

# Junior Class Holds Talent Show

The Mark Smith-Lassetter Talent Show was held February 6, 1969, in the Lassetter auditorium at 7:30.

This talent show was sponsored jointly by the junior classes of Mark Smith and Lassetter. It was designed to raise funds for the Junior-Senior dance, to be held the latter part of May.

Invitations were sent out to all Bibb County High schools interested in sending talent to the show. Tryouts were held in order to pick the fourteen best acts.

The judging was done by the Senior Superlatives, Mrs. Dixon, the music director from Lassetter, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, former music directors from Lassetter.

First place was given to the Wayfarers from Lassetter, composed of Joy Bedgood, Cheryl Douglas, Lynn Estes, and Diane Wood.

Second place went to the Copraliers from Lassetter, a fine singing group composed of members of Lassetter.

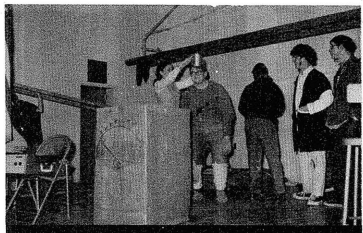
Honorable mention went to the Mark Smith Dixieland Band and the

Four for Freedom, a fold singing group from Willingham and McEvoy.

Gary Hutcheson and Lin Wood were the emcees for the talent show.

A guest appearance was made by Chicken Man and Gary Hutcheson sang a solo of Summertime.

The talent show was a big success, due to the help of Mr. Cagle, Coach Meeks, Mrs. Henry, and the Junior advisors from Lassetter and Mark Smith.



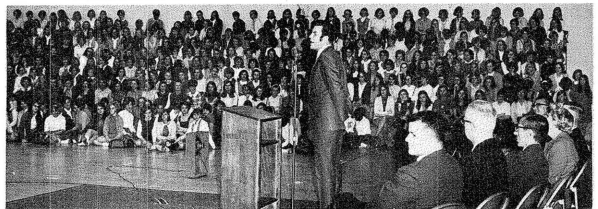
Jerry Leckie was crowned Mr. Ugly at student assembly Feb. 14, Scott Wood enters Dating Game.



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Bill Glass pro football star, speaks to Smith and Lassetter students about success.

## Glass Speaks At Co-ed Assembly

Bill Glass, standout defensive end for the Cleveland Browns, spoke to a Mark Smith - Lassetter crowd in the Lassetter gym, on February 7, 1969.

This was part of a program in which he spoke to fourteen different high schools in connection with Crime Prevention Week.

Mr. Glass placed special emphasis on success and crime.

Success is dependent on many things says Mr. Glass. The largest part is in imagination. "If a youngster sets a goal for himself and strives daily to reach it, he would have a solution for the majority of his problems." Another important ingredient in success is understanding people.

Talking about crime, Mr. Glass described it as a casualty of society, and the youth must have direction and goals to avoid it. National figures show that more than 90% of

young people are involved in some type of crime.

Mr. Glass, six foot five inch, 255 pound, played his collegiate football at Baylor University. Here he earned All-American recognition, playing three different positions. He was a center, tackle, and guard on offense and was a middle guard defensively. While playing there, he was in three bowl games, the Sugar, Gator, and Senior 1- w's.

During his twelve years of pro football, he has played seven with the Cleveland Browns, one in Canada, and four years with the Detroit Lions.

He was the number one draft choice of the Lions in 1957 but played one year in Canada before joining Detroit. Mr. Glass has been selected to play in the Pro Bowl four times and has been named All-Pro once.

Mr. Glass has established himself

as one of the top defensive ends in the National Football League. "Defensive end is my natural position and I love every minute of it," Mr. Glass comments.

Last year he suffered his first injury that made him miss a game. He suffered broken ribs in a regular season contest with the Baltimore Colts.

Commenting on the Atlanta Falcons, Mr. Glass said their talent and overall have a real good club. However, he says they play in the toughest division in the league and will have to play real hard in order to win.

The Exchange Club of Macon brought Mr. Glass to Macon in order to help bring down the crime rate in America. Mr. Gus Parker, from the Exchange Club, presented Mr. Glass to his audience.

Mr. Glass was well accepted by his audience and well appreciated for his motives.

## Mr. Ugly Selected

The next time someone accuses you of being ugly, you can smile assuringly, knowing that there is someone uglier than you. For on Friday, February 14, Jerry Leckie was crowned "Mr. Ugly Man" here at Mark Smith.

The crowning was the finale of the "Mr. Ugly Man's Day" contest held on that day.

The contest was sponsored by the Student Council to promote school spirit and to raise money for the Student Council to use in the interest of the school.

The entire student body was allowed to participate in this event. Students wore anything from their mother's dresses(?), paratrooper uniforms, boots with spurs, wigs, overalls, to insulated underwear (long johns).

Each supervision was allowed to nominate their most ugliest man.

He would then collect money for his supervision. The five supervisors with the most money would then go into the semi-finals.

At the end of "ugly" day, the five semi-finalists were presented before the student body in an assembly. With a very highly sensitive sound meter, the man receiving the most applause was signified. Leckie, a senior representing Sup. 302, won hands down. Then Julie Hofstetter, Homecoming Queen for our school, crowned him "Mr. Ugly Man."

The crowning ceremony was followed by a skit which was a take-off on TV's "The Dating Game." It proved hilarious, especially if you don't have any girls to play girl parts.

The Student Council is proud to say that it made well over \$100 in the event.

## Mercer Team Holds Debate

The Mercer debating team debated on the question "Resolved: That executive power in the foreign policy should be substantially curtailed" at Mark Smith on February 19, 1968.

The affirmative side spoke first and said that Congress should receive all the information for foreign policy formulation and that the present government is not adequate in world affairs. They based their claims on the incidents of the attacking of ships in the Gulf of Tonkin and the Communist infiltration of Vietnam.

Following the speech of the affirmative side, the negative team spoke. They said that Congress already had 99.9% of all the top secret information and that this was the most dangerous threat to the leakage of the United States security. They held fast on their belief that the present government is adequate in world affairs.

The listeners were all interested in the debate and most said that it was a new experience for them.

Both sides of the teams performed very well and were well appreciated for taking time to present this debate.



Pete Peterman

## Peterman Is Star Student

Recently, Pete Peterman was chosen Star Student for Mark Smith on the basis of his Scholastic Aptitude Test, on which he made 1246 and 1267 the following year, "Root", as he is often called, was also a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Mark Smith's Star Teacher whom Pete has chosen is Mrs. Steck. When asked to give reasons for his choice, Peter replied, "Because of her interest in the pupils going here. She is genuinely interested in the things that go on here and has given individual concern to each student."

Pete has excelled scholastically, making all "A's" throughout school and by winning several oratorical contests. He is also an excellent athlete, lettering twice in football and a letterman in track and wrestling.

## Juniors Down Seniors Again!

Despite the quick, agile ball-handling of MacClowers and his ten points, Supervision 303, a senior supervision, was defeated by Supervision 105, a junior class. This gave the juniors the senior division title in the inter-mural basketball contest held here at Mark Smith between the supervisions.

Sweeping up the lower division, 103 romped Supervision 501, 22-9. Both ninth supervisions were for the junior division title. The eighth

grade was in there fighting but stubbornly succumbed to their upper classmen.

The overall record of each supervision, in order of rank was: 8th grade, 305, 4 and 3; 202, 3-1; 503, 2-2; 406, 1-3; 205, 0 and 4. The ninth grade: 103, 3 and 1; 501, 3-1; 306, 2-2; 308, 1-3; 401, 1 and 3. The results of the 10th grade was: 207, 3 and 1; 402, 3-1; 404, 2-2; 301, 1-3; P. E. classroom, 1-3. Finishing in the junior class were:

105, 5 and 1; 101, 4-2; 203, 3-3; 404 (Wildcats) 0 and 6. The senior supervisions ended up with: 303, 5 and 1; 201, 4-2; 304, 2-4; and 302, 1 and 5.

The inter-mural basketball games have had good results in promoting school spirit and good sportsmanship. Most of the supervisions really put forth effort in preparing their teams.

# We Pay Tribute To The Bulldogs

Another basketball season is drawing to a close, but this season will live forever in the memories of all Mark Smith students and supporters. One can not say enough about this year's cage squad. Some may say, especially if that some come from other Macon High schools, that the season we had was a fluke. But the bold facts speak for themselves: A 22-3 overall record and a 9-1 region record were no flukes, a 75-73 victory over a tough Ballard Hudson squad was no fluke, and perhaps most important of all, the Dogs winning the 2-AAA East championship was no fluke - we did it in the regular season and in the tournament.

Leadership of any team in high school must come from the seniors on the squad. So to the three seniors on this year's team, we pay special tribute.

To appreciate Scott Judd, one must see him in action as the court, for a person would think he was a heavy weight boxer as quick as he would think he was a basketball player at first glance. The captain of the Bulldogs is a four year letterman.

Frank Prince, better known as "Uncle Frank," has been at Smith just two years, moving here from California. Certainly we can say California's loss has been Mark Smith's gain. One of the top players in the region, Frank's accurate shooting often pulled the Dogs out of tight situations.

A team is very often a good team or a great team, depending on the depth of its bench. Although not a starter, Clifford Moore's contribution to the team was as large as anyone's. Mr. Basketball added much in practice and in the game he played.

To the juniors and sophomores, of whom three were starters, we also realize their importance to the team and we know that as next year's seniors, they'll keep the championship right where it is now and where it rightfully belongs - Mark Smith.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to pay tribute to Coach Donald "Butch" Clifton. In two short years, he has built the Bulldogs into contenders for the state crown. We feel in him we have the brightest, young basketball mentor in the state.

To this team which has brought honor to us, we now honor them. Success is theirs because of a lot of hard work, skill, and the desire to be number one!

LLW

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## Mark Smith Speaks

I am fairly new at Mark Smith and I found it harder than in grammar school. I have found the reason to be a lack of trust here. I understand that teachers at high school do not have the same opportunity to get acquainted with the students as did the teachers in grammar school, but something needs to be improved.

It makes me angry to see a person not get the trust he deserves, but it makes me furious to see a teacher distrust a boy, when he did nothing to deserve it. I do not know where some teachers think they got the right to size up and judge a student, I do not believe anyone gave them this right. I certainly do not think a teacher or anyone else had this right, especially when they did not correctly judge people.

I am not saying this is true with all teachers, but it would make the school better if it was corrected. If teachers would give their students trust and a chance, I believe there would be a definite improvement in the student body. I know that there are some students who do not deserve trust, but do not distrust them until you have at least given them a chance or proven them unworthy of trust.

Untrusting student

Dear Editor,

If you are a Negro, you might know what it is to be discriminated against or looked down upon. But what about some of the white students that go to this school whose minds are filled with anger everything a Negro student speaks out? (This is no exaggeration.) Maybe there is a way to make these students realize what the Negroes are going through.

Recently, at Cabin John Junior High School in Potomac, Maryland, they held a "Hate Blond Week." The 120 blond students were ignored and discriminated against. Doors with sign reading "Blondes Use Other Door" and "No Blondes Allowed" were used. Students would not even speak to the blond students. At the end of the week, the blond students expressed the animosity that the 800 other students held toward them.

I am not a Negro, but a white student that doesn't know what it means to have people always prejudiced against my race. But an experiment like this could change some students' attitudes toward their fellow man.

An undiscriminated student

# Student Unrest: Whose Fault?

Today, in the United States, the important fight has switched from abroad to the home front. Violence has touched college campuses nationwide. Who is to blame?

Right away, many people assume with disgust that the students are at fault and the police should lock them all up. Maybe these people don't know the facts about the clashes.

Recently, at Duke University, one of our distinguished Southern schools, 60 Negro students, who made up 1% of its student body, occupied the administration building when the university's president refused to meet with them. When the police were called in, the Negroes left rather than confronting with the police. As some 2,000 white students watched on, the police staked out the building upon the Negroes' departure. But a couple of objects were tossed at the police: students say they were wadded sheets of paper; police claim they were rocks. The police then charged and gassed the white students, arresting five and causing hospitalization of 25 other students.

Another recent example was at the University of Wisconsin, where a minor demonstration turned into a major confrontation. After a small, peaceful demonstration, the campus began to cool off. But then the National Guard was called in. In one hour, 4,000 students formed to protest this invasion and they were tear-gassed. Later, almost 10,000 students gathered and marched to the capitol.

Both were examples of misjudgment and thoughtless action on the part of the police and the administration.

JM

## The Student Council's Value Is Left To You

Student Government. What is it? What does it do?

The Student Government, or Student Council as it is called, seems to be a rare expression between the Mark Smith students. No one around the school seems to have much interest in it or even cares about what it could accomplish.

Many of the students go around from day to day griping about one thing or another. Instead of doing this, they should tell their complaint to someone in the Student Council. That way, they would have a better chance to have a change made.

One such case was last year. Students kept complaining about not being able to voice their opinions or prompting any changes around the school. As a result of asking the Student Council for help, a suggestion box was placed in the main hall.

However, one can not expect such results every time, but this is not the fault of the Student Council. Every week the Student Council opens the suggestion box and weed out the poor and prank suggestions. After doing so, they take only the best suggestions down to the office for consideration. These suggestions are not very often considered carefully. After a very short time, the suggestions are usually thrown out and the Student Council is given some excuse, whether it be good or bad, as to why it could not be done.

If there was some way the leaders of our school could post the suggestions and beside each one tell why it could not be used, the students would have a clearer idea of how the school was being run.

The Student Council is supposed to aid the relationship between the teachers and students. It will never be able to get anything done or be very effective without the help of the students. So, if any student has a good constructive suggestion, then put it in the suggestion box and maybe the Student Council will be able to convince the office it should be done.

JJS

# Individualism: Man's Greatest Asset

It is an established fact that every person in the world is different, in some way, from everyone else. You can appreciate this fact if you think for a moment how monotonous our life would be if people weren't different.

What is it that make you different? No one knows better than yourself. Whatever it is, you should be proud of the fact that you are different and remember that this difference is what distinguishes you as an individual.

As an individual, you are entitled to think for yourself, to criticize what others say and write, and to express your own ideas or opinions.

Most of the progress this world has made has been the direct result of someone's standing up for what he believed and letting his feelings be known. Our own country is the result of many men's work who were declared by many as "radicals" because they were rebelling against the King of England, Washington, Jefferson, Henry, and even mild-mannered Franklin are on this list of "radicals." Had these men not stood up for what they believed, how different this world of ours might be.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "The one thing in this world, of value, is the active soul. Each man must think for himself and act on his own best instincts." This applies just as much to each student at Mark Smith as it did to any heroic figure of the past.

If you want to be someone, if you want to make your life count, now is when you, as a student, must begin doing your own thinking and forming your own opinions.

If your thoughts differ from the public opinion, don't be afraid to express them. Everyone else might be wrong, they have been before.

I sympathize with the hippies who are earnestly trying to find "the essence of life" and are throwing aside the accepted way of life, but there is a distinct difference between individualism and plain-old laziness, filth, and immorality.

So all you future Platos and Aristotles get to work and let's hear some new ideas. A little facetious? Well, maybe so. But it could happen!

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# Rays From The Lantern

Coach Butch Clifton and the Bulldog basketball quintet are to be congratulated on their superior performance in 2-AAA competition! Things are really "in the swing" at Lasseter. Spirit Week has Lasseterites on the go this week, with class skits and a volleyball championship on Friday, Feb. 28. The Seniors are sponsoring Spirit Week, which features a barbecue supper Feb. 28, during the volleyball tourney and restaging of the winning skit. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$1.75.

Student Council elections are slated for Thursday, March 6, and candidates are busy making posters for the event. Running for president are Fran Grant and Mary Williams; vice-president, Jeannie Cagle and Margaret Clay; secretary, Charlene Brown and Connie Colhard; and treasurer, Patricia Crumby and Dorinda Gilmore.

Lasseter Betas will depart for the

annual Beta Convention at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, March 7. Joy Bedgood, Sheryl Douglas, and Diane Wood will sing a medley of contemporary music in the talent show.

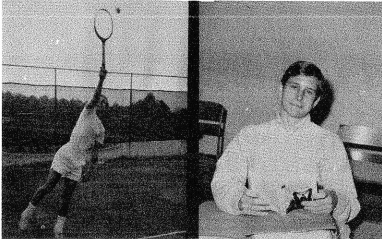
The Marksetter staff was excited to mail the last shipment of Taylor Publishing Company on Feb. 21.

The Lasseter student body was honored to hear Princess Carudja of Rumania speak. She has been touring the U.S. for 13 years, to warn the free people of this country of the evils and stealth of Communism today.

Tentatively, cheerleader tryouts will be held in April to decide who will boost the "Dogs next year.

Yugoslavian tennis champ, Nikola Spear, recently visited a meeting of the Lasseter Athletic Club. He was competing in the Macon International Tennis Tournament.

—Fran Grant



Jimbo Berg, this issue's A Boy Named....

## A Boy Named Jimbo

Enjoying a life on campus of both study and play is the Vice-President of the Senior Class, Jimbo Berg.

Jimbo is Treasurer of the Student Council this year. He was a fine choice for the job since he has been on the Student Council every year since its organization and fully understands its function and purpose.

Jimbo is the class editor on the 1968-69 Mark Smith annual staff, a position which he also filled in his junior year.

Jimbo's high scholastic average

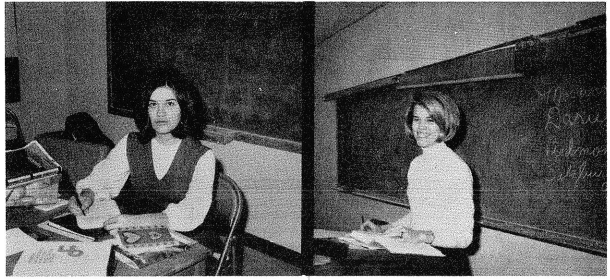
has put his name on the rolls of the Beta Club and the French Club.

For the past two years, Jimbo has lettered in tennis, and plans to play for the Bulldogs again this spring.

Jimbo resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Berg, at 963 Summit Avenue. He is secretary of AKO Fraternity and attends Mullberry Street Methodist Church.

In his spare time, Jimbo enjoys tennis, hunting, and water sports.

Jimbo plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology next fall.



Miss Joanne Bridges

Miss Sandra Owens

## New Student Teachers at Smith

Miss Sandra Owens is now student teaching at Mark Smith under the supervision of Coach Butch Clifton who teaches American History.

Miss Owens is a senior student who attends Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Upon graduation, she will receive a bachelors degree in Education, majoring in history. Her activities at Wesleyan include, vice-president of the History and Government Club, member of the New York Seminar. She plans to go

to graduate school upon finishing at Wesleyan. Then she wants to teach in Atlanta.

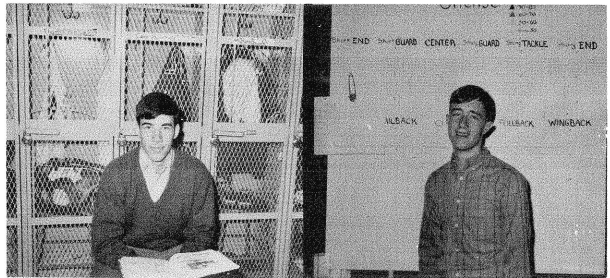
Outside of school she enjoys skiing and swimming. She expressed that she likes Mark Smith.

Miss Joanne Bridges is also teaching at Mark Smith, although she is under Mr. Douglas, who teaches Civics and Personal and Social Development.

Miss Bridges is also a senior student at Wesleyan College and is the

roommate with Miss Owens. After receiving her B.A. degree in sociology when she graduates from school, she is going to graduate school. She is presently engaged and plans to be married in September. She is vice-president of the Phi Gamma Mu Honorary Society, member of the history and government club, and of the Student National Education Association.

She enjoys outside activities such as water sports and sewing.



Cam Bonifay

Johnny Edwards

## Bonifay, Edwards Chosen As Issue's Spotlight Students

Selected as Senior High Spotlight Student for this issue of the Telstar is Junior Cam Bonifay.

Very active in the school's athletic program, Cam participates in varsity football, basketball, and baseball. In football, he directs the team at quarterback and also lends his talents as place kicker. In basketball, he plays guard and in baseball, he holds down the hot corner — second base.

If not already evident, Cam is an avid sports fan, enjoying all sports as well as the three he plays for the school. He played for supervision 203's volleyball team and coached their basketball team earlier this year.

In school activities other than sports, Cam is vice-president of the

Junior Civitan Club, chaplain of the Spanish Club, sergeant—at—arms of the Safety Club, and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Although kept quite busy with extra activities, Cam still manages to maintain an "A" and "B" average in his classes. His favorite subject is geometry.

Not yet sure of his plans upon graduation, he tentatively plans to attend Georgia Tech where one brother, Ken, has graduated, and the other, Brannen, now attends.

Cam's favorite hobby is dating and he is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Omega fraternity. He resides at 1775 Waverland Circle with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bonifay.

The spotlight student for the fourth edition of the Telstar is Johnny Edwards. Johnny, a sub-freshman, is one of the most promising athletes in Mark Smith.

Johnny attended grammar school at Walter P. Jones. He played all three sports, excelling in everyone of them. While there, he kept up an A-G average.

Johnny has played 8th grade basketball and football and is planning on going out for baseball.

He attends the Shurlington Methodist Church and lives at 2552 Tredway Drive. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edwards.

Commenting on Mark Smith, he says he likes all the teachers and enjoys the operation of the school.

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## Sub-Region

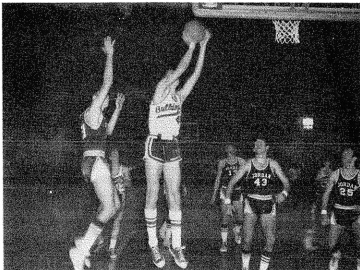
Rated number one during their regular season's competition, the Bulldogs confirmed the evidence of their record by downing the Northside Eagles 65-40 in the first contest and then going on to gain revenge on arch-rival, Lanier, 79-71 in the Region 2-AAA East tournament played here in the Macon auditorium.

The victory over the Poets was especially satisfying as they were the only squad lucky enough to have defeated the Dogs twice during the regular season. After this contest there could be no more doubt as to who possessed the finest ball-club in the Macon area.

## Dogs 65 - Eagles 40

Exhibiting their great rebounding ability and deadly shooting from the field, the Bulldogs leaped to a fourteen point margin 22-8 in the first period of play and then settled back for the ride in dropping the visiting Northside Eagles 65-40 in the first contest of the 2-AAA East tournament. The Smith squad being ranked number one because of their excellent season record drew a bye for the first night's frolics, then getting a valuable extra day in preparing for their other foes.

With their usually tenacious defense, the Dogs allowed only one of their opponents to reach double figures while placing three of their own members in the ten point plus category. As usual, Charlie Anderson, who led the Smith cagers in scoring for the regular seasons competition, took high point honors with nineteen tallies. Starters Frank Prince and David Lee managed to grab twelve markers apiece in sparking the victory.



David Lee goes high for an easy two.

## Dogs 79 - Lanier 71

The river rats returned in the finals of the sub-region tournament to stifle Lanier hopes of a third fluke victory over the 'Dogs as Clifton's quintet placed four of the starting five in double figures to gain the number one ranking among the contenders in Region 2-AAA East.

After the first quarter it was the Bulldogs all the way, with the outclassed Poets never getting closer

than three points at any time. High man for the evening was Lanier ace Marty Allman, who racked up a twenty-six point tally. The victorious Smith squad showed a more balanced attack, however, as Anderson pumped twenty-one, Bonifay eighteen, Prince seventeen, and Lee added fourteen more. The victory placed the 'Dogs in the finals of the Region 2-AAA tournament to be held the following weekend here in Macon.



Cam Bonifay shoots outside as Lee moves in for rebound.

## Clifton Praises Dogs

Although Mark Smith lost the last game of the Region 2AAA Tournament to Carver, Coach Clifton still calls the tournament "a great team effort."

Smith won the first game of the tournament against Jordan 65-61. The Jordan team fought hard to keep up, but a good second half for Smith pulled the game out in their favor.

The Spencer game was a much harder one to pull out because of their great height advantage and constant man to man press. The

pressure applies to the guards, Scott Judd and Cam Bonifay, wore them out physically and mentally. This made it difficult to get the ball up the floor, but with their brilliant ball-handling they made it look easy. Crucial foul shots by both guards in the final seconds brought Smith on top 75-71.

After two hard fought games in a row, Mark Smith was tired and flat. Coach Clifton commented on the way Smith played by saying, "I am proud of the way they played and with a little luck we could have won it."

## Region

Behind the leadership and ball-handling of captain Scott Judd and the deadly sharp-shooting of high scorer Charlie Anderson, the fantastic Mark Smith basketball cagers dropped Jordan and Spencer of Columbus to gain the region finals, where, though they were defeated by a powerful Carver foe, they took a second place rating and assurance of participation in the semi-finals of the state tournament.

## Dogs 63 - Jordan 51

Hampered in the first half by an unexpectedly stingy defense and bad shooting, the Bulldogs bounced back after intermission to capture a 63-51 victory over the Jordan Red Jackets of Columbus.

With starters Cam Bonifay and Charlie Anderson in foul trouble before the half, the Smith five was forced to take a back seat in both the first and second stanzas and the Red Jackets led margins of one and two points, respectively.

The third quarter was little better, as the 'Dogs held only a meager 64-43 cushion. It was at this point, however, that the 2-AAA East champions took charge and zoomed to their more impressive twelve point lead.

After the game, Coach Clifton was high in his praise of little senior guard Scott Judd, who he said was an important factor in the Smith comeback. Judd lead all scorers with twenty points, while Anderson with eighteen, Lee with twelve, and Prince with eleven more also reached double figures.

## Dogs 75 - Spencer 71

In one of the most exciting contests in Mark Smith athletic history, the Bulldogs basketball squad defeated the Spencer Greenwave and earned the right to be a representative of the new Region 2-AAA in the state semifinals tournament.

Clutch shooting on pressure-packed free throws by Bonifay and Judd put the game on ice with less than a minute left on the clock in the thrilling 75-71 victory before a frenzied crowd of enthusiastic Smith students and supporters.

It was an exciting contest all the way to the wire, with the 79-71 difference confirming Mark Smith's leadership throughout the regular season.

The Bulldogs lead continuously from the first quarter onward but the margin was often narrow and was even tied on one occasion in the third quarter, fifty-seven all. Judd and Bonifay came through with only thirty-eight seconds showing, however, to cap the win for the Smith cagers.

Anderson once again led all scorers with twenty-nine markers while Judd and Lee tied at twelve and Prince made a contribution of ten.

## Carver 76 - Dogs 59

Outmanned on the boards and hurt by numerous fouls at crucial times, the scrappy Smith cage team was downed by a powerful Carver foe, 76-59, in the championship contest of the Region 2-AAA tournament.

The Tigers used their superior height and their uncanny shooting to the best possible advantage throughout the evening in chalking up the win, while forcing the 'Dogs to play their brand of ball.

Anderson had eighteen points for the evening, while Prince added seventeen marks and Lee pumped in another twelve. Whichever of the Tigers was high scorer for the contest with a total of nineteen strikes.

Though it was a disappointing loss for the 'Dogs, they still earned the right to play in the state tournament in Albany and certainly should still be considered in the running for a high berth in the finals in Atlanta.

## Two Wrestlers Go to State

Two members of the 1968-1969 Bulldog wrestling squad earned the right to represent Smith in the state tournament in Atlanta, where one went on to take second place in the finals of the competition.

The boys, Danny Sloan and Eddie Peacock, both gained high rankings in the Region 2-AAA tournament as Sloan captured first in the 145 pound division and Peacock took the second place seating in the 180 pound classification.

Because of their victories in the regional competition, both grapplers travelled to Atlanta the following weekend for the state tournament. Here Sloan was defeated on points in his opening match, while Peacock went on to wrestle for the state championship in his class. In an exciting match he lost by a decision, 3-2 and was forced to take another second.

Sloan, a three year letterman in wrestling and track and with two letters attesting to his gridiron prowess, will be lost to the squad this spring due to graduation. Peacock, a junior, will be back trying for the number one slot next season. Both are to be commended for their achievement in gaining this distinction.

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# Pete's Dog Bone

Many pages of copy have appeared since the start of school this year concerned with the newly formed pep club, the Lasseter Athletic Association, coed pep rallies, intramural sports, and many other organizations and methods dedicated to raising school spirit and enthusiasm at athletic events. Oddly enough however, nothing has been written so far giving proper recognition to the most valuable of all these various groups, the varsity and B-Team cheerleaders.

Of course anyone who has attended as much as a single Mark Smith cage or gridiron fracas is aware of the value of these girls (and boys) when it comes to raising excitement at the games and support for the athletic teams at crucial moments. What most people fail to realize is the hard work and long hours this group spends in addition to the job they do at the ball games.

In reality, the cheerleaders begin working in the spring of the year prior to their actual cheering when they report for the three week tryouts with the returning veterans of the previous season's campaign. Here the girls are taught the skills and movements necessary to cheerleading by the more experienced cheerleader, after which an impartial board of judges from the faculty of other schools grades each girl on her success. The winners are announced at the annual Recognition Day program at Lasseter before the entire student body.

During the summer the girls attend the Y.M.C.A. cheerleader's Clinic at Rock Eagle for further instruction and practice in developing the necessary skills and gymnastic maneuvers for the upcoming season.

On top of their regular cheerleading duties the girls are also ex-

pected to plan pep rallies, design posters, make decorations for the games, and attend practices regularly.

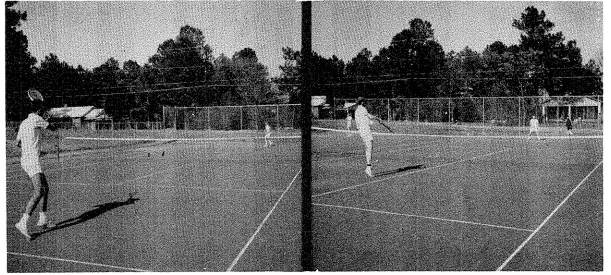
This year the varsity cheerleaders are Barrie Paine, Lynn Booker, Jackie Shepard, Babs Dyer, Marjorie McNair, Marcia Kanev (captain), and Cathy Stephens. The B-teamers are Sandy Craft, Merrill Jackson, Molly Martin, Sis Meeks, Susan Barber, Delia Harvey, Margaret Pendleton, and Brenda Pyles (captain).

As hinted earlier, this year also has seen a brand new wrinkle at Smith and Lasseter in the use of male cheerleaders. Thought up by the boys themselves, the idea was approved by head coach Minton Williams and the principals of Lasseter and Mark Smith, Miss Ann Henry and Mr. Ed. Cagle.

Chosen for the honor of serving as the first "short-haired cheerleaders" were two of Smith's best known and best liked students, Mike Jackson and William Simpson.

So far the innovation of male cheerleaders at the basketball games has been enthusiastically received not only at Mark Smith and Lasseter but by the other schools who've noticed the enthusiasm the boys seem to whip up. Rumor has it that if enough interest is shown in the idea, tryouts may be held in the spring for more boys to take the place of Mike and William.

Thus one can easily see the work and planning which go on behind the scenes where the cheerleaders are concerned. Considering the boundless energy displayed by this group and its advisors, Mrs. Janice Narden and Mrs. Linda Gresham, they are certainly deserving of the appreciation of all for the fine job they do both at the games and away from them.



The Smith tennis team under Mr. Avirett's direction, begins workouts. Shown here are Kenny Readon and David Redd

## Tennis Team Begins Practice

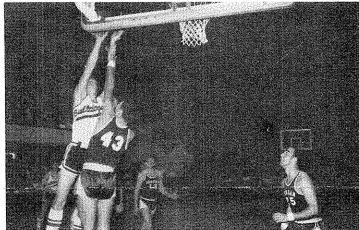
The Mark Smith Tennis Team started official practice February 24, 1969. The team looks very promising this year with five lettermen returning. Under the direction of Coach Bill Avirett, they hope to compete their best season yet.

The team consists of Jimbo Berg, Henry Dohn, Kenny Readon, Danny Lawhorn, and David Redd

as returning lettermen with David Emerson, Buddy Wynn, and Alan Schwaber compiling the rest of the team. A round robin tournament is scheduled this week to determine the positions the members hold. This will be an exciting tournament because any member of the team is capable of beating another on a certain day.

First match of the season will be in two or three weeks with Warner Robins. They will play all of the Middle Georgia teams this year and maybe some from Columbus. Coach Avirett will send his three best players to the region tournament to compete there. Here's wishing the team the best of luck this season.

## DOGS ON WAY TO 23 - 4 RECORD



Jordan's No. 43 tries in vain as Dog's shot is up and in.

### Dogs 58 - Appline 55

In the closest contest of the three played between the two schools to that date, the Bulldogs sought out a narrow 58-55 victory over last season's GEA state champion Peter G. Apppling Wildcats. The victory was the eighth in nine outings for Clifton's Dogs and boosted their record to sixteen victories against only three setbacks for the season overall.

It was the crushing man-to-man defense employed by the Smith squad coupled with their balanced offensive punch which allowed them to beat back the fired up Wildcat visitors.

The largest lead of the evening was only twelve points as the usually high scoring Charlie Anderson was held to an surprisingly low ten points. Teammate Scott Judd and Frank Prince, both seniors, pulled through with seventeen markers each.

### Dogs 79 - Rams 47

Never seriously challenged the entire evening, Coach Butch Clifton's Dogs gained a fourteen point spread by the start of the second quarter and coasted to an easy 79-47 victory over the Willingham Rams in their gym.

The Smith cage's increased their margin to a 41-20 difference by the intermission and relied mainly on

the efforts of their bench from this point onward. In spite of this fact, however, the visiting Macon squad continued to roll up the markers until at one point they sat astride a thirty-three point cushion, 67-33, in the fourth stanza.

Anderson was high man for the Dogs with twenty-four tallies for the evening while Prince took second-place honors with fifteen strikes of his won. The Rams also had two men in double figures, but with only twelve points apiece.

The victory was a region win for the Bulldogs.

### Dogs 61 - Lions 42

A surprisingly tough unit of Baker Lions managed to damp up Coach Clifton's fantastic five for three consecutive quarters before the Smith squad burst loose in the final stanza for twenty-two markers and a 61-42 victory in their gym.

Though they led by substantial margins throughout the entire contest, the usually explosive 'Dogs managed only thirty-nine points prior to their fourth period exploits. The score by quarters stood

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at 10-6, 25-13, and 34-23, respectively.

The Smith squad connected on fifty-five per cent of their shots while the Lions managed to sink only seventeen of sixty-five attempts for a miserable twenty-six per cent mark from the field.

Big man in the final stanza was junior Charlie Anderson, who got eleven points (nine within two minutes) during the eight minute interval. He also led all players in overall scoring with an even thirty tallies for the contest. Prince was the only other man in double figures for the victors with sixteen points.

### Dogs 85 - Rams 46

Closing out their regular season's 2-AA competition against cross-town rival Willingham, the inexorable Smith hoopers relied on their fabulous man-to-man defence as they smashed the out-classed Rams by a 85-46 margin in the Mark Smith gym.

A sixty per cent shooting average from the field simply placed the Bulldogs head and shoulders over their competitors who managed to place only one player in the double figures.

Leading by a most comfortable 46-21 tally at the intermission break, Coach Butch Clifton relied heavily on substitutes throughout the remainder of the contest.

Receiving a standing ovation from the Smith bleachers as they were replaced, the starting five placed four of its members in double figures. Frank Prince, a senior, took high point honors with twenty-two, while team captain Scott Judd followed closely behind with a nineteen points. Juniors Charlie Anderson and David Lee contributed fourteen and twelve points respectively.

The Bulldogs will now go on to participate in the Sub-region meet to be held in Macon. Highly favored there, the Dogs have hopes of going all the way and bringing the state championship to Macon.

## Football Banquet Held

The fourth annual football banquet was held on January 14, 1969, in the Lasseter auditorium in honor of the members of the 1968-1969 football squad. One hundred percent trophies for perfect attendance throughout the campaign were given to sixteen boys by their respective coach. Jackets were given to sixteen boys by their respective coach. Jackets were awarded at a later date due to a shipping mix-up.

Four major trophies were presented by the coaches during the course of the evening. They included Most Valuable Player—Johnny Lowe, Best Linebacker—Tom Skalko, Best Lineman—Mike Kitchens, and the yearly Coaches Trophy—Benjie Edwards.

In addition to this the Macon Telegraph awarded the Lineman of the Year trophy to co-captain Johnny Lowe and the Back of the Year honors to Benjie Edwards, who was probably the most decorated of the evening. Also receiving recognition as the only four year letterman in the history of the school.

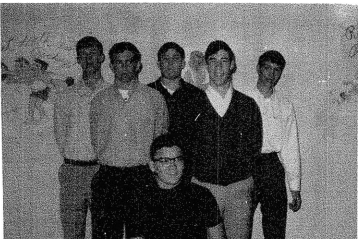
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Junior Civitan officers are l. to r. Jag Gholson, Brian McDavid, Mike Kitchens, Cam Bonifay, Lin Wood, and Reed Crumbliss

# Club News At Smith

## Junior Civitan Club

The most recently formed club at Mark Smith is the Junior Civitan Club. The purpose of the club is to promote school activities and to help the school in any worthwhile projects. The advisor for the club is Mr. Tommy Gordon, Counselor from the downtown Civitan Club is Mr. Myron Koplin. Officers are as follows: President Lin Wood, Vice-President Cam Bonifay, Secretary-Brian McDavid, Treasurer-Mike Kitchens, Sergeant-at-Arms-Jag Gholson, and Chaplain Reed Crumbliss.

## Math Club

A new club, the Math Club, had been organized under the advisement of Mrs. Steck and Mr. Gordon of our faculty.

The membership is made up of students who are taking and passing an algebra course.

At the next meeting, the club will have a speaker from an automatic data processing company.

## Pep Club

Student support of the Pep Club has been heartening. The members will follow the basketball team throughout the tournament season, and will continue their excellent job in making posters.

Members of the club are selling hats, pennants, shirts, and other Bulldog promotion items for the support of the school.

In the coming baseball season, the club pledges its support to the Bulldogs.

## Beta Club

The Mark Smith Beta Club on Wednesday, February 26, 1969 held a called meeting to elect the new officers for the next year. By holding the election this year the new officers can learn from the old officers and gain knowledge for the next year. The new officers are as follows: Secretary, John Skalko; Treasurer, Steve Bailey; Vice-President, Stephen Shimmel; and President, Jag Gholson.

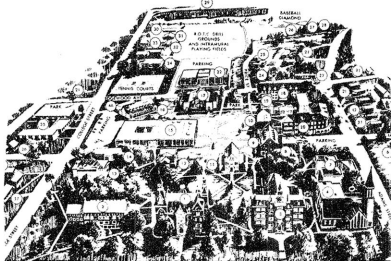
Also the Beta Club has two new members who were not recognized at the annual induction services. They are John Clements (senior) and Jimmy Mitchell (junior).

## Safety Club

The Safety Club has recently finished their project of painting the yellow lines in the front parking lot. Means of registering cars have been provided for Smith students who drive their cars to school. It is hoped that this will prevent accidents on the school campus.

## French Club

The French Club is now selling peanut brittle to raise funds for a spring banquet. Anyone interested should contact James Barlow in supervision 101.



## Feature College

# MERCER UNIV.

Mercer University is a co-educational institution established in 1833. It is owned and controlled by the Baptists of Georgia.

The principal colleges in Mercer are: Liberal Arts, a School of Law, a School of Pharmacy, and a Graduate School of Education.

The faculty is composed of 100 members. Its seventy-acre campus houses thirty-four buildings.

The principal fields entered by its graduating students are: business administration, teaching, law, medicine, dentistry, social work, government, home-making, and church-related fields. The admission committee doesn't admit an applicant to the college on the basis of a single criterion, but rather gives special attention to the following factors: graduation from an accredited high school; academic performance in high school as measured by rank in graduating class and pattern of unit; score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and two Achievement

Tests — the English Composition Test and Mathematics Level I — of the college Entrance Examination Board; willingness to work; character, health, purpose, breadth of interest, and achievements. It is recommended that the high school student who seeks admittance to Mercer, take a pattern of academic subjects as follows: English, four units; algebra, two units; plane geometry, one unit; foreign language, two units; world history, one unit; natural science, two units; and electives from non-vocational subjects, three units; making a total of sixteen units.

In Mercer, there are one thousand men and seven hundred women. Fraternity and sorority members live in the dormitories and eat in the university cafeteria. The tuition and fees are \$25 dollars, room and board is \$30 dollars, and books and supplies are \$100 dollars. The total of these expenses is 1,555 dollars.

# Macon Tennis Tournament Proves Enjoyable To All

After battling his way through five tiring days of competition, young Manolo Orantes defeated Mark Cox of England in a long, drawn-out duel. Orantes then received the award for winning the second annual Macon International Tennis Tournament in the men's single division held at Macon's Coliseum.

With top amateur players from 18 countries competing, Orantes really had to put forth effort to win since he was a poor lad in Barcelona, Spain, represented Spain in the tournament while ranking second in his native country.

In the doubles final match, Cox once again suffered defeat along with his British partner, Peter Curtis. They were beaten by Czechoslovakians Jan Kukal and Jan Kodes.

The outstanding tennis players from the United States who entered the tournament but were eliminated in the competition are Clark Graebner, ranked second in the United States, Cliff Richey, third American seed, and Jim Osborne, ranked fourth, Arthur Ashe, ranked No. 1 in this country, could not participate in this tournament because of a sore elbow.

Many player suggested that it would be wise for the Macon International Tennis Tournament to change its format from amateur to open. This would allow the professional players to play as well as the amateur players. It would mean, of course, that prize money, perhaps

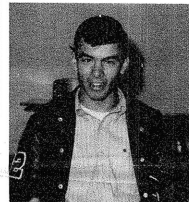
\$25,000 to \$30,000, would be necessary, but it would guarantee the finest tennis in the world.

The tennis games did draw fairly large crowds. In order to promote more interest in these tennis games, Mayor Ronnie Thompson issued (free of charge) tickets to the tournament to all the high school students and their parents in Bibb County. The result turned out to be good.

Both the players and the spectators had their first look at a new playing surface made of synthetic fiber. It is a fast surface that retains the comfortability of grass courts. Though some players blamed their defeat on this new surface, consideration must be taken that both players in each game played on the same surface. Even though Cliff Richey was defeated by Germany's Hans Joehin-Loet, he did not attribute his defeat to the floor. Instead, he defended the court's surface, saying that it has great possibilities in the future.

## Hit Songs This Week

1. This Magic Moment Coach Clifton
2. Proud Mary — Mrs. Clifton
3. Judy In Disguise: Henry Koplin
4. Things I'd Like To Say Jag Gholson
5. Ramblin' Gamblin' Man — "Root" Peck
6. Games People Play John Skalko
7. Give It Up Or Turn It Loose — Brian McDavid
8. Hooked On A Feeling Mike Kitchens
9. You Showed Me Lanier "5"
10. Take Care Of Your Home-work Jack Henderson
11. Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show Gary Hutcheson
12. Only The Strong Survive Track Team



Mike Jackson

## Jackson Awarded Best Citizen

This year's Best Citizen Award at Mark Smith has been awarded to Mike Jackson. Mike is an excellent student in all respects.

Mike has maintained a four "A" and one "B" average, resulting in being invited to the Scholastic Honors Banquet for two years. He is also a member of the Beta Club.

Also excelling in the athletic field, Mike has lettered for two years in football and has ran track for three years.

A popular student at Mark Smith, Mike is secretary of the Student Council, member of the French Club, member of the F.C.A., publicity manager of the Telstar, copy editor for the Mark-seter, and one of Mark Smith's senior superlatives.

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We congratulate Mike in receiving this award and wish him the best of luck in the future.

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