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Distaff scribe discovers super star at Washington

Marvin Smith sets 880 mark
one of many wins for Washington College

By CAROLYN K. ERWIN

Everyone can't be a super star. Then again everyone can't be a Marvin Smith, either. "What's so special about being a Marvin Smith, you ask?"

Well actually nothing — that is if you'd consider being twice voted Most Valuable Player, an eight letterman, captain of the varsity basketball, track, and cross-country teams, and having the respect and admiration of an entire college community — nothing. These are the things that make being Marvin Smith special at least at Washington College in Chestertown, Md.

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FOR THE past four years, this colorful young athlete has provided a much needed lift to the college's waning athletic spirit. Holder of the school record in the 880-yard run and the 440 intermediate hurdles, Marvin is the first of his race to actively participate in competitive sports at Washington College.

He co-captained the school track team which ran in the 1967 Penn Relays in Philadelphia recently.

During the fall, Smith turns his talents to the basketball court where he is equally adept. Though hardly the stereotype of a basketball player as far as size is concern (he measures slightly above 5-6 and weighs 135 pounds) Smith combines skill and superior jumping ability to make his presence felt in a game dominated by big men.

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"WHAT I lack in height," he explains, "I attempt to compensate for with speed and quickness. I prefer opponents who are taller than myself because it is easier to outmaneuver them."

Using this strategy, Smith has scored an average of 19 points a game from his guard position.

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MARVIN, A 22-year-old native of Salem, N.J., is the youngest of the four children of Mrs Glayds Smith.

He developed an interest in sports at an early age due to the influence of an older brother.

Because of his size, Marvin was often left out when the time came for choosing sides in friendly neighborhood games of "softball" or "touch football." This rebuff, however, only encouraged him to go on to prove that his size did not measure his ability.

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HE CAME to Washington College after transferring from the University of Arizona where he enrolled following graduation from Salem High School.

His decision to transfer was prompted by a search for a college with an athletic program that would be staisfying and yet not too demanding. Also influencing his decision was the small college atmosphere.

"In a small college," he noted, "the competition is keener because of hte small number of students and as a result you become more conscious of your academic performance."

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BEING ACTIVE in three major varsity sports demands long hours of practice, coaching, and traveling. Despite the demands on his time and energy, Marvin manages to maintain a balance between good athletic production and good academic performance.

He is currently an honor student (he received dean's list honors in his junior year) and vice-president of Omicron Delta Kappa, an honorary fraternity at Washington College.

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Recently voted by his fellow students for recognition in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," Smith attributes his success to good study habits.

"I make a habit of studying only when I am mentally ready," he says.

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A MAJOR in economics, Smith's career choice lingers between corporation law and teaching on a college level.

After graduation he hopes to enter into graduate studies at Howard University.

With less than a month before he receives his college degree, Marvin turns his thoughts to those students who will get their first taste of college life soon:

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"THE AVERAGE college-bound student today is extremely name conscious.

"He no longer cares whether or not a college has an academic program to fit his needs. All he is concerned about is 'does it have a name' or 'how well known is it?'"

"I think this is the wrong attitude for a prospective college student to have.

"What he should be mainly concerned with is whether the school to which he is applying satisfies his academic and social needs."

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MARVIN, LIKE most young men his age, has his philosophy of life. His philosophy, unique and profound, hangs on the wall of his room at Washington college. It reads:

"You win some, you lose some, some you tie, and some you shouldn't have shown up for."

According to Smith, "These words symbolize life for me. I read them when I'm low to give myself hope and encouragement to face the future.

"When I'm happy, he continued, "I reread them to remind myself to be thankful for the good times as well as the b...

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UP AND OVER! — Elijah Miller of Rutgers University, strains every muscle to clear 6 feet, 10¼ inches and win the high jump competition at the inter-collegiate American Amateur Athletic Association (IC4-A) outdoor track and field championships at Villanova College last weekend. The Wildcats successfully defended the team title they have held for the last six years.

Two wheel set scoots towards record year

NEW YORK (UPI) — If you think you've been seeing a lot more two-wheeled motor vehicles around lately, you're right.

The motorcycle population recently passed the 2 million mark in the United States, according to the industry's trade association.

The Motorcycle, Scooter and Allied Trades Association said this is a 400 per cent increase since 1960 and double the number of cycles and scooters using public roads in 1965.

Leotis Martin kayoes Carr for 16th straight

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Leotis Martin, 191-½, of Philadelphia, scored his 16th straight victory Monday night, knocking out Lee Carr, 203, of New York, in 2:27 of the second round of their secheduled 10-round bout at the Arena.

Carr was down for a nine count before the bell sounded in the first round after Martin, the World Boxing Association's ninth-ranked contender, traded body blows in the heavyweight division with Carr and floored him with a left hook to the chin. Both fighters had opening two minutes.

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A little sardine waggled his fin at a passing submarine and asked "Mommy, what's that?" "That," said mother sardine, "is a can of people."

AFRO CAMERA AT MSA TRACK MEET

SCHOOLBOY ACTION — Heated action and tight finishes marked the Maryland Scholastic Association track and field championships, won by City College at Kirk Field last weekend. The unbeaten Collegians scored 174 points to take the team title, with Forest Park second at 118. Left panel of AFRO camera coverage shows Edmondson's Larry Ward overtaking Charles Waters of Forest Park, 30 yards from tape for Junior Varsity 440 title. Ward, a sophomore, took event in 52.6 seconds. Foresters, however won JV crown, 90-88, over City youngsters. Second panel shows Robert Hedrick of Northwestern, breasting tape ahead of Forest Park's Gregg Sutton in Junior Varsity mile. Panel at extreme right catches Forester Versino Mariano breezing to wire after anchoring mile relay quartet to 3:30 triumph. In this event, Douglass, which finished second, was disqualified for running in improper lane.

RELAY CHAMPIONS. — Forest Park High captured the coveted mile relay championship in the 50th annual MSA track meet last weekend at Kirk Lield. Bringing victory to the fast - rising young Forester squad was this foursome of Evans Smith, Verasino Mariano, Michael Lewis and Vic Davis. City College, Dunbar, Edmondson and Mt. St. Joe were given respective placings behind the Foresters after Douglass was disqualified after running second for leaving her lane.

HEADED FOR TWO — Ronald James (extreme right) leaves blocks at start of 180-yard low hurdles race, which he won for second title in MSA championships. City College 11th grader previously won 120 highs, thus giving champion Collegians a "double" for afternoon at Kirk Field. Steve McClurkin (extreme left) of City, was second. Ed Richbourg and Dave Harrington of Forest Park, were third and fourth.

City to send 82 teams to N.Y. games

Mayor McKeldin has announced details for selection of youngsters to represent the City at the first annual United States Youth Games being held in New York City from August 17 to 20.

The Mayor said the City would send a full complement of 82 boys and girls and 3 coaches with all expenses paid to represent the City in basketball, bowling and track and field events.

The Mayor said that the Bureau of Recreation would handle all particulars of selecting the teams and said that the Director for the City would be John P. Kirby, supervisor of boys and men's activities for the Bureau.

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AS OUTLINED in a 21-page brochure compiled by the Bureau and handed out by the Mayor at the press conference, competition for basketball teams would be held first as district tournaments from June 12 to 23, then as area tournament the week of June 26, and City-wide tournaments to select the 10 best players the week of July 10.

In bowling, preliminary roll-offs to be held July 6, semi-finals on July 13 and Baltimore City finals July 15.

To select members for the City's field and track team, a qualifying meet will be held in Clifton Park on June 23, with outstanding participants invited to try out for the Baltimore City teams.

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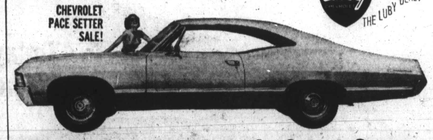

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