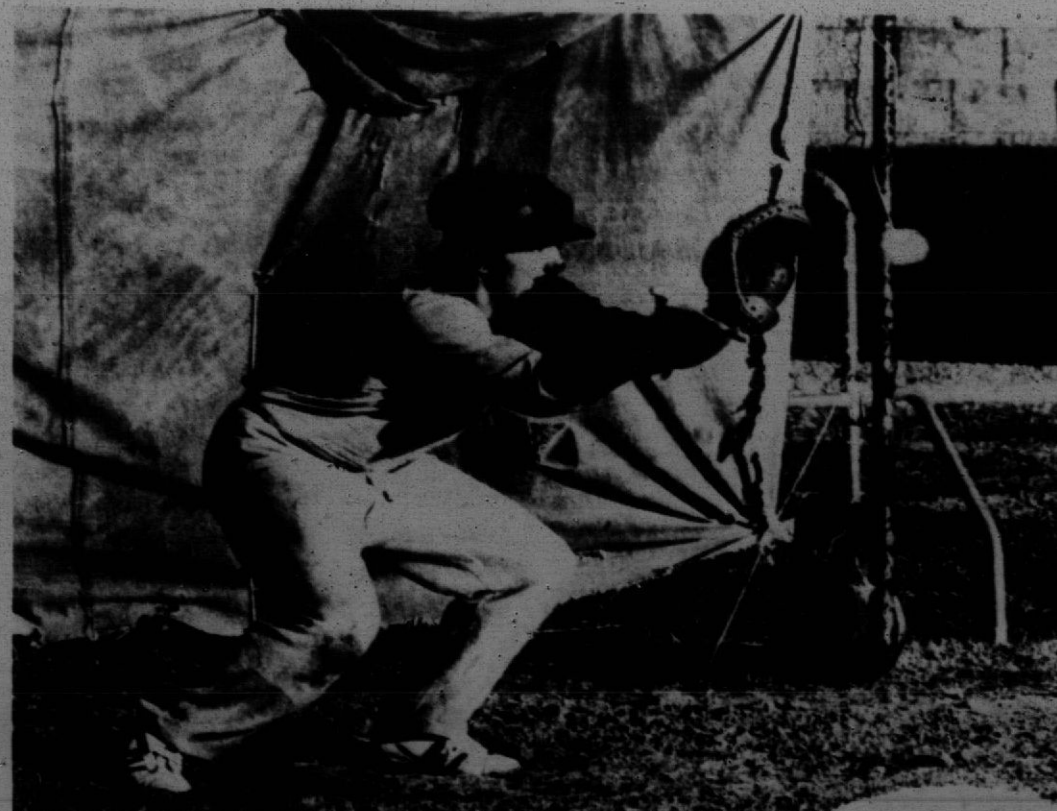


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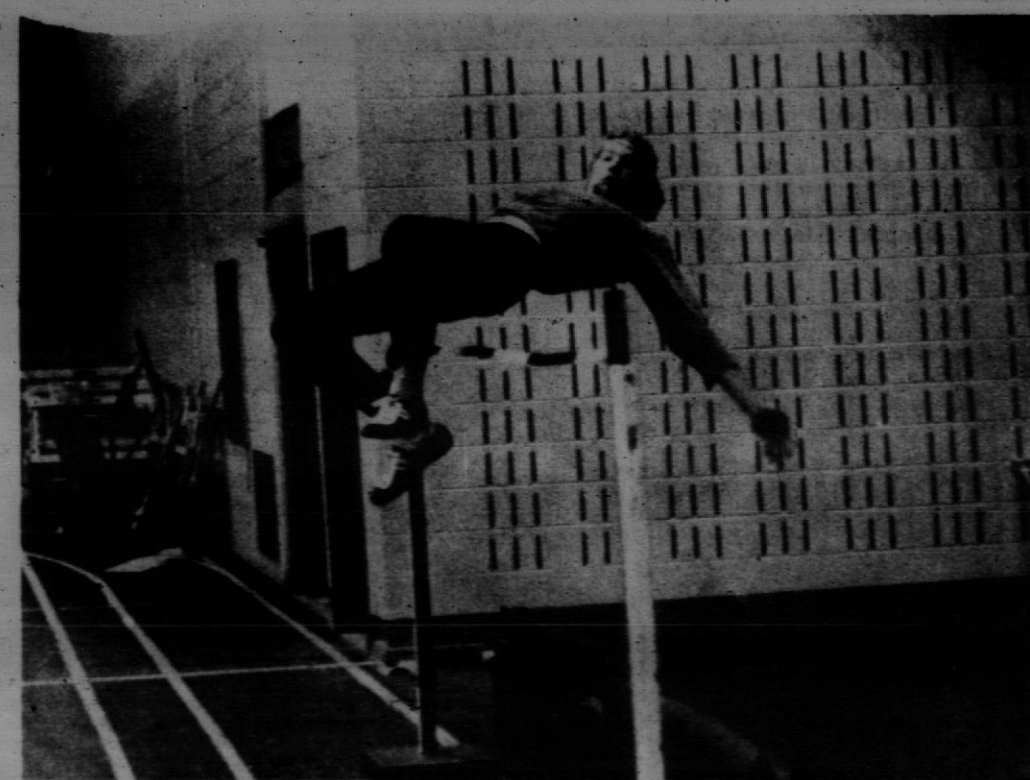
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Root, Balanis see revenue sports helped

By John McGrath
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

On November 22, 1974, the College ended two weeks of serious and sometimes heated debate by announcing the adoption of the now-famous "positive commitment" athletic policy. Many believed its impact was felt sooner than expected, for on the next day, William and Mary blasted the University of Richmond by a score of 54-12, setting a new school record in the process by rolling up 649 yards total offense.

Among those believers was head football coach Jim Root. "Immediate reaction," said he, "was clearly evident at the Richmond football game." Moreover, Root felt that the momentum from that afternoon carried over throughout the winter and into spring practice, which began Feb. 15. "It was also evident in our football team's return to weightlifting, and in the very first day of spring practice," he commented, adding that he felt that the first workout was "perhaps the most enthusiastic session I've seen since I came to William and Mary. And this is only the spring, where we aren't working with next year's recruits. We have the same people, the same coaching staff. There was something different. What it was was the esprit de corps, the commitment by the College."

One word Root stressed during the interview was "competitive." And he believes that the athletic policy will help make the Indians more so in the recruiting department, thanks to the new rule allowing the College staff to sign up to thirty new players each year. Root has already signed 28. "We still have some choices left, and we can pick and choose. We've only taken those people we wanted," he explained.

Recalling that such Indian killers as ECU and North Carolina were stocked with Virginia high school stars, Root pointed with pride to the fact that he has signed ten Virginians so far this year and eleven last year. The two-year total of 21 is an accomplishment unmatched in

W&M recruiting in the last decade.

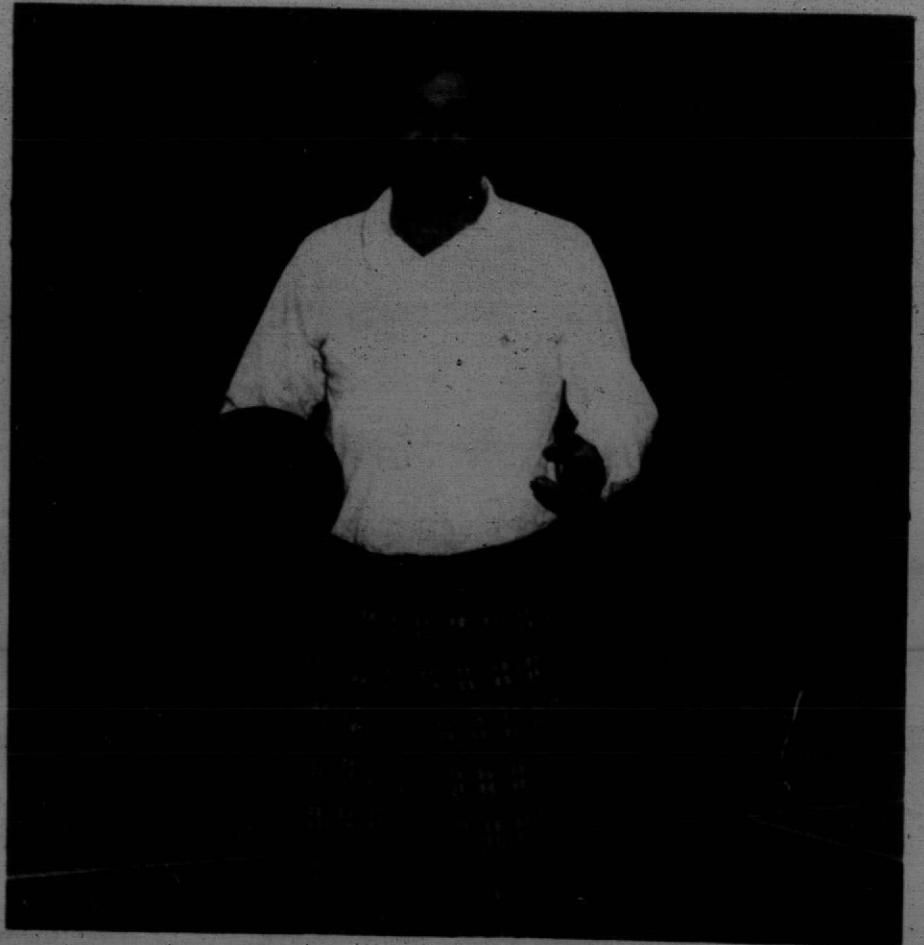
When asked if the athletic policy was any help, Root replied, "The more first class your program, the more attractive it is. People want to check out things like transportation, who we play, and our record. The athletic policy will help us win, and that makes us look more attractive."

The athletic policy didn't solve everything, though. Root finds pre-registration to be an albatross. He feels that many in the College community, both in and out of the administration, have "made more out of it than it really is. This whole pre-registration bugaboo has become more of a dark cloud. We did want it badly, and it doesn't cost money, either."

The coach, however, was quick to give credit to Undergraduate Dean James Livingston for his efforts to help ease the problem. He thinks that the clause in the athletic policy pertaining to "special consideration" for freshman and sophomore players at registration "has been a definite step to help improve the situation, but there's still a problem. When I still have ten guys that don't get out of class until 4:30 on Monday night, I can't be really happy with the registration situation."

Explaining that practice time is limited by both NCAA and College regulations, and that the College has no lighted field, Root pointed to the simple fact that the team has to practice two hours before dark. In fact, he maintained, "it's literally killed us the last few weeks in the fall," when, as every W&M follower knows, the Tribe has had a history of losing late-season games. Root hopes to bring the matter before the administration again. "I hope they'll reconsider," he said, adding, "And that goes for anyone else in whatever area they're in. The band too! There are obviously other groups that this could help."

Perhaps the most important aspect of the athletic policy, according to Root, is that students seem to be caught in a momentum. "Sure, you can't snap your



Balanis: "up to our alumni."

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fingers and have excellence. But, where we'd lose yesterday and students say 'typical,' now the feeling is that tomorrow we'll win the tough ones. The students have to watch mediocrity. And they're vital to the growth of our program. We need the students to hang in and help us fight a tough and bumpy road in terms of schedule next year (which sends W&M to North Carolina, ECU, Pittsburgh, and The Citadel before opening at Cary Field). But they seem fully aware that a commitment has been made," said the coach, who then added, "I think you can see that in basketball. It's taken on a new importance at the College."

No one would agree with that statement more than basketball coach George Balanis, just down the corridor in William and Mary Hall. Balanis approached the question of the athletic policy's effect not from the present but from the future. If the aims of the policy are fulfilled, football and basketball will be supported strictly by the Educational Foundation and gate receipts in four years.

"We've got a good, young team," said Balanis, "but the only key is the Educational Foundation's being able to get the money out. It's going to be up to our alumni to support us, and I'm looking forward to seeing how our alumni supports us. The biggest thing right now is money."

Recruiting was a subject of concern not only to Balanis but to several of his players. The coach, when asked about how the policy would affect his recruiting drive, just now getting under way, replied that "the biggest questions right now have to be registrations and admissions." Guard Jack Arbogast, a freshman "walk-on," placed the emphasis on monetary

aid. "I came here because of William and Mary's educational reputation," said Arbogast, "but more money would mean better players. It helps with recruiting, because if you can speak money to players, that's what they like to hear."

Arbogast had no laments about not adopting a de-emphasized program such as the well-known Policy One. "Sure, we'd win. But it would kill recruiting."

Indian star Ronnie Satterthwaite felt that the new policy would help with scheduling. "We're headed in the right direction now. The top caliber teams mean a top caliber program." Center Dennis Vail agreed. "We could gain more national recognition soon," he said, "because Program Two gives us a better schedule." Both men pointed out that, though W&M was laughed at for playing Pace and Haverford this season, the Indians will play UCLA in December, 1976, on their way to Honolulu, where they will participate in the University of Hawaii's Rainbow Classic.

Senior Gary Byrd wondered whether the athletic policy would give the Indians any more than what they would have received anyway, had not the athletics question come up last November. "The only thing Program Two means is to keep what we have," he explained, "even though what we have is getting better and better." Byrd, however, did agree with Coach Root as far as a student awakening is concerned. "There is definitely a fever starting to catch on campus, Byrd stated with enthusiasm. No matter where it comes from or what caused it, William and Mary's two biggest sports are excited themselves about seeing it. And many behind these sports are counting on the athletic policy to help keep it on campus.



Root: "There was something different."

ATHLETIC CONTROVERSY

Non-revenue, women expect status quo; coaches desire more financial support

Non-revenue claim lack of scholarships

By Steve Bennett
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

One aspect of the new athletic policy approved by the Board of Visitors that gained a fair amount of attention was its effect on the non-revenue sports. The re-emphasis on athletics was supposed to "significantly augment" these sports while giving football and basketball a chance to support themselves from gate receipts. If the two major sports were successful after four years, the profit would begin to flow into the non-revenue sports.

The coaches of the so called minor sports in general do not believe significant change in their position will come during the next four years as a result of the new program. "The new athletic program has been misinterpreted," says wrestling coach Ed Steers. "It won't change my program in any way, shape, or form."

Track Coach John Randolph echoed this sentiment; "as far as money from the school, it won't change anything at all."



Al Albert

Improvement must come from alumni contributions and from gate receipts from basketball and football."

Steve Haynie, who heads the tennis team, states that the major effect of the new policy is to give the non-revenue sports stability. "In previous years we didn't know what to expect," Haynie says in referring to annual budgets. Lacrosse and soccer coach Al Albert believes that in effect "we're being frozen for four years." Cliff Gauthier, gymnastic coach sees the major result being that the immediate operating budgets will remain stable.

Albert sees this stabilization as having deleterious effect on his sports, especially lacrosse. "We can stay where we are now," he says of his lacrosse team's number 20 ranking in the country. "It will

be difficult but it can be done. The problem is while we're stable, everyone else is getting mor. Our low budgets are going to catch up with us."

Many of the programs are heavily dependent upon private sources for funds. Gauthier's salary is entirely financed through a \$10,000 annual grant. The outdoor track was financed mostly through contributions and some of the operating budgets for soccer and lacrosse was supplied through profits earned by team members selling programs at football and basketball games.

The operating budgets of the non-revenue sports are generally conceded to be small and no significant change is seen for them. The 5 percent annual increase will be nullified by inflation and may even be surpassed. Gauthier's budget last year was \$1600 and was increased to \$2000 this year. With the 5 percent increase, it will rise to \$2100 next year. The wrestling team budget will increase \$250 from its present figure of \$5000.

These budgets already restrict travel, as both Steers and Gauthier note. As an example of this, Randolph says: "We're the State Indoor Champions for the sixth straight year and yet our budget only allowed us to buy one meal for the team the whole day we were competing at Lexington."

Also Gauthier is unable to obtain a firm commitment for the use of W&M Hall for a gymnastic meet unless he pays \$600 in advance. "We can schedule a year in advance and still get screwed." He would like to see some priority given to sports in obtaining the Hall.

A common sentiment among many of the coaches is that one area in which the new program is lacking is in scholarship funds for their sports. "It's the old money thing," as Gauthier summed it up. The coaches feel that in order to attract the top players to W&M and to participate on a competitive level, grants need to be increased. Steer's team operates with a total of 1 1/4 full scholarships and goes up against teams like North Carolina that can offer 19 scholarships. The entire track program consists of eight scholarships, while schools like Delaware have between 16 and 23 full grants available. "We're unable to offer grant of any measurable size," contends Haynie, "and we need those to attract blue chip players."

Coach Albert does not see such a need for scholarships in his own sport, but wishes for better consideration of non-scholarship athletes in all sports. "We don't get the breaks in special consideration for admission like football and basketball. We need 5 or 6 good players a year to have a good team and since most top lacrosse players are from out of state, it's difficult to get them in."

It seems that the general attitude among these coaches is that the main effect of the new athletic policy to their sports is to give it stability. Most, however, wish to see significant increases in operating budgeting and-or scholarship funds. For increases to occur, they will have to come from outside sources, particularly alumni. "At the present level, it puts a lot of pressure on the alumni," says Randolph. Many of the coaches concede improvement will be difficult until four years and then only if basketball and football are successful in their efforts. Their attitude in the interim period is summed up by Haynie: "We'll have to make out with what we have."

Women's athletics lose faculty position to other department

By Terrence Boone
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

The Women's Physical Education Department is losing a faculty member this spring and they are not going to be able to fill it next year, without cutting back on non-salary sections of their programmed budget for next year.

As Mildred West, head of the Women's P.E. Department explained it, "we are losing a member and another department will get our position. We have been told that this is definite. This is because of a new policy whereby a vacancy in any department is considered a 'general college position' vacancy, which any other department" may use to augment their staff.



Mildred West

What does this mean in terms of the women's increased funding for next year? Presently, there is no gymnastics coach for the women, men's gymnastics coach Cliff Gauthier is assisting in that regard.

Sgt. Perez of the ROTC department does need additional coaches, among other assistance for their P.E. program, as last December's Athletic Report explained.

"It neutralizes our gain to a great extent," West pointed out. We lost this position this year, and will gain one next year, through the new athletic policy. Now, they are going to have to cut back on "supplements to the coaches," and other sections of the program if they want to increase the staff.

We were just getting to the point that we could cover our (planned for) program," West emphasized. "We wanted to expand our recreational program," West emphasized. "We wanted to expand our recreational program and to bring the recreational and intramural program under one director with the men." At least part of it.

Now "we must cut back severely on our sports program."

All appearances to the contrary, the women are not coming into a very large increase in funds. Of the \$88 that students pay for in the Student Activities and Recreational Fee, only ten (\$10) dollars goes to the women's P.E. department, which disregards the fact that fifty percent of the total income for that fee comes from women. Next year's fee goes to \$110, and the outlay for women's P.E. doubles to twenty (\$20) dollars, still less than twenty percent of the outlay to athletics and less than 20 percent return on every dollar that women send in for the Activities Fee.

Lacrosse head coach Joy Archer stated that "we need a diving pool added to Adair gym and additional gym space for badminton and volleyball. Hopefully, we can have the facilities open longer hours and tennis courts can be added. Excellence to us is being able to help the greatest number of students become more skilled." The expansion of the coverage of the Women's P.E. department is designed to be funded through the increased income from the Activities Fee for next year. Archer also explained the possible benefits of the increased funding in terms of the lacrosse program.

"We will be able to provide better meals when we travel, and better transportation. Both the field hockey team and the lacrosse team use the same kilts and shirt for competition. We are adding a jacket and a new shirt."

Basketball coach Pat Crowe put it in terms of past experiences and future hopes. "New uniforms" is one objective. Presently, the uniforms have to be shared with other sports at William and Mary. "We only have white shirts and when we played at ODU they had their whites on. Since we had no other shirts, they had to change into their dark shirts. It gets really bad when you play in a tournament and you have to wear the same shirt in two games on the same day."

"I would like to feed them better," was another goal she sought. "Six dollars a day is allocated for food on trips. That is not enough for decent meals. After you pay for breakfast somewhere, you have to end up eating at McDonalds for lunch and dinner. Over a weekend, during the tournament, the girls get tired of McDonalds."

At this writing, the effect of the new athletic policy on women's athletics has been rendered nebulous by the loss of the position by the Women's P.E. department.

West admits, though, "it is a bad time at the college fundwise, but we've been on the short end; in dire straits for a long time in terms of equipment and travel expenses." The supplements for coaches were intended for help in those areas. Now they may have to be cut back.

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ATHLETIC CONTROVERSY

Carnevale cites inflated expenses

By Lane Chambers
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

"If you have a dollar and something costs two, you either have to buy half as much, or find someplace else to get more money." That is how Director of Athletics, Ben Carnevale, characterized the dilemma that faced William and Mary intercollegiate athletics last year. But now, three months after the Board of Visitors approval of President Graves' new athletic policy, things are different. The College has rejected the idea of buying "half as much" and committed itself, in the words of the new policy statement, to a "strong and viable athletic program." And the man responsible for realizing this commitment is Ben Carnevale.

When asked about the conditions that brought on the new athletic policy, Carnevale responded that intercollegiate athletics have suffered in the past few years from rapidly rising costs. As no state funds are available for varsity sports, the major sources of revenue for the program have been the student athletics fee and donations from the Athletic Educational Foundation (previously the Educational Foundation).

While other costs to the student, such as rent and tuition, have been increased to meet inflation, the athletics fee, according to Carnevale, has decreased by two dollars in the last five years. As none of the money from this fee can be used for grants-in-aid, funds for this area have had to come from the Athletic Educational Foundation, which was contributing \$50-60,000 a year when Carnevale took over as Athletic Director in 1972. As costs increased it became obvious that additional funds would be necessary to make William and Mary competitive. The new policy, Carnevale concluded, puts the burden of this increase on the alumni.

"We put the monkey on the alumni's back. We said, 'You want a good program, now you go out and pay for it,'" and according to the Director of Athletics, the Athletic Educational Foundation is taking steps to do just that.

First, they have hired a full-time fundraising director, Barry Fratkin, to manage the new undertaking. Virginia has been divided into areas, and each area has been asked to double its last year's contribution. To raise money, the areas are planning telethons, \$50 per plate dinners, and various other activities. If successful, the Foundation will increase its present annual contribution of \$110,000 to over \$200,000 which has been pledged by the organization for the next two years.

As for the increase in the student athletics fee from \$88 to \$110, Carnevale pointed out that the funding for the revenue-producing sports decreased by \$10.50 per student while both men's and women's non-revenue sports doubled their appropriations from \$10.00 to \$20.00 each per student, and intermural increased from fifty cents to \$6.00.

The \$36.00 which will go to football and basketball during the four-year transition period pays for a student season ticket to all home games. After 1979, no student fees will go to the revenue-producing sports, which will have to support their programs from contributions, gate receipts, program advertisement and sales, radio and television rights, and concessions.

"The purpose of the policy is to make a more equitable use of the funds available," added Carnevale. When asked about the possibility that the revenue producers might help support the non-

revenue sports and allow for a decrease in the student fee, he said, "We have to put them on a self-sustaining basis first. Then we will take the income, and after looking for investments that will increase profits, will pass it on to the non-revenue sports." When questioned if "investments"

meant plans to improve the Cary Field stadium, Carnevale replied that none was foreseeable at the present time. He also answered negatively about the new policy providing increased student facilities such as handball and tennis courts, continuing that funding for such projects

would have to come from the state.

Carnevale feels that many students have misinterpreted the major thrust of the new athletic policy. "We have not in any way said that we are going 'big time.'" He feels that the present arrangement will allow William and Mary to be competitive in the Southern Conference and in the state. "We don't plan to schedule Alabama or any other big schools," he said, adding that the Tribe's football schedule is complete until 1982. The purpose of the emphasis and funding in the next four years is to help William and Mary to develop a winning team so it can be self-supporting.

On the question of whether changes in coaching staff will be made to help W&M achieve its winning status, Carnevale answered a flat "No." He felt that the present staff "hasn't had the opportunity" to show its potential. As for the other ingredient for sports success, talented players, the Indians have already signed 28 of its 30 top prospects for next year. Only thirty full grants-in-aid are allowed per school by the NCAA, and the new policy increases W&M's number to the maximum from its present limit of 17.

Carnevale ended by saying that none of the campus' student leaders came to discuss the policy with him during the controversy last fall, and felt that much of the student disfavor was caused by this failure to communicate. He said that he believes that the students will support the new policy when they begin to see its "benefits."



Carnevale: "strong and viable athletic program."

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Gauthier vs. Hooker at Hall

By Steve Bennett
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

The status of William and Mary Hall with respect to priorities of scheduling events is a matter that has particularly involved the nonrevenue sports (indoor track, gymnastics and wrestling). The question of whether the facility should first serve athletics or should be operated strictly on a money-making basis rests on a definition of the purpose of the Hall. As stated in "Policy and Guidelines-William and Mary Hall," the purpose is that of a "facility of the College of William and Mary which serves a variety of purposes and functions." Being so general a statement, it has the expected result of generating differing opinions.

Cliff Gauthier, gymnastics coach, feels that his sport in particular is not receiving just treatment as regards scheduling meets in the Hall. His own attitude is expressed in a letter to Athletic Director Ben Carnevale, dated Jan. 22. In it Gauthier says: "I realize that by original design, the Hall is to operate on a money-making basis, if possible. However, the Hall is also a part of the College of William and Mary's environment. And as such, it should also be operated to enhance the educational experience of the William and Mary student without being financially prohibitive."

In particular, Gauthier is unhappy over the fact that, for instance, he had scheduled the state meet for March 15 over nine months in advance, yet will not receive confirmation of this until 2-4 weeks in advance of the meet, and then only if a concert has not been scheduled. "I can schedule meets a year in advance and still get screwed," Gauthier says, and

goes on to state that the only way to ensure a meet being held is to pay a \$600 rental. This would represent 30 percent of his total annual operating budget. Gauthier asserts that the Hall is the only realistic place to hold meets.

The auxiliary gymnastics room on the lower level of W&M Hall is too small to accommodate the 1000 spectators that he says have attended the last 2 home meets. If the meets were held at Blow Gym, Gauthier feels much of the expensive equipment would be damaged in transportation, and renting a truck for hauling it would represent an additional cost to an already limited budget.



Cliff Gauthier

Gauthier also says that when using the Hall, he is required to pay a \$75 clean up fee in addition to regular custodial, and security fees. He states that he has offered to use his gymnasts for returning bleachers to position in lieu of the fee, but that he was turned down for insurance reasons and fears of damage.

The other interpretation of the purpose of the Hall is that offered by Lester Hooker. In a letter dated January 23, he clearly states his view as Director of the Hall: "William and Mary Hall was never created nor in any way mentioned as an athletic facility. It is a multipurpose facility designed for graduation exercises, convocations and other events that are of interest to the student body and college community."

Hooker explains that the delay in confirming events such as gymnastics meets is necessary. The usual conflicting event is a concert, and he states that commitments from promoters usually come at the last minute. The reason for the priority of such events over non-revenue sporting events is that the former appeal "to a wider range of students" and for the obvious income potential. "The Hall operates on the amount of income it can generate," says Hooker, "and the only way for improvement to it is by generating income from concerts." He goes on to explain that further funding from the state is virtually nil, and that money for projects like the completion of fixed seating in the upper reaches of the hall must come from the profits it has shown. Hooker also says that a confirmed meet has never been "bumped" from the schedule.

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ATHLETIC CONTROVERSY

Williamsburg residents support decision students mellow, but on opposing sides

By Carl Shapiro

FLAT HAT Sports Editor

It seems that Charles Mitchell summed up the feelings of the majority of Williamsburg residents toward the new athletic policy adopted by the Board of Visitors last November. Mitchell, known simply as Charles to those students who have their midnight study snacks at the Prince George Dally, admitted that he had not followed the controversy closely.

Claiming that he felt a strong sense of pride in William and Mary, Mitchell pointed out, however, that Williamsburg "is my hometown, and I want to see a winner here. William and Mary hasn't had a winning team in a long time." At the same time, he emphasized that he does not want the College to lower its academic standards or to make the students pay for athletic scholarships.

While taking a more cautious attitude, both Williamsburg Mayor Vernon Geddy and Richmond Times-Dispatch bureau chief Wilford Kale agree for the most part with Mitchell. Geddy claimed that although at the time "I was fairly neutral, it was a decision the College had to make and I think they made a good one." The mayor explained that he does not make it to many Indian sporting events and that "I really don't know that much about William and Mary sports." Therefore, he feels that he can not make an informed judgement on the future success of the new athletic program.

Kale, a member of William and Mary's class of 1966 and a resident of Williamsburg for the past 12 years, also supports the new athletic policy. The Williamsburg bureau chief from the Times-Dispatch explained that "from the two alternatives, I think that the course that Dr. Graves selected was the best one." Both Kale and his wife hold season tickets to William and Mary home football and basketball games. Kale claimed that he would support the Tribe even if it won only two or three times a season. He sees the four year limit as a realistic period of time and believes that if "football doesn't make it, then William and Mary ought to see if they can find a conference they can compete in. Kale added, however, that he thinks that it would be possible for the College to go "big time in basketball."



Mayor Vernon Geddy



Charles Mitchell

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In a random telephone survey of 15 Williamsburg residents taken from the phone book, there was strong support for the Board of Visitors decision. One person questioned probably summarized the feelings on the subject of the remainder of those polled, when she asserted that "I'm glad to see William and Mary go all out in athletics. I certainly enjoy going to football games on Saturdays, and I would enjoy it more if William and Mary had a winning team."

Most of those polled, however, did not regularly attend Indian sporting events, but claimed that if the College had improved athletic teams, attendance would definitely rise and bring in more money to the College. Several residents also spoke of increased business for the town if William and Mary was an athletic power.

Those student leaders contacted were still on the same side of the controversy as they were last fall, although some admitted that their feelings had been tempered with time. BSA Chairman Dave Ryan, an outspoken critic of the proposal in November, still opposes it because he is "disappointed that there wasn't enough insight to see that we could develop basketball and non-revenue sports and downplay football." Ryan feels that the student demonstration against the

decision held in front of the Brafferton Building on Sunday, November 24, was effective because it "temporarily embarrassed him (Dr. Graves) because it showed that the College community was not in favor of the decision."

The BSA chairman did in retrospect see a bright side to the plan adopted. Emphasizing that the alumni had a lot to do with the Board of Visitors decision, Ryan asserted "if the alumni does not reach their goal, they cannot scream they were not given a chance." Here, he feels, he has definitely mellowed since last November.

Nancy Hadlock, Student Association vice-president for social and cultural events, could not disagree with Ryan more. She feels that "a college that has a good sports program can really increase name-wise in the nation. I think that William and Mary had a good reputation academically, but I think that this reputation can be increased if they increase the sports program so that the name will be better publicized."

Hadlock said that the student protest after the decision "didn't do too much I think that they had their right to do it, but they should have gotten together before the decision." The SA vice-president believes that the student body was evenly divided on the issue, but added that she thought "that the controversy had died."

Mark Duffner, president of the Physical Education Majors Club, agrees with Hadlock. "Naturally being a football player, I thought that it (the plan adopted) would be the one that would help the College the most."

Duffner explained that he would like to see excellence at William and Mary "both physically and mentally." Although he personally played football, the president of the P.E. Majors Club would like to see an improvement in all of the College's athletics. "The primary (financial) weight should be on the alumni," he added. "They have put their name on the line by writing those letters. If they don't come through and it would mean an increase in student fees, I would be against it."

Duffner also sees basketball as the major sport which could improve the most. He explained that football does not have the stadium needed for attracting name teams. William and Mary Hall, on the other hand, is adequate for any school's basketball program.

Before ending, Duffner pointed out that "I'm really proud of the academic

reputation (of the College). That's the reason I came here."

Dave Oxenford, one of the leaders of the Brafferton student protest, said that he was against the decision because he "thinks that participant sports need the money more than the revenue sports. he also claimed that women's athletics needed additional money."

Oxenford, who said that he has attended "a lot of basketball games," does not believe that the revenue needed will be raised. He explained that although he would attend basketball games even if the Indians were doing poorly, he still would "like the team to win."

During the controversy, the alumni gained much publicity for the letters they wrote concerning the athletic policy, the majority of which were in favor of pro athletics Policy II.

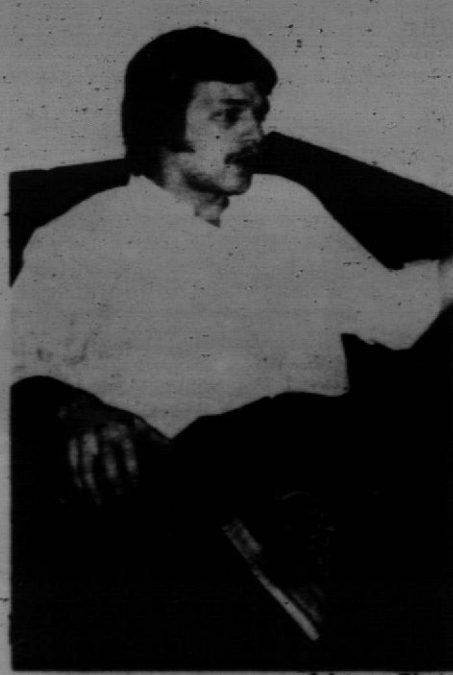
Gordon Vliet, Executive Vice-President of the Society of the Alumni, however, takes issue with the charge that alumni are only interested in athletics. He pointed out that the alumni contributions to the rest of the College were substantially higher than those to athletics during the 1973-74 school year. Vliet thought that the decision made by the Board of Visitors was correct and agreed that if the alumni do not come through with the contributions that are needed, the College would have to downgrade its athletic program.

Harriet Storm, alumnus and the first woman selected to the 45-member Athletic Educational Foundation supports the athletic decision, terming it a "fair policy." She hoped that with this program, the number of scholarships for woman's athletics would increase. Storm pointed out, however, that women contribute very little money to the College's athletic program. With increased contributions from women alumni, especially from women who married men who went to school elsewhere, Storm believes that woman's athletics can be upgraded.

Several months after the controversial athletic decision was made, it is obvious that few, if any, have changed their minds. It also appears, however that the vehemence of the feelings toward the respective programs has quieted down. Harriet Storm, who at the height of the controversy considered Dean of the Undergraduate Program James C. Livingston her enemy, typifies this mellowing. She now has no hard feelings toward Livingston.



Nancy Hadlock



Dave Ryan

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WILLIAM & MARY

By John McGrath
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

It's a new year. And if you have had difficulty winning in the past, it can sometimes be helpful to emulate the winners—in any way.

The William and Mary baseball team will be doing just that this spring. Perhaps following in the footsteps of another gang of green and gold, the Oakland Athletics, the 1975 Indians will take the field Saturday afternoon against the University of Rochester complete with the green pullover uniform shirts that helped make Finley's fellows famous.

And, like Charlie O.'s teams of yore, the Tribe has had trouble keeping a field boss. Tony Zontini camped only one year on the Reservation, long enough for William and Mary to struggle through an 8-17 season, while going 5-9 in the Southern Conference.

This year's coach, the third in three years, is Ed Jones, known to many at the College as the intramural director in Blow Gym. Despite the problems he has had in getting his team ready, not the least of which has been lousy weather, Jones was

glad to see that 48 men reported to tryouts. And none of them were recruited. "We just have a lot of kids who really want to play," said Jones, "and the schedule is good, so they don't miss a lot of classes." Jones admits that he has had difficulty in making cuts so far, but figures he may carry roughly 25 players. Of those, only time will tell who plays. College baseball is allowed to use the American League's famed designated-hitter rule; however, Jones says he will bat his "best nine hitters, even if one of them is a pitcher."

Should the Tribe employ a designated hitter, the position will be filled by a new face, since Roger Keener did not try out this year. The Indians are fortunate in having solid hitting on each of the bases. Leading them will be senior Steve Becker, who returns to third base armed with a place on the All-Southern Conference team and the league batting crown, thanks to a hefty .421 average in 1974. Becker is also capable of drawing bases on balls, leading the Tribe easily in that department last season with 15 walks. Across the infield from Becker is co-captain Corky Bishop at first, the Indians' second leading hitter in '74, batting .345.

Between them, a battle is going on for second base, with freshman Tom Dolan of Lynchburg challenging vet Mike Morina, the sophomore from Falls Church who swatted an even .333 for W&M in nine games last year.

Coach Jones also singled out two outfielders. George Holland, a sophomore, comes off a .323 season in 1974. And, despite a .244 average, Rick Schwartzman of Hampton should be the centerfielder, due mainly to his defensive work, but also to his ability to hit the ball with power. He clubbed two triples and W&M's only home run in 1974, the latter coming in Blacksburg against VPI. Another Indian to watch is catcher Bill Dowd, who enters this spring riding the crest of a very respectable .290 average in '74.

The pitching staff is led by co-captain John Milesen, a senior from Glenmont, N.Y. Milesen was the bellwether of the staff last year, pitching 42 and a third innings. In posting a 3-3 record, he struck out 29 batters and allowed just 13 walks. However, his earned run average was up to 3.82. A potential starter is sophomore Kevin Greenan, whose ERA was only 1.06 in 17 innings. Mike Bujakowski and Chris Davis, who between them gave up 29 earned runs in 70 and one-third innings while striking out 51 opponents, are also in the stable. Jones is going to "give everyone a chance" in the non-Conference games before settling on any kind of rotation in the Conference hookups.

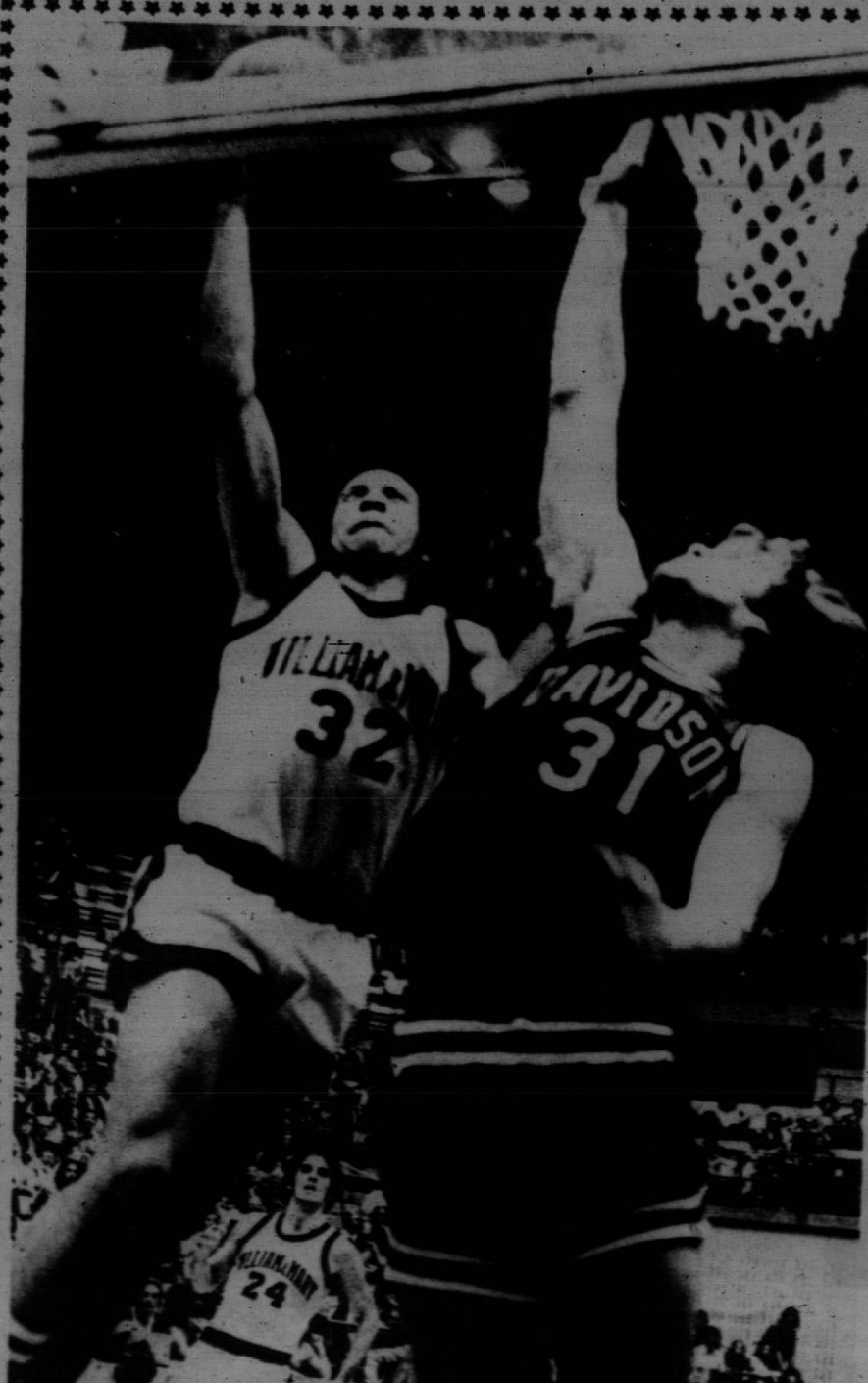
Jones is surely giving everyone a chance, period. He pointed to some newcomers to the roster who looked "especially good" in practice so far. In addition to Dolan, sophomore Bill Melton is also trying to secure a place in the infield, that of the Tribe shortstop. And another freshman, David McElhane, hopes to be one of the outfielders.

The Indians will be playing 20 games in 16 dates at Cary Field Park this season. The field, run over by automobiles and football players in the autumn and drenched by a Williamsburg winter, has been repaired such that Jones described it as "a hundred per cent better than last year."

However, Cary is a hindrance to power hitters. Jones described the dimensions as from 365-370 feet down the foul lines and 490 feet to straight-away center. Dimensions like those are deadly to teams used to cozier surroundings. Jones recalled, "Madison College was pretty upset when they came down here last year. They socked long balls all day and Rick Schwartzman was right there." The outcome of that encounter was a 6-5 victory for the Tribe. However, Cary Park has not been that friendly to its natives either. Last season, the Indians were shut out three times, all of them at home.

Coach Jones regards Richmond, East Carolina, and Appalachian State as the toughest Conference foes. "They always are," he commented. Yet he feels that William and Mary is not completely out of the picture. "We should be a better hitting team than last year. I'm not saying we'll have another .421 hitter, but it will be more evenly distributed, and there will be more base hits." Actually, if Jones could have his own way, baseball would be played in the fall. "It's ideally the best idea," said he, pointing to the fact that all the Washington, D.C. colleges have fall baseball schedules. "The weather would be great, too," he added.

This Saturday's game against Rochester will be played at Cary Field Park at 1:30, which is the starting time for all weekend single games and weekday doubleheaders. Weekend doubleheaders start at 1:00, with weekday single games beginning at 2.



Ron Satterthwaite, who was selected to the All-Southern Conference first team, scores two points against Davidson in the Indians' 76-64 victory in Saturday night's playoff game.



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BASEBALL



MAJOR LEAGUE

By Al Buchanan
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

It is hard to believe, but in about four weeks major league baseball will begin a new season. And now is the time that each team glows with optimism about significant improvements and the pennant flag within its grasp.

Both divisions of the American League figure to be two-team battles with the same two squads that finished in those spots last year doing the fighting. The junior circuit in October, 1975 should look like this:

EASTERN DIVISION

- 1. New York
- 2. Baltimore
- 3. Boston
- 4. Cleveland
- 5. Milwaukee
- 6. Detroit

WESTERN DIVISION

- 1. Texas
- 2. Oakland
- 3. Chicago
- 4. Kansas City
- 5. California
- 6. Minnesota

The AL East will be a race between New York and Baltimore. The addition of slugger Bobby Bonds and free agent pitcher (4) Catfish Hunter to a Yankee team that finished just two games back in 1974 should be enough to vault them past the Orioles. Pitching, which was lacking in depth last year, will be the Yankees' strong point, with Hunter joining 19-game winners Doc Medich and Pat Dobson, and star reliever Sparky Lyle.

The Orioles, with the likes of Brooks Robinson, Bobby Grich, and the newly acquired sluggers Lee May and Ken Singleton, have an offense which is more potent than New York's, but pitching presents some question marks. It is doubtful whether 39-year-old Mike Cuellar can repeat his performance of last year (.22-10, 3.11), and Jim Palmer has to shake off arm trouble if he is to make a contribution. The other teams in the East have too many holes in their lineups to present a real threat. Boston is hoping for comebacks by infielders Rico Petrocelli and Doug Griffin, and pitcher Rick Wise to vault them into the pennant race, but what is really needed is another super-year-out of Carl Yastremski a la 1967.

Cleveland has player-manager Frank Robinson at the helm, but Robinson can't play all nine positions, and the Perry brothers, Gaylord (21-13, 2.52) and Jim (17-12, 2.96), are too old to pitch every other day. Look for the recently acquired Boog Powell to make a strong comeback this year.

Milwaukee has home run king Hank Aaron and sluggers George Scott and Johnny Briggs, but pitching is nowhere in sight; and Detroit fans had better tighten their belts because the Tigers are rebuilding and this figures to be a lean year in the Motor City.

The race in the West should also be one involving two teams, Texas and Oakland. The acquisition of outfielder Willie Davis to an attack that features AL MVP Jeff Burroughs, Rookie of the Year Mike Hargrove, and 300-hitting Lenny Randle, and a strong pitching staff of Ferguson Jenkins (25-12, 2.83), 19-game winner Jim Bibby, Clyde Wright, and Steve Hargan, should be sufficient to give the Rangers the edge over the Hunter-less A's.

Chicago figures to be improved and able to concentrate on on-the-field activities without the major headache Dick Allen. Wilbur Wood, a 20-game winner, and 21-game winner Jim Kaat lead a strong pitching staff, and slugger Bill Melton and switch-hitter Ken Henderson provide the offensive sock.

Kansas City stood pat in the off-season

trade market, and the Royals still lack the pitching depth necessary for contender status. California Angel skipper Dick Williams has speed and strong pitching, but the worst hitting in the league; and Minnesota, which has a number of individual stars (Tony Oliva, Rod Carew, and pitcher Bert Blyleven), but many holes and no depth, takes the honor of finishing last.

How they will finish in the National League:

EASTERN DIVISION

- 1. St. Louis
- 2. Pittsburgh
- 3. Philadelphia
- 4. Montreal
- 5. New York
- 6. Chicago

WESTERN DIVISION

- 1. Los Angeles
- 2. Cincinnati
- 3. Atlanta
- 4. Houston
- 5. San Francisco
- 6. San Diego

The only sure bet in the East is a last place finish for the hapless Chicago Cubs. St. Louis seems to be the strongest team, featuring the best outfield in the majors (Lou Brock, Bake McBride, and Reggie Smith), and strong pitching, Lynn McGlothen (16-12, 2.70), Bob Gibson, Claude Osteen, and Bob Forsch.

Pittsburgh has potent hitting, with a .274 team batting average last season, led by an all-300 outfield—Richie Zisk, Al Oliver (.321), and Willie Stargell (25 HR's), but pitching is weak. Philadelphia has some of the best young stars in the league—Mike Schmidt at third, catcher Bob Boone, outfielders Greg Luzinski and Mike Anderson, and veteran pitchers Steve Carlton (16-13, 3.22) and Jim Lonborg (17-13, 3.21). If the Phillies can acquire the rights to Dick Allen from Atlanta, which does seem likely, they will

be serious contenders, even without very much pitching depth.

Montreal made some of the best off-season deals, acquiring ace lefthander Dave McNally from Baltimore and power-hitting rookie Pete Mackanin from Texas, and should be an improved team. While the New York Mets picked up hitting strength in the off season, Joe Torre, Gene Clines, and Del Unser, the real key to their success will be whether pitcher Tom Seaver and outfielder Rusty Staub can return to top form.

In the West, Los Angeles should take it all, as the Dodgers feature the strongest team in the major leagues, with the strong pitching of Andy Messersmith, Don Sutton, Tommy John, and super-reliever Mike Marshall, and potent hitting of NL MVP Steve Garvey, Jim Wynn, and Bill Buckner. Cincinnati lacks the pitching to overtake the Dodgers, and Atlanta, which has pitchers Phil Niekro, Ron Reed, and Carl Morton, and experienced hitting in Ralph Garr (.352), Dusty Baker (20 HR's), and Clarence Gaston, should be an improved ball club, but lacks overall strength to sustain a pennant drive.

Houston already had enough problems of its own before pitcher Don Wilson died in a tragic off-season accident, but the Astros possess some fine young players and a bright future. San Francisco, which continued a long-standing tradition of trading star players and coming out on the short end of the stick, and San Diego figure to battle for last place.

So that is how the teams should finish, and, if you are interested, I favor Texas to take the AL pennant and lose in the World Series to Los Angeles. If by some strange occurrence my picks prove to be correct, you will probably be able to reach me in the future at "Jimmy the Greek and Associates."



Tennis team endures spring training;

By Lane Chambers
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"Spring training" is not a term that usually conjures up the image of a tennis team, but this year's Indians are an exception. Although their routine still includes about two hours a day on the courts, "spring practice" just doesn't seem to fit the emphasis that Coach Steve Haynie is placing on conditioning in the team's preparation for the coming season: its definitely "training."

In addition to the wind sprints that are usually associated with the tennis season, long distance running reminiscent of a cross-country workout has been added to the regime. "We run about three miles a day," said Haynie, "throughout the woods or to the Capital and back to Adair Courts." This type of exercise started weeks before official practice began in early February. Haynie feels that it is very important for the team to be in good all-around physical condition. Then when those long matches roll around, his team will still be able to play their best tennis.

Even the rain doesn't slow them down. Last week, when typical Williamsburg weather prevented a regular practice at Adair Courts, the team went to William and Mary Hall and played full court basketball, followed by laps around the indoor track "until they couldn't run anymore." Whether on the basketball court, tennis court, or running down Duke of Gloucester Street, the goal is to get in shape and to build team spirit.

Another strategy that Haynie apparently has adopted this year is to increase the squad's exposure on campus. In the fall, one of the highlights of homecoming week was an exhibition match between the William and Mary 1947 National Championship team and the 1974 varsity squad, which the latter won handily, 4-2. In addition to the large crowd that attended, the event was included in the December issue of World Tennis. This semester, the team put an exhibition

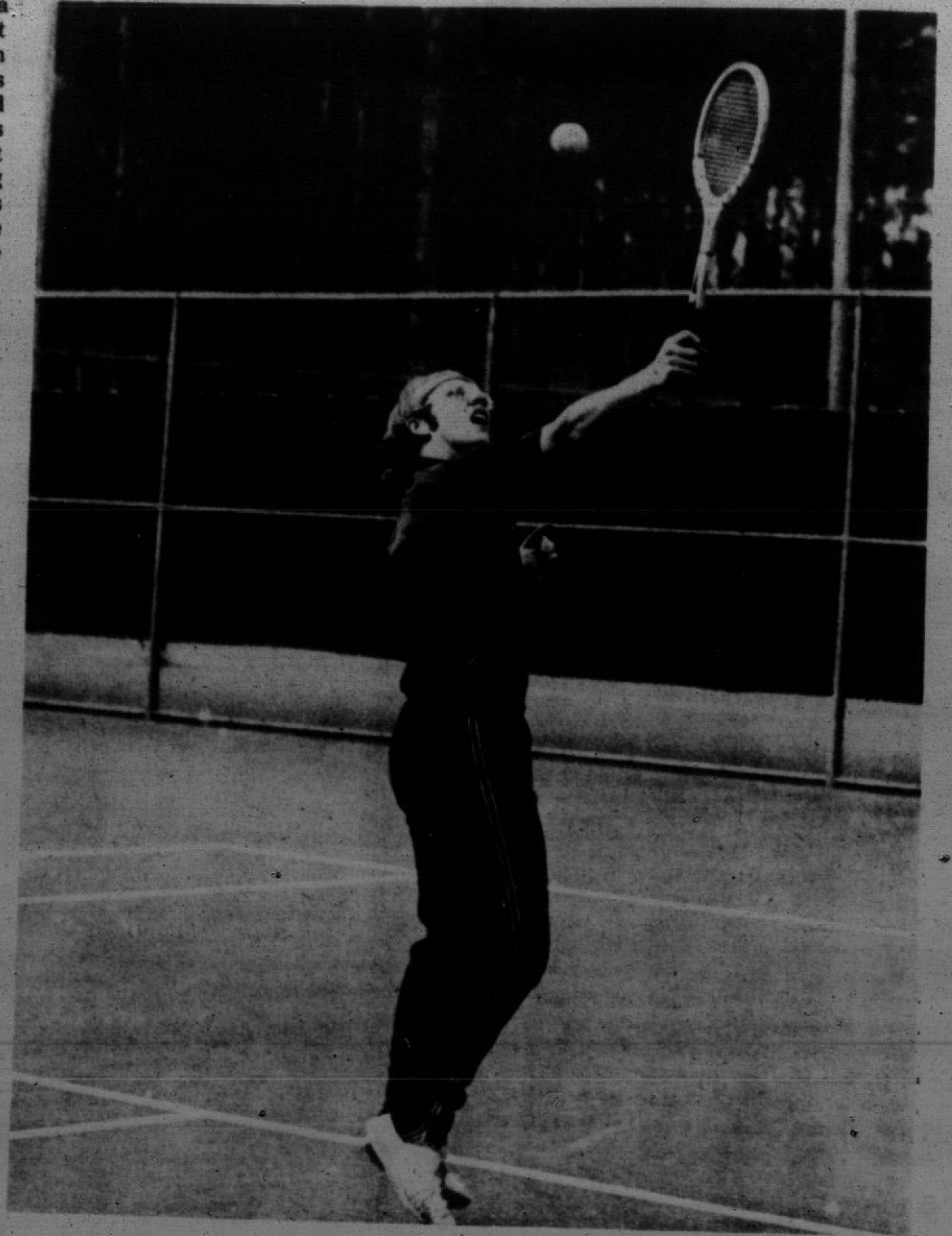
featuring the basics of tennis strokes to a near capacity crowd during halftime at the William and Mary-Davidson basketball playoff game. With activities of this kind, and others like an inter-squad match to be held this week, Haynie hopes to develop a following like the one that helped the basketball team to winning season. With 12 of the team's 17 matches this year played at home, a strong home crowd could make a big difference in the team's success.

Another factor in the success of the Tribe will be Marc Abrams, a 17-year-old freshman from Miami Beach, who will be playing number one for the team this year. Abrams is a good friend of former William and Mary star Ford

Robinette, and first became interested in the College because of this friendship. He will be facing many of the tougher matches this season, such as Keith Richardson of Appalachian State and John Lucas of the University of Maryland. Asked if the Indians will face any real rivals during the season, Abrams said that "U.Va. is the team I want to beat the worst." William and Mary has not won a match against the Cavaliers in the past ten years, and were edged out of second place by them in the Virginia Intercollege Tournament in the fall.

Doubles, not singles, though, may well bring the Indians victory against some of their tougher opponents. Although not emphasized until last week, Coach Haynie has hopes for his doubles teams. Abrams and junior Jay Basham will be playing number one. Freshman Pete Rutledge and Bob Galloway, who play numbers two and three in singles, will team up for number two doubles, with number three undecided, but probably including senior Don Ball.

"Spring training" ends with the first match of the season on Friday, March 14 against the University of Rochester, and the first conference match will be against East Carolina on March 20. Both are home games. The first away games of the season will be at Old Dominion in Norfolk on Tuesday, March 18.



Don Ball

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Golf coach dim on team's hopes

By Greg Buck
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Current hopes for the William and Mary golf team are quite dim according to coach Joe Agee. Before the season, Agee thought he had all but three starters from last year's team returning, but due to various problems, both academic and personal, only three will return with any varsity experience.

The returning members of the team are John MacIntyre, Jerry Samford and Johnny Haas. Qualifying is presently going on with the majority of the participants freshmen. This year's results will evidence the fact of having a young and inexperienced team.

The Indians home course this year will be the Williamsburg Country Club. They will host competition on only three dates, April 4, April 8 and April 18, with all but one of the six visitors being from Virginia. The schedule is mostly congested into just four weeks due to academic commitments of other schools. The season will be culminated April 21-23 with the Southern Conference Tournament at Florence, South Carolina.

Though this year's team may not be what it has been in the past, coach Agee looks forward to future years when the team will have more experience.

UVa. one of top 5 in lacrosse

Stickmen face UVa. on Saturday

By Terrence Boone
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Lacrosse head coach Al Albert is aiming high this year and the Indian stickmen are going to feel and see a change from last year. Then, the young varsity program five years old this season was ranked nationally for the first time. To stay there and advance further, the Tribe is going to have to play more ranked teams and come up with some upsets or close games over those teams.

The Indians begin their schedule against the University of Virginia, a recent national champion in lacrosse, and a consistent member of the top ten in the polls. The Tribe closes on a strong note also. Washington and Lee, who slammed the Indians 16-5 last year will be the final opponent of the season. Other strong teams that the Tribe faces are Duke, Syracuse, Yale, and North Carolina.

The annual confrontation with Randolph-Macon College comes at mid-season. It doesn't matter how many games either team has won going into the match, the game is still a toss-up. Last year, William and Mary won in a squeaker, 10-9.

The Tribe is older, on the average, than last year. The large influx of talent from the past two years has produced a strong sophomore-junior influence on the squad. Sophomores Jim Cameron (defense-man) and David Hubbard

(midfielder) are two of the veterans returning. Although last year's leading scorer, Bob McBride, has dropped out of school, the Tribe still has its all-time leading scorer, senior attackman, Craig Penner, and junior midfielder Joe Schifano to anchor the team. John Cooper, who played goalie all last season, and has had some great games, will return to his position.

While they may not be graced by the height of the William and Mary basketball team, and though they tend to be smaller than football players, the stickmen will be fast and long-enduring. This year for the first time, they are practicing on Saturdays, for the pre-season. The helmeted young men carrying sticks and cursing brick sidewalks are also part of the new look in William and Mary lacrosse. The pre-practice course takes in roughly the cross-country course, enabling the runners to take in both the capitol on Duke of Gloucester Street and William and Mary Hall before Coach Albert puts them to work. Their season includes seven home games this year, starting with the Virginia Cavaliers this Saturday at Cary Field. After its all over, though, the Tribe won't be number 20 in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Poll. The Indians will have proven their strength weakness against some of the most highly respected lacrosse programs in the country. They will rise or fall from number 20 on that basis.



Lacrosse team getting ready for this season

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Indian lacrosse combines basketball, hockey

By Terrence Boone
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The Algonquins called it "teontsesiksaheks," and the French, being poor at Algonquian, dubbed it "lacrosse," because of its resemblance to a bishop's staff. With few rules and several hundred players at a time, the American Indians could have tagged it a small war.

The Canadians first organized it in 1867, under the auspices of the National Lacrosse Association of Canada. Fifteen years later, an Ivy League group imported it and organized the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Women's lacrosse first surfaced in Scotland in 1890, and it was not until 1914 when it was brought to Sweet Briar College in Virginia, that American women began to play lacrosse. And since its inception into men's and women's collegiate athletics, the sport has continued to be primarily an East Coast affair.

Men's varsity lacrosse at William and Mary has been here five years. Women's lacrosse at least fifteen years.

Men's lacrosse has 10 players designated as follows: (3) attackmen, (3) midfielders or middies, (3) defensemen, and one goalie. The first nine wear padding on the arms, and in some cases, the shoulders; hockey gloves protect the hands. The goalie wears, in addition, a chest protector, and a device to promote fertility. All the players wear helmets with visors and wire cages.

The field is slightly larger than a football field, and it is organized along the ice hockey model. Goals are not at the ends of the field, rather, they are eighty yards apart with play permitted behind the goals. Offensive players are prohibited from being inside the circle around the goal, which is known as the "crease."

Several lines are drawn upon the field, the centerline being the most important one. This line, bisecting the entire field across the width, forty yards from each goal acts as a restraining line. Three men and the goalie must remain on the defensive side, and three on the offensive side of the centerline. Usually these three are the defensemen, and attacks, respectively.

The scoring system is similar to the soccer method, one point per score, though there are no penalty shots. Minor infractions result in a player being sent out of the game for up to several minutes. No substitution is allowed until the penalty time is served. This is known as "man down."

The game begins with the opposing center middies facing off at the center point of the centerline. In the attempt to get the ball downfield and into the goal, a player may kick or hit the ball with any part of his body. Preferably, he "cradles" it in the pocket of the lacrosse stick, running down the field, or he passes it away to a teammate.

The opposing player has two options at this point if he wants the ball: 1) "body checking," i.e., knocking down the ball carrier with his body, or 2) "checking," i.e., stabbing, the ball carrier in the glove(s) holding the stick. His teammates may bodycheck other players, if the ball is loose, in order to prevent them from reaching the ball. Balls shot at the goals and have gone out-of-bounds are given to the team that was nearest the point of exit.

The pattern of play resembles armored basketball. Players set up picks and pass the ball around for position. The speed, though usually fast, is varied in pace as basketball is. There is just a bit more contact.

Women's lacrosse is a different breed of animal. The size of the field is a major factor: the goals are one hundred yards

apart, instead of eighty. The field has no boundaries and no body contact is allowed, only the stick may be checked. The twelve players (not 10) because of the larger field of play and restrictions on checking, must rely on "skill, speed, and stamina more than brawn" to use

lacrosse coach Joy Archer's own words. The system for post season play is different for both programs. In a future issue, the complexities of the play-offs as formulated by the NCAA and U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association will be explained.

W&M Hall use stirs debate

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of 2000 students are expected and that it is a College-wide event, Hooker has given permission for the meet to be held only if

Turning to the particular subject of gymnastics, Hooker takes issue with some of the ascertains made by Gauthier. First, he says that in most cases the only fees charged gymnastics were \$4 an hour for one security policeman. The \$75 fee, he says, was only for February 15 when a basketball game was on tap following the gymnastics meet which took place that afternoon. The fee was for pulling out the bleachers and setting up, and that part of the \$75 was paid by the basketball team.

Second, Hooker feels there is a possibility some of the meets may not come off because he says the Southern Conference does not recognize gymnastics in a championship program and there are not that many schools competing.

Gauthier believes that athletics is "a viable part of education," and since his sport, like the other non-revenue producing sports, can not realistically pay the required rental fee, some consideration should be given to the

difficulties of scheduling meets ahead of time. This consideration would be in the form of receiving confirmation of requests for the use of the Hall a "reasonable" period of time beforehand.

Finally, he believes that priorities for other events are usually greater than gymnastics because of sheer numbers. For instance, the Mid-Winters Dance is scheduled for March 8 as is a gymnastics

Hooker has suggested that there are only two solutions for Gauthier's problems: either reduce the number of home meets or have the gymnastics budget increased so that fees for reserving the Hall can be covered. Gauthier has replied that the first is not desirable for his program, and as for budget increases they will be only 5 percent annually for the next 4 years. He says that the only way he could pay the \$600 rental fee would be to charge admission, a plan to which he is opposed.

The question to be resolved is how far one should go in deciding between events "that are of interest to the student body and college community." Hooker's policy is that an event has priority if it has a wider potential appeal to the student body and if it will help realize sizable income for operation of the Hall.

Randolph: 'best team we've had'

By Steve Bennett
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In viewing the upcoming outdoor track season, Head Coach John Randolph comments, "There's a lot of room for optimism." With the indoor IC4A and NCAA meets yet to be run, results so far have been very encouraging. The indoor team registered good showings in the Philadelphia Track Classic, Delaware Invitational, Virginia Intercollegiate and in meets against North Carolina, South Carolina, East Carolina and Catholic University, Delaware and St. Johns. "I believe it's the best team we've had," says Randolph, and "and the next two weeks will tell how we can expect to do outdoors."

Virtually the same team will compete in the spring meets as did in the indoor season. "We have reasonable depth and quality in almost every event except we're weak in the sprints and weight events (shot put and discus)," notes Randolph. Leading the Tribe into the new season will be Ron Martin, who had excellent showing indoors ranging from the 880 to the two mile. "Ron will take up where he left off," predicts Randolph, "as will Charlie Dobson." Dobson, probably the East's top hurdler, and holder of 3 IC4A titles, will be the Indian's mainstay in the high hurdles. The intermediate hurdles should be the dominion of Bill Becker, and freshman Mark Blackwell should add depth in this event.

All-American Reggie Clark is expected

to be strong in the 880 and mile, with support from Frand Courtney in the former event. In the longer distances, Randolph looks forward to continue improvement from Mac Collins, George Moore, Tim Cook, and Chris Tolou, and John Greenplate is expected to excel in the steeple-chase. Finally, Randolph hopes that freshman Mike Edwards will shore up the above mentioned weakness in the sprints.

The horizontal jumps will be a strong point for the Indians this season. John Jones is the reigning Virginia outdoor long jump and triple jump champion, and is ranked 3rd in the East and holds the school record in the latter event. Depth is the word in these events, being provided by Scott Peters, Ted Wingerd, Al Irving and Chris Zanea. The excellent high jump

contingent will be led by freshman John Schilling and sophomore Al Irving, who are capable of clearing 7'0". Bruce Heggie and Steve Edwards will provide back up strength in this area.

Freshman record holder Dane Lipinski, juniors Pete Hammond and Len Somila, and sophomore Steve Natusch lead a Tribe improvement in the pole vault. Dave Ruch will defend his Southern Conference javelin title and freshman Mike Schaz is being counted on to provide strength in the discus.

The highlight of the outdoor season will come on May 24-25, when W&M hosts the IC4A meet. "We worked hard to get the meet here, Randolph says, "because it's a very prestigious meet." Approximately 102 schools will be competing on the \$150,000 eight lane tartan track.

The toughest dual meets that Randolph feels the team will face are the Quantico Morin meet and the Maryland meet. "Quantico has the best inter-service team," Randolph noted, and in recent Atlantic Coast Conference meet Maryland racked up as many points as all its ACC competitors combined. Nevertheless, Randolph looks ahead to a promising season and in the absence of injuries, believes the Indians will perform well. "We have the talent," he says, "it's just up to the guys."

Nearly self-supporting ruggers schedule four home matches

By Steve Bennett
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To the uninitiated, the game of rugby appears as a cross between soccer and football without any forward passing and it does in fact have elements of both. First of all, it is played on a field called a pitch which has goalposts on each goal line. Each team consists of 15 players, divided into backs and scrum. The backs are the fastest and lighter guys who do most of the ball handling and must be good open-field tacklers. The scrum are the heavier, stronger players who add muscle whenever and wherever it is needed on the field.

The game itself is composed of two 40 minute halves with no substitutions. Scoring is accomplished by; carrying the ball across the goal and touching it down, which is called a try (4 points); kicking the ball through the uprights after a try (2 points); and by making a penalty kick, worth 3 points. The ball can be advanced by kicking, running, or by passing the ball in a backwards direction to another player and permitting him to advance it. The matches that the William and Mary Rugby Club competes in are made up of two games; an A game and a B game, the former containing the best or most experienced players.

Captain Chris Hutton feels that rugby has something definite to offer college athletics; "In a time when there is a lot of controversy over athletics budgets, rugby is a very inexpensive sport." He also expresses the sentiment that fans can have an especially good time "by bringing a six-pack and seeing a different kind of sport."

The W&M team is almost entirely self-supporting, receiving no other aid from the school than use of a field and an occasional new rugby ball. Team members buy their own uniforms, pay dues to cover the cost of the traditional post-game beer party, and provide their own transportation to away matches.

The nucleus of the team is composed of law students and members of Sigma Pi fraternity. Coaching duties are assumed by Joel Whitley, a local resident who donates his time to the club. The players with the most experience are Hutton, with 5 seasons to his credit, and Randy Duvall, who has 6 seasons of expertise.

Hutton is also counting on 3 other players to help lead the team this spring. "One of our best players is Phil Huddleston, a wing forward," he notes; "He hustles real well and has good speed." The other two members Hutton mentioned were Jim Mitchell and Rex Luzar, who are backs. Both have considerable experience in the game at W&M, but have been plagued with injuries in past seasons. Hutton feels that if they remain healthy, both can provide leadership for the team which contains a sizable number of inexperienced players. The team is beginning to develop good morale now, he says, and are starting to behave more cohesively as a unit. "We have a lot of competition at many spots," Hutton notes, "and as soon as some of the younger guys get some experience, they could move up to the A team."

The club has seven matches, four of which are at home. All home matches, except the one on March 9, are on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. on the field behind W&M Hall. The season culminates in the

MacArthur Cup Matches in Norfolk. This tournament is to be held April 26-27 in conjunction with the Norfolk Azalea Festival, and a strong competition should be in evidence.



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WOMEN'S VARSITY ATHLETICS

Good lacrosse turnout

By Terrence Boone
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

"There has been a tremendous turnout for lacrosse this spring," said Women's Lacrosse head coach Joy Archer. It has to be the growing interest in a sport that involves a great deal of skill and speed, as women's lacrosse does.

This year, Nancy Porter, the field hockey head coach, will be the assistant lacrosse coach. The 1974-75 year is the former Philadelphia coach's first year here at William and Mary.

The varsity's schedule includes nine matches, seven of them at home. Included on the schedule are Madison College, "which came out the strongest last year," and Mary Washington, "who beat us last year." They are considered "two of the strongest teams in the state," although the state tournament is not an elimination tournament. "We would like to make

some changes this year," in terms of who is on top, says Archer.

At present, the junior varsity will have seven matches.

Unfortunately, though, the field "really is hazardous with the holes" and ponds that form when it rains. "We have been assured that every effort will be made to make it satisfactory for next year," but for now, they'll have to work around the obstacles. The poor condition of the fields by Phi Beta Kappa Hall were created this summer, when the entire area was graded to reduce a hill that limited the flexibility of the playing fields.

Senior Nancy Parrish is this year's team captain, and Denise Borgue is the manager, and although the first practice was ten days ago, coach Archer has high hopes for this year's team. "We have a number of good seniors returning, and some of the freshmen have impressed us with their ability."

Three vie for top tennis spot; season starts March 19 vs. UVa.

By Barry Plunkett
FLAT HAT Sports Writer

Robin Cage & Linda Grass, who played during the fall, are wisely not taken lightly.

Coach Betty Brown cites the players' competitiveness combined with the team's overall depth and a definite aptitude for the often decisive doubles play as being the team's outstanding strengths. Looking toward the future, she also notes that the fact that it is a young and still improving team is a definite plus.

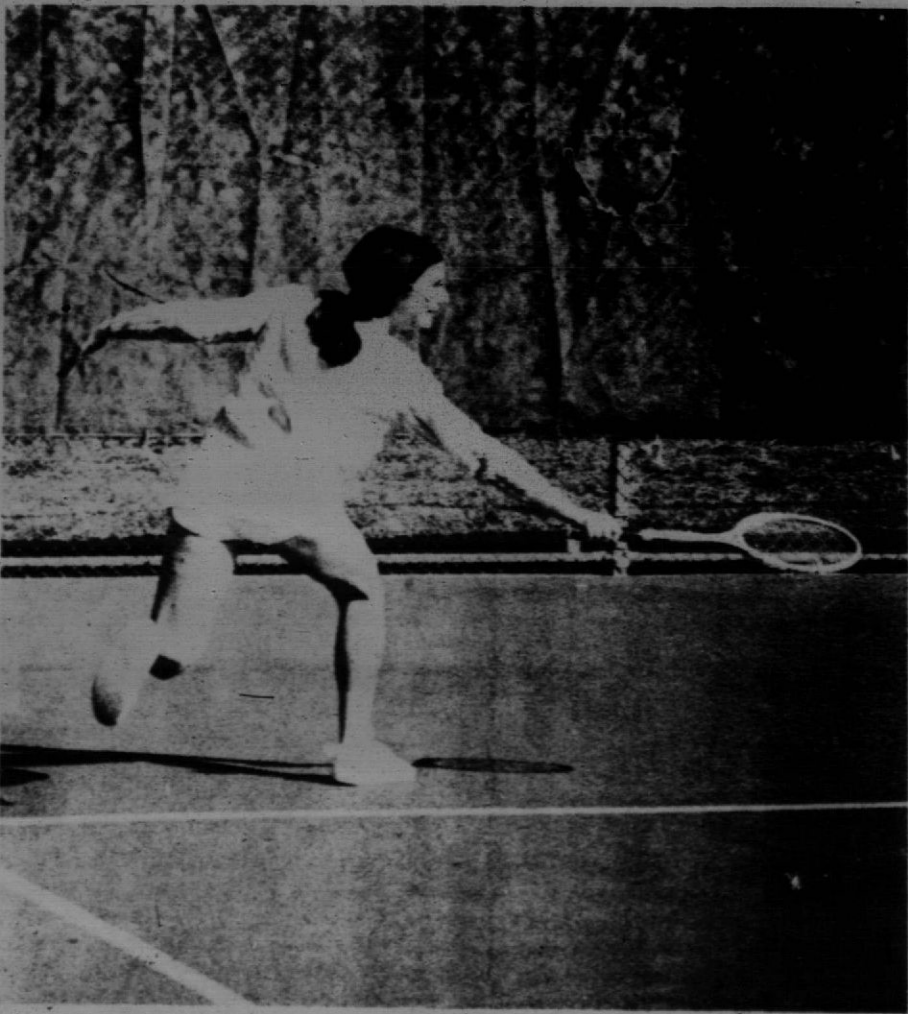
Certainly, all these strengths will be instrumental if the team is to achieve the goal which coach Brown terms "very realistic" — the state championship. Last year's team's 9 and 5 winning record overall and third-place finish in the state tournament ably attest to the potential to attain this goal.

The Tribe's toughest opponents, this season, according to Coach Brown, "have to be Mary Baldwin and the University of Virginia." Both have excellent teams and either could foil the Tribe's championship aspirations.

Contrary to the conventional wisdom of "saving the best for last," the team will open its season March 19 at home at 3:30 against the University of Virginia. Coach Betty Brown invites those interested to come and watch the team perform in what promises to be an excellent tennis match.



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Spring tennis

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Spring football set for March 15



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The annual spring football game is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 1:30. This year's new squad is going to have a new look due to the graduation of most of the offense. As Head Coach Jim Root put it, "the offense has been dissipated by graduation."

The defense, however, lost only three players this year, and Root expects it to be "more experienced than in the past."

It looks as though the recruitment is also strong. Root claims that it is "without question our best class since I've been here." The team has signed 28 players and they are supposed to have excellent size and good speed. All have signed the national letter of intent.

Root emphasized that the "position of manager is always open," and urged all interested students to see Coach Bob Sherman.

