

Ever curse the day you were born?



The Heavy Hand of the Draft Lottery Makes the Move that Determined the Future of 850,000 Young Men Monday Night's Drawing Informed Many They Will Be Drafted Within a Month After They Finish College

Staff Photo by Larry Haake

September 14 picked as number one in lottery

If you hear a man "cursing the day he was born" nowadays it's probably because his birth date was near the top of the list of the 1970 draft call as determined by a lottery drawing held Monday night in Washington. (See List Page 4)

September 14 received the dubious honor of being the first date drawn from the large bowl containing 366 capsules—one for each day of the year plus leap-year's February 29. June 8 was the last date selected.

Some 850,000 men were affected by the random selection. Every man in the country who will reach the age of 19 but not yet 26 by Dec. 31, 1969 now has a place-in-line number.

Starts in January

Starting in January, each local draft board will begin calling men for military service on the basis of the list beginning with men born Sept. 14 and whose last names begin with the letter "J." Men classified "1-A" and "1-A-O" will be subject to the draft call in 1970.

A man granted a deferment or exemption by his local draft board will not be called while his deferment or exemption continues.

But the place-in-line number assigned to his birth date Monday night will stay with him and if the deferment expires before his 26th birthday, he will still be subject to the draft—the year he becomes "1-A" again—before anyone

else at his local board because of his ranking in the lottery drawing during his first year of eligibility.

Should those with top-priority birthdays be passed by in January's call because their local draft board has more than enough men on the list, they will still be subject to the quota in the months ahead—until the year is done, according to the Selective Service information chief.

Draft Protestors Present

It is estimated that those whose birthdays are among the first third drawn, about 1-122, will definitely be drafted, those in the next third, about 123-244, have "an average probability" of being called, and those from 245 on will most likely not be summoned.

The lottery drawing ceremony, which began with an invocation and ended with a benediction, was not without the usual draft-protesters. Several young people selected earlier this year as unofficial advisers to the Selective Service System refused to participate in the drawing.

About 25 college-age youths waited outside Selective Service headquarters protest the lottery. They handed out a statement calling the lottery "a masterful practical joke on the American people." Now they said they will have to burn their birth certificates as well as their draft cards.

Students will take Assembly seats

By Staff Writers

A special meeting of the University Assembly has been called for this afternoon to consider student apportionment on the Assembly and the Student Government Association has asked that the Academic Center's undergraduate representatives take their seats at the meeting.

University President Dr. Warren W. Brandt, who has been criticized for not allowing more student representation on the advisory body, scheduled the meeting.

The three representatives—Randy Eley, SGA president; Fred Shorter, Speaker of the House; and Mary Skudlarek, senior class president—have declined until now to assume their positions. The reason they gave was that the University Assembly was not granting equity to the student body by allowing only six students to represent the student body of both campuses of the University. The faculty and administration each have 15 representatives on the assembly.

Requested by Faculty

In a letter to Eley, Dr. Brandt said that he called the meeting at the request of the Academic Senate, a group representing University faculty. The Academic Senate, on November 13, asked for an emergency meeting of the University Assembly when faculty members passed a motion supporting equal student representation on the Assembly.

The SGA, meeting in emergency session Monday, asked that the three students participate "for this special organizational meeting only." A motion was passed that asked for four other students appointed by Eley to attend the meeting today and present the students' position. These students would serve in the same capacity as the students who presented position papers to the first meeting of the Assembly on November 10.

The motion, proposed by Bruce Ryder, Bus4, Waynesboro, went on to state that "any unicameral university governance body is unacceptable...that

does not reflect equal representation from all elements of the university community." An amendment by Jay Mangan, Dist3, defined "equal representation" as "as many students as there are other representatives in all other recognized divisions."

Impeachment Asked

The motion also called for the impeachment of any SGA member who sat at any University Assembly meeting (other than the one today) that was "unequally apportioned." Ryder explained that this last clause was included to protect the three student assembly members. This gives them a reason for refusing to sit at any future Assembly meetings. If the student apportionment is not changed.

Bill Oliver, executive assistant to the SGA president, said that in passing this motion the students would show that they were willing to "give and take." He warned the House and Senate against taking a position that left no room for compromise.

David Henley, Soc3, said the reason given by some of the faculty and administrative members of the Assembly for voting against equal representation was that the students refused to stay at the first University Assembly meeting and enter into the debate on the issue. He called for the House and Senate to lift their previous ban forbidding student members from attending Assembly meetings.

Information Committee

A committee is to be set up under the direction of Pat Steinmetz, SGA secretary, to "inform students through bulletins, handbills, and pamphlets," according to a motion proposed by Pat. This Committee on Communications is open to any students who will be chosen at large.

SGA Treasurer Sam Wilcox called for all students with loans from the SGA office to pay back these loans immediately. He said that after the second notice from his office, grades

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Welfare mother interview begins first article of series

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles intended as a public service to enlighten the students and faculty of this University to the living conditions of the city's disadvantaged families surrounding the campus. The name is fictional.

By Cindy Pellegrin

Meet Bessie. She lives with her five children in the East End of Richmond. Bessie and her family are black. And they all live on an income of \$255.00 a month.

Bessie and her offspring, who range in age from five to thirteen, are one of Richmond's many welfare families. They are inhabitants of Fairfield Court, a city housing project about 10 minutes by car from the VCU campus.

Bessie greets you in her living room. She sits in a well-worn chair with its stuffing coming out. As you look around the room you notice aqua cinderblock walls, a crooked pole lamp, limp curtains and a stereo console with a large old sea shell lying near it.

A peeling wooden end table, another worn-out chair and a sagging sofa are placed around the perimeter of the cracked piece of linoleum which covers most of the floor. A few of Bessie's neighbors have stopped in and are sitting on the sofa watching "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Bessie leans back in her chair and talks in an easy, pleasant manner. She wears a cotton housedress, a man's shirt with the sleeves ripped off and no shoes.

A white knit sweater with a hole in it is draped across her lap.

She is unable to work because of a glandular illness. She has no car or telephone or winter coat. Her home consists of five rooms, (three bedrooms, living room, and kitchen and a bath). Her rent is \$60 a month. With the remainder of her welfare check (\$195.00), she must provide her family with food, clothing, insurance and personal and household items each month.

According to Virginia's welfare system, Bessie and her family are living below their subsistence needs. The standard is based on 90 per cent of their need. The sub-maximum allowance (the most a family can receive) for all welfare families is \$195 a month excluding rent. For a family of Bessie's size, 90 per cent of their need is \$212, but the sub-maximum limits them to \$195.

Bessie sometimes finds it hard to make ends meet. She usually goes food shopping once a week. "They always raise the prices, though, at the first of the month when we get paid," she comments. "For instance, five cans of peas might cost you 89 cents at the end of the month, but as soon as the next month starts, the local stores raise the price to one dollar for the five cans of peas."

"I have to pay for all repairs," she says. "And I have to pay one dollar a month in the summer for lawn care where we have no grass at all." Bessie also pays extra money if litter is found in the yard and for leaf raking. When a tree

dies in the neighborhood, Bessie and her neighbors must chip in to replace it.

Her children attend Fairfield Elementary School which is within walking distance of their home. They all receive state-supported free lunches.

Bessie's children receive no allowance. She treats them now and then to cookies and candy. But, Bessie says that "it's a hurtin' feelin'" when her children come home and tell her that other children have more than they do.

Advanced registration starts Dec. 15

The Registrar's office has announced that advanced registration is scheduled for Monday, December 15 through Thursday December 18.

Registration kits will be made available by December 5. Students will be required to present their student ID cards and an advisor-signed registration planning sheet before being admitted to the registration area.

It is suggested that students make an appointment with their advisor between December 8 and 18.

It was also announced that a new curriculum code will go into effect next semester. The new code, according to Merle V. Slater, Registrar, "reflects the structure of the school." The new system should make easier the job of finding course numbers. Codes are used to speed computer compilations during registration periods.

Some must go

The scene was one of gaiety and playfulness in The Times offices Monday night as staff members gathered around the Associated Press teletype to watch the draft lottery choices as they were picked.

Before 8 p.m. one of the draft-eligible reporters jokingly recorded birth dates of other eligibles and the list was posted next to the teletype.

"When is your birthday?" everyone who entered the office was asked, and the list was compiled laughingly and without fear for what was to come.

Then the machine began a racket which kept up for two hours, and the laughter gradually changed to cries of unbelieving despair—and then silence.

"September 14 . . ."

One after another of the names on the list became a statistic within the magic number of 122—the top third of the certain lottery choices.

And the certainty that war is no laughing matter came upon everyone present. The roll has been called. The fatal birth dates for some have been announced. The futures of thousands of young men have been decided by the drawing of 122 capsules. More families and plans will be disrupted. More tears will be shed. But the worst is yet to come.

A percentage of the victims of Monday night's lottery will become victims of the Vietnam conflict, that is, if it soon is not resolved. Debates on the values of the lottery system over the old method may continue, but the reality of the disruption of lives remains. While the lottery is an improvement over the former system, objectivity has no place where lives and livelihoods are concerned. Fate must rule indiscriminantly...and coldly by the blinded eyes of Justice.

So we express sympathy for those whose lots have been cast—our classmates, brothers and boyfriends. And we pray that this conflict in Asia will come to an end soon and that all those who go will return.

Runnin' Rams

It was encouraging to see the full-house turnout at the season's opening basketball game last Friday night. It was even more encouraging, though, to see the Runnin' Rams win by what our sports writer calls an "eye-popping" 142-83 score.

The VCU basketball team traditionally has suffered from a lack of student support. While a cry for school spirit may sound high schoolish, nevertheless a team that represents our university's major sport deserves encouragement and participation.

Yesterday's contest with Long Island University and the next three big games will determine largely the Rams' outlook for the whole season. Included are games tomorrow at Western Kentucky, Saturday at Tennessee Tech and Monday at Providence, R.I.

Eleven home games are scheduled, and admission for students is free to the Franklin Street Gymnasium. We urge all students to attend and root for the home team. Under Coach Benny Dees, the Rams are experiencing an upswing, and we should be part of an upswing in attendance and support.

The encouraging show of students at the first home game is an indication to us that changing the date of Homecoming to coincide with the first basketball game is an extremely good idea. For once the returning alumni and currently enrolled students would have a team to cheer for, and basketball is this university's main sport.

We urge renewed consideration of this unique idea presented earlier this year by a student group.

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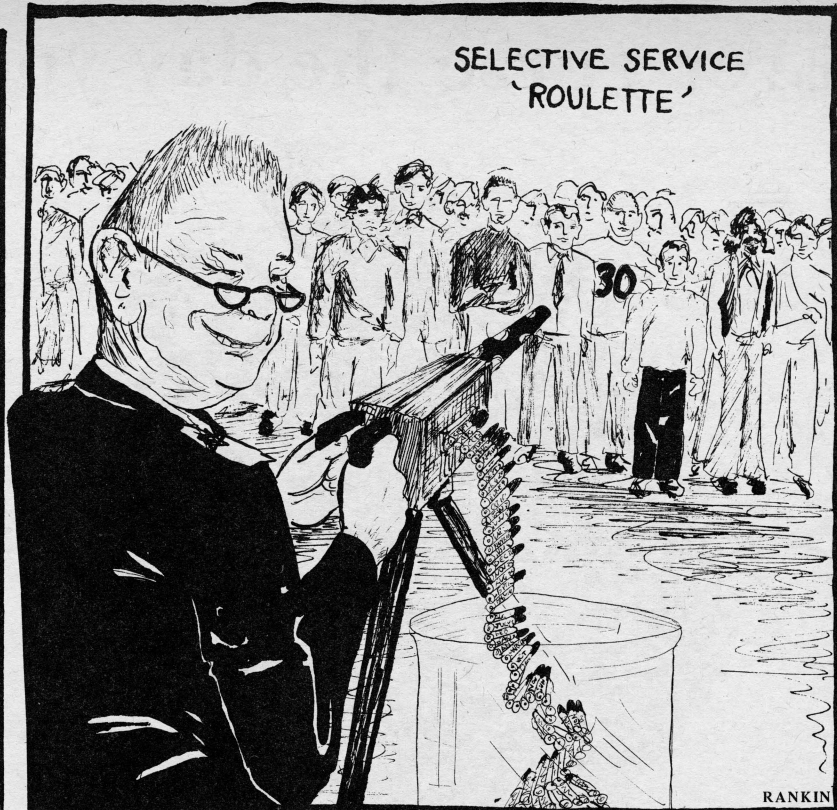
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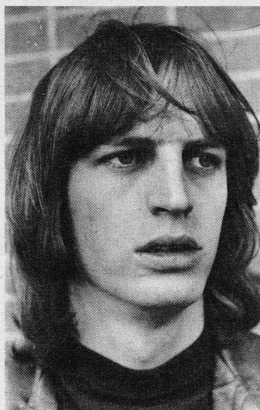
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Students react to lottery

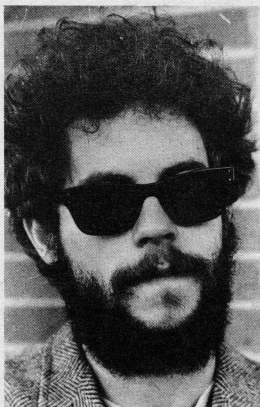
Students here reacted with cries of despair, shrugs of nonchalance and shouts of happiness Monday night as the birth dates for draft lottery choices were announced.

Fred Jeter, a freshman from Waynesboro, found himself number four with his birthday on February 14, while senior Bruce Meador, who lives in Richmond, is number 361 because his birthday is May 25.



Bill LaRue
Psychology Major

"...relieves a lot
of burden..."



Lee Bryant
'Sweat One Year'

Prior to the drawing, a random sample of male students' opinions on the lottery system was obtained by Times reporters.

While most young men said they feel the "random selection" process is better than the "everyone goes" policy, some said they did not feel the new way was a solution to the problem of sending men off to war.

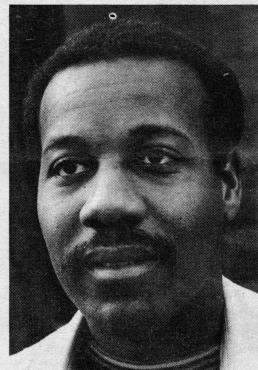
Ernest C. Morris, a junior accounting major from Richmond, said he thinks the lottery system is the "fairest way as far as drafting is concerned." Morris said with the old system, a person who had "friends on the draft board" could have his name left off the list, while with the lottery, "I don't think you can hold anyone's name out."

A senior psychology major from Richmond, Bill LaRue, said, "I think the lottery is going to be fair, but I still don't think it is a solution."

"Naturally," LaRue said, "those who were financially better off stood a better chance of getting deferred because of college (under the former system) while those in a lower economic bracket who couldn't attend college stood more chance of getting drafted. But even with a lottery, some are going to have to go while some won't. It should be everybody or nobody."

Lee Bryant, a sophomore history major from Richmond, like most male students, is deferred while enrolled here. His comment about the lottery system is, "It is nice that you only have to sweat through one year, but there are good points and bad points about both systems...I don't worry about it."

A business major from Alexandria, junior Tom Tegge, said, "The lottery's



Ernest C. Morris
Junior from Richmond

better because it takes pressure off people that were worried about it before... I believe any revision of the draft can do nothing but good for it."

A similar thought was expressed by Emmett McMullen, an advertising junior from Stanardsville. "The only thing that was unfair about the old system," McMullen said, "was the pressure always hanging over your head. It does relieve you of a lot of burden."

Of those interviewed, only Mike Hahn, a premed student from Waynesboro, disagreed completely. "I don't like it," he said, "I liked it the other way better. You're more forewarned when you're going to get drafted [now]." he said. "It worries me, but I'm not necessarily afraid of it."

Catalyst

Reader ponders, 'If...'

If our forces are withdrawn from Viet Nam and the "Communists" re-invade that country and conquer it, than the dissenters or those in opposition to our forces or foreign political influence over that country will be affirmed in their beliefs that Viet Nam was a lost cause worthless of defending.

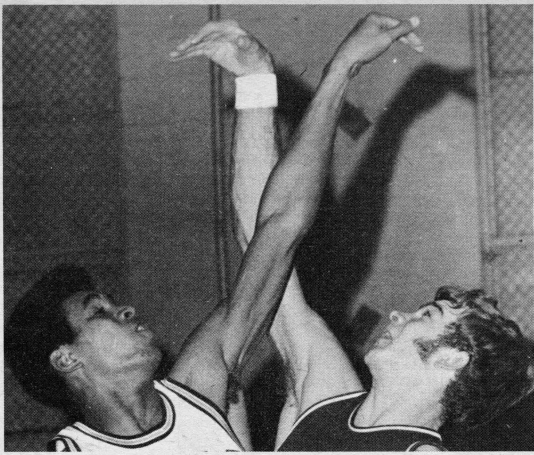
If the "Communists" have made up their minds to execute a task upon a portion of the world and the "American" populous resign to the fact that they will carry out that task no matter how big the wall of resistance,

and if the "Communists" do so, a pessimistic attitude will be assumed toward the morality of involvement of our nation with that involvement of other nations.

The optimistic state of mind will slowly but effectively deteriorate thus deflating the essence of "hope," substituting a sense of futility. The destruction of all hope will be followed by the destruction of our nation. Let us beware

Joe Ondishko

Freshman, Painting and
Printmaking



Charlie Booker and Paul Hendrix in Symmetric Jump

Charleston ripped 142-83 by cagers

By Fred Jeter
Times Sports Writer

The VCU basketball Rams started their season in superlative fashion last Friday as they demolished the College of Charleston (S.C.) by an eye-popping 142-83 score.

The contest was close for the first ten minutes before the Rams caught fire and began to pull further and further away. No individual can be singled out as molding the 68-48 halftime spread.

The spark, however, which may have ignited the Ram's flame could be accredited to senior co-captain Keith Lawson. Lawson came in with less than ten minutes remaining and quickly knotted 14 points and put the game out of Charleston's grasp.

Don Ross, returning to the team after a year's absence, electrified the crowd with sensational passes (he got seven assists) in addition to hitting 8 of 11 from the floor. Six foot seven Charlie Booker denied Charleston any inside shooting room with his blanket defense and forced them to take aim from outside. He also pulled in a dozen rebounds while playing about half the game.

Both the scoring and rebounding leader was, as expected, Jabo Wilkens. He ended with 27 markers, 21 in the first half, and 17 rebounds. Most of Jabo's goals came from in close where he used his phenomenal leaping ability to score over top of his taller foes.

In the second half, the Ram subs played the majority of the time and extended their advantage to 59 points in the second stanza. Every member of the team scored and looked impressive in every phase of the game. Charley Chambliss looked as if he was trying to work his way back into the starting lineup. A series of injuries had curtailed

his effectiveness in recent weeks. He looked in top form as he controlled the boards and played aggressive defense to compliment his offensive effectiveness. He finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Mike Fling, who got nine rebounds and David Hobbs who hit six of seven from the floor were two more standouts who came off the bench to star.

Coach Dees had been concerned with the Rams rebounding before the game and must have been pleased with their 77-39 advantage on the boards. This domination was accomplished against a team equally as tall as the Rams.

The 142 points were easily a school record and must be close to a national high for an opening game. They were previously 2-2.

The Rams used a blazing fast break for the entire game and Charleston, seemed content to run with them...a few steps behind. The VCU squad appeared to be in top physical condition and actually looked stronger and faster as the game moved on.

Coach Dees was understandably happy with his impressive victory but was quick to mention the rugged road trip this week. The team left yesterday for engagements with Long Island U., Western Kentucky, Tennessee Tech, and Providence. Their next home game is December 10 against Old Dominion University.

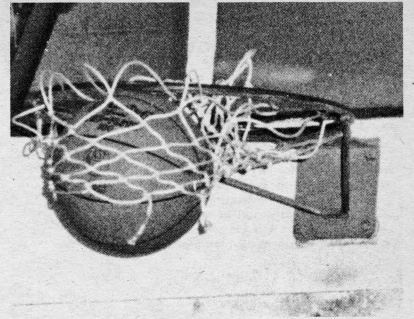
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Hendrix	4	2-5	10	Wilkens	10	2-10	27
McBride	4	5-5	13	Booker	4	2-2	10
Wall	3	1-1	7	Lawson	8	4-4	20
Carpenter	4	5-5	13	Chambliss	5	3-3	13
Gottschalk	3	2-3	8	Ross	8	1-2	17
German	6	1-3	13	Kilby	2	2-2	6
Harper	3	0-0	6	Fling	4	4-4	12
Cedel	2	0-0	4	Pock	5	2-4	12
Rune	0	1-1	1	Hobbs	6	4-6	16
Johnson	2	0-0	4	Moore	0	1-2	1
Collins	2	0-0	4	Sudduth	2	0-0	4
				Garrett	2	0-0	4
Totals	33	17-23	83	Totals	55	30-39	142
Charleston			48				35-83
VCU			68				74-142



Jabo Wilkens Goes for Two



Coach Dees is Congratulated by Dr. Brandt



VCU's Home for the Roundball

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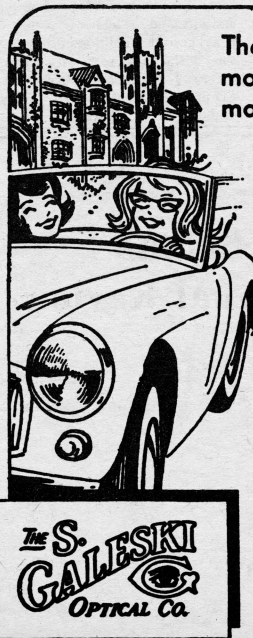
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Lottery listings by month

If two or more men registered with any local draft board share the same birthday, they will be subject to call in an order determined by a second lottery drawing held Monday night, in which letters of the alphabet were scrambled. Here is the "tie-breaking" order of call, in which the initial of each man's last name and first name if necessary will be matched with a scrambled alphabet:

January	March	May	July	September	November
1 305	1 108	1 330	1 93	1 225	1 19
2 159	2 29	2 298	2 350	2 161	2 34
3 251	3 267	3 40	3 115	3 49	3 348
4 215	4 275	4 276	4 279	4 232	4 266
5 101	5 293	5 364	5 188	5 82	5 310
6 224	6 139	6 155	6 327	6 6	6 76
7 306	7 122	7 35	7 50	7 184	7 51
8 199	8 213	8 321	8 13	8 263	8 97
9 194	9 317	9 197	9 277	9 71	9 80
10 325	10 323	10 65	10 284	10 158	10 282
11 329	11 136	11 37	11 248	11 15	11 46
12 221	12 300	12 133	12 15	12 242	12 66
13 318	13 259	13 295	13 42	13 175	13 126
14 238	14 243	14 178	14 331	14 1	14 127
15 17	15 169	15 130	15 322	15 113	15 131
16 121	16 166	16 55	16 120	16 207	16 107
17 235	17 33	17 112	17 98	17 255	17 143
18 140	18 332	18 278	18 190	18 246	18 146
19 58	19 200	19 75	19 187	19 177	19 203
20 280	20 239	20 183	20 27	20 63	20 185
21 186	21 334	21 250	21 27	21 204	21 156
22 237	22 265	22 326	22 153	22 160	22 9
23 118	23 256	23 319	23 172	23 119	23 182
24 59	24 258	24 31	24 23	24 194	24 230
25 52	25 343	25 361	25 67	25 149	25 132
26 92	26 170	26 357	26 303	26 18	26 309
27 353	27 268	27 296	27 289	27 233	27 47
28 77	28 223	28 309	28 88	28 257	28 281
29 349	29 362	29 226	29 270	29 151	29 99
30 164	30 217	30 103	30 287	30 315	30 174
31 211	31 30	31 313	31 193		
February	April	June	August	October	December
1 86	1 32	1 249	1 111	1 359	1 129
2 144	2 271	2 228	2 45	2 125	2 328
3 297	3 83	3 301	3 261	3 244	3 157
4 210	4 81	4 20	4 145	4 202	4 165
5 214	5 269	5 28	5 54	5 24	5 56
6 347	6 253	6 110	6 114	6 87	6 10
7 91	7 147	7 85	7 168	7 234	7 12
8 181	8 312	8 366	8 38	8 283	8 105
9 338	9 219	9 335	9 106	9 342	9 43
10 216	10 218	10 206	10 21	10 220	10 41
11 150	11 14	11 134	11 324	11 237	11 39
12 68	12 346	12 272	12 142	12 72	12 13
13 152	13 124	13 69	13 307	13 138	13 163
14 4	14 231	14 356	14 198	14 297	14 26
15 89	15 273	15 180	15 102	15 171	15 320
16 212	16 148	16 274	16 44	16 254	16 96
17 189	17 260	17 73	17 154	17 288	17 304
18 292	18 90	18 341	18 141	18 5	18 128
19 25	19 336	19 104	19 311	19 241	19 240
20 302	20 345	20 360	20 344	20 192	20 135
21 363	21 62	21 60	21 291	21 243	21 70
22 290	22 316	22 109	22 339	22 117	22 53
23 57	23 252	23 247	23 116	23 201	23 162
24 236	24 2	24 358	24 36	24 196	24 95
25 179	25 351	25 137	25 67	25 176	25 84
26 365	26 340	26 22	26 303	26 7	26 173
27 205	27 74	27 64	27 289	27 264	27 78
28 299	28 262	28 222	28 167	28 94	28 123
29 285	29 191	29 353	29 61	29 229	29 16
		30 209	30 333	30 38	30 3
			31 11	31 79	31 100

Cathedral concert to be held

For the first time in the history of the VCU Choral Group its Christmas concert will be presented in the atmosphere of a structure befitting the religious season.

With the cooperation of Father Sullivan and the staff of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, its concert will be presented at 8:30 p.m., December 17 in the cathedral's sanctuary.

L. Wayne Batty, conductor of the group says, "It should be a glorious experience for the members of the group, the audience, and myself because we have always had to use the Gymnasium for our concerts. It has been extremely difficult to create the proper atmosphere in such surroundings. The Cathedral is beautifully suited to our concert since the altar area has been placed out in the

nave, bringing the audience closer to you."

Guest artist Richard Rivers will perform with the group for the first time before a Richmond audience. Rivers is a baritone and is new to the music faculty this year. He has been concertizing for several years and has appeared in opera and oratorios throughout the United States. He will be singing the role of Narrator in A Canticle of Christmas, by Vittorio Giannini.

The bulk of the program will be taken from contemporary composers

but the first two numbers will be of an earlier period. A work by Luca Marenzio and one by Michael Praetorius will open the program.

The Choral Group will end its program with its traditional candle-light carol sing. They will leave their places and surround the audience as they sing. It has been the tradition of the group to sing as the audience quietly leaves the sanctuary. Plans and arrangements for the program are handled by officers of the group.

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December 5--Quantico Dependent School; Elementary and secondary teachers, Russell County Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers.

December 8--Allied Chemical; Chemistry, engineering technology, and accounting.

December 9--Atkins, Pernel & Ould; Accounting majors.

December 11--Virginia Beach Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers, Del Monte Sales Corporation; Marketing representatives, Leggett; Retailing and related careers, Frederick (Maryland) Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers.

December 12--VEPCO; Chemistry, math, physics & physical science, business majors.

December 15--Campbell County Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers, Harrisonburg City Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers.

December 16--AMEDS Personnel; Biology, health and physical education, occupational and physical therapy majors.

December 17--York County Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers, Life of Virginia; Home office positions in insurance; any major.

Burke County Public Schools; Elementary and secondary teachers.

Left out in the cold, girls try to get home

By Mariane Matera

This is a true story. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

On a certain eastern college campus on a certain holiday a decree came that all dorms would be closed at 5 p.m. on the dot. Alas for those who had great distances to travel on little money in little time. There was a frantic rush to find riders. Girls went home with roommates, girls went home with hallmates, girls went home with the mailmen and drink machine servicemen. Soon there was no one left to go home with.

There we all were on the stoop, sitting forlornly on our suitcases. At least it wasn't raining or snowing.

5:30 p.m.--The temperature is dropping. Anne B. starts to sneeze. Lucy J. Offers a hankie.

6 p.m.--It's getting dark. Temperature drops to 32 degrees. Paula H. fears for her goldfish, Freddie G., who is swimming in a wine glass of water.

6:30 p.m.--Harriet M. remembers there is a mad rapist at large on campus. It is dark now. Everyone whimpers.

7 p.m.--Police car drives by. Everyone waves frantically. Lucy J. and Linda W. go home with policemen.

7:30 p.m.--Freddie G. swims into an ice cube and suffers a concussion.

8 p.m.--A refugee from Monroe Park comes strolling by. He is lean and hungry-looking, also unshaven. Everyone cowers behind their suitcases.

8:03 p.m.--Lean man snatches Harriet M.'s suitcase.

8:05 p.m.--Lean man snatches

8:30 p.m.--A lady from Blacksburg picks up Jane B.

9 p.m.--Freddie G. is pronounced dead.

9:30 p.m.--Betty L. volunteers to get coffee and takes up a collection.

10 p.m.--Betty L. not back. Everyone suspects Betty L. took off with coffee money and got a hotel room.

10:30 p.m.--Betty L. checks in at motel.

11 p.m.--Only Anne B., Paula H., the deceased Freddie G. and myself are left on the stoop. Someone suggests bridge.

11:30 p.m.--Police car stops. Everyone is relieved. Police say we can't solicit here and to clear the street. Police drive off, grumbling it's bad enough on Grace street without overflowing into Franklin.

11:15 p.m.--Boy friend finally arrives. Apologizes profusely for being late. With tears of joy in eyes, I get into car.

Midnight--I turn to wave to Anne B. and Paula H. The stoop is vacant except for two pumpkins and a frozen goldfish.

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