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Bulldog Band Goes To Atlanta Festival

On Friday, March 20, the Mark Smith Bulldog Band participated in the Sixth District Band Festival.

This year the festival was held in College Park, Georgia, at North Clayton High School. The band left Mark Smith at approximately 10:30 A.M., Friday morning in order to arrive safely, be fully rested and relaxed, and to hear several of the other bands that were competing perform before their performance at 6:30 P.M.

The selections the band played were, in order of performance, 650 East, a contemporary concert march by Wayne Oldham and Jack Hale; Prelude and Fugue, originally a composition for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach; and American Salute, by Morton Gould, based on the traditional "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

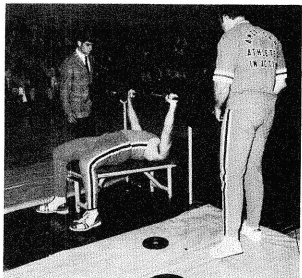
The band, one of the few in class A division, gave a fine performance, but unfortunately, were disappointed because the judges this year were, we feel, above high school caliber, and were much more demanding than in years past. The

band received a III in performance, which is "good". The band has now participated in the festival for five consecutive years.

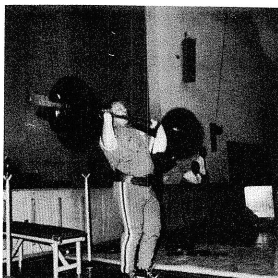
The judges selected for the festival this year were Mr. Ben Sisk, band director at Georgia Tech; Mr. Don Cassell, of Peabody Institute in Nashville, Tenn. and Mr. Bodie Hinton, of Auburn University. The sightreading judge was Mr. Ronald Waln, woodwind instructor at the University of Georgia.

Several of our bandsmen will also participate in the Sixth District Solo and Ensemble Festival to be held on April 18th. Mark Smith will enter a brass quintet, and clarinet duet, and several soloists. Soloists include David Gordon, Stan Rosen, Ken Johnson, Jimmy Henderson, Guy Ingram, Chris Hudson, Floyd Crouch, and Danny Barker. Also, many of the girls will enter the solo festival, and all of the girls' corps will be in the ensemble division.

We wish them good luck and much success throughout the remainder of the year.



Wes Neal bench presses 300 pounds.



Russ Knipp "warms up" with over 200 pounds.

Weight Lifters, Race Driver Speak To Smith Student Body

The American Athletes in Action weight lifting team, touring the nation for the Campus Crusade for Christ, visited Mark Smith on March 10, 1970 and put on an exhibition in its gymnasium.

The team, comprised of Dave Hannah, Russ Knipp, Wes Neal, and Alan Nagel, director of the lifting team, demonstrated unbelievable strength in lifting weights.

Russ Knipp initiated the display of strength by pressing Cam Bonifay. He then proceeded to press 225, 275, and 325 pounds in succession. His successful attempt at 325 pounds was only five pounds short of his world record, 330 pound press he recently set in the Warsaw Games.

Winner of the Pan American Games in 1967 and Weight Lifter of the Year in the United States the same year, Russ Knipp was also a member of the United States Olympic Team. He has set 20 national and American records and eight world records.

Wes Neal demonstrated the technique of the bench press. He made numerous presses, including one of 325 pounds.

A graduate of San Fernando Valley State College in social science, and of Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Mr. Neal set school records in the shot put and discus. He placed second in the California Weightlifting Championships. The highlight of the assembly was a world record attempt at the bent-arm pullover by Dave Hannah. Although unsuccessful at this 450 pound pullover, he had previously lifted 225, 355, and 425 pounds.

Dave Hannah is director of the athletic ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. He graduated from Oklahoma State University, where he majored in aerospace engineering and participated in football and track. He led the nation in punting in 1960 and led his team in scoring in 1962. He played for the Los Angeles Rams until he was injured. Mr. Hannah has unofficially set three world records in the bent-arm pullover.

Alan Nagel graduated from Asbury College, where he lettered in three sports. He was an outstanding soccer player and was captain of the American Athletes in Action international soccer team that toured Mexico in 1968.

The lifting team as organized following the 1968 Olympic Games, when Russ Knipp joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ. He and Wes Neal began putting on high school assemblies; and the reception was so good that it was decided to develop a team which would expand and tour the nation. Dave and Elaine Hannah and their son, Eric, and Alan Nagel joined the team this fall. Mr. Nagel was asked to direct its activities and he accepted. On its present tour, they will travel through Oklahoma, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, California, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Arizona.

Everyone at Mark Smith enjoyed

the tremendous strength displayed by these athletes and received their message fully.

Johnny Boyd, a well known Indianapolis race car driver, spoke to the Smith student body on the subject of safe driving on March the 18th, 1970.

His speech was one of many Mr. Boyd presented to the high schools of Macon. Having been on the race car circuit for 20 years and competed in twelve Indianapolis races, Mr. Boyd is an excellent example of safe driving, despite many rumors that professional race car drivers lead tire-burning lives off the race track.

He related many interesting stories that have happened in his life pertaining to road safety and held his audiences attention very well.

Ed Star, a representative of Park-Plymouth which sponsored Mr. Boyd's speeches, introduced him to all the assemblies.

Physics' Classes View Mullberry Church Organ

The Mark Smith Physics' classes under the direction of Mr. Tommy Gordon visited the Mullberry Street Methodist Church and listened to the big pipe organ that the church owns. It went along with the chapter on music and sound that the class studied. The church has the only pipe organ of its kind in the city of Macon.

Mr. Gordon, an enthusiastic teacher of physics, stated that the trip was very enjoyable and helpful in the study of the book.

The trip began at nine o'clock in the morning and lasted for two periods. The two classes of physics' students left on the yellow school bus provided for them. During the trip, the students learned about the different ranks of the organ and where the pipes were placed. Also in the study, the different types of

organs were brought out. The two major types are the reed organ and the flue organ. The ranks of the organ are used to produce the different sounds of the different notes of the keyboard.

At Mullberry there are two locations of the ranks in the church. One is at the front of the church and the other is located in the balcony at the back of the church.

When asked of how he liked the field trip, one student replied: "It was very educational and I enjoyed myself to the fullest. I just hope that more trips like these are taken in the future."

Mr. Gordon stated: "The students were very cooperative and I feel that they learned the functions of the organ."



Ken Pyles shows Mrs. Elkins her certificate of performance as Mike Kitchens and Steve Shimmel look on.

M. S. Beta Members Attend Convention

On March 6, 7, and 8, nine members of the Mark Smith Chapter of Beta Honorary attended the State Beta Convention held at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel in Atlanta.

Mike Kitchens, Jag Gholson, Steve Bailey, Ken Pyles, Steve Shimmel, Ben Butt, Bill Dunn, Chad Adams, and Robert Watson made the trip to represent the Smith Betas. The club advisors, Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. Barton also went along.

The program was most informative and interesting and the Smith delegates learned of the ways to having an even better and stronger Beta Club.

Mark Smith also had its first entry in the Beta Club Talent Show. Ken Pyles played the guitar and sang "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" by Simon and Garfunkel. For this Smith Club received a certificate of performance.

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Lord Jim A Flight From Man's Society

You're the first mate on a ship with eight hundred passengers aboard. It is night, all is tranquil and calm and all the voyagers are sleeping peacefully below deck. Suddenly, the ship strikes some floating wreckage and a large hole is torn into the side of the ship. Only the thin bulwark held the tremendous sea back from the unsuspecting passengers asleep in their beds. With two few lifeboats and little time, there is no hope to save those below deck, the captain of the ship and all the other officers are boarding a lifeboat to desert the doomed vessel. As you turn, you spy a squall bearing down on the ship and you realize that the slightest shudder could break the wall. The first gust of wind strikes your face. It is only a matter of seconds. Do you stay on this surely doomed vessel or leap to the boatful of deserters?

Jim, the main character of Joseph Conrad's Lord Jim, when faced with this situation jumped, not only into the lifeboat, but into a world where he continuously fled from his feelings of cowardice and disgrace due to this act.

Jim's efforts to forget this event and to lose his inferiority feelings comprise the theme of this book. In the work, the author gives the reader the feeling that Jim is "one of us" and that any of us could be in the same situation.

As is later revealed in the novel, the ship did not sink but was found listing very badly with no crew aboard. The captain vanished, and the other officers drank themselves into the hospital, so Jim was left to face the Inquiry alone. The tension, humiliation, and disgust he received at the Inquiry intensified his guilt feelings such that he accepted the suggestion of Marlowe, his closest friend, to go to Patusan in the Orient to live.

At Patusan, Jim began a new life with a clean slate. After bravely helping his friends, the Malays, repel some enemy attackers in many skirmishes, he soon became a hero. Soon, however, some white men came to invade the area. Jim, after talking to Brown, the leader of the invaders, and convincing him to leave, promises Doramin, the chief of the Malays, his own life as security should any harm come to the Malays as a result of letting Brown's men leave. But, as fate would have it, Dain Waris, the son of Doramin, was shot and killed by the treacherous Brown.

When Jim hears the news, he immediately goes to Doramin because he has decided to never flee again. Even as Doramin raises his rifle, Jim stands proud and unflinching. With the shot, Jim's life ends, but he dies not a scared, fleeing man, but a true hero.

The description all through this novel is most exact and vivid and Conrad's action is most advantageous in getting the reader involved in the story, even to the extent of placing himself in Jim's place. This novel deals with a tremendous problem of the modern world—the treatment of social outcasts. For this reason, it should be read by all, as well as for the fact that it is a most exciting and enjoyable novel.

Ken Pyles

Free Enterprise Makes United States Great

Just as history has proven that the "laissez faire" policy of government will not work, it is known that total and complete free enterprise can not be successful.

Businesses and industries, without government regulations, would run rampant. Can one imagine - huge businesses forcing workers to toil and labor long hours for hardly enough money to pay their food bills, purchasing large tracts of land with little or no regard to what might happen to its inhabitants, running smaller establishments completely out of business by unfair or even illegal means, forming monopolies which might endanger the safety and defense of this great nation? Indeed, absolute free enterprise will not work.

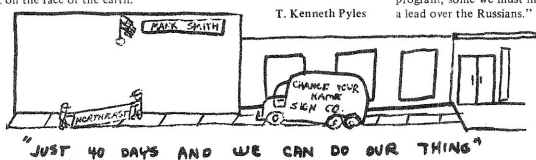
However, the form of free enterprise presently used in the United States, one which has rules and regulations to prevent unfair or illegal acts of business, is the main reason for our country's growth into the industrial and technological giant of the world.

The freedom that each individual has in this system to own and operate his own business and to know that competition will be kept clean and fair is the key to its enormous success.

Even to students, this system is a spur to study and learn the most they possibly can because they know that the day will come when they, too, must compete and succeed in this business system if they are to survive.

As long as business is ruled by the code of free enterprise, America's prosperity will continue to skyrocket. But if the day shall ever come when rules and regulations of business practices are either too harsh or too lenient, our country will experience a crippling blow to not only its economy, but to its very existence. For only through this system of free enterprise for each and every person can the United States of America continue its leading role as the greatest and strongest country to ever exist on the face of the earth.

T. Kenneth Pyles



MS Mark Smith Speaks

Should we continue the space program or help the people in poverty in the slums of the United States?

Peggy Flowers—The world has many problems and maybe by exploration we could solve some of these problems.

Connie Henderson—You should go about things under your feet before going into outer space. We should spend money at home before off in space.

Teresa Roby—We should continue with the space program.

Patty Coleman—We should help the people in the U.S. from starving and dying in the slums.

Judy Coleman—We should help people in the United States before venturing into outer space.

Emily Steck—We should continue the space program because we should plan for the future.

Tim Daughtery—Poverty and education cause you must solve the problems at home before you go out.

Jim Robinson—It should be used on poverty and security.

Ricky Herring—We should let space wait since we've reached the moon and concentrate in education and poverty programs in the U.S.

Craig Hertwig—Spend it on the big cheese. We need to explore the outer reaches of our universe.

Roger White—"Spend it on the moon."

Mike Robinson—"We should spend it on the moon since the earth won't be here long and we'll need a place to go."

Buck Blum—"Space program, cause if you clean up their houses, they'll tear it up right back again."

Billy Cox—"I agree with Buck."

Fred Brauneck—"I think they ought to use it for poverty, but then again it's important to get out."

Charlie Knight—"Spend it on the moon, cause the way the world is now, we'll need a place to go."

Jimmy O'Dillon—"I think we should cut down on the space program, some we must maintain a lead over the Russians."

School Year End Is End Of School

Spring is upon us once again and with the sunny skies and warm temperatures comes the realization that the end of the school year lies just around the corner.

This realization brings on another one....with the end of this school year comes the end of Mark Smith High School. Due to the court order demanding a high school complex system, on June 3rd, the doors of "Bulldog Country" will open and close for the last time.

Next year the same physical building will still exist, many of the same faculty members will be present, and many of the same students will be in attendance. To some, nothing will have changed but the name.

But to those who are a part of it, the closing doors seal out forever the five year heritage Mark Smith has attained. For they realize that the bricks didn't make Mark Smith, rather the spirit, the pride in the school did. They know all too well that as Mark Smith dies, they die with it.

What has it meant to them? Speaking for the senior class of 1970, I know the feeling of devotion we have for Mark Smith. We are the youngest, yet we are the oldest; we came five years ago to a brand new school, we prepare to leave it now at its end.

Its shortcomings have been our shortcomings; its failures, our failures; but its moments of victory, of success, have been our moments of victory and success also.

Who couldn't feel great pride when looking back over five years of academic and athletic achievement? We can never forget the pep rallies, the football games, and the unbelievable basketball records this school has given us. We can never forget the Honors Banquets and the scholastic achievements of our fellow classmates it has provided us.

The memories are too numerous - the memories are too dear to us to ever forget them. No matter what our futures may be, we are sure that there will always be a place for Mark Smith High in our minds and in our hearts.

It's very difficult to sum up our emotions and the tremendous feeling we have for our school so for my closing I turn to the words of another - the author of the Mark Smith Alma Mater who in his opening stanzas said, "Mark Smith High we honor thee, with our praise and loyalty. Reminiscent we will be, in the years to follow."

by Lin Wood
Telstar Editor

I Have A Dream ...

The late Doctor Martin Luther King, in one of the most stirring speeches of our day, spoke these words, "I Have A Dream."

Each individual must dream - he must have a goal in mind every time he undertakes to accomplish something. For without dreams, there can be no reality, no progress.

I too have a dream.

I have a dream that one day the college and high school campuses of America will cease being places for riots and for protest and once again become the institutions of learning they once were.

I have a dream that one day the men and women of all countries will join hands in peace and work, not for the betterment of a particular race, nationality, or social group, but for the betterment of mankind.

I have a dream that one day the efforts of man will pay off and the poverty and disease so prevalent in our nation at the present time will be wiped out.

I have a dream that one day the people of the greatest country in the world will cast aside personal prejudices and return to the patriotic feeling that this nation was founded on.

Of course to many these dreams may seem far-fetched, they may seem too far away, or too unreal. Ten years the moon might as well have been a trillion miles away, but today it is only three days away from reality.

So I stated before, without dreams there can be no reality. "I have a dream..."

Lin Wood

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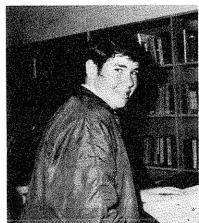
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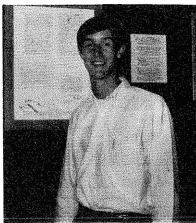
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Mike Tarver



Bob Windham

Tarver and Windham Spotlighted In Issue

Bob Windham who maintains an all B average and an excellent sport record, has been chosen as this issue's Senior High Spotlight student.

Bob has many activities on his schedule as he is an active member of the French Club, Science Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

On the sports scene Bob has participated in track and basketball since his entering the eighth grade. Last year as a sophomore Bob ran the high and low hurdles for the varsity. This year Bob played varsity basketball and has set his low mark in the hurdles of sixteen seconds flat.

Bob resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Windham at 1350 Briarcliff Road. His hobbies include playing golf and hunting. He is a member of the Phi Omega Beta fraternity. Bob also attends the Highland Hills Baptist Church.

Bob's thought about Mark Smith and the new court rule: "I like it here and will continue to study and finish my high school years here."

We recognize Bob's ability and hope he will attain his set.

Mike Tarver has been selected as this issue's Junior High Spotlight

Student. Mike is very active in the eighth grade activities. He maintains a two A and two B average in his academic studies.

At Hall Grammar School he made mostly all G's and was a credit to his school. He played all three sports and was selected to the Macon Recreation All Star team for his efforts.

Mike is a member of the Junior High Math Club and was a member of the eighth grade basketball and football teams. He was tight end in football and forward on the basketball squad. He plans to pitch for the eighth grade baseball team.

Mike resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tarver, at 2124 Bayswater Road. He attends the Cross Keys Baptist Church and his outside hobbies are all types of sports.

When asked his opinion of Mark Smith he responded: "It is a big change from grammar school. You are more independent than in grammar school but I like the change very much."

The Telestar Staff salutes these fine students and wish them much success in their high school education.

Hit Song This Issue

1. Don't Mess With Bill Coach Meeks
2. Mr. Pitiful Roy Little
3. Like A Rolling Stone Jerry Lyles
4. Working On A Chain Gang Jimmy Higgins
5. Catch Us If You Can Bathroom Smokers
6. To Weak To Fight Chip Dunn
7. Sugar Town Lunch Room
8. Psychotic Reaction Arthur Crowell
9. It's Growing Steve Heath
10. You Keep Me Hangin On Jack Henderson
11. Walk A Mile In My Shoes Joe White
12. Born To Be Wild Jag Gholson
13. Color Him Father Ricky Herring
14. Psychedelic Shack Room 201

Dogtags

1. "There may be some that like to burn the U. S. flag but I'd like to see them try to burn my bus." Jim Higgins
2. "If the girls want a date with me bad enough, they'll wait and turn everyone else down 'til I call them." Ken Pyles
3. Mrs. Steck nearly had heart failure when she looked up in her third period Algebra-Trig. class and saw Lin Wood and Ken Pyles there.
4. "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may." "Hamlet" Hutcheson
5. The journalism room became a place of frenzied activity for the first time of the school year a few days ago when Mr. Wright threatened to keep the staff after school until the paper was ready.
6. "I've had my tape player in this car for three years and no one has ever stolen it, I'm not worried." Henry Koplin

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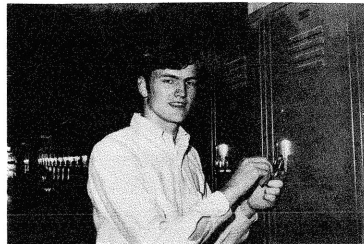
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Steve Bailey issue's Spotlight Senior.

A Boy Named Steve

When asked what Mark Smith has meant to him Steve Bailey stated: "The many things that Mark Smith has given me has been enjoyable in the past and will be profitable in the future."

Steve Bailey is one of the best students that has attended Mark Smith. He has been invited to the Scholastic Honor Banquet each year beginning in the ninth grade. He has maintained either a four A and one B average or three A and one B average.

Besides keeping his studies at a peak, Stephen is a very active member and officer of many Mark Smith Clubs. He is vice-president of the Student Council, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and member of the Spanish Club, Math Club, Junior Civitan Club, and the Beta Club.

As in most cases the good athletes are good students and this holds true for Stephen also. He has been active in sports since his entrance and has been most prominent in football. He was captain of the grid team and had an outstanding year.

His outside activities include all types of sports and is sergeant of arms of Sedarmoc fraternity. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bailey at 1558 Engle Drive. He attends the Highland Hills Baptist Church.

Stephen has plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology at the end of his high school education. He plans to study Civil Engineering at Tech.

Mark Smith will truly miss Stephen Bailey and the type of student he represents.



Seniors board bus for Bibb Theatre.

Mark Smith Seniors To Attend Macon Jr.

In September of 1968, the Macon Junior College became the twenty-fifth institution of the University System of Georgia to open its doors. A charter class of 1,110 students were on hand to enter its rooms of higher learning.

Macon Junior College, as a community junior college, is charged by the Board of Regents to supply the instructional resources necessary to meet the educational needs of the seven-county area of Bibb County, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs through the first two years of college work. Its primary objective is to guide its students to a level of understanding which not only prepares them to assimilate knowledge but to use it in the pursuit of truth and in the service of mankind. The first two years of regular college studies are provided at a level of quality sufficient to assure normal

progress by the student who subsequently transfers to a senior college or university. Career programs involve two years of study in a combination of regular college courses and employment-oriented courses designed specifically for the occupational objective of the programs. They now offer five quarter hours instead of four.

Macon Junior College offers two-year college transfer programs leading to the following degrees: Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science.

In an effort to assist potential students in overcoming specific academic problems or weaknesses, developmental courses are offered in English and Mathematics. These courses are in addition to those listed under the various degree programs and are not applicable toward any degree.

Seniors Go See Hamlet

"To be or not to be, that is the question." This is but one of the many famous lines of Shakespeare that the Mark Smith Senior Class heard on their recent visit to the Bibb Theatre to see a movie production of the famous play "Hamlet."

Early Thursday morning, March 19, the classes boarded county buses and traveled the short distance to the theatre. Advance tickets had been secured by Mr. G. Lewis Wright, the senior class advisor. The classes had been taken a background to the play earlier in the school year by Mr. Wright.

The student bodies of Peter G. Apples High School and Dudley Hughes High School also viewed the play production on the same morning as the Smith seniors did.

Most of the seniors enjoyed the movie and felt like the characters were on the whole very good although several portions of the play were different due to the movie company's desire to make the show appealing to the present-day audience.

Previous senior class trips have taken them to the production of King Lear and also A Mid Summers Night Dream.

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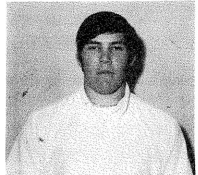
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48 Minutes

by Mike Kitchens

Now everything is set, I'm ready to go. All my equipment is in place and my mind is right. I am fully prepared to meet my challenge with everything the coaches have instilled in me. Only time is barring me from taking place among the ranks of my teammates on that field of physical combat. I can only wait and watch.

As I glance around the room I can see my teammates' expressions filled with anticipation and eagerness to compete. The air that lingers within these walls is beyond description. The tension is so vivid and real that perspiration has started to ploom from my brow. My heart is beating so rapidly I can hardly sit still. The silence is too much to bare. Suddenly, at the door a coach blazes out, "Let's go!" The wait is over and time is no longer an obstacle. Another football game is about to begin.

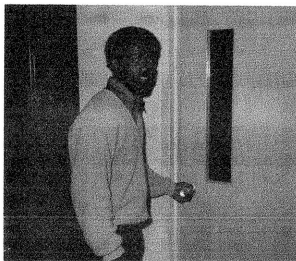
With the roar of the crown in the distance, the starting whistle is sounded. As I run down the field in pursuit of the ball and crash into the pile, sharp pains run up my back. A feeling of relief is in the air, for now the tension has faded into reality. As the opposing team sprints up to the ball my body once again becomes tense. Every muscle is jumping and my eye is constantly upon the ball before me. Just one movement will trigger my body against the player in front of me. As the ball is snapped I lunge forward with all my power only to meet a crashing forearm in the face. Time and time again this individual battle continues on through the game. My legs and arms become weary and bruised from continuous blows. Sweat and blood begin to run down my face from my forehead. The ball changes hands numerous times, but I can't find time to rest on offense and defense. If I let up for one instant it could mean disaster and personal disgrace. In my mind I know I can't rest unless I have given at least 100%. When it seems I've given all I can and I'm about to fall out from total

exhaustion, the halfway gun sounds a sigh of relief. I have faced and completed the first phase of my challenge with pride. I did my job to the best of my ability and never gave up. Now I can revive myself to meet the demand for another twenty-four minutes of football.

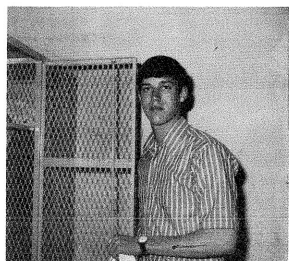
With the sweat wiped from my face and my cuts bandaged and taken care of, I venture back to the gridiron with the words of my coach fresh on my mind. As the whistle sounds the second half I again prepare myself to meet the challenge before me. My spirit has been revived and my body has received its second wind. My desire to win has been set afire by some unknown force in my mind. Although bruised and cut my arms and legs have regained a new feeling of strength. But again they fall subject to the grueling and grinding blows within the lines of scrimmage.

Play after play the opposing team battered our lines with unmerciful power. Once again sweat ran down my face and into the corner of my eyes. Inside, my mouth was as dry as dust. I couldn't even get up enough moisture to spit out the blood and the sweat. My whole body began to shake from the physical torture which it had withstood throughout the game. Both teams were now on an even basis. I knew that my teammates and I couldn't give up. We had to display the desire and determination it takes to win. We had to outthrust and beat these guys in the few seconds that were remaining. There was only time for one more play. As I hustled up to the ball I could see the burning desire in the eyes of the opponents as well as my own teammates. The ball was snapped and the two lines crashed only in vain as the buzzer sounded the end of the game with no score.

Now I could rest. Although my team was not victorious, which was a disappointment, we had done our best. We had displayed the courage and determination it takes to win. I had met my challenge.



State high jump champion for 1969, Alfred Johnson.



Long distance man for the 'Dogs' is Jag Gholson.

Track Year Is Promising As Johnson And Gholson Return

Springtime is not only a time of warm weather and mosquitos. It is a time for athletic competition out-of-doors prevalent to cramped basketball gymnasiums or indoor skull sessions in which all athletes thrive in the cold days of the winter months. A few spring sports for the more active person include golfing, skiing, fishing, boating, tennis, baseball and of course spring-training for the football contenders. What about track? It is often an ignored sport as far as publicity and the general interest of fans is concerned.

At Mark Smith the growth and interest of the track program is inevitably increasing. This is due partly to the high-strung spirit of the young school and the coaches Richard Fendley and Mel Schoychid. Coach Fendley took over the head track position in place of Bill Meek's who is, of course, presently the principal of Mark Smith. Not only does the spirit and coaching play an important part in the track program at Mark Smith, the track team contains individual standouts and school leaders as well. Two of these trackers well exemplify the well rounded athlete and school leader. These are Alfred Johnson and Jag

Gholson.

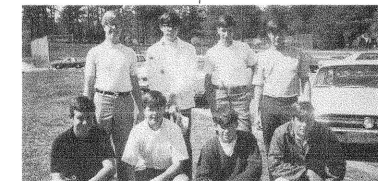
Alfred is a well-liked student at Mark Smith being recently named Mr. Mark Smith. His athletic ability is known to all who compete with him in any sport he so desires. He was an outstanding halfback on the gridiron, a letterman in basketball and must be content with track competition. Content with the thoughts of last year's performance, five feet and eight inches tall, he won the state high jump contest jumping a smooth six feet four inches high. This year Alfred has already tied that mark in pre-season practice. Coach Fendley says Alfred will do even better in the high jump and has greatly improved in the board and triple jump.

Jag Gholson is a most accomplished leader of Mark Smith. His athletic achievements shine vividly in track as well as his studies and activities. President of the Beta Club and holding high offices in clubs throughout the school, he is also an admired athlete at Mark Smith. He is a two year letterman in basketball and is a veteran on the court. Last year Jag placed first in the mile and two mile run in most every track meet. He was of such prominence, he ran in the region in

the mile and two mile representing Mark Smith. Jag says he'll probably run the mile and two mile representing Mark Smith. Jag says he'll probably run the mile and half mile this year. Coach Fendley says of Jag, "He is a hard worker and should be our number one man in the distance."

The remainder of the track team consists of Roger White, Craig Hertwig, Charlie Steck, Dick Thomas, Jim Robinson, Eddie Jones, Richard Jean, Tony Henderson, Mike Waller, Leon Thompson, Lee McDavid, Raven Clark, and Bob Windham.

From these names there are also standouts. Roger White, Craig Hertwig, Charlie Steck, and Bob Windham all went to the region finals. Roger White has as his best mark fifty-one feet at throwing the shotput. Craig Hertwig and Charlie Steck show promise at throwing the discus as Craig placed third in the region. Bob Windham, ineligible for the region because of a mistake in his eligibility card, holds the record for the low hurdles at sixteen seconds flat. Gholson, being the only senior runner on the team has much potential to form the nucleus of a strong track team in the future.



Golfers l. to r., Groover, Peterson, Bourlakes, Burns, Wooten, Deal, Clark, and Cohen.

Golf Team Is Set To Tee Off Year

The Mark Smith Golf team opened up its season this year with great promise in its lettermen. Mike Burns, Chuck Groover, Mike Peterson, and Tommy Bourlakes have made great strides since the close of last season. They receive help this year from Randy Taylor, Lester Cohen, Buz Wooten, Barry Deal, and Tony Clark. This combination of players should come on strong as the season progresses.

The linksmen opened its schedule with Lanier and Appling in a three way meet. Chuck Groover led the team with a seventy-nine. Mike Peterson was close behind with an eighty. The Bulldogs finished third

in the overall meet behind Appling and Lanier.

March 24 was the date of the second meet plotting Appling, Lanier, and Mark Smith in the golf meet. Mike Burns was low man for the Bulldogs as the Bulldogs again took a third in the event. Lanier finished first and Appling was the second place winner.

The top four golfers, Mike Burns, Chuck Groover, Mike Peterson, and Tommy Bourlakes, have almost reached their height as a high school golfer and this year with four more matches should get them ready for the region tournament at the end of the season.

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Smith Netters Are Ready For Action

The Mark Smith tennis team, headed this year by Coach Bud Weston, faces a rebuilding program, with only one letterman returning from last year's squad.

The letterman is Buddy Wynn who is a sophomore this year. Buddy, along with freshman Terry Price will have to carry the team against such tough foes as the Lanier team and the Stratford Academy squad.

At the present time the team only consists of five boys, one shy of the normal number of six. Along with Buddy and Terry, the other members of the team are: Chuck Long, Allan Schawber, and Job

Volker.

So far there have been eight matches scheduled for the Smith netters this year. Although this year's team will be comparatively weak compared to teams in the past, they show great promise of things to come in the future since all of the boys are underclassmen.

Coach Weston has begun an eighth grade program this year, giving assistance to the sub-freshmen interested in the game. Much interest for tennis has grown out of the Macon International Tennis Tournament held earlier in the year at the Coliseum.



Three new student coaches begin their live study at Smith, I. to R. Bryant, Steele, and Stevens.

Three Student Coaches Begin Work at Smith

Now in its fifth year of existence, the Mark Smith Physical Education Department has been surpassed by none in its organization and the tremendous variety of activities it offers the students.

All Smith students who do not participate in the school's athletic program or the school band, are required to take P. E. A characteristic of the physical education department is the student coaches that are sent here from various colleges in the state. During the current nine weeks there are three coaches from visiting schools.

Charles Bryant, from Monroe Area, Monroe, Georgia, comes from Georgia College in Milledgeville. He lettered there three times in basketball. On attending Georgia College he played two years of soccer and one year of baseball. Coach Bryant is married and he and his wife, Pam, are expecting. His hobbies are playing golf and reading the newspaper. Coach Bryant stated this about Mark Smith: "I like the program here and the atmosphere is fine."

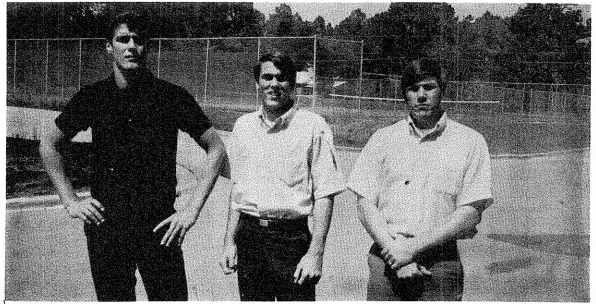
Larry Stevens graduated from Lanier in 1966 before attending Georgia College in Milledgeville. He played tennis while at Lanier. On attending Georgia College he also

played two years of soccer and played one year of tennis. Coach Stevens resides in Jones County with his wife, Peggy. His hobbies are playing golf and hunting. Larry stated about the P. E. program: "It is a real good program and I will enjoy it here."

Roger Steele, from the University of Georgia, rounds out the trio of student coaches. Coach Steele attended Stevens County High School and played football, basketball, baseball, and track. He lettered three times in football and in the other three sports. He resides with his uncle on Old Lundy Road. Roger's hobbies are hunting, fishing, and all types of sports. Coach Steele stated: Mark Smith has a fine program and is the best that I've been associated with."

Mr. Hills student teacher, Miss Jackie Young, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in social science and a minor in business education from Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia. She formerly attended high school at Washington Central High School in Washington, Georgia.

She was a member of the "Vogue XIII Women Club" and the Honor Society.



Three Bulldog grid standouts who inked college grant-in-aids I. to R. are Craig Hertwig, John Skalko, and Mike Kitchens.

Skalko Kitchens Tech Bound Hertwig Headed To Troy State

Tech Coaching Staff voted "yes" to sign him. Mike plans to study Civil Engineering or Architectural Engineering at Tech.

Big John Skalko also received a full scholarship to the Georgia Institute of Technology. He had narrowed his choices down to the United States Military Academy and Georgia Tech. Because of the closeness of Tech and the five year military obligation at the Academy was his reasons for choosing Tech as his college alma mater. John was the Most Valuable Player this year on the football team. He was a stand-out both on offense and defense. John Skalko stated: "I am very honored to get the scholarship and I feel it a privilege." John plans to study Civil Engineering at Tech.

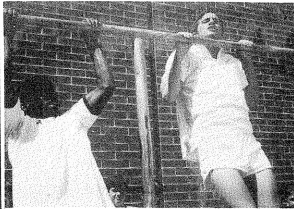
Craig Hertwig plans to attend Troy State University after signing

Three grid stars, Mike Kitchens, John Skalko, and Craig Hertwig have signed four year grant-in-aid scholarships to their respective colleges.

Mike Kitchens, along with John Skalko, accepted a four year grant-in-aid scholarship to the Georgia Institute of Technology, better known as Georgia Tech. He had narrowed his choices down to Memphis State and Tech before he made his decision. He chose Tech because of the academic choice and the future in football at Georgia Tech. After receiving the Best Lineman Award as a junior, Mike enjoyed his finest year as a Bulldog as he had fifty individual tackles and scored six touchdowns. For this effort he was awarded the Best Lineman Award for the second straight year. On grading his game films the entire

a four year grant-in-aid scholarship to play football. He received it by his many talents and great promise as a great football player. He made his choice after he had narrowed his prospective schools to the University of Georgia and Memphis State. Craig stood out on the football team at six feet and eight inches tall and the feat of 30 individual tackles and leading the team in recovered fumbles. He plans to study Business or Physical Education at Troy State.

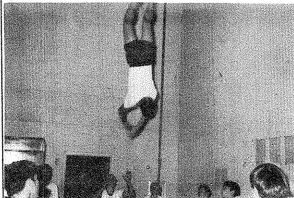
This is just three of the possible receivers of scholarships. Charlie Anderson is one of the best players in the state and can go anywhere he chooses. David Lee also has received letters in regards to possible scholarships. Also Gary Hutcheson has a very good chance in the field of baseball.



After years of practice, Brian McDavid does one pull up. Congratulations!



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Student prepares for catch in act of bravery.



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Joel Chandler Harris



Harry Stilwell Edwards

Profiles In Literature

Joel Chandler Harris was born on December 9, 1848 in Eatonton, Georgia. In 1862, after attending elementary school at a local academy, he was apprenticed to Joseph Addison Turner. On Turner's plantation, Harris was a "printer's devil" on the *Countryman*, a small literary newspaper. On the plantation, Harris listened to the tales of the slaves, unknowingly compiling a collection of stories he would use in the future. The Civil War caused the *Countryman* to be shut down because of financial reasons.

Then, at the age of seventeen, Joel went to work on the *Macon Telegraph*. After working there for a brief time, he accepted a job on the *Crescent Monthly*, a magazine printed in New Orleans. But the magazine died because of financial problems, and Harris came back to Georgia to work, from 1871 until 1876, on the *Monroe Advertiser*, and later he was on the staff of the *Savannah News*. Here, in 1876, he married Esther La Rose, the daughter of a French-Canadian steamboat captain. They had nine children. In 1876 they fled from Savannah to avoid the yellow fever plague which was racing up the Atlantic Coastline. When he arrived in Atlanta, Harris was offered a job on the *Constitution*. There he worked with Henry W. Grady. Harris held a policy-making position on the *Constitution* until he retired in 1900. After this he devoted himself to writing.

Here he was asked to write a column about Georgia; and Uncle Remus was born. Harris drew from the tales he had heard in Eatonton and on the Turner plantation. He kept his stories in Negro dialect, for they would have lost their humor if anyone but Uncle Remus had been handed down from generation to

generation for centuries with very little change. Each one offered some reason for the actions of the creatures of the forest.

Harry Stilwell Edwards was born in Macon, Georgia on April 23, 1855. Although he had studied law at Mercer University, and had been given an honorary Doctor of Laws' Degree, he decided to make journalism his career.

From 1881 to 1887 he served as Associate Editor and Editor of the *Macon Telegraph*. He then moved to the *Macon Evening News* and *Sunday Times*, where he served from 1887 until 1888.

He held the position of Postmaster from 1900 until 1913. A delegate at large to the Republican National Convention of 1909 he nominated Theodore Roosevelt to be the Republican candidate for the Presidency. During Roosevelt's terms as President, Edwards was referee in Georgia. In 1920 he ran as an independent candidate in the U.S. Senate race.

On January 13, 1881, Edwards married Mary Roxie Lane. They had six children.

His first books, *Sons ad Fathers*, which he wrote in 1896, won a \$10,000 award from the Chicago Recorder. But his most famous book is *Eneas Africanus*, which is reviewed in this edition of the *Telestar*.

Edwards also wrote *Two Run aways and Other Stories*, *The Marbean Cousins*, *His Defense and Other Stories*, *Fifth Dimention and Little Legends of the Land*.

Harry Stilwell Edwards also originated the Stone Mountain half dollar, and secured its issue in 1925. He was a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters. Edwards's career in literature and politics was brought to an end by his death in October 22, 1938.

Rays From The Lantern

With the excitement of spring fever in the air, and the shouts and enthusiasm of Spirit Week fresh in their memories, Lasseterites look forward to many and varied activities during the closing months of school.

Lasseter's fifth annual Spirit Week, March 9-13, hit it off with great success as classes got together to really prove that they could again take on the unique spirit of enthusiasm that has set the Bulldogs at Smith and Lasseter apart from other schools since their beginning in 1965. Five judges, Mrs. Helen Wilson, Mrs. Ann Williams, Mrs. James Bass, Coach Bobby Brown, and Mr. Allen Sanders, had the difficult task of selecting the "Best Skit" from those given at two assemblies by each of the classes. The Seniors took first place and the eighth grade second. The Sophomores had the best percentage of students participating. At the last assembly, which ended in a speech about Lasseter's heritage and spirit and the singing of the Alma Mater students and teachers realized and appreciated the great heritage that has grown at Lasseter in five short, but five exciting years.

The principal of H. S. Lasseter, Miss Ann Henry, has been named supervising principal of Northeast High School. She has our congratulations, best wishes, and confidence that she will lead another newer, bigger and more challenging school to greatness, with her admirable qualities of leadership.

As we look to the challenging years ahead, the time for Student Council elections comes again with a greater challenge to student leaders than ever before. Candidates for office are: president, Theresa Asbell and Donna Harris; vice president, Lisa Lumpkin and Debs Meeks; secretary, Carol Atkins and Melanie Teel; and treasurer, Rachel Edwards and Dale Eppers.

The Lasseter *Lantern* has recently won another award in the competitive field of journalism. The highest title of distinction, "Medalist" was given to the *Lantern* by the nationally known Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Lasseter seniors are planning the annual senior trip for April 25. They will spend the day at Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta.

Seniors breathed a sigh of relief when Miss Henry announced that they would graduate on June 6 as a unified class, along with Mark Smith students.

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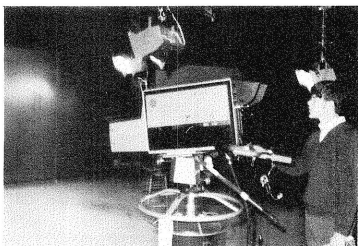
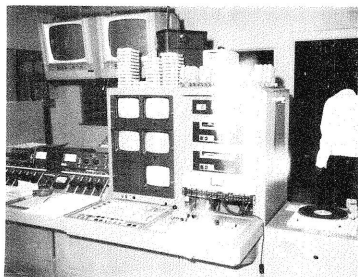
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Channel 41 is located on the UHF side of the television dial and operates on 1,050,000 watts.

Since its opening on December 19, 1968, it has been an affiliate of NBC. The station has met with much success and grown tremendously ever since.

When asked how programs were selected to be shown, Mr. Don McGouire, the general manager, said that the public need was of main importance. Of course, the public need doesn't consist only of public health warnings and news reports, but ranges from soap operas to championship hockey games to kiddie cartoons.

The popularity of programs are determined in the U.S. by either ARB Inc. or Nielson. These two organizations take samples from families of different races, creeds, and wealth all over the United

States and use this information to rate the programs. These families are paid fifty cents a day to keep a diary of everything on their television if they are watching or not. An individual station can't control the sample taking because the samples are taken if it meets the will of the local station. The results are supplied to stations for a price. WCWB has two news reports daily at six P.M. and at eleven P.M. The news staff spends most of the morning gathering information and news and, therefore, offers the listener a most complete coverage. Being a NBC affiliate, NBC sports are carried on the air. It is the continuous coverage of all major sports events.

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