

## 2'nd Semester Welcomes New Face Among Faculty



Mrs. Schardt takes time out to enjoy her garden.

journalism, she taught Senior English in Westchester County, New York. The English program in Westchester County was an elective program similar to the one in use at Marshall.

Mrs. Schardt described her students at Marshall as a lively and interested group. When asked to compare the program in New York with the one at Marshall, she described the one in New York as freer and more open. She described the elective system in New York as one in which the student committed himself wholly when he signed up for a

course. "In a sense the student signed a contract at the beginning of the course and was expected to live up to the requirements of that contract," she stated. Mrs. Schardt further added that, "In that type of situation the teacher serves as a resource person rather than as an instant expert." She feels that students will gain more if they are permitted to work more on their own.

With her student-oriented philosophy of teaching, Marshall students should benefit greatly from her instruction.

## Artists Display Work In Local Area Contest

by Deborah A. Harsch

In the recent Hecht Company-sponsored regional Scholastic Art Awards competition, *Rank and File's* own multi-talented Deborah A. Harsch, 12, emerged with a top award. Debby's entry was a long skirt with a silk-screen border of ferns, which was enhanced by embroidery. The judges considered it worthy of a Gold Key award, as well blue ribbon finalist status.

Formally an 'A' student in art, Debby is currently suffering a slump in Art 3. However, this was not evident as she overcame, and emerged as Marshall's only Gold Key winner. Debby credits her success to "innate ability, and the two times I skipped Physics to finish the project".

Five Marshall students rated Honorable Mentions. They are: Sue Hosford, 9, for a pencil sketch; ninth graders Pat Chick and Pat Doyle, for acrylic paintings; Mike Bulka, 11, for

a drawing in chalk; and Kim Treichler, 12, for a clay chess set.

This year, 2,687 entries were submitted from 110 junior and senior high schools in the Washington region.

The entries were sorted into 16 classifications in the fields of Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Design, Sculpture, Crafts, and Photography. Judges then chose 389 pieces for Honorable Mention, as well as 152 outstanding pieces for Gold Key awards.

From the Gold Key winning pieces, 129 blue ribbon finalists were selected. These entries will be forwarded to Scholastic Magazine in New York for national judging.

The Scholastic Art exhibit is on display through February 17 in the Hecht Company's third floor Special Events Center, downtown.



**HOMEMAKER OF TOMORROW**— He signed up to take the test "for a joke", never expecting to win. But in bettering the scores of eleven girls, senior William D. Fawcett emerged last month as Marshall's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Bill was among 665,600 seniors in 14,500 high schools across the nation who took the 50-minute written examination of homemaking knowledge and attitude last December. As well as winning a 'distinctive award' at school level, Bill's test paper has been entered in competition for state and national honors. This is the first year that the Betty Crocker test has been open to both boys and girls.

## Where Have Seniors Gone?

As the present school year for the Fairfax County Public Schools approaches midpoint, and this year's graduating class begins to really look at the future, a backward glance at last year's graduates might prove helpful. Where did the Class of '72 go? A recent study prepared by Mrs. Katherine Hopper, the school system's coordinator of pupil services, disclosed that of last June's 9,030 graduates, 6,710 or 74.3% went off to post-secondary education, while another 1,426 entered business or industry, 879 of them seeking employment in Fairfax County.

Four-year colleges and universities claimed the largest group with 4,953 enrolling in 684 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. An additional 24 enrolled in colleges and universities in nine foreign countries.

As might be expected, Virginia was the choice of the largest group as 4,072 selected schools in the Old Dominion. North Carolina was the runner-up with 302. A warmer climate might have had some influence, as Florida placed third with 171; followed by the District of Columbia, with 144, and Pennsylvania.

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## Sweethearts Dance To Music By "Boxcar"



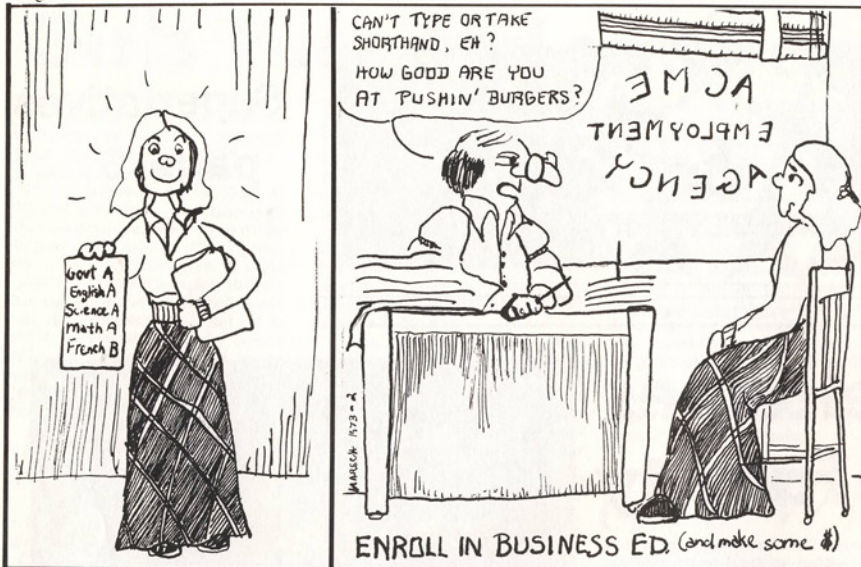
"Boxcar" adds music to an enjoyable evening.

The annual Sweetheart Dance was held February 10 from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Sponsored by the sophomore class, its theme was "Saturday in the Park."

The Sweetheart Dance was set amidst fountains and benches and featured the band "Boxcar." Despite year-to-year changes, however, many occurrences have grown to be traditions. For instance, Senior Superlative pairs were presented with gifts, and a queen—Vicki Brock—was crowned. The queen's court included seniors Karen Anderson and Wendy Vesilick, juniors Cathy Brock and Paige Heishman, sophomores Kathleen McCloskey and Suzanne Renfro, and freshmen Lisa Grey and Patty Verbano.

What's Up	
February	Tournament — Yorktown (away) 6 p.m.
16— Basketball—McLean (away) 6 p.m.	Varsity and J.V. Wrestling — Regionals — Lee (away) 7:30
Girls Varsity and J.V. Basketball—Annandale (away) 4 p.m.	No school
Varsity and J.V. Wrestling — Regionals — Lee (away) 7:30	District Basketball Tournament — W.&L. — (away) 6 p.m.
17— Girls Gymnastics — District	State Wrestling Match — Norfolk — (away) 7:30.





## Sweethearts Labeled Farce!

Dear Editor,

Who does the Sophomore Class think it's fooling by sponsoring the so called "Sweetheart Court" elections? Do they really think that this farce is an accurate account of who the student body wishes to elect.

First of all it seems that a little better job could have been done about distributing the notice to teachers about the elections. When were the students supposed to vote? Homeroom? English class? Who knows? If you voted in homeroom one day you were also supposed to vote again in English class. What kind of court can you get from this?

Second, this type of system of nomination just isn't fair. Time and time again five or six of the loud mouth, aggressive students grab the nomination sheet and jot down names without even consulting the rest of the class. If by some slight chance the rest of the class is consulted, anyone who dares to nominate someone who is not popular or known to that loud mouth aggressive group is quickly subjected to giggles, smirks, and the question "Whooo?". As a result the same old stand bys are elected.

I can't believe that these few people are really that desirable. Wouldn't a secret ballot be a more accurate estimate of the election? It seems to me that a little more organization and fairness would result in a more representative election. Other-

wise we may as well forget the elections and have the same old stand bys as a permanent dance court.

Sincerely,  
Someone who cares

Dear Editor,

As I stand in line, my stomach growling with hunger, I watch the cafeteria ladies serve the food that I am about to eat for my lunch.

All of a sudden one of the ladies drops a cookie. Well what else to do, but pick the cookie up with her bare hands and stuff it into a plastic bag for an unsuspecting victim to eat.

And then I reach the front of the line and watch my plate being filled with food, but I am barely able to eat it because the food is all slopped together. It is difficult to eat a combination of salad, peas, gravy, and whatever else has run together on the plate without becoming sick to my stomach.

So when I leave the cafeteria, my lunch is being scraped off the plate into the drain. And all I have to show for my free 25 minutes is my nickle and my growling stomach.

Have any of you ever watched the bolona for Flying Saucers being sliced in the morning? It is handed from bare hand to bare hand so by

the time you get it, it has gone through at least 2 pair of hands before you.

Yum! Yum! I wonder why there are so many people going out to lunch these days?

An Emaciated Student

## Pass-Fail Passes

by Donna Derr

Yes, students, your opinions and suggestions *can* make waves. The Student Advisory Council recently proved that when the "Pass/Fail" grading system was approved by the Fairfax County School Board.

Under the program, adopted by the Board, a high school student, with parental permission, may have the option of taking one elective a year using the pass/fail grading system. However, the courses excluded from this option are required subjects such as English, social studies, math, physical education and laboratory sciences. After having all their required subjects, students may take an elective course such as typing, art, home economics, or an extra math course on a pass/fail basis.

One should consider this option, though, before hurriedly signing up for a seemingly "easy" course. Even though there will be only a "pass" or "fail" mark received, it might be that passing is harder than you think. Also consider the fact that the passing grade will not be averaged in with the other letter grades. Thus, it will not effect class ranks in that aspect. But a "failing" mark *will* be counted. So, if the pass/fail system is chosen by a student, it should not be taken lightly.

Though it may need some improvements and changes, pass/fail grading is a beginning. Those in the higher echelons of the Educational System are beginning to realize that learning, experiencing and experimenting in school do not necessarily have to be evaluated on the basis of a grade. The Student Advisory Council, in presenting this idea, should be commended for helping them come to this realization.

Editors Note: The School Board has just recently approved Physical Education as one of the options in the Pass/Fail Program. This includes 9th and 10th grade Phys. Ed.

### TEST DATES

#### ACT

April 28, '73  
July 21, '73

#### SAT

\*March 3, '73  
\*\*April 7, '73  
\*May 5, '73  
\*July 14, '73

\*Marshall not testing  
\*\*Marshall testing

The March 3rd SAT and Achievement Tests will *not* be given at Marshall. They will be given at: Falls Church High, Woodson High, and Langley High.

#### Registration Period

Feb. 12, - April, 2.  
April, 16 - June, 25.

#### Registration Closing Regular Late

Jan. 25 Feb. 8  
March, 1 March, 15  
March, 24 April, 6  
June, 7 June, 21

## Fairfax County Recruits Volunteers

Fairfax County Department of Recreation is currently operating special recreational programs for mentally retarded and physically handicapped persons. Two programs, in particular, are in need of teen volunteers to make them successful.

One is a Saturday program from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. for all mentally retarded and physically handicapped

individuals three years of age and up. This program offers modified sports activities, games, music, movies and field trips. It is held at Flint Hill Elementary, Mantua Elementary, and Hayfield Elementary. The other program is for the Fairfax Young Adults serving mentally retarded and physically handicapped persons thirteen years of age and older which

meets every Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. located at Frost Intermediate and Hayfield Intermediate.

Working with these individuals is a truly rewarding experience. If anyone is interested in helping to make these programs a success please contact Vivian McGuire, Recreation Specialist, at 691-3292.

### Colleges Accept:

Colorado State: Carl Thomas  
Asbury College: Becky Helm  
Catawba College: Jim Baum  
Michigan State: Brent Becker  
Graceland, Lamoni Iowa: Laura Ehlers  
VCU: Bill Schueneman  
Millard: Bill Lucia  
Stephens College: Chris Hendrickson  
Elmhurst, Ill.: Elizabeth Mahony

Longwood: Jeffrie Russelavage,  
Chirs Waller, Susan Dingle-  
George Mason: John Oakes,  
Karen Mitrano, Joe Kelliher  
Webber College: Page Seits  
Chowan College: Carol Lieck  
Univ. of Kentucky: Becky Engles  
Oklahoma State: Ron Allred  
William & Woods: Mary Goehring

West Va.: Valerie Wolfe  
U. of Miami: Susan McVeigh  
East Carolina: Judy Renfroe  
Eckerd: Karen Lybrand  
Madison: Chris Robinson, Kathy McGarry, Mary Tozier, Jim Shaver, Beth Potter, Susan McVeigh, Brian Hazelwood, Matt Adams, Susan Dingleberry

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# Girls Face McLean for Regional Berth

by Mark Olson

Despite two losses to the Madison Warhawks, Marshall's Girls Basketball Team has become one of the best teams in the Great Falls District.

The Statesmen's record stands at 7-3 and a victory over McLean is all that the Statesmen need to go to the Regional Tournament. The top two teams in the district enter the Regionals. Perennial Champion Madison has again clinched the District Crown but the Statesmen faced McLean in an all important battle for second place on February 9. (The results were too late to report in this issue). Marshall has already beaten the Highlands once.

Herndon was the Statesmen's opponents on January 26 and 30. Marshall's girls raised their district record to 5-2 by sweeping both games.

In the first game Herndon went for a big upset as they took an 8-6 first quarter lead. Betsy Boyd scored half of the Hornet's points in the opening quarter. However, a three-pronged attack put the Statesmen on top by four at halftime. Terri Scheid, prong number one, scored six of her game high 15 points and directed Marshall's offense. Denise Schrader and Paula Adams, prongs number two and three, scored four points each and their rebounding also played a big part in the rally.

Marshall continued to widen its lead and Tara Glasgow finished the third quarter by stealing a Hornet pass and scoring at the buzzer to put Marshall on top 33-21. Sue Katona made a "back door" lay-up to give the Statesmen a 19 point lead and only a last minute Herndon rally made the score respectable.

Herndon was denied a respectable score in the second game as the Statesmen breezed to victory 60-34. Terri was the high scorer with 17 points as Marshall tuned up for their second game with Madison. Senior

Team Captain Dawn Rae Rogers predicted "All we have to do to beat Madison is out-rebound them." Unfortunately for the Statesmen, a slight rebounding edge was not enough and Marshall was defeated 65-43.

Terri scored the game's first five points but the Statesmen's lead was short lived. Madison's full court press resulted in numerous turnovers by Marshall and the Warhawks led 16-9 after the first quarter.

Dawn Rae scored four quick points to pull Marshall within three, 16-13, but that was as close as the Statesmen ever got. Warhawk Carol Murphy spaced her 20 points evenly during the first and second halves and she was the main reason for Mar-

shall's loss. Terri led the Statesmen with 19 points and Denise added 11 more in a fine effort for Marshall.

Marshall showed that they are really an excellent team as they rebounded to top Langley 49-42. Sue scored eight of Marshall's 14 first quarter points as the Statesmen held a narrow one point lead.

However, the Statesmen are traditionally strong in the second and third quarters. The Langley game followed true to form and the Statesmen moved out to an insurmountable 19 point lead at the end of the third quarter.

Terri and Denise combined to score 22 of Marshall's 27 points during the mid-game spree.



## B-ball Team Wins 1 of 2 Games

by Drew McKinney

The Marshall varsity basketball team made history on January 30 by defeating W-L in overtime, 55-53. The victory marked the first in Marshall history that a Marshall team had beaten W-L in basketball.

The first quarter was an utter disaster for the Statesmen, with the Generals scoring five field goals and four foul shots over what coach Bob Smith termed a "passive type defense". The second quarter was almost as bad, with W-L's Frank Evans

and Skip Mann leading a 14 point assault. When the half ended, Marshall was on the losing end of a 28-17 score. Marshall had used a half-court press since W-L's court is ten feet longer than Marshall's. Now the Statesmen were on a full-court press and the Generals couldn't get the close shots that they had been getting. As a result, the W-L offense was held to a total of six points in the third period. Marshall also began to rebound with more efficiency and the Statesmen racked up 17 points.

In the fourth period, the Generals came back with 16 points. The lead changed hands repeatedly. Each time the Statesmen pulled ahead, someone would commit a careless foul. Of the 16 W-L points, nine were scored on foul shots. The team managed to stay ahead, however, and regular play ended in a 51-51 tie.

In the overtime period that followed, there was a mix-up which almost cost Marshall the game. Marshall was inbounding the ball with the 55-51 Marshall. The ball carrier

passed to what he thought was another teammate. In reality, the other player was checking in at the scorer's table prior to entering the game and thus, the pass was out of bounds. The Statesmen got the ball back and stalled long enough to run the clock out.

The varsity basketball team was defeated by Oakton on February 2. The score was 62-60 and the game was close throughout.

The first quarter started out with the lead changing four times. Oakton scored most of their points by giving the ball to Mark Smith. The Statesmen also gave up four costly free throws. Yet, Marshall managed to keep the game in reach, thanks to the eight points contributed by Billy Engles and Mike Little. In the second quarter, the Cougars broke loose, Smith leading the way with ten

The second half started with a stalled offense. Oakton took advantage of this, as Mark Smith and Chris Sheridan poured in eight points. With two minutes left in the third period, the Statesmen put an end to their Rip Van Winkle imitations and came back from a 12 point deficit. Leading this surge was junior Wade Henkel, who got seven points in a row. This effort, coupled with Dave Wallace's contribution of a basket and two foul shots, was enough to turn a 47-35 slaughter into a game with Marshall only trailing by three points.

The fourth period was a heart-breaker as far as Marshall was concerned. The Statesmen tied the score three times, but they were unable to pull ahead. The game ended with the score Oakton 62, Marshall 60.

## Wrestlers Victorious in Season Final

Near shutouts marked the matches of Herndon and Madison as Herndon won 45-10 and Madison, listed second in the area, trampled the Statesmen 43-3. Mills pinned his man and Scott Anderson, 11, won by more than 10 points which gave Marshall their 10 team points against the Herndon Hornets. Anderson again came through with a win in the Madison match to ruin a shutout for the Warhawks.

Fairfax was the prelude to the Oakton pleasantries as the match was lost by a mere 3 points 26-23. Forfeit was the villain once again as Marshall was leading 23-20 until the lack of a wrestler in the Unlimited category gave Fairfax 6 points to deter a Marshall victory. Mills and O'Neil

each scored pins while Brown, Mark Perry, 12, and Gehlert all scored wins. Anderson tied which concluded Marshall's scoring.

Victory came for the wrestling team of Marshall against a 15 point favored Oakton squad which marked the end of a disappointing 2-12 regular season record for the Statesmen.

After being devastated all season, the Statesmen unleashed their power against the Cougars of Oakton for a stunning 42-15 victory. Pins were recorded by Seniors Steve Brown and Kevin O'Neil along with Juniors Craig Maxwell and Lyle Gehlert. Ray Mele, 11, after over a minute of subjecting his opponent in a predicament won by a forfeit. Wins were recorded by Mark Perry, 12, Scott Anderson, 11,

with a win by Bob Hanway, 10, because of forfeit.

Before the Oakton victory, Marshall did have a few bad times. After Yorktown (the last match reported), came Groveton, Herndon, Madison, and Fairfax all of which were recorded in the Marshall loss column.

Groveton defeated Marshall 37-15. Twelve of the opponents points came from forfeits of the 105 and Unlimited weight classes of Marshall. Maxwell was the only Statesmen to pin his man while Brown, Bob Mills, 12, and Steve Balint, 9, recorded wins.

The most team points award was won by Brown in the last match because pinned his man while Mills lost which gave Brown 33 points to Mills 31. Most Take Downs were Perry with 9 followed by Mills with 8. Most Reversals and Most Escapes were won by O'Neil with 8 and 10 respectively. Maxwell won Most Near Falls with 7.

## Track News

Around this time of the year it gets pretty darn cold outside and if you were to ask a friend, "Hey, let's go and jog a few laps around the track," he'd think you were some kind of nut. Well, call them nuts or dedicated athletes, there are about 25 guys that come out to the track every day after school and just plain run their jocks off. Because of a recent accident at Woodson High School, our winter track team can no longer run upstairs in the halls after school. This puts our school and team at a disadvantage compared to other high schools which have indoor tracks. But no matter, rain, sleet, or snow, just keep looking and you'll probably see these unique young men running their hearts out, not only for self-pride and honor, but also for good ol' Marshall.

"The team looks physically strong in the running events and with a lot of hard work with our field events we will be able to defeat our District Championship this spring", says coach Meredith Boyd.

## Girl's Gymnastics Makes Debut

by Judy Renfro

The Girl's Gymnastics team participated in a Tri-meet on Friday, February 2, at Oakton High School against both McLean and Oakton. McLean came in first in the competition, with Marshall second and Oakton third.

In Optional competition, Chris Napier came in third on beam and in vaulting. Cindy Gabriel came in fourth on beam and in vaulting. She also placed third in free-exercise.

## Spring Sports Preview

by Richard Bass

Losing all but three starters, the Soccer team will have to rely on young, basically inexperienced players this season.

Returning are Seniors Bill Jones, Steve Schwegmann and Bill Lucia. Most of last year's second-string players are returning. However, and due to the reliance on the starters last year, many of these players are not experienced on the varsity level. There are also many students of all grades trying out for the team for the first time.

Kathy Humphreys placed third in tumbling. Competition on the uneven parallel bars was omitted as a result of they're being broken during preliminary warm-ups by Marshall team member Chris Napier.

In Compulsory competition, Patty Verbanno placed third on beam. Kathy Humphreys participating in both optional and compulsory events took Marshall's only first place in vaulting.

Marshall's Soccer team has the further disadvantage of a new coach. Mr. Bill Sullivan, a physical education teacher at Mark Twain Intermediate School, is taking over the position from Mr. John Revelle, who has quit coaching to become a professional tennis player. Coach Sullivan is optimistic about the coming season, noting the "individual talent, which I feel should lead to a good season."

Marshall's varsity baseball team; however, does not have the personnel problems of the soccer team. The entire infield is returning; the only possible problem could arise from the lack of pitching.

Returning are first baseman Larry Caynor, 11, second baseman Gary Smerdzinski, 12, shortstop Mike Morina, 12, and third baseman Blair Flynn, 11. Also catcher Jeff Bush, 12, and center fielder Mike Culhane, 12.

Heading the pitching staff is Tommy Davis, 10, who won five games last year. Coming up from junior varsity is Craig Burlingame, 10.

Regional champions Washington and Lee have been added to Marshall's district, and will add to the already stiff competition.

## SPORTSFOLIO

By Lori Ryan



This issue's Sportsfolio features the co-captain of the varsity basketball team, senior Mike Little.

As a freshman, Mike participated in three sports; the J.V. football team, frosh basketball team and the track team. It was in his sophomore year that Mike started at linebacker on the varsity football team. His interests in basketball and track continued, he played J.V. basketball and he pole-vaulted on the track team.

Mike's efforts in football were awarded when, in his junior year, he was chosen as an All-Great Falls district linebacker. He also played varsity basketball.

So far this year, Mike has chosen only to play basketball. Mike is one of five seniors on the team and shares the title of co-captain with senior Glen Balducci.

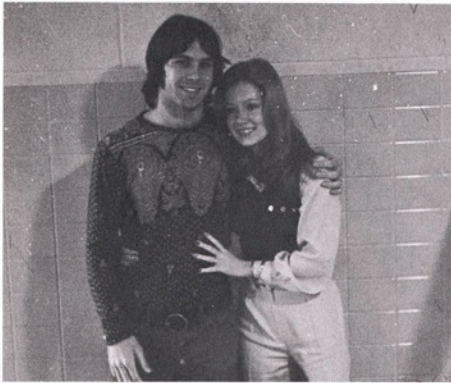
Travel seems to play a major role in Mike's personal life. After high school he plans to go to college, but he would also like to travel. He explains, "I definitely want to further my education, but I'd like to travel at the same time."

One of Mike's major interests is people. He'd like to study psychology or sociology or "something dealing with people" he says. As far as where he plans to attend college, he is as of now undecided. A college in Colorado will more than likely be his choice.

Not only has Mike Little contributed a lot to sports at Marshall, but he has brightened the scenery in an otherwise dull school building, as he was recently voted Best Looking by the senior class.



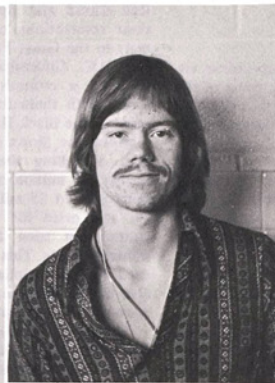
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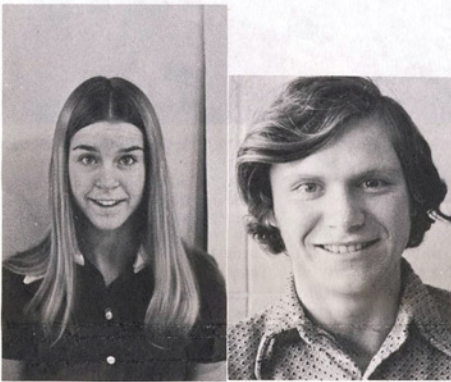
Mike Little, Jo-Sue Boehnke—Most Attractive.



Dawn Rae Rogers, Mike Oliff—Most Athletic.



Kerry Amonett, John Oakes—Wittiest.



Susie Dingleberry, Denise Naleppa—Best Personality.



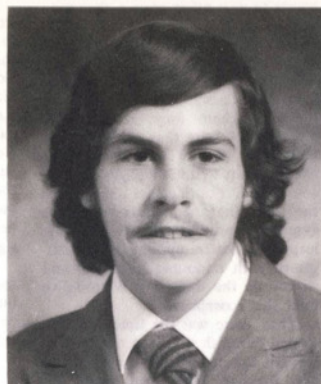
Chris Waller, Lee Little—Friendliest.



Maureen Brown, Darrell Burns—Most Intellectual.



Peggy Patch, Gene Garcia—Most School Spirited.



Mandy Manley (not Pictured), Roy Palumbo—Most Talented.



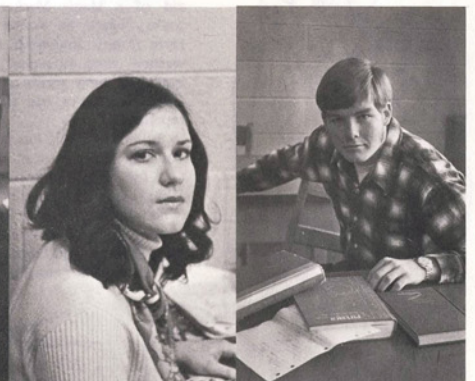
Vicki Brock, Gary Smerdzinski—Best All-around.



Debbie Sheppard, Viril Hibbs—Most Dependable.



Karen Ness, Mike O'Bannon—Most Likely to Succeed.



Pat Perkins, Mark Snow—Most Ambitious.



# Custer Loses in Second Half

Indian. To the average person the word denotes a screaming band of painted savages circling the wagon-train on the Sunday night movie. Television westerns have made familiar names like 'Apache', 'Comanche', 'Sioux'. Through such exposure the Sioux war bonnet, with its long rows of feathers, has become the universal symbol of Indianism. The Sioux also have gained the distinction of being the only nation ever to successfully defeat the U.S. cavalry three times in succession. The most famous of these being what is known as 'Custer's Last Stand'.

The Sioux, or Dakota, were by far the most numerous and powerful western tribe of the mid-1800's. On the Great Plains were the Teton Sioux. The most numerous of these were the Oglala Teton, under the leadership of Red Cloud. Despite their number, by the late 1860's they had been placed on a reservation.

Among the Hunkpapas, a smaller division of the Teton Sioux, Tatanka Yotanka, the Sitting Bull, had established a reputation of unyielding opposition to any intrusion by white men.

On the far western plains lived the Brule Teton. They were led by Spotted Tail, a strong advocate of compromise to avoid war. By 1868, his people had been settled on reservations with Red Cloud in Nebraska.

Closely associated with the Teton Sioux were the Cheyennes. The Arapahos were old associates of the Cheyennes, living in much the same areas.

These three tribes, Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho, united

briefly in 1876 for a fleeting moment of glory at Custer's Last Stand. The following summary of the event and the incidents surrounding it was derived from Dee Brown's *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*.

As in most other U.S.-Indian encounters, the underlying cause of the incident was land. This time the land was a corner of remaining Indian territory known as the Black Hills.

The Black Hills, held a special meaning for the Indians. To them it was the *Paha Sapa*, a holy land, the center of the world, a place where warriors could go to converse with the Great Spirit. Considered worthless by the U.S. Government, these hills were given to the Indians by treaty in 1868 'forever'.

Forever lasted about four years. Gold was reported discovered in the hills. White miners by the dozens began to violate the treaty, which had prohibited white entry without Indian permission. When the Indians found the violators in their hills, they either killed them or chased them out. At this point the Government itself violated the treaty and sent troops to quiet things down. These troops were the Seventh Cavalry, one thousand strong, led by General George Armstrong Custer.

Instead of helping the problem, this action made it worse. When Custer himself reported that the hills were filled with gold, white miners descended on them like a pack of locusts. The trail that Custer's supply wagons had cut into the heart of the *Paha Sapa* soon became known as the Thieves' Road.

By the Spring of 1875, hundreds of miners had ventured into the Black Hills. Token action was taken on these violators by the U.S., but no legal action was taken against them. Red Cloud and Spotted Cloud on their reservations made strong protests to the Great Father in Washington, D.C.. Government response was to send a commission to make a treaty with them for the relinquishment of the Black Hills.

When the Sioux showed no intention of selling their hills for the measly \$6 million offered (one gold mine yielded \$5 million per year), or for any price for that matter, the commission tried to negotiate for mineral rights. This offer, four hundred thousand dollars per year, was also firmly rejected. The Black Hills were not for lease or sale.

The commission returned to Washington and suggested that the Indians should be forced to sell. 'Thus was set in motion a chain of actions which would bring the greatest defeat ever suffered by the United States Army in its wars with the Indians, and ultimately would destroy forever the freedom of the northern plains Indians.'

To get them under its thumb, the Government issued an ultimatum that all Indians were to report back to their reservations by January 31, 1876. This was an impossibility. First of all, the tribes had already settled down for the winter on their hunting grounds. Deep snow made travel difficult. Secondly, even if the Indians had managed to return to the reservations, they probably would have starved there. Food was scarce that winter, government rations meager.



Tatanka Yotanka—the Sitting Bull, courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution.

The independent Indians realized that failure to comply with the ultimatum would eventually lead to war. But they did not expect the Bluecoats to strike so soon. On March 17, soldiers attacked a peaceful party of Oglala Sioux and Northern Cheyenne camped in the Powder River country. Fearing nothing in their own country, the Indians were asleep at the time. However most managed to get out alive. The village was completely demolished, and all of the Indians 1500 ponies taken.

In the dead of night the Indians stole their ponies back, and escaped to Crazy Horse's camp some miles to the northwest. For security, Crazy Horse, acting Oglala chief, joined Sitting Bull's band of Hunkpapas. As the weather warmed the tribes moved northward in search of food. On the way they were joined by bands of Brule's, Sans Arcs, Blackfoot Sioux, and additional Cheyenne, most of whom had left their reservations in accordance with their treaty rights as hunters.

While these several thousand Indians were camped on the Rosebud, great forces of Bluecoats began to descend on them from three directions. General George 'Three Stars'

Crook, a notorious Indian fighter, came up from the south, Colonel John 'The One Who Limp' Gibbon from the west, and 'Long Hair' Custer from the east with 'One Star' Terry.

Crook reached the Indians first, on June 17. In the ensuing battle, he found that the tribes on the Rosebud were too strong for one column soldiers. Having whipped the Bluecoats, the chiefs at that point decided to move west to the valley of the Greasy Grass (Little Bighorn).

Before the Battle of the Rosebud, Sitting Bull had had a vision of "soldiers falling like grass hoppers ... right into the Indian camp ... Wakantanka the Great Spirit was giving the soldiers to the Indians to be killed." Sitting Bull did not believe that the victory on the Rosebud fulfilled his prophecy of soldiers falling into the Indian camp. He was right.

On the morning of June 24, the Indians underwent another surprise attack. A group of Bluecoats, led by Major Marcus Reno, attacked the south end of the camp. At the same time, Custer was approaching fast from the north.

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## Notes From File 13



by Drew McKinney

This is the second in a series of reports on the various types of students floating around this school. Names have been changed to protect the innocent. As I write this, I'm standing in the front hall, near the main office.

Oh, wow, who's this guy coming down the hall? Even though the heating system is working overtime, he's wearing a thick leather jacket which he bought third hand from a surplus store. It's none other than Billy Joe Clodd, the school jock.

Don't get the impression that Billy Joe is an athlete. There is a big

difference between an athlete and Billy Joe. An athlete bangs heads on the football field every day after school, rain or shine. Billy Joe Clodd sneaks mud on the seat of his pants and brags to his girl how his 100 yard pass was complete even though he had been sacked. An athlete spends long hours in his driveway practicing lay-ups. Billy Joe practices set shots. That is, he tosses candy wrappers from his TV chair to his trash can, ten feet away. One of these days, he'll make one.

Physically, Billy Joe Clodd is a sight to behold. His Adidas shoes were rescued from a nearby Goodwill box. His previously mentioned jacket has a large "T" on it. It's too bad that Marshall isn't spelled with a "T". His shirt says "Property of Milwaukee Bucks" on it. When he bought it, the shirt didn't have anything written on it, but Billy Joe remedied this little problem with the aid of a Magic Marker. His sweat socks, which he insists were a gift from Sonny Jurgensen, haven't been washed since Jurgensen was a little boy. The Navy wants to buy them so their flyers can use them as shark repellent.

Billy Joe Clodd has never tried out for any athletic team. He didn't sign up for cross country because he didn't feel like running three miles when he could drive that same distance. Billy Joe rejected football, too. Even though he has never thrown an incomplete pass, (so he says), he

wants to give other guys a chance to play.

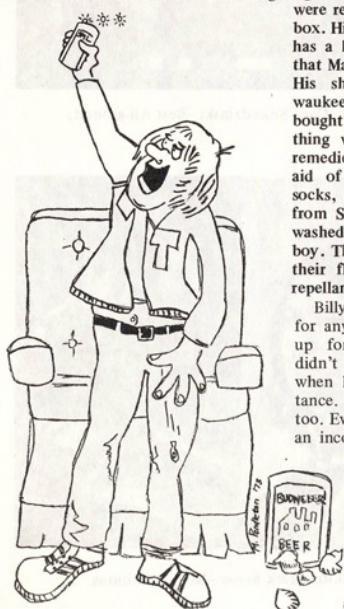
Billy Joe Clodd's school life revolves around the gym. This year, he's taking English, government, and four gym classes. The gym teachers, if and when they retire, have memoirs to write that will make the best seller list overnight. All they have to do is write 300 pages on Billy Joe Clodd. For instance, there was the time that he demonstrated his gymnastic prowess to his class. He leaped on the trampoline, did a half-gainer with a double back flip and wound up the show with a nose-dive into the scoreboard.

Then there was the time Billy Joe skipped English and went out back to try out the new blocking sled, which the football team had made the mistake of leaving outside for intellectual powerhouses like him. Billy Joe neglected to read the Owner's Manual and he rushed the wrong end of the thing. It took the team half an hour to peel him up and reassemble him.

Billy Joe Clodd has never had to worry about throngs of females clustered around the locker room door. There are three reasons for this. First, he's never gone out for any sport. Second, he isn't quite sure where the locker room door is. Third, those socks of his would drive away a skunk, let alone a girl.

I am everywhere. I see everything. Who knows who I'll snitch on next issue? It could very well be YOU.

Students, faculty, and administration are welcome to comment on anything found in this column. Please leave your answers, questions, and death threats in the Rank and File room.



## Folk Concert Hits High Note

by Kathleen M. McGarry

The annual Folk Concert held on February 2 was genuine success, thanks to the G.C.M. Choral Department along with other outstanding musicians in the school. The Madrigals, Girls' Ensemble and the Concert Choir sang medleys depicting America's war eras, illustrated by a slide presentation.

The finale of the program, performed by Concert Choir dressed in military uniforms, was exceptionally effective, featuring patriotic favorites such as "God Bless America", "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Ballad of the Green Berets", and "Blowin' in the Wind". It was truly an emotional moment when the entire audience rose and proudly sang "Glory, glory, halleluiah..." in unison with the Choir.

Although slightly unorganized,

many talented groups and soloists also deserve recognition for their excellent performances. Included among these outstanding individual performances are "Bless the Lord" by Betsy Tuttle, 12; Therese Jenkins, 12; Sue Blake, 12; Bill Weiser, 9; Bob Seitz, 9; and John Farmer, 11; "Down by the River" by Wayne Oilweiler, 9; "Way to the Promised Land" by Wendy Montague, 11; and Kevin Jones, 11; an original guitar composition played by Peter Nygren, 10; and Mike Moran, 12; "Norwegian Wood" by Kit Lewis (Class of 1972) and Dave Cannon, 11; and "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Bother" by Luis Rivera, 12, and Roy Palumbo, 12.

Despite competition with Marshall's last home wrestling match and basketball against the leading district team, Oakton; the Folk Concert drew over 800 students, parents, and teachers.