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Pictured above is Spartacus, the Army mascot, accompanied by his VMI captors. (Photo courtesy of Leader.)

### Spartacus: M.I.A.

The first scene for the mulenapping happened three years ago when two rats sat in their dyke's room listening to 1st classmen gloat about how they all helped in raising the confederate flag up on the MacArthur Flag pole. The two rats went out the door and raced for the fourth stoop where a two man conference was held in one rat's room. The outcome of the meeting was that these two cadets would solicit the help of a few others and were going to kidnap the United States Military Academy MULE.

Three years later, as VMI was drawing close to the most important game of the season, most cadets were worrying about rides to and from the game. But the two rats, now first classmen, were out lining their plan for their midnight raid upon the United States Military Academy.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1981, Cadets Checca, Dederer, Modisett, Shutt, and Scott were northbound for West Point. Upon arrival at the Long Island hideaway final plans were made before hitting the sack. The next morning the squad acquired another member, a female, that is. Before the departure the needed tools were drawn from the equipment room (i.e. the garage) and away they went all dressed in camifatigues drawing funny looks from gas station attendants as well as toll takers. Two hours later, upon the arrival at West Point, Miss Checca

dropped her passengers off in the woods and did her own research on the mules. After an hour had elapsed it was assumed that she had caught up with a West Point cadet and was enjoying a nice late afternoon lunch. But, to the surprise of the VMI Cadets, she was using all the knowledge she had obtained from all those late night detective flicks. She had found out exactly where the Army Mules were kept and had arrived at the corral with a camera posing as a tourist taking pictures of the Army horses for her photo album. A very nice Captain inquired about Miss Checca's present status and was content with her story about the camera and picture taking. Questions arose about where the "horses were kept," and she was quickly informed that the animals were not horses but mules. Pictures were snapped. She asked for the names, and ages of the mules and what kind of security was used to ensure the safety of the animals. The Captain was quick to answer that the animals were kept outside the stables in the corral all year except when Army plays Navy. She inquired why this was so. The Captain replied that Navy always tries to steal the Mules, illustrating that it was an innerschool prank. Miss Checca then nodded, snapped a few more pictures and continued asking questions. "What do they like to eat?" "For away games, do the Mules travel and

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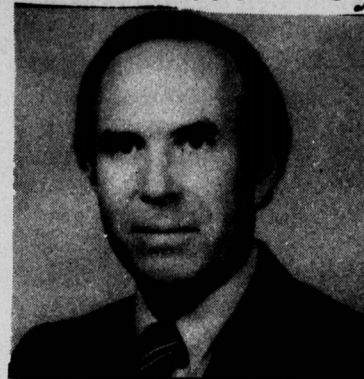
Wyatt Durette

### VMI Graduate, Republican Candidate for Attorney General

Frank Kollmansperger

The list of VMI graduates who have contributed to Virginia's State and local politics is certainly long but unfortunately less in recent years. Wyatt Durette, Class of 1961, is a man who is currently breaking that trend. The Republican candidate for state Attorney General, Durette boasts what seems to be unbeatable credentials. Thus Wyatt Durette continues the grand tradition of VMI men, who have not only excelled in all their endeavors but also gained the respect of others in the process.

Mr. Durette's life is full of incredible achievement and initiative, President of his class both at VMI and W&L Law School, Durette graduated from the Institute with a degree in mathematics. An accomplished athlete, Durette was an All Southern Conference track star and a letterman in football. His versatility was also evidenced in the classroom, where as mathematics major he entered and excelled at W&L Law School. After graduating cum laude from W&L in 1964, Durette, undecided on his career, continued his education, earning his masters in Political Science from Johns Hopkins. After a three year term in the Air Force's Judge Advocate office, Durette began his impressive law career.



Durette first displayed his interest in politics at W&L where he founded and presided over the "Washington and Lee Conservative Society" and was editor of *The Southern Conservative*. Since those beginnings, Durette has been involved in a multitude of local and state political activities, most notably as a member of the Virginia House of Delegate from 1972-1978. Running for the Republican nomination for Attorney General in 1977, Durette lost by merely 6 votes out of 3000 at the convention to present Republican gubernatorial candidate Marshal Coleman. Choosing not to run again for House of Delegate reelection, Durette readied himself for another attempt, winning unopposed the Republican nomination in June of 1981.

Durette returned to VMI on Homecoming weekend, giving

this writer a brief but valuable interview.

When asked how and why he first entered politics, Durette recalled reading Barry Goldwater's book "Conscience of a Conservative". This book as well as a speech by Bill Buckley "caused a (personal) concern about what was happening in America." Although his initial interest centered around political philosophy and thought, Durette's views soon shifted to the more mundane issues of state and local politics.

As to the primary issues in the race, Durette emphatically suggested crime as the "major issue for everyone." In his pamphlet discussing his views on crimes, Durette states that:

"Government must aid the victims of crime and must provide for the rehabilitation and correction of offenders who want help. But above all, government must protect the lives and safety of the people."

Durette further said that there is a "no more single problem for which we have primary responsibility." Durette sees "arresting that steady increase and beginning a reduction (in (continued on page 8)

### GMAT Registration

By Capt. Spear

Test (GMAT) will be offered during 1981-82 on three Saturday mornings (October 24, 1981 and January 23, and March 20, 1982) and on Wednesday evening (June 23, 1982). The Wednesday evening test in June is the only test scheduled for the summer.

The GMAT is a test designed to provide one predictor of academic performance in graduate management school. Scores are currently used by about 710 graduate schools of management in the United States and abroad.

GMAT registration materials

are available locally from Capt. Robert Spear, Economics Department or by writing to GMAT, Educational Testing Service, Box 966, Princeton, NJ 08541.

The GMAT fee for candidates registered at published domestic test centers (in the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. territories) is \$27.00. For candidates tested in other countries the fee is \$32.00. GMAT registration forms and test fees must be postmarked on or before the registration deadlines announced in the

Bulletin. A \$4 late fee is charged for registrations (domestic centers only) postmarked during the late registration period. Procedures and fees for testing at supplementary centers not listed in the Bulletin are described in the Bulletin.

In cases of emergency candidates may register at the test centers on a day-of-test standby basis if sufficient space and test materials are available after all preregistered candidates have been admitted. There is no guarantee that space for day-of-test standby registrants will be available.

# Editorials

Chuck Kause—Editorial Editor

## Welcome Parents

Once again the leaves are beginning their annual change of hues, folks are breaking out the Shetland sweaters and down vests, and most Saturday afternoons are taken up with football games. Here in Lexington, another set of young college Freshmen have entered the Institute, with high hopes and sunken chins, "straining" to become a VMI man. Now Parents Weekend has rolled around and these "Freshmen", commonly referred to as RATS, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their parental units, whereupon the lonely rats will probably be passed by hearing something like "They all look so much alike."

On a semi-serious side, parents, your sons have been through a lot recently and it is very important to just let them relax this weekend. Don't try to cram too much into the weekend. Some ideas are going out to some relaxing restaurants, such as White Column Inn, The Ranch, Howard Johnsons, Spankeys, Southern Inn and the perennial favorite — the Westmoreland Buffet. The main thing to remember is to get them "away from it all." And Don't — Don't ask to eat at Crozet Hall. That's like asking a drowning man if he wants to hold an anchor.

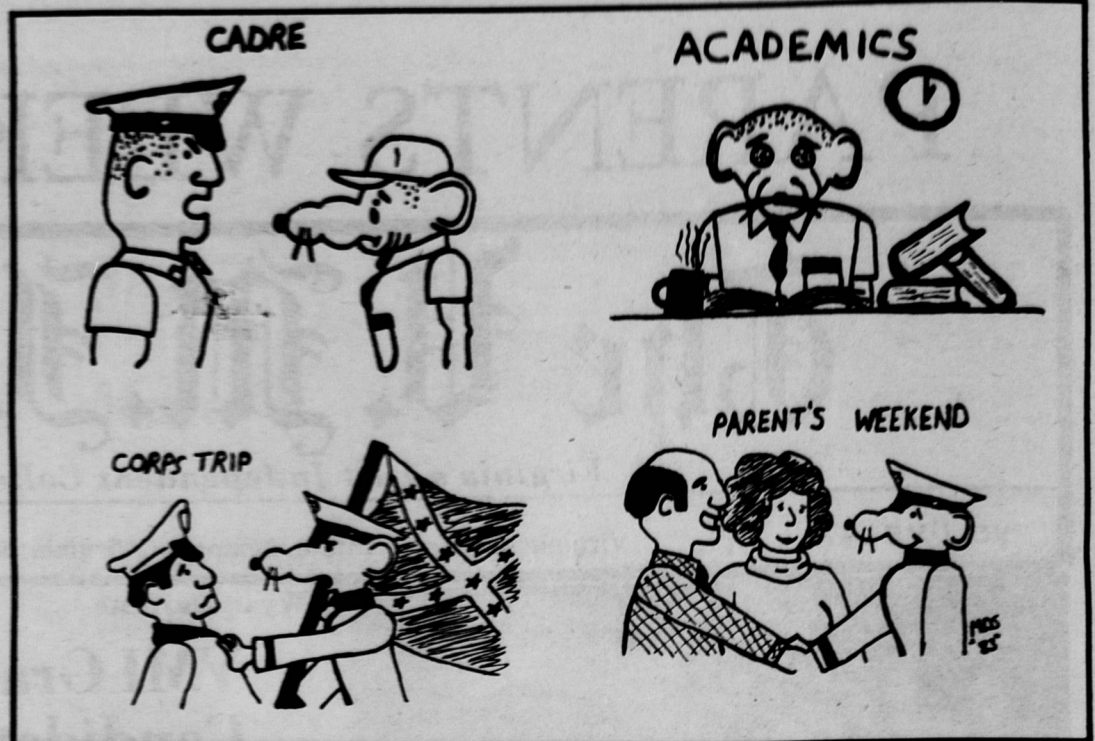
Finally, parents, remember to have a good time yourselves, this weekend, learn as much as you can about our humble home. After all it is your weekend. In any event, enjoy yourselves and thanks from everyone here for your support throughout the year.

## View From the Fourth Stoop

Reflecting on this past weekend's trip to West Point, I feel proud to be a part of the tradition, honor, and (most of all) spirit of VMI. As we rode back from "the Point" Saturday night, some of my Brother Rats and I talked about the game and the experience of staying at West Point. After a few minutes, I realized that being at West Point and seeing what life there was like had affected each of us very deeply. Being a part of the Corps and experiencing the thrill of victory made me very happy and proud. But seeing the difference between the West Point Corps and our Corps heightened that effect tremendously. I felt like

screaming out to the whole world that I was a VMI cadet and damn proud of it. I think that the VMI Corps outclassed, outyelled, and out "spirited" the West Point Corps by a long shot. Seeing the West Point plebe-line made me think hard about the value of the Rat line. Later that night, on the way home, one of my Brother Rats told me something that an upperclassman had stopped him in the Rat line to say. It focused and brought out my feelings about the weekend's experience: "Pain is temporary, Pride is forever!" My feelings were, and are, one of very great pride to be a VMI cadet.

John Keppel



## Letters to the Editor

# VMI'S Financial Future

Dear Sir:

In light of recent newspaper articles concerning the increase in tuition costs nationwide, I thought it might be interesting for your readers to consider the state of cost increases at VMI, and how the Institute and its related agencies are working together to help insure a quality education at an affordable price.

Looking at the cost increases between the start of the 1980-81 academic year and the one we have just entered, we see an increase ranging from a low of 7.7 percent (for the upperclassman not from Virginia) to a high of 13.1 percent (for the Rat from Virginia).

Next year's projected costs, as outlined in the catalogue, will range from 9.7 percent (for the Rat not from Virginia) to 15.8 percent (for the upperclassman from Virginia.)

Obviously, these are steep increases, and one can only hope that the projected figures will be reduced by the time the next catalogue is put into print.

The important thing to note, however, is that tuition and other costs borne by parents and by cadets themselves do not begin to cover the cost of operating VMI. Who, then, is responsible for the balance?

Outside of tuition and other costs passed along to cadets and

their families, a major portion comes from state aid. As a state supported school, VMI participates in receiving the portion of the state budget set aside for higher education. Unfortunately, because of inflationary pressures, this item in the state budget has not grown the way educators have hoped it would over the past few years, and, in some instances, drastic cuts have been made in specific programs.

Another portion of the cost of running VMI is provided for by the federal presence here. This takes the form of ROTC instruction.

The last segment of the VMI community responsible for helping to defray costs is embodied in the VMI-related agencies. This includes the VMI Foundation, Incorporated, the private endowment and fundraising arm of the Institute. The Foundation not only raises significant sums of money in the form of cash, real and personal property, and deferred gifts, but—unlike many other colleges—takes an active role in managing the funds raised. Then, in consultation with the Institute, the Foundation, to the extent it can, funds those projects set out by the Institute as having highest priority.

The up shot of all this is that

there is a lot more going behind the scenes than most cadets probably realize. A variety of individuals and agencies are constantly at work helping to raise funds to accommodate to-

## Congratulations Keydets

Dear Sir,

One of the most delightful things that I am continuing to relish in the afterglow of our magnificent win at Army is that this hardy, little band of Keydets took the famous words of one of West Point's very own, General Douglas MacArthur, "There is no substitute for victory," and rammed them down the throats of the whole Army team!

Congratulations to our Team, our Coaches, our Corps, and our entire VMI Family.

Sincerely,

Allan S. Wagner, Jr. '50B

# SKIP NOV. 19th.

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# U.S.M.A.: The VMI Of The North

by Hearne Moore

Nestled in the foothills of the Northern Palisade Mountains and encircled by the Hudson River, the United States Military Academy is a sight to behold. The buildings stand on a plateau high above the river with the Cadet Chapel perched in a commanding position on a hillside above the main campus. The U.S.M.A. is steeped in tradition and history, and it has produced every five-star general in the U.S. with the exception of George Marshall.

Arriving in buses on Friday, September 18, the VMI cadets staying at West Point were fed in the U.S.M.A. Mess Hall. After having supper, the VMI cadets had a cheer rally in West Point's Eisenhower Hall, followed by a warm welcome by West Point's Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Franklin. On Saturday morning, the VMI Corps watched two regiments of the West Point Corps pass in review in a near perfect parade. Following the football game, a mixer was held in Eisenhower Hall on Saturday evening. Departing on Saturday and Sunday, a tired but exuberant VMI Corps returned to Lexington.

The facilities at West Point are the best that money can buy. Bankrolled by the U.S. taxpayer, West Point is like a fairy tale in its magnificence. Most of the buildings match in their solid granite exteriors, and their parade deck, known as "The Plain," is carefully watered and manicured. West Point is in itself a military installation with approximately 4500 cadets and 5000 support personnel. West Point boasts its own hospital, golf course, ice rink, ski slope, and Officer's Club. The conditions in the West Point barracks are not nearly as spartan as those at VMI. The barracks are enclosed, and there are no outside stoops. Besides the presence of M-14 rifles on the wall racks, the quarters look like those of a modern dormitory.

The West Point Mess Hall is gargantuan in size, with ceilings forty feet high and enough floor space to seat their entire Corps at one time. Three additional wings were added on to the building in 1965, and part of the original facade remains standing in the center of the mess hall, giving the interior the atmosphere of a castle. Two walls in the building are decorated with stained glass windows, and another wall is decorated with a huge mural. The food served in the U.S.M.A. Mess Hall is equally impressive. Fillet mignon was served for Saturday lunch, and all of the other meals during the weekend were superb.

In overall size, the West Point Corps of Cadets dwarfs the VMI Corps. Very rarely does the entire West Point Corps participate in parades. Generally, only two out of the four regiments will pass in review. There are three battalions in a regiment, and there are three companies in a battalion. This makes a total of thirty-six companies at West Point as compared to seven companies at VMI.

Unlike those at VMI, the companies at West Point are not organized by size. At West Point, companies room in the same section of barracks. VMI

rats must observe this policy, but the VMI "Old Corps" are free to room wherever they wish. The concept of company rooming integrity at West Point seems to instill company pride and unity, and the VMI Corps should consider it. The system enables the West Point chain of command to run much more effectively as well.

The class system at the U.S.M.A. is similar to that at VMI. A cadet's year determines his position within the hierarchy. First Classmen, "Firsties" in West Point lingo, are allowed to possess automobiles. First Classmen are allowed to look more disheveled in ranks than other cadets. Plebes are not allowed to attend social functions at Eisenhower Hall. They do, however, have their own building for socializing which is exclusively for them. First Classmen are allowed to go to the Officers Club as well as venture off post on Saturdays and Sundays. Plebes are not allowed to watch television at any time, and "yearlings" are allowed to watch television only until 8:15 p.m. In lieu of television, plebes are required to read and know the important stories in the NEW YORK TIMES every day. There is no General Committee at West Point to enforce these regulations. The rules are subject to the West Point disciplinary system.

Unlike VMI, West Point has no "dyke system" in which rats have a First Classman to "look out" for them in turn for certain daily tasks. The belief at West Point is that their yearlings were plebes recently, and it is their job to fraternize with the plebes and assist them as much as possible. Cadet rank at West Point begins with the Third/Junior/Second Class year. It is the belief at West Point that Sophomores are too sympathetic towards the plebes and are too irresponsible to take leadership roles, having just been plebes themselves. The dyke system at VMI is superior because rats get interac-

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## News & Features

Fred Stone

Frank Kollmansperger-Editors

## News Briefs

The annual Friends of the Library book sale will be held from Saturday, 3 October, through Saturday, 10 October, in the fourth floor lobby of Preston Library. It will begin at 1 p.m. when the Library will open one hour early on Saturday afternoon and will conform thereafter to the Library's regular day-time hours. There will be several thousand volumes in the sale, all at bargain prices.

Again this year the stock will be arranged under general subject divisions — literature, biography, history, military history, and (new this year) cooking, gardening, science, and technology. More large gift collections have been processed recently, and those materials unsuited for the general collection have been added to the sale stock. There are many interesting books, and since this is the Saturday of the cancelled

Villanova football game we expect a large crowd. Last year's book sale brought \$1,111.25 into the Friend's treasury. Prices hardback, \$.25, paperback and everything else is 1/2 price on the last day.

The Department of Modern Language is sponsoring a showing of the film *A Knife in the Back* (Germany, 1975) on Monday, 28 September 1981, at 1930 hours in the Ballroom of Lejeune Hall. Based on an actual murder case, *A Knife in the Back* is representative of the current "New Wave" in German films. It is in German with English subtitles. Admission is free.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH is sponsoring a picnic this Sunday (27 Sept. 81) at Waddell Elementary School from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome for GOOD FOOD! GOOD FRIENDS! AND GREAT FUN!!!

## Econ's New Man

When Colonel Edward L. Claiborn began as an instructor at VMI's Economics Department one month ago, he found himself in familiar surroundings. With fourteen years experience as commander of the ROTC unit at Cal-Berkeley, himself a ROTC graduate, Colonel Claiborn had a good understanding of VMI's system and felt "comfortable" coming here.

Col. Claiborn remarked that after only one month it was too early to give his impressions of VMI. He said that compared to the Air Force Academy, VMI uses the same books and has a similar academic program. And with his classes he used the same course outlines.

Speaking specifically about the economics program, he found it different here in that the cadets he is teaching are for

the most part economics majors, whereas cadets he previously taught took economics as an elective. Although displaying high aptitude, he finds that VMI economics majors are "not noticeably more motivated toward the subject" than the cadets he taught at Air Force, and that they, to a great extent, have no "seriousness of purpose." The reason for this, he concludes, is that VMI cadets have "too little information" when they choose their majors. He said that in this respect Air Force cadets have an advantage. During their first year, they all have the same curriculum, which delays declaring a major and allows them time to decide on the major that interests them and that they can handle.

After his first month at VMI, Col. Claiborn "enjoys it here," and with his wife plans to participate in everything we can." Speaking of the future, "I have long-term interests in VMI," and "with my background I hope I will be able to contribute to VMI."

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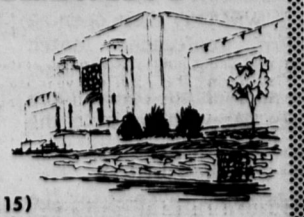
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# SPORTS

Tim Spencer  
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## Harriers Training Hard

The dawn hours at VMI finds most cadets bleary-eyed and on their way to BRC. However, for the cross country team the day is well underway with an early morning four mile run as part of the day's preliminary workout. The regimenn is completed by an afternoon practice consisting of between 10-12 miles on the local roads and trails. The team averages between 85-90 miles per week. With a training program of this nature one would expect the Keydets to repeat last year's good performance, yet it finds its normally consistent runners plagued by injuries and the team as a whole slightly behind expect-ations for the beginning of this season.

The Keydets recently traveled to Williamsburg for a tri-meet with William & Mary Col-

lege and a private track club from the Tidewater area. While Jack Ditt, the number one man for VMI placed first overall (31:00:00 for 10,000 meters) the combined finishes of the team left the Keydets coming short of first place, just ahead of the Inside Track Club.

In an interview with Cadet Ditt, he re-emphasized the role injuries have played in the teams performance to date. team Captain Ed Daniel is currently recovering from a serious foot injury sustained at Marine Officer Candidate School, while runners Paul Welsch, Curtis Southern, and Jamie Call are also not up to peak level. As the teams re-cooperate the end of the season should find the cross country runners finishing strong and vying for conference honors.

### Rugby:

## Elegant Violence

by Huddles Hewitt

On September 13, the VMI Rugby Football Club defeated the Richmond Area Training Side 25-10 in the opening match of the year. Coach Bard's charges fell behind 6-0 early in the first half; however, the Keydet's rallied with three tries by Ben Cottrell, Richard Hewitt, and Russ Stewert. Al Toler's virtually flawless kicking put the game out of reach.

Statistics do not always reflect the value of an individual player. Chris Sclicrcte's consistent capture of the ball in line-outs provided the line with ample opportunity to gain yardage. Bobby Edward's play was described as nothing less than "awesome" by one VMI alumnus. More important than any individual effort made is the fact that VMI just out-hit and out-hustled Richmond. The Keydet Ruggers were in much better physical condition than their opponents Team Captains Tommy Avent and Chip Buehler have been able to make cuts

and whip their team into shape. Dickie Moore firmly believes that improved cooperation within the team and long distance running have made this season very satisfying.

The Keydet Ruggers take to the parade ground this Sunday to play United, another Richmond club. Avent hopes to use this game to prepare for the Virginia Rugby Championships October 3-4. So if you are looking for something to do Sunday afternoon why not give "elegant violence" a try?

RUGBY SHORTS - Pat McClave and Dan Mulherein both missed the season opener with knee injuries; however, Mulherein looks to be a starter on Sunday...Tom Sproule suffered a broken jaw against the R.A.T.S. and looks to be out for most of the season... Rat Eric Olson has been helping coach the I team by utilizing his seven years of rugby experience in England... Pete Kathman and Wilson Enochs suffered broken noses but look to be back in time for Ed. Lee Camp.

### Soccer:

## APP. STATE NEXT

William W. McCathern, III

The William and Mary Indians are not the only VMI rival making their way for battle with the Keydets this weekend. The VMI Soccer Team, presently 1-2-0, will play their opening Southern Conference Match against last year's champions, The Appalachian State Mountaineers. App. State is to the Soccer Team as West Point was to the football team. The Keydets smell revenge for the humiliating defeat they suf-

fered last year at the hands of App. State, with the Mountaineers Nigerian Nucleus gone, they could not be more ripe for the picking. Furthermore, Sunday's match will be the third game within four days for App. State. Gee! Life's a \* \* &!

Anyway, as does the football team, the Soccer team needs your support. The time is now to support your team this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on the Parade Ground. Good Luck Keydets and beat them Mountaineers!

# KEYDETS STUN ARMY

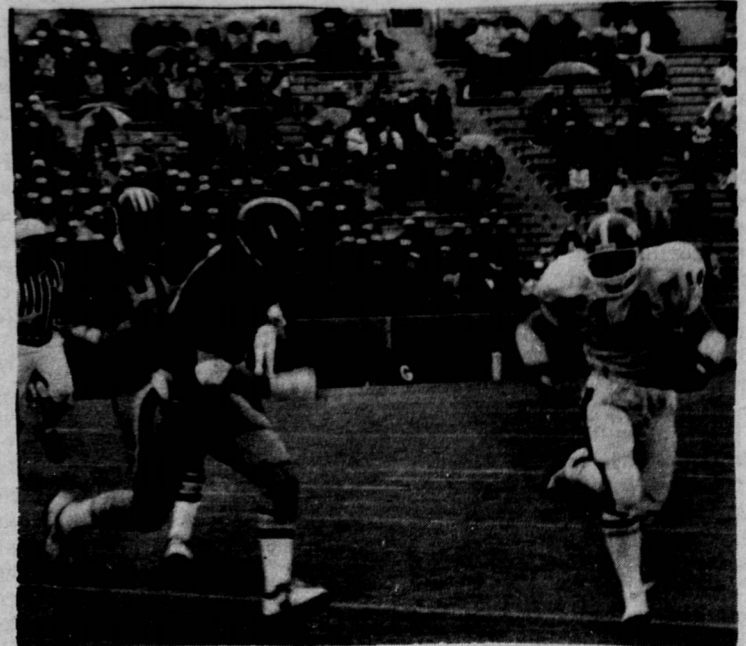
by Clayton Wagner

The sun broke through an otherwise overcast sky over Michie Stadium in West Point, NY, midway through the fourth quarter of the VMI-Army game. None of the nearly '30,000 assembled had time to notice. But shortly thereafter, when a 4th down pass had caromed off Larry Pruitt's hands and fallen harmlessly to the astroturf in the endzone, the day had truly turned golden for VMI's Keydets. The Keydets had held on for a heart-stopping 14-7 win, its first ever over Army or any service academy.

There is no news in VMI having to hang on for a win. What made this win, possibly one of the Keydets most memorable in the past few years, so unique was the manner in which it was achieved. The offense was anything but the staid, conservative team it was labeled. The defense, brilliant at times, wouldn't give in when the outcome was in doubt. But there were other things that made this such an unusual win. Floyd Allen, a mainstay in the Keydet offense, was held to 61 yards in 19 carries in just over 2 quarters of play. He left shortly before the half with bruised ribs, only to return late in the 4th quarter. VMI instead turned to Kelly Raber and Frank Brown on offense and all of the defensive secondary to pick up the slack and assume the role of hero. Before any of them could accept the praise, though, they had to feel a bit of relief. Any or all could have been the goat.

VMI carried a 14-7 lead into the half. The Black Knights, however, were anything but through for the day. Midway through the third period, Army took the ball on their 14 yard line and, behind the running of Gerald Walker and Warren Waldorff punched the ball down to the Keydet nine. It was here that Steve Umberger stepped in front of Jerryl Bennett's pass and picked it off in the endzone to end one cadet threat. That, and an earlier mixup in which Umberger got beaten badly on a 20 yard touchdown toss from Bennett to Pruitt to knot the score at 7-7 late in the second quarter.

After Umberger's theft, VMI started its own drive. Mixing plays well between Stan Bass and Anthony Agostinelli, quarterback Kelly Raber led the Keydets to the Army 14. Then, on a third down, Raber



Rat Kelly Raber picks up yardage against Army.

Photo by E.T. Walsh

lofted a pass intended for Agostinelli in the endzone. Instead of finding its receiver, the ball came down cradled in the arms of defensive back Dale Love wasting a chance for a chip shot field goal. "We were just planning on getting three," stated Coach Bob Thalman. "I called the pass play, so I'll take the blame."

Then, late in the fourth quarter, with the score 14-7, Frank Brown, who caught 7 passes (6 in the first half) for 78 yards, lost the handle on a flanker reverse. Army's Joe Hampton came up with the ball, giving the Black Knights one last chance. Oddly enough, Brown had played a big part in the Keydets go ahead touchdown at the end of the first half.

VMI opened the scoring midway of the second quarter on a 2 yard plunge by Floyd Allen. Allen was to leave the game shortly thereafter. At 1:48, with the Keydets trying to run out the clock, Allen was met hard by safety Mike Williams. He fumbled at the VMI 20 with

John Garrison recovering. Allen left the game for a trip to the hospital and x-rays. One play and seven seconds later Army tied the score on Bennett's TD pass.

After the ensuing kickoff, Kelly Raber gave only a fleeting thought to running out the clock. Raber looked to flanker Frank Brown. As Brown said, "We knew we had a passing quarterback. He just needed to have the chance. We have the confidence in Kelly. Army was thinking deep most of the time, so I was able to act like I was going deep and cut back." Hooking up with Brown three times, Raber drove the Keydets 71 yards to the Army 2 yard line. To cap the drive Raber hit Brown over the middle for a touchdown with :06 left in the half and a 14-7 lead.

But, in the end, it came down to the defense. After Brown's fumble with 3:39 left in the fourth quarter, the Black Knights went to backup quarterback Bryan Allen. Five com-

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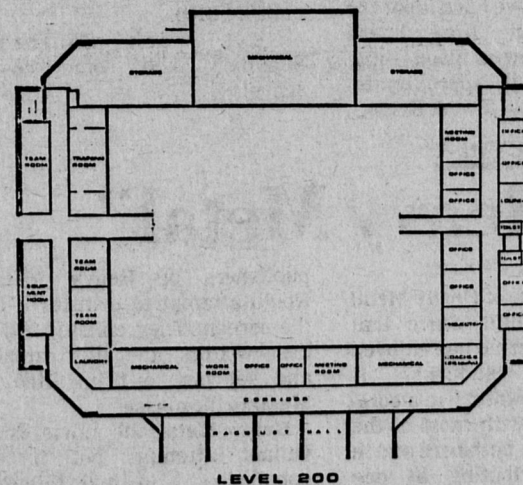
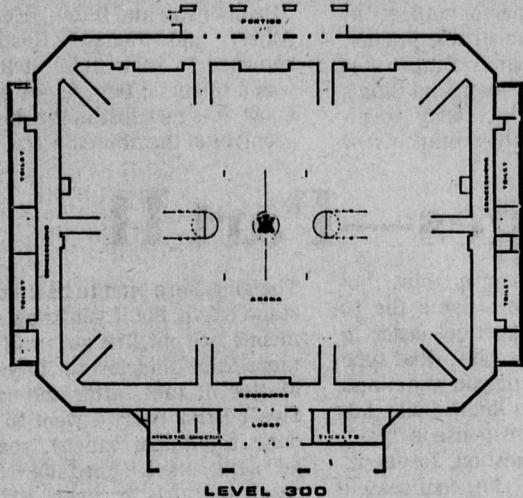
by Theodore Adams

Cameron Hall, VMI's new multi-purpose facility will be opening soon, and it offers the Corps and the Lexington community more than just a new home court for the basketball team. Cadets will be able to take advantage of the raquetball courts located on the 200 level. While final arrangements haven't been made, the courts should be available on the same basis as the facilities in Cocker Hall: reserved for Physical Education Classes in the morning and open to cadets in the afternoon.

The community as well as the Corps will be served by the

main arena which, along with basketball games, is designed to accommodate theatrical productions and concerts. The arena seats 5,029 fans for a basketball game and 4,300 for a play or concert. With this seating capacity available the hall is being promoted in the area as perfect for hosting conventions, expositions, trade shows and many other large-scale events.

As the newest and most accommodating facility in the area, Cameron Hall should be busy quite often. The Corps will certainly have it rolling when VMI opens its basketball season against U.Va.



## Adopt A Wrestler: Spirit in the Making

When the VMI wrestlers take to the mats this year they will be supported by more than just the Corps. In the crowd cheering for their adopted wrestlers will be about forty girls from Southern Seminary. The reason for this marked improvement in female interest in VMI wrestling is the doing of Coach Ike Sherlock. Coach Sherlock established a program where girls from Southern Seminary are able to adopt a wrestler. The program allows the girls to meet the wrestlers and vice-versa. Second Classman Bob Kuchera feels that the program is "working well." When asked

what effects it had on team morale, Kuchera stated that "spirit is up." There was a bit of a lull in spirit last year but its back up again." One might be curious as to the way a Rat might feel about being adopted by some cute Seminite. Mike Viggiano did not seem to mind at all. In fact he stated that it is "a pretty good deal." Viggiano hasn't seen his adopted mother lately but is looking forward to their next reunion. The next planned event where wrestlers will again see their adoptees is this weekend. There will be a picnic for both groups which will once again get that spirit up.

Personally, I feel that the program is a good idea. It creates a nicer atmosphere at the wrestling matches. As Kuchera says, "it brings the entire team together and we become like one big family." The program will also aid in keeping good recruits. During the Ratline many good athletes have left VMI. However, with a program such as Coach Sherlock's, these difficulties will be reduced. This year was a "fantastic recruiting year and the Rats look great," according to Scott Horan. With this added aid, VMI is looking forward to a profitable season, perhaps even a conference championship.

## KEYDETS STUN ARMY

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pletions moved Army from their 28 to the VMI 8. Time was no longer a factor with Army first down and goal at the 8. Thirty thousand fans fidgeted, screamed and groaned for four seemingly endless plays. One pass fell incomplete; Mike Eden broke another up, and G. J. Walley batted one away. Fourth down. The game rode on one play. Frank Brown agonized on the sideline. "I thought the whole world was going to end. I didn't want to put that kind of pressure on the defense," said Brown. Steve Umberger was thinking, "if they complete this one, we've blown everything we've worked for." Mike Eden felt that, "We dominated the entire game. There was no way we were going to let them score at the end." As it was, Allen's pass was too long for the outstretched Pruitt.

VMI could now start the celebration in earnest. Leading the cheers was Bob Thalman, who has won his first 2 games only once before in his 10 years at the school. "I've never been prouder of a team or a group of

coaches or a school," said Thalman. There was a lot to be proud of. It was Thalman's kind of win — a gutsy, emotional win that saw the Keydets rely on others besides the established stars. Thalman's players had put so much on this game and now they had won. Finally, the Keydets could bask in the sun.

Final Notes: The Army game has given Keydet football a new spirit. The Keydets have gotten new exposure, new respect. They have shown a more varied offense and a rugged, relentless defense. They also have gained a new confidence and have set their sights on higher goals. A new feeling that this can be a special season has pervaded not only the team but the entire school. The word is no longer whispered at practice, but spoken quite openly.

The next hurdle is William and Mary. The game with the tribe is always close. VMI has

won the last two (last year 13-10 in Williamsburg) and 3 of the last 4, but before that the Indians won 12 out of 13...It is Parents Weekend here. The last two games for the parents have been disasters. VMI lost in 1979 to Citadel 37-6 and last year to Chattanooga 55-10...The last time VMI went 3-0 was in 1960.

### Rushing

VMI — Allen 18-61, Agostinelli 5-35, Brown 3-33, Bass 8-22. Army — Walker 24-98, Waldorf 9-18, Zarone 2-11

### Receiving

VMI — Brown 7-78, Gottwald 1-10, Radle 1-11, Bullard 1-17  
Army — Walker 4-25, Pruitt 2-29, Wynder 6-61, Heather 1-23

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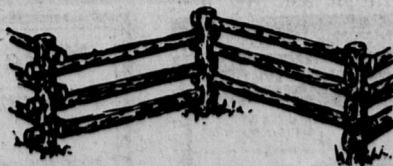
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Left to Right: Wayne Morris, Eddie Albert, and Ronald Reagan.

## "Brother Rat" Becoming Tradition

by Dave Fritz

Watching "Brother Rat" for the second time, I saw how little VMI has changed. There are a few new buildings around, of course, and a little more grass on the parade ground, but on the whole, everything is still the same. The movie was made in 1938 and starts with a dedication to the cadets and alumni of "the West Point of the South." Then we see the Corps marching on the parade ground. There is a cut to Jackson Statue and a close-up of the famous inscription. Then we see Jackson Arch and the entrance into old barracks. Any cadet or alumnus will instantly recognize and relate to these shots. This brings the film into our backyard, and it is enjoyable for that fact.

As far as movies go, however, "Brother Rat" is awful. I really

had to strain to find laughs. The theatre production was quite amusing, but the script didn't transfer well to the screen. The director, William Keighley, makes the mistake of filming the action that was originally off stage. In the play, we are told that Bing has been knocked out while pitching a game. The movie shows us the incident, but it is so contrived that we laugh at the phoniness. It should have remained far off stage.

The only actors of merit in "Brother Rat" are Eddie Albert and Ronald Reagan. The fact that they survive this shamble is a measure of their ability. Eddie Albert puts in a very restrained performance as Bing, the love-struck pitcher. Ronald Reagan is Danny, the catcher for the team and Bing's roommate. The third roommate, Billy, is the protagonist of

the movie, and Wayne Morris terribly overacts in the role. Jane Wyman doesn't do much, and Priscilla Lane is terrible as Claire, the Commandant's daughter.

All criticism past, "Brother Rat" is still well worth seeing, especially for anyone associated with VMI. A lot of the humor only works for cadets and alumni, and we can gloat in the Institute's recognition. So, if you haven't already seen it, catch "Brother Rat" this weekend in Lejeune Hall. It's not that bad the second time around either.

And for the movie trivia buffs, a sequel was made called "Brother Rat and Baby." Eddie Albert and Ronald Reagan returned in their roles, but it was a financial flop. As far as I know, it is now lost in the dusty archives of the film industry.

## Female Colleges—Part II

by Duke Addison

Hollins College is located in Roanoke, Virginia, and has approximately 1,100 students. If you have never paid a visit to Hollins, then you are really missing something. On the whole, the girls at Hollins are very friendly and beautiful. If you were to attend a party down there, more often than not, you will find them being the aggressors by striking up conversations and seeing that each cadet has a good time.

Like most schools in Virginia (with the exception of VMI), Hollins girls have a wide dress code. Most of the girls are career oriented, but at the same time they are very down to earth. Girls at Hollins can be reached by calling the college switchboard, 362-6000.

Sweet Briar College is located in Sweet Briar, Virginia. This maximum security prison is located about 45 minutes from Lexington. When you enter Fort Knox II be prepared to be frisked and have your motor checked. After giving the gatesman (who by the way is armed with a M-60 machine gun) certain information, he will allow you to enter. Some of the trivial questions he might ask you are:

name the first prep (hint: not Doug Burdette); name the 50 states in alphabetical order in less than 25 seconds; what type of after shave do you wear; and finally, do you know Duke Addison. If your response is "yes" to this last question, forget it. Your car will be confiscated and you will have hard labor the rest of your life. These gatesmen know a good thing when they see it. Approximately 700 girls go to "Sweet Briar."

The girls here tend to be a little stand offish, but if you know someone look out. The girls will be more than glad to talk to you. Matter of fact, after the last Sweet Briar party I went to (I don't remember much), some girl said, "have a good life." To reach the girls at Sweet Briar call, 381-5100.

Next week Southern Seminary and some co-ed schools.

### Movie Review

## "Heavy Metal"

by David Fritz

The first issue of Heavy Metal appeared in 1976. Since that time, the magazine has enjoyed considerable success. It features adult fantasy in a comic book form, with most of the top cartoonists, both here and in Europe, contributing at one time or the other. Its stories are heavily laced with violence, sex and rock and roll, and the illustrations are usually excellent.

It stands to reason, what with the revival of the sword-and-sorcery flick, that the

publishers of Heavy Metal would attempt to transfer it to the screen. They enlisted their best writers and illustrators, and set out to bring Heavy Metal to the masses.

Heavy Metal, the movie, is a valiant attempt, but it is nonetheless a dismal failure. The publishers tried to pull off a melange of their most popular strips. The result is a variety of techniques and styles that just do not mix. Some of the animation is very effective, but for the most part it is crude and

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## Weekend Schedule

Friday, 25 September:

1:00 — 4:00: REGISTRATION (Ballroom, Lejeune Hall) Guided tours of the post will be conducted by the Regimental S-5 staff throughout the afternoon.

2:30 — 4:00: ACADEMIC ORIENTATIONS

2:30 — 4:00: ROTC

4:15: REGIMENTAL REVIEW TO HONOR PARENTS (Parade Ground).

5:00 — 6:30: SUPERINTENDENT & MRS WALKER'S RECEPTION FOR CADETS AND THEIR PARENTS. (Superintendent's Quarters).

8:30: CONCERT & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE VMI GLEE CLUB (Jackson Memorial Hall).

Saturday, 26 September:

8:30 — 10:30: REGISTRATION CONTINUES (Lejeune Hall).

8:00 — 12:00: OPEN, for attendance at classes, conferences with faculty, tours of the post.

9:00 — 10:30: PHABULOUS PHYSICS PHENOMENA: (Mallory Hall)

10:30 — 11:30: GENERAL MEETING OF PARENTS (Jackson Memorial Hall).

11:30 — 1:30: BUFFET LUNCHEON (Crozet Hall)

2:00: FOOTBALL GAME: VMI vs. William & Mary (Alumni Memorial Field).

5:00 — 7:30: MOVIE: "BROTHER RAT" (Ballroom, Lejeune Hall) No charge for admission.

9:15: Movie "BROTHER RAT" Again.

Sunday, 27 September:

8:30 — 11:00: BREAKFAST (Crozet hall)

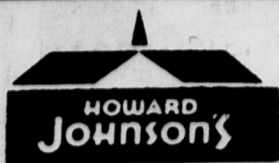
9:00 — 11:00: OPEN HOUSE IN BARRACKS, VISITS TO CADET ROOMS

2:00: SOCCER: VMI vs. Appalachian State.

Parents and cadets will be warmly welcomed at the regular worship services of any of the churches in Lexington, or at the special services conducted on post, as follows:

8:30: CATHOLIC MASS, (Jackson Memorial Hall)

10:00: PROTESTANT CHAPEL SERVICE (Jackson Memorial Hall).



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if so, in what?" "How tough are they to load in the vans?" "What are they fed?" "Who guards them at night while they prance around the corral?" "What kind of buildings were those that surrounded the stables?" The Captain, who had just started at the Academy, answered all her questions in detail, not even noticing that while he was talking she was checking out the lock and which way the gates swing. Bidding farewell to the Captain, she thanked him for the information and returned to her car. Finally she returned to pick up the VMI cadets, who tossed a few choice words at her. She remained calm and relayed the new information. A new plan obviously had to be drawn up. She had been told by the Captain that trucks and trailers could be rented up the road in Newburgh, so to Newburgh the six nappers went. Finally, renting the trailer from greasy Petie and laughing Albert, the cadets wandered around Newburgh looking for an all night store which handles such items as crowbars, flash-lights, sugar, apples, chocolate Hershey Kisses, Bud, soda, Busch and pizza. Over the pizza and soda, the cadets drew up another plan which was agreed upon by all involved. So back to the Point went the Impala, the Jartran, and the six Mule nappers.

The next step was to ensure that the lock could be broken or rather jiggled free, that they knew the number of people that lived around the site and what they were doing, and finally, what time the Military Police passed by the stables and how often. So off they went: Scott with a crowbar, Dederer with his watch and Checca and Modisett ready to do some of that special "Summer Camp Low Crawl." This mission was executed in about fifty-five minutes, which does include the twenty minute walk back to our Mobile Command Post located in Parking Lot F, utilizing three second rushes. Once back in the Mobile Command Post, our final plan was formulated and certain jobs were designated to each individual involved in the mission. At 0045 hours (military time that is) the mission would begin.

Team A who consisted of Scott with the "crowbar," Dederer with a rope and his ticking Mickey, Miss Checca with the bag of goodies, and Modisett with six weeks of Army Summer Camp knowledge, RECONDO'ed down the hills of the United States Military Academy for the stables.

Team B consisted of Checca as the wheel-man and Shutt who was to lure the animal into the trailer. After kicking open the doors, at the designated time, 0115 hours, the trailer arrived in front of the stables ready to speed away the waiting Army mascot, but to the surprise of team B nobody was waiting,

even a mule. The entire A team was seen chasing three mules around the muddy corral. Spartacus, the Point's favorite mule willingly accepted our offer to spend two days at Long Island resort laden with tons of fresh grass, pounds of pure sugar, mounds of chocolate kisses and bushels of apples. Happily he hopped into the trailer. In the mule's place in the corral was left a Confederate Flag to signify that the battle off the field had been won by the VMI Corps of Cadets.

The time was now 0145 hours and the vehicle containing six mulenappers and a borrowed Army mule cruised for Long Island. On the escape route two of the Points finest, standing on the corner by Michie Stadium, bided the nappers a fond farewell with a very warm wave goodbye and a smile, we likewise smiled and waved, but not for the same reasons.

The Impala pulled into the Long Island hideaway some time around 0450 hours to be greeted by many believers. Onlookers weren't satisfied with what they saw until they scooted around behind the animal and saw the BIG "A". Word now had to be spread that the United States Military Academy's mascot was in the hands of the Corps of Cadets from the Virginia Military Institute, with the speed of Paul Reeve all the local newspapers as well as the network stations were informed. Requests were fielded for personal interviews with both the Mule and the band that was soon to be known as the "Checca's Raiders."

Now with half the feat accomplished a plan had to be devised to return this precious prize to its very embarrassed owners; a party was thrown in honor of Spartacus by his hosts but due to his important position he was escorted to another location along the North Shore to ensure his safety. Meanwhile, back at the corral, West Point was still denying the fact that the Virginia Military Institute had absconded with Spartacus, finally in late afternoon they admitted the fact that he was no where to be found. The West Point Brigade Commander met with our own Regimental Commander, Darrin McDew, but the terms that were proposed were relayed back to the Raiders where a hardy laugh was had by all. With West Point being totally uncooperative, VMI had to call a meeting of the minds, on call was 1st Class President Bitzberger who arrived from the Land of Brotherly Love during the middle of the night. Many ideas were tossed around but the Raiders' Buddy was their first concern, it was evident a solution could not be consummated with West Point because they felt they had lost enough face by allowing the mascot to be borrowed by their opponents 36 hours before game

time.

The Raiders, who rose the following morning, with much spirit and enthusiasm sped off to the secret hideaway with three quarts of the infamous keydet colors. Upon arriving Spartacus greeted us with a big wet kiss symbolizing that he loved his new home and didn't want to return back. The Raiders consoled Spartacus and pleaded for him to return. After what turned out to be much of a one sided conversation he agreed, so the group popped the latex paint lids and began decorating. The United States Military Academy Mascot could have passed any VMI alumni because on one side of the animal there was a big keydet yellow football with "VMI" on it while on the other side there was billboard size square that said "BEAT Army" also in keydet colors. When our Buddy was allowed to dry he was then draped with a Confederate Flag and ushered back into his personal apartment for safe keeping until game time.

As the Raider's sped back to the house still a method of transporting the mule go the game had not been decided. Sister Kathy made a call, and in minutes an unmarked van arrived to escort Spartacus to the game. The Raiders piled into the Impala and escorted the U.S. Army's mascot to Michie Stadium. The driver of the van, a pleasant German-speaking fellow after understanding the importance of delivering the mule to the VMI side of the stadium had asked if we would mind if he ran gate at West Point. Luckily nothing of the sort happened and upon the arrival at West Point, Spartacus was then transferred to the rented trailer in order to look less suspicious. The time left in the game was dwindling down to minutes and the mule had still not arrived. The Corp of Cadets chanted "Where's your Mule. Where's your Mule." With about four minutes remaining the trailer arrived in front of Michie Stadium unloading the Raider's to gather the VMI Corp of Cadets. Many had filed out of the stadium and centered around the trailer and watched Tex the mule rider, fight his way through the wall of Keydets to the new VMI mascot. Military Police also arrived on the scene about the same time as the cadets but with the mule borrowed from under their noses two nights previous they were ready for a score. While the mule raced past Michie Stadium, Military Police were then busy taking down names of the VMI Cadets involved only to be halted by the presence of our newly appointed Superintendent General Walker. After very little discussion the entire VMI Corps of Cadets and General Walker returned back in the Stadium for the final two minutes of Play.

## VMI Of The North

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tion with First Classmen, which filters down through the lower classes.

At the heart of the VMI Man is his honor, and similarly, at the heart of VMI is the Honor System. The honor system at West Point seems to play a lesser role, and is not taken as seriously as at VMI. At West Point, each cadet has a footlocker with a heavy lock in which he must keep all of his valuables. If money, calculator, or a camera, etc., is discovered lying exposed in room while the occupant is not there, he will receive a substantial demerit penalty. This raises the question as to whether or not there is any confidence in their honor system or whether or not their honor system works.

The plebe line at West Point can justifiably be called a cakewalk in comparison to its counterpart at VMI. At West Point, plebes are not required to "strain", and there is no such thing as a "sweat party." When a plebe walks from place to place, he (or she) must walk at a 120 paces per minute and swing the arms in an exaggerated manner, resembling a goose-step. Plebes must square all corners. There is no RDC at West Point. The regular demerit and penalty tour system enforces their pseudo-rat line. Plebes have a publication similar to the "Rat Bible" from which they are required to know pertinent information.

At VMI, a major portion of the rat line takes place at Crozet Hall. Rats eat at attention with their eyes on their plates. At West Point meals, plebes have almost as many liberties as upperclassmen. The terrific food at West Point is appropriate because plebes never participate in events such as "snorkling" or "Viking Night." Plebes do not have to stand on their chairs and yell football cheers, as the rats at VMI do.

## Financial Future

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day's needs as well as to provide for the anticipated needs of tomorrow. I hope each member of the Corps takes a moment to reflect on the fact that without this effort and without the assistance of a multitude of interested parties, the VMI experience would not be nearly as successful as it is today.

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But The Corps, aside from pity, learned quite a bit about their para-military imitators in

the north. For instance, "cadets," (if you stretch your imagination) do not like a gentleman to tip their hat to them — not even the lumpy ones! Secondly, they apparently have a distinct aversion to the Stars and Bars (so do their Neanderthal M.P.'s) — perhaps they still remember New Market. Despite this shortcoming, many of these prissy, painters haven an apparent love for animals as can be seen by three mule mares and an very large number of girl cadets — personally I'd take one of the mules over any girl cadet (and we did!!!!)

The Corps learned a lot of educational things this

weekend, too. Like how long a "plebe-wall" can retain a surging rush of warmed up veemes about 0.00001 seconds. They also learned that the highest point on the Hudson is a West Pointer's nose when the game is over, and that Yankees are really rude.

The Corps learned that "men" only cry really loud when: their team loses, their steak and lobster isn't quite hot enough, or Santa Claus won't bring them a little tank.

The Corps learned, too, that money can't buy everything, like spirit, loyalty, humility, or even a spine!

Signed: "Ozark" (revived)

## 100 Level Reopens

by Jerome Brinkely

The subject of possibly reopening the bowling alley on the 100 level of Lejeune Hall has finally been resolved! The bowling alley will reopen on Monday, October 1st, 1981. The reopening of the facility has been one of several improvements in Lejeune Hall to aid cadets in enjoying on-post activities.

This writer was told by Lieutenant Colonel Jones of the Office of Cadet Affairs that past and present modifications were developed to get the bugs out of the system. The new scoring equipment and refinished lanes will definitely help novice bowlers attain the status of amateurs in a few games. Drink and food machines have also been installed to provide cadets and their guests with refreshments.

A cadet's guest(s) must be accompanied by the cadet to enter the new entertainment facility. Appropriate equipment i.e. shoes and other items, will be provided free for the cadet and or his guest(s)!

The bowling alley is meant to be a place for cadets to enjoy themselves and get away from barracks when they have nothing to do. It is not meant to divert cadets from their studies. Anyway, come on down and play a game or two — and bring a friend.

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### Heavy Metal

juvenile, especially when compared with *The Fox and the Hound*.

Most of the stories are told strictly on a comic-book level. True to form, there is plenty of sex and violence and rock and roll, but it is all peculiarly unstimulating. *Heavy Metal's* worst mistake is its almost total lack of humor. Without any comic relief, the

### Durette

crime as) the single most important challenge."

When asked how his four years at VMI have prepared him for politics, Durette was expectantly filled with praise for his alma mater. According to Durette "VMI creates lasting values for anyone leading a competitive demanding life." His four years at the Institute taught him "a responsibility to yourself and the community." Although not always pleasant, his VMI years instilled in him a self-confidence and

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audience at no time is able to participate in the movie. This is the ultimate failure of *Heavy Metal*. It is a fantasy movie that does not let the viewer enjoy the fantasy. So if sword-and-sorcery is your bag, stick to *Excalibur* or *Dragonslayer* on the screen, and buy the next issue of *Heavy Metal* on the newsstand.

mental discipline, which he feels have aided him immensely in his political endeavors.

Wyatt Durette has already received more honors and held more offices than this article could ever include. As he enters his newest challenge against the democratic candidate for the office of Virginia Attorney General, Durette certainly seems to have an interesting future before him. Perhaps his incredible success will motivate other cadets to follow his footsteps.

## GO KEYDETS!!!



Cpt. Edwards, did they go through your Misc. Box when you were a cadet or to frats to bone Cadets.

Class of 1972 — do you all claim Captains Gorski, Lodi, and Edwards. Nobody in barracks would.

Hey, Addison, have grandmother's always found you sexy.

Hey Husk, "A" Company doesn't want you either.

Hey Stacy, will you go out with me?...

Quote of the Week — Tom Dick Reg. Sgt. major "It's not strack to get letters from girls." Tom: "Who do you get letters from?"

Hey Jamison, when Rat's don't know pertinent informat-

ion do you always splash mustard on them.

"Spanky" Vargas" next stop...Lexington High School... The girls don't know you there!

Cpt. Hale-O...Third stoop — 24 specials... But the score remains VMI 14 — Army 7... I guess Army mules just "ain't what they used to be."

Cpt. Stephenson — Tech's next.

Hey Hickey — do you spit shine your underwear?

Message to the Token Two...Suck it up...Hey Army...VMI never vandalized Navy...We've never seen Annapolis...Guess it Must Be a vicious rumor.

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