

Mystery of The '69-'70 Year : Which School, How, And When?

The year 1969-70 will long live in the memories of those who were in school in the Bibb county system. Along with the routine happenings of a school year, there has been added a perplexity as to what school a student will attend due to the recent court rulings on desegregation.

At the beginning of January, this situation first came to light as the Supreme Court ruled that the schools must so change so that a "60-40" ratio of white to black students would be achieved. The pro-

posed plan to do this was to make the high schools of Macon four major complexes.

But at the last minute, District Judge W. A. Boothe handed down an order that stated "freedom of choice" could continue to be the plan by which the attendees of the high schools were selected. Thus students thought that they would continue at their present school.

Shortly after this statement, the higher courts once again ruled Judge Boothe out of order and once again stated that the complex must

be once again put into work. They set up another deadline of February 16th.

Yet the students have still not been transferred because the Board of Education asked for and was granted an indefinite delay due to the impossibility of meeting the deadline. Now the only deadline is before the end of the school year.

So for the present, we are still students of Mark Smith High School; but for how long, no one really knows.



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Candidate Jag Gholson answers question.



Mr. Meeks crowns Alfred as Mr. Mark Smith.

Johnson Crowned Mr. Mark Smith

Alfred Johnson was crowned Mr. Mark Smith by Mr. Meeks in front of a special Lasseterite assembly on January 23, 1970.

Alfred is a fine selection for the title, representing Mark Smith well in the field of sports. He excels in everything he attempts. Winning the State AAA Hing Jump Championship, in which he jumped 6'4" as a sophomore, and becoming one of the leading ground gainers in the region in football, exemplifies this. Alfred has recently performed well on Smith's State AAA Championship Basketball team.

Finishing as first-runner-up in the Mr. Mark Smith Contest, was Jag Gholson. Jag is a well-rounded student and an excellent athlete at Mark Smith. He is a member of the Junior Civitan Club, French Club, and the Math Club, and president of the Beta Club. Jag is also Editor of the "Markster," the school annual, a Senior Supersative, and participates on the varsity basketball and track squads.

The contest all began with the election of candidates and selection of campaign managers. They were as follows: Seniors, Jag Gholson and Cathy Stephens and David Lee and Cookie McKinney; Juniors, Alfred Johnson and Lydia Mitchum and Jimmy Greene and Gertie Lee; Sophomore, Brent Pyles and Jackie Holton and Jimmy Cane and Judy Beddingfield; Freshmen, Johnny Edwards and Pam Skinner and Randy Pittman and Debbie Carr; and Sub-Freshmen, Stewart Brown and Fran Grant and David Howard and Connie Colhard.

A week of campaigning followed, with the campaign managers collecting money for their candidates. This served a two-fold purpose. It decided the five semi-finalists and collected over two hundred dollars for the Senior class.

Finally, the five finalists, Jag Gholson, Alfred Johnson, David Lee, Jimmy Cane, and David Howard were presented to a special assembly in the Lasseter cafeteria.

The judges for the contest were Debbie Beck, LeVane Paramore, Sis Meeks, Debs Meeks, and Mary Williams, as Jeannie Cagle was the emcee for the program.

The campaign managers started the program reciting poems or performing skits on why their candidates should be Mr. Mark Smith. Lydia Mitchum even sang a song about Alfred Johnson to end her successful campaign.

Next the five finalists were asked individual questions. Alfred's was as follows: "Your name is Durwood. Everytime you go to your girlfriend's house, her father calls you Deadwood. What would you do? He promptly replied, "I'd excuse his ignorance and call him Herman."

After all the candidates had answered their questions, the five judges went into seclusion.

Gertie Lee then presented Mr. Meeks with the "Daddy Bulldog" Award and at the same time, Mr. Meriwether received an award from Jeannie Cagle for his services to Mark Smith and Lasseter as their official photographer.

After a time the judges returned and handed an envelope to Jeannie Cagle. She then opened it and announced Jag Gholson as the first first-runner-up.

The tension mounted as Jeannie started to announce the winner. With the announcement and crowning by Mr. Meeks of Alfred Johnson, the crowd went wild and so ended another Mr. Mark Smith Contest.

Last year's Mr. Mark Smith winner was Scott Judd. He was preceded by others, such as J. W. McKinnie and Billy Kilgore. All the winners went on to prove they were truly representatives of Mark Smith in college. With the success the Mark Smith and Lasseter student bodies have had with choosing a good example of Mark Smith, they shouldn't have to worry about Alfred.

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New faculty teachers L. to R., Mr. Hill, Mrs. Epps, Mr. McDonell, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. McElroy, Mr. Daniely.

Faculty Changes Made February 1st

As a result of a court order handed down by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to Judge W. A. Boothe, some faculty changes took place at Mark Smith in order to achieve a 60-40 ratio between white and black teachers.

Mrs. A. L. Epps has taken over the librarian position at Smith. Coming from Peter G. Apppling Senior, Mrs. Epps says so far, she likes Mark Smith very much and finds the boys here very helpful and courteous. She attended Stephens Lee High School in Asheville, North Carolina and received her M.L.S. and B.S. degrees from Johnson C. Smith University, Columbia University, Tuskegee Institute, and Atlanta University. Residing with Mrs. Epps are her husband and son, Roy. She attends Tremont Baptist Church and her hobbies are bowling and photography.

Replacing Mrs. Priester in social studies is Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill attended high school at Holey Institute and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fort Valley State College. He enjoys all kinds of sporting activities. Mr. Hill attends Bethel Methodist Church and lives at 1971 Vining Circle with his wife Annie and four girls, Charlene, Anita, Leita, and Willette.

Coming from Apppling Junior, Mrs. Palmer has taken over the 9th grade English classes. She attended high school at Ballard Hudson and also received her B.S. degree from Fort Valley State College. Bowling and swimming are Mrs. Palmer's favorite hobbies. She attends the First Baptist Church and lives at 746 Ft. Hill Street.

Mr. McDowell, coming from Apppling Senior High, has taken over the vice-principal position, vacated by Mr. Avirett. He attended Grand High School in Charlotte, North Carolina. The many colleges and degrees Mrs. McDowell has received speak for themselves in his qualification for the job. He received his A.B. degree in guidance and counseling from South Carolina State, his administrative degree from the University of Georgia; and he also studied French at San Jose State University. Mr. McDowell attends St. Pauls Methodist Church and enjoys reading and all sports. He resides at 3214 Stratford Drive and says Mark Smith is just "fine."

The new junior high counselor, taking Mr. Eagle's place is Mr. Bobby McElroy. Coming from Lanier Senior High School, Mr. McElroy graduated from the original Lanier High School. He received his A.B. degree from Mercer and his Masters Education from the University of Georgia. Living with Mr. McElroy at 392 Alexandria Drive, are his wife, Anne, who is a music supervisor, and his four daughter, Marcia, Suzanne, Dawn, and Norma. Fishing, hunting, boating,

collecting guns, and operating the ham radio are his favorite hobbies. Mr. McElroy has these comments about Mark Smith, "Wonderful. You couldn't ask for a better bunch of boys. The things that impress me the most is the fact that the students have accepted me so readily."

Mr. Daniely, who formerly taught at Apppling Junior, has taken over Coach Bunn's place, teaching Social Studies. He attended high school at Chambersburg High in Pennsylvania and later at N.A. Hunt High School in Fort Valley, Georgia. Mr. Daniely then attended Fort Valley State College, where he received his B. S. degree. He lives at 2067 B. Merrywood Drive and attends the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Drawing, painting, bowling, swimming, reading and modern dancing are his favorite hobbies. Mr. Daniely says the students at Smith are very well behaved and the school itself, is very well organized.

"We hope all the new teachers will continue to enjoy Mark Smith and wish their knowledge and understanding will be passed on to their students successfully."



Shimmel Is STAR Student

Stephen Shimmel, one of this year's senior superlatives, was recently selected as star student from Mark Smith.

The selection, based on the student's academic ability, character, as well as his high score on the College Entrance Examination, enables him to be eligible to compete for city-wide and state-wide honors.

Stephen, since coming to Smith, has attended the Scholars Honors Banquet each year, while maintaining a straight "A" average. For this achievement, he was also tapped as a member of The Mark Smith Chapter of Beta Honorary.

A member of the wrestling team, Stephen also is a member of the Math Club and the annual staff at Smith.

He picked Mrs. Steck as his Star Teacher from Smith as she currently teaches him Pre-Calculus and has taught him various Math courses throughout his high school years.

Integration.... What Is Its Future?

"We had better all hang together, or we'll all hang separately." This statement used so accurately in our country's history to warn of impending doom without the cooperation of two factions, may be justly needed today to keep our country strong and free. In the present time, these two factions are the black and white populations of this country. If these two races can't live in harmony, the days of this country are numbered.

With the school situation bringing about much agitation and making many people displeased with school administrators, every person must be as tolerant and cooperative as possible.

The recent ruling of The Supreme Court, forcing integration is the cause of most of the existing strain in the relations between these two races.

Yet, indeed, there are advantages to even this, a forced integration. Naturally, when the two races become better acquainted, their relations will improve and the understanding between the two, will greatly increase. Theoretically, the main and most justifying advantage of the change is that the education of both the black and the white will be equal, with both receiving an intense and broad education in the future. Of course, this will not be possible immediately due to the confusion at schools and especially to the fact that those students who are behind, can't automatically catch up by changing schools.

But it is a satisfying thought to hope that someday, every American, black and white alike, will be judged only on their character and intelligence and to know that the days of position being filled just because of the color of the skin will be over.

Of course, as has already been mentioned, all aspects of this forced integration aren't on the plus side. Simply, that it is a forced integration, makes one tend to rebel. But we must overcome this natural human response and remember that this is a change that must occur, if harmony between the citizens of this great country is to come.

That the very theory of black and white children attending school together, is so new to us, is another reason for our slow acceptance of the idea.

This brings us to the part of the integration plan that seems most sensible. Why should this school year be completely disrupted and the remaining part of the year wasted, when it would be just as good if the change was made next September. There is no way that the change could be advantageous to any student, black or white, if it is made during this school year.

Many people feel that the mixing of black and whites socially, is the main disadvantage. And, indeed, it seems to be. But let us consider for a moment what happened in a similar situation in our country. One would doubt if any of the early pioneers of this country ever dreamed of socializing with the cruel, ignorant Indians, yet today a pure-blooded Indian is very hard to find. This isn't an endorsement of this for today's situation at all, it is only a reminder of what has happened previously in our history. Who knows what is to come and how public opinion may change?

We must all react to this new situation as mature, responsible citizens. This country was founded in the ideals of freedom and equal rights for every human. It is now facing a grave test of its strength and unity - a test to see if "this nation or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure." We must not lose!

Ken Pyles

The End

Another season is over, finished, a season which will be preserved only in the record books...and in the memories of a great bunch of fellows. Why would anyone remember such a hard grind and the physical punishment?

...running the mountain course until your lungs felt like bags on fire, the feel of sweat oozing from every pore and leaving a burning sensation in your eyes, the taste of blood from a nose or lip, getting your fingers jammed or ankle sprained.

...the agony of apewalks, oblique drills, sprints, and calisthenics, the throbbing lumps from elbows and fists, a hundred different practice drills designed to draw upon your innermost reserve of strength and force you to decide whether or not you really love the game.

...the cloud of dejection and self-crucifixion when you are jerked from the game, chewed out, and told to sit on the far end of the bench for failing to follow instructions.

All this physical and mental torture can be summed up in one word - pain. Just pure and simple pain!

So how can a guy tell you that he loves basketball, his fellow players, his coach, and everything else related to the game?

This is basketball at Mark Smith, the part which no one sees but the players a world in which the players could live forever.

The little world has come to an end. How can I explain the tears, lump, the loss of speech when you walk off the court for the last time? How it feels to turn in your equipment and look around the dressing room where you made dreams and talked of greatness, and then walk out the door - knowing that never again will you run in a 3:00 to suit up for practice?

The underclassmen can look forward to next year and a new season with new dreams. But for Charlie, David, Craig, Cam, and Minton there will be no next year, no more living, playing, and dreaming together. We know that we had our chance for greatness, because we know in our hearts that we stuck in there and we tried.

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Mark Smith Speaks

What do you feel would be the best way to settling the integration problem?

Debs Meeks— They should have used the H.E.W. plan in February. Jacki Holton— I don't think there is a problem.

Theresa Roby— I think they ought to leave it like it is.

Jerome Bowens— I think the people should do unto others as they would have other people do unto them and treat everybody as they want to be treated.

Susan Barber— Leave it just like it is now, I'm satisfied.

Margaret Pendleton— I think they should let everybody go to school where ever they want to go to school.

Pam Fowler— I believe "freedom of choice" is the best principal.

Fran Grant— Freedom of choice is the only legally and humanly just answer.

Ricky Churchwell— Freedom of choice is the only way.

Steve Bailey— I think freedom of choice is the only to please everyone.

Charlie Anderson— Make up their minds now, don't wait any longer.

David Frame— I feel the changing of teachers in the middle of the year, is unfair.

Chader Adams— I think the students should change schools in September. However, if the courts say to change beforehand - there isn't a question.

Mike Kitchens— I believe the schools should be totally segregated. They should be no form of integration.

Gary Hutcheson— In my opinion, forced integration is determined to the standards of freedom. Freedom to attend the school of one's choice should be accepted as a basic rule of democracy. Furthermore, I whole heartedly support segregated schools.

John Skalko— I think the freedom of choice plan should be endorsed in all public schools systems, not only in Bibb County and Georgia, but the entire country. The people of the black community had chances to go to predominantly white schools at the beginning of each school term but by their own choice, they chose to stay in their predominantly black schools. It is sad that a majority of the white and black are unhappy due to the suit brought against Bibb County schools by a small minority of the black people. It is also unfortunate that a small minority of the minority (black people) controls the court decisions not only those unfavorable to the majority of the white people, but also to the wants of the black community.

Freedom Of Choice Is The Best Method

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights: Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

That one sentence forms the basis upon which the greatest, most powerful nation in the world was conceived.

It symbolizes what the American flag stands for, it symbolizes what the American government stands for, and most important of all, it symbolizes what the American himself stands for.

To those who love their country, who have an immense feeling of pride for it; cold shiver runs through them when hearing it read aloud.

To them, it is beautiful, for it symbolizes God's greatest gift to the individual—freedom. Freedom—to indeed pursue their own happiness as long as they don't abuse the rights of others.

There are indeed many different types of freedoms. One mentioned most frequently today in conversation and in print is the "freedom of choice" concerning the public school a student wishes to attend.

The Supreme Court ruled that "freedom of choice" doesn't work, * that in effect, it is unconstitutional.

Upon what basis can they make such a statement? Besides, what is wrong with whites going to schools with whites, or colored students going to school with colored students, as long as they have chosen the school they wish to attend or have the power to change if they so desire.

This is the will of the people. One of the most famous Americans that ever summed it up well, calling our government one "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

These words of Abraham Lincoln's fit so well with the freedom of choice" problem. It is something that should be decided, not by eight men alone, nor by one attorney, nor even by a small group of people; but rather by the majority of the people.

The many telegrams, letters, demonstrations, and speeches by white and colored alike seem to be more than representative of the fact that the people of Bibb County desire to attend school under a "freedom of choice" plan.

So let the people be heard, and then, more important, be heeded. For if this is not done, then this nation of ours, as great as it may be, can become no greater. For its greatness comes from one principle, the same one it was founded on—freedom.

Lin Wood

Support The Bulldogs During Spring Sports

"In spring, a young man's fancy turns to women", as the old saying goes. Even on the journalism staff thought it would be a good time to also urge the students at Smith to continue their support of the Bulldogs' athletic endeavors in the spring as well as they have so far in the school year.

Too often we forget about the track contests, or the baseball games, the tennis matches, or even the golf matches. But our school has always had an excellent record in the spring sports.

The annual Len Clark Tournament will once again be held this year at Luther Williams Ball Park on March 30, 31, and April 1. The "Dog" "g" have never failed to place in this tournament, claiming two first places and two seconds. In a year which may prove to be the last for Mark Smith on the athletic field and the classroom, we urge all the students to go out and support the Bulldogs!!

Before closing, we would also like to congratulate the Smith cage team under the direction of Coach Minton Williams. Although not qualifying for the state finals this year, the Bulldogs made another tremendous showing all during the regular season and in the region tournament. Finishing second in the sub-region behind Ballard Hudson, the 'Dogs were defeated by the No. 1 ranked team in the state, Carver of Columbus. They ended this year with a sparkling 20-6 overall record and a two year record of 47-10.

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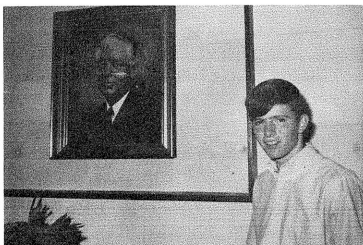
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Jr. And Sr. High Spotlight Students

Mike Waller has been selected as this issue's spotlight student from the senior high division.

Mike, who is presently a junior at Smith, has shown outstanding qualities as a leader in both the classroom and on the athletic field. Since coming to Mark Smith, he has maintained a straight "A" average. For this, Mike was tapped to the Smith chapter of Beta Honorary earlier this school year. He has also attended the Scholastic Honors Banquet, held at the end of the school term.

Other than Beta Club, Mike is a member of the French Club, the

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a member of the Marketer Annual Staff.

Mike runs the half mile and the mile for the Smith track team and last year participated in the basketball program.

In his spare time, he enjoys participating in all organized sports and he also does a lot of running in his free moments.

Mike resides at 1979 Fairway Drive with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carey H. Waller.

When asked to give his opinion of Mark Smith, Mike said, "It's a very fine school and you can get a

lot out of it if you put something into it."

Steve Lynn has been chosen as this issue's Junior High Spotlight Student.

A ninth grader, Steve is a very promising athlete. His activities the last two years in football can prove this.

Steve attended grammar school at Fort Hawkins, where he was a standout football player. He was also an outstanding student there, making all G's.

Since coming to Mark Smith, Steve has become very active in the New Junior High Math Council. He holds the office of vice-president in the Odd Squad. His scholastic acti-

vities at Fort Hawkins have carried over to Mark Smith, where he makes A's and B's.

Outside of school, Steve is a member of the Morningside Baptist Church and enjoys camping and fishing in his spare time.

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lynn and resides at 3591 Stallworth Drive. We wish Steve good luck at Mark Smith and are assured he will fit in perfectly with the student body in years to come.

Hit Songs This Issue

1. Bridge Over Troubled Waters.
— Sen. Edward Kennedy
2. Hooked On A Feeling.....
— Steve Heath
3. Come Together.....
— Supreme Court
4. What Now, My Love.....
— Board of Education
5. Gotta Whole Lot of Love.....
— Charlie Anderson
6. Gimme Just A Little More Time.....
— Judge W. A. Boothe
7. No Time Left For You.....
— 5th District Court of Appeals
8. Born To Be Wild.....
— James Barlow
9. Blowing Away.....
— Gary Evans
10. Hair.....
— Ricky Harris
11. Good Guys Only Win In The Movies.....
— Smith Cagers

Profile In Literature

Charles Dickens was one of the greatest English novelists, and the most popular writer of his time. He was born in 1812 and died in 1870. Dickens had a genuine love for people. He wrote mostly about the lower classes in England, but all classes read and enjoyed his books. His fifteen novels created many distinctive characters who became immortal in literature, and presented an unrivaled picture of England, especially London.

His imaginary characters seem more real to many people than the real characters of history. Dickens exposed the social wrongings of his time in his novels. His novels were responsible for many reforms in behalf of children and the poor. He has a keen eye for every detail of scene and behavior. Humor, absurdities, mystery, and tender pity characterize his works.

Dickens attacked what he believ-

ed were the most serious abuses of the poor. He described the sufferings of children realistically. Bleak House attacked the long-drawn-out law suits in the court of chancery. Little Dorrit showed the evils of the debtor-prison system. The vivid word pictures he created impressed his readers, and convinced many of them that such conditions had to be corrected.

A Christmas Carol was published shortly before Christmas in 1843. It sold six thousand copies on the first day. This little book has spread its glad influence throughout the world for more than one hundred years. Lord Jeffrey, Dickens' friend, once said that it had done more good than all the pulpits at Christendom. Novelist William Makepeace Thackeray declared that it was a national benefit and A. Edward Newton once called it "the best book of its kind in the world."

Dogtags

1. "I think that Craig Hertwig is the best defensive player I've ever seen.".....
— Fessor Leonard
2. "Now that I've got a racing stripe on my Corvair, I'm opening the door to all competition.".....
— Buck Blum
3. "It is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all.".....
— Peyton Masey
4. "I was tired of racing in my Z-28, so I bought me a car no one would even bother to run me in a SS 396.".....
— Jack Henderson



Mr. G. Lewis Wright, publication's advisor at Mark Smith.

Wright: A Dedicated Educational Leader

Mr. G. Lewis Wright, senior English teacher at Mark Smith, is one of the few original teachers remaining on the present faculty since the establishment of Bulldog Country five years ago.

A native of Atlanta, Mr. Wright attended Hapeville High School where he was active in all sports. He played quarterback on the football team and was named to the Tri-City All-Star squad, which was made up of players from Hapeville, College Park, and East Point.

After pitching on the baseball team, he was once again awarded all-star honors, being named to the Greater Atlanta All-Star team. He was offered a professional baseball contract but turned it down in favor of a college education.

Mr. Wright attended Mercer University where he earned his A.B. degree in Liberal Arts with a double major in English and Church history. While still an undergraduate at Mercer, he pitched for their baseball team.

In 1969, he earned his Master of Education degree from this same institution.

Before his arrival at Smith, Mr. Wright coached basketball at Lanier for two years and coached his teams to two championships. Desir-

ing to utilize his academic major, he made the transition from the athletic field to the classroom at Lanier Junior.

Since coming to Smith, Mr. Wright has earned the respect of the other faculty members as well as those students who have been taught by him. Without a doubt, he is one of the hardest working, most liked teachers at this school.

Among his duties at Mark Smith are that of advisor to both the student newspaper and the school annual, the Telstar and the Marketer; advisor to the Senior Class; head of the English department; founder and organizer of the Smith Scholastic Honors Banquet, and the first star teacher from Mark Smith.

Mr. Wright resides with his wife, the former Miss Jean Warner of Atlanta, (who teaches the fourth grade at J. Ellsworth Hall Elementary School), at 1665 Twin Pines Drive.

As for teaching in Macon, Mr. Wright had this to say, "With complete confidence in Bibb County's System of Education, its students and leaders...especially the administration at Mark Smith High, I have found a deep and rewarding experience."

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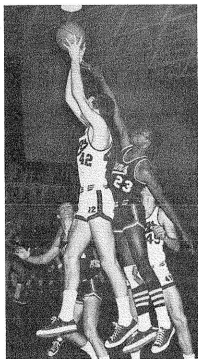
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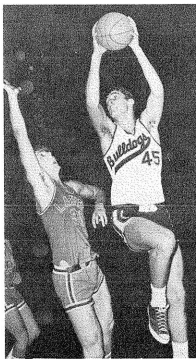
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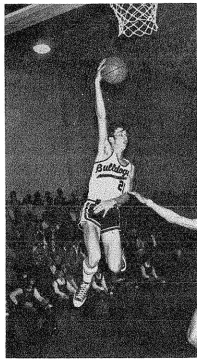
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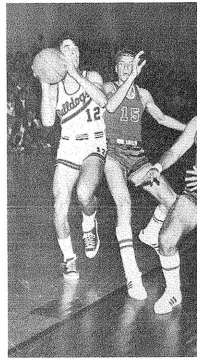
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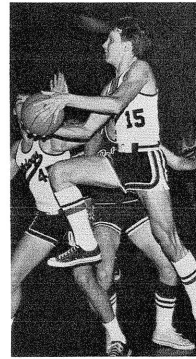
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Mike's Dog Bone

Four years and five months ago, 500 students entered the halls of Mark Smith High for the first time. Only one thought was ever-present on their minds, "to be number one." Boys of all types took to athletic fields to establish the tradition, which Mark Smith now owns. In four and one-half short years they accomplished feats which were deemed impossible by many. These boys proved that the "Bulldogs" were truly "Number 1".

As the Bulldogs took to the gridiron, they quickly proved their ability to be a top contender. They faltered only once during their first season, after compiling an outstanding 7-1 record.

Fresh from a successful football season, the Bulldogs took to the Basketball court. They compiled an excellent record for the first year, but they still needed to build. In all, the "Dogs showed great promise of things to come. And turning to baseball, where Mark Smith had really proven itself to be a potential powerhouse.

Remembering all these events brought sadness to them for they knew there could never be a year quite like this one. Never again would they experience the thrill of being new. But even greater things were just over the hills.

Now that the Bulldogs had established themselves as a top contender, they decided to take a big jump which brought about a lot of disbelief among many Maconites. Did Mark Smith really think they could survive in the ranks of 1-A-A-A competition? The experts gave the Bulldogs slim hopes in this the state's toughest region. But through an unbelievable determination to win they compiled a record that required no apologies. Just ask the Albany Indians, the Columbus Blue Devils to the so-called mighty "Liner Poets, who was the truly "Best?"



Three years of hard work had finally paid off, Mark Smith was now the State AAA Champions, in Basketball. The Impossible Dream that had been lingering in the air so long had finally come true. In three and a half short years the Bulldogs were state champs, and accomplishment some schools haven't achieved in thirty years. This was truly Mark Smith's greatest honor. The "Dogs Baseball team topped off the cake by completing its finest record in the history of the school. Summer had walked once more and school was dismissed.

Football again was in full view. This year the Bulldogs compiled their best record in AAA football, 6-3-1. This record could just as well been 9-1 if it had not been for a few mistakes. The 1969 gridgers was by far the best team ever to come out of Mark Smith. This season will live in the minds and hearts of many for years to come.

The defending State AAA Champion Bulldog's started off again this year with fire in their eyes, but a shameful obstacle lies in their way.

A decision handed down by the Supreme Court might shatter all hopes Mark Smith has left as a school.

What ever happens Mark Smith will always be in the memories of those who loved it and made it what it was. We would rather Mark Smith to be remembered for what it accomplished in these five short years. For as Mark Smith High dies we will die with it. We would have it no other way than to be true to the end. We can still cherish the old memories and good times we had. No one, not even the Supreme Court and the whole Federal Court can take our memories away from us. "GO BULLDOGS!"

JMK

Bulldog Cagers Place 3rd In Region Tourney; Finish 20-6

The Mark Smith Bulldogs ended a fantastic two year basketball reign with a third place in the Region 2-A-A-A Tournament, behind Carver of Columbus and Ballard Hudson.

Last year the Bulldogs finished first in the sub-region and came in second to Carver in the region enabling them to go to the state tourney. Then it was on to Albany to meet Monroe, the first place team of 1-A-A-A. After a nine point victory, the cagers journeyed to Atlanta to upset Beach, Price, and win a double overtime victory over Carver, 72-71. Their record ended with an impressive 27-4 chart followed this year by a 20-6 record.

Coach Minton Williams, coaching his second straight year with the cagers after a five year lay-off, stated, "We started slow, but improved as the season progressed. Our only mistake was being in the region with Carver and Ballard Hudson."

Smith was led all year by Charlie Anderson, a pre-season All-American pick. For the year Anderson scored 447 points, an average of 18.6 points a game and an average of 11.8 rebounds a game. Anderson also led the team in free throw percentage with 75.6 per cent.

David Lee and Cam Bonifay also had their best year in the Bulldog uniform as David led the team in field goal percentage with 63.1 per cent. He also gathered in an average of 10.2 rebounds per game. Bonifay

led the team in assists with 133 an average of 5.1 a game. He also contributed ten points a game.

Mark Smith led the region in defense only allowing 57.46 points per game. Most of the year the team used a man-to-man style which the players took great pride in. Even though playing powerful Carver and Appling, in the tournament the Bulldogs had a 56 points a game defensive average. The Bulldog hit only 44% from the field in the tournament, three points below their season average of 47%.

What's in store for next year? Well, the federal Government will have to decide...

by Cam Bonifay
Telstar Sports Writer

Team	Score
Albany	55-54
Baker	72-50
Ballard Hudson	60-74
Northside	75-66
Albany	71-89
Lanier	53-61
Willingham	85-58
Appling	88-68
Ballard Hudson	53-71
Warner Robins	84-59
Hardaway	63-35
Lanier	63-59
Northside	83-50
Willingham	74-52
Warner Robins	96-49
Ballard Hudson	66-70

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Wrestlers End Year

In the last few years, high school wrestling has become increasingly popular in the Middle Georgia area.

In a recent interview with the head wrestling coach Mel Schoychild, he made these comments on the past season, "It takes a special type of boy to wrestle in high school. One who is dedicated to the sport and determined to improve himself. During the years I've coached wrestling at Smith, I've found that these qualities are instilled in these boys. This year four of our wrestlers went to the State Tourney in Atlanta, Jimmy McDaniel, Steve Shimmel, Charlie Steck, and Robert Watson. Each boy gave a fine account of himself while McDaniel and Watson placed third in the state. These boys have shown great desire throughout the season and have proven to be a great asset, both to the school and to the sport."

Earlier in the year, Mark Smith was the host for the region wrestling tourney and also the Mark Smith Invitational Tournament.

by John Skalko
Telstar Sports Writer

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1970 promises to be the year for baseball at Mark Smith High. With twelve returning lettermen and a host of fine prospective players, the sport should see its finest season yet for the 'Dog's, with hopes of advancing into post-season play.

The returning lettermen are Gary Hutcheson, Ken Pyles, Mike Clark, John Skalko, Tommy Weber, Mike Kitchens, Cam Bonifay, Ricky Churchwell, Sammy Fussell, John Crosby, Mike Wood, and Lin Wood.

These twelve lettermen and fourteen new players comprise the twenty-six now practicing as the varsity squad. They have been practicing during sixth period since before the Christmas holidays. These practices consisted of weight-lifting and conditioning programs, as well as the actual baseball practice.

Coach Brown and his men began

practice two days a week after school the second week of February and beginning last Monday, now practice every afternoon until 5:30 or 6.

Coach Bobby Brown had this to say concerning the practices, "I am very pleased with the practices so far, and feel that we are further along with the fundamentals of the game than any of our teams have ever been before at this time of year. This is a great help because the time we save from not having to practice these fundamentals may be used for batting practice or on practicing the finer points of the game. We do need more practice in hitting at the present time."

Concerning the strongest point of the team, Coach Brown commented, "Our defense is the best in the city, the region, perhaps, even

the state." The players that make up the "million-dollar" infield are Mike Kitchens, 1st base, Cam Bonifay, 2nd base, Ricky Churchwell, shortstop, and Sammy Fussell at 3rd base. There is at least six excellent outfielders. Therefore, the three starters will be the "cream of the crop."

Of the twenty regular season games, it is hoped three will be in the Lem Clark Tournament. The Mark Smith "9" has a fabulous record in the Tournament. In the four years of Mark Smith's existence, we have played in the championship game every year, twice taking the championship and twice taking second place.

The Mark Smith Bulldogs seem to be the team to beat in Region 2-AAA East this year.

Date	Opponent	Place	*Willingham	Away
	Columbus	April 17	Westminster	Away
March 21	N. A.	April 18	*Ballard Hudson	Away
March 25	N. A.	April 21	*Northside	Away
March 26	Columbus	April 23	*Appling	Away
March 28	Away	April 24	*Lanier	Home
March 30, 31, and April 1 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)	LEM CLARK TOURNAMENT.	April 27	*Warner Robins	Home
April 7	*Appling	April 30	*Willingham	Home
April 8	*Lanier	May 6	*Ballard Hudson	Home
April 10	*WarnerRobins	May 7		
April 14	Away		* - denotes a region game.	

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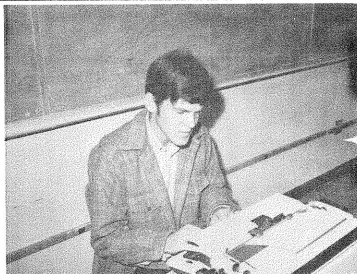
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Ken Pyles, this issue's Spotlight Senior.

Pyles Selected Spotlight Senior

Ken Pyles, assistant editor of the Telstar and also of the Marketer, has been selected as the third issue's Spotlight Senior.

Ken has served on the paper staff for three years and on the annual staff for four. His hard work has earned for him, these two titles. For the previous two years, he has led the annual members in the number of ads sold also.

President of the Smith Math Club, Ken is also a member of the Junior Civitan Club and the French Club.

Known for his high scholastic marks in school, he was tapped for the Smith chapter of Beta Honorary last year. Ken has also attended the Scholastic Honors Banquet for three years in succession.

With all his school activities, Ken

still finds time to play baseball for the school, lettering last year as a pitcher.

Outside of the classroom, he enjoys participating in all organized sports and also playing the guitar.

Residing with his parents on Alandale Drive, Ken is a member of Shurlington United Methodist Church and is an active member of Alpha Kappa Omega Fraternity in which he holds the office of Inter-frat representative.

Ken hopes to attend the University of Georgia upon his graduation from high school, where he will major in political science. After that, he plans to enter law school. Being the hard, diligent worker he is, we feel sure that success will belong to him in the future.

Abbe Speakes To Classes

The students of the advanced sciences at Mark Smith were privileged to hear a member of the University of Georgia lecture on laser beams, theory of perpetual motion, and other scientific phenomena.

The lecturer, Prof. Winfield J. Abbe, Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Georgia, spoke to the physics and biology classes of Mr. Gordon and Miss Pate, respectively. Prof. Abbe had many experiments to help students understand the scientific theories.

One of the most outstanding experiments consisted of a laser beam and a turn table of photographic film. When the beam was directed to pass through the film, an image of a three dimensional flower was produced in side the circle of film. Many students waited in line twice to observe the almost unbelievable phenomena.

Prof. Abbe answered any questions the students had and was most informative and interesting. Pamphlets and brochures of information concerning the University of Georgia and its Science Dept. were also available for interested students.

Rays From The Lantern

In the wake of the recent delay concerning the desegregation of the schools, Lasseter is once more "getting into the swing of things," by resuming and making plans for a number of exciting activities.

Spirit Week is on the calendar this year for March 9-13. Student Council officers and class presidents met recently and set ground rules for the traditional week long "spirit exhibition."

Classes met at the end of January to plan skills to be presented to the entire school and to get committees for decorating a class hall, making skit scenery, and writing new spirit songs and yells.

First and second prizes will be given by Student Council for the "Best Skit." A total participation award will be presented to the class with the highest percentage of student participation.

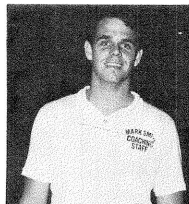
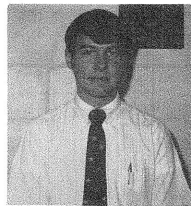
Student Council elections are being slated for early April. Candidates will be announced in March. Juniors anticipate much hard work in preparing for the annual Mark Smith - Lasseter Junior-Senior. A band has already been booked for the event.

The Class of '70 already has plans for money made from the Mr. Mark Smith Contest in January. The traditional gift for the school will be, a portrait of Miss Ann Henry, who has guided Lasseter as principal in all its 5 years of existence.

On the academic scene, Dorinda Gilmore has been named STAR student of Lasseter for 1970; she chose as her STAR teacher, Miss June Emmett, the senior English teacher. The Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition comes to the senior with the top SAT scores in each Georgia accredited high school.

Congratulation to the Mark Smith "Quintet" for a superb record!

Fran Grant
The Lasseter Lantern



Student teachers L. to R., Miss Bishop, Mr. Paddgett, Coach Fogarty, Coach Smith.

4 Student Teachers Begin Work At M.S.

Mark Smith is privileged to have a fine group of student teachers and coaches on its teaching staff.

Miss Carole Bishop, Mr. Wright's student teacher, has been helping with the senior English chores. Miss Bishop went to Englewood High School in Jacksonville, Florida and is now working towards her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Mercer University. Her home address is 6612 Ovington Road in Jacksonville, but presently she resides on the Mercer campus. Coming from a coed high school, Miss Bishop says Mark Smith has a different and interesting atmosphere, with its non-coed system. In her spare time Miss Bishop enjoys music and swimming and adds that she's "crazy" about Mr. Wright.

Mr. Gordon's new student teacher is Mr. Paddgett. He attended Glynn Academy in Brunswick, Georgia and is presently attending Mercer, working towards his Bachelor of Science Degree, with a major in math and a minor in biology. Mr. Paddgett lives on the Mercer campus and enjoys horseback riding and bowling in his spare time. He says he likes Mark Smith a lot and thinks we have a very good academic program.

Mrs. Copeland's new student teacher is Mrs. Nixon. She attended Martin County High School in Florida and later received her major

in English and minor in psychology from Tift College. Mr. Nixon presently lives with her husband, Rodney, at 2247 Vineville Avenue. She enjoys playing pool, sewing, and cooking in her spare time and likes Mark Smith very much.

The coaching department has been helped by two fine student coaches, Coach Fogarty and Coach Smith.

Coach Fogarty attended Albany High School and upon graduation attended three colleges all together, Valdosta State, Albany Junior College, and Georgia College. He resides on 1761 Lincoln Circle and enjoys all kinds of sports. Coach Fogarty likes Mark Smith very much and thinks they have a fine physical education program.

Coach Smith went to Jones County High School where he played basketball, golf, and baseball. He later attended the University of Georgia. Presently residing in Haddock, Georgia, Coach Smith enjoys playing golf and hunting. Commenting on Mark Smith he had this to say, "Mark Smith is really a good school. The coaches are helpful and they really have a good physical education program."

All the student teachers have added something to Mark Smith and are a tremendous asset to the school.

Issue's Feature College Is Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern College, a unit of the University System of Georgia, has been selected as this issue's Feature College.

The purpose of the college is to help individuals prepare themselves for effective responsible living in our democratic society and at the same time to prepare men and women for vocations and professions.

The college offers a program of study designed to stimulate the ability to think clearly and honestly, to learn to respect the rights and views of others, to be able to use and enjoy leisure, and to develop a philosophy of life that will stand the test of uncertainty. The governing standard for all academic and other programs is the concept of quality and the pursuit of excellence.

In 1931, the tax-supported colleges, previously under the management of separate Boards of Trustees, were placed under the control of a single board, the Board of Regents, and all the institutions of higher learning was coordinated into the University System of Georgia. In 1939 the Board of Regents changed the name of the college from South Georgia Teachers College to Georgia Teachers College.

The name of the college was again changed on December 9, 1959, by the Board of Regents, from Georgia Teachers College to Georgia Southern College.

In the following four years Georgia Normal School developed rapidly to the status of a four-year institution. The degree of B.S. in Education was conferred for the first time to members of the June graduating class in 1959.

With the rapid expansion of public school enrollments following World War I, the growing need for teachers because of the concern of the people of Southeast Georgia and of the State Department of Education of Georgia. Under the sponsorship of the Board of Trustees, a legislative enactment converting the First District A, and M. School into the Georgia Normal School was passed. It was approved by Governor Cliff Walker on August 24, 1924.

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