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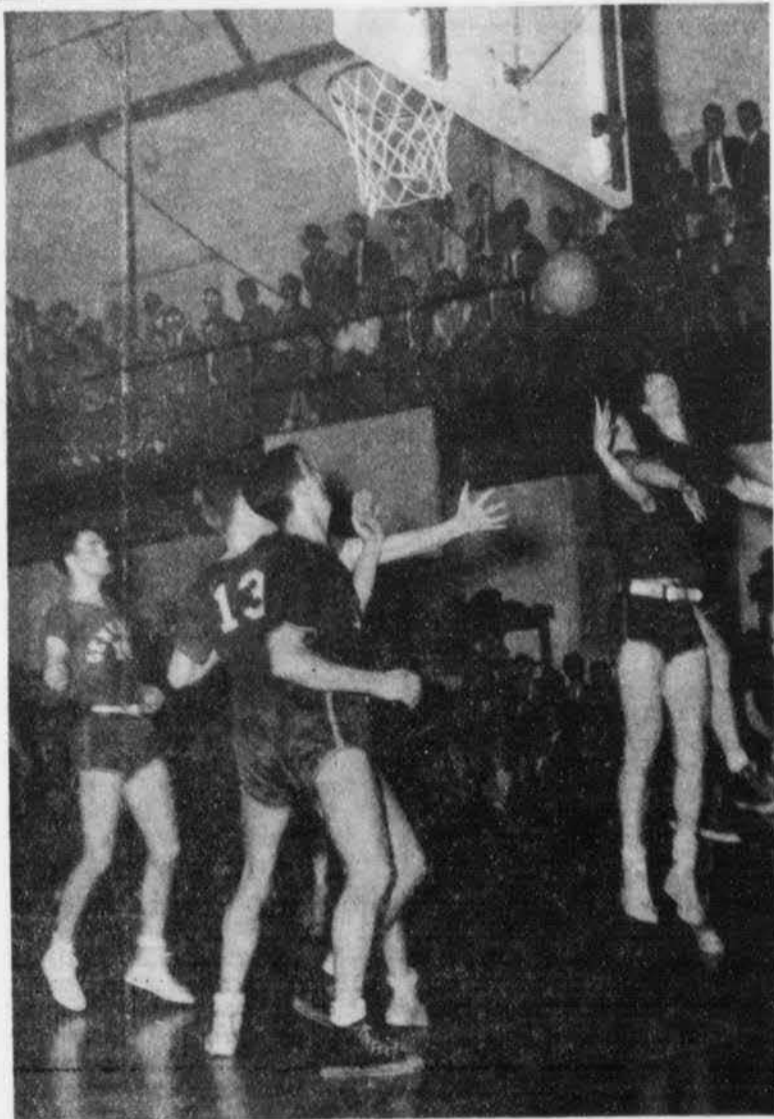
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Four? Hot action on the Doremus floor last winter

Basketball Generals Expecting Big Season Under Coach Davis

Former McCallie Mentor, Who Ought To Know Admits That the Generals Look Like a Winner

The toughest games on the schedule come early for Washington and Lee's basketball Generals, but this disheartening fact doesn't sway the opinion here that the Big Blue is headed for its most successful campaign in almost a decade.

Even Coach Con Davis, the new mentor who came to W. and L. this year after compiling an excellent record as coach of the McCallie School teams for 12 years, admits the W. and L. squad "looks like a winner."

Davis should be in a position to judge winning teams. His 12-year record at McCallie shows his teams were perennial contenders for Mid-South titles and the won and lost column shows 68 victories, only 17 defeats.

Source of the optimism prevalent is the tall 18-man squad, which includes eight lettermen and a classy group of sophomores. The abundance of talent may mean Davis can field two fives of equal ability.

Optimistic as he is Davis prefers to keep a soft-pedal on enthusiasm until the first two contests have been played. N. C. State, power of the Southern Conference, is host to the Generals in the new Raleigh basketball palace on Dec. 2, and strong Wake Forest will follow the next night at Statesville.

"Lack of practice and the absence of several of our players who were busy with football until Thanksgiving will handicap us in our first games," Davis says. "Then too, we're playing the toughest teams at the start."

The personnel, which causes Davis and W. and L. supporters to view the coming season with optimism, is led by the high-scoring

duo of Sophomore Jay Handlan, who dumped in 370 points as a GI freshman last year, and Bob Goldsmith, the bounding center who tallied 332 points.

Handlan was an All-State performer last season, and Goldsmith was a member of the mythical quintet at the close of the 1947-48 campaign.

Goldsmith is one of several footballers who reported late to basketball practice, but Coach Davis has seen enough of Handlan in the sessions to call him "as fine a shot as I've ever seen."

Two more regulars from last year's quint are back. They are Guard Joe Auer, senior from Rick Creek, Va., who scored 164 points, and Chris Compton, senior forward from Ashland, Va., who had 179 points to his credit.

Auer's speed will be a welcome factor in the fast break to be employed by Davis, and the rebounding ability of Compton was a highlight of last season.

The other lettermen returning are all guards. Steve Ulaki, Beckley, West Virginia, Jim Fahey, Cumberland, Md., and George Pierson, Charleston, West Virginia, switched after playing three seasons as a forward, will be fighting for berths.

The 10 sophomores, including Handlan, will contribute the height and depth which was missing a year ago.

Dave Hedge, a 6'4", 200-pound giant from Jeffersonville, Indiana, will put in his bid for a starting berth now that he has finished football. Hedge was a star on the W. and L. freshman team of last year that won 12, lost 1.

Chuck Grove, 6'1" guard from Lancaster, Penna., and Talbot Trammell, another 6'4" athlete,

Movie Review

By McKELWAY and SIBLEY

The film fare has been so meagre of late that a movie column seems unnecessary.

Since we summarized the first 24 movies at the State since rush week, there hasn't been a single show worth more than a few perfunctory lines.

Good reports are circulating around on "Roseanna McCoy," however, which is making its second preview appearance here this fall. Also, "Johnny Stool-Pidgeon" is a treasury department show which looks promising.

Only movie since Tuesday which might arouse some controversy was "Thieves' Highway."

Several spectacular and novel scenes were the high spots of an otherwise sloppy production.

The actors seemed to be unable to interpret their parts sufficiently so that the final result was unexpected and unreal. Richard Conte's original true love suddenly turned out to be a gold digger; his friend, whom we were led to believe was a money-grubbing chisler, became a hero in his death ride; the prostitute, who was made completely unbelievable by a shoddy performance by Valentina Cortesa, ended up with Conte, thus violating the code.

Conte himself was excellent. Lee J. Cobb overdid his role of Figlia, the crook, as is his tendency in movies. The settings were excellent, particularly the market and highway scenes.

All in all, the movie had great promise, but was hampered by poor direction, but nevertheless some interesting moments.

No one in their right mind could have enjoyed the sufferings of Joan Bennett and James Mason in "The Reckless Moment." Probably the worst show of recent weeks.

We didn't bother to see Abbott and Costello. They have lost their box office appeal, are on their way out of movies. Each act is the same old thing done in slightly different form.

One of the greatest surprises of recent years has been Paul Douglas. He was picked for his first acting role by chance.

The story goes that the producer of the Broadway hit "Born Yesterday" was looking around for someone to play the part of the junk dealer. "Someone like radio announcer Paul Douglas," he said to an assistant.

"Why not try Douglas?" the assistant replied. They asked him and he proved to be a great hit, as he did in his first movie role in "Letter to Three Wives."

He was responsible for many laughs in "Everybody Does It." Veteran Charles Coburn added a few more.

The producers evidently felt, however, that they needed more so resorted to slapstick at the end. The choice was an unwise one and left the audience with a slightly sour taste.

Marcus to Speak Here This Fri.

Noted Jewish Historian Sponsored by C. C.

Dr. Jacob Radar Marcus, director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, is being sponsored by the Jewish Activities Committee of the Christian Council to speak Friday, December 2, at 2:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. His topic will be "The Story of the American Jew."

Dr. Marcus, also president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, received his A.B. degree at the University of Cincinnati and his degree of Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College.

After studying at Lane Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Berlin, continuing his studies and research at the University of Keil, as well as centers of learning in Paris and Jerusalem.

He is the author of many books important to Jewish life and letters, his latest one being "Communal Sick Care in the German Grotto," an absorbing story of the origins of Jewish Communal, hospital, and charity groups in the Middle Ages.

Dr. Marcus is a member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Publication Society, Vice-President of the American Jewish Historical Society, and a very popular lecturer before university faculties and similar learned societies.

Miami Triad To Highlight Pre-Christmas Socials

The social calendar until Christmas vacation is as follows: December 3—Miami Triad; Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta.

December 10—Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu. These house parties are both open and closed.

Phi Eta Sigma Initiates Two; Has Smoker Tonight

Two new members, Jack Wilcox and Dave Mann, were welcomed into Phi Eta Sigma at the special meeting last week in the Student Union.

The smoker is definitely set for tonight in the Student Union. The prospective freshmen will receive written invitations.

All members are urged to be present.

are other leading contenders for regular spots.

Dave Waters, Huntington, West Virginia, Frank Summers, Lexington, Henry Jones, Memphis, Jack Holler, Shaker Heights, Ohio., Bill Hines, Charleston, West Virginia, and another George Pierson, Baltimore, round out the sophs.



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MYERS TO PRESENT PAPER

Dr. Edward D. Myers, W. and L. professor of philosophy, will go to Washington Friday to attend the annual meeting of the Guild of Scholars in the Episcopal Church. At the meeting he will read the paper, "The Social Effects of the Christian Agape."

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