

# ABOUT THAT GOPHERBALL

After the American and National League pennants have been won, the remaining games accomplish little but to decide first or second division finishes and establish individual player records. Last Thursday night Detroit pitcher, Denny McLain went into the record books with his 31st victory as the winningest pitcher of the year.

McLain's 31st win also saw another record established when aging Yankee, Mickey Mantle hit a McLain pitch for his 55th career homer, breaking his tie with Jimmy Foxx and giving him undisputed possession of third place in the all-time major league home run listing.

What with election year investigations being conducted, many into subjects of little importance, we think the whispers that McLain deliberately tossed Mantle a gopher ball merit the attention of a blue-ribbon

Consider the facts as reported by observers at the scene. After getting two strikes and no balls, Mantle signaled, with a hand motion, for a chest-high pitch. When Mc-

LaIn responded, Mantle promptly clubbed it into the top deck seats. Now Detroit was leading so it's possible that McLain got a little careless. Maybe McLain figured that Mantle had slowed down and wouldn't be able to hit his high, fast scorching down the middle. But there are rumors that McLain, knowing about Mantle's home run tie with Foxx, and being ahead, threw his hero a gopher ball, one that Mantle automatically would blast into the next county.

The situation is so muddly that this station is calling for an investigation to clear baseball's good name. Our candidates for the committee are Frank Sinatra, Senator Everett Dirksen, and Dizzy Dean. While these are all show folks they are all good sports who will tell it like it is. We believe that such a committee would come up with the only possible verdict—that Mickey Mantle and Denny McLain are two of the greatest sportsmen this country has ever produced and anyone who says anything to the contrary should have his score card confiscated.

## An Opinion

Richard Nixon is the only man who can bring a change in our American government. He is free to become President and put his own policies into action. Hubert Humphrey is bound by the Democratic platform and cannot stray away from it. He is tied by his actions in the Johnson's administration to continue these same policies. Humphrey, if elected President, would not and could not change the current big government control

of our country.

Richard Nixon is not bound by these programs. Nixon has done more traveling around the world than any of the other candidates. He is truly a man who knows world politics. He offers the best chance of bringing an end to the Viet-Nam war, inflation, and crime. Richard Nixon was Vice-President under the Eisenhower Administration that brought a truce in the Korean War.

## "MOCK" Election Urged

We students are a part of what could be the most dynamic "younger generation" in the history of our States. Poverty, Racism, and Vietnam are consistently the targets of fiery attacks by the youth who struggle to "tell it like it is".

The national spotlight is now turned to politics. As we watch the sparkling clash of eager candidates—particularly through the introduction of a third party—many of us have become reluctant to take a stand. Though most of us can claim a favorite, we are

(generally) too ignorant to voice the basis of our preference.

The awareness of this "general ignorance" has prompted the Pilot (in conjunction with the Student Government and the Phi Theta Kappa) to strongly urge active participation in a unified campus "mock" election. Campus political parties in full swing, with debates and platform speeches, would greatly increase our knowledge of current political affairs.



Bobby Richardson chats with students Wanda Suddreth and Skipper Queen.

## Bobby Richardson Visits G-W Campus

Bobby Richardson, former second baseman for the New York Yankees, spent a busy evening at the G-W campus September 17, the second anniversary of Bobby Richardson Day in New York.

Richardson spoke to various groups at the gym with the G-W baseball team, in a supper with the Alpha Nu Omega, and before a packed auditorium during the Tuesday night meeting of the Grady Wilson Crusade.

Gardner-Webb is one of many places visited by Richardson as he travels across the United States in personal testimony to Christ, Richardson, who thrills to talk with youth, said that he has been inspired by other Christian athletes he has known.

Accompanying Bobby Richardson were Billie Zeoli, president of Gospel Films, Inc. Zeoli, who has spoken to many national baseball clubs, addressed members of the Alpha Nu Omega. "The major thing of life is sharing with people what, to me, life is," stated Zeoli.

After playing his last game two years ago, Bobby Richardson has traveled extensively helping to establish chapters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

## Drama Divison Goes Barefoot

The Gardner-Webb drama division is in the process of preparing four marvelously exciting evenings of entertainment. This year's fall production is the fabulously funny Broadway hit, *Barbarella* in the Park by Neil Simon.

Katie Duffey from Durham, South Carolina portrays the lawyer husband, Paul Bratton.

Corie's lively mother is none other than veteran actress, Janet Whisman from Asheville.

Adding French charm to the show is Victor Velasco, Broadway actor, and a native of Roanoke, Va.

Ed Solomon of Kannapolis acts as the telephone man and Mark Austin from Greensboro portrays the breathless delivery man.

## OMG Houses Art Display

Dr. Calvin T. Smith, M.D., is presently offering a one-act show on the G-W campus through October 6 in the O. Max Gardner Building. The opening night of the show Dr. Smith presented a film after which special guests, students, and artists joined in a discussion of modern art.

Dr. Smith's major works are in steel, cast iron, and bronze, and have been shown in the Greenville Arts Festivals of 1965 and '66, as well as in juried shows sponsored by the Southern Association of Sculptors and the Greenville Art Association.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Smith attended the public schools of Asheville and graduated from Wake Forest College in '51.

'55 he obtained his M.D. degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine. His education did not begin serious attempts at sculpture until '65.

## Political Poll favors Nixon

The year 1968 will be a very important year in deciding how our American government will be run. On November 5, Americans will choose 435 Representatives, 35 Senators, and a President.

For the past eight years, our country has followed a rather liberal course. Only four years ago a conservative candidate for President lost by a landslide. We find in 1968 that the mood of the American people is just the reverse. Major polls show that Richard Nixon will win the Presidency. Mr. Nixon likes to consider himself as a "moderate," but past actions and his current speeches show that he leans toward the conservative side. George Wallace has recently been picking up support in the polls. Can Hubert Humphrey match Truman's surprise win? Or do you know about that?

The Vietnam War and Law and Order are two major issues which confront the American people. How do these candidates stand on these issues? Do you know?

With the Presidential election only about a month away, Richard Nixon holds a 29% lead over one of his rival candidates. In a PILOT poll taken on Gardner-Webb campus, Nixon's biggest threat is George Wallace. Hubert Humphrey came in third with 12% of those polled.

The poll was taken from 180 sophomores and 145 freshmen. Male students are split between Nixon and Wallace, while Nixon gets most of his strength from female students. The girls prefer him 2 to 1 over Wallace, and 3 to 1 over Humphrey.

Here is a break down of student choices:  
Nixon 54% Humphrey 12% Wallace 34%

Sophomores:  
Nixon Humphrey Wallace  
Males 52% 4% 44%  
Females 60% 20% 20%

Freshmen:  
Nixon Humphrey Wallace  
Males 42% 11% 47%  
Females 56% 12% 32%

## SGA Plans For Fall

The Student Government has been busy planning entertainment for the fall semester. The S. G. A. plans to "even up" the month of October with a "Powderpuff Game" on the 31st. This is the annual grid battle between the freshmen and the sophomore girls. The winning dorms in football intramurals will also be announced, along with the crowning of "Miss Powderpuff 1968". This will be sponsored by the Women's Physical Education Department and the Women's Affairs Board.

On Thursday, October 24,

## G-W Professors Guest Lecturers

Three Gardner-Webb College professors have served as guest lecturers this summer in graduate courses at Carolina universities.

Lansford Jolley, head of the Social Science Department, taught Social and Cultural History of Western Civilization for Western Carolina University's extension in Asheville from July 15-26; James H. Rash, head of the Art Department, taught in an art seminar at the University of South Carolina in Columbia during July and Keith F. Griggs, assistant director of the Computer Science Courses, lectured on the Scientific Basis of Physical Education at Appalachian State University. The lecture related physical education to the computer sciences.

The Purpose of this meeting is to inform you students of the recent change in the draft laws...