

# Brandt notes 'much headway'

Near the end of his first year as president of VCU, Dr. Warren W. Brandt sees that his administrative programs have made much "headway" in organization and structure.

One of his projects, the University Assembly, suffers from "too many students," he said. Brandt said that there is now an "imbalance in the assembly vote" because a bloc vote by students could swing a two-thirds majority of faculty-administration votes on any issue.

Recalling the controversy earlier this year concerning student representation on the assembly, Brandt said that he should have suggested fewer students originally and then added with demands because his first proposal was "fair" and even more representative than most universities.

A second major campus controversy this year revolved around the recent student strike and protest series across the country. When questioned about the dismissal of a large number of students for occupying a building at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he was vice president before accepting the position here, Dr. Brandt was convinced the VPI president, Dr. T. Marshall Hahn, did the right thing.

Brandt said he accepted the legitimate dissent, but he felt that occupying a university building was not legitimate. "Dismissal" for such students "is too good for them," he added.

Brandt was also somewhat critical of the "emotions" of the protest here. He said that several people were stirred up by the atmosphere, including many outsiders. He said that a group of high school students went up to Harrison St. breaking car windows and destroying property during the height of the unrest.

Brandt was also questioned about the art department request for the Anderson Building for use as a gallery. He said that there were too many students to consider before something like that could be done.

Brandt said that the psychology department is trying to bring in a much enlarged faculty and more comprehensive programs. He questioned the fairness of not giving them office space and classroom space in the Anderson Building also.

"Where else can we put them," he asked. There is little other space to rent for the university and therefore it all comes back to the Anderson Building.

"If you can get the business students and psychology students to forfeit this building the decision would be easier to make," he continued.

Brandt was also questioned about a possible recess for a one or two week period in November for students to campaign in the elections. He saw little value in this. He said that it has been done by Princeton and a couple of other universities that are in such public disfavor that the move is not popular.

The recess had been proposed in an editorial in the Commonwealth Times.

Concerning a list of demands presented to Gov. Linwood Holton and the news media during the strike, Dr. Brandt said that he could not possibly respond to the demands concerning his removal as president. He described it as a "Do you beat your wife" type situation.

Other demands included student representation on the Board of Visitors which earlier he had disapproved of.

## Pre-registration mandatory

The office of the Registrar announced that approximately 1700 students that were eligible for pre-registration failed to register this month.

In the past years the school has allowed returning students to register during the first week of the September session. This year, however, the Admittance office is swamped with applications and it is reported that some 2,000 applicants, many of which are academically eligible, will be turned down for lack of classroom, and dormitory space.

Merle V. Slater, registrar for the Academic Center, is asking those students who for some reason did not

pre-register to indicate their intentions by June 1. "If we do not hear from you by June 1, we will assume that you are not planning to return to VCU next fall. We can give your place to some other deserving student," Slater stated in a letter to these students.

If the student indicates his intention to return he will be billed in July and permitted to register as a degree-seeking student on Wednesday, September 9, 1970.

Degree-seeking students who plan to attend only the evening college should plan to register by mail August 1-22, or on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, September 8 or 9 in the Mosque Ballroom.

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## Administrators leave posts

Mrs. Margaret J. Perritt, assistant to the dean of women, and Roland M. Wheeler, director of Housing, have announced their resignations for next fall.

Mrs. Perritt has been at VCU since 1956 as a student, teacher, and finally as assistant to the dean of women. She is leaving simply because "my family wants me at home."

Mrs. Perritt attended RPI from 1956-60, receiving her BA in art education. In September, 1962 she began teaching educational and recreational crafts, a course which she taught for two years. She then moved up

to the student personnel office and in 1964 became the assistant to the dean of women.

She started off merely assigning dorm rooms, but later assumed responsibility for the whole housing operations and the student center.

Mrs. Perritt now works with programs in the residence halls, such as the Symposium on Human Sexuality and last year's art exhibits. She also works with student government in the residence halls, coordination of religious advisers and "other things you can't list under specific categories."

About her stay at VCU, Mrs. Perritt stated, "I've been involved in RPI... watched it grow and change but still retain some of its own flavor. It's a great place!"

Wheeler, the man responsible for seeing to it that over 1775 students are properly housed at VCU, will be leaving next week to supervise the housing of students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

When asked why he was moving to VPI, Wheeler said, "They made it too attractive to turn down."

Wheeler began as Housing Director at VCU in August 1968. A graduate of RPI in 1966, he taught in the Richmond public school system until coming to VCU in 1968.

The biggest concern facing student housing, according to Wheeler, is the Master Plan for expanding the VCU campus. The plan does not cover



Margaret J. Perritt

### 'To Be with My Family'

campus housing. Wheeler stated the university should be able "to give the student the option of living in University-provided housing or off-campus facilities."

Wheeler will leave a number of recommendations to the school administration. Included in the recommendations are plans "to provide an up-grading in the present residence halls" and "totally involve students in the planning of new and renovating of residence hall."

No one has been appointed to fill either position



Roland M. Wheeler

'Too Attractive to Turn Down'

## Housemothers to be replaced by graduates next year

A new plan for VCU's high-rise dormitories will go into effect next fall. Present female head residents of Rhoads and Johnson Halls are to be replaced by graduate students.

The new system will provide three types of counseling and supervision for

the girls living in dormitories. A resident assistant, who will be an undergraduate student, will live on each floor.

For eight hours per day an older woman will serve as a hostess for the dormitory.

Head residents are two graduate students who will live in apartments provided for them in the dormitories.

In a meeting with dorm residents Tuesday night Dr. Charles Renneisen, dean of students, said the housing department hoped the graduate students would be better able to understand student's attitudes and the mores of their society.

"It is hoped that these graduate students will be good referral agents, rather than counselors. When a student has a problem they should be able to refer the student to someone who is qualified to counsel them."

Several petitions of coeds who desired to keep the housemothers were presented to the housing department this week.

The Tuesday-night meeting was held to discuss this disagreement and for Dr. Renneisen to explain fully the plan for next year.

Several of the girls present said that they felt they needed the counseling and companionship that housemothers have formerly provided; The older women's experience, they said, gives them insight and wisdom which could not be provided by the younger graduate students.

Also some of the girls felt graduate students would be too busy with their academic work to give proper attention to their dormitory responsibilities.

Dr. Renneisen states that older

women would still be available during the day, and one graduate student would be on duty at all times during the night.

He also expressed hope that the graduate students selected for these positions will be responsible enough to provide an adult figure for the dormitories.

In answer to a question concerning the future of the women presently employed as head residents, Dr. Renneisen explained that the university would find similar positions elsewhere.

In a related matter, residents of Anderson House, a senior girls dormitory, met with Renneisen, Wheeler and Wilson Tuesday afternoon to discuss where the girls would live next year.

The administrators told them that their dormitory would be used for faculty offices next year.

Many of the residents objected to the action because they would be forced to move into a high-rise dormitory with different regulations from those used in the past in senior girls dormitories. Ritter-Hickok would be the only senior dorm left and there are no vacancies there.

The administrators said that Founders Hall could possibly become a senior girls residence next year.

### Applications available

Students interested in serving on the Concert and Dance Committee next year have until tomorrow to complete applications in the SGA office on the second floor of the Student Center. Interviews will be held Saturday.



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## Hail to The Chief...

Mary Skudlarek, president of the '70 senior class, administers the oath of office to Larry Murphy, newly-elected senior class president. Murphy was installed at the annual senior awards banquet.



# 'Beautiful' people

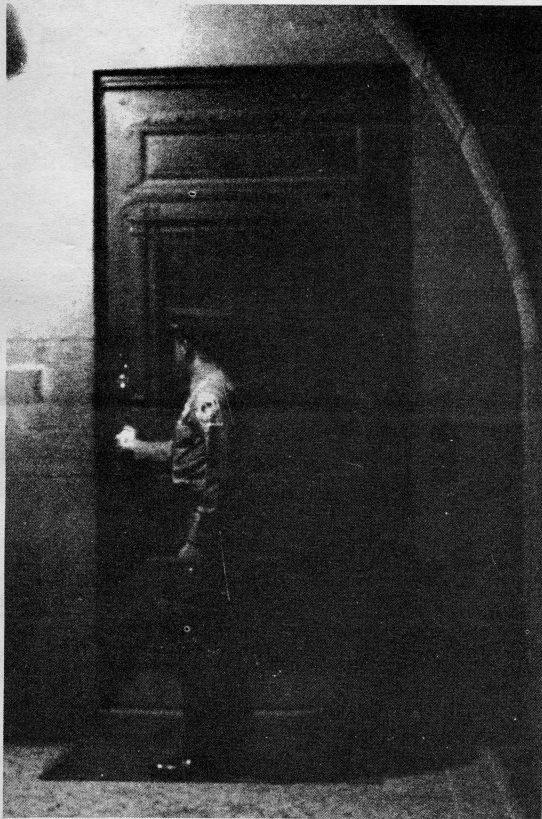
While officers of the law are centers of controversy across the state and nation, VCU police stand out as men worthy of the respect which uniforms used to command.

During our week of strike rallies, the campus police responded in a manner which deserves commendation. Dr. Roger L. Smith, vice president for planning and operations, called the city authorities and suggested that the city policemen, mounted on horses along the edge of the crowd, remove themselves from the rally site. Later VCU police Chief T. Richard Benson and Dr. Smith, in response to a request from concerned students, arranged an open meeting to discuss the role and jurisdiction of the campus police. The result was a discussion, unmarked by loud voices, during which students and the Establishment became more aware of each others' problems and objectives.

There were numerous examples, throughout the week of high tension and potential explosiveness, of good communication and understanding between students and campus police.

After the week's activities and absence of confrontation, strike leaders Bennett Nelson and Matt Zingraff commented that the VCU police are "beautiful." Obviously there is good rapport here.

Certainly there are areas where improvements and revisions in the system of providing protection for students should be made. An atmosphere in which reforms can come is present now.



Staff Photo by Larry Haake

## The Observer

# Budget hearings: an orgy

(The Observer is an opinionated column by a staff writer. The column is not intended to reflect the views of the editors or other staff members.)

By Len Landman

The SGA budget hearings resembled an orgy the Marquis de Sade would have been proud to call his own.

Hiding behind a facade of "student representation" the various members of the House and Senate used the budget allocations to purge their twisted souls of an assortment of psychopathic tendencies.

True, we expect the representatives to question the proposed budgets, especially when these proposals encompass over \$100,000. However, there is no justification for the hours spent in petty, vindictive battle.

It became obvious early in the first session that the members, adorned with their most bellicose natures, had decided to repudiate the Elam administration. (On an individual basis, of course, as no two members could ever seem to agree on anything except perhaps the need to recess.)

Subversion became the apparent theme when the representatives endowed Elam with the mystical power to operate the SGA office on almost non-existent funds.

The members did not have the audacity to handcuff Elam without cutting the funds for their own pleasures (such as a \$2500 retreat and \$1000 banquet) but, it is indeed culpable that they sought to disguise their malevolence with such righteous "altruism."

The obstreperous representatives were more than revengeful, they were quite often irrational and frequently revealed themselves as first-class members of the "instant generation."

The discussion which evolved from the Perspective budget bordered on insanity (assuming that the representatives are not stupid, merely demented.)

For reasons, which defy explanation, our esteemed representatives expected the Perspective to be the epitome of course evaluations. They could not find any merits worth preservation. As the course evaluation was not the perfect product they demanded many representatives tried to vote it out of existence. Indeed, it would be interesting to witness the reaction to Dr. Brandt abolishing the SGA because of its multifarious list of imperfections.

It is quite probable that Perspective will improve and eventually offer an exceptionally valuable service to the students of VCU. Not true for the SGA, unless the present representatives soon learn to transcend their diapers and pacifiers.

The work scholarships created another ghastly debate. One didn't know whether to experience sympathy for the martyred recipients or respect for the howling idealists. The SGA executive scholarships fell prey to severe criticism. Martyr/idealist Speaker of the House Butch Jenkins called the requests exorbitant and asked that his scholarship be cut from \$400 to \$300.

It was at this point that the SGA politics took on a frighteningly professional proportions. Jenkins and Mary Ellen Tisdale allowed their conflict to sink to the personal level. The battle continued throughout the meeting, which adjourned at 4:15 after Emery Hite miraculously managed to push through a revised budget.

By this time members were slap-happy and anything could have been passed. However, Jenkins could not refrain from making a quip to the effect that if the SGA operating budget needed more money, the vice-president's salary could be cut. Miss Tisdale saw fit to employ true dirty politics and said "just see if you're Speaker next fall, Mr. Jenkins."

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Next Thursday [today] SAAP is sponsoring a memorial rally for the Black students who were killed recently in Georgia, Mississippi, and elsewhere. Many students from VCU are anxious to participate in this rally.

It has been the University's policy throughout (p. 6, Signpost) that class attendance is a matter between the student and the instructor. It is my expectation that students participating in the rally next Thursday will be treated no differently by their

instructors than students have in the past for similar activities.

It is my understanding from the leaders of this memorial rally that it is to be a peaceful expression of concern about the tragic loss of these lives; a loss which I share.

Warren W. Brandt, President

# Agnew defended; budget hearings discussed

Editor:

I feel I must reply to the editorials in the Wednesday, May 20 issue of the Commonwealth Times.

Let me say, first, that I am an employee of Virginia Commonwealth University, working in the Business Office; I am a housewife and mother of two teen-age sons, the elder of whom will enter high school next fall; I am a former student of this school, all of which I feel helps me to relate to younger people. However, I am also a federal and state taxpayer with the hope that my sons will one day enter college.

Your editorial, "Keep talking, Mr. Agnew," objects to the same argument you feel Mr. Agnew is using towards you. You say that he doesn't "like to hear voices raised in protest," then you state that you don't like to hear his voice disagree with you. In simpler words, "students" should make their voices heard and their presence seen in unfavorable scenes of sitting-in and lying-in, damage to property, resulting in unavoidable shootings by persons who wouldn't have to be present in the first place if it were not for these protesting "students."

My dictionary defines "student" as

"a person who studies, or investigates; a person who is enrolled for study at a school." A student, in my own definition, is one who is preparing himself for advanced work in a chosen field, because he obviously feels that before enrolling he did not have the knowledge or intellectual tools to enter his chosen field. A person is certainly not qualified to advise anyone more experienced in education and practical application until he himself has received both education and practical training in any field.

You further state that Mr. Agnew will not be silenced; isn't this true of students, who by now are making so much noise that they themselves cannot be heard? It is all right for you to have your say, but Mr. Agnew who is the spokesman for millions of Americans must not express his opinion. He is speaking for many of us, who choose not to interrupt our daily working schedule or home life to protest in a disruptive way. In my own home, my sons may certainly express their opinion of family matters, but until they are adults (and by this I mean persons who are prepared both in age and intellect to

be responsible), actual decisions on family policy are made by their parents.

Mr. Agnew perhaps may feel an inability to communicate with students, because they certainly are not giving him much opportunity. They are not respecting his opinions, any more than they feel he is respecting theirs. Mr. Agnew is facing reality much more than they are. He has lived much longer, and he is in a position where he has more knowledge and information than any of us have to decide what should be done in matters of government.

We have a wonderful group of students here at VCU with much potential and ability. We have a wonderful school able to offer so much to those who are enrolled for study and investigation. Yes, let us continue to express our various opinions and give suggestions, but let us also keep studying, observing, until we have the knowhow to affect solutions to problems before us. Until we ourselves have solutions we must allow those who have been elected to handle these matters do so to the best of their knowledge and experience.

I am proud that VCU allowed

persons of all opinions, both students and faculty, to have their say last week in Shafer Court, and I am proud that, so far, VCU has not seen the disruption and destruction that other schools are having. I pray that students here will not choose to "follow the herd" in these matters, but will have these unfortunate schools look at VCU for an example and guidance in ways of expression.

Thank you for this opportunity, and may God guide you in your chosen field and life.

Mrs. Melvin R. Jackson

Editor:

Having attended the joint session of the House and Senate on Monday night, and having read with interest your report on the meeting in Wednesday's paper, I would like to comment. There was, indeed, all of the controversy reported. However, it would be desirable for the student body of this university to be informed of the supreme amount of energy, time, and conscientious work put into this budget by those attending the meeting. Though there were many disagreements as to the proper allocation of funds, each

member seemed to be trying to be fair and to act in the best interests of the students whom they represent. The members listened to the comments of anyone present, members and observers alike, who could contribute information, in an effort to make wise, well-informed decision. Tired though they were, the members of the Congress continued until adjournment, at 4:30 a.m. on two occasions, to try to allocate funds in a manner to best serve the students. I feel that the Congress deserves commendation for its work.

Janet K. Groves

Editor:

In regard to the projected use of the Anderson Gallery-Library and Anderson Dorm (913 West Franklin) for administrative and faculty offices and for classroom:

Our administrators appear to be well versed in the recitation of the relativity of individual interests to INSTITUTIONAL interests. In view of this, please chip in .05 on a freight-car load of Jergens hand cream for the Pilates at the helms of our ship.

Cecilia Jennings



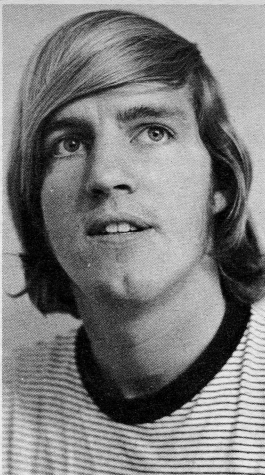
# Times names manager

Bob Tate, Adv3 Powhatan, succeeds Greg Kelly as business manager of The Commonwealth Times next year. Kelly said he selected Tate because "he's one of the most creative persons in the advertising department of the Junior class."

Tate said he felt he was selected because he had been doing freelance advertising work for the Exit and Persian Room.

Tate, an "alumnus" of Phi Delta Omega and a member of the Copy and Sales Promotion committee which participated in the prize-winning advertising department competition, intends to be "a little more creative" in planning the advertisements for The Times. "I'd like more art work instead of straight copy, and more student oriented advertisements like clothing stores and bicycle shops."

The tall, blue-eyed blond accepted the post because "it sounded interesting." He initially majored in business management, but "business was boring. It still is from what I've heard, I thought advertising would be a little different."



Bob Tate  
Business Manager

## Drama major to organize radio show

One VCU junior is going underground this summer in Richmond.

Jerry Williams, a drama major, is organizing an all-night underground radio show this summer on WEZS, FM stereo, at 103.7 on the dial.

The program, which will be presented Tuesday-Sunday from 12 a.m.-6 a.m., will be called "Veronica Lake" The title is representative of the 30's and 40's said Williams. People will either realize that Veronica Lake was a sex symbol of that era or think it's just a place to go swimming.

"Richmond needs a good underground radio station," continued Williams. "We will be there to play good music in stereo, and there will not be a lot of commercials. This could lead to a full time under-ground radio station here."

## Math Club elects officers

Wirtley T. Libscomb III was elected president of the Math club yesterday at its last meeting of the year.

Assisting him will be vice president Mary Beasley; secretary Mary Ann Pyle; and treasurer Christina Taylor.

Projects for next year include a film and lecture series and a tutoring service for any student in math courses here.

## Students win awards for tile design displays

Awards of \$5, \$25 and \$15 as well as three honorable mentions and two finalists awards were presented to VCU Interior Design students by Jack Wagstaff, vice president of Mid-State Tile Company in Lexington, N.C., on May 5 in Roads Hall.

The awards were the result of a competition sponsored by the Mid-State Tile Company. The objective of the competition was to design an area showing the effective use of ceramic tile supplied by the company. The company will possibly use the winning designs in

photographic displays for publicity purposes. Judging the contest were such prominent people as Lloyd Bell, president New York Chapter A.I.D.; Sherman Emory, Editor-in-chief Interior Design Magazine; Martha Ludlam, vice president New York District Chapter A.I.D.; Jerome Manshaw, Manshaw associates; and Joseph Braswell, private designer.

Receiving the first place award was Henry Jenkins, junior; second place was Phillip Young, senior; and third was Scott Boyer, junior. Three honorable mentions were also awarded; receiving these were Linda Nelson, junior; Dennis Russell, junior; and Susan Magee, junior. Two students were recognized as finalists in the competition; these were Cathy Atkins, junior, and Barbara Sowell, junior.

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# Student involvement grows

By Barbara Gibson  
Times Assistant Managing Editor

Student involvement in decision-making within the university has become increasingly evident as student-faculty committees are formed to to suggest policy for departments and schools.

Administrators whose departments or schools have organized committees with student members appear, to support student participation in administrative affairs. Most of the committee with active student members make suggestions about curriculum changes, degree requirements and teaching methods although others have taken on further responsibilities.

Some administrators favor having students in advisory positions only while others feel that if students are to serve on a committee, they should have the ability to effect changes more directly.

### Class representatives

Recently the distributive education department set up a committee of two representatives from each class level which will meet with faculty once a week to discuss department policy. According to the department chairman, Vivien K. Ely, the students on the committee will have full voting privileges, and the student-faculty group will make the final decisions.

Mrs. Ely said that she and the Distributive Education faculty are impressed with the maturity of the students in the department. She also believes "that the longer a student is in school, the more he can react to what's happening to him."

Even though the department of Philosophy and Religious Studies does not have active student involvement now, its chairman, Dr. Thomas Hall, explained that in the near future students will be involved in the curriculum committee. In the past one student has been "nominally" on that committee.

"Students do have some important things to say. We should listen to what they have to say, but it should be a joint endeavor between the students and faculty," Dr. Hall said.

### Advisory Committee

The Drama Department's Student Advisory Committee has been operating as a functional part of the department as well as in an advisory capacity.

For the first time the committee conducted this year's freshman auditions. Committee members also decided which students should have releases to work on plays outside the department, and they have begun to rewrite the department's outdated handbook. Four Drama students work on the committee.

"I don't know how we would have gotten along without this committee," said Raymond Hodges, chairman of the department.

A group of Social Welfare majors

organized last spring to do a survey concerning the department. After the survey was completed, the Social Welfare faculty chose two representatives from the group to meet with them "officially."

"We feel that the students and faculty are working together effectively. Changes have been recommended and put into practice," Lois Washer, chairman of the Department of Social Welfare said.

"...Students should feel free to discuss without violence as long as it does not interfere with other students' rights," Kooiman said.

### Student-Faculty Forum

All Occupational Therapy students can participate in their school's Student-Faculty Forum, which meets at the students' request. Cornelius Looiman, dean of the school, said that during these sessions students and faculty can discuss openly policy that affects their school. About 35 of the school's 140 students attended the last meeting.

The School of the Arts also has a student advisory committee which elects four members to serve on the Council of the Arts. The Council, composed of School of the Arts faculty administration and students, worked on new degree programs and "routine business of the school," Dr. Herbert J. Burgart, dean of the school said.

For two years the council operated solely for the Art departments, but with the incorporation of music, drama and art into the School of the Arts this year, the council became representative of the entire school.

Dr. Burgart said that the Council "is as effective as it can be now," but he added that as it becomes older, it will become a better organization.

### Feedback from students

Although the Marketing Department does not have an established student committee, Bobby R. Ferguson, acting chairman of the department, said that he believes that students should have a voice. "We should always be open to channels of communication. I think we need feedback from the students, but I don't favor them making the decisions," he commented.

Other chairman of departments in the School of Business expressed similar opinions. They welcome suggestions from students, but they said that students should be involved in the final decisions.

Chairman of the Accounting Department, H. David Willis sees student interest in their departments as a educational experience. "I am in favor of them getting involved in group discussions to set up guidelines; it would be a good learning process," he said. He also said that accounting students have shown no interest in becoming involved.

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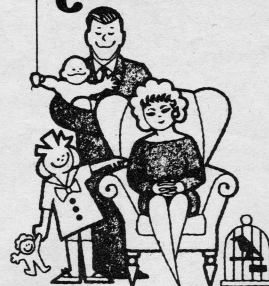
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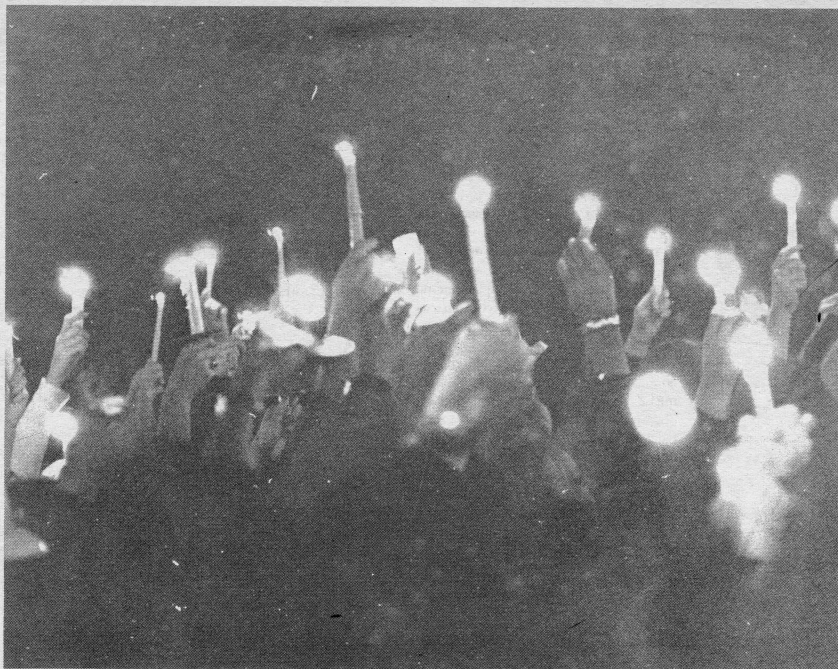
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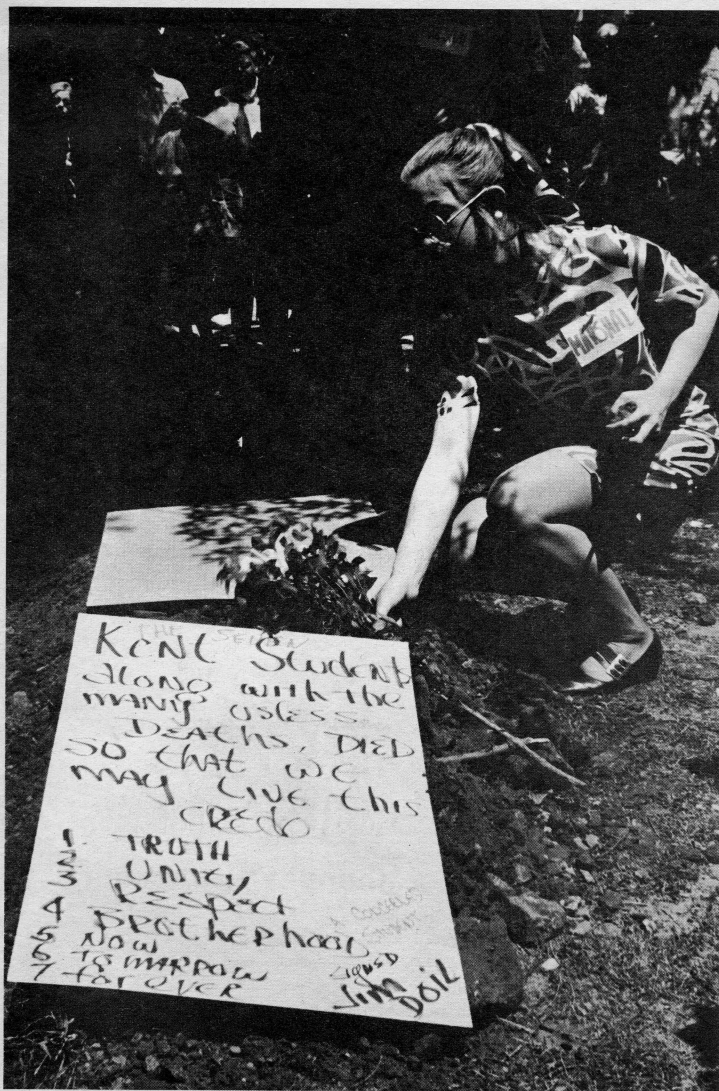
Protest, involvement in political and social issues and a general increase in social consciousness permeated the academic year at VCU.

The first major issue of the year revolved around the nationally declared Motorium on October 15. Protesters numbering between 2,000 and 3,000 gathered in Monroe Park and marched to the state capitol to protest those in power who were responsible for the war, and to commemorate those Virginia soldiers who had already died in the war.

The next issue which drew a large amount of student concern was that of equal representation in the newly formed University Assembly. Designed as the main governing body of the university and second only to the Board of Visitors, student felt they had a right to equal representation on the Assembly. (The Assembly had a membership of 15 administrators, 15 faculty and six students.)

Students who felt they had been denied an equal voice in the decision-making processes of the university organized a campus-wide protest. Black arm bands with percentage signs blossomed across campus and for over a week equal percentage was the issue and the only issue on campus.

Culminating in a candlelight procession to Shafer st. court, several hundred students protested the decision of the University Assembly to maintain the six student members instead of increasing the number to 15. The Assembly ignored the protest and the membership remained the same.





# IN REVIEW

Social concern was shown by the VCU student body during Earth Week. Highlighted by a clean-up campaign, lectures, teach-ins, and a dance at the climax of the week, Earth Week

Perhaps the largest and longest of the protests began after a late meeting Monday, May 4, by a group of student organizers following the Cambodian invasion. The meeting was significant for a second reason: earlier that day four students had been shot at Kent State University.

Protests were held in Shafer court for the entire week, marked by speeches, a mock burial of the Kent State Four, and an appearance by Napoleon Peoples, a student "witness" to the Kent State shootings.

The next Monday morning the strikers met with Gov. Linwood Holton and presented a list of demands including a call for an end to classes, three students on the Board of Visitors and a thirteenth request for the "immediate release" of Dr. Brandt.

The last issue which held the interest of students on the VCU campus was the repossession of the Anderson Building by the School of the Arts for Exhibition purposes.

The only visible protest on the part of the Art students took place recently at the undergraduate art show held at the Carillon earlier this month. In protest over the possibility of not receiving the Anderson Building, many students draped their work in black plastic.



text by  
**Martha Byrne**  
and  
**Gary Sullivan**





# Jayem cage coach to guide frosh team

By Ed Westlow  
Times Sports Writer

"Wow" VCU's new freshman basketball coach, Bill Chambers scratched his head, settled back in his chair and looked reflective. "I guess I'll have to bring a stepladder to practice. The tallest boy I've ever had to coach is 6-5." Chambers stopped long enough to give two of his students gym clothes for the day.

For the last five years Chambers has taken to task others of the high school coaching fraternity in the Richmond area and come away with 70 wins scored in 99 attempts. Sometimes with less talent, but always with fitness, poise, and fundamental basketball the blue-clad, black-shod Justices of coach Bill Chambers have demonstrated the tutorial prowess of their mentor.

Such performances prompted his repeated nomination by his colleagues as high school coach of the year of Virginia.

In a day when athletes are being stereotyped as outspoken malcontents, Chambers is a throw-back to a time when sustained excellence of performance was sufficient criteria to judge the man.

Chambers played four years of both basketball and baseball at RMC, receiving all-conference honors in both sports and all-American honors in basketball. Teaming with Frank Kaminsky he led the Yellow Jackets to two divisional conference titles and an upset of national champion Mount St. Mary's.

Upon graduation with honors in sociology and history in June 1964, Chambers became an instructor of government and economics at Richmond's Thomas Jefferson high school.

Chambers is of course sorry to leave Jayem. "I can't imagine a nicer place to work or nicer people to work with. "We've had problems but we've always been able to work them out."

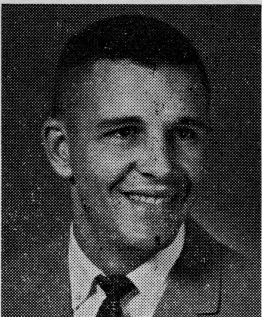
"I'm sorry to be leaving but a man has to set goals for himself. Mine is to be a college coach. I didn't feel I could let this opportunity pass by."

"I'm really looking forward to working with coach Dees. He has so much enthusiasm. He's going to build a big program just like that man at Jacksonville. I'm glad to be a part of it."

"My high school and college coaches have influenced me, I suppose, but my philosophy of coaching is to watch as

many teams as I can, read as many books as I can and take the best ideas of all of them. In high school I've had to stress fundamentals."

"I think one of the main things to teach in college will be winning attitude. I've always thought VCU had a lot of potential and now I hope I can help them realize it."



Bill Chambers  
Heads Frosh Basketball

## Crew coach reflects, plans for expansion

On Feb. 6, VCU named a new coach, the first change since crew had been founded here.

Almost four months later that new coach, D.K. Waybright, is anything but disappointed about the improvement in the crews since he took over.

"All my goals were reached....the results were superb," comments Waybright.

But for Waybright and his oarsmen, the emphasis is on the future and not the past. "Next year should be far superior to anything VCU has had...and the year after that should be even better."

If Waybright has his way, and all indications are that he will, VCU should rebuild quite a name in crew. "Next year we'll almost double our facilities," he points out. "We plan to purchase a four-man shell and establish a light-weight crew with a light-weight shell."

Approximately 25 oarsmen will be returning next year and 10 experienced scholastic oarsmen are expected to provide enough manpower to reinstate the freshmen program which was abandoned late this year.

Waybright plans to establish a full fall schedule and this summer all VCU crew members will receive honorary memberships to the Virginia Boat Club so they can participate in its summer crew program.

Money should continue to be crew's major problem but Waybright and athletic director Benny Dees are in the midst of making arrangements which may give crew more money next year.

IF the money can be found, IF the new equipment and facilities can be purchased and IF the James River doesn't go dry, the Waybright and his crew should be looking at the future instead of the past.

# Swimming hopefuls asked to meeting

According to Jack Shiltz, director of aquatics, the backbone of the VCU swim team will come from the student body since only a limited number of scholarships will be given this year.

the gym. Schedules and literature on the competitive program will be presented and coach Schiltz will show the new trunks and the warmup suits.

Also included is a tour of the new indoor pool scheduled to be opened June first.

For people interested in the VCU aquatics program there will be a meeting at 7:00 tonight in

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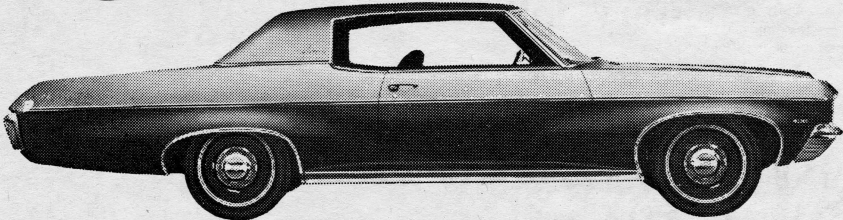
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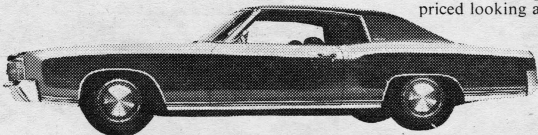
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## VCU in '72 ?

By Fred Jeter



The recruiting for VCU's initial Freshman basketball team is now completed and it looks as though Athletic Director and head basketball coach, Benny Dees, has made another giant stride in his goal of vaulting the Rams into the national basketball picture.

Dees came to VCU less than three years ago and the basketball program has literally soared in that time period. Prior to Dees arrival, VCU, or rather RPI, was roundball weakling in every sense of the word. RPI gave no scholarships, played a "creampuff" schedule, and worst of all, usually got crushed.

In his first year here, Dees had only one player of legitimate hard-court talent, that being the former Armstrong High School Flash, Don Ross. The record was poor that year but Dees went to work on building a team.

Aided by his assistant, Dave Pritchett, he undertook the monumental task of trying to get top flite ball players to come to a school they had never heard of.

The biggest "catch" of all was "jumpin'" Jabo Wilkins, a former Maggie Walker of Richmond star, who had dropped out of college and was playing ball in the Richmond city league. Dees told Jabo, "Man, come back to school and you can make a living playing this game..." Jabo came back and VCU's glad he did.

Dees had little luck in persuading high school standouts to take a chance on VCU and so he had to look elsewhere. He went to the Junior colleges and came up with Dave Hobbs, Odell Pack, and L.J. Kilby. Charlie Chambliss and Charlie Booker were out of school and mostly out of luck and VCU was their perfect answer to another chance. These players, along with three high school recruits, including husky Mike Fling, made up last year's team.

Another thing Dees did was to schedule big-time opponents to play the Rams. Realizing his early successes might be few, he felt it was necessary if his ultimate dreams were to be realized.

The record was 14-10 this year, and considering the schedule, very respectable. Possibly more important than the record, however, was the image the Rams conveyed as a wide open, fast breaking team with a lot of flash. The image appealed to many basketball fans, including the high school prospects who were eventually to sign VCU scholarships to play basketball.

The year VCU hopes to enter the NCAA is 1972. Playing in the to-be-completed Richmond Colliseum, and with next year's Freshman crop on the varsity, it is hard to be too conservative over what might be accomplished in the next two years when one remembers what coach Dees and his staff have done in the last two.

## JV team places

VCU's crew teams recently completed their season by competing in the Dad Veil in Philadelphia on the Skuykill River.

The varsity squad was eliminated in the first-round preliminary heat, finishing fourth in a field of six. Georgetown, which finished second in the regatta, the University of Massachusetts and the University of Alabama finishing ahead of VCU.

The junior varsity shell finished eleventh overall, taking fifth in the race-to-place.

Trinity staged an upset in winning the varsity title, edging favored Georgetown. Georgetown won the JV competition and Trinity won the frosh title.

The Commonwealth Barge Club, a service fraternity supporting collegiate athletics gave the crew team \$50 for the Philadelphia trip.

# Magill: back to school

The VCU Physical Education Department and Intramural Athletics will say so long to Dave Magill this summer. But it won't be a permanent farewell.

The assistant professor of physical education and intramurals coach is leaving in August to work on his doctorate degree in physical education at George Peabody College in Nashville. But he says he plans to return to VCU in two years.

A replacement is yet to be announced. But, Magill predicted: "There's going to be a great improvement as far as intramurals are concerned..... We're looking for big things next year."

Since Magill has directed intramural athletics, he has also held down a teaching load, worked in committees, and advised physical education majors and student teachers. The new man will in a sense be a replacement yet in a sense he won't.

According to Magill, "his only area of assignment will be intramurals."

Magill came to RPI eight years ago. At the time the school had a small basketball intramural league. He had handled intramurals for about three years, when someone else assumed responsibilities. This year, Magill took charge again.

"When I first came here, I was the

third person on the physical education staff." Now, he says, the departmental staff numbers 14.

But the most striking changes have taken place within the department itself. "One has been the separation of athletics and physical education into two departments—a tremendous administrative step in the organizational structure. Also we've greatly strengthened our physical education major since I first came in."

The affable coach added: "Students

enthusiasm has increased unquestionably. The trend towards big-time athletics is being followed in all sports."

In future he expects VCU to see "more, better organized teams." For the Physical Education Department per se, "I can see organization falling into place; we're still in a transition stage. We're striving, but not at the level we need to be. I can see us (VCU) as being one of the best—if not the best—physical education training schools in the state."



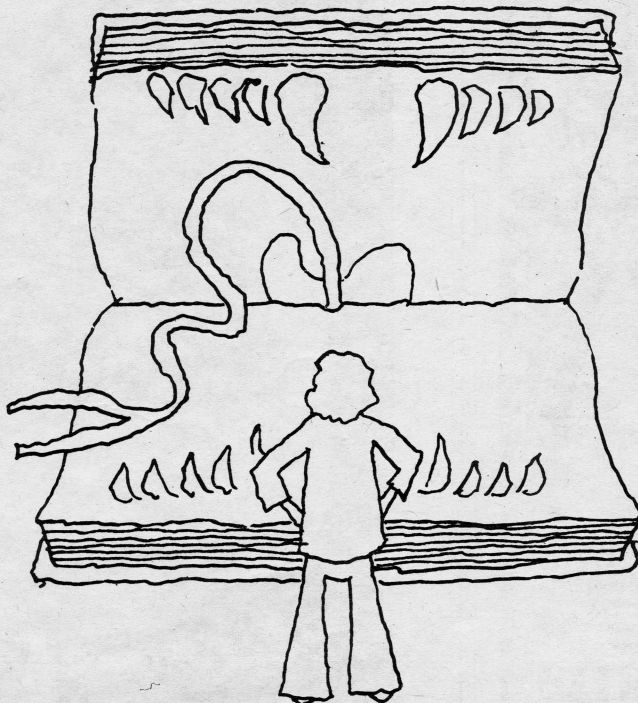
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## Co-ed receives scholarship

Donna Marie Johnson of Richmond, a freshman major in Business Education, has been selected as the 1970 recipient of the Barbara Elaine Major Memorial Scholarship, an annual award of \$100 by the Gamma Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda.

The scholarship is given each year in memory of Barbara Elaine Major, a Business Education student who was fatally injured in an auto accident in the spring of 1965. Donna was an active member of Phi Beta Lambda.

Donna will receive her scholarship as a deduction from tuition charges for the fall semester.

## Poetry prizes announced

The Poetry Forum recently announced the winners of its spring poetry writing contest. Mrs. Margaret Gibson received \$50 for "inezdecastro" in the fixed form category. Mrs. Gibson is an instructor in the Evening College here and an instructor at John Tyler Community College. J. Franklin Dew won \$25 for his poem "The Swing" in the free form category. Mr. Dew is a member of the board of directors of the Poetry Society of Virginia.

The judge of the contest was Charles David Wright from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also held a workshop and poetry reading on May 1 here at VCU.

## Painting show opens tonight

The annual graduate painting show openstontight at 7 p.m. at the Carillon.

The students represented in the show are Dick Porter, Barry Stevens, Nofa Farha, Tom Turner and Larry Williams. The public has been invited.



Staff Photo by Larry Haake

## Who Will Buy...?

Pat Blake, Cobblestone editor, convinces co-ed to purchase the 1970 four-folio yearbook, which is currently on sale for \$12. A \$14-package deal buys not only the new Cobblestone, but also a copy of last year's award-winning edition. Sales will continue off and on during exams.

## Leadership fraternities to begin here in fall

Leadership fraternities and sororities, organized on a local level this spring, will seek affiliation next year, according to Dean of Students Charles M. Renneisen.

The Leadership Fraternity plans to become a member of the National Leadership Fraternity for Junior and Senior Men (Omicron Delta Kappa), and the Leadership Sorority with the Mortarboard, the national women's honor club.

The idea of establishing honor groups at VCU had "been in the staff for quite awhile" according to Renneisen. In order to become part of the national organization, it was first necessary to organize on a local level along national guidelines. The naming of the first members at the Awards Banquet May 13 accomplished this.

Requirements for members are proven leadership in some activity, recommendation by a faculty member, and a 3.0 grade point average for women and rating in the upper 35% of their class for men.

Renneisen said the organizations were called "Leadership" as a temporary title. When the groups earn

national status, the official names would be picked.

The function of the organizations is honorary, Renneisen said. "It's recognition, looks good on a permanent record, and will help get a job." He added, though, that the organizations will do projects of a "service" nature, such as planning a blood drive or helping with orientation, and hold a banquet.

The initial plans for the groups are to find an advisor, get to know each other, and begin planning their chosen project.

## Senior invitations available

Seniors should pick up announcements this week in Dean Renneisen's office on the second floor of the Administration Building. Receipts must be presented.

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