



# The Gunston Ledger

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the Ordinary  
Clean.

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## FEATURE

### "Cuba Yes, Castro No!"

Ramon E. Planes

As the year 1961 started, one more year of hope began for all Cubans. Would this be the last year of Castro? Would the situation become better or would it become worse? Yes, it was a new year of hope. By 1961, food, clothing, and many other practical commodities were scarce. American movies were seldom shown. Russian movies, of course, were showing in the theaters everywhere, but nobody could stand them. They were awful. Then Castro's government made a decision to show one American movie and one Russian movie in each theater. People thought it was a good idea because this made it possible to see American films which were good entertainment.

One Sunday afternoon Alberto, my brother, Pepe, a friend of mine, and I started to the movies to see an American picture we hadn't seen for a long time. It was *Please Don't Eat The Daisies*. I have to say that the American pictures were old, but they were good enough to provide us with a pleasant afternoon.

There were many people outside the theater that day—at least a hundred. We thought it was strange until we found out that they were showing two American films. *Bridge on the River Kwai* was the second feature.

From the moment we got to the theater we deliberately started to create a fuss. We cut into the line and our shoving was enough to start some angry shouting. But we quickly got into the theater. It was a small theater and nearly full. The picture had already begun. People were really enjoying it and having a good time until we started horsing around and creating problems. We commented loudly when people coming in blocked our view and since we had already seen the movie, we "helped" people by telling in loud voices what would happen next. Then an American restaurant was shown and the quantities of good food prompted us to start shouting, "We are hungry; we want bread; we want cheese; we want jam." The audience was shocked when they heard these words, but after we had repeated out chant several times, they agreed and started to shout too.

When a plane was shown on the screen Pepe yelled, "Why don't you stop here and pick some of us up?" Everybody laughed. After that, the theater operators cut the picture and showed a documentary about Castro and the "good things he was doing." The picture provided enough fuel to build a fire. Everybody shouted at Castro saying, "Cuba, Yes! Russia, No!" We sang many Catholic songs, such as "Tu Reinaras" and "Viva Cristo Rey." Our national anthem rang out too. In less than five minutes the police were all around the place. Suddenly the lights were turned on. Almost immediately, about five or six people leaped up and offered to identify the people who had been shouting. They were young men

and women who seemed to have been observing the situation very carefully. They seemed to know exactly what to say to the police and eagerly offered to be witnesses against those who had been saying rude things about their beloved leader.

I noticed a woman in the row behind us talking to the police. She was wearing a red dress and had long greasy black hair. Her eyes were large and hard looking. She was looking at me. I heard her say, "That boy was shouting. I demand that you put him in jail." Her accusing finger pointed directly at me. "He was shouting. He said many times Cuba, Yes! Russia, No!" Her extended finger seemed very large to me. I almost collapsed with fear. I felt my face burning with hatred for that miserable woman; I had never experienced such emotion before. Then I heard my brother's voice: "He was not shouting; I was the one." Before I thought, I screamed: "That's a lie; I was shouting; he didn't do it." My whole body was trembling; never in my life had I felt so much horror. I knew what it could mean to be taken to the police station. We knew that many people who had been taken there were never seen again by their families. I heard the sound of many girls and old ladies crying.

A militia officer in the usual green uniform ordered us into the aisle. He had a big cigar clamped between his teeth. I remember that as he talked to me, he moved it from one side of his mouth to the other in a manner that made him seem very fierce. He swore at us and maligned us for opposing Castro and got very abusive when Alberto tried to tell him that he, not I, had been shouting. Finally, he shoved us both in the direction of the exit and ordered us to get into the police car outside. He turned away from us to others who were being questioned.

I remember that outside at a distance there was one truck and several police cars already filled with people. I quickly told my brother, "This is our chance; let's get out of here." Nobody outside the theater knew that we were supposed to get into a police car, so we walked rapidly away. We had just turned the corner when a voice called, "Eh, wait up, will you?" We were petrified. When we turned around, we saw it was Pepe, who always managed to get out of any scrape without trouble. The three of us kept moving quickly but cautiously until we were able to catch a taxi. Only then did we stop expecting to hear the harsh voice of that militia officer barking at us to hold.

It was really not a very pleasant afternoon, but I guess we enjoyed it after all. For several months I was afraid the incident had not been forgotten and that I would meet that officer again. But I was lucky, for when I finally presented my exit papers at the police station, the officer who might have remembered me was nowhere in sight.

## \$1,867,750 Voted To Complete GMC Four-Year Status Stage

Saturday, March 12, the Virginia legislature granted the funds necessary to complete the expansion of GMC to a four-year program.

In the capital budget, \$765,350 was reappropriated and \$1,102,400 was newly appropriated for use during the 1966 biennium beginning July 1, 1966, ending July 1, 1968.

### "hot enough"

The House of Delegates' provision was "substantial, but not enough," said Senator Fenwick. Therefore the Senate amended the House Bill to include further appropriations for GMC. The Senate passed this bill and the amendments unanimously. The House then ratified the amendments, which were handled there by William H. Lightsey of Arlington.

The Senate requested (by amendment additional money for six other teaching positions, \$30,000 for laboratory supplies and \$17,000 for librarian and assistant.

### Appropriations increase

The House had appropriated for maintenance costs \$283,325 for the first year, and \$409,615 for the second year of the biennium.

## Pep Club To Raise Funds In Bake Sale

The Pep Club is holding a bake sale in the East Building Wednesday, March 15, to raise money for the uniforms of the future cheerleaders. Other money-making projects are also being planned.

When asked why she feels such a great need for cheerleaders at G. M. C., Donna Hartman, Pep Club president, said "the students of George Mason are so apathetic that they don't support the school" and it is hoped that having cheerleaders at the games will attract more people to come to the athletic events.

### "Draw Attention"

She also said that by having cheerleaders "we can draw the attention of the new students to the school from the very beginning of next year."

No uniforms have been chosen for the cheerleaders. The girls who make the cheerleading squad plus a committee of Pep Club members will decide on the style and cost of the uniforms.

The New Voice has arrived. The cost is .75, and it is sold in the Ordinary.

Any interested student may submit prose, poetry, and art for the second issue of the literary magazine.

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Pictures may not be returned to the yearbook any more. All students who have not brought theirs back are requested to bring in the \$3.00 charge—\$2.00 for the pictures and \$1.00 late fee.



Dr. Robert H. Reid, Director of GMC, leads college during expansion program.

The Senate increased this to \$316,555 and \$464,595 respectively.

From Special Independent Revenues \$535,690 and \$780,750 was allotted respectively. Appropriations (Ap.) and reappropriations (Re.) from the Capital Budget are:

Item 947-utilities and site-Re. \$16,350, Ap. \$160,000

Item 948-Science and lab equipment-Ap. \$183,000

Item 949-completion of Stage 1 construction-Ap. \$72,000.

Item 950-Academic lecture hall-Ap. \$249,000.

Item 951-Student Union Bldg. Ap. \$600,000.

Item 952-library bldg. Re. \$500,000.

Item 952.1-library area (Bldg. D.) Ap. \$73,000.

Item 952.2-preliminary planning-Ap. \$4,400.

No U. Va. break...yet.

Several weeks ago, Gov. Godwin signed a bill guaranteeing that G. M. C. will remain a part of U. of Va. Sen. Fenwick added "In ten of fifteen years, however, this might be a different situation."

The House of Delegates ratified the Senate amendments late Saturday, in the final session which ended at midnight Saturday.

## Virginia Museum Vignette Players Will Perform At George Mason

Agora president, Charles Brewer, has announced that the Virginia Museum Vignette Players will perform at George Mason Wednesday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Co-sponsored by Agora and the Student Assembly, the forty-five minute program includes excerpts from such works as "The School for Scandal", as interpreted by apprentice actors Meredith Stanley and Woody Eney.

### "Production One"

Brewer stated that "starting with "Production One" in January, we hope to present periodic dramatic offerings of our own. We will strive to give quality performances."

"However, we would also like the students to view quality performances by outside groups, and would like to make a tradition of inviting the Museum Players each year."

### Variety Show

In addition to this program, Agora is now working with the Student Activities Committee in organizing and directing the Second Annual Variety Show to be presented April 29 and 30.

Preparations are now being made for auditions to be held in late March. Brewer emphasized that, since "perfection is the keynote," those interested in participating should begin practice immediately.

Prominent speakers and movies are also included in future planned programs.

## NEWS BRIEFS

On Friday, March 11, Craig Hobbs, Chairman of the Honor Court announced that that body has established precedent for "review and retrial" of honor violation cases here at George Mason. This review will be the first step of appeal.

If satisfaction is not obtained, the student may then appeal to the Chancellor for Community Colleges.

Dean Turner requests that those students returning next semester please notify his office as soon as possible.

These students will be assured of placement next semester. Those 3rd year students who plan to enter one of the four degree programs next semester should especially notify Dean Turner's office to to assured of placement.

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## Rugby Claims First As Intercoll, Sport

Despite the veritable storm of popular abuse which has previously greeted this issue, the Ledger will reiterate that Rugby will be GMC's first intercollegiate sport. One concession will be made, however. In deference to the basketball team's recent games with NoVa Tech, we will modify our position by saying the first intercollegiate sport on a regular organized basis. This would still seem to disqualify other pretenders to the honor. The best way to learn Rugby is, of course, to watch a match. For those two or three students who will not attend, we publish the following description. Rugby is played on a field 115 yards long with a goal post at each end.

The sidelines are 75 yards apart and are called "touchlines." The game begins with one team kicking to the other. By passing, running, and kicking the ball, it is moved downfield. The object is to score a "try" (three points) by touching the ball down behind the opponents goal line. After the "try" the scoring team moves the ball 25 yards out from the goal line and attempts to gain two points by kicking the ball between the uprights. The game is one of the most grueling because no substitutions are allowed. It consists of two 50 minute halves with only a five minute rest period between them.

## Flinchum's Last Shot Saves Game

Earl Flinchum put in an offensive rebound with five seconds left in the game to give George Mason's Chargers a 55-53 come-from-behind victory over Dave Piles Motors. The victory gives the Chargers a 5-2 league record and a 5-4 overall.

After trailing for most of the game by as much as 10 points the men from GM caught up and pulled out to a four point lead at 53-49 late in the fourth quarter. The Lancers from Dave Piles hit on two field goals in a row to knot the score with 31 seconds left. The Chargers then went into a stall to get the last shot. With less than 10 seconds to go, Gill Sager took a jump shot which fell short. Flinchum beat his man to the rebound and scored. The victory broke a tie between the two teams for second place.

Leading scorers for George Mason were Mike Johnson, with 21 pts., Barry Fink with 10 pts., and Jim Heston and Doug Ayers with 8 pts. each.

	FG	FT	TP
Ayers	4	0	8
Fink	4	2	10
Flinchum	3	1	7
Heston	4	0	8
Johnson	7	7	21
Rowell	0	0	0
Sager	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>

### Editorial

## Something That Distinguishes

There is something lacking here at George Mason. Something that distinguishes a college from a high school. We have a college campus, college professors, and college courses. It is evident that we are lacking none of the physical properties of a college, therefore it must be some intangible the students are responsible for, or possibly the students themselves.

A college education should consist of more than attending classes and memorizing facts; it should be a period of intellectual and emotional growth. How much has our student body grown in either?

Attacking the problem logically, one can swiftly eliminate intellectual deficiencies. The recent Dean's List proves that. Therefore one can logically assume that the students at George Mason lack emotional maturity.

The students, themselves, affirm this fact. The Ordinary, their lounge, epitomizes their lack of maturity. In a poll in January 31, 1966 issue of the Gunston Ledger, 80% of those polled did not "consider the student body as a whole to be a mature group of individuals."

However, it should be noted that keeping the Ordinary clean is not necessarily indicative of maturity. Along with such actions, there must be a change of attitude, from one of apathy to one that speaks of emotional maturity.

By the acceptance of their rightful responsibilities, the students will contribute to creating a mature atmosphere at George Mason.

This in turn will stimulate academic achievement and growth in all other areas of college life. The final result will be a more desirable college atmosphere and a more respected institution.

## Va. Frosh End Season

The University of Virginia closed out its Freshman basketball schedule with a 106-77 victory over Old Dominion College, and compiled an overall record of 11-5.

### Letter to the Editor

## Bulletin Board Given Blast By Student

It seems to me with all the numerous student service organization here at George Mason, that they or possibly the Student Assembly, (to whom the bulletin board belongs) might be able to keep the bulletin board up to date. At present, said bulletin board abounds with outdated notices, many of which have been up there since before Thanksgiving. I know I would, and probably all the other students would appreciate the Student Assembly maintaining at least those affairs which are truly their own, instead of those of other school organizations.

N. E. E.

The Cavaliers averaged 87.2 points per game and crossed the century mark four times this season. Chip Case led four players in averaging double figures for the team. Chip scored an average of 20 points with his highest output being a 37 point performance against Massanutten. Steve Jackson followed with an average of 16.8 points per contest, while Sam Harvey and John Gidding added an average of 15.7 and 12.5 points per game.

U. Va. outrebounded its opponents an average of 54.6 to 38.3 per game.

### University of Virginia VARSITY BASEBALL

March:		
21	Davidson	A
22	Davidson	A
23	Wofford	A
24	Furman	A
25	U. of S.C.	A
26	U. of S.C.	A
31	VPI	H

April:		
1	Yale	H
4	Marietta College	H
7	Old Dominion	H
11	Clemson	A
12	Clemson	A
15	Wake Forest	H
16	Duke	H
20	U. of Pittsburgh	H
22	N.C. State	A
23	U. of North Carolina	A
25	Georgetown	A
26	Maryland	A
29	Duke	A
30	Wake Forest	A

May:		
3	Richmond	A
6	N.C. State College	H
7	U. of North Carolina	H
10	Maryland	H
17	VMI	H

### University of Virginia VARSITY TRACK

March:		
19	Springfield College	H

April:		
2	South Carolina Relays	A
8	Wake Forest College	H
13	VMI	A
19	Duke	A
23	U. of North Carolina	H
30	N.C. State College	A

May:		
7	State Meet	A
13-14	ACC	A

### George Mason College VARSITY BASKETBALL

March:		
14	Fatboys	9:00
16	Downtown Baptist Church	9:00
17	Bill Page Pontiac	7:45
21	J.J.'s	7:45
22	Bill Page Pontiac	9:00
24	Lancers	9:00



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