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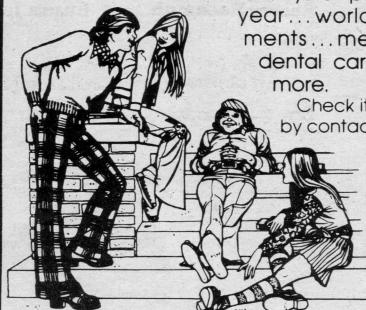
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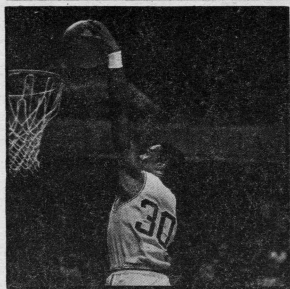


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WASHINGTON—One of the enduring mysteries of international politics is how the Shah of Iran works his way in Washington.

The despotic manner in which he runs his country is a human rights horror story. He also led the clamor for higher oil prices in the early 1970s.

Yet the shah has always been able to get almost anything he wants out of the United States. He has received more U.S. military

equipment, for example, than any other foreign leader.

We have discovered one reason for his success. He has developed intimate relationships with the high and mighty in Washington. He had the State Department eating out of his hand, for example, when William Rogers was Secretary of State.

Yet within three months after Rogers resigned, he turned up as a director of the shah's private foundation. Rogers told us at the time that he was doing "real estate work" for the foundation. But he contacted us afterward to try to talk us out of writing an unfavorable story about the shah.

There appears to be another reason why the shah attracts powerful friends. He pays good money.

We have just obtained the foundation's tax return for the year 1975. It reveals that the shah's foundation paid William Rogers' law firm a whopping \$148,427 that year in legal fees.

DISORDERED DRAFT—Thousands of young draft evaders were jailed during the 1960s for violating the law. Now we've learned that the Selective Service System itself is ignoring the law.

The legislation which ended the draft is specific. It requires Selective Service to maintain "an active standby organization, with complete registration and classification structure." It's supposed to be ready for "immediate operation" in case of a national emergency.

The draft machinery is now operated by 100 employees and two computers. All local draft boards were phased out in May 1976. The acting director, Robert Shuck, says Selective Service is in "a deep standby posture." But other sources familiar with the system tell us it is in a "state of disrepair." One source said Selective Service is in absolute "shambles."

The Defense Department's own emergency plans call for the first 100,000 draftees to report for training within 60 days of mobilization. Those who are in charge of the skeleton system say it would take 110 days. Our sources say a more realistic figure would be six months.

Most likely, the emergency would be over before the first draftee was ready to fight.

WASHINGTON—President Carter, according to White House sources, will bring quiet pressure on Israel to give up more territory. It will take more concessions, he'll warn, to get a Middle East settlement that the Arabs will accept.

In return, the president will reluctantly offer to place American monitors between the Arab and Israeli forces. He is prepared to assign



Americans both to Sinai and the Golan Heights.

Carter will stress that the stakes are extremely high. A breakdown of the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations will strengthen the Arab extremists, increase Soviet influence in the Middle East and possibly lead to a fifth Arab-Israeli war. The president will argue that Israel will be better off giving up more territory.

The Egyptians and Israelis, meanwhile, are getting along better than

American observers had expected. The Israeli negotiators have received a friendly reception from the Egyptian people.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, according to diplomatic reports, has developed a special fondness for Israel's Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. The two men carried on an intense, across-the-table conversation at a dinner given for Sadat in Israel. At one point, Weizman cracked that Sadat's peace mission would put him-Weizman-out of a job.

Later, Sadat was in his car, ready to leave for the airport, when Weizman appeared to say goodbye. The Egyptian president leaped out of his car, grabbed Weizman by the shoulders and planted a kiss on each cheek.

Weizman, incidentally, is considered by many to be the next in line to become prime minister.

The Soviet Union, meanwhile, is intensifying its efforts to sabotage the Egyptian-Israeli peace initiative. Secret intelligence reports tell of Soviet contacts with the Arab factions that have turned against Sadat.

One report claims that the Soviets have encouraged the Palestine Liberation Organization to oppose Sadat and thwart his peace efforts. The Central Intelligence Agency has also reported that the Kremlin has offered military support to Libya's Muammar Qaddafi in case of a showdown between Egypt and Libya.

The Kremlin has also sent signals to the United States that the Soviets will boycott a Geneva Conference on the Middle East—if its purpose is to endorse an Egyptian-Israeli agreement.

President Carter, in turn, has sent word back to Moscow that there is no move to freeze the Soviets out of the peace settlement. Carter has sought the Kremlin's cooperation so far without success.

WHITE COLLAR CRIME—Big business chiseling is known as "white collar crime." It is costing every American citizen about \$1,000 per year.

Bribery, consumer fraud and anti-trust violations, according to our sources, take \$200 billion out of consumers' pockets every year.

But the federal government is doing nothing about it. At one time, President Carter had announced that fighting white collar crime would be one of the highest priorities of his administration. But for all the promises, our sources say, the Carter crew lacks any real plan to stem the tide of corporate thievery.

Hopefully, President Carter will be more effective against white collar crime than was his predecessor, Gerald Ford. When he was president, Ford established a "White Collar Crime Committee." But that group, according to our sources, never even met.

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The 'Wisdom' of Bilal

Editor's Note: The following article, reprinted from "Master Bilal" by Eman W.D. Muhammad, has been submitted by Media Board chairman Ahmad Nurridin as a definitive description of the Bilalian point of view. Next week, Bill Pahnelas will enlighten us from another perspective, in an opinion piece concerning childhood and racism in Richmond's suburban west end.

Much confusion exists among the black people of America as what name they should use to refer to themselves. You hear such terms as "Coloreo people," "Negroes," "Blacks," "Black Americans," and "Afro-Americans." They have not settled on any of these names because none of them are names that they feel are good enough.

Identity goes deeper than skin color. The name "black people" is not good enough because you do not have to cut your skin too deeply before you lose the surface skin color.

The name "colored people" is a real insult for us. To refer to us as "people of color" would be acceptable because we are a people of many colors. When the American slave masters referred to us as "colored people," they meant that somebody colored us for God.

So-called white people named themselves "Caucasians" after the Caucasus Mountains near the Black Sea because that was the limit of their divine development at that time. Many of them are dissatisfied today with their racial names of "white" and "Caucasian."

Black people's minds in the Western Hemisphere have been burdened and tormented day and night with the questions of why, when, and how did these people come to hate us so and what did we do and what did our parents do to cause these people to hate us so?

The same racist who would kiss and hug his animal pets did not think that a so-called black person could come within "smelling distance" of him. An explanation for this kind of thinking and acting was never given to us until the coming of Islam to America.

Jealousy is the worst destructive power that can come into the hearts of human beings. When the Caucasians came out of the caves and hillsides of Europe and saw highly civilized black people living in peace and wealth, a deep envy began to grow in their hearts.

Our forefathers, who were riding beautiful black stallions and wearing flowing silk garments, had the smell of precious oils and incense on their bodies. They moved with freedom and dignity in the beautiful climate of a land thriving with life. This heavenlike condition of our people made the Caucasian man jealous. He burst out of the cave with a vicious fury, determined to kill everything black that was in his sight or either to put it under his foot in slavery. Today, much of that jealousy has not gotten out of the hearts of so-called white folks.

The college and universities of America teach so-called black history, but they make a point of avoiding any connection with Islam. They don't teach that the strongest governments existing in "Africa" during the time of our foreparents' captivity were Islamic governments. If our foreparents had an organized religion when they were brought here from so-called Africa, most of the time that religion was Islam, not Christianity.

The confused, mixed-up, adulterated, unnatural religions that have been taught don't do anything but make you satisfied to be a slave. The only way that black people have been able to come out of slavery in the West and get their freedom is by coming out of the Church.

The strongest container ever made to hold black people was the so-called "Christian Church." The few Churches that were good for our people were so weak in power that their effect on us was of little or no consequence. We are speaking of the general picture that brought on and kept in existence the conditions that are horrible to look at when we reach the history of out brutal enslavement.



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Today, the truth of Divine Mind has given us the power to burst the container that has kept us enslaved (physically and mentally) for these hundreds of years.

We know that the continent called Africa was named by and for Caucasians, so we are not really an "African" people. The name "Africanus" was the last name of two Caucasians, an explorer named Leo Africanus and a conqueror, Scirpio Africanus, who defeated Hannibal in a great battle in what is now called Italy. Black people do not want any of the names with which they have been labeled since their coming to America as slaves. This is not just the feeling of the Muslims in America, but this is the general feeling throughout the entire Black community of the Western Hemisphere.

Because of the real dissatisfaction and confusion among our people concerning a proper and dignified name for themselves, we are very happy to make the following announcement to all so-called Black communities in the West:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I CHOOSE TO CALL MYSELF A "BILALIAN," AND I INVITE ALL OF YOU TO TAKE ON THE SAME NAME.

Bilal was a Black Ethiopian slave who was an outstanding man in the history of Islam. He was the first mu'azzin (minister) of Prophet Muhammad (may peace be upon him). He was so sincere and his heart was so pure that Prophet Muhammad and the other leaders of Islam under him addressed this man as "Master Bilal."

The chanting of the Holy Qu'ran and the call to prayer by Bilal were praised and recognized as the best by anyone during his lifetime or since. Because of his sincerity and his purity, he became an outstanding figure in the history of Islam. Bilal is loved by all Muslims all over the world, regardless of color or nationality.

Bilal was a beautiful and well-known man who was an ancestor of our people here in America. He represents the old so-called African people. We have a double connection with Bilal because he was a Muslim and he was also a so-called African.

I would like to see all people of the world call themselves by one name—Muslims. Then the world would not have any problems. But there are still people all over the world who are lost in the dark womb of skin color. So, we have to wait for their deliverance into the light of understanding.

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Resolutions Offer Hope

The most important ingredient New Year's resolutions offer is hope, according to psychiatrists at MCV.

Dr. Lucy J. King, believes that hope is essential to the psyche.

"In psychotherapy we find that it is crucial for a person to realize that he does have control, that he can effect changes in his life. In order for him to believe he can change, he has to have hope," she explained.

"New Year's resolutions represent change and imply that you can forget about the bad and do something new," King, a professor of psychiatry, added.

Looking at New Year's resolutions from an historical perspective, Dr. Kenneth Solomon noted that most cultures have observed some kind of ritual marking a new season. This ritual was usually held at the start of the planting season.

"Maybe people are fond of New Year's resolutions because they give us an opportunity to plant seeds in ourselves. The resolutions give us something to grow toward—a new or better being," Solomon speculated.

"Americans are geared to making themselves better," said Solomon, an assistant professor of psychiatry. He pointed out examples such as campaigns to surpass last year's profits, advertisements which describe new, improved products and newer, better models than last year's.

The three psychiatrists agree that persons who set impossibly high goals each year "actually have low opinions of themselves and set themselves up for failure."

"If a person sets impossible goals, he obviously will fail, which reinforces his opinion that he really is no good," observed King.

professor of psychiatry. He added that high resolutions could also be the result of an individual acting on impulse.

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easy come, easy go," she proposed.

Solomon speculated that a few people are sufficiently motivated to meet extremely high goals, but added, "there are also people who

set ridiculously high goals as a joke. They feel no one else is taking the resolution business seriously so why should they?"

King believes a person who sets low, easily accomplished goals is an individual who doesn't look to life for challenge. "He isn't one who gets uptight about things; he's easy-come, easy-go," she proposed.

He also has low esteem, according to Solomon. "This person really doesn't want to change. He has little motivation," agreed Mullaney.

If a person makes no resolutions each year, he could be one who is either fatalistic or apathetic, believe Mullaney and Solomon.

Solomon thinks some people don't need New Year's resolutions because they are constantly establishing goals throughout the year to effect growth and change.

The psychiatrists have suggestions for those considering drawing up this year's resolutions.

They suggest resolutions be realistic goals instead of extreme changes.

"Make something worth striving for but not so hard that it can't be achieved," Solomon advised.

Also make only one or two resolutions instead of a list. "A whole series is hard to follow through," Mullaney noted.

Then, Solomon proposed, "make the resolution something you specifically want—not something your spouse or doctor thinks you should do."

Draw up resolutions which keep in mind past mistakes. "This year's resolutions should be made with an understanding of the factors which created past failures so these mistakes won't be repeated," Mullaney said.

Make a resolution which can be begun immediately and has a built-in reward system, Solomon advised. For example, have a goal of losing 10 pounds with a reward being a purchase of new shoes after achieving the weight loss.

"Do not make a resolution unless you're serious about it," Solomon added. "A resolution about which you are not serious is doomed for failure."



Get a CB, Good Buddy

Bicyclists beware on the Brigham Young University campus. Security police have started using hand-held radar units to trap speeders.

Because of a rising number of bike accidents, the police have established a speed limit of 10

mph and will fine speeders 50 cents for each mile over the limit.

Bikers will also be fined for impeding traffic, failing to obey stop signs and driving too fast for conditions.

—National On-Campus Report, January, 1978

Puppets Join People in Canterbury

VCU's Cracker Box Puppet Theatre, a combination of traditional puppetry and live performers, will open with an adaptation of Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" on Wednesday, January 18. Performances will be held in the theatre (at the rear of 910 W. Franklin St.) Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. through February 4.

David Ballard, director of the Cracker Box Puppets, has titled his script "Chaucer's Pilgrims: On the Road To Canterbury." Chaucer's famous pilgrims are played by seven live actors with over 30 puppets

representing the characters in the pilgrims' stories, told to pass the time on the long pilgrimage to Canterbury.

The puppets designed by Ballard are a modified version of Japanese Bunraku puppets which use a fabricated head and actor's hands.

The production will tour the state after closing here, partially funded by a grant from the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities.

The Cracker Box Theatre reservation and information number is 770-6778. Full-time students are entitled to free tickets. ☆☆



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Pop Culture: The 'Diet' of Society

By Nancy Wright

Charlie Brown, McDonald's hamburgers, *The New York Times*, the *Richmond News Leader*—although we often take these and other features of everyday life for granted, they greatly influence the majority of our lives. Various forms of media combined with fads, characters, and trends which they form what is known as "mass culture" or "popular culture." This semester, VCU's humanities' "Course by Newspaper" will deal with some aspects of American culture.

David Manning White, popular culture specialist and co-author of *Mass Culture*, coordinated the course and will be instructing it along with Drs. Robert Armour and Gordon Kelly of VCU's English department. According to White,

the course is the culmination of 1½ years of intense planning.

"Americans spend over 600 billion hours per year with some form of popular culture," White explained. "The average American spends more time involved in the manifestations of popular culture than in anything else in his or her life. A child spends more time in front of the TV before he starts school than he spends in the classroom in eight to ten years of formal education. If a person lives to be 75 years old, at least 25 of those years will have been spent dealing with some aspect of popular culture."

White, who taught 27 years at Boston University, said his major reason for coming to VCU was because people here are strongly interested in popular culture: "I like the dynamics and faculty at VCU; they're vigorous, young, and stimulating to be around." White, who

has a master's degree in journalism with a minor in philosophy and classical languages and a doctorate in literary history, recognizes popular culture as the chief motivator of society, both as a whole and on an individual basis.

Because popular culture is such a vital part of our society "we often feel that we know popular culture personalities better than we know our own families," White remarked—the course is aimed toward making people greater critics of it: "We want to create a greater awareness for intelligent decisions."

White declined to judge whether indulging in pop culture is good or bad. To say that, he said "is a feckless argument. My position is that we live in a cultural democracy, and we get the kind of popular culture we deserve; that is, the media gives us what they think we want."

"It is important for people to achieve the right 'diet,' he said, in order to obtain the richness of popular culture. The national networks combined provide 400 hours of television each week but they do not provide 400 good hours. Geniuses just don't come up that often," he concluded.

Drs. Armour and Kelley, co-instructors with White, are both professors of English at VCU. Armour, a University of Georgia graduate with a Ph.D. in American Literature focusing on popular religion of the 18th century, has grown interested in the relationships of film and literature, particularly poetry.

He has taught English at VCU since 1963 and for the past six years has instructed film courses as well. Armour has strong hopes for the course, and its success, he says, could lead to faculty and administrative consideration of further introductory courses on popular culture.

"VCU has a number of teachers who are strong in popular culture, but they are not located in a single

department," Armour explained. "One reason we have not taught a course on popular culture is because most of these people don't consider themselves specialists on popular culture," he added.

Kelley, the third instructor for the course, also expressed a "long standing interest in popular culture." After obtaining a Ph.D. in American Civilization keying on 19th century American culture from the the University of Iowa, he taught the history and development of suspense fiction and designed and taught a course in a children's literature at the University of Pennsylvania. He began teaching at VCU last fall.

The material consists of 15 articles written by such figures as George Gerbner, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Communications; Nat Hentoff, professor of music at New York University; and Ray Browne, Director for the Center of Popular Culture at Bowling Green. The articles appear in the nation's most prominent newspapers, including the *Washington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Miami Herald*, and the *Boston Globe*. In addition to these essays, two textbooks a reader-and-study guide, will be used.

The course, which involves quite a bit of independent study, will meet four times during the semester for three hours per session. White will open each class meeting with a lecture or presentation. During the second hour, the three professors will hold a discussion panel among themselves which will lead into the final hour, consisting of student participation.

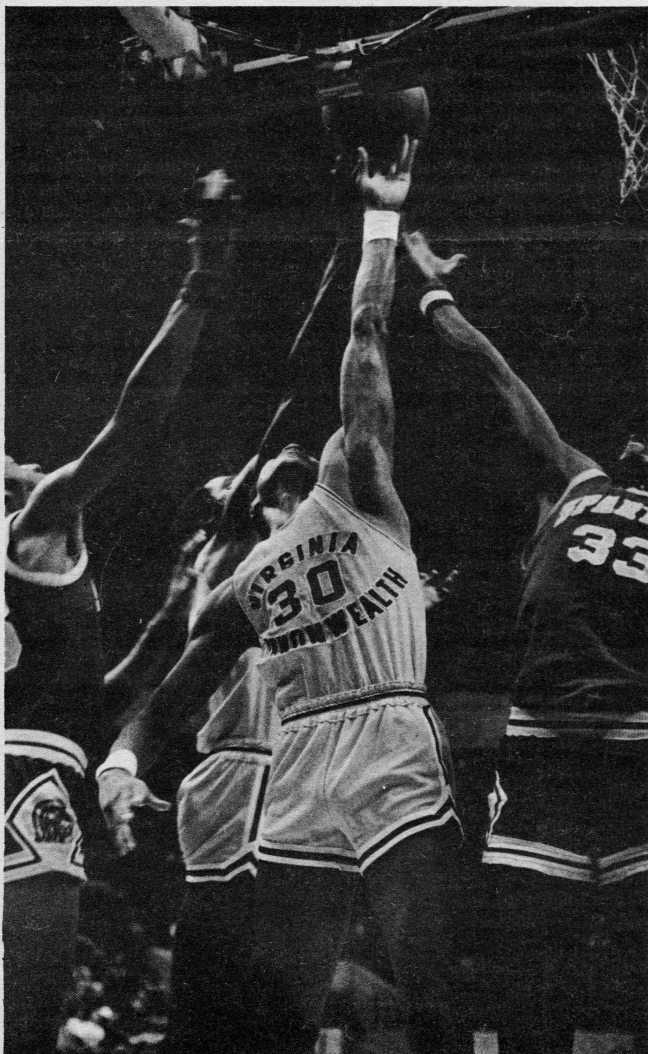
All three professors had anticipated a good student turnout for the popular culture course. Armour said one thing to help was that students may register for the course, (Humanities 205 in the registration booklet) through the Evening College almost until the first day of class. ☆☆

basketball: take two

by bobbie harrell

photos by ray k. saunders

VCU started the second half of the '77-78 season the same way it started the first half—by losing. Between the dropping of their first game, a tournament battle with William & Mary, and the loss of Saturday night's game against Georgia State, however, the Rams succeeded in capturing the second longest winning streak in the nation.



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Watson's out of action again, though. During Saturday's game against Georgia State, he re-injured his foot.

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Ed Sherod, the 6'2" freshman from Richmond's John Marshall High, has been averaging 12.3 points and was last week's winner of the ECAC Rookie of the Week Award.

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There are the problems to talk about. Elliot has had as many bad of nights as good (he's fouled out in five games), and Chip Noe has been cut out of action for six games because of a severely sprained ankle.

We also have a new Ram, 6'7" Greg Ringo, a transfer from Florida who has only been eligible for the last four games.

We have a squad of talented and attractive cheerleaders. They are also dedicated co-eds who attend two practices and often two games a week.

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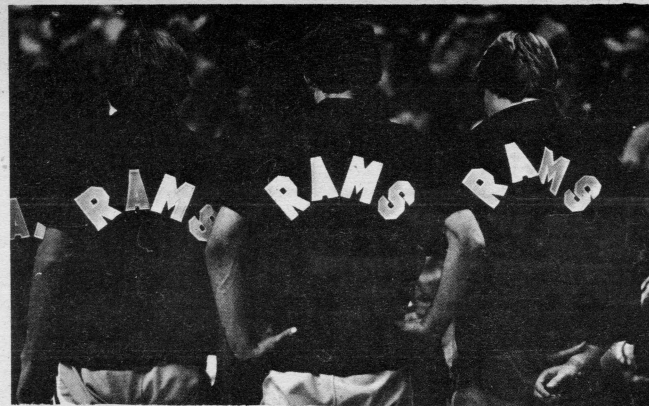
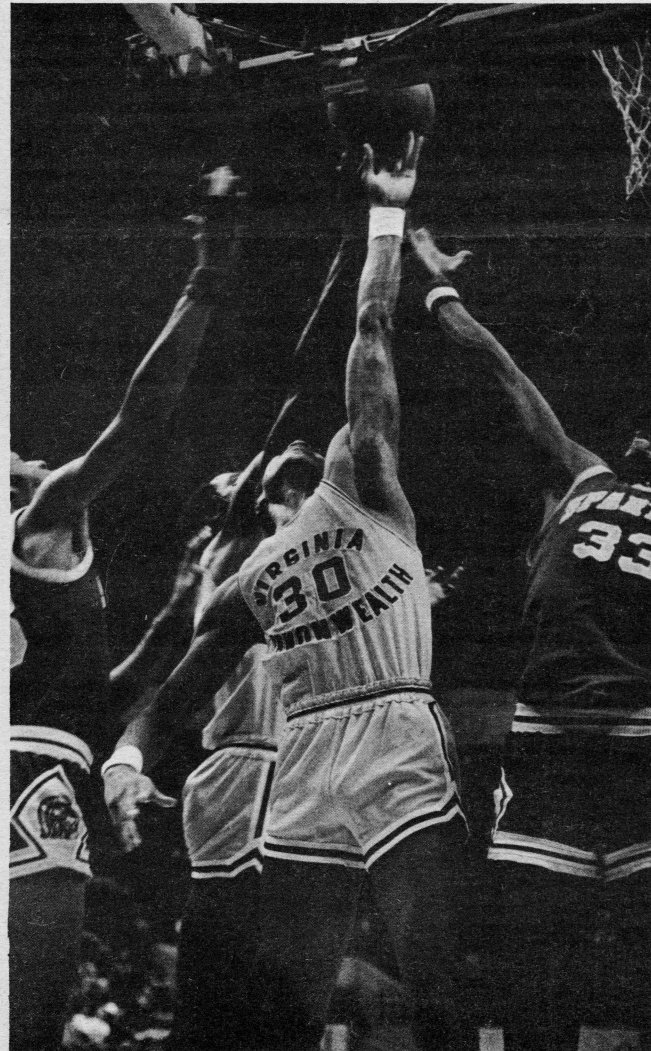


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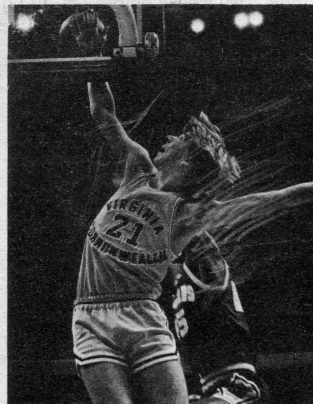
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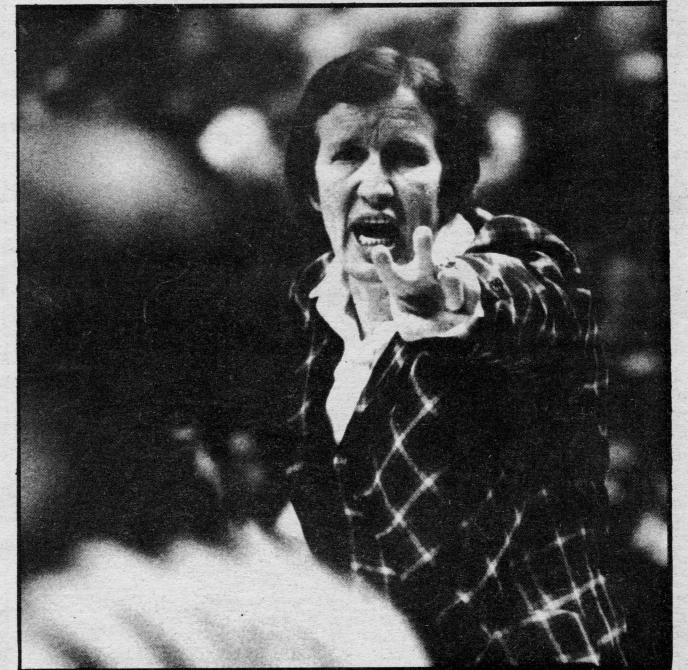
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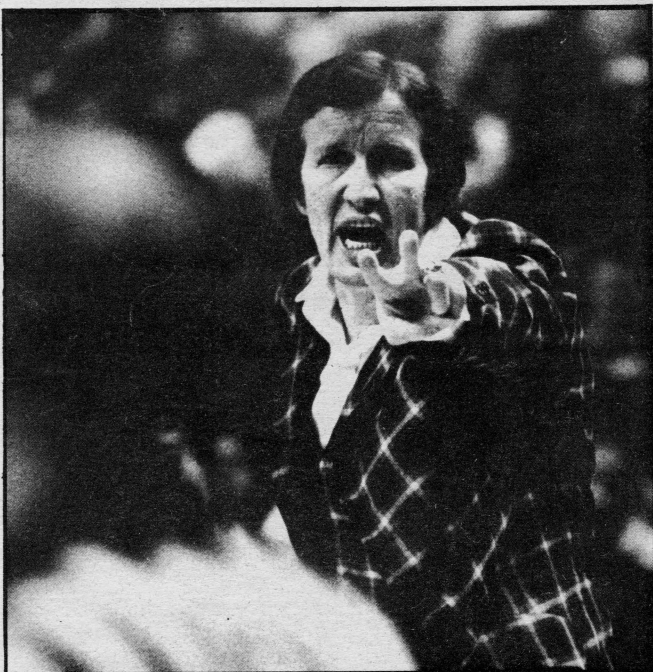
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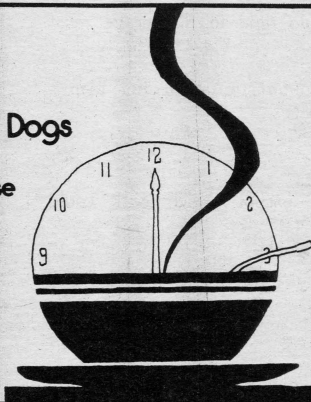
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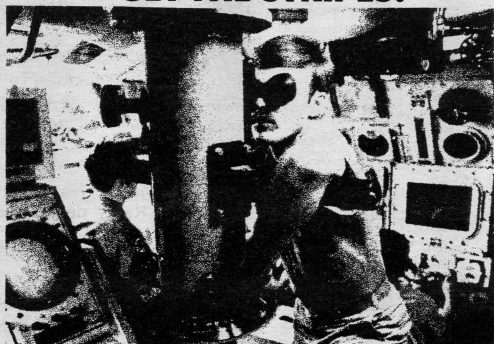
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Lady Rams Not Successful

By Joseph Browning

Before the start of the season, VCU women's head basketball coach Steve Harvey singled out the lack of height and youth as possible deterrents to a successful year for the Lady Rams. Both have been factors in the Rams losing four out of their first five games.

At press time the women's team stands 1-4, with the only win coming in the opener against Liberty Baptist College of Lynchburg 65-57. Losses have come at the hands of Norfolk State, na-

tionally ranked Old Dominion, Virginia Tech and George Washington.

Through the first five games, the leading scorer for the Rams is 5'6" freshman guard Kelly Watkins. A graduate of Midlothian High School in Richmond, Watkins is averaging 11.2 points per outing and is runnerup in assists with 8.

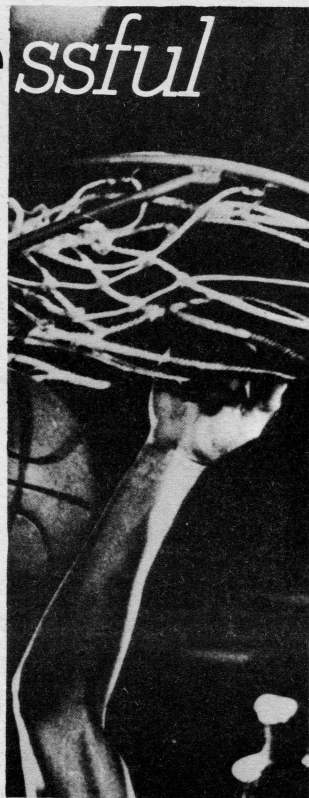
As a team, the Rams are averaging 56.2 points per game while allowing opponents 14 points better. Opponents have out-rebounded the Rams by a 224-204 margin.

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would tend to discourage most coaches but the Richmond native and 1970 VCU graduate says he is optimistic about his team's chances.

"We're a young team and we're trying to establish a program," explained Harvey. "No one except Coach Kirk could come in and have instant success," Harvey said, referring to men's basketball coach Dana Kirk who arrived one year ago and has piloted his team to an impressive 11-game winning streak.

Harvey's team is a young one and no seniors claim a spot on the



13-woman squad. Junior captains Theresa Williams and Michelle Cooper lead the team which includes four freshmen, seven sophomores and two juniors.

In his second year as the women's mentor, Harvey stressed that the Rams' defensive play must improve if the team is to wind up in the win column.

"We're over-aggressive. We foul because of poor position. If we're going to win we'll have to play better defense," he said.

According to Harvey, prerequisites for an established basketball program include extensive player recruiting and numerous scholarship offerings.

"Most of my recruiting is done by telephone or letter and only four scholarships are given," he said. "Each year we get more scholarships. Delly Watkins (the Rams' 5-6 freshman guard) is the first recruited scholarship player ever."

Sideline

By Bobbie Harrell

It has come to my attention that, being a sports editor, there are some sports topics that people expect me to have more than a casual knowledge about. It has also come to my attention that there may be other curious sports fans who, unlike my friends who corner me in Shafer Court at noon or call my dorm at four in the morning, may also have questions they wish answered.

Therefore, the first Sideline is this New Year is devoted to answering the most asked questions.

For starters, head basketball coach Dana Kirk has said that not even the doctors are sure when the 6'4" senior Chip Noe will be able to play. Noe has a severely sprained ankle which kept him from tournament play.

Injuries and sickness seem to plague the plaster-of-paris team, for three other players have been removed from action for a while. Center Ren Watson re-injured his

left foot during the game against Georgia State Saturday night. Kirk said that the foot is not broken this time but Watson, who only played seven minutes of the game will probably not return to the line-up until Monday night.

Foster Thomas has a broken ankle and Tony DiMario was not able to play the last two games because of a bout with the flu.

The next home game is against University of Richmond and will be played at the Coliseum on Saturday at 2:00.

Yes, we do have a swimming team and both the men's and women's teams are undefeated at this point. We even have a swimming pool which is nearly impossible to find unless one has a divining rod.

For those without such an apparatus, the most direct route the pool is as follows: Enter the Franklin Street Gymnasium from the front, going down the stairs to the basement. There are two signs. One reads Mass Communications; ignore it. The other reads Men's Locker Room; ignore this sign also. Open the door to which

this sign is attached. (Do not fear if you are not a male. This is actually the door which leads to the door which leads to the men's locker room.) Turn left and go down a few steps and enter the door marked "Pool."

There is also a baseball team and all interested prospects are urged to meet in the Old Gym (Room 66) on Monday, Jan. 23, at 4:30 p.m.

Back to basketball, students do indeed get into the Coliseum games free. However, they must go to the ticket office located in the gym, show their student i.d.'s and pick up a ticket to hand to the usher at the game.

As for wrestling, the Rams were until Saturday boasting a 1-2 season record. Another hopeful, Mike Hervey, a junior transfer from Morehead State, gained his eligibility Saturday.

And, the least most asked question which I now insist on answering is YES, I DO NEED WRITERS as you can probably tell by the general lack of life-saving information in this week's

SIDELINE

In the Midst Of Elitism, A Swerve From Tradition

By Marty Croll

He was elected on a platform of traditionalism and was supported by stuff-shirted elitists. But you wouldn't have known it from the set of events that officially transformed John Nichols Dalton into the state's fortieth governor.

The veer from tradition began when Dalton's campaign committee tried to pacify supporters who would have had no chance to make it to Richmond for the inauguration. "And there were 20,000 people involved in the campaign," said Richard Lobb, Dalton's press secretary. "Obviously, you can't have all 20,000 of them coming to Richmond." So what emerged was the first inauguration in the state to be partly celebrated outside the capital.

The plans for last week were grand. Into the farthest corners of the state, the committee organized people—some who had worked during the campaign, some who hadn't—to plan receptions, breakfasts, and other hoopla to show the new governor they wanted him.

"The first thing the steering committee did was to check with local people in the different localities to make sure it was feasible," said Lobb. In each area where an event was planned, about 25 organizers took charge.

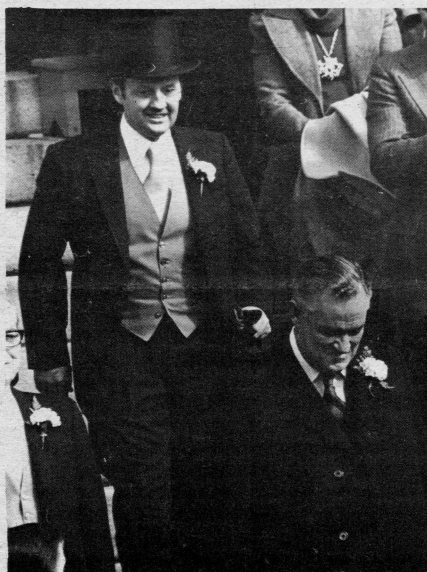
The surprising thing? "We drew a lot of interest...a cross-section from each locality of area political and business leaders," noted Lobb. "A lot of people who were not active in the campaign are active in this thing."

Then the snow came. Eight affairs in the state had to be canceled because of icy roads. A torchlit parade planned for the southwest town of Abingdon was postponed. And when it marched through the streets last Wednesday night, planners were disappointed by the sparse crowd.

Other events to the east drew the numbers that organizers needed to call them successful. Said Lobb last week: "The out-of-town events have been a good idea, they've been working out okay." Another is planned for this weekend in northern Virginia, the first event related to a state inauguration to be held after the swearing-in.

The idea was not to make money with out-of-town involvement. "Most of them paid for themselves," said Lobb. "The ones that didn't were paid for by getting the ones that could to make money."

Organizers say the statewide involvement theme parallels Dalton's campaign tactic of demonstrating the personal care he feels for his aides. According to his staff, his was a campaign of phone bank



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Top: Atty. Gen. Marshall Coleman continues signing autographs after workmen have stripped the speaker's platform of its plastic bunting. Bottom: John Dalton and former Gov. Mills E. Godwin, Jr. approach the platform before the swearing-in.

workers who knew what to do because he remembered their names and listened to their concerns.

The actual swearing-in ceremonies Saturday went like they have the past forty times except that Ted Dalton took the place of the state Supreme Court chief justice to administer the oath to his son. It was the elder Dalton, pegged "Mr. Republican" during his fight for the governorship in 1953 and 1957 against conservative Democrats, who first led Virginia Republicanism out of hiding.

John Dalton promised to continue doing the things that got him elected: "We must arrange the traffic jams of our own technology," he said, and that means paying attention to things as minute as missing benefits check." And he warned the Virginia elite, "This Commonwealth will rely on an aristocracy of merit." ☆☆

Mother Nature Takes a Stand

Could it be that Mother Nature, usually a non-partisan participant in Virginia's political events, has finally declared her party preference? Or was it just pure Republican luck that allowed John Dalton's Saturday inaugural to be played out under fair weather, compared to the wintry grimness that preceded and followed it?

Whatever the reason, Saturday's inauguration hinted at the true power of the governor of Virginia as 17 college and high school marching bands, 50 state troopers and a like number of Richmond policemen closed down two of downtown Richmond's primary avenues in order to entertain the new governor. From Belvidere Street to Capitol Square, Franklin Street became an oasis for adventurous jaywalkers as marching units flaunted their wares to the sparse crowd along the parade route.

In Capitol Square, many of those close enough to watch the ceremonies seemed more interested in the rhythm of the marching bands than in the swearing of the state's top three new officials. It was a noisy event: thumping drums and shouted commands followed a deafening cannon salute. Four Virginia National Guard F-105 Thunderjets screamed overhead.

When the parade was through and the marching units had double-timed themselves out of sight and sound, the cream of Virginia's political crop took their pinstripe suits and fur coats and flocked for the warmth of the Capitol. But a few souls remained near the podium to reminisce about the great old days. These Republicans, however, had learned to avoid the "open mike syndrome." A veteran of the Virginia Senate said, "If I'm going to be speaking, I don't want anyone listening," as he reached over and turned off the nearby microphones.

Minutes after the guests had vacated their seats, workers began savagely dismembering the review stand that just moments before had contained most of Virginia's elite. But Lt. Gov. Chuck Robb and Atty. Gen. Marshall Coleman remained long enough to satisfy a demanding mob of political groupies. They continued signing autographs as workmen tore the platform apart around them.

—Bernie Bonuccelli

The Godwinian Era

A 'Rather Unique Period,' Only Memories for One

By Steve Stein

For the past four years, former Gov. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., watched and guided state government and Virginia political climate as it shedded old skins in his second administration to meet new, sometimes difficult demands.

Sitting behind a large mahogany desk in his office on the third floor and feeling time running low on his administration—and certainly the power of the highest office in state government slipping from retired fingers—Godwin spoke with the *Commonwealth Times* about triumphs and heartbreaks the state has built itself on during those years.

Godwin took office for his second term as Virginia governor in 1974, just as the country's economy was beginning to wind down into a recession that was to peter out three years later. But it has taken Virginia this long to catch up the influx of state funds with the money demanded to keep government plodding on.

"We have just recently, in 1977, begun to show some signs of returning to a more normal revenue flow from state sources. This difficult problem...involved some \$200 million in reductions in state spending," he said. So the state took its only alternative: We couldn't afford to go forward with some programs that were costly unless we had the money in hand."

Godwin's administration just past dealt with what he considers "a rather unique period" of the state's history. The years began with the Kepone disaster in Hopewell where chemicals made there were found to hurt people and almost never to disintegrate, and sea animals ailed as the lower James River and Chesapeake Bay spread the stuff. Then there were headlines of floods wiping out land and lives, and the gasoline shortage, for one thing, sprang a new and at times labeled "incompetent" agency—the State Energy Office—into efficiency to ease the crisis. The drought of the past two summers saw farmers upset and watching their bank accounts dwindling.

Whole multitude of issues through these four years," said Godwin, "...has tested our mettle and called for the best type of leadership we could give."

The former governor has worked closely with VCU, starting when he officially approved putting the school together, when, in

1968, he signed legislation merging the Medical College of Virginia with Richmond Professional Institute. That merger, he said, had a questionable outcome: "There was no precise standard that we could use to judge (what progress would result) because no one could say with certainty what the merged institutions would be like eight to ten years later.

"But I've been well pleased with the progress that has been made by reason of the merged institutions. I think that we now have a great urban university with fine program at the academic and graduate level, particularly in the sciences as carried out in the programs at the Medical College of Virginia." VCU, he said, has "potential for greatness that few institutions in this state have."

T. Edward Temple, VCU's last official president who died in March, had been close to Godwin as friend and political associate. "I looked upon Dr. Temple as one of the truly great leaders of Virginia," said Godwin of the man who led public offices throughout much of Virginia's debut of affirmative action.

Godwin's support of the general obligation bond issue which passed last fall by general referendum pushed what the former governor believes is "an opportunity that we had to go over the programs that would do the greatest good for the state and our educational institutions."

In 1973, Godwin ran against Democrat Henry Howell and was elected by a slim margin. Last November, Howell ran again, and was soundly defeated by former Lt. Governor John Dalton.

"In 1973, remember that I ran as a Democrat turned Republican, and that I lost some support from old line Democrats who wouldn't vote for a Republican, and didn't get full support of the Republicans, who were unsure of the intentions of a former Democrat.

"Also, in the last campaign, I ran on the memory of my first administration and the institution of a sales tax, which at the time was, and has subsequently proven to be, necessary to fund many of the projects undertaken by the state in the past few years.

"In 1977, Dalton ran a good campaign on the record of his administration. His election victory could be interpreted, to some degree, as an endorsement for the policies, programs and procedures of this administration, which Mr. Dalton has been a very active member of." ☆ ☆

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Kaleidoscope

By Pat Sherman

Now that we've all finished the holiday rituals of overspending for gifts, visiting friends and relations, partying righteously from dusk 'til dawn, and throwing firecrackers at the neighbors' cat, let us prepare for another semester, shall we?

Students wishing information about graduate programs in their intended field of study: "Graduate Programs and Admissions Manual 1977-79", compiled by the Graduate Record Examination Board and the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States, is now available. It contains valuable information on programs, number of participating faculty and students, admission requirements, and financial aid. These manuals are available in the library, or any interested student may visit Mr. John McGrath in Rm. 1600, Holiday Inn Downtown and use copies any day from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Office of Placement Services has a listing of part-time jobs in the Richmond area. Summer job openings in Virginia and throughout the country are also available—more arrive each week. All students are invited to visit the Office of Placement Services (913 W. Franklin, 3rd floor) to learn more about these opportunities.

Seniors and Grad students: the Spring semester On-Campus Interview Program has begun at the Office of Placement Services. May and August graduates should register and sign up now. Employment Interview opportunities are available in Business, Education, and Government. Detailed interview schedules may be obtained by visiting the Office of Placement Services.

Why not travel and study in Spain for five weeks this summer? Students may earn college credits. Write to Dr. Doreste, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. 61201 as soon as possible; space is limited. Thirty-six works by sixteen photographers will comprise the exhibit "Photography Works — Photographers' Second Annual Competition" and will hang through Jan.

31 at Photoworks' 204 N. Mulberry St. Gallery Hours: 10-10 Sun.-Thurs., 10-6 Fri. and Sat. 355-2233.

The Richmond Friendship Force, a nonprofit private organization, is seeking individuals to serve as either ambassadors or hosts. Applications for participating in the first Friendship Force exchange trip from Richmond, which will be made in May, are now being accepted. The Friendship Force is a national program "designed to promote world friendship and peace. It is based on the philosophy that when citizens of one country have an opportunity to share their daily lives with those of other countries, the result is lasting friendships and new understandings." Application forms may be obtained by calling 285-6313 or by writing the Richmond Friendship Force, Box 313, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA. 23173. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 27.

Resident Assistant (RA) applications are currently available at the Office of Student Services, 913 W. Franklin St., and at the offices of all Directors of Residence Education (DRE's):

Corinne Cowardin, MCV Campus Cabaniss Hall
Frankie Felder, Johnson, Apt. B
Eddie Reynolds, Sherer, 1st floor
Meredith Strohm, Rhoads Hall, Apt. 2.

The Office of Student Services invites all students interested in utilizing their human relations skills in developing active, growth-oriented residential communities to apply for RA positions. The RA contract is for one year only, August 1978 to May 1979. A cumulative 2.5 average is required and must be maintained throughout the year of service. Application deadline is January 30. For more information contact any DRE or Phyllis Mable, Associate Dean of Student Services.

It's already the second week of classes, so enjoy yourself now before you get bogged down with assignments and meetings and such. ☆ ☆

CALENDAR

Tuesday

Philadelphia Story and Country Girl will be shown at the Biograph.

Governor Dalton's Address to the Va. General Assembly, 9:30-10:30 p.m.; Televised over channel 23

Wednesday

Your Health: Infections and How the Body Fights Infections. 8 p.m. on Channel 23.

VCU's CrackerBox Puppet Theater will present an adaptation of Geoffrey Chaucer's **Canterbury Tales** at 7:30 p.m. Wed-Sat thru Feb. 4 The Theater is located behind 910 W. Franklin. Admission free to full-time students.



Thursday

Student Recital at 8:30 p.m. in the Music Center Audit. Call 770-5195 for more info.

Network and The Apartment will be shown at the Biograph.

Friday

'Crooz' down to the China Cafe at the Main St. Grill tonight for crepes, cinema, and Chinese juke.

Faculty Recital in the Music Center Audit. at 8:30 p.m. 770-5195.

Last day for spring degree candidates to submit graduation applications to their advisors for May degrees.

College Basketball: **Va. Union vs Elizabeth City**. 10 p.m. on Channel 23.

Senior Recital in the Music Center Audit. at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Behind the Scenes 9-11 a.m. explore the secrets of the Dooley Mansion. Call 358-9756 for Reservations.

Jacques Cousteau: Oasis in Space. 7:30 p.m. on Channel 23.

Sunday

A Farewell to Arms with Gary Cooper. 10 p.m. on Channel 23.

Go to Monroe Park at 12:30 p.m. for a pro-ERA march and rally.

Black Student Alliance meeting in the Hibbs Faculty Dining Room. Dinner from 5:30 - 6:00. Meeting from 6:00 - 7:00.

Party at Masada Hall, 1103 W. Franklin, 8:30 p.m. \$1. to cover Beverage and Refreshment.

Smithsonian Chamber Music Concert Violin Sonatas works by early baroque and classical period composers 8:30 p.m. in Hall of Musical Instruments, History and Technology Building \$4.00

Monday

Darling and The Graduate will be shown at the Biograph.

Athletes by Andy Warhol, through Feb. 26 at Va. museum. North gallery, exhibition preview 8 to 10 p.m.

To Drinks or Not to Drinks, (with movie "Chalk Talk") VCU Awareness Board, Multipurpose Room, Rhoads Hall. 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Eric Hoffer: The Crowded Life documentary portrait of the "longshoreman philosopher" and author of *Future Shock*. 8:00 p.m. channel 23

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