

Comets Swamp Maryland Terps; Visit Spiders' Web Tomorrow

First Semester Blues Lost As Squad Works For Second Straight

Seemingly recovered from first semester doldrums, W. and L.'s Blue Comets showed the visiting Maryland quintet how the game of basketball should be played as they upset the Terps decisively, 83-65.

Scoring the first two-pointer, the Comets led throughout the game's entirety; while the Liners saw their fine 6-3 record undermined by an inspired host team.

Once more it was Jay Handlan who led all scorers as he sank thirteen shots from the floor. Fortunately for the visitors, Handlan wasn't given the opportunity to display his prowess from the foul line; but the outstanding forward gave good example of the accuracy for which he is known.

The number two and three men of W. and L.'s basketball fortunes, Dave Hedge and Talbot Trammell, scored 15 and 20 points respectively; and the floor play of both was exceptional.

Sophomore guard Ben Walden, who will be one of the top players with more experience, gave a hint of his shooting ability as he put through ten points.

Surprise of the evening was the fact that neither Howie Bratches nor George Pierson could find the range when it came to point making. Had this pair of competent guards been up to par, the score would have been more greatly separated still.

Liner front man Lee Brawley proved to be the visitors' ablest shot, connecting on eleven of his field efforts and two out of four free contributions. Kick Koffenberger's fourteen points were compensation for the inept scoring attempts of centers' Curran and Moran for Maryland.

Whether or not it was the week's break in schedule or inspired play or both which resulted in this startling upset remains to be seen. Perhaps the answer can be found tomorrow night when the Comets visit the web of Richmond's Spiders, holders of an eighteen point win over W. and L. If the Spiders' Al Rinaldi, Si Moughamiam, and Wesley Brown are as accurate as they appeared to be in the first meeting between the two schools, the contest should be a toss up. Rinaldi was deadly on his set shots in the game played last month, and the defensive work of the entire squad controlled both backboards.

On the other hand, if the Comets can make use of their height and zone defense, the thought of a budding winning streak is far from impossible.

In the game with Maryland, the Comets held onto their first half lead, holding a twenty point difference at one point.

Swimmers Face W-M Tomorrow

Thayer Definitely Out; Twombly Changes Lineup

With exams and Fancy Dress festivities a thing of the past, Washington and Lee's swimming team continues its schedule tomorrow at Williamsburg, where the natators will face the William and Mary swimming Indians.

Recent developments have further crimped the possibilities of the swimmers' second win in conference competition.

As announced previously, Alec Thayer, whose freestyle and backstroke work has been a large thorn in the sides of W. and L.'s opponents, is ineligible for the remainder of the season, thus putting the entire backstroke burden upon the shoulders of Billy Hall and necessitating a radical change in the lineup.

What's more, Sam Hollis, three year backstroke veteran, will be unable to compete this Saturday, leaving the team with only one butterfly specialist.

If previous results mean anything, William and Mary will not be running away with the meet tomorrow. The Indians slipped by Randolph-Macon, while W. and L. was lacing Georgetown. On the other hand, Tech beat the Generals while the latter was at comparative full strength.

Ray Leister, who took a first place in diving against VPI, should help W. and L.'s fortunes greatly. Moreover, Jim Gallivan, consistent pointmaker for the swimmers, should add to his laurels tomorrow in the diving department if recovered from his illness.

The 300 yd. medley relay, which can make or break a victory, offers still another problem due to the loss of Thayer. Parker Smith, versatile star, will probably be shifted from his leg of the medley to the 50 yd. freestyle and that gap will be filled by Hall.

Bob Goodman and Alec DeVolpi, both indispensable members of the squad, will be the other medley participants. DeVolpi will be the sole backstroke competitor from W. and L. in the 200 yd. event, while Goodman will also swim a leg on the relay and enter the 100 yd. freestyle where he consistently places high on the list.

Distance men Bill Reid and
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General Grapplers To Meet North Carolina Squad In Conference Match

As The Ring-tum Phi goes to press, Coach Russ Crane's Southern Conference champion wrestling team is headed for Chapel Hill and a match with the North Carolina Tar Heels.

The mat Generals will be carrying an unblemished record of southern competition into tomorrow's match, a regional title worth holding.

The host Carolinians will be out to make up for early season defeats at the hands of both VPI and VMI, and chances of a Carolina upset are possible due to the fact that W. and L. will not be at full strength.

Conference champion Ken Finley, still out because of an injury, will be replaced by sophomore newcomer Fred Staunton, who has displayed an improved style over his freshman strategy.

Paul Weil, very able first stringer, is also sidelined because of an eye injury incurred in practice. Weil's position will be filled by Charley Sipple, competing for the first time in a varsity dual match.

Fortunately, the remaining places in the lineup will have the more experienced squad members ready to go. Howie Davis, Ted Lomergan, Joe Sconce, Rick Marcus, Morgan Lear and Jerry Jack are in condition to do the most damage possible to the Tar Heels.

This, the third conference match of the season for the Generals, is an important one; for W. and L. is striving to maintain its consistent league standing. While the championship is determined in individual match play, the squad should get tomorrow a clear idea of what they will be confronted with in title runoffs.

W. and L.'s freshman squad travels to Norfolk tomorrow where they will meet Granby High in the annual match between the two outfits.

The freshmen will be shooting for their second win in a week, having downed AMA, 14-12 last Wednesday on the home mats.

League Champs Named for Four Winter Sports

Coach Wilson Fewster, director of intramural activities, has announced the league champions of the four winter sports.

Basketball, which perennially draws the most attention, is in the playoff stage, two games having been completed in the round robin. Phi Kappa Sigma, champion on League A, defeated Sigma Nu 41-37, in an exciting contest. The second scheduled game, which pitted Phi Delta Theta against Sigma Chi, resulted in a two point difference as the Phi Deltas came out on top 38-36.

The only table tennis league champ determined is ZBT, last year's title holder and winner of League C competition this year. Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Psi are respective leaders of A and D, but the remaining league is still scrambled.

Campus Club leads Kappa Alpha, SAE, and Sigma Chi into the finals of handball although all four teams hold spotless records. KA entered the playoffs as a result of its close victory over Phi Psi 3-2; while SAE, in whipping LXA 5-0, holds the League B title.

Because of their three wins on the alleys, Sigma Chi holds its third winter league championship, the last namely bowling. Campus Club is expected to give the other contenders, Pi KA and Delta Upsilon, a run for their money in title play. As in handball, CC holds a 4-0 record at the start of the playoffs.

Final championship competition in all four sports will be completed within the next two weeks.

Brigadiers Win, 68-54

Yesterday afternoon, the basketball Brigadiers opened their second semester schedule at Hampden Sidney with an expected victory over the host junior varsity quintet.

This game winds up frosh basketballing for the week.

General Lacrosse Team To Begin Regular Practice February 19th

Although the well known groundhog is said to have seen his shadow, Washington and Lee's lacrosse team is giving rise to the disputed rumor that spring is not six weeks away after all.

The perennially surnamed "stickmen" have been two jumps ahead of the weather all year in order to organize themselves into a squad that can take away the state title from the Wahoos.

Practices and meetings of the team have not been so informal as some may think, the meetings being regularly scheduled and well attended in order to eliminate repetitious discussions later which sacrifice needed practice time.

Actual field work has been actively participated in by last season's veterans and sophomore hopefuls. Although conditioning is of prime importance, many aspirants to this old Indian game have been working on coordinated passing with the sticks.

Coaches Sandell and Fewster, both Lacrosse standouts at Johns Hopkins where each was accorded All-American mention, held a meeting yesterday in which was discussed equipment problems and possible attack and defense techniques to be used.

Had the freshman eligibility rule been effective as of this semester, the addition of Baltimore first year men would have tremendously offset the loss of men such as McDonald, Hill, and Pacey through graduation.

Under the present situation, a freshman team has been organized and a tentative schedule, which includes games with AMA, Virginia, and possibly VPI, has been worked out.

The varsity aggregation, captained by Dave Ryer and Dave Bien and for the first year not coached by Dr. Baxter, has eight and possibly nine games listed.

Formal practice sessions are

scheduled to begin the 19th of this month for both frosh and upperclassmen.

The schedule as just announced includes:

- March 24—Maryland
- March 29—Kenyon
- April 14—Duke
- April 21—Virginia
- April 28—Baltimore
- May 5—Loyola
- May 7—Western Maryland (tent.)
- May 12—North Carolina
- May 14—Delaware

Freshman Wrestlers Get Second Match Over AMA By Score of 14-12

Washington and Lee's freshman grapplers continued their mastery over the cadets of Augusta Military Academy, by downing the soldiers 14-12, on the Doremus mats Wednesday.

The two teams split the eight matches, four apiece. Al Harrison's third period fall in the 120 pound class proved to be the winning margin for the baby Generals.

AMA started in good style, taking the opening match in the 123 pound division by a 6-1 count, but Harrison put the Generals ahead to stay. His fall came with a minute to go in the match. Jack Sites, Bob Davenport, and Howie Sanden turned in well earned decisions. AMA made a threat of it late in the match, taking the final three weights, but all the wins were three pointers.

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Lee Initiated First Journalism Courses in World at W&L in 1869

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Even in 1869 the march of progress was questioned by doubtful sceptics and many self-made newspaper greats of the time called this new plan for educating reporters "absurd." The truth was that Lee and his staff originally had no intention of giving instruction in actual news gathering, but, since most of the first students were typographical apprentices, to train the printer in the principles of good writing and to enlarge his scope on the national situation.

An understanding of the other sections of the country during the post war years was imperative for good regional relations and quick southern recovery. During the first years of its existence the new department achieved gratifying results, but in 1878, suffering the loss of the department's founder and adequate financial support, all journalism courses were dropped from the curriculum.

Though its influence lived on, no real steps were taken to revive the journalism department at Washington and Lee until 1921 when the delegates at a meeting of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association voted to establish another school of journalism

at W. and L. in memory of the first educator to make advancements in that direction. Generous contributions of money and equipment mounted to more than \$70,000 by '23 and two years later the Lee Memorial Journalism Foundation headed by an energetic Professor Ellard began classes with sixty-one students enrolled.

At first only four courses were offered in the new department, but as equipment and prestige were gradually accumulated, the school enlarged its curriculum and enrollment. A printing Lab was set up in '29 and field trips became a regular part of the classes. During the thirties the advanced classes, in cooperation with several publishers in the area, actually took over their newspapers for a day—those being the News Virginian of Waynesboro and the weeklies of Covington and Clifton Forge.

Mr. Riegal became director of the Foundation in '34. Under his guidance, Associated Press wire facilities were acquired and journalism training was extended into the radio field. The most recent improvement of the department came in '48 with the addition of "Chuck" Voigt to the journalism staff.

Having just completed its first quarter-century, the modern era of an eighty-one year old project still continues the aims of its originator, a man remembered mostly as a great confederate general... but who is also admired as a great educator.

Congressman Velde (R. Ill.) has publicly accused the University of Chicago as being a "hotbed of communism."

Communist propaganda, he said, is being issued from that university and distributed to other schools such as Northwestern and Illinois.

Forty-nine Students Fall Beneath Automatic Rule; Nineteen Are Reinstated

From the Office of the Dean of Students comes the announcement that 49 men came under the automatic rule last semester. Less than half of these men were reinstated, only 19 being given permission to re-enter the university.

In addition, 11 men left school to join the armed services.

Of the 19 men reinstated, 7 were upperclassmen and 12 were freshmen. 8 of those who were not reinstated into the University were upperclassmen, and the remaining 11 were freshmen.

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Promising that an accelerated program would be established effective this summer "if it should be advantageous to a sizeable

Apologizing for a mistake in the Tuesday edition of the Ring-tum Phi, we call to the attention of all concerned that the meeting of all battery candidates for the 1951 baseball squad at the office of Baseball Coach Captain Dick Smith on Friday, February 12, will be held at 3:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. as previously stated.

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group," President Gaines indicated that the administration and faculty were "waiting" to study any new legislation which Congress might pass to supersede the present Selective Service Act.

Eight Votes Taken

Polling on the two questions this morning was accomplished by a procedure set up in the instructions from the military authorities. Students indicated their feeling on each question by degrees of favor or disfavor. In all, four votes were recorded on each of the two proposals: those "strongly" favoring the proposal; those merely "favoring" it; those "indifferent" to the plan; and those "opposed" to it.

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Swimming

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John Williamson will be striving to return to winning form as a result of the VPI defeat. Reid's loss to the Techsters was his first in Southern Conference freshman and varsity competition.

Chuck McCain, in his third year of participation is scheduled to swim with Smith in the 50 yd. event.

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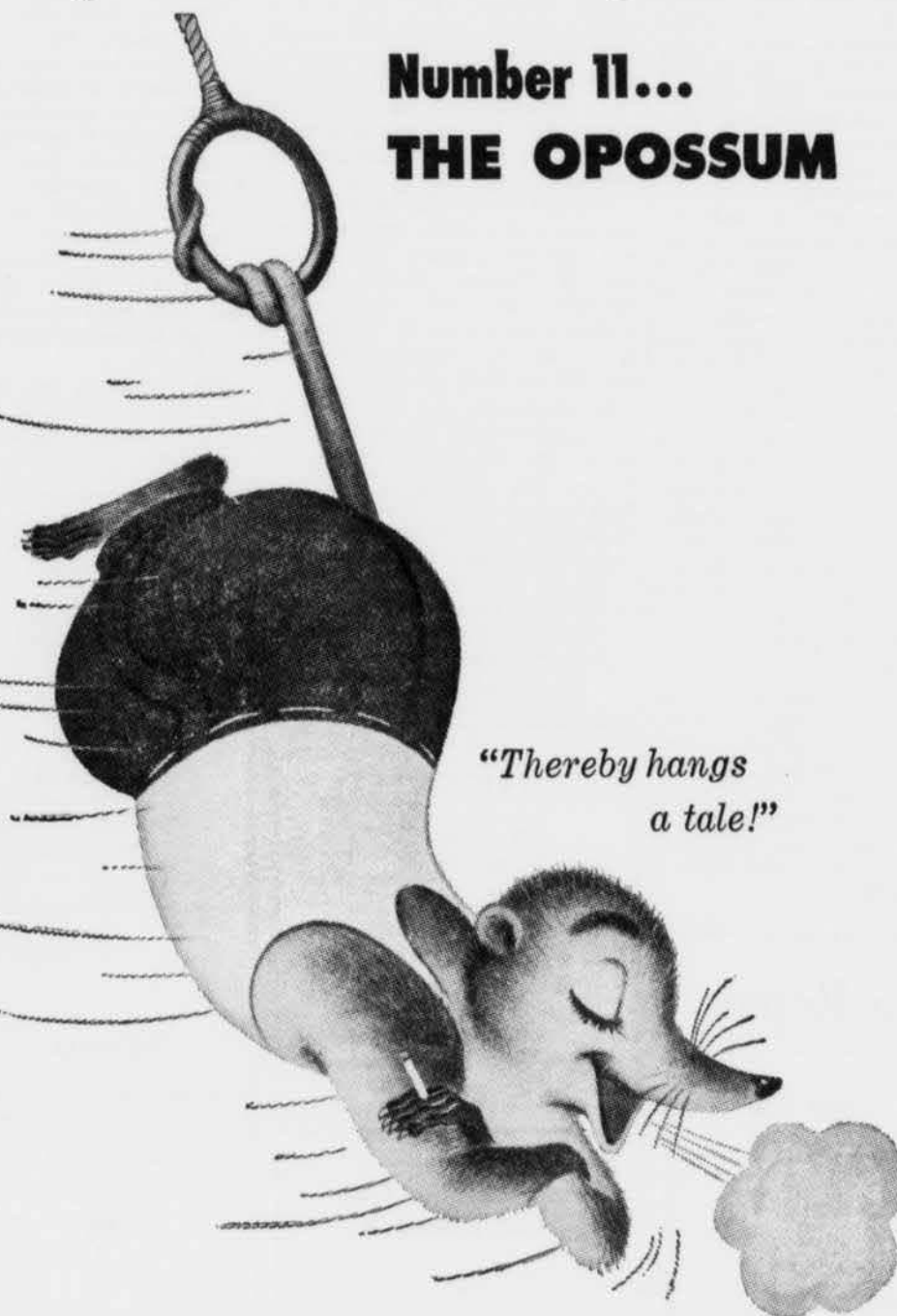
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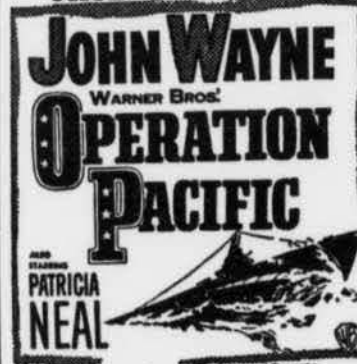
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