

Former Coach Bill Meeks switches from field to desk.

Meeks and Avirett To Head Up Faculty As Year Begins

If you noticed Coach Meeks face peering down the halls or working in the office more than usual it is because he's surrendered his coaching duties to that of principal.

The many different colleges, Coach Meeks has attended, speak for themselves in his qualifications as principal. This list includes Stetson University, Georgia College of Milledgeville, the University of Georgia, and Gordon Military College.

His plans for Mark Smith will improve our school immensely. One of them have already been put into action, the new student parking arrangement. Another that is currently being considered is to put benches out in the break area, to be furnished by the industrial arts classes. The planting of 22 Chinese Elms as shade trees in the break area, will especially be enjoyed towards the end of the school year. Each supervision will have a part in purchasing the trees at \$2.00 a piece. As have been done in the hall outside the P.E. dressing room shelves will eventually be put in the lunchroom hall as a place to put the students books while eating or out at the break area.

Before coming to Smith he taught at Stratford Academy. He attended Mercer, receiving his M. Ed. and A.B. degrees and double-majoring in Art and English. To qualify for his new job he also attended the University of Georgia.

Mr. Avirett, last year's eleventh grade English teacher, has also taken over as Vice-principal, vacated last year by Coach Meeks.

Also as Smith enters it's fifth year of existence, a new experience begins for the new faculty members.

In the Social Science's department, additions include Mr. Dan Bunn, Mr. Troy Young, Mrs. Louise Priestner, and Mr. Jack Duncan. Mr. Bunn is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Martin, Tennessee. He received his B.S. degree there. He resides at 1895 Old Clinton Road, and is a native of Ohio where he graduated from Galion High School in Galion, Ohio.

Mr. Troy is another valuable asset to our history department, teaching World History. Mr. Young resides at 389 Astor Street in Macon. He received a B.S. degree at Fort Valley State College.

Teaching American History is Mrs. Louise Priestner. Mrs. Priestner holds an A.B. from LaGrange College and a M.Ed. from Mercer University. She graduated from Miller High School and resides at 113 Alexandria Drive. Mrs. Priestner's interests include reading, sewing, raising flowers, and boys.

A new World History teacher is Mr. Rick Duncan, who graduated from Florida Southern with a B.S. degree. He resides at 2423 Donald Avenue and attended Parker High School in Greenville, South Carolina. In his spare time he enjoys sports, hunting, and guns.

There are two new members of our English Department. They are Mrs. Sallye S. Copeland and Miss Judy M. Banning.

Mrs. Banning teaches 10th grade English and received a B.S. degree from Fort Valley State College. She graduated from Greenville County High School in Greenville, Georgia.

Mrs. Sallye S. Copeland is teaching eighth grade English. She is a graduate of Fort Valley State College where she received a B.S. degree. She attended Hubbard High School and resides at 1347 Sanford Avenue in Macon.

Green Crowned Homecoming Queen

On October 10, Miss Bonnie Greene was named 1969 Mark Smith-Laseter Homecoming Queen at the halftime of the Mark Smith Homecoming game.

(Pictures and game story on page 7)

She was elected from ten nominees by the vote of the combined student bodies of Mark Smith and Laseter. Miss Gurlie Lee was named first runner-up and Miss Cathy Skinner was selected second runner-up.

The other nominees were Kathy Henderson, Jacki Holton, Becky Johnson, Lydia Mitchum, Donna Reeves, and Cathy Stephens.

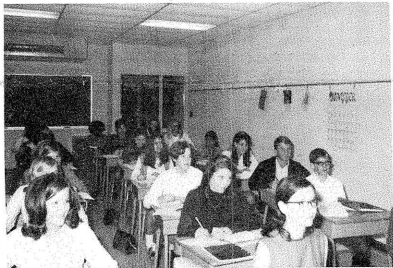
These ten girls were chosen a week-and-a-half before the big day by the senior class at Mark Smith. Then a week of campaigning took place, followed by the final days of

anticipation, and concluded with the crowning of Bonnie by Miss Barrie Paine, last year's first runner-up.

The Bulldogs downed a tough Carver for 7-0 to top off an exciting evening.

Starting at 8:30 and continuing till 12:00, a dance was held in the Laseter Cafeteria with music provided by the "Sweet Young-uns" out of Atlanta. The Homecoming event is an annual event at Mark Smith and Laseter, sponsored by the student councils of each school.

Mrs. Steck, Smith's Student Council Advisor, had this to say about this year's event, "I was very pleased with the outcome of the event, and feel that this year's Homecoming was the best to date."



Boys in a Laseter classroom? That's right - it's one of new changes.

Co-ed Classes Begin; One of New Changes

The rolls at Mark Smith this year contain feminine, as well as the usual masculine names. This new innovation was brought about when the Board of Education approved plans for co-education in some courses when it helped to ease the problem of obtaining teachers or facilities.

Along with the co-ed classes, an area has been allotted at Mark Smith as an area for a co-ed break before school. The break starts as soon as students begin arriving at school and ends when the bell rings at 8:40, giving students plenty of time to get to supervision. Attendance at the morning break has been excellent each morning and the students have displayed fine behaviour.

Since there are a few co-ed classes during fourth period, the girls in these classes eat here at Mark Smith and enjoy the fine lunches.

The co-ed innovation has shown only advantages to this point and hopes are to expand the program in the near future.

Assistant Principal Bill Avirett had this to say concerning the new program, "The whole program is a fine idea and has been a tremendous success due to cooperation of the students. The only possible fallacy in the effort would be the misuse or abuse of the privilege by the students. But to this point, everything is fine."

All the male students at Mark Smith join in saying, "Welcome co-eds, and we hope you are here to stay!"

Senior Parking Lot Established As School Improves Privileges

When the school bell rang on September 1st signifying the start of a new school term, many new changes were evident. One that wasn't so prevalent then but has increased in importance as time has passed, was the administrative policy concerning senior privileges.

The senior class of 1970 has been granted several new privileges which will add to their distinction as ranking members among the student body.

The parking situation, long a problem for those arriving late to school or those leaving school during the day to return and find a

lack of good spaces, has now been solved to a great extent by setting up a rental system on individual spaces.

The seniors were given first choice of the year long rental in the front and side parking areas. The juniors came next, then the back parking lot was left for the rest. The fee was only 75 cents, very nominal for the service rendered; realizing this the student response was good as the lots were quickly filled.

Also for the first time this year, the administration gave many seniors as possible a sixth period

study hall and the right to leave school at the end of fifth period if they so desired. To date this has worked out real well, to the administration's delight.

The senior lunch table was once more established after being discontinued last year because of disuse. This also has proven to be successful as the seniors enjoy their fourth period distinction.

"Other privileges will be added as the year continues if the same cooperative spirit exists", Mike Kitchens, president of the senior class, commented.

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How About Morals?

When a student graduates from Mark Smith High School, or any other high school, it is expected and certainly hoped that he is prepared for either higher education at the college level or life in the outside world. This is to say that the student is prepared mentally, morally, and physically.

A very high percentage of the graduates are prepared mentally and physically, but as for their morals and ideas, they are questionable.

This is especially due to the lack of any spiritual atmosphere at school. Ever since the ruling of the Supreme Court which ended devotions and Bible readings at school, they have nearly become non-existent. Thankfully, there are few teachers who have continued their devotions and it is great that they have.

It is not so much the specific message in the devotion that is important, it is the atmosphere that is brought about. An atmosphere of sincere devotion to learning and to helping one's fellow students in their studies become eminent.

High school at the present here at Mark Smith is a combination of studies, physical training, and participation in clubs and other extra-curricular activities. If more of a morally high atmosphere could be aroused it would be most advantageous for all the students at Mark Smith. And indeed, devotions in supervision might be, perhaps, one of the best means toward fulfilling this end.

In this democratic country of ours, due to the mechanics of establishing a law, it is possible for a law to exist for years that would not stand up in court due to its unconstitutional nature. Indeed, this ruling concerning devotions in schools might be one. Perhaps we, as students of Mark Smith, should be the ones to test it!

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We Give Our Side

Since everyone and everything seems to be protesting something; we on the Telstar staff figure we should get our two cents worth in for what it's worth.

We protest against protesters.

That is to say that we protest against those protesting for lack of anything better to do. Still seem odd? In the following paragraphs we'll try to explain the statement that makes up the second paragraph.

The United States of America was founded by a group of protesters — with protests aimed in the right direction.

The Students for a Democratic Society was also founded by a group of protesters — with their protests aimed in the wrong direction.

America stands for democracy; the SDS for communism. So one cannot belong to both groups; an American wouldn't believe in a group that stood for communism just as a member of the SDS cannot truthfully claim to be an American. It's just that simple.

People today are tired of protesters with their false claims and immoral actions. In other words they're tired of those protesting just for the sake of doing so... this amounts to nothing more than child's play.

So now we've officially registered our protest, we hope it is enough properly. For those who it is aimed at, we close with, Enough's enough!!!

LLW

We Should Stay With Governmental Process

Recently in Macon, an issue flared up between the Mayor and the city's famous paper, the Macon News, over the destruction of the now infamous "Daisy Park."

This editorial will take, as a student publication it would be unfair for it to do so. But it will reiterate the simple fact that the process of government cannot be discarded to suit the desires of one person or even a group of people whether their aims are just or unjust.

On an issue that certainly must have been in the public eye, more care should have been taken in the handling of it.

The problem at Dudley Hughes is indeed a grave one. We on the paper staff see it often since the Hughes Printing Shop prints the Smith paper. We realize, as others must, that the only solution lies in a new building as well as a new location.

But as I stated earlier, we shan't try to decide on the right or wrong of the issue, only the voters can decide that. We only feel that our country, our state, and our city must be run on the same ideals, the same principles on which it was founded—those of democracy.

LLW

The Jobs Are There!

The other day I was disturbed when I heard a tenth grader say "I worry all the time that I won't be able to go to college because I don't know what I want to be in life."

This, I feel, is a common feeling of many underclassmen. It is one that has no sound basis, however.

Many people have graduated from college not knowing what field they are to work in. The opportunities for jobs are so vast, however, that any fairly intelligent, well-rounded individual can find a job that he will enjoy.

Most colleges offer so many different courses that if a student decides he wants to change his major it can be quickly arranged. Most courses can be used for credit in many majors so this aids in the ease of changing majors.

The main thing in getting a good education is to do your best at whatever you're studying. And remember that, as long as you have a good education and the will to do better, you will be able to meet with success in this nation of free enterprise.

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Mark Smith Speaks

The members of the Telstar staff decided to change the Mark Smith Speaks column to an opinion poll on pertinent questions rather than a letters to the editor column. At the beginning of this year several changes occurred such as co-ed breaks and co-ed classes. So our question to Mark Smith and Lasseter students was "What do you think of the new co-ed changes at Smith and Lasseter?"

Henry Koplin-Smith 10th — "It's okay, I don't particularly like it; there should be less of it."

Ed Eagle-Smith 9th — "Not enough of it."

Pam Walker-Lasseter 11th — "I like it but it is better with just a few boys in each class."

Lee Berg-Smith 11th — "It's a start toward a good thing."

Bonnie Bushing-Lasseter 12th — "GREAT!!"

Cathy Rice-Lasseter 12th — "If they have it at all, it ought to be 100% co-ed."

Ben Judd-Smith 10th — "I like 'em, I guess."

Billie Jean Francis-Lasseter 12th — "I like it."

Becky Johnson-Lasseter 12th — "It's alright — would like more."

Ricky Coleman-Smith 11th — "I think it's great and I hope that the Board of Education and the Smith-Lasseter administrations will see fit to extend and add more co-ed innovations."

Cookie McKinnie-Lasseter 12th — "I'll leave my quote to the imagination."

Dean Allen-Smith 12th — "It really doesn't matter to me about it being co-ed."

Jackie Holton-Lasseter 12th — "I like it too, but I think co-ed lunches would be a great idea."

Jerry Lyles-Smith 11th — "I think it's fun, especially the breaks before school."

Jimmy Hardwick-Smith 9th — "I'll have to admit it does add some life to things."

Joe Wilson-9th—"Girls share a different point of view on some subjects, so a classroom discussion would be more varied and interesting. Also, disciplinary problems would be reduced."

Ed Eschmann-9th—"If we tried for complete co-education all of a sudden, it would create a lot of confusion."

So the overall consensus is that the students like the co-ed changes but hope that they will be expanded.

Individualism Lost

In today's society, the word "individual" and "individuality" often arises. Most of the time we relate it to the movement of a group of people who are claiming to seek it by their dress, by their actions, and by their ideals.

But before we relate the word particularly, let us generalize on it. To be an individual does mean one has the right to dress different from the crowd; it does mean that one can differ with the opinion of the crowd; it can even go as far as to mean that one can isolate himself from the crowd to display his individuality. It's a word of many sides and as a result it is often misrepresented, often used improperly.

I will not say the cause of today's "hippies" is misdirected or is a false one. I'm not one, so I can't really even say what their cause or ultimate aim is. But the individualism one seeks by joining with this group is like a mirage of an oasis on a desert — when you reach it, you find it to be just the opposite of what you imagined. They don't gain individualism — they lose it.

The so-called "establishment" is nothing more than many different people with many different ideas. In other words, the "establishment" is made up of people, not of people who have lost their identity by joining a group of people "claiming" to be individuals.

If one's cause is truly just, then he knows it and doesn't need to be in a group to express it; he has the courage to do so alone if necessary. So the "hippies" concept of individualism is just like their name, "the beautiful people"—the Exact Opposite!

LLW

Don't Put Off Tomorrow What Can Be Done Today

Procrastination is a characteristic of almost everyone. When we are young students, I don't believe that we understand how we are hurting ourselves when we put off something of importance. As we grow older, we realize the tragedy of procrastination and most of us try to remedy the situation.

One man's life is only a minute part of the life compared with the world. In this respect, a person does not live very long, so he should try to accomplish as much as possible in this short interval of time. When he procrastinates, he takes away a part of his life which can never be replaced. Also if a man has an important but tedious job that must be done, he should do it as soon as possible so as not to infringe on the time of others. If a person wastes somebody else's precious time, he is infringing on their rights.

Life should be enjoyed but procrastination only brings on pressure and tension to a person. Anxiety grips him and he worries about the duty until it is almost too late and he has to rush the job and not do his best. If he would do his duties on time, he would not have to rush himself and worry about the outcome of the situation. Then again when a person does his job well and on time, it gives him a feeling of pride of accomplishment.

Procrastination is an evil of our world, especially among the young people of today, who think they have all the time in the world. Even world affairs are influenced by this nature and world affairs effect everyone. Such things as Viet Nam peace talks, the Pueblo incident, and other important affairs on our time are influenced by procrastination.

I doubt this evil will ever be overcome because it is a part of the nature of human beings. Nevertheless people should realize this and strive to overcome such evils to the best of their abilities. This would make a better and more efficient world in which to live. Let us do everything in our power to control procrastination within reasonable bounds.

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Student teachers at Smith I to r: Miss Otero, Mr. Fivash, Miss Persons, Miss McMahon, Mr. Smith, Miss Donaldson, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Waldrop.

Student Teachers Study At Smith

Mark Smith is privileged to have many fine student teachers this quarter.

Teaching senior English under the fine and expert direction of Mr. G. Lewis Wright is, none other than, Miss Peggy Persons. Miss Persons, majoring in English at Wesleyan College, wishes to teach school in Macon after her graduation. She was born in Macon and raised in Talbotton, Georgia.

Coming to us from Wesleyan is Miss Awilda Otero who is teaching tenth grade English under the supervision of Mrs. Hawkins. Miss Otero was born in Puerto Rico and has spent most of her life in the states in Columbus, Georgia. Miss Otero commented, "Mark Smith is a fine school and the students are well disciplined."

Teaching government and history with the help of Miss Priest is Miss Debbie Donaldson. Miss Donaldson was born and raised in Baxley, Georgia, and is now attending Mercer where she is majoring in political science.

Mr. Raymond Fivash is Mr. Douglas's student teacher. Mr. Fivash has lived in Macon all his life and attended Willingham High

School. He is a student at Georgia College in Milledgeville where he is majoring in history.

Under the supervision of Mr. Duncan is Miss Karen Waldrop who also attends the Georgia College at Milledgeville and is majoring in social studies and psychology.

Miss Susan McMahon is under the guidance of Mrs. Steck. She is majoring in math at Wesleyan. At present she intends to follow with graduate school.

In the Physical Education Department, we are privileged to have two student coaches. One of these is Philip Wilson. Mr. Wilson was born in Macon, brought up in Gordon, and is attending the Georgia College at Milledgeville where he is majoring in P.E.

Another asset to our Physical Education Department is Coach Bill Smith. Mr. Smith is majoring in P.E. at the University of Georgia and wishes to become a coach upon graduation. "Mark Smith has one of the best P.E. programs in the state. The coaches are interested in boys participating in athletics as well as non-participants."

Smith' Dogs Feature The Bulldogs of Ga.

The University of Georgia, better known in the South as the Home of Dooley's Dogs, has been chosen as feature college for the Telstar's first issue.

The University offers degrees in Arts and Sciences, agriculture, business administration, education, environmental design, forest resources, home economics, journalism, law, pharmacy, social work, and veterinary medicine.

An outstanding physical plant, a broad program of studies and activities, a well qualified faculty, and excellent library and resource facilities combine to make the University of Georgia one of the best schools in the country.

Being a state-supported school, the University is able to offer quality education at a minimum of expense. Opportunities are available for financial aid to qualified students who have need, so that no student should hesitate to attend college because of lack of funds.

The recommended college preparatory course of study should include four units of English, social studies, math, science, and foreign language.

All first-time college students are required to take The Scholastic Aptitude Test and the English and Level I Mathematics Achievement Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Dogtags

1. "When he walks up at the co-ed break, the whispers begin, for, 'the Ice Man cometh.'"—Ken Pyles
2. "When the girl begins to cry, it's time to say goodbye."—Mary Foshee
3. "The best wrestling tag team on Tuesday night at the City Auditorium is the Dynamic Duo."—Mike Kitchens and John Skalko
4. "Boys, I love everyone of you but....."—Mrs. Elkins
5. "Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me."—Jim Robinson
6. "When someone big comes after me, all I do is run!!!"—Alfred Johnson
7. "What I make on my tests is between me and my teacher..... And my wife."—Ricky Churchwell

Rays From The Lantern

Laseter steps into her fifth exciting year with signs of making it the best yet.

Her 62 students, including 165 bright-eyed, enthusiastic new eighth graders, welcome the recent changes in the curriculum, especially that of having male opinion and propinquity from Mark Smith in the classroom.

The long-awaited title of "Senior" became more of a reality for Laseter's 119 twelve graders as senior rings finally arrived on September 24. A senior could easily be spotted by her fixed stare on her right hand.

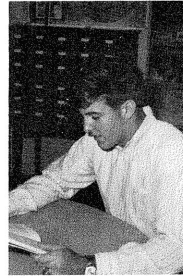
Whispers and shouts of "Smeat Lanier" filled the halls on the day of the Mark Smith-Lanier game. Student Council sponsored a "secret student" contest to boost spirit, and it worked. The last two persons to say the "good word"—SMEAR LANIER! to the junior high or senior high "secret student" won a prize of three dollars each from Student Council. The contest was repeated for the Appaling game.

Having completed Homecoming, the Student Councils of Laseter and Mark Smith are busy with another joint project. Address books will be published before Christmas. All students who would like to order one pay a deposit of 25 cents and will pay another quarter on their arrival.

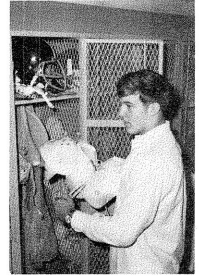
Laseter is proud to announce two National Merit Semifinalists, Lucia Drinnon and Dorinda Gilmore. The three girls who scored just under the semifinalist level received Letters of Commendation. They are Tanya Baker, Charlene Brown, and Fran Grant.

Laseter wishes Mark Smith the best of luck for a successful and enjoyable year!

—FRAN GRANT, THE LASETER LANTERN



Spotlight Senior Gary Hutcheson, at home studying or on the athletic field.



Hutcheson Tapped As Spotlight Senior

The Telstar, in this, its premiere edition of 1969-1970, has selected Gary Hutcheson as its outstanding Senior Class member.

In the class room, as well as on the athletic field, Gary's performance is above average; exemplifying his constant drive for self-improvement. His scholastic ranges in the upper B and A category.

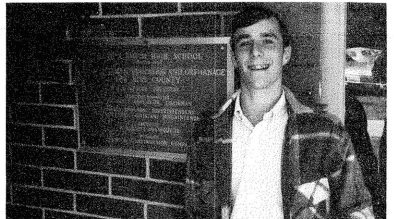
As mentioned above, Gary is a member of the Mark Smith football and baseball teams. A back on the gridiron and a pitcher on the diamond, he lettered in both sports last year.

Gary is a member of the Junior Civitan Club, Spanish Club, Fellow-

ship of Christian Athletes, Safety Club, Student Council, and also contributes to the Telstar sports section as a staff writer.

When an opportunity for spare time affords itself, Gary enjoys hunting and fishing. He is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Omega fraternity and a member of Ingleside Methodist Church.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutcheson, Gary spent his first two years of high school at Lanier High in Macon. Commenting on High School at Mark Smith, Gary said, "I think the school, its faculty, and student body is the best in the county."



Buck Blum... 10th grader is issue's Sr. High Spotlight Student.

Buck Blum

Sr. High Spotlight Student

Buck Blum has been chosen as Senior High Spotlight Student for this issue of the Telstar.

Buck is a sophomore at Mark Smith, and this year will play B team basketball and baseball. His first two years at Mark Smith, he played eighth and ninth grade basketball and baseball.

Along with his versatile abilities in athletics, Buck is an excellent and capable student. He maintains an A and B average, and has been invited to the Honors Banquet every year he has been at the Mark Smith. For our annual, the Markster, Buck serves as a junior assistant editor, and works as staff

writer for our school newspaper, Telstar. Also, last year Buck was a semi-finalist in the annual Mr. Mark Smith contest.

Bucks outside activities include being a member of the Mulberry Methodist Church. He also is a member of AKO fraternity. In his spare time he enjoys hunting and sports in general.

Buck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloch Blum and resided with them at 1227 Nottingham Drive.

Bucks says, "I have enjoyed Mark Smith very much, and look forward to finishing my high school education here."

Joseph N. Neel Co.

The Squire Shop is back to school headquarters for Izod shirts and sweaters, Arnold Palmer sweaters, Gold Cup socks, Bass Weems, Gant shirts and woolsters, Pendleton jackets and shirts, and London Fog outerwear.

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Mike Kitchens

Mike's Dog Bone

On August 18, 1969 the Mark Smith Bulldogs began practice to prepare for the 1969 season and especially their opening game with Ballard Hudson. The first week of practice consisted of mainly conditioning and a learning period. Practice was held twice a day in order to achieve top condition.

During the second week instead of venturing to camp in North Carolina as usual the Bulldogs decided to stay at home and practice on their own field. The Coaching staff felt as though they could get more done this way by practicing twice a day in full pads and still have access to the school's facilities.

Also during this week the Bulldogs elected their captains to lead them throughout the season. Because of the very close voting, four Captains were chosen for the job instead of the usual two. Called on to lead their team were Mike Kitchens, John Skalko, Dirk Thomas, and Stephen Bailey. All of these boys have previously started for the Bulldogs and have a great ability to lead.

Finally the big week had rolled around at last. It was now time to test the hard work of the Bulldogs against a supposedly strong Ballard Hudson, who had defeated the 'Dogs 18-0 in last year's opener.

Enthusiasm and spirit was aroused in the midst of the student body as well as in the players. Almost 6,000 fans came and witnessed the Massacre of the Bulldogs rolled 31-8. The 'Dogs proved to everyone that they were going to be tough to handle in the days to come.

The following week the Bulldogs journeyed to Columbus to meet the Jordan Redjackets. The 'Dogs were favored and expected to win. But

two mistakes in the opening period cost the Bulldogs fourteen points. The Dogs cranked up their offense and stiffened their defense and went on to score fourteen quick points to tie the game up at 14-14. The Bulldogs had a chance to score again but failed to take advantage of the opportunity.

For the next two weeks the Dogs faced nothing but hard luck. They engaged the powerful Posts and were defeated 36-6. After practicing hard all week they were ready to take on Columbus. The Dogs staged a tremendous defensive effort and had a couple of chances to score, but their offense failed in time of desperate need because of costly penalties time and time again.

Things were bound to change and they did as the powerful Bulldogs came back the next week and crushed east Macon rival, Appling 17-0. This was the first shutout of the season for Coach Finley's Mad-Dogs.

Homecoming was in the air and everyone was excited over all the proceedings. To add to the confusion, Henderson Stadium was condemned and the game had to be rescheduled to Friday afternoon at Porter Stadium. Despite all this the Homecoming was a great success as the Bulldogs came on to defeat Carver 7-0. This boosted the 'Dogs record to 3-2-1 and gave them their second shutout of the season.

Coach Minton Williams Bulldogs have worked very hard to achieve their success so far and will even work harder in weeks to come to reach even greater success. All I can say is that everyone better be aware of those "Maladjusted Bulldogs."

JMK



The Smith backfield in action; Thomas, Johnson, Bonifay, and Hutcheson.

Dogs Trounce Ballard Hudson In Opener 31-8

A rough Mark Smith defense, combined with an excitingly strong offensive attack, completely drowned Ballard-Hudson Friday night as the ever-present Dog's slated a region 2AAA victory by rolling to a 31-8 victory over the Tigers at Porter Stadium.

A crowd of 5,500 witnessed a Bulldog 24-0 half-time advantage and easily tied the victory.

After the B-H opening kick-off, which Alfred Johnson carried to the 32, quarterback Tommy Weber guided the Red and Black on a 68 yard touchdown drive.

An 11 yard pass from Weber to Johnson started the march. Dirk Thomas, a veteran Bulldog, chalked off runs of 15 and 13 yards before shifty Alfred Johnson sprinted for 12 and 15 more.

With 9:25 remaining in the first quarter, Johnson bulled in from the two to put the Dogs out front 6-0. Cam Bonifay came in and did his "I point thing" to make it 7-0.

Following the kick-off, the Smith mad dog defense gave the Bulldogs another scoring opportunity. When big John Skalko and Mike Kitchens blitzed the Tigers on a punt attempt and created a fumble which was recovered at the 33. The Dogs failed to move the ball but seconds later a blocked punt gave Smith the ball at the 19.

The Bulldogs moved to the 13 to find a stiffening B-H defense. Bonifay once again entered the game on a 4th down situation and the place-kicker was true on a 27 yard field goal making it 10-0 with 11:34 remaining in the half.

After the half the Maroon Tigers finally managed to cross the goal against the rugged Smith defenders. This along with a successful 2 point conversion brought the score to 24-8.

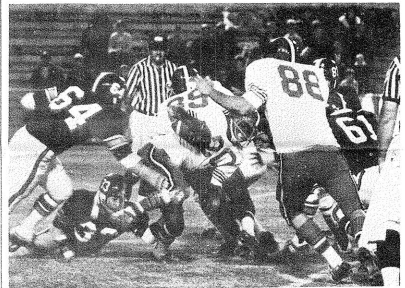
The Dogs struck back quickly on a 11 yard scoring drive moving the ball entirely on the ground. Bonifay's PAT was good and the score

stood 31-8 as it did when the final whistle sounded.

Head Coach Williams said after the game "We wanted to establish

our running game early and Weber did an outstanding job."

It was a great opening game victory for the Bulldog gridders.



Alfred Johnson brought down after gain, Mike Kitchens looks on.

Gridders Battle Jordan To A 14-14 Deadlock

The Mark Smith Bulldogs battled back after the Jordan Red Jackets had scored two touchdowns after only twelve plays, to succeed in tying the game.

With the score 14-0 with only six minutes gone in the first quarter, the stunned Bulldogs got together and pushed over a score late in the first period and then drove 70 yards in the third period for a second tally. A two-point conversion pass from Alfred Johnson to John Skalko enabled the Bulldogs to gain a tie.

In the fourth period the Bulldogs had to put on a goal line stand at the four yard line to stop the Red Jackets from scoring. They promptly took the ball and drove

the ball all the way back to the Jordan eight before losing the ball on a fumble.

Alfred Johnson, a 142-pound junior, was the outstanding back on the field as he gained a total of 102 yards on the ground in 23 carries. The other Bulldogs backs carried 26 times for 76 yards.

Jordan's first score came on a 64-yard run by Bowers which climaxed a 59 yard drive. Schofield, the leader rubber for Jordan, scored the second touchdown on a 64-yard romp.

This was the first year that Mark Smith didn't lose to the fierce Red Jackets. The previous scores have been 14-10, 21-0, and 24-16, since their rivalry began.

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Columbus Sneaks By Smith, 12-0

Mark Smith fought a brilliant defensive battle with the favored Columbus Blue Devils for three quarters before bowing 12-0, in a non-region game.

The tremendous defensive effort of Mark Smith wasn't matched by much offense. Each time a drive started to develop a crippling fumble or pass interception would end it.

Alfred Johnson, Mark Smith's young running sensation, led the rushing department for the Bulldogs, rolling up 42 yards in 12 attempts. Dirk Thomas covered 14 yards in seven tries.

Mark Smith received a golden opportunity when the snare center sailed high over the Columbus kicker's head. But he was able to get off a beautiful punt, deep behind the scrimmage line although officially carrying only five yards.

With 53 seconds left in the third period, Brian McDavid recovered a Columbus fumble at the Devil's 11-yard line.

In the two tries Gary Hutcheson put the 'Dogs on the five yard line, but a fifteen yard penalty blunted the thrust. A 38-yard field goal by Cam Bonifay was wide as the fourth quarter started.

After a Columbus touchdown, the Bulldogs made two first downs on the running of Johnson and Hutcheson plus a 13-yard completion from Weber to Bonifay.

But again, a crippling penalty nullified a big gain by Jimmy Mitchell. A Columbus interception took the steam out of Smith and they marched to their final touchdown.

The Bulldogs are now 1-2-1 for the season.

Bulldogs Name Four As Captains of Squad

The 1969 Bulldogs' elected their captains during the pre-season practice sessions. They selected four outstanding players for this honor. They are as follows: John Skalko, Mike Kitchens, Stephen Bailey, and Dirk Thomas.

John is a two-year letterman and has participated in the grid program since the eighth grade. He plays offensive tackle and defensive line-backer on this year's team.

Mike Kitchens plays defensive tackle and offensive end on the squad. He is also another two year letterman. Mike and John will be the only three year lettermen after this year's season.

Stephen Bailey lettered last year and plays offensive tackle and defensive end for the Dogs. He is noted for his great hustle in games as well as during practice.

Dirk Thomas, who has also earned one previous letter on the team, plays defensive linebacker and offensive fullback.

All four of the boys are members of Beta Honorary, a great tribute to their ability off the field as well as on it. They have served as an

inspiration for the other players on the team and the student body during the pep rallies.



It's Alfred again on another gain.

Big Orange Crushes Smith's Game Bulldogs

Lanier's Big Orange combined a tremendous defense, plus the deadly passing of quarterback Mike Faulk to roll to a 36-6 Region 2-AAA East victory over the Mark Smith Bulldogs at Henderson Stadium on November 19th.

But the Bulldog defense did manage to limit the Poet's star running back Isaac Jackson to 84 yards in 18 carries.

Mistakes and penalties plagued both teams, especially the Bulldogs. The Lanier offense proved to be too tough for the young Smith defenders as they scored almost at will against the Dogs, rolling up a 22-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter the Dogs got their first 1st down as Tommy Weber hit Cam Bonifay for 49

yards but the Dogs were unable to score as Andy Summers picked off a Weber pass on the Poet's five yard line.

Following Joel Willis' punt, Smith marched 39 yards for their first and only score of the night. Big plays were a Weber-to-Bonifay aerial for 27 yards and Dirk Thomas' 11 yard run. Alfred Johnson took it over from the three yard line and the score stood 29-6.

Coach Minton Williams commented after the game, "We were in the hole after the first half and Lanier just overpowered us physically. We could not generate any offense, although Bonifay looked good catching the ball.

The initial period was a defensive struggle with Appling's big line keeping the Bulldogs in check.

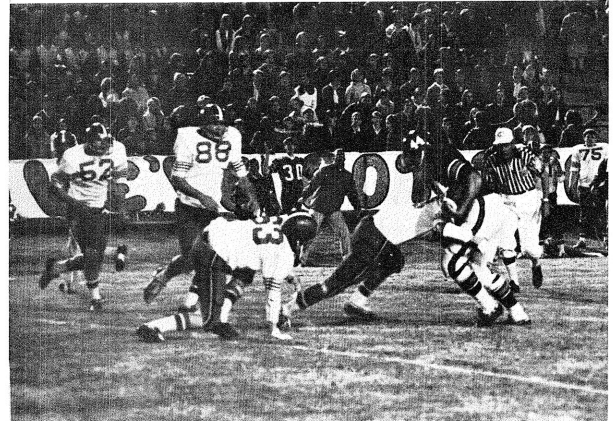
The Bulldogs broke through in the second period with McDaniel's recovering a fumbled fair catch at the 24. Seven plays later Bonifay connected with Dirk Thomas for 14 yards and the T.D. Bonifay's kick was perfect, giving the Bulldog's a 7-0 edge.

Again electing to kick onside, the Bulldog's McDaniel recovered at the 50. After driving 47 yards in seven plays, Thomas plunged over from the 3 for his second touchdown. Once again Bonifay's kick was true and the 'Dogs led 14-0.

Two series later, McDaniel, the Appling quarterback, overshot his receiver and offered Johnson returned his pass 48 yards for the

44 finds the going rough as Smith defenders close in.

Bulldogs Blank Appling 27-0



third Smith marker. Bonifay again converted giving the 'Dogs a 21-0 halftime lead.

Shortly after the beginning of the third quarter, Steve Bailey recovered an Appling fumble and set the Bulldogs up at the 45. Six plays later Bonifay passed ten yards to Mike Kitchens for the final score. Bonifay's kick was wide, putting the final score on the board at 27-0.

Appling came close to scoring in the fourth period but the Mad Dogs held firm at the 3 yard line.

The Bulldog defense was led by Billy Cox and Jimmy McDaniel's, both having a busy night. The offense on the other hand was led by the hot passing of Bonifay and the superb running of Alfred Johnson and Dirk Thomas.

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October 10th - Homecoming



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"The Sweet Younguns" work out at the dance after the game.



Bonnie and her court, l. to r.: Dennis Sapp, Girlie Lee, Bonnie Green, Robert Stamps, Cathy Skinner, and Richard Peek.



Gary Hutcheson, No. 33, "does his thing" on Carver foe.

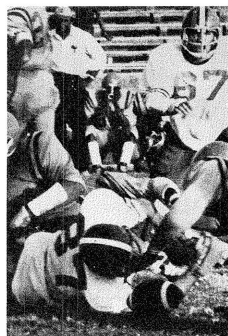
Smith Bounces Carver

Tremendous defensive play along with an opening inside kick, which resulted in the only score, put the Bulldogs in the winners column against Carver 7-0 in their Homecoming game.

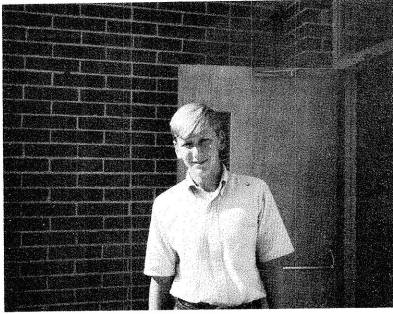
The Dog's Alfred Johnson recovered an inside kick on the initial kickoff, at the forty-five. It took the Bulldogs ten plays to cash in on this drive. Alfred Johnson went in from the seven to score the only T.D. of the night.

Two series later the Bulldogs pushed into Carver Territory on a 16-yard pass from Bonifay to Mike Kitchen, but a fumble stopped the threat. The rest of the game the ball changed from the hands of one team to the other. The Bulldogs fumbled on several key drives, but it failed to hurt them as seven points seemed to tame the Tigers.

John Skalko and Alfred Johnson, along with the entire defensive secondary led the Bulldog defense. Skalko dropped the Carver quarterback for several key losses. Johnson intercepted one pass in the end zone and knocked down another almost sure T.D. pass. The defensive secondary didn't allow a single pass to be completed except those received by Dirk Thomas, Alfred Johnson, and Tommy Byrd. The final score was 7-0, the Mad Dogs second shutout of the season.



John Skalko, No. 87 forces Carver fumble.



David Wilson... Jr. High Spotlight Student.

Junior High Spotlight Student

David Wilson has been chosen as our first Junior High Student this year. A ninth grader at Mark Smith David participates vigorously in school activities. Last year, he played football, basketball, and baseball for our eight grade teams. This year, David will be active on our ninth grade basketball and baseball teams.

In the classroom, as well as on the playing field, David displays his talents by maintaining an A and B average in all subjects. Also, here at Mark Smith, David is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletics.

Just as David is outstanding at Mark Smith, so was he too, during his grammar school career at Walter P. Jones, where he made excellent grades, and played all three sports. Outside of school, David is a member of the Shurlington United Methodist Church, where he is Vice-President of the MYF. During his spare time he enjoys golf and swimming.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Wilson, Jr. and resides with them and a brother, Steve, also of Mark Smith, at 2339 Kensington Rd. We are proud to have David as a part of our student body.

Jr. High Math Council Is Formed; Donates Bench, Tree

The Junior High Math Council presented a concrete bench and a Chinese elm tree to the school. These are to be placed in the break area in back of the building in cooperation with a new plan in which all the clubs are hoped to participate.

The Council consists of the following Math Clubs: Numbers Anonymous, with Sam Swygert as president, Rusty Hill as vice-president, Terry Price as secretary, Paul Carter as treasurer, Davis Lee as program chairman, and Wally Chafin as Sargeant at Arms; The Roman Numerals, with Dewey Greene as president, Steve White as vice-president, Marty Poier as secretary, Pat Berry as treasurer, and Bobby Henderson and David Foster as program chairmen; The Metrics, with Edward Berg as president, Peyton Massey as vice-president, Chip Ridley as secretary, Pat Goodrich as treasurer, and Chuck Bundy, Tommy Bedingfield, and Derek Darity as program chairmen; The Odd Squad with Ed Eschmann as president, Steve Lynn as vice-president, Joey Justice as secretary, Richard Perry as treasurer, and Randall Oxley and Ken Kitchens as program chairmen; and the Mathe-



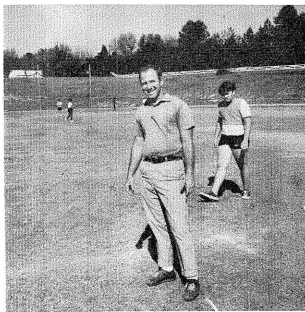
Jr. High Math Council Officers I. to r.: Sam Swygert, Ed Eschmann, Ed Berg, Dewey Green, Tommy Smith, and Miss Clements.

maticians, with Tommy Smith as president, Dale Harrison as vice-president, Mike Tarver as secretary, Keith Harrison as treasurer, Mike White as program chairman, and Glynn Kelly as council representative.

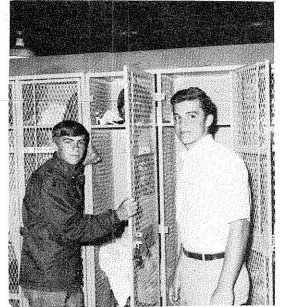
The clubs meet twice a month and the Council every six weeks.

To create and maintain interest in mathematics is the main purpose of the clubs.

The programs consist of mathematical brain teasers, puzzles, and games, such as the manipulation of the slide rule, which will be very useful and interesting in years to come.



Coach Schoychild headed up "B" Team Gridders.



Two outstanding B team players... Randy Pittman and Jay Hawkins.

Jr. High Students Go Co-ed!

Since our school system is constantly striving for co-education, our present junior high school students are the ones most likely to be affected by changes to take place in the future. Upon asking some of them what their opinions were on co-education and our present school situation, this is what they had to say:

Stephen Kitchens-9th-"I think we have a fairly good situation at Mark Smith, but I think boys would behave better if there were as many girls boys."

Gordon Oxley-9th-"I think we could go completely and make Mark Smith the senior high and Lasseter the junior high or vice-versa. Co-education would give boys and girls more of a chance to meet each other."

Ken Montjoy-9th-"I went to a co-ed before I came here and I looked forward to coming to school with the girls and also made better grades. The atmosphere in a co-ed situation is just better."

Ed Cagle-9th-"All the grammar schools are co-ed, so I think we could make all high schools that way. Of course, we couldn't make a sudden change, because it would cost too much money, but that's what we should strive for."

8th, 9th, and "B" Team Gridders End Season

Coach Smith, who heads up the eighth grade football team, had a great deal of praise for these youthful gridders. "If one looks at only our record, they may feel like we had a poor season; but I think we gained a great deal of valuable experience this year that will be very valuable in future years here at Mark Smith. "He further added, "The boys that stayed out showed great determination and I can truthfully say they never lacked in spirit and the desire to win."

Singled out by Coach Smith for outstanding play during the season were the quarterback, Tommy Smith, Joe Caine, a running back, Steve Weekly, defensive noseman, and Curtis Stevens a defensive end.

Weekly suffered a broken wrist at the last of the season.

Hopes run high among the coaches that the eighth graders will provide the spark for winning years in the future seasons.

Three ninth graders were singled out for their outstanding play. They were Al Pollard, Randy Pittman, and Otis Dupree.

The Smith "B" Team finished their season up on October 30th with a great 20-8 victory over the Lanier Poets. The other games were as follows:

Smith 8, Griffin 18
Smith 8, Lanier 27
Smith 20, Warner Robins 6
Smith 6, Warner Robins 22

Some of the outstanding "B" Team players cited by Coach Mel Schoychild were Ricky Hilton, defensive and wing back, Jay Hawkins, running back and defensive end, Tony Henderson, running back, Bob Peacock, linebacker, Bill Colvin, defensive tackle and offensive guard, and also Randy Pittman, the 9th grade and "B" Team quarterback.

Coach Schoychild had this to say about the season, "I think that if you beat Lanier, no matter what your season record is, you've had a great season."

With most of this year's varsity graduating, the "B" Team players of this year will make up the varsity next year.

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Markseter Staff Has First Shipment Sent

The Annual Staff has been hard at work since school opened and has already sent the first shipment of the 1970 Markseter to Taylor Publishing Company in Atlanta.

The Markseter Staff this year is made up of: Editors—Donna Dumas, Jag Gholson; Associate Editors—Cathy Skinner, Ken Pyles; Classes Editors—Cathy Rice, Lydia Mitchum, James Barlow; Organizations Editors—Pat Crumley, Minton Williams; Sports Editors—Linda Heardman, Cam Bonifay; Assistant Sports Editor—David Lee, Copy



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The Annual Staff is preparing to put on a skit Wednesday, November 5, to encourage annual sales. The skit is very amusing and promises to be most entertaining.

Hit Songs This Issue

1. Wedding Bell Blues.....Ricky Churchwell
2. A Boy Named Sue.....Jay Hawkins
3. Mind, Body, & Soul.....Fred Brauneck
4. I'll Never Fall In Love Again.....Ricky Coleman
5. Up On Cripple Creek.....Charlie Anderson
6. Let A Man Come In And Do The Popcorn.....Alfred Johnson
7. Honky Tonk Woman.....Miss Persons
8. Make Your Own Kind Of Music.....Mr. Barnett
9. Lay Lady Lay.....Eddie Peacock
10. That's The Way Love Is.....Cam Bonifay
11. Little Woman.....Miss Otero
12. Jesus Is A Soul Man.....Gary Hutcheson
13. So Good Together.....Co-ed Morning Break
14. I Can't Get Next To You.....Henry Koplin
15. Suspicious Mind.....Dennis Howell



Mike Kitchens receives ring from Coach Meeks.

Class of 1970 Receives Rings

The 1970 Senior rings arrived on September 24 to the delight of the seniors. This year's Senior Class being the first class to go all the way through Mark Smith, received a slightly larger ring than those of the past years.

Coach Meeks, presented the first senior ring to Mike Kitchens, the President of the Senior Class, at a special assembly for the seniors. Afterwards, individual seniors were in the office all day long trying to

get their ring.

The rings were made by Balfour, Inc. and are of finest quality. This year there were many added features that could be put on a ring if desired by an individual, such as a carved backstone, gold engraving and many different color stones.

The rings are, of course, precious materials but the true value of them lies in what they stand for to each senior. And indeed they should be proud to be a senior at Mark Smith High School.

Profile In Literature

Walt Whitman

"There was a child went forth every day,
And the first object he look'd upon, that object he became
And that object became a part of him for the day, or a certain part
of the day,
Or for many years or for stretching cycles of years.....all became
part of him..."

excerpt from *There Was a Child Went Forth*

by Walt Whitman

The evolution of a personality is a fluid continuous process induced by all that touches the child. Whitman's principal work, *Leaves of Grass* itself undergoing ten revisions during Whitman's lifetime, 1819-1892 is Walt Whitman and his world. Together they evolved through the influences upon his personality.

Whitman never ventured far from Long Island, where he was raised on a farm. At an early age he learned the printing trade, thus moving into his journalistic period, and advanced rapidly to the position of editor which he held on several reputed publications. During this period, his works were basically sentimental, conventional, or journalistic; of these none showed any literary promise. But even at this time Whitman expressed a love for the outdoors and the common man, as was his "rough" way. Gradually, in quest of education, Whitman became well founded in the classics and contemporaries of literature and philosophy.

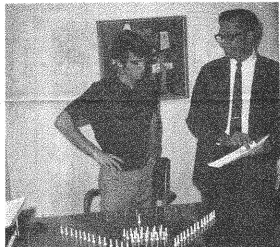
He then moved into his period of dandyism in which he was fussy about the cut of his clothes and attended all the society arts. But there were shifting scenes of life as he roamed the streets of Long Island absorbing the color and motion of life, again seeking out the common man.

Upon becoming a habitude of Pfaff's Restaurant, Whitman evolved into his Bohemian era. Whitman's convictions slowly solidified under this influence, and he began experimenting with new styles of poetry, seeking to attain a freedom of expression necessary to express his Bohemian ideals. Presently a fresh prosodic form emerged, a form without rhyme or strict meter, which Whitman derived from the Hebrew poetry in the Bible. Along with this new style, Whitman created a new personality in which he wished to be universal, to transcend the words on paper, and to be the projection of man incarnate and complete. This new image was of "Walt Whitman" a "rough" posed nonchalantly in work clothes.

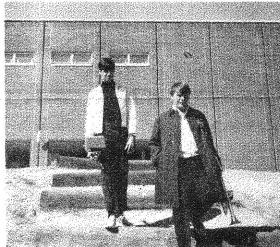
The first edition of *Leaves of Grass*, a sign of Whitman's inner growth but by no means the scene of his final development, retained its title and basic meaning throughout its ten revisions. During the rest of his life, Whitman and *Leaves of Grass* evolved together. The war brought death and sorrow closer to his being. His close ring of fervent admirers elated his ego, while his lack of success with his common people, because of his conventionally unpoetic verse and frank, naked subject matter, dejected him. Whitman desperately attempted to touch these common people but he failed to do so. Then in 1892 after announcing his tenth or posthumous edition of *Leaves of Grass* Walt Whitman, who in old age retained his faith in the beauty of death—death in close association with life—and who was "unafraid before a blade of grass," made his final evolution.

"...This became part of that child who went forth every day, and who now grows, and will always go every day."

by Dennis Howell



Band Major Steve Heath and director Earle Barnett discuss plans for band.



Stan Rosen and Jimmy Coleman attended FSU Music Camp this past summer.

Smith Band Members Stay Busy During The Summer

For some of the Mark Smith Band members last year never ended. Even before the Class of '69 officially graduated members of the band were rehearsing for their part in the Macon Little Theatre's summer production of "The Music Man." Members of our band completed the "River City Boy's Band" in the climax of "The Music Man." Those members were David Perry, Randy Reid, Chris Hudson, Ken Johnson, Ben Bolton, Gary Bohannon, Mike Bohannon, David Gordon and Davis Lee. Steve Heath, Guy Ingram and Charles Goguen played in the pit orchestra. Mr. Bill Wilson, former director of the Laster High Hatters, also played in the orchestra. But the "Buildup" Band director stole the show. Mr. Earle Barnett was music director for the musical show. He had a great responsibility being in charge of all musical numbers and did a splendid job.

Two band members, Stan Rosen and Jimmy Coleman, attended the Florida State University Summer Camp in Tallahassee, Florida. The boys stayed 5 weeks, practicing and attending classes with a concert on the last night.

During the week of August 3-8 the Mark Smith Majorettes attended the Dixie Twirl-O-Rama camp at Woodward Academy in Atlanta and took several high honors. Gold medals were given for being tops in an individual class. Donna Harris, captain of the Smith majorettes, brought two gold medals back home and Theresa Asbell returned with one. Bronze medals were given on completion of 20 basic twirls. Donna Harris, co-captain Dorinda Gilmore, Theresa Asbell, Marsea Beasley, Connie Adams, Paula Neisler, and Margaret Miller earned bronze medals. Captain Donna Harris received a trophy for best intermediate dance twirl and was a nominee for Miss Dixie Twirl-O-Rama which is an award for the most outstanding twirler of the week.

On August 20 the entire band met in the Mark Smith Band March. The buses stopped at Piedmont Park, Lenox Square and the Varsity. The band then assembled at West Peachtree and Mills Street and marched down Peachtree onto Marietta Street and disbanded at Cone Street. The reviewing stand was in front of the Regency Hyatt

House. This parade was the first time our band had marched after dark. It was a new experience to have music lighted by neon lights, street lights, and lights from signs. It was almost like walking in a valley, with the many huge skyscrapers looming overhead. The parade was over for our band about 12:30 A.M. It was now Tuesday, August 26, and to celebrate the buses met the band and took them to a nearby Krystal. The buses arrived back at old MSH at 3:00 A.M.

Now with the parade over, Mr. Barnett concentrated practice on the first half-time show for the football game against Ballard Hudson in September. The band and majorettes worked hard to perfect the very first show of the new season. In that show, the band did a precision drill routine to "Marching the Mambo." This is the routine the band did in last years Knoxville Dogwood Festival in April.

Our band plans to perform at all the football games, even those out of town. The band has good outlook for this season. The band has greater spirit and hope than has ever been felt before.