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Smith's new faculty members l. to r. are Coach Schoychild, Mr. Grimes, Mrs. Rouse, Coach McMillan, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Sayer, Mr. Mays, and Mrs. Hawkins.

New Members Join Faculty

This year, due to the loss of several members from last year's staff, fourteen new teachers have joined the Mark Smith faculty.

Mrs. Judy Rouse is Smith's new addition to the math department. Mrs. Rouse graduated from Georgia Southern where she received a B.S. in education. Before coming to Smith she taught at Sylvania, Georgia and Eastman, Georgia. At Smith, Mrs. Rouse teaches classes of Math I and Algebra I.

Joining the English department is Mrs. Kristina Hawkins. Even though this will be her first full year, Mrs. Hawkins is no newcomer to the teaching profession, having taught summer school this past summer at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She is also no newcomer to Mark Smith, having student taught under Mr. Bill Avirett here last year. Mrs. Hawkins attended Wesleyan College where she received an A.B. degree.

Also teaching English will be Mrs. Dana Sayer. She attended Wesleyan and majored in English. Before coming to Smith, she taught at John W. Burke grammar school and Miller High School. Mrs. Sayer will teach eighth grade English.

A new face which is actually not new is that of Mrs. Gloria Jean Stokes. Mrs. Stokes taught at Smith year before last but missed last year due to the birth of, Bryant, (her

child who is almost 2). She received an A.B. degree from Mercer University. Mrs. Stokes teaches Latin fifth period.

Teaching Spanish is Mrs. Adrian Hudson. She teaches at Smith in the morning and then goes to Dudley Hughes where she holds afternoon classes. Receiving an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Bill Paden teaches chemistry and physics at Mark Smith. Mr. Paden received a B.S. in chemistry from Memphis State and the University of Tennessee. In the morning, he teaches a class at Miller before coming to Smith. Mr. Paden previously taught at the Muscle Shoals Technological Institute.

Lieutenant Colonel John Mays comes to teach industrial arts at Smith after serving thirty years in the United States Air Force. He received a B.S. in education from Georgia and has taught at Auburn University.

The new junior high counselor is Mr. Bill Fargle. He went to the University of Georgia where he received a masters degree. He has taught at Stocco High School and at Taunton County.

Taking over the typing classes this year is Mrs. Mary Lynn Clark. She received a B.S. in education at the University of Georgia where she was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi

Honorary Society. This is her first year of teaching and she says she enjoys it very much.

Coming from Temple High School to teach Distributive Education is Mr. Bruce Grimes. Mr. Grimes graduated from Austin P. State University where he received a B.S. degree in education. He teaches four periods of D.E. with about thirty-two boys enrolled.

The new reading teacher is Mrs. Vennis Pope. She attended G.S.C.W. where she received a B.S. in education and also Mercer where she received her masters. She previously taught at the McKibben Lane Elementary School.

Teaching geography and history is Mr. Donald Webb. Mr. Webb graduated from Fort Valley State College receiving a B.S. in education. This is his first year and he says he likes teaching a great deal.

Two new additions to the Smith coaching staff are Coach Mel Schoychild and Coach "Buzze" McMillan. Coach Schoychild graduated from the University of Georgia and will work with the football and track teams. Coach McMillan graduated from Georgia Southern and will coach football and "B" team baseball.

With the addition of these teachers, the Smith faculty is now complete at forty-four.

Homecoming Plans Are Set

Plans for the second annual Mark-Smith - Lasseter Homecoming have been set.

Last year Miss Penny Wooten was selected as the first Homecoming Queen. This year ten girls will be nominated by the two senior classes. The entire student bodies of both schools will vote on one of these girls, the winner being announced during the halftime of the football game.

The Homecoming game this year will pit the Bulldogs against the Hardaway Hawks of Columbus. Lin Wood will narrate the halftime activities. Local auto dealers will provide cars for the candidates in which they will ride onto the field. The Lasseter Athletic Club and the Smith Pep Club will decorate the stadium for the game.

After the game, a Homecoming Dance will be held at the Lasseter auditorium. Providing entertainment will be one of Middle Georgia's top bands, the Boogie Chillun'. Invitations to the dance will be sent out to members of last year's senior class. Hardaway students and Smith-Lasseter Senior High students may also attend at the cost of one dollar and fifty cents per person.

Before the day of the game, a flower drive and a bonfire will be held. Flowers for the candidates and the cheerleaders will be provided by the Smith Pep Club and the Lasseter Athletic Club. Heading up the arrangements from Smith is Jimbo Berg and from Lasseter Sheryl Douglas.



Pep Club cheers while sitting in girls section at pep rallies.

Pep Club Formed

The Pep Club is one of Mark Smith's most recently formed clubs.

Its purpose is to inspire spirit and provide support for the Mark Smith teams at pep rallies and athletic events. The special group sits with the Lasseter girls at pep rallies and in special sections at the games. The Pep Club participates in varsity football, basketball, track, baseball, and wrestling. Among the Pep Club's projects include a committee that worked on posters for the football games after school or in their spare time.

The idea for the Pep Club came

up last year. It meets as often as possible, usually before school or during activity period on Fridays. Dues for the club are one dollar per year. The club uses the money to charter busses for out-of-town games with cut-rates for members.

The club has one hundred-forty members with Coach Brown as their advisor. The officers of the club are as follows: President, Glenn Albist; Vice-President, Andy Lavender; Secretary, Mike Edwards; Treasurer, Joe Hamilton; Sergeant at Arms, Roy Griffin; and Project Chairman, Jeff Grenade.



Pete Peterman

Students Attend City Seminar

A seminar on the "Impact of the Great Religions of Our World" is currently being held at the Vineville Methodist Church.

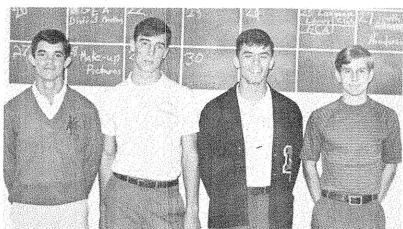
Each high school in Macon will be represented by three students, one senior, one junior, and one sophomore. Those attending from Smith are Jeff Granade, Lin Wood, and Steve Mallory. Mrs. Seabrooke, social studies teacher at Smith, will also attend from time to time.

At each meeting there will be films, lectures, and discussions led by religious leaders and noted historians. The schedule for each session is as follows: Session I - Primitive religions, Session II - Eastern religions, Session III - India, Session IV - the Far East, Session V - Western religion, Session VI - the Middle East, Session VII - Africa, and Session VIII - Europe and the West.

Student Council On The Move

Mark Smith's Student Council is expected to be more active this year than any other previous year.

The Student Council officers who were elected by the student body are as follows: President - William Simpson, Vice-President - Chuck Wells, Secretary - Mike Jackson, Treasurer - Jimbo Berg, Chaplain - Jimmy Greene.



1968-69 Student Council officers are Pres.-William Simpson, Vi.-Pres.-Chuck Wells, Sec.-Mike Jackson, and Treas.-Jimbo Berg.

Various committees are being organized to present the school's problems and projects for the year to the faculty members.

A student directory is being formed by the class presidents. It is compiled of students' names, addresses, and phone numbers. The directories will be typed by Smith's typing classes and printed by Dudley

Hughes Vocational School. This address book will be available soon for the cost of fifty cents.

Recently the Student Council has approved a proposal to have council representatives monitor the halls. This will help relieve the congestion and confusion that builds up during the two lunch breaks. The Council has also consulted the faculty about the locker situation and they have made it possible for students to go to their lockers between classes, if necessary. No major tests will be given on the same day as in previous years also.

The Student Council hopes to have a Spirit Week this year that will top all the others held before. It will be held in early spring and will cover a whole school week. Last year's Spirit Week was a great success and it is hoped that this one will be too. The purpose of this is to finish the school year with high spirits by promoting the enthusiasm of both the students and faculty.

Why Smoke?

The facts on cigarette smoking seem enough to scare anyone out of smoking. They probably don't affect smokers who are actually addicted to cigarettes, as shown by the rise of smoking in recent years, after the many reports condemning smoking were released. But the facts could keep a non-smoker from starting.

First, the origin of smoking tobacco. The Indians would inhale the smoke of burning tobacco leaves in order to drive away the evil spirits within them. Since Columbus discovered America, this was the time of the first introduction of smoking to civilized man which has passed on down to the present day.

Smoking did not, however, really pick up in America until the 20th century. During W.W.I, the number of men smoking increased considerably and W.W.II was when women really started smoking.

Much has been said about lung cancer. One person out of ten who has smoked a pack of cigarettes a day since his late teens, gets lung cancer. Whereas, one out of four-hundred non-smokers gets lung cancer. The rate is different in each sex. Men may have eight to ten times as great a chance of having lung cancer than women because men are exposed to more air which contains harmful ingredients such as in factories and other places where air may be polluted.

There are other lung disorders caused by smoking. It is said that

smoking can bring on emphysema. Also, if you smoke a pack a day since youth, at the age of fifty, you have a one-hundred per cent chance of getting chronic bronchitis. Smoking also causes the cilia, causing your air passages to stop moving. This is dangerous because these hair like projections move the mucus containing dirt and trash out of the lungs and bronchial tubes. One cigarette will paralyze these cilia for thirty minutes. The air passages, containing these cilia, can never be replaced by artificial means.

In all, there are around three-hundred ingredients combined in a cigarette. One if them is nicotine, which is used as a major ingredient in insecticide. This same nicotine also runs through the blood stream of a smoker.

Summarizing the final effect smoking has on the body, the U.S. Service of Public Health says, non-smokers live eight years longer than those who smoke.

These facts must have affected someone. For in the last ten years, the number of teenage smokers has decreased considerably. Now, one out of eight teenage boys smoke as compared to one out of twelve teenage girls smoke. These high school students who are slow in school and don't plan to attend college, tend to smoke more than those who progress well in school and plan to attend college.

The best way to quit smoking, is to never start.

A Note From The Editor

The past two years at Mark Smith have not proven the most fruitful to our football team in regions I-AAA and 2-AAA. Due to this, the old cliché, "Everybody loves a winner, but no one loves a loser", can be fittingly applied to the student body and the supporters of our school. Going along hand-in-hand with this situation is the need for a scapegoat, someone on whom the blame can be laid. Who better fits in the seat of the spectator's judgement than the head coach of the team?

The question that has to be answered is, "Can one man justifiably be blamed for the misfortunes of the team - especially a man with such a glittering past record?" Even if this past record was not what it is, it takes more than just a good man or coach to build a spectacular or sometimes even a representative team.

Mark Smith is a young school and also a small school; thus placing two handicaps on the team before it even plays a game. Compare the average field attendance at Smith

with that of other triple-A schools. Smith actually does not even measure up to triple-A standards concerning the size of the schools. It only stands to reason that the more students that attend a school, the more quality football players that school will turn out.

But perhaps the most important factor involved in this situation is the spirit of the school's students and its supporters. What kind of spirit is it when the attendance at one of our games is the smallest of the triple-A games played in the city of Macon? What kind of spirit is it when the coach of our team steps up to the microphone at a pep rally and the boos can be heard above the applause? These aren't examples of spirit - they are a disgrace to this school, its athletic program, and what they both stand for.

Perhaps before we unjustly try to shoulder the blame on an individual, we should re-examine the facts and ourselves, not the coach.

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Suggestion Box Results

At the first of October, the student council of Mark Smith placed a suggestion box in front of the office so that the students of Mark Smith could express their opinion on improvements needed at the school. The following are some of the suggestions which resulted from the first week:

A senior parking lot is needed. A coke machine should be placed by the snack bar for use at the lunch break.

The seniors want more privileges. Paper towels, toilet paper, and soap are necessities to the rest-

rooms.

The D. E. Boys want school activities to take place during the first three periods.

Seniors want: (1) study hall where they can leave, (2) smoke break, (3) to leave school for lunch.

Some thirsty students seem to want water fountains installed along the track.

Students should be able to leave library or at least do homework after they finish research work.

Some want a lunch schedule posted.

Mark Smith Speaks

Dear Editor,

As I have gone through the ninth grade to the twelfth, I have noticed that certain students carry all the weight (extra-curricular) at school. I'm not saying that this is not good, but it seems to me that the school could have more spirit if more students have a chance to participate. This school lacks interest in the service clubs like Beta and the language clubs. At other schools Beta serves in tutoring other students and participates in much the same way as the Student Council here. The people that are members of these clubs are usually members of others too, and the officers of one are usually officers of another. I say that there should be a limit for the persons to how many offices they may hold.

Even those few students that manage to carry the school spirit and do all the work for the student body are attacked by the faculty. It makes sense if the student can miss classes but keep up his grades, he should be allowed to do so if necessary. Often certain students are hindered by their teachers because they do not want to allow students to govern themselves by student initiative. Credit must be given to those teachers, especially the ones, that have been here from the start. They have allowed active students who can keep up work, to leave class for participation in some activity for student benefit. Hats off to the helpful teachers.

Concerned Senior

Dear Editor,

This is my second year at Mark Smith High School. Before I came, I had many fears of what was in store. I had heard several stories about boys being paddled and expelled from school. But when I got here, I was surprised at the fairness of the Smith faculty. I was soon to realize that the only boys that got punished, was those that deserved it.

Most grown-ups judge a boy by who he is, not what he is, or they make a final accusation by first impression. This is so with grown-ups, but almost the entire staff of Mark Smith judges a boy by what he is and what he can be. I feel, if the entire teaching body would treat the students equally and fairly, then the student body would react with the same fairness and equality.

A Junior High Student
Dear Editor,

Starting my second year at Mark Smith, I have found that some of the teachers at Smith let a student prove himself before they judge him otherwise.

Most teachers will look at him the first day he comes into their class, size him up, and that's it. They just will not give him a chance.

In this day and time, a person has to go out into the world and prove what he can do. There has to be people who will let him do this. If there is't, he will get lost in the crowd. I am proud to say that some of the teachers at Smith are part of the small portion who will let you do this.

A Smith Freshman

Where's The Spirit ?

It seems to me that Mark Smith is degrading itself in the category of spirit. This year has had an all time low in the spirit of the student body compared to the preceding years of the school history.

The first year of Mark Smith was one of the greatest concerning the spirit and high feelings of the students. The competitive spirit was at its highest and this feeling of competition and high spirits let our football team to victory.

Some people seem to think that spirit is generated out of a winning team. This may be true but spirit plays a large part in a team winning or losing. When two teams are evenly matched in skill, often the one that comes out victorious is the one with the most spirit.

This year at Smith has not proved very productive for the football team. You might say that this is the reason for the lack of spirit but even at the start of the year the spirit was lacking.

Last week at our pep rally for the game against Peter G. Appling

the only people giving forth their full efforts were those with the Pep Club. Most everyone else was giving a half-hearted effort or none at all. We won the game in spite of the poor spirit.

This year has been only successful in regard to spirit because of coach Bobby Brown's efforts to form a pep club. The Pep Club has succeeded and is very spirited but the Pep Club seems to be the limit, for the other students don't participate enough to be satisfactory.

Last year about this time an article was written about spirit being at its worst. That year was one of an abundance of spirit but the writer was commenting on the type of destructive spirit we had. He commented on the writing on the schools and other acts of public destructiveness. This year has not produced any of this type of spirit and has been intelligent enough to aim its small efforts of spirit in a right and constructive manner with respect to the school.

Ambition: Key To Success

Nearly every person who has been a success in life has had more than just plain ability. Many times, there is the mental capability to excel, but this attribute is allowed to sleep. Consequently, the world is deprived of the energies and ideas which remain hidden in the mind of someone. What they lacked was ambition, the desire to get ahead and the drive to achieve each individual's highest goal.

Ambition is the one factor that makes successful men out of below-average boys and great men out of otherwise ordinary personalities. Any boy who wants to do well, no matter how little real ability he has, has ambitions, and therefore he gets infinitely more out of life than the boy who slides along.

There are basically two types of indifferent boys. The first is the boy who is of only average intelligence and who does nothing to learn because he feels that no matter how hard he tries he can't get ahead anyway. In these boys, this lack of ambition is called stupidity. Secondly, there are the exceptional boys who do just enough work to get by and don't ever really apply themselves. These are guilty of a

much greater crime than the average boy, and their indifference is sometimes referred to as indolence.

If a boy works as hard as he can and makes all C's, then he is ever so much more of a success than the student who cruises along on all B's when he could make all A's by applying himself.

Today this school is filled with boys who "couldn't care less." If they would only realize that with just a little ambition and desire, school could be rewarding and not just a burden. I say there is not one person in this school who couldn't pass if he exerted himself. Now, all we have to do is wake up and see that the wall we have built around us is not as high as we think.



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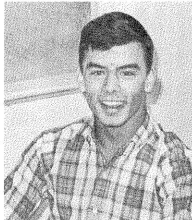
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Mike Jackson—this issues' "A Boy Named ..."



A Boy Named Mike

"Knowledge is the hill which few wish to climb, duty is the path that all may tread." This quote adequately fits Mike Jackson, this issue's A Boy Named..., because he desires to obtain knowledge and perform his duties with equal zest.

At Smith, Mike maintains a four "A", one "B" average. He has been invited to the Scholastic Honors Banquet two years and is a member of the Beta Club chapter at Smith.

An asset to the Mark Smith athletic program, Mike has played varsity football two years and has run track for three years. Last year he qualified for the region meet in the 220 yard dash.

A popular student at school, Mike is secretary of the Student Council and past president of the French Club. He also is a member

of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, publicity manager of the Telstar, and copy editor of the Mark-seter.

Outside of school, Mike enjoys hunting, swimming, and playing tennis. This past summer he earned the distinction of attending Boys' State for one week. Mike is a member of Delta Beta Lambda fraternity, in which he holds the office of chaplain.

After graduation from high school, he plans to attend Georgia Tech where he hopes to major in physics or math.

Residing at 1975 Thomas Drive with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Mike is an active member of Shurlington Baptist church where he is President of the Youth Council.

University of Georgia: Feature College

This issue is featuring the University of Georgia. The campus is situated in Athens, Georgia, in Northeast Georgia.

The school was founded in 1785 and Georgia became the first state to charter a state supported university. The first building was called Franklin College, in honor of Benjamin Franklin. This later became known as Old College. From Franklin College, developed the University of Georgia. The school has expanded until now twelve schools and colleges and their auxiliaries carry on under the University Program. These consist of the: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Law, School of Pharmacy, College of Agriculture, School of Forestry, College of Education, Graduate School, College of Business Administration, School of Journalism, School of Home Economics, School of Veterinary Medicine, School of Social Work, and The Divisions of General Extension. A degree in each of these schools or colleges

may be obtained at the University.

The University's residence halls house approximately 6,800 students with another 1,600 students in fraternity and sorority houses. Nearly 500 students live in married housing developments and more than 5,000 students rent housing nearby and commute.

The school activities, including lecture series, art, drama, music, athletic programs, debating societies and religious organizations, student centers, publications, and activity groups. The University also has about 27 fraternities and 18 sororities.

An applicant to the University must be at least sixteen and have taken the SAT and the English Composition and Intermediate Mathematics Achievement tests. An applicant must have had at least sixteen units from an accredited high school. Further information may be obtained by sending a letter to the Dean of Admissions, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Rays From 'The Lantern'

Lasseter steps into her fourth exciting year of existence with striking signs of growth and hopes to make the '68-'69 year a real winner. A record 688 students "happily" responded to the peel of the school bell, including a German exchange student, Claudia Froitsheim. Eighth graders, 176 strong, were welcomed to Lasseter.

Co-ed pep rallies, as many Lasseter-Smith non-coeds will certainly agree, are a major improvement in the curriculum. The Lasseter Athletic Club has especially enjoyed giving up their "Lasseter seats" to join the Mark Smith student body at pep rallies.

The Lasseter Lantern has recently been deemed "All-American" by the National Scholastic Press Association. The Lantern is one of three high school papers in their category in the United States receiving this outstanding award of distinction.

Of course the arrival of senior rings on September 25 was hailed with excitement. The long-awaited and much coveted title of "Senior" comes into being for the Class of '69. One senior reflects the novelty of graduation and the reluctance to leave an endeared school. "I don't want this year to begin, because I don't want it to end."

Spirit reached a zenith at Lasseter on October 1, when Student Council sponsored Roaring '20's Day. Lasseter returned for a day to the bubble-blowing, Charleston-dancing, and "23 skidoo" of this gay era. Mark Smith Student Council officers chose the best-dressed girl in each class, judged a "Charleston" contest, and rated Mrs. Mary Pellet "Best-Dressed Teacher" at a suspenseful and thrilling assembly. Various other plans are scheduled on Lasseter's calendar. Superlatives and Best Citizen are soon to be chosen. Tennis intramurals will be held at Lasseter the week of October 22 for the first time. A second Homecoming will color the November 8 football contest against Hardaway.

Smith Student Visits Trinidad

Recently, David Lee, a junior at Smith, enjoyed an experience few students will ever match — he visited the distant lands of Trinidad and Curacao.

Leaving September 6th from the Atlanta Municipal Airport, David flew via non-stop jet to Trinidad. He spent Friday, Saturday, and part of Sunday there. David stayed in the town of Port-of-Spain, which is surrounded on three sides by mountains. Very noticeable there was the green vegetation and the rain forests. An oddity he observed was the fact that the driving lanes were exactly opposite to those in the United States. David enjoyed the beaches and driving through the mountains immensely.

Upon his departure from Trinidad, he left for Curacao, a commonwealth of the Netherlands, where he spent the remainder of Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. This country, David commented, was very sandy and dry and was noted for its crystal clear water. Although the country is known for a great amount of rainfall, which averages six inches per day, not a drop of rain fell while he was there.

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Jag Gholson

SENIOR HIGH

Spotlight Student

Representing the senior high for this premiere edition of the Telstar is Jag Gholson.

Jag has maintained a near perfect "A" average while attending Smith. For his achievements he has been honored by being invited to the Scholastic Honors Banquet the past two years.

His talents also extend outside the classroom as Jag participates in the school's athletic program. Lettering last year, he has been running track for three years and is one of the best long distance men in the region. He has also lent his talents to our basketball team playing on the 8th grade team, the "B" team,

and the varsity. Jag also enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf and has been a counselor at Cotton Harrison's Summer Camp for three years.

Serving as a class officer in previous years, he is president of the junior class this year. He also is on the staff of the Marksetter as the sport's editor.

Residing at 871 Boulevard with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Julius L. Gholson, Jag is an active member of Mulberry Methodist Church. Also, in his activities outside of school, he is a member of Alpha Kappa Omega fraternity.



Chris Medley

JUNIOR HIGH

Spotlight Student

Chosen as spotlight student for the junior high in this, the first edition of the Telstar, is Chris Medley.

Chris attended J. Ellsworth Hall grammar school before coming to Smith. While there he managed a near perfect record of all "G"'s. His excellent academic abilities have also been reflected here at Mark Smith. Last year he was invited to the Honors Banquet after having maintained a three "A", one "B" average. Chris' goal is to keep up the good grades and be invited to this banquet through his senior year.

An avid sports fan, he last year

contributed to the school's athletic program by playing 8th grade basketball and 8th grade baseball. This year he hopes to play 9th grade basketball and "B" team baseball. Outside of school, Chris likes to fish, hunt, and play pool.

This year Chris is the Telstar room representative from his supervision and is also a member of the Telstar staff.

He resides at 2691 New Clinton Road with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl E. Medley. He attends Houston Avenue Christian Church where he is vice-president of his Sunday School class.

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MOMENTS OF EXCITEMENT

Pete's Dog Bone



The 1968-1969 athletic season has finally arrived with its goosely-eyed eighth graders and nostalgic seniors, but along with these more obvious signs are certain changes which have come with this school year which we as students might do well to look at for a few moments.

Under the guidance of Coach Bobby Brown, the newly formed Pep Club is an innovation which will certainly remain in the upcoming years at Mark Smith. Open to all members of the student body, regardless of grade or extra-curricular participation, this club could well become the most dynamic student organization in the city of Macon.

Designed, in order, to give those

who do not participate in varsity sports an opportunity to do more than merely spectate at athletic contests, the Pep Club has already begun to make itself known all over Middle Georgia. Examples of this are easily found. At the Lanier game this year, while sitting outside the dressing room before warm-ups, this player heard one member of the Poets' band remark, "Oh no! Look at the people!" The "people," referred to here, were those who participated in the motorcade which the Pep Club sponsored and were at the stadium long before any Lanier supporters. Such support as this can do more to bolster the spirit of an athletic team than any other single factor.

The Pep Club, as previously stated, is open to all Mark Smith students regardless of age or grade or participation in other school programs. The due is only one dollar per year. So far, the Pep Club has

sponsored a motorcade to the Lanier game, two student buses to the Columbus game, a special cheering section at games and pep rallies, and countless posters. Any students who are interested and want to contribute to raising school spirit for the athletic contests should talk with Coach Brown as soon as possible.

Another spirit booster which has been added this year, is the coed pep rally, which has been held in line of the old segregated type. Long and loud have been the plea of the student body for this change, and now it has finally come. It is obvious that more spirit is generated at this type of affair than at the separated rallies. Witness the difference in the pep rallies prior to the Lanier contest and the rally held just for the boys at Mark Smith.

We, the students, would like to thank all those responsible for this change.

Ballard Hudson Drops Smith 18-0

In their opening contest of the new Region 2-AAA conference the Mark Smith Bulldogs, 1968-69 edition, dropped a mistake-filled gridiron clash to the powerful Maroon Tigers of Ballard-Hudson. It was both teams first ball game in the newly formed sub-region and Ballard-Hudson's first encounter with a formerly white AAA ball club.

The Bulldogs' strongest offensive effort came in the first period when they twice had drives which petered out deep in Tiger territory. Their first almost-score came on a drive which began on Smith's own

thirty-seven and ended on Ballard-Hudson's own twenty-one six plays and one major (fifteen yard) penalty later. Dick Thomas led the charge with seventeen yards while Chuck Wells contributed another ten on a sweep around right end.

On the next play the Smith gridders received a Hudson punt on the Tigers' forty-six, but a fifteen yard assessment against the visitors on the following play left the Dogs only twenty-nine yards from the scoreboard. Their momentum carried the Bulldogs as close as the Tigers' ten yard stripe, but after three short gains an attempted field goal, by junior Cam Bonifay, fell short and Ballard-Hudson took over.

The Tigers first score after tackle Richard Rawls pounced on a Smith fumble at the Hudson forty-five yard stripe. Two plays later Albert

Gaines threw a fifty-five yard touchdown strike to end Johnny Williams to give the visitors a one yard touchdown cushion at the intermission.

Another Gaines to Williams aerial effort, this time from thirty four yards out, gave Ballard-Hudson extra insurance in the third quarter of play.

Neither squad mounted much of threat until early in the fourth frame when another Smith fumble put the Tigers in business on the Bulldog seventeen. Once again it was tackle Richard Rawls who found the handle on the loose pigskin for the winners.

On the third play following Rawls' recovery the Tigers caught Smith napping and scored on a razzle-dazzle double reverse from seventeen yards away.

Columbus Sneaks By Smith

It was recently released from Sam Burke of the Georgia High School Association that the Ballard-Hudson Tigers were found earlier this season to have played several ineligible boys on their squad and as a result have been forced to forfeit their ball games against Northside and Mark Smith.

Burk announced that the formerly all Negro high school had been found guilty of playing three ineligible participants against the Bulldogs, who they defeated 18-0, and two against the Northside Eagles, with whom they tied thirteen all. The official score in each ball game was set at 1-0 against the Tigers, and gave them a winless season to date after Burke's announcement.

Several other steps were also taken against the Tigers as a result of their violations. They have been barred for a period of one year from such events as state tournaments, band festivals, and play-off games; they were fined \$750; and the school was notified they would be expected to write a letter of apology to each team involved. The fine had to be paid before the Tigers were allowed to go on the field against Lanier.

With the official news of Ballard-Hudson's forfeit the Bulldogs' record was set at 2-1 in Region 2-AAA competition and at 2-3 overall following the Appling contest.

Columbus High School's Blue Devils were able to capitalize on three key Bulldog fumbles to gain a victory against Mark Smith in a game which was much closer than the score indicated in Columbus.

The snake-bit Bulldogs kept on even terms throughout the contest with the favored Blue Devils but once again made simply too many mistakes to win as two Smith fumbles set up touchdowns for the Imps while a third ended a drive which the Dogs had carried down the full length of the field.

Statistically the two teams were well matched with Columbus holding a slight offensive advantage. Smith racked up one hundred and seventy-nine yards for ten first downs while the Devils obtained two hundred and fourteen yards for sixteen firsts. Columbus held a definite edge in penalties, however, suffering only thirty-five yards in set-backs while the Dogs were stuck for ninety yards for their violations.

Columbus' first score came on a punt fumbled by Alfred Johnson on the Smith ten in the first quarter. The Dogs were able to contain their opposition for three plays but on their fourth try the Columbus quarterback hit his receiver in the

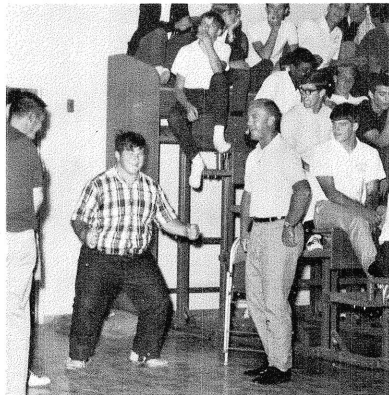
end zone on a short action left pass to take the lead, 7-0.

The next score was also a Columbus effort. The Blue Devils took the ball on their own forty-seven yard marker and marched down field on three key third down situations to cap the fifty-three yard drive with Gilliam scoring for Columbus on a two yard plunge on third down.

Mark Smith, eager and willing after one of the hardest weeks of practice in the school's history, went to work in the third stanza and marched eighty-three yards in eighteen plays.

Starting from their own fifteen the Dogs worked down to the Blue Devil two with fourth coming up when Chuck Wells lost the handle and Columbus pounced on the pigskin to quell the threat of a Bulldog comeback.

The Imps' final tally came when they recovered another fumbled punt by the Bulldogs on the Smith twenty-seven. On the first play from scrimmage the Devils scored on a quick pass to the end zone with only twelve seconds left. The game was a non-region loss for the Dogs.



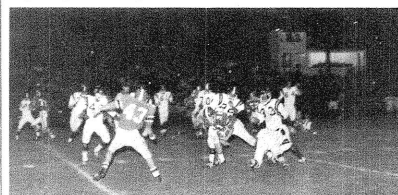
SMITH DEFEATS APPLING

The Mark Smith Bulldogs, hungry for their first victory of a so-far disappointing season, caught fire in the fourth quarter to gain a comeback victory over the nearby Peter G. Appling Wildcats in Porter Stadium.

Smith gave Appling their only tally of the contest in the first quarter on a busted trap play. Quarterback Cam Bonifay lost the handle on the pigskin and on rushing Appling lineman Raleigh Johnson grabbed the oval and managed to reach the two yard stripe before being hauled to earth by three red shirts. The Cats managed to score on a quarterback sneak three plays later. Johnny Lowe, stand-out Bulldog defensive linebacker, broke through the line and foiled the PAT attempt, however, giving the Wildcats only a six point advantage.

On the following kickoff Appling was penalized back to their own ten yard marker, and four plays later the ever-present Lowe burst through the Cats' line to block the punt attempt and give the Bulldogs the pigskin only thirteen yards from goal dust. Fullback Dirk Thomas grabbed the score six plays later on a one yard plunge off right tackle. Bonifay's point after was true and Smith led for the first time that evening, 13-6.

Midway through the third quarter the Smith gridders caught fire and drove the ball into the end zone in eight plays which covered forty-two yards. Bonifay got credit for the TD as he swept left end for eight yards and the tying tally. A hobbled snail killed the PAT and left the score all even at six to six.



Dirk Thomas makes gain against Appling.

Jordan Edges Dogs

Fired up over being blanked by the Ballard-Hudson Tigers the week before, a scrapping band of Bulldogs carried the fight to the Red Jackets of Jordan High School, but penalties and key interceptions proved too much for the Smith gridders to overcome as they went down fighting, 14-10.

The Dogs had several drives going at different times during the ballgame, but even more so than the week before were penalties, a deciding factor in the contest. While Jordan was tagged with an unusually high eighty-nine yards in violations, the Smith players were handed the unbelievable sum of one hundred and sixty-five yards in penalties.

Smith opened the scoring in the first period of play after receiving one of the visitor's punts on their thirty-five yard line. The Dogs

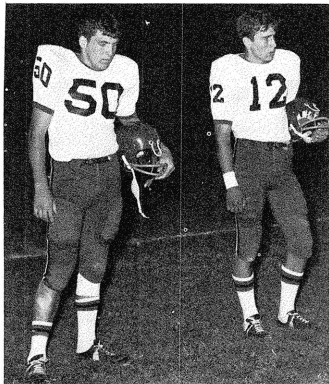
worked down to the Red Jacket twelve, but after being stalled on several successive plays called on junior kicker, Cam Bonifay, to boot a field goal and give the home squad a three point cushion.

On the next series of plays following the ensuing kickoff, however, the Jordan squad began a drive which started from their own four yard stripe and wound up at paydirt.

In the third quarter Jordan scored once again on a drive which was blessed with forty-five yards in Bulldog penalties before crossing the goal line.

The Dogs final tally came on a passing attack which started as a Bulldog drive from their own twenty-six yard marker and ended with team captain Chuck Wells skirting right end for the score.

AND DISAPPOINTMENT



Dogs Fall To Carver

Continuing to make countless mistakes and innumerable mental errors the Mark Smith Bulldogs literally gave their sixth game of the season to the Carver Tigers of Columbus by a twenty-four point margin, 26-2.

After receiving a Carver punt four plays later the Dogs were once again hit with a major assessment. On a third and nine situation the Tigers plucked off a Bonifay aerial and were in business from forty yards out. Disaster struck two plays later on a forty yard bomb which ended the first quarter with Carver on top, 6-0.

The Dog's fumbled another Bonifay pass with the Carver squad coming up with the pigskin at mid-field. Three plays later a twenty-one yard aerial effort gave the Tigers a 13-0 advantage.

Late in the second stanza the Dogs poured through the Carver line to block a punt which rolled into the end zone, but were unable

to hang on to the oval and had to settle for a two-point safety than a much needed touchdown.

The cost of the score was very high, however, as ace defensive line-backer and team captain Johnny Lowe suffered a badly broken leg. Lowe, who has been a star performer all season with his consistency and high spirit, will be sidelined for the rest of the season and will be sorely missed by both his fellow players and the spectators.

Carver got their third tally when Lester Johnson knocked down a Bonifay aerial and then plucked it off to scamper twenty-two yards to pay dirt.

Only five plays after the ensuing kickoff the Dogs fumbled again, this time at their own forty-eight. The weary defensive unit was forced back as Carver scored their final marker of the evening, placing the Bulldogs on the lower end of a 26-2 deficit.



Thomas returns kickoff against Northside.

Northside Slips By, 14 - 6

The Northside Eagles of Warner Robins, playing for their first season ever in a triple-A region bounced back from a six to nothing deficit at the intermission to drop the Mark Smith Bulldogs, 14-6, in a game at Henderson Stadium.

Northside dominated the game statistically, compiling three-hundred and seven yards offensively, while holding the Smith gridders to a meager seventy-eight markers with the oval. Despite this, however, the Dogs had several excellent breaks and were in the contest all the way to the wire.

After stopping the Eagles on downs in the first series, the Bulldogs took over on the opponent's forty-two and blasted into paydirt only three plays later. Gary Hutchenson climaxed the drive with a

twenty-two yard jaunt worth six points with nine minutes remaining in the period. A bad snap from center killed the PAT.

Still going strong the Bulldogs took advantage of a fumbled punt attempt to gain the pigskin on the Eagles twenty-five only one minute after their first tally. With fourth and three coming up three plays later, Cam Bonifay missed a thirty-five yard field goal attempt to return the ball to the visitors.

Here Northside began a drive which went from their own thirty-seven to the Smith five yard stripe. Determination was the key word, however, as the Dogs defense dug in and kept the visiting Eagles from reaching the scoreboard.

Following a punt, the Smith gridders came up with still another break as the two deep receivers

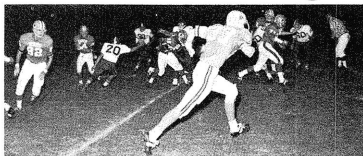
The Mark Smith basketball future looks very good for the upcoming season. This year's team will have five lettermen back, of which four were regular starters on last year's team. These lettermen are seniors Scott Judd and Frank

from Northside collided and fumbled with Benjie Edwards finding the handle on the Eagle twenty-five. With little time remaining in the half, the Dogs took to the air, but after four successive Bonifay passes fell incomplete, were forced to lose the pigskin on downs.

Northside struck quickly in the third stanza, forcing the Dogs to give up the ball on downs following the kick-off and then driving into goal dust from thirty-eight yards out. The PAT gave the Eagles the lead for the first time that evening, which they never relinquished.

Trying to regain their momentum, the Dogs threatened to score shortly afterward. Starting from its own thirty-seven, the Smith offensive unit drove down to the Northside eight before surrendering possession on an incomplete pass on fourth down.

Lanier Blanks Bulldogs 34 - 0



Bulldogs defense stop Lanier's Jackson.

after yard against the Bulldogs' out-manned defensive unit. The Dogs managed to gain a meager sixty-eight yards total offense for four first downs as the Poets had a sensational three-hundred and forty-three yard offensive effort for a total of twenty-two first downs.

A factor which adds greatly to the Bulldogs' embarrassment is the great cross-town rivalry which has existed between the schools since Smith won their first encounter, 35-14, back in 1966.

The Poets went out at the half with a thirteen point advantage after Faulk scored in the first frame on a thirteen yard keeper and then passed thirty-five yards to James Thomas in the second stanza for seven more points.

Lanier's third score came early in the second half when Steve Putnal of the Poets plucked off a Bonifay aerial and scampered thirty-six yards for seven more markers.

In the fourth quarter Lanier climaxed the scoring with a nine yard off tackle dive by sophomore Andy Williams.

Basketball Season Looks Bright

Prince, and juniors Charlie Anderson, Cam Bonifay, and John Skalko. Scott Judd, Frank Prince, Charlie Anderson, and John Skalko were all regular starters last year and Cam Bonifay started in six games. Last year both Judd and Prince averaged eleven points, Anderson averaged nine points, Skalko averaged four.

Coach Butch Clifton plans to have twelve players on this year's team. Some new comers to the varsity that look helpful are juniors David Lee, Jag Ghoslin and Ricky Churchill.

This team is expected to be the best Mark Smith has ever had. With Prince, Anderson, and Lee all being 6'4", we should be very tough on the boards and every person on the team will be capable of being the leading scorer in any game. This team will be quicker, stronger, taller, and will have the most experience of any basketball team produced by Mark Smith.

This year's opening schedule will be very tough for Mark Smith Bulldogs. The opening game for the Dogs will be against Peter G. Apple, who won last year's state Negro championship. This game will be played in the new Macon Coliseum.

Next, Coach Clifton and the team will venture out Albany to face the always tough Albany team. Last year, Albany was fourth in the state with a 27-3 record. They will have four extra tough players returning.

For the third game, the Bulldogs return home to face the Ballard-Hudson team in the coliseum. Before Hudson's drastic mistake in football, they were expected to succeed Johnson as the state basketball power.

For their first encounter in their own gym, the Bulldogs will face Northside of Warner Robins. Northside will return four starters that upset the Bulldogs in last year's Christmas Tournament finals.

In the last two games before the Christmas Tournament break, the Dogs will face Albany at home and Lanier who compiled a 27-2 record last year, and will return three starters. This game will take place in the Auditorium.

Although this year's team look to be a much better team and a very strong contender much will depend on the support of the students from both Mark Smith and Lasselater and the support of the Pep Club. If the students will go out and support our team, we will be even more tougher than expected.

Election Year Draws To Its Climax

The November fifth presidential election is drawing near. Three different men—Richard Nixon, Hubert Humphrey, and George Wallace—are running for the office of President. Which of these men would you like to see elected?

HUBERT HUMPHREY

Hubert Humphrey, age 57, is the Democrats' candidate. He started running after President Johnson's statement that he would not seek re-election. He is called "the happy talker" because he likes to smile a lot and loves to talk.

He was born in 1911 in Wallace, South Dakota. He left the University of Minnesota when he was in his sophomore year to help in his family's drugstore. He married Muriel Buck in 1936. Working his way through college, he proceeded to earn a master's degree at Louisiana State University. At the University of Minnesota he taught political science. He volunteered for military service but was rejected because of lung calcification.

Humphrey first entered politics in 1945, where he became mayor of Minneapolis. Three years later, Humphrey was elected as U. S. Senator from Minnesota. In 1964, President Johnson asked Humphrey to be his running mate. Johnson was elected and Humphrey became



Richard Nixon

Vice President of the U. S., an office he still holds.

He is strongly for the Model Cities program, a federal program costing \$150,000,000,000 to rebuild cities over a period of ten years. Humphrey believes that the Federal Government should spend more money on the poverty-stricken people, and has proposed a good program for hungry people. He thinks the U. S. should keep fighting in Viet Nam to keep the communists from taking over. He has promised to do everything he can to aid the Paris Peace Talks.

RICHARD NIXON

Richard Nixon, age 55, is the Republican candidate. He is nicknamed the "fast politician" because of the quick way he does all of his things. He was born January 9, 1913 at Yorba Linda, California. At nine years, the family moved to Whittier, California. He attended a



Hubert Humphrey

local high school. By working his way through Whittier College he received a B. A. in 1934 and a scholarship from Duke University.

He returned to Whittier, where he practiced law four years. He married Patricia Ryan in 1940. At the beginning of World War II he joined the Navy. He served three and one-half years.

His first political office was as a U. S. Representative from California, when he was elected in 1946. Later, in 1950, he became a Senator from California. Nixon was elected in 1952 as Vice President under Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1960, he lost the presidency to John F. Kennedy by just a narrow margin. Nixon again lost in 1962 for the Governor of California. Nixon then said that he would never again run for another political office, but he was nominated to run for President in 1968 at Miami Beach.

For the city slums problem,



George Wallace

Nixon believes that private businesses should set up programs to fight slums, not the federal government. Nixon also thinks that private businesses should raise money to feed the hungry and to fight poverty. He is also a firm supporter of the civil rights bill, and hopes to pass many laws aiding this major issue. As for the Viet Nam issue, Nixon has favored sending more U. S. troops to fight the communists. He thinks using more pressure will aid in ending the war.

GEORGE WALLACE

George Wallace is the candidate for the newly formed American Independent Party. George Wallace is sometimes called a "maverick," a maverick being someone who does the unexpected or someone who leaves his political party to join another one. Wallace, age 49, was born August 25, 1919 at Clio, Alabama. He attended Clio Elementary

School and graduated from Barbour County High School. He was a good athlete and a surpassing student. He served as a page in the State Senate. He worked his way through the University of Alabama. In 1943 he married Lurleen Burns and joined the U. S. Air Corps. On December 8, 1945 he was honorably discharged as a B-29 Flight Sergeant.

Wallace was formerly a Democrat before he formed his new third party. In 1946, Wallace was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives. Later he was elected as Governor of Alabama. His wife, Lurleen, succeeded him in this office in 1966. Wallace is feared by the other two party candidates because of his strong influence in the South, West, and parts of the Middle West. Wallace is against spending the Federal Government's money to help cities. He says riots are caused by troublemakers, and these troublemakers should be thrown in jail. Also, Wallace is against the Federal Government trying to wipe out poverty, but older people should be given government pensions large enough to meet their needs. Wallace is bitterly against Civil Rights. He is strongly for segregation, and says that if he were elected, he would work to get the Civil Rights laws repealed.

Smith Band Plans Big Year

The Mark Smith Band program promises to have a very productive year with new organizations and the already proven stage band and Bulldog Band.

The other new program that has been added in the music department is the Glee Club. This group, known as the Marksmen, is a fifteen member ensemble which will meet for three sessions per week throughout the year during second period. The Marksmen will be looking forward to performing for several events during the school year.

The membership of the Glee Club is as follows: Steve Brennan, Michael Cobb, James Gregory, Randy Daniels, Jimmy Stubbs, Frank Jackson, Larry Dunning, Bruce Yates, Mike Edwards, Freddie Hill, Robert Hunt, James Lee Hardwick, Jerry Collins, Greg Swint, and accompanist-Jimmy Coleman.

The stage band looks ahead to a

very productive year. Many veteran members will be returning along with new members trying out for top positions. Auditions will be held to give equal opportunity for all worthy musicians who wish to participate. Personnel of the stage band for the 1968-1969 year will be announced at a later date.

This year the Mark Smith Marching Bulldogs have adopted a new style in half-time performances, in that the intricate and spectacular field formations will be done away with and replaced with abstract formations. This change not only accents the band's majorities and flag twirlers but also gives it a much more significant role in the overall theme.

The band has already shown itself to be in top shape in its half-time appearances and hopes to make its coming shows still more interesting and entertaining to the football fans as the season con-

tinues.

DIXIELAND BAND

An entirely new branch of the Mark Smith Band program this year is the Dixieland Band. This sort of a band will set off a new movement within the band! Members of this band include Charles Gogendruims, Wesley Welsh-Clarinet, Tim Daughtery-trumpet, Jimmy O'Dillon-trombone, Steve Heath-banjo, Randy Reid-bass, Jimmy Coleman-piano. The Dixieland Band made its debut performance last Friday, October 11, 1968 at Lasseter. Lasseter had a "Roaring 20's" day last Friday and the Dixieland Band played two numbers. When the Saints Go Marching In, and Golden Slippers. The band enjoyed it, and hopes to see more action very soon. Outlooks for the Dixieland Band are very impressive for the upcoming year.



Dixieland Band performs at Lasseter



Librarians at Smith are Mrs. Jones, L., and Mrs. Harnell, r.

Smith Library: An Enjoyable Necessity

In 1965, when Mark Smith opened for its first year of operation, its library contained exactly no books. After three short years that number has changed to around 3,800 including 250 which have been added this year.

Credited with this great improvement is the librarian, Mrs. Christine Harwell. Mrs. Harwell graduated from the former Women's College at Milledgeville. She has done post graduate work at Mercer, the University of Georgia, and Columbia University. Ably assisting her is Mrs. Lillian Jones. This year the library opened September 16th after Mrs. Harwell and the assistants had worked hard to prepare it for use. This year the library assistants are Roy Griffis, Dick Taylor, Ken Hudnall, Steve Ard, Wayne Wheeler, George Fordham, Chuck Webb, Ben Porter, Paul Cater, Walter Darley, Eddie Simmons, Robert Randall,

John Ramsey, and Joe Miller.

At the start of each school term, Mrs. Harwell holds an orientation for the new sub-freshman class concerning library procedures. During the year, classes are allowed to come in as groups for reference work.

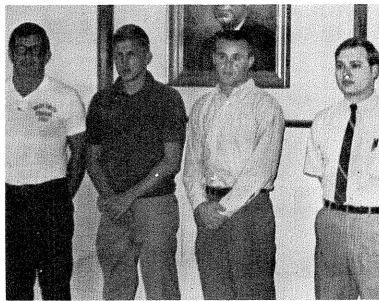
This year a new set of Collier's Encyclopedias and a new World Book Atlas have been added to the library along with several classic novels in large type for those with seeing difficulties. Some of the more interesting books added this year include The Pleasure of His Company, a book on John F. Kennedy, Incredible Victory: The Last Cruise of the Emden; Basic Boating; and Crisis in Our Cities.

The library is open from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. All students have forty-five minutes before school in which they can check books in or out or do research.

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Female student teachers l. to r. are Mrs. Burdette, Mrs. Brigman, Miss Blake, and Miss Ware.



Male student teachers l. to r. are Coach Cooper, Coach Layson, Coach Smith, and Mr. Leaptrot.

M. S. Student Teachers Gain Experience

These first few weeks of school have found eight student teachers, three in English, three in physical education, and two in social studies, gaining experience under teachers here at Mark Smith.

Under Mr. Lewis Wright in senior English is Mrs. Donna Brigman. She attends Mercer University where she's working on an A.B. in education, majoring in English and minoring in Christianity and Education. The wife of Mr. Ellis Brigman, a U.S. Navy jet pilot, Mrs. Brigman was born in Hendersonville, North Carolina and now resides in Jacksonville, Florida. In high school she was a member of the National Honor Society and at Mercer she is a member of Chi Omega sorority. Mrs. Brigman enjoys tennis, horseback riding, swimming, and playing the guitar. After her graduation in December, she hopes to begin teaching senior English.

Miss Gena Ware is doing her student teaching under Mr. Bill Avirett. A Maconite, Miss Ware resides at 2554 Kensington Road with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D.

Ware. Her brother Durward, is a sophomore at Smith. Graduating from A.L. Miller High School, she was president of Sigma Omega Sigma Sorority. She now attends Wesleyan College where she is working on her A.B. in English. Miss Ware was selected as a member of Who's Who in American Colleges. She enjoys playing tennis, swimming and reading. Upon graduation she hopes to either teach or attend graduate school.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Stroud is Mrs. Mary Burdette, the wife of Mr. Michael Burdette, she was born in Baltimore, Maryland but now resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mrs. Burdette attends Mercer University where she is working on her A.B. in education. She is majoring in English and minoring in political science. At Mercer she is a member of Chi Omega Sorority and is an ATO Sweetheart. Last year she was a Circle K Sweetheart. Mrs. Burdette enjoys sewing, playing tennis, and reading. Next year she hopes to teach high school English.

In the physical education department is Mr. Lamar Cooper. Attending the University of Georgia, he was born in Gainesville where he was an honor graduate from East Hall High School. At Georgia he is a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity. Mr. Cooper enjoys hunting and his favorite sports are football and basketball.

Also in student coaching is Mr. Richard Smith. He attends the Georgia College at Milledgeville where he is majoring in P.E. and health and recreation. Mr. Smith is married to the former Miss. Suzanne Stitt. Born in Milledgeville, he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track in high school. Mr. Smith enjoys skiing and working with young boys.

Rounding out the student coaches is Mr. Henry Layson, who also attends the Georgia College at Milledgeville. He attended Georgia Military College his first two years where he was all-conference in baseball. He then went to Georgia Southern where he was a member of the third ranked college baseball team in the nation. Mr. Layson is the athletic director for the Milledgeville Recreation Department. He hopes to begin work on his master's degree soon.

Student teaching under Mr. Jerry Eller is Miss Sally Blake. Born in Montgomery, Alabama where she attended Lanier High School, for girls, Miss Blake is working on her A.B. in education at Wesleyan College. She likes to travel, having visited England two summers ago where she went to summer school at Oxford University. Miss Blake also enjoys reading, playing the piano, skiing, and swimming. She hopes to teach social studies in high school next year.

Mr. Steve Leaptrot is under Mrs. Carole Seabrooke in social studies. He has attended Mercer, South Georgia, and the Georgia College at Milledgeville working on his B.S. in education. Mr. Leaptrot was born in Perry, Georgia and attended Lanier High School where he played in the band. He enjoys playing the piano, reading, swimming, playing handball, and judo. Upon his graduation he will begin work with the Peace Corps in Nepal, north of India.

All of the student teachers said they were impressed with Mark Smith and the friendliness of its faculty members.

Campus Quotes

- "To make a long story short, shut up" Mr. Avirett.
- "If you become too wrapped up in yourself, the result is a small, unnecessary package." Scott Wood.
- "Make hay while the sun shines.... Also when the sun doesn't shine." - Coach Meeks.
- "You'll live a longer, richer, and happier life if you work more and worry less." - Mr. Eller.
- "How pleasant is life when those of good will sit together to eat and give thanks for the bounty of their work." Mrs. Ogburn.
- "You can't judge a book by its cover, nor can you judge a girl by her clothes. Neither reveals the worth of its contents." Cam Bonifay.
- "Share the wealth, but first share the work." - Jack Henderson.
- "Tell a girl she's beautiful and she'll overlook your other lies." Ronnie Swicord
- "An editor is a writer who used other people's stories and gets blamed when the names are misspelled." - Jimmy Morgan.
- "When Big Stroup started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been."



"Can it be fixed? My music teacher hit me over the head with it!"



Scott Wood receives his senior ring.

Class of '69 Receives Rings

The long expectant Mark Smith Seniors finally received their senior rings. After waiting approximately the first three weeks of the school year, Mr. Cagle personally fitted each impatient Senior with his ring.

As in the past the Balfour Company was in charge of the Mark Smith order and did an excellent job. The orders were taken last spring with each person having a wide variety of choices. The gold

came in choices of yellow-gold, green-gold, and white-gold. The stones came in a wide variety of colors with each person being able to choose almost any color he could possibly want. Also, if anyone desired it, he could have his initial engraved on the stone.

The Seniors now realize by looking at their rings that the end of the school year will bring a big step in their future, graduation.

EDGAR ALLAN POE

Edgar Allan Poe ranks as one of the truest poets ever to come from the United States. In all his accomplishments as poet, story writer, and literary critic, he has been acclaimed greatly. All his works express a romantic imagination, with much of it being morbid and mysterious. By far his favorite subject was death. His works have been translated into many languages and proclaimed throughout the world as great masterpieces. In 1910 he was elected into the Hall of Fame for his achievements.

Poe was born in Boston on January 19, 1809. His grandfather was a Revolutionary officer and his parents were actors. When he was two, his parents died and he was adopted by a Mr. Allen, a wealthy merchant of Richmond, Va. Poe attended five years at a Richmond school, several at Richmond Academy, and one session at the University of Virginia. Mr. Allen withdrew him from the University probably because of extravagant losses at gambling.

The young writer was now on his own resources. In 1833, while living with his aunt, he won \$100.

Poe's work was of three kinds: critical, poetical, and narrative. Poe defined poetry not as truth or as passion but as music, and in its melody of words some of his best poems are unrivaled... The Raven, The Bells, Annabel Lee, and Ulalume show his poetic power at its height. He also wrote famous short stories as Ligela, William Wilson, The Gold Bug, The Purloined Letter, The Fall Of The House Of Usher, and The Tell Tale Heart.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

George Bernard Shaw has been considered by many, as the greatest British dramatist, critic, and novelist of the past 300 years.

Shaw was born in Dublin, Ireland on July 26, 1869 and died in 1950. At an early age he went to London, where he barely survived, trying to achieve success as a novelist and general writer. During this important period in his life, he read all the events of the day, attended meetings of musical, literary, and political groups. He also became an active socialist and a member of the Fabian Society. His experience in these fields helped him to become an excellent debater.

In 1888 Shaw served as music critic on the London Star until 1889 when he went to work on The World. In 1895 he worked on the Saturday Review and was noted as one of the leading music and drama critics in London.

In 1928 he published The Intelligent Woman's Guide To Socialism, a summary of his views. Adventures Of The Black Girl In Her Search For God is a satiric fable about religion.

In drama he wrote Mrs. Warren's Profession, Candida, The Devil's Disciple, Man And Superman, Back To Methuselah, Saint Joan, The Apple Cart, and To True To Be Good.

Shaw was very much interested in socialism and exercised his talents in every way, speaking on street corners, writing for magazines and the like. He made socialism the central theme of his early novels: The Irrational Knot, Love Among The Artists, Cashel Byron's Profession, and An Unsocial Socialist. His defense of Ibsen and of Wagner in The Quintessence Of Ibsen, and The Perfect Wagnerite brought wide-spread attention.

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Club News At Mark Smith

French Club

La Cercle Francais (the French Club) was formed to further the interest of French students in the French language. This club also shows how well the Americans live as compared to people of other countries. If they wish to, any member of the French Club may have a correspondent that lives in France.

The club plans many money making projects for later on in the year. At the end of the year, the French Club plans to have a banquet and a dance.

There are about thirty members in the French Club with officers: President, Melton Strozio; Vice-President, James Barlow; Secretary, Jag Gholson; and Treasurer, Julius (Nehru) Byrd.

Spanish Club

Leading the Spanish Club this year is: President, Steve Skalko; Vice-President, Jeff Granade; Secretary, Derrel Cone; Treasurer, Robert Watson; and Sargent-at-Arms, Thomas (TOS) Phillips. The new advisor this year is Mrs. Hudson.

While the club is still forming ideas, it has made some plans for the year so far. Plans are a Christ-



Mr. Wright practices his picture-taking.

Pictures Taken

On Wednesday September 25, 1968, individual annual pictures were taken of the students here at Smith. Mr. Ted Kiper of Henington Studios, Wolf City, Texas took them with the assistance of Jimbo Berg, Mike Jackson, and Scott Judd, members of annual staff. The students wore a dark coat and tie aside from wearing the dark sweater as they did in previous years.

This year promises a bigger and better annual with far more interesting pictures. The individual pictures will be sold in packages so students can give their friends and relatives a copy to keep in their wallets. Students will also receive an identification card with their pictures and a place for information.

TEEN TIME — SPENDING TIME

There are 30 million people in this country aged 10 to 17, according to a recent report in Life Magazine.

They buy 2.5 billion gallons of gasoline a year.

Fourteen percent of them own corporate stocks and bonds.

The girls alone buy more than 20% of all women's clothes.

The boys buy 40% of the slacks and 33% of the sweaters.

Together, they buy over 35% of all sportwear.

They buy 20% of all cars sold.

They buy 55% of all soft drinks. They make up 35% of all movie attendance.

The girls buy 33% of all hair dryers and 23% of all cosmetics. They spend over \$20 million on lipsticks alone.

One thought: Save some, too. The money you save now will be most useful after graduation . . .

mas celebration (Mexican style), a social event with the Lasseter Spanish Club, and consideration of Project Concern in Mexico.

To be a member of the Spanish Club, you do not have to be taking Spanish.

Math Club

Now on the making is the idea of a math club. When formed, its purpose is the enrichment in math. Then people who are interested in the idea can learn things which they can't learn in school.

To do this, speakers will come to speak before the club. An example of this was recently when Mr. Thompson, an architect of the Macon Coliseum, spoke before Mr. Gordon's classes. The club will also participate in math games which sharpens the knowledge of math.

The first meeting is planned in January. Mrs. Steck has volunteered to be the advisor. The club membership is only offered to senior high school students. Any senior high boys interested should contact either Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Steck, or Miss Clements.

Safety Club

The newly formed Safety Club is

Fire Chief Lectures Safety Club

On October 18, 1968 Chief White and Inspector Ducker of the Fire Department visited Mark Smith and gave a small lecture on fire safety to the Safety Club. Chief White told us how we should cooperate with the Macon Fire Department if a fire occurred. He also explained how and when to use the fire extinguishers that we have at the school. At the conclusion of his lecture he gave out several pamphlets about fire prevention. Here is one of the most useful of them.

Ten Commandments of Fire Prevention

1. I will not let anyone in my family use gasoline for cleaning purposes.
2. I will not burn trash on a windy day or too close to any building.
3. I will see that all electric appliances and extension cords are in safe condition.
4. I will see that matches are kept out of the reach of my small brothers and sisters.
5. I will dispose of all oily rags.
6. I will see that no one smokes in bed at my home.
7. I will not let drapes or curtains hang too close to heaters.
8. I will locate the second exit from any public building I enter.
9. I will impress on all my friends the danger of turning in false alarms.
10. I will promote the necessity of fire prevention when and wherever I can.

advised by Coach Harrison and is off to a fine start. The newly elected officers are: Stephen Bailey as president, Stan Wagner as vice-president, Mike Kitchens as secretary and Joe Hamilton as treasurer. The club's main interest is to promote safety in all the students. Safety should be practiced by all people.

Library Club

The Library Club's advisor this year is our librarian, Mrs. Harwell, as was last year. Officers are: President, Richard Taylor; Vice-President, Walter Darley; Secretary, Wayne Wheeler; and Treasurer, Paul Cater. They plan to help the students learn how to use the library for their educational needs which will better their grades.

Other clubs are the 4-H, Distributive Education, and the Science Club. Plans are also being made of forming a Junior Red Cross Club.

Nine Weeks' System Favored

Students at Mark Smith seem to like the nine weeks grading period. Even though the survey may have been premature all of the forty students interviewed from all five grade levels had their opinions.

The fellows were asked which they liked best, the six weeks or nine weeks grading period, and why they chose the one they did. Well, it turns out that about two-thirds were for the nine weeks period because the guys could have longer to bring up bad test grades. The fellows for the six weeks period complained that the tests ending each nine weeks period would be too hard.

Presidential Poll

As the time grows near for our older citizens to choose between the candidates for the Presidency of the United States, Mark Smith students were given the opportunity to express their favorite candidate.

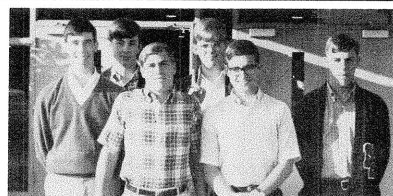
The ballot sheets were handed out during activity period. On the ballot sheets were listed the three main candidates — Humphrey, Nixon, and Wallace.

After the votes were tallied, it proved that Wallace had a majority with 142 votes and Nixon finished second with 80 votes. Humphrey came in a sluggish last with 32 votes. The write-ins included 5 for Pat Paulson, 4 for Mr. Eller, 4 for Mr. Wright, 3 for Snoopy, 2 for Gene McCarty.

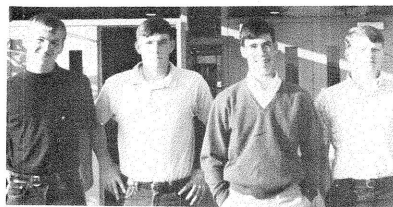
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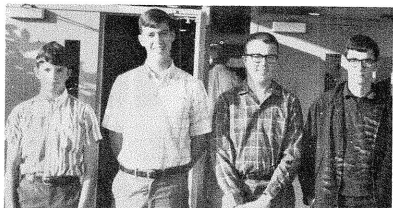
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Spanish Club officers are l. to r., Cam Bonifay, Robert Watson, Thomas Phillips, Derrell Cone, and Jeff Granade.



Safety Club officers are l. to r., Stephen Bailey, Mike Kitchens, Cam Bonifay, and Joe White.



French Club officers are l. to r., Julius Byrd, Jag Gholson, James Barlow, and Melton Strozio.

ONE LITTLE VOICE (FOR GIRLS ONLY)

Only a child or a fool can rely on flattery, for the words of flattery are words with a purpose: phrases to fool the ears of the listener.

Think to yourself these questions: "Why should anyone flatter me? Why should anyone bend the knee, bow the head, and sugar coat each phrase?"

Answers will include one or more of the following thoughts:

* He says nice things about me because he is afraid of me.

* He listens to my words because someone or something forces him to pay attention.

* He praises me because he wants something I possess.

* He compliments my abilities because he wants some favor done.

* He treats me like his master because he wants to borrow more money.

* He is toying with me because I am the she with whom he would like to toy.

* He has completed a personality course, and he simply wants to determine what can develop.

* He needs encouragement because he has an inferiority complex, so he talks big with little ideas.

* He feels that because he is rather good looking, I should obey his every wish.

Enough said?

Enough flattered?

Just remember that unless the flatterer is Grandma or Grandpa, he who would flatter you wants something.

Be on your guard.

But if you want to believe the gush of flattery, know now that you have been warned.

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