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O'Brien steps down after less than month

by Jason T. Bonardi
associate sports editor

After little more than three weeks at VCU, Jim O'Brien, assistant athletic director for public relations and sports information, resigned Wednesday.

O'Brien, speaking from Pittsburgh, said being away from his family was too hard, leaving him unable to perform the way he wanted.

"I couldn't work when my body was in Richmond and my heart and mind were in Pittsburgh."

The resignation surprised many.

"We were shocked, but it was evident that Jim was homesick and wasn't adjusting well to being away from his family," Richard Sander, director of athletics, said.

O'Brien, who had planned to move his family to Richmond next summer, was to lease an apartment, but, Sander said, he never did.

"Things just never clicked for me," O'Brien said. "I wish things had worked out, but they didn't."

Sander said O'Brien never returned his administrative salary contract.

"I knew within a week that he wasn't comfortable here," Mark Halstead, assistant sports information director, said.

"He (O'Brien) would leave for Pittsburgh in the early part of every week to be with his family."

Halstead said that on Labor Day weekend the athletic department was going to move O'Brien into an apartment.

"He called to say he wasn't ready to move in — something about the holidays," Halstead said. "I knew then that he was leaving."

Sander and Halstead said the athletic



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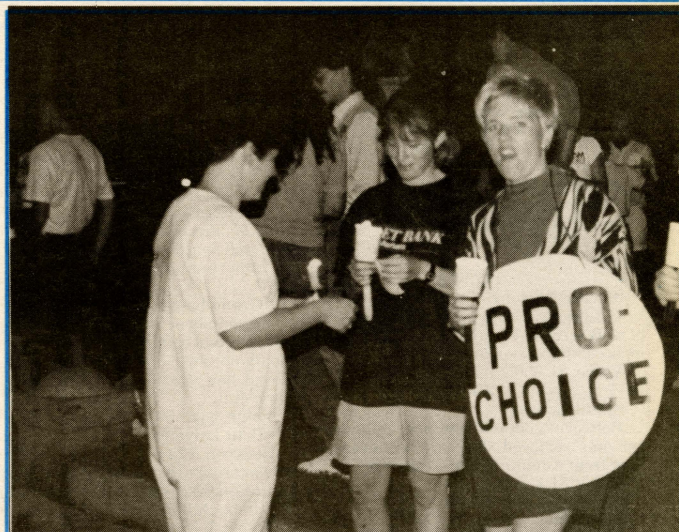
Former Assistant Athletic Director Jim O'Brien.

department and the university did everything possible to make O'Brien feel at home.

"He talked to Dr. Trani and told him he would try to work things out, at least until Christmas, but I guess he changed his mind," Sander said.

O'Brien said he was disappointed with the situation because he knew he had let down a lot of people.

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staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

Abortion-rights supporters carry candles outside the Richmond Medical Center for Women a few nights after the building was set afire.

Vigil honors women's center

by Shelby D. Barrette
staff writer

A candlelight vigil was held Wednesday night in honor of the Richmond Medical Center for Women, which suffered approximately \$30,000 worth of damage in a Sept. 6 arson.

The center, the city's largest abortion clinic, often has been the site of protest.

Richmond City Detective Michael Wyatt said, "Richmond City Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are working on every possible lead, but at this time there are no solid suspects."

Response to the incident was heated, and both abortion-rights and anti-abortion factions spoke out against the act.

Richmond Coalition for Choice organized the vigil. About 75 abortion-rights advocates turned out to show their support.

Lynn Bradford, vigil organizer and coalition leader, said she hoped the vigil would "draw attention to the act of violence and get more community support for the pro-choice issue."

Although an anti-abortion group's headquarters is located directly across

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Students borrowed \$200,000 from VCU

Loans to help students get by until financial aid arrives

by Jason T. Bonardi
associate sports editor

The financial aid office gave out about \$200,000 in short-term loans to roughly 500 students in the first week of classes.

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said Charles R. Kinder, director of Financial Aid and University Enrollment Services.

The loans, averaging \$400 per student, cover everything from books to food in some cases, Kinder said.

William Bost, executive director of University Enrollment Services, said most loans are intended to provide book money until a student's financial aid arrives.

"No student can receive aid until after the third week of class," he said, "because a minimum student enrollment audit must be conducted to determine whether a student is, in fact, enrolled."

Once the financial aid awards arrive, most loans are paid back through refund checks, Bost said.

Loans were higher for medical and dental students because the Federal Government's Health Education Assistance Program ran out of funds.

The limit for the loans was \$400, but in the medical students' case, we waived the limit," Kinder said, "Their loans averaged around \$500."

Bost said when the HEAL program gets more money, most of the students will repay their loans immediately.

All short-term loans must be paid back within 60 days or a financial hold will go on a student's account.

The loan money comes from alumni and other patrons to the university and is rolled over for continuous use.

But short-term loans can't solve a long-term financial problem for students, Kinder said.

"This fall a young lady from out of state thought she had her bill covered with financial aid, but there was a shortfall and this is not a rare case this year," L. Victor Collins, director of the Office of Minority Student Affairs, said.

Collins said the student couldn't find any other aid and had to withdraw from classes.

The most aid an out-of-state "total-need" student can get is \$6,425, Kinder said. That's not even half a student's yearly budget of \$14,825.

After a student exhausts all his options,

Kinder said, the student and family must come up with the rest of the necessary funds.

"One would have to wonder why a student in such poor financial shape would want to go to an out-of-state school," Kinder said.

In-state students, he said, receive more aid, and tuition is lower so the shortfall for Virginia's total-need students is only \$1,400.

Kinder said this loan money comes from alumni and other patrons to the university, and the students' repayments are deposited in the account for continuous use.

Options for financial aid include Pell Grants at \$2,400 that serve total-need students and Stafford Loans at \$2,625 that are no-interest loans. In addition, qualified students can enter a work-study program and earn a maximum \$1,400.

The short-term alternative for middle-income families is the \$4,000 PLUS Loan, which requires parental application.

In Thursday's Issue: Preview of National Clay Court Championships to be hosted by VCU

Crime Shorts

For emergencies, contact VCU Police at 367-1234 or use ERTS phones (yellow at MCV, blue at VCU).



compiled by Karen Fox
staff writer

8-26-92

•Arrest

A male visitor was arrested at 901 W. Franklin St. at 8:40 a.m. for being drunk in public.

8-27-92

•Indecent Exposure

At approximately 4:45 p.m. a white male dropped his pants and exposed himself to a female in the elevator of the Cabell Library.

8-29-92

•Grand Larceny

Between 2:30 and 11:20 p.m. unknown person(s) removed a red Puch Moped from its secured location at MCV campus.

Value: \$1,050.

9-1-92

•Petit Larceny

Between 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. unknown person(s) removed a beige wallet, keys and cash from a Johnson Hall residence.

Value: \$100.

9-3-92

•Assault

At 8:45 p.m. a male was assaulted by an unknown person at the VCU Parking Deck.

9-4-92

•Sexual Assault

A male patient at MCV North Hospital reported that he was sexually assaulted between 6 and 10 p.m. by a hospital attendant.

•Petit Larceny

Between 1:35 and 3:53 p.m. unknown person(s) removed two books from an unattended bookbag in the stairwell of VCU Parking Deck.

Value: \$10.

•Grand Larceny

Between noon and 3:16 p.m. unknown person(s) removed a forest green Specialized Cross Road Cruiser, 26", men's bike from a bike rack on the MCV campus.

•Damage of State Property

At 11:55 a.m. the front door of Johnson Hall was shattered.

Value: unknown.

9-5-92

•Grand Larceny

An employee of MCV Main Hospital reported that between 4 p.m. on Sept. 4 and 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 unknown person(s) removed her paycheck from the Intensive Care Unit.

Value: \$423.60

•Petit Larceny

Between 12:15 and 3 p.m. unknown person(s) removed a men's Murray 15 speed Mountain Bike from a bike rack in front of the Hibbs Building.

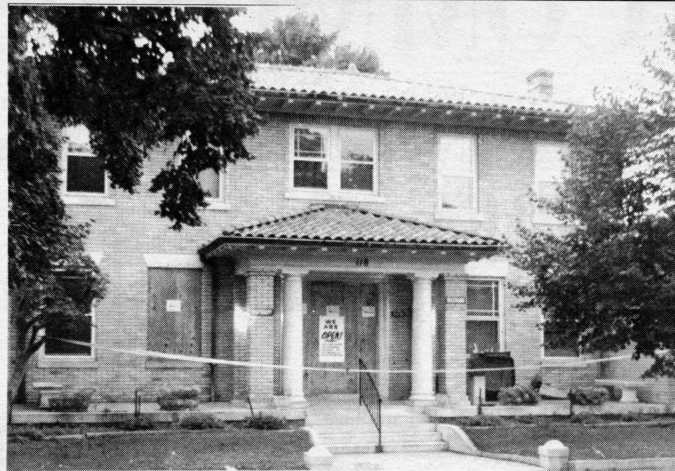
Value: \$115.

9-8-92

•Petit Larceny

Between 11:25 and 11:40 a.m. unknown person(s) removed two books: Society, Crime and Criminal Behavior and Theories of Delinquency, from the basement shelves of the VCU Bookstore.

Value: \$60.



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette
Business went on as usual after a fire damaged the Richmond Medical Center for Women.

Candlelight Vigil

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the street from the center, no confrontations occurred.

"The antis are perfectly welcome," Bradford said. "Our point has always been that we can live peacefully with those people. It's them who want everything 100 percent of the time."

The vigil was held after regular business hours, she said, to avoid disrupting the center's services.

"Pro-choice people don't want any disruption in abortion services and we wouldn't want to do anything that would affect the women that come to this clinic," Bradford said.

In response to anti-abortion claims that abortion-rights supporters committed the arson, Bradford said she was not surprised.

"No one should want to accept responsibility for this act," she said.

Brandon Smith, a city resident and abortion-rights advocate, said, "It really doesn't

matter who did it. It's another incident in a war that's been going on for 2,500 years."

Jefferson Burruss, VCU senior and campus organizer for Students for Clinton, blames the present administration for the "war."

"Twelve years of Republican administration have created an atmosphere where violence to reach a goal has become acceptable," he said.

"I came out (to the vigil) because I believe that all Americans have a right to choice, not only reproductive choice, but all choice, and because I'm a believer in creative non-violence."

Laura T. H. Long, president of VCU Delegation for Choice, spent her time at the vigil thanking people for showing up and for voicing their support for choice.

The gathering, which began at 7:45 p.m., lasted about 45 minutes, ending with a moment of silence.

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News

Trani greets faculty with talk of growth

by Arthur Mills
staff writer

Increasing enrollment and a possible increase in physical facilities were among the topics touched upon by university President Eugene P. Trani during the fall faculty meeting Friday afternoon at the Performing Arts Center.

Trani began the meeting by informing assembled faculty members of something they might have found out from their first two weeks of classes — there are more students in them.

With an estimated enrollment of 21,980, the president explained, VCU has experienced an across-the-board increase that has brought the university to a record enrollment level.

Incoming freshmen increased to 1,534 this year from 1,377 a year ago, but Trani said the most important aspect of the increase is that there are more quality students attending VCU.

"The mean combined SAT (Standardized Achievement Test) score last year for the freshman class was 989," he said. "This year, it has crossed 1,000 for the first time." He added that the latest figures show scores standing at 1,000.37, which drew a laugh from the faculty.

Pointing out that among the freshmen are 200 honors students and additional students from private schools, who in the past would not apply, Trani said he credits the VCU faculty for attracting higher quality students.

"Clearly, Virginia Commonwealth University has become a 'hotter commodity' in the minds of 18-year-olds who are increasingly recognizing the quality of the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University," he said.

Aside from more and better students, Trani said, the university is still diverse,

with 58.7 percent female students and 22.2 percent minority students, including more than 3,000 African-Americans.

Without new facilities, VCU will be hard-pressed to accommodate the almost 70,000 students, currently in elementary school, who will be looking for higher education by the end of the decade, Trani said.

"There are more (students) that you have to take care of on fewer and fewer resources," Trani said.

"I really do worry that as we move ahead into the decade of the '90s that, in fact, that is going to be the norm rather than the exception," he said. "I think that this institution is going to have more and more push upon it for enrollment."

A solution could present itself if voters pass the Virginia General Obligation Bond Bills package that would provide more than \$470 million for higher education throughout the state and nearly \$43 million to VCU.

The bond package would provide VCU with money to improve existing buildings and to build new ones, including facilities on both the MCV and academic campuses.

"If this bond bill passes, and I am very hopeful it will, it will result in a major new academic facility on the MCV campus, the Medical Sciences Building," Trani said.

"We will build a state-of-the-art Fine Arts Center on the corner of Belvidere and Main streets that would get the School of the Arts out of their many diverse geographic (areas)."

While Trani's hopes are for a bigger, better VCU, he said, he is concerned about budget cuts. Wrapping up the meeting, the short-in-stature president responded to the question of how he has enjoyed his 26 months at VCU.

"Before all the budget cuts I was about 6-8."

O'Brien

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"There were so many people high on me coming there (to Richmond) and everyone was so excited, but Pittsburgh just has a strong hold on me," he said.

Although the resignation hurts VCU's national exposure, Sander said, the real blow is to the players and coaches.

"He was taking the athletes under his wing and showing them how to deal with the media and such," Sander said.

"What I'm going to miss most," O'Brien said, "is the athletes and the coaches."

Halstead said he's not worried about the sports information department.

"We've been without a director since

May; we'll continue to get the job done," he said, adding that he feels betrayed.

"He (O'Brien) made a lot of promises to me about my career. He made a lot of promises to the coaches about putting VCU sports in the limelight," Halstead said.

"I enjoyed working with Mark in the short time I was there," O'Brien said, "and the intern, Joe Onderko, is going to be fantastic."

O'Brien said one reason he felt uncomfortable in Richmond was because his second book, "Whatever it Takes," about the Pittsburgh Steelers, just was published.

"It was like giving birth to a baby and then leaving it on the doorstep," O'Brien said.



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette
President Eugene P. Trani delivering a speech during the fall faculty meeting.

Fraternity raises money by braving the elements

by Shelby D. Barrette
staff writer

For 36 hours last week Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity sponsored a scaffold sit to solicit donations for People Understanding the Severely Handicapped, the national service project for the fraternity.

Founded in 1977, PUSH's main function is to provide recreational environments specially geared for children with disabilities.

Several members spent Thursday and Friday atop a six-foot scaffold in front of the Business Building.

Ken O'Beirne outlined this year's goals.

"Two years ago, we raised over \$2,000 doing this. We hope to raise about \$1,000 this year."

O'Beirne, PUSH chairman, said Pi Kapp decided to hold the event again because they had fun doing it last time.

"It also gives prospective a chance to see what else is involved in being a

member of our fraternity," he said.

Members passed around buckets and jars asking Linden Street passersby to give whatever change they could. All money made from the event will be sent to PUSH America in Charlotte, N.C.

Mike Valentine, Pi Kapp chaplain and inter-fraternity council president, said, "Our organization as a whole has raised over \$2 million for PUSH. We are the only fraternity that does anything like this."

"It's only the first event of the year," Valentine said. "Next summer I will be participating on a cross-country cycling crew. We travel around America raising people's awareness about we do."

Valentine is the first member of VCU's Sigma Pi Chapter to be selected for the PUSH cycling crew. He said he considers it a great honor.

Upcoming events are in the planning stages, but members are organizing a 24-hour "wheelchair PUSH" and possibly a "PUSH run."



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette
Members of Pi Kappa Phi take a break last week from raising money for disabled children.

Personalities behind PUSH

T. Stephen Burks, 21

**Sophomore, Pi Kappa Phi Secretary
VP, Inter-Fraternity Council**

"The Greek community is not an animalistic barbarian club of jocks and loose women. There is a highly overlooked attractive side. Greeks hold a nationally higher GPA and graduate at a 10 percent higher rate."

Steve Fleck, 21

**Sophomore, Phi Kappa Pi
Chairman of Associate Member Education**

"Pi Kappa Phi is the fastest-growing fraternity in America because we offer more than a 'social atmosphere.' PUSH America was totally founded by and is run by Pi Kapps. To be able to recruit brothers who can do this sort of thing says something about us."

Mike Valentine, 21

**Junior, Pi Kappa Phi Chaplain
President, Inter-Fraternity Council**

"I do not want my best fraternity experience to be a party; so I am taking advantage of all the opportunities Pi Kappa Phi offers me. There is brotherhood, long-lasting friendship and commitment to the cause of public service. Public Service is twofold, we all get together to help handicapped kids, but we also use our philanthropy to make the public aware of what fraternity is all about."

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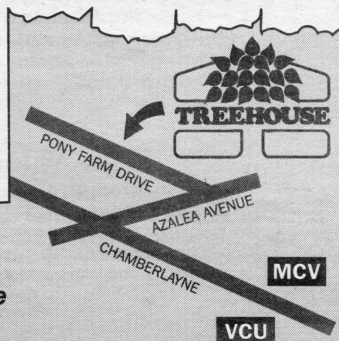
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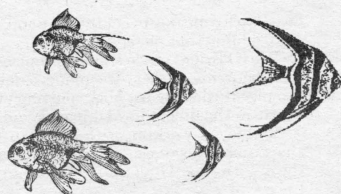


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Editorial

They Stole My Lunch

A few things have been written on this page about the VCU police.

Let's face it, if there ever was an emergency and someone needed to call the police, they would use the ERTS phones. In an emergency, they would be more than happy to use any phone in the city.

We aren't trying to single out the VCU police department. Everyone knows the police don't sit around eating donuts. Half the students at VCU couldn't pass the physical tests and examinations necessary to be on the force.

Last year, the VCU police answered thousands of calls of all types. Our bet is that almost all the calls were answered successfully.

Many calls involved larcenies. And regardless of the value or the victim, each one is a case to be investigated.

You can imagine all of the cases involving cash, electronics and personal items. But could you imagine being the officer sent to investigate a \$2 theft?

We hope to give our readers an idea of what the police do here. And this listing involves only larcenies; no assaults, harassments or "D.I.P.s."

• Computers disappear on a regular basis. The cheap ones are hundreds of dollars; some are valued at \$5,000.

• Radios, car stereos, CD players, equalizers, etc. are often listed (values

range between \$20 and \$800) on police reports.

• Wallets and purses (especially cash), books, cameras and jewelry are all prime targets.

But the police also deal with "alternative crime objects." Some items stolen last year:

• Traffic control arms (Those toll gate things) from the academic deck.

• A pack of cigarettes (That's all, nothing else).

• A floor buffer (Maybe your roommate took it, you know, the neat freak).

• A snake (But it was valued at \$187).

• Diapers (Must have been exam time).

• Stethoscopes and blood pressure kits (For the freshman who wanted to play doctor).

• A suction unit (Don't ask).

• A stuffed elephant (Maybe the snake ate it).

• Four cases of beer from the West Gym (Purchased when the grocery store ran out of Gatorade).

• And finally, a "pornographic doll" was stolen from the Commons (Talk about a cheap date!).

The CT isn't making fun of these crimes. We just hope everyone is more careful with their belongings, whatever they may be.

John Medeiros

Reach Out and Add/Drop

A past editor of the Commonwealth Times found something wrong, seriously wrong, with VCU.

It was add/drop at the Mosque.

After spending several hours waiting for the chance to find out his classes were closed, Rick Withers scurried back to the CT offices and cranked out an editorial.

He blasted VCU, SGA, STAR, telephone registration and even computers. He denounced the process as a horrible first impression for new students. He said he felt the lines were becoming "VCU tradition."

And these were some major-league lines, folks. We're talking stretched around the Mosque. First thing in the morning. People seated, people standing. Students in lawn chairs. Students camped out as if waiting for tickets to a concert.

The overall experience, Withers wrote, "was exactly as expected: a travesty."

Some of the facts Withers listed in the Aug. 28, 1990, CT:

1. A complete absence of available bulletins.

2. An average time of three to five hours from arrival to departure.

It seems Withers had experienced something horrible. However, it does not have to be like that anymore.

Other schools have lines for registration and add/drop. Some schools are just brutal. How would you like to go to one building with your override forms and another building to give the "Wheel of Add/Drop" a spin? What if you had to fill out a separate form for each class you wanted to add or drop?

It isn't like that at VCU. And those menacing lines are dwindling slowly.

Phone registration might not have worked well in the past, but it is the best invention on campus since the cheat sheet. You can call in, either local or long-distance, and set your schedule. There is no need to bring a tent on campus, nor any reason to be lugging lawn furniture from Johnson Hall.

"Welcome to the VCU Touch-tone Information System, please enter a service code ..."

The computer-generated voice is soothing; it puts you at ease. You begin to think of how you will spend your first days on campus now that you won't be at the Mosque.

"... evening, section 001 ... is closed!!!!"

The voice seems to be lashing out at you. "You fool, hope you enjoy waiting in line," is what the computer is probably thinking. The last words -- "is closed" -- have an almost nasty tone behind them.

Of course, that is your perception because you didn't get into your class.

"... has been added to your schedule ..."

The voice sounds so happy for you. You know in your heart that there is a computer on Franklin Street thinking about you.

Really, the system is great. It is exceptional. Fewer people wait in shorter lines for lesser amounts of time. The majority of people at the Mosque are there with overrides. Perhaps one day there will be touch-tone overrides.

For now, sign me up for phone registration.

There wasn't any camping on my agenda this semester. Instead, I spent my first week cutting classes and sleeping late.

Unsigned editorials are the opinion of the COMMONWEALTH times editorial board.

Successful and fortunate crime is called virtue.

—Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Christian Boyles

Practical Solutions are Needed for VCU's Parking Problem

With financial and administrative concerns hampering the growth of university parking operations, the fate of commuting students might be placed in the hands of alternative transportation.

The recent Parking Task Force report relies heavily on making this a reality.

With a name that rings of remedy, the task force had no immediate solution to the growing parking problem. Suggesting GRTC buses as a method for inter-campus transit, the task force elevates this campaign to the usage of "park and ride" services.

Suburbanite opposition to this plan can be expected.

Students tentatively are slated to utilize suburban "park and ride" lots. This would increase traffic in suburban neighborhoods. The purpose of suburban living is to get away from the noise and bustle of the city, not to have the city come to you.

Several area communities have expressed the desire to have student parking in their neighborhoods eliminated. The university has agreed to cooperate with area residents and Richmond police in this endeavor.

Some neighborhoods, taking matters into their own hands, have instituted parking passes to distinguish student vehicles from those of residents.

If area residents don't want VCU students infringing on their streets, the task force might be foolish in thinking suburbia will embrace the lot. Coordinating an effort to provide such a service would not alleviate university parking woes, but only create new obstacles.

With the acquisition of land bordering the campus, VCU could utilize some land parcels to relieve strain on the parking deck.

The task force states the budget cannot support a new parking deck, but the MCV deck is being renovated and a new MCV deck is being built.

VCU is negotiating to purchase the Universal Ford location on Broad Street, only a short walk from campus. Instead of building over a parking lot and putting off the construction of a new parking deck, why not use the facilities that once served as a car dealership? The office space and body shop can be demolished to serve the university's desired purpose, while using the lot for student parking.

This proposal, with the land parcel serving a dual purpose, would provide temporary relief until a more permanent project can be devised.

Although the task force acknowledged the need for new facilities is great, most of its recommendations were long-term. Projecting the needs for the next 10 years, the Parking Task Force

concentrated on what can be done in coming years and virtually ignored suggesting immediate solutions.

While the university focuses on future goals (prospects of a satellite campus and an engineering school), it needs to devote more effort to current problems. VCU should not base its actions on the non-committal task force report.

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Events planner stresses autonomy

by Elaine Bleach
staff writer

The narrow hallway that snakes behind meeting rooms and offices on the second level of the Student Commons was covered with masking tape and craft paper, an indication of the ongoing transformation in that facility.

This hallway finally led to the room where new staff member Felicia Keelan, recently hired as an events coordinator, currently is pitching her tent.

Keelan came to Richmond by way of Chicago, her hometown. She did undergraduate work at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., and earned a degree in public relations in 1990.

"My philosophy of programming is to be an adviser... I just try to point out problems and avoid duplications."

--Felicia Keelan

She received a master's in higher education administration (part of which included a graduate assistantship in Student Activities), from the University of Connecticut in May of this year.

Participating in and serving in leadership positions were important parts of her experience at both universities.

Among other pursuits, she was part of Bradley's Visual Arts committee and later became president of the school's activities programming board.

Keelan was also manager of the Student Center at Bradley as well as founder of the Bradley Minority Coalition.

This organization was formed in response to a student's attempts to organize a white supremacist group on campus. Though the administration at Bradley did not formally recognize this group, the Minority Coalition remained intact, later



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

New staff member Felicia Keelan's smile shows it all. Keelan was recently hired as an events coordinator.

evolving as a multicultural awareness organization.

"It was set up to help build better understanding (among all students)," Keelan said.

"I learned a lot about myself and other people (from being involved in student activities)," the events coordinator said.

Keelan quickly discovered that she had a tendency to assume a "dictatorial" role in her leadership, but recognized that this was an unproductive leadership style.

"I found I could be lenient while at the same time not have people walk over me," she said.

Keelan is optimistic that the Commons

construction will give students bigger and cleaner places to hold activities. She speculated that dances and forums now held in the Cary or Franklin gyms will be held in the new extension.

"These ballrooms are bigger and, I've been told, will have a better setup, like the lighting. It's better and students can do more."

As far as what new activities or other changes in programming the Commons extension will bring, it's not up to Keelan to create them.

"My philosophy of programming is to be an adviser. What they [students] want to do is up to them. I just try to point out problems and avoid duplications."

Having two functions meeting the same student need is the kind of duplication she tries to avoid, she said.

As an example of a possible problem, she said, "I don't tell students what to do and I wouldn't say that the speaker they want is controversial."

Instead, Keelan said, she might point out that students should be prepared for strong reactions to a program.

The process of planning should begin with an organization's primary adviser, she said. After the event is planned and space has been reserved, Keelan said, she helps with the logistics of the event. She said she also lets her advisees know what restrictions might apply, but only if an event involves more than 100 people.

She said she likes Richmond, having been here about six weeks. In comparison to Chicago, however, she said, the city does have some shortcomings.

"There isn't as much diversity here; that's kind of weird coming from a place where you see so many different kinds of people everyday," Keelan said.

Much of her time so far in her new home has been spent unpacking and shopping for furniture. In her leisure time, Keelan said, she enjoys seeing movies and learning a new skill: sewing.

•Spectrum Briefs•

Valentine Museum explores race relations in America

The Valentine Museum will showcase "Color Adjustment," directed by Marlon Riggs (who also directed the famed "Tongues Untied"). The film traces more than 40 years of race relations in America through prime-time television. Using programs such as "Amos 'n Andy," "Good Times" and "The Cosby Show," the film examines how each simultaneously emerged and commented on popular attitudes and the political climate of the day. After the screening of the film, Dr. Norrece Jones, a VCU associate professor of history, will hold a discussion of the work. "Color Adjustment" will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 16. For more information, call 649-0711.

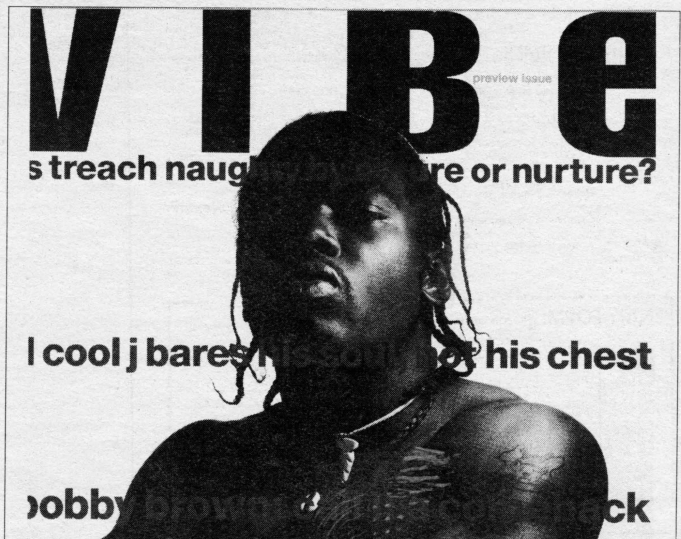
Anderson Gallery hosts AIDS Awareness Art Competition

The Anderson Gallery, in conjunction

with the AIDS Business Council and the American Lung Association, Richmond Region, will present the second annual AIDS Awareness Art Competition. Two awards, of \$1,000 and \$500 savings bonds will be presented to a VCU student. The award will be based on the student's ability to visualize issues related to AIDS, AIDS awareness and AIDS education. For more information, contact Steven High or Kathy Emerson at the Anderson Gallery at 367-1522.

Hip-Hop culture finds a voice on the printed press

Vibe, the first magazine to cover Hip-Hop cultures: the music, the message, the mood, the moment. Founded jointly by Quincy Jones Entertainment and Time Publishing Ventures, it will be launched Sept. 14 at area newsstands. The creators of Vibe intend to analyze, celebrate, review and report on Hip-Hop and its contribution to a new wave of artists, both black and white.



Vibe will appear on newsstands Sept. 14.

photo courtesy of Vibe magazine

Record Reviews



photo courtesy of Mercury Records

Ugly Kid Joe: the band you'll love to hate.

Ugly Kid Joe "America's Least Wanted" Star Dog Records

After the dark humor of "Everything About You," the newest Ugly Kid Joe CD is a shock.

"America's Least Wanted" does harbor a few fugitives of old, such as "Neighbor" ("You're gonna live in misery when you're living next to me"). But, many songs are more artistic and less sarcastic.

"Same Side" and "Madman" are decidedly funk, with bassist Cordell Crockett slapping through and carrying the songs.

The melodic "Busy Bee" is surprisingly sensitive. "Just let us find what's been lost/ So many people get torn and tossed away."

Lead vocalist Whitfield Crane has matured with the music, especially on "Busy Bee" and "So Damn Cool." On these he replaces his trendy pop/rock vocals with a haunting, alternative sound.

The biggest shock of all comes with the cover of Chapin's "Cats in the Cradle." It is uncharacteristically beautiful and proof

positive that America's Least Wanted are taking a step in a new direction.

—Diane Giles

Various Artists "Unsigned Sounds Compilation CD" Various Studios

This bizarre assortment of unsigned artists — ranging from gospel to industrial noise — is super as a guide to the local band scene.

"Clean Water," from Emmet Swimming, is musically clean and lyrically strange. ("They say a baby born without clothes should be clothed/He's showing his privates to us now").

With Todd Watts' vocals (reminiscent of Danzig) and an "infectious live show," this is a band to watch for.

Islander, a self-described "rock, pop, funk, reggae, opera, jazz, metal, Congo Basin tribal band from Virginia," contrib-

utes "Wire." This mix of styles makes for a funky party song.

The star of this release is Teo Graco, bassist, who performs on two tracks. In Fusion Hacker's "Funkman's Daughter," his talent carries the jazz/fusion piece. And with Nick Nichols' vocals on "Demons" from Shatterday, a haunting rock track results.

This is just a sample of the up-and-coming talent from the Northern Virginia area. Catch them if you can.

—Diane Giles

Schwa "Footleg Room" Self-released

Everybody's had one and maybe you are one. You know, that awkward and forever angst-ridden friend who will have you laughing and crying at the same time.

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back at you in that awkward manner he/she has. But, despite it all, you stuck with this friend (or maybe you didn't !!).

Well, that friend of yours (or perhaps you), personifies the sound of Schwa.

The group is more than that upside down 'e' your third grade teacher told you about.

On their debut, "Footleg Room," this Richmond trio (formerly of the culturally devoid Virginia Beach area) simultaneously combines uncomfortable tricky rhythms with questioning lyrics and questioning rhythms with uncomfortable tricky lyrics.

Take for example the self-effacing "14 contents." "How many times can I say nothing/ how many times will you listen to nothing/ how many different ways can I say the same thing ... Why do you listen/ I don't know anything ..."

With memorable hooks on tracks like "Rock," "Our God" and "My Mind," Schwa has reinvented the traditional garage band sound.

—Nancy Jones

AIDS AWARENESS

The Anderson Gallery, in conjunction with the AIDS Business Council, and the American Lung Association, Richmond Region, are pleased to present the second annual AIDS Awareness Art Competition. Two awards of \$1,000 and \$500 Savings Bonds will be presented to a Virginia Commonwealth University student. The award will be based on the student's ability to visualize issues related to AIDS, AIDS Awareness, and AIDS Education.

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Calendar *

Monday 14

Art: Kristine Robinson's sculpture, painting and video opens in the student art space (official opening night Thurs.).

Richmond Festival Chorus is holding auditions at 6:15 p.m. For more information, call Martin Curtis at 257-5666.

Go to the bookstore and buy a copy of Vibe, the first magazine to cover Hip-Hop culture cover to cover (see Spectrum Briefs).

Floodzone: Tori Amos.

Metro: Techno Dance Night.

Twisters: Dishwasher, Mulch and Zero for Conduct (shows are free and tell Dean Happy Birthday!).

Tuesday 15

Sports: Field hockey team will play at William and Mary, 7 p.m.

Floodzone: Beluga Wail.

Metro: Dance Night.

Twisters: Exit 37.

Wednesday 16

Check out the student organization fair in the Commons Plaza (starts at 11 a.m.)

Valentine Museum: Tune into "Color Adjustment" at 7:30 p.m. (see Spectrum Briefs).

Sexual Minority Student Alliance meeting 10-11 p.m. at the Business Building Auditorium. They will discuss elections for current semester.

Floodzone: Dave Mathews Band.

Twisters: Hgual, Stink Hogan and Shadow Vine.

Thursday 17

Go to the Commons Theater and attend

the lecture "Rap Music: Rhetoric or Reality?" The program starts at 8 p.m.

Common Ground DJ dance at 9 p.m. Admission is free with a VCU ID.

Pauline Maroni of the VCU Counseling Services will be speaking about acquaintance rape at the Jewish Community Center (5403 Monument Ave.). Program starts at 7 p.m.

Floodzone: Indecision.

Twisters: Dance Night.

Friday 18

Shafer Court concert at 5 p.m.

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Metro: Beex Whitey and Used Carlotta.

Twisters: Zero for Conduct (they head-

line this time), Demt and Superball 63.

Saturday 19

Sports: Cross country team Ram invitational.

Field Hockey team scheduled at Davidson, 1 p.m.

Richmond Symphony performs at the Mosque, 8 p.m.

Metro: Dance Night, 10 p.m. til 4 a.m.

Twisters: Soul Craft.

Sunday 20

Sports: Field Hockey team at Duke, 1 p.m.

Metro: Afterlife, Arkanun and Permanence

Sleep: ZZZZZZZZZ!!!!!!!

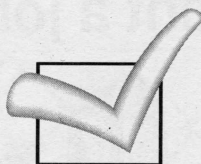
A beer, a band, and a bitch ...



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All the elements of a good party were present Friday as Corrosion of Conformity played to a packed Shafer Court. COC kicked off the APB's fall 1992 concert series with a vengeance. Even the dogs moshed.

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Sports

Body count halted; Rams hockey = 2-0

by Keith E. Lennon and John Medeiros
staff writers

After an injury-riddled preseason and an intensely physical opener at Wake Forest, the VCU Rams finally made it through a game without any serious wounds.

And they won as well, crushing Towson State University, 5-0.

"Over the last 20 minutes, we were hoping to just escape the game without anymore injuries," Rams coach Pat Stauffer said.

VCU's only worries were about injuries because an offensive explosion in the first half put the game out of reach.

Alycia Yoder scored twice against the Tigers (0-2). Her first goal gave the Rams the lead six minutes into the match. Susan Hoff cut up the middle and fired a shot toward the goal. Yoder redirected the blast past goalie Kelly Mehl for her second marker of the year.

"Alycia is persistent and aggressive out there," Stauffer said. "(Her play) is due to the experience she got last year -- her spring season built her confidence."

Cindy "The Rocket" Bano was the next Ram to ring the bell. She was set up by some sharp passing between Jennifer Friend, Amy Bonzano and Hoff. Bano was able to pick up a pass from Hoff and dribble in on the Towson State cage. She beat Mehl low to the short side for her first goal of the season.

Bano filled a different role for the third VCU goal. She was the playmaker instead of the finisher as she took control of the ball in the offensive right corner. She beat two Tiger defenders and sent a centering pass to Yoder. Yoder's shot was stopped, but Heather Eckenrode pounced upon the rebound and tallied the 14th goal of her career.

Bonzano's conversion of a penalty stroke closed out the first half scoring assault. The goal was her second suc-

cessful attempt of the season.

Yoder scored the only goal of the second half, which gave the Rams their five-goal cushion. But more impressive than the goal was some of the passing between the twin Yoders, Kelly and Alycia. Kelly completed three 25-yard passes to Alycia in the second half, the first of which resulted in Alycia's second goal of the game.

"It's twin telepathy out there," Stauffer said. "They are both very happy to have the same address."

On the defensive front, VCU has yet to be truly tested. Neither Wake Forest nor Towson State has been able to apply a sustained attack. Goalie Mary Ellen Hostetler, with four saves on the year, has recorded consecutive shutouts and extended her scoreless streak to 156 minutes.

"(Hostetler's) confidence is really coming around. A lot of preseason changes were made. I wish she had more action today, she's really confident," Lori Miller, VCU goaltenders coach, said.

The defense has been the biggest change the Rams have adopted. The new-look passing-lane denial defense has prevented their opponents from posing any threat to the VCU cage. The Rams have been able to control the tempo of each of their first two games by keeping play in the opponents' half of the field.

Exam day is Tuesday. VCU should be challenged when William and Mary comes to Cary Street Field tomorrow night at 7 p.m. It is the Rams' first conference game of the year and their first chance for revenge. Last season, the Tribe handed VCU its first loss of the year, in Williamsburg, and its last, at the conference tournament.

"They should test us defensively," Stauffer said. "We took it on the chin both times by 1-0 scores. We're where we want to be, 2-0 and playing William and Mary at home. We've got to welcome them to our house."



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1992 VCU Volleyball team — Front row (L to R) Sheryl Kemmerer, Suzanne Dawson, Linda Young, Julie Blair, Shannon McMeekin. Second row: Laurawade Abernathy, Jennifer Smith, Emely Bigge, Jennifer Krohn, Peyton Fleischer, Nancy Hauver. Back row; Asst. Coach Cheryl Carlson, Head Coach Lynn Fielitz.

Rams capture own volleyball tourney

by Jason T. Bonardi
associate sports editor

A few weeks ago I wrote an article previewing the VCU sports teams.

To be honest, I didn't give the volleyball team much of a chance.

Open mouth — insert foot.

Saturday afternoon the Rams, 7-1, defeated three teams in winning the first of two tournaments that will be held at VCU this fall.

On Friday, the first day of action, the Rams destroyed the Camels of Campbell University 15-5, 15-8, 16-14.

"We've been working since Jan. 16 in the weight room and on the track," said Head Coach Lynn Fielitz. "They're also a year older."

After the game, Emely Bigge, whose aggressiveness I questioned in the article, asked me:

"Was that aggressive enough for you?"

Yes Emely, it was.

The other athlete I questioned, Shannon McMeekin, proceeded to gain all-tournament honors.

"Last year Shannon and I were starting freshmen and now we're a year older," Bigge said.

Fielitz said that when the game gets close, he knows the team will be alright.

"You look in their eyes and you know they're OK," he said.

On the second day of the tournament the Rams defeated Davidson 3-2 and Navy 3-0.

Bigge and McMeekin received all-tournament honors and Linda Young was selected as tournament MVP.

Freshman setter is impressive

Suzanne Dawson, a native of Boca Raton, Fla., is adjusting well to Division I volleyball.

Dawson has completely taken over the setting duties for the Rams and is well suited for Fielitz's offense.

"She puts the ball right where we need it," Bigge said.

Dawson was the two-time Florida Player-of-the-Year for 3A-4A schools and won two state championships at Spanish River High School.

Georgia Tech transfer strong off the bench

Jennifer Smith, who started as a freshman last year at Georgia Tech, is vying for the Rams' sixth man award.

Fielitz brings Smith in to serve and play defense, while subbing in Sheryl Kemmerer to play the frontline.

Smith, a Redondo Beach, Calif., native was a First Team All-League selection for two years at Mira Costa High School. Her team was the state 5A runner-up her last two years.

Back from injuries, Kemmerer and Fleischer are ready

A hand injury to Kemmerer and a separated shoulder for Fleischer were two of the many downs in the Rams' 1991 season.

Both are among the team leaders in kills and show no signs of slowing down.

Part of Fielitz's national recruiting campaign, Kemmerer hails from Hagerstown, Md., while Fleischer comes from Richardson, Texas.

Rams on the Road

The Rams, who only have five home dates left in the year, travel to James Madison tomorrow night.

The Rams will return to the Franklin Street Gym Sept. 25, to host East Carolina.



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Sophomore Alycia Yoder looks to take the ball from a Towson State defender. Yoder scored two goals in the game, bringing her season total to three. She can be expected to make an assault on the season scoring record.

• Rams weekly schedule •



Field Hockey (2-0)

Tues., Sept. 15, William and Mary, 7 p.m. at Cary Street Field.

Sat., Sept. 19, at Davidson, 1 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 20, at Duke, 1 p.m.

Results:

Sept. 11; VCU 3, Wake Forest 0.

Sept. 13; VCU 5, Towson State 0.

The Rams start their conference slate against William and Mary. The Tribe has claimed the last two contests. VCU then "vacations" in North Carolina, where they'll face Davidson and Duke. Duke is the first of a multitude of Top 20 opponents for the Rams.



Volleyball (7-1)

Tues., Sept. 15, at James Madison, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 19, at Campbell, UNC Wilmington, 11 a.m.

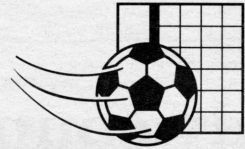
Results:

Sept. 11; VCU d. Campbell, 3-0.

Sept. 12; VCU d. Davidson, 3-2.

Sept. 12; VCU d. Navy, 3-0.

The "VCU Classic" all-tournament team included Emely Bigge and Shannon McMeekin. Linda Young was named tourney MVP. The Rams take to the road to face JMU, UNCW and, again, the Campbell Fighting Camels.



Soccer (0-3)

Wed., Sept. 16, East Carolina, 7 p.m. at Cary Street Field.

Sat., Sept. 19, at Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.

Results:

Sept. 12; Howard 3, VCU 2.

Last year, the soccer team started slowly but finished with a flourish. This year also has started off slowly, but will improve much sooner than last year. Virginia Tech was one of VCU's victims last season. Last week's game at Howard gave coach Lincoln Phillips a chance to visit the school he coached for 10 years.

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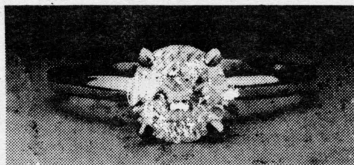
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The Richmond Redskins? The VCU Bullets?

by Brian French
staff writer

A collection of random thoughts, ramblings and opinions on the world of sports:

• Richmond's own Mayor Walter Kenney has decided that, well, as long as those misguided folks in Alexandria don't wish to house the Super Bowl champions in their city, why not try to entice the Washington Redskins to move into the "City of Monuments"?

Never mind that he has no financial plan to pay for a 75,000-seat stadium, or that he probably hasn't uttered a word of this plan to anyone else. Just the idea that he would even go public with this daydream of his is one of the biggest sports stories for Richmond in quite some time.

The funny thing is, in the Sept. 11 edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Kenney said he thought the Richmond Redskins could become a reality. Hmmm. Problem is, what will happen with the Richmond Ravens? We just can't alienate all 200 of their fans so quickly now, can we?

• Of course, one good thing about the Redskins moving into our little hamlet is that VCU will have one less excuse not to field a football team. The biggest initial expense in starting up a football program is the stadium. Well, the rent might be a touch steep, but I sincerely doubt too many people would mind having our football team play in Jack Kent Cooke Stadium.

If anyone thinks the stadium would be too small for a VCU-Richmond game, they should transfer to Michigan or Penn State,

or another Midwest school that draws 100,000 people to watch their school take on the University of Cheese, or whatever.

• One final note about a possible football program at VCU. If we are truly serious about having a football team, we should definitely change our nickname. Anyone who even has a remote interest in football would understand the potential downside of having a football team with the nickname "Rams."

Charity Stripe

• While on the subject of changing nicknames, as others within this publication have suggested we do, I have a simple question to pose. If we change our name, what do we change it to?

If we change it to a nickname that supposedly matches up with the city in which we habitate, we probably would have some sort of Confederate nickname, which would be inappropriate.

We could, of course, go with the next thing Richmond is famous for. Again, though, there's that stigma thing. The last thing our basketball team needs is the nickname "Bullets." Besides, it's not as though we have the only inappropriate nickname in sports. For example, how many bulls are there in South Florida, or, for that matter, Chicago? How many 49ers are there on the campus of UNC Charlotte? Monarchs at Old Dominion? Point being, our nickname is not all that bad.

After all, you can say "VCU Rams" in a nice, fluid motion. Plus, it's worlds more intimidating than most nicknames for state schools. The Hokies? The Spiders? Please. The Patriots? Only if you're a Scud destroyer. What would you rather run into

head-on: A Hokie or a Ram? Enough said.

• This year's basketball schedule for the Rams includes home games with the following illustrious and legendary schools: George Mason, Liberty, Siena, Murray State, Long Beach State and our home opener against almighty New Hampshire Dec. 1.

Combine these with a road game against the University of Buffalo (which has no buffalo, by the way), a Metro Conference in which almost all the major-league players (Clarence Weatherspoon, Everick Sullivan and Radenko Dobras) no longer play college ball and much-improved depth (nine new players), and you can see why VCU has a shot at getting 20 wins this year. In fact, if we win the Carrier Classic (which probably would mean having to beat Syracuse on their home floor) on the first weekend in December, and all the dominoes fall into place (like not losing to Liberty), we could (brace yourselves here) have a shot at breaking into the AP Top 25.

Of course, it would be unfair to make such predictions so soon in the year, and anything can happen between now and Dec. 1. However, if the city of Richmond is serious about courting the Redskins, then VCU attaining national acclaim, respect and a berth in a post-season tournament isn't all that wild a dream.

• On a more serious note, I would like to take this opportunity to voice my displeasure with the way the basketball schedule is set up this year, in reference to home games during the winter holidays.

Five games will take place when most students are home, and therefore unable to

attend. Granted, no major teams are going to play during this period (Southern Mississippi would be the biggest game missed), but it still is disappointing that almost half this year's home basketball schedule will not be accessible to so many VCU fans.

This is not a swipe at our athletic director, for I realize the problems that occur in scheduling games. It's just a shame that so many games will not be available to boarding students.

• One of the reasons we have trouble in scheduling is that we have to share the Richmond Coliseum. We have to schedule our games around the Richmond Renegades, the circus, gun shows and other events that take place in the Coliseum.

Old Dominion University experienced even worse problems in scheduling, having to put one-third of their home games in a smaller building than the one they usually use, for the aforementioned reasons. Subsequently, ODU is seriously looking into building its own stadium.

Granted, Richmond Coliseum is a nice arena, but wouldn't it be nice to have a stadium to call our own? If ODU builds its arena, that would make VCU the only major university in Virginia not to have their own stadium.

I can say with absolute certainty that Sonny Smith and his basketball team are not too crazy about having a long road trip in February because of the circus. This might not be the time to ask the university to drop a few million dollars or so into a stadium, what with the slow economic recovery and all, but it's still something we should be looking into down the road.

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Field hockey team captures season's first, 3-0

by Leanne Anama
associate sports editor

In their 1992 season opener Friday afternoon at Wake Forest, the Rams field hockey team trounced the Demon Deacons, 3-0.

After the game, Coach Pat Stauffer said, "We started five sophomores, some who are first-year players. Jen Friend and Stacey Grim didn't get a lot of playing time last year."

"It was a typical first game. Wake Forest played hard and I'm glad we could get the top side of it."

VCU's Amy Bonzano scored the first goal of the game on a penalty shot with 24:22 left in the first half.

Aggressive offense action continued through the game for the Rams but without three-year veteran defensive player Mary Beth Hersch. She went down in the first half with a broken nose after a collision with an opponent.

This forced a quick change in VCU's lineup.

"I think that out of all of the different substitution alternatives we had, we weren't prepared when Mary Beth got hurt," Stauffer said. "We (the coaches) take responsibility for it."

Jen Friend stepped in to play at a foreign position and did an admirable job of adapting.

"The kids made up the difference pretty

well," the coach said.

The Rams scored two more unanswered goals in the second half. Sophomore Alycia Yoder scored on a corner shot seven minutes into the half with an assist from Susan Hoff. Sophomore Grim scored the third goal, following up a rebound on a corner shot with 18:55 left in the game.

Grim contributed to the offensive rush by registering her first collegiate career goal as well as three additional shots on goal.

Stauffer said, "Stacey didn't play much last year. She worked really hard in our spring and summer seasons. That hard work was evident in the game today. She has become a better player."

Grim said making her first goal felt great. "I'm looking forward to more (goals) in the season with more playing time."

She also said the secret to her game performance was the four bananas she had eaten earlier in the day.

Wake Forest had a few rushes to VCU's net but the Rams' defense, led by goalie Mary Ellen Hostetler's three saves, stopped any major drives.

Stauffer gave some of the defense's credit to Assistant Coach Lori Miller, who worked with the goalies.

Stauffer said she felt that conditioning was key to the team's success.

"Assistant Coach Dave Burton has done a good job keeping our kids fit," she said. "That was to our advantage today."



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Goalkeeper Mary Ellen Hostetler has been able to enjoy most of the early-season action from afar. She has faced only six shots while recording back-to-back shutouts.

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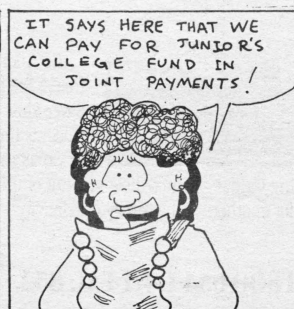
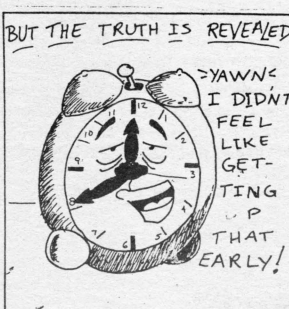
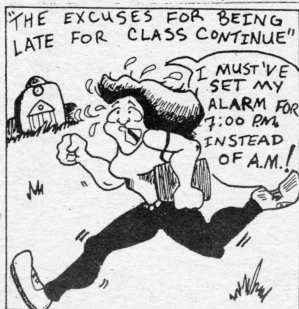
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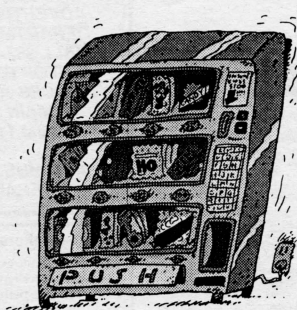
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