spelled backwards, to be held in the cafeteria, on November 22, 8:00 until 11:30.

The MORP started out as a project for Mr. Ric Berard's Sociology classes. The goal of the students was to get all different types of people to come. The project has become more elaborate than the original idea, including everything from decorating the "dance room" as it was remem-

bered a decade ago, to having dancing lessons after school for both faculty and students. To anyone interested in learning the Little Apple, Big Apple, Jitterbug, Bunny Hop, Stroll, or the Twist, dancing lessons are free.

It should be kept in mind that the MORP is not a money-raising project; instead, Sociology students will be graded according to the overall turn out. The admission price of 21 cents is affordable to all.

Marshall students and alumni are always asking why nothing different or creative is done at Marshall. Now something is. The MORP is open to anyone and everyone: Custodians, Teachers, Cafeteria Staff, Alumni, and even the students. People interested in having a good time (and who isn't?) would be foolish to miss such an event.

Coffee Remains Sacred

It was a dreary morning at Marshall High School. My eyelids drooped heavily with the usual boredom and want of sleep. Oh, if I only had a cup of coffee, I thought to myself.

Lunchtime rolled around and I found myself craving the beverage more and more. "A cup of coffee," I said as I crawled through the lunchroom door. I knew there was no hope for me; there was no chance. . . I groaned as I fought my way through the garbage and trays strewn on the cafeteria floor. Inch by inch I was getting closer to the line. My mouth watered at the thought of that sacred drink. Through the door I crept; and there it was. . . standing there in its full glory, on four legs, tall and gleaming, and towering over my wretched body . . . THE COFFEE POT.

I felt life suddenly rush to my limbs. My mind awakened at the pleasure I was about to indulge in. I approached the hallowed appliance to release its reviving substance when suddenly it appeared; the downfall of my hopes and desires. The object I had so feared: THE CAFETERIA LADY.

I knew all had ended. My dreams slowly dissolved into nothing as she stood before the pot and stared into my bloodshot eyes. I swallowed hard and opened my mouth to speak. The words stumbled out, "Ca. Can. I buy a cup of cccoffee. . ?" The result was expected. Her reply rang through my ears with the thundering force of authority; "SORRY, WE CAN'T SELL COFFEE TO STUDENTS."

I shrunk back at the outcome of my quest. My attempt had been in vain. The privilege of partaking the precious brew was not mine. "After all," I murmured as I slipped slowly out the door, "I'm only a student."

Nixon Wins Mock Election

GEORGE C. MARSHALL H.S. MOCK ELECTION RESULTS 1972

Candidate	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
Nixon	79%	77%	69%	67%	73%
McGovern	19%	22%	30%	33%	26%
Scott	64%	60%	49%	40%	53%
Spong	43%	40%	50%	52%	46%
Broyhill	60%	59%	51%	41%	53%
Miller	43%	41%	49%	53%	46%
Schmitz	approximately 1% of all school votes.				

59% of the school population registered.
52% of the school population voted.
55% of the nation voted.
89% of Fairfax County voted.
1388 students registered to vote.
1230 students actually voted.
275 students registered but did not vote.
120 ballots were fraudulent, e.g. voted but apparently not registered etc.



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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As a member of the cast of "Guys and Dolls", I was very disappointed with the audience during the Friday afternoon show. Since the show was during school, I would assume that most of the audience was students. These supposedly mature young adults acted like elementary school children. For people whose ages range anywhere from 14 to 18, they acted several years younger. They displayed childish screaming, laughing, and other sorts of rude behavior.

I think that the student body owes "Guys and Dolls" an apology. We worked a hell of a long time to give Marshall something to be proud of. I know that I speak for the entire cast and crew of "Guys and Dolls".

One of the Dolls

The S.C.A. is having a contest for the theme of this year's Christmas Dance. There is a box in the S.C.A. room for any ideas or suggestions. The best idea for a theme will be used and its submitter will win a free ticket for two to the dance.

The library would like to announce that students may now check out all the materials in the library. This includes, magazines, overnight books, and other materials that students formerly were not able to check out. The library is doing this in hopes that students will use this privilege to their advantage and not abuse it.

The Rank and File staff is planning a large, 8-page Christmas issue. Hopefully, this issue will be full of student contributions: poems, stories and drawings, either humorous or serious, that reflect the holiday mood.

It will be appreciated if any student wishes to add something to the Christmas edition. This is your newspaper. We shall welcome any article a student contributes.

S.C.A. Giving GCM Party

Marshall's Student Council is going full speed ahead with plans for the remaining school year. SC President, John Nicholas, revealed some further ideas for future Marshall activities.

The latest item on the list is the Marshall Birthday Party which will take place December 6. The party will involve the entire student body and feature one day of festivities that include movies, bands, and a giant birthday cake in honor of George C. Marshall High School's tenth anniversary.

The Student Council would also like to thank the student body for making the magazine drive a record-breaking success. The drive, this year, brought in over \$6,200 in profit, the most ever made at Marshall.

Progress is being made toward acquiring the student lounge. Getting the best price for carpeting seems to be one problem to solve first. The SC is also in the process of planning to plant trees and shrubs in the inner courtyard. The PTA has granted \$400 toward this project. The SC will provide the rest of the funds.

In addition to these activities, the SC is working behind the scenes on the exam issue. Negotiations are underway toward the abolition of the archaic practice. The SC is also warning the students to keep the courtyards cleaner or smoking privileges will be taken away.

Finally, there is a suggestion box in the library for the students to place their ideas for the school. So far the SC has received only a few suggestions, and they want the students to express more of their wishes, complaints, and ideas. As John put it, "That box is there, and we want people to use it."

Seniors Present Talent

What's the most unusual thing about this year's Senior Class Variety Show. Well, for one thing; we're going to have it. And it's going to be good. Variety Shows at Marshall have a stigma attached to them as never being or if they are being, they aren't being very well.

But the Senior Class of '73 has changed this. We have confidence in this show because we have talent.

Music wise, we have some of Marshall's best talent from the past and from today. Mindy Manley and Tom Whoerlie, Alan Roach and Jack Dickerson come from the past with their guitars and voices. Mary Thayer

and Betsy Tuttle will be here to turn on people by singing nursery rhymes. Lisa Carl and Sue Nelson will also be singing together.

But this is a Variety Show which means we do have to have variety. So we have outdone ourselves by intermingling skits, jokes, and various farces into the show. Obviously these skits, jokes, and various farces will be unknown to the unsuspecting audience until the show.

By the way the show is Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. What could be better to do on a Thursday night then go to a "far out, solid and right on Senior Class Variety Show."

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Statesmen Capture Second District Title

by Lori Ryan

The Marshall Statesmen reclaimed the Great Falls District championship on November 3 by defeating the defending champs, the Oakton Cougars by a score of 17-7.

The game got off to a good start with Marshall receiving the kickoff. The offense was unable to move the ball and had to kick it away. The Cougars found themselves in the same position.

The first quarter was marked by repeated turnovers by both teams. A Mike Oliff pass was intercepted by Oakton's Brian Woodell. Once again the Cougars were unable to get a first down and had to kick the ball away. The monotony was broken when Oakton quarterback Tom Schriener threw a completed 37 yard pass to John Behrens. The extra point attempt was successful and the Cougars were ahead 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Statesmen were given another chance to get on the scoreboard but another Oliff pass was intercepted,

this time by Cliff Walker. The Statesmen got revenge when Jeff Bush intercepted an Oakton pass on the Marshall five yard line. The key plays in the 95 yard Statesman drive that followed were a 24 yard run by Mark Jones, a 13 yard run by Payton Bailey, and a 39 yard touchdown pass from Oliff to Tommy Davis to tie the score 7-6. Blair Flynn tied the score with his extra point.

On the third down of the Statesmen's next possession, Blair Flynn scored on a 32 yard field goal, thus giving the Statesmen a 10-7 halftime lead.

Throughout the game, the Statesmen were penalized heavily, with five penalties for 65 yards to Oakton's one penalty for 15 yards.

Mark Jones ended a long offensive drive early in the third quarter by scoring on a one yard run. On their next possession, the Cougars drove to Marshall's eight yard line, only to be

stopped by a strong defensive stand led by Steve Perlik.

The game ended with the score Marshall 17, Oakton 7. The Statesmen had reached their goal - DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!! To assure a berth in the Northern Virginia Regional Championship play-offs, the Statesmen have to defeat our arch-rival, Madison. Madison's record is ours reversed, 1-8. After defeating Madison, Marshall meets the winner of the Annandale-Fairfax game. The Regional game is at Woodson High School on November 18.

The Marshall Statesmen almost lost their bid in the Northern Va. Regional championship play-off. Marshall edged arch-rival Madison 7-6.

At the end of the first quarter both teams were scoreless. The ball was given up several times by Marshall and Madison because the first downs needed to control the ball were not gotten.

In the second quarter Mark Jones ran eleven yards for a touchdown. Seconds later the TD was nullified

for reason of illegal procedure against the Statesmen.

Things just weren't going the way they should have been for Marshall. The Statesmen were favored heavily over the (Warhawks).

Again in the second quarter 14 year old freshman quarterback Greg Schwemley hit Tommy Davis with a sixteen yard touchdown pass. Schwemley, normally the JV quarterback was brought up when veteran varsity quarterback Mike Oliff suffered an ankle injury against Oakton.

Sophomore wide receiver Mike Gless scored a touchdown that was also called back because of a penalty. The score remained 7-0. Late in the fourth quarter, Madison's Steve Brown scored a touchdown that did count. Brown scored on a 20 yard run, making the score 7-6. After a brief conference with his coach, quarterback Robbie Slingerman decided to try for a two point conversion. The pass was incomplete, and the Statesmen pulled out a close 7-6 victory. This score, coupled with the defeat of Fairfax by Annandale, assured the Statesmen of a playoff berth against the Atoms.



Mark Jones Drives To Oakton Goal

Six Statesmen Honored

By Lori Ryan

The varsity football team's successful season is evidenced by the fact that six Statesmen were chosen for the All-Great Falls District team.

both teams for the second year in a row.

Seniors Steve Perlik and Charlie Payne are filling the linebacker and defensive back positions respectively on the District team. The sole junior to be honored is running back Payton Bailey.

Congratulations should be extended to these guys along with the whole varsity team for their fine season.

The list is headed by senior defensive tackle Mark Snow, who was also chosen to fill a tackle position on the All-Northern Region first team. Another senior, Mike Culhane was chosen as the best offensive guard in the District. Mike is also listed on the Regional second team. Quarterback Mike Oliff has retained his place on

SPORTSFOLIO

By Lori Ryan



Mark Snow

Senior Mark Snow has been singled out for this issue's Sportsfolio not only because he is a fine football player, but because he is also a good student academically.

Without a doubt, Mark's favorite sport is football. He has lettered in football three times including this year. As a freshman, Mark played offensive and defensive tackle for the freshman squad. In his sophomore year, Coach Ed Henry felt Mark would be more valuable to the varsity at defensive tackle. In his three years at the varsity level, he has done a superb job at his position. Mark praises Coach Henry and his assis-

tants, for he feels, like so many others, that we have the best coaching staff in the state.

When Mark isn't banging helmets on the gridiron, he finds time to be a member of the Ski Club and vice president of the Key Club. Recently, Mark was selected for the All-Great Falls district team and was named an All-Regional player. At six feet and 195 pounds, Mark is one of the smallest defensive tackles to be so highly honored.

After graduation, Mark hopes to play football at Florida State University.



Charles Payne



Mike Oliff



Mark Snow



Payton Bailey



Mike Culhane



Steve Perlik

Marshall's All-District Players

JV, Frosh Footballers Conclude Schedules

The Frosh and JV football teams finished high in the Great Falls District standings with second and third places respectively.

Junior Varsity dropped their last four games of the season, ending 3-4-1. Coach Stan Kemp explained that, "A JV team is for those who aren't quite good enough for the Varsity, but they can learn and compete with kids of their own level." Coach Kemp has also singled out his most promising players. He feels that Greg Schwemley and Dusty Duckett have done fine jobs sharing the starting quarterback position. Linebackers Dick Nanna and Jimmy Haller are also top varsity prospects. Others who have done outstanding jobs are running back Frank Balint, Mike Shannon, a wide receiver, and Steve Douthat, who played tight end

for both the JV and the Varsity teams, in this, his first year of football.

The Freshman finished their season with a 4-2 record. Coach Ken Freeman felt that "the main thing about the Frosh squad was that they took a lot of lumps but their attitude was great. If they can keep that attitude, they'll be in fine shape. This team has more pride than any I've seen in a long time."

Coach Freeman named his top players as tight end "Nicky" Bailey, defensive back Mike Vaughan, and wide receiver Doug Spiro.

Both the Frosh quarterback, Terry Clark, and JV quarterback, Greg Schwemley, should have some competing to do next year for the Varsity quarterback spot vacated by Mike Oliff.

Hockey Team Loses 4 of 5

The 1972 Girl's Hockey Season ended in a sudden downfall losing four out of their last five matches. The defense couldn't hold up as the offense became unproductive, being shut-out during the four losses. Unfortunately all defeats were registered against district teams which brought the second place hockey squad of last year to last in the district this year. After the third match against McLean, Fullback Debbie Cox, 11, sprained an ankle during practice and remained out for the season.

Langley started with a 3-0 shutout followed by Herndon's 2-0 and Madison's 1-0. Oakton brought a bright moment for the hockey team as Center Donna Foskey, 11, scored

two goals while Left Inner, Debbie Bender, 10, scored one, the final goal of the game and the season for Marshall. The Oakton Game ended 3-1. McLean reversed the score of their first encounter with Marshall by defeating Marshall 1-0 to conclude the season.

The season ended with a disappointing 4-4 record. Center Donna Foskey was high scorer for the Statesmen with 5. Debbie Bender, Left Inner, came in second with 2, while Chris Napier, 11, and Jody Lannen, 10, each one.

Eight goals were given up during the season while eight were scored. Marshall will be looking for the inexperienced team of this year to mature and jell for the '73 season.

Sports News

by Richard Bass

Many Seniors saw action in their last high school football game during the Regional game on November 19. The Seniors on the Varsity squad were Mike Oliff, Jeff Bush, Charles Payne, John Chryst, Mike Atalla, Gary Smerdzinski, Steve Perlik, Mike Culhane, Mike Burke, Mark Snow, Stu Heironimus, and Eric Mondres.

The Cross Country team also lost some valuable Seniors. These included George Clay and Jim Cody, who starred on the Varsity squad.

Thanks!

Thanks to Mr. David Ellis for making the big "M" for the Marshall press box.