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George Mason — Illustrious Native Son



GEORGE MASON

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

I. Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercising thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

II. . . . The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

III. No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house without consent of the owner. . . .

IV. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated. . . .

V. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury; . . . nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

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VI. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, . . . and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

VII. In suits at common law, where the value in the controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved. . . .

VIII. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

IX. Enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

X. Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

George Mason

The world is at a critical stage today. Half of its lands are oppressed by tyranny, and our own country is threatened by controversies involving free speech and a free press. The achievements of George Mason, the right of peaceable assembly and petition and the guarantees of due process of law, provide a mighty bulwark for American freedom.

George Mason was born in 1725 at Mason's Neck on the Potomac. He spent his early life on a typical tidewater plantation and was educated by private tutors. In 1750 he married Ann Eilbeck of Maryland and eight years later built the famous manor house, Gunston Hall. His wife died in 1773 and he married again in 1780 to Sarah Brent.

Management of his plantation and participation in public affairs brought him in close association with the leading men of the colony. He was a member of the Ohio Company which promoted the settlement of the territories west of the Alleghenies, and he was identified with the military campaigns of Washington in the French and Indian War. He also attended the councils with General Braddock and the royal governors of Alexandria in April 1755. George Mason was one of the prime movers in extending the navigation of the Pacific and for years maintained a ferry between Georgetown and Mason Island (now Roosevelt Island) and the Virginia shore. He was a vigorous opponent of the taxes laid by parliament on Britain's colonies in 1765.

With Washington he entered the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1759. Neither was distinguished in debate but their counsel was sought by such leaders as Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. Mason also held the office of trustee of the town of Alexandria, was a justice of the county court of Fairfax, and was already recognized as a developing master of public law.

Mason early protested against the slave trade. He foresaw human bondage as an evil affecting the economy of the country. Just 100 years before the adoption of the thirteenth amendment he wrote:

"The policy of encouraging the importation of free people and discouraging that of slaves has never been duly considered in this colony, or we should not this day see one-half of our best lands in most parts of the country remain unsettled and the other part cultivated by slaves, not to mention the ill effects of such a practice on the morals and the manners of our people."

Sam Adams, arch radical in Massachusetts Bay, on December 16, 1773, sponsored the provocative "Boston tea party." The news reached Fairfax County on New Years Day,

1774. This noisy hubbub in Boston seems to have caused only a slight lifting of the eyebrows in Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall. But a few months later the news from London of Parliament's retaliatory Boston Port Act set the Old Dominion aflame. Candles flickered late in the courthouse and the tavern while the leading men of Fairfax consulted among themselves and asked George Mason to prepare a paper that would set forth the jeopardized principles.

On Sunday afternoon, July 17, 1774, Mason entered the west gate at Mount Vernon with the completed draft of his resolutions. Their discussion continued long after nightfall. Early next day, Mason and Washington rode to Alexandria to meet the other committeemen and found a great gathering of men from all parts of the county.

While the citizens milled around, the committee reviewed Mason's long statement and several amendments were made by unanimous consent. The party then went to the assembly of freeholders at the courthouse. Washington presided with other members of the committee on the bench. Mason's resolutions, phrased with deliberate simplicity, were explained and adopted in the form of a statement of principles applied to the controversy with Parliament. Those listening to the resolutions were getting a preview of the resounding effect of the Declaration of Independence and the immortal tenets of the Bill of Rights.

Mason stated: "It is our greatest wish and inclination, as well as interest, forever to continue our connection with and dependence upon the British government; but, though we are its subjects, we will use every means which Heaven hath given us to prevent our becoming its slaves."

The Fairfax resolutions were sanctioned by the Virginia convention in August and substantially reaffirmed by the Continental Congress in October of the same year.

In 1775 Mason was a member of the Virginia convention and the following year drafted the celebrated "Declaration of Rights" and the "Plan of Government," which were adopted. In the revision of the statutes of Virginia his liberal sentiments were conspicuous. He was a member of the Continental Congress in 1777, and for the convention for framing the Federal Constitution in 1787.

In the Constitutional Convention Mason showed his militant spirit. His aggressive demands shocked many of the deputies who were classed as liberal. He proposed that the election of the President should be direct, and for a single term of seven years. He opposed postponement of the repeal of the slave trade, the counting of slaves as a basis for representation in Congress, and the establishment of a property basis for suffrage. Despite his efforts, several features which he considered dangerous were incorporated in the Constitution and he refused to sign.

He carried his opposition to the Virginia convention for the ratification of the Constitution and united with Patrick Henry in demanding its rejection unless amendments embodying his Bill of Rights should be made. The convention ratified the Constitution by the narrow margin 89-79, but he had the satisfaction of seeing the First Congress adopt his ten amendments---The Bill of Rights---in its first session on September 21, 1789. He was chosen one of the first senators from Virginia but declined the honor.

George Mason's battles in the public arena were now over. He turned to enjoy the beauty and comfort of Gunston Hall, named after the family estate in Staffordshire, England.

Admirers of George Mason--foe of tyranny, whether by dictator or the mob--are comforted to know his last days were pleasant. A lifelong student, he was surrounded by his books; an ardent sportsman, he went far afield in quest of game and along inviting streams where wildfowl and fish abounded; a vestryman at Pohick Church, he cherished a long relationship with his fellow parishioner, Washington, and he always found congenial fellowship with his kinsmen and neighbors who paid him the homage due an elder statesman. He died October 7, 1792.

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Editorial

The school seal was brought to the attention of the students, then voted on. To the expectant freshman in the crowded lounge at the first student body meeting, this procedure seemed both hasty and uncalled for. They wanted time to look it over, think it over, and improve where necessary.

Only about fifteen of the hundred or more students present were back for their second year. They're used to student body meetings. After waiting for the seal for more than a year, they approved this on-the-spot voting. The seal was as good as ours.

The seal was accepted but the new students were puzzled and disappointed. Although they had made the seal our "official" unofficial school emblem, they felt they had played no important part. There is, however, no reason for disappointment or puzzlement. The school seal is the culmination of last year's work, and should have been voted on then. Even so, there is still a lot of work to be done, a long way to go before we have a college that is even remotely capable of traveling the path of noble institutions like that of Thomas Jefferson.

George Mason College, founded in 1956, is still a very young college. The permanent buildings which themselves stimulate traditions dealing with the campus, etc., won't be occupied until next year. However, this is no reason for disappointed freshman or satisfied sophomores to sit back in frustration and complacency. There are endless possibilities when you are dealing with an infant institution.

Our sister college at Charlottesville, more than a century old, is steeped with both gentle and dynamic traditions. It took all that century and more to develop and establish those customs, but somewhere, sometime, someone made the initial step. It is these "someones" who strengthen foundations, who instill a deep sense of loyalty through tradition, and who shape the destiny of nations.

We can never hope to catch up, a hundred years handicap is too great to overcome. but we can start. All things that are accomplished have one thing in common---they all have a beginning.

George Mason College will have a beginning if we, and the students who follow us--led by our example, make the initial steps. Freshmen, the school seal is not the end, it is the beginning. Think! All the time search for the next foot in the path that carries a college to immortality and to proud recognition.

In fifty years, your heads, bowed with age, will raise with pride when a current of curiosity ripples through the students of well-known George Mason College, "I wonder who started this tradition? Someone had to!"

That Someone will be you.

Helen Momsen, Editor

Urge your parents and friends to become patrons of "The Gunston Ledger." Without their generous help this great venture of George Mason College will fail. Students, be a patron, too!!



Left to right: Mayor John C. Wood, of the City of Fairfax; Clarence A. Steele, Chairman of the old Advisory Committee; Senator Fenwick; Director Finley; Delegate C. Harrison Mann, former chairman of the Northern Virginia Board of Control.

Groundbreaking

The long-awaited start of construction of George Mason College of the University of Virginia began August 1, 1963 with the groundbreaking ceremonies.

A hot sun and bare, dusty ground failed to destroy the obvious pleasure felt by the university and college officials, Northern Virginia members of the General Assembly, and some 40 spectators as State Senator Charles R. Fenwick turned the first shovel of earth.

Fenwick, a member of the Board of Visitors of the University, made a brief speech in which he dedicated George Mason College to the motto found over the entrance to the university in Charlottesville:

"Enter by this gateway and seek the way of honor, the light of truth, the will to work for men."

Fenwick was introduced by J. N. G. Finley, president of George Mason, who said that 40 acres of the college's 150 have now been cleared and graded, and that the utility lines were in place.

He assured those assembled that soon the site would have "tidy walks and drives...dotted with buildings charming in themselves."

Finley's work on behalf of the college was praised by Del. Harrison Mann of Arlington, former chairman of the board of control which welcomed Fairfax City's donation of the land five years ago.

Mann said Finley had "exhibited more patience and good will than called for on the part of any midwife summoned repeatedly to answer false alarms."

The checkered history of the college so far culminated a few weeks ago in the announcement by Governor Albert S. Harrison that he had transferred some \$600,000 of phase two into phase one of the building program so that the college could go ahead.

For a while, back in March, it appeared that there might be further delays, after it was revealed that the low bid for phase one was about \$800,000 more than the General Assembly had appropriated.

Governor Harrison's action relieved the anxiety.

Joseph L. Vaughan, chancellor for community colleges of the university, brought greetings from the university President, Edgar M. Shannon and Judge Albert V. Bryan, rector of the university.

Even while the ceremony was going on, surveyors in the background were laying out building foundations.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY NEWS

The Student Assembly began this academic year with its best foot forward. With the aid of many students it put an extra personal touch in orientation. For the first time, also, the Student Assembly undertook to sponsor the selling of the insurance. The increase in the purchasing of the policies over last year was 100%. Also, the Student Assembly itself now adheres in its meetings to a strict set of parliamentary rules compiled and supervised by Roland Drum, Vice President. In the meetings there is a set agenda to avoid any confusion. Unlike last year's minute of silence, the meetings are now opened with the Lord's Prayer.

In the coming months, the Student Assembly hopes to ease the burden of studies by providing diverse and interesting activities. Three dances have been planned by Tom Ruth and his committee. There will be two casual dances at the end of October and one around Thanksgiving. Just before vacation our Christmas dance will be held. In addition to these dances, the Student Assembly hopes to have picnics at Gunston Hall this fall.

A special committee, to be headed by Walter Mielwocki, has been set up to take care of special events and movies. The first movie planned is "The Mouse That Roared." No date has been set as yet.

Again this year intramural football teams are being formed and for the first time, intramural volleyball teams. A basketball team is being planned for this winter and several games will be played in the area. The Student Assembly urges you to participate in these sports and support them!

Looking to the future, the Student Assembly plans to provide as many activities for the students as possible. In the coming weeks Freshman Representatives will be elected and possibly the entire assembly will visit Charlottesville. Ralph Haller has put up an Honor Society for immediate consideration. However, no matter what the Student Assembly does, it will have no significance unless the student body is interested and supports it.

by Cindy Long, Secretary

The Gunston Ledger and students of GMC would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Mansell, first year student, for the beautiful art work that she has done for the newspaper. Linda drew our masthead, of which we are very proud, and also lettered all the column headlines.

WELCOME FACULTY

Welcome to our new faculty members!!!!

Mr. Larkin (Librarian), Mr. Cragin (Math), Mrs. Sehart (German), Mr. Olsen (Western Civilization), Mr. Stutts (Math), Mr. Reid (American History), Mr. Wilson (Political Science), Mr. Muhlenberg (Mechanical Drawing), Mrs. Flint (Biology Lab Instructor), and Mr. Smith (Math).

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



by Cindy Long

At George Mason College, Dr. Fanny-Fern Davis is to Biology as protoplasm is to the cell. Anyone who has ever studied under her, will never forget the life and enthusiasm she puts into her courses.

Born in Rosebud, Illinois, Dr. Davis was raised and educated in the Midwest. She received her degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. While doing her thesis at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Dr. Davis met her biologist husband who was also doing research. She said, "We always wanted to publish a paper together, but we gave that up in favor of raising children together."

After obtaining her Ph. D., she taught at Lindenwood College, Mo., and later at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In 1938 she became director of turf grass control for the Department of Interior. This project was concerned with the killing of the broadleaved weeds on the national grounds which had been neglected. Dr. Davis has written several articles concerning her different studies, among them an article on "Greens" for the Encyclopedia Britannica. She also has been preparing a paper on "The History of the Public Grounds in Washington in the 1900's."

Her favorite hobby is, of course, her family. Dr. Davis and her husband have two sons and a daughter. They also have two granddaughters and a new grandson. Next to the family, she also enjoys gardening and is a wonderful cook. (Any member of the Student Assembly from last year can verify that!!!!) Dr. Davis is very active in church work and in 1956 was chosen as one of twenty-five to tour England and Scotland.

Everyone who has ever met Dr. Davis recognizes her dynamic personality and her dedication to her profession. With an unusual enthusiasm, she makes biology really something special. It is this fervor which has encouraged many of her students to go into the field of Biology. It is also this fervor which makes Dr. Fanny-Fern Davis one of the most unforgettable persons that you will ever meet.

Honor Court News

The Honor Court was elected in May 1963. Those elected were Kathy O'Brien, Jim Lewis, Craig Kennedy, Susie Palmer, Al Nestor, and Rick Mendelson. Rick was selected as the chairman of the Court. Due to the fact that Al and Susie did not return this year, two new judges were selected by the Court on October 2, 1963 with the approval of Dr. Charles Herring, the Court's faculty advisor. Those selected were Len Benade and Walter Mielwocki.

The Gunston Ledger extends its congratulations to these two new judges and a wish for good luck to the Honor Court.

The following is a letter written last year by the President of our Student Assembly concerning the Honor Code. It was written just after the Code had been accepted by the University of Virginia officials. New students, read it now for the first time; old students, read it again. Every one of us should realize what a great achievement the institution of this Honor Code is for George Mason College. Every one of us should support it, respect it and follow it every moment of every day. George Mason College is composed of fine and honorable individuals. The Honor Code is meant to see that we stay that way. — Ed.

I take great pleasure in presenting you a copy of the Honor Code as it was finally approved. This Honor Code outlines an Honor System which is recognized and approved by the University of Virginia as an integral part of the regulations under which students conduct themselves while members of George Mason College of the University of Virginia.

The task of establishing and maintaining an Honor System is an extremely difficult one because, no matter how reasonable and logically sound its principles are, it may be an artificial code imposed upon individuals whose custom it has been to meet only those demands made upon them by society in general. But, although this Honor System is a delicate affair for the student body to undertake and maintain, we feel that it will further the aims of the students.

Our Honor System may be defined as a kind of contract by which the students agree to uphold certain specified standards and to make known to the Honor Court any violations when they occur. The Honor System provides the students with a sense of responsibility and self respect, a realization that they are on their own insofar as their conduct is concerned.

The Honor Court, consisting of four sophomore and two freshman judges (elected in the 2nd semester), is elected by the student body and represents the judgement of the student body. It acts independently of the administration of the college.

The purpose and aims of the Honor System are set forth in the title page of the Honor Code. I wish to emphasize that "responsibility" is the key word used here. The prime concern of this Honor System is a "greater academic and personal achievement."

Each student is asked to sign the "Pledge" which is stated on page six. The chief value of signing such a pledge is to give the student a definite awareness of the fact that there is an Honor System and that he is voluntarily obligating himself to live under it. For its proper functioning, an Honor System must be upheld by every student in a college. When an individual decides to enter any college, under an Honor System or not, he is deciding to accept the honor of a professional man. Therefore, the signing of a pledge is only a formality, a reminder.

One of the most easily misunderstood points of the Honor System is the reporting of a violation. Students who enforce the system are not spying, but are, in their own eyes and in the eyes of their fellows, performing their duty. For the existence of harmony in any given group, it is necessary that every individual have respect for the principles and aims of the group as a whole and perform his share of the task of maintaining them. When a violation has been committed against one of these principles, it is the indi-

vidual's duty to rectify it. If he fails, the harmony of the group is weakened and eventually lost.

It should be remembered that the "Honor" must be emphasized more and the "System" less. We hope that this system does not become overwhelmed with technicalities which often provide a convenient legal loophole for actually serious offenses against the spirit of the code. We hope to keep the right balance.

As it has been noted, the motive for the establishment of the Honor System is the betterment of the individual student. Certainly, living under an effective Honor System is a valuable means of increasing the individual's maturity and integrity.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Reger, President
Student Assembly



THE SEAL

by Richard Sparks

All of George Mason's classes before the class of '63 probably thought of designing a school seal, and they probably laughed over suggestions of dalmations and firetrucks just as we did.

I assumed that this was as far as the seal had gotten until the spring of last year when the Student Assembly President (Steve Reger) asked me to design a seal. He said that a committee had been formed to offer suggestions, and that really all I had to do was draw what they designed. I soon found out, however, that their only firm decisions had been nominating me for the job, and then disbanding.

I should have given up there, knowing absolutely nothing about seals, but the Student Assembly wanted a seal, and I thought we ought to have one. Therefore, I went to the chairman of the defunct committee. He admitted that there had been a few suggestions. As a basis for the seal, they thought the George Mason family seal might be used, and as all seals seemed to require a motto, the George Mason

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Sophomore Spotlight



**Ralph
Haller**

by Bob Sorgen

This edition's spotlight is centered on Ralph Haller, who is the President of the Student Assembly this year. Ralph is a graduate of Hammond High School, and he also attended schools in Maine and Illinois.

Last year, Ralph was introduced to the world of politics by his election to the office of freshman representative. He has proven to be a valuable asset to the school and certainly deserves the scholarship he hopes to receive from Charlottesville. His major is Physics and this interest in science led to his being a Chemistry Lab assistant for Mr. Feinstein.

Ralph likes George Mason because of the informal atmosphere and congenial students found in our "little red schoolhouse." His interest in the school is indicated by what he hopes to accomplish this year.

Ralph feels that the school must be made ready for the prestige that goes with a new campus. This can only be done by "expanding our activities to a magnitude that will fit next year's student body. This, in turn, will raise the image of our school in the public view." In order to achieve this goal, he feels it is necessary to obtain money from outside sources for scholarships, to strengthen and encourage the school newspaper, and to establish the image of the Honor Code. His biggest problem this year will be to unite the various ideas of the students in such a way as to result in the total support by the student body of the Student Assembly.

Ralph's outside interests are as interesting as they are versatile. Other than his most well known interests--scotch and his baby blue Ford--he has a great love for the outdoors. Such sports as track, swimming, ice skating, tobogganing, lumbering, and sugaring-off parties are his favorites. (For those readers not from New England, this is a party where guys and girls get together for winter sports and enjoy boiled maple sugar poured on snow for dessert.) Ralph also enjoys mountain climbing and has conquered Mt. Katahdin (5280 ft.) which is at the northern terminal of the Appalachian Trail. He has spent the past two summers as lifeguard and then assistant manager of the Springfield swimming pool.

Being foresighted, Ralph is looking ahead to U. Va. in '64 and skating on Roland Drum's pond this winter.



**Helen
Momsen**

by Cindy Long

What is a Helen Momsen? Well, first of all, she is the editor of our school newspaper. More important, she is the originator of "The Gunston Ledger" and a new tradition.

Helen came to George Mason College from George Mason High School in Falls Church, where she was an active member of the choir and the dramatics club. She also attended schools in New England and California. Last year, Helen was a freshman representative to the Student Assembly. This year, she plans to devote most of her spare time to establishing the new paper, to passing, and to getting to know all the new "strange faces."

Helen was born in Washington, D.C. on January 18, 1945. During her lifetime she has traveled extensively across the United States. For the past five years, she has lived in Falls Church, Virginia, with her parents, a younger brother and an older sister.

Our editor likes George Mason because "everyone is so friendly and also because there is no division between first year and second year students. (Or third and fourth!) This creates a friendly atmosphere which is beneficial to everybody."

In order of preference, Helen's hobbies are Sandy, Georgetown, and The Gunston Ledger. She has been playing the piano for 12 years but at the present only in her spare time. She works part time for a local newspaper which aids her in her job as editor here.

Helen's pet peeves are selfishness, hypocrites, and boys with a line. Her likes, however, far outnumber her dislikes, ranging from '49 Plymouths and hazel eyes, to Shakespeare and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Helen wants to see George Mason College establish its own individual identity and have its own traditions. With many new ideas, Helen hopes to leave GMC a tradition in the form of "The Gunston Ledger." She believes that we should have a newspaper worthy of the college level, and hopes to see the name and the paper carried over to the new school and campus.

After Helen leaves George Mason, she plans to continue her education, majoring in English, which she one day wishes to teach. Imminently, however, she plans to get married (to guess who?).

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Harding of Alexandria announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Ann, to Mr. Robert L. Grove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Grove of Alexandria.

A graduate of Hammond High School, Linda attended George Mason and Mary Washington Colleges. She is employed at the new Alexandria Hospital.

Mr. Grove, a graduate of Hammond, attends Columbia Technical Institute. He is associated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A fall wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Brodhead of Falls Church announce the engagement of her daughter, Charlotte Anne Momsen to Jon Wayne Klein, son of Col. and Mrs. Elvin W. Klein, of Falls Church. Miss Momsen is also the daughter of Capt. Charles B. Momsen, Jr. of Arlington.

A graduate of George Mason High School, Miss Momsen attended George Mason College and Temple Business School. She is now employed as a sales representative by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

Mr. Klein is a graduate of George Mason High School and was discharged recently from the army. He is employed by Pioneer Realty.

A late autumn wedding is planned.

THE SEAL (continued)

family motto "Pro Patria Semper" had been suggested. He had a sketch that had been submitted showing a torch symbolizing the "lamp of learning." Both of these ideas seemed good to me, at least better than fire engines, so I set to work at combining them.

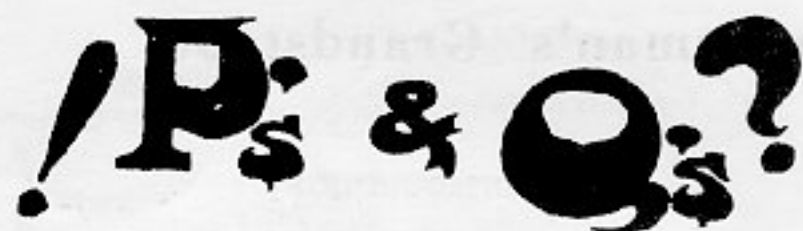
Originally the three-turreted castle on the George Mason shield had a fleur-de-lis on each turret and a dove on the center turret. I liked the symmetrical appearance of the torch superimposed on the center turret. It also happily covered the dove which I wasn't sure about drawing. It was pointed out to me that if the seal were reduced, as on a letterhead, the fleur-de-lis would be invisible, so I moved them up above the turrets and enlarged them. The motto went on a ribbon-type arrangement below the point of the seal.

The seal was rejected because of the fleur-de-lis which I had just worked to emphasize. It was said that they were somehow symbolic of despotism. The deletion of the fleur-de-lis left two large blank areas which were minimized by moving the castle up toward the center of the shield, but that left the point of the shield empty. This was solved by putting the date of foundation below the castle.

The final rounding out of the seal came from the University seal. Taking the branch held aloft by the lady on the shield and creating a companion mirror image, I filled the last of the spaces in design and called the seal finished. (After I'd indicated that the name and location could go above and below or around the seal in a circle.) This was rejected because the Student Assembly wanted the name in the seal. I quit and we did without a seal.

The next time I heard about the seal was when your editor spoke to Ralph Haller and me about one. Ralph instantaneously produced my old design and said, "Why don't you put a circle around it?" (My old idea.)

The next day, the seal was as you see it now.



"Where do I park my car?" A familiar cry this semester. Our grotesque mud hole captures several cars each day.... For "hayride protocol" contact our S.A.P. (Student Assembly President). He claims to have the answers.... Is it "Isabelle" or "Ann"? An owl, a goat, and some stringed instruments! We have a Hootenanny Trio for mid-morning entertainment.... Gary finally came to a G.M.C. dance.... Our 3 1/2 year man, "ole double T" himself, has received warning from the campus fuzz. "Slow down!" 10 mph! Or I'll report you to the principal!!!".... Virginia's grounds claimed Billy S., Jim Greek, Mike Mouth, Val K., Vi B., Fat Pat M., Patricia G., S. Culbertson, Bob D., and Brett C.... Sandy J. is a "four year man" and plans to graduate MAGNA CUM LAURE this June.... B. Green's TR has a spacious replacement. Since blanket season is over, Crunch may follow his example.... Kathy-O's new companion "Is Puff the magic drug store dragon".... Livingston is SNOW KING. Beware on "coat and tie" days!!!.... Cindy "My love" L.O.N.G.... No, you're not traveling in circles! There are triplets aboard.... "MR. Inquisitive" haunts the student body meetings.... Pepe is well versed in the art of money collecting... Linda, who is Peter Jackson???.... My mother gave me a book on the subject, but, I already knew.... Is Bob collecting girls for the newspaper staff or for his date book???... Write to our editor care of the G.B. & G.... M. Hedges is plagued with thoughts of C-ville.... Save your newspapers and join the "put-together-your-own-annula" craze.... Sherri R. is now Mrs. Hume.... Charlotte is getting married next month.... Lillian is engaged.... Watch out for "Grannie Green Grunt".... Read the New York Times!.... Do you think that Marbury should be given his Madison???.... That was a quick run down the hill, Mr. Conrad. Weren't your buddies watching?.... Emma uses $C_6H_{12}O_6 + H_2O$ for her stylish coiffure.... Our sport's editor shook hands with some important people this summer. Brando, huh?.... English 5-6 students, beware of "all the better to see them with".... Susie B. sings all kinds of songs.... Whatever happened to Billy Shakespeare's "first best bed"???.... Mike M. is playing the Fred Furry Face role.... It's "field trip time" for Dr. Davis and her Botany students.... Lots of contestants for Miss Classical Teardrop.... S. Watson has added to the TR population. Is Cris her chauffeur?.... No more green stamps at the DRUG FAIR???.... Three little garbage cans all in a row. Obstacle course, HELP!!!!.... How will Mr. Van Sant survive without students like our editor and her 4 year man??? Last year's Tuesday evening flings.... Anyone for holding hands in class???!!!!.... Who is this Harry

High School who wants class dismissed??? After all, You paid for it!.... Tweedy, collegiate, ivy, and a few are beat. Pretty tough freshman class, "I'd say.".... It seems as though "Bailey's X-Road University" has already raised the Hot Shoppe stock.... Dr. Herring's classroom needs sturdier window props.... R. Drum wants an overpass to American U.... "Are you a 100% American?".... A new door at the Lounge.... What about that Santa Claus band?.... Is T. Ruth a third year student?.... Cris F. is quite ambitious.... Director Finley has quite an interesting translation in regard to our state seal.... See ya' soon and mind your P's and Q's!!!!!!!

Grossman's Grandstand

by Jerry Grossman

INTRODUCTION

We are all familiar, I'm sure, with the typical sports sections encountered in the literary publications of most high schools and even some colleges. I am referring to their silly standardization of thoughts and clichés written in sports columns from the first issue to the last. At the beginning of the year, one learns of the sports editors' declaration of a championship team, a team amply supported by stars in almost every position. The unalterable follow-up to this prediction is the same ridiculous two line interview from Coach Shoulderpads, an interview something to the effect "I, uh, feel we have the nucleus of a good team. Probably take the championship if we get the breaks." Thus, the first issue comes to a thundering climax. In ensuing issues, we briefly learn of the school's star player from each game and his point accomplishments. The win is played to the hilt, the loss is second only to the tragedy of Macbeth. The last issue encompasses the year, and the coach reads from his script "It was, uh, a somewhat disappointing season, a rebuilding season, but wait till next year."

My readers may rest assured that none of this journalistic standardization will appear in this column. What this sports editor lacks in journalistic ability will hopefully be made up of realistic ideas.

The column will feature an editorial column which will attempt to discuss the sporting situation at George Mason College, heretofore referred to as G.M.C. The first editorial will be a general examination of the sports problem at G.M.C. Aside from the editorial column, there will be added features and Departments. The latter will try to give a closer look at the personalities involved in the school's sports program. I would welcome any suggestions from any member of the student body or for that matter, the faculty, on how to improve the column. I sincerely hope you enjoy this column.

SPORTS AT G.M.C. - A PROBLEM?

May I, first of all, call to the attention of the students, especially the Freshman, that it is most important to concentrate on one's studies and consider any sporting endeavors at G.M.C. as secondary. There can be no comparison between the importance of one's academic life and his sports life. Sports, intramural or otherwise, should be attempted only when one feels he is in complete command of his subjects. Yes, it is often good to break the monotony of study with a quick game of touch football or basketball, but the cutting of classes or waste of valuable study time for the latter should be highly discouraged. A word to the wise is sufficient, so we shall drop this point for the time being.

Sports at G.M.C., as previously noted, is on a secondary scale. Last year, a fairly good touch football league was held during the fall and early spring months. Enthusiasm and competitive spirit were high for the league. But, unfortunately, the league was hampered from the beginning by the lack of a good playing field. The field adjacent to the school, as easily seen, is quite small for a good game. The teams attempted to switch to area fields which were much larger. As soon as this problem was remedied, others

occurred. The players, drawn to the school's field because of its convenience and little preparation needed to play, were more hesitant at playing at the distant fields. Playing at these fields entailed spending a whole afternoon in planning and actual football. Grossman's Grandstand supports a move to clear part of the wooded area surrounding the parking lot and securing an ample field. It is primarily up to the students to push such an idea. The league was a lot of fun last year, and its continuance would, I believe, add much to the spirit of the school.

A basketball team played last year as a representative of the college. The team played an adequate if not good schedule. Out of eight games, only one victory could be recorded though. Most of the games were very close and, if an appropriate excuse can be made for the team's showing, that excuse would be lack of personnel; not good personnel, just personnel. The team, man for man, was a good one, but sheer manpower in numbers spelled defeat in the losses.

It is quite difficult, understandably, for a small school to field a good team when players must provide their own transportation to practices and games when this time could be spent studying. A player on our team could possibly become complacent when there aren't five players trying to beat him out for his job. Nor does a G.M.C. player worry about the pressure of earning a scholarship in sports... Perhaps this is all for the better, though. The basketball players played solely for fun. There was no pressure in winning or losing, although no one likes to lose. Grossman's Grandstand will support the team and report to you first hand on its fortunes.

One eyesore that exists in the sports program of G.M.C. is that of a girls intramural program. The only involvement, or should we say opportunity for the girls last year was volleyball. If there are any suggestions for a girls program to complement that of the boys, Grossman's Grandstand will gladly support it and give the program full coverage.

There is a lot of fun to be had at G.M.C. Sports is just one of them. Grandstand sincerely hopes the program will have the full support of the students. For a school with the limited facilities of a G.M.C., I would say an excellent job is done in many areas, not only sports.

Sport Shorts Dept. - Congratulations to Dan Casey for breaking Peter Snell's world record in the mile. Snell's record was 3 minutes, 53 seconds; Dan's new pending record is 3 minutes 52 seconds. We all knew his Plymouth could do it. It was just a question of getting the right tail wind... Also, congratulations to one of G.M.C.'s fine faculty members for breaking Roger Maris' record of 61 when our pride hit 52 this summer. They'll be 63 next July 13. Happy birthday.

Poetic Dept. - "The bigger they are, the worse beating you're gonna get."

Coming up Next Issue Dept. - Grossman's Grandstand will feature a special story on the sporting lives of some of our faculty members. Highlights and lowlights of these meteoric careers will be brought out for the first time (and undoubtedly the last). Don't miss it.