NOTES FROM A CAROUSEL

Every summer about this time for the past 1-10 years, William & Mary's official athletic family is host for one of the most pleasant social-sports gatherings of friends, representatives from rival colleges and a sizeable delegation from the media near and far.

Normally, serious matters concerning the Gobblers' intercollegiate affairs or of the college world in general are supposed to be bypassed — by mutual agreement — but it doesn't always work out that way. This time around, at least the members of the Sexe were a little apprehensive about the art of "duffer golf" and fans at this get-together who witnessed the finals of the Virginia Amateur tournament will rave about the polite and good-natured behavior of the Virginia Lawn Tennis and Boat Club. A typical guest might be22-year-old Julian Almond, who won his second straight title.

The recruiting fiasco of the acknowledgedly talented young giant from Petersburg has taken on the trappings of the Watergate affair. 

So much, that in one lively group the wife of a basketball coach clapped her hands to her ears and refused to listen, meantime asking every minute or two, "Is it over yet?"

GIBBONS' GRID MARKS DECEPTIVE

Winning football seems to have been missing for an eternity at Virginia Tech, but don't make the mistake of saying that to Athletic Director Frank O. Moseley. He counters quickly. "Few people realize that our record over the past 21 years, and four of those have come in the last five seasons, so there have been only two losing seasons in the last 15 years, including that of Moscow.

Nevertheless, the Gobblers' new head coach, Jimmy Sharpe, is going at his pre-season chores preparing for his 1974 schedule. He should go into the fourth year looking forward to the challenge of new coaches, new players and new situations. Sharpe, starting at 7 a.m., could be found at work in his office.

Of chief concern to Sharpe is Tech's schedule. Starting with Kentucky, which will enjoy a prac-
ticing edge because its academic year opens earlier, as usual the Techmen's slate has a strong Southeastern Conference flavor because of Moseley's SEC influence background. Noting that, Sharpe quips: "I wish I'd make schedules as it was in the SEC, but I can't.

N.I.T. IMAGE WAS LOST ON ROAD

Not as much at center-stage as he was last Sum-
mer, when Tech people were still singing their NIT (National Invitation Tournament) song, now con-
dering a rugged 1974-75 schedule is basketball's coach at Blacksburg, ever-smiling Don DeVoe. It's a toughie, marked in its early stages by two testy Duke-Maryland contests and out-of-state trip to the University of Delaware.

Without being specific, the lanky court tactician volunteers that his staff has had "a really fine re-
building job" and that his assistant, Mark Ramsay, can provide immediate help — especially in reserve strength. Even so, DeVoe sees the key to the Gobblers' suc-
ses being their "coaches against the clock" in the road. If that can be done, he doesn't think another post-season journey adventure is out of reach.