

MIKE'S MEMOIRS

Dateline - September 13

* Congratulations to Walt Eilers and his crew of hundreds for a job well done: the 6th Annapolis Run was once again a tremendous success. I stood at the top of the stands in the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium and watched the 1500 runners who showed up head off from the starting line. It sent chills down my spine. I'd witnessed a large part of the planning and done some work on the race myself so it was a thrill to see the culmination of all the efforts as a sea of color spread out below me.

As many of you know, I run a good number of races each year but like many Striders I always work the Annapolis Run. I ran it once 4 years ago but that wasn't half as much fun as helping put on the race.

Walt is stepping down from his race director's post after 2 years of selfless devotion to the race. John Gudas has already come forward to take up the challenging job. Planning is already starting for next year. Please become a worker too. We had a hard time getting enough help in 1981, let's not have a repeat of this in '82.

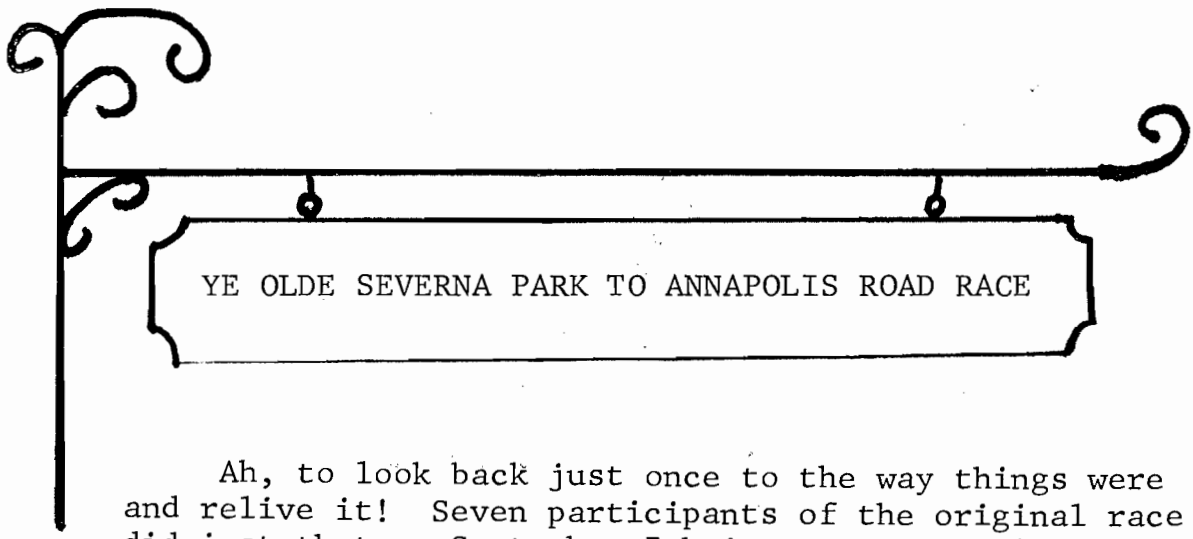
* A motion was passed at a recent board meeting that proceeds from the Annapolis Run be donated to the Annapolis Police and Fire Fighters to start an exercise program. It has come to our attention that this type of program is sorely needed and will benefit not only these men and women but the Annapolis community as a whole.



If you want to be in on decisions of this variety, come to our board meetings: the second Monday of every month, 7:30 PM, the Arundel Center.

* Many Striders will be travelling to the New York City Marathon, October 25th. Besides looking for lodging up there the club is looking for inexpensive transportation. If anyone is taking a van or knows of one which would be available, please call the HOTLINE. If you would like to join this group venture, get in touch also.

* A recent meeting was held to organize a youth program in the Striders. In attendance was one Stroher "Stretch" Washington, who coaches the Arundel Antelopes for all children up to the age of 18. It has been agreed that the Antelopes



Ah, to look back just once to the way things were and relive it! Seven participants of the original race did just that on September 7th in a sentimental Severna Park to Annapolis Nostalgia Run. They all placed very well in their categories. Here are the race results:

- 1st Helicopter Politician to cross the finish line.... John Astle
- 1st Runner With Blond Hair Over 40...Phyllis Beardmore
- 1st Race Director.....Randy Fox
- 1st Youngest Runner.....Debbie Fox
- 1st Runner With Curly Hair.....Donna Jay
- 1st Blond Under 40.....Bonnie Phillips
- 1st Veterinarian.....Barton Rohrbach

Race results for invited guests were equally exceptional:

- 1st Runner With Glasses.....Jayne Astle
- 1st Italian.....Jim Magliano
- 1st USNA Graduate.....Rick Rohrbach
- 1st Marine Biologist.....Ben Florence
- 1st Track Coach.....Doug Jovan

Refreshments were served to all finishers compliments of Dockside Restaurant in Annapolis.

