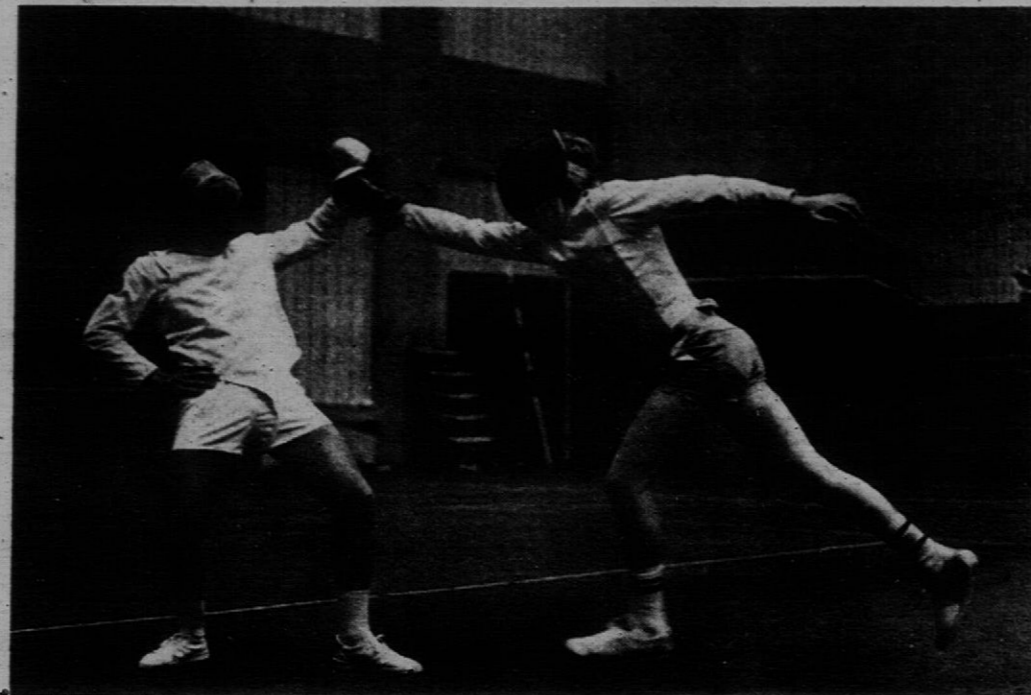


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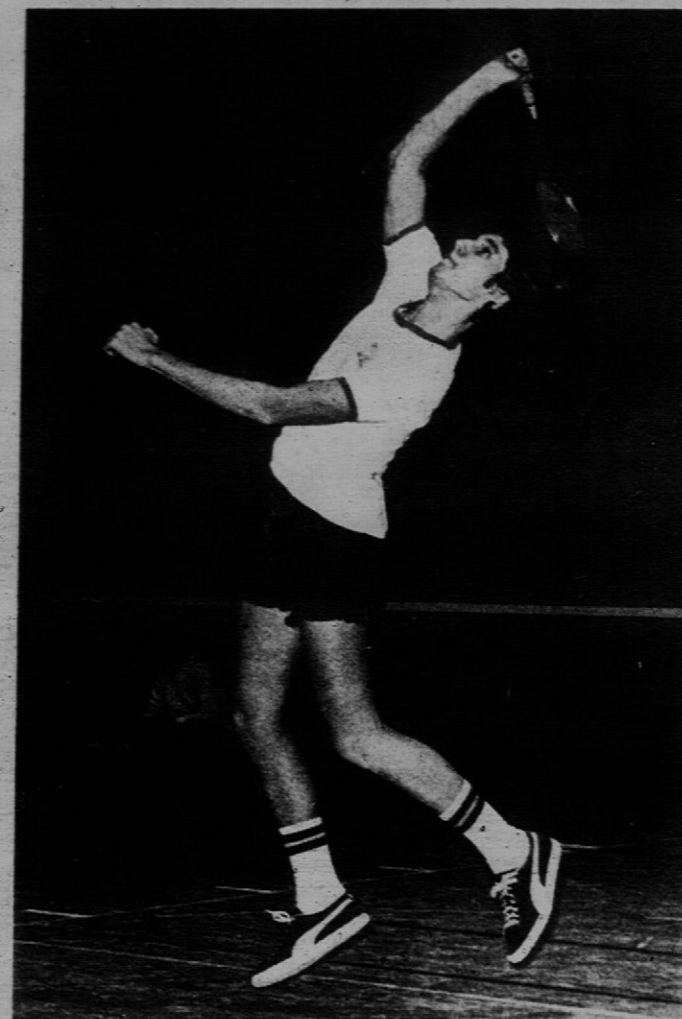
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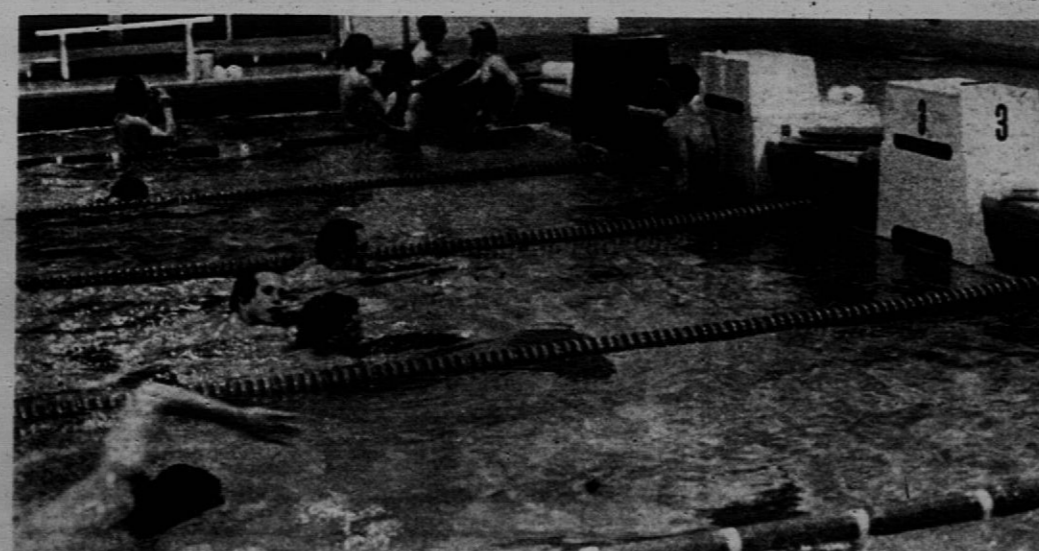
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## Jensen Optimistic; Swimmers Take Two

by Debbi Camacho  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

As far as Coach Dudley Jensen is concerned, his swimmers have an excellent chance of establishing several new W&M records this season. An outstanding crop of freshmen seems to be the reason why.

Although no scholarships are given, Jensen was able to recruit several promising Virginia and out-of-state swimmers. Doug Slater is one of them.

In Jensen's words, Slater is an "outstanding all-around freshman" capable of setting W&M records in "half a dozen events." Jensen feels that Slater will be especially strong in the 200 yard Individual Medley (50 yards each of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle, in that order).

Tom Holmberg, another freshman, is seen by Jensen as having "the potential to establish new breaststroke records" in the 100 and 200 yard events.

Other freshmen who are expected to add strength to this year's team include Keith Sullivan, a butterflyer, and Mike DiFazio, excellent in the Individual Medley and backstroke.

In addition, Jensen will rely upon the talents of several returning swimmers.

At the top of the list of experienced Indians is Joe Vaughan. Currently he holds W&M records in the 1000 and 1500 yard freestyle and the 400 yard Individual Medley. Vaughan should prove to be one of the main factors behind a winning season for the Tribe.

Senior Bruce Hartzler, one of the co-captains, is among the Tribe's leading breaststroke contenders, and Jensen is confident that he and Holmberg will be an "excellent combination."

Not so well known but equally promising is John Culhane, whom Jensen believes is "doing his best."

In Jensen's opinion, East Carolina, which "has never lost a dual or championship meet since they've been in the conference," will again dominate the SC. Jensen also predicts that Virginia will provide the toughest state competition, as the Cavaliers strive to equal or better their 7-1 record of last season.

Jensen expressed dissatisfaction with the Tribe's facilities. Plans for a pool in the William and Mary Hall complex never materialized, and Jensen feels that as a consequence, the men's practice facilities "are not even in the top ten in the state."

Earlier Jensen commented, "I'd like to see us win the first six meets possibly." These meets include encounters with

Old Dominion's Monarchs, Madison, VMI, and Davidson.

The official season of the W&M men's swim team started off on a high note, as the Tribe easily defeated The Citadel and the College of Charleston last weekend.

Citadel's Bulldogs were only able to muster 29 points against the 76 earned by the Indians. Individual victories were posted by Slater (200 yard Individual Medley), Friedrich (100 yard freestyle), Holmberg (200 yard breaststroke), and DiFazio (200 yard backstroke).

The 100 yard freestyle became a W&M sweep, with Zlenzniker and Clark taking second and third, respectively.

Fratt, a freshman, won both diving events, and senior Lynn Powell placed second.



The men's swimming squad practices the medley prior to last weekend's trip.

According to Coach Dudley Jensen, Saturday's meet was particularly significant in that it was the "first time a W&M team has ever swam in a metric pool." Obviously this did not bother the Indians, for they romped to a 76-37 victory won over the College of Charleston.

Vaughan won the 200 meter Individual Medley and

Holmberg set a pool record in the 200 meter breaststroke.

Divers Fratt and Powell shared the first place honors, with Fratt winning the optional diving segment and Powell winning in the required diving category.

Jensen was proud of the performances, saying "The team, as a whole, swam very well," but he added that these

were "two of the weaker teams we're going to meet."

The Tribe's first home meet will be Jan. 22 against the Davidson Wildcats.

If Jensen's optimism is well founded, perhaps the team will be able to add another banner on the nautatorium wall next to that of the lonely '70-'71 championship year.

## SC Withdrawal Reasons Cited

by Bruce Anderson  
FLAT HAT Staff Writers

On June 30, 1977, the College of William and Mary will withdraw its membership from the Southern Conference after a 40 year tenure. The official decision was made unanimously by the Board of Visitors last June with the support of the College Athletic Policy Committee, composed of faculty, students, administration, the Athletic Educational Foundation, the Society of the Alumni, and President Thomas A. Graves.

The College Athletic Policy Committee, which initiated the action last May after a year of discussions, listed five major factors that weighed in the decision to withdraw.

First, the CAPC noted that there was a trend within the Southern Conference to expand

into geographic areas and attract institutions that were "relatively unappealing to us," making travel difficult and costly, and requiring students to spend a great deal of time away from the classroom.

"It just isn't the same. Southern Conference that we joined in 1936," explained W&M Athletic Director Ben Carnevale. "When we joined, there were teams like Duke, Virginia, North Carolina, and other top schools, but they withdrew when the Atlantic Coast Conference was started in 1948. We don't feel that schools like Western Carolina, Tennessee-Chattanooga, and Marshall are of the same caliber, both athletically and academically, as William and Mary."

The lack of compatibility is listed as the second reason by the CAPC for withdrawal, along

with the fact that close athletic rivals such as Richmond, East Carolina, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia have withdrawn or plan to withdraw.

Economic factors account for the third reason listed by the CAPC. Travel costs, room and board, small financial guarantees, and relatively small gate attractions are just some of the monetary aspects that were considered.

"Withdrawal from the Conference will give us greater flexibility in scheduling," says Carnevale. "We have the opportunity to compete with institutions that could enhance the image of the College."

Scheduling is the fourth reason for withdrawal. A report compiled by the Ad Hoc Athletic Committee indicated that students, faculty, and alumni were mainly interested in seeing William and Mary compete with State institutions, the service academies, and other strong institutions. With many alumni concentrated to the north (Washington, D.C., Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, etc.), the CAPC feels that the College could

perhaps profit financially by making an effort to compete with some of the more distinguished Northern colleges.

Finally, the CAPC felt that remaining in the Southern Conference could only be harmful to the athletic image of the College. As the SC grew weaker with the addition of smaller schools, the possibility of William and Mary being

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Ben Carnevale

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# Strokers Have It Rough

by Jeff Lucas  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

In searching for a term to apply to the tone which one gets from the women's swimming program, one cannot escape a word which may have become trite in sports terminology during recent years. That word is desire, and what else could be used to describe the quality which these college women have, to be able to put in the time, apart from all the normal pressures of studies and social activities contingent upon any student, to swim a distance approaching ten miles per week!

At William and Mary there are some special obstacles which must be overcome for swimming success that do not hamper many other schools. It is perhaps the presence of these obstacles and the presence of a number of teams who do not have such problems to contend with on the schedule which prompts coach Christina Jackson to predict just "a winning season."

Jackson has several top members returning from last year's squad which put together an average season. The schedule they faced last year contained teams from both ends of the spectrum, those extremely strong and those rather weak. It appears that this year's schedule has been levelled out considerably with the removal of Atlantic Coast Conference opponents such as Virginia and North Carolina, who have large swimming programs, and replacing them with teams from the area which will provide competitive meets.

Among the returning swimmers, Jackson pointed out two in particular who are expected to come up with another year of outstanding performances as well. Farmer's times were good enough to qualify for the nationals last season and times taken early this season show that she is on track again. A sophomore, Kathy Kelly, is expected to come up with strong performances in her specialty, the breaststroke, and her remaining three years of eligibility place her in a position to assume a major role in the program for a long time to come.

There is also a fine compliment of new swimmers in the form of the entering freshmen women. These are led by Kathy Vankirk, who turned in excellent performances in the intrasquad Green and Gold meet in the freestyle sprints as well as the butterfly events. Several other freshmen women are doing times which show them to be on the verge of a level of excellence which some collegiate seasoning should foster.

But what about the problems, spoken of earlier, that these swimmers face? They are mainly in the area of financial assistance. Having money to be used for scholarships, equipment, facilities and the like, has a snowball effect on a program, as the competitive level rises much more than proportionally to the amount of money spent. This amount at William and Mary is unquestionably very little.

William and Mary has no scholarship money to offer prospective swimmers, and with swimming rapidly assuming a position near the top of the women's sports in terms of funding, this could be fatal. Many schools have the majority of their swimmers on scholarship, and the day is rapidly approaching when it will be almost impossible for schools to attract national class

swimmers without scholarships.

Schools with these large programs also have much more opportunity to get water time for their practices due to the superior facilities and greater emphasis in the athletic departments. Such schools may allow their swimmers to select to work out at variously scheduled times thus increasing greatly the amount of meterage a swimmer can get in. Here schedules are tight, allowing just one practice time a day, creating numerous conflicts and making it hard for swimmers to get the work they need.

Such difficulties will not keep the team from a winning season though, as the essence of swimming is individual performance, which when combined in the proper proportions, yields team victory. It is the individual desire on the team which will carry the team through regular season meets and the important relay and state meets later in the year.

Also look for fine individual performances coming in every stroke, every event, and from many different sources. This season's performance will be instrumental in maintaining interest in the program, and as such, an exciting level of competition is looked for. All are encouraged to share in this season by supporting the team.



Indians' Karen Stephan gets set for the backstroke



Badminton begins its second year Walker Photo

## Badminton Club Improves Program

by Mark Schalk  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

William and Mary's Varsity Badminton team is Virginia's finest; it is also Virginia's only official team, according to lively Head Coach Cat Scheibner.

The College's fastest racket sport has been given co-ed varsity status this year, and hopefully, other Virginia schools will follow W&M's example so the team doesn't have to journey out of state just to hit a birdie with someone.

"We're at the bottom of the totem pole here in terms of finances," said Scheibner, thinking of the road trips the team must make. "But actually we're treated pretty good. This year we're very excited because we have organized our own William and Mary Invitational Badminton Tournament for the weekend of February 25-26. We will be inviting schools from all over Maryland, D.C., Virginia and North Carolina to come and compete in Adair Gym."

Away matches for the women include George Washington and Hood College (Feb. 18-19), and the men are scheduled to play a couple of teams down in North Carolina (Feb. 11-12). The major highlight of every season for both men and women participants is the Duke Intercollegiate Tournament (March 25-26), and even the coach gets to play!

"The funniest thing about badminton," says Scheibner, "is

that it's informal. There isn't exactly the cut-throat competition you might find in football or other sports." She also thinks people tired of studying should come over to Adair on Monday nights when the club meets and have some fun. "Bring a boyfriend (or girlfriend)," she says enthusiastically.

During the second semester the badminton club will begin having two formal team practices every week, but the workouts will remain open to everyone. Formal competition does not begin until February and Scheibner is "looking for bodies." Last year as a club, the players struggled against experienced opponents such as those down in the tobacco country. Few of the players had ever engaged in competitive badminton except at occasional summer picnics so they relied on Scheibner to give them a crash course in badminton techniques.

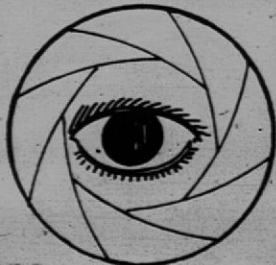
This year they should not be "aced" quite so often; they only lost one person, and the coach is counting on nine players returning. The roster thus far includes seniors Dave Croall, Martha Powell and Pat Steele, juniors Gerry Wass, Wayne Meyer and Phil Grove, and sophomores Luisa Lopez, Joyce Batchelor and Gerry McGowan. The final traveling squad will consist of fifteen players, twelve of which compete during a match.

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# Varsity Rifle Team Set, Loaded, Ready to Fire

by Mark Schalk  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

William and Mary's varsity rifle team opened its season at home Saturday against Canisius College of Buffalo, but it is doubtful that anyone heard the shots fired. That is, unfortunately because the 1976-77 Tribe sharpshooters are probably the most unique marksmanship unit the college has had for some time.

The difference this year is a new head coach, Master Sergeant Robert Ely, and the addition of eight promising freshmen, many of whom competed last summer in National Rifle Association matches. The captain of this year's squad is senior Eileen Walling.

The rifle team has been practicing at William and Mary's indoor range located beneath the Cary Field bleachers. Workouts normally consist of a shooter firing three rounds from each of three positions: prone, kneeling, and standing. The standing position is by far the most difficult because of the minimum of support area available. Rifle movement and the body's tendency to sway must be

reduced until the shooter is nearly rigid. This requires a tremendous amount of muscle control and self-discipline.

Certain equipment is recommended to aid the shooter in attaining stability and eliminating pulsebeat. This equipment includes a heavy-duty leather shooting coat, a sweatshirt, boots, trousers, a shooting glove, an arm sling for support, shooting pads and lastly, ear plugs. By the time the trigger is ready to be squeezed, the only thing on the shooter's mind should be the tiny bulls-eye fifty feet away.

The standard smallbore free rifle used in varsity competition is a .22 caliber long rifle. The rifle and clothing weigh approximately eighteen pounds, so the average marksman is rarely a lightweight.

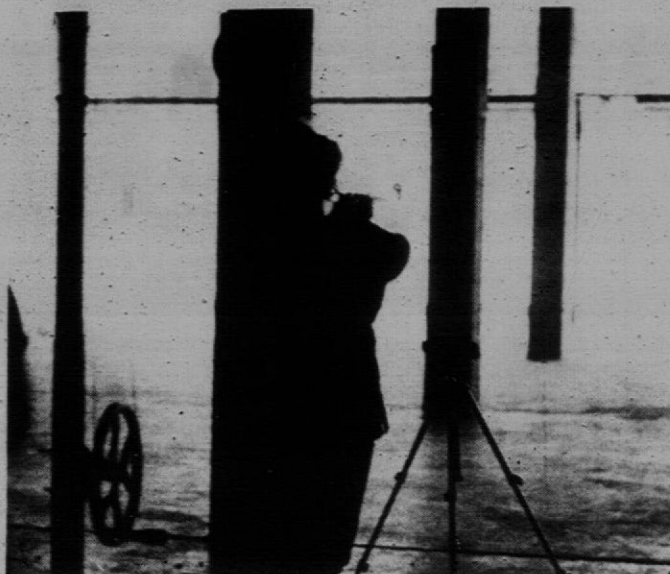
In a match, each of William and Mary's fifteen marksmen fires twenty rounds from the three positions for no more than ninety-two minutes, or one and a half rounds per minute. The team's score is taken from the total of the top five shooter's scores. To be competitive, a player should shoot anywhere from 500 to 550 out of a possible 600 points.

Last year's team placed fifth out of seven teams in the Southern Conference. According to Walling, "lack of interest by seniors," particularly last spring when the "graduation craze took over" was responsible for the team's poor standing. Walling feels that no predictions should be made this winter until after the first match. "But if we can get them (the freshmen and sophomores) shooting well and coming back, then we can at least do better than last year," she concluded.

When Walling joined the William and Mary rifle team three years ago, the only gun she had ever used was her little sister's BB rifle, good for scaring away blackbirds. It didn't take her long though before she "got hooked on shooting for life." Now Walling is one of the finest female marksmen in the state.

"There's something about those females," said Ely, "that makes them more relaxed under pressure. It's too bad we don't have more young ladies like Eileen."

The sergeant is counting heavily on Walling, senior Fred Verry, and freshman sharpshooter Richard Jones to



maintain consistently high scores. Jones is "the best shooter on the squad," according to the coach, and should make the greatest contributions to the team in the years ahead.

Rounding out this year's 15-man squad are sophomores Neil Kingsley, Spencer Hyndman, Thomas Bell, Stephen Brooks, Sam Eure, and freshmen Gerald Evans, William Carter, David Smith, Al Hambidge, John Mather, Dwight Peake and Michael Coster.

Shooting is a winter and spring varsity sport, and members get P.E. credit for participation. Equipment and techniques are all in accordance with the National Rifle Association and

International Shooting Union's Rules and Regulations.

Coach Ely sees Appalachian State as the school to beat this year but "we won't know anything for sure until the Southern Conference Championships at Lexington, Virginia, March 5." Another major tournament for the team is the Southern Invitational (February 19) at Ft. Lee, Virginia. But there is much shooting to do before then, and Ely's troops are loading up. Rifle team observers feel it will take more than the cemented confines and obscurity of the Cary Field range to keep the William and Mary sharpshooters quiet this year.

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## Area Basketball

## 'Heels', Terps Set to Lead ACC Race

by Peter Bortner

FLAT HAT Staff Writer

And now, ladies and gentlemen, its time once again for the fratricidal madhouse called Atlantic Coast Conference basketball, starring the University of North Carolina as defending regular season champion and the University of Virginia as the post-season tournament victor and NCAA tournament participant. Co-stars include the University of Maryland, North Carolina State University, Duke University, Clemson University, and Wake Forest University.

And for those of you who can tear yourselves away from that excitement, the Southern

Conference will offer some pretty exciting basketball itself, with the Cinderella Keydets of the Virginia Military Institute and the Furman Paladins shaping up as powerful squads.

North Carolina's Tar Heels shape up as the team to beat in the ACC. Four of them were good enough to play on the United States' gold medal-winning Olympic team in Montreal this summer and only one of those players, center Mitch Kupchak, graduated. The others, 6'10" forward-center Tom LaGarde, 6'5" forward Walter Davis, and 6'2" guard Phil Ford, are back, and better than ever. John Kuester also returns at guard and Bruce

Buckley will try to fill Kupchak's shoes on the front line. As usual, the Tar Heels will receive excellent coaching from Dean Smith, who was the coach of the, you guessed it, U.S. Olympic team.

Maryland is probably the biggest threat to UNC. Even though John Lucas and Mo Howard have graduated, the Terrapins still field a mighty good team, led by another Olympian, forward Steve Sheppard. Larry Gibson returns in the middle, Brad Davis and long-bombing Brian Magid will form the backcourt, and two prize newcomers, 6'10" Mike Davis and ballhandling wizard

JoJo Hunter of Washington's Mackin High, join coach Lefty Driesell's forces. The tragic death of Chris Patton in the off-season will hurt, though.

North Carolina State recruited possibly the best group of freshmen in the country, and they will make the Wolfpack a tough team. They include Clyde (The Glide) Austin, a 6'2" guard out of Richmond's Maggie Walker High, 6'5" Hawkeye Whitney from De Matha in Washington (Adrian Dantley's alma mater) and Brian Walker, another 6'2" guard, from Lebanon, Indiana. They join All-American forward Kenny Carr, who was the Wolfpack's representative in

Montreal, and 7'2" center Glenn Sudhop.

Believe it or not, Virginia did not have an Olympian. They also do not have Wally Walker, their All-American forward, back. They do have Marc Iavaroni at forward, Otis Fulton at center, and Billy Langloh at guard. But none of them can score like Walker could. Steve Castellani will try to fill Walker's shoes. He won't be able to.

The other three teams have one outstanding individual each, but lack overall strength. Duke has Tate Armstrong, a high-scoring backcourtman from

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## Joe Agee's Fast Rise: Gut Feeling and Desire



Former basketball ref Joe Agee, now Tribe golf coach

by Sean Terry

FLAT HAT Staff Writer

The office is yellow with the outlines of the concrete blocks clearly visible as in any faculty office in a modern William and Mary building. On the wall hang momentos of the past: Latin diplomas from William and Mary in science and education; photos of Marine Corps buddies and an Officer's Commission signed by the President.

On the opposite wall are the products of his coaching — teams and athletes from various sports, framed on the Kodak film and thus preserved. In general the atmosphere is relaxed, with bookcases and cabinets arranged in a warm atmosphere, their tops decorated with silver basketball trophies or books on the sports. Not a bragging or snobby attitude, rather a relaxed, welcome feeling persists.

Behind the desk, which is cluttered with letters, pamphlets, and books, sits the creator of this particular office in William and Mary Hall. Joe Agee is loose and relaxed himself, and the feeling seems to overflow into the room. The reclining chair on wheels

enables him to lean back, roll his chair backwards and forwards, or side to side, all the time carefully manipulating the dental floss between his molars. "I'm a pretty high-strung person" is enough of an explanation to his constant movement. But it is all honest, open, clean — welcoming.

After four years of refereeing, Joe Agee was calling varsity basketball games in the Atlantic Coast Conference, one of the best, if not the best conference in the country. Not only was he calling ACC games, he was calling the ACC games of the week, i.e. regional T.V. broadcasts. "Some guys work over twenty years and never got above high school ball," he states. Twenty years after his start in basketball officiating, Joe Agee will have been retired for ten years.

"I had a lot of breaks — sure. But I also had a gut-desire and 'want-to.' You need breaks, but if you don't have that ability to decide quickly and confidently, you won't go very far." The obsession to referee the best in the country was his main drive, while the other reasons took a back seat; money (\$100 to \$125

per game plus expenses), meeting varieties of people and the ego trip of being the marshal on the court. "There's not enough tea in China to pay you if you're in it just for the money."

The ladder up started with the hack leagues. Five dollars a game, three games a night in the shipyard and NASA leagues. A year later the two-year experience rule was waived and Agee was refereeing Triple-A high school basketball on the Peninsula, as well as Southern Conference freshman games. His third year saw him move up to ACC freshman games, and after only those three years he was in the big leagues. "Maybe I went up too fast. I didn't have a chance to grow into the experience. It was thrown at me, and I guess in that way I did move up too fast. I should've gone a little slower and learned easier." Gut feeling and desire.

By his fifth year he was assigned two TV games; regional broadcasts from Maryland through South Carolina. At this point he could see the viciousness and seriousness of the games. "I get

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# Armitage Leads Women's Cagers

by Arthur Halpert  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

The William and Mary women's basketball team, plagued by injury and illness last season, will attempt to improve this season on its 7-8 record and ninth-place finish of a year ago. Coach Eloise Jacobs, in her fourteenth year of coaching, is looking forward to a young, hustling squad which should improve as the season progresses.

The nucleus of this year's team forms around the skill and experience of the front line. Senior Janet Armitage, ill much of last year, still managed to take scoring honors for the team, and is being looked to for a large bulk of the scoring this year also. An all-state performer a few years ago, Armitage looks to once again regain that form.

Juniors Sandy Chambers and Karen Taylor also return on the front line. Chambers controlled the boards for the Indians, and her inside scoring and rebounding will be a necessary asset for a winning season this year.

Taylor is still a question mark at the other forward slot, because of an ankle injury that wiped out last season for her. If

her knee comes around, the Tribe should have one of the top front courts in the state. Linda Richardson, a freshman, will provide depth at forward and center, and could become even more valuable if Taylor's ankle does not hold up.

Filling the back court poses a problem for Coach Jacobs. The loss of Joyce Franko and Carolyn McCoy to graduation leaves those positions wide open. Tammy Holder, a newcomer with a deadly shot, is a front runner for one of the spots. Her shot could be a main source of scoring from the back court.

There are enough guards in contention for the other spot to start another team. Returners Carol Thomson, Cary Knight and Mary Ann Wentz provide valuable back court experience and will all see action during the season. Freshmen Kathy Angle, Joan Bean, and Pam Gould are also strongly in the running for the slot opposite Holder. Amidst this great abundance of guards should come a combination that will ably complement the front line.

Coach Jacobs, in her first season at W&M, is looking first of all for a well-conditioned team. "The girls must be in condition to play the full twenty minutes each half," she states. "Right now, all the girls have

given me 100 per cent so I'm sure we will be in top shape."

Secondly, the coach wants a balanced attack, feeling that a team will go further than individual play. "I'm a short, fast pass coach. I do not want any one-girl teams. We have two or three good ballhandlers, but none good enough to dribble all the time. I want the ball sharply moved around until the open girl is found. And if we move the ball well enough, somebody will be open."

William and Mary is in a unique position as far as determining which league to play in. The Indians are slightly inferior to many large college teams, but slightly superior to most small college teams. Electing to play in the small college division, the Indians are the odds-on favorite to capture a top spot in the league, and move on to playoff action at Blacksburg in March.

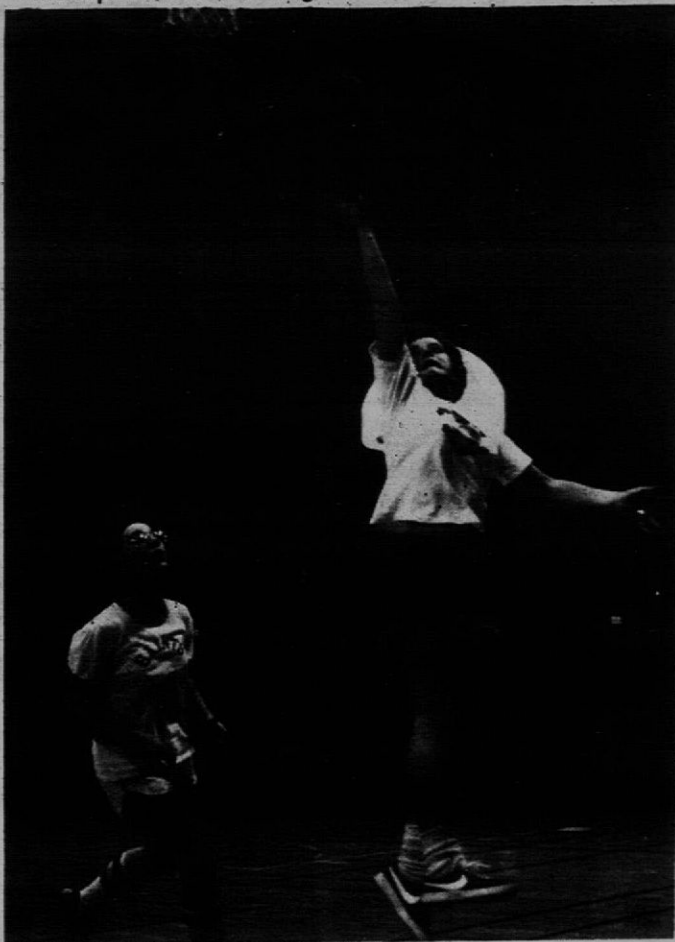
William and Mary opens its season at home on December 1 against Christopher Newport College. The Indians then go on the road the following night to visit the VCU Rams. Both of these games will begin at 7 p.m. On December 4, the Tribe will take on large college power Madison at the home of the Duchesses. This will be a 2 p.m. contest.



Coach Jacobs of the Women's Basketball team talks to the captain, Jane Armitage.



Pictured left to right, Tammy Holden, Susan Warr, and Cary Knight, taking some warm-up shots.



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# William and Mary Basketball

## '77 Tribe Prospectus

by Mike Potter

FLAT HAT Sports Editor

The 1976-77 edition of William and Mary basketball could be the "best ever" in George Balanis' career at the College, says the coach. However, the Tribe will be facing the toughest schedule in recent memory, so the season record may not eventually indicate the team's improvement.

Balanis states that this year's goals are the same as they have always been: "to have a winning season, to win the Southern Conference Championship, and to make the NCAA tournament." As everyone knows, the most likely way to attain the final goal is to win the Southern Conference Tournament.

The Indians have NEVER won an SC season or tournament championship, but the best recent attempts have come under Balanis' guidance. Two years ago, the Tribe upset East Carolina in the Tourney semifinals and fought gamely against a national-caliber Furman team on its own court in the final. Last season, the Indians finished a half-game away from a regular-season first-place tie with VMI.

This season, the Southern Conference Tournament will be held in semi-friendly Roanoke Civic Center. To add to that, the team with the top seed will receive a bye in first-round action. As far as the regular-season championship goes, Balanis and everyone else sees it as a probably three-way fight among VMI, which lost only point-guard Curt Reppart from the Eastern Regional runners-up; Furman, which returns almost everyone from a talented but hard-luck young team (which beat South Carolina at Columbia) as well as former Frosh sensation Bruce Grimm; and his own Indians.

However, the coach described the league as extremely "well-balanced" and refused to count out the other four teams, all of which are in various stages of building or rebuilding. The Indians will play everyone in the league twice except Furman, which they will face only in Greenville.

As far as the W&M team itself goes, the Indians are deep and (finally!) experienced at every position. The Tribe will actually be able to go four deep at the center spot.

The Indians tallest player, Matt Courage (6'11") returns after a year's absence. Courage is quick and has an excellent jump shot from the top of the key.

Another experienced pivot man is Jim McDonough, who is only 6'7" but is quite strong and can "get up off the floor." McDonough had a great performance in last year's 107-102 win over Richmond in Robins Center, hitting 10 for 10 from the floor.

Rocky Copley, 6'8½" and 210 pounds, is the most "solid-looking" pivot man. He won the

game at East Carolina last year with a last-second layup.

Freshman George Melton, 6'10" and 210, needs experience but "is still growing and will be a big asset," according to Balanis.

The forward position looks even stronger than at center. Leading the list is 6'5" John Lowenhaupt, who has a two year average of over 15 points per game and has led the Indians in rebounding for two seasons. "Hop" made the All-Conference team last season and is a definite candidate for post-season recognition this year.

6'6" John "Kraze" Kratzer is a defensive standout. One of his memorable performances was two years ago in the 72-60 win over Richmond, in which Kratzer defended national scoring leader Bob McCurdy into utter frustration.

6'4" Skip Parnell is the team's "most improved player" according to Balanis. Parnell is also a good defensive player as well as a rebounder.

6'7" Mark Risinger played in 15 games last year. He is one of the team's strongest players and is only a sophomore.

Ted O'Gorman, a 6'8" Freshman standout, showed he was "ready to play" in last week's Green and Gold Game, scoring 17 points. O'Gorman averaged 25 points a game playing high school ball in New York last year.

The guard position is perhaps most solid of all. 6'4" Ron "Silk" Satterthwaite has led the Tribe in scoring the past two years with a 17-point average. A Senior, Ron has to be looked

upon as an NBA prospect. He has been listed on several All-Conference and All-Tourney squads.

Big Mike Enoch, 6'6", is an excellent ballhandler and often uses his height advantage against opposing guards. He made the SC All-Rookie team two years ago as a freshman.

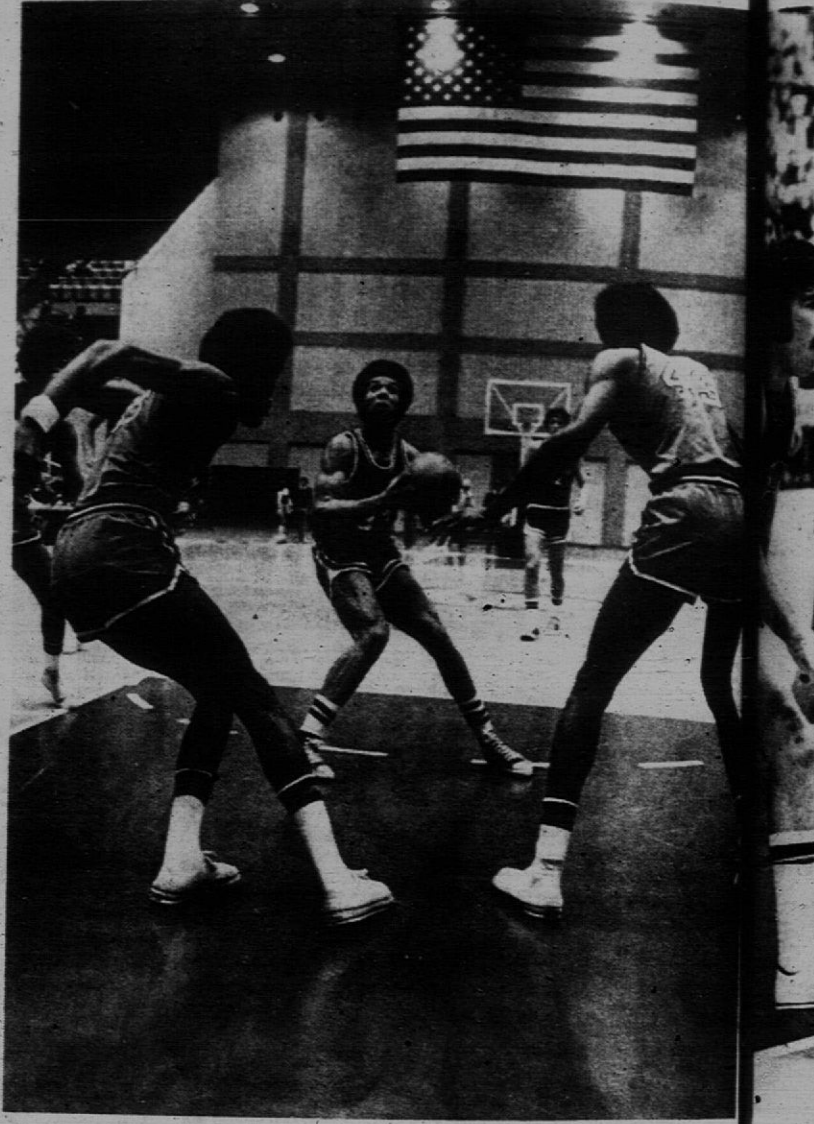
6'1" Jack Arbogast walked on the team two years ago; now he has a scholarship and was the team's third leading scorer last season. He has come through several times with pressure foul shooting late in the game.

6'1" Billy Harrington would have been a cinch for conference All-Rookie honors had he not missed fourteen games with mononucleosis. Billy was in double figures four times and is an excellent shooter from anywhere inside the ten-second line.

6'2" Danny Monckton is a good ball handler and passer, but "needs more confidence in his shooting."

So the Indians have the "Horses," but the schedule is tough. In one man's opinion, though, there are only at most four "sure losses" on the twenty-nine game schedule. And anytime the Indians are at home they will be in the game; there are fourteen of those.

The Tribe, with luck and experience, could have won twenty-three games last year, had they won all the close ones. Now the experience is here, and in a big way. If only lady luck can show her face a little more....

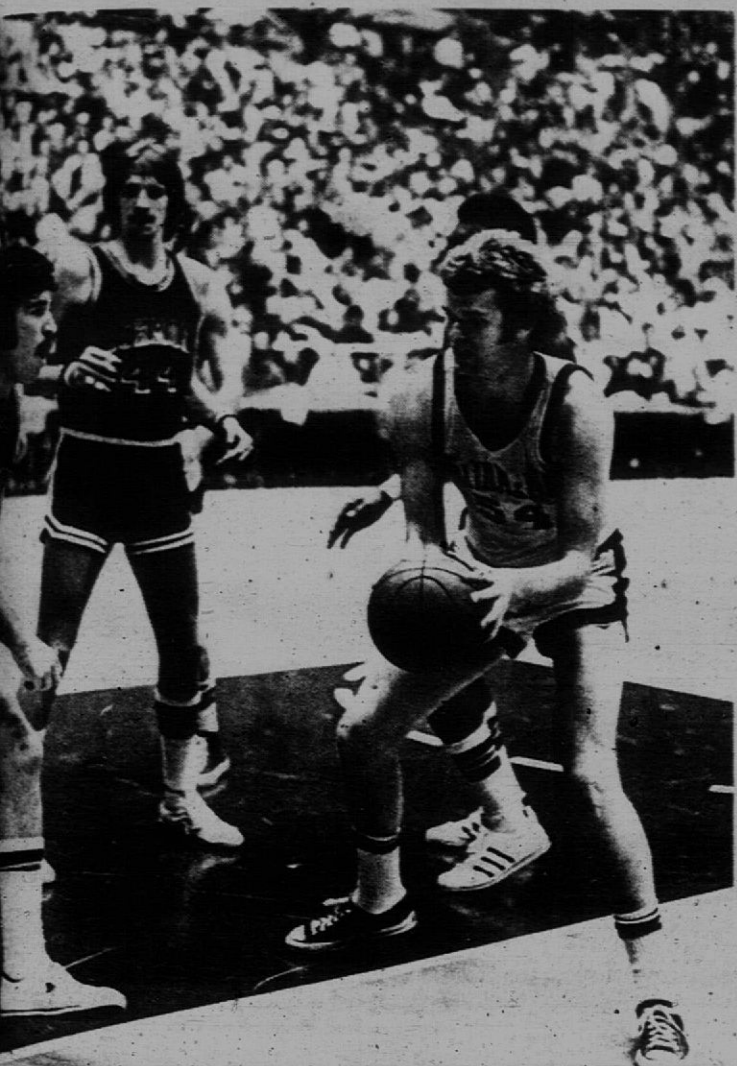


Satterthwaite (top left and bottom right) Copley (bottom right) and Lowenhaupt (bottom right)





# '77.. The 'Year Away' is Now



Copley (top right), Enoch (bottom left), (bottom center)

Courtesy WMAA

## Ambitious Schedule

by B.D. Billet  
 FLAT HAT Staff Writer  
 Consider a college basketball schedule that includes regular season games with UCLA, Wake Forest, and the University of Virginia; a Christmas invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii, studded with such perennial powerhouses as San Francisco, St. John's, and Houston; and a post-season tournament that features the likes of VMI and East Carolina.

Certainly this is the schedule of a "top twenty" team, a national contender, a certified, notarized, UPI approved basketball kingpin! . . . Possibly Maryland's! . . . But the Terps have their own Christmas get-together, not daring to leave the sanctified atmosphere of Cole Field House until well after the New Year rolls around. Could it be George Washington's? . . . No, GW is also included on the list of outstanding opponents.

In fact, it is the schedule of the lightly-touted William & Mary Indians. It is unquestionably an awesome and exceedingly ambitious schedule; but it could go a long way towards pushing the Indians up into the rarefied air of college basketball notoriety.

Certainly there are some romps on the schedule. Hopefully, these do not refer to the trouncings "old pros" like

UCLA could inflict on the "adolescent" Indians. The Indians' native conference is also not exactly the ACC or the Pac-Eight; although it is speckled with several fine teams.

Within the confines of Virginia and the Southern Conference, W&M should do well. Christopher Newport is no match for the Indians, and neither is Hampden-Sydney, although 6-5 Ed Tiernan (15.8 ppg and 10.6 rebounds last season) will prove a class opponent for his individual defender. William & Mary split its two games with Old Dominion University last year, losing 77-73 on ODU's home court, but regrouping for a 76-61 victory in William & Mary Hall. With all five starters returning from last year's 19-12 squad, the Monarchs could again be a serious deterrent to the Indians' aims.

Virginia, of course, is the defending ACC champion, bolstered by returnees Billy Langloh (14.1 ppg), Mark Iavaroni and 6-9 Steve Castellan. The loss of its superstar Wally Walker to the pros, however, makes the Cavaliers beatable.

W&M's only other ACC opponent is Wake Forest. The Deacons, led by just about everybody's all-everything guard Skip Brown, could be even tougher than the conference's Virginia representative. Brown, who did his scoring at a 20.9 points-per-game pace last season, will help Rod Griffin (17.6) and Jerry Schellenberg (15.7) bombard the basket. On defense, the Deacons will count

on the maturation of 6-11 Larry Harrison, who in brief spurts showed indications of brilliance last year.

VMI, at least on paper, appears to be the class of the Southern Conference. Last season, the Keydets finished at 21-10 and earned a trip to the NCAA playoffs. Ron Carter (17.9) returns as do Will Bynum (16.3) and John Krovic (14.6). The dead-eye Keydets can always be counted on to keep the nets fluttering.

Furman and East Carolina should also be respectable. The Pirates, who slipped to 11-15 last year, are in the midst of an extensive rebuilding program, but 6-9 Dean Hartley, 6-11 Tyron Edwards, and 6-9 Larry Hunt should provide a strong foundation. Bruce Grimm is back with Furman after an unhappy stint with Providence, and 6-10 soph Jim Strickland (15 ppg and 11 rebounds) is said to be still improving. Both of these teams will rival the Indians in their bid to unseat the Keydets.

Appalachian State, The Citadel, and Davidson can be counted on not to make too much of a splash in the SC. The Mountaineers are the "best" of this trio, and could even provide some upsets. Led by sophomore guard Daryl Robinson and 6-7 Mel Hubbard, ASU's young squad will be using this season to gain valuable experience for future campaigns. When SC Player of the Year Rodney McKeever resigned from The Citadel, the Bulldogs' hopes swooned and it is doubtful that his teammates can revive the intensity they often displayed last year. Dave Pritchett, formerly a Maryland assistant, assumed the helm of Davidson's, floundering program during the off-season. He is a good coach, but it will take quite a while to dredge the Wildcats, 5-21 last

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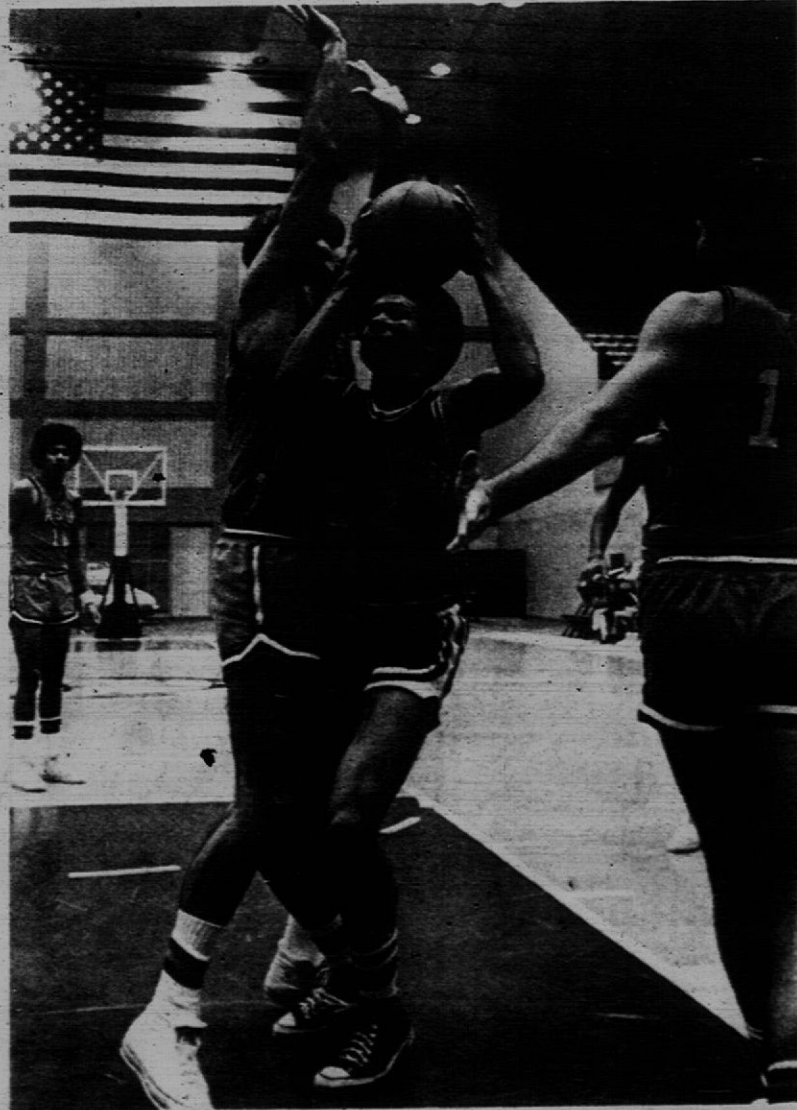
## Lineups for Tomorrow Night's Tilt

### William & Mary

- 10 Jack Arbogast 6'1"
- 12 Billy Harrington 6'1"
- 20 Skip Parnell 6'4"
- 22 Dahny Manckton 6'2"
- 24 Mike Enoch 6'6"
- 30 Ted O'Gorman 6'8"
- 32 Ron Satterthwaite (C) 6'4"
- 34 John Kratzer (C) 6'6"
- 40 Mark Risinger 6'7"
- 42 John Lowenhaupt 6'5"
- 44 Jim McDonough (C) 6'7"
- 50 George Melton 6'10"
- 52 Matt Courage 6'11"
- 54 Rocky Copley 6'8"

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- 5 Robin Hall 6'
- 6 Darnell Harrell 6'2"
- 7 John Dabrowski 6'4"
- 8 Peter Jackson 6'4"
- 9 Colin Wood 6'4"
- 10 Steve Assinder (C) 6'4"
- 12 Phil Hield 6'6"
- 13 Jim Stinton 6'6"
- 14 Neville Hopkins 6'8"
- 15 Fred Skapelhorn 6'9"



## Indian Opponents Shape Up as Tough, Talented

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season, from the bottom of the pack.

Arch-rival Richmond, who dropped out of the SC this season, recruited eight new players, including 6-9 Ken Gehrig, a gifted defensive center who should provide immediate dividends. Jeff Butler, who led the team in both scoring (14.3) and rebounding (9.8) last season, a lot of height, and a great degree of depth, should keep the Spiders competitive in all their contests.

Outside the South, the Indians will encounter an onslaught of scrappy opponents. The loss of Pat Tallent will certainly hurt brother Bob's George Washington squad, but John Holloran who set the school assist mark, Les Anderson, and 7-2 Kevin Hall, should help push the Colonials up toward last year's lofty 20-7 record. New York City's Queens College, for the most part a collection of native New Yorkers who honed their basketball skills on the city's asphalt courts, and Princeton's Ivy League Tigers, who feature a precision offense and a tenacious defense, could throw a damper on the Indians' season.

Navy has a fine frontcourt in Kevin Sinnett (15.3), Hank

Kuzma (14.2), and Barry Wilbur (7.6), but lacks depth and experience at the guard position. This, coupled with a Naval Academy 6-7 maximum height restriction, will severely limit the aggressive "Middies."

Moving west, the Indians will have to contend with the improving West Virginia Mountaineers. Freshman recruit Lowes Moore, a 6-1 playmaker, is expected to spark an offense that already includes 6-5 Tony Robertson (17.9 ppg and 100 assists).

Moving farther west, William & Mary will play the University of California (Santa Barbara) and UCLA on successive nights in order to raise the necessary funds for the Hawaiian excursion. The Gauchos, who rejoin the PCAA this year, are returning the nucleus for a contending team: guard Andy Oliveira (13.2), and forwards Dave Brown (12.4) and Tex Walker (11.8).

UCLA, of course, is no ordinary basketball power, evolving over the years into a sort of "immortal" dynasty.

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the mystical proportions of legends.

Marques Johnson, who decided not to follow teammate Richard Washington into the "make-a-million-quick" world of professional basketball, is such a player. A 17.3 scorer, his statistics cannot adequately measure his true worth and abilities. Joined by 6-10 David Greenwood, 6-11½ Brett Vroman, and a flock of outstanding guards, the Bruins are greeted once again with the familiar accolade that they are "one of the best teams in the nation."

The West Coast trip could prove embarrassing to the Indians; if not, they could be the surprise of the 1976-77 basketball season.

The Hawaiian pilgrimage is another example of sheer scheduling genius. The Indians will be included in a field with some of the most famous names in all of collegiate basketball: the University of Hawaii, St. John's, Temple, San Francisco, Illinois, Arizona St., and Houston. If William & Mary plays well during the tournament, it could go a long way toward enhancing the school's basketball reputation.

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# Balanis Looks To New Year

by John McGrath  
FLAT HAT Sports Editor

In mid-February of 1974, Ed Ashnault saw the handwriting on the wall and resigned as William and Mary's head basketball coach. The Tribe had won but six games in a frustrating campaign. Fan interest was so low that William and Mary Hall was referred to in the local press as "the tomb."

With five games remaining on the slate before the opening of the Southern Conference tournament, athletic director Ben Carnevale appointed George Balanis, a top assistant under both Ashnault and Warren Mitchell, as interim head coach. After two weeks on the job, "Zorba the Greek" was heard in the rafters of the Hall, and The Flat Hat ran a cartoon of Balanis in a Superman suit. After one year, Balanis had led the Tribe

to its winningest season in 25 years. After two years, W&M had fifteen additional wins and dates to take on some of college basketball's most elite squads.

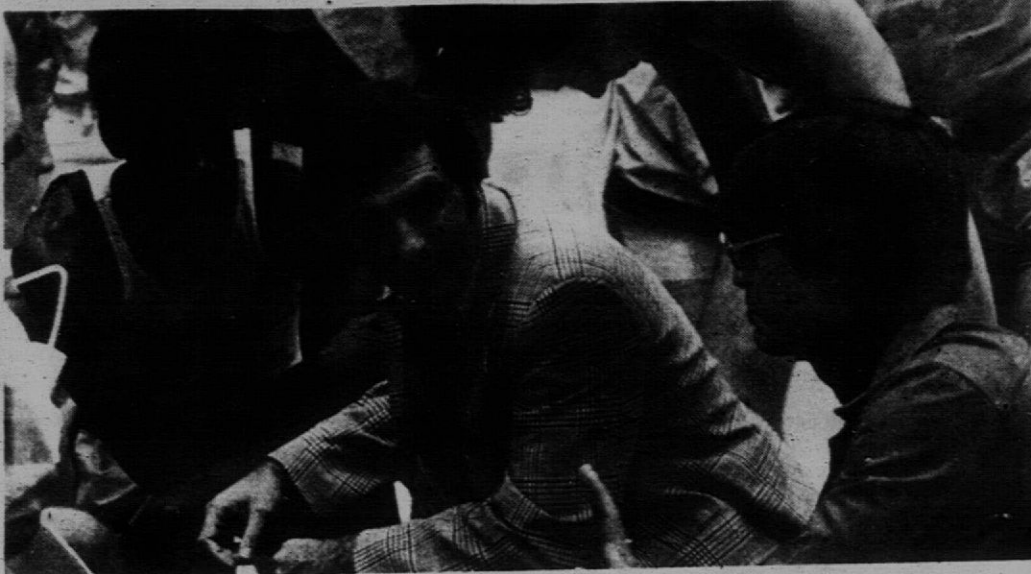
One reason Balanis feels this turnaround in fortunes has occurred is "that our coaching staff has been together quite a while now. I've known George Spack for six years, and Bruce Parkhill and I were assistants together under Ashnault before he resigned."

The three of them, Balanis, Parkhill, and Spack, have at one time or another been responsible for recruiting each member of the current squad, one that the Tribe mentor feels "will be my best group in twelve years of coaching."

Asked to describe what he seeks in a prospective Indian, Balanis explained: "First, we look for the kind of kid he is. We want one who can get along with the other guys and fit with the school itself. What we seek is someone who can be happy at William and Mary with the total academic picture. Then, we start looking at his talent."

Balanis believes that these criteria stem from his belief in teamwork. "That's the kind of philosophy people here support," he commented. "There are only five guys on the floor at a time, and if one of them messes up in attitude, it messes up the other four. And some superstar-type players just don't want to follow that."

The head coach emphasized that the aspect of teamwork was helpful in his decision to platoon the squad last year. "That Gold



Balanis and Parkhill (right) plot strategy during a W&M time out.

team comes in for just one purpose — to get the lead. They have to do twice the job to do it. But the fans just go crazy when they come in!"

It is the support of the William and Mary student body that excites Balanis the most when he talks of the new season. "That was the biggest turnaround of all — they literally embarrassed the season-ticket holders into cheering loudly for us, too," grinned Balanis. "The students deserve so much credit."

"I said it last year and I'll say it again. This student body makes it extremely difficult for an opponent to come to Williamsburg and win. They turn out at a higher percentage than they do at several ACC schools. And they really deserve more credit than even a season ticket holder does. A season ticket holder can come to the ball game, but he doesn't have to worry about tomorrow's class and studying after the game. But our students come and yell anyway — they really feel it's their program."

Even George Balanis is occasionally susceptible to a technical foul over an official's decision. "You'd like the official to do the best job he can on both ends of the floor," he explains, "and you as a coach want to do your best. There's always pressure, because in the end, the bottom line is wins and losses. There's just as much pressure here as anywhere. Sometimes, I feel like we're expected to be Princeton during the week and Notre Dame on game nights."

Lefty Driesell, now the coach at Maryland, was Balanis' high school mentor. And the Tribe boss feels he has learned several lessons under the lefthander's tutelage. "Lefty never demanded anything but our best effort. And he's never forgotten any of his former players." Balanis then related how Driesell called to cheer him up after a tough loss to then third-ranked Rutgers last season. "No matter what my ups and downs are, he'll advise me. And if I ever get out of coaching, I'd like to be able to have my players

turn to me and ask favors, to feel I was worthy of their respect."

When Warren Mitchell hired Balanis for the assistant's post after the latter's successes at Walsingham Academy here, it marked the realization of one of Balanis' goals, to enter college coaching. He realized another when he was named to the top position, and enjoys his job. Yet, he is already looking ahead to a future beyond the bench.

"My dream is to see the College achieve whatever goals it can achieve. I feel I could do the College some good, either in athletics or out of it. There are so many things that can be done. Tom Graves came in here in a tough situation and look at what has changed here. He's done a fantastic job. And though Ben Carnevale and I have disagreed over occasional things, it's still each of us wanting what we felt was best for our program and best for our school. Right now, my place is in athletics. But I hope we as coaches never forget that we are really teachers here."

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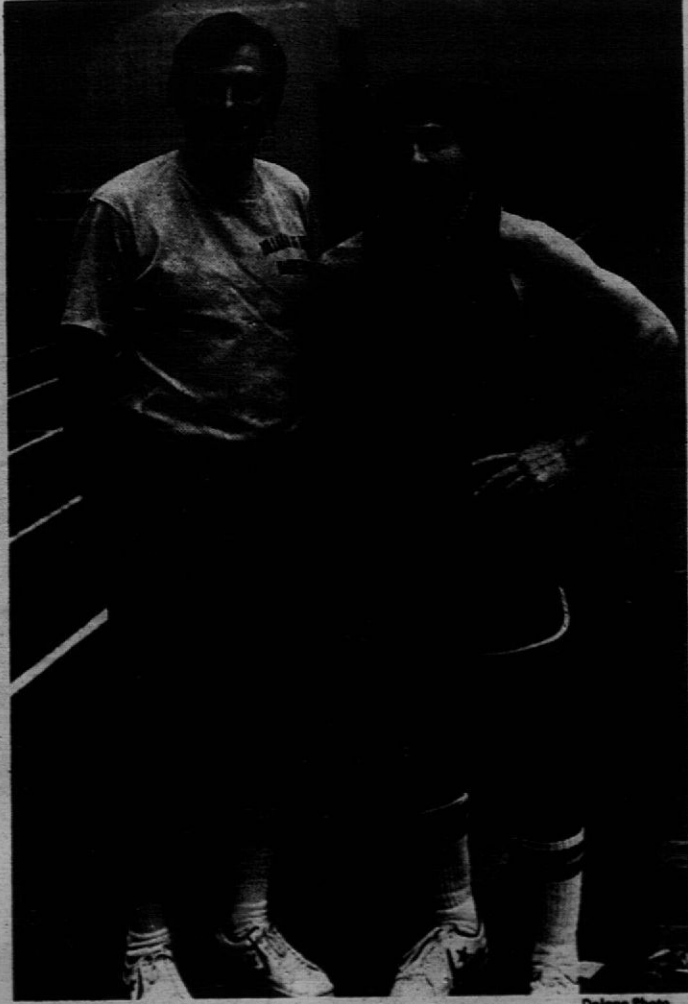
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Head basketball coach George Balanis (left) and assistant George Spack

# Conomikes Optimistic About Fencers; Both Teams Could Have Winning Years

by Peter Bortner  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

After an encouraging 11-5 season in 1975-76, the William and Mary men's fencing team is striving to achieve even greater heights this year. Coach Pete Conomikes is optimistic about this season's prospects, feeling "this year's team should be much like last year's. The prospects for another winning season are excellent." Heavy personnel losses were sustained only in the sabre division, where Bill Roberts graduated, Jud Lively transferred to Johns Hopkins, and John Grossman went to Germany to study for a year. Captain and epee-man Dean Weinman, Alan Gayle, and Bud Warren, the latter two foilsmen, also are not returning. But veteran and incoming personnel should fill in the gaps.

Fencers returning to the foil are Chris Fantini, last year's sensational freshman who won the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association foil title last year while sporting a 34-6 season record, Steve Greenlaw, a winner of 24 and loser of 14 bouts last year, and Randy Baynton, who won five of his seven bouts in 75-76. Freshman Dave Murray and Sophomore K.C. Hart, the former a possessor of much high school experience, will press Baynton for the third spot.

John Reilly is the only epee-man returning who had a winning record last year. The other spots are being fought for by veterans Hamner Hill, who had some training this summer with the Korean National Team and should be vastly improved, and Steve Perconte; John Snyder an experienced freshman; and several of last

year's beginners, including Dan Schuster, Paul Mendez, and Mike Goldich.

The sabre may be this year's weakest weapon, since three of last year's varsity performers on gone. Only Bruce Akey, a senior and this year's team captain, and Rick Ferree are back. Freshman Jay Kuemmerle, Tom Mayberry, and Carl Siebentritt will compete for the third spot. Akey was 25-16 last year, while Ferree went 17-13.

Conomikes' optimism is partially based on his team's depth. "Except for thinness in the third sabre spot, we have balance. There is balance in the foil and epee." Another thing that pleases him is the relative abundance of experienced freshman. Last year, of all the incoming freshmen, only Fantini had fenced in high school; this year Murray, Snyder, and Kuemmerle fenced before. Conomikes remarked "that's what I had hoped for, that maybe every year, that I would get somebody who had high school experience. And it came true."

The amount of inexperienced freshmen was so great that the Indians will have a Junior Varsity team for the first time. On Friday, the JV's beat St. Mary's College 19-8. Epee-men won seven of nine bouts, with Snyder taking three, Schuster two, Mendez one, and Goldich one. Sabremen took eight of nine, with Kuemmerle, Mayberry, and Siebentritt taking three, three, and two respectively.

While the foilists took only four of nine bouts, this was because Conomikes experimented with

lots of personnel. Murray and Hart each had two victories without a loss, while five different fencers, Jon Deane, Kwang Chou, Tim Hurley, Don Bowen, Paul Witcover, each lost one bout.

The ability is there to have a good year. The schedule is tougher than last year's; several of last year's easy victims are off and tough Temple University is on. But the new people and added experience should compensate. Added motivation is the desire to win the Virginia Cup State Championships, lost by a single point to the University of Virginia last year. The team is ready. En garde.

Women

William and Mary's female fencers are looking forward to a good year after having a surprisingly good 6-4-1 record last season. Leading this year's squad is captain Karen

Mulholland, a senior who had the best record on last year's team.

Although the team lost last year's captain Peggy Porter, Kathy Wagstaff, and Michal Patten, they did get a bonus in the person of Pam Myers, a regular two seasons ago, who returns after a year of study in Great Britain. A third sure regular is Maureen Dunn; according to coach Pete Conomikes, one of the most encouraging things about last season was how "during the last half of the season, Dunn started to become very effective."

The last of the four starting spots is up for grabs. There are three returnees from last year's team; they are Celeste Paprocki, Becky Bowman, and Hilary Hamilton. In addition, there are seven newcomers: Patti Tyree, Stacy Byrnes, Barbara Leaf, Judy Barnes, Christine Kurtz, Elizabeth

Miller, and Kay Wilson. Another veteran, Ellen Joseph, will be available in the spring.

There is a shortage of personnel that will hurt the team. The people on hand, though, do have talent, although most lack competitive experience. The loss of starters Porter and Wagstaff will hurt, and the team's record should stay around the .500 level.

The schedule closely resembles last year's, and includes North Carolina and North Carolina State, the latter of which was tied by the Indians in the most surprising match of last year. State powers Longwood, Lynchburg, and Randolph-Macon are also opponents, as the women try to do better against Virginia opponents. That and keeping a winning record are the major goals of the team.

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# Grapplers Expect Banner Year

by Brice Anderson  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

With every starter returning from what head coach Ed Steers termed a "fair" 1975-76 season, William and Mary wrestling appears to be bigger and better than ever for 1976-77.

Steers, a 1968 graduate of The Citadel, is optimistic about his squad's chances this year. Last year's "fair" version posted a 13-5 mark and placed second in the Southern Conference.

The Indian matmen have proven their vast potential thus far, dominating the recent Civitan-Monarch Wrestling Classic at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. The Tribe felled East Coast powers East Carolina, N.C. State, and West Chester State in scoring their triumph.

Top returnees, according to Steers, include seniors Tom Dursee (118 lbs.), Bob Pincus (126 lbs.), Jim Hicks (134 lbs.), Gary Drewry (158 lbs.), Bob Stark (167-177 lbs.), and junior Donald Moore (142 lbs.).

Dursee, the defending Southern Conference champion at 118 lbs., has "developed a great deal to the point where he could go with anyone in the country," says Steers. Dursee surprised no one in the Monarch by winning his division handily.

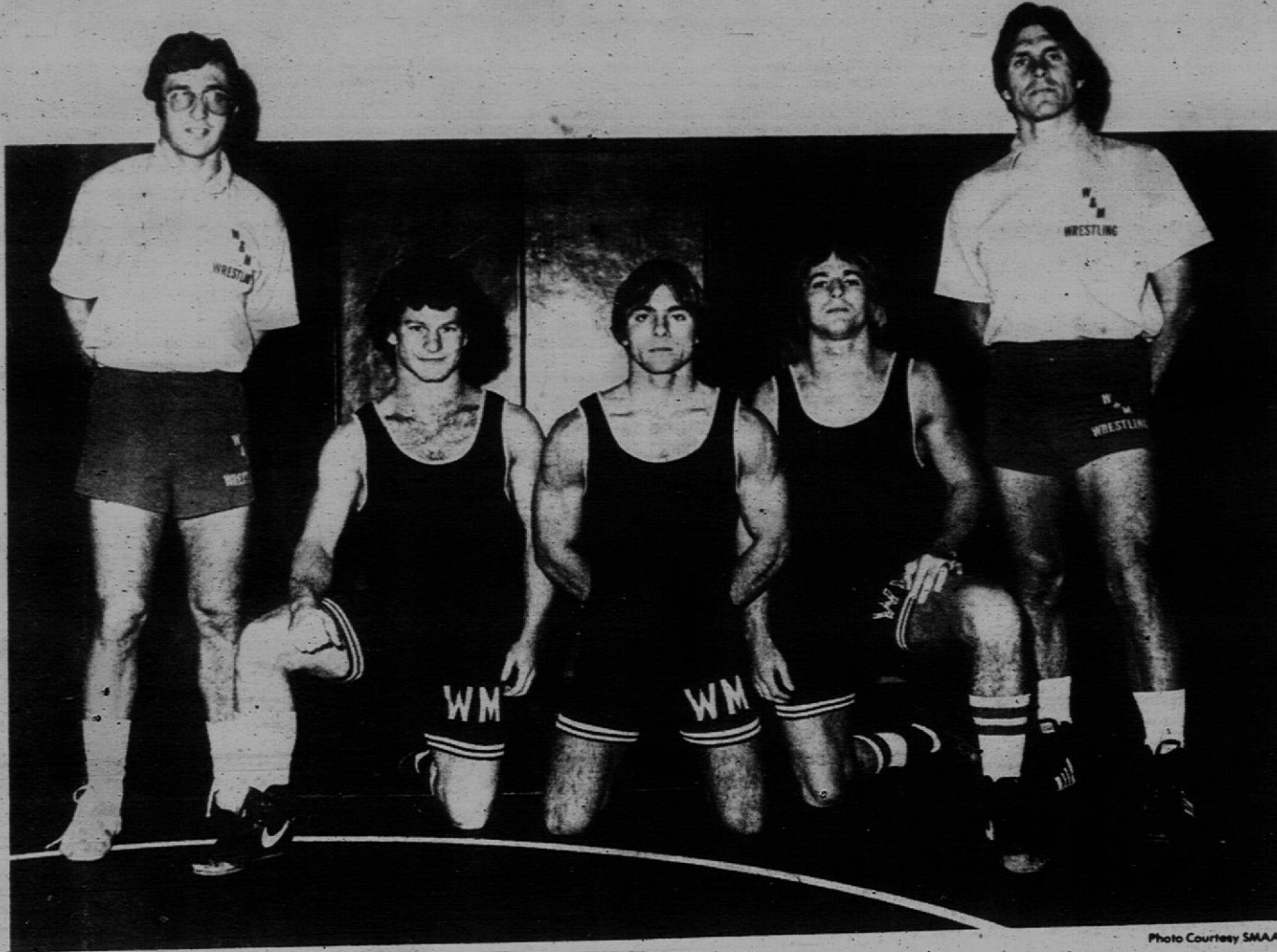
Pincus also posted an individual win in the Monarch, defeating his own freshman brother Bill in the finals.

"Bob should be among the dominant wrestlers in his weight class on the East Coast," according to Steers. "He's got a great combination of experience and motivation."

Hicks, the defending SC champ in the 134 lb. class, is busy recovering from a broken hand and was unable to compete in the Monarch.

"Jim came close to the nationals last year," notes Steers. "He probably has our best shot at the NCAA once he recovers. He's one of our all-time greats. He is highly motivated and without a doubt will be an All-American."

Drewry is the defending Virginia Collegiate champion at 158 lbs. "Gary is an unbelievably hard worker and he shows it in the improvement that he has made since he came here," says



Coach Steers, Pincus, Hicks, Moore and assistant Joe Caprio

Photo Courtesy SMAA

Steers. Drewry was responsible for the Tribe's third individual win in the Monarch.

Two new faces to the Indians' lineup will be Stark and Moore. Stark, a former SC champion at 167 lbs., sat out last season with mononucleosis. Moore, a transfer from Colorado, was forced by NCAA bylaws to sit out the 1975-76 campaign. Steers considers both to be "potential All-Americans."

Along with newcomers Stark and Moore, Steers had what he has labeled a "very successful recruiting year."

"With our limited funding for scholarships, we have to sell the wrestling program and

academic reputation here at William and Mary," says Steers

"We usually don't get the state champions, so we have to go after the people we feel will have the motivation. We need the solid individual who can keep his head together. With a little patience and hard work, we succeed."

Bill Pincus, at 126 lbs., appears to be the brightest star in the galaxy of freshmen. In reaching the finals of the Monarch against his brother Bob, he proved to be the surprise of the tournament, upsetting an Atlantic Coast Conference champion in the first round.

"Bill may have a hard time at first, wrestling in the same class as his brother," says Steers. "But he honestly has the potential to be an All-American before he graduates."

Steers also feels fortunate in the return of Hank Zimmerman to the heavyweight class. The starting center of the varsity football team this year, Zimmerman was sidelined for the 1975-76 wrestling season with an ankle injury.

"Hank's absence cost us a couple of dual meets last year," recalls Steers. "Last year, we had very little success at heavyweight. This year, it can be one of our strong points."

Overall, Steers sees the picture to be painted and notes a general improvement.

"We are definitely better, but so is everyone else. The ACC schools are now attracting some of the top recruits from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This makes things very competitive and competition is the name of the game. All we can do is train hard and that will make the breaks fall our way."


The Tribe makes its home debut December 4 at Blow

Gymnasium in the third annual Indian Invitational. Among the schools competing include American University, The Citadel, Morgan State, Norfolk State, Old Dominion, and Shippensburg. The one day marathon affair will include over 100 wrestlers.

Looking ahead to the rest of the season, Steers describes the Indians' schedule as "a real bear." Among their opponents include formidable Eastern powers East Carolina, Navy, N.C. State, Temple, and West Chester State.

"We'll be okay," he stated. "Our team unity is great, which could be a factor. We're fortunate in the respect that our freshmen have meshed in really well."

In winning the Monarch, the Tribe accomplished one of the goals set down by Steers for the season. Among the other feathers which he would like to add to the hat are the Miller-ville Belles Open (November 19-20), a good showing in the Wilkes Open (December 27-28; considered the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling"), a victory in the Southern Conference (March 4-5, 1977), and a showing at the NCAA Tournament at Norman, Oklahoma (March 17-19, 1977).



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### Student Gate

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# Keydets, Furman Challenge in SC Cage Race Old Dominion, Richmond Cast Lot with ECAC

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Houston and an Olympic veteran, but have not done much in the last ten years. Wake Forest has All-American Skip Brown, who teams with Jerry Schellenberg to form a good backcourt, but the Deacons lack height. Clemson has 7'1" Wayne (Tree) Rollins to clog the middle but are on probation, saw their coach, Bates Locke, go to the NBA's Buffalo Braves, and are generally up the creek.

Turning to the Southern Conference, VMI's Keydets are coming off their most successful year ever; they went 21-10 and went all the way to the NCAA Regional final before losing to Rutgers. Coach Bill Blair has gone to the University of Colorado but Charlie Schmaus is ready to fill his shoes. He inherits all but one of last year's important players, including 6'4" Ron Carter and 6'6" Will Bynum, last year's mainstays. The Keydets will not be able to sneak up on anyone this year, but still will do well.

Furman ought to provide their main competition, along with William and Mary. The Paladins return two All-Southern Conference selections: 6'10" center Jim Strickland and 6'7" Ray Miller, a 21.6 point-per-game man, in one corner. They team to give Furman the best frontcourt in the conference. Jonathan Moore, a 6'6" forward from Charleston, is a promising freshman who should see lots of playing time.

The Citadel loses Rodney McKeever, Southern Conference Player of the Year in 1975-76, and lacks forward strength.

Larry Hunt leads East Carolina's Pirates into battle, and they are as tough as they usually are.

Davidson could have a very interesting team. They had an outstanding crop of freshmen last year, led by 7'2" Tom Dore, the tallest man ever to play for the Wildcats. If those freshmen of last year become mature sophomores, Davidson could make some noise. Appalachian State will not be so lucky, but might sneak in if other teams take them too lightly.

Marshall, Western Carolina, and Tennessee-Chattanooga are new to the Southern Conference and are not going to be officially included in the standings this year. Marshall brings a long basketball tradition to the SC (Hal Greer, Russell Lee) and should be hard to beat. Neither the Catamounts nor the Moccasins will run any of their foes out of the gym.

Looking at the area's independent teams, the ones that stand out are University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Georgetown, Virginia Tech, and the University of South Carolina. UNC-Charlotte was runner-up to Kentucky in the NIT (National Invitational Tournament) last year, rivalling VMI for status as the surprise of the year. Cedric (Cornbread) Maxwell, a 6'8" jumping jack who was the MVP of the NIT, returns to lead the 49'ers, who also have 6'6" cornerman Kevin King, 6'4" swingman Lew Massey, and 6'3" guard Mel Watkins back.

Georgetown has the nation's tallest coach, 6'10" John Thompson, and two recruits, 6'7" Craig Shelton and 6'3" John Duren, from Dunbar High

School's 29-0 Washington champions of last year, to go with returning lettermen Al Dutch, Larry Long, Mike Riley, Ed Hopkins, Garry Wilson, Tom Scates, and Derrick Jackson.

At VPI, Charlie Moir has replaced Don DeVoe, who went to the University of Wyoming, and he inherits a good team. Ernie Wansley, a 6'10" pivotman, is the team leader, along with Duke Thorpe, whose .657 shooting percentage was the country's third best.

South Carolina lost both Alex English and Mike Dunleavy to graduation, but retain a fine backcourt in Jackie Gilloon and Billy Truitt. Frank McGuire still keeps his underground railroad running between New York City and Columbia; this year, he has recruited a 6'9" center, Jim Graziano, 6'4" Mike Doyle, and

6'2" Kenny Reynolds from the Big Apple.

Among other area independents, Old Dominion will have 6'10" Wilson Washington dominating the middle. They have moved to Division I and have joined the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC), as has Richmond. The Spiders have all their junior college transfers back and are still fighting for recognition. Their backcourt of Larry Slappy and Paul Webb ought to make

them a good foe for anyone. George Washington lost a lot of talent to graduation: 6'3" backcourt star Pat Tallent to be exact. He will be awfully hard to replace; 6'4" Leslie Anderson will try.

So its going to be a wild season of basketball around Virginia, the Carolinas, and the District of Columbia. All of them, of course, driving for the NCAA title, the elusive pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

## FLAT HAT Cage Poll

1. North Carolina (5)	175
2. N.C. State (2)	170
3. Maryland (2)	167
4. South Carolina	132
5. Virginia	131
6. Wake Forest	119
7. Clemson	110
8. VMI	101
9. VPI	98
10. UNC-Charlotte	97
11. Old Dominion	94
12. Georgetown	90
13. William and Mary	85
14. Duke	81
15. George Washington	70
16. Furman	42
17. Richmond	41
18. Norfolk State	29
19. East Carolina	14
(tie) Madison	14



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## New Conference?

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classified in Division IA by the NCAA was increased, and would come at a time when the College had decided to upgrade its athletic program.

"We would be operating as a second-class citizen if we went to IA," explained Carnevale. "It would have an adverse effect on recruiting. Why should a young man go to a IA school when he can go Division I?"

For the immediate future, William and Mary athletics will have three distinct options to consider. First, but most unlikely, is the possibility of affiliation with an existing conference.

"Any current conference would have to be acceptable," says Carnevale. "The ACC would be outstanding; unfortunately, we don't qualify because one of the stipulations for membership requires a 25,000-seat stadium for football."

A more likely road for the Indians to take would be to create a new conference, including such state and local rivals as Virginia Military, Virginia Tech, Richmond, East Carolina, and West Virginia, all former members of the Southern Conference during its heyday.

For now, though, the College

will remain an independent, at least for the upcoming season (1977-78).

"We have no particular leaning at this time," claims Carnevale. "We won't make any decision unless we feel that it would be beneficial to the College of William and Mary. We're not going to operate on any definite time schedule to make a commitment. We simply plan to explore in the months ahead any and all possibilities for other affiliations and relationships that could be advantageous to our athletic program."

One of the major arguments in favor of retaining Southern Conference affiliation was the fact that the SC sponsored post-season tournaments and that the conference basketball champion automatically qualified for the NCAA playoffs. However, William and Mary remains in the 200-member Eastern College Athletic Conference, which includes some 61 Division I members. The winner of the ECA's Southern Division also participates in the post-season competition.

"We're in a good position," concludes Carnevale. "All roads remain open. We're not in the position that VMI will be in, that of being a total independent, as long as we remain in the ECAC. We have a place to go."

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# Agee: An Elbow in the Spine

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spit at and called every name in the book. It got so bad my wife turned on the TV to see that I got to the games safely, then turned it off so she wouldn't have to listen to them abuse me."

Joe Agee lettered in basketball and baseball at William and Mary, then coached local high school basketball as well as assistant coaching in basketball and football, and being freshman football and baseball coach here at his alma mater. "It helped me a lot being known in the area as an athlete and coach. People knew I could control things, and that I understood all sides of the game."

The full impact of officiating ACC games sunk in gradually in less inviting manners. "I never ate a meal in a town I had just called a game in. You never know who's going to be sitting next to you. And once during the half-time a school official approached me and said 'If you want to get out of here alive you'd better change the way you're calling.'"

Those types of people are also slow to forget. "I remember walking into a golf club as William and Mary coach after calling a close game at State (North Carolina State University) a year earlier and introducing myself to a golf tournament official. He interrupted me and the first thing he said was, 'Are you the son-of-a-bitch that called that Wake Forest game last year?' I had never seen the guy before!"

When Agee started calling games ten years ago, the ultimate game assignment was the Duke-North Carolina contest. He did that game in his sixth year but it wasn't his peak. That ultimate high came in January of 1973 on Super Bowl Sunday when number-one-ranked-in-the-nation N.C. State played at number two Maryland on national T.V. "I must be one of the few refs who has called a game with the top two ranked teams in the country playing." In that game, David Thompson tipped a shot at the buzzer to win it for State. "I had called a couple of Maryland turnovers at the end there and was trapped across the court from the locker rooms." It was the only time he was physically struck while officiating: an elbow in the spine.

Over the five years of ACC officiating, Agee's expectations adapted to reality, and that reality was sometimes less pleasing than he had envisioned. "Those people are crazy down there about basketball. They hate each other, and the coaches many times don't even shake hands before games. That type of attitude disappointed and soured me a bit, and I guess I lost some of the desire to work the game."

The loss of desire, and a run-in with ACC Commissioner Bob James was the beginning of the end. "The three things he disliked about me were my propensity to call technical fouls on the bench (against the coaches), my idiosyncrasy of scowling when I called fouls, which tended to alienate some players and coaches, and

thirdly, James' opinion that I was too tense."

James urged Agee to take a break and drop his schedule for a year, but when he returned, Agee felt the subtle hint intended by receiving only three minor games. "My 'Nielsen Rating' with him simply dropped and I was removed just like in a business," he explains.

The fallout with James occurred three years ago, and now Agee has dropped out of college officiating completely, aside from helping the Tribe in scrimmages. "I plan to concentrate on the high school level in the local area. I think they need help in good refereeing, and I just can't go on travelling

as I did in the ACC and Southern Conference."

Through it all, Agee's theme is very evident. "You have to look at it as a triangle, with coaches, athletes, and officiators on each side, and until you've seen it from every side, you haven't really experienced the sport. But I can count on one hand the number of coaches who move to reffing — because the know the crap and abuse they're gonna get from the coaches themselves."

Recently another aspect of his triangle has become evident to Agee: the middle. "I've just realized it in the past couple of years, but when your own flesh and blood is out there its a

completely different experience. You feel so much but you can't let it out 'cept by gritting your teeth." He admitted to popping a blood vessel during the William and Mary-Navy game because pounding on the concrete was his only emotional valve. "It's the most exciting side, but it's also the most frustrating, because you gotta just sit there and watch."

Joe Agee's personality and character allow the listener to relax and enjoy his image and hospitality. This coziness vanishes when the black and white stripes fall on his shoulders and he props the whistle between his lips. "You have to be an S.O.B. sometimes

to keep those guys in line. I know I made some bad calls and believe me I've lost sleep over it, but I called them fairly and as I saw them. I think what it comes down to is that you gotta love the

game because that official is in the middle of the pit, has more pressure on him than anyone in the arena, and yet he gets the least amount of glory and congratulation."

Joe Agee did not officiate for glory and congratulations and maybe that's why he rose so fast and did so well. But any objective athlete who has been in contact with him in most any manner would agree that in the end, he deserves it all.

# CHEVETTE VS RABBIT

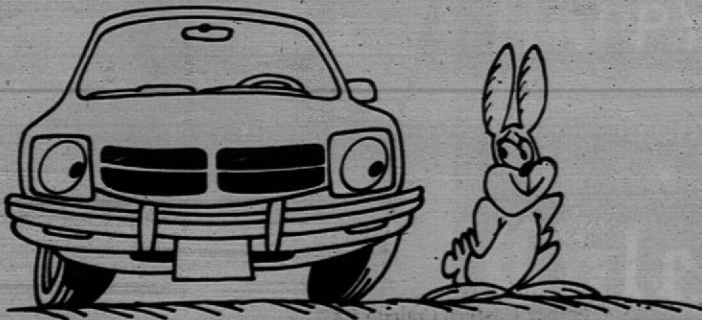
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## CHEVETTE

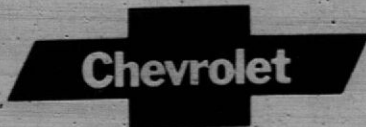
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## Gymnasts Come Off Best Season With Seven Lettermen Returning

by Linda Clavarelli  
FLAT HAT Staff Writer

William and Mary's men's intercollegiate gymnastic team, armed with the strength, experience, and talent of many returning gymnasts, anticipates another challenging and successful season.

Although there are no seniors on this team, seven lettermen are returning who, with one exception, all placed in the state top six last year. They will be crucial in providing a solid base for the team. Strong returnees include sophomore co-captain Mason Tokarz (4th in South in all-around and winner of a phenomenal 5 out of 7 individual events in state), junior co-captain Butch Thomas (4th in state in rings and side horse), juniors Mark Finley (10th in South and 2nd in state in all-around), Jeff Mayer (7th in South and 2nd in state in high bar), Peter Post (top 6 in state in free ex. and vaulting), Dave Brown (6th in state in free ex.), Ed Ruhl (parallel bars), and Mark Delonga (side horse) and

sophomores Ron Coleman (parallel bars and high bar) and John Brantley (free ex.).

New team members fit in perfectly, filling the gaps left by graduating seniors. For example, Scott Bram, a freshman from Union, New Jersey, where he was a state high school finalist on rings, will be a great asset in replacing ring specialist Glen Willsey, who was first in state and fifth in the South. Side horse is another weak spot, due to the loss of seniors James Harbert (3rd in state and 8th in South) and Steve Handzel, as well as the loss of junior Terry Babb (state champion in side horse and 4th in state in all-around), who will not be able to compete due to a dislocated elbow which hasn't fully healed.

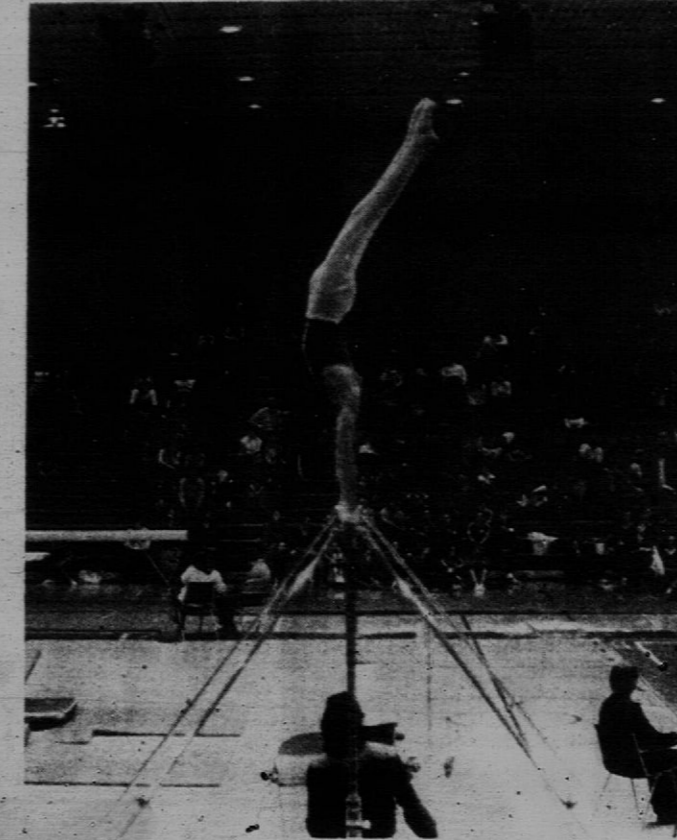
The losses are somewhat offset by freshman John Coven, a tough side horse competitor from Encino, California, where he placed fifth in his league. The third newcomer to the team is Mark Dieterie, a freshman from Millersville, Pennsylvania, who

works all-around, with high bar and parallel bars as his strongest events. Last year he was a league champion in all-around and placed 12th in the Pennsylvania state meet in high bar. There is a strong possibility that both Dieterie and Bram will be going all-around for the team, along with Tokarz and Finley.

Last year, the men's gymnastics team placed third in the Southern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (SIGL) which covers the entire South. Their major goal for this year, according to their coach, Cliff Gauthier, who was selected the South's "1976 Gymnastic Coach of the Year," is to take second in the South by unseating the University of Georgia, the team presently in second position.

Other team goals include a repeat of last year's win in the Virginia State championships which Gauthier feels should be quite easily accomplished. In the scheduled dual meets, the team is aiming to improve as much as possible, and are shooting to better their last year's record of 9-1. The high caliber and depth of this year's team puts all of these goals within reach. For the first time ever, the team is four men deep (4 strong competitors in every event) which should be a tremendous asset, since in gymnastics the team's overall score is made up of the top four scores in each event.

In gymnastics, there are six competitive events, which include free exercise, vaulting, parallel bars, high bar, side horse and rings. Of these, Coach Gauthier feels that high bar and free exercise will be the team's two best events. This is especially advantageous due to the fact that free ex. is always first, which enables the team to start off each meet very strongly, and high bar is regularly last, which allows the team to count on a powerful finish.



Jeff Meyer in high-bar competition

In addition to competition, coach Gauthier believes very strongly in the importance of integrating the college and the community in as many programs as possible. In accordance with this philosophy, the men's gymnastics team has made an all-out effort to get involved in the community.

The team has been crucial in a Saturday morning instruction program for boys and girls (kindergarten through high school) in the community at a very minimal charge. This program gives the gymnasts a chance to teach and provide valuable experience for those who are considering a coaching career.

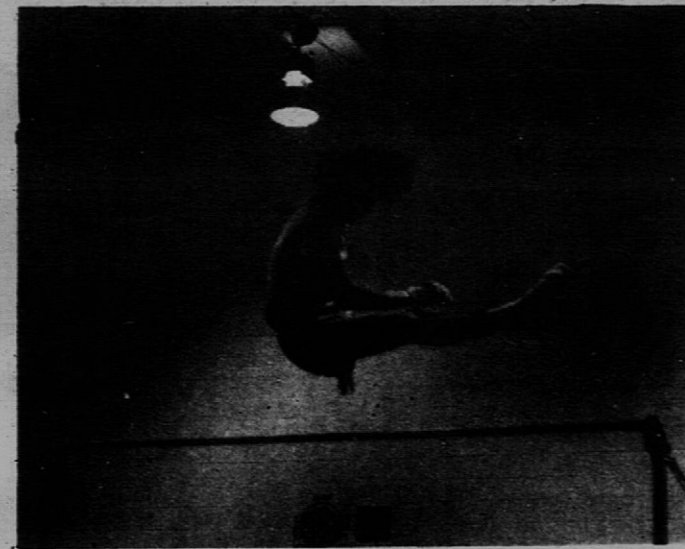
Aside from this, it provides excellent opportunities for expanding and popularizing gymnastics in the community. At the same time, it gives the community a chance to get to know the gymnasts, and vice versa. This community-team relationship is also valuable in providing community support at meets. This past year, this team also looked to community support in a watermelon sale, which it sponsored to defray the costs of new workout shirts.

The men's gymnastics team has also played an integral part in working with members of the Colonial Williamsburg staff by performing tumbling and acrobatics in shows given at the Governor's Palace when special guests come to Williamsburg.

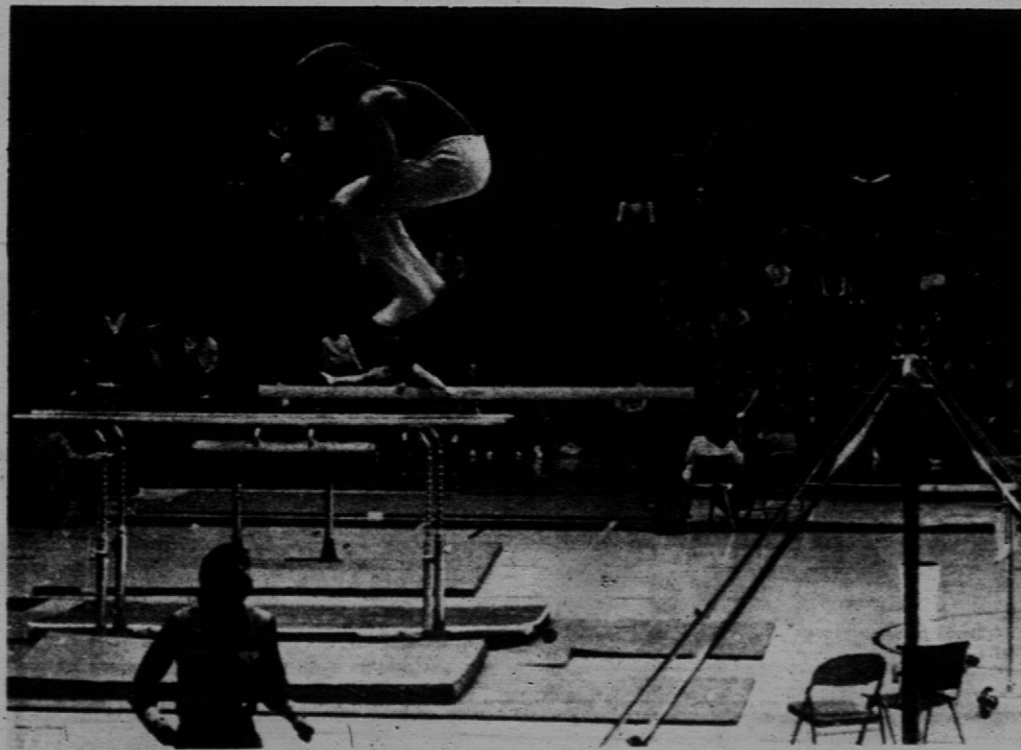
In the seventeenth century, guests at the Governor's Palace were entertained by jugglers, acrobats, conjurers, etc. These shows in which William and Mary gymnasts perform represent an attempt to recapture the atmosphere of the seventeenth century. They have performed before many famous people, including the President of Liberia, the Earl of Dunmore,

and Lord Snowden, as well as the Colonial Williamsburg Board of Directors.

This year, William and Mary's men gymnasts face the toughest season of dual meets ever. Their competition will include such powerhouses as the University of Georgia, 2nd in the South last year; Georgia Tech, 5th in the South last year; West Virginia, 3rd in the South in 1975; Navy, in the top 5 in the East; and West Chester State, one of the top 10 Division II teams. The schedule is far more difficult than it has been in previous years, and should provide the team with tough, challenging competition. Gauthier is very optimistic about the incredible progress which has been made with the team, and feels that students can look forward to some of the best dual meets ever held at William and Mary.



Jeff Meyer practices "vaulting"



Mark Finley demonstrates "double flyaway"



Sophomore Mason Tokarz performs on the rings