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## Facing death the hard way

Story by **Ronnie Greene**  
Managing editor

**Norma Schanz is crying.** Her thumb jabs slowly in and out of her mouth. She's got a cigarette in her left hand.

Norma Schanz, an outspoken woman who sees and deals with death on a regular basis, a woman who looks you straight in the eye when she talks to you, is choked up.

Norma Schanz is choked up because she's just listened to an old friend's voice. Only the old friend is no longer alive. And the old friend's voice sounds muffled—it's on cassette, a tape recording of an interview he did.

Here's what Norma Schanz's old friend, a man who died of AIDS, is saying:

"It's very lonely laying in a hospital trying to make myself believe it's happened to me.

"We need our friends so badly—we experience an incredible loss of self-esteem. I felt like I was dirty for quite a while after this."

Here's what else Norma Schanz's old friend, a man named Jim, is saying:

"I never went to baths or bars—I resent people who think I went around having a lot of sex.

"There is nothing that I had that I still have except this person I have inside."

Norma Schanz is crying because she remembers Jim. She loved Jim. Norma Schanz worked with Jim at the Richmond AIDS Information Network, part of the Fan Free Clinic.

Here's what Norma Schanz remembers about Jim:

"He was very creative—he had a career in creative arts. He had to give that career up. He was too exhausted to work.

"He would meet people who were drawn to him because of his intelligence and his bright personality. Then those people would learn he had AIDS and turn their back on him."

Here's what else Norma Schanz remembers about Jim:

"Jim's birthday came and he was told that he wouldn't see his next birthday—but he did. That was probably the biggest thing he talked about. He said 'I fooled them.'"

**Jim died of a disease that the majority of people don't want to talk**

about. Jim died of a disease that a minority of people think the majority should talk about.

Since the first cases were diagnosed in 1981, AIDS has been the focus of national panic.

Of the over 12,000 cases nationwide, roughly half have led to death. The rest of the patients are expected to die.

Over 93 percent of the patients have been males; 72 percent have been homosexuals, 17 percent intravenous drug users and 1.1 percent heterosexual men. Nine out of 10 cases have occurred in people between 20 and 50.

AIDS is caused by a virus (HTLV-3), which can destroy helper T cells—a vital part of the body's defense against infections.

The virus is carried in the body fluids of an infected person—specifically the blood and ejaculate. It can enter through intercourse between men and between men and women, through the rectum, vagina and mouth.

It is not caused by casual contact of any sort.

The virus can also be passed when people share intravenous drugs—through a needle and syringe.

Up to 1 million people are suspected to be symptomless carriers of the disease. Of those, 5-10 percent are expected to develop AIDS within five years.

A cure may be in sight, but no one knows when.

AIDS has a 100 percent mortality rate.

But patients, social workers, doctors, advocates, AIDS Hotline volunteers and pastors say other aspects of having AIDS make the pain worse.

Nobody wants someone with AIDS.

**Diane Dickerson is a social worker at MCV.** She works with AIDS patients. She gives them emotional support and helps them get the resources they need.

She is a young woman, a graduate of VCU, a woman with a friendly smile.

Diane Dickerson likes her job. It's just that she doesn't always like how society treats her patients.

Diane Dickerson remembers the patient she had who couldn't get a ride home from the hospital. On three occasions, ambulance companies refused to take her patient home.

Diane Dickerson remembers:  
"I called the company and they got

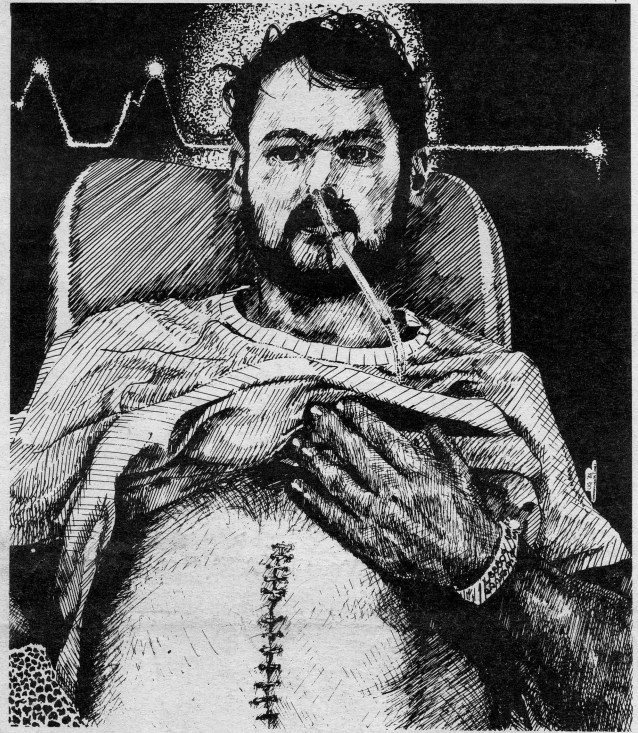


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back and informed me that no one was there who would transport them."

Diane Dickerson gets frustrated.

She gets frustrated because she can't place any of her patients in Richmond area nursing homes. She has tried with numerous patients, with numerous nursing homes and yet she has not once been able to find a nursing home that will take an AIDS patient.

She has worked with 12 people who have AIDS.

"Nursing homes are not accepting AIDS patients that I know of. I have called several nursing homes. They say they have to consider other residents, that their staff isn't trained."

I called some of the nursing homes Diane Dickerson has reached, asking why they refuse AIDS patients.

Here's what representatives of those nursing homes are saying:

Judy Kane, who works in admissions at the Richmond Nursing Home: "No, we will not take them. We don't have the setup to keep anyone isolated. We're a city-operated nursing home and we don't foresee any changes.

"I don't believe any nursing homes will make any change because of the nature of the problem."

Matthew Farmer, administrator at the Ashland Convalescent Center: "Present-

ly, we don't have the staff to deal with AIDS patients and our staff hasn't been trained. The State Department of Health—for licensing of nursing homes—requires that we not admit patients with communicable diseases until more is known about AIDS."

Jeff Stetien, administrator at the Cambridge Manor Nursing Home: "We just don't admit patients that have infectious or contagious diseases." Stetien said, though, that the policy is not set in stone. "We don't have a policy that we definitely won't admit an AIDS patient."

Here's what Diane Dickerson says those types of closed doors do to patients:

"It's depressing. I try to be up front and let them know that these things happen. Because of so many barriers and misconceptions of the public—they sometimes still stay inside.

"They go through the denial. That's an extra burden for them."

It doesn't have to be that way.

Casey Riley works for the Virginia Department of Health. He says those homes should be accepting AIDS patients.

AIDS, he points out, is not spread by casual contact.

So those nursing homes and ambulance

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## A nation's gall

By Pamela Kiely  
Executive editor

Everytime I attempt to assess the American mind, I come up grossly inaccurate. I consistently underestimate the complete and total gall that the citizens of the United States are capable of expressing. This past week brought that idea home hard.

Case in point: the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28. The event can be described quite accurately as a catastrophe, a nightmare, a tragedy. Many compared the incident to the assassination of John F. Kennedy over 22 years ago, saying that not since that time had America felt such a loss. The deaths of the seven-member crew triggered a painful silence that evolved into a national period of mourning. To many Americans, tears came easily.

I would like to believe that all the people of America shared in these emotions and willing paid their last respects, but there's where a portion of this country's population proved me wrong once again.

By late afternoon on the day of the accident, ABC Television in New York reported that its offices had received more than 1,200 calls concerning Challenger—80 percent of them from viewers complaining that the network's daily barrage of soap operas was being preempted in favor of on-the-spot coverage from Cape Canaveral. CBS and NBC reported receiving similar outpourings of

outrage from their audiences.

To think that there are actually those who consider something so utterly and completely trivial as a soap opera to be more important than news coverage of a national tragedy boggles the mind. Have these people no sense of compassion? Have they no understanding of the word *sorrow*? Have they no grasp of the word *sympathy*? I guess I should worry about the emotional enigma later and first ponder this: *have these people no comprehension of what is newsworthy?*

I must admit that I have never been a big fan of soap operas and have always considered them too unintelligent and shallow to bother with. However, I had no idea that they had the power to turn a portion of their viewers into heartless, unfeeling creatures. I do not hold the networks and their soap operas responsible and I am not knocking them. I realize that not all soap opera fans are as insensitive as I have made them out to be. However, to discover that some of them would rather have their daily dose of *All My Children* than to allow the rest of the viewing audience to obtain an explanation as to what happened to the space shuttle is frightening. The thought infuriates and terrifies at the same time.

The failure of Challenger was indeed a sad event. It is even sadder to realize that there are citizens of this country who perpetuate the term "ugly American" on their own soil. Maybe the French know more about us than we do.

## The suspense of education

By Chris Walters  
Guest columnist

In his first speech to the General Assembly Governor Baliles asked the legislature to "join me in a commitment to excellence as sweeping and dramatic as the one you made public education during the last four years."

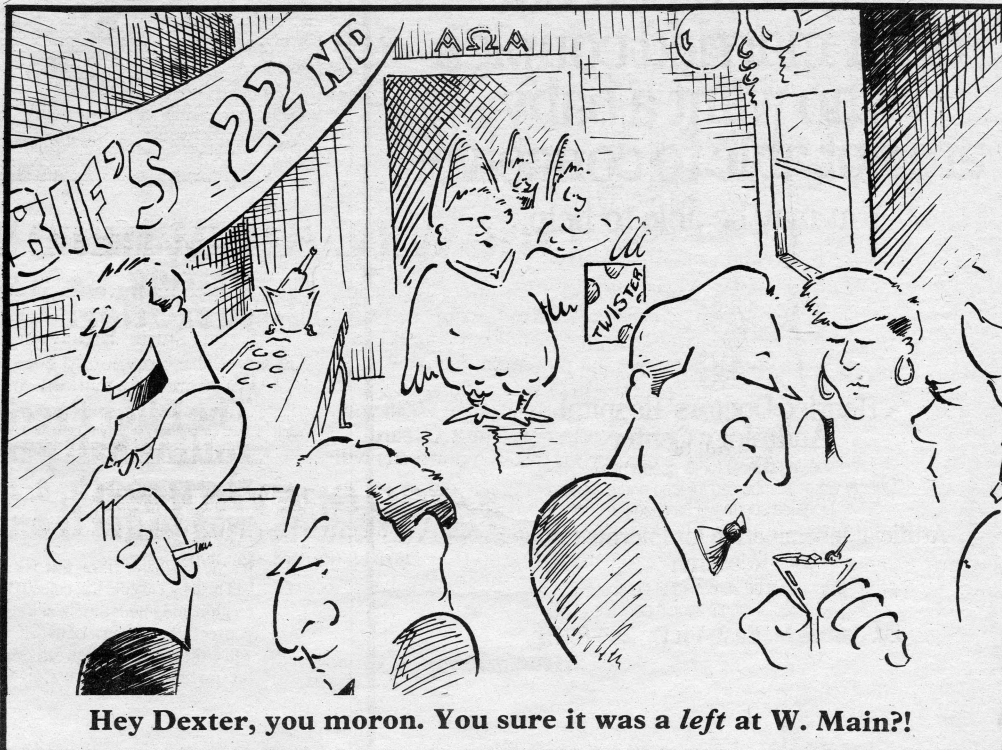
Well, the drama is killing us. During the last four years VCU, as well as other Virginia colleges, has been locked into *level funding*. That means we have been operating on the same amount of money each year since 1982, with no adjustment for inflation. When you couple this with a six percent cut in the target budget for 1986-87 you have, as VCU President Ackell put it, a double-barrelled effect. VCU is now expected to grow and provide new services with 20 percent less money than it had four years ago.

Governor Baliles, the drama is killing us!

*Chris Walters is a senior majoring in both political science and economics.*

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# News

## Closed Commons welcomes state VCU entertains General Assembly

By Ken Pope  
Staff writer

"Attention: The Student Commons will be closed Wednesday, January 29, 1986, from four to 10 p.m. for a reception of the General Assembly." Words were not necessary. The expression on the student's face was enough to convey his feelings of discontent. Turning to trek his way into the snowy, cold winter night, he must have wondered what all the fuss was about.

As several well-dressed people trickled into the building, Ralph Ware, assistant to the president for legislative relations, explained; "the purpose of the reception is basically to entertain the General Assembly members and show them the Student Commons Building."

Although Ware stressed that it was strictly a social affair and disapproved of lobbying because "it might offend them and wouldn't be in good taste," he didn't completely rule out informal lobbying in order to bolster the university's budget.

Dr. Richard Wilson, provost for Student Affairs, expressed his sorrow for having to close the Commons to the general student population. However, he conceded that the building was the only one on campus big enough for the 280 expected guests.

A dressed-up Student Commons greeted members of the General Assembly, Board of Visitors, university administrators and numerous others. The stairways were lined with huge potted plants and the pillars were adorned with lights. President Edmund F. Ackell introduced



Ackell (left), new Gov. Baliles at Commons

the newly-elected statewide officials, Gov. Gerald Baliles, Lt. Gov. Douglas Wilder and Atty. Gen. Mary Sue Terry.

Conversations were interrupted when a student knocked on a Common's window to draw attention to a poster

which read: Stop Star Wars Today. His political message drew only slight chuckles.

Another similar reception will be held in two years to "entertain the General Assembly members," according to university officials.

By Michael Cope-Commonwealth Times

## BOV decision will have small impact

By Ray Bonis  
Staff writer

The Board of Visitors' decision to withdraw holdings in corporations that don't accept the Sullivan Principles will have a minimal effect on school investments, university officials said.

The decision for partial removal of funds in companies doing business in or with South Africa will also have little or no effect on the black workers in that country, said Mary Cox, a Richmond lawyer and co-chairwoman of the Virginia Free South Africa Movement.

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"It's the easy way out," Cox said. "The Sullivan Principles are ineffective."

The Sullivan Principles are a voluntary code of conduct for U.S. firms operating in South Africa. They call for non-segregation and fair employment in the work place.

"Only one percent of the employees that work for American companies in South Africa are affected by the Sullivan Principles," Cox said.

The Richmond City Council voted in December to sell all city holdings in companies with South African operations. That move is one of the strongest anti-apartheid measures in the state.

Most Virginia universities and local cities with policies regarding South African investments, including VCU, call only for divestiture of companies that don't accept the Sullivan Principles.

Total divestiture is a "pretty extreme position," said David Bagby, executive director of the MCV Foundation. The MCV Foundation, as well as the VCU Fund, handles university holdings. These include endowments, alumni gifts and other financial bequests to the university. These holdings are invested in various ways.

University officials estimate the current marked value of holdings in the MCV Foundation and the VCU Fund to be about \$34 million. Information regarding how much of that money has been invested with companies doing business in or with South Africa was unavailable, university officials said.

As of Dec. 31, no holdings in the VCU Fund were connected with companies that were not signatories of the Sullivan Principles. The MCV Foundation has a small percentage of its holdings with Boeing Co., a company that does business in South Africa and has not signed the Sullivan Principles. It is the only non-signatory company operating in South Africa that the MCV Foundation deals with.

"We will be talking with the people at Boeing to find out why they haven't signed the Sullivan Principles," Bagby said. Review and possible divestiture of Boeing Co. will take place this month.

## Senate discusses upcoming plans

By Stephen B. Evans  
News editor

The Student Senate met Monday, Jan. 27, to discuss committee activities and plans for the spring semester.

The meeting began with a review and subsequent expulsion of senator Tom Bishop, who was removed from office for non-attendance. Motion was also made to impeach senator Rodney Pulliam for poor attendance. However, several senators spoke on his behalf. They cited work conflicts as the reason for Pulliam's frequent absence from meetings. Senator Jeff Smith pointed out constitutional bylaws governing attendance requirements as the main reason for Pulliam's removal. Discussion of the matter went on among the senators until Pulliam, in attendance and clearly disgusted, said, "Do we consider the case of someone who is working with students to make this campus a better place, or do we worry about the bylaws on a piece of paper we spent all of last semester bickering about?"

A vote was called and the decision was not to remove Pulliam from office.

Business continued with a report on committee activities.

Richard Barrett, chairman of the committee on student affairs, spoke on changes for the Student Media Commission. "We want to emphasize a greater input from the student body on media funding decisions," Barrett said.

Services committee chairman Bruce Meyer relayed their activities. "We will present a petition to City Council for the reinstallation of a traffic light at Shafer and West Franklin," Meyer said. The petition will be taken to City Council in approximately four weeks.

On Feb. 14, tables will be set up in the Commons for what Meyer called a "Meet Your Senator Day." Students can talk to senators in their respective schools to discuss their concerns.

Meyer, with senate advisor Revis Cox, also announced their desire to plan "The Great Hunger Clean-Up," a fund raiser for charity. Although it is an effort independent of the senate, the event would call for volunteers from the student body to clean a local area, perhaps a park. Sponsors would donate to the project and half of the money would go to USA for Africa. The remainder would be donated to local hunger relief programs. Meyer

noted that a similar effort held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, raised over \$10,000 in an afternoon.

The meeting went on with a report on the funding committee from senator Ishmael Mosby. He announced a funding workshop for all student groups interested in receiving funds. The workshop is slated for Feb. 18-19 with times and location to be announced.

News from the Programming Committee centered on the Abbie Hoffman/Jerry Rubin debate scheduled Feb. 5 at the Mosque. The program kicks off "60s Week," during which time there will be an all-nighter affair at the Commons. Films will be shown in the theater and the Bopcats will perform at Park Place.

Senator Jeff Smith then recognized Dr. Richard Wilson, vice president of Student Affairs. Wilson spoke to the senate on a newly formed committee which will study suicide and crisis intervention policies. Called "Societies' Needs and Individuals' Rights in Cases of Psychiatric Detention," the effort comes in response to an incident which occurred in

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# NCAA to set requirements for athletes

By Misty Jones  
Staff writer

The National Collegiate Athletic Association will establish new educational requirements for athletes beginning Aug. 6, 1986. The new guidelines, based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and high school grade point averages, must be met by freshmen athletes if they wish to compete in intercollegiate sports or receive scholarships and loans.

The requirements are set on a sliding scale for SAT and GPA scores. The higher the GPA, the lower the test score allowed. The scale is based upon the premise that some good students don't perform well on standardized tests.

Not only must freshmen be within these requirements, but they must also have completed 11 core courses, defined by the NCAA as those courses offering "fundamental instructional components

in a specified area of study." This includes three courses in English, two in math, two history courses, two in science and two additional core courses.

According to Dr. Charles McLeod, director of academic counseling for VCU's athletic department, "the intent of the new rule, known as Proposition 48, is to improve graduation rates among athletes and to provide national standards for sports participation."

Proposition 48 will only affect Division I schools and, says McLeod, "some schools will be affected more than others and some sports more than others." McLeod said that football and basketball will feel the changes more than any other sport.

McLeod believes Proposition 48 will have "a devastating affect on black male athletes," and studies seem to bear this out. Impact studies indicate that if the requirements had gone into effect last

August, 87 percent of black male freshmen would not have been eligible to play sports. The second most affected group would have been black females; 56% would have been ineligible. White males, the third most affected group, would have seen a 20 percent reduction in eligible players. Concerning white females, 16 percent would have been ineligible.

"Each year the requirements will go up," McLeod said.

Proposition 48 would have started with a minimum SAT of 700 and a GPA of 2.0, but a decision was made to phase the plan in over the next few years.

By August 1987 the minimum SAT score will be 680 with a GPA of 1.9, while in 1988 the minimum will rise to 700 for the SAT and 2.0 for the GPA.

Not only will changes come in the requirements, but Dr. McLeod feels some amendments will be made over the next

GPA	SAT
2.2-above...	660
2.1-2.199.....	680
2.0-2.099.....	700
1.9-1.999.....	720
1.8-1.899....	740

Intercollegiate athletes must meet this scale of requirements to compete in a sport next semester. For example, if a student has a 1.8 average in high school, he must receive at least a 740 SAT score.

few years. "There's been a lot of people upset over the whole plan, especially the standardized test," McLeod said.

The idea behind the test is to set a standard SAT score for everyone. Most arguments against set scores say they should be based more on a school's requirements, not those set by the NCAA.

McLeod stressed that "the intent is to improve graduation rates among athletes and to improve athletes' chances of academic success."

## Who's Who



HARRIET MONTAGUE  
BEST ALL-AROUND  
MOST POPULAR - BEST ATHLETE



LOUISE LANGHORNE  
MOST INTELLECTUAL



VIRGINIA BAKER  
WITTIEST

### Campus Relics

This who's who on campus appeared in The Wigwam, VCU's yearbook in 1934. At this time, VCU was predominantly female and was called the Richmond Division of the College of William and Mary.

—Jodi Mailander

## Non-students stopped for DUI

Compiled by Jodi Mailander  
News editor

Jan. 18

A male non-student was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol at the corner of Linden and Main Streets at 2 a.m.

Jan. 19

A male non-student was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol on the corner of Belvidere and Main Streets at 1:15 a.m.

### Crime Shorts

Jan. 20

A non-student stopped for a traffic violation on Belvidere Street was found wanted by the Chesterfield County Police Dept.

Jan. 21

A male non-student was arrested for driving with a suspended license outside of the Gladding Resident Center. The male was also accused of looking into windows in the dormitory. Binoculars were found in his possession.

A dust collector worth \$800 was stolen from Room 106 of the Woods Building.

An MCV doctor's car was damaged when a hit and run occurred on the 13th

Street parking deck. The right rear panel was dented, with damage totaling \$150.

Jan. 22

The West Hospital staff reported 100 white towels and 20 white sheets, worth a total of \$199, missing from a locked storage closet on the fifth floor.

A female employee reported her \$10 wallet, containing \$8 in cash, stolen from her unlocked office on the fifth floor of the Clinical Support Center on 13th Street.

Jan. 23

A male doctor reported his property, including a lab coat, dictaphone, stethoscope, wallet and \$50 in cash, stolen from an unlocked locker. The total loss of property was \$491.50.

A brown leather wallet was taken from a jacket in the basement of Sanger Hall. The wallet contained \$105 in cash.

A female staff member at MCV was chased by two males in the 400 block of North 13th Street. The men stopped their pursuit when the woman ran into the South Hospital.

A male non-student was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol in the 100 block of South Pine Street at 1:15 a.m.

# Counseling helps students handle stress

By Traci Jones  
Staff writer

How many times have you felt that you were at the end of your rope and didn't know where to turn? If that sounds familiar then you're not alone. Each year hundreds of students, for various reasons, reach this point. Some of them will overcome the pressures of school, social life and financial difficulties by careful balancing. For others the problems will seem to worsen as time goes on. It is for these students that the University Counseling Services are available.

The UCS is a division of student affairs which provides professional counseling and consultation for students of the VCU community. The purpose of the service is

to make the most of a student's experience while attending VCU, but also to help students reach and maintain their full potential.

For some people the idea of seeking counseling seems ludicrous, due to a stigma placed on counseling by society. Fortunately, students are becoming more aware of the benefits of counsel—to better enable them to handle stress, depression, emotional highs and lows, career plans and anxieties. Many students turn to UCS for help in coping with these pressures and other personal concerns.

University Counseling Services is for everyone. All students of VCU may utilize any of the services available through UCS. All services are confidential and are

provided by professional, clinical psychologists, counselors and consulting psychiatrists.

Where to find UCS and how to get an appointment:

The University Counseling Services maintains two offices, one on the academic campus and one on the MCV campus. There is no charge to be seen and the initial visit is on a walk-in basis. The student meets with a counselor for approximately 45 minutes to discuss the student's concerns and goals. Thereafter, the student meets with a counselor at pre-scheduled times as needed.

University Counseling also has many other programs available—career planning, stress management, outreach serv-

ices and group counseling are a few of the services offered at UCS.

Depression is the problem most often seen in students who go to UCS each year. Problems with relationships and drug and alcohol abuse are other concerns frequently dealt with at the service.

The director of Counseling Services, Dr. John Corazzini, says that the best counseling is sometimes as simple as listening to our peers and being concerned. "Simply being a friend" is sometimes all we need, said Corazzini.

To obtain more information on the service, or to make an appointment, call the academic campus (913 W. Franklin Street) at 257-1647, or the MCV campus (Bear Hall, 10th Street and Leigh Street) at 786-3964.

# VCU best known for its basketball team

By Ray Bonis  
Staff writer

What is VCU best known for inside and outside of Virginia? The school's basketball team was the most frequent answer in a survey of the Richmond community taken last spring to get an idea of what people in the area thought of the university.

Academic programs such as medicine, the arts, business and mass communications were considered to have the best national reputation, according to the people of Richmond in the poll.

Over 80 percent said that they rarely, or never, attended cultural events at VCU. A majority of 88 percent did not know the name of the art gallery on campus. Sporting events drew 23 percent of those polled "often, or sometimes." Out of the Richmond community included in the survey, 29 percent said that they had taken a course at VCU. Seven percent said that they had obtained one or more degrees from the university.

Among MCV responses, 73 percent of those who had been in-patients at MCV hospitals said that they would go back.

Why did those who went to MCV choose to go to that hospital? The quality of the doctors and the hospital's reputation were the most frequent responses.

MCV's reputation for caring for those who can't pay was thought of as a positive aspect by the community, as was the fact that the hospital is a teaching institution. Distance from home, lack of parking and MCV's downtown location were the three most mentioned inconveniences.

The study, "Community Attitudes Toward VCU," was conducted by students in the School of Mass Com-

munications for VCU's Office of University Relations. The actual sample of respondents was based on random selection from the Richmond telephone directory and from systematically and randomly modifying the numbers already drawn from the telephone book. This ensured that everyone in the Richmond area with a telephone, whether the number was listed in the phone book or not, had a chance to be interviewed. The final sample consisted of 375 completed interviews with a response rate of 68 percent. The sampling error was 5 percent.

## Co-op Program gaining strength

By Ray Bonis  
Staff writer

One of the best-kept secrets at VCU may be the university's Cooperative Education Program.

The service offers students a chance to get practical work experience related to their major and can help students verify their career interests. It prepares them for the job market and pays them for their effort.

But the secret is getting out.

VCU's Co-op Program is the fastest growing program in the state. When the program began four years ago, it served three art students. Last year it served 239 students with 111 different employers. The program serves 31 academic departments.

"It has really been rewarding to see the program grow," said Dr. Geraldine Garner, director of the program. Garner began the VCU Co-op Program after working with other employment programs for several years.

The VCU Co-op Program now competes in size with programs at Virginia Polytechnical Institute, Old Dominion University and George Mason. VPI has the largest program, serving 1,200 students.

"Over 70 percent of those students are in engineering," Garner said. "We don't have an engineering program."

Garner also pointed out that the other three universities have had their Co-op programs for over ten years. VPI's program is 30 years old.

"The reason we've gotten to be their size in four years is that we've made our program fit the needs of the students and the employment community," Garner said. "We survey students and area employers to address the needs that are here."

VCU's Co-op Program is part of the university's Division of Continuing Students and Public Service under the office of Academic Affairs. Those students interested in the program must meet university requirements and attend an orientation session. They must also provide two faculty recommendations.

The Co-op Program requires that students make a three-semester commitment to one employer or a series of employers. Students can work part-time while attending classes or alternate full-time periods of work with full-time periods of school. Students can begin working during their sophomore year.



By Trish Flynn-Commonwealth Times

VCU sophomore Georgia Canada works through Co-op at the YWCA.

"Each year we see 1,500 students," Garner said. "A certain amount of those students don't qualify. Others decide that our program is not what they were looking for. We're not a part-time job. This is a competitive program. The employer is looking for the best."

Garner said that on the average, there are six applicants for each job. In some areas students are competing with other Virginia schools and students nationally.

The VCU Co-op Program has placed students in a variety of work settings. A graphic art student was placed with a corporation in Boston. Recreation and marketing majors have worked with Disney-world and business majors have gone to work for the IRS.

"We've graduated a little over 100 students in the last four years," Garner said. "All are working in their field or are at graduate school."

Harold Beattie, a representative for IBM, has four VCU students currently working with him as sales representatives. He said that he is very pleased with the quality of students that the VCU Co-op Program sends to IBM.

"The Co-op Program screens everyone really well. They may send us four people for one job and all are qualified," Beattie said. "Students get a good look at IBM. They get good experience. I wish I had come through a program like the one they're a part of."

## IBM to lend computers to school

The International Business Machines Corp., IBM, will lend \$123,600 worth of IBM personal computers and associated equipment to VCU's School of Business to establish an Experimental Business and Economics Laboratory.

The research facility, to be installed by April 1, will be the only experimental laboratory in the United States using a network of IBM personal computers.

Experimental economics allows researchers to test scientifically some of the most fundamental economic propositions by simulating real world markets on the computer. Currently, experimental economics is being used to test theories of antitrust, market efficiencies, decision making, under market uncertainty and organizational behavior.

According to Dr. Dennis O'Toole, associate dean of external affairs in the School of Business, the new experimental lab will provide VCU business faculty with a substantial technological advantage in experimental economics and will greatly expand research opportunities.

### SENATE, from page 5

Richmond last Fall. After threatening suicide, VCU student Charles Bruce then held the responding SWAT team in a standoff which lasted over five hours. Marked by confusion, the incident ended with gunfire when Bruce pulled a pistol and a Henrico police officer shot him three times. Bruce remains paralyzed from the waist down.

"A group of students, faculty and advisers got together to try to puzzle out how this could have happened," Wilson told the senators. Referring to the project, Wilson said, "we have received a commitment on this from the School of Social Work, the MCV Program on Patient Counseling and personal support from several MCV psychiatrists. I am here to ask the senate's sponsorship of this effort."

A motion was made to give support for the project and was passed with a unanimous vote. The senate executive committee later approved funding, if needed, for the effort.

companies shouldn't have anything to worry about, Casey Riley says.

"If you practice infection control in the hospital—and they do—you won't have a problem," he says.

"The problem we have is going to be in educating the public. The bottom line is that over one-half of the people with the disease have died.

"To try to erase that is going to be difficult."

Diane Dickerson gets frustrated with ambulance drivers and with nursing homes. She also gets frustrated with memos.

Memos like the one dated 10/15/85 from the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

Memos that tell Diane Dickerson her patients can't receive benefits she feels they are entitled to.

Memos that read:

"Personal Care aides cannot be assigned to individuals who have AIDS or other communicable diseases..."

Memos that go on to say:

"Nursing Home Pre-Admission Screening Committees are not to authorize Medicaid payment for Personal Care services or refer individuals to Personal Care provider agencies who participate in the Medicaid program, and Personal Care provider agencies are not to accept referrals or serve individuals who have been diagnosed as having these communicable diseases."

Here's why Diane Dickerson is upset by memos that tell her AIDS patients they cannot receive Personal Care through Medicaid payments.

"A patient who does not have a communicable disease and who is medically eligible is eligible for Personal Care," she says, "whereas a Medicaid eligible patient who has AIDS is not eligible for Personal Care."

Diane Dickerson says that isn't fair. I called Ray T. Sorrell, director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, about the memo he wrote that says AIDS patients can't use their Medicaid payments in certain instances.

Sorrell told me that an amendment has been written onto the memo, allowing Medicaid payments for Personal Care. "The amendment is cautioning people," Sorrell said. "We were concerned that it looked like an overreaction on this service's part."

I went down to Sorrell's office to pick up a copy of the amended memo. When I got there, I was told that the amended memo hadn't been sent out yet—that Sorrell saw the first draft and made some revisions.

A secretary told me the memo was "upstairs in typing."

At press time, the amended memo hadn't been sent out.

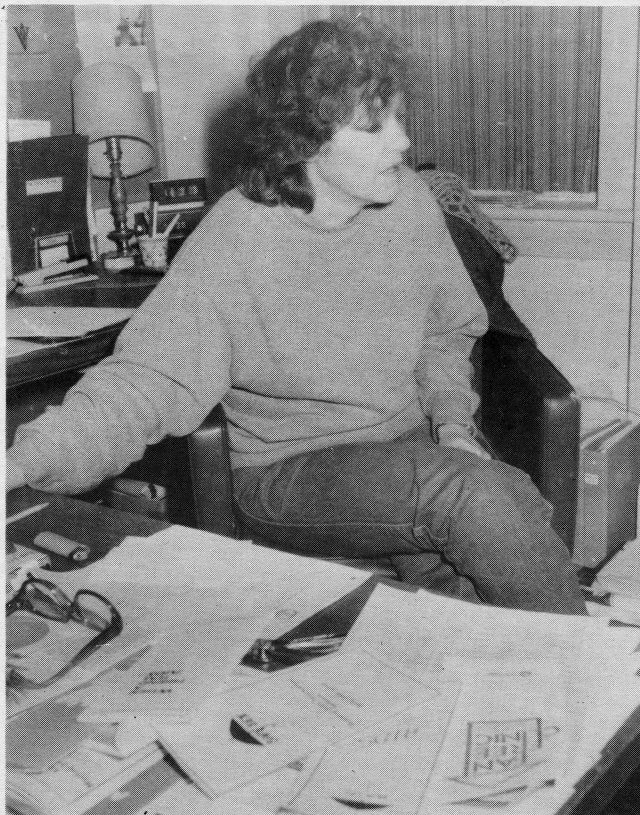
Ambulances and nursing homes and personal care services aren't the only groups closing their doors to AIDS patients. Family and friends do it, too.

That's what Diane Dickerson has found. She says most family members are skeptical of caring for someone with AIDS at first, but come around once they are educated about the disease.

Not all do, though.

Diane Dickerson tells the story of one man whose family turned its back on him.

"It was more so that they could not



Staff photo

**Norma Schanz sits amidst AIDS brochures at the Fan Free Clinic.**

accept his sexual preference," she says. Because of that, "they couldn't open up to his disease."

Because the father had objections to his son being a homosexual, he did not visit his son in the hospital. The son died of AIDS.

The mother went to see her son "after four months."

That reaction did not help the dying man.

"He was bitter," Dickerson says. "He ended up with nothing."

**Arthur Runyan is pastor at the Metropolitan Community Church.** He is also a RAIN advocate.

Arthur Runyan works with AIDS patients on a one-on-one basis. He has worked with three state penitentiary inmates who have AIDS.

He says he gets a great deal of satisfaction in working with patients.

"I've discovered that just going with them and sitting with them and holding their hand makes a substantial difference in the quality of their life," he says.

"Helping somebody makes me feel good."

Not everyone in the religious community is receptive to working with AIDS patients.

I ask Arthur Runyan if he feels AIDS patients receive the support of their churches.

He answers with an example.

He says his church recently held a seminar on how to deal with a person who has AIDS. He sent out 2,500 brochures—"to every church in Central Virginia."

Arthur Runyan sent out 2,500 brochures about AIDS and received 20 responses.

"Right now, the Richmond clergy don't want to deal with it," Runyan says. "They are hoping that if they close their eyes it will go away."

"On that front you see a lot of denial," he says. "There [seems to be] a feeling that the disease is for fags and junkies."

While saying that "some clergy are very helpful," Runyan says the overall effect the church has given AIDS patients has been demoralizing.

"The Jerry Falwells of the world are saying this is God's judgment—that feeds into the feeling that somehow you deserve it," he says of AIDS patients.

Norma Schanz knows about the church turning its back on AIDS patients.

Norma Schanz has been to funerals where the deceased AIDS victim is condemned by the minister for his homosexual lifestyle before death.

"It's difficult to go to a funeral service with several people who have AIDS and realize that the prejudice carried over after death," Schanz says. "To feel that is very sad."

"People with AIDS are feeling they are not being attended to by ministers, yet they are confronted at an early age with death and with a death that is associated with sin."

That association upsets Norma Schanz. "I'm not casking a black cloak over everybody, but I can't believe there is anybody who is not caring for and giving special attention [to an AIDS patient]."

Richard Bradley is a VCU student, a member of the Gay Student Alliance, and a volunteer at the RAIN AIDS

Hotline.

He is a religious studies major.

He objects to the statement that AIDS is God's judgment on gay people.

"God loves gay people just as much," Bradley says. "It doesn't fit my Western concept for a loving, giving God [for him not to]."

**The Fan Free Clinic is dominated by small, oddly-shaped rooms.** Rooms where volunteers answer calls on the AIDS Hotline. Rooms where volunteer doctors work with patients.

Rooms where AIDS patients come to sit. To talk.

Norma Schanz is standing in one of those oddly-shaped rooms. Only this room has special significance for her. This is a room where AIDS patients and RAIN volunteers meet to talk.

"I can stand here and remember people who are no longer here," Schanz says, looking around at the empty chairs. "This room means a lot to me. Of the 36 people who we have worked with, half are dead. They gave a lot to each other and to me."

RAIN puts out brochures. They are brochures educating the public about AIDS.

The brochures call for "safe sex."

The message is simple: With a cure a number of years away, the only way to slow down the spread of AIDS is to slow down physical activity that causes AIDS. Physical activity like having many sexual partners and/or sharing intravenous drugs.

The brochure suggests "finding new ways to be intimate and have fun: massage ... body to body rubs ... hugs ... mutual masturbation ..."

It also suggests using condoms, water-soluble lubricants and pulling out before ejaculation.

RAIN isn't the only group advocating such a slowdown.

Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz, AIDS specialist at MCV, agrees: "My general feeling is that over the next five years the only means we have for [slowing] the virus is for behavior modification."

**Sixty-two-year-old Ralph Cole is a RAIN volunteer.** Cole is retired. He moved to Richmond in June 1985 and finished training to become a volunteer in October of the same year.

Cole is personable. He has a warm disposition. He says he enjoys "reaching out and knowing somebody needs somebody. I might get a note that says 'hey, I was glad you were there.' You have a feeling you're doing something with your life."

He says the "younger people [at RAIN] have been splendid." He talks about a volunteer—"a pretty girl who could have a date every night, but instead works as a volunteer."

"I'm the grandfather around here," Cole says softly. Looking through clear glasses, Ralph Cole says this:

"I think I've enjoyed my life more in the last few months than in my entire life."

Yet working with AIDS patients can take its toll.

"Personally, the most difficult thing is the frustration of knowing what I can do for them is very little. I can't save their life," says pastor Arthur Runyan.

"By definition," he says, "we get close to people who die."



# Radicals to debate concerns for 80s

By Stephen B. Evans  
News editor

Memories of the late 60s have all but faded from mainstream American consciousness. That time seems distant now—the technicolor bloodbaths from Vietnam on the evening news, the confrontations in the streets as Youth challenged The System, graying the hair of authority. Even the fragrant scent of patchouli and the pungent odor of grass has grown faint.

It was a time of great dissent and social upheaval, but there was harmony, unity and a sense of purpose as well.

“Ban the draft! Burn your card!”  
“Tune in, turn on, drop out.”  
“Why not kill a commie for your mommie?”

“Love is all you need.”  
And Richard Milhous Nixon held shaky control of the nation.

Twenty years gone has brought much change, even for those who wanted to change the world. Few people symbolize the changes of the last two decades better than Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin. Political activists throughout the sixties, the two began their militant/revolt efforts separately before joining forces in 1967.

## Hoffman: Maker of Mischievous

Abbie Hoffman began his political work in the early 60s with involvement in the civil rights movement. He helped organize drives for black voter registrations in the South. He also worked as a publicity director for the NAACP in Worcester, Massachusetts, for groups pressing for racial equality and nonviolence in America and he was involved with a black owned crafts cooperative in Mississippi which sold goods made by the poor of that state. In the sixties, Hoffman described himself variously as “a rock and roll singer, a reporter, a poet, a film maker and a cultural revolutionary.”

Hoffman became an activist against the Vietnam war in 1964, organizing a rapidly radicalizing youth to engage in protest marches against the war and social injustice.

## Rubin: Anarchy in the U.S. of A.

Jerry Rubin received national attention in 1965 when he promoted and organized the Vietnam Day Committee in Berkeley, California. Over 30,000 people attended the antiwar teach-in which led to increased militant demonstrations. Attempts were made to block troop trains from going through Berkeley. Rubin and others laid across the tracks in an effort to stop them.

Rubin ran for mayor of Berkeley in 1967 on a pro-marijuana, anti-Vietnam ticket. He came in second.

## Yippie!

Later that year Rubin met Abbie Hoffman in New York. There, over acid, the men discussed the obvious existence of a counterculture movement in America and how they might mobilize it for changing society and ending the war. Shrewd manipulators of the media, the two realized that maximum attention could be theirs by engaging in the outrageous. Totally unexpected behavior,

they knew, would capture the media which they could utilize to gain international notice and notoriety.

Like all groups, Hoffman and Rubin realized theirs needed a name. Several were offered until Hoffman's wife Anita suggested the Youth International Party. Someone shouted “Yippie!” and a moment in American cultural history was made.

## The Road to Chicago

Hoffman and Rubin viewed the 1968 Democratic National Convention as a

force.

Hoffman and Rubin were two of seven activists hauled before a court to face charges of conspiracy and inciting a riot. The Chicago Seven conspiracy trial gave Hoffman national attention when he brought his outrageous humor and bizarre protest tactics into the courtroom. Challenging everything the American system represented to them, the defendants gained increased support from the counterculture while they shocked the rest of the country. The American Civil Liberties Union called it “the most important



from *Counterculture and Revolution*

## Woodstock Nation: Changing the world.

“convention of death.” They organized for a Festival of Life, to be held simultaneously in Chicago's Lincoln Park, which would be an expression of freedom, love, dope smoking and protest. Yet the demonstrations quickly gave way to violence when police and Yippies collided, trading rocks for tear gas and clubbings. Television coverage of the event showed a free-for-all, with journalists and Yippies being pummeled by the Chicago police

political trial of this century.”

## Post Movement Activity

After 1969 the efforts of the counterculture, in spite of their espoused intentions, often became obscured. Squabbling among various factions, excesses (sometimes fatal) in drug use and a lack of any clear-cut plan to make changes occur—these factors, among others, ultimately

caused the demise of the radical movement.

In the early seventies Jerry Rubin concentrated on his spiritual growth and exercise for health. He became involved in the Women's Liberation Movement. He devoted himself to finding inner happiness and spiritual truth. He went to consciousness workshops. He underwent psychological therapy. He wrote a book, *Growing (Up) at Thirty-Seven*, which details his gradual transformation from screaming sixties radical to respected American businessman. Rubin directed his energies towards making money. In 1980 when he took a position as a venture banker on Wall Street, Rubin's former colleagues from the sixties were incredulous. By 1981 he had developed a project called Business Networking—meetings of business people to exchange information, make deals and discuss ideas in a friendly, casual setting. This highly successful enterprise caused the media to set off a new trend and the expression Yuppie—Young Urban Professional, was created.

Abbie Hoffman's life stayed on a more familiar course. In August 1973 he was arrested by New York police and charged with selling cocaine. Probable conviction carried with it a fifteen years to life sentence, so rather than stand trial, Hoffman vanished underground. Yet even as a fugitive the irrepressible Hoffman managed to stay politically active. While living in the Thousand Islands region of upstate New York, Hoffman organized and led a campaign to prevent the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from running a year-round barge through the area. His efforts earned him praise from the Governor of New York and senator Daniel P. Moynihan, while neither knew his identity. When he finally resurfaced in the early 80s his activities of the past eight years made a minor sensation in the national media.

## Let's Debate This

Since then, Hoffman has denounced Rubin as a sellout to capitalism and free enterprise.

The two are currently doing the lecture circuit together in a debate called Yippie vs. Yuppie. The issue, bringing needed changes to American society, remains the same. The perspective, however, has changed. Jerry Rubin advocates that the only way to bring about social reform is to work within the system until it is controlled by those who want change. His philosophy is to make money, be independent and buy the power.

Hoffman claims that the ideals of the sixties are not only still valid, but are the only way to ensure equality for all people. The sixties showed that the little person could take on an empire and win.

The significance of the debate may not lie in the outcome, i.e. who wins, but that it promises to raise consciousness. From a decade of radical activism to a decade of apathy, self-interest and running after the big money and now, well into the eighties, the questions still remain: What have we done, what are we doing to the world now and what can we possibly do for an encore? “What is,” as the activists once said, “Amerika?”

# Folio

## More than pieces of paper

By Michael Cope  
Chief photographer

Was it Thomas Payne who started it all? No, it was Martin Luther who started all of this controversy by posting his opinions of the political and religious leaders of his day. No, wait now, actually it was Noah who posted a message from God that there was going to be water falling from the sky for the first time to punish all. Or was it . . .

The First Amendment of this country's Constitution plainly states a freedom of speech and written material. But it seems the City of Richmond wants to change history.

"A clean place is more important [to local government] than information transmitted to people," said Terry Rea, who was arrested in 1982 for posting handbills promoting films at the Biograph Theater, which he then managed. (Judge Jose Ramone Davila Jr. dropped the charges against Rea.) "There is more of a spit-and-polish attitude now. The civic groups have found a friendly ear downtown."

Michael Jones, current manager of the Biograph, was arrested last summer in front of Hababas on Grace Street for posting a handbill on a telephone pole.

"I've lived here for 12 years and I have always seen them. New York has its graffiti artists and the West Coast has its handbills. The size of the city has nothing really to do with it at all. This situation is unique due to VCU and the music and art scene in this area," said Jones.

The group hit hardest by the political move to ban handbills is the local musicians who rely heavily on the advertising the 8 1/2 x 11 billboards provide.

Brooke Saunders is a local folk singer who has joined forces with Rea and Jones. The trio have already held a benefit concert at the Biograph this past Halloween to raise money for a lawsuit against the city.

"Handbills are the ultimate low-cost investment for a band to advertise their show. They'll never stop us any more than they would stop oral sex or spitting on the sidewalk, both of which are illegal in the state of Virginia," said Saunders. "Handbills are only a component for a band. But they do stand for a symbol."

It is that symbol that prompted Rockitz owner Bill Kitchen and the trio to sponsor a second fundraiser on Jan. 29, this one featuring Saunders, Honor Role, Snakehandlers and the Prevaricators.

"We depend very heavily on the handbills," said Prevaricators singer Steve Hunter. He and the band were arrested for handbill violations three years ago while onstage at the now-defunct Cha-Cha's.

"[Handbills are] the only thing we can afford that is eye-catching and is different. I really don't know why there are any problems. There are a lot of yard-sale handbills and lost-pet handbills, but for



By Michael Cope-Commonwealth Times

Biograph manager Michael Jones leads the crowd in a rousing rendition of "Jesus H. Falwell."

some reason, the thing with the bands is attracting all the attention."

"In France they are considered an art. Picasso used to do posters. We are going to hang them anyway. Even if we have to do it at 3 a.m."

One potential solution to the problem

is an item the Prevaricators saw while playing in Madison, Wis. The community placed handbill kiosks on street corners. At the end of each week the kiosks are cleared.

"It is all going for that basic freedom. I want the people to know that the money

is in safe hands. It is imperative that some legal groups get involved with us to fight this. We just can't underestimate this." Adds Jones with a smirk, "We will put out a handbill for the third fundraiser," a video and film showing at the Biograph.

## Uncle Duke 1939—1986

### Ambassador, writer, football coach succumbs

Uncle Duke, 47, died early last week of "natural causes." A nation mourns.

Former governor of American Samoa and ambassador to China, Duke passed away at his home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The former hack writer, who had loosely modeled his life after the escapades of *Rolling Stone* gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson, was well known for his excessive substance abuse. Duke's diplomatic ineptitude brought to a halt his political career

before he had a chance to realize his life-long goal of dropping acid on the Great Wall of China.

Duke was briefly head coach of the Washington Redskins. His tenure was marked by scandal when it was discovered he was experimenting with steroids and amphetamines (putting it in the players' water, it's been rumored). Duke was fired after becoming involved in a shootout with Federal Marshals in Miami just before a 1978 playoff game.

The controversial Duke was held prisoner and sentenced to death in Iran in 1981. He was caught parachuting into the country with \$170,000 in payoff money intended to restore the flow of oil through America's pipelines. Details of Duke's escape were never made public.

After serving a two-year prison term for cocaine possession, Duke became president of the Baby Doc College of Medicine in Haiti.

A true renaissance man, Uncle Duke

is survived by his common law wife Dean Honey, and his nephew Zonker Harris.

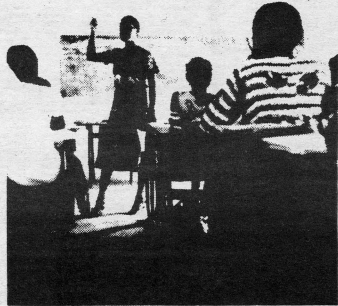
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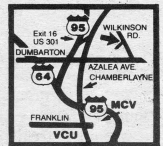
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# SGA FUNDING COMMITTEE

## Workshop & Budget Hearings Schedule For 1986-87 Requests

The Funding Committee will hold a workshop entitled "How To Apply For Funds" on:

Tuesday, February 18th

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19th

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Both workshops will be held in room D of the University Student Commons Building at 907 Floyd Avenue. Please plan to send at least one representative from your organization.

All budget requests for the 1986-87 academic school year are due to Ms. Henrietta Fox no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th.

Budget hearings for 1986-87 requests will be Fridays, March 21 and 28 from 2:00-11:00 p.m. in room F of the University Student Commons Building.

# Sports

## Homestand good tonic for Rams

By Charles Pannunzio  
Sports editor

The Rams closed out last week's homestand with two victories and a four game winning streak, their longest of the season. They now stand at 8-11.

VCU upended Marquette 61-56 on Jan. 27 and totally dominated William & Mary in a 60-44 walkover on Jan. 30.

"Spirit Night" was the scene for VCU's victory over Marquette. Ram Coach Mike Pollio felt that the noise made by students aided the Rams.

"It was really exciting," he said. "You could almost feel it in the Coliseum. It was almost magic."

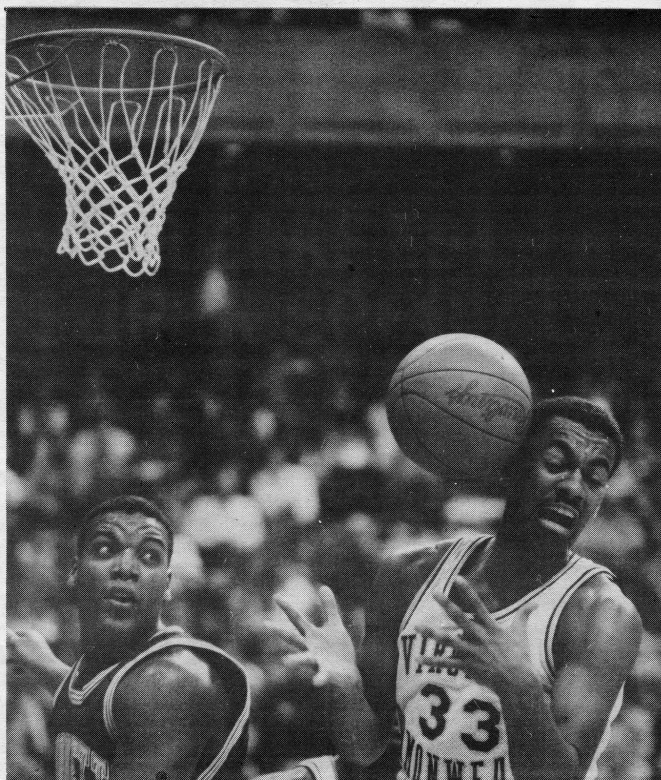
The teams played even through the first 20 minutes. Marquette took an early lead, but went 6:07 without a field goal during the middle of the first half and VCU took a two point lead. The halftime score was knotted at 23.

Both teams were as cold from the floor during the first half as the wind-chill factor was outside. The Rams shot 33 percent, while Marquette shot 27 percent.

But the Rams turned on the heat as the second half began, with an Alvin Robinson free throw and baskets by Michael Brown, Phil Stinnie and Nicky Jones giving the Rams a 30-23 lead with 17:39 left in the contest.

Marquette drew as close as three with 14:09 remaining, when Benny Moore hit a jumper, making the score 34-31 in favor of the Rams. Baskets by Stinnie and Brown had the lead back to seven a minute and a half later.

The big play of the night occurred with 1:09 left in the game, when Stinnie took a



Don Franco didn't quite catch this rebound where he would have liked it.

long pass from Jones, and scored on a layup, making the score 55-46 for the Rams.

Jones and Robinson shared scoring honors for the Rams with 13 points each. Robinson had 11 rebounds, while Jones added seven. Stinnie scored 12 points, Brown scored 10 and guard Bruce Allen chipped in eight more.

Kevin Johnson led Marquette (12-6)

with 15 points, while David Boone had 12 rebounds for the Warriors.

Pollio was so happy with the results that he asked for another "Spirit Night" for the Feb. 13 contest against Sun Belt Conference rival Old Dominion.

William & Mary (5-13) actually led once in their contest against the Rams.

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## Swimmers defeat UR

By Teddy Wasko  
Staff writer

VCU's men's and women's swimming teams won their Feb. 1 meets against Richmond, at the Franklin Street Gym pool. The men won 71-42, while the women triumphed 63-50.

The men, who stand at 9-2, were led by Start Dunnigan who won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breast-stroke. Mike Gray won the one-meter optional diving event. Nancy Hall led the 9-3 ladies, winning the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle events.

Later, the VCU women's basketball team defeated Liberty University 89-69 in the Franklin Street Gym.

The Lady Rams raced to a 10-0 lead in the first three minutes and never trailed. VCU led by as many as 15 points in the first half, including a 41-26 halftime lead.

Kelly Hoover, Brenda Smith, Nikki Gilliam and Rhonda Jackson all scored in double figures. Hoover finished with a career-high 29 points.

The victory evens the Lady Rams at 10-10. Liberty drops to 4-12.

The men's basketball team never led in its contest at South Florida played on Feb. 1. The score was tied at six, eight, 10 and 12 before the Bulls began to pull away to a 77-67 victory.

Nicky Jones scored 26 for the Rams, who drop to 3-5 in the Sun Belt Conference and 8-12 overall. Michael Brown scored 16 points and Phil Stinnie added 11.

## Confidence keys cagers' turnaround

A book about the basketball team's recent four game homestand, which concluded with a 60-44 defeat of William & Mary on Jan. 30, could be titled "The Turnaround of the Rams '86."

### Charles Pannunzio

Coach Mike Pollio, the book's publisher, can tell you the Rams have had bad luck in close games, losing seven by two points or less. Believe it or not, Pollio said he was more satisfied with the 81-80 double overtime victory over Jacksonville on Jan. 23, than he would have been had the Rams won by, say, 20.

"I played it like this was the first and only game of the season," said Pollio, of how he responded as the team went into its fifth overtime game with an 0-4 record in overtime. "Don't expect to lose or you will. Our kids didn't have that look in their eyes. I actually told someone that I hoped it would be a close one."

In eight days, the Rams went 4-0 at the Coliseum, raising their home record to 6-4, after it once was 0-4.

The authors of the book, the players, are now on track, it would seem.

"By February, you've either worked it out or you're no good," Pollio said, after the win over William & Mary raised his team's record to 8-11. "I think we're a pretty good basketball team."

Sandwiched between the Jacksonville and William & Mary wins were victories over South Alabama and Marquette, both important, but for different reasons.

VCU's 83-74 win over South Alabama vaulted the Rams from seventh to fourth in the Sun Belt Conference. VCU has already played the top three teams (Western Kentucky, UAB and Old Dominion) on the road, losing all three games by a total of five points. If the Rams can play this well on the road, imagine what might be possible when these teams come to

Richmond this month.

But the 61-56 victory over Marquette showed that the Rams don't care much for big names. Marquette played North Carolina a week earlier, and almost threw the Tar Heels for a loop, before falling by two.

This is where the turnaround comes in. Behind all of the reasons why VCU left Richmond for South Florida with twice the wins the Rams had on Jan. 23 (when they stood at 4-11) is one big one.

Confidence.

Sure, the statistics tell of the turnaround: VCU has outrebounded six of their last eight opponents and has hit 48 percent from the floor over the last 12 games, after hitting only 41 percent during the first seven games of the season.

But it is the confidence that has sparked the improvement. A case in point is Bruce Allen.

Since his move from swing guard to

point guard at the start of the homestand, Allen has averaged 12 points per game, after averaging eight points' before the move. He has also handed out 18 assists.

"I started getting confident," he said, after his first night at the point. "I didn't want to take the bad shot, just the good shots.

Phil Stinnie is another story of confidence. After scoring a disappointing four points when the Rams visited Virginia Tech in December, Stinnie has scored in double figures for 15 straight games. What has him playing so well?

"The way the whole team is playing," he said. "As long as we've got our confidence, nobody can take it away."

It's hard to tell much about an 8-11 team. But with the team now getting the confidence it needs, the Rams' next publishing venture might be known as "Confidence and Post-Season Turnaments."

February 4-10, 1986

# Lack of defense costs Lady Rams two wins

By Ann Gill  
Associate sports editor

The VCU women's basketball team suffered back-to-back losses to fall below the .500 mark on the season with a 9-10 record. Crosstown rival Richmond avenged an earlier loss by tripping the Lady Rams 80-78 at the Franklin Street Gym. Two days earlier, the ladies fell victim to Radford 68-65.

In the loss to Richmond, men's coach Mike Pollio made his debut in the stands as a "Rowdy Ram." A larger than usual crowd saw the lead exchange several times between the Lady Spiders and Lady Rams.

Neither team held a lead more than four points in the first half. The Lady Rams shot 13 of 36 in the first half with freshman Carroll Ann Clements netting eight points. The Spiders held a tight 32-28 halftime lead.

The second half began again with baskets from both sides. Guard Rhonda Jackson pulled the Lady Rams to within one on a fast break to remain close at 39-38. Another UR basket put the Lady Spiders up by three, but center Jenny Hecht countered with a basket and then

hit on the front end of a one-and-one to tie the game at 41 at the 15:14 mark. The UR lead spread to seven at 70-63. Two quick scores from Kelly Hoover, who finished with a game-high 24 points, cut the gap, but were not enough.

Beth Babbitt took UR scoring honors with 19 points while Peggy Fitzsimmons and Dana Pappas added 18 each for the 4-14 Lady Spiders. VCU's Clements had 14 points and hit the boards for eight rebounds.

"Brenda [Smith] didn't really have an off night," said Coach Mike Dunavant. "They played a diamond and one defense on her, and Kelly picked up the slack."

Dunavant said that the team is doing well offensively, but is having its problems on defense, showing the squad's youth.

"We shot 58 percent in the second half," he said. "We can't stop anybody on the defense. All of our losses we've had on this stretch have been on the defensive end."

Two nights earlier at the Coliseum, the ladies also dropped a close one to Radford.

The Highlanders led by 10 at the half, 33-23, as VCU shot only 9 of 26 from the floor. A switch to a man-to-man full court



By Michael Cope-Commonwealth Times

**Carroll Ann Clements tries to get the ball, while Jenny Hecht looks on.**

press helped get VCU back into the game and pull to within six at 65-59 with 1:58 remaining.

The VCU defense held Radford to just three points from there on. Smith closed the gap to 66-63 when she hit two free

throws. A steal and a layup by Jackson closed out the scoring for the ladies.

Dunavant cited poor play in the first half as an important factor in the loss.

"We played poorly in the first half," he said. "We shot poorly from the free throw line [41 percent] and didn't play with confidence. Because we're young don't adjust to situations we need to adjust to."

Dunavant received two technical fouls in the first half, when he argued a call he claims the officials didn't see.

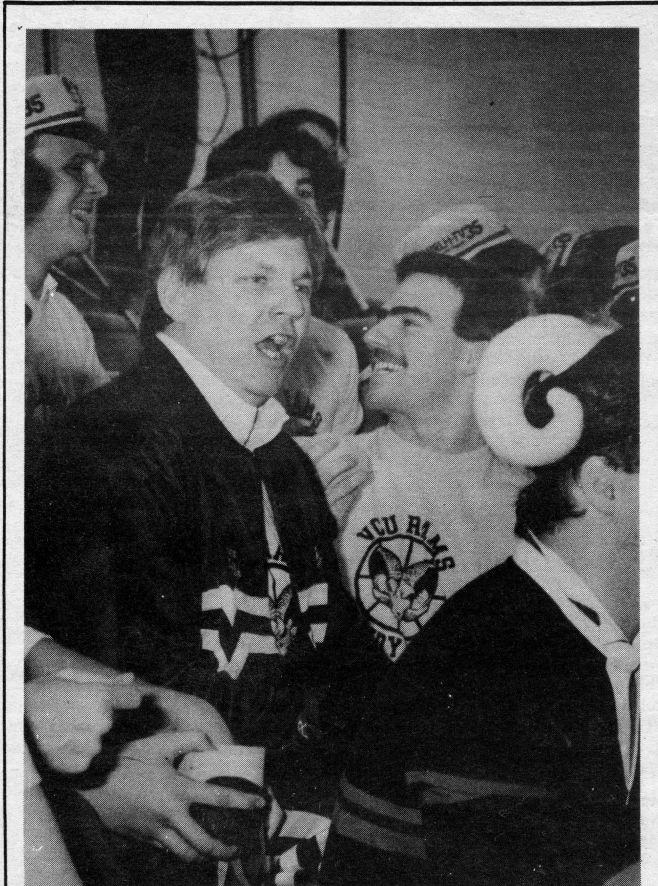
"We won't use the Richmond board of officials ever again," he said. "They call too many high school games and can't adjust to the more physical college play. It just isn't fair to the girls."

Smith was the top scorer for the Lady Rams with 19 points. She also added four steals. Clements and Hoover both scored 11.

Radford's Darlene Adkins had 18 points, while Joyce Sampson, sister of former Virginia star Ralph, had 13.

Dunavant added that the presence of Sampson on the court was no bother to the Lady Rams.

"We weren't intimidated by her at all," he said. "In fact, she fouled out."



By Michael Cope-Commonwealth Times

## Pollio becomes a Rowdy Ram

Mike Pollio, head coach of the men's basketball team, dressed out as a "Rowdy Ram" for the Jan. 29 women's basketball game between VCU and Richmond. The game was telecast live and a highlights film was shot as well. A big crowd was hoped for, but bad weather cancelled night classes, and made travel dangerous. Still, a better than average crowd of almost 400 people braved the weather to see the game.

## Shorts JMU sinks swimmers

Compiled by Sean Connolly  
Staff writer

Here's the latest news in VCU sports.

### Athlete-of-the-Week

**Yvette Ramirez**, a member of the women's swimming team, has been honored as Athlete-of-the-Week for the week ending Jan. 27.

She set her second school record of the season, with a time of 2:14.31 in the 200 backstroke. She earned Athlete-of-the-Week honors on Nov. 24, 1985, for setting a school record of 10:47.88 in the 1,000 freestyle.

Ramirez is a junior who swam for Winter Park High School in Florida. She earned All-America honors as a senior.

### Women's Swimming

The women's swimming team fell to James Madison 80-58 on Jan. 25. The

loss dropped their record to 8-3 for the season.

"James Madison was a tougher team than us," said coach **Ron Tsuchiya**. "We had come off a long training period and weren't as rested as JMU."

The Lady Rams were aided by good performances from **Yvette Ramirez**, **Nancy Hall**, **Krissy Corbett** and **Jennifer Wiethorn**, but fell short.

### Men's Swimming

The men's swimming team suffered its first loss of 1986. A 71-40 loss to James Madison settled their record at 8-2.

"I thought the men didn't swim well as a team," said coach **Ron Tsuchiya**. "We had a mental letdown and didn't perform at our best."

Top performers for the men included **Stuart Dunnigan**, **Craig Clift** and **Casey Ford**.

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The Tribe went up 18-16 with 5:02 remaining in the first half, on a 15-foot jumper by Alex Rocke. William & Mary would not score again until 7:46 later.

The first half of the game wasn't pretty. VCU was only 33 percent from the floor, and while William & Mary shot 56 percent in the opening stanza, the Indians committed 10 turnovers. VCU led 22-18 at the half.

The Rams took an eight point lead before the Tribe scored again, cutting the margin to 26-19 with 17:16 left.

VCU didn't look back the rest of the way, building the lead as high as 19 on several occasions and getting playing time for all 13 of the Rams.

Stinnie led the scoring with 14. Allen added 12 and Jones scored 10. Brown had

eight points for the Rams, but the big story of the night was Willie Jennings, a transfer from San Jacinto Junior College, who had six points, seven rebounds and three blocks, filling in for Robinson, who was in foul trouble most of the night.

"When I first got in there Alvin had two fouls," said Jennings. "The coach said go in there, so I went in and did the best I could. I think I'm still capable of doing more than I did."

Scott Trimble led William & Mary with 10 points, and VCU's Andy Black saw his first action since he was injured in practice last December.

Pollio gave some of the credit for the win to assistant coach Ray Harper, who scouted the Tribe for VCU.

"It was the first time he had done a scouting report for us," said Pollio. "I told him he'd be a coal miner in Kentucky if he didn't win this one."



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## TUESDAY IIII

The story of our life, part 57: *Fool for Love* continues through Sunday at the Empire Theater.

Once a week there comes an event designed to make even the most misbegotten—or, in the parlance of the young, “screwed-up”—young person feel that he or she *belongs*, and this is it. Alternative Dance Nite at Rockitz.

## WEDNESDAY IIII

Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman will duel to the death to decide who is the more fatuous of the two tonight at 8 at the Mosque.

The Swimming Pool Q's, one of the pioneering bands of the Southern pop resurgence, will be at Rockitz tonight. Opening is Norfolk's Waxing Poetics, whose single “Hermitage” will appear around the time the universe is remade in the image of a bag of Andy Capp Hot Fires.

Meet the staff of the *Commonwealth Times* when the Richmond Public Library sponsors a class on English as a second language at its West End Branch, 7 p.m.

“Thank heaven... for little boys.” The San Francisco Boys Choir is at the Virginia Museum at 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY IIII I

Comedian Steven Wright—much funnier than Hoffman and Rubin—is at the Mosque tonight at 8 p.m.

*A Soldier's Story*, starring Howard Rollins, is the Film Committee's selection tonight at 8 and 10 in the Commons Theater.

Wow! A New York band that plays '60s-style garage rock and dresses in period fashions to boot! *Tres* unique, *non*? The Mosquitos are at Rockitz tonight.

It's “An Evening of One-Act Plays” at St. Catherine High School's McVey Theatre tonight at 8. The bill of fare includes two by Tennessee Williams, *The Unsatisfactory Supper* and *The Case of the Crushed Petunias*, as well as Susan Glaspell's *Suppressed Desires* and Eugene Ionesco's *The Lesson*. Call 288-2804 for more information.

“I know! We'll name the band after the *Commonwealth Times*' managing editor's favorite food!” It's the New Potato Caboose at New Horizons Cafe tonight.

The Pine Camp Community Center has a money management seminar today at 11 a.m. Haul your lazy ass out of bed and get yourself out of hock.

## FRIDAY IIII II

Lose sleep at the Commons tonight with Special Events’ “Second Annual All-Niter.” The Bopcats and Three to Beam Up will play, and three movies will show: *The Big Chill* at 7, *Animal House* at 11 and *Quadrophenia* at 1. Free to students with VCU IDs; \$3 for guests. The usual proof-of-age rumblings surround this one, but they say all ages are welcome.

Only the strong survive. Jerry Butler proves it all night at Tony's. Two shows, 8 and 11. Call 355-5463 for advance ticket information.

Another soulful Laser Dance Evening at Rockitz. Rumors that DJ Randall B. plans to turn everyone's eyeballs out were unconfirmed at presstime.

Satta-amasa-gana the night away with the Awareness Art Ensemble at New Horizons.

## SATURDAY III III

One of the two or three greatest rock and roll bands in the world today is at Rockitz tonight. Get there early before the Replacements' show sells out.

Nothing better to do dept.: Ron Reagan the younger hosts “Saturday Night Live” at 11:30.

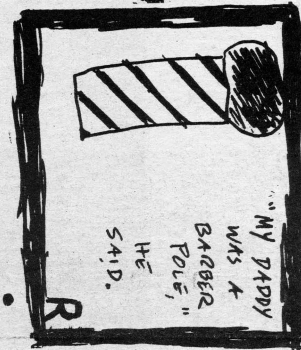
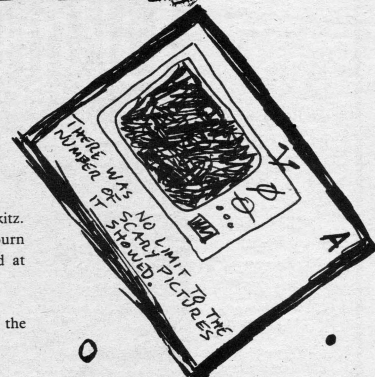
Big Scotty Price and His Tennessee Raincoats are at the Texas-Wisconsin Border Cafe today at 2:30 p.m. Is that a typo?

If Neil Young had come from Richmond instead of Canada, perhaps he would have sung “You can't be 20 at Young Virginians Night at the Cellar Door.” Then again, maybe not.

If, as Alfred Hitchcock once posited, actors are cattle, maybe we should reconsider serving roast beef when our parents come to town. Find out where you fit in at the Pine Camp Community Center's acting class today at 10 a.m.

## SUNDAY IIII IIII

In case you passed out at the All-Niter Friday, Alternative Films will be showing *Quadrophenia* again in the Commons Theater at



5 and 7:30 p.m.

It's slow as hell. You could go to church—some of you, at least—but we doubt you will. Sinner.

## MONDAY IIII IIII

It means “Do you remember?” Husker Du is at Rockitz tonight. Opening are Soul Asylum and Honor Role. None of these bands have any *reeps* in their songs whatsoever. We promise.

One more time: “Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me/Other times, it's like I'm a frybrain.” Good old Grateful Dead Night at New Horizons.

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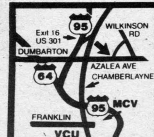


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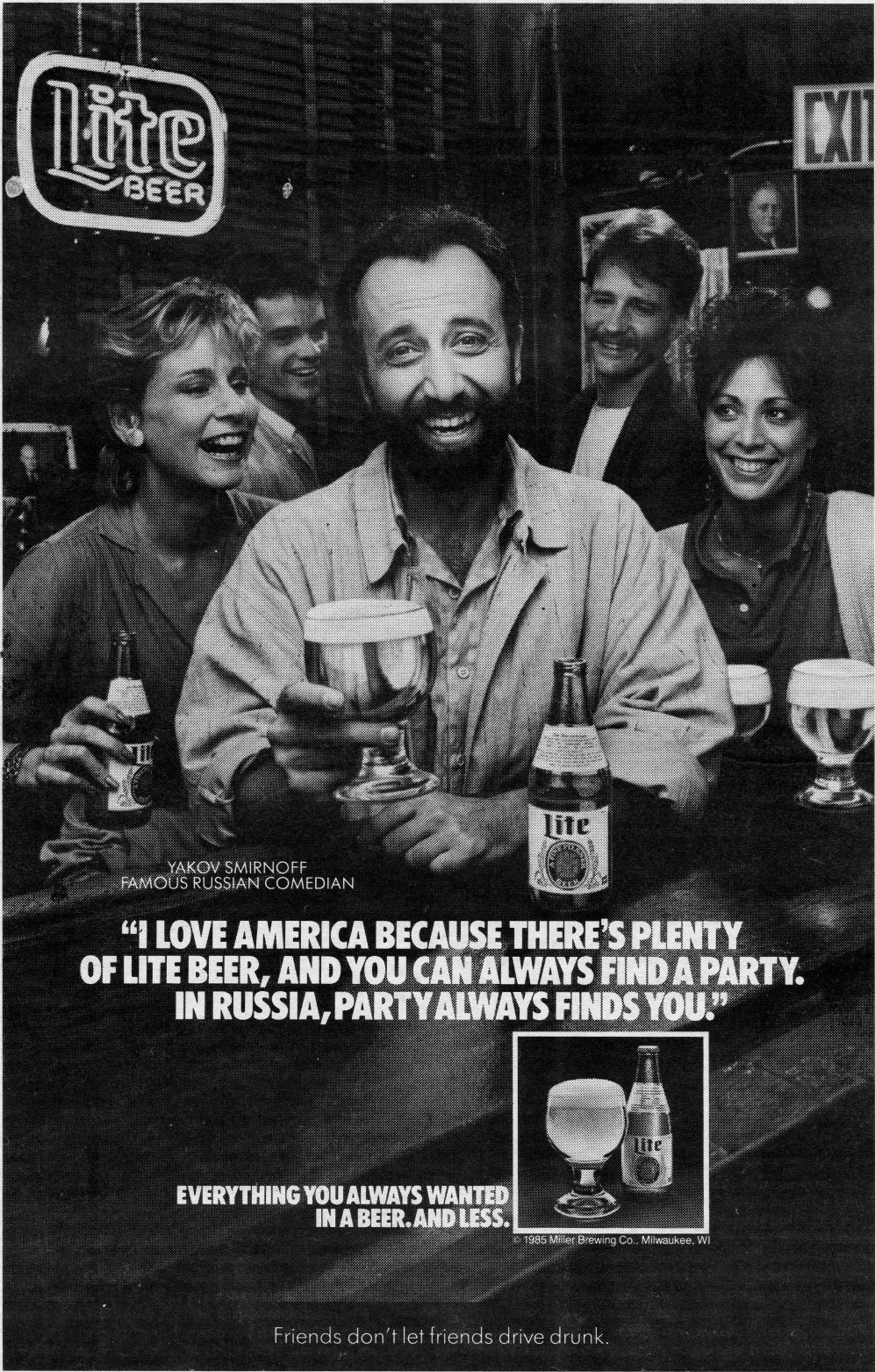
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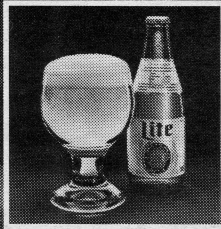
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