

## Sprinkle, Cavanaugh, Thompson Lead '58 Corps

### '58-'59 First Class Privileges Clarified By Superintendent

Following a talk by the Superintendent to next year's first class, exaggerated rumors of the minor changes being made in the system of weekends have been spreading rapidly around barracks.

In a personal interview with General Milton, a CADET reporter received a factual account of the changes which are to be made, and this article is intended as an explanation thereof.

These innovations which are being adopted for use next year are, for the most part, modified forms of recommendations made by a Board of Visitors appointed committee (of three alumni who are not members of the Board). The purpose of this group, which acted as a sub-committee of the Board, was to study closely the existing system of weekends and certain privileges and suggest where they might be altered for the benefit of the Corps. Each of the committee's recommendations was subject to further study by the administration, and there were several cases where the letter, in the best interests of the Corps, rejected suggested changes.

#### March From Church

One such recommendation which was turned down by the administration was that the Corps be required to return from church in formation. Feeling that such a rule would not aid religious feeling in the corps, the Superintendent expressed his own disapproval

of such an innovation.

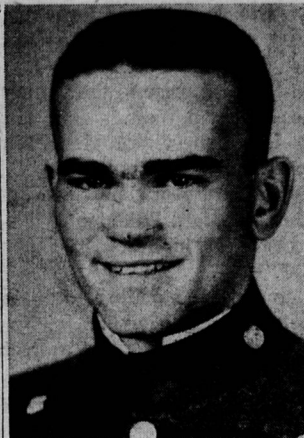
One of the recommendations in regard to leaves was that the six class cut days be granted the first class be placed back on the basis for which they were originally intended — job interviews only. This proposal was not approved by the administration, and these six days remain to the first class to be used for any purpose.

The hop permit was the subject of close study, and it is still undergoing a review by the administration. The committee's suggestion regarding this was that cadets be required to stay the full duration of the hop in order to be eligible for the hour and a half privilege after the dance. No action was to be taken currently, however.

A recommendation that the prevailing system of weekends for all classes be subject to sharp curtailment was accepted in somewhat modified form.

The first class weekend limit of four restricted (cadet may have no academic deficiency, confinement, or tours) and three semi-re-

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HOWARD B. SPRINKLE

### 82nd Airborne Is Featured In M. S. Demonstrations

#### Corps Performs Log Drills and Mass Commands

Due to a last minute change of plans, the scheduled parachute-drop on the parade ground did not take place yesterday at the Corps training demonstration. The Department of Defense, noting the obvious safety precautions which might necessarily be lacking on this limited space offered by the small landing area, decided against the proposed aerial display.

From four to seven members of a reconnaissance patrol were to have dropped with new style parachutes from an eight-hundred to one thousand foot height. They were then to have been reinforced by a combat team and equipment landed by the six helicopters. The destruction of a pre-set target followed by the evacuation of men and supplies was to have followed.

#### Army Helicopters Land

The demonstration, executed at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, consisted of a log-rolling exercise handled by the Cadets and a mass command drill.

The helicopters, with their eighty-man detail of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, set down on the parade field and organized a static display.

### Carmichael Re-elected VMI Alumni President

Henry St. George Tucker Carmichael, consulting engineer from Lexington, Ky., today was re-elected president of the Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association.

Carmichael, a 1927 graduate, was elected to his first term a year ago and was named again today at a meeting of the association's executive committee.

Other officers elected were B. N. Thornton, of Richmond, Va., first vice president; Worthington Faulkner, of Glasgow, Va., second vice president; Herbert A. Jacob, Lexington, Va., executive secretary.

### Kornegay, Massotti And Kramer Are Regt. Staff

All appointments of officers and non-commissioned officers in the Regiment of Cadets, heretofore in effect are revoked.

The following appointments in the Regiment of Cadets, effective Tuesday 10 June 1958,



FRED B. CAVANAUGH

and with relative rank and assignment as shown are announced:

#### TO BE CADET CAPTAINS

1. Sprinkle, H. B., Regimental Commander.
2. Cavanaugh, F. B., Commander, First Battalion.
3. Thompson, J. C., Commander Second Battalion.
4. Kornegay, F. H., Regimental Adjutant (S-1).
5. MacWillie, D. M., Commander, Company E.
6. Massotti, J. J., Regimental Plans and Training Officer (S-3).
7. Roberts, C. W., Commander, Company F.
8. Irons, R. L., Commander, Company C.
9. Kramer, L. A., Regimental Supply Officer (S-4).

### Joseph C. Pearce To Conduct Band And Glee Club

Joseph C. Pearce, music director at the West End Baptist Church in Petersburg, will direct Virginia Military Institute's cadet band and glee club next year.

He will join the Institute faculty in September as instructor in humanities and director of music, and will direct the activities of both the band and glee club as part of his assignment.

A native of Kentucky, Pearce studied at the Julliard School of Music and the King and Los Angeles Conservatories. He attended the University of Calif.'s School of Music for three years and was graduated in 1956 from Richmond Professional Institute with a bachelor of music degree. Subsequently, he was director of music at the West Point, Va., high school.

He succeeds the late Chief Warrant Officer John P. Swiecki, who died in April, as VMI band director. Gregory Craig Taylor, who has directed the glee club for the past year, is relinquishing the assignment to devote full time to duties as secretary of the VMI Foundation, Inc.

Pearce is married and has three children.

10. Monroe, J. T., Commander, Regimental Band.
11. Adams, S. P., Commander, Company D.
12. Breth, F. J., Commander, Company A.
13. Vermillion, J. G., Commander, Company B.



JOHN C. THOMPSON

#### TO BE CADET FIRST LIEUTENANTS

1. Kessler, W. B., S-4, First Battalion.
2. Eger, R. E., S-4, Second Battalion.
3. Orrison, C. R., Executive Officer, Company C.
4. Smith, M. A. H., S-1, First Battalion.
5. Gapensk, L. C., S-3, Second Battalion.
6. Loop, N. E., Executive Officer, Company E.
7. Haines, R. G., Executive Officer, Company D.
8. Ruffin, W. N., Executive Officer, Company F.
9. Grayson, E. H., S-1, Second Battalion.
10. Garnett, J. A., S-3, First Battalion.
11. Walker, D. T., Executive Officer, Company A.
12. Wood, J. L., Executive Officer, Company B.
13. Bingham, R. D., Executive Officer, Company Band.

#### TO BE CADET SECOND LIEUTENANTS

1. Noyes, R. L. D
2. Woodman, J. B. F
3. Phillips, J. A. Band
4. Sommers, R. A. E
5. Keiser, G. W. B
6. Blanchard, M. F. A
7. Drake, W. S. C
8. Chew, R. C. Band
9. White, F. S. D
10. Tate, J. T. E
11. Blakemore, V. A. C
12. Falls, E. L. B
13. Sewell, S. H. A
14. Maupin, M. W. F
15. Gels, R. W. Band
16. Helfer, D. J. D
17. MacGreger, H. G. E
18. Coniglio, B. L. C
19. Strunk, J. R. B
20. Johnson, P. T. A
21. Nebraska, W. T. F
22. Reyes, A. A
23. Pate, C. H. E

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### RECEIVES MILITARY AWARD



#### THE GARNETT ANDREWS CUP

For the most efficient cadet company through the year, to Band Company commanded by Cadet Captain R. G. McManus.

### Band Company Captures Top Garnett-Andrews Competition

Virginia Military Institute's regimental band this year showed the rest of the cadet corps that it could do more than just provide the music.

Band Company was awarded the Garnett Andrews Cup as the most efficient company during the 1957-58 school year at VMI. In winning the cup, the band, commanded by Cadet Captain Ronald G. McManus, of Dunbar, Pa., outdistanced the six other companies

in the cadet corps.

Competition among companies is keen and standings are established by continuous gradings throughout the year on performance in competitive drills, appearance and discipline, guard duty, guard mountings, parade lines and intramurals. Taking second place was "D" Company, commanded by Cadet Captain Samuel B. Witt, III, of Richmond.

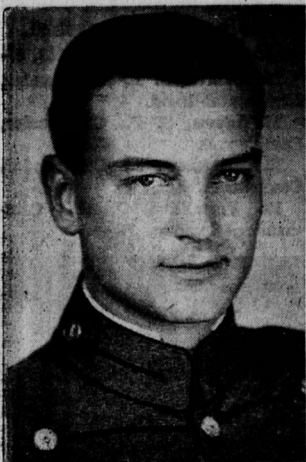


# Honors And Awards

## CINCINNATI MEDAL GIVEN TO J. C. WEST

### Cited For Excellence Throughout All of Cadetship

At its meeting on 19 October, 1958, the Society of the Cincinnati of



JAMES COLEMAN WEST

the State of Virginia established a fund from the proceeds of which a medal will be struck and awarded annually. This medal, known as the Society of the Cincinnati Medal, is awarded to that member of the graduating class who has distinguished himself by efficiency of services and excellence of character throughout his cadetship.

## Jackson-Hope Presented To Joseph Corbin Parker, Jr.

The First Jackson-Hope Medal, for highest attainments in scholarship — J. C. Parker.

The Second Jackson-Hope Medal, for the second highest attainments in scholarship — R. L. Hickerson.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, for fine spiritual qualities applied to daily living — Robert Garland King, Jr.

The Richard J. Marshall Award, a cash prize to the winner of the Cincinnati Medal — James Coleman West.

The Sumter Del. Lowry Award, a cash prize to the winner of the Cincinnati Medal — James Coleman West.

The John H. French Medal, for highest proficiency in mathematics — Robert Lee Hickerson.

The Asa S. Dearing Medal, for highest proficiency in English and English Literature — Gene Stafford Balderson.

The Randolph T. Townsend Award, for highest proficiency in the History Curriculum — J. C. West.

The Stonewall Jackson Prize, to the first-standing graduate in the Physics Curriculum — Robert Lee Hickerson.

The John Letcher Prize for an essay on a political subject — Edward Francis Thomas, Jr.

The Bothwell Graham Charm, to the first-standing graduate in the Liberal Arts Curricula — J. C. Parker, Jr.

The awards for significant accomplishments in pre-medical studies:

The Alfred H. Knowles (First Class) Award — J. C. Parker, Jr.; The Philip H. Killey (Second Class) Award — B. L. Coniglio, Jr.; The John Randolph Tucker Carmichael (Third Class) Award — P. T. Shiner; The Paul R. Meyer, (24) (Fourth Class) Award — A. B. Taylor III.

The Garnett Andrews Prize, for the best essay on a military subject — James Wendell Bramlet.

The Alvin F. Meyer Award in sanitary engineering — I. A. Cosentino.

The Class of 1941 Award, to the first-standing second classman in the Civil Engineering Curriculum — M. W. Maupin.

The Lemuel MacKenzie Long Jarman Award, for outstanding scholarship, conduct and character by a member of the Fourth Class — Lee Douglas Badgett.

The John Ryd Bush Award, to the member of the Fourth Class deemed most worthy because of manly character and military proficiency — Roy Wilson Whitehouse, III.

The following awards were presented at the Award Review on 7 June, for military and athletic achievements during the 1957-1958 session:

### THE COMPANY INTRAMURAL CUP

For the highest score in company athletic contests to Company F, Cadet Captain A. M. William, commanding, and Cadet C. A. Mason, Manager.

### THE ROTC MEDALS

Presented by the Virginia Division of the Sons of the American Revolution, for demonstrating the highest proficiency in Leadership, for Military Bearing and Neatness, and for General Excellence in the Corps of Cadets:

Cadet Captain J. C. West, Cadet Captain C. E. Edgar, III.

### THE CHARLES E. MARTIN, '55 AWARD

To the graduate accepting a regular commission in the Armed Forces who is recognized for excellence in military studies and leadership in the Corps:

Cadet Captain D. W. Cuthrell.

### THE INDIVIDUAL INTRA-MURAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

For outstanding proficiency in intra-mural athletics:

Cadet C. A. Mason, First Class.

### THE WITHERS A. BURRESS MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

For skill in rifle marksmanship:

Cadet Lieutenant R. W. Jenkins, Jr., First Class.

### THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AWARDS

For all-round excellence in intercollegiate athletics:

Major Sports Cadets Captain M. B. Johnston, First Class.

### THE ASSOCIATION OF THE U. S. ARMY MEDALS

To the outstanding R. O. T. C. graduate in specified arms of the service: Armor: Cadet Clark, H. H. H.; Artillery: Cadet



The above men, for having demonstrated military proficiency and leadership throughout their enter cadetship, are shown receiving the top military awards. From left to right are C. E. Edgar, D. W. Cuthrell, Colonel Johns, J. C. West, and E. H. Talley.

Cuthrell, D. W., Jr.; Infantry: Cadet Edger, C. E. III.

### THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION SILVER MEDAL

To the First Classman enrolled in Air Force R. O. T. C. distinguished by excellent academic record and personal qualities of leadership: Cadet West, J. C.

### THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

To the three First Classmen in Air Force R. O. T. C. who have achieved the most outstanding records in the A.F. R. O. T. C. Flight Instruction Program:

Cadet Arthur, L. L., Gold; Cadet Criswell, R. L., Silver; Cadet Johnston, M. B., Bronze.

### THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDALS

To the Second Classmen enrolled in Army R. O. T. C. selected as outstanding cadets:

Cadet Kornegay, B. H., Gold; Cadet Vermillion, J. O. Silver; Cadet Hobson, R. L., Bronze.

### THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION HONOR AWARD

To the outstanding R. O. T. C. cadets enrolled in Electrical Engineering: Cadet Talley, E. H.; Cadet Payne, J. B.

### THE RICHARD BOOTH, JR., MEMORIAL CUP

To the outstanding Tennis Player:

Cadet Williamson, S. L., First Class.

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## Twenty-Five Graduates To Become June Dish-Washers

The following members of the Class of 1958, having announced their intentions of entering into wedlock, do hereby invite any and all fellow former cadets who may be in the vicinity of said event to come forth and join in the festivities.

P. L. Bark to marry Miss Betty Brooke Rardin at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lexington, Va. on June 10.

G. W. Best, to marry Miss Kate Ewing at Virginia Beach, Va. on August 23.

G. E. Bloom to marry Miss Mary Suzanne Leslie.

R. L. Criswell, to marry Miss Roberta Adams at Kilgore, Texas.

D. W. Cuthrell to marry Miss Olga Glunderbush at Spanish Ifny, P. I.

H. Y. Dean to marry Miss Bonnie Ann Walker at Grace Episcopal in Radford, Va. on June 20.

R. P. Duker to marry Miss Deiores Bossard at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lexington on June 10.

J. G. Espey to marry Miss Kathy Lee Todd at the Church of St. Clement in Alexandria, Va. on 14 June.

R. W. Jenkins to marry Miss Alma Rowe at St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, Va. on August 2.

P. E. Johnson to marry Miss Nancy Johnston at Houston, Texas on some day next Tuesday.

M. B. Johnston to marry Miss Annette Truyst at New Castle, Del. on 21 June.

W. B. LePrade to marry Miss Fay Yelton Pool at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tenn., June 21.

J. M. Lowe to marry Miss Kay Loudan at the Douglas Blvd. Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., 12 June.

T. K. Massey to marry Miss Barbara Conway at Staten Is., N. Y.

R. G. McManus to marry Miss Patricia Louise McKee at the

Church of Christ in Vanderbilt, Pa. June 14.

M. F. Menefee to marry Miss Carol Netherland Page at Lynchburg, Va. in August.

W. T. Newland to marry Miss Ann Crawford at All Saints Episcopal Church in Morristown, Tenn. on June 12.

J. E. Poteet to marry Miss Margaret Anne Gantt at Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Va. in June.

J. M. Rea to marry Miss Shirley Ward in the Dover Baptist Church in Dover, Del. on 26 July.

W. B. Thomas to marry Miss Mary Jo Hudgins in Virginia Heights Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. on 30 August.

J. C. West to marry Miss Joan Kintz at Louisville, Ky. on 16 July.

S. W. Wines to marry Miss Jane Houghton at Remington, Va. in Sept.

S. B. Witt to marry Miss Zelda Fro-bisher at Cross Hair, Ky.

S. E. Woolwine to marry Miss Carolyn Irene Galliher at Abingdon Baptist Church in Abingdon, Va. on 14 June.

L. E. Wooten to marry Miss Ca-len Brown at Burtonsville, Md., on 14 June.

## Army Announces Changes In Rank; Sgt.-Major Back

The Army is bringing back a rating established in 1792 but which has been in long disuse — sergeant major — in a reshuffling of enlisted men's ratings and insignia.

In accordance with the recent revision upward of the military pay structure, non-commissioned officers and specialists have been given new titles of rank and insignia, the Army announced.

The new pay grades — E-8, first or master sergeant, and E-9 sergeant major — will be utilized

to accommodate key enlisted leadership positions, positions occupied by technically qualified non-commissioned officers in critical areas and to accommodate selected highly critical specialist personnel, the Army said.

The present title of master sergeant for grade E-7 will be changed to platoon sergeant, or sergeant first class, according to the assignment.

Grade E-6 now carrying the title, sergeant first class, will be known as staff sergeant, retaining the three stripes and the arc, or "rock-er" underneath. The insignia for grade E-5, sergeant, will drop the rocker, thus reintroducing the insignia of "buck sergeant" into Army ranks.

Every Army man and woman with more than two years service will get a raise under the pay bill approved by Congress last month.

## Russ Nuckols Ties The Knot At Long Last

Russ Nuckols, the Commandant's secretary, sometimes referred to as the "Assistant Commandant," is no longer a free man. Contrary to many bets on the part of the Corps, Russ threw freedom to the winds on Saturday, the last of May, and at a formal wedding at the Bethany

Lutheran Church in Lexington, married Miss Blanche "Polly" Kavocik, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Russ explains the Corps had him worried to the point where he had to have someone's shoulder to cry on at night. He says to tell the troops who warned him that the married license wouldn't be available on Saturday that he got it, and on Saturday, too. Strings.

The ceremony went off without a hitch, except that Mrs. Nuckols forgot to give Russ his ring until they got to the car. Rest assured that it's on now.

Russ expresses his regrets that he'll have to curtail his generosity at the College Inn.

"Seriously," he adds, "I've enjoyed working with and for the cadets this year, and I'll be happy to keep anybody's picnic tours in storage for them over the summer vacation, free of charge."

In final June Week ceremonies 1200 midshipmen were graduated from Annapolis last week. President Eisenhower presented the diplomas, greeting each midshipman personally. At the U. S. Military Academy at West Point nearly 850 cadets received their diplomas from West Point superintendent, Gen. Davidson.

## U. S. Initiates New Missile For Anti-Aircraft

The army plans to install still another type of missile — the low-flying Hawk — to defend cities already protected by the Nike missile.

Twenty-three United States cities, including Norfolk, Va., now are ringed by the long range Nike missiles as defense against aircraft. More cities — the number is secret, are scheduled to get them.

Testifying before a Senate armed services subcommittee, Gen. D. E. Beach said:

"While Nike adequately guards against attack at high, medium and low altitude, improved defense against attack at very low altitude is urgently required.

"Hawk is the only weapon capable of effective low altitude defense that will be available for some time."

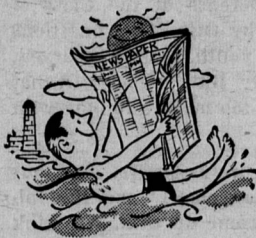
The army won't say whether the Hawk — like the new Nike Hercules — will be capable of carrying an atomic warhead.

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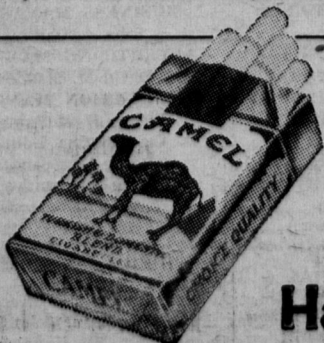
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## '59 Suffers for VMI

It is an old and odd concept of justice that sometimes the innocent must be punished along with the guilty. That it is old can be seen in the biblical law that "the sins of the fathers shall be visited unto the sons." That it is odd is evidenced by the fact that it is never justice to punish a man who has broken no law.

But from this concept of justice has arisen the dilemma that faces next year's First Class. In the Spring of 1957, the class of 1958, this year's graduating class, began an investigation of various aspects of VMI which they felt were harmful to the Institute.

This investigation attracted wide publicity from alumni and other interested parties. The result was a "report" which was handed to the Board of Visitors. The Board appointed a committee to study the report and VMI, and to make recommendations. This it did.

Now the Class of 1959 has been told that certain of its privileges (See story CHANGES, pg. 1) will be taken away.

It was told that the committee recommended these changes, and more, that the reason for the changes was to awaken the First Class to a greater sense of its responsibilities.

The idea in itself is an excellent one, but it seems rather strange that the committee found ONLY the Corps at fault, since the report did not primarily concern the Corps, but the Administration.

Can it be taken from this then that the new restrictions are intended not to promote a more spirited Corps, but to warn the First Class against taking any steps similar to last year's, and to demonstrate the fact that the First Class has very little real power and had better satisfy itself with policing barracks?

This is not to say that the "policing" is a wholly bad idea, because the Corps has need of a shot in the arm, and the First Class is the instrument for giving it, but it is a pity that the Class of 1959 must suffer because the Class of 1958 wanted to help VMI.

And it is a pity that the original purposes of the report that the Class of 1958 worked so hard to prepare has been, for some reason, forgotten, and the whole load shifted to the shoulders of the Corps.

## Practical Progress

The theme of the military instruction this past year seems to have followed the theory of practical with theoretical, rather than leaving all of the practical to summer camp. This was evidenced by the physical training program which started so admirably and then gradually faded out and the use made of White's Farm for tactical problems, and then of course the spring hike itself.

The idea of practical instruction appears definitely superior, and the Army, appreciating this, devotes a large percentage of their Techniques of instruction to this phase of training.

All of this leads up to just this — Why, of all things, doesn't VMI have a range for practical instruction in the M1 rifle?

In the Spring of this year the second class ground forces went out for several hours and each man was given four or five single rounds of ammo to fire, and this not even in a clip.

There is NO excuse for a single VMI cadet to leave Lexington for summer camp, or anywhere else, with this pitiful amount of practical training in the firing of this basic weapon.

If there is ANY single phase of VMI's military program that needs something done about it, this appears to be one place where a start could be made. We don't say improvement since there exists nothing in evidence to improve on.



## Defense of '58 Classes

In the May 25 issue of the New York Times magazine section there appeared an article entitled "Defense of the Class of '58." The article, by Otto Butz, questions whether American youth, as often charged, has lost its fire. Mr. Butz replies NO, that it has just become too mature to play with it.

As a Princeton professor Mr. Butz has studied the question closely and the following is what he came up with. We think it particularly appropriate at this time.

As another commencement season approaches, the American younger generation is in danger of being unfairly and tragically sold short. Unfairly, because its elders, in judging it by the forms of youthful expression current in the Nineteen Thirties are misinterpreting its realism and prudence as omnious evidence of apathy and lack of idealism. Tragically, because, in so doing, these older Americans are depriving themselves of what should and could be their surest ground for confidence in the nation's future. What they fail to see is that the very qualities of realism and prudence, which they are inclined to find so disturbing in today's youth, may, in fact, mark these young men and women as the most mature and promising generation to emerge since the days of the American frontier.

After five years as a university teacher in this country, I fully agree that today's young Americans are a down-to-earth and matter-of-fact lot. What I would protest, however, is the conclusion, so frequently drawn from this fact, that contemporary young people are less adventurous than were earlier generations of Americans, that they lack positive political convictions, that they suffer from an impaired sense of individuality, and that as one educator recently described them they are little more than "gloriously contented — self-seekers on the American assembly-line."

That today's college-age Americans have become less ambitious and spectacular in the particular expressions of the beliefs is beyond dispute. The reasons for the development have been chiefly twofold. For one thing, the expectations from life of these young people, as compared with those earlier entertained by their fathers, have become much more modest. Traditional America's admirable but unrealistic faith in the quick and easy liberal democratic perfectability of man sooner or later had to be disappointed and

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## STOOP POOP

Another year and another Spring Hike. It seems they get worse every year. C and D companies probably had it worse than any of the others. They were happy, however, because they captured the machine gun from the "Night Watch." I guess you might say they were: Motivated; They seized their Objective; They did (doing) what they were supposed to; made it Realistic; Their achievements were Appreciated; and they apparently had some Background in tactics. Yes, MODRAB lives on!

Commendations are in order for the administration — for once we know what's happening, or what will happen next year. Despite the

changes, which are few, there were not very many gripes heard.

\* All rumors concerning makeovers can cease. Read the front page for results.

A number of graduates are getting married shortly. How about the one who couldn't wait. He spent his Honeymoon in Lexington last week — he even had to rush back for 2400 CCQ. Some fun!

Let's hope intramurals won't be excluded from the agenda next year — they sure fell through this past one.

Anyone desiring to know how to make friends with Indians, get in touch with our new Regimental C. O. He's an expert!

## SERVICE WITH A SMIRK

by SPENCER TUCKER

As the first flecks of grey etch the morning sky on June tenth, crowds of eager people will assemble at Lexington, Virginia to watch the epic displays that will be going on throughout the day.

A wing of speedy jets will raze the selected battle site. Planned for destruction at 10:00 on this morning in June, will be the demolition of the VMI barracks by a team of specially selected first classmen who have been trained for four years — in a fashion similar to training war dogs — and who are seasoned veterans of spring wars I, II and III. These troops will be lead by Bob Hickerson, infamous expert on special explosives and S-3 of the firecracker brigade.

Col. Johns, head of the defending forces, has promised that he will not spare lives in attempting to save the institute from total destruction. He has already ordered three men shot as examples for the remaining troops, even though no action has occurred. The armor units in the defense will be led by Major Nelson, known for his crafty maneuverings, and strong shows of force on special duty in Lexington Village. Capt. "Killer" Kelsey will head the lefting. Plans for the defense will be co-ordinated by "the village squire". Nuckols, expert in administrative work, has the logistics in hand, and has spotted the defenses to be thrown up

in Buena Vista against the invaders.

Aggressor units will be on the prowl, especially in the dives and "flesh pots" of Lexington. Capt. Murphy assures the brass that no more machine guns will be lost to the enemy on what promises to be one of his most daring escapades of the year. Secret assofnments have already been handed out.

One thing is assured, at any rate, and that is that the aggressors are bound to be beaten off by the defending forces, although it be with heavy loss — for the same battle-tried and proven plan has worked for eons.

Col. Johns assures a startling display on the parade ground in the event that the enemy should become discouraged and not reach Lexington, or bypass it on their way to the objective — "Steve's". Two globemaster transports are scheduled to arrive on Monday morning and land on the parade ground. That this feat has never been accomplished before means little. "There is always a first time for anything," assures Col. Johns.

The year at V. M. I. has been accomplished. There have been many good times for members of the First Class. It is with whimsical nostalgia that we bid Good-Bye to those our friends and neighbors for three years. Quite frankly we're glad to be rid of you but at the same time wish you "bon chance." If you're in the vicinity of Lexington next year, you might look in on barracks and see how the "Stonewall Class" will be running things. We plan to do a pretty damn good job.

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# Class '58 Valedictory Address

The following address was given by Sterling L. Williamson, valedictorian of the Class of 1958 on the occasion of the Graduation of that class from the Virginia Military Institute. Cadet Williamson addressed the graduating class, the Corps of Cadets, alumni, and friends in William H. Cocke 94 Hall on June 10 at 11:00 A. M. The address preceded the presentation of awards, diplomas, and commissions to the graduating class.

General Milton, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brother Rats:

The position of valedictorian is a paradoxical one; for although you are this very moment saying to yourselves, "Well, here we go with the same old lines repeated annually by every valedictorian," you would probably not even recognize this address as a valedictory — in fact, you would have my head — if this speech did not contain two often repeated platitudes. The first is that (1) this graduating class must become the leaders of tomorrow by assuming the burden of responsibility of life (whatever that means). The second is that (2) the Class of 1958 is stepping into a situation where the challenges are greater than those ever faced by any other class in history, and in our hands lies the fate not only of our country, but of the world. But these clichés are, nevertheless, true and I cannot sacrifice them for the tensile attraction of being striking and original.

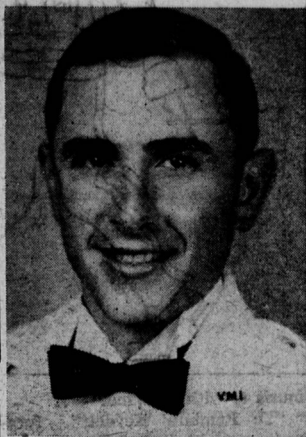
Of course, what valedictorians say about our being the leaders of tomorrow does not mean that we will all be President of General Dynamics. There simply cannot be "all chiefs and no Indians." Since this is true, we are glad that V. M. I. has prepared us to follow as well as lead. But whether we are world leaders or not, we will find ourselves in responsible positions. When this does happen, I think we have at least learned enough in our four years here to have the good sense not to go rushing in to direct affairs in the fields we know nothing about. For instance, when it comes to opening holes in a massive football line, a sensible man would not try to do it himself, unless he were a good sized sensible man, but would go straight to Lou Farmer. If I were in Lou's place on the football field, I would be in the same position as many of our leaders today — only a follower out in front.

On the other hand, this should be an excuse for the weak man to sit back and say, "Let Johnny do it. He's smarter than I am." At times this has happened at V. M. I., and it will continue to happen if we are not constantly on guard that it may occur. Quite frequently the aggressive, who we know are not necessarily the capable, have monopolized attention to a point where those better qualified have relegated themselves to the background, either by choice or through plain disgust. We should not delude ourselves that throughout life we will not be confronted with the bellowing of blatant demagogues. Therefore, we must realize, as we frequently do not realize, that those who lust for attention are not necessarily qualified for responsibility. There is only one single solution to this perennial problem — the men who do have the qualification must get off their haunches and assume the responsibility that is theirs.

Turning now to my second cliché: I think that it is tragically evident to our bewildered world that this time of our graduation is truly critical. I am sure that Mr. Pace or any other world leader will attest to this fact. At V. M. I. we have had such a busy world of our own that we have not been able to keep up with what has been going on outside. In fact, many of us have been more concerned, and I think rightly so, with logarithm tables or the Peleponnesian Wars than with the daily newspaper. But we are now leaving our specialized world, and our outlook must be as if it were onto a much wider screen. This applies to us individually as well as to our country as a whole. We cannot survive if we tolerate either personal or political isolationism, for the bare facts of history have shown that it is as outdated as communication by tomtoms. It should shake us out of our complacency to compare our present world neurosis with that hectic fever which Machiavelli shrewdly described: "In the beginning it is easy to cure but hard to recognize; whereas after a time, not having been detected and treated at the first, it becomes easy to recognize but impossible to cure." It is the fate of many college graduates to fall into the old "American Rut" of allowing events to happen as they will not particularly caring.

And now, Brother Rats, a word to you. Just as all of us are liable to fall into the "American Rut" of letting the other fellow assume responsibility, and lapsing into complacency — so V. M. I. graduates have their own particular chasm known as the "V. M. I. Rut." This rut is possibly a quagmire of old school sentimentality. Let me explain what I mean. As years pass after having left the Institute, alumni naturally tend to remember only the happiest things about the school

and the delightfully terrible things that happen to them as rats, both of which are excellent topics for conversation at reunions. Because of their close association as cadets and the traditions and customs of V. M. I. (all of which are, of course, an integral part of our school), the vision of alumni — observing an institute which, if it has survived and improved, must have changed — is often tinted with a kind of rosy nostalgia. Even in our four years at the Institute we have seen, as every class sees, a good many desirable alterations: A continued improvement of the physical plant, a tightening of the academic system, and quite a change in the military program. But there is one revolution we have witnessed that overshadows all these — the vitally renewed interest of the alumni in all aspects of V. M. I. Although the basic concepts upon which V. M. I. is founded will always remain the same, V. M. I. itself will change. We cannot expect V. M. I. of 1958 to be the same as it was in 1918 or 1928. Nobody would want it to be the same. For example, the V. M. I. curriculum of thirty years ago, although a highly respectable



STERLING L. WILLIAMSON

one in its time, is really only at the high school level in comparison with the curriculum we are just finishing today. The needs of our world are simply putting vastly greater demands on the intellectual preparation of today's college graduate.

I certainly do not mean to offend anyone, and especially not my father, who is sitting in this auditorium, himself a V. M. I. graduate and, as a matter of fact, the Class Valedictorian exactly thirty years ago. The parents of cadets would be the very first to want their sons to receive a better education than they.

But in order for V. M. I. to improve it must necessarily undergo some changes. Anyone who tries to keep V. M. I. the same as it was thirty years ago is certainly in the "V. M. I. Rut."

As alumni sentiments threaten to overcome our reason in our concern with V. M. I. and how the "Institute is going to Hell," it would certainly be wise of us to heed the splendid words which General of the Army George Catlett Marshall spoke on this platform two years ago, "Don't be a shallow thinker and a deep feeler." In the future don't shove proposed changes in V. M. I. out of your minds without intelligent consideration just because the changes did not appear when we were cadets or because we want always to keep V. M. I. the same as it was in 1958. We must remember that tradition and "esprit de corps," the backbone of V. M. I., have never interfered with V. M. I.'s moving forward but, on the contrary, have always accompanied progress and played a primary role in the forward steps taken by the Institute.

V. M. I. could be said to rest on three legs: (1) the Corps of Cadets, (2) the faculty, and (3) the alumni. But as with any structure of this nature the toppling of any one leg means collapse of the entire structure. We will never again be cadets. Few of us will be faculty members. All of us will be alumni.

We now belong to one common class comprised of 116 years of graduates, dedicated to this institution and all it stands for. It has been the active and unselfish participation of the great class of alumni which has upheld the Institute during its history. A continuation of the "old corps esprit" in a "new corps world" should be the basis for an even prouder V. M. I. Let us hope that when our sons are on this platform thirty years from now, the tradition of V. M. I. will be even greater and prouder, and still more difficult to uphold.

## Defense of '58 Too Mature Or Lost Its Fire?

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revised. So did the radical and conservative utopias and conspiracy theories which at first replaced that faith. It was the fate of the young people of twenty-five years ago to have to experience these disappointments and to come to grips with themselves and the world in spite of them.

Today's young people, in contrast, have grown up as the heirs of this long and painful American coming-of-age. They have known from their very beginnings that economic security is important, that they would probably never become millionaires, that neither socialism nor communism is a panacea from the free-enterprise system's deficiencies, and that the world cannot be made safe for democracy in one war or peace settlement. Would it not be remarkable if this fact were not reflected in a more realistic and moderate sense of the possible in the present younger generation?

### Modest Goals

It has, in addition, been the good fortune of these young people to be able to pursue their more modest goals in life under social and economic circumstances which, compared with those prevailing in the Nineteen Thirties, have been favorable indeed. On one hand, job opportunities for the college graduate have, until this year, been almost unlimited. On the other, through such developments as broadened access to higher education, the various types of discrimination and the increased power of organized labor, many of at least the more crying injustices which stirred the hearts and minds of the young people of a generation ago, have steadily been remedied.

The resulting, undeniable change in the expressions of the present younger generation's beliefs need not, however, as is so often implied, be taken as evidence either of a dilution of the substance of the beliefs themselves or of a weakening of the intensity with which the beliefs are held. The truth of the matter, on the contrary, is that in a number of significant ways the present youth of America, at least as represented in the country's better colleges, gives promise of a good deal more inner direction and public dedication than their elders have demonstrated.

### Lessened Influence

Consider, for example the career plans of these contemporary college men and women. A Cornell University study, based upon 7,000 interviews at twelve colleges, shows today's students to be much less influenced by the promise of financial reward than by the prospect of what they may be able to

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This, the Finals issue of the VMI CADET for 1958, is in the new size and style that will be used for the coming year. It is packed with the latest news from the Institute, complete news coverage and feature articles — you don't want to miss it.

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ginia, The Commander-In-Chief. This has been the custom since the original first class graduated.

In 1864, 259 diplomas were awarded to 14 first classmen, 64 2nd classmen, and 181 3rd and 4th classmen, upon an order from the Board of Visitors which awarded them to members of the New Market Corps who did not return. This occurred during the Finals which immediately followed the Battle of New Market, when the Corps was given its first furlough after having seen considerable action and service. This was the longest furlough ever granted up to that time; from June 22 to Sept. 1st.

With the joy of the arrival of Finals comes the ordeal of the series of parades and ceremonies every day. When we moan about so many parades and reviews it causes remarks from some of our older alumni who recall Drill and Parade every day, all week during the year. Of course we are resplendent with our 88 piece Regimental Band but, "Once upon a time," recalled one old alumnus "our band consisted of a very bowlegged fifer and a knock-kneed drummer. Neither one could keep step with the other or with any one else, but they played fine marching tunes. You could always tell a Rat by whether he was trying to keep step with the



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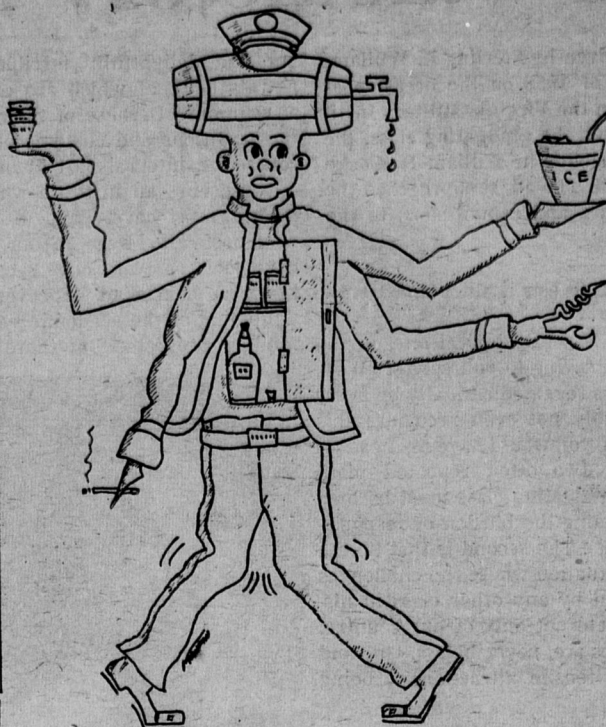
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## V. M. I.'s Party Keydet



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Did you know that once a "new cadet", accepted as mentally normal, said that he could almost "certify" that the 'Articles Of War' are a rifle, belt, and bayonet?

## DAS Tentative Listings Are Released

The Air Science has released the names of thirteen second classmen who have been designated as tentative Distinguished Air Science students.

Qualifications for this designation (continued on page 11)

## Dick Bingham To Lead Religious Aggregation

by NOLAND PIPES

With the year's activities at an end, the VMI Religious Council met and elected officials for next year. Those elected were:

President ..... Dick Bingham  
Vice-Pres. .... Noland Pipes  
Clerk ..... Sol Ratner  
Secretary ..... Len Graves  
Pro. Dir. .... Penn Whitescarver

These men will guide the Religious Council through the next year, which promises to be a busy one.

Some of next year's RC activities will be the annual Rat Picnic, the newly implemented Sunday church service in Jackson Memorial Hall; and Religious Emphasis Week.

## '58's Heed The Call

The following cadets are due to receive commissions as second lieutenants in the U. S. Army upon graduation. The branch of service to which each cadet has been assigned is shown beside each name.

Bark, Paul L. Armor  
Gwathmey, L. Arty.  
Doggett, Geo B. Arty  
Edgar, C. E. III CE  
Duker, Robert P. Inf.  
Hence, Guy R. Arm  
Kidwell, W. E. Arm  
Savage, L. H. CE  
Stilwell, J. E. Arty  
Spurrier, R. E. Inf  
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## 1958 Personnel

### Summary

**1958 PERSONNEL SUMMARY:** Lettermen lost from '57 — 11 (end Nick Evanovich; tackles Bob Rader & Martin Fisher; guards Lou Farmer, Dave Martin, Ron Swirk; center Benny Day; quarterback Duke Johnston; halfback Bob Jordan; fullbacks Sam Woolwine, Henry Shepherd)

**1st Stringers Lost from '57 — 4** (Farmer, Jordan, Johnston, Woolwine.)

**Lettermen Returning from '57 — 20** (ends Jim Sam Gillespie, Carl Kasko, Dick Evans, Tom Kurkoski; tackles Jim McFalls, Bobby Dale, Bill Kirkland; guards Nick Ruffin, Howard Moss, Lloyd Thacker, George O'Neill; centers Jerry Truman, Baxter wears a monobacks Bobby Ross, Bill Nebraska; halfbacks Sam Horner, John Engels and Art Brandiff; fullbacks Pete Johnson, Verne Keefer.)

**1st Stringers Returning — 7** (Gillespie, Kasko, McFalls, Dale, Ruffin, Borst, Horner)

**GENERAL PROSPECTUS:** Probable Strong Points — good speed among the squad of backs; better than average speed among the top linemen; two veteran lettermen at quarterback.

**Probable Weakness —** Lack of experienced backfield depth.

**Coach John McKenna** felt that his defense was ahead of his offense when Spring drills ended; one team beat the other 11 to 8 in the intra-squad game, with only one TD scored on each side. VMI will be able to start a letterman in each spot, but will not have a second unit of lettermen as was the case last Fall when they went undefeated. Much of the 1957 success was due to the second unit's veterans, who not only held their own when resting the first club, but scored several times against the tougher foes.

**Backs like Sam Horner, Johnny Engles, Pete Johnson, Art Brandiff, Ken Scott, Verne Keefer, and Joe Morabit** possess plenty of speed. Engles, who plays tennis in the Spring, is the only one not on the VMI track team. At quarterback, Bobby Ross and Bill Nebraska offer a one-two punch — both are lettermen Seniors with three years' varsity experience.

In the line, tackle Jim McFalls, an All-Southern, headlines a good first unit. Veterans Bobby Dale and Bill Kirkland will vie for the other tackle job with Nick Ruffin and Lloyd Thacker on hand for guard duty. Jim Sam Gillespie and Carl Kasko, also veterans, probably will man the end posts with co-captain Jerry Borst, an outstanding performer, available at center. Borst, Truman Baxter; quarterback behind Borst, while Tom Kurkoski & Dick Evans are lettermen at ends. George O'Neill and Howard Moss are the other lettermen at guard. If there were absolutely no injuries, the Keydet second unit would lack one halfback and one tackle of being an entirely letterman outfit.

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## PROBABLE 1958 ROSTER

### QUARTERBACKS

Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yrs. Left	Hometown
Howard Dyer	6-1	180	3	Greenville, Miss.
Phil Hamric	6-1	165	2	Lexington, Va.
Bill Nebraska*	6-2	195	1	Dunbar, Pa.
Jimmy O'Dell	5-9	167	2	Kingsport, Tenn.
Don Rishell	5-11	165	3	Mavkeyville, Pa.
Bob Ross* (Co-C)	5-9	172	1	Richmond, Va.

### HALFBACK

Art Brandiff*	6-1	180	1	Penusville, N. J.
Bill Bower	5-9	165	1	Bedford, Va.
Frank Deaner	5-10	155	3	Lynchburg Va.
Wyatt Durrette	6-0	181	3	Franklin, Va.
John Engels*	5-11	178	1	Sarasota, Fla.
Sam Horner*	6-0	188	2	Alexandria, Va.
Don Kern	5-11	185	3	Norfolk, Va.
Joe Morabit	5-10	178	2	Butler, Pa.
Ken Scott	5-11	180	2	Wilkinsburg, Pa.

### FULLBACK

Pete Johnson*	6-2	196	1	Roanoke, Va.
Verne Keefer*	6-1	184	1	Lynchburg, Va.
Bill Lackey	5-10	175	3	Lexington, Va.
Jim True	5-11	182	1	Lawrence, Pa.

### CENTERS

Lee Badgett	6-1	188	3	Bellville, Ill.
Truman Baxter*	6-1	192	1	Norfolk, Va.
Jerry Borst* CoC	6-1	198	1	Pitcairn, Pa.
Herschel Murray	6-0	200	3	Ashland, Ky.

### GUARDS

Bob Duncan	5-10	175	3	Culpeper, Va.
Bill Haerberlein	5-10	205	3	Havertown, Pa.
Chris Koumparakis	5-9	180	2	Martinsville, Va.
Howard Moss*	5-11	194	2	Richmond, Va.
Bill Powell	6-0	185	3	Front Royal, Va.
Nick Ruffin*	6-0	201	1	Petersburg, Va.
Lou Shuba	5-10	186	3	Washington, Pa.
George O'Neill*	5-11	201	1	Wilmington, Del.
Lloyd Thacker*	5-10	193	1	Staunton, Va.

### TACKLES

Martin Caples	6-2	204	3	Princeton, N.J.
Ken Coates	6-0	206	3	Seymour, Ind.
Bobby Dale*	6-1	207	1	Richmond, Va.
Rod Hollowell	6-0	204	3	Portsmouth Va.
Bill Kirkland*	6-0	206	1	Abington, Va.
Jim McFalls*	6-3	223	1	Sturgeon, Pa.
Mike Ondos	6-0	205	2	Library, Pa.
Ken Patrick	6-0	193	3	Hampton, Va.
Bob Polk	6-1	197	3	Norfolk, Va.
Jon Quinn	6-1	205	2	Wilmington, Del.
Len Bush	6-2	215	3	Washville, Pa.
Larry Wetsel	6-3	194	3	Warrenton, Va.

### ENDS

Tom Daniel	5-11	177	2	Bristol, Va.
Dick Evans*	6-2	190	2	Wilmerding, Pa.
Jim Sam Gillespie*	6-2	188	1	Pound Mill, Va.
Carl Kasko*	6-0	198	1	McKees Rocks, Pa.
Tom Inge	6-1	182	1	Kenbridge, Va.
Lou Kiger	6-3	179	3	Brookville, Va.
Tom Kurkoski*	6-3	211	2	Endicott, N. Y.
Ken Legum	6-1	180	3	Virginia Beach, Va.
Ron Scott	6-2	189	3	Roanoke, Va.
Dick Weede	6-3	180	3	Falls Church, Va.

\*—Indicates Lettermen

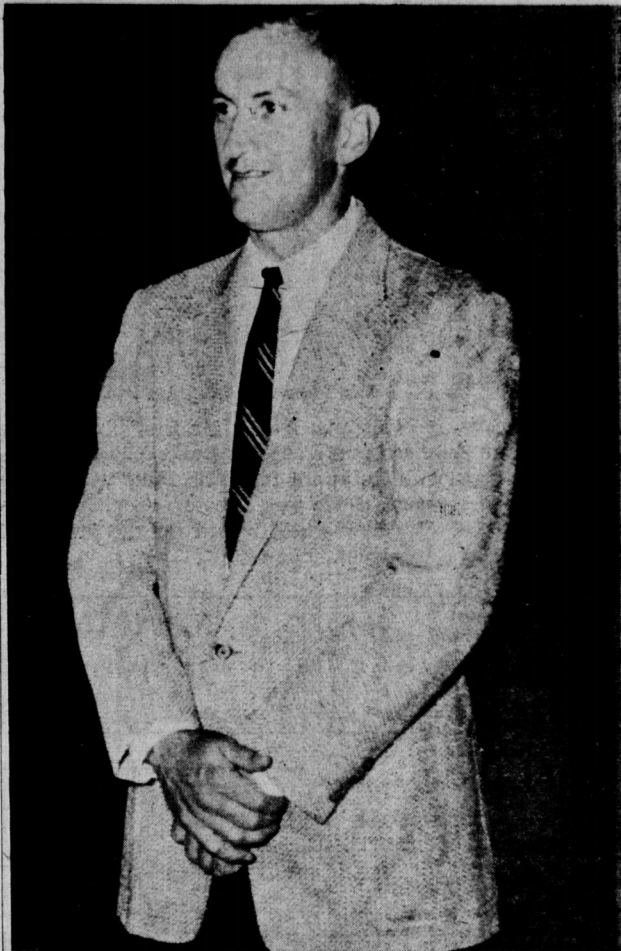
### 1958 Schedule

- Sept. 20 — Morehead State, here.  
Sept. 27 — Villanova, there.  
Oct. 4 — Richmond, here.  
Oct. 11 — \*Wm. & Mary, Blue field.  
Oct. 18 — Tampa (Nite) there.  
Oct. 25 — \*Davidson, there.  
Nov. 1 — Virginia, Norfolk.  
Nov. 8 — Lehigh, Lynchburg.  
Nov. 15 — \*The Citadel, there.  
Nov. 27 — \*Va. Tech, Roanoke.  
\*—Southern Conference Games.

### 1957 Results

VMI—7—Tampa	0
VMI—21—Holy Cross	21
VMI—28—Richmond	6
VMI—26—Davidson	14
VMI—14—*Wm. & Mary	13
VMI—26—*G. Washington	20
VMI—20—Virginia	7
VMI—12—Lehigh	7
VMI—33—Citadel	7
VMI—14—Virginia Tech	6
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## NEW BASKETBALL COACH



LOUIS F. (WEEENIE) MILLER

## Miller Sets Goal As Entering Cagers Into SC Tourney

The first goal for Louis (Weenie) Miller, who has been named VMI's basketball and baseball coach, is to get the Keydet cagers into the Southern Conference Tournament — something that has been accomplished only twice in the past 15 years.

A fellow with a knack of getting a lot from a little, Miller moves cross-town from Washington and Lee to replace Jackie Null, who has resigned. Miller received a three-year contract and a promise of increased VMI athletic aid for basketball.

"We're not anticipating any miracles" Miller said "but we're really going to shoot for a tourney berth. We'll have most of last year's team (4-17) coming back, but the lack of height will be the chief problem."

It's reported that the VMI Athletic office is prepared to increase its basketball aid from one scholarship to five. Although his VMI appointment isn't effective until July

does he miss more than five out of ten.

As a Rat, Ralph averaged nine points a game. In his third class year he pulled this average up to about thirteen points a game with hot nights against Furman and Louisiana. This past year he averaged about fifteen points a game and this performance got him on the All S. C. Team. Next year the team is expecting about a twenty point average from him.

When Ralph graduates in June 1959, he plans to enter the Regular Marine Corps and make it his career. This summer he will go to Quantico for six weeks training in the PLC's. Last summer he ranked second in his platoon. Next year he will be a platoon lieutenant in Echo Company.

1, Miller's agenda calls for a recruiting trip next week.

At W&L, where he coached one year, Miller's team finished with a 9-16 record and barely missed qualifying for the eighth and final tourney berth. Miller said he was leaving non-subsidized W&L because "VMI offers a better opportunity for a coach." At W&L part of his time had to be devoted to the physical education program.

This will be Miller's third stop as a head coach in the Old Dominion. Before going to W&L, Miller coached two seasons (both winning ones) at Hampden-Sydney, finishing with a 30-24 cage record. His basketball teams at H-S won the Mason-Dixon championship twice, compiling an over-all 25-10 record. At W&L this season, his baseball team finished 5-9, including an upset of Big Six champ Richmond.

The 36-year-old Miller, a native of Richmond, was an allround athlete at the University of Richmond. He served four years as a Spider assisted coach and has coached in the high school ranks at Glen Allen and Hermitage. In addition to his basketball and baseball duties, "Miller will serve on John McKenna's grid staff until the start of basketball practice on October 15.

A fire-brand coach who thrives on hustle, Miller figures to fit into VMI's scheme exceptionally well. The Keydet's top three scorers of last season — Ralph Lawson, Lee Southard and Chuck Cotton — return, but there isn't a man taller than 6-5 on the squad. Any prospects Miller recruits won't be eligible for varsity play under the new SC rules until their sophomore year. "It'll take us a while to get going," Miller says, "but I'm confident that I'll be able to build up the program."



# Johnston, Cunningham Top Athletes

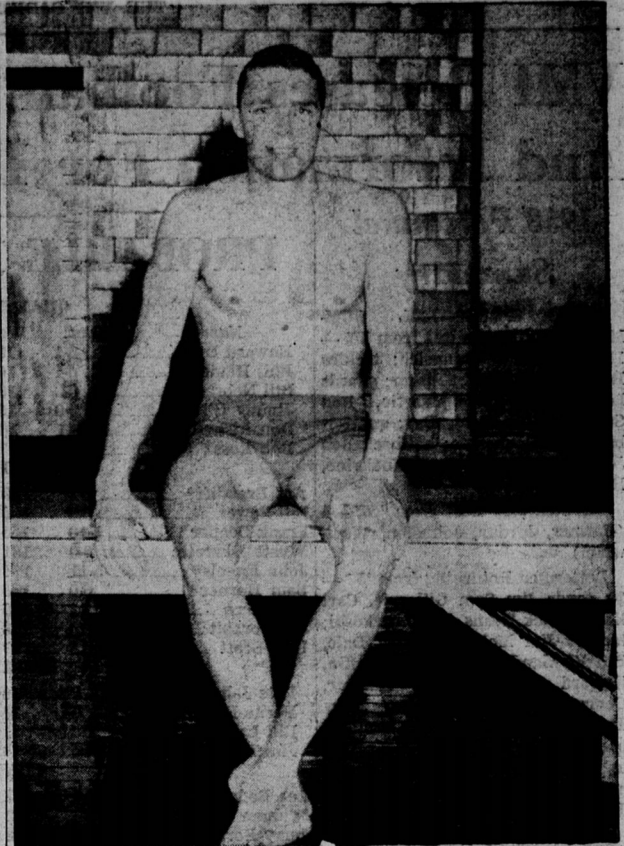


Shown above, receiving the trophy for first place in the javelin in the Southern Conference, is Duke Johnston. Winner of the Major Athlete award for 1958, Duke was both a football and track star. Duke was elected co-captain of the track team, and set a new school record for the javelin of 196 ft. 6 inches at this meet.

## Johnston Is Major, Cunningham Minor

Two years ago there was a fellow who had ambitions of being first string quarterback on the football team. Probably through lack of skill and poise, he did not make the first string. As a matter of fact, two freshmen beat him out in the position. This is quite belittling and the normal fellow would no doubt be extremely jealous and offer all sorts of excuses covering up his degradation. This is where that latent form of nobility came in the picture. It plays an extremely important part in this fellow's comeback. Instead of giving his young rivals an extra elbow in the ribs in the scrimmages, or making up tales that would tend to debunk them he kept his mouth quiet and worked hard trying to develop the necessary attributes which would get his position back. Vow do you see this form of nobility. It can be many things: Initiative, diligence, willingness, humility and the desire to improve. These are the weapons Duke Johnston used to battle his way past two lettermen for the starting duties.

Duke is a first class civil engineer from New Castle, New Jersey, and unlike other athletes, he holds the rank of Cadet Captain. Not only in the scorebooks does he excel, but also in the minds of his officials and authorities who have rated him one of the best quarterbacks in Virginia.



Pictured above, in one of his relaxed moments, is Jack Cunningham, winner of the Minor Athlete award for 1958. Jack was co-captain of the swimming team.

Jack Cunningham may attest that he, in his career of swimming here at VMI, has swum more than a thousand miles. Thus the career of so great a swimmer started some four years ago, and throughout these few and relatively short years Jack has truly lived up to the standards that so mark a great athlete.

Jack was elected as co-captain of the Swimming Team this year, and has, along with winning points, inspired his fellow teammates with that determined desire to win. And win they did, as this team took the Southern Conference Championship, climaxing one of the best years in sports that VMI has seen.

Jack Cunningham holds many records in the fifty and the hundred yard freestyle events, among them being pool and state records, and one, the Big Six Record for 1958 in the hundred yard freestyle event. Jack swam this in 53 seconds and 5 tenths.

Home to Jack is Roanoke, Virginia. After trying a few courses here at VMI, Jack finally settled down and chose Biology. If he pursues life as hard as he did sports, then Jack may also hold a few records there.

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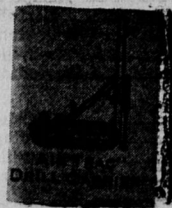
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# Hyatt Receives Massie Track Award

## First Presentation Is Given In Honor Of Hardin K. Massie

"O. E." Hyatt has been named the recipient of the first annual Hardin K. Massie track and field award. This award is presented to the cadet best exemplifying the VMI spirit in track.

Onza, who was the choice of his teammates for this award, received unanimous approval from the committee appointed to select the winner. The committee was composed of head track coach Major Walter Cormack, the registrar Col. Barksdale, and Col. Heflin.

The winner was chosen not only on his abilities as high point man but on his merits as best fighting man on the team. Coach Cormack said Hyatt "has never quit in a race during his four years at VMI".

Onza will receive a silver card tray and his name will be placed on a plaque where-on all future winners of this award will likewise have their name engraved.

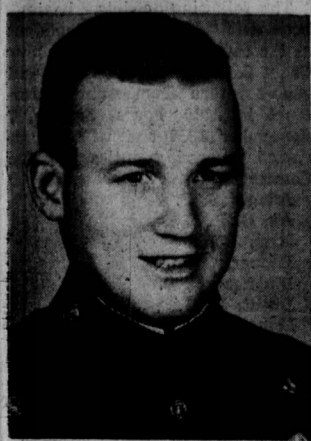
This award is sponsored by Mr.

Massie's son-in-law Mr. William T. Miner, Jr. as a tribute to Mr. Massie's interest in VMI, particularly track. Mr. Massie was one of the originators of track at VMI.

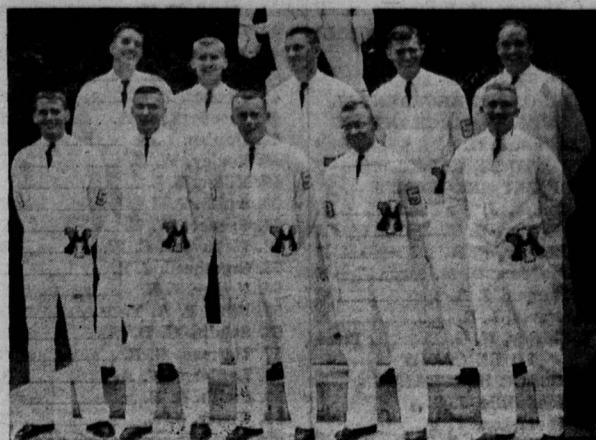
Onza, who was co-captain of the 1952 VMI track team, hails from Handley High School in Winchester, Va. where he lettered in track and football. While at the Institute he has attained a position of respect and friendship from his fellow cadets. Onza has been a member of the track squad for four years, a cadet waiter, member of the O. G., A. Sports Editor of the CADET, treasurer of the Lutheran Club, and co-captain of the track team. Besides these activities Onza has maintained a high academic average.

Upon graduation "O. E." has plans for a little bell ringing, altar walking, and rice collecting. As extra curricular activities Onza will work for duPont, however, the Air Force has beckoned, and he will also offer a few years to the blue.

While he will be sorely missed when the track team hits the cinders next year, it is proud to have "O. E." Hyatt represent them as the "first" annual H. K. Massie award winner.



Pictured above is John Engels, who has been selected Captain of the V. M. I. Tennis Team for the school year of 1952-1953.



Pictured above are the co-captains of V. M. I. for the coming year. Front row, left to right, Bill Old, Swimming; Ralph Lawson, Baseball; Bill Drake, Baseball; Harry Ray, Track; Bobby Ross, Football. Back row, Lee Southard, Basketball; Bob Haines, Swimming; Don Basham, Wrestling; Danny Coogan, Track; Jerry Borst, Football. These men have set a high standard of performance as athletes this year, being partially responsible for Big Six Championships and Southern Conference Championships in football, track, and swimming.

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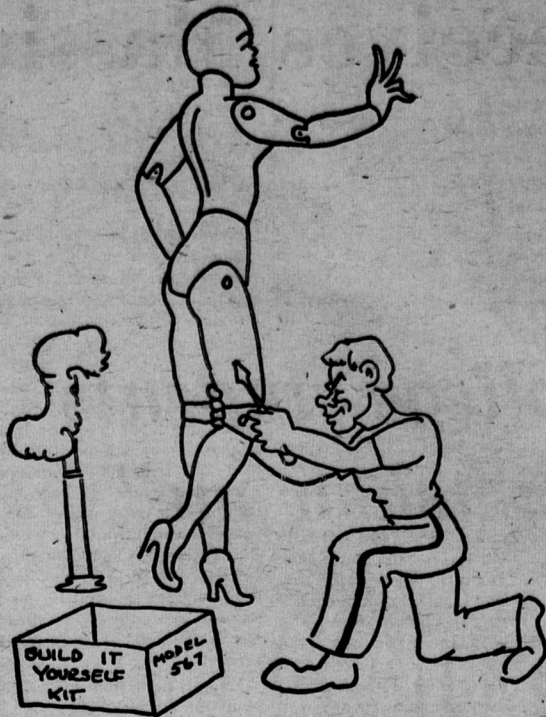
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- 9. Ax, G. R. D
- 10. Quinn, J. A. E
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- 12. Bisset, D. G. B
- 13. Miller, G. P. A
- 14. Seeley, J. W. F
- 15. Foxwell, V. W. Bd
- 16. Spiczuz, T. J. D
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## New Cadet Cadre Detail Announced By Commandant

The following cadets, having been detailed by the Commandant as the cadre to constitute the New Cadet Battalion in September, will report return from summer furlough by 2100 hours Sunday, 7 September 1958 and will be assigned processing duties by the Commandant:

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Sommers, R. A.  
Spencer, R. W.

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Sprinkle, H. B.  
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## Class Privileges

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stricted (cadet may have academic deficiency, but not confinement or tours) per semester has been only slightly reduced. In the future, first classmen will have four restricted and one semi-restricted each semester. The administration's final decision to decrease the number of available first class weekends was predicated partly on an extensive study which showed the average first classmen uses slightly less than five of his available seven (formerly) weekends per semester.

The second class weekends, now four restricted and four semi-restricted per year, have been reduced slightly also. Second classmen now will have four restricted and two semi-restricted weekends per year.

The weekends of the third and fourth classes remain unchanged. The Honor List furlough of four days per semester and the Cadre furlough, four days per school year, remain as they are also.

Advertising furloughs will be granted in the future on a system which has been used on a trial basis by the BOMB this year. After this system has been formalized, it will be applied to both publications.

One of the reasons given for reducing the number of weekends for the first and second classes is the fact that members of these classes, particularly the first, are needed on post and in Lexington on weekends to enforce their responsibility of maintaining the appearance and discipline of the Corps.

### Civilian Clothes

Suggestions concerning the civilian clothes privileges of the first class also were made. The final resolve was that first class-

men be denied the privilege of leaving and entering barracks in civilian clothing for the first semester of next year, renewal of the present privilege being dependent upon a strict enforcement of the new privilege by the first class through the General Committee.

### Class Responsibility

General Milton stressed several times the fact that these changes were being made in the better interests of the Corps of Cadets. Discipline here at VMI, he said, may obviously be one of two systems: (1) a strict policing of the appearance and social behavior of the cadets by the Commandant and his tactical staff; or (2) an upholding of the standards of the Corps by the first class, in return for which its members receive the privileges for which they have striven three years. The latter system, he said emphatically, is preferable, not only from a standpoint of tradition, but also from the point of view of the class loyalty on which VMI is founded. The former arrangement, which would necessitate such radical changes as rooming by company (which the Commandant and the Superintendent disapprove of), would dissolve that unity of classes.

As long as the first class is aware of its responsibility in leading the appearance and behavior of the Corps, he said, on and off post, and especially in Rockbridge County, the administration promises full support to its members.

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said "an opportunity to use my special abilities," while only 10 per cent stressed "earning a good deal of money."

### No Political Militancy

Nor is it correct to cite the present younger generation's lack of political militancy as proof that its members are any less deeply committed to the principles of their American heritage than were their parents. In a more conventional sense, it is true they are unpolitical. The perennial "battle" between Republicans and Democrats and radicals and conservatives means very little to them; nor do they easily become agitated over the alleged moral superiority of the American position on this or that issue before the United Nations. But the important thing

to notice is why they are thus inclined. The reason, largely, is that they believe these traditional policies to be less and less meaningful and, as a result, find it more and more difficult to feel touched by them.

But if, on the other hand, the issue be one which they are convinced is truly of relevance, their response can be heartening indeed. There could be no more convincing illustration of this fact than the sense of improvement, outrage, and agonized helplessness that swept the country's college campuses during the Hungarian revolt.

"What can we do?" the cry rang out. In one of my classes, in a straw vote requested by several of the students, 70 per cent of those present declared their willingness to volunteer, if only it were possible without precipitating World War III.

I have found the same readiness to respond to what seems really to matter to them in intellectual life. In a recent, undergraduate seminar which I conducted on "The United States and Sub-Sahara Africa," for example, not one of the score of participating students failed to develop a very real sense of personal concern. Without exception, their research papers gave evidence of the most serious minded effort.

### The Truth

Above all, they want the truth — whether about God, democracy, communism, or what makes them and their parents tick. They are, to the limits of what they believe is realistically possible, determined to do their best but at the same time to live without false hopes, without unwarranted fears, and without apologizing, either to themselves or to anyone else, for being what they are.

Whether well-meaning but hasty parents recognize it or not, these American youths have NOT lost their fire. All that has happened is that they have become too mature merely to show it off, feel selfrighteous about it or play with it.

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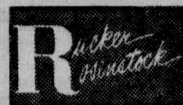


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