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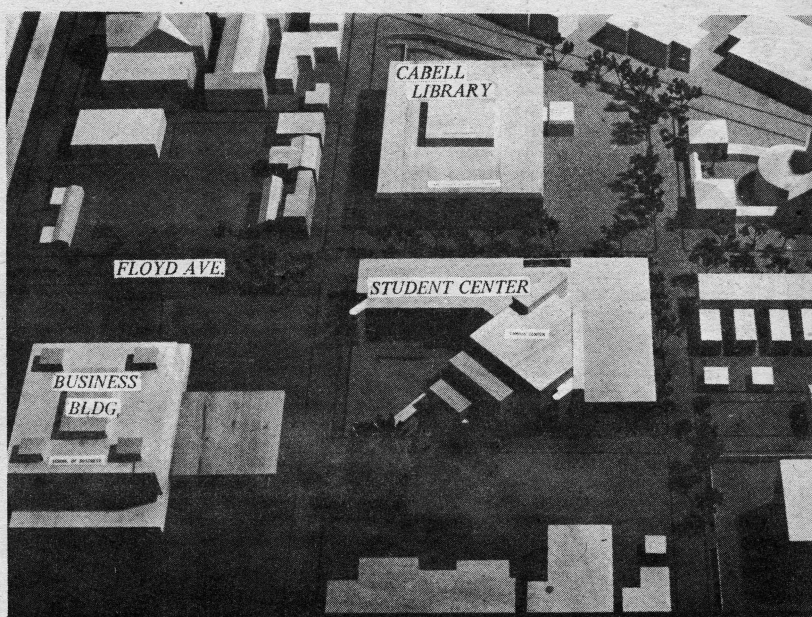
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NEWS SUMMARIES

Stamey is Bunts Speaker

Dr. Thomas A. Stamey, chairman of the division of urology at the Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California, will be the third annual R. Carl Bunts lecturer at the Health Sciences Division, on September 20. The lecture is to begin at 1 p.m. in George Johnston Auditorium.

A highly respected specialist in the field of urology, Dr. Stamey is the author of a recently published textbook on urinary tract infections. He is credited with identifying several factors which contribute to urinary infections, and is the inventor of a widely known method of measuring kidney function.

Dr. Stamey's topic for the Bunts Memorial Lecture is "Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections in Women." The lecture is sponsored by donations from physicians who trained under Dr. Bunts.

Dr. Stamey will arrive in Richmond on Thursday and will spend much of his time in informal discussions with physicians and students here. On Saturday he will conduct Surgical Grand Rounds, and will discuss another area of his expertise, renal hypertension.

New VA Office Opens

A new program to assist those students receiving educational assistance benefits under the G.I. Bill has been instituted by the Veterans Administration. The program is designed to help resolve individual payment delays caused by change of address, dependency status, or a change in school course load. Mr. Kenneth L. Mitchell is the Veteran's Administration's representative at VCU. His office is located in room 306 of the Administration Building and he can be reached at 770-6571.

Organization Reports Due

Twice each academic year, once in September and again in January, all registered student organizations are required to file a Semester Report with the Office of Student Life in order to maintain their registration. This information is used by the office to update the roster of currently registered student organizations.

This information is extremely difficult to obtain in the fall, when addresses are so difficult to obtain. Blank Semester Report forms are available in the Office of Student Life.

Birthright Holds Meeting

Birthright of Richmond will hold a orientation meeting and training session beginning on Wednesday, September 25 and continuing on October 2 and October 9. The time will be 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will be held at Birthright's new offices in the Hill Directory Building, 2910 West Clay Street, second floor.

Harrold to Direct Opera

Jack Harrold, the leading tenor with the New York City Opera Company for 22 years, has come here where he will direct VCU's new opera company.

Harrold is one of several nationally known figures brought to VCU this year as a visiting artist. He will direct the university's first opera production in February.

Shortages Delay Library Opening

Students returning to classes this fall were greeted with at least one unexpected surprise, although to many it was not a pleasant one. The additions to the James Cabell Branch Library, promised to be completed by October, 1974, will not be completed until April or May, 1975.

"I deeply regret that the library could not be completed as planned," said Gerard B. McCabe, Director of University Libraries.

Construction was held up on the \$3 million project because the contractor had difficulty in obtaining sheet metal due to a sheet metal workers' strike and because of lack of other materials.

Once completed, the three new floors will house 1300 more seats, bringing the library total to approximately 2000. It will be able to hold an additional 500,000 volumes. The study areas will be carpeted to reduce noise.

McCabe is positive that the new facilities will be used to the fullest. Using the present flow of students as a guide, he expects the library to be full most of the day.



Library construction is expected to be finished by May.

Hotline to Begin Training Classes

Richmond Hotline, a crisis intervention service, will begin a training class for volunteers on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Coffee House, 1205 W. Franklin Street.

Hotline listeners are called upon to handle a wide variety of stress situations -- including drug problems, human sexuality and, occasionally, suicide. The Hotline phone is staffed each night of the

year from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The training classes will run each Wednesday for six weeks and will include a full weekend training session on October 26 and 27.

For further information, call Hotline at 358-9191.

THIS WEEK IN RICHMOND

SEPT. 19 to SEPT. 25

ALL WEEK	The Virginia State Fair at the State Fairgrounds. Check local papers for complete listing of attractions.
THURSDAY Sports	Entries in women's IM powderpuff football close.
FRIDAY Sports	Entries in women's IM tennis close. Entries in men's IM tennis, handball and squash close. Women's Field Hockey game vs. Westhampton, Away. Wrestling, City Arena, 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Explore	Group and Interpersonal Workshop begins.
Sports	Rugby game vs. ODU, Graves Intermediate School Field, check athletic department for starting time. Club football game vs. East Carolina, Away.
SUNDAY Explore	Group and Interpersonal Workshop continues and ends.
Bible	Watchtower Bible & Tract Society, Mosque, 9 a.m.
MONDAY Sports	Play starts in women's IM tennis. Play starts in men's IM tennis, handball and squash.
TUESDAY Boxing	Muhamad Ali vs. C. TEMPORARILY CANCELLED closed circuit T.V., Coliseum, time TEMPORARILY CANCELLED
WEDNESDAY Sports	Entries in men's IM one-on-one basketball open. Entries in men's IM paddleball open.

Diabetes Symposium Held

A symposium on the treatment of patients with diabetes mellitus will be held for physicians and other health professionals throughout the state on September 19 at the Egyptian Building at the Health Sciences campus beginning at 9 a.m.

Guest faculty for the symposium includes four nationally known experts in the field of diabetic disease. They are Dr. Rex S. Clements, director of the University of Alabama Clinical Research Center; Dr. Holbrooke S. Seltzer, chief of endocrinology at the Dallas VA Hospital and professor of medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School; Dr. Thomas G. Skillman, director of the division of endocrinology and metabolism at Ohio State University; and Dr. Fred W. Whitehouse, chief of the division of metabolic diseases at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

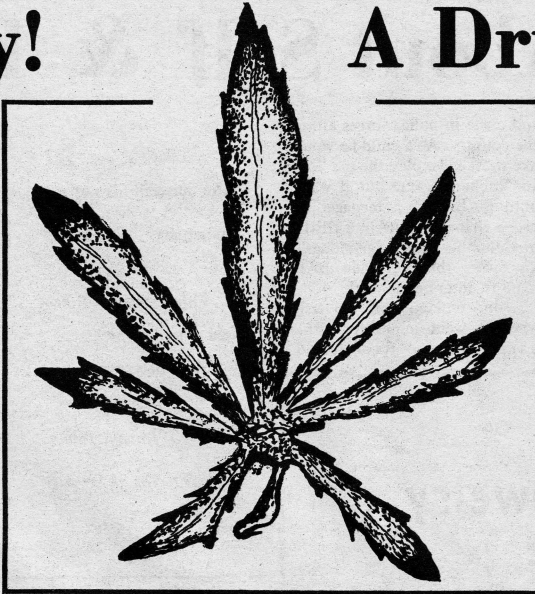
Finally!

Marijuana's primary active agent, delta 9-THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol has been shown to be an important anti-depressant by 54 cancer patients at MCV. Preliminary studies also show that the patients maintain their weight while under the therapy.

The research has been in progress since September, 1973, under the direction of Dr. William Regelson, chairman of the MCV/VCU department of oncology. These early findings of the work were recently reported at a scientific meeting in Texas by Dr. Joel R. Butler, a collaborator in the project and formerly a professor of psychology on the academic campus. He is now at North Texas State University.

The investigation is funded through a National Institutes of Health grant and is the most comprehensive clinical evaluation of marijuana as a drug for treatment of humans to date.

Dr. Regelson said that the drug helped the cancer patients to adjust to their disease, and in



many cases changed the mood of a patient from despondency and lethargy to one of greater emotional stability.

The psychological characteristics were evaluated

using 21 parameters. They indicated that the patient under the delta 9-THC treatment felt less depression, became more self reliant, felt less suspicion, increased in forthrightness, experienced less apprehension, and became more tranquil.

None of the patients receiving treatment reported experiencing a "high" from the use of the drug. According to Regelson, each dose was approximately the same as delivered by smoking one joint of marijuana. The patients received the drug in its pure form by capsule three times daily.

He said that some patients experienced side effects of dizziness or concern over sanity. When that occurred, and the patient still wished to remain under the treatment, the dosage was reduced by one half.

Those selected for the research were in advanced stages of cancer,

and were undergoing chemotherapy. Thirty-four of the original 54 patients finished the project, and a few of the patients have remained on the therapy for longer than six months.

The rapid weight loss and pain associated with cancer may also be affected by the therapy, early indications of the ongoing research show. Some patients required less narcotic pain relievers, and most lost significantly less weight while under the therapy, according to Regelson. He says that the drug

may stimulate appetite or reduce nausea in the patients.

Collaborating with Drs. Regelson and Butler are Dr. Thomas A. Kirk, professor of psychology on the academic campus; Dr. Orestes S. Zalis, associate professor of psychiatry; Martha Lou Green, a psychologist; Mrs. Sandra Evans, clinical pharmacologist; and Dr. Jack Winfree, a fellow in the psychiatry department. A full report is being planned for publication this winter, after all of the research is completed and evaluated.

Kids Needed for Child Care Co-Op

The Child Care Co-Op is on the second floor of the First English Lutheran Church, 1605 Monument Avenue. The playroom is spacious and air-conditioned. It contains toys, books, art supplies, records and exactly one child, Anne. The most pressing shortage at the Co-Op is not of space, money or materials but of children. There are five children enrolled but the number can fluctuate from hour to hour.

The Co-Op is open from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It serves students from both the Academic and Health Sciences campuses. The cost is 40 cents per hour. Children must be three to five years old and bring their own lunch. The parent works one hour for every five hours the child spends at the Co-Op. So far there has been little reaction from parents.

The director, Sylvia Zelkin, feels that "not many parents know we're here. We haven't had time for a publicity campaign." The idea for a child care center was formed at the end of the 1973-74 school year. The idea did not stem from any student's suggestions. However, various

university officials noticed many very small people hanging around Shafer Court. They turned out to be children waiting for their parents to get out of class.

Mr. Cocke is the liaison officer between VCU and the United Campus Ministry. He said the two organizations cooperated on the planning and execution of the project. The First English Lutheran Church donated three furnished rooms and play equipment. Suzi Wollenberg did much of the drudge work this summer of collecting money, organizing a staff and program. The workers were too busy to publicize until late August.

Miss Zelkin wants to build the enrollment to thirty with one parent for every eight children. She would like to open the Co-Op to the faculty's children sometime soon. Long-range plans might include a nursery.

Mr. Cocke explains that the Co-Op is still in its formative stages. "We're still surveying the need before we make new decisions," meaning that the parents will have to make their needs known to the Co-Op or the United Campus Ministry.

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Taylor Talks About Self & Policies

Aubrey Duncan

If you were to go to the third floor of our critically acclaimed police department you would probably find an office currently in a complete shambles. Desks sit in unlikely places, bookcases block central thoroughfares and "cherries" for our recently

painted university patrol cars sit in the middle of the floor.

Throughout this chaotic looking scene a certain semblance of order is easily visible. The man behind the doors controlling the reins of the Department of Security is its new director, Ronald C. Taylor.

Taylor is certainly not new to the police business. Indeed, he has been around it most of his life with both his father, grandfather

and uncle in police forces around the country. As a child he would, like most kids, play the old "cops and robbers" game but it wasn't until he became a teenager and had a chance to ride in a District of Columbia patrol car alongside his father that he made up his mind to enter police work.

Taylor entered this university when it went under its former name of Richmond

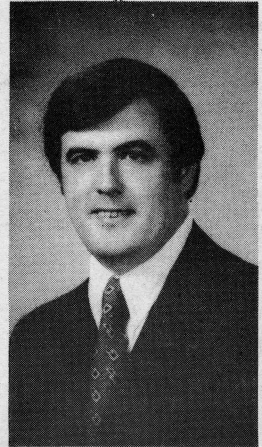
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Director of Security



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Professional Institute. In 1966 he graduated with a B.A. degree in sociology. Without wasting any time he moved back to his home town near Washington, D.C., and joined the police force there. It was in D.C. that he received his hardcore instruction in law enforcement and attended the police academy. He was then given an assignment to the 3rd precinct, that is the area around the White House and Constitution Avenue.

After a short period of time in the metropolitan police force Taylor made a decision to continue with his education and resumed studies towards a masters degree in sociology. It was while he was studying for this degree that he got into probationary and parole work. For some time he worked with the Virginia Parole Board but became discouraged when he found that the board was too punitive for his tastes. So it was back to D.C. for a stint as a 13th precinct patrolman.

Taylor had always "desired the total experience of the 13th" and he did see a lot of action in this slum area of the city. Even with the many experiences he saw in the 13th precinct, it wasn't until he arrived at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh that he saw action rough enough to put him in the hospital. There, as the Director of the Office of Safety and Security, he was injured in a scuffle between his men and a large group of disorderly students.

Still, it was at Carnegie-Mellon that Taylor found the side of police work that he liked best. He decided to stick with this line of work and when he finally got the chance to come back to Richmond, he made the move. Now that he is here he has decided that he couldn't have made a better choice because urban university police forces are much more "innovative and interesting."

According to Taylor, the VCU police department is one of the best university police departments on the east coast. His goal is to

make it the best. He and the department are attempting to do this by implementing new programs helpful to the university and the student body. The department is trying to incorporate a much needed information system to help them in pinpointing a crime before it happens. They are thinking of initiating a program this fall concerning how we as students can cut down on bike robberies. They have plans to initiate a new parking enforcement procedure. Taylor believes that ideas such as these will allow the police to be of more assistance to students and faculty.

As for policy Taylor is very strong on upholding the law as the Virginia and United States constitutions see it. He says that, "The university is not a sanctuary." He also notes that "enforcement will be used where enforcement is indeed necessary." As for the crime problem on both campuses he thinks that it is people walking in off the street and doing damage or robbing. He warns that students should always take the necessary precautions in protecting their valuables.

For those on the campus who smoke marijuana he notes that there is no more priority given to this than anything else, but the department must act within the law and enforce this law when it is deemed necessary. But it should be noted also that more time is given to bike rip offs than anything else on this campus.

In short, it appears that Ronald Taylor is a good man beginning a very difficult job. He hopes to be able to make this department the finest around and feels that he can do it by fulfilling his job as the small tooth on a very large cogwheel. He appears to be holding the reigns of the Department of Security very securely and if most of his ideas and goals turn out as planned he should be a most rewarding addition to our campus police department.

Belvidere Street to Eat Monroe Park

Jim Jennings
Executive Asst.

In action taken Monday the Richmond City Planning Council adopted a plan for the widening of Belvidere Street from its present four lanes to six lanes at an estimated cost of \$600,000.

If the project is approved, a small portion of Monroe Park will be utilized for construction of the main highway as will several structures along the route from W. Grace Street to Cary Street.

According to E. S. Coleman, assistant location and design engineer for the state and George Burge, highway location and design engineer of the state, approximately 23 feet of Monroe Park will be included in the plans. Coleman and Burge said the area of Monroe Park to be used would be from the back of the present sidewalk up to the wall on the old

fire signal station which is now vacant.

The proposed widening is not new to Coleman and Burge. Back in the late 1960's, when the Richmond Metropolitan Authority was designed, a plan for the widening of Belvidere Street from Grace to Cary was designed by the state Department of Highways. Shortly after the maps were drawn up the RMA folded and the plans were locked away. Recently, RMA was reborn and the plans were brought out and revised to today's highway standards.

The widening plan was the second such plan brought before the planning commission Monday. Another plan called for the depressing of Belvidere Street which carries Routes 301 and 2 to allow for overpasses for intersecting streets (W. Franklin, Grace, Main, etc.). The council rejected this plan due to the

added cost of constructing exit and entrance ramps and the need for ripping up Monroe Park for the added ramps.

Coleman said that although a small portion of Monroe Park would be utilized under the present plan, the amount of park space taken would not be enough to drastically change the size of the park.

Belvidere will not be torn down because the city purchased land on the east side of Belvidere next to Monroe Park Apartments. But the small shops along Belvidere from the alley behind W. Franklin up to Grace St. will be torn down to make room for the additional lane.

A small portion of the Hess gas station will be taken up for the

finally approved. Presently, Coleman and Burge do not know when any such final approval will come through.

The main question to be asked now is whether the city needs to destroy a small part, but still a part, of Monroe Park for the completion of a major thoroughfare.

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The plans call for three 12 foot lanes, north and south bound, with a 16 foot raised median which the city would landscape. Also, the sidewalks would be 8 feet, 5 inches wide, also raised. In short, the highway would be widened from its present 40 feet to the proposed 72 foot width.

Travelling north on Belvidere, the three-story structure on the corner of W. Franklin St. and

new lane as will part of the city's training station on the corner of Grace and Belvidere.

According to the planning commission, the added lanes will control traffic so well that additional "green time", or the time of the green signal on the traffic lights, will be available. Entrance and exit to and from Belvidere will be made easier by way of special turn lanes which will keep traffic moving. The commission feels the widening is the best plan available and has decided to go ahead with the plan providing a public hearing does not result in the death of the project.

partially destroyed by the digging for the connection of I-64 with I-95 and now it seems Monroe Park is in the same danger as Byrd once was.

Although one tries to be unopinionated about writing articles for a newspaper, one can not help but to wonder about an oversight on the part of the City of Richmond concerning Monroe Park.

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LETTERS, COLUMNS & EDITORIALS

Too Much, Too Soon

Sometime in the year 1977, where the 900 block of Floyd now stands there will be a massive building. That is maybe, there will be a massive building. The student Union for this university is presently in the planning stages for that block. The building will contain some 152,000 square feet of space. However, due to inflation, that area has already been cut down. The building will cost 7.7 million dollars, and Dr. Richard Wilson, Vice-President for Student Affairs, has stated that is all that will be spent.

The building will house cafeteria, a multipurpose room, multipurpose meeting room, lounges, crafts areas, recreation areas, and student activity areas for such functions as the Commonwealth Times and WJRB, the campus radio station.

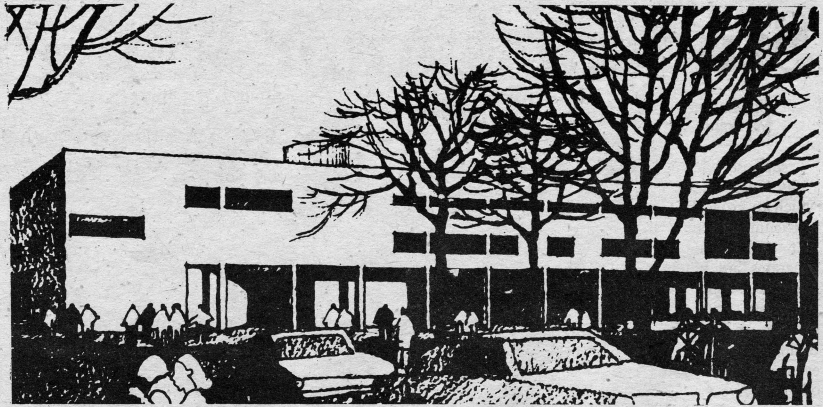
The 7.7 million will not be paid by those who will not use it. It will be paid by those who are not here. Students who are now sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school will be forking over an additional amount of money for the building. They have had no say in this, of course, there is no way to ask them about it. Several years ago, a referendum was held to see if students attending here would be willing to pay more each semester for the construction of a student union building. It was understood that it would be a structure they would probably not be using. The referendum was overwhelmingly defeated. However, the administration felt that the only reason it was defeated was that students did not want to pay for a building they would not use. Never let it be said that bureaucrats are unable to reason clearly on occasion. With this in mind, it was decided that if a student center was to be built, only those who are to use it should pay, and the best way to get this to happen is charge students who are not yet here and cannot vote it down.

Perhaps a lot of money could be saved if the building was stopped altogether. Tuition and other charges for attending school here are bound to increase, the activity fee went up three dollars this year, and future students might think twice about paying for a large student center. Perhaps we should consider the nature of the university. A very small percentage of the students live on campus, and they are the ones who will utilize the facility the most. It is unlikely that students living in Henrico County, Goochland, Ashland, or even on Upper Grove Avenue are going to come back at night and make use of the facility. As for areas to study and rest during the day, there will be a four story library which will have study and reading rooms, and doubtless, from the unlined book shelves, plenty of leftover space to make use of.

As for the student activities area, it is all frill. The present offices of this Commonwealth Times are more than adequate, and will be so for years to come, provided that new equipment is provided somewhere along the line. Most certainly there is a need for a larger bookstore and better cafeteria facilities. Several years ago it was proposed that Grove Avenue Baptist Church be purchased to facilitate such changes. While this may not be feasible, it would certainly help matters if all three cafeterias were open seven days a week instead of having one open four days a week, one open five days a week and another open seven days a week. As for the bookstore space, that could probably be tolerated if the prices were not so absolutely and outrageously high.

The future will see the area from Floyd Avenue toward the river inhabited by large mega-structures which will probably be titled "the University Complex", or some other such Orwellian term. One of the most attractive items of VCU is the fan with its small shops, restaurants, panhandlers and street education. The further it removes itself from the real world it destroys one of its biggest advantages. Students who graduate from VCU have a certain savvy of the way the world is that is not enjoyed by such schools as UVA and VPI&SU. To destroy this is to destroy the school.

P.W.



An artist's conception of the Student Union: The 7.7 million dollar sure thing.

A Call for Awareness and Duty

Dear Editor:

Like a politician, who promises the people that the youth will save the country, Paul Woody suggests the freshmen will save future student bodies by working for and passing some form of student government. What Woody does admit and politicians overlook is that even if the freshmen can do, the rest of us will be gone anyway. So why should the rest care? As one of the rest I care, and I'm not going to be a politician and tell other people what they think. I speak only for myself in hopes that others will speak out also.

First, there is something very wrong at so called Progress U. This is not one university but two, VCU and MCV. The only thing holding these two campuses together seems to be the students themselves. How can there be any unity with a division like that? No student government? Which school do you go to? MCV has a student government.

Secondly, who has tried to bring the two campuses together? With the exception of a few students from both campuses, nobody. Yet this is something that must be done if anything significant is to happen for both campuses. Has the administration done anything? No, and the rift between the two seems to be getting bigger. How else could talk about separating MCV and VCU formally get any notice. A good slogan for this university and its now departing President would be - Ten Years From Now We'll Be Great, Meanwhile The Rest Of You Make Do. Indeed, President Brandt seemed to be making do himself until he could find a more prestigious university to go to. After his resignation President Brandt said he wanted to go somewhere that offered more of a challenge. No where is

there a greater challenge than VCU, in this state or out. President Brandt just wants to go somewhere else, forget the challenge.

Thirdly, I must confess that I have some skepticism that not only the freshmen can do, but will do. Too many things stand in their way. How many freshmen know that their money (activity fees) goes through an appropriations committee of students and administrators which is appointed in turn by another committee and that a subcommittee of the appropriations committee which was appointed by the appointments committee decides how that money is spent for the Commonwealth Times and the rest of the student media? My guess is that not many freshmen know that a few students and a few administrators are running the show, or lack of one.

Paul Woody and his staff should realize that since there is no student government the Commonwealth Times is the only student voice open to all. While the style of the paper rightfully belongs to the editor, Woody should be careful not to let the paper while reviewing and promoting entertainment become entertainment itself. As long as there is no student government the Times has a special responsibility to the students that goes beyond telling them what show or concert to see or where is the best place to eat.

In the end it all comes down to the students. Last year the freshmen were going to save us. Now it's this year's freshmen. Who knows where the time goes? The only thing the freshmen can be told is to build support for a student government, not to work on a document for six months to a year that in the end nobody will vote for, or against, for that matter. The only thing Paul

Woody can be told is that among his columns collectively called Folio Shorts and Jockey Shorts there needs to be a section entitled Short Changed.

Sincerely,
Jim Schepmoes

Racism is a Cancer

Dear Editor:

Human potential, and the activities which man engages in, shall continue to be recorded in History. While much of man's stay on earth ought to be interpreted as meaningful it should come as no shock that along with the meaningful there exists within man room for the irrational.

One such recurring illustration, is that of racism. I wish not to speak as an authority on this subject, for there are those much more learned and, perhaps, much more dedicated in bringing about an end (much needed) to racism. Let it be known, and I do not say it proudly, that, in my short lifetime I have had the unfortunate experience of witnessing atrocities of pure racist nature. Man's natural tendency to react to all environment deserves critical examination, for I at times am genuinely puzzled as well as outraged.

The bitter and arrogant ways with which racism perpetuates humanity is a sickness with the potential for spreading, like that of cancer. Contemporary medical science is striving for preventive medicine as opposed to creative. Likewise must we continue to merely patch the bloody wound of racism with, apparently, no sign of healing in sight.

Joseph A. Cumha
Graduate School of Social Work

AND FURTHERMORE...

Student Union Will Provide Unity

Jim Baynton
Managing Editor

I suppose what this university really needs is a bigger city in which to grow. In that respect, it is Richmond's fault that most, if not all, university building programs are falling way behind schedule. One of the most important of those building projects is the Student Union Building, which is supposed to eventually occupy the 900 block of Floyd Ave.

Controversy after controversy has beset the planners of the Student Union Building, but never phased, they kept planning, and they kept hoping. Their hopes were finally realized when last year, Student Unionites were given the final go-ahead to begin construction on the building, and the projected completion date became September, 1976.

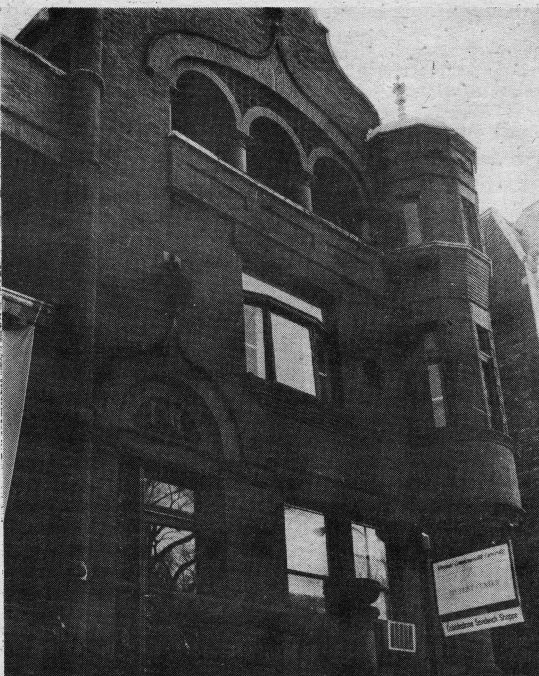
As most of us will recall, the proposed Student Union Building, in its various configurations, has raised more or less of a tornado of dissent on this campus and in the surrounding community. Few of us, apparently, know what this dissension is all about.

Some have expounded these

awfully high sounding ideals of "spare this ancient piece of architecture... and this one too... and this one too..." Some have commented that tearing down these ancient wrecks of art just might lead us into an urban catastrophe - we can't save our traditions while progressing to the future. However, we must accept this decision of fate.

VCU is a growing university, and as such, it needs to grow with the times. This university has never considered itself as being too awfully attached to the past, so, it has not seen fit to play the part of a university with a campus - rather, it is called an urban university in an urban setting and it must therefore reflect that philosophy of streets and cobblestones and concrete acting as a sort of campus.

Some have proposed a renovation of existing buildings to supplement the already poor housing situation on campus. As a remedy, this approach would seem to have more of a detrimental effect than a positive one. I begin to wonder how five or six hundred students would fit into "renovated housing." Such "renovated housing" generally



turns out to be unacceptable in the long run, and impractical throughout every stage of its existence.

Further, with the influx of more and more students each year, there seems to be less and less space for student activities. What of this new, proposed students union building? Would it (or could it) be detrimental to have space set aside for the various activities of the students? I think not. Practically anything would be better than bumming around Shafer Court.

What does all this controversy (and, to be sure, rhetoric) resolve? Little more than the fact that more controversy remains and some will still be in evidence when the Union is built. But the need for such a building - is now more urgent than ever. A university cannot long survive when it has no sense of identity and direction. A student cannot long survive at this university when he has no sense of belonging. A Student Union Building would tend to make a place where students could congregate - where they could thus belong.

THE WOODWORK

Paul Woody
Executive Editor

There was once a school located in the middle of a large metropolitan southern city. The city had dirty air, schools with reading problems, was one of the few cities in the country that was unable to hold a city election, and had torn up much of its landscape in the name of progress. Many people felt their city was doing just fine, but this college in the middle of the village was giving the area a bad name. "Hippies" they said. "Dope heads," they said. In fact, many thought the place was too wild to even drive through. This was not a permanent situation, as a few brave businessmen on their lunch hours blazed the path, driving around in circles to secure the area, and keep an eye on things.

As time wore on, the college was, by declaration of the general assembly, enlarged with the addition of a medical campus. However, the medical campus somehow overlooked the merger, and many of the people who worked there denied any affiliation with the alleged academic campus. They had Medical College of Virginia stamped on the bottom of their

stationery to show their independence. They had their own admission requirements and their own student government. In some circles, it was even whispered that the medical people had forced the president of the entire university to resign from his job. But the righteous medical people firmly denied this. But that was nothing new, they had always denied any affiliation with the academic campus but they never seemed to mind taking their share of the money. But then, they are righteous men, and the cost of righteousness is high these days.

The school got larger and buildings began to spring up hither and yon, and all was right with the world. All, that is, until the students left the shelter of the "urban university" and went out into the real world seeking employment. It seemed that many employers felt this "urban university" was not such a good place. "VCU," they said, "where exactly is that?" Invariably, the reply was "Richmond." To which many were heard to say, "Oh, the University of Richmond." "No," came the answer, and soon the prospective employees were walking out the door, seeking employment elsewhere. It seemed that just down the road in an

historic part of the state, was a university with harder entrance requirements and a smaller student body, which automatically made it better. Just up the road was a university steeped in tradition, with very difficult requirements, known as Mr. Jefferson's University to all who attended. With this tradition at its back, employers often regarded its graduates highly, which is what tradition will get you sometimes. Way up the road was a college with five names in its title and a lot of Hokies on the loose. Now this hokey place could turn out engineers, chemists and farmers as pretty as you please, and in the eyes of many prospective employers, this was good. One of the things all three of these places had in common was that their colleges made the town they were located in. They were not located in large cities, and had nice green campuses with stately buildings and nice coliseums.

Meanwhile, the students at the "urban university" were left to fend for themselves. They went to school in the dirty city, dodged cars, and were generally overlooked by everyone outside of that fine southern city where they were located. Employers, if seemed, overlooked the contact the students at the "urban university" had with the "real world", and vied instead for persons educated in ivory towers,

steeped in tradition. Eggheads, in other words.

So, what's a fella to do? Not much it seems. With great regularity students at the "urban university" were overlooked for jobs which were given to students from the ivory towers, who had never fought with landlords, or worked in part time jobs during school, but were "educated". So the "urban university" kept on growing, and students kept on getting a real education in the way of life, and the medical college kept on denying any

affiliation with its academic counterpart, while it continued to take its fair share of the money.

So, little students, do not expect the world to beat a path to your door when you graduate from this "urban university", because ivory towers and green campuses usually win out over crowded city streets and thick grey air.

Maybe when a student at the "urban university" makes a better mouse trap, the world will beat a path to his door.

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FOLIO and ARTS

Art Treasures in Unexpected Places

Susan Chinn

Even on busy afternoons there are plenty of opportunities to see art exhibitions. Visiting the Midtown Gallery above the Art Market at 1241 West Broad Street and the Richmond Public Library at First and Franklin Streets makes one realize that art is easily accessible outside of the traditional museum, and that there is quite a variety of experiences available. Best of all, both of these places are free.

The Midtown Gallery contains everything from antiques and junk to contemporary prints and paintings, both amateur and professional. It is rather like visiting a flea market. Anyone interested in decorating an apartment ought to be able to find something the folks next door don't have, maybe something of value.

There seem to be certain categories into which the older work in the gallery falls. A large number of old horse prints, especially hunting scenes, can be placed in the traditional vein, along with several fine renderings of clipper ships. Old painted portraits or large framed photographs also carry a lot of nostalgia.

More fanciful are a series of etchings by Lewis Heart of young women from the 1920's. They are fluidly drawn with a delightfully sensual air. A picture of three Victorian women stare up disapprovingly at them from their position on the floor next to a stack of frames.

In another room are some Oriental prints, including a few small ones with a series of tiny sketches of workmen. These are framed in silver bamboo that seems too heavy for their size and delicate manner.

Among the modern pieces, look for a couple of Chagalls and try to ignore the stacks of paintings executed for interior decoration or art shows. Chuck Magistro is showing several of his silkscreen prints that have a very finished air about them; they are appealing for their bright colors. Simple fluid forms are combined with photographs that create landscapes akin to something out of "Space Odyssey," but they are nonetheless fascinating.

There are also a number of objects in the gallery that complete the atmosphere of Grandma's attic. There are several gaudy Italian swords, an Oriental dagger or two, old chairs, and a

mysterious green Oriental chest. The selection of frames ranges from small, brightly colored oval ones to big gold and silver painted monstrosities. The Midtown Gallery must have something to please everyone, and it makes an interesting visit.

Richmond Public Library

Both the Dooley Wing and the Gellman Room of the Richmond Public Library are featuring some interesting exhibits. In the wing are acquisitions from the Frances and Sydney Lewis Collection, famous for its store of modern art. Of the five works on view, Jack Youngerman's abstract diamond-shaped canvas with its

sunburst effect and sharp bright colors is the strongest piece.

Jean Hucieux's "Monuments," a cemetery scene rendered in a very realistic manner, fits the atmosphere of the grandiose architecture of the wing itself. It is a rather successful piece of slick photorealism. The worst piece in the room is John Clark's "Plywood with Studs," depicting a wooden crate that is supposed to be deceptively realistic. Craig Kauffman's abstract piece of plexiglass shapes also seems to lack purpose.

More interesting is Michael Economos' "Grass Series No. 1," which shows a few cans in a finely brushed grass plot. It presents a

more subtle comment than the pop artists on our way of living.

The Gellman Room features the work of Janice Ritter, a Richmond social worker. The main attraction here is the "Found Kitchen," an actual scene of a welfare recipient's home. Most of the furniture really came from such a place. In its stark realism it is at once ludicrous and sad. The objects on the wall a plate with a Bible scene, pictures of both assassinated Kennedys and Martin Luther King, and old cards and mementos are extremely stirring. It is a strong reminder of the realities of poverty that are very much at hand.

The balance of Ms. Ritter's work is a series of watercolors. Her best ones are her thinly painted portraits of simple people. She handles color and form in these in a very deft manner. Other scenes of the welfare office are more clumsy, but the observations give insight into her experiences in the city.

The exhibits in the library should continue through the month, according to one of the librarians. It is hardly out of the way for many students to visit, and a short trip to the Midtown Gallery is also worthwhile. Either place is a good one to catch up on the art scene in Richmond.

Bill Prosser:
The Man and The Director

He appears to be intense but he surprises you as he breaks into his boyish grin. "I've always wanted theatre as my career, after listening to my Monther talk about her experiences." Mrs. Prosser began as a professional actress and dancer at the age of eight, continuing her career until she and Bill's Father married and settled in Florida. Bill Prosser was somewhat a late bloomer, reaching the age of fourteen before he became actively involved in theatre. Through three scholarships and one fellowship, Bill received training at Williams College, Purdue University, Brandeis University, and the American Conservatory Theatre. Currently he is a Doctorial Candidate at The City University of New York. As either actor or director, Mr. Prosser is now credited with over seventy major productions.

While teaching as an Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona, Bill directed "The Night of the Iguana," casting into one of the female roles a young graduate student, Roxana Stewart. What first attracted him to her? "Her red hair. I love red hair. It was love at first sight." Roxana and Bill are now married, living a well traveled and active life between New York City and Richmond.

"Our work separates us, usually for only a month at a time, in fact, she's covering my classes in New York City, while teaching hers, until I get back in October. Roxanna and I live

rather a private life. We hardly have the time to really socialize. All of it is put into our work and into ourselves."

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Bill will remain in Richmond through the end of October directing Theatre VCU's first production, "An Italian Straw Hat," and beginning work on his next production, "Mandragola." Just as his last production, "She Who Was He," boasted a large cast, so too does "Straw Hat." Unlike the mood set with "She," However, "An Italian Straw Hat" has "no social or philosophical message; just pure comedy and silliness. I cast different types of bodies, big small, short, tall, which fits the silliness of the play."

"Though Bill is working on a play of pure nonsense and farce, his views on life are far from being void of philosophical overtones. "If I don't happen to see you, it's because I'm always preoccupied. I put my work before myself. To me work is more perfect than I am, and in that way, when I put myself in the work, I put in my better part. The self is fallible. The work is more perfect."

Mr. Prosser declares that he is a pessimist, and doesn't believe in reincarnation. He states, "All we really have is life, and in the battle, death usually wins." But he adds, "Although death always wins, we can win during our lifetime. That is, to experience everything. Even to the point of really tasting the food you eat, hearing all the sounds, seeing the sky, and enjoying and feeling the beauty of life. Even pain can be beautiful. In "She Who Was He" the Egyptians were afraid of death, they enjoyed life so much,

and to them it was beauty, so they made believe death would be just as nice. They wanted to live as much as they could. While you can, spend the day merrily, like the song in the play. "Spend the day merrily... for no one has returned from the dead."

Critics may write their reviews, and audiences may voice their opinions, but the most severe criticism of a director's work usually stems from those who are under his direction. After "She Who Was He" closed last July, one of his cast members was giving such a critique: "We didn't know where we were going or how we'd get there with that script....He had an idea, a picture, and he made us see it, too. Bill must be a genius. I think I'm still in shock." Bill may profess pessimism, but the reaction to him is indeed positive.

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membership. Many are learning the importance of good management training and the attitudes needed to survive in the business world.

Rounding out the extra-curricular activities are the humanitarians, who are involved specifically in community life in and around the VCU campus; and the naturalists, who offer everything from back-packing and canoeing to transcendental meditation.

With the wide diversity of groups established here, surely there is one which will satisfy the individual interest.

Shuffletown Art Fair Displays Fan Talent

Susan van den Reyden

The first Shuffletown Art Fair, sponsored by the Fan Woman's Club, was held Saturday, September 14.

The fair, a concert, and parade were a part of the festivities surrounding the dedication of two parks: Paradise Park (1700 block between Grove and Floyd) and Shuffletown Park (2300 block between Stuart and Park).

At the art fair 68 local artists exhibited and sold their works of oil, acrylics, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, watercolor, weaving, etchings and woodblock prints.

\$200 blue ribbon prizes went to Robert A. Williamson for her hand-made jewelry, William A. Youngblood for a watercolor and Phyllis Cullison for her hand

woven tapestries.

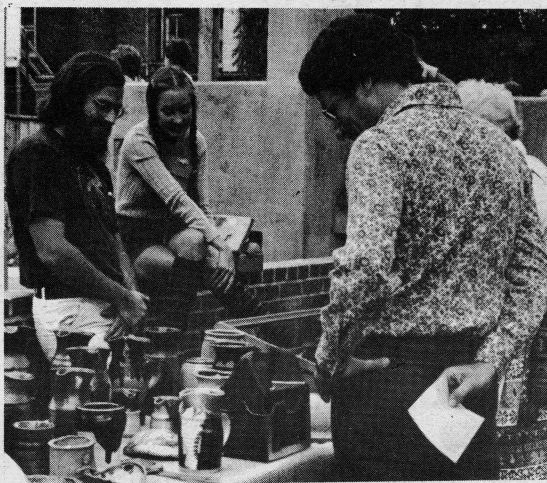
Among Ms. Cullison's tapestries were some very nice small sculptural pieces (tapestries in plexiglass).

A \$500 "Best in Show" award went to Willie Ann Wright and a \$50 prize was presented to Doris W. Woodson. The money awards were donated by the J.W. Rayle Restaurant and Neville C. Johnson & Associates respectively.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to David Williamson, Ammye Hill, Barbara Hsu and Eleanor Lawrence.

There was a very festive atmosphere at the fair. People were busy talking to the artists, some buying their works, others just admiring them.

David Gordon, a VCU student, displayed some excellent etchings and paintings. To reach him call



A couple admires pottery work at the recent Shuffletown Art Fair

272-5787 and leave a message.

Ellen J. Stevens, 359-5569, was selling some beautiful wall hangings made of drift wood, pine cones and pods from the trumpet.

Jack Glover, a member of the Visual Communications faculty at VCU, was selling wood cuts, etchings and paintings. His phone number is 353-8426.

Margaret Grech, 270-1869, was exhibiting some exquisite jewelry, and Margaret L. Walsh displayed some very good oil paintings. Her phone number is 737-0184.

Congratulations are due to all of the artists who participated in the art fair as well as to the planners of Saturday's events, for a very successful festival.

Fair

Acquaints

Students

Karen Burley

Admit the music, the 85 degree heat, the exhibits, and the mass of bodies, there was a purpose. The purpose of the Organizations Fair, which was held Sept. 11 from noon until 5 p.m., was to acquaint students with the various clubs, societies, fraternities, and sororities here. At the same time, the Fair gave the organizations a chance to show the benefits and advantages of joining their particular group.

As well as becoming socially aware as an individual, fraternities and sororities are now putting emphasis on community clean-ups, service projects, and raising funds for medical research in such areas as Muscular Dystrophy, the March of Dimes, and Multiple Sclerosis.

The academic groups seem to cater to the more specialized student. In fact, they are also looking for members who may simply have an interest in physics, history, or math. Each advertises the use of movies, speakers, and field trips to areas of interest relative to the individual group.

Another aspect is taken on when dealing with the Health Sciences Division. It consists of those students who will be transferred to the East Campus, for further medical related studies. They offer pre-med, physical therapy, and pre-nursing clubs for students going into the respective areas of employment.

Speaking of employment, the business club is very well represented through bulletins, magazines, and a rather large

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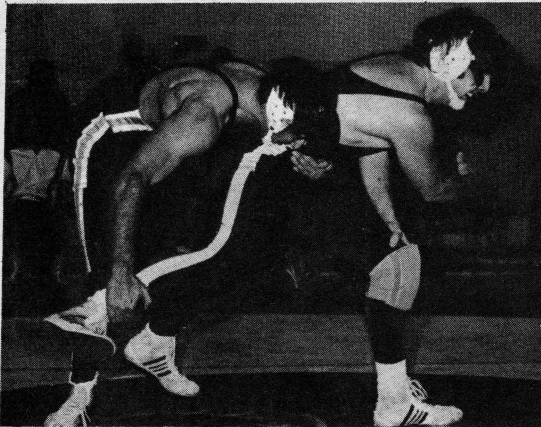
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Grapplers Begin New Season



With a change of format and a change of style, new wrestling coach Tommy Legge is looking forward to a very productive grappling season.

The biggest change is in the location of the home matches. Instead of being held upstairs in an isolated area of the gym they will be held in the main gymnasium, hopefully as a prelude to several basketball games.

Coach Legge hopes to improve on last year's 12-8 record. He has recruited some very good wrestlers to take the place of several graduating stars. He pins his biggest hopes on Wayne Bryant in the 118 pound class, Steve Polo at 134, and a scholarship recipient heavyweight Rick Rollinson of Garfield High School.

Some of the toughest matches this year will come from William and Mary, Old Dominion, and VPI. Franklin and Marshall proves to be the year's toughest foe, as they are recognized as a national power. The Richmond matches should also be of particular interest. The Spiders have completely revamped their wrestling program, and have set their goals high. They would like to avenge the three defeats handed them by the Rams last year.

The only problem facing this year's squad is several holes in the lineup. Coach Legge says these lie in the middle weights, and strongly urges anyone with any interest in wrestling to come out for the team. There are meetings every Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in room 309 gym. Anyone with any questions should call Coach Legge at 288-8722 after 4:00 p.m.

Women's Field Hockey

September 20 - Westhampton (Away)

October 1 - Mary Washington (Away)

October 4 - Bridgewater (Away)

October 9 - Cavaliers (Home, 4:30)

October 16 - Virginia (Home, 3:30)

October 22 - Longwood (Away)

October 26 - Richmond Club (Home, 10:00)

October 28 - Madison (Home, 3:00)

October 31 - Old Dominion (Away)

November 5 - William and Mary (Home, 4:00)

November 9 and 10 - Tidewater Tournament

All home games at Hotchkiss Fields.

Fencing Club Open To Students

Robin Bowdon

Do you like to fence but don't have anyone to take you on? That is the main reason the fencing club was formed around February of last year. The fencing club is open to anyone on either campus from beginners all the way up to champions. They give training and pointers beyond that of the techniques taught in the classroom. As of yet the club is not competitive and there are many reasons why. The main reason is the club has just been formed and they have no permanent coach or enough equipment. According to Hoa Tran, the president of the club last year, it has been hard to find a good coach in Richmond. Since the club has not had a coach the fencers have taught and worked among themselves. Another reason for non-competitiveness is the lack of funds. The club has received some money from the student activities fund but not nearly enough to buy the much needed equipment. As with all

sports or anything else these days, fencing equipment is not cheap. If the fencers are able to get some financial help they plan to purchase the equipment.

OK, so you're interested and want to check this club out, what do you do? On Monday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Franklin St. gym, an organizational meeting will be held. At this meeting officers will be elected for the coming year and it will be decided on which nights the club will meet. It is the club's hope that they will be able to meet twice a week. So you won't be shocked, there is a one time five dollar introductory fee and dues are two dollars per semester.

To get off the ground the fencing club had a lot of help from faculty members on both campuses. The club appreciates the extra effort and time that was spent helping them get started.



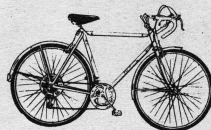
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Recruiting: The Basis For A Winning Team

Walter Knox
Sports Editor

A successful sports program, particularly basketball, the glamour sport at VCU, is dependent on the success of a great many factors. The encouragement of the school, of students primarily, but administrators, faculty and alumni also, plays a great deal in the success, as well as a competent sports staff in general and the coaches in particular. Of greatest importance however are the athletes themselves.

How does a university find the athletes for its teams? The answer, aside from interest by incoming students who make up the bulk of the inter-collegiate and club teams at VCU, is recruiting.

The Rams are fortunate in having three recruiters with the skill and experience necessary to develop a well balanced but winning team each year. Chuck Noe, the Athletic Director for VCU, is experienced in the process himself and knows exactly the kind of players needed for the team. He is aided by Assistant Athletic Director, Lewis Mills, who along with Noe have the combined experience of 30 years, and Mike Pollio, Assistant Athletic Director.

Talking to both Noe and Pollio an unmistakable image of the kinds of players for which they are searching immediately comes across. Pollio said they are looking for three qualities in their players, the first of which he described as "character". He and Noe both agreed they wanted players who were mature sportsmen, who could be coached by Noe and the rest of the staff and "who we like", as Pollio put it.

The player who seeks money, would not make it on the team," Pollio emphatically stated. There have been players who have come to Noe's office with their hands out and were "thrown out of the office". One such player is currently playing some of the best basketball in the United States at the present time but demanded the money and was soundly rejected.

Two other qualities are sought by the recruiters, both of which are playing qualities. Quickness in the player is the first quality demanded. "A player can be slow in high school and still look good but one can't be slow in college ball". Coach Noe placed the emphasis on being a team player. He seeks players who can give up the ball well.

They are also searching for players who have a desire to go to a school like VCU. "There are those players who have an appeal for the University of Richmond and we can't get them here. The ones who come to VCU have an

interest in this kind of social environment".

Undoubtedly the problem of finding these players is acute with the uncountable large number of high schools in the country. The process of getting a lead on players is two-fold. Professional scouting agencies around the country provide schools with lists of players and descriptions of them. The Rams receive these reports from three such agencies, totalling over 2,000 players per year. They also receive reports from friends they have come to know over the years.

Players from Virginia, if they are good and have the qualities

above, are preferred by the coaches. At present there are only five players on the basketball squad not from Virginia. While recruits are from a large number of states the coaches feel comfortable in recruiting only from a number because of previous coaching experience, college experience or having lived there.

Each year the "finalists" include some thirty to fifty players. The

process from then is one of elimination. All are kept in contact with the Athletic Department over the winter through letters and in person. The recruiters see the players in action and a process of ratings for all the players is made, rating all the 40 or 50 according to their ability to play their position. The work is toward the most perfect player in the five basketball positions.

Scholarships are offered to the

players but only on a limited basis. NCAA regulations provide for six each year but this is never challenged. Of a possible 24 scholarships possible only twelve have been filled.

This year's recruiting was very good, according to Pollio, and no one is disappointed. Communication and organization are the only way to get results said Pollio. It appears the staff has the ability to get winning teams.

JOCKEY



SHORTS

Fall Sports for Women

Women's fall sports are swinging into action these days.

The women's field hockey team plays their opening game this Friday afternoon against their rivals out in the west end. The game will be on the Westhampton campus at 3:30 and spectators are always welcome to cheer the team on.

At this time it looks like there will be two teams. As the schedule comes out Coach Judy Newcombe says that she is pretty optimistic about the season and that the girls are looking good in practice.

So if you find yourself with a little free time on your hands find your way to one of the women's field hockey games. You may be surprised at how much you can learn while having a good ole time.

Intramural Sports Begin

Fall intramural sports have started with three flag football games initiating the action this past Tuesday. The Nads outscored 806 14-13, 928 beat 808, 6-0 and Guders did a little trick to Chalkley, 20-0. Thirteen teams have registered and games are held every day of the week except Friday at three, four and five o'clock in the afternoon.

Registration in other intramural sports is still taking place but time is running out. On the west campus, entries for men's tennis, handball and squash close Friday, September 20. Women's tennis entries are now open and will close the same date.

Intramurals on the east campus have not started at this date.

Eighteen flag football teams have registered and will begin play on September 23. Six powderpuff teams will begin competition September 19.

Entries for tennis, handball and squash at the east campus will close on September 20. Three man basketball entries open the 16th and will close September 27. Intramural golf will be offered on the east campus, though no dates have been set at this time.

Rugby Club Loses To UR

The Rugby Club lost in their opener to the University of Richmond September 15 at Maggie Walker. The A team lost the first match 4-0. University of Richmond's B team, bolstered by players from James River Rugby, beat the VCU team 18-0. Two kegs of beer were consumed by "all concerned" at the party following the game, an integral part of Rugby.

A correction on last week's rugby schedule: Saturday games will be held at Graves Intermediate School and Sunday games will be held at Maggie Walker High School. All home games are at 2:00. The next home match is against Old Dominion at Graves.

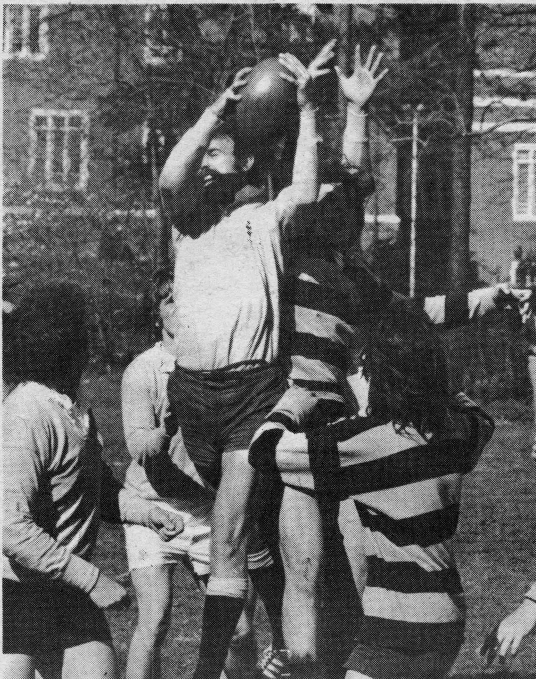
Football Team Defeated, 7-0

Club football opened their season with a 7-0 loss to the Duke club in the first home game held at Hovey Field Saturday September 14. The game was marked by several disappointing penalties by the offensive unit, scoring twice but being called back both times. Defensively the club held Duke to only 68 yards, Duke's score coming on an interception and run from the Rams' five yard line. Players and coaches admitted they need more work on the offensive unit.

The next club home game will be held October 5, again at Hovey Field. The time for all the home games is 12:00.

Police Softball

The early victories of the police softball team last spring turned sour during the course of the summer long play. Their final results were a disheartening 5-23. In the Henrico Community Services Invitational Tournament held in August at the Glen Allen Recreational Center they made a better name for the team, coming in as third runner-up.



The VCU rugby team battled fiercely, but still suffered a defeat at the hands of the University of Richmond (striped shirts).



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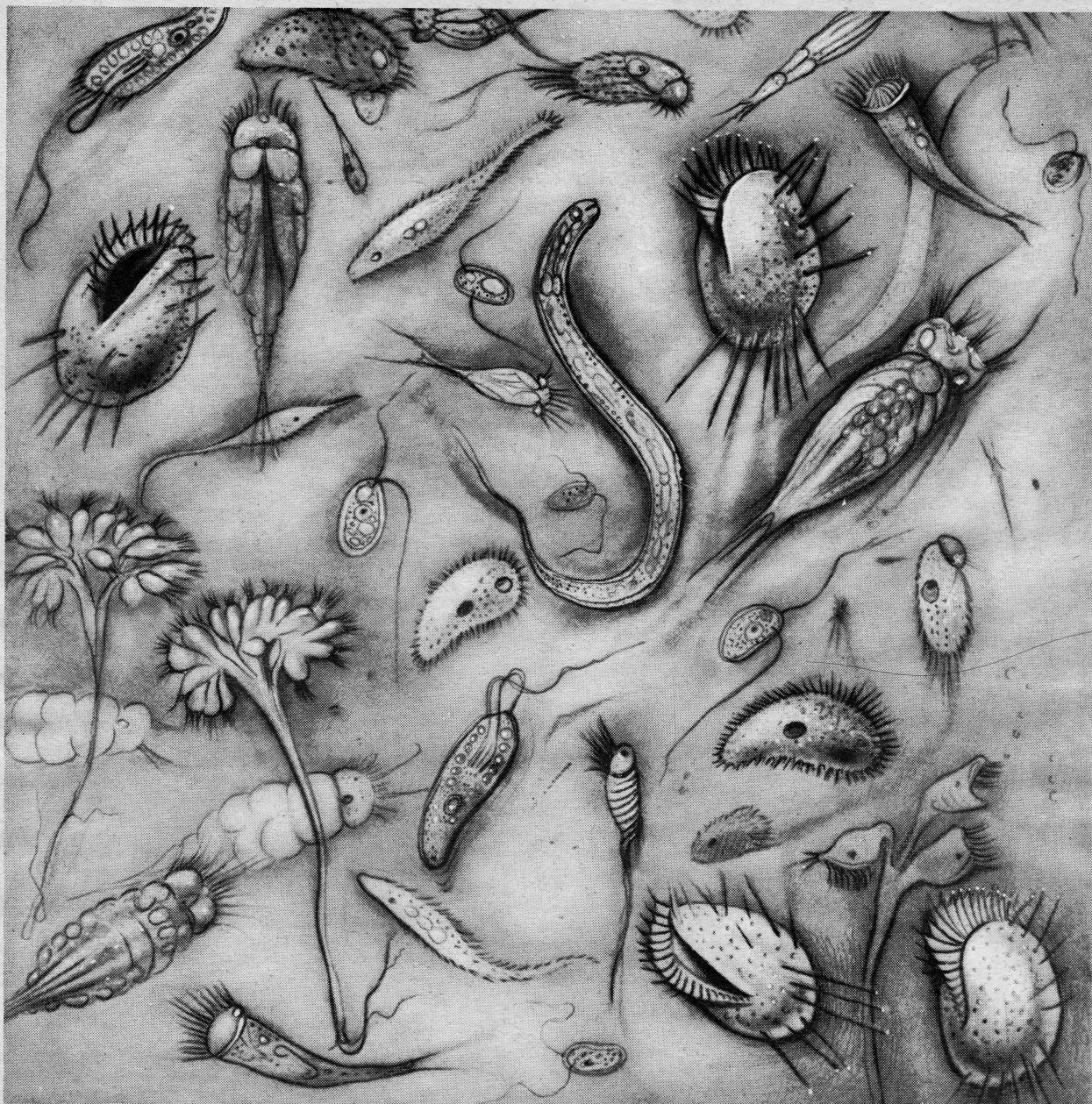
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