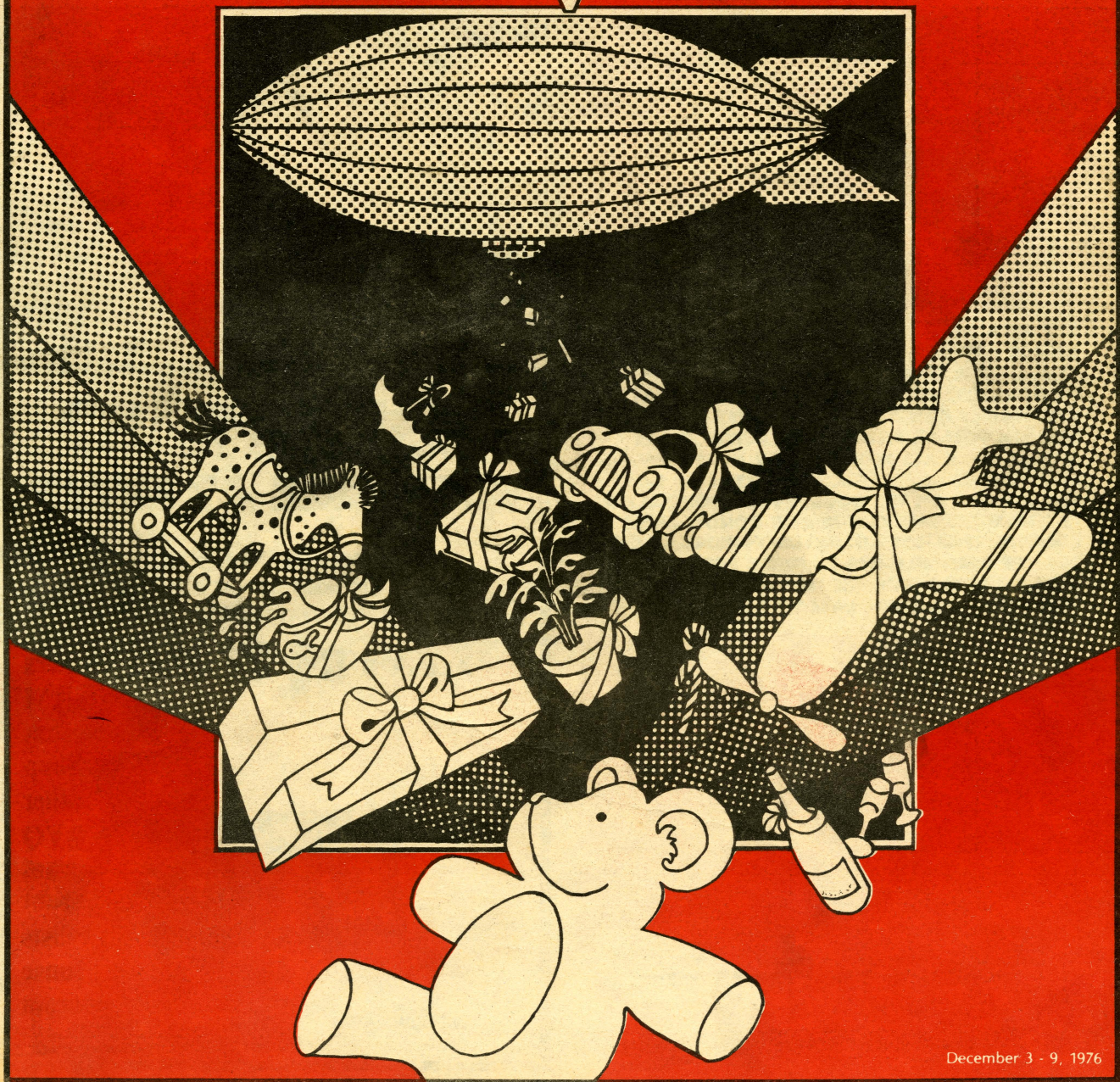


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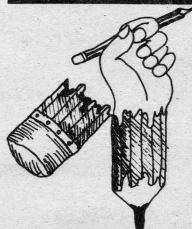
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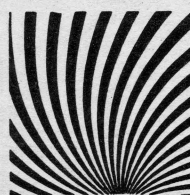
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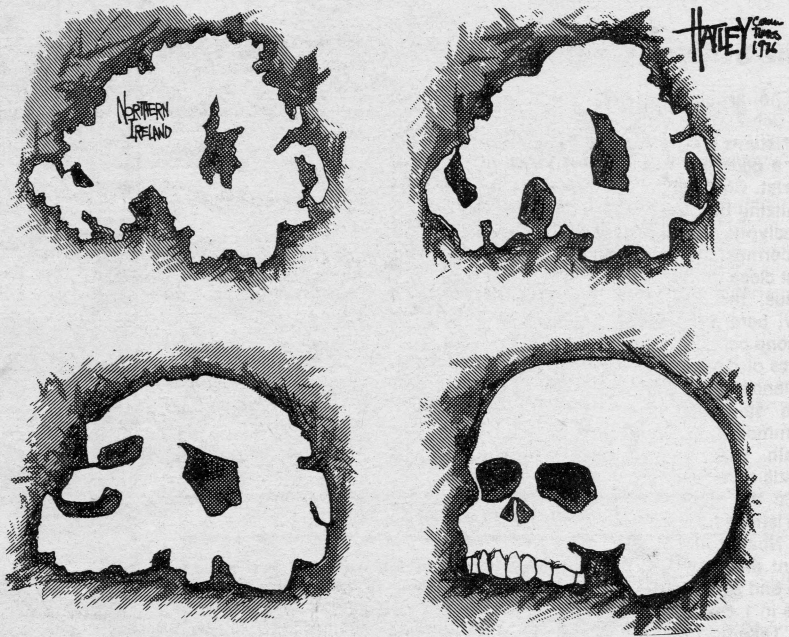
The winners are:

First Place—Jan Blackwell of Richmond, a full-time student majoring in Real Estate. She won a \$15 dinner at the Strawberry Street Cafe; two tickets to the Biograph Theatre, and two tickets to a Richmond Wildcats Hockey game.

Second Place—Paul B. Mitchell of Powhatan, a part-time student majoring in English. Paul won two tickets to the Biograph Theatre and two tickets to the Richmond Wildcats.

Third Place—Carol Tully of Richmond, a full-time graduate student working for her masters in Social Work. Carol won two tickets to the Richmond Wildcats.

These three winners were selected from the more than 1000 entries we received. We would like to thank all of those who did enter, and also thank the people at the Strawberry Street Cafe, the Biograph and the management of the Richmond Wildcats.





# LETTERS

## The Second Coming

The article by Lanier McCray [CT, Nov. 19-Dec.2, 1976] shed new "light" on a topic Christians on this campus have been discussing for a good while, the second coming of Jesus Christ. Christians as well as non-Christians are realizing that the world is being primed for the apocalyptic. The question that seems to be uppermost in people's minds is, "are we really that close to the second coming?" According to Jesus, the conditions that existed in Noah's day, before the Flood, would exist before His second coming (Matt. 24:37-40). The characteristics of Noah's day were extreme wickedness, violence and a lust for power (Gen. 6). Jesus also said that as it was in Sodom and Gomorrah, so would it be before He returned again (Gen. 19:1-29, Luke 17:28-30). This needs no explanation.

So the signs of the times say yes; should Christians become frightened? Not in the least! As Noah and Lot were delivered from judgement and destruction, so will Christ's own at the end of the age. The apostle Paul speaks of this in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

"Take notice; I am telling you a secret. We shall not all die but we shall all be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet call."

The apostle John in the book of Revelation talked with Christ and He told him, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book for the time is near." (Rev. 20:10)

*Brad Maeger  
Soph., Political Science*

## NAME CONFUSION

This letter concerns an article that appeared in the November 12-18 issue of the *Commonwealth Times*, on page 12, concerning the Gay Alliance of Students (GAS). It seems that the acting spokesman for the "organization" has the same name as I do, that name being Steve Pierce. This unfortunate bit of "luck" has, understandably, caused me some rather embarrassing moments in trying to explain the situation to my friends and family.

This letter's purpose, therefore, is to state, once and for all, that I, Steven Robert Pierce, am not in any way associated with the Gay Alliance of Students. If this group insists on using my name any further in relation to their group, in any way, shape, or form, without due clarification that there is someone else by that name, I will take legal action.

*Steven Robert Pierce  
Senior, Recreation Dept.*

*Editor's Note: When the article was written,*

*the name of the spokesperson for GAS was verified by the News Editor. It was not the intention of the Commonwealth Times to misrepresent either of the two individuals.*

## Homecoming Brought Unity

I am a member of the student media and I am not, nor ever will be, made ashamed to admit it. I feel it is an opportunity to express not only my own opinions, but more importantly, the opinions of everyone.

To those who want to tell me what to air, print or release to the public, I say forget it. You are the same people who want to tell me how old I must be to attend a specific movie, what I may watch at what time on television and what environment that I may be exposed to in general. If you don't like what I have to say, there are plenty of alternatives for you. One is known as freedom of press.

It is important that we do not repeat the course of apathy and disregard that the student government took. It is impossible for me to comprehend the fact that students can have such an inferior attitude of their own ideals as to dissolve the student government and let the administration take over. Fortunately there are still students who have a slightly higher regard of themselves and what they are trying to do.

The fact that you are trying to stifle what people have to say instead of responding to it raises a big question in my mind. What will you be forbidding the public when you are in the position to do so? May I recommend that you learn to deal with and accept other people and their ideas before you become a total Victorian hypocrite. Within the framework of this democratic society in which we live is contained one basic idea. That is the support of compromise.

I am not asking you to believe everything that I have to say; I am not even asking you to listen to what I have to say. Just let me say it. On the other hand, I am willing to listen to you and I am even willing to admit that your ideas may have merit. Articles like those on Homecoming are a perfect example of what I mean. Next year, Homecoming will be one of the biggest events of the year. Not because people were impressed with this year's performance, but because everyone will want to work and make it better. Without the coverage Homecoming received from the *Commonwealth Times*, it would have been one more VCU joke down the drain. The reaction to the Homecoming article brought more unity to this school than Homecoming itself did.

Anyone who wants to prevent progress like that is hopelessly lost and has my sincere pity.

*Catherine B. Connelly  
Mass Communications  
WVCW Radio*

## Support is Here, Facilities Are Not

I expect the distinguished members of Czech Nonet will remember with pleasure the enthusiastic support and appreciation of their musical performance expressed by the students, faculty, and friends of Virginia Commonwealth University Friday night, November 12. It would be difficult to imagine a better audience—it might be more difficult to imagine a worse recital hall than the School of Business Auditorium.

How can we continue to ask musicians of the caliber of Czech Nonet to perform in a hall:

—In which they must use as a green room a balcony film projection room, painted black with no heat and no chairs, at the back of the auditorium?

—In which there is no stage entrance or even a center aisle, so that it is necessary for the entire ensemble to march from the balcony down the side aisle, past each row of the audience, then skip (or trip) up the steps to stage, all the while carrying cellos, double basses, etc.?

—In which the acoustics are such that one can hear the ever-present canaries singing in the air conditioner, not to mention the occasional well-meaning business student calling to his friend, "Hey, are you going to be at the library tomorrow?" as he passes by one of the twenty-odd exits?

—In which the lights are equally likely to be directed on the audience as on the performers?

—In which there is not even a drinking fountain, so that it is necessary to scoop water from the tap in the rest room in order to get a drink?

I suppose the obvious answer to my question is: if we want fine professional musicians to keep coming to VCU, we have no choice but ask them to play in SBA. And they probably will—once.

Music is a performing art, and an essential feature of any successful music department is the opportunity for students to attend performances by guest artists, faculty members, and other students. The size and enthusiasm of the audience Friday night was exciting to be a part of. The support exists for a professional recital series, which would benefit the entire school, attract talented and interested students and new faculty to our school. If there are no existing facilities which are suitable, surely the acquisition or construction of a recital hall is high on the university's priority list. Surely it ought to be.

*Kathleen Greene  
Jr., Science*



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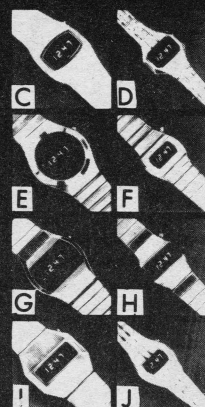
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## Mrs. Temple Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Polly Temple, wife of VCU president T. Edward Temple, were held Tuesday, Nov. 23 in the Reveille United Methodist Church, where she was a member. Mrs. Temple died Saturday, Nov. 20 of an apparent heart attack. She was 62.

Mrs. Temple was survived by her husband, a son, T. Edward Temple Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Sharman, a sister, Anne Belcher and a grandson, T. Edward Temple III all of Richmond.

Mrs. Temple was a graduate of Mary Washington College and a retired high school history teacher. She was a member of the VCU Women's Club and many other organizations.

## Afro-Americans Hold Essay Contest

The Afro-American Studies Program is sponsoring an essay contest with the first award set at \$50 and the second award \$25.

There is a great need for imaginative, critical and theoretical discussion and analysis of the vast spectrum of black life commonly called the Black Experience. This experience covers the political, economic, historical and cultural, as well as the social patterns operative among blacks. The essay has long served as an excellent tool to probe these areas. Such writers as W.E.B. DuBois, E. Franklin Frazier and Richard Wright have utilized the essay to share their ideas, feelings, knowledge, and insights. By sponsoring the essay contest, the Afro-American Studies Program hopes to encourage a greater analysis and understanding of Afro-American Studies by undergraduate students at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The essays must be original, and will be judged on clarity, style and depth of analysis. They may be on

any subject within the scope of Afro-American Studies. The essays may range in length from 10 to 25 pages and they must be typewritten.

Writers must be undergraduate, full-time or part-time students currently enrolled at VCU.

The deadline for submitting an essay is February 4. Essays should be submitted to the Afro-American Studies Program office, Room 229, Administration Building.

## Applications For Resident Assistants

All students desiring to become resident assistants for the 1977-78 school year can now pick up applications. From Dec. 3 until Jan. 24, student services is accepting applications from qualifying students.

Applications may be picked up at either the office of Student Services at 913 W. Franklin St. or at an office of one of the Directors of Residential Education (DRE). The DRE's are Corinne Cowardin at MCV, Frankie Felder at Johnson Hall, Eddie Reynolds at Small Units and Meredith Strohm at Rhoads Hall.

Dormitories are subdivided into four main areas, each with its own director. The main divisions are MCV, Rhoads Hall, Johnson Hall and the small unit dorms. Specific responsibilities of RA's with in these units are to attend weekly staff meetings and devote twenty hours per week to working with individual students, the group as a unit and/or administrative matters.

RA's are also required to attend workshops and retreats. They must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, cannot be employed elsewhere, as the RA position is a scholarship grant-in-aid.

## Xmas Gifts Needed

Many children and adults will spend their Christmas holidays in

the MCV hospitals. Some patients will have their families visiting them and bringing them presents, but many patients will be alone and will receive no Christmas gifts at all. The Volunteer Services department would like to share with you again this year the opportunity to help make Christmas a little brighter for these patients by asking you to bring in items for them.

If you wish to donate gifts, they should be new and unwrapped and brought to the Volunteer Services office on the first floor, North Wing, West Hospital, from Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you have any questions, call 770-5748.

## Languages Offered

One-day language courses are being offered this year by the Center for Continuing Education here.

A one day language course on French will be taught on December 4 by Dr. Cecile E. Nobel; Italian, on December 11 by Antonio Masullo; German, by Dr. Paul F. Dvorak on December 4; Spanish, by Dr. Ernest J. Lunsford on December 11.

For registration information contact the VCU Center for Continuing Education at 770-3746.

## Cleaver Protected

When an unknown person became too particular with questions about Elridge Cleaver and his plans while he was in Richmond, Rodney Miller, Chairman of the VCU Lecture Committee contacted the VCU Police and Richmond Police who provided undercover protection for Cleaver.

Miller and secretary Cindy Mills, separately identified the same mug shot of the man who had asked the questions. He was not a student here, he was not from Richmond, but he was a member of

the American Nazi Society and a former patient of a mental institution in North Carolina.

Elridge Cleaver lectured in the Mosque on Nov. 8 before 1200 people.

## Board of Visitors Approves Proposals

The VCU Board of Visitors in its monthly meeting on Nov. 18 unanimously approved the purchase of Grove Avenue Baptist Church. The administration plans to ask Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. for \$235,000 from his Land Fund and ask the RPI Foundation for a loan of \$400,000. If the church is not purchased, the music department may lose its accreditation.

In other actions at the meeting:

- Construction was approved for a pedestrian bridge over Marshall Street, to connect Sanger Hall and Nelson Clinic.

- The board unanimously agreed not to appeal the Gay Alliance of Students case. GAS won full rights as a student organization in a Nov. 1 federal court decision.

- The updated Master Site Plan for the academic campus was approved.

- The Academic Rights and Responsibilities document was unanimously approved.

- Following a discussion,, the relocation of the Physical Plant building on the MCV Campus was unanimously approved.

- The board completely endorsed the work of the administration in presenting the VCU case to members of the General Assembly, state officials and other interested persons.

- Herbert N. Morgan's letter of resignation from the Board of Visitors was received, and it was resolved that the Vice President for Finance is authorized to transfer delinquent student accounts from 1969 to 1971 to the university's Deferred Delinquent Account upon approval by the state Attorney General.

## Fall Semester Final Examination Schedule

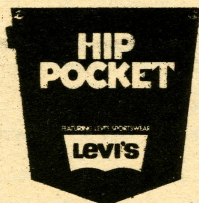
According to the Scheduling Office, no changes are permitted in the following schedule unless submitted in writing and authorized by the dean of the school involved. Approved changes will be announced by the Instructor in class.

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Friday, Dec. 10	9 MWF	10 MTR
Monday, Dec. 13	11 MTR	9 T, 10 WF
Tuesday, Dec. 14	12 MWF	8 MW, 9 R
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# Baptist Union Reopens Center

While VCU waits for word from the General Assembly about the fate of its student center, the off-campus Baptist Student Union is settling into two remodeled buildings at 1000 Floyd Avenue.

The \$300,000 renovation had been planned for 10 years and was paid for by the General Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia through its Department of Campus Ministry.

"The original plan was for a new building on this site," says Sherry Fairchild, campus minister, "but changes in zoning would have meant less space and more money, so we decided to renovate instead."

In the spirit of ecumenical cooperation the Catholic Diocese of Richmond provided the Baptists temporary quarters down the street last spring while renovation was under way. Contractor Heindl-Evans Inc. of Mechanicsville finished its work this fall, and only minor decorating chores remain.

The exteriors of two turn-of-the-century buildings were joined by a modernistic concrete false front which more than one observer has said looks "unfinished." Miss Fairchild says this front was an attempt by architects Rawlings, Wilson and Fraher to join the two buildings and still let them conform to their surroundings.

The exterior may be an attempt to fuse old and new, but the interior is emphatically modern. A fireplace and some Victorian windows have been preserved, but otherwise the

old interiors were largely gutted to create light-filled spaces and some surprising room shapes.

A two-story central area overlooked by a small balcony and topped with a dome forms a sunny indoor courtyard.

Students have a choice of large common areas for visiting and conversation or small private rooms for studying or prayer. Ping pong tables and a color television have been ordered along with additional plants and wall hangings. Colorful modern furniture, white walls and neutral carpeting make up the interior design by Thalhimers.

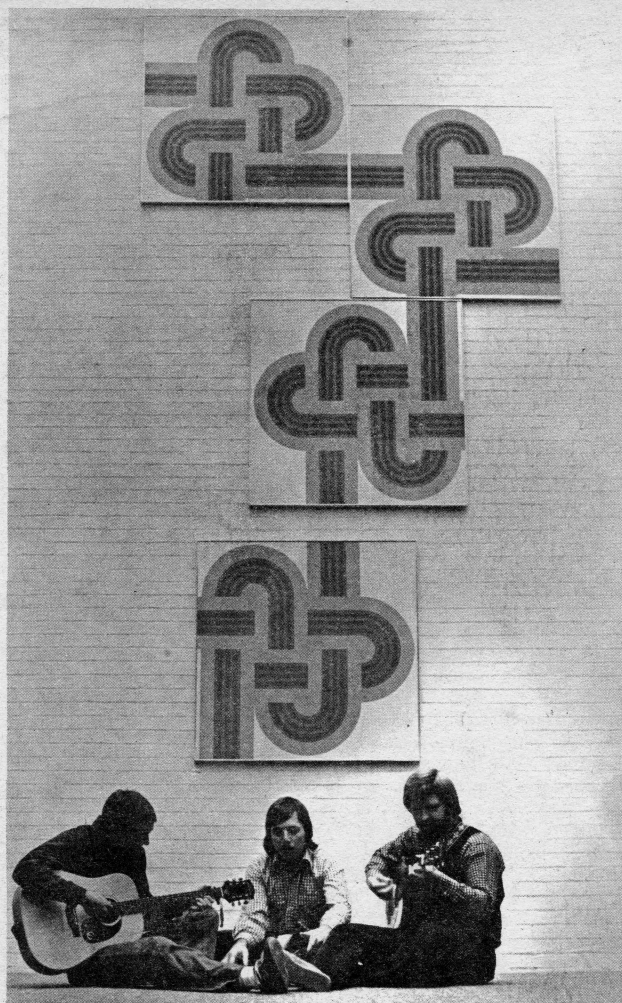
The plush surroundings are the background for a number of programs for students. "Most of our students are commuters who belong to a local church, but we are hoping to attract more dormitory students," says Miss Fairchild. "We welcome any student, regardless of religion."

Programming varies from a secular folk singing group, parties and outings to decidedly Christian Bible study groups and worship services. A student executive council plans many of these programs.

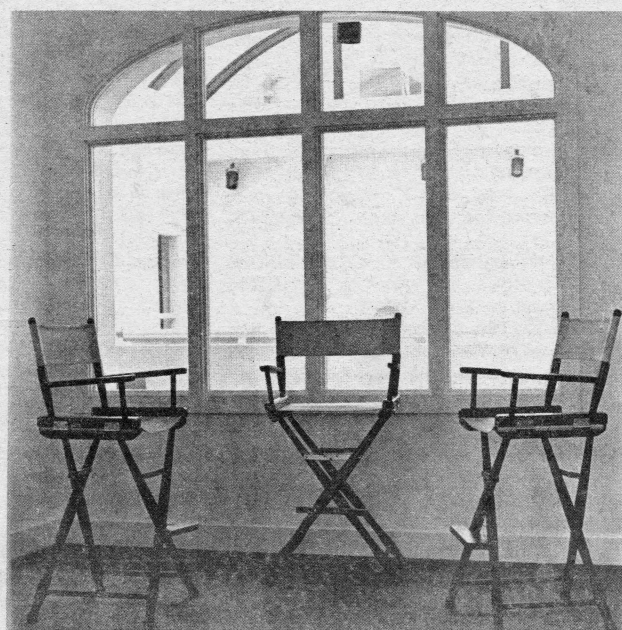
Counseling services are also offered—again, with a Christian orientation.

Miss Fairchild emphasizes that the Baptist Student Union building is open for anyone who wants to use it for meetings. Appointments can be made by calling 355-2640.

Those who wish to tour the building may do so on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. when there will be an open house.



Photos by Tim Wright





# Student Life Loan Remains Delinquent

By Bob Powell

University financial records show that a loan from the Dean's Contingency Fund to the Student Life office, said in September to have been repaid, apparently is still \$41.45 delinquent. The \$247 loan was taken out in October 1975 to buy a refrigerator from Ward's Loading Dock for the Student Life office staff.

It's estimated that the fund, which is annually appropriated seven percent of the student activities fees, now has about \$12,000 in it. It was originally established to handle quick, emergency expenditures involving student organizations.

Dr. Alfred T. Matthews, who as dean of Student Life controls expenditures from the fund, told the *Commonwealth Times* on Sept. 20 that the refrigerator loan had already been repaid by his staff. However, records from Matthews' office and the office of O. Allen Davis, the west campus chief accountant, contradict Matthews' statement.

Records show that on Sept. 23, three days after the statement was made, Shirley W. Jones, secretary to Matthews, paid \$64.76 on the loan. On Oct. 20 another payment of \$18 was made by Jones and Dr. William H. Duvall, associate dean of Student Life.

A first payment of \$25 on the refrigerator loan, according to records, occurred on January 1976, three months after the purchase. No more payments were made until July, when \$36 was given back.

The third payment, for \$61.79, was made on the day the *Commonwealth Times* first interviewed Matthews about the fund: Sept. 17.

Matthews said the payment plan for the staff was \$1 per staff member per month. He estimated there are about 15 people that could be considered part of his staff.

But some of them refused to help pay for the refrigerator, he said, so he paid their portions for them.

According to records from the offices of Matthews and Davis, the Student Life office still owes \$41.45 on the loan. Matthews insists, however, that the debt has now been paid in full.

Jones said some of the records may have been misplaced by the university cashier, to whom the payments were made.

"I made the statement in good faith," said Matthews, referring to his Sept. 20 assertion that the loan had been repaid in full. He stated emphatically that he was not a "liar."

A *Times* investigation into the uses of the fund [CT Sept. 24-30] revealed that last academic year it was used liberally for funding banquets, emergency loans for students and entertainment for high ranking job applicants.

In expenditures from the Contingency Fund this year:

- \$391 was spent for the printing of 500 "How to Study" booklets.

- More than \$70 was spent on subscriptions to magazines that are placed in the Student Activities office at 901 Floyd Ave.

- \$1,387.45 was appropriated for the annual student governance retreat at Massanetta Springs, Va., a Presbyterian church camp. The money was to cover rental of the grounds and the cost of meals and refreshments.

Out of the appropriated funds \$44.27 went unspent and was returned to the fund, according to records in the chief accountant's office. The records listed about 47 people in attendance.

- Money was paid out of the fund to help cover activities of VCU's homecoming in late October. A total of \$299 was paid to Continental Bus Lines to transport the Virginia College club football team from Lynchburg to Richmond for the homecoming game at City Stadium.

Paying for the visiting team's transportation is a practice that is almost universal in intercollegiate athletics.

- In another expenditure involving the VCU club football team, a loan of \$64 was made to team captain Ed Calo. Matthews explained that the loan was for motel expenses incurred at a Ramada Inn in Boone, N.C., where the team played the third weekend in November.

The motel expenses were covered by Calo personally. Matthews said he expects the Recreational Activities Board to reimburse Calo, who is expected to repay the loan.

- Money was appropriated from the Contingency Fund for the April 1977 rental of the Mosque for the university Honors and Awards Banquet. On Oct. 6, a \$350 rental fee was paid.



Photo by Ray K. Saunders

Dean of Student Life Alfred T. Matthews apparently was mistaken when he said last month his office had finished paying money it had borrowed from the Dean's Contingency Fund.

- In a minor expenditure from the fund, \$39 was paid out to Pizzini Poster & Printing Co., an off-campus print shop, for posters publicizing the September Organizations Fair.

During the September *Times* investigation of the fund, Matthews told the Appropriations Board that he wanted to meet with the board to gather student input on the fund's expenditures.

Chairman Steve Turnage and two other members of the board met with Matthews at the Chesterfield Tea Room on Nov. 18 to discuss the fund. Breakfast for the three board members, totaling \$5.85, according to records, was paid by Matthews from the fund.

Turnage said that at the meeting they discussed various ways to spend the money in the fund in the best interests of the students. He said they also talked about cutting the percentage of student activities fees placed in the Contingency Fund annually.

Matthews said plans were discussed to use the money for renovation projects in the Hibbs Building rotunda. No definite plans came out of the meeting. Turnage said he felt that Matthews was "sincere" in his efforts to get student input into the expenditures. The Appropriations Board chairman described the dean as a "man of integrity" but added, "I hope he isn't involved in a scandal tomorrow."

Matthews was noticeably angry this week when answering questions about the refrigerator loan. He refused to allow his comments to be tape recorded and at one point cut a reporter's recorder off. Upset over what he termed "hostile" questions, Matthews said he made reporters with improper attitudes "really work" during interviews.



# Taylor Accused of 'Obstructing Justice'

By Times Staff Writers

A VCU police patrolman has accused Director of Campus Police Ronald Taylor of "obstructing justice" and delaying action on the arrest of a man charged here with indecent exposure.

Patrolman David C. Springborn claims Taylor last spring phoned VCU senior psychology student Christine Land to try to persuade her to drop charges she had filed against Virginia corrections department Capt. Daniel W. King, 29.

King was rearrested on Nov. 8 after his charges were dropped because Land twice failed to appear in court last summer.

King resigned his position at Powhatan Correctional Center effective the day he was rearrested. His new trial is set for Dec. 15.

In interviews in September, Land and her mother, Mrs. Gloria Land, said they were never informed of any summer court date, and for that reason they didn't appear in court. Richmond Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Ed Vaughn said the summons for them to appear in court "was probably sent to a local address [Land's address] at school," instead of her home address in Springfield.

But Mrs. Land said that if the court summons had been sent to Land's school address, "very responsible girls live there in the summer and Chris went to see them several times. I'm sure we would have heard something."

Springborn said when he heard of the court date, he asked Taylor for Land's address. Taylor vowed to personally contact Land, Springborn said.

Taylor said he found out about the warrant against King from King's supervisor over the phone, "and when I heard about the case...that there was a warrant, then I told the city [police] let's get it [the warrant] and serve it."

He said he had King come into his office, where Springborn arrested him. That was May 12.

Springborn said he failed in any attempts he made to secure Land's address from Taylor. He said he had forgotten the case entirely until he "ran into" Land in the west campus bookstore last September.

"I asked her [Land] why she didn't show up in court," Springborn said, "and she said she wasn't notified...that the case had been dropped. Then I talked her into meeting with...Ed Vaughn."

Land said she told Vaughn "about what happened and that I hadn't been contacted at all...He said, 'Wow, there's something wrong here.'"

Springborn said he heard Taylor say in a phone call to Land's home last summer, "If you testify against Mr. King, he may lose his job. He has a responsible job with the state as a correctional lieutenant."

"He is facing time in jail if you testify," Springborn quoted Taylor as saying.

Taylor said he told Land and her mother in the phone call that testifying in court could be a traumatic experience.

He said he wanted to "brief" Land and her mother "on the process of the trial. In a parent's mind, a student is never an adult," Taylor said. "I didn't know the court date then," he added.

Springborn said that when he talked with Vaughn on Monday, "Vaughn stated he believes Chris and myself but...you're fighting the top

dogs of the administration and they don't want another Benson."

Former VCU security director T. Richard Benson received a 12 month sentence starting in 1973 for grand larceny of university property and illegal possession of a submachine gun. Benson enrolled in a work release program.

Vaughn, however, emphasized that Taylor "is not charged, and I'm not going to make any comment on it."

Taylor said, "It's the responsibility of the police officer who makes the arrest to follow the case to the end. He works as an arm of the court and he must...by law...get his witnesses to court."

"Either I didn't give him [Springborn] the address or maybe I should have. But if I didn't it's still his responsibility to get it."

Campus police Patrolman Dave C. Springborn (right) has accused Director of Campus Police Ron Taylor of "obstructing justice."

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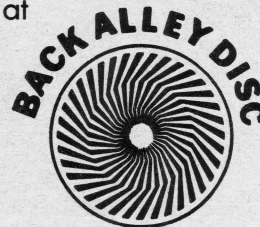
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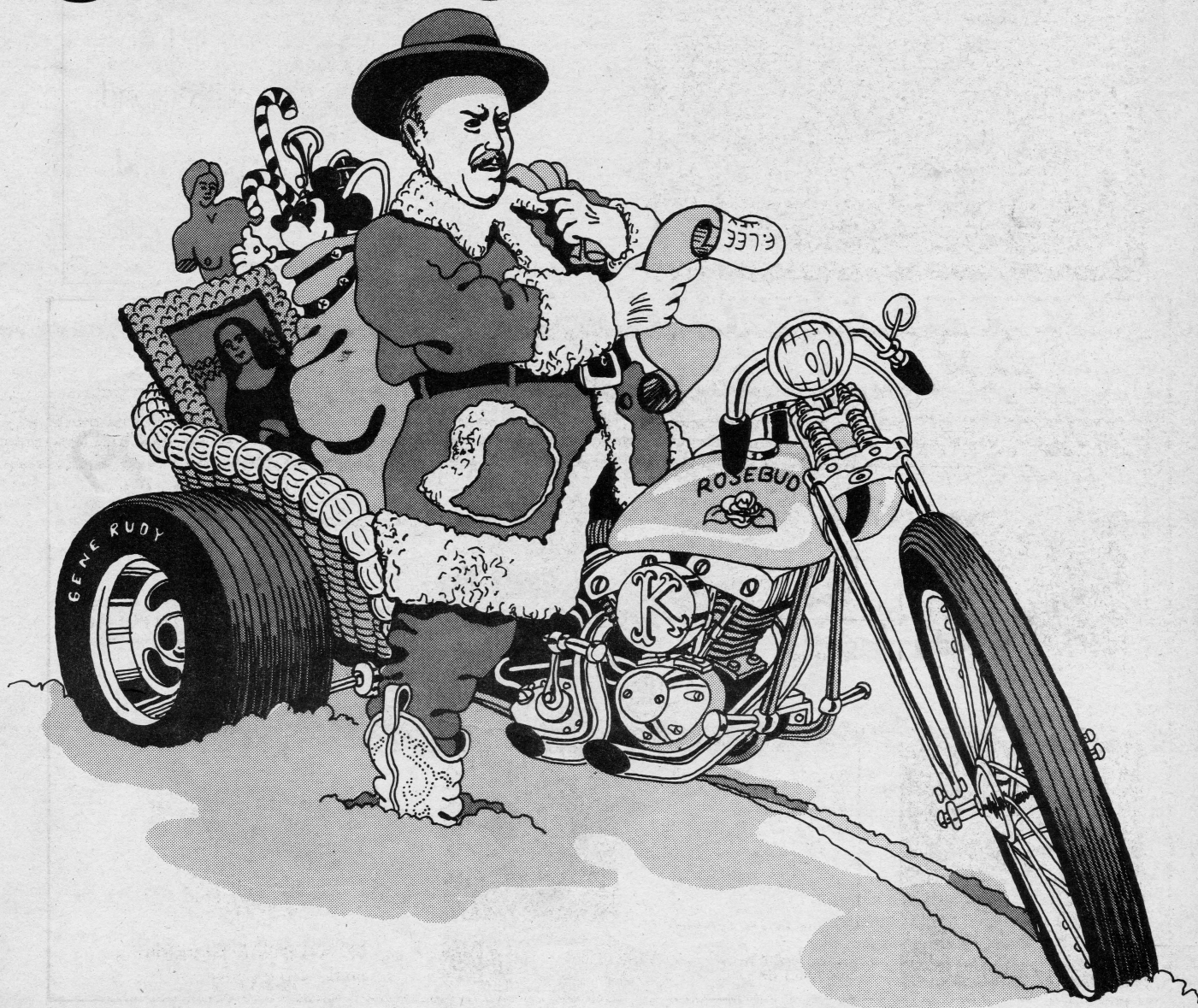
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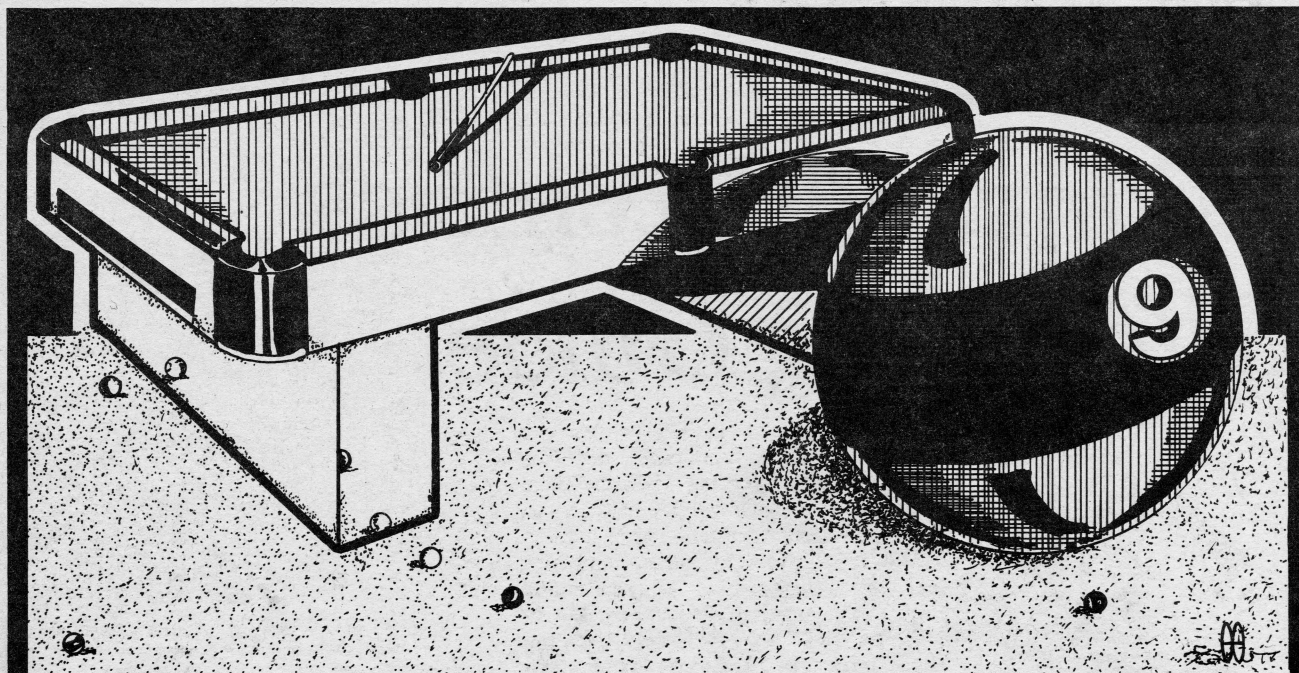


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The price? A mere \$9,650, unless you include in your order the matching chrome cue rack, which holds up to 12 cues for an additional \$850.

It's available through Montage Limited Edition, 311 NBS Financial Center, 29201 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, Michigan 48034.

*The Newest*



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*From Porsche*

If foreign cars are your weakness, then the new Porsche 924 will send shivers up your spine.

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two-liter engine capable of pushing zero to sixty in an amazing 11 seconds. And it still maintains an average of 26.9 miles per

gallon, according to Auto Reports magazine.

But with a price tag that starts at \$9335, the 924 may be a little out of reach. Unless your Santa Claus also happens to be an Arab sheik.



# For Your Head:

## Paraphernalia

If you're looking high and low for Christmas gifts that are practical and aesthetically pleasing, then perhaps you should check out the selection of pipes, papers and paraphernalia at some of the shops on Grace St.

Even Santa Claus smokes a pipe, and the Gramophone features a large selection of pipes and bongs. Prices range from \$1.99 to \$10.95 for conventional pipes, and the bongs (ranging in size from six inches to two feet) start at \$9.95 and go as high as \$22.00.

Rolling papers range in price from 15 cents to 45 cents per pack, with the traditional papers holding down the lower prices, and the double-width and American flag style papers topping the price list.

And, if you're looking for the magazine that suits your lifestyle, subscriptions to High Times magazine are priced at \$14 for 12 issues, and \$26 for 24 issues. Send to: High Times, Box 386 Cooper Station, New York, New York, 10003.



Photos by Charles Sugg

A set of Hamilton scales [left], which can measure up to 50 grams accurately, sell at the Gramophone for \$14.95. A year's subscription to High Times Magazine [above] can be yours for only \$14.

# The Printed Word

O.K.

The semester's almost over. After fifteen weeks of hard work, you've been granted a three-week reprieve from the rigors of study.

How to spend those weeks is up to the individual, be it 21 days of hibernation to catch up on all the sleep you missed in those three months, a marathon celebration featuring all the vices accumulated since the start of your college career, or three weeks of travel, by land, air, or sea.

Or you could simply curl up with a good book in front of a warm fire, pour yourself a glass of brandy, and expose yourself to some of the latest literary works. To aid in your selection of such reading material, the *Times* staff has compiled a list of recently published books suitable for your own enjoyment or as gifts for the Christmas holidays.

For instance: *The Book of Beer* (\$6.95) by Bob Abel is more than a consumer's guide to the appreciation of beer. It includes a city-by-city Super Pub Crawl, designed to give any urban ale aficionado an itinerary to follow in some of

the major U.S. cities, including Washington D.C. and New York. Abel even gives the reader some pointers on how to assure himself that his beer is fresh—he suggests that the busier a bar is, the fresher the beer, because of the high turnover.

Included in *The Book of Beer* are some rather interesting ideas for cooking with beer. For example, some piping hot beer soup, or home-made bread with beer substituted for water in the recipe. Also listed are recipes for beer hamburgers, beer chocolate cakes, and beer cookies. For the home chemist, there are even instructions for brewing your own.

*The Telephone Book: What the Telephone Company would Rather You Not Know* (\$7.95) by J. Edward Hyde, is an attempt to cash in on the scandal syndrome that is beginning to interest certain segments of the U.S. population.

The book centers around an executive in charge of the Texas Bell System, who attempted to improve declining services while sacrificing profits (a definite no-no in the eyes of some corporate execs). A massive security investigation into the

executive and his subordinates resulted, which prompted the Texan's suicide. Before taking his own life, however, he left behind a provocative note alleging that, "Watergate is a gnat compared to the Bell System."

On the subject of Watergate, there are some interesting and informative books out on the scandal. Two of the main characters in the scandal have written their own accounts of the story behind the story. *Blind Ambition*, by John W. Dean III, (Simon and Schuster, \$11.95) is Dean's informative and controversial account of his involvement in King Richard's court.

*The Right and The Power*, By Leon Jaworski (Reader's Digest Press/Gulf Publishing Co., \$9.95) is a clear and straightforward book on the scandal from the former U.S. prosecuting attorney.

Kurt Vonnegut is back with another best-seller: *Slapstick* (Delacorte/Seymore Lawrence, \$7.95) An entertaining novel for hard-core Vonnegut fans, *Slapstick* presents some of the author's ideas pertaining to his vision of New York City in the Not-too-distant future.



# In Search of the Perfect Ski

By Bobbie Harrell

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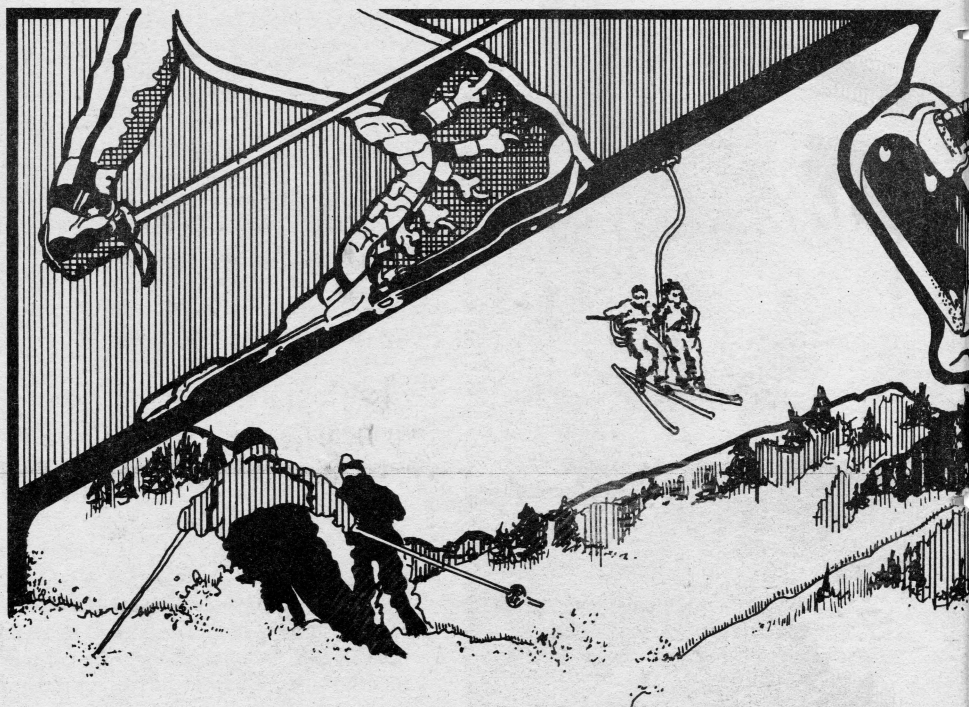
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Located 42 miles west of Charlottesville, Wintergreen covers 13,000 acres. Besides six slopes ranging from beginner to advanced, the resort includes an equestrian center, a lake, two swimming pools, six tennis courts, an 18-hole golf course, and a 20,000 square-foot sports center.

The center contains a cafeteria, a restaurant, a ski shop, and a health club. There is also a childcare center which is open whenever the slopes are. Entertainment is provided in the restaurant on nights that night skiing is available (Tuesday through Saturday).

Rates for double-occupancy condominiums range from \$35 a day on weekends to \$25 on weekdays. Christmas Day, New Year's, and Washington's Birthday are treated the same as a weekend.

Equipment rental and lift tickets also vary. On a holiday or weekend skis, boots, and poles cost \$8 a day and lift tickets cost \$11. Weekday rentals are \$6 and lift tickets cost adults \$7 and students with I.D.'s are charged \$5.



Ski lessons are also available at Wintergreen. Clift Taylor, who in 1948 originated the short-ski method of instruction, is the resident ski pro. Group lessons, which last 90 minutes, cost \$6, and on weekdays a \$39 package deal is offered. The package includes coupons which are good for three lessons, three lift tickets, and three rentals.

Also opening this weekend is Bryce Mountain Resort in Bayse, Virginia, about three hours from Richmond. This resort has a lady's day on Tuesday during which ski rentals and lift tickets cost females \$5. The same bargain is available for men on Thursdays. Groups of 20 or more can buy lift tickets for \$5 a day and \$3 a night. Ski lessons and equipment rentals each cost \$4 a day and \$3 a night per person for groups.

Lodging specials are also offered. For \$65.50, a person can stay for three days and two nights. Also included in this price are

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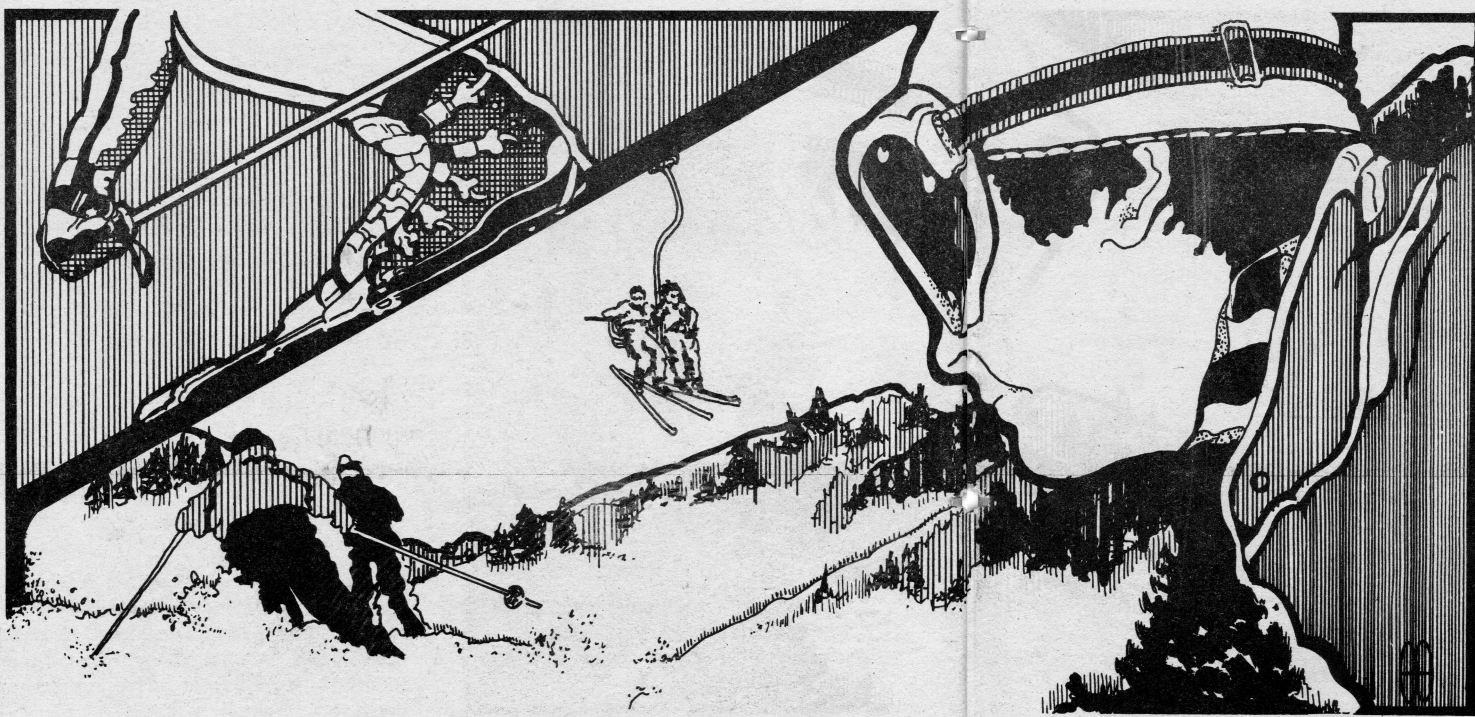


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The weekday package costs \$110 a person and includes lodging at the Inn of Seven Devils from Sunday night through Thursday night. Skiing, lift fees, and equipment rentals for Monday through Friday are also included.

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Appalachian Ski Mountain, located between Blowing Rock and Boone, N.C., does not contain a rooming establishment. However, a restaurant with a seating capacity of 200 is provided.

The resort, which has been open since Thanksgiving, also offers half-day rates. Lift tickets cost \$8 for weekends and holidays. Children 12 and under only have to pay \$4.50. During the week, the rates are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

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*These beautiful, smiling mannequins in the window at Frederick's of Hollywood located in Regency Square are modeling some of Frederick's latest California creations. Crotchless panties and inflatable girdles are only a few of Frederick's newest fashions available.*

## Give the Gift of Love

For the lady in your life, "Give her the gift of love" from Frederick's of Hollywood. But if that isn't enough, you can purchase her a gift certificate to help that "holiday spirit" along.

With so many enticing and exotic items at Frederick's, it would be impossible to choose between the see-through "baby doll" pajamas with ostrich feathers that tickle (\$56.00) or the garter belt equipped with an eye on the side that winks when she moves.

—Imagine the fun and excitement of a big, roaring fire, champagne, and bear skin rug, when who should pop out but your special lady in a yummy leopard-skin-halter-gown with peek-a-boo holes on the side. (\$46.00). And if it should get a little too hot, there's a pair of panties with a thermometer that measures from sexy, to playful, to cuddly, to, God forbid, frigid!

Frederick's has a delightful assortment of lingerie ranging from brassieres that really aren't brassieres to panties that have no bottoms, i.e. crotchless, to inflatable girdles. (Just blow it up and it works!)

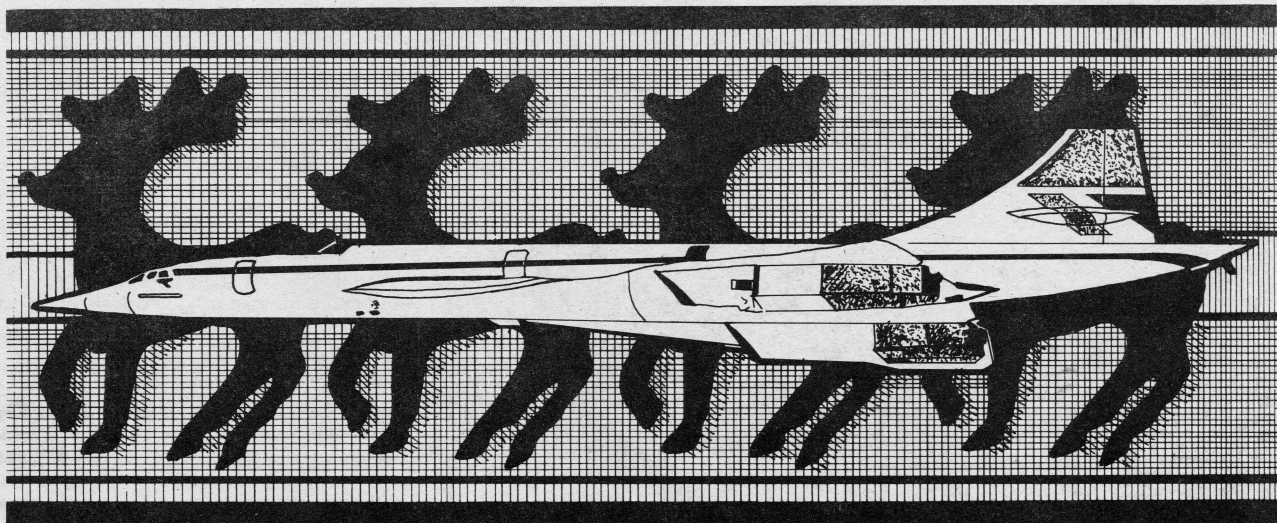
Now girls, if your man is a little too hesitant to buy you any of these delectables, then Frederick's has something to help make your Christmas a little merrier. If you really want to learn how to please'n'tease, buy Ozel Turkbash' *How To Make Your Husband A Sultan*. This album is guaranteed by Ozel, herself, and is only \$4.50.

If the prices quoted seem a little dear, just think of all the good times that await you the night before Christmas. With the holidays just around the corner, plan on buying her a little something kinky.

If you do, who needs the turkey and mistletoe?







# New Year's Eve And a Supersonic Celebration

Someone's finally figured out a way to beat those horrendous New Year's Day hangovers.

The solution is simple—don't stop partying for three days.

Actually, the answer lies in a three-day supersonic flight from Washington D.C. on board an Air France Concorde, during which the New Year is ushered in not once or twice, but three times. And in three different places.

For the princely sum of \$4865 per person, you can spend three days and two nights in Paris at the Paris Hotel Intercontinental, with all meals included.

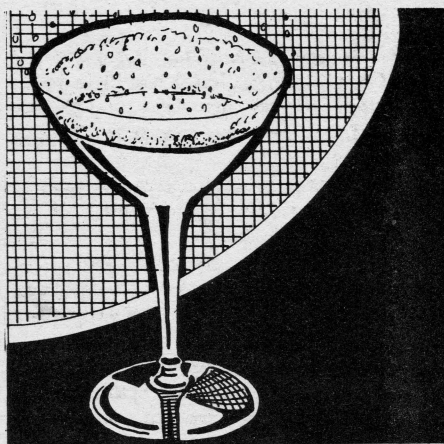
Departure time from Dulles Airport in D.C. is set for 1 p.m. on Dec. 30. A three and one-half hour supersonic flight at 50,000 feet over the Atlantic ends at Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris. Upon your arrival at 10:50 p.m. you'll be whisked away to the Paris Hotel Intercontinental on Rue de Rivoli. Later that day, you'll be present

for a private showing with one of Paris's most famous fashion designers.

Next on the agenda is the first in a series of three New Year's Eve dinner parties scheduled, this one back at the Hotel Intercontinental.

But that's not all. That same evening, it's back onto the Concorde for the return trip to the States. Somewhere over the Atlantic, your pilot will slow down from the normal supersonic speed of Mach 2 (1350 m.p.h.) to a subsonic speed, in order to catch up with the midnight hour. Thus begins your second New Year's celebration. Original dishes specially created by France's greatest chefs, the best vintage wines, foods of the highest quality will be yours to savor at your pleasure, and in the order you choose.

Once you arrive back in Washington, (remember, it's still Dec. 31) there's still more. This time, you head straight to the French Embassy, where (surprise) it's time for another magnificent dinner, more wine, and another riotous welcome for 1977.



Illustrations by Mike Wilson

The only drawback to the whole intercontinental trip is that although you've beaten the traditional New Year's Day hangover, you now have three days and three parties from which to recuperate.

But that's part of the price you pay.



# A Little Goes a Long Way

By Brett Averill

*A Northern philanthropist who annually gives away millions through a private holiday season trust fund will this year alter his mode of giving, the Commonwealth Times has learned.*

*The benevolent eccentric will, according to high officials, stop stuffing his beneficiaries' Christmas stocking with sticky oranges, rolls of film, mushy Snickers bars and other outdated gifts. He will for the first time attempt to keep abreast of popular trends in stocking stuffing.*

*The humanitarian travels under an alias and steadfastly refuses to reveal his true identity or the reasons for his charity.*

*Sources close to his office said the abrupt change in policy was prompted by unforeseen changes in consumer demands. A purchasing consultant recommended a sharp turnabout in the organization's buying procedures to ensure the survival of the trust.*

*The consultant's report included the following suggestions for acquiring stocking stuffers in the Richmond area:*

A rolled-up 1977 M.C. Escher calendar fits nicely into stocking. It includes 13 of his most familiar lithographs, wood engravings and woodcuts, including *Bond of Union* (1956) and *Depth* (1955).

If you're an Escher fan, it's worth the \$4.95 you pay for it. Produced by Ballantine Books, the calendar is available at San Dor's Bookstore, 940 W. Grace St., and Carriage House Book Shop, in the alley between the 900 blocks of W. Grace and W. Franklin streets.

Something else you can unroll and hang on your wall: a VCU confirmation diploma. **You can get one cheap—only \$10—if you graduated from Richmond Professional Institute before it became Virginia Commonwealth University.** For a confirmation diploma application form write to the

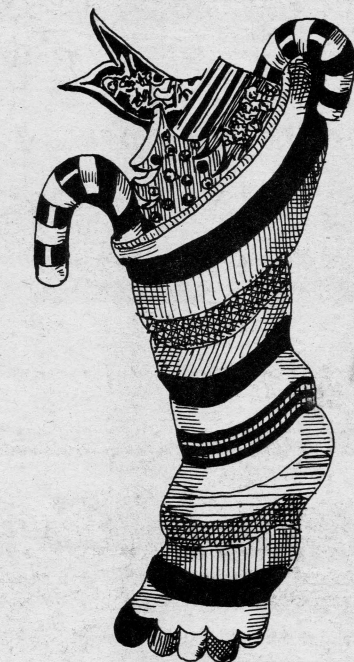


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Alumni Activities Office at 828 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23284.

But that's not the only VCU souvenir the Alumni Activities Office hawks. It figures that when you leave school you won't want to forget what the Administration Building looks like. That's one of the reasons the office is selling watercolor prints of it and the east campus Egyptian Building. The prints, individually signed by artist Barclay Sheaks (a 1949 RPI alumnus) go for \$25 apiece.

Yet another item you can roll up: Supertone word rolls for your player piano. With the lyrics printed right on the rolls of music, you'll have no trouble singing along as the piano beats out "Sam the Old Accordion Man" and "Gimme a Little Kiss, Will Ya, Huh?" **The rolls are listed at 43 cents each; order them through the 1927 Sears, Roebuck catalogue.**

There'd be even more beautiful music made if men would stuff more stockings with ladies' diamond dinner rings. The **Richmond Memco private department store** (6301 W. Broad St. and 5501 Midlothian Turnpike) offers "an exquisite creation of more than 23 perfectly matched, genuine diamonds" for just \$1,799. Add the \$1 store membership fee.

That rock-encrusted ring is the ultimate in tackiness. Close behind it is the **Jaws Game**, also sold by Memco. For \$4.87 kids get to "carefully remove pieces of junk before his jaws go snap." In an accompanying photograph bits of plastic skulls, bones and body parts protrude from a toy shark's mouth. Made by Ideal Toy Co.

**If you've been spending a lot of time contemplating your navel lately, Spencer Gifts at Regency Square may have just the thing for you.** It's called a **Belly Button Brush**, and is designed to provide routine maintenance whether nature has blessed you with an "innie" or an "outy." Under \$2.

Teach a child to shoot to kill. Give him a **S.W.A.T. Police Set** by Placo. It includes a plastic rifle, automatic pistol and binoculars to help search out the prey. \$2.77, also from Memco.

If you're a pacifist, however, you can't very well give a impressionable child a gun. So what's left in the line of amusement? Try a shatterproof bottle of **Jack and Jill Soap Bubbles**. The young'un will strengthen his lungs while he's having a great time. Made by **Manhattan Products, Inc.**, 4 fl. oz. bottles are sold for 19 cents at Chelf Drug Co. Grace and Shafer streets.

Besides receiving the normal flow of warm air from D.C., for the next four years we'll be downwind of quite a few peanut jokes. If the best defense is a good offense, then you'll need a **Salton peanut butter maker**. All you do is add goobers and plug it in, and out pours the goo. Only \$14.84 from **Memco**.



# And The Winner Is...

By E. Carlyle Pollock

Salt Lake City Prison officials have been flooded with calls from people volunteering for the five-member firing squad to kill Gary Mark Gilmore. Due to the influx of volunteers, warden Samuel W. Smith said he would have to screen out those with "unhealthy" motives.

Dennis Boaz, Gilmore's attorney, is boasting a large black notebook filled with notes he takes when he visits Gilmore at the Salt Lake City Prison. Although Boaz has signed a statement promising the warden that he would not use his visits in order to get material for a book, the lawyer-freelance writer told *Newsweek*, "He's like a lotus blossom unfolding to me... It would make one helluva a book, not to mention a movie."

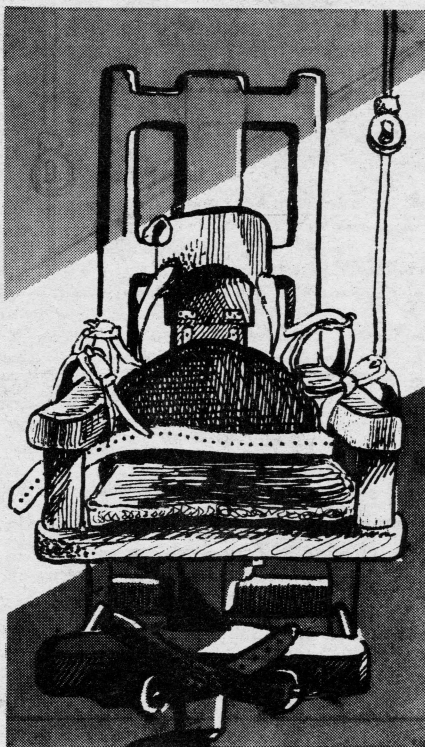
Gary Mark Gilmore, as he waits to be executed, refuses to eat. Two weeks ago Gilmore and his girlfriend, Nicole Barrett, attempted suicide with overdoses of Seconal. However, Gilmore was returned to his maximum-security cell within two days of the suicide attempt. His is now in the twelfth day of his hunger strike, saying he won't eat until he speaks to Mrs. Barrett. She apparently nearly succeeded in killing herself and is in a mental hospital still recovering.

Apparently the dual suicide pact coincided with a second stay of Gilmore's execution. Upon the issuance of the first stay of execution, Gilmore went before the Utah Supreme Court saying, "I am ready to accept my execution...I hope it will be carried out without any delay."

Robert Excell White, also requesting to be executed, waits in Huntsville State Prison, Texas for his death. However, unlike the man in Utah, he has a definite set date and thus far no stays. If December 10 comes before Gilmore had been killed, then White will be the lucky winner: Winner of the race to see who will be the first person since 1967 to be executed in the United States.

There are 423 Americans waiting, all of them condemned to death. Of course they aren't all so anxious as Gilmore and White, but they all face the nearer reality of their sentences. It is a nearer reality because last July the Supreme Court of the United States upheld capital punishment laws in Georgia, Florida and Texas. Previously it had been expected that the Supreme Court would rule definitely on the abolition of the death penalty.

The American public is apparently anxiously awaiting the executions, as a Gallup poll last spring found the death penalty favored by 65 percent. Only ten years ago Gallup found between 42 and 47 percent against the death penalty.



Illustrations by Rebbly Sharp

Just 53 years ago when the Supreme Court did not question the constitutionality of the death penalty, there were a lot of people waiting and a lot of people getting it.

**B**ennie Bibbs was electrocuted January 26, 1923 in Eddyville, Kentucky. Ten minutes later Thomas Nichols met the same fate. Both were convicted murderers. Compared to those presently on death row, the deaths of Bibbs and Nichols seem relatively insignificant. While

Gilmore is getting the front page of newspapers and magazines nationwide, Bibbs and Nichols were lucky to get filler space on the back pages of the local papers. They were merely two of the many executions in the United States that year.

My grandfather, then a newspaper reporter for the *Kentucky New Era*, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, witnessed both electrocutions. It was just after midnight when he first met Bennie Bibbs. The brief notes scribbled on a yellowed envelope accounted the events. "Bibbs shakes hands with Nichols, 'Hope I'll meet you in Heaven.' Enter death room 12:14 A.M. Bibbs waves good morning to the guards and newspaper men, then walks briskly to the chair. 'Let this be a lesson to you. I am going to meet my redeemer.' Current at 12:17, two shocks of 30 seconds each at 2000 volts. Dead at 12:22. Nichols enters death house at 12:27. Makes no remarks. Current applied at 12:27, two shocks of 30 seconds at 2000 volts. Dead at 12:37. Both prisoners requested that Governor Morrow spare 'Old Man' Frank Thomas from the chair." These were the only noteworthy events my grandfather wrote about during the two executions.

When I learned of the most recent Supreme Court decision concerning capital punishment, I asked my grandfather for his opinion on the reinstatement of capital punishment. Since he is quite conservative (he backed George Wallace in '68 and this year he supported Ronald Reagan), I expected the hard-nose conservative reply affirming reinstatement. However, he surprised me saying firmly, "I'm against it!" Then he told me the story about Bennie Bibbs.

**"I** shall never forget that night. We went into the warden's office. He told us to remember that the other prisoners were sleeping and [that we should] be quiet as we walked down the long cement hallway to the death room. Of course it was dark in the cells and I came around the corner trying to procede quietly. But I'll be darned, I kicked over a spittoon on that hard floor. It made a loud noise—but I don't think the prisoners were asleep anyway. They were always restless on the night of an execution. We got to the death house, walked down three steps and opened the door to the death room. Bennie looked up at us pitifully. I know he was hope against hope



# The Winner...

that we were coming with a last-minute message from the governor, that maybe there would be no execution. The lights dimmed when the switch was pulled 'cause there was so much current going. At the time we thought nothing of it. In fact we went out and ate pig brains and scrambled eggs for breakfast after that. But now when I think back...It is a horrible thing to see a man killed. Honey, if you are ever assigned to report on an execution don't do it!"

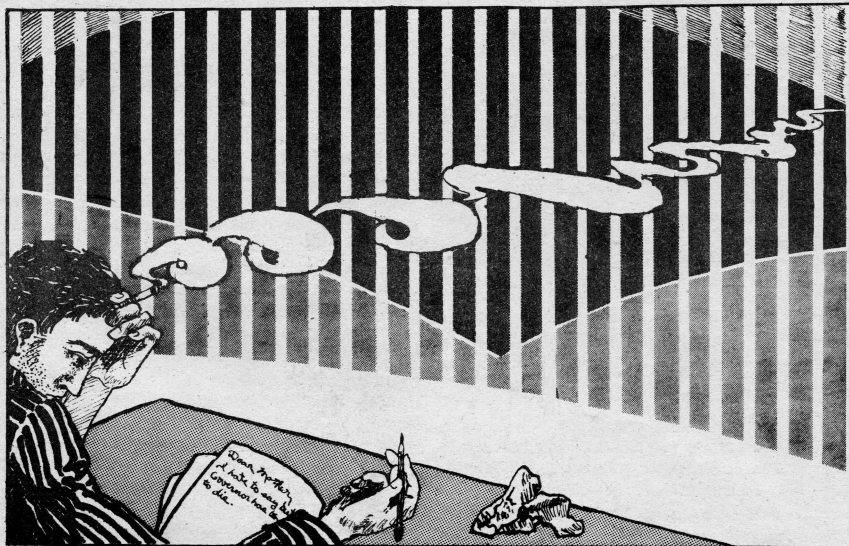
Later, my grandfather pulled out one of his dusty old files. In it was a stack of yellowed papers, appearing to be of little importance. Among these papers, though, were the barely-legible notes written on the back of an envelope that accounted the deaths of Bennie Bibbs and Thomas Nichols. Also there was a ten-cent picture post card of the electric chair in Eddyville, Kentucky (too bad it wasn't in bloody color). Looking further I found a printed list labeled "Legal Electrocutations in Kentucky—Price 10 cents." It read like this: "James Buckner. Colored, Marion Co. Murder, July 8, 1911." Thirty-three names followed on this list, but covered a period of only ten years.

Finally in that bunch of seemingly unimportant papers I found three letters written by Bennie Bibbs. They were his farewell notes to his mother, wife and sister. Bibbs had given the letters to the chaplain to be delivered after his death. My grandfather made copies of them before they were sent. He wrote:

*My Dear Wife:*

*While sitting in my cell this last day that I shall remain on earth, I thought I would write you my parting words. I have made my peace and election sure with God, and I am not afraid of death for I am safe in the arms of Jesus, and I do hope you will be able to meet me in Heaven, when God calls you from this world. I have much more to tell you, but I cannot tell you in writing. You know you promised me two or three times you were coming down here to see me, but you have so badly disappointed me. I don't think there is a spark of love for me in your heart. Still I forgive you for the false promises you have made to me, as my Heavenly Father forgives me of my sins, and I will still love you until death takes me home. So I hope you will be a good girl and serve God with all of your heart and walk in the light of His Salvation. And if you should marry again, I hope you will get a man that will be as good to you as I have been when I was in the free world. Tell all my friends good bye, and tell them to walk the straight and narrow path, and there will be no chance of them getting into a place like this. Now don't worry about me, but be ye ready to meet Jesus at His coming, as I am ready. I don't fear what men will do unto me. Hoping you will impress these last words upon your heart and think of the writer in your daily walks of life. I will come to a close with a prayer and much love, and may God be with you until we meet again.*

*Sincere your husband In God,  
Bennie Bibbs.*



The other two letters were very much the same. In his mother's letter he wrote, "Mother, I hate to say, but the Governor has turned me down to die. They will kill this old flesh, mother, but I am safe in the arms of Jesus." Bibbs instructed his sister to; "talk to Brother Ellis and try to get him to forsake his ways, and turn to the Lord, and let Jesus lead him to the light of His love and He will keep him out of trouble."

What did Bennie Bibbs do to deserve a death by 2000 volts of electricity? Bennie never had much, Granddaddy explained. But his wife was always pushing him for more. One night Bennie Bibbs shot and killed a taxi driver, taking the \$26 the driver had.

Gary Mark Gilmore had already spent most of his life in prisons before he shot two college students fatally in the course of robbing them. He was never tried for the second murder. The first one sent brought a conviction and the capital punishment.

Robert Excell White killed a grocer and two customers when he robbed the store. He has been sentenced to the electric chair.

Granddaddy, I can't understand all this. Why is it that we buy picture postcards with electric chairs on them or pay ten cents for a list of those who have been legally executed? Why do we watch "Kojak" and "Baretta" or "The French Connection"? And why do we punish a man for the crime of murder by (legally) murdering him?

And the winner is....



# FOLIO NOTES

## Segovia Challenged

By Larry Paule

Angel Romero  
Classical Virtuoso  
Angel S-36093

courtesy of Aura Sounde

Discussions of virtuoso Spanish guitarists usually do not go too far beyond Segovia. The case is that few people are *willing* to go beyond that. It would be unfortunate for those who appreciate music to miss the brilliant artistry of Angel Romero. This young Spaniard is absolutely dazzling on the guitar.

The popular music of Phillip II's Renaissance Court is represented here in two tunes by Alonso Mudarra. Mudarra taught the nobility how to play the vihuela (an early ancestor of the guitar) with the grace and elegance demanded by the music. That beauty is well achieved by Mr. Romero.

"Guardame das Vacas" (Watch Over the Cows), a charming piece, gives Mr. Romero his first chance to demonstrate himself on a set of variations. Later on the album he plays Sor's "Variations on a Theme by Mozart." Both of these sets come off quite well.

Something special happens when Giuliani's "Grand Overture" is played; I couldn't quite believe it on first hearing and had to play it immediately again. It is difficult to see how all that music is being on one guitar, but then, in Italy Giuliani is frequently mentioned with the same reverence allowed to Paganini and Liszt.

This album also graces the listener with four sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti and the rhythmic "Suite Española" by Sane.

Angel Romero is truly one of the finest guitarists of the day. This album would be quite worthy of a place beside those of Segovia in your record collection.

## Kind of Beautiful

It's another case of something that almost didn't happen due to the not uncommon lack of university and student support and the general campus ailment, apathy. But now that it's here, don't miss it if you have any interest whatever in what your fellow university-goers are up to. What "it" is is none other than *The Richmond Arts Magazine*, Autumn 1976.

The attractive cover of this latest issue of the magazine gives a general affirmation that there's a lot of latent talent in this university that almost never get its chance to surface. Hopefully Gene Rudy's cover photograph will be enough incentive to get folks to pick the thing up and take a look inside. Therein the aspiring writers, poets, photographers, craftsmen and artists in this school, given half a chance, depict what it is they "see" around themselves, and mold things into the intangible essence, or as close to it as they can. No, most of the contributors to the magazine are not professional artists or authors, the magazine is not an artistic *tour de force*, and it is not an artistic manifesto rigidly ruled by the dictators of the arts. It's all down-home stuff by surprisingly competent confabulators and translators and interpreters of reality's dreams and nightmares.

Yep, it almost didn't come off, what with the money matters and things, but now that it's here, well, it's kind of beautiful.

--Bill Pahnels

## It's Never Too Late

"You Can't Take It With You", but you still have a chance to catch Theatre VCU's second fall production. Moss Hart and George Kaufman wrote this comedy and VCU's Gary C. Hopper directs the show. Evening performances for the last fall production will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with Matinee Performances possible Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. All shows are held in the Shafer Street Playhouse. Students may receive their free reservations for "You Can't Take It With You" by calling 770-6778.

## Violist to Appear

Richmond Symphony violist Judith Stafford will perform a variety of classical music for her recital on Tuesday, December 7, at the First Unitarian Church, near the Carillon.

Ms. Stafford studied music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, under the instruction of Albert Bernard of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Burton Fine, principal violist of the Boston Symphony. She has also studied with Jean Dupouy of the Paris Conservatory and Bernard Linden, violist of the Bowling Green String Quartet.

She has been a member of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and has played as assistant principal violist in the Syracuse Symphony, the Portland, Maine Symphony, the Eastern Philharmonic Orchestra in North Carolina, and Sarah Caldwell's Boston Opera Company. She is currently assistant principal violist the the Richmond Symphony and Sinfonia under the direction of Jacques Houtmann.

Assisting Ms. Stafford for the recital will be Jonathan Mott, Concertmaster of the Richmond Symphony, who was formerly a violinist with the National Symphony, and Savely Schuster, principal cellist of the Richmond Symphony. Before coming to this country, Mr. Schuster was the principal cellist of the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra in Russia.

The program will include Bach's "Suite II" for viola, a duo for violin and viola by Mozart, Beethoven's duet "with two eyeglasses obligato," Chahagir "The Torch Bearer" by Hovanhess, and will conclude with Dohnanyi's "Serenade," a trio for violin, viola and cello.

The recital will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Unitarian Church, located at 1000 Blanton Avenue in Richmond across the street from the Carillon. Ms. Stafford is not charging admission for the recital, but the Church will collect donations at the door to pay for use of the auditorium.

Violist Judith Stafford

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## 'Cats for Sale, Face Extinction

By Mike Harris

It is said lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place, but it certainly has come close.

Less than six months ago, the Richmond Robins of the American Hockey League folded because of financial difficulties. Now, their successors, the Richmond Wildcats of the Southern Hockey League, find themselves with their backs to the wall.

The SHL met here Tuesday behind closed doors for four hours. When it was over, SHL president Jack Riley announced that the league had given principal owner, Steve Fox, permission to put the Wildcats up for sale.

"Fox wants out completely," Riley said. "It was too much for him to handle."

Riley also said that the league would guarantee the players' salaries until a new owner is found, thus saving the 'Cats for the time being from extinction. The SHL has already made one overdue payment to the players. The team is reportedly \$30,000 in debt.

"All league owners to a man didn't want Richmond out of the league," Riley said in explanation of the league's move. "But we can't carry it forever."

"The league won't support the team for the rest of the year. If we don't find a buyer in a reasonable amount of time, the owners would probably vote not to support the team. But they still might decide to help out."

A reasonable amount of time, according to Riley, would be "a few days to a couple of weeks."

"If we don't have something by that time, we'll have another meeting and decide what we want to do."

Riley mentioned that the league had several prospects in mind, but declined to mention any names.

"We've had a lot of inquiries," he said. "If we could get everyone who was interested, in a room, and ask for

\$5,000 from each of them, we could probably solve our problem."

"But we're pursuing people who we feel have a real interest in buying the team. The person who buys it should buy it with long-term plans."

The reason for that, Riley explained, is that a large part of the home schedule has already been played and the chances of pulling the team out of the red this year are slim.

"The Wildcats have a tough schedule after January," he said. "They only have five home games. But it depends on what he could get the team for. And if they could average 3,000 fans a game the rest of the way they might salvage something."

One group that was interested in the team, but has now backed down, is a trio that included Richmond Concessionaires chief Joe Baldacci, wrestling promoter Joe Murnick of Raleigh, N.C., and Jimmy Crocket, who also owns the Winston-Salem Polar Twins of the SHL.

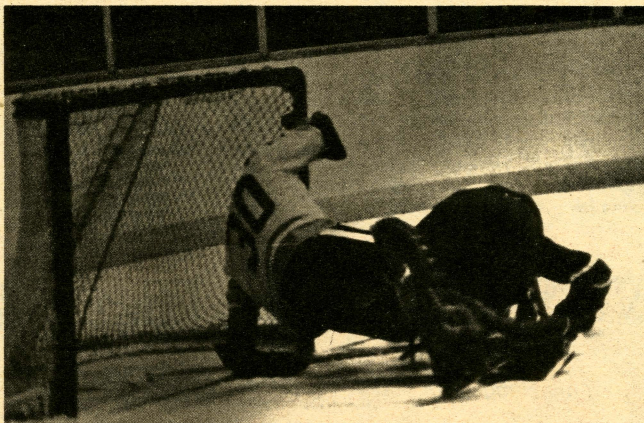
But, Crocket has apparently come up with another deal concerning the purchase of a minor league baseball team. And according to Baldacci, the money situation was a big factor in their decision to step aside.

"I guess the main reason we pulled out is money," Baldacci admitted. "We could see the writing on the wall. There is no way to pull the team out. Someone has to lose \$30,000-\$50,000 this year, and it won't be us."

However, should the Wildcats not find a buyer and still manage to last the year, Baldacci indicated he would be more than interested in taking another look.

"We wanted it at the beginning," he said. "If they make it through this year, we will be very interested for next year. But right now they're out shopping for someone who needs a tax write-off. I think their chances of finding someone are slim."

Another name that was tossed around was that of E. Clairborne Robins Jr., who tried the hockey scene for some five years with the Robins.



'Cats goalie Bruce Aberhart (30) defends against a Charlotte Checker opponent.

But Robins declared emphatically that any speculation that he is interested in investing in the team is no more than rumor.

The players, according to one, "feel we are here to play hockey and we will play," but admits "there is always that thought [of a possible fold]. But I don't think it's effecting our play."

"In the back of your mind, you're wondering if you're going to get paid," said another player. "It's a little disturbing, but everything seems to be straightened out. It shouldn't effect us, but there is still that thought in your mind after a game."

"The league has said they will cover us for at least a few weeks, but I think it will all work out for the most part. The other clubs want us in the league. This is a good town, and we're centrally located. I don't think there's much danger of us folding."

"With the situation minor league hockey is in, you can't really get too mad or upset," said another player. "You just have to roll with the punches. I think it hurts a little for the older guys. They've been there before, and they realize the team could all be for naught in a couple of weeks. But I think we'll stay going. We'll find out soon."

Whether the Wildcats fold or not, the haunting question will still remain. Why can't professional hockey get going in Richmond?

"It can work in Richmond," said Robins, "if the environment is correct. But pro ice hockey at the present time is not conducive to growth. The NHL game of the week has been cancelled on television, which carried many sports to great heights as long as they remained on television."

Robins cited soccer and tennis as clear-cut examples of what television coverage can do for a sport.

"Hockey is going through a stage where it is on the down side," he offered. "Until there is some promotion by the NHL, it will be difficult for the minors to make it."

Robins said that hockey is not stable in most places. He pointed out that when he entered the AHL with the Robins five years ago, there were 12 teams in the league. Now the number is down to six. The reason these teams are still operative, he says, is because they have ex-hockey personnel in management.

"Businessmen are finding it difficult to succeed in the hockey scene," he said. "I operated like that for five years. Then I had to make a business decision."

"It's not just Richmond, major league cities aren't making it in hockey. Cincinnati couldn't make it in the AHL. Neither could Boston. If major league cities had trouble, a Richmond certainly will."

"But if the hockey environment changes, it is possible to be successful here on a very large scale."

"I really don't know what it is," Riley said. "It's not entirely Richmond. It's the general economy. That's the only conclusion I can come to. The economy is hurting a lot of things."

"One reason for Richmond's trouble is that the club was undercapitalized to start with. They budgeted for a loss."

Growing pains may have also been a contributing factor. "They did some things wrong they wouldn't do another year. After a year or two, clubs learn to shave down expenses."



# Rams Pulverize Aggies 86-57

The VCU Rams placed four players in double figures Monday night to trounce the Aggies from North Carolina A&T 86-57.

Gerald Henderson, a 6-3 junior guard, led the Rams with 18 points and was followed by Ren Watson, 6-9 center, and Edd Tatum, 6-8 forward, with 17 and 16 points respectively. Tim Binns added 10 points for the Rams.

VCU, under the direction of new head coach Dana Kirk, opened the game in a tight man-to-man defense. The Rams blocked out well underneath, giving the Aggies only one shot at the basket.

Tatum scored 14 of his points in the first half to spark the Rams and was followed by Watson with 12. Each had five rebounds.

The Aggies, who played in the

National Invitation Tournament last season, were unable to penetrate the middle of the Ram defense and were forced to shoot the nonpercentage shot from the outside.

Midway through the first half the Aggies went to a full court press but only picked up one turnover by the Rams. A&T began to penetrate the middle of the Ram defense forcing Kirk to go to a 2-3 zone.

The Rams pulled away from the

Aggies late in the first half when the Aggies were able to score only six points in the final six minutes while the Rams put in 20, behind the hot hands of Tatum, Watson, and 6-4 forward Tim Binns.

In the second half Henderson came alive hitting short jumpers and driving layups to score 14 of his 18-point game high.

The Rams were never behind in the game and the balanced attack saw them score 43 points in each half. The team shot an amazing 52.9 per cent from the floor and a somewhat meager 56 per cent from the free throw line.

Junior college transfer Chip Noe, junior guard Tony DiMaria, and Henderson had excellent defensive games. A&T shot only 38.8 per cent from the floor. Noe paced the Rams in assists with four.

The Rams were able to hold sophomore standout L. J. Pipkin to 15 points. Pipkin was rated as a possible All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference preseason choice. Sophomore Joseph Starks was the only other Aggie to hit in double figures with 10 points.

The Rams were to play South Carolina State Wednesday night. The Bulldogs finished third in the MEAC last season.

Saturday, Dec. 4, The Rams face crosstown rival University of Richmond in the Coliseum. The Rams dropped two close decisions last season to the Spiders. Game time is 8 p.m.

## Ticket Sales

VCU ticket manager Leonard Alley announced this week that the athletic ticket office, located in the Franklin Street Gym, will be open Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alley said that tickets for the University of Richmond game at the Coliseum that night will be available. He emphasized that no student tickets will be available at the Coliseum the night of the game and that ID's will be checked.

Busses to take VCU students to the VCU-Richmond game will leave from the front of the Hibbs Building on Shafer Court at 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Busses will return immediately after the game—between 9:45 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Busses will follow this schedule for all VCU-Coliseum games.

## No Superstars, Just a Team

By Dennis Hedgepeth

"Tatum can't shoot from the outside. He's had ankle problems and he just hasn't had enough time to practice. Henderson is probably one of the best guards in the state, but he still can't get his body and his shot together."

"What about Watson and Binns?"

"What about 'em? Watson just hasn't had enough time to work on his moves and besides, as soon as he comes up against a big man that weighs more than he does, he won't get a rebound all night. As for Binns, he's had so much knee trouble he can hardly move on the court."

"Well they still got Tony D. and Chip. I heard they were pretty good."

"If Tony would ever take a shot, he might put some points on the board. But he never shoots. And Noe, he takes too long to get his shot off. By the time he's got it up and ready to shoot, he's eating the ball."

The above conversation took place between a friend and myself a day prior to VCU's confrontation with North Carolina A&T. I hadn't mentioned anything about all the turmoil that had taken place within the VCU athletic department. I didn't mention the psychological problems that may exist. I said nothing about new head coach Dana Kirk and the problems that any man would confront coming into a situation such as it was. These guys had only practiced together for two weeks. Practiced together—not practiced—practiced together.

Well, I was wrong. Dead wrong. I forgot two very important elements. I was looking at each player individually, not as a whole team. I had considered only offensive ability and said or noted nothing about defense.

Defense and team play won the game Monday night against the last season NIT participants from Greensboro.

First, player by player. Tatum opened the first half hitting jumpers from the corners. And his ankle

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didn't bother him. Henderson didn't get warmed up until the second half, but when he did, he shot with such finesse and body control that it earned him 18 points and the game high. Gerald Henderson, if he continues to improve, will be the best guard in the state.

Watson was battling two men under the basket that had an inch apiece on him. He gave no ground to either one of them and grabbed 13 rebounds and 17 points. Binns — the Aggies didn't think he could shoot so they sagged off him giving him the open shot. He hit three straight from the outside and Aggie coach Warren Reynolds put his men back on him.

Tony D. — he didn't get many points and he's one of the purest shooters on the team. But he quarterbacked the team the whole way. Setting up plays when things got out of hand and just making sure everything was moving smoothly. Noe surprised me. He comes down the court looking for the shot, but if he hasn't got a sure one, he passes off. And his moves on the inside were superb. Always looking for the other guy.

Finally, Dana Kirk. When he came here in November he said his theories of coaching would be similar to those of former UCLA mentor John Wooden and his former boss at the University of Louisville, Denny Crum. But he added, "and a few of my own ideas."

Well, he not only said he would do it, he did it. In the game Monday night, he consistently rotated his top six players in and out of the lineup. He rested them effectively. When he saw that A&T was having trouble shooting from the outside, he went to a zone defense; and it proved beneficial. A&T just couldn't shoot, and with Watson and Tatum underneath there were no second shots.

Kirk brought with him the concept of team play and "if the guy makes a good pass tell him he made a good pass." There are no superstars on the VCU team this year. Just a team. The players were here the whole time. All they wanted to do was play and not have to look over their shoulders all the time. They wanted someone to pat them on the back when they did something good. That man is Dana Kirk.

He did something in two weeks that takes most coaches two or three months to even begin to realize. And he did it under some of the worst conditions and circumstances that any coach could possibly face.

VCU will have a winning season this year. And if they can beat the University of Richmond this Saturday night, this may give them the added spark that it takes to have a better than winning season. It would be nice to see the Coliseum packed with Ram fans, too.

An added note. VCU will face a tough University of Virginia squad in the first Richmond Times-Dispatch Tournament December 29. The Cavaliers won the ACC Tournament last season and the Rams will be up against some of the toughest competition ever. I have a feeling the Cavaliers are going to be in for some surprises.



# Rams Finish Season at AIAW's

"The key preventative from a championship was inexperience; the players weren't able to run their own show out on the court. Floor leadership just wasn't strong enough to pull an inexperienced team through such difficult competition," said women's volleyball coach Judy Newcombe.

The VCU Rams traveled to East Tennessee State to participate in the AIAW Regional Tournament the weekend of Nov. 19-20. VCU was up against some tough competition, playing E. Tennessee St., E. Kentucky, and Duke. The Rams beat E. Tennessee St., 15-12, 16-14; but lost to E. Kentucky 15-5, 15-9, and Duke 15-12, 15-12.

"We didn't get out of our division at all, but there were times when we played better than we had all year

but couldn't keep the attack going long enough," explained Newcombe. "Outstanding player at the tournament was definitely Mary Skinner; and also Nancy Hester, a freshman, made the starting line-up at the tournament and played the whole match, which is quite an accomplishment for a new player."

According to Newcombe, the play at Regionals was better than last year, although each player still didn't perform at her highest level of competition.

The Rams ended up with a regular season record of 14-5, and a state record of 15-1. At the beginning of the season Newcombe had lost 6 out of 11 players, 4 of whom were starters. The season was viewed with apprehension. Newcombe feels, however, that throughout the season the women gave 100 percent



Members of the 1978 Women's Volleyball Team

effort. "In some ways they played above their ability, considering the competition faced. We had an excellent season, considering the big turnover of players."

And everybody's coming back next year. All of this year's team is staying. "What we lacked in experience this year, we will make

up for next year. This group was one of the finest groups of players I've ever coached, and it has been one of the most rewarding seasons in terms of dedication and achievement on the part of the players that I've ever had," stated Newcombe. "But I still think we should've beaten Duke."

## ICAC Now Active Committee

"The director of athletics reports to the administration and the board of visitors, not to this committee," said Dr. Daniel T. Watts, chairman of the VCU Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (ICAC). The committee, according to Watts, was formed to meet NCAA requirements and was organized by university president Dr. T. Edward Temple in June of 1976.

The thirteen-member committee meets monthly with Dr. Temple. In the past, former athletic director Chuck Noe, former assistant director Lewis Mills, presidential legal advisor Karen Kincannon and various coaches were asked to attend the closed meetings. Watts said that future meetings would probably include present athletic director Lewis Mills.

Watts said that there had been an athletic committee "formed several years ago under Dr. Brandt (former VCU president)." He explained that

this committee had been inactive.

The present committee, however, handles a variety of functions, including budgetary recommendations and recommendations related to ticket procedures and to invitations to post-season games. According to Watts, the committee also approves intercollegiate schedules and "reviews policies related to athletic scholarships."

Other duties of the ICAC include recommending athletic fees and preparing an annual report to the president of the university. Watts said that the committee also handles "all special problems related to the athletic department."

In the past few weeks the committee was involved in the selection of the new head basketball coach Dana Kirk. Watts said, "The ultimate responsibility for recommending him," was the responsibility of Mills. He also said that the committee "endorsed Mills' recommendations at a meeting on Nov. 5."

The committee was also involved in the decision to separate the position of athletic director from that of head basketball coach. Prior to the resignation in October of Noe, the two positions had been filled by one man.

There had also been in the past some problems pertaining to the misuse of state funds. Part of the athletic director's salary had come from money allocated by the state for teacher's salaries. The university was informed, however, that this money would have to be paid back, and the athletic department was asked by the administration to assume responsibility of the debt.

This year, Watts said, "The administration has been very cautious about preventing the misuse of funds."

Watts also said that the committee is hoping to find a student to represent the West Campus on the ICAC. Russell Long, president of the student government at MCV, is

currently representing the East Campus.

Other committee members include Dr. Francis J. Brooke, Provost of the Academic Campus; Dr. Rutledge M. Dennis, co-ordinator of Afro-American Studies Program; Raymond T. Holmes, Jr., vice president for finance; Dr. Phyllis A. Hornbuckle, assistant professor of psychology; and Dr. Jackson Jeffrey, associate professor of biology.

Also on the committee are Dr. Kenneth Blaylock, professor of dermatology; Dr. Ila C. Martin, assistant dean of education; Dr. M. Pinson Neal, Jr., provost of MCV Campus; Mr. Richard D. Obenshain, member of the Board of Visitors; Dr. Harold M. Syrop, professor of dentistry; and Dr. Richard I. Wilson, vice president of student affairs.

Watts said that past committee meetings have been held in the board room of Sanger Hall. Future meetings, however, will be held on the West Campus.



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**Students with access to the east** campus, to report out of the *Commonwealth Times* MCV office. Experience helpful, initiative required. Contact Mike Welton or Brett Averill at 916 W. Franklin St. or 770-6461.

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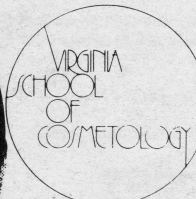
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# CALENDAR

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## Friday

The City of Richmond presents John Raitt in "Shenandoah." 8:30 p.m. at the Mosque. Tickets \$10, 99, and \$8. For info, call 644-0191 or 780-8226.

Theatre VCU presents "You Can't Take It With You." Last performances tonight, Saturday, and Sunday. Evenings at 7:30 p.m. Matinees on Sat. and Sun. at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at the Ask-It Booth in Shafer Court or by going to Room 105-D of the Temple Bldg. Free. **Canorous Consort**, a wind quartet, will perform at the Corcoran Gallery in D.C. 8:30 p.m.

"Beauty and the Beast." 8:30 p.m. on NBC. The Virginia Museum Theatre presents "Oh Coward!" Now through Dec. 18. For tickets, call 786-6331.

Paintings, photographs, and drawings by Etta Edwards and collagraphs by Ruth Ensign are on display at the Richmond Public Library through Dec. 31.

The third season of the Experimental Theatre will open with an environmental production of "Hamlet E.S.P." Tickets and info can be obtained from the box office or call 353-4389.

Eric Schindler Gallery. Paintings by Dennis Frings.

The Jim Ed Brown Show, featuring Jim Ed Brown and Helen Cornelius with The Gems. State Fair Grounds. 8 p.m. Tickets at all regular outlets.

Center Gallery (Jewish Community Center) has woodcuts, paintings, and drawings by Jack Glover.

Armenian Food Festival. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. James Armenian Church, 6300 Patterson Ave. Tonight and Saturday.

A special performance of the Children's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 288-6334.

Cabell Library Exhibit. "The Inaugural Story." First Floor.

Senior Recital by soprano Debra Ann Russell. 8:15 p.m. in St. James Episcopal Church. **Bree Street Band** at The Pass.

The Delver Players of the Drama Interest Group and the Delver Woman's Club will present "Five On the Black Hand Side." Virginia union University. Dinner 6:30 p.m. and curtain at 8:15 p.m.

King Cotton at Hard Times.

The Ives of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Theta Rho Chapter, will be giving a **Block Show** at 6 p.m. in the Old Gym.

There will be an installation ceremony for the establishment of a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi at VCU. 5 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Oliver Hall.

G.C. Murphy Co. will be interviewing Declared Graduates in Business Adm. or Marketing For Management Training Programs at the Placement Office today. For further info, call 770-2363.

Virgil Fox, organist, will perform at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Three Chopt Rd., at 8 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$10 in advance. General admission is \$6.

## Saturday

VCU Outing Club's Richmond Bicycle Tour. Open to members and non-members. A tour of unusual and historical Richmond. Riders will meet at Shafer Court at 10 a.m. and will return sometime between 4 and 5 p.m. Bring a bag lunch to satisfy mid-afternoon hunger. For more info, contact ride captain Igor Tarsan at 746-2775 after 5 p.m. He will gladly return all calls.

Paintings by Altha Frise. Westover Hills Library, 1408 Westover Hills Blvd. Through December.

Alpha Kappa Alpha announces the First Annual "Winter Wassail" 8 p.m. 205 N. Stafford Ave. All sociology and anthropology students and faculty are welcome. Bring a covered dish and your favorite hearty beverage. Also bring your favorite wassailing songs to herald in the holiday season.

Don't miss Arnold Moss at 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Tickets \$1 for students.

Scottish Christmas Walk in Old Town, Alexandria. Luncheon, crafts and toy exhibits. For more info, call (703) 549-0205.

WCVE Channel 23 has a morning of music starting at 8 a.m. with **The Pointer Sisters**. At 9:30 p.m., **Dionne Warwick**

"Shenandoah" at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk 8 p.m.

"Lohengrin" 1:30 p.m. on WRFK-fm 106.5

Open Studio. A showing of pottery, painting, graphics, and crafts. Today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 201 N. Allen St.

VCU Choral Concert. 8:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

"A Christmas Carol" will be presented in the Scottish Rite Temple by the Children's Theatre. 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. For info, call 288-6634

Basketball Game. VCU vs. U of R. 8 p.m. at the Coliseum.

VCU Film Committee presents "Jim Plays Berkley-The Hendrix Experience Is Here!" 8 p.m., 10 p.m., and midnight. Life Science Bldg. auditorium. Admission \$1 with VCU I.d. \$2 for public.

Black Awakening Choir Record Hop. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Johnson Hall Rathskellar. Come and have fun.

Sam and Dave at The Pass.

Highlights of Grass at Hard Times.

## Sunday

VCU Instrumental Dept. presents the **Jazz Ensemble** 3:30 p.m. in the Business Bldg. auditorium.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" Gian-Carloti Menotti's one-act Christmas opera, will be presented for the sixteenth consecutive year. 4 p.m. at The Mosque. Sponsored by the Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Richmond Civic Opera. Free.

A reception for Ms. Etta Edwards whose works are on display at the Richmond Public Library will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Arts and Music Foyer of the library. The public is invited.

"Gentlemen's Agreement" will be the first in a series of films offered by the Jewish Community Center. 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served. Tickets \$1.25.

"Armenian Case" 3 p.m. on WCVE Channel 23.

Monty Python at 10 p.m.

Print Sale Ferdinand Roten Galleries. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drawing Contempo '76 continues at the Anderson Gallery. Through Dec. 10.

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An exhibition of original prints by masters spanning six centuries will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the **Anderson Gallery**. Free and open to the public.

Ray Young at Hard Times.

## Monday

Soviet "Prisoner of Conscience," **Alexander Galepin**, will be on campus tonight at 6 p.m. in the Rhoads Hall Multi-purpose room to speak about his experiences as a soviet prisoner in a labor camp. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sponsored by JSS-Hillel. **Dixie Gillespie** 10 p.m. WCVE Channel 23.

Writer's Forum presents short story writers from the classes in Creative Writing of Gertrude Curtler, Ellington White, and John Shtogren. 3 to 5 p.m. in room 2120 of the Business bldg.

Adjustment Period for those students who registered for Spring '77 and who did not receive THE NUMBER of classes requested. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Today through Friday.

VCU Evening College presents "Hunger in America," "Images of God," and "Leo Beurman 5:30 p.m. in room 303 of Hibbs. Free.

United Virginia Bank Exhibit 900 E. Main Tufted wall hangings by Marilyn Leon.

Klo-Ora Gallery Bark Pictures by Heather Gillespie.

Ray Young at Hard Times.

## Tuesday

York County Public Schools Will be interviewing Education Majors today in the Placement Office, for further info, call 770-2363.

VCU Film Committee presents the Marx Brothers' **Night at the Opera** Room 115 of the Life Science Bldg 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. free.

National Geographic presents "Treasure" 8 p.m. WCVE Channel 23.

Richmond Public Library presents "Bonjour Montreal" at 12:20 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

"A Holiday Celebration at The Mosque." Hanukkah songs, Elizabethan poems, Christmas Carols. The Richmond Choral Society and the Concert Ballet of Virginia will perform. Sponsored by United Virginia Bank. 8 p.m. Free.

The Biograph presents "Rollerball" and "Logan's Run." Now through Dec. 11.

VCU Evening College presents "Building Belief" and "Design for a City" 5:30 p.m. in Room 303 of Hibbs Free.

## Wednesday

Last Day of classes for Fall '76

VCU Music Department presents the VCU Symphonic Orchestra. Jack Jarrett, conductor, 8:15 p.m. at Henrico High School Auditorium. VCU Evening College presents "Art for Meditation" "Chakra" and "Margaret Court-Tennis" 5:30 p.m. in room 303 of Hibbs free. Swift Creek Mill Playhouse presents "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" Each Wednesday through Saturday. For tickets, call 748-5203.

Penderson Systems, Inc. will be interviewing all Majors interested in Restaurant Management at the Placement Office. For further info, call 770-2363.

Semester's End Celebration 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 924 Park Ave. For Sociology and Anthropology students. Refreshments served.

John Voeburg at Hard Times

Geog Humour Band at The Pass.

## Thursday

Final Exams Begin

The Barn Dinner Theatre celebrates its fourteenth anniversary with "The Lion in Winter" Reservations may be made by calling 784-5204.

Stage Center continues with "Short Eyes" Each Thursday through Sunday. Special student rates. For Tickets call 643-4029.

VCU Evening College presents "Art and Architecture: Chartres Cathedral," "Brother Juniper's Christmas," and "Charles Dickens' Christmas." 5:30 p.m. in room 303 of Hibbs. free

## In Addition

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Eta Tau Chapter are sponsoring a sickle cell anemia clinic. The testing will be done by VASCAP of the Medical College of Virginia.

Place: Virginia Commonwealth University in Rhoads Hall Multi-purpose room.

Date: December 4 Time: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

watch for the special Christmas Calendar in the Dec 10 issue of The Commonwealth Times



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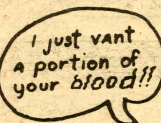
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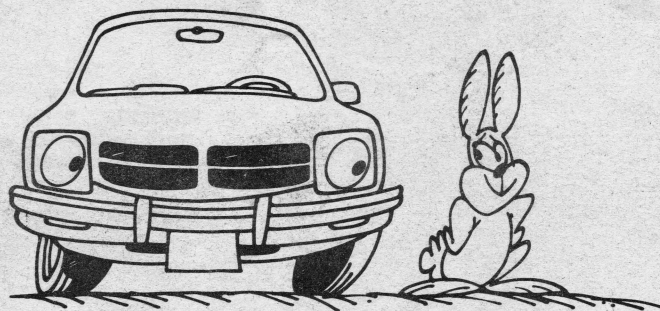
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From left to right: Chevette Coupe and typical rabbit.

