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Forensic science students crack the case

by Richard Foster
staff writer

When Tom Goyne's students have a bone to pick, it might not mean they're annoyed with someone.

Goyne is a forensic scientist senior at the Virginia Division of Forensic Science and teaches a class in physical forensic science anthropology as part of Virginia Commonwealth University's graduate program in forensics.

This summer, Goyné's students gained hands-on experience excavating a museum-grade plastic skeleton in a mock-up of a crime scene.

Goyne said his students received brief instruction in skeletal anatomy and the archaeological aspects of unearthing a "recent death" before the dig at a private residence in Henrico County.

Utilizing methods learned in the class, students "found a number of fired bullets, pieces of cloth, glass, pottery and a revolver," in addition to the sunglass-clad, digital watch-wearing skeleton, Goyné said.

"They did a good job," said Goyné, adding that students only missed "a foot-wear impression made in the gravesite

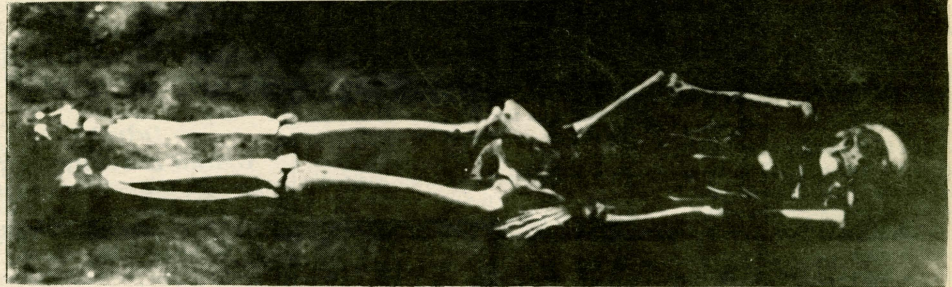


photo courtesy of the Virginia Division of Forensic Science

Unearthed skeleton wears only sunglasses and a wristwatch. Forensic science students turned up the remains at a mock crime scene this summer.

prior to the skeleton being buried."

While this type of work might fit in with the popular concept of forensic science, forensics is not forensic medicine.

Mention forensic science and most people envision Jack Klugman as Medical Examiner Quincy, deeply engrossed in his work over an autopsy table.

The field of forensic science, however, consists mostly of laboratory work. It also includes the analysis of physical evidence from crimes, like fired bullets, hair samples or finger prints.

"Sometimes there is a misconception,"

agreed Dan Grinnan, another instructor in the program and forensic scientist supervisor at the division.

"The term forensic itself has to do with debate, the adversary system, our legal system," Grinnan said. "So, forensic science could be defined as the application of science to our legal system."

VCU's forensic science curriculum covers wide applications of many sciences.

This is unique because "most colleges don't have a program in forensic science," Grinnan said. "This program is particu-

larly special because the primary courses are taught by practicing professionals who are all members of the division of forensic science."

In fact, forensics students attend their classes at the offices of the division of forensic science. There, they have the opportunity to learn while observing the routine work of the division's forensic scientists.

The office is responsible for examining evidence for all law enforcement agencies in Virginia. When evidence from a crime

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The Village Restaurant gets transplanted

The legacy lives on

by Carla J. Schmitt
staff writer

On Monday, June 29, at approximately 5:30 p.m., without warning to anyone, the bartender at the Village Restaurant yelled "Drink 'em up."

Not only was this an unusually early closing for this Richmond institution that has played host to the famous and infamous, but it also was to be last call at the Village's 939 W. Grace St. location.

Exactly three weeks later, July 13, at approximately 5:30 p.m., across the street from the old Village, regulars lined up

outside awaiting entrance to the new Village at 1000 W. Grace St..

"Junkies, hookers and dealers..."

"[The Village] just had to get off of the 900 block of Grace (Street)," Roy Scherer a Village regular who helped build the new Village explained. "Now we're in a fine neighborhood," Scherer said, tongue in cheek. "That is the only reason [the Village moved]" He then broke into a chant of "Junkies and hookers and dealers, oh my!"

Rumor had it that the Village moved because VCU was trying to buy the entire 900 block of Grace Street. This is not true.

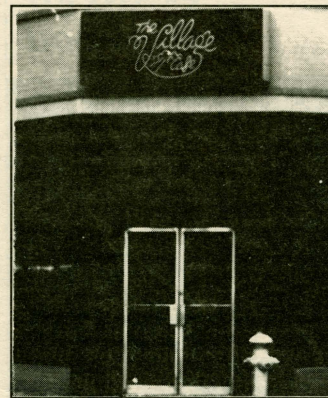
The actual reason, according to Village owner Mike Fleck, was because of a dispute with the landlord.

Poetic Graffiti

As inscribed in the new Village women's bathroom stall, a new rendition of T.S. Elliot's "The Wasteland":

"July is the cruelest month
Breeding wild men out of women
insane
Crazy Boys-sinewy
Shoulder Blades
Dancing in hot, sweaty sun
Pulling the women into him,
Until they are one."

It is signed "B+B The Richmond pd.
And also, some nostalgic graffiti, "This



is weird! Yep it is. I remember one day at the "old" Village... Strange, I remember living there."

In general, people seem to like the new Village. Much is the same, but the memories are still of the old Village. The booths and tables are the same, the waitstaff is the same, the food is the same though a new menu is planned for the fall.

The old Village, with their new location, may be leaving many of their negative images behind. Facts and myths about surly wait staff slamming beer bottles into bus pans, fist fights, sexual acts in

the bathroom, stabbings and patrons masterbating at tables may be things of the past.

Almost a hundred year history

Harry Kollatz, a self appointed Village historian and a regular customer at the restaurant wrote a history of the Village for the September 1989 issue of Richmond Review which hangs in the window at the new location.

The old Village, 939 W. Grace street was built in 1903. In 1923 it was turned into apartments. It then became Paul's Place, a romantic ice cream and soda shop. A juke box was installed and customers could here Tommy Dorsey or Glen Miller for a nickel. Later it was known as Charlie's, a more sophisticated meeting place.

In 1956 Theodore Janetos tried opening another restaurant there but was unsuccessful. In 1957, he sold the building to Stavos Dikos and James Sotos, who named it "The Village Restaurant." Kollatz quoted Dikos as saying: "It was like a place back at my home in Greece, a little village where everybody knows each other and it's like a big family."

This was the birth of the Village and many of the traditions that continue to exist. Back then, VCU was Richmond

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Look for our first fall issue on Monday, August 31!

News Briefs

Attention cyclists: **The Colonial Virginia Bike Trek** is coming and it's "the finest ride of its kind in Virginia," said Gary Mueller, volunteer chairman of the trek.

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It's time for the **10th Annual Central Virginia Pork Festival** at the Virginia State Fairgrounds on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The menu will include 10 types of fresh pork fixings, with all the trimmings, and a host of beverages. The "all you can eat and drink" tickets (only \$17.50 per person) are available now. Call the Acca Temple Shrine office at (804) 264-0509.

The YWCA is accepting nominations for the **1992 Outstanding Women's Awards**, recognizing 10 Virginia women who have made significant contributions to the community through their professional achievements, volunteer efforts and leadership qualities. Hurry, the deadline for nominations is August 10, 1992. Mail forms to the YWCA, 6 N. Fifth St., Richmond, Va. 23219.

The **Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University** elected Roy L. Gregory as their new rector on July 16 for a one-year term. He is managing partner of Wilder & Gregory, the law firm he co-founded with Governor L. Douglas Wilder, the senior partner.

The **VCU Academic Campus Honor Council** met on July 9 to hear charges of cheating placed against a student. The student was charged with cheating by copying from the test paper of another student on three occasions in a course attempted during the spring semester, 1992. Based on the evidence and testimony presented, the Academic Campus Honor Council determined that this student was guilty of two of the three charges. The decision of the Honor Council was to suspend the student until the fall semester, 1993, assign a grade of "F" in the course, and assign the student 120 hours of university service work to be completed prior to any subsequent enrollment.

Meals on Wheels needs your help. Volunteers are needed for driving, riding, loading and packing. For more information, plan to attend an orientation session: July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 or Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Meals on Wheels office at 10 S. Crenshaw Ave. in Carytown.

CRIMESHORTS



July 15

Bomb Threat

Employee reported that an unknown male called, threatening to bomb the building (901 Park Ave.).

July 17

Arrest

A person was arrested for shoplifting from the Hibbs Bookstore at 12:30 p.m.

July 19

Grand Larceny-Auto

An employee advised that an unknown person removed a vehicle from the MCV campus. The automobile was recovered later by Henrico Police -- \$2,950.

July 20

Arrest

A student was arrested for an incident in Rhoads Hall of sexual battery that occurred on June 26.

July 24

Grand Larceny-Auto

An employee reported that an unknown person removed a '91 Jeep Cherokee from the D-deck, level 6. It was later recovered.

July 27

Breaking & Entering

Unknown person(s) broke into 621 W. Main St. and removed six Motorola radios and a six-unit Motorola charger—\$6584.

Vandalism/Grand Larceny-Auto

Two Jeep Cherokees had windows smashed but did not have anything missing from vehicles while parked on levels 5 and 6 of the D-deck on the MCV campus.

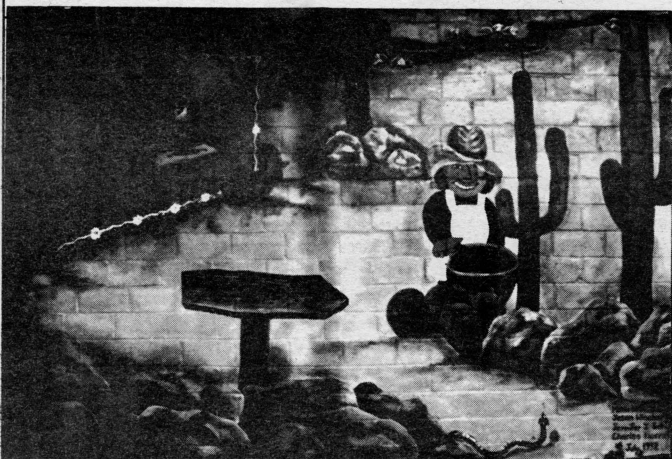
A 1984 maroon Jeep Wagoneer was removed from level 6 of D-deck and was later recovered on the Cary Street ramp of I-95 after being involved in an accident. Three black, male juveniles, one wearing orange shorts, jumped out of the vehicle. A black male, 15 to 20 years of age, approximately 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and orange shorts is a suspect in the vandalism as well—\$20,000

July 29

Petit Larceny

Unknown person(s) removed cash from a register in the West Library Circulation Desk—\$100.

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News

Parking task force reports findings

by Kelly Armstrong
staff writer

Ask most Virginia Commonwealth University students and faculty what are the worst campus problems and parking would likely rank in the top five.

"The parking situation at VCU is ridiculous," said Aretha Gary, a business major. "The administration is constantly building things such as the new additions to the Student Commons when what we really need are more parking spaces."

In April, the Virginia Commonwealth University Parking Task Force, formed to address parking issues on the medical and academic campuses, delivered its report.

"It was a long-term strategic study of parking in general," said Michael D. Hancock, director of parking and transportation.

The task force was comprised of representatives of students, faculty and administration from both campuses as well as from

the community.

The task force was to review existing parking facilities and determine how to improve or expand them. They were also asked to offer alternative solutions to the parking demand, propose a parking rate structure and a means of financing each alternative.

The committee's solutions included vigorous enforcement of fines as a means of generating revenue, increase parking rates, the creation of a University Parking Authority to plan and manage parking facilities, relief to surrounding neighborhoods that will limit student parking and endorsement of alternatives to parking such as the use of buses and other mass transit.

Most recommendations cannot be implemented now because the parking budget must be balanced.

But some solutions have already become reality.

"There will be more security coverage on campus, specifically

to the academic parking deck," Hancock said. "There will either be longer hours of coverage or additional personnel; it was going to happen anyway and no one will have heartburn about it."

He added that the addition of fencing to the first level of the deck will halt the access of those intent upon vandalism.

Ken Baum, a business major, criticized the decision.

"Why do we need more security?" he asked. "All they do now is stand around while we use common sense for safety."

The opening of a newly constructed parking deck on Jan. 1 brings about aid and possible problems to the medical campus.

"The new deck was originally planned as an alternative to the satellite parking," Hancock said, "but as the need for parking has increased, there is now a need for both."

The deck also means an increase in parking rates for stu-

dents and faculty on the medical campus. Those parking in surface lots will now pay \$40 per month instead of \$31, while those

parking in satellite spaces will see an increase to \$27 from \$18 per month.

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Parking Projections

	Year 1992		Year 2002	
	Current	Free	Current	Free
Academic Campus				
Parking Demand ⁽¹⁾	4,500	5,730	4,820	6,135
Effective Supply ⁽²⁾	<u>3,160</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>3,160</u>
(Shortage)	-1,340	-2,570	-1,660	-2,975
MCV Campus				
Parking Demand ⁽³⁾	4,385	4,785	5,279	5,428
Effective Supply ⁽²⁾	<u>3,832</u>	<u>3,832</u>	<u>4,047</u>	<u>4,047</u>
(Shortage)	-553	-953	-1,232	-1,381

Note: Parking Demand for "Current" conditions represents total parkers willing to use university facilities based on current parking rates; "Free" conditions represent number of spaces required if university provided free and convenient parking for everyone who desired it.

(1) Includes visitor parkers

(2) Effective supply is actual number of VCU parking spaces plus on-street parking spaces convenient to the campuses, reduced 10 percent to account for normal parking inefficiencies.

(3) Does not include visitors or patients.

Source: Report of the VCU Parking Task Force.

VCU Shares time

by Richard Foster
staff writer

Is eight hours of paid leave incentive enough to make volunteers out of thousands of VCU employees? Marguerite Ierardi hopes so.

Ierardi, a psychology graduate student, is program coordinator for VCU Shares, a new offshoot of the Department of Psychology's urban youth outreach project, "Going for the Goal."

VCU Shares will begin in late August matching VCU employee volunteers with Richmond elementary, middle and high school students for counseling on a one-on-one basis according to interests and abilities.

In hopes of stemming Virginia's nearly 18,000 student-per-year dropout rate, VCU Shares plans to be a conduit for tens of thousands of volunteer hours in Richmond schools.

Ierardi said the program capitalizes on Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder's offer December of eight hours paid leave yearly to full-time state employees who volunteer to help students in Virginia public schools.

"We want to channel that energy by structuring programs that make it easier for state employees to take advantage of the opportunity," Ierardi said. "VCU Shares is a great way to do that."

No stranger to the mentor concept of mentoring, Ierardi once spent two hours weekly as a volunteer tutor to an urban, 9-year-old District of Columbia boy.

Although that mentoring program primarily assisted young students with academic skills such as reading, mentors and their students also partici-

pated in activities and took field trips.

"Once you start doing it, it's a lot of fun," Ierardi said. "We hope (employees) continue past the eight hours of paid volunteer work."

She categorized the mentor-student relationship as a "mutual exchange."

"Mentors feel better about themselves for being a helper and mentees gain an adult, caring person working with them one-on-one, providing support."

VCU Shares intends to be an open program allowing students the choice to explore a variety of subjects as wide as the experiences of the mentors who will teach them.

Early response to the program among employees has been great, Ierardi said. One worker has already volunteered as a tutor in math and French.

Not exclusively a tutoring program, VCU Shares hopes to inspire Virginia Commonwealth employees of all types to share their knowledge with young Richmonders.

Most full-time VCU employees and all tenured faculty will be eligible for paid leave under the plan, she said, though all members of the VCU community are encouraged to participate.

"We want everyone to feel they have something to share," Ierardi said. "Not everyone has to be a teacher in order to be a mentor. There are a lot of life skills that people use every day of their lives which could really benefit the young people of our community."

Prospective volunteers can contact Marguerite Ierardi at the VCU Shares office, Room 307, 808 W. Franklin St.

Project BEST wins president's Christa McAuliffe award

by C.S. Murphy
associate editor

Project BEST is a program created by the VCU School of Education in an effort to retain more minority college students as well as provide middle school students in Richmond with mentors.

BEST is an acronym for basic education skills and training.

Diane Simon, assistant dean of the School of Education, accepted the national president's Christa McAuliffe award on behalf of VCU for Project BEST activity at Binford Middle School.

Simon explained that the project is a "three-tiered" program that involves VCU faculty serving as mentors for minority VCU students who are mentors for middle school children in Richmond.

"The most thrilling aspect of the whole experience is that (the award) was for a program I have really enjoyed," Simon said.

The purpose of the project, she said, is to keep the college students from withdrawing from the university and also to expose middle school students to the benefits of college so that they might choose Virginia Commonwealth University someday.

Simon said that 94 percent of the VCU students who have participated in the program have remained enrolled in classes while 100 percent of the middle school students from Binford have been maintained.

All of the Binford students who participated in Project BEST passed the Literacy Passport Test and now have higher grades.

"The project is making a difference,"

Simon said. "The VCU students are an extra support system for them. It goes beyond just extra guidance and advice."

VCU student mentors meet with middle school students twice a week for an hour and talk about academic and personal dilemmas. The students also are tutored in math or communication skills.

"The program is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and make a contribution," said 22-year-old Kerry Henderson, an English education student who has participated in Project BEST since 1989, when it was created.

Henderson said she hopes the Binford student she tutored this year will be interested in staying in school and go on to college.

"I still keep in touch with the two little boys I tutored in the past," she said.

Jacqueline Cameron, principal of Binford Middle, said, "Some of the mentors have become really attached to the students and likewise."

Alvin Schexnider, vice provost for undergraduate studies, and John S. Oehler, dean of the School of Education, developed the project together in 1989.

"There is a great need for us to do as much as we can to expand the pool of Afro-American students," said Schexnider. "Far too many students who are getting through middle and high school are not prepared for college academically," he said, adding that many don't have the right attitude to survive college.

Henderson also is required to meet with her faculty mentor once a month.

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Forensic science students crack the case

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scene is recovered by law officers, it is sent to the division office for analysis.

A forensic science academy for law officers is also sponsored by the division, which instructs officers in courses covering crime scene photography, blood spatter interpretation and the proper recovery, collection and packaging of trace evidence.

VCU forensic science graduate students, however, take their classes under VCU's Department of Justice and Risk Administration and can earn masters of science degrees in the program. They generally have strong science backgrounds prior to entering.

Their curriculum includes a variety of subjects such as drug analysis, serology (the study and identification of body fluids such as blood, saliva and semen), fingerprinting, questioned documents (such as forged checks or suicide notes) and trace evidence.

Students also have the advantage of having instructors who possess a variety of specialties, such as Goynes, who, in ad-

dition to being a forensic scientist and expert in questioned documents, also creates facial reconstructions from the skulls of unidentified deceased persons.

As part of his forensic science graduate study, Goynes reconstructed facial studies of two 5,000-year-old Jordanians for the Smithsonian Institute, which are still on permanent display. Goynes also once created two busts—life and postmortem—of the figure depicted in the

Shroud of Turin.

In the course of their studies, forensic science scholars also undergo a three-credit internship. The location of the internship is optional, but most students choose to take it at the division of forensic science.

Upon completion of their studies, students are qualified to be forensic scientists, though many will still undergo rigorous on-the-job training.

The division currently em-

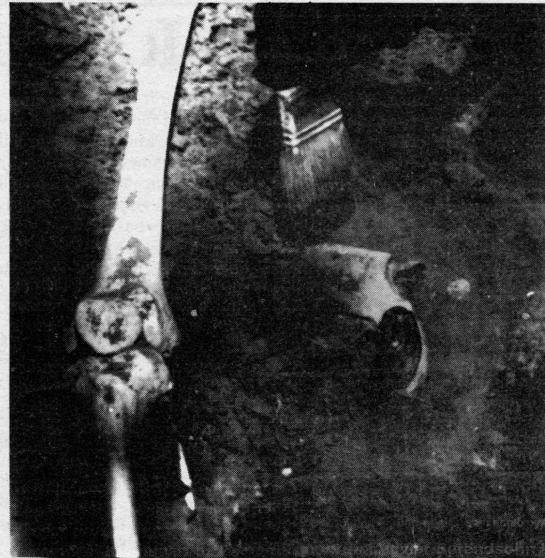
ploys over a dozen graduates of the program, Grinnan said.

"I think the forensic field is quite rewarding," he said. "It

provides information to the law enforcement community that assists in public safety and the protection of our citizens."



Students (above) find clues (right) at the crime scene.



photos courtesy of the Virginia Division of Forensic Science

Parking task force reports findings

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Currently, the academic deck is subsidized by students paying the university fee. Hancock said this pays for about 90 percent of the debt service cost and will continue until the debt is paid off in about ten years. Students on the MCV campus will pay more as they must pay off a year's debt in only six months.

"The task force simply said, 'Let's not do this anymore,'" Hancock said.

Christina Yim, a computer science major, said, "The student fees should go toward obtaining quality professors and supplies, not to parking spaces."

She added that raising rates is not the answer but rather another problem as students must now find more money in an unkind economy.

Some believe that parking should be a

free service, but Hancock said that would only bring about more problems.

"If it were free, the money would have to come from the university and that would result in increased tuition and elimination of programs."

Gary said the university simply needs more parking decks.

The task force agreed. They stated that by the year 2002 the academic campus would need two additional decks while the medical campus would need one.

Although Hancock said that it was very difficult to "look into a crystal ball at the future of parking at the university," he said he was confident that the academic campus would get additional decks. He said he was not as confident about the MCV campus, but believed that the cam-

pus would be successful in using alternative transportation, such as carpools and mass transit.

Although the task force recommended additional studies into the parking situation, Hancock said he doubted there will be more parking task forces.

"As there are plans for additional development to the university, parking always will be an important issue," he said, "but I think it will be more of an administrative function than a study by the university as a whole."

Baum said, "The fact that the university formed the task force means that they are recognizing that there are problems in the parking situation and solutions can only follow."

Project BEST wins

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Her mentor, she said, is someone who is more familiar with the university that she can talk to and confide in.

"As I got to know him (her mentor), I went to see him more often," she said. "It is more like a friendship."

Simon said that it's important for minority students to feel comfortable with their university and the surrounding community.

To help them achieve this "ecological congruence" the project provides workshops on adjusting to college life, African American art and an Educational Testing Service workshop for students interested in graduate school.

"Our next challenge is to make sure the program continues to receive funding," said Schexnider.

For your info ...

VCU provides free shuttle service between the academic and medical campuses from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Buses depart from Cabell Library on the academic campus at quarter to and quarter past the hour. Buses depart from 12th Street near Broad Street on the hour and the half-hour.

In most cases, the shuttle service provides shorter total trip time than driving and parking personal vehicles. Call the parking office at 786-0501 for more information.

Investigation continues for MCV students

➤ Arrested in connection with 110-pounds of Marijuana, students are not yet in the clear after preliminary hearing

by Patricia Woods
editor

Richmond General District Court Judge Gregory L. Rupe dismissed the July 24 preliminary hearing for two MCV students.

The students, Michael Davis and Margaret D'Angelis, were arrested in June for possession with intent to distribute 110 pounds of marijuana and conspiracy to distribute.

The two were arraigned on June 17 at Manchester Courthouse and the hearing date was scheduled for July 16. That hearing was continued until July 24.

Murray Janus, Davis' attorney, said he made a motion to strike that the judge sustained, causing the hearing to be dismissed.

"Because it was a felony charge, (the prosecution) can take it to a higher court," he said.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Trono said the Commonwealth did not present all the evidence at the preliminary hearing but the investigation is continuing.

"Sometimes it is advantageous for the prosecution to proceed directly to the Grand Jury," he said. "I expect an indictment in the near future."

Sgt. Bill Hodges of the Richmond Narcotics Division said Davis was arrested at the AAAA Self-Storage facility at 5440 Midlothian Turnpike after police seized the marijuana June 16.

D'Angelis said she was arrested later at her home.

Narcotics officers set up surveillance

at the storage facility after they received a tip from U.S. Customs Officials in Miami, Hodges said.

Police Detective Robert McNamara testified at the July 24 hearing that a Federal Express truck delivered a box "about the size of a two-drawer file cabinet" addressed only to a bin number at AAAA Self-Storage with Davis' name listed in the return address.

McNamara said Davis arrived later at the storage facility to retrieve the package. Police seized the marijuana and arrested Davis.

D'Angelis was arrested for conspiracy, court records showed, because she rented the storage bin listed as the address on the package.

Arrest warrants showed bond set at \$60,000 for Davis and \$25,000 for D'Angelis. D'Angelis and her attorney, however, said she was released on her own recognizance.

Editorial

Lunch With Security

Last year, the Commonwealth Times created the Editorial Board. The board would meet and come to a consensus on a proposed topic. The idea which was agreed upon became the unsigned editorial.

It is not exactly for or against any particular idea. It is unlike a political or economic column in that way. It is what a certain group of people think could be to the benefit of Virginia Commonwealth University as a whole. The Editorial Board wants the best possible outcome for the student, but also the faculty, staff and administration.

In the past, the board and the editorial section have covered numerous safety hazards. The proposed closing of Linden Street near the Phase II construction area was met with our support. Student health problems and the wave of controversy going up and down Shafer Court in the form of skateboarders were also addressed in the section.

There are some more situations which have not been met with stunning approval in the Commonwealth Times offices. The Emergency Reporting Telephone System (ERTS), the blue or yellow call boxes found in numerous locations on both campuses of the university, does not work.

Actually, it works, but it is not perfect. Not even close.

"Once contact is made, the location of the phone is pin-pointed electronically, and a police officer can be dispatched to the site—even if the person calling does not speak."—VCU Annual Security Report, 1991-'92.

The location of defective phones,

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however, may never be known. There are occasions when a phone may be broken. It is not acceptable for them to be out of service an unreasonable amount of time.

A week seems unreasonable.

Two ERTS phones outside the General Purpose Building did not work on June 6. On June 13, still nothing.

The pin-point precision of the tracking system obviously does not report an out of order phone. As of July 30, these two phones did not work.

Two months is unreasonable.

On July 31, a Commonwealth Times' staff member asked VCU Police if the phones were turned off for the summer. They were told the phone company notified VCU Police about the problem and that it was fixed at 11 a.m.

The phones did not work at 12:30 p.m.

The phones work today. We are pleased. We hope VCU Police will begin checking the phones on a regular basis. Patrols pass these phones every day. Perhaps one day a week or one day a month they could pick-up the phones to see if they work. It would be a simple procedure that might be the difference if someone is in dire need of assistance.

That's all for now. Maybe in our next issue we'll talk about the unlocked doors leading to the roof of the Business Building. It seems a lot of students are aware of the breath-taking view from there.

Some people even brought chairs with them.

To have students "doing lunch" on top of a five-story building doesn't sound like the best idea on campus.

Jim Meisner

The Lineup

Welcome to VCU.

Or welcome back if that's more appropriate.

Let me briefly introduce you to the lineup of the editorial section and explain a few of the words and phrases you'll see on this page, (or two pages).

I'm the associate editorial editor. I was the editor last year and was responsible for editing columns, contributed commentaries, editorials and letters.

Last year we received countless letters, some which contained a few problems of semantics. I may be talking down to the majority of readers, but many don't know the difference between editorials, columns, and a news article.

Editorial means opinion. Everything in this section is the opinion of someone. Journalism's plutonium shield of objectivity — the faith readers have that a reporter presents both sides of a story fairly — is stripped away on the editorial page.

A reporter writing a news story should include all the facts, but a columnist in the editorial section can include just enough of the facts to present and defend a position.

- Columnists write on just about any topic that strikes their fancy. (This column is a good example.)

- You'll often see contributing writ-

ers with the same byline style as the rest of the paper. These are members of the campus community (i.e. students, faculty, administrators) who have written and contributed the single commentary or analysis. On occasion very long and well written letters to the editor are run as contributing columns.

- Letters in the editorial section are easy to recognize and really don't need much explaining.

- Editorials are the unsigned complaint, criticism or complement on the left side of the page.

Admittedly some of this is very basic. But some of the letter writers try to hold the columnists to the same standards of objectivity as the news reporters.

This should give you a better idea of what we have in mind when we edit. As for me, I stepped down from the editor's position to concentrate on my call-in radio show on WVCW.

I'll still be writing my column and some of the unsigned editorials. But I'm no longer the buck-stopper.

John Medeiros made the leap up and over from the sports section. If you have questions, comments or complaints drop us a note in the mailbox outside the CT office in the New Academic Building.

Have a good year. Good luck. We'll see you on the radio.

Christian Boyles

TV Clouding Issues

The 1992 presidential election is here just in time for television's upcoming fall schedule. The election and all its pageantry will soon monopolize newscasts and interrupt your favorite sitcoms.

The candidates are neatly segmented into sound bites — the idea is to take the candidates and package them in such a way as to not bore the valued baby-boomer demographic. Sadly, the product shows the candidates lack of depth; about as much as your typical television character. And campaigning today means generating as much dirt as the average episode of L.A. Law.

Television coverage surrounding the would-be presidents is more a marketing blitz than informative news stories. With candidates presented in this glossed over, slick form, it is hard to discern whether politicians are selling vacuum cleaners or four-year plans. As the sound bite comes of age, television news will use them to distort the issues.

All I have been able to learn from television is that Bill Clinton didn't inhale, George Bush could stand to, and Ross Perot is the political equivalent of Rain Man.

By masking these candidates be-

neath televised veils of scandal and deceit, it is tough to sift through the dirt to find the issues. When legitimate news outlets focus mainly on infidelities and shortcomings, the process of democracy is greatly hurt.

The American voter should be informed of a candidate's beliefs, but television news seems bent on making the election one of morality. If the issues continue to be clouded with superficial tidbits in November, then it is the duty of each voter to form an opinion based on individual research.

Don't conform to the majority view fed to you with dinner by the six o'clock news. Don't give up the right to vote in defeat, too many our age already have.

Despite the widely held myths that one vote won't make a difference or that the Electoral College solely determines who will be president, your vote shows support or discontent and can affect the make-up of the Electoral College.

Decide which views of each candidate benefit you. Countless predictions and expert opinions will clog the airwaves as you arm yourself with knowledge of the candidates and prepare to journey to the polls. Although it is easier to change the channel in November, why ignore the election when you can do something about it?

Upon being asked whether he would rather be Achilles or Homer, the reply came forth... Which would you rather be—a victor in the Olympic games, or the announcer of the victor?

—Themistocles from "Plutarch"

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ONCE AGAIN, ROSS PEROT IS SPENDING HIS OWN MONEY TO RESCUE INNOCENT PEOPLE FROM AN OPPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT.

Franklin Roosevelt once said "Take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it and simply try another. But above all, try something."

In recent polls, the majority of Americans feel the current administration is doing little or nothing to end the recession, stop unemployment, and balance the budget.

"IF YOU CAN'T STAND A LITTLE PAIN, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO STRAIGHTEN THIS COUNTRY OUT."

Ross Perot is not a professional politician. In fact, he's never run for public office. He's simply a businessman who realizes the country can't follow its current course. That's why he's running for president.

Like many, he believes the political system in America is broken, unable to address both economic and social issues because of red tape, lobbyists, and laziness.

To solve these problems, the country needs a strong leader who can identify problems and make tough decisions to solve them. Ross Perot isn't a stranger to this kind of leadership.

In 1969, disregarding White House objections, he sent a relief plane to the POWs in Hanoi.

In 1979, after the United States Government failed, he hired a paramilitary team that freed two of his EDS employees from Teheran's Gasr prison.

"WE'RE GOING TO GET RID OF THE WASTE. IF YOU WANT LAWRENCE WELK MUSIC, THEN I'M NOT YOUR MAN."

Cutting the deficit is not going to easy, but it has to be done. Ross Perot would pass a law to stop deficit spending. Then he'd pass another one to balance the budget. He believes billions

of dollars can be rescued just by cutting the waste. Like the 1,200 planes worth \$2 billion that fly politicians around like royalty. Or the \$100 billion used each year to defend Asia and Europe that the U.S. isn't reimbursed for.

"ACTION, ACTION, ACTION."

Economic issues aren't the only issues. Ross Perot wants to toughen the standards of our educational system. He proposes longer school years, merit pay raises for teachers, and equal funding for rich and poor school districts.

Ross Perot will fight "night and day" to get the guns out of the hands of violent people. He wants much harsher punishment for crimes involving guns and supports the death penalty.

And when it comes to affirmative action, he believes the country should be "color-blind" and "sex-blind." It's that simple. He opposes, however, the hiring of less-qualified over more-qualified

Perot Hires Paramilitary Team For Jail Break

EDS Employees Freed From Iranian Prison

By TALIA BURNS

TEHERAN—In a scene right out of the movies, two EDS employees were rescued late yesterday from Gasr prison in Teheran. Late reports indicate that H. Ross Perot, the chairman of EDS, was involved in the rescue.

The employees, Paul Chiappare and Bill Gaylord had been held by Iran since 1978. They were taken hostage about the same time the government of the Ayatollah Khomeini took the American hostages.

After months of legal battles, EDS had been in a contract dispute with the Iran government. The move was seen to improve the Iranians bargaining power. EDS, based in Dallas, is one of the largest computer services companies in the world.

For the last couple of months, U.S. officials have tried numerous rescue attempts inside the walls of the infamous Gasr prison. None have been successful. Officials have been speculating this week that a possible break was near, mostly because of the civil revolt in Iran led by Khomeini.

Although reports are incomplete, a paramilitary team hired by Perot was involved in the rescue of the two EDS employees. No injuries or deaths were reported.

The hostage crisis continues. No one is sure when the crisis will end, although reports of a possible break with Perot's team are being spread.

Joe Anderson

Perot Sends Christmas Meals To POWs In Hanoi

(WASHINGTON) H. Ross Perot did his best Santa Claus impersonation for the Vietnamese government late yesterday. Unfortunately, Hanoi officials played a better Scrooge. Perot, chairman of EDS Corporation, was trying to deliver 1400 meals to POWs in North Vietnam. His plane was shot at the airport in Hanoi. No one was hurt.

Shannon Mackenzie

President Perot?

Businessman Says He'll Run If He's Put On All 50 Ballots

NEW YORK—In a surprise announcement last night, Texas businessman H. Ross Perot said he'd run for the Presidency if his supporters placed him on the ballot in all 50 states. The announcement came last night when Perot was the guest on Larry King Live, a talk show on CNN.

Perot could not be reached for comment. It has been widely speculated for months that Perot would consider running for the Oval Office. His supporters have urged him to run as an independent opposite Republican George Bush and Democratic Governor Clinton. But until now, Perot has denied

Of course, Ross Perot has taken a tough look at many more issues. To learn about them, just call 1-800-685-7777 and talk to a Perot volunteer. But do it soon. Because like all rescue efforts, time is of the essence.

CITIZENS FOR PEROT FOR PRESIDENT

Spectrum

Museum extends Tibetan art exhibition



After spending three weeks creating a large, elaborate sand painting called a mandala, this Buddhist monk—one of three who were in residency at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts—ritually destroyed their creation and tossed the sand into the James River in a public ceremony on July 26.

staff photo by Derrick Washington

Due to the large public response to the exhibition and the significance of the museum's collection of itself, "Mystic Visions: The Virginia Museum's Collection of Nepalese and Tibetan Art" will extend its run through Dec. 27, 1992 instead of closing Sept. 6, as was originally planned.

"We are delighted that we will be able to extended into the school year, given (the exhibition's) importance as an educational experience," says Dr. Joseph M. Dye III, the museum's curator of Asiatic art and exhibition organizer.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts collection of Himalayan art is now considered one of top such collections in the world. Almost every work in the museum's Himalayan holdings including painting, sculptures, bookcovers, manuscripts, textiles and ritual objects are on display in "Mystic Visions."

Dr. Dye says he is particularly pleased that the exhibition is being extended into the school year because student groups will be able to see it.

"Only by going to museums in Paris and Los Angeles can you see anything at all comparable to this world class Hima-

layan collection," Dye said. "Mystic Visions" presents an alternative view of the universe. We all begin with the same things—birth, death, sunrise, sunset. It is a vital educational experience to see what other cultures have built from those same given."

To further enhance this opportunity and personalize this cross-cultural experience, the museum invited three monks from the Namgyal Monastery, the personal monastery of the Dalai Lama (the traditional governmental ruler and highest priest of the Buddhist faith in Tibet) to work in residency at the museum. The result of their three weeks of work culminated in a brightly colored sand mandala.

A mandala is a cosmological diagram of the universe thought to have the power to purify the environment and promote harmony in the world. After creating it and because it is made in the spirit of impermanence and non-attachment, it was ritually dismantled and the "blessed" sand cast into the James River on July 26, where it will, according to Tibetan folklore, benefit the marine life and the environment.

Arts Commentary

Sugar and Rain on the Richmond arts scene

by Clint White
editor

Theatre

The last production of the summer for Theatre IV melds a strong cast borne of near-perfect casting and a down-home, "turn-that-frown-upside-down" sort of story to deliver an enjoyable show. "The Rainmaker," written by N. Richard Nash and directed by John Glenn, was not the most moving or spellbinding evening I've spent at the theater, but there are few "down-home" themes that I find compelling anyway.

Finer Points

Fortified with solid, expert acting, "The Rainmaker" was, as a friend of mine pointed out, much like a Walt Disney movie: The transitions are unconvincing and the characters stereotypical, but the ending is so damn happy you are willing to forgive, but as a critic, not forget the troubling aspects of the production.

Taking place in a drought stricken western town in 1936, the plot weaves itself around the Curry family. As expected, the drought become as metaphor for the existence of Lizzie Curry, the only daughter in this motherless clan. This role is played well within the context of the script by Kelly Kennedy (also widely known for her singing talents). Lizzie is a intelligent, headstrong single woman for whom everyone is trying to find a hus-

band. With each failed attempt, Lizzie is convinced that she is "plain," unattractive and doomed to be single forever—to "dry up".

promises of bringing rain and reveals himself a dreamer. He is able to convince Lizzie that before she can be a pretty woman (and to bring rain figuratively



photo courtesy of Theater IV

David Bridgewater steals the show as Bill Starbuck in "The Rainmaker."

Enter Bill Starbuck (portrayed with wit by pro David Bridgewater), a huckster who bursts into the Curry's life with

and literally), she has to believe that she is pretty, she must believe she is a woman. This bit of simple, quixotic advice culmi-

nates in an uncomfortably sappy scene scored with strains of Bluegrass that should be left to epic movies and soap operas—it has no place in the theatre.

Supporting roles and subplots invigorate "The Rainmaker." John Hagadorn, Gordon Bass and Jon Sheets as the father, insanely protective older brother and free-spirited younger brother respectively, provided strong framework for the presentation of the romantic theme. Look for a chilling scene in which Bass (as Noah Curry) insists that Kennedy (as Lizzie) will never get married because she is so unattractive. However, I got the impression that Noah finds her quite attractive and in this exchange creates a thick, disturbing incestuous tension that remains intact throughout the show.

Disappointing however was Peter Howard in the role as File, the town's deputy sheriff and divorcee. Incredible as the lunatic con man in last month's "Wait Until Dark," Howard's vaguely Jimmy Stewartesque voice did not suit the western character, nor did he. This is perhaps a case of good actor, improper casting which has happened before at Theatre IV.

Despite that minor infelicity, if it's strong live theatre and a feel-good story you seek, don't miss "The Rainmaker." It plays through September 13.

A great season is in the works for the fall, but more on that later.

Music

Bob Mould's new band Sugar blew into

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Whichever way you cut it, this band is very hot

by Jim Johns
staff writer

Rare is the band whose live performance can be truly captured on an album. Dash Rip Rock is that rare band.

Last Monday Dash Rip Rock barnstormed through their southern rock at the Floodzone. And remarkably, their latest release, "Boiled Alive!" is every bit as fun as their live show.

Plenty of people turned out for the Monday night show — but not enough to catch a drunk, stage diving blonde haired girl. Look before you dive!

Performing every song at breakneck speed, the audience struggled to keep up. It's not just music that makes Dash special. Their lyrics are also one-of-a-kind. The crowd seemed particularly enamored with songs "Rich Little Bitch," "Bum For Egypt" and "Pussywhipped." All of these are on "Boiled Alive!"

Unfortunately, they didn't perform everything on the album — they overlooked "Longest Bridge in the World," "Delta Dawn" and they skipped their rendition of the Cajun classic "Jambalaya."

Guitarist Bill Davis treated the audience with a heapin' helpin' of Louisiana generosity. He handed them his guitar and let them make all kinds of joyful noise. And speaking of joyful noise ... besides church camp, never has a sing-along sounded so good as when the audience burst into the chorus of "Amen." (Now we know where all the Christians hang out on Monday nights.)

It may have been all the sweat on his bare chested body, but drummer Chris "Lucky Dog" Luckette poses a striking similarity to pro wrestling great Buzz "Mad Dog" Sawyer.

Dash Rip Rock plans to return to Richmond in September.

Book Review Decision, Decisions, Decisions

by Mary Edwards
sta' writer

When secular and sacred worlds collide, three peoples' lives are changed forever.

Erich Segal's "Act of Faith" takes three people on a journey of love, loss and redemption. They have some very difficult decisions to make. Will the secular or the sacred life win?

Daniel Luria is the son of Rabbi Moses Luria who is destined to become the leader of the Orthodox Jews in a tiny corner of Brooklyn. His faith will be tested to the fullest and he must make a decision that could break his father's heart.

Deborah Luria has been trained, from birth, to be the dutiful wife of a rabbi. She will be sent across the world to Israel, where her faith and other people's expectations of her are tested. She also makes

some difficult decisions. Her decisions will take her to places nobody ever imagined.

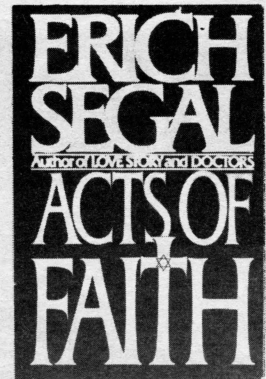
Timothy Hogan was raised in the Irish household of his aunt and uncle. He seemed to be headed for a life of delinquency until a Catholic Priest takes him under his wing and Hogan decides to become a Catholic Priest himself. He moves up in the church's hierarchy quickly. Will he become the first American Pope?

More than a quarter of a century is covered in the book moving from Brooklyn to Israel to Brasilia. These three peoples lives are intertwined and then torn apart only to come back together again.

The book explores the mysteries of religious faith and how people come to terms with it.

Segal who wrote "Love Story" and

"The Class" has another hit on his hands. It is a great book, one worth reading.



Record Reviews

Kiss "Revenge" Polygram

"Revenge" is the best Kiss album in 10 years. Ever since "Lick It Up," Kiss albums haven't been the same. Since they removed the make-up, the recordings have not been a concerted band effort. The recordings were instead Paul Stanley's (rhythm guitarist, vocals) and Gene Simmons' (bass guitarist, vocals) projects.

In the old days, Kiss as a band would show up in the studio with some ideas and make music as a unit. "Revenge," thankfully, was recorded in this fashion.

Bruce Kulick (lead guitarist) boasts in interviews that "Revenge" is a collaboration of the entire group including producer Bob Ezrin who produced Kiss' "Destroyer" and "The Elder." They even let their new drummer, Eric Singer have some say about the material.

You can tell Kiss' latest attempt is a band's record and not just some songs written by a couple of guys. You can hear

a band in Kiss again on "Revenge."
—Garner Knutson

Lemonheads "It's a shame about Ray" Atlantic

Light instrumentation, simple song arrangements and minor chords make this Lemonhead release mellow, mellow mellow.

The most engaging songs are more upbeat with added instruments and background vocals. Evan Dando strums the guitar and handles lead vocals. Bassist Juliana Hatfield's subtle backup vocals gives the music more texture, most notable on "Ceiling Fan in my Spoon." Drummer David Ryan also is able to cut loose during the chorus making it one of the better songs on the album.

Other hip songs are "Alison's Starting to Happen," the heavy and harder "Confetti" as well as the title track.

"My Drug Buddy" also stands out, as it is the only song with accompanying key-

boards. Something about it is reminiscent of Leo Sayer...

Incidentally, July's "Sassy" magazine features Dando's own chocolate sauce recipe. —Jim Johns

Pure "Greed/Laughing Like a Fiend" MAPL 7-inch ep

Make no mistake about it — this 7-inch is awesome. Pure's music could probably be placed under the broad banner of modern rock.

A moving bass line drives "Laughing Like a Fiend." I'd tell you the bassist's name but it's not on the record.

"Greedy" is a dizzying dirge of reverber and guitars, which is an emotional let down after the upbeat "A" side. I'd tell you the other musicians names but, again, there are no names on the record.

Definitely worth a trip to the 7-inch bin.
—Jim Johns

• Random Notes •

Rocky Movies Rated and Recalled

• **Rocky:** Arguably the best of the lot. A believable, inspiring story of modern day David and Goliath with a twist featuring that song and the great footage of Philadelphia. Fabulous supporting roles.

• **Rocky II:** Boring, boring, boring. The first hour is enough to make one walk out. Rocky is constantly bouncing that damn rubber ball and making nonsensical comments. Talia Shire is unbearable, Stallone is annoying, Carl Weathers steals the show. Laughable scene in which the entire youth population of Philly follows Rocky on a jog.

• **Rocky III:** Once again, Balboa is urged not to fight. However, a mean-ass Mr. T gets under the "Italian Stallion's" skin. Rocky decides once again to defy medical science and fight. Despite the obvious cliches, the best of the series. Mick dies. Apollo trains Rocky. Great workout scenes. Terrific song by Survivor—"The Eye of the Tiger." Continuing with the sequels seems like a decent idea.

• **Rocky IV:** Riding the rising tide of anti-USSR sentiment, Stallone creates another villain. Russian boxer murders

(literally) Apollo with his left hook. Challenges Rocky. Rocky is told for the fourth time that he should not continue boxing. He does. Whips the villain's butt in Russia in front of Gorbachev and Stalin banners. Rocky makes nonsensical speech about the value of violence. At the time (1985) the premise was plausible; it's now moot. Stallone keeps dialogue to a minimum. Smart move.

• **Rocky V:** The final chapter. Rocky is cheated by accountant. Loses all assets. Moves back to South Philly. Begins

training a young boxer. Young boxer betrays Rocky. Challenges Rocky to a street fight. Win, lose no matter. Maintain balance, focus power. Rocky's brain damage has become so acute he cannot use complete sentences. Often says: "Whaaa...Whaaa...Whaaa..." and "Yo, Adrian." A sad closing chapter to an interesting book.

Contributions and suggestions for Random notes can be placed in the letters box outside the CT office in the New Academic Building, first floor.

The Village gets transplanted

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Professional Institute (RPI) yet students still came to the Village and huddled in booths drinking coffee and writing poetry.

Novelist Tom Robins was among those people. Kollatz quoted him as saying, "The Village was a clubhouse for most of the intelligent misfits." In April of 1981, Mike and Don Fleck bought the Village and Dikos moved on to open Stella's restaurant, with his wife Stella.

New memories in a new Village

Village patrons are trying to make new memories in the new Village. Mark Poole said, "Last night we were dancing on tables, there were drunk, naked people. People shaved their heads here." Poole continued, "[The Village] has all kinds of energy from all kinds of people. A lot of things carried over, but a lot was lost."

But the new Village is louder, there is an upstairs and a downstairs, there is new music on the jukebox, there are bigger bathrooms, large windows and bendy straws in the sodas.

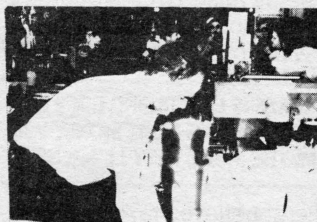
"I like bendy straws, are you against bendy straws?" asked Zimeka Jordan, a student at VCU.

Day and night, night and day

Although the day crowd and the night crowd sometimes overlap, there are always the people who wouldn't be caught dead in the Village before 11 p.m. or the people who wouldn't be caught dead in the Village after 6 p.m. One woman who frequents the day Village, was eating relaxed lunch. She was about 70 years old, wearing worn-in saddle shoes and blue shear scarf, and a polyester shirt and pants. Her cane hooked over the table. In the tables surrounding was a very diverse crowd.

The night crowd is more often frequented by artists sketching, coffee addicts, and tattoo freaks, with a larger population of people in one way of another associated with VCU.

Roy Scherer briefly described the Village, old and new: "[The Village] is a place where you can see sitting at the bar some working class black dude talking to some older class white executive. Talking instead of calling each other 'You stupid f---king nigger.'" He continued: "The strong part of the Village is that it's never been an exclusion place. No one feels unwelcome because they think they are not the kind of person to go there."



staff photos by Carla J. Schmidt

Scenes from a typical day and night at the Village Restaurant. Eric Bopst, left, takes care of the regulars in the afternoon. Revelers, right, revel at night.

Sugar and Rain on Richmond arts scene

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town a few weeks ago and blew out my ears at the Floodzone. Mould, once the strongest third of three-piece Husker Du, has joined up with Malcolm Travis on drums and David Barbe on bass to form this new unit.

Mould's brilliant guitar work had done the same disservice to my ears a couple years ago in Charlottesville kicking off the "Black Sheets of Rain" tour. Then, he did play a few old songs to placate the crowd, but at the Floodzone, I don't think he did. It was eerie only being able to see Mould's mouth open to scream a lyric or chorus; it was strange not being able to truly hear his Stratocaster tear off a rhythm or harsh riff.

Sugar's new music seemed to take precedence over songs of the past. People from all sides yelled suggestions: "Diane!!" "Newest Industry!!" "It's Too Late!!" Their breath was wasted (as were they) and Sugar played furiously on, never missing a beat.

David Barbe shares the singing duties with Mould and from what I could hear, they harmonize rather well, too. Hopefully, an album (probably on an independent label) will be available soon enough so we can all figure out what was what.

Detrimental inner-ear repercussions aside, there's still nothing like a band with Bob Mould in it.

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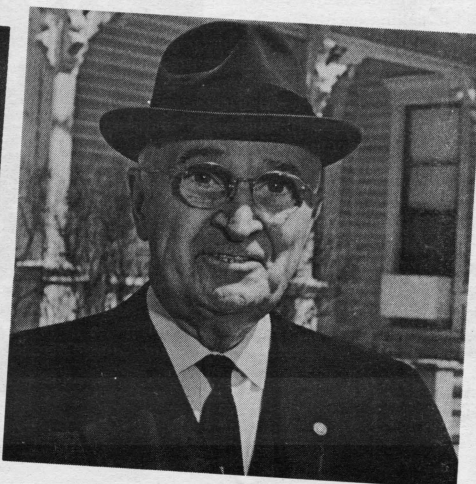
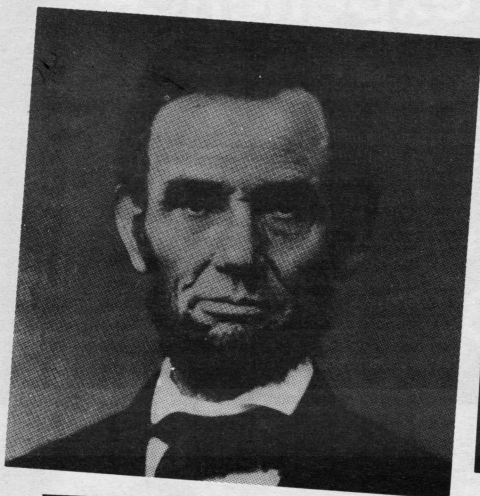
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Harry Truman once said the buck stops here, at his desk. Unfortunately today, the buck isn't stopping anywhere. The deficit is growing by the second. Taxes are being raised by the quarter. And the trade imbalance simply grows wider and wider by the year.

"RAISING TAXES IS LIKE TAKING DOPE FOR MOST POLITICIANS. THE MORE MONEY YOU GIVE THEM, THE MORE THEY'LL SPEND."

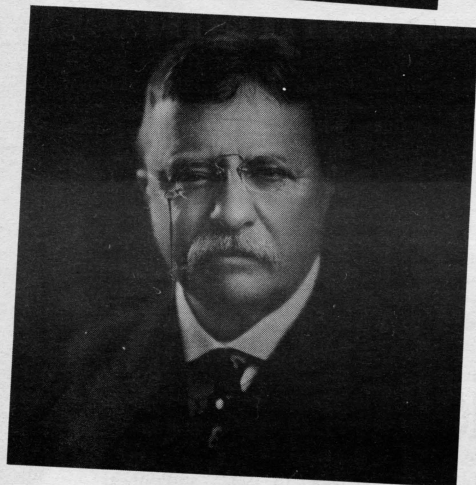
Ross Perot believes taxes should only be raised in the event of a national emergency. And the power to raise them should lie not with Congress, but with the people who have to pay them. Us. But if we don't raise taxes, we have to cut spending. Ross Perot truly believes the deficit can be eliminated. At least \$100 billion could be cut just by taking out the waste in Washington. Waste like flying Air Force 1 to a golf outing at tax payers' expense.

Of course, Ross Perot's concerns aren't just economic. His stance on abortion is simple. It's a woman's right. But he opposes its use for birth control.

He's always been a leader in educational reform. In Texas, he helped bring about the "no pass, no play" rule for student athletes.

When it comes to affirmative action, the country should be "color blind and sex blind." But Ross Perot opposes the promotion of the less qualified over the more qualified.

These are just a few of Ross Perot's many views. If you'd like to learn more, just call 1-800-685-7777 and talk to a Ross Perot volunteer. He or she will give you honest, no-bull answers to your questions. Just like their boss would.



The single constant in American politics has been the desire for change.

Today, that yearning has never been stronger. According to recent polls more than 80% of Americans believe that the country is on the wrong track. 1 out of 3 are dissatisfied with the current leadership. 75% say the government is run for the benefit of a few big businesses.

"ACTION, ACTION, ACTION!"

Ross Perot isn't a professional politician. In fact, he's never run for public

office. Simply put, he's a businessman who happens to understand many of the problems facing the country.

Like a handful of past presidents, he sees the role of leadership as identifying the problem and then making the tough decisions to solve it.

He has no 17-point programs. No claims that he has the best answers. Ross Perot simply has the willingness to tackle the deficit, unemployment, taxes, health care and many more issues by rolling up his sleeves and doing something about them. That's why he's running for president.

**CITIZENS FOR
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Sports

1991-92 Year in Review

VCU Rams enter Metro Conference and have their best season ever

by Gage Harter
executive editor

It was a marriage made in heaven. The joining of VCU and the Metro Conference. Six teams — baseball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's tennis and women's basketball — could be argued as having their best season ever.

The highlight of the 1991-92 Virginia Commonwealth University athletic season was the surprising showing of the baseball team. This unknown squad fell one game short of reaching the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., when it lost to the University of Texas 12-3 in the championship game of the Central Regional Tournament.

Here's a rundown on how each program did last year:

Soccer

Head Coach Lincoln Phillips' team continued to improve. The squad ended the year at 8-10-1 after a 5-9-4 record in Phillips' first year. The Rams compiled a 4-1-1 record in its final six games, with the loss coming at the Metro Conference Tournament.

"The team is young," Phillips said. "If we had taken our chances, we could have won 15 or 16 games. We gave up some goals that we should not have and that means we were very close. That's a big difference from last year."

Phillips likes to stress hard work and dedication and Rams' defenseman Eric Dade is an example of the coach's philosophy. Dade was drafted in the fourth round by the Dallas Sidekicks of the MSL (the league recently folded).

Other bright spots for the Rams were freshman Wayne Pratt, who led the team in scoring and set a freshman record for goals with 10. Russian Vladislav Bezborodov used his speed to score four goals and junior transfer Leroi Wilson dished out six assists and scored five goals.

The 1991 season was the year Phillips laid the foundation and the 1992 season could be the turning point to greatness.

Volleyball

The tag for the last year's volleyball team was a young and inexperienced squad with a lot of potential. After posting a 12-26 record with mostly freshmen and sophomores, the team is back intact and ready to spike.

Linda Young and Tracy Angiouli were the leaders while Emily Bigge, Sheryl Kemmerer and Shannon McMeekin emerged as rising stars.

Coach Lynn Fielitz's team suffered many untimely injuries, but this season he has all his players back.

Field Hockey

A lot was expected of last year's team. The Rams had superstar Marni Voorhees, scoring machine Ronnie McCauley and consistent defender Kristin Horlon. These three seniors were the returning nucleus from the team that was 13-7-1 the previ-

Cross Country

Not enough can be said about the job Coach Frank Abrams did. He molded a team around hard work and fighting spirit that enjoyed the finest season VCU cross country has ever known.

"I feel good about the season in a sense

a17-12 contender last year.

She did it with a pressure defense, an offense built around passing and her forte as a collegiate player, rebounding. She also did it with 10 players who hustled and eventually discovered the meaning of the word "win." She did it with stars like Anna Pavlikhina, Stacey Agee and Beth Mollerup.

"We're looking forward to next year. The players have really improved this season," Walvius said after the Metro Conference Tournament.

Pavlikhina averaged 20.6 points per game and scored a career-high 35 points against South Florida. She also made First-team All-Metro and was an All-State selection. She has been dubbed VCU's "Ultimate Weapon."

Mollerup, a 5-11 power forward, was named second team All-Metro and once again led the team in rebounding. Mollerup was there when the Rams needed her. Agee set a Metro record when she recorded 11 steals in a game against Virginia Tech.

Probably the most amazing thing about last year's team is that every single player is eligible to play this season.

Men's Basketball

Believe it or not, the Rams could have finished the year at 21-8. But instead Sonny Smith and his team suffered through another losing season with a 14-15 record.

There were seven losses by two points or less, four of those came on last-second shots. VCU beat teams like Louisville (twice), South Florida, UNC-Charlotte, Murray State and Old Dominion — schools that made it to the NCAA's. All in all, VCU played eight NCAA Tournament teams and had the 25th toughest schedule in the nation.

The Rams also had forward Kendrick Warren. The mighty one ignited the Coliseum with an array of dunks and was nearly unstoppable at the beginning of the season. But as the year progressed Warren showed visible signs of wear and tear from the pounding he endured.

That's when the Rams started to falter. The team just didn't seem to click.

Eric Atkins, Sherron Mills and Chris Brower picked up the slack but they couldn't do it on a consistent basis.

One big surprise was the play of freshman Tyron McCoy who gave VCU a lift every time he entered a game.

Sonny Smith is in trouble. Last year's performance helped him keep his job for this season but if those seven losses had been wins, Smith and VCU would be renegotiating a new contract right now.

Women's Tennis

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staff photo by Andre Dupuy

Guard Chris Brower helped guide the Rams to a 14-15 record with his consistent three-point shooting abilities.

ous year.

The Rams ended the season at 9-9, the first time since the program's inaugural season that coach Pat Stauffer did not post double-digit wins. The Rams lost in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, which was the first time a Stauffer-coached team did not win a playoff game.

But amid the disappointing season, there were many superb performances turned in. Freshmen Jennifer Friend, Heike Kost and Alycia Yoder were surprises. Juniors Heather Eckenrode, Wanda Ortega and goalie Mary Ellen Hostetler were solid.

Junior defender Mary Beth Hersch summed up the season best when she said, "I was expecting a lot more from our season. We just didn't seem to click as we did in the past. We need to use what we learned this year to put towards a good season next year."

that most of the people progressed as the season went on," Abrams said after the season. "People were 'PRing' (having personal records) left and right in our last three meets, where you want to 'PR.' This year they showed they can improve and do better."

Led by Des Proctor and freshman Bruce Berger, the men finished with a 36-18 record. Berger could be the best freshman runner in VCU history.

The women's team exceeded everyone's expectations except their own with a 33-21 season. Aussie Lacey Clews, Swede Maria Andersson and Lauren Brennan all placed in the regional meet at Greenville, S.C.

Women's Basketball

Another young and brilliant coach showed her stuff last year. Susan Walvius turned a 7-20 team of three years ago to

Mobley feeling right at home

by Jason T. Bonardi
associate editor

When head basketball coach Sonny Smith looks at this season's roster, he has to be smiling.

The addition of nine new players has left the Rams with something they desperately needed last season — depth.

One of the talents that VCU's recruiting guru, Eddie Webb, brought in was a 6-8 swingman from Alfred State College in New York.

Weighing in at a slender but strong 204 pounds, this native of Rochester, N.Y., plans to more than make up for the loss of Eric Atkins.

His name is Alvin Mobley and he has high hopes for the Rams, who after a 39-49 record the last three seasons, need a winning slate.

Mobley, 21, was an honorable mention All-American at Ben Franklin High School under coach Trent Jackson. Averaging nearly 21 points a game, he led his team to the semifinals of the state AAA tournament.

Although his goal out of high school was to play Division I, Mobley spent a year at Seminole Community College in Sanford, Fla., averaging 15 points a game.

"Things started out pretty good at Seminole. I was averaging around 20 a game, but then I had some problems with my coach and wasn't playing as much," Mobley said.

Mobley said the conflict with his coach stemmed from the fact that the program at Seminole was unorganized.

So Mobley went back home after one year to play for Alfred State.

"The competition in Florida was better, but I needed to get out of that program," Mobley said.

Mobley seemed to come into his own while at Alfred, garnishing all-conference honors and placing third in the Player of the Year balloting.

But this wasn't enough for him. His goal had always been to play Division I, and to do this he knew he had to take his studies as seriously as he took basketball.

To fulfill his dream he would need to become a full-time student.

"I had to take a year off from playing so that I could get my grades straightened out," Mobley said.

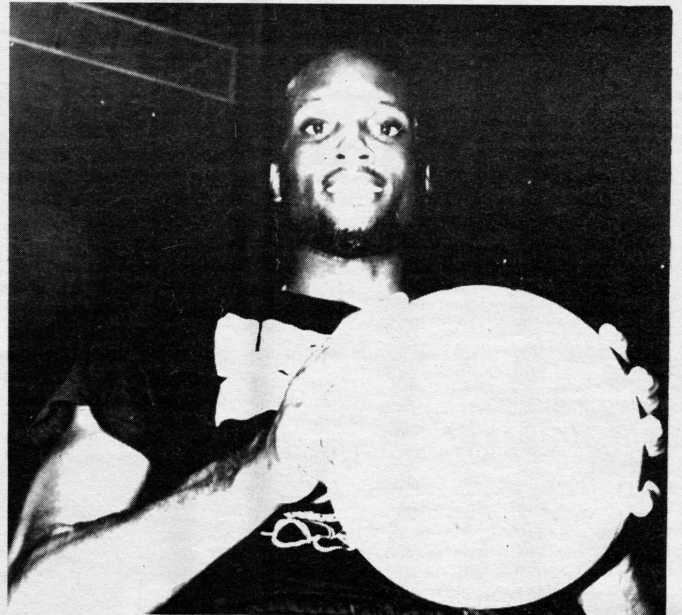
Practicing with the team kept Mobley sharp and concentrating on the books had colleges, including Alabama and St. John's, knocking on the door.

A mass communications major, Mobley says he chose VCU because when he came down for a visit he felt like he belonged, and knowing that VCU was a program "on the rise" felt he could contribute right away.

"I wanted to play with a good power forward like Kendrick (Warren) and help this team to the top," Mobley said. "I am a confident player and know what I can do on the court."

Mobley wasn't scheduled to report until this fall, but wanting to get a head start on his game, he arrived in May to play in the Richmond Metropolitan Summer League, which features such players as Warren, Milton Bell and Edmund Sherrod, Jr.

Confidence rings from Mobley's voice when asked about his expectations for



staff photo by Derrick Washington

Alvin Mobley is one of several new faces who is expected to propel the Rams to a winning season this year.

the Rams this season.

"I think we are going to shock a lot of people. We're all playing well and as a team we run the court real well," he said.

"I play at 100 percent all the time and if we all play up to our capabilities, then we have a definite chance of winning the

Metro and advancing to the NCAA's.

When not playing ball or hitting the books, this intimidating young man with a deep voice and cut features said he enjoys singing gospel music.

This might be just what the Rams need.

Expos: surprise hit of 1992

by Drew Geary
editor

The following is an excerpt from the April 9 Commonwealth Times: "The Montreal Expos are horrible. Last place. Guaranteed."

That fine prediction was masterfully written by me. *Remove shoe from mouth, Drew.*

As of Monday the Expos had compiled a 55-50 record and were only two games behind division-leading Pittsburgh. What manager Felipe Alou has been able to accomplish since replacing Tom Runnells has been just short of amazing. Consider the where-did-they-come-from players who have come through for Alou: Greg Colbrunn, Wilfredo Cordero, John Wetteland, Bret Barberie and Mel Rojas.

Who would have thought in April that Montreal would be the surprise team of 1992? Not me. Not a lot of others, either.

Other notes from the 1992 season:

- U.S. District Judge Suzanne Conlon has issued a preliminary injunction blocking Commissioner Fay Vincent's decision to realign the National League. The Tribune Co., which owns the Chicago Cubs, cried wolf when Vincent made his "best interest of baseball" judgment, saying it would lose TV revenue on the East Coast

due to late starting times. Give me a break. Go West, young Cubs, go West!

- I would hate to be a Red Sox fan. Last year Boston was among the league leaders in hitting while wallowing in the pitching basement. This year the Red Sox lead the AL in ERA (3.43) and shutouts (10) and are second in strikeouts (587). Unfortunately, the hitters are not following suit. They are last in average (.245), runs (373)

and hits (808). Moreover, they have hit only 50 home runs while playing half the time in Fenway Park. Oh yeah, they also haven't won the World Series since 1918.

- Texas center fielder Juan Gonzalez is A-W-E-S-O-M-E. Remember his name, as you will hear it often for many years to come.

- During Atlanta's recent 13-game winning streak the pitching staff allowed just 17 runs with a 1.43 ERA and tossed five shutouts. The Braves have the best arms in the majors, period.

- The Los Angeles Dodgers made 100 errors in their first 100 games, including 25 by shortstop Jose Offerman. So what did the front office do to plug such a leaky defense? They called up young second baseman Eric Young to replace recently released Juan Samuel. Young, by the

way, made 20 errors in 93 games at Albuquerque.

- Which team in the majors is actually worst than the Dodgers? The Seattle Mariners, who aren't even playing .400 ball. This after a 1991 campaign that saw them break the .500 mark for the first time ever and then firing manager Jim LeFebvre.

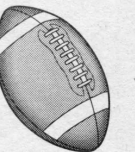
- MVPs as of today: Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke and Minnesota's Kirby Puckett.

- Oakland right-hander Ron Darling became the first A's pitcher since Dave Stewart in 1988 to throw three consecutive complete games. He has also gone to the seventh inning with a no-hitter four times this year. Darling's career was in jeopardy last year when he played for three different teams, but Tony LaRussa stuck with him through it all. Darling is now a serious candidate for the AL Comeback Player of the Year.

- Those poor Philadelphia Phillies. Yes, they do have John Kruk, Darren Daulton and Lenny Dykstra, but they have also had to use 42 different players this year due to injuries. Sixteen of those have been rookies.

- 1992 World Series prediction: Cincinnati beats Toronto 4-2 as Bip Roberts wins the MVP.

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VCU Rams enter the Metro and have their best season ever

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The best season ever for VCU and coach Eva Bard for most of the year. The team posted an amazing 16-3 record while mostly playing without No. 2 player Margaret Chmela.

The season ended with a disappointing loss to Virginia Tech in the Metro Conference Tournament, but that didn't spoil it for Bard.

"They say you're only as good as your last game, but that's not fair in this case," Bard said. "We won 16 matches this year and only lost three. That's a lot to be proud of."

Led by No. 1 player Ivi Moorlat and No. 3 player Natalia Hija, who had an 18-1 record, the Rams won their first 12 matches.

Men's Tennis

This team was the only one from VCU to capture a Metro title. The men did it with the power of Fredrik Cosmo, the grace of Fredrik Eliasson, the stamina of Isidro Lledo, the confidence of Raj Bonifacius and the consistency of Javier Berendsohn. Not to mention the coaching of Paul Kostin.

The Rams finished the season 17-4 but somehow failed to make the NCAA's.

Baseball

When it was all over, 7,300 Texas fans stood and chanted, "VCU, VCU, VCU." "It sent chills down your spine," VCU second basemen Rob Grimes said.

That was the scene after the Rams lost to Texas in the championship game of the Central Regional Tournament. Wins over Southwestern Louisiana, Creighton, Long Beach State and Texas propelled the Rams into the deciding game.

Grimes, Mark Strittmatter and Jim Lewentowicz made the All-Tournament team.

VCU finished the season with a 35-22 record and had three players drafted. Ace lefty Matt Williams, star catcher Strittmatter and pitcher/outfielder Jamie Brewington were all picked by Major League clubs.

Third baseman Eric Sauvé led the team with a .369 average while Lewentowicz smacked 13 home runs and 66 RBI's. Williams was a dominant force on the mound, posting a 12-6 record and a 2.46 ERA.

But probably the biggest factor of VCU's success was the coaching job done by Tony Guzzo and his staff. Guzzo's philosophy of fundamental baseball and pitching paid off with VCU's best season ever.



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Tennis star Javier Berendsohn led the men's team to its first Metro title.



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Second baseman Rob Grimes saw his team win the Metro and then go on to the NCAA tournament in Austin, Texas.

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Phillips helping national team

by Jason T. Bonardi
associate editor

One of the things that VCU athletics can brag about is its cast of coaches that have national and international reputations.

One such individual is Rams' soccer coach Lincoln Phillips.

Armed with a reputation as one of the foremost educators in his field, Phillips knows his stuff.

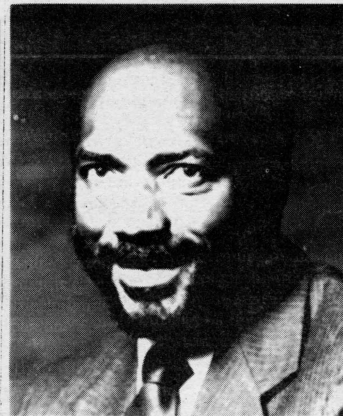
That reputation has led him to work with the U.S. National team this summer in their preparation the 1994 World Cup, which the United States will be hosting.

Phillips has been working with the USA's No.1 goalkeeper, Tony Meola, on conditioning and improving his agility.

"What I like most about him is his presence in the goal," said Phillips in an interview with USA Today.

Meola, U.S. team captain, left the University of Virginia after his junior season as a 21-year-old phenom in the net. He was the youngest goalkeeper in the 1990 World Cup.

"I want to get him as fit and as sharp as possible," Phillips said.



Lincoln Phillips

Fast Fact

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Babe Ruth	714
Willie Mays	660
Frank Robinson	586
Harmon Killebrew	573
Reggie Jackson	563
Mike Schmidt	548
Mickey Mantle	536
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Ted Williams	521
Willie McCovey	521
Eddie Mathews	512
Ernie Banks	512
Mel Ott	511

Election

The Commonwealth Times will hold elections for managing editor on Thursday, Sept. 17, 1992 for the 1992-93 school year.

Interested applicants must have successfully completed MAC 203, MAC 300 and MAC 305, and be enrolled in a minimum of three credits at VCU. Also applicants are required to have been a section editor, a copy editor, an associate editor or a production assistant on the Commonwealth Times for at least a semester.

Applications may be submitted to Gage Harter, executive editor, room 1149 of the General Purpose Academic Building by Sept. 14, 1992.

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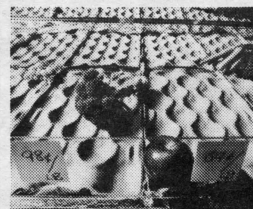
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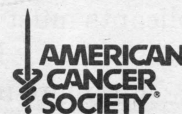
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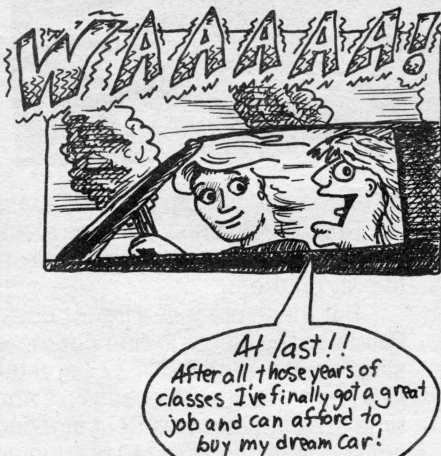
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