

**From Our Foreign Correspondent**

**In The Basement**

By DILLARD MORROW

Many people wonder where great athletes come from and I'm here to tell you. Everyone that knows anything about the Gardner-Webb campus knows where Decker Hall is. Therefore everyone who knows where Decker Hall is knows or has heard of the notorious Basement Rats.

Heading the list of "Rats" is the president of the Basement, Jim "Muskr-Rat" Johnson. President Johnson is followed closely by "Will the Silliv" Carter. The last news flash that this pawlover received was that the New York knicker-bockers were trying to draft Carter.

The latest member of the "Rat" is Harold Hicks—This great athlete arrived on the scene so as the sports minded men could study him. Has anyone come up with a solution yet?

Clark Hoyle, the hall porter, would be classified as the co-captain of the crew since he is the floor walker—shucks! I meant to say floor man. "Quiet man" Hoyle played with a basketball team up in the foothills while he was in high school. Here he made quiet a name for himself as he broke the school's scoring record of three points per game, scoring a total of six points as he participated in only one-and-a-half games.

Ronald Ballard is next in line—Not much to say about Ballard, except he won the Basement Championship Tournament in checkers.

Landon Deal! Here is one of the most colorful characters in the line-up. Little Deal is a demon on the football field, the basketball court, and the baseball field—slow down Deal, I can't type that fast. Deal's ambition is to quit the sports world and be a Humphrey Bogart in the movies.

Seeing as how everyone would expect the basement to have the best in everything, I might add that our managers, Larry Mosteller and Bill Ashley, are the best. Larry's future

**Library Notes**

Miss Jessie P. DeShong, college librarian, recently released the following list of best selling books of 1956 which were added to the Gardner-Webb library.

Anderson, Marian, "My Lord, What a Morning, Viking Press. The famous contralto tells of her long struggle to become a concert singer. A genuine expression of a great artist and public figure.

Cemar, C. W., "The Secret of the Hittites", Knopf Archology's exciting rediscovery of the powerful Hittite empire, lost to history for three thousand years.

Churchill, Winston, "A History of the English Speaking Peoples", Dodd, A memorable history, and an enduring record of our common race; illuminated by flashes of genius, character and style.

Forester, Cecil S., "The Age of Fighting Sail; The Story of the Naval War of 1812, Doubleday.

Mastery account of great sea-fights by a first rate storyteller turned historian.

Kendall, Paul M., "Richard the Third", Norton, Sound scholarship and a distinguished style characterize this definitive biography of the enigmatic King Richard III.

The preceding list was compiled from the February issue of the A.L.A. Bulletin. This is only a partial list of the many new books which were added to the library in 1956.

work is in the field of flower arranging and Bill is going to help him.

Phillip Bradley is the mascot. As for coaches, we have the greatest in Wyman Hamrick and Ted Tomblin. Coach Tomblin just informed me that I would have to cut his short and get my rest. I have to run the 18 mile race tomorrow—we don't go in for this one-mile stuff.

Dixon Carroll, — Dixon doesn't play any kind of sport, he just keeps the lady fans attentive. Anything else you want me to say Dixon?

As for me, I just left for Africa, but for my own safety after the Rats read this.

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

By Dillard Morrow Sports Editor

Will Carolina make through to the National Championships? Did you get wounded in spring training? How's the old batting eye? These are a few of the questions going around the C. W. campus these days and rightly so since Carolina is doing o.k. for themselves and many of the gridiron hopefuls are holding their backs and every sunny day you can hear the popping of a mitt and the crack of a baseball bat.

Spring training gave us a last look at some of the boys who will be leaving this year and a first look at the material entering school next fall.

Lawrence Matheny could contribute a notable gift to the institution if he would donate his spooter to the athletic dept. Coach Harris wore a path out walking from the high school gym where his baseball players were working out to the football field to check on the progress there.

May we at this point congratulate Dean Bridges on his being picked the Best Sportsman in the basketball tournament at Spruce Pine last month. Many of the local fans are still puzzled about the fact that Dean was left off the All-Tournament squad. Well, the ball bounces funny sometimes.

Congratulates are in order for the entire basketball squad as they took third place in the tournament. In the words of Confucius (Paul Cline), "We had one of the best basketball teams; the Best Coaches; the Best Manager; and the Best Scorekeeper". Of course there are no trophies for Best Manager and Scorekeeper; Paul, but if there were, "He" would have carried them off.

Versatile Jackie Reavis answered a question that many of the sophomores are wondering about these days; the question—Where are you going to school next year? Well, the Jack came through in the form as usual with "anywhere I can get it". Reminds me of the coach trying to get this dumb football player a passing grade on a test. The question asked the young hero was this: How much is 7 & 7? The answer came in a quick reply as the hero mumbled "That's 13". The teacher said no that's wrong and Coach said, "Can't you count that one right, he just missed it by 3".

As you people read this little bit of information about a little bit of everything you might put forth this exclamation, "Where did he learn to write trash like this?" May I leave this with you, I'll leave it anyway. Too many men develop and feed inferiority complexes in the presence of more intellectual colleagues. But listen carefully, learn and you realize that what Bill Rogers said is most certainly true: Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

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LET'S HIT OUR MARK!

**Diamond Dust**

By DILLARD MORROW

As baseball season nears, all avid baseball fans will be looking to see who will be on the Gardner-Webb squad. We of the sports desk are going to run brief notes on each player in each issue. Some of the comments will come after the season starts; however, we hope you enjoy this series of articles.

James Husey: Marshall High School—second base—pitched in h.s.—a four year man in high school and had a 404 batting average. Wake Forest.

Don Miller: Thomasville High School—Centerfield—four years of high school ball and one year of legion—306 batting average in h.s. East Carolina or UNC.

**SKELETONS IN DECKER HALL'S CLOSETS**

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that they were the worst of enemies but in actuality they were the best of friends.

Other well known names were those of "Sleepy" Harrill, Bob Porter, Henry Fugle, Gary Hook, Al Kincaid, Harold Matthews, and Melton Stabler. All of these were known for their various personalities inside Decker Hall and, well, you name it!

Oops! Almost forgot Grady Thomas, Ernie Byerly, and Jimmy Moore. "The Dirty Fourth" of a

Paul Cline: Cranerton High School—catcher—four years of high school ball and one year of legion—300 average—A.S.T.C.

Floyd Wright: Waco High School—1st base—four years of high school and three years of legion ball—pitcher—400 batting average—W.C.C.

Harold Flemmons: Old Port High School—four years of high school ball and three years of legion ball—catcher—batting average 412 undecided.

Gary Cannon: Belmont High School—catcher—four years of High School ball and also played legion ball—808 batting average—Transfer from Carolina—undecided.

Jackie Reavis: Angier High School—outfield—four years of high school ball—350 average—anywhere can get in.

Doen? they were called. They were too!

There was "Prof" Moseley and his assistant "Prof" John Teiminger or "Frosty"yers the ladies preferred to call him. Never could figure out why.

Late most any evening we could hear the roar of car engines as Wade Plaster in her yellow "CAD" convertible and Jim Messick, the hot-rodder died of Decker Hall, lined up behind the door for a drag race around the campus.

Speaking of drugs, I think I have dragged this out long enough.

John Gladden  
Class of '54

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