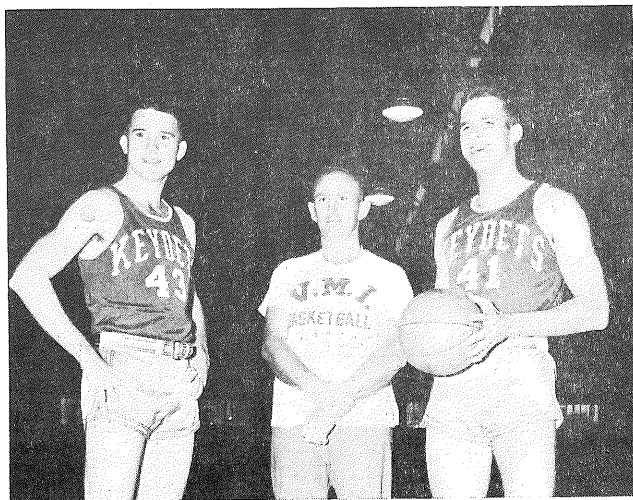


VMI



Co-Captains Jerry Lawson (left) and Roy Quinn with Head Coach "Weenie" Miller

BASKETBALL —

Featuring

THE KEYDET "KID-DETS"

1959-60 SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	*William and Mary	Home
Dec. 5	Bridgewater	Away
Dec. 8	*George Washington	Home
Dec. 10	Hampden-Sydney	Home
Dec. 14	*West Virginia	Away
Dec. 18-19	All-America Tournament in Owensboro, Ky.	
Jan. 6	Virginia	Home
Jan. 9	*The Citadel	Away
Jan. 11	*Davidson	Away
Jan. 16	*Richmond	Away
Jan. 19	*Va. Tech	Home
Feb. 1	*West Virginia	Bluefield
Feb. 5	*The Citadel	Home
Feb. 9	*Davidson	Home
Feb. 11	*George Washington	Away
Feb. 12	*William and Mary	Away
Feb. 15	*Richmond	Home
Feb. 19	*Va. Tech	Away
Feb. 25-27	So. Conference	Richmond

NOTE: Others in All-America Tournament—Kentucky Wesleyan, Southern Illinois, and East Tennessee State.

JUST A YEAR AGO . . .

1958-59 VARSITY STATISTICS

Name	Games	FGAtt.	FG	Pct.	FTAtt.	FT	Pct.	RB	RB Aver.	Pts.	Aver.
Chuck Cotton	17	239	99	.410	97	74	.763	135	7.9	272	16.0
Ralph Lawson	18	213	79	.372	80	68	.850	80	4.4	226	12.6
Frank Oley*	18	164	62	.378	88	51	.580	113	6.3	175	9.7
Lee Southard	17	191	68	.356	54	38	.704	99	5.8	174	10.2
Dave Goode	18	108	44	.407	25	11	.440	41	2.3	99	5.5
Jerry Lawson*	17	125	39	.312	23	18	.783	93	5.5	96	5.6
Roy Quinn*	12	61	23	.377	26	17	.654	37	3.1	63	5.3
Otis Pool*	10	19	7	.369	19	12	.632	8	.8	26	2.6
Jim French*	3	7	1	.143	4	4	1.000	3	1.0	6	2.0
OTHERS		6			2			8			
Team Rebounds								90			
VMI TOTALS	18	1133	422	.372	418	293	.701	707	39.3	1137	63.2
OPP. TOTALS	18	1259	534	.424	434	282	.649	1010	56.1	1350	75.0

*Indicates players returning this season

1958-59 FRESHMAN STATISTICS

	G	FG	FTA	FT	Pct.	Fouls	Pts.	Aver.
Norman Halberstadt	13	140	61	31	.508	41	311	24.7
Gene Lazaroff	13	115	93	73	.785	36	303	23.3
Weldon Eddins	13	86	45	39	.867	27	211	16.2
Joe Gedro	10	36	42	32	.762	32	104	10.4
Dick Fravel	5	17	13	9	.692	11	43	8.6
Jack Lammert	7	15	5	5	1.000	18	35	5.0
Tommy Jenkins	5	2	6	6	1.000	7	10	2.0
OTHERS		22	36	19	.528	32	63	
VMI TOTALS	13	433	301	214	.711	204	1080	83.1
OPP. TOTALS	13	374	295	220	.746	186	968	74.5

'58-'59 Star Chuck Cotton draws a foul during the big upset of Virginia Tech.

THE 1958-59 RECORD

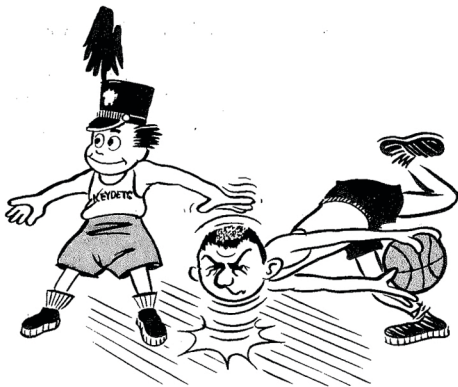
VMI 71	West Virginia	82	VMI 68	Hampden-Sydney	78
VMI 63	Bridgewater	54	VMI 81	Va. Tech	78
VMI 84	Hampden-Sydney	65	VMI 61	Richmond	70
VMI 39	Richmond	82	VMI 60	William & Mary	86
VMI 69	William & Mary	82	VMI 46	The Citadel	47
VMI 81	Roanoke College	63	VMI 64	Davidson	60
VMI 36	The Citadel	47	VMI 66	Virginia	85
VMI 70	Davidson	75	VMI 55	West Virginia	99
VMI 63	Geo. Washington	79	VMI 60	Va. Tech	118

Won 5, Lost 13.

THE 1959-60 ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Home Town
Weldon Eddins	G	19	5-9	145	Soph.	Arlington
Dick Evans	F	21	6-2	185	Senior	Wilmerding, Pa.
Dick Fravel	C	20	6-5	190	Soph.	Plain City, Ohio
Jim French*	C	21	6-1	175	Senior	Thorpe, W. Va.
Joe Gedro	F	20	6-4	190	Soph.	West Point
Norm Halberstadt	G	19	6-2	180	Soph.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Tom Kurkoski	C	21	6-3	218	Senior	Endicott, N. Y.
Jerry Lawson* (Co-C)	F	21	6-1	175	Senior	Quantico
Gene Lazaroff	G	19	5-11	180	Soph.	Ford City, Pa.
Frank Oley*	F	21	6-3	165	Junior	Levittown, N. Y.
Roy Quinn* (Co-C)	G	21	6-1	175	Senior	East Point, Ga.
B. H. Scott	C	20	6-5	195	Soph.	Franklin

*Indicates Lettermen



The "Kid-Det" Dribbles

THE OUTLOOK

Now the Keydets can no longer be regarded the patsy of the league. There is an appreciable increase in the shooting ability, enough to give any team a battle on a given night. The VMI club now has one of the three dimensions in basketball—shooting. The other two, height and depth, still are lacking. This is the first season in which the building program, launched with the hiring of "Weenie" Miller last year, will show on the varsity. There are six sophomores on the 12-man squad, and three of them are likely starters.

With the fine freshman crop on hand this year, the goal is to add height to the shooting on next year's club, then add depth with the experience gained by another season.

Frank Oley and Roy Quinn (who made the starting club at the end of last season) are the only regulars returning, while Jerry Lawson and Jim French are the only others who saw any action. Seniors Dick Evans and Tom Kurkoski will be on the hardwoods when football season ends, but neither has played any basketball since his freshman year. Both strong men, they should help in the rebound department.

Sophs Norm Halberstadt (24.7 average) and Gene Lazaroff (23.3) bring a lot of shooting eye to the varsity. Their classmates, Weldon Eddins (16.2) and Joe Gedro (10.4) also will help with the point-producing potential. Dick Fravel, who played only five games with the frosh a year ago, favoring an ankle injury, averaged 8.6. The "Rat" squad collected 83.1 a game, an unheard of mark at VMI.

This young "Kid-Det" team, averaging just a hair over 20 years of age, should be one to please the spectators. Although shy of varsity experience, their speed and scoring ability could be the tonic VMI basketball has needed for many years.

THE COACH



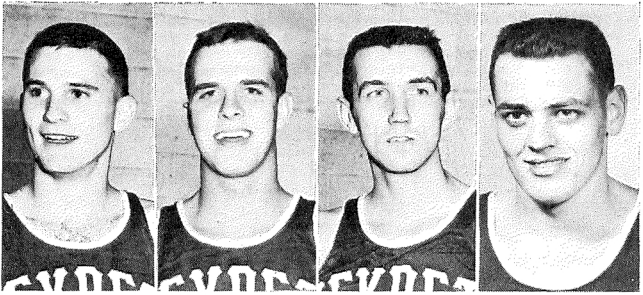
Louis F. "Weenie" Miller, a University of Richmond 1947 graduate, came to VMI last year to direct a basketball renaissance long needed. He brought with him coaching experience from Richmond, Hampden-Sydney and neighboring Washington and Lee, plus a reputation as one of the finest athletes in the Old Dominion. His Keydet club a year ago scored one of the major upsets of college basketball in its 81 to 78 decision over Virginia Tech, and even scared mighty West Virginia in their first meeting. The 5-13 record of that club didn't bear out the degree of improvement in VMI roundball, but the support given the team

by the Corps of Cadets surely did. Miller overcame in one season the biggest obstacle he faced—getting the full support of the Corps and townspeople. Attendance nearly doubled over previous seasons.

The father of two girls and two boys, "Weenie" is a partner of Virginia basketball coach Billy McCann in a summer camp for boys, but when the two meet on the hardwoods, the partnership quickly dissolves. In addition to basketball coaching here, Miller is baseball coach and helps with football, too. In fact, gridiron coach John McKenna says "'Weenie' would make a fine member of any football staff."

And These Are the Keydet "Kid-Dets"

FOUR SENIORS



Lawson

Quinn

French

Evans

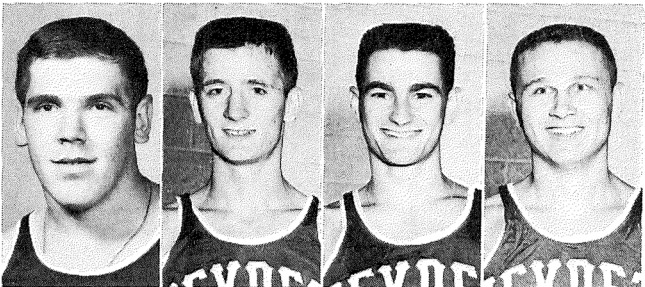
JERRY LAWSON—Co-Captain, as was his brother Ralph last year, he averaged 5.6 a game and had a 5.5 rebound average . . . Not a tall man, he has amazing jumping ability, and will be counted on for a lot of rebounds . . . Second best free throw shooter on the team last year with a 78% mark, has developed a jump shot that should increase his percentage from the floor.

ROY QUINN—Co-Captain, president of his class and an officer in the Corps of Cadets, was late reporting for basketball last year, but caught up fast and ended the season a starter . . . His presence will help add experience to the green club, and a repeat of the 37% shooting mark he rung up a year ago also should help the cause . . . His natural leadership ability will be an asset.

JIM FRENCH—Lettered two years ago, but injured most of last season he played in only three games . . . Before injuries plagued him in the 1958-59 campaign, he showed potential as a defensive standout . . . With age and experience in his favor this time, he will be battling for a starting position.

DICK EVANS—A standout end with the football team, and one of the top pass receivers in the Conference, he returns to basketball for the first time since his freshman year . . . With the "Rat" cagers four seasons ago, he was one of the most consistent scorers and rebounders . . . Strength and agility, plus the maturity of a Senior, will be in his favor and should help the younger men on the squad.

ANOTHER SENIOR, A JUNIOR AND TWO SOPHS—



Kurkoski

Oley

Halberstadt

Lazaroff

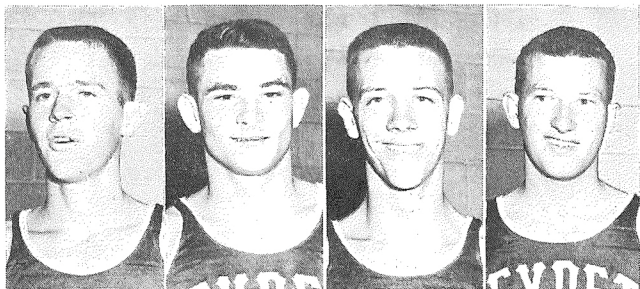
TOM KURKOSKI—Like Evans, he's a football end and a good one . . . Was a teammate of Evans with the frosh team four years ago, but hasn't been out for the cage sport since . . . Lots of action in intramural basketball has kept him closer to the game than complete idleness would have, but his lack of varsity game experience will be offset by his size and senior standing.

FRANK OLEY—The number three scorer with the varsity last year, a regular for the past two seasons, and the only junior on this season's team . . . He drew the best man on each opposing team because of his defensive talents, and did an outstanding job in each case . . . Now figured to be an improved shooter, as he was at the end of last year when he brought his final average up to 38%, he has become deadly from the side.

NORM HALBERSTADT—The leading scorer with last year's frosh, averaging 24.7 a game, he will always be around the ball . . . Has a phenomenal knack for getting shots off in spite of the defense on him, has deceptive speed, excellent hands and a smart rebound ability . . . A likely starter, clever with the ball and a crowd pleaser in every sense of the word.

GENE LAZAROFF—All-around leader, his 23.3-per-game average with the frosh last year doesn't begin to tell his true value to a team . . . Besides his shooting eye, he's a fine passer, playmaker, ball handler, faker, driver, etc., and outstanding on defense . . . He does so many things with such smoothness that the average fan fails to recognize his real contribution.

AND FOUR MORE SOPHOMORES



Eddins

Gedro

Fravel

Scott

WELDON EDDINS—A scrappy little guy with a deadly set shot, he would make the first team if it weren't for the need for height . . . At 5-9, he's a dangerous man, having averaged 16.2 a game with the frosh last year, and hitting 87% of his free throw attempts.

JOE GEDRO—With height and strength on his side, he may be a starter . . . Played only half of last year's frosh season because of academic difficulties, now caught up and a good bet for stardom . . . The "Rats" didn't lose a game with him in action, averaging 10.4 a game and leading the team in rebounds.

DICK FRAVEL—Another big boy who missed a lot of last year's frosh season, having injured his ankle in the opening game . . . Still managed an 8.6 average in the five games he played and because of his size (6-5) and a fine hook shot, he may break into the starting lineup.

B. H. SCOTT—At 6 feet 5, he's one of the varsity's biggest, but short on experience . . . Coaches feel he'll develop into a pivotman with some games under his belt, but he didn't play last year with the frosh.

The Assistant Coach



BURLEY CROWE—A Wheeling, West Va., native, Burley is the newest member of the Keydet coaching staff. As assistant to "Weenie" Miller, his primary duties will be the handling of the freshman squad and scouting.

Crowe is a qualified man in every sense of the word, not only in basketball but in football as well. He helped with the gridiron coaching and scouted for the varsity footballers until basketball season began. He was considered a fine addition to the football staff. He played football at Shepherd College in West Virginia, but basketball was his big

game there. He was All-Conference as a guard in the tough West Virginia Conference.

Doing graduate work at Western Reserve in Cleveland he helped with the basketball coaching there, and later had successful years at West Point, Va., High School and Culpeper, Va., High. He's a bachelor, girls.

THE FRESHMAN TEAM

Last year, they called VMI's freshman basketball team a "Fabulous" one. This time the Baby Keydets have even more balance than that one did. There is height, a feature long lacking, plus another fine scoring potential. The emphasis will be on board control and defense to add those qualities to the already-present scoring ability of the varsity.

THE "RAT" ROSTER

Name	Height	Weight	Hometown
Frank Allison	6-5	170	Hampton, Va.
Bobby Byrd	6-1	170	Mt. Vernon, Va.
John Cockey	6-3	185	Suffolk, Va.
Louis Friefeld	5-8	165	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Garry Kemple	5-10	160	E. Liverpool, Ohio
Meade McKee	6-5	209	McDonald, Pa.
Bob Nussey	6-0	160	Springfield, Pa.
Ken Reeder	6-1	170	Wilmington, Del.
Charles Talbott	6-3	180	Hampton, Va.
Bob Warsing	6-6	215	Alexandria, Va.
John Yurachek	6-6	175	Richmond, Va.

THE "RAT" SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	Wm. & Mary	There	Jan. 19	Va. Tech	Home
Dec. 3	To Be Named	Home	Feb. 3	Fork Union	There
Dec. 8	Fork Union	Home	Feb. 5	Staunton M A	Home
Dec. 10	Nat'l Bus. Coll.	Home	Feb. 9	Wm. & Mary	Home
Dec. 16	Staunton M A	There	Feb. 15	Massanutten	Home
Jan. 6	Virginia	Home	Feb. 19	Va. Tech	There
Jan. 12	Virginia	There			

NOTE: All Home Games at 6:15 as Preliminaries to Varsity Games.

The Top "Rats" In Pre-Season Drills

FRANK ALLISON—Excelling in defense, a tough rebounder with height, now lives in Hampton, Va., but played his high school basketball in Minnesota.

BOBBY BYRD—A prolific scorer with a variety of shots, also a fine floor man and playmaker, he'll be one of the top scorers with the squad.

LOUIS FRIEFELD—One of the classiest ball players to hit VMI ever, he's a spectacular operator . . . Can score from anywhere, phenomenal passer and a fine playmaker, fast with good hands, and should be the hub of the club as the fast break leader.

MEADE McKEE—A high-scoring pivot man, with a fine hook shot and an unbelievable jump shot . . . Also superb at defense, he'll be a mainstay with freshman and varsity teams for the next four years, for sure.

CHARLES TALBOTT—One of the squad's better backboard men, though he's not the tallest by any means, jumps well . . . Also a fine playmaker.

BOB WARSING—Another backboard artist, he's big and strong, can tap the ball in on offense and can get it back on defense, he'll be counted on for lots of ball control.

JOHN YURACHEK—A fine all-around performer, he does everything well . . . Played outstanding ball in Richmond's Catholic High Tourney last year, now appears further improved and a better scorer than ever.