

Dormitory residents face marijuana charges

by Jason T. Bonardi
staff writer

VCU Police arrested 11 students Sunday night in Johnson Hall and charged them with a misdemeanor offense of marijuana possession.

Officers Clarence Foster and Clyde Evans arrested Alexander Brown, John A. Pleasants, John L. Piper, Mike Wittington, Amir Feder and J. S. Breedlove, all adults, and charged them with the misdemeanor offense, said Dean Dean, VCU's police chief.

Dean said two students, Joshua Hayes-High and Kenneth G. Smith, were arrested shortly after on the third floor.

"The last student arrested was Kim Swarthout on the 10th floor," he said.

The arrests occurred after Christine Whitman, the on-call resident assistant, and a security guard smelled marijuana on the seventh floor.

"We contacted the resident assistant on the floor, and he also

smelled the drug, so the security guard called the police," Whitman said.

Dean said the arresting officers went to room 723 and knocked on the door after they smelled the drug.

The students answered the door and marijuana was in full view, the police chief said, adding that the students gave permission to the officers to search the room. "Marijuana was the only drug found along with drug paraphernalia," he said.

After police arrested Pleasants and two juveniles on the seventh floor, Dean said, they got scared, talked about the incident and named other students suspected of possessing marijuana.

The police chief further explained that the officers went to the ninth floor and arrested Brown, Piper, Wittington, Feder and Breedlove before going to the third and 11th floors to arrest the final three students involved in the incident.

Search warrants, Dean said,

were not used in the arrests but students were issued summons.

"The RA's invited us to the floors, and the residents signed a release form allowing us to search their rooms," he said.

Nine of the students are scheduled to appear Oct. 6 in Richmond General District Court.

"The two juveniles are a different story," Dean said. "They have to have a pretrial hearing."

Randy James, resident assistant on the ninth floor where five of the 11 students were arrested, said police searched some rooms on his floor, but he was unaware of what was happening.

"I guess the police had probable cause to search the rooms," James said. "I had no idea what was going on."

Henry Rhone, vice provost for university housing, said the students will be meeting individually with Jody Allen, coordinator of residence education, to determine their future with university housing.

Assault trial postponed for associate professor

by Richard Foster
staff writer

The trial for the assault charges against Michael L. Fine, an associate professor of biology at VCU, has been postponed by his defense attorney for the second time.

Fine's case will be heard at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, in the criminal division of Richmond General District Court.

The tenured associate professor was arrested by VCU police Aug. 14 on charges of simple assault for allegedly spanking a female student in his office at the Life Sciences Building.

Anna Kadiki, a 23-year-old psychology major, charged that Fine threatened to spank her if she did not earn a certain grade on a biology test he was administering.

When she did not earn the grade, she said, Fine spanked her "six to seven times," which reportedly left two large welts on her body.

In a hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 14 in Richmond General District Court, Judge D. Eugene Cheek said Fine's attorney, Carol A. N. Breit, moved for a continuance of the trial. Cheek also said it would be the last continuance allowed in the case.

Fine previously had asked for a continuance Aug. 28, when he was still without counsel. Breit told the judge she needed the most recent delay to obtain documents to be used as evidence in the trial.

Breit could not be reached for comment.

Commonwealth Attorney Steven Buck, the prosecuting attorney, said, "The defense is stalling."

Buck said he believed the documents referred to by the defense were statements Fine made about the incident to a VCU faculty review committee.

Buck said he intended to subpoena the same documents because he understood the comments Fine made would be harmful to the defense.

Jackson rocks the Shafer Court vote

by Randolph A. Carila
staff writer

At first they dribbled in, but soon the flow of students into Shafer Court became a flood as hundreds gathered to hear the Rev. Jesse Jackson speak at a rally yesterday.

Standing there, waving his arms and frowning, Jackson exhorted young people to register to vote.

"Each generation has its own special purpose," Jackson said. "Yours, in a greater measure, is to rebuild America."

Jackson spoke to a mixture of Virginia Commonwealth University students and faculty about the need for stronger voter turnout, especially among youth.

He roared about black Americans killed in this country 29 years ago who tried to gain the right to vote; about Tiananmen Square where China's youth faced armored tanks for the right to vote; and about South African Nelson Mandela's 27 1/2-year imprisonment for the right to vote.

"You, who've got the right to vote, must exercise the right to vote!" Jackson commanded.

The crowd, consisting mostly of black youth, roared back in outraged understanding.

Jackson said he intends to traverse America challenging urban and suburban folk to find a common ground, organize workers and inspire youth to go forward in

unity and hope, not backward by division and fear.

"We're trying to motivate the urban South to get registered," Jackson said.

He outlined some of America's biggest problems — its pain — that include unemployment, poverty and lack of health care. He said the poor are, contrary to image projections, mostly white, female and young.

He said he believes that because of this persistent pain, American people should feel bound by their suffering and not separated by race.

When a baby goes to bed hungry it does not cry out in race or color, Jackson said, but in pain.

"We cannot wallow in that pain," he continued. "We must break the cycle of pain and turn that pain into power."

Jackson said those who have power can set the agenda and the agenda must be to rebuild America. Better and more easily attainable education, and eradication of slums and malnutrition are a start.

Then he urged his listeners to go further, to treat one another as members of one family. Character is not defined by how one dresses, he said, but by how one treats others.

"I'm really convinced that when you develop character in your younger years, you have the power to change the course of our country like no one else does," Jackson said.

He called to mind the white Californian who was dragged out of his truck and beaten, and the four young black men who saved his life. It was an example of character rising above color and culture, and Jackson likened it to the parable of the Good Samaritan.

"Young America, don't give up, don't become cynical, don't become discouraged," he shouted. "Register to vote — don't let this moment pass. Keep hope alive!"

Jackson then called upon unregistered

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson walks with Gov. L. Douglas Wilder (right) and Richmond Mayor Walter Kenney (left) before voter registration speech at Shafer Court yesterday.

staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

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Virginia Blood Services looking for donors

Virginia Blood Services is looking for donors for a community blood drive on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from noon to 7 p.m. at Cloverleaf Mall, 7201 Midlothian Turnpike, in the Sears wing next to Lerner New York.

For more information, call 359-5100.

Poetry contest deadline approaching

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is Sept. 30. There is no entry fee and the contest is open to everyone.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-ZK, Owings Mills, Md. 21117.

Poems should be 20 lines or shorter, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

September attractions at the Science Museum of Virginia

The Science Museum of Virginia will present "LiveSky Show," an informal "on the dome" viewing of the month's celestial events in the Universe Theater, 2500 W. Broad St.

Also, from noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 19 there will be an up-close look at the Foucault Pendulum and Analemmic Sundial exhibits at the museum.

Help "d'feet" diabetes at Cary Street Gym

On Saturday, Oct. 3 The American Diabetes Association is having a 10-mile "Walk to D'FEET Diabetes" starting at the Cary Street Gym. The walk will wind through Richmond and back to the gym where lunch will be provided by Little Caesar's Pizza.

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For more information, call (800) 944-6766

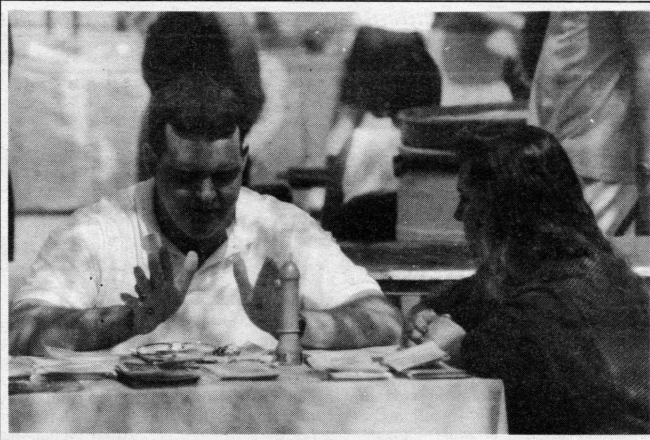
Last minute voter registration at the Commons

Those interested in voting in the 1992 presidential elections need to register to vote by Oct. 2.

Students can register to vote Monday, Sept. 28 through Friday, Oct. 2 in the Student Commons.

Those already registered in other areas of Virginia can re-register here if they want to vote in Richmond in the November elections.

Get organized!



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

John Wilkins, vice president of the student government association and "Believing Everyone can Enjoy Reality's (B.E.E.R.) Peer counselor discusses the importance of safe sex with Terry McCall at the Student Organization Fair yesterday. The organization fair lasted for three hours, giving student groups an opportunity to meet and recruit those interested in becoming members. Participating in the Fair with B.E.E.R. Peers were fraternities and sororities, student government association, the English Club, WVCW Radio and numerous other groups.

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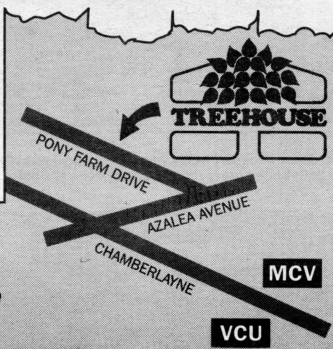
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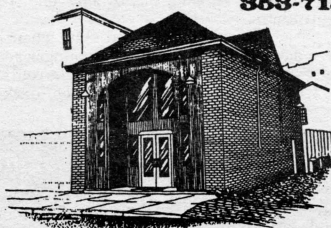
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News

LaRouche supporters march against capital punishment

by Laura L. Lugar
staff writer

The Rev. James L. Bevel, vice-presidential candidate for Lyndon LaRouche, and local supporters of the LaRouche campaign rallied at the state Capitol Tuesday to protest the execution of Willie Leroy Jones, a death row inmate scheduled to be ex-

ecuted that night.

After speeches by Bevel and other supporters, the rally proceeded to Attorney General Mary Sue Terry's office as protesters marched and waved signs chanting, "Mary Sue Terry thinks she's a man, the true grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan."

Terry is the target of criticism by capital punishment opponents. She's referred to

as "Bloody Mary" by protesters who accuse her, along with Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, of premeditated murder of American citizens.

"Wilder has killed more unarmed black men this year than the Ku Klux Klan," said Gerald Berg, a congressional candidate. "I don't think most people in this country are for killing people."

Aside from the governor and attorney general, Berg said, he blames the media for spreading the acceptance of capital punishment.

"We haven't educated people enough to see through the media," Berg said. "People need to unplug the television, plug in their brains and unplug the electric chair."

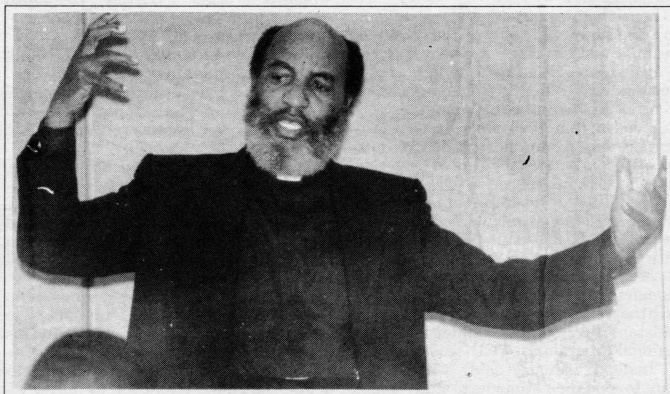
Bevel solemnly paraded in front of the attorney general's office holding a sign that read, "Let him who is without sin throw the switch."

Later that evening at a forum in the Marriott Hotel, Bevel addressed an audience of approximately 25 supporters of the LaRouche campaign.

"LaRouche is not a politician," Bevel explained. "He's not interested in winning. He wants to awaken the American people."

Protest was not a word Bevel chose to describe the rally. He uses the word "movement" explaining that a protest does nothing whereas a movement can change things.

"I'm not a pessimist. I'm not an optimist. I'm a scientist," Bevel said. "I came to solve the problem of capital punishment."



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

The Rev. James L. Bevel, vice presidential candidate for Lyndon LaRouche, visited Richmond this week to protest capital punishment.

VCU donates books to Russia

by Shelby D. Barrette
staff writer

Sept. 23, the American Friendship Library Project will send 40,000 books to St. Petersburg, Russia.

This year, the Richmond-based organization worked in cooperation with local groups to raise awareness of the severe shortage of recently published books in the former Soviet Union.

With the help of AFLP, VCU's Political Science Society organized a large-scale book drive. Students, faculty, and several departments worked together and at the end of last semester more than 10,000 volumes were collected at VCU alone.

Vikki Hull, president of the Political Science Society, served as campus coordinator for the drive.

"The timing of the event contributed to its success. At the end of the semester a lot of students were getting rid of old texts," Hull said. "When the bookstores wouldn't buy the books back, students dropped them in our collection bins."

Hull, who said she was impressed with the amount of campus cooperation surrounding the event, credited Jeffrey M. Gallagher, project founder, with its success.

"We couldn't have done this without him," she said.

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Watch your books — someone wants them!

by Fred Marcus
staff writer

The painful process of shelling out \$200 for textbooks is a dreaded task with which most students can identify. But imagine buying books and then discovering they have disappeared while left unattended for a few short moments.

That is exactly what happens every semester all over campus, at the library, in dorm rooms, at the Student Commons and in the cafeteria.

In fact, a list of all items reported stolen to VCU police for the 1991-92 school year, revealed that police investigated more than 40 such incidents, with stolen items valued at over \$3,200.

Lt. Wayne Carlson pointed out that these were the only cases reported to police, and that the actual total could be much higher. Carlson said in many cases, victims realize they could have prevented the theft by keeping a closer eye on their books and calling the police to report the crime.

Of all reported book thefts last year, only one case was classified by police as unpreventable.

Ernest Moody, president of Virginia Book Company, said

there is a fairly simple way to reclaim stolen books, but students must first make an identifying mark somewhere in the book where the thief can't erase it. Moody advises writing your name somewhere along the binding on the page that corresponds with the year of birth.

Moody stated that "about half the time stolen books are recovered if the theft is reported," adding that thieves usually try to sell the books at a local bookstore. He said workers usually become suspicious when they see the same person coming in many times with books to sell.

"The most vulnerable areas for theft are the Cabell Library and the bookstore," Carlson said, "places where students sometimes lay their books or knapsacks aside, and don't watch them."

Bookbags seem to be a favorite target of book thieves, because they can be picked up quickly, often taking student's keys, money and IDs with them.

"We are trying to encourage students to use the free lockers in the bookstore as a way to cut down on book thefts," Carlson said. "Actually, there is no big mystery to prevention — it boils

down to watching your belongings and locking your door."

He said many professors, as well as students, have been the target of book thieves.

Although most cases seem to be random acts, brought about by the carelessness of the victim, Carlson said, that is not always the case.

He spoke of another VCU officer, Paul Walker, who played a role in bringing down an organized ring of book thieves who were targeting colleges up and down the east coast, including VCU.

The ring, which resold the stolen books to wholesalers on the west coast, fell after officers turned up a large quantity of stolen books in the trunk of a car during a routine search.

The annual security report released by VCU police, distributed to comply with requirements of the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, reported that the vast majority of reported campus crime is larceny of property.

In fact, of the 812 reported crimes last year, 758 were reports of larceny.

VCU athletes reach out to community

by Drew Geary
sports editor

More than 100 VCU student athletes volunteered their services last Saturday morning at the William Byrd Community House to help kick off the United Way's annual fund-raising drive.

"We wanted to give something back to the community," said B.J. Burton, a member of the United Way's special events committee and assistant to VCU Athletic Director Richard Sander.

The group, which also included coaches, administrators and Sander himself, met at the house located at 224 S. Cherry St. and commenced what Campaign Chairman Allen Goolsby called "exactly the type of leadership we need."

The effort was part of a national "Community Caring Day" and was conducted at three other locations in the Richmond Metropolitan area.

The William Byrd Community House is an organization that helps the inner-city's poor with a variety of services and is

directed by Jody McWilliams.

"Everything we had hoped for, they (the athletes) did," McWilliams said. "It will have a lasting impact."

The students, who represented almost every VCU sports program, completed a number of tasks that included repairing a tree fort, remodeling the playground, cutting grass, pulling weeds, rebuilding sandboxes and cleaning the alley next to the house.

Goolsby, in a letter to VCU President Eugene Trani, said "The undertaking was the highlight of the United Way campaign kickoff."

Lionel Bacon, VCU's director of community outreach, organized the cleanup with the athletic department staff and was also pleased with the outcome.

"It says a lot about our coaches and athletes to make the commitment they made," he said. "Every athlete and coach (who) was not practicing or competing at that time was there."

Government



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

The parking deck could have companions if two new 800-space decks are built.

SGA avoids fight; considers proposal

SGA concerned over parking structures

by Arthur Mills
managing editor

A potentially controversial meeting of the Student Government Association was avoided Monday, something that came as a surprise to the vice president of the body. "I was happy, pleased and surprised with as little controversy as there was," said John Wilkins. The senate's quick approval of the budget had been expected to cause divisiveness among members.

Student organizations have been operating without money since questions concerning the fairness of the SGA funding committee's procedure for proposing the budget were raised at the end of last semester.

The Community Service Advisory Board, which has final approval of the budget, asked the SGA to first approve the process that the funding committee went through to reach its budget proposal before CSA would approve the final dollars and cents.

Further complicating the issue were complaints by organizations, especially the Activities Programming Board — a sub-committee of the SGA — that budgets were not sufficient for the needs of organizations.

With battle lines drawn for a potential showdown, instead only a squeak was heard. The question was called, meaning an end of discussion and for the vote on the issue, passing easily and prompting Shannelle Armstrong to call the problem simply a misunderstanding.

"That was just hype," Armstrong, a member of the funding committee, said. "There wasn't really any question (about the process) because if other senators sat in on funding committee meetings, they would have seen that nothing was wrong."

Larry Moore, senator from the School of Humanities and Sciences, was one of the few who disagreed with the process, saying

it was unfair.

"The process is almost totally unfair," he said. "Only the people on the funding committee decide who gets what and there are only 11 members on funding."

With the budget issue behind them, at least for the time being, the SGA must begin to ponder the VCU Parking Task Force's proposal to build two new parking decks on the academic campus.

Michael D. Hancock, director of parking and transportation, presented the Task Force's proposal to build two 800-space parking decks by the year 2002 and asked how the SGA would suggest the university pay for the project.

Almost all senators seemed to be for the additional 1,600 spaces, disagreeing only with the timeframe of the completion of the decks and the task force's idea to increase university fees to cover the costs.

"My immediate criticism is that there is a need for parking at VCU now not by the year 2002," said David Bates, ad hoc training coordinator for the SGA, suggesting that the university consider building a parking lot on the yet-to-be-acquired Universal Ford lot on Broad Street.

Bates also expressed concern about increasing university fees, saying instead that the university should consider other alternatives.

Armstrong, however, said she did not have a problem with the increase, arguing that the decks are worth paying for.

"Just because (students today) don't directly benefit doesn't mean it doesn't have the right to be done," she said. "(The decks) would be our legacy to the university, every class leaves a legacy. The people before us left the Commons."

The SGA will decide on the proper stance for the deck issue at its next full senate meeting on Sept. 28.

Bill dies in committee

International students spared a tax increase

by Jack Cooksey
staff writer

Foreign students attending U.S. colleges and universities — including Virginia Commonwealth University — can breathe a sigh of relief since Congressional legislation proposing heavier taxation of international students died in committee this past July.

Some legislative aides say it still is possible, however, that a revised version of the bill could resurface next year.

In his proposed bill last May, Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, recommended that the money foreign students receive from American sources and from sources outside the United States be taxed as U.S. income.

In addition to placing greater financial burdens on foreign students, such taxation would force them to familiarize themselves with U.S. tax forms.

"Many governments overseas (that fund foreign students) might not want to bother with that requirement," Bassam F. Khoury, assistant director of the Center for International Programs at VCU, said.

"Instead," Khoury said, "they might want to send their students to study somewhere else."

Charles D. Hansen Jr., Richmond native and press secretary for Rep. Susan Molinari, R-N.Y., said a staff employee of a minority member of the Ways and Means Committee told him that Rostenkowski's bill was criticized widely in the committee hearings.

Hansen said he was also advised that the bill returned to the House floor because funding for it would detract from legisla-

tive projects that other committee members consider more important at this time.

Realizing the financial difficulties that foreign students already face in receiving an American education, Jameel Al-Ahmed, president of the VCU International Student Union, reacted negatively to the possibility of such a law.

"If this happens and we are taxed, ... it would be a disaster (for us)," Al-Ahmed said before learning that the bill died in committee hearings.

Rostenkowski's introduction of the bill in Congress came in the wake of a VCU policy decision last spring requiring all foreign students to show proof of health insurance coverage before enrolling in classes.

Al-Ahmed said VCU's policy requiring health insurance is beneficial to international students, despite the cost. He said, however, that the increase in tuition and fees to more than \$4,000 per semester is a burden he and other foreign students find alarming.

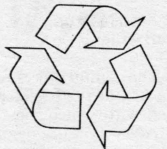
Al-Ahmed, who receives a scholarship from the government of Saudi Arabia, is not currently subject to any taxation on his financial awards.

"It's already hard for international students," he said. "Whatever we have, we barely survive on."

Khoury said he believes Congress will make other attempts to pass legislation that would tax foreign students.

"If there are no new taxes, they have to look at other ways to generate more revenue," he said. "They will look at everything that can be taxed, and they might be looking at more things international that can be taxed."

Tips to reduce, reuse, recycle



by Chris Maxwell

Jerry Stenger, research coordinator for the State Climatology Office said, "When you combine heavy rainfall with unusually low evaporation rates, you get mosquitoes."

Rainfall for August was 6.4 inches compared to the 5.01 average. The evaporation rates were low due to a cool summer, he said, noting that the average temperature in Charlottesville was down 4 degrees for July and August.

To combat mosquitoes, copy the Brazilian and American forestry people and destroy their breeding grounds.

Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water and don't forage for blood over more than a mile. Spend an afternoon cruising the neighborhood seeking stagnant water in tires, paint cans, stumps, folded sheets of plastic, etc.

and cover, remove or flip them over.

What else could be done with garbage you find?

For anyone new to VCU, there are recycling bins on the east side of the Cary Street Gym that accept glass (colored glass goes in separate bins), aluminum, newspaper and ledger paper.

Please pay attention to what you put where because mixed things are generally garbage.

Paul Connnett, chemist and advocate of recycling from St. Lawrence University, said, "If we mix the smelly with the toxic, (and) with the nontoxic, the useful with the useless, we shouldn't be surprised if the result is smelly, toxic and useless!"

Check out the Recycling Co-op bulletin board in the glass display case along the ramp going into Park Place cafeteria or call 353-0717.

Athletes plead guilty to UR break-ins

Sentencing hearing set for Nov. 18. If sentenced to the maximum the athletes could face 50 years in jail

by Michael Gorman
staff writer

Two VCU student athletes pleaded guilty Wednesday in Richmond Circuit Court to one count each of breaking and entering, grand larceny and conspiracy to commit breaking and entering.

Duncan Sheils, a senior cross-country runner, and Bruce Berger, a sophomore member of the track and field team, were arrested and charged in connection with two April 18 break-ins at the University of Richmond.

After questioning the defendants about whether they understood the consequences of pleading guilty and listening to the summary of evidence, Judge Robert L. Harris accepted the pleas and pronounced both students guilty.

Sheils, a business finance major, and Berger, a pre-physical therapy major, went to the University of Richmond to look for parties, said Thomas J. McNally, the assistant commonwealth attorney prosecuting

the case, while giving a summary of the prosecution's evidence.

"Once there, their intentions changed to several of the residence halls," McNally said. "They then went into Dennis Hall where they entered several rooms and took property valued at more than \$200."

After leaving Dennis Hall, the two went to Robins Hall, entered several rooms and threw several articles out of the windows, McNally told the court. They then went outside, retrieved the articles and placed them in the back of a pick-up truck.

"After being noticed by several students and a head resident, Berger and his co-defendant, Sheils, were apprehended by several University of Richmond police officers and a group of students who volunteered to help the police," McNally said.

Harris set the sentencing hearing for Nov. 18. Sheils and Berger face maximum sentences of 20 years for each of the breaking and entering and grand larceny charges and 10 years for the conspiracy charge, McNally said.

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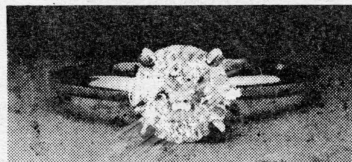
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Directing his comments at young voters, the Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks out against apathy and disillusionment at yesterday's voter registration rally. Jackson appeared with Gov. L. Douglas Wilder reminding black youth of the past struggle for voting rights and the importance of those rights during this election year.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson

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voters to join him on the dais. After a few minutes and a little coaxing, about 30 people shuffled slowly forward to register.

He emphasized everyone's right to easy access registration and said no one ever should be intimidated. After they registered, Jackson handed out T-shirts that read "Rebuild America."

"You must vote where you live," Jackson said. "And you live wherever you slept the last two or three nights."

As Jackson finished, Gov. L. Douglas Wilder took the opportunity to do a little campaigning for presidential-hopeful Bill Clinton.

"When you vote, I want you to vote for Bill Clinton," Wilder said.

He then explained he had not accom-

plished in office what he wanted because his hands were tied; there was no money. With that, he broke up and brought down the house with slighting jokes about President Bush.

"George Bush has said if elected again he would be kinder and gentler. The question is: Kinder than who and gentler than what? You trust him — but I know!" Wilder said.

Richmond's mayor, Walter T. Kenney, stood up to reinforce Jackson's call to register by reminiscing about the not-too-distant past when he had to pay a poll tax to vote.

"If we are to see change in America, we need to vote on Nov. 3," he said. "A vote does make a difference."

Russia

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"Jeff visited Russia and saw a need for anything recently published containing information about Western research, ideas and culture."

Then, he came up with this great idea of an organization that would help provide these volumes to their public libraries so that all Russians could have access," Hull said.

Gallagher said, "The people (Russians) told me, 'if you want to send us things from the West, don't send us blue jeans. Send us books.'"

Gallagher said students in America do not realize that the books they have are treasures.

"To get a book (in Russia) that is a year out of date is five years more current than anything used now," he said. "We (AFLP) are trying to put the world of learning that they have been denied within their reach."

Gallagher said one reason he selected VCU as a site for the project was the school's prior involvement with the former Soviet Union and its willingness to continue support.

In an Oct. 1992 letter to Gallagher, VCU President Eugene P. Trani, wrote, "Projects like this one (AFLP) are crucial ... I will do whatever I can to lend the support of Virginia Commonwealth University to the library project."

Gallagher said that he was pleased with the results of the Richmond area book drive and that VCU participation was outstanding.

Hull and Gallagher are planning a second book drive for the end of the Fall 1992 semester, Hull said, and she hopes to get more organizations involved.

The donated books will be distributed to universities, public libraries, public schools and medical colleges throughout St. Petersburg.

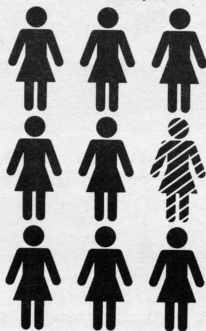
The AFLP has collected approximately 200,000 volumes, including donations from similar book drives around the state. This number surpassed their projected goal of 50,000.

The Sept. 23 shipment is the first of many and will arrive in St. Petersburg Oct. 13. Gallagher will be there to meet it.

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Editorial

Vote! VCU Needs the Money

Two-time presidential candidate and civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson visited campus yesterday for a voter registration rally.

Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and congressional candidate State Sen. Robert Scott, D-Newport News, were in tow.

If you didn't hear about it until after it was over, don't be too upset. The Jackson camp gave the governor's office less than 42 hours' notice.

The hastily called rally was intended to inspire and motivate registration and participation among college-age students — the age group with the lowest turnout on election day.

He was inspirational, by most accounts, and he did motivate 20 to 30 students to admit they weren't registered and to join him on the Shafer Court stage.

He cited the Rev. Martin Luther King and "babies blown up in Alabama;" students facing government tanks in China; and South Africans gunned-down last week — all for the right to vote.

"Those who have the power can set the agenda," Jackson said.

He's right, of course. Jackson said he told a young black man in Los Angeles unhappy with the Rodney King verdict that only registered voters can serve on juries.

Jackson told yesterday's crowd of about 200 students, faculty and employees not to wear Rodney King T-shirts, "Free Nelson Mandela" T-shirts or to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday "if you're not registered to vote."

VCU students have even more reasons to register and vote than to draw jury duty or to honor heroes. Nov. 3, three general obligation bond bills for higher education will appear on Virginia's ballot.

According to a pamphlet put out by VCU's assistant to the president for governmental relations, VCU stands to gain \$42,855,200 for renovations and additions to the Fine Arts Center, the Medical Sciences Building, the Tompkins-McCaw Library, the West Hospital, the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park and classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices.

Virginia State law requires voters to register where they live. But as Jackson said yesterday, "You live wherever you slept the last two or three nights in a room."

It seems every other organization is sponsoring at least one day of voter registration sometime between now and the registration deadline of Oct. 3.

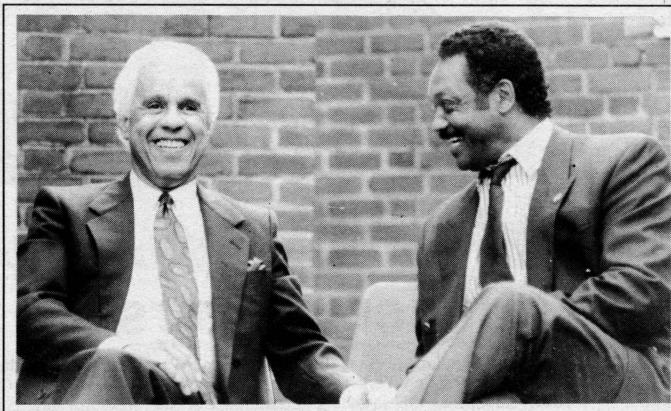
VCU's League of Voter Empowerment is sponsoring two in Shafer Court on Thursday, Sept. 24, and Saturday, Sept. 26, and one in the Commons Plaza on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Even if you don't like politicians or politics, the bond bill should be reason enough to turn out Nov. 3. Just about every student on campus should know how badly VCU needs the money.

Here's your chance to make it a reality. As Scott said, "You have the power, you can make the change."

Jim Meisner

Election '92



With friends like these, who needs enemies?

The Rev. Jesse Jackson took a page from Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton's campaign book yesterday and rolled onto VCU's campus in a bus.

But that was pretty much as close as he got to any substantial support of Clinton or his campaign.

The Shafer Court event was billed as a voter registration rally — and a good one it was — but it seemed to be more of an excuse for Jackson not to campaign for Clinton.

Jackson's 300-event, 30-city rolling registration rally contacted the governor's office just a few days ago, so one would have to wonder just how much planing prefaced the expedition.

Jackson talked about more than voter registration. Poverty, prenatal care, trade, health care, jobs, education, economic growth, D.C. statehood and even Haitian refugees were mentioned during his speech.

Clinton's name crossed Jackson's lips only once, when Jackson said, "Clinton's plan for day care ..."

Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, who waited until midway through the Democratic Convention to offer Clinton his support and endorsement, was adamant yesterday.

"I want you to vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore," Wilder said. You can't get much more supportive than that." But a few minutes later he did.

"On Nov. 3, the answer is in your hands," Wilder said. "Pull the lever and vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore."

Jackson, on the other hand, was a little less than supportive.

I asked him about it as he and Wilder led a group of unregistered students to a registration table near the Commons.

"Reverend, you didn't mention Gov. Clinton too much. Why is that?" I asked.

"Well, I did," Jackson said. "You mentioned his health care plan," I said.

OK, so I got the plan wrong. He said "day care" and I quoted it back to him as health care. We were walking pretty fast and I was trying to think even faster.

After all, I like Jesse Jackson. I've heard him speak before, and hope to again in the future. Although he might not want to hear from me again.

The time it took for you to read this is about half as long as he paused after my last statement.

"What is more self-evident in public than my support of Bill Clinton? Who. Who ... " Jackson started to ask when I interrupted him.

"Gov., Gov. Wilder ...," I said as he finished his sentence.

"Who are you with?" he asked.

"I'm with the school paper. I'm here at VCU," I said. "Gov. Wilder mentioned him twice, pronounced specifically 'vote for Bill Clinton' ..."

"I support Bill Clinton," Jackson said as he turned away.

Here endeth the impromptu interview.

A few more friends like this, and Clinton just may lose the election all the polls say he should win.

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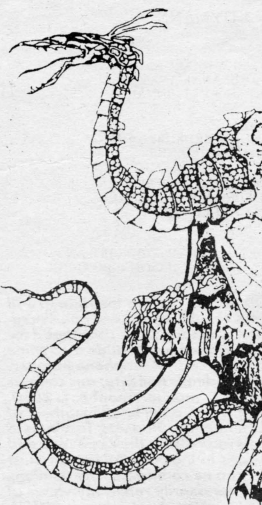
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Spectrum

Latin American film fest kicks off Friday

by Sandy Westmoreland
staff writer

A Latin-American film festival, free to the public, will open this Friday, September 18, at 7 p.m. in the Business Auditorium.

"It's an encounter of the Americas, featuring 10 international award-winning films from Brazil, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico," said Beatriz Rosado, scholar in residence at the Honors Program and assistant professor of foreign languages at VCU.

Rosado said she previewed most of the films, all of which have English subtitles, at a seminar workshop for interdisciplinary studies at Duke University in Durham, N. C. this summer.

"The films are entertaining, sometimes painful, but they will make you think about a sense of responsibility to society," Rosado said.

The film festival is sponsored by the Latin-American studies departments at

Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who own the films and loaned them to VCU free of charge. The Honors Program and the foreign languages department here paid for delivery of the films, Rosado said.

The first film of the festival, "Quilombo," a Brazilian film directed by Carlos Diegues, is about black runaway slaves who establish their own successful community in 17th century Brazil.

The films will be shown Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Business Building Auditorium, starting tomorrow and continuing on September 25, October 2, November 6, 13 and 20.

Friday, October 23, will feature a trilogy beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The last film of the festival will be shown Saturday, November 28.

"Each film will be introduced by a different VCU professor who will give a 10-minute talk about the country where the film originated. After the film there will be a discussion," Rosado said.

Latin American Film Festival

Sept. 18: **Quilombo** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Sept. 25: **Cabeza De Vaca** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Oct. 2: **La Boca Del Lobo** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Oct. 23: **Art and Revolution in Mexico, Frida, Diego Rivera, Tamayo** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Nov. 6: **Ardiente Paciencia** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Nov. 13: **Plaff** (Commons Theater, 3 p.m.) **El Secreto De Romelia** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Nov. 20: **Vals De La Habana Vieja** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Nov. 28: **Lo Que Le Paso A Santiago** (Business Building Auditorium, 7 p.m.)

Arts Commentary

Symphony musicians lock out management

Contract disputes halt September performances

by Clint White
associate spectrum editor

A nasty but necessary blow was struck to the Richmond arts scene this week in the form of a contractual dispute that culminated in a lockout between the Richmond Symphony and Local 123 of the American Federation of Musicians.



photo courtesy of Richmond Symphony

The neutral party - George Manahan, principal conductor with the Richmond Symphony, will have no musicians to direct this month due to a heated contract dispute.

Consequently, all scheduled September performances have been postponed indefinitely.

Reminiscent of, but by no means identical to, a strike by Richmond Symphony musicians in 1985, the issues at hand are, not surprisingly, compensation, length of season (which influences compensation) and long-term planning to avoid financial problems.

Though the symphony's three-year proposal maintains current compensation rates in the first year and provides 3 percent increases in both the second and third year, the dispute is centered around the contract's proposed cut of four weeks from the schedule and reduction of two full-time core orchestra positions (harp and tuba).

Phillip Koslow, the Local 123 representative, believes that the symphony administration's intent is to reduce the budget deficit using this dispute as a de facto cancellation of the first month of programming.

"They'd rather take the meat axe to us and make the (budgetary) difference up that way," Koslow said, "they'd rather have us walking the streets to cut the budget" than consider long-range methods to reduce the current deficit totaling \$128,535 (figure according to Richmond Symphony).

Both Local 123 and the symphony administration have rejected each other's offers to "play and talk" under the new proposal and the expired contract, respectively.

The administration and labor's impasse in this situation is indicative of what I see as societal disagreement over priorities.

We've all heard the complaint: We'll pay a guy a million dollars to throw a ball, but we'll only pay a teacher a meager sum to change a kid's life.

The average salary of a full-time orchestra musician is \$24,000, according to both Catherine Wichterman, executive director of the symphony, and Koslow. This would drop to \$22,000 (because of the schedule decrease) under the proposed contract.

These numbers illustrate the same problem.

A musician (classical or otherwise) often gives his life to the pursuit of perfecting an art form and giving listeners the opportunity to appreciate the timeless beauty of the

music and is still, for the most part, not compensated appropriately (excluding Michael Jackson, Madonna, etc.).

This sentiment is shared by and was expanded upon by Dr. David Cordle, chairman of VCU's music department, in a recent interview. But currently, he is worried more about the effect the lockout will have on VCU and the music community in Richmond.

Some symphony members are faculty members in the music department (like Donald Bick and Edward Mirr); Cordle is concerned the impasse will put increased stress on their already busy schedules.

Also, the Performing Arts Center plays host to Double Exposure concerts, two of which have been postponed already.


Incidentally, the conductors, George Manahan and Thomas Wilkins, have remained neutral in the dispute so far. I'm sure both sides of the table would like these gentlemen's support.

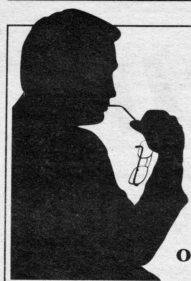
The Local 123 musicians should be commended and supported in their refusal to watch the symphony crumble under their music stands.

Koslow believes the budgetary problems could be rectified by closer consideration of long-term plans and goals for the organization. "Cutting staff and schedule" will have an adverse impact on artistic quality," Koslow said and he's dead right.

However, support behind even the shrewdest of planning must continue to be strong.

Young people — especially college students — need to get behind the Richmond Symphony and do what they can to help secure a solvent future. Attending concerts regularly would be a fine start; they are within most budgets and will be a steal for what one gets in return.

In Monday's issue: 
regular crossword puzzle begins



The Critic's Eye

movie: *Sneakers*

showing: West Tower, Genito Forest,
Cloverleaf

our rating: ★★★ (out of four)

Finally, spies more like us

by J.W. Barnes
staff writer

Spy movies never have thrilled me. I mean what's the point? You know the good guy is going to win. Who out there ever thought old James Bond wasn't going to save the day?

Therefore, I'll admit I had some mixed emotions when I plunked down my money to see Universal Pictures' "Sneakers" (PG-13). I prayed I wouldn't be bored out of my skull and overwhelmed by a bunch of high-tech computer jargon.

The film really surprised me. I actually liked the spy stuff and the computer talk wasn't over my head.

In the film, Robert Redford plays Martin Bishop, a professional computer hacker who has been living underground for 22 years. Back in the '60s, he and a college friend broke into computer systems and transferred money from organizations like the National Republican Party to others like the Black Panthers. His friend, Cosmo, was caught and put in jail, but Martin was not (he was out getting pizza when the cops busted them).

Today, Martin and five other outcast geniuses work together at breaking into computers for a profit. There is Sidney Poitier as Crease, the group's straight man. He never smiles and is always serious. David Strathairn plays Whistler, a blindman who has some hilarious scenes at the end of the movie. Dan Aykroyd is Mother, a breaking and entering expert who believes everything from President Kennedy's assassination to Pete Rose's misfortune was part of some conspiracy. He

doesn't even believe that man has walked on the moon yet. It was just a government ploy.

River Phoenix and Mary McDonnell (Dances with Wolves) round out the rest of this funny, offbeat group.

"Sneakers" is an unusual movie because it is not exactly a spy thriller and it's not completely a comedy.

There are moments of suspense such as at the end when the group must break into a high-tech building to steal a box that contains a computer chip that could be dangerous if it fell into the wrong hands. There are also funny moments such as at the beginning when the group must break into a different building. They sneak in with precision and smoothness. That is until one of them tries to jump over a counter and falls. This is hilarious because you know that if it were you or me, we'd probably do the same thing.

It's scenes like this that make all of the characters believable. They are spies but they are human and vulnerable. This is what keeps "Sneakers" so enjoyable. The audience relates to the characters and can imagine itself in the same situations.

The movie is overall fun to watch. However, there are some slow moments that could have been prevented by some good editing to pick up the pace.

Despite this one complaint, "Sneakers" is a different kind of movie. Even though you know the good guys are probably going to save the day like good old Mr. Bond, it's fun watching them do it. I'll look more kindly upon spy movies in the future, especially if they're as refreshing as "Sneakers."

caused a woman to exclaim, "Oh God, it's a man."

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

Right, it's been answered, but the response "to get to the other side" has never seemed satisfactory. Chickens are never seemed satisfactory. Chickens are never, not known for complex motives. Perhaps that's the very point—a suggestion that behavioral motivations are every bit as obvious as they appear.

Suzanne Mittenenthal, a sociologist who is technical editor of *Poultry Science* magazine, notes that recent studies have equated human neurology with that of pigeons, which are also poultry. "It's not so absurd to ask why people cross the road," she says, perhaps a little defensively. "It's my experience that poultry don't get very far. They see wildlife and they get fascinated. And then they get hit by cars."

Karl Nestor, *Poultry Science's* editor in chief, says, "Chickens are just curious animals. The fact that the road happened to be there was incidental." Which, of course, suggests a whole new ontological question, concerning chickens and eggs. ☺

Book Review

Grisham creates taut, tired "Pelican Brief"

by Mary Edwards
staff writer

Will Darby Shaw be alive an hour from now, much less tomorrow?

John Grisham's latest book, "The Pelican Brief," is full of suspense, twists and turns. Grisham, a lawyer, knows how the legal profession works.

Two Supreme Court justices have been found dead in Washington, D.C. One was shot in the head while sleeping and the other strangled. Were they killed by the same assassin? The FBI has no clues.

Darby Shaw, a law student, thinks she knows who killed them. After days of digging in the law library's computers, she has found the connection between the two justices.

She sends her suspicions in a brief to the FBI that builds a strong case against a most unlikely suspect. Nothing is

heard about the brief. Is the agency hiding it? Who has read it?

The man Shaw suspects of murder is very powerful and has a lot of connections in Washington.

After Thomas Callahan, her professor and lover, is killed and she narrowly escapes a car bombing, Shaw goes into hiding. Someone who read the brief wants her dead. She is running for her life.

After reading about the assassinations of others who have seen or heard about the brief, Shaw gets in touch with investigative reporter Gray Grantham. She convinces him that Washington is covering up something as big as Watergate.

Together they go undercover to expose the truth.

A good book, but the story line is too similar to Grisham's earlier book "The Firm."

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But he was nevertheless Catholic, as were all the variously misbehaving popes, even the French ones, even the Antipope pretenders, and even the ones named Conon, St. Fabian, St. Hyginus, St. Simplicius and St. Dionysius.

HOW MANY ROADS MUST A MAN WALK DOWN BEFORE YOU CALL HIM A MAN?

It depends. Leaving a West 76th Street apartment recently and heading north, I got to 99th Street before anyone said, "Joins and bags, man," so the answer would be one, for 23 blocks. A stroll some time ago on just one block in the Bronx near the campus of the all-female College of Mount Saint Vincent

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5. Temple of the Dog	<i>Hunger Strike</i>
6. The Heart Throbs	<i>Outside</i>
7. The Ramones	<i>Poison Heart</i>
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Sports

Rams top Pirates, 4-1, for first win

by Phil Griffin
staff writer

The Pirates from East Carolina University last night attempted to raid the VCU soccer squad on the Cary Street rug, but the pilfering was not to be. The Rams came away with a rare home win and their first victory of the young season.

Coach Lincoln Phillips was especially pleased about the win and noted that the 4-1 victory put his team back on track after a strong finish at the end of last year.

"I feel good, although we came into the game 0-3, that we are progressively getting better," Phillips said.

Last night was perfect weather — clear and cool — for playing soccer, and the home team was up to the task.

VCU gained the lead halfway through the first half with a lightning-quick strike up the middle by forward Anthony Sherwood. He eloquently passed the ball in front of the goal to Frank Owoso, who proceeded to drive the ball into the lower left corner for the score.

This was the only scoring in the first half, which ended with the Pirates knocking on VCU's door.

Obviously, a mere 1-0 advantage wasn't going to satisfy Coach Phillips. During the halftime break he excitedly prophesied to his team: "If you work hard we will get a goal. We have to work hard, we have to work hard!"



VCU midfielder Kerry Brimmo attempts to shake off an East Carolina defender. The Rams defeated the Pirates 4-1 for VCU's first win of the season.

staff photo by Andre Dupuy

Although this lively oration eventually inspired VCU to victory, the Pirates opened up the second half with a very quick, albeit controversial, goal.

Just 35 seconds after the whistle, ECU

scored an offside goal which the referee completely missed, but which the linesman saw and raised his flag.

After an informal protest by the VCU coaching staff and players, the officials

conferred for five minutes. The goal was finally awarded and the Rams found themselves in a 1-1 tie, emotionally drained after the blown call.

Rather than sit and whine about the call, the Rams showed a lot of grit and controlled the rest of the game. This kind of attitude and three second-half goals is what Coach Phillips loves to see in his ball club.

Highlighting the prolific VCU offense was an awesome play with just over 36 minutes left in the contest. On a free kick taken by Sherwood from 40 yards out, freshman forward Chris Barnard headed a beautifully centered ball on the fly and into the net for his first goal in his young collegiate career.

This score seemed to upset the Pirates' ball-control style, and it was a breeze for the Rams from there.

There was another first involved in this game. The VCU soccer squad registered its first win of the season. A huge monkey was lifted from the team because the VCU players were obviously very loose on the bench toward the end of the game. Smiles and jokes exuded from the bench even before the fat lady had sung.

All in all, Phillips has to love the way his team performed last night. They definitely showed the hometown crowd that they are a top-notch team to be reckoned with.

Once again, Tribe downs Rams, 1-0

VCU is handed third straight 1-0 defeat to William & Mary

by John Medeiros
staff writer

It is almost as if the fans were watching tapes of last season.

Twice last year the Tribe of William and Mary defeated the Rams by 1-0 counts. Tuesday night saw more of the same.

For the Rams, it was their first loss of the young season. They will go to North Carolina this weekend to face Davidson and Duke. The loss makes it almost a necessity for them to claim victory in both encounters in order to keep the season from slipping away.

"We knew the team that scores first was going to win," VCU coach Pat Stauffer said. "That goal put us behind the eight-ball, but this team showed some fortitude by trying to come back."

The goal Stauffer referred to was a tip in by the Tribe's Cristina Limpens 17 minutes into the first half. Forward Joanna Lignelli sent a centering pass into the slot that Limpens was able to deflect out of the air and past Rams goalkeeper Mary Ellen Hostetler.

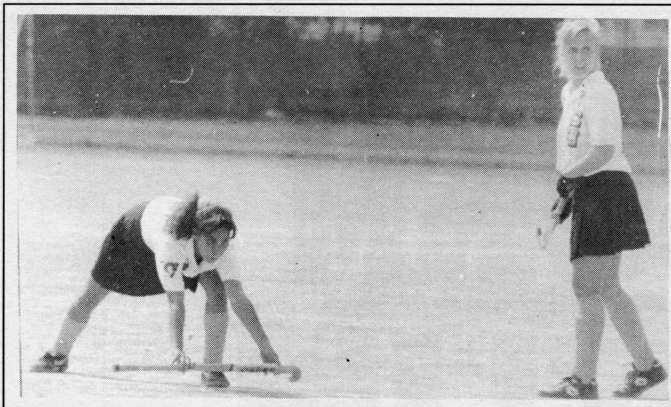
The scoring play was disputed by the Rams, who claimed that the ball was too high as it entered the circle.

"The ball was knee-high going into the circle. At this point in both our seasons, this was a monumentally critical call," Stauffer said.

The Rams again looked sharp on the field, but were unable to convert on plays in the circle or on penalty corners.

"This is a big rivalry and it's very frustrating," said Jennifer Friend, VCU's starting left back. "Person for person, they're not any better than us."

VCU mounted one last offensive surge



Sophomore forward Alycia Yoder prepares to strike a penalty corner as senior midfielder Wanda Ortega is ready to set. Unfortunately, the Rams fell short, losing their first game of the season.

staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

with six minutes remaining in the game. Kelly Yoder started the attack with a 40-yard rush through the Tribe defense. Another solo effort came up empty when Heather Eckenrode went up the left wing with 1:40 remaining in the game. The final shot of the game, by Wanda Ortega, was turned away by Tribe goalie Sarah Witkowski with 12 seconds remaining.

"We're not disappointed by our play," Stauffer said. "The result did not reflect the play on the field."

The Rams played exceptional defense in this contest. Amy Bonzano had another good game as did Friend, who closed the

first half by burying the Tribe's Barbara Lagrotteria with a check. The effort by Friend halted a three-on-two by William and Mary. Susan Hoff charged an attempt by Limpens on a corner in the second half, keeping Limpens from registering a shot.

Friend attributed her play to her off-season workouts.

"Basically, in spring season, I worked on my play and this summer I did a lot of conditioning," Friend said. "We're quicker and more aggressive (as a team) than last year. I really think we can be a Top 20 team."

Mollerup undergoes surgery

VCU forward Beth Mollerup, the Metro Conference's leading rebounder last year, underwent arthroscopic knee surgery Tuesday at Richmond Metropolitan Hospital.

"Frankly, it's better than we originally thought," said Susan Walvius, VCU women's basketball head coach. "We think she'll be able to go full force in four, maybe six weeks — which means she should be OK for the start of practice [on Nov. 1]."

Walvius said the initial diagnosis was ligament damage, but the operation revealed a chip in Mollerup's right kneecap instead.

Mollerup, a senior, will begin her second season as a VCU captain after averaging 13.7 points and 10.7 rebounds last season. She was named second-team all-Metro for her performance.

"I think it's extremely important that Beth be with us from the beginning [of practice]," Walvius said. "Not only because she's such a talented player, but also because she's such an inspiration to others."

"The way she's willing to push herself in practice is remarkable," Walvius added. "She's a great leader by example."

NCAA attempts image enhancement

Times-Dispatch Managing Editor Bill Millsaps disagrees with program

by Roy Morris
staff writer

This summer the National Collegiate Athletic Association started a program to enhance the image of college athletics by getting its side of the story to the public via the media.

The first of these "issues seminars," designed to provide reporters with more information about the association, followed criticism from lawmakers and other critics, according to a June issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Richard D. Schultz, executive director of the association, told the group he was motivated by survey findings indicating that the public received most of its information about the NCAA from the media, yet the press did not think it knew enough about the inner workings of the NCAA.

Richard L. Sander, director of intercollegiate athletics at

VCU, said he was unaware of this program, but he suggested that individual universities are primarily responsible for enhancing the image of college athletics.

"Each university has to step out on its own and project itself positively," Sander said. "The NCAA can't legislate that."

Bill Millsaps, managing editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and a sports writer for 28 years, said he thinks the NCAA is heading in the wrong direction with these seminars.

"The problem is that the NCAA has too many rules," Millsaps said. "The only way to address this problem is to simplify the rules."

"Something has to be very wrong when, because of the number of rules and the complexity of those rules, a college is forced to employ someone as a compliance officer to ensure that it can follow those rules. That is what the NCAA should be addressing."

Millsaps suggested that the NCAA spend its time and effort in making the rules simple instead of conducting seminars for reporters.

The NCAA's image, he added, has been "sullied by a few scoundrels."

Nevertheless, Millsaps said, he thinks the vast majority of sports writers and members of the public remain satisfied that most coaches and college athletic administrators are honest people who want to win — and want to win within the rules.

Millsaps, former sports editor of the *Times-Dispatch*, agreed with Sander's position that individual colleges could do more to enhance the image of intercollegiate

athletics through their own programs in their communities.

Sander said he thinks the NCAA contributes to its poor image by failing to respond to much of the negative criticism it receives.

In addition, the athletics director said, the press can show tunnel vision by overexposing a few negative, individual situations.

Millsaps, however, said he disagreed with this viewpoint.

People, he said, should know when institutions, which are about honesty and integrity, conduct programs in a dishonest way.

"We give a lot of coverage to the good things. Just look at the sports pages each day," he added.

VCU's role in improving the college's athletic image, Sander said, initiated a number of programs to make sure that the university and its athletes are seen as good neighbors in Richmond.

Some of these include visits to community groups and the distribution of free tickets to youths living in socially and economically depressed areas.

"In the summer we do a five-week camp for over 300 children from the city and provide them with breakfast and lunch while exposing them to various sports skills," he said. "We make a strong effort to let the community know we are committed to helping our young people."

Additionally, he said, the university caters to the wider community by bringing major events to Richmond.

During the next two years, for instance, people can expect to see the National Collegiate Clay Court Tennis Championship, the NCAA Field Hockey Championship and the NCAA Women's East Basketball Tournament in Richmond.

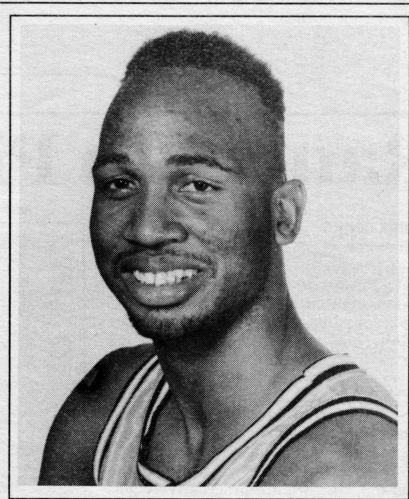
"We are a very urban university and we feel we can do something to help," he said.

Organizations, including the National Association of Directors of Athletics and the various subcommittees of the NCAA deal with issues ranging from substance abuse by athletes to ways of honoring outstanding performers, Sanders said.

Still, he said, he sees it as the school's responsibility to make sure each athlete gains maximum benefits including a sound academic education.

One safeguard Sander said he uses to ensure that athletes pay attention to sports and academics is to hire all the coaches himself.

"I hire them all. That is as good a safeguard as any. If they don't share my philosophy I will not hire them," he said. "They are all committed to the university and we do things to make sure the focus does not change."



Kendrick Warren

Kendrick Warren named preseason All-American

Virginia Commonwealth University's Kendrick Warren has been named to the Basketball Weekly Preseason All-American team. The junior forward was selected as a fourth-team member and is the only Metro Conference player selected to any of the 10 teams.

Basketball Weekly's All-American list was composed of 10 teams of five players each. Warren was joined on the fourth team by forward David Vaughn of Memphis State, center Acie Earl of Iowa and guards Adonis Jordan of Kansas and Sam Cassell of Florida State.

Warren was an All-Metro Conference performer last season, averaging 19 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. He also ranked among conference leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage, blocked shots and steals.

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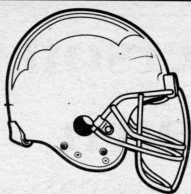
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A week unmatched by no other. All prognosticators went 10-4, save for the foolish one, Go Colts, who unimaginatively picked Baltimore for the 56th consecutive week, going 1-55 in that period of time. Still, impressive it was, especially for the Swami, who, despite dreaming of a genie, hung on to a perilous one-game lead. In fact, soon the uncanny vision, the seemingly all-knowing aura of the Swami, could lead to omnipotence. Perhaps the Swami will become the Omnipotent One, but only if Dolan's lucky coin begins to fail him and if "Seattle" Washington starts picking like his namesake plays — badly. "Bitterman" Zack Matzanas proved to be, yes, a better man than last week's guest picker and former champion Theresa "Still Fried" Rice. Matzanas went like all others, 10-4, to take a commanding lead but death could bury him. "Dr. Death" Thomas Donahue, friend, great leader and truly wonderful man and landlord, hopes to reposition himself in front of his secretary, excuse me, his executive assistant, Theresa "Can I have a little soy sauce for my" Rice, something he dismally failed to do a year ago. Perhaps a swallow of Bonardi "151" will help. Or maybe it won't.

Boy, girl, boy, girl ...

by Shelby D. Barrette
staff writer

"At VCU, fun and fitness are RAM-PANT."

So reads the cover of the VCU Recreational Sports brochure. When it comes to co-recreational sports, however, sexual discrimination is also rampant.

The co-recreational sports program provides male and female athletes an opportunity to participate simultaneously on intramural teams. The idea being, I would assume, to allow friends of different sexes to compete with other teams at a level of fun and equal status.

The problem with this assumption is that it is wrong. The rules for such contests are so slanted that the paper they are written on could stand unsupported at an 80-degree angle.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines "sexual" as, "of or involving sex, the sexes, the sex organs, etc.," and discriminate as, "1. to distinguish 2. to make distinctions in treatment; show partiality or prejudice."

Co-rec rules do just that, by continually making reference to the restrictions, "modifications" and "sexes" involved in co-recreational sports.

Presently, VCU Recreational Sports offers co-rec softball, volleyball, football and basketball. Each and every set of corresponding rules contains some type of discrimination to males and/or females.

The rules ...

Intramural softball rules state, "In Co-Rec games, if only seven players are present, three must be men and four must be women. If there are eight, nine, or 10 players present there must be at least four and no more than five men per team."

Under the heading of "Co-Rec Modifications," some of the highlights are: "No more than two men may bat consecutively, the pitcher and catcher must be of opposite sexes and best of all, if a male is walked pre-

ceding a female batter, she may also choose to receive a walk."

Does the game of co-rec softball sound any fun to you? What happened to the spirit of competition, and the "fun" mentioned in the brochure?

Intramural volleyball rules state, "In co-recreational volleyball both sexes must contact the ball when using two (2) or more hits per side," and also under the heading of "Modifications:" "An equal number of each sex must be on the playing court at all times."

Volleyball has been known to be a very unpredictable sport. A good team could lose because of these rules. What about fairness?

Intramural co-rec football rules are really ridiculous. They state, "A male runner player cannot advance the ball beyond the line of scrimmage. There are no restrictions for female runners," and "There may not be two consecutive male to male for-

ward passes."

How on earth do they expect anyone to play this game? I wonder how many actually do?

My absolute favorite, intramural co-rec basketball rules are by far the most asinine rules ever written.

They go something like this, "Each team will consist of five (5) players — three (3) men and two (2) women or two (2) men and three (3) women," and "Field goals scored by men shall be worth two (2) points each; field goals scored by women shall be worth three (3) points each," and "Male players are not allowed to reach or step in the entire free-throw lane from the line to the baseline at any time on either end of the court."

Once again, the rules have taken all the fun out of the game. Not only that, but imagine the frustration involved when the ball just bounces in the lane and you, the

male, are powerless.

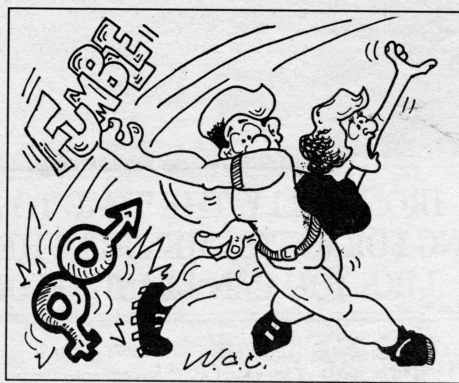
Team sports require teamwork. The teamwork required to participate in co-rec sports is of superhuman capacity.

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My point is not that VCU's co-rec program selectively discriminates against an individual's sex. The program discriminates against everybody. The rules could be modified to allow for safety concerns while still allowing for the competitive nature of the games.

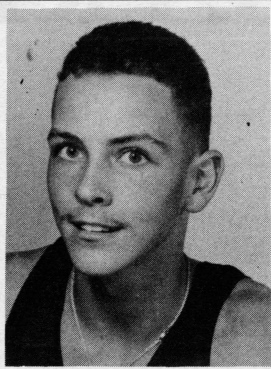
No one is going to participate in a sports program that treats people like incompetents and not athletes.

Whoever made up these rules massacred the meaning of the word "game." That's all it is folks, a game, not a contest of sexuality or brute strength; something to do for fun. Just a game.



Athlete of the Week

BRUCE BERGER set a course record and was the top finisher at the Old Dominion Cross Country Invitational last weekend. The sophomore had a time of 18:23 in the 3.7 mile race that gave him a first place finish and the Rams a second place finish behind regional power William & Mary.



Dickerson set to return

Hank Dickerson, who left VCU's Sports Information Department last fall to become Radford University's sports marketing specialist, is returning Oct. 5 to fill the void left by Jim O'Brien, Athletic Director Richard Sander said.

O'Brien, hired Aug. 20 as assistant athletic director for public relations and sports information, resigned last Wednesday and returned to Pittsburgh to be with his family.

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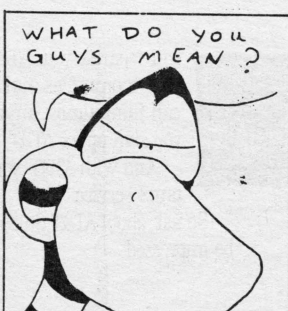
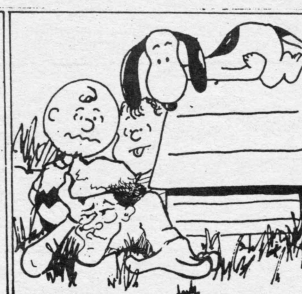
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