V.P.I. FIRST FOE DECEPTIVE
Don't sell Wake Forest short against Vir- ginia Tech ... The Deacons' publicists rate their team among the nation's top ten underdog. That's within upset bounds. One reason is an offense of high potential, the other is a defensive front line "which is experienced and deep.

Boosters of the Gobblers also had better not be deceived by the humors of the Deacons' coach, Chuck Mills ... Especially when he heaped fear of the Techmen by saying, "We're going to take a vote the day before the game to see who wants to play." ... Recently, Mills told the other coaches that his team had recently defeated the Gobblers. Mills beat up the Deacs so hard last year, some of his players claimed they were fourteen strikes behind lefty and left the game though earlier they didn't even have blisters ... That's revenge-motivated.

STRICT AND UN-STRANGE PLANNING
Most weddings take place on Saturdays, but Virginia Beach's brilliant young golfer Curtis Strange will take a bride Sept. 24, which is a Friday. ... Nothing peculiar about that, until someone points out that this leaves Saturday and Sunday open for Curtis to play golf.

"Don't miss this tv-show ... Joining Ed- ward Villella, principal dancer with the New York City ballet, for the "Dance of the Ath- etes" (CBJ, 11:30 p.m.) will be the New York Mets Tom Seaver and Jerry Grote, Miami quarterback Bob McGinnis (Ferris), and Muriel Greer, a singer. ..."

One of the most memorable years of Washington and Lee history — 1956 — will be re-lived aptly sept. 18 thru Oct. 25 (C, 3 p.m.). Expect a fine 1976 season against Emory and Henry ... Stars of that 8-2 and only W & L bowl team, Gil Roccetti and Company, will hold a reunion that guarantees.

MORE N.F.L. "BALONEY"
Former Southern Cal Coach John McKay, now with Tampa Bay of the National Football League, is fondly remembered in grading long-time pro methods thought to be sacrosanct ... The new debunker is ex-Maryland quarterback Bob Avellini ... interview by Pat Atter of the Wash- ington Post, Avellini says, "That stuff about needing five years to play quarterback in this league, that stuff’s just baloney."

Avellini adds to his study of game films, Avellini adds, "the veterans are making just as many mistakes as the young guys.

When he played for the Terps, Avellini often was outspokenly critical of Jerry Claiborne’s style of offense. Now he says; "Lots of things Coach Claiborne taught me have really helped. Especially discipline. Many of the people I see up here can’t discipline themselves. ... In an ultimate tribute to Claiborne, Avellini adds: "They (NFL players) aren’t patient. They aren’t willing to sacrifice. Coach Claiborne taught me all of those things. I know I don’t regret going to Maryland and playing for him.

ODDS 'N ENDS
Stock car racing idol Richards Petty will give high school football and basketball attend- ance a big boost this Fall and Winter around Level Cross, N.C. ... His son Kyle, 16, is a junior and will be playing football and basketball.

One-time Bethel High standout Marty Tingelhoff played third base for East Tenne- see State’s baseball team... Tingedip welded his own version of football practice, but that doesn’t lessen his gridiron value to the Baccarones. ... He’ll be one of the linebackers when ETSU opens Sun. 31 against Appalachian State.

East Tennessee, by the way, is another of the colleges that look prospecting for athletes in Virginia increasingly fruitful. ... No less than four members of the recent VHSF East-West all-star squads have signed to play basketball with the Bucs.