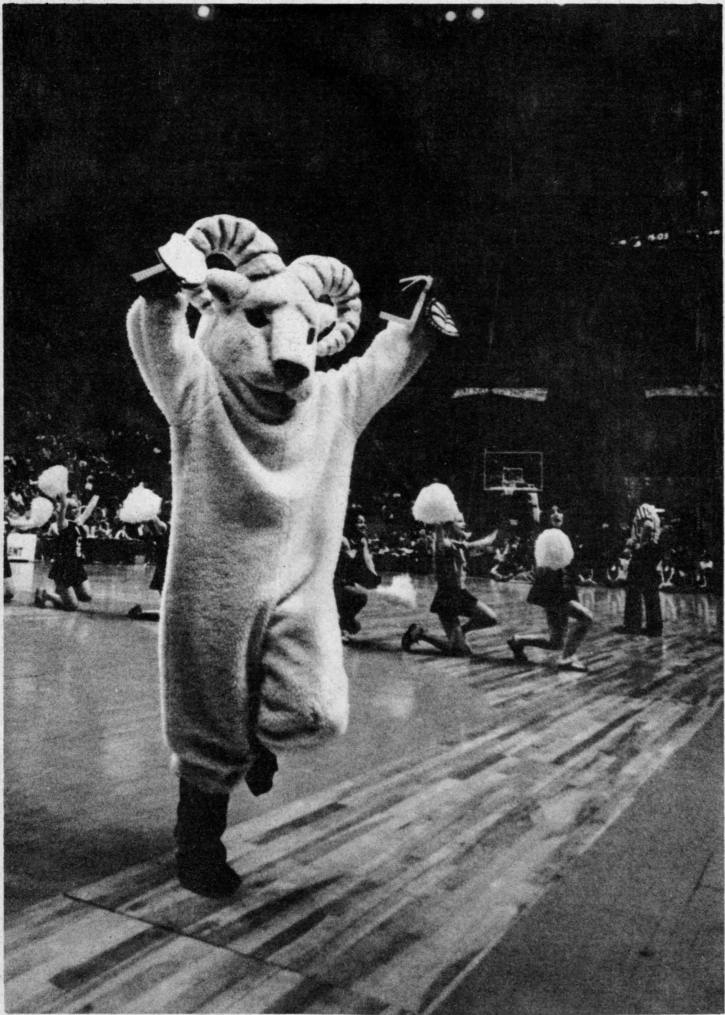


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VCU invests in the future

The six new buildings planned for the university's two campuses illustrate VCU's dedication to the future. A new dormitory, Performing Arts Center, and Student Commons are scheduled for the Academic Campus, with a new hospital, Cancer Center, and Health Sciences Building planned for the MCV Campus.

New Dormitory

Construction of the new student dormitory is underway and should be complete by fall 1979. It will house 512 students, mostly upperclassmen, in a series of flats and two-story townhouses.

The dormitory will incorporate what was once a public bathhouse for Richmond residents. The Branch Public Baths, constructed in 1911, will serve as the entrance to the dorm. "The bathhouse facade, which is made of limestone blocks, will add to the aesthetics of the complex," says Lou Saksen, manager of university planning and construction.

Cost of the new dorm is \$4 million. It is being financed through the sale of state revenue bonds.

Performing Arts Center

With the passage of the November bond referendum, \$4.2 million was appropriated for VCU's new Performing Arts Center, which will house the theater and music departments.

Two major performance halls—one seating a concert audience of five hundred and another four hundred—will share the center's main floor and lobby. Space for rehearsals, costume design, and a theater workshop will be located on the ground floor; the backstage area will be devoted to set design. Music practice rooms and faculty offices will line both the ground level and second floor.

Construction of the Performing Arts Center begins this summer. Scheduled date of completion is fall 1980.

Student Commons

VCU's new \$4-million Student Commons will be ready for use in spring 1979.

VVKR Partnership, an Alexandria-based architectural firm, is the designer for the commons, which

is to include several multipurpose rooms, food service, and a student lounge. Plans also call for the building to employ a solar heating system.

New Hospital

Construction of a \$110-million MCV Campus project, which includes a new 14-story, 537-bed, acute care hospital, a supply and distribution center, and renovation of existing hospital buildings, is being financed through the sale of revenue bonds.

The Blake Construction Co. of Washington, D.C., has been awarded the contract for the new hospital facility. Target date for completion of the new hospital on the north side of Marshall Street is 1981.

Blueprints for the hospital feature undercover access to patient care areas, with all-weather connectors to hospital and clinic facilities. Design specifications include consolidation of facilities, intensive care units, and operating rooms. Neonatal intensive care units will be adjacent to labor and delivery rooms and televisions will monitor all patient areas.

Cancer Center

The MCV/VCU Cancer Center, a four-story wing addition to MCV's North Hospital, will cost \$4.1 million. The project is being financed by a private fund-raising campaign plus a \$1.5 million allot-

ment from the passage of the November bond referendum.

The center will allow MCV to handle a greater number of cancer patients and consolidate services. 15,700 visits are expected this year, a 36 percent increase since the center's formation in 1974.

Health Sciences Building

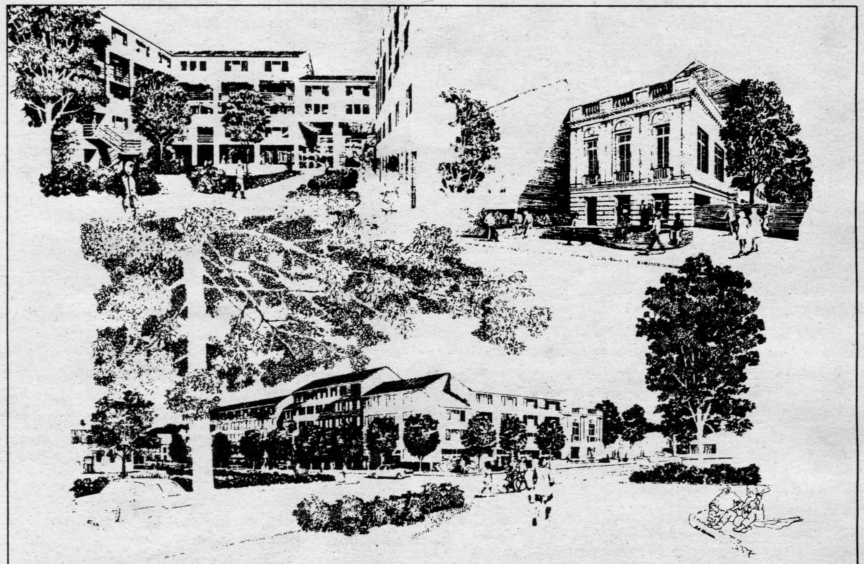
A Health Sciences Building for the MCV Campus has been proposed to house the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health Professions and the Department of Pharmacology.

The proposed structure is to be built on the present site of Richmond's First Baptist Church, a registered Virginia landmark. This proposal has stirred opposition among preservationists but university officials contend that all alternative sites are unacceptable. \$1 million is already invested in planning for the present site.

At this point, the Health Sciences Building is still a question mark. Funds for the building were not included in the General Assembly's 1978-80 biennium budget.

The building will cost \$19 million, \$16 million of which is construction costs.

Ed Kanis



The architect's drawings of the new dormitory show (clockwise) the public bathhouse, which will serve as an entrance; the northeast corner of the building; and the interior courtyard.

Attention Parents

VCU Today for parents is published quarterly throughout the academic year by Virginia Commonwealth University, Office of Publications. This is the third special parents' edition. Parents will receive more special issues during the next academic year.

Did you know?

About our freshmen

We think our freshmen are special but results from the Cooperative Institutional Research Program's (CIRP) survey of 1977 freshmen reveal that VCU freshmen share the same attitudes, preferences, and skills as other freshmen across the nation.

According to the CIRP study:

—95 percent of the VCU freshman class graduated from high school in 1977 with 69 percent finishing with a B average or better.

—Nearly one-half or 46 percent of freshmen live less than 50 miles from the university.

—58 percent based their decision to attend VCU on its academic reputation.

—41 percent believe the university experience will make them culturally aware individuals.

—Although freshmen are enrolled in nearly all university degree programs, the top five interest areas are art, mass communications, accounting, pre-nursing, and pre-pharmacy.

—75 percent of the first-year students want to take part in evaluating faculty members, and 21 percent prefer open admissions policies for public colleges.

—Of this year's freshmen, 47 percent are capable of repeating the basic freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, 23 percent can differentiate stocks and bonds, 13 percent are fluent in a second language, and 9 percent can identify classical music.

—New freshmen are energy conscious. Eighty-eight percent believe the federal government should discourage energy usage and 83 percent think the government is not taking adequate steps to control air pollution.

—Freshmen are optimistic about their chances for success. At VCU, 39 percent expect to attain at least a B average; 10 percent anticipate graduating with honors; 65 percent hope to earn bachelor's degrees, and 16 percent plan to pursue a graduate degree.

—70 percent believe they will find a job in their field of study.

CIRP's study concluded with objectives most important to 1977 freshmen. Eighty percent of VCU's first-year students rate being experts in their field as most important; 67 percent think developing a philosophy in life takes top priority; and 35 percent deem positively influencing social values their number one objective.

About VCU

VCU awards over 3,100 degrees at its annual commencement services.

Over 200 VCU students earn three or more credits through the College Level Examination Program annually.

Nearly one-half of all *full-time* undergraduate health sciences students (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing) receive some form of financial assistance and nearly one-third of all students (full-time, part-time, graduate, and undergraduate, day and night) receive some form of financial aid.

The Cabell Library is named for James Branch Cabell, a native Richmonder who published 52 books during his lifetime with *Jurgen* (1919) being the most popular. Cabell, once seemingly destined for literary immortality, was praised by H.L. Mencken as a "highly accomplished doctor of words."

Three blocks of the Academic Campus have been

designated as a preservation zone. Twenty-two university-owned buildings in the preservation zone are listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register.

In the 1977 freshman class, 69 percent completed high school with a B average or better.

In just one year at university hospitals: 27,500 patients were admitted; 3,200 babies were born; 12,400 surgical procedures were performed; 68,500 emergency room visits and 225,500 out-patient visits in the out-patient clinics occurred.

The *VCU Magazine* has been named in three consecutive years as one of the ten best university magazines in the country; competition sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

The School of Dentistry has graduated six of every 10 practicing dentists in Virginia.

VCU's Evening College offers over 900 courses each semester.

Five world premiere theatre performances have been staged at the university.

VCU is one of 139 institutions nationwide elected to membership in the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, the oldest higher education association in the United States. Membership is conferred on the basis of research, graduate program, and extension programs.

Offering 133 degree programs in 76 separate fields, VCU offers the highest degrees in 28 academic areas. There are 16 doctoral programs offered as are three first professional doctoral degree programs, 59 master's and 66 bachelor's.

The university operating budget exceeds \$74 million.

A VCU professor of mass communication is the first non-Ivy League coordinator of a Courses by Newspaper series, offered in 400 newspapers around the country.

VCU is a "Category 1" member of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

The Virginia Council on Economic Education is headquartered at VCU.

With two libraries, one on each campus, close to a million people enter the libraries each year, with many of this number being from the community.

Approximately 30 buildings maintained by the university are included in the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Cabell Library's special collections department includes such unusual items as a leaf from the First Folio of Shakespeare, a first edition of Samuel Johnson's dictionary, and several handwritten letters by Ezra Pound.

The School of Education ranks sixth among the Virginia institutions in the number of teachers trained and certified last year.

The Egyptian Building, built in 1845, is the oldest medical college building still in service in the South.

The annual payroll for faculty and staff employees is \$85 million. Both as to total employment and payroll, the institution ranks among the biggest contributors to the City of Richmond's economic welfare.

A part of the psychology department, the Psychological Services Center, is a practicum facility for clinical psychology and is open to the community as well as students. The practicum for counseling psychology provides mid-life counseling for Evening College students and other adults from the community.

VCU is in the heart of Richmond, the state capital with a metropolitan area of 500,000 people, a city progressive and modern but with the easy grace of a small town that happens to be 350 years old.

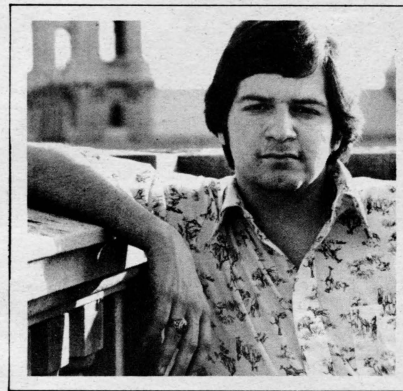
The state capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson, is the home of America's oldest representative assembly and the former seat of the Confederate States of America.

There are eight institutions of higher learning in Richmond with VCU being the largest and most comprehensive.

According to a consumer statistical survey, Richmond ranks as the most livable city in the South and 16th in the nation.

... and did you know

This issue was prepared especially for parents by student Ed Kanis. A junior from Norfolk in the mass communications department, Kanis is serving as a student intern in the Office of Publications this semester. He is a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, a journalism fraternity, and the Public Relations Student Society of America.



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Any parent who has a question about the university programs or policies is encouraged to write to *VCU Today*. If we don't know the answer, we'll find one for you.

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Superstitions

And the charm of Job Recruitment...

Superstitions are a way of life with VCU's Office of Placement Services.

Since incorporating "Superstitions and the Charm of Job Recruitment" as a theme two years ago to entice prospective employers to hire VCU graduates, a greater number of interviewers and organizations are visiting the university. According to Rollie Oatley, director of the Office of Placement Services, "the number of individual recruiters is up 30 percent, the number of organizations has jumped by 32 percent, and individual interview opportunities increased by 25 percent from 2,000 interviews last year to 2,500 in 1977-78."

With the aid of the Superstitions campaign, major companies now maintain contact with the Placement Office. These include Xerox, IBM, Na-



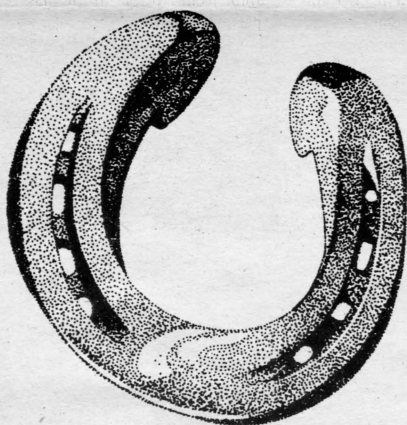
and history are most difficult to place.

The average salary for 1977 graduates is approximately \$1,000 per month, says Oatley. He believes the best jobs are now in accounting, where annual entry-level salaries range from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

Oatley likes the Superstitions campaign because he suggests that the art of matching the best job candidate with the individual's best job situation is a tedious process. Quite often, he believes, there are numerous candidates for one particular opening with each one fully qualified for the position. It is then that subjective selection takes over and a bit of luck or superstition comes into play.

Students who wish assistance in job hunting need only fill out a registration form to receive placement office services.

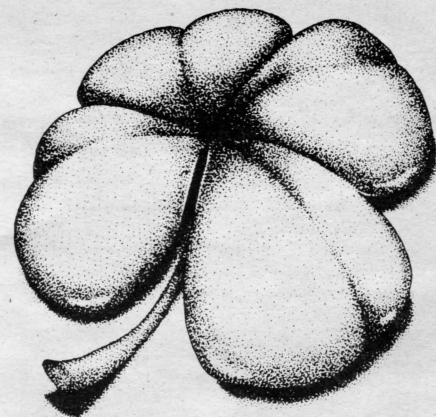
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tional Cash Register, all of the big eight accounting firms, the Federal Reserve, and the Olivetti Corporation.

Each company that visits VCU is asked to fill out a questionnaire evaluating the quality of service. These companies note the placement office's personalized service, staff courtesy, and program organization. Weak points frequently cited are lack of ample space for student interviewing and lack of parking for company representatives.

Jobs that the office has least difficulty filling include positions in the fields of accounting, information systems, finance, banking, chemistry, and physics. Individuals with degrees in teaching, English,



Anything but an accessible environment

As a physically handicapped student on the Academic Campus, you can't live in a dorm. You can't get to see the registrar, the office of placement, financial aid, or student services. On the MCV Campus, you can't enter the School of Nursing, the School of Dentistry, or see the dean of the School of Allied Health.

The list of inaccessible buildings runs four pages on the Academic Campus and three on the MCV Campus.

"We have anything but an accessible environment," says Roger L. Smith, director of institutional research and planning. The old townhouses and buildings lack proper bathrooms, light switches, temperature and heat controls, drinking fountains, and all university fire alarms are not good for the deaf because they are sound oriented.

"VCU's problem is much more significant and much more unique than other institutions," Smith says. "We have one of the worst problems in the country, if not the worst."

While recent legislation calling for strict enforcement of the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is brightening the outlook for the handicapped individual, it is posing serious problems for the nation's colleges and universities.

The words are bold and starkly simple: "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

For the nation's 2,500 colleges and universities that stand to lose their federal funds unless programs and buildings are accessible by 1980, higher education leaders estimate that it may take \$1.5 billion to comply with the regulation.

Currently a university committee composed of administrators, faculty, and handicapped students and staff from both campuses is struggling with the best way to provide accessibility.

"We have one of the worst problems in the country, if not the worst."

Not only is a lack of funds plaguing committee efforts, but "also the fact that we have to change hundreds of years of architectural practice in three years," says Smith. "And we just don't know what to do."

Barriers, such as flights of stairs, narrow doors, and inaccessible drinking fountains and restrooms, "are not put there by design, but by oversight," says Keith Wright, professor of rehabilitation counseling. And the elimination of barriers goes far beyond wheelchair access for all, he maintains. "It applies to everyone for effective living."

Automatic doors, wide halls, ramps, and other accessibility features facilitate for mothers with carriers, the elderly, children, former heart attack and stroke victims, and businesspersons carrying heavy packages.

In the past, the university has been willing to accommodate handicapped students with ramps and rescheduling classes in accessible buildings, says Wright. A ramp was built by the university to accommodate a handicapped student who wanted to pursue a graduate degree in psychology but could not enter 810 West Franklin, which houses the Department of Psychology. A maintenance worker, who saw handicapped students struggling with the curbs on Franklin Street, made the curb cuts on his own time, says Wright.

"We've made an awful lot of progress at VCU in the past few years," says Wright.

But that is no longer enough to meet federal mandates. The ideal, says Smith, is to create an environment where handicapped individuals have the same opportunities. We have until June 1980, he says, to remove architectural barriers having a negative impact on program access. That includes not only academic programs, but any activity.

The university does have a long range solution, the master plan solution, but it will be implemented considerably after 1980, says Smith. In the past 12 years, the institution has been deliberately moving towards townhouses as offices, but they are inaccessible. Franklin Street between Ryland and Laurel is considered an historical streetscape, says Smith, and the 19th century character of the buildings cannot be changed. The master plan solution calls for the townhouses to be eventually linked in the rear with a modern box, which would provide heat, power, and elevator service.

An interim solution, suggests Smith, would be the establishment of a manned room, where the handicapped individual could go and telephone the person they needed to see in an inaccessible building. That person would then move to the handicapped individual.

"If my office is not accessible, then I am," says Wright, who believes the first priority of the committee is to make academic programs accessible. "But by 1980, we have to have gone as far as possible to make buildings accessible."

A major handicap for the committee is the fact that no statistics exist on the number of handicapped students, faculty, or staff or the types of handicaps. One of the major tasks of the committee, says Chairman Howard Sparks, is to find out the number and type of handicapped individuals on campus.

For the committee, old townhouses, old hospitals, and old buildings loom as major obstacles to overcome. But perhaps by working with a handicap, they will arrive at the best solution.





The student

Traversing the campus on crutches is no easy task. But it is one that Rose Dortmund, a senior in the School of Social Work, manages fairly well.

"Except in the wintertime," she says, "when you can't see the holes in the cobblestone walks until you fall in them."

Dortmund, who has had cerebral palsy since birth, has been coping with her handicap for 23 years. It hasn't stopped her from pursuing her degree or being one of the few handicapped students to live in a dorm. But it has had its more trying moments.

She will never forget the semester she had a class on the third floor of a building on Floyd Avenue. "The instructor asked me if the location of the class was a problem," says Dortmund, who is not supposed to climb stairs, "and I said yes. But that is as far as it went."

"I had to climb those steps three times a week."

For Dortmund, it's tiring to go up the stairs to the offices of the registrar, placement, and student services. "But it doesn't bother me because I know I can." For her friends in wheelchairs, it is impossible and "extremely frustrating," she says.

Dortmund believes all handicapped students should have the opportunity to experience campus

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as possible."

life. "If a student is a freshman, he should feel like a freshman and live in the dorm," she maintains. "We need to be as normal as possible."

Dortmund hasn't let her handicap stop her pursuit of a career in social work and she is currently doing a medical social work internship at St. Mary's Hospital.

"Some people can't get over the fact that their social worker is handicapped," she says. "But I can think I can get around those who try to sidetrack talking about their problems to talk about mine."

Dortmund, who graduates in May, hopes to land a job in Richmond. And she believes it may involve getting her driver's license.

"I don't know how much hassle that will be," she sighs. "But I will cross that bridge along with all others I come to."

The employee

"If the government hadn't come along we would have been another 20 years trying to address these problems," says Tyree Felder, the university's equal opportunity officer.

Just as new accessibility requirements will open more doors for the handicapped, new personnel policies are also paving the way.

Employers are now required to make reasonable accommodations to meet a handicapped worker's needs and a prospective employee can no longer be rejected solely on the basis of a handicap.

"We're making it easier to apply and giving every consideration," says Felder. A handicapped individual applying for a position no longer has to journey to campus three or four times to complete the application and interview process. Now all procedures are completed in one visit.

According to Felder, we must deal with the handicapped and their view of the world around them.

"We have a tendency to think for a person," he says, "assuming he cannot perform a job because of a handicap. But obviously the person believes he can perform the duties or he wouldn't apply."

The university has been making accommodations for handicapped workers for years, says Felder. Arrangements have been made for blind employees to be read personnel policies, while those who could not reach inaccessible learning centers were accommodated at first floor levels.

If we mistreat anyone, says Felder, it is usually the person with the hidden handicap. And a handicap, he defines, is anything which limits full participation in one of life's activities.

At the university, Felder said he is aware of employees with such handicaps as blindness, deafness, missing limbs, heart problems, epilepsy, cancer, and mental retardation.

On the MCV Campus, where the majority of handicapped workers can be found, individuals have compiled lengths of service up to 18 years. According to Felder, the "handicapped people on both campuses cope so well, they blend right in."

But no statistics exist on the number or type of handicapped employees at the university.

And there's one more problem in guaranteeing equal opportunity. The equal opportunity officer resides in an inaccessible office.

Text by Susan Grayson

Thoughtless barriers such as flights of stairs, narrow doorways, and out-of-reach drinking fountains and public telephones, prevent handicapped persons from entering buildings to conduct business, attend classes, or to work. Wherever the international symbol of access is displayed the following standards are in effect:

- safe parking for the handicapped
- level walkways with no curbs
- one entrance at ground level
- a ramp instead of stairs
- 32-inch wide doors
- level thresholds to buildings and rooms
- access by the handicapped to elevators
- handrails on all stairways extending 18 inches beyond top and bottom steps
- restrooms to accommodate wheelchair users
- lower drinking fountains and public telephones



The Cinderella Rams



Once upon a time there was a university named VCU. That university had a basketball team which won 13 games in 26 tries with a team of only six scholarship players. Some people called it a fairy tale season. That was last year.

This season, the Cinderella Rams waltzed to a 24-5 record, and gained post season East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) and National Invitation Tournament (NIT) competition in becoming the fourth most improved team in the nation. Coach Dana Kirk was named Coach of the Year by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and Ren Watson and Gerald Henderson, co-captains, were selected to that paper's all-state team.

VCU began the year against William and Mary in the University of Richmond's Spider Classic. The Rams led throughout most of the game, only to fall victim to a last second jump shot by W&M's John Lowenhaupt which provided the margin of defeat, 55-54.

A victory over arch-rival University of Richmond, the first ever, catapulted VCU on a 12-game winning streak, which saw the Rams defeat Western Carolina, Georgia State, state-rivals Old Dominion and James Madison, Samford, Boston University, and North Carolina A&T. The Rams also won the championship of the Richmond Coliseum Invitational by defeating Norfolk State and East Tennessee. Freshman Penny Elliott, on the strength of 38

points and 25 rebounds in the tournament, was voted most valuable player.

Georgia State, a team beaten by the Rams in overtime earlier in the season, finally burst the Rams' bubble. Going into the game without a win in 13 starts, the Georgia team lived up to Kirk's fears and beat VCU 89-79.

From there VCU went on to win six games in a row. Kirk was now starting three freshmen. Elliott, a 6-10 forward; Edmund Sherod, last year's state high school scoring champion from John Marshall High School; and Danny Kottak, a 6-5 forward, were proving that freshmen can hold their own in Division I basketball. In addition, Tim Harris, a local product from Henrico High School, began to improve his performance and became the main relief for starters Sherod and Gerald Henderson. Harris' improvement was a welcome happenstance for a team that was conspicuously depth-shy in the backcourt.

During this streak the Rams defeated the University of Richmond for the second time. Performing before a vocal crowd of over 6,000 in the Coliseum, VCU proved what Richmond school would reign king this season.

Sporting an 18-2 record and entertaining post-season thoughts, VCU entered the second annual *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Invitational to compete against Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, and

the University of Richmond. More than a handful of Virginia sportswriters, and certainly all of VCU's backers, were looking for a strong Ram showing.

Tech provided first round competition, and the Rams took a commanding nine-point lead in the first half. Tech whittled the margin to five at the half, with VCU center Ren Watson in foul trouble. Watson was forced to assume the role of spectator for most of the second half in a game Kirk would later say "the best team didn't win." Tech managed to avoid foul trouble, something the Rams could not do, and went on to a 71-63 victory. As a sidelight, Henderson's streak of 63 consecutive games in double figures was halted that evening when the senior guard netted only nine points.

VCU bounced back to beat the University of Richmond for the third time. In this contest the margin was but a single point, signaling the intense rivalry between the two teams.

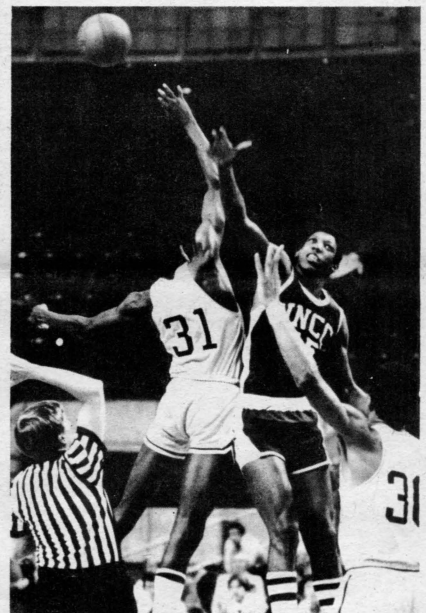
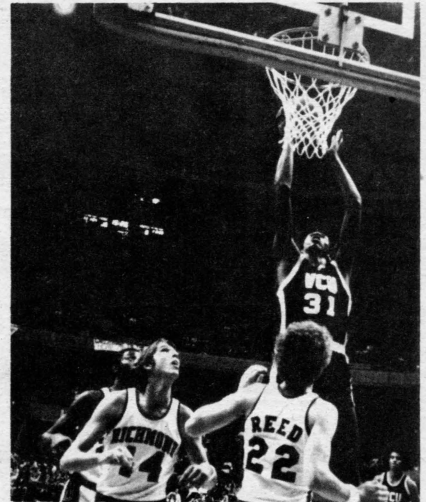
VCU went on to win its last four games and capture a bid to the ECAC tournament. VCU's opposition in the first game came in the form of the nationally ranked Hoyas of Georgetown University. On the strength of outstanding performances by Kottak and Sherod, VCU beat the Hoyas in convincing fashion, 88-75, and earned the right to meet St. Bonaventure in the finals.

With Kottak leading the way, VCU was ahead of St. Bonaventure 35-30 at half-time. St. Bonaventure quickly erased the margin, and the two teams traded the lead until the final three seconds when St. Bonaventure center Tim Waterman hit a 12-foot jump shot to give his team a 63-61 victory.

With its overall record now standing at 24-4, VCU received a bid to the NIT after the St. Bonaventure loss. Detroit University, ranked 18th nationally, was the Rams first round opponent. Playing on Detroit's court, the Rams started slowly and fell behind by as many as 18 points. A late surge by the Rams was not enough to overcome the margin, and VCU lost 94-86.

The Cinderella Rams story has a happy ending, however. Coach Kirk has signed a new, five-year contract with the university. He will also have four of this year's five starters—Kottak, Watson, Sherod, and Elliott—back next season.

Ed Kanis



Clockwise:

Junior Ren Watson is one of the nation's leading shot blockers.

Gerald Henderson (22) and Ren Watson (31) were named to the Richmond Times-Dispatch's all-state team.

VCU's 80-75 victory over the University of North Carolina-Charlotte helped the Rams qualify for post-season play.

The VCU Ram led cheers all season as the team posted a 24-5 record, the best in university history.

Freshman Edmund Sherod was Virginia's leading high school scorer at Richmond's John Marshall High School last year.



What's Up?

The Arts

Theatre: *Interplay*, director Maury Erickson, Mar. 21-25, 7:30 pm, in Gaslight Theatre, 2nd floor Temple Building; *Romeo and Juliet*, director C. Thomas Holloway, Apr. 6-8, 12-15, 19-22, 7:30 pm, in Shafer Street Playhouse. For more information contact 770-6778.

Concerts and recitals: All performances are at 8:30 pm, in the Music Center Auditorium, 1015 Grove Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Admission is free. For more information call the Music Department, 770-5195.

March: Senior recital, Mar. 21; Experimental Music Ensemble, Mar. 24; Faculty Recital, Mar. 25; Guest artist, Ronald Thomas, Jr., Mar. 26; Junior recital, Mar. 28; Faculty recital, Smetana Trio, Mar. 30; Senior recital, Mar. 31.

April: Pi Kappa Lambda—April Fool Concert, Apr. 1; Junior recital, Apr. 2; Senior recital, Apr. 2, 5:30 pm; Senior recital, Apr. 2; Junior recital, Apr. 3; VCU Woodwind Quintet, Apr. 6; VCU Clarinet Choir, Apr. 7; Percussion Clinic and Recital, Apr. 8; VCU Madrigalists, Apr. 8; John H. Heller Memorial Concert, Apr. 9; Senior recital, Apr. 9; Graduate recital, Apr. 10; University-Community Chorale, Apr. 12; VCU Jazz Ensemble, Apr. 13; Graduate recital, Apr. 14; Junior recital, Apr. 15; Graduate recital, Apr. 15; Junior recital, Apr. 16, 3 pm; Junior recital, Apr. 16, 5:30 pm; Senior recital, Apr. 16; Senior recital, Apr. 17; VCU Percussion Lab Ensemble, Apr. 18; Graduate Lecture Recital, Apr. 19; Junior recital, Apr. 20; VCU Percussion Ensemble, Apr. 21; Richmond Music Teachers Association, Apr. 22, 9 am to 5 pm; VCU Brass Choir, Apr. 22; Junior recital, Apr. 23, 3 pm; VCU Choral Group, Apr. 23; Fiori Musicali, Apr. 24; Senior recital, Apr. 25; VCU Symphony Orchestra, Apr. 26; Senior recital, Apr. 27.

Events

Guest Day: High School students will be VCU's special guests on Saturday, April 1, from 10 am to 3 pm on the Academic and MCV Campuses. A day of entertainment, tours, exhibits, and displays is planned.

Last day of classes: April 27

Final examinations: April 28-May 6

Commencement: May 12

Summer School begins: May 14

Exhibits

Student Design Show: The best student works in fashion design, functional crafts, graphic design, illustration, interior design, photography, video, and theatre design on exhibit at the Anderson Gallery, March 21 through April 6.

Student Fine Arts: Exhibition April 14 through May 3 at the Anderson Gallery.



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