

Money Matters

Cheaper tuition credited for increased enrollment

by Patricia Woods
news editor

This year's record enrollment of 21,857 receives praises from most areas within the university, but no one can pinpoint the major reason students want to attend VCU.

While VCU officials attribute the increase to various factors, perhaps students also have an answer.

Students say the No. 1 reason they chose VCU was its cheaper tuition, especially for those who live at home.

Freshman Kim Crocker, whose interests lie in business and fashion, said she had two choices — Hampton and Virginia Commonwealth University.

"VCU was closer to home and less expensive than most universities," she said.

Horace W. Wooldridge Jr., admissions director for university enrollment services, told the Commonwealth Times in an earlier interview that last year's freshman enrollment of 1,377 increased to 1,532 this year.

Still, the number of transfer students remains even greater than that of freshmen.

"The transfer numbers were surprising," Wooldridge said. A total of 1,710 students transferred from other colleges or universities this year, a 3.76 percent increase from last year's 1,648.

"Simply for tuition reasons I thought more students would stay in the community colleges," Wooldridge said. "Some other students must have washed back from the more expensive schools."

Some students support Wooldridge's theory.

Jamie Bondurat, a sophomore in the School of Social Work, transferred to VCU from Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va. He said he "really didn't like the city," but coming to VCU allowed him to live at home and was less expensive.

Patrick Burke, a senior majoring in Spanish, gave the same reason — money.

"I can live at home (now that I attend VCU) so I don't have to pay rent," he said.

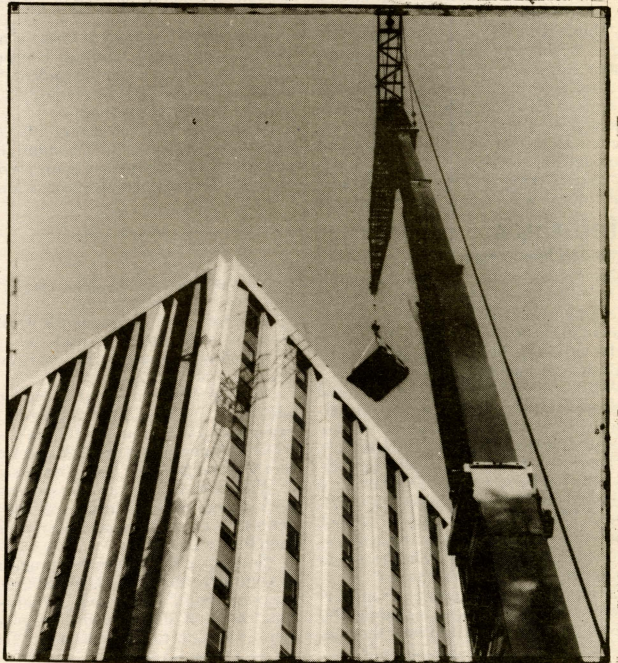
John Borgard, associate dean for the College of Humanities and Sciences, talks with many transfer students during his work with Student Testing, Advising and Registration. The STAR program, which runs for about six weeks during the summer months, assists incoming students with orientation, course selection and registration for their fall classes.

Borgard said students give a number of reasons for transferring to VCU.

"Some students go away (from Richmond) to school and find it just isn't the right mix for them; some realize the cur-

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Rhoads Hall's new elevator



A crane takes tiles to the top of Rhoads Hall. The crane was put up Saturday so workers could repair the roof.
staff photo by Derrick Washington

Government interns play politics

by Laura L. Lugar
staff writer

For the first time since the early 1970s, Nelson Wikstrom, associate professor of political science, said he thinks the university is serious about the Virginia Government and Internship Program.

It's been a major political boost for VCU, said Wikstrom, director of the program. "VCU interns have fashioned the perception people have of the university."

Participating students interning for political parties, interest groups, individual legislators and other non-profit organizations, represent VCU in the political world.

"Having more students involved with internships is good public relations for the university," Wikstrom said. "Members of the legislature have developed a much more positive view of VCU students."

Wikstrom said student interns also help the university when the Virginia General Assembly grants appropriations. Having so many students working for political organizations, he said, convinces legislators that VCU students are the best and brightest, and it creates respect for the university as a whole.

"In the last five years we've placed about 50 or 60 students in the General Assembly," said Annie Lewis, internship coordinator for mass communications and assistant to the director for the center for public service.

This is the first year, however, that students from other majors have been encouraged to participate.

"It's a relatively new concept to have students under other disciplines working in a political environment," Lewis said. "It benefits all students who want to work in the public sector."

The majority of student interns spend their time re-

searching bills and monitoring committee meetings. They also represent legislators at social events and help with routine office procedures.

"They get an in-depth understanding of how the legislative process works," said Peggy Borgard, legislative assistant to Sen. Walter A. Stosch, R-Va. "They get a good feel for it because they are part of the process."

Many interns work for Stosch, a 12th-District senator representing Henrico County and parts of Goochland. They deal with committees, current issues and constituent service that provides them with real-life experiences.

"We were very impressed by the group of students we had," Borgard said. "I feel like they are all my good friends."

Joseph Beauchamp, a political science major who interns for Capital Forum, a political publication, said he interns to get practical experience and a taste of the real world.

"You do all this work and studying for class and all you get is a grade," Beauchamp said. "With the internship you get to see concrete evidence of your labor."

Lewis describes VCU's urban campus as a "laboratory of learning." She said there are more opportunities for students working in state and local governments.

"Richmond is an ideal place for students to learn about the political system," she said. "It's a good linkage between the political side of Richmond and the university."

Wikstrom cites other reasons he thinks students should participate in the internship program.

"It allows students to socially mature," he said. "Not only do they learn something in terms of education, they learn something in terms of self."

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Dean Hiley stresses image enhancement for VCU college

by C.S. Murphy
associate editor

David R. Hiley — you've read his name in the paper a lot lately, but who is this mystery man? He's the new dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences and boy, has he been busy since he was selected in April.

His name has appeared in the news lately because of the part he is playing in two controversial faculty/staff conflicts.

The first conflict stems from the School of Mass Communications in the form of Jack Haberstroh's age discrimination suit against Thomas Donohue, director of the school.

The second conflict comes from the biology department where Hiley recently ruled that Associate Professor Michael L. Fine be put on probation for one year and perform 20 hours of university community service for allegedly spanking one of his students.

Hiley, who was acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University before he came to Richmond this summer, says these situations are common at large institutions like VCU.

"These are the most difficult issues — tenure, promotions, salary decisions — because lives and livelihoods are at stake," he said.

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riculum just isn't what they want," he said. Borgard reiterated other responses citing money as an issue for some.

"We've got a whole troop of folks from the community colleges who either didn't get in (to VCU earlier) or can't afford VCU — they already had goals set to transfer to a four-year institution."

Barbara Fuhrman, professor of education and director of VCU's undergraduate curriculum projects, said about half of all transfer students come from Virginia community colleges.

"Many transfer to get baccalaureate degrees," she said, explaining that some students aren't clear on what they want to do when entering a community college.

Sudesh Pathmarajah is one of those who said she didn't know exactly what she wanted to do, so she first attended J. Sargeant Reynolds.

"I like working with children," she said, "but I didn't want to jump right into (an

education degree at) VCU; so I went to Reynolds for a certificate in child care."

Pathmarajah said she is studying in VCU's extended teacher preparation program that will allow her to receive a master's degree in education after she completes undergraduate studies in political science.

Another reason VCU's enrollment jumped this fall may be because other institutions are capping their enrollment, which forces students to go to other colleges or just remain on the school's waiting lists.

Gary Beatty, associate director of admissions at James Madison University, said the number of incoming students there decreased from 2,683 last year to 2,629 this year as the school planned.

While they received almost 14,000 applications, Beatty said, "The administration didn't want to take as many students this year because of budget constraints."

Internships

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Juniors and seniors maintaining a 2.5 GPA and having academic preparation in government and politics may earn a maximum of three academic credits by interning for various political organizations just as Beauchamp does.

Wikstrom said he and the potential work supervisor schedule personal interviews with qualified students to determine where the particular student's interest lies.

"There are some students who conceivably may not have a super GPA but have social skills and are able to articulate themselves," Wikstrom said, suggesting that some students not meeting the requirements could be considered. "I don't want to discourage any student on the rise."

To receive credit, students write an overview of their internships including the goals of the internship and how they ac-

complished these goals, duties performed and areas of interest raised.

Wikstrom and the student's work supervisor issue interns a grade based on Wikstrom and the work supervisor's evaluation.

"In return for the students doing significant work for free, they get credit and experience," Wikstrom said. "It's a way by which a student can gain experience, make contacts and get their foot in the door."

Wikstrom said he is pleased by the performance of the interns. All the students thus far received positive responses from their supervisors.

"Setting up this internship program is just one more step towards reaching out to the community," Lewis said. "A multi-disciplined internship focusing on government is a model for other schools."

David R. Hiley

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He said that handling the press is always a struggle in these situations.

"The challenge is finding the balance between what our students in the community have a reasonable right to know and what we have an ability to comment on because it's a personnel issue," he said. "The public wants to know if we are dealing with (these types of disciplinary problems) deliberately and responsibly."

Hiley has also been working on a marketing plan that will fairly represent the quality of education and programs offered at VCU.

"We do not play to our strengths when representing VCU," he said. "There is a kind of energy here because there are so many different activities in so many areas because of all the needs and opportunities here."

One of his long-term goals for the College of Humanities and Sciences is to better assert the centrality of liberal arts at VCU.

"The college (of Humanities and Sciences) has been underappreciated in the University," he said.

"The centrality hasn't been fully recognized. We need to solidify the image of the college."

He said the school's "image problem" is due to VCU's inability to see all of the parts of the university as a united whole.

Another issue he said he intends to explore is the university's use of adjunct faculty for many basic courses.

"(VCU) has a worrisome dependency on adjunct faculty for teaching," he said. "This cuts at the heart of the quality of the institution."

Correction: In the Thursday, Oct. 8, issue of the Commonwealth Times, the location for the Theatre VCU production of "The Chalk Garden" was listed incorrectly. It is playing at the Shafer Street Playhouse.



CRIME SHORTS

VCU Police Tips of the Week

If followed while walking: Change directions and turn toward well-lighted or populated areas, or ERTS phones!

If approached in a threatening way, don't panic. Try to remain calm and think. Obey your natural instincts and don't take foolish chances. Each situation is unique. Consider three variables: Your environment, your personality and the mood of the perpetrators.

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Mother still striving to educate students about hazing dangers

by Randolph A. Carila
staff writer

Imagine being dragged from your nice, warm bed, stuffed into a car trunk and forced to drink a massive amount of bourbon, wine and beer — so muchso that you die.

Imagine your parents in pain and grief wondering how this could happen to their child — so much so they begin a search for the reason.

One parent, Eileen Stevens, said she knows the reason her son, Chuck, and many others have died.

It is called hazing.
"I was amazed at the lack of awareness regarding hazing and how lightly my son's death was taken," said Stevens, founder of the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings (CHUCK).

Community ignorance, she said, stems from fraternal codes of secrecy, vows of silence and peer pressure.

Chuck died 14 years ago at Alfred University in New York during a Klan Alpine hazing ritual. Stevens said she thinks her son was killed senselessly.

Hazing is the handing out of physical and mental abuse on new organizational members, usually pledges. Some of the things it can take include paddling, forced alcohol consumption and risk-taking dares.
"Students must have the vision and courage to rectify this situation," Stevens said. "Being a Greek is an honor and hazing defeats all that you represent."

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Commons Theater, Stevens will discuss with Virginia Commonwealth University



Eileen Stevens, whose son died during fraternity hazing, shares her story and offers solutions at VCU on Oct. 13.

students the dangers of hazing and will suggest alternatives to it.

"We're making people aware and arming students with information that helps them make better decisions," she said.

The committee's sole purpose, she said, is to teach people about the dangers of physical and mental hazing and prompt legislative action to stop these practices and ensure student safety.

Media attention to Chuck's death and letters of sympathy from people who shared similar experiences helped Stevens realize she was "totally in the dark" concerning the activities of Greek organizations and

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Pi Kappa Phi and PUSH program build park for physically disabled

More than 100 collegiate Pi Kappa Phi members from campuses nationwide converged on Penn Forest Elementary School in Roanoke Oct. 10-11, including four delegates from Virginia Commonwealth University, to build a public park accessible to people with disabilities.

The park-building project, called PUSH America, was a national Pi Kappa Phi initiative to serve people with special needs.

VCU fraternity members Kenneth A. O'Beirne II, R. Michael Valentine, Kevin Davis and Stephen Fleck participated in last weekend's event.

PUSH America, based in Charlotte, N.C., with its sponsoring fraternity, is a non-profit organization serving people with disabilities throughout the country.

The Penn Forest playground project was made possible by a \$15,000 grant from PUSH America and another \$5,000 contributed directly from Pi Kappa Phi.

Although the weekend centered around work, fraternity members took to the gymnasium at William Fleming High School Saturday at 8:30 p.m. to scrimmage against the Star City Saints, a Roanoke wheelchair basketball team.

Greek mixer shows racial unity

Two traditionally African-American Greek organizations and two traditionally white Greek organizations came together to learn about one another Saturday, Sept. 26.

The United Colors of Delta Sigma Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma and Omega Psi Phi was the theme for the evening as fraternity and sorority members compared Greek and cultural experiences.

The evening began at 8 p.m. when the women of Delta Sigma Theta and Phi Sigma Sigma met at the Phi Sigma Sigma house for a potluck dinner and discussion about

their organizations.

Members of both sororities said interpretations of Greek organizations varied across cultures but the discussion helped bridge the gap of misunderstanding.

"Black sororities and white sororities are both about sisterhood and serving the community," a Delta Sigma Theta member said.

While the sororities met and dined, the fraternity members also gathered to share Greek-life experiences.

The women joined the men at 9:30 p.m. and the socializing and dancing lasted well into the morning.

Halloran fondly remembered

by Laura Lugar
staff writer

Stephanie Christman Halloran, executive director of university communications, died Wednesday at a Medical College of Virginia hospital after a brief battle with cancer.

The 48-year-old Wisconsin native had worked in VCU's media relations department since 1985 — and people throughout the academic and medical campus who knew her praise her as a colleague and friend.

"She was a friend of this institution and will be deeply missed," said Eugene Trani, president of VCU.

Halloran joined VCU as an information officer in the office of media relations where she started the speakers' bureau, wrote and edited articles and helped develop public relations and marketing plans.

"Her service was above and beyond the call of duty," said Brian Matt, media relations specialist. "She served on committees, worked extra hours and did a lot of things that weren't in the basic job description."

In 1988, she was promoted to director of media relations, where she became more involved with the administrative aspect of the university.

Thomas Poe, assistant vice president for university relations, described Halloran as an all-around person, a colleague rather than a boss.

"Her being here made me more confident we would get the job done," Poe said. "She was a very bright woman who was strong and would hold her ground when necessary."

In January, Halloran became the executive director of university communications. Here, she supervised media relations and publications.

She served on the Student Media Commission and was known throughout her career as an ardent supporter of student media.

"She understood the way students

thought and offered strong encouragement to individuals," said John Sarvay, editor of the VCU Voice. "She was a real guide for me."

"She was real proud to see the direction the student media has taken," Poe said. "She understood and loved this university and was willing to do whatever was necessary to support it."

Halloran was a member of the Council for the Advancement of Education and the Virginia College News Association. She also served on the Adult Forum committee at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Joann Spitzer, assistant director of communications, said, "She was a Christian lady. And that's the highest compliment paid to a woman."

Friends and co-workers of Halloran remember her as a kind, caring and determined woman. Her ability to ease the tension in any situation is something they'll all seem to remember.

"It would be hard to convey the amount of love the university had for her," Poe said. "She will not be replaced. She could never be replaced."

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Halloran began her career editing scientific and popular agricultural journals for the America Society of Agronomy. She then worked in Richmond as a free-lance writer before becoming a technical and scientific editor and writer for Infilco Degremont Inc. in 1975.

Halloran is survived by her husband, Dennis H. Halloran, assistant dean of VCU School of the Arts, and two daughters, Sybil Christman Halloran and Rebecca Michels Halloran.



Stephanie Halloran

Tips to reduce, re-use and recycle

by Chris Maxwell
staff writer

Look for those little ways to get multiple uses out of things.

You can replace a coffee stirrer with the blade of your knife.

Crumpled up newspaper actually seems to work better than paper towels for cleaning and drying windows.

Sore nose from a fall cold? Try something people have used for hundreds of years, a cloth hankie. A fuzzy athletic sock is my personal recommendation. It has superior strength to the paper napkin, is softer, takes up less room and can be washed and used over and over.

Type rough drafts on the backside of old photocopies. Enough bad copies can be scrounged at the library.

Use a gluestick for instant post-it notes.

No need for envelopes. Fold old photocopies into thirds so the blank back is up, put the address there on the first third. In the middle and last third put your short message. Tape or staple it into this position. I have successfully mailed hundreds of letters this way.

Pen low? Two methods for ensuring complete usage of the ink. One is to "whip" the pen against something soft

like your leg such that the centrifugal force pushes any residual ink toward the ball point. Store the pen writing end down, like in your shirt pocket. Another method is to heat the end with a lighter to melt any lumps that may block ink flow. Careful not to melt the plastic.

Better yet environmentally is to use a mechanical pencil. Nothing to buy but graphite.

You can make your own funnel by cutting the end off of a plastic soda bottle.

Basically, the only limitations here are your imagination and attitude. Pity the poor slob in "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" who never understood the concept of make do.

The handlebars on his BMW bike got loose. The protagonist suggested cutting up a beer can to make a shim to fill up the excess space in the clamp. Poor slob programmed consumer was convinced that was sacrilege and insisted on wasting money, time, gas and resources to go to BMW dealer to get "the right part."

The lesson is, don't let your prejudices keep your imagination limited.

For further information, call Chris Maxwell at 353-0717.

P.S. If you come up with some neat multiple uses, call up my answering machine so I can tell others in the future. I'll print the best suggestions.

Health

Tuberculosis rate rising in Richmond

by Dana Tackett
staff writer

The number of people each month who test positive for exposure to the tuberculosis bacterium or have tuberculosis at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals has quadrupled since earlier this summer, said Dr. Archer Lamb, an epidemiologist at MCV.

"We've seen a real rise [in people testing positive and people with tuberculosis]," he said. "We usually see six or seven cases a month. We are now seeing 25 to 30 a month."

Lamb said that the increase in tuberculosis cases started in the summer and has been increasing every month since. She added that many people testing positive for or suffering from tuberculosis at MCV are HIV positive, "but a lot aren't."

Testing positive for tuberculosis bacteria doesn't mean that a person has tuberculosis. A positive tuberculosis test does mean, however, that a person has been exposed to the bacterium, which can lead to developing the disease.

In 1990, the state health department reported 24 confirmed cases of tuberculosis in the city. In 1991, the number jumped to 32.

The numbers may seem small, considering that 203,000 people live in Richmond. The fact that the numbers are rising instead of falling, however, is the concern of Dr. Angelos Iatridis, deputy director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, a branch of Virginia's Health Department.

"The Centers for Disease Control was expecting a downward trend [in the number of tuberculosis cases around the country], but in 1985 it took another direction," Iatridis said. "In 1990 there was an excess of 2,800 tuberculosis cases in the nation over the expected rate."

Eight years ago the United States had the lowest tuberculosis rate in modern history. Infection is on the rise around the country, however, especially in crowded urban areas. In New York City, for example, 3,520 per 100,000 people have tuberculosis. In Los Angeles, 944 per 100,000 people have the disease.

Lamb emphasized that Richmond is not

experiencing a tuberculosis epidemic.

"It is a potential epidemic," Lamb said. "People need to be more aware of their own health—there is a definite association with decreased immunity and tuberculosis."

Cindy Fehrs, a nurse epidemiologist with the Richmond Health Department, said many factors are already present in Richmond's population that will increase the number of tuberculosis cases for years to come.

Tuberculosis, said Fehrs, is a bacterium that is always present in the air. "Given the right circumstances, dormant tuberculosis [which is not contagious] develops into active tuberculosis [which is contagious]," she said. "The factors that influence the development of active tuberculosis are homelessness, HIV infection, lower socioeconomic status, being elderly—all are people with weakened immunity."

In fact, conditions that weaken immune systems and thus are conducive to the development of active tuberculosis are worsening in Richmond, as in other urban areas.

The Virginia Health Department, which divides the state into five regions, reported 212 HIV infections for central Virginia, including Richmond, for 1990. For 1991, the health department reported 503 HIV infections. So far in 1992, the health department has reported 201 HIV infections in central Virginia.

The percentage of people living in Richmond under the poverty level is rising. According to the 1980 U.S. Census, 19.3 percent of Richmond's 208,000 population, or 40,228 people, lived in poverty in 1979. In 1989, 20.9 percent of the 203,000 population, or 40,103 people, lived below the poverty level in Richmond.

Tuberculosis is caused by the bacterium, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, and is transmitted when airborne droplets coughed up by an infected person are inhaled by another. Tuberculosis usually develops in individuals with extended exposure to the bacteria and who have suppressed immune systems. It is characterized by the growth of lesions on the body's tissues, especially in the lungs. If left untreated, the lesions will kill the tissues.

Tuberculosis can infect many of the

body's organs but is contagious when it has infected the lungs. Symptoms include a sudden loss of weight, fatigue, wheezing and coughing up blood-streaked mucus.

The increase in tuberculosis cases is a burden at MCV Hospital, Lamb said.

Patients diagnosed with tuberculosis must be isolated in private rooms with proper ventilation and extra staff is needed to care for the patients, she explained.

The length of isolation can last anywhere from one to 14 days, depending on how much tuberculosis has progressed in the patient's body and on when the patient is no longer considered infectious to others. Once treatment begins, tuberculosis is quickly non-contagious.

Educating the hospital staff is also a problem, Lamb said. "Tuberculosis hasn't really been seen in so long that it isn't the first thing that comes to mind [during a diagnosis]. The staff needs to be aware of the necessity of isolation [to prevent tuberculosis transmission]."

Also facing Richmond's health care workers is the problem of screening and treating the subpopulations. These subpopulations, such as the homeless, are the hardest to screen and treat because they are generally unaware that they should be screened.

Those at risk of being exposed or exposing others to the tuberculosis bacteria should be screened for it. The Centers for Disease Control recommended in an April 1991 report that teachers, health care workers and people with weakened immune systems, including HIV-positive and low-income individuals, alcoholics and intravenous drug users, be screened for tuberculosis.

Once a person has tested positive for the tuberculosis bacteria, patients undergo preventative therapy or treatment, depending on whether he or she is diagnosed with an active case of tuberculosis. Preventative therapy includes a six-month regimen of the drug isoniazid and a longer therapy if the patient is HIV positive.

Treatment for tuberculosis lasts anywhere from six to nine months, long enough for the tuberculosis bacteria to die in the infected person's body, and includes chemotherapy, drugs and extensive bed rest.

Alcohol Awareness Week

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Oct. 13

Information Table. Noon-2 p.m. Commons

Sidewalk.

"Let's Make a Scene." Noon. BEER Peers. Park Plaza in the Commons.

"Death by Hazing." Eileen Stevens. 7:30 p.m. Commons Theater.

Oct. 14

"St. Elmo's Fire." 1 p.m. Common Ground.

Happy Hour Aerobics. 5:15 p.m. MCV Gym.

"St. Elmo's Fire." 7:30 p.m. Commons Theater.

Oct. 15

Information Table. Noon-2 p.m. Commons

Sidewalk.

"Can You Leave the Past Behind? Life in College for Adult Children of Alcoholics." BEER Peers. Noon-1 p.m. Commons Room C.

Mocktails and non-alcoholic Beer Tasting.

Noon. Commons Lobby.

Happy Hour Aerobics. 5 p.m. Cary Street Gym.

Oct. 16

"Roller Coaster Ride of Alcohol and Stress."

Linda Hancock, FNP. Noon-1 p.m.

Commons Room C.

Happy Hour Aerobics. 5 p.m. Cary Street Gym.

Oct. 18

"The Results of Drinking and Driving" and

"Regarding Henry." MCV Nurses. 5:30

p.m. Commons Theater.

Oct. 19

"Party Animal — Myth or Reality." BEER

Peers. Noon-1 p.m. Commons Room B.

Oct. 19

Information Table. Noon-2 p.m. Commons

Sidewalk.

Sleeping with the Enemy — College, Students,

Alcohol, and HIV. 7 p.m. GRC Community

Room.

Attorney general proposes affordable health care plan

by Roy Morris
staff writer

Providing quality health care at an affordable cost is one of five goals Virginia's Attorney General Mary Sue Terry said the state must achieve to solve its health care crisis.

She told health care practitioners and students of the Medical College of Virginia last week that too many people in Virginia cannot afford quality health care.

"And it's not as if the system we have in place is cheap," Terry said at the meeting sponsored by MCV's Student Family Practice Association.

The right system, she said, would have to:

(1) Provide high quality care at an affordable cost. Terry said 25 percent of this cost now goes into redundant paperwork.

(2) Develop a statewide plan that first determines what services are needed, by whom and the best way to provide them.

(3) Make everyone — patients, providers, insurers, employers and government share the health costs.

(4) Educate people on proper nutrition and the importance of exercise so they can take an active role in prevention.

(5) Guarantee everyone privacy and provide accurate information about medical services that they want.

Dr. Betsy Brinson, an assistant professor of medicine in MCV's Department of Family Practice, said the attorney general addressed students who are thinking of entering family practice after completing their educations.

To demonstrate the extent of the crisis, Terry said that almost 1 million Virginians — more than 15 percent of the state's population — have no health insurance coverage.

In addition, another 433,000 people covered by Medicaid are not getting the best possible health care because half of the doctors in private practice will not

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Triple take for MCV doctors

by Sandy Westmoreland
staff writer

Paging "Dr. Chalasani" on the intercom at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals a few years from now could be confusing.

Three Dr. Chalasanis might show up.

It could be Kumar Chalasani, a senior honors student majoring in biology, or his brother, Madhu Chalasani, a junior honors student majoring in biology.

But then again, it might be their sister, Kalpana Chalasani, a sophomore honors student majoring in English but planning to be a doctor.

All three of them were guaranteed admission into medical school at MCV, and within six years three Dr. Chalasanis could be working at the hospital.

Arthur Seidenberg, coordinator of prehealth sciences advising, said he could not remember a previous situation like this occurring at VCU.

"There have been two members of a family, both honors students with pre-acceptance to MCV," Seidenberg said, "but I can't remember there ever being three!"

Kumar, the oldest, said he intended to go to the University of Virginia until he received a telephone call three years ago

from Thomas Hall Jr., then coordinator of VCU's Honors Program.

"Dr. Hall explained the process of guaranteed admission to MCV through the Honors Program," Kumar said, "and that's why I'm here."

Madhu and Kalpana followed him in 1990 and 1991 respectively, but both applied and were accepted by other universities before making their final decisions.

"Siblings can be great recruiters," Seidenberg said in an earlier interview about recruiting honor students.

The Chalasanis' motivation to excel seems based on desire for challenge and competition as well as their Indian culture.

And if they ever decide to practice medicine with their father, four Dr. Chalasanis in the phone book also could be confusing.

Their father, Dr. Srirama Chalasani, is an anesthesiologist at Norfolk Community Hospital, and their mother attended medical school in India.

"We were encouraged at an early age to think about what we wanted to do, but we were not told to go into medicine," she said.

But Kumar quickly added, "Although we were exposed to medicine."

They were also exposed to a sense of

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accept Medicaid patients.

"Our infant mortality rate in Virginia is a bit higher than the national average, and the United States average rate of infant mortality is the highest in the industrialized world," Terry said.

All this is taking place, she added, while the state is paying "about \$2,500 per capita for every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth" for health care and insurance.

Terry said Virginians pay 35 percent more for their system than the Canadians — twice as much as the Japanese and three times as much as the British.

The problem is compounded because 52 of the 136 localities in Virginia have no

physician coverage.

Then Terry gave the paradox:

"Yet, ironically, it may be that we have all of the facilities and equipment we need in Virginia. It simply isn't all in the right places. For example, Virginia has 11 acute-care hospitals. But in 1992, 45 percent of the beds will be empty."

She suggested that the "continuous, bipartisan and sustained" approach that worked so well for education should be adopted to respond to the health crisis.

Alluding to the current health debate in the U.S. Congress, the attorney general advised the MCV students that they and other Virginians should not wait passively for government to impose a solution.

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community when visiting their maternal grandmother, paternal grandfather and the majority of their relatives who live in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, in India.

Still, the trio does not consider their family accomplishments unusual.

"There are many Indian families across the United States doing what we do," Kalpana said.

The challenge comes from maintaining the required 3.5 cumulative grade point average to stay in the Honors Program, but the "pressure is off" knowing they will not have to take the MCATs, the medical college aptitude tests, they said.

And the competition comes from intramural sports.

"We compete even on the tennis court," Kalpana said, with Madhu admitting, "We fight."

Seidenberg said most of his prehealth sciences advisees tend to enter the Honors Program as biology or chemistry majors.

"The bottom line is that we have to prepare them well for medical school," Seidenberg said, "but we encourage them

to choose non-science majors."

Kalpana, who enjoys writing, said she welcomes the freedom to major in English instead of biology or chemistry.

Since completing the second level of biology and chemistry courses, she now takes Shakespeare, fiction and world religions on Tuesdays and Thursdays with nine hours of science on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"It's a nice balance," she said.

Although Kumar has additional responsibilities as a resident assistant in the honors wing of Rhoads Hall, the three of them all try to have dinner together once a week at Kalpana's apartment in Gladdings Residence Center.

And Madhu, who also lives at GRC, tends to drop by Kalpana's apartment when he is coming or going, she said.

Sometimes, the three siblings said they think about how it would be if they had chosen different colleges.

"But it is a curiosity about other colleges — not how it would be to be apart," Kumar said.

"Virginia has the need and opportunity to begin to chart her own course now ... to become a laboratory of change for the nation," she said.

Any attempts to solve the crisis in health, Terry said, would also have to consider the high incidence of homicides and accidental deaths.

"Violence, particularly homicide, is the No. 1 cause of death among young African-Americans," Terry told the group of approximately 150 people. "Injuries are the leading cause of all deaths of people under the age of 45."

More than 2,000 fatal and 150,000 non-fatal accidents occur in Virginia each year.

"These are preventable deaths and inju-

ries, and we can do more to stop them from happening," Terry said.

Another area of concern the attorney general addressed dealt with the number of cancer victims, which in Virginia, she said, remains too high.

"Cancer death rates in Southside (of the state) — the stretch of towns and counties on Virginia's side of the border with North Carolina — are among the highest in the entire country, and they are increasing faster in the Southside than almost anywhere else," she added.

Terry linked this high cancer rate to the high poverty levels that prevail in that section of the state.

Hazing

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the reason for her son's death, she said.

In the '70s, Virginia, California and Illinois had laws against hazing that made it a misdemeanor or a felony, depending on the severity. Most other states, she said, had no anti-hazing laws because they considered the victims willing participants and, therefore, partly responsible.

To answer questions about her son's death, Stevens said, she asked the New York Times to run a databank search on the total number of hazing deaths reported — documentation on these deaths was about to fall into the public eye.

Stevens began a letter-writing campaign and attempted to spark state legislators' interest in anti-hazing proposals, but, she said, they were not listening.

In 1979, the New York State Legislature vetoed an anti-hazing bill. One year and a second hazing fatality later, that

same legislature passed a law that made the ritual a criminal offense.

Despite all the later legislation outlawing the initiation rites, the committee leader said hazing continues and consequent deaths still are being considered accidents.

"This year at Kent State a sorority hazing case went to court. Some girls were paddled until they bled through their clothes," she said. "It's terrible; they're scarred for life."

Hazing defies the Greek ideals of brotherhood and honor, Stevens said, stressing the importance of human dignity. Hazing demands subservience, verbal abuse and intimidation, she added, mentioning that alcohol is involved in most reported incidents.

"Alumni and adults consider (hazing) worthwhile; a rite of passage," she said, adding that she worries it is a societal problem.

Correction: In the Monday, Sept. 28, issue of the Commonwealth Times, gunshot victim Eric B. Carcana was referred to as a VCU senior. Carcana graduated in May 1992 and is classified as a special, or non-degree-seeking, student.

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Editorial

Things Aren't All "Fine" and Dandy At VCU

A scandal of sorts reportedly took place at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Michael L. Fine, an associate professor of biology, was accused of assaulting a female student. The story (described in several newspapers) is that Fine "spanked" a student who did not make a "certain grade" on an exam.

There are literally thousands of reasons for the occurrence. Everything from the possibility that Fine is sexist or perverted to his being just plain weird and twisted.

It is also possible the incident was a joke that became more than it was supposed to mean. Things might have gotten out of hand. Perhaps it never took place!

We have yet to hear the truth. And although the case is due for trial Oct. 16, the VCU administration already has passed sentence.

David Hiley, dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, has neither pronounced Fine guilty nor proclaimed Fine's innocence. Hiley called for Fine to perform 20 hours of community service while being placed on one year of probation.

The student who brought charges against the professor was quoted (CT,

Oct. 1) as saying, "I want this to be over."

Fine was quoted in the same article as saying, "It's [the decision] been accepted by me and the other party."

How could a punishment be handed out if no one has determined if a crime has been committed? Even if both sides want this whole series of events to end, they must know the incident will stay with them through Oct. 16.

Our question is this: Is VCU looking to sweep the incident "under the rug?"

If Fine is found guilty in district court, the punishment he received is considerably lenient. And if Fine is found innocent by "Lady Law and her magic scales," his rights would have then been violated by the lack of due process on the part of VCU.

We hope the whole incident was a misunderstanding.

If that is true, we also hope Fine is released from his sentence. If Fine is guilty of assaulting the student, we wish the VCU administration, especially Dean Hiley, would consider additional penalties for Fine.

An incident like this one can not be tolerated. Probation and a few days of community service would not be a sign of justice being served.

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The law is sort of a
hocus-pocus science.

—Charles Macklin
from "Love a la Mode"

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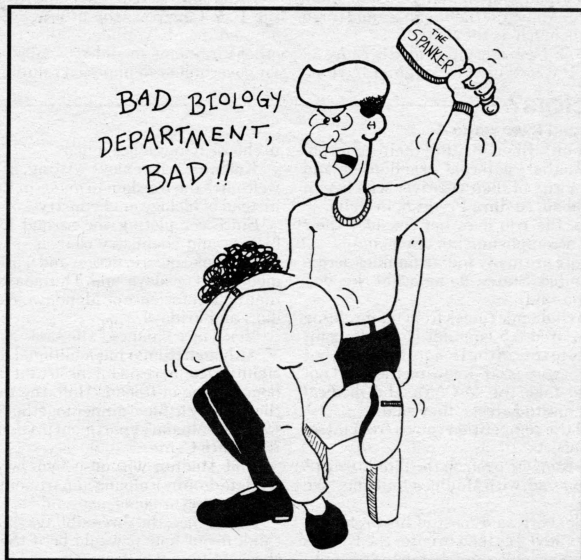
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Letters to the Editor

Not Quayle; a VP with some answers

This letter is in response to two editorials that have been published in the CT regarding the Student Government Association. First, I would like to make some corrections to the column.

Senate meetings are held every other Monday at 4 o'clock, not 5 o'clock as reported by Mr. Lennon.

Secondly, Mr. Lennon suggested the movement of the election time from February to October. There are a few problems with this idea. The first is that each student running for a seat is required to have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Since the freshmen have not established a grade point average at this time, then they would be ineligible to run for office. Another concern is the issue of class schedules. If you hold the elections in October, then many of the students don't know what their spring schedule will be. This is a problem that we encounter now, with February elections.

Mr. Lennon also discusses the need to open the elections of the executive committee to the general student body. I agree with him on this point. The problem with that is you would need to hold two separate elections to accomplish this. As it stands now, the senators are elected, any vacant seats are filled by appointment and then elections are held within the senate for the executive committee. If all were held at the same time, you might encounter a situation where a person was elected president but failed

to get elected to the senate by their own school. I am sure Mr. Lennon has a solution and I look forward to reading it.

The final issue I want to address is Mr. Lennon's insinuation that we are a clique working on behalf of the administration. The simple fact is we do not always support the administration or endorse their ideas. We do, however, always welcome any new ideas or concepts. The only requirement for speaking at a senate meeting is you must first contact our office. Everyone is welcome. Just remember, Mr. Lennon, they start at 4 o'clock, not 5.

John W. Wilkins
Vice-President
Student Government
Association

Reader Plans to Turn The Page

Arthur Mills' recent commentary on local television coverage of high school football games (CT, Sept. 28) was self-centered, naive and insulting to the hundreds of individuals involved in high school athletic programs.

Parents, teachers, coaches, athletic trainers, doctors and local ministers devote many hours a week to the mental and physical development of high school football players. In my work with a local high school team, I commit approximately 30 hours a week to this effort.

Football, as well as other high school athletic programs, provides a healthy outlet for a teenager's energies and — with all the other potentially harmful outlets

available to youth today — football is certainly preferable. Mills implies that local television sports coverage of Friday night football represents pandering to a group of uneducated parents who wish to see their little brats faces on television or an attempt to please all those individuals in our "backwards little city" whose educations ended in high school.

I suggest to Mills that local sportscasters merely are trying to provide community support to devoted parents, educators and other interested individuals who spend so much time involved in high school athletics.

Perhaps he would prefer that parents become less interested in their children's lives, the community become less supportive of high school sports programs and these children get busy engaging in all those other harmful alternatives. Then the streets of this hick town known as Richmond would begin to more resemble such cosmopolitan areas as New York and Los Angeles.

In connection with Mills comments regarding all the important news coverage we miss each Friday night due to high school football, he obviously wasn't watching local coverage of Hurricane Andrew. As someone with relatives in South Florida, I found local coverage of the hurricane to be quite adequate. Maybe Mills was tuned into ESPN and missed the news that week. I have a suggestion for him the next time he turns on the local news at 11:20 on a Friday night: change the channel! I intend to turn the page the next time I see his byline.

Kevin L. O'Bryant
Mathematical Sciences

Op/Ed

Christian Boyles

Give America a Chance, Give Perot the Boot

When I experienced setbacks as a child, my parents would offer encouragement in the words "we all have our crosses to bear"—Ross Perot's cross was his unconventional approach to politics. Last week, the self-proclaimed martyr was resurrected, leaving many wishing he had been nailed to his cross.

Ross Perot lacks fundamental traits expected of a president—including temperament, dedication and foresight. His erratic behavior when questioned by the media taints any presidential potential he might possess. In delicate matters of trade agreements or peace treaties, can Perot check his temper at the door? Encounters with the press and with his fellow candidates show his vindictive streak cannot be tamed.

Responding to Clinton's budget, Perot said, "You can't even count calories, young fella. So forget about balancing a trillion dollar budget. It's that simple." In an affront to women everywhere, Perot crassly commented that two female reporters who aggressively tried to extract a definitive answer from the Texan were "trying to prove their manhood."

When it comes to displaying dedication, Perot is greatly inept. After all, he is the candidate whose campaign is wired to The Clapper. Six months ago, Perot urged to "clean out the barn," before the smell grew too strong. Now, three months since he dropped out of the election, he is trying to convince America to commit to four years of his leadership when all he could give his own campaign was a few months.

As for Perot's decision-making abilities, the only concrete strategy he has implemented in this election was to run, not to run and to run again. Although the ability to accurately assess solutions to situa-

tions is a benefit, there is a danger in being capricious. Will Perot let down America the same way he did his volunteers?

Perot, despite the cultist beliefs of his supporters, is not a change from the current administration. Citizens For Perot For President ads featured in the Aug. 6 issue of the Commonwealth Times quoted Perot as saying, "Raising taxes is like taking dope for most politicians, the more money you give them, the more money they'll spend."

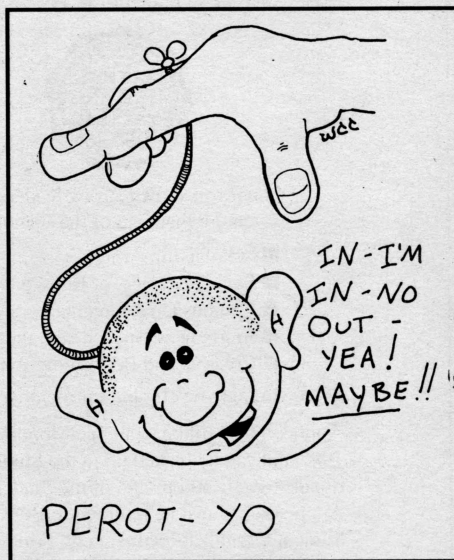
Perot, if elected, will be giving Congress a gasoline tax to play with. Perot was also quoted that America should be "color-blind and sex-blind," contradicting his recent remark to the female journalist and his earlier "you people" gaffe at an NAACP gathering.

The Perot ads also state he doesn't intend to solve problems "with invisible promises." He does, however, run on an invisible platform with an invisible vice-president. Perot adds, "We've got to completely restructure the system. Can I sound bite it? No, could Solomon sound bite it?"

Perot, from his homespun Texan charm to his serious statements, is a sound bite. I would at least credit Perot with some creativity for the biblical comparison, if Harry Truman wasn't mentioned in an accompanying ad.

Perot volunteers and supporters need to awaken from their haze and realize the "change" they advocate is tenfold the big business, wealthy businessman mentality that has dominated the executive branch for 12 years. Perot is leading the lambs to slaughter by preying on the idealistic dreams of his supporters.

Perot, in actuality, embodies the power his sup-



porters desire to usurp. The American Revolution was fought to free the colonies from the tyranny of lesser men. On November third, give America a chance, and give Perot the boot.

Max T. Furr

Humanism As a Bridge to a Better World

In recent years, this country has witnessed a renaissance of religious, ethnic and racial bigotry.

It is not surprising there is an upsurge of intolerance on college campuses. Perpetuating the problem on campus is the thoughtless reaction of administrators. They seem to believe suspending a student's constitutional right to free speech is the proper approach to a possible cure.

However, silencing bigotry through campus gag rules does nothing to bring about social harmony among students of different social and cultural backgrounds. One thing is clear, when a person hurls an ethnic or a racial insult, that individual is making a public announcement of their prejudice. To suppress these overt expressions of prejudice serves only to conceal a bigot's true character. A person does not need to voice bigotry, a simple facial expression will convey their sentiments. Should we establish "facial expression" police along with the "speech" police?

So, is there a cure for prejudice? In trying to answer this question, we find prejudice is not only an attribute of the less educated, it just appears to be more prevalent in that segment of society. Similar ruminations can be found in many that have been "highly educated." This being the case, it follows

that a lot of education is not necessarily good education. It is possible a person can earn a doctorate and still be poorly educated relevant to their social and cultural diversity. Perhaps what we need is a basic change in our approach to education.

It seems obvious that bigotry is a result of poor social and cultural education. Strong emphasis must be placed on education in the humanities, beginning at the lowest of grade levels. Specific areas of study would include a decidedly humanistic approach to cultural diversity.

Why should cultural diversity be taught in the perspective of the humanist? Because philosophical humanism, as stated so well in my Funk and Wagnalls, is an "attitude that emphasizes the dignity and worth of the individual. A basic premise of humanism is that people are rational beings who possess within themselves the capacity for truth and goodness."

Should we teach our children their culture is superior and their beliefs are the truth where all other beliefs are damnable heresy? Of course not. The humanist understands children should be instilled with self-confidence, self-esteem and a respect for cultural diversity. Humanism, then, can become a bridge that attempts to transcend

religious, racial and ethnic bigotry.

If racial and ethnic prejudice is a result of poor education and low self-esteem, then it might be correctable over an extended period of time by cross-cultural education. Yet, too often the fuel that fires ethnic hatred is narrow-minded religious indoctrination. This may be the most difficult obstacle for humanist philosophy to overcome. Beliefs that are spoon-fed to us as children form the foundations of arrogant attitudes that undermine our ability to relate well to those holding contrary convictions. These are the divisive attitudes that run counter to humanist philosophy and this is the point at which faith and reason collide.

To have faith in a proposition is to believe in its authenticity in the absence of objective evidence. But what we fail miserably to understand is that what we believe to be the truth is a matter of geography. If I had been born in India, I would most likely have solid faith in the Vedas and believe in the many gods of the Hindu. If I had been born in Iran, my faith would most likely be in the revelations of the Qur'an and I would believe Jesus was not divine, but only a prophet of Allah. What one has been taught as a child usually becomes the comforting faith of their adulthood. However, too often

when faith feels itself threatened by other ideas, the mind becomes a prisoner of its own passionate faith and is thereby locked away from reason by walls of self-induced ignorance.

Sacred propositions become mental territories we must defend from heresy. Reason rarely prevails against religious certitude. For the passionately faithful, applying reason to test one's beliefs is tantamount to buying first-class reservations on the next handbasket to hell. Such an attitude vehemently rejects the notion that humans can hold ethical values and achieve moral worth exclusive of the divine commands of their particular faith.

How does one even begin to overcome such voluntary mental stonewalling? Perhaps we may realize a better world when we have left our irrational intolerances behind. Such an ideal may sound quite naive and too far removed from present-day reality but each of us could take a small step in that direction by developing a benevolent attitude toward diversity. Besides, campus life could be made so much easier and more fun if we just kick back and enjoy the company. When you really think about it, we're all paddling the same boat. So why poke holes under the person rowing next to you?

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Investigative Report

Golden DoNut condemned for lease violations

by Carla J. Schmitt
staff writer

The sign on The Golden DoNut and Sandwich Shop, located at 1000 W. Cary St., says, "Open 24 Hours," but in reality, The Golden DoNut is closed... 24 hours a day, seven days a week, indefinitely.

Although the Golden DoNut has had many repeated violations of the Richmond Department of Public Health regulations including roach infestation, toxic items not properly stored, inadequate food protection and non-food contact surfaces of equipment not being clean, it did not close for these reasons. The Golden DoNut was closed by the City Housing Division on July 15 for "illegal usage of the building," meaning that among other things, the building was sublet without the owner's permission.

Bill Meyers, of the city housing division said that four rooms above the Golden DoNut were apparently being subleased. He also said the condition of the building alone was cause enough to shut it down. Meyers said sewage disposal, rainwater in the food preparation area, and contamination of the food storage area in the basement were all factors in the closing of the building. None of these violations, however, had

been cited by V.G. White, the inspector from Richmond Department of Public Health who had been inspecting the Golden DoNut at least since 1988.

"The conditions of occupancy were pretty bad and it affected the food operation downstairs," said Meyers, "We didn't have a choice (whether to close the building or not)."

AVCU student reported to the CT that she had seen two old naked people, a man and a woman, sitting on the back steps of the Golden DoNut a short time prior to the restaurant's closing. Meyers said that when his department visited the Golden DoNut, there was an elderly male who was naked. "He [the elderly man] said his pants wouldn't be back from the cleaners for another three days," the inspector said.

Homeless Services, in charge of facilitating relocation of these residents said that the occupants have found a new place to live.

Up the rickety back steps leading to the upstairs apartments and through a broken window, a can of Milwaukee's Best beer and a bottle of roach killer could be seen. There was an extremely foul smell coming from the window.

Izzat Shaben operated the Golden DoNut; he had a five-year

lease with the owner of the building with two and a half years of that lease remaining.

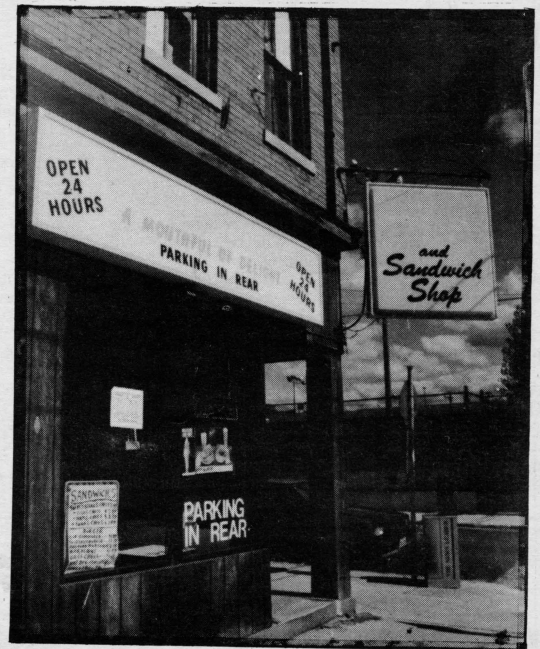
Shaben said that he would like to reopen the the Golden DoNut but he thinks the chances of doing so are slim. He said that he's been trying to get the owner of the building to make repairs on the property but he hasn't heard from him. Shaben is talking to the owner through Pedros Bandazon, the realtor, and did not know the owner's name. Shaben said Bandazon, who could not be reached, had some kind of deal with VCU.

"It's all just up in the air," Shaben said, "I had a nice business there."

A source from Capital Planning and Real Estate at VCU who requested anonymity said VCU is interested in buying the building and has made several offers to the owner.

Golden DoNut is the only property on the block VCU does not own. The source said he expects the building will be demolished and turned into a parking lot for temporary use.

In the future, he said, he expects VCU will build a second academic building there. "The city understands that it will become part of the University," the source said.



staff photo by Jonah Schmitt
The Golden DoNut has closed for improper usage of the building, probably for good

'Kennedy': without illusions

by Shelby D. Barrette
staff writer

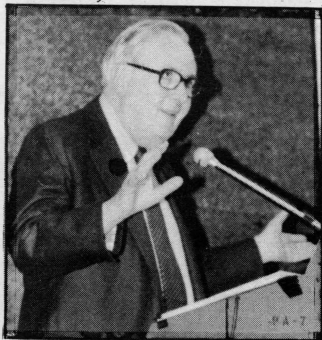
The fourth floor of the Cabell Library was the set of a lengthy and informative lecture outlining "The Kennedy Administration and Vietnam." Douglas Kinnard, author of many books about Vietnam and a retired political science professor, spoke at the VCU Friends of the Library annual meeting and lecture Oct. 6.

Kinnard spoke of "Kennedy without Tears," a term he said he uses to describe the actions of a man partly responsible for the greatest failure in American Foreign policy in the 20th century. However, Kinnard said, "To begin the story of America's longest war with the Kennedy years would be like going into a darkened theater in the middle of a movie."

Kinnard continued to examine prior involvement in Vietnam with a brief overview of the presidential administrations of Truman and Eisenhower. Stating, among other things, that the situation in Vietnam became part of the cold war in that it was treated like another Korea.

Kinnard finally moved on to discuss President Kennedy and his administration. Focusing on their role in the upscale of military personnel in Vietnam, Kinnard said that people might not like the facts, but President Kennedy did significantly raise the amount of American support in Vietnam, as well as, insure the Southern Vietnamese government's dependence on foreign aid.

He also gave considerable attention to



staff photo by Derrick Washington

Professor Kinnard speaks on the Kennedy Administration during the Vietnam era.

the placement of Henry Cabot Lodge as U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam and the governmental coup that followed. Siting that Kennedy's administration sought a new dynamic approach to foreign policy and that Vietnam was the testing ground.

He then concluded by asking some unanswerable "revisionist questions" of the audience and then fielding any other questions or comments they might have had. He said, while answering questions, that he could not speculate, but he could tell the facts as he knew them.

The event ended with a reception and a book-signing by Kinnard.

USSA rocks for Andrew's victims

by Shelby D. Barrette
staff writer

VCU's Urban Studies Student Association raised over a thousand dollars for victims of Hurricane Andrew by staging a benefit concert last month.

Concert organizer Gray Gurkin said the idea originated when he and another USSA member were sitting in the Commons talking about how disturbed they were by all the newspaper headlines about the hurricanes destructive path.

Gurkin said, "We saw a picture in the paper of all these clothes that got rained on. We were a little disturbed about that so, being urban studies majors we felt more money needed to be going towards actual construction goods."

After calling the Red Cross, they were told that an emergency fund already existed in which all the money went directly to building materials.

"That was the clincher for us," Gurkin said, "We really wanted to concentrate on building materials as opposed to canned goods and clothing."

Then, Gurkin and other members of the USSA went to work. In only a week, the group put together a three bands-for-three dollars benefit show at the Rock Bottom Cafe.

Zag-Man-Zig, Hanover Fiske and

Headstone Circus drew a crowd of about 500 and even though it rained, Gurkin said that the show was an absolute success.

At the end of the night, the USSA had raised \$1401 for Florida victims.

All the money raised by the USSA was presented to the Red Cross. Gurkin said, "\$1400 may not seem like a lot of money, but going into a larger fund, that amount makes a lot of difference."

"We are very, very proud of our students," said Dr. John V. Moers, chairman of Urban Studies and Planning. "This whole thing was student-initiated and implemented, they did a superb job."

Moers also felt that as well as being a good reflection on the Urban Studies and Planning department, the actions of the USSA were positive for the university as a whole, he said.

Dr. Eugene Trani, university president, has written letters of recognition to the members of the USSA involved in the benefit. The letters will become part of the students' permanent records. The faculty of Urban Studies and Planning has also passed a resolution honoring the USSA.

The USSA is currently planning a Thanksgiving Turkey challenge to help those who might otherwise not have a special holiday meal.

Record Reviews will return next week

Calendar

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Monday 12

Art: "Dead Media" works by Nathan Ruff and Hans E.C. Wachtmeister will be on display in the student art space at the Commons. Opening reception is Thurs. 15, 7-9 p.m.

AIDS Awareness reception and award presentation will be held at the Anderson Gallery 5-7 p.m. For more information call 367-1522.

Politics: Presidential candidate, Dr. Lenora B. Fulani, will have a book signing from 5-6 p.m. at Once Force Books. See Spectrum Briefs for more details.

Tuesday 13

Lectures: A free slide show and lecture on archaeology will be presented by Walter R. T. Witschey, director of the Science Museum. Witschey will discuss "Modern Maya Archaeology." The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Museum.

"College Hazing," a lecture being presented by Eileen Stevens, will be featured in the Commons Theater at 7:30 p.m.

Sports: Field Hockey team will play Appalachian State University on the Cary Street Field. Games begin at 3 p.m.

Poetry Reading: Peggy Shumaker will read selected works in the Business Building Auditorium at 8 p.m. See Spectrum Briefs for more details.

Wednesday 14

Sports: VCU soccer team takes on the University of North Carolina at the Cary Street Field. Show time is at 7 p.m.

Thursday 15

Art: Nathan Ruff and Hans E.C. Wachtmeister will host opening reception for "Dead Media." The reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Student Art Space located in the Commons.

Film: Nights for New Film & Video presents "Animated Evening: Selected Shorts," introduced by animation artist Jante Scagnelli, at 8 p.m. The Films will be shown at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. For more info call 367-0852.

Attention Honors Students!!!!!! Phillip Teachey, orchestra manager for the Richmond Symphony and Joanne Kong w/ Paul Hanson, members of the Department of Music School of the Arts, will perform at 2:15 p.m. in the Millhiser House. It's a Brown Bag Lunch.

Friday 16

The 24th Annual Oktoberfest Dance Festival will begin at the Virginia State Fair Grounds. Admission is \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. For additional information

call 346-8116.

Art: Artists Milo Russell and "internationally known photographers" Lorna Simpson and Lynne Cohen will exhibit their works at the Anderson Gallery.

In addition, the Anderson Gallery annual Holiday Art Market opens today. For more details see Spectrum Briefs.

Saturday 17

Sports: Cross Country team will compete at the Liberty University Invitational.

VCU volleyball team will play South Florida. Show time is 7 p.m.

Sunday 18

Richmond Renegades vs. Raleigh Icecaps at the Coliseum for the Season Opener. For more information call 780-4970.

Music: The Shanghai Quartet will perform at the University of Richmond's Camp Theater with Alan R. Kay, clarinet. Show starts at 8:15 p.m.

Film: The following will be on view tonight in the Business Building Auditorium: Delicatessen at 6 p.m. "a futuristic comic feast." Terror of Tiny Town at 8 p.m. and Chained for Life at 9:20 p.m. All films are free w/ a VCU ID, call 367-6509 for further information. (Scheduled films may be subject to change.)

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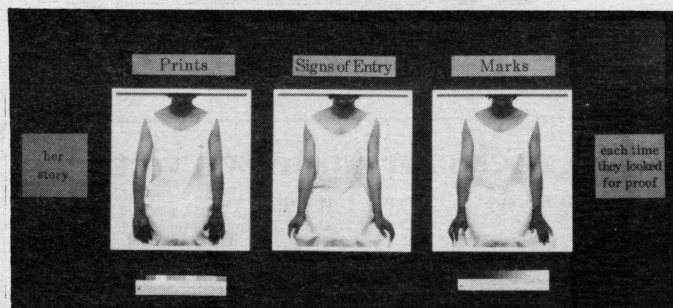


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Lorna Simpson's 'Three Seated Figures' will appear at The Anderson Gallery Oct. 16.

Ross Perot will get A run for his money

The Virginia Committee for the Lenora B. Fulani for president campaign will present a book-signing hosted by One Force Books. Dr. Fulani has been sited as "America's Leading Independent Presidential Candidate." If you want to meet and hear Fulani, come to One Force Mon., Oct. 12, 5-6 p.m., 217 E. Clay (between 2nd and 3rd St.)

Poetry reading in the Business Building Auditorium

Poet Peggy Shumaker will read from her work on Tues., Oct. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Business Building Auditorium (14 N. Linden St.). This reading is the first event in the VCU Visiting Writers Series. Shumaker is the author of three collections of poetry and has published works in journals such as the "American Poetry Review." The visit is being sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Humanities and Sciences. After the reading, books will be available for purchasing and signing. This

event is free and open to the general public.

Three one-person shows will open at the Anderson Gallery

Milo Russell, Lorna Simpson and Lynne Cohen will exhibit their works at the Anderson Gallery on Oct. 16 thru Dec. 23. There will be a public reception from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 16.

Russell graduated from VCU in 1954 and his work has been recognized as an "important influence on generations of Richmond artists." Russell's exhibition will be a comprehensive look at the artist's most recent works.

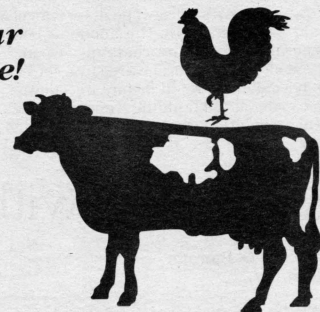
Simpson's viewing will include photography and text concerning language and perception. Cohen, also a photographer, will explore impersonal subject matter. She will "take benign lecithins and transform them into places of haunting and sinister tension."

In addition, the Anderson Gallery Holiday Art Market will also begin Oct. 16. Works by local and national artists will be on display for sale. For more information call Kathy Messick or Kathy Emerson at 367-1522.

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Sports

VCU soccer falls to James Madison, 3-0

by Leanne Anama
associate sports editor

Still recovering from Friday's late-night game against South Florida, the Rams were shut out by the ninth best team in the country Sunday afternoon at Cary Street Field.

"Let's face it, JMU is No. 9 in the country," Coach Lincoln Phillips said. "We were beaten by a better team and the game versus South Florida didn't help."

VCU came out strong early in the game and scored first. But the officials made an offside call on the play, which took back the goal by the Rams' leading scorer, Wayne Pratt.

James Madison accumulated all three goals in the first half, amassing a 3-4 goal-for-shot total at the half and 4-10 for the game.

The Rams had only three shots on goal for the whole contest, two for Pratt and one attempt going to Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi. Adu-Gyamfi's shot on goal came with six minutes left in the game to give the Rams their first and only shot of the second half.

Going without a few players could have also been a factor in this game. "We had some injured players out," Phillips said. "Our captain, (Fredrik) Roxenius, was out with a sprained ankle. We had some opportunities. We scored first and we had a few lapses. All in all, we were beat by a good team who was fresh and we weren't fresh. I'm really proud of our team. We tried some

different things that didn't pay off. I'm not embarrassed today. We tried and now we'll move on."

The Rams' record falls to 3-7-1 for the season while the Dukes improve to 10-2.

Ram notes

- Every player has taken at least one shot this year. VCU has outshot their opponents 109-80.

- Senior Leroi Wilson went down with an injury after just two games and is now redshirting the season.

- Wayne Pratt, who leads the team with eight goals, has scored in every other match the Rams have played in 1991.

- Goalie Mark Huff has a goals against average of 2.16.

- VCU's next home game is this Wednesday against UNC Wilmington.



Wayne Pratt eludes a JMU defender Sunday at Cary Street Field. VCU lost to the Dukes 3-0 and dropped to 3-7-1.
staff photo by Derrick Washington

Bonzano leads field hockey to win, upsetting No. 20 Richmond, 1-0

Rams have chance to step into Top 20 ranking

by Leanne Anama
associate editor

The Rams upset No. 20 University of Richmond 1-0 Friday night before a boisterous home crowd at Cary Street Field.

Junior Amy Bonzano delivered the game-winning goal on a penalty stroke with 7:49 remaining in the first half.

"I'm very satisfied because this was the only team I missed a stroke on last year," Bonzano said. "So this is like redemption."

Redemption isn't the word for this win because, coupled with the Sept. 20 victory against Duke, the Rams now have a chance to be ranked in the nation's top 20 field hockey poll.

The pressure for VCU to win was a factor before this game, what with their shot at a good national ranking and city reputation on the line.

"We were feeling the pressure in the game because we knew this was our last game to make the top 20," Bonzano said.

To add to this pressure, the Rams had to play with-



Alycia Yoder beats a University of Richmond defender. The sophomore is on pace to shatter the single-season scoring mark of 13. Yoder already has 11 goals.
staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

out five players who were on suspension. Coach Pat Stauffer took disciplinary action against sophomore Heike Kost, junior Karen

Wittman and freshmen Angie Ashby, Iris Ortega, and Jamie Bessett, all of whom broke curfew last weekend. The players were

kicked out of practice Monday, limited in their amount of participation in the

Ineffective offense leads to 10-3 loss against U of R rugby

by Brian French
staff writer

The Virginia Commonwealth University Rugby Club, after enduring a 22-3 loss to perennial rugby power Mary Washington, returned home to the friendly confines of Leigh Street Field. The Rams feared that they would experience a letdown for Saturday's game. If they played anyone else, it would have been possible. However, since VCU was going to butt heads with cross-town rivals in the University of Richmond, it was assumed that this would be a high-powered, high-intensity battle between two teams with a decent amount of school pride. This is exactly what VCU needed, right?

Uh, wrong.

In a defensive struggle, the Richmond Spiders came away with a 10-3 decision over VCU. The Spiders scored first, breaking open a long run in the first half to take a 7-0 lead midway through the first half. Prior to that, VCU had a long run coming off a toss from the sidelines. However, Richmond held, and the Rams could not come away with any points.

The Spiders added a penalty kick later in the second half to extend their lead to 10-0. Late in the second half, VCU put up a penalty kick of their own to cut the margin down to 10-3, but could not come any closer, as Richmond held on for the win.

The main concern for VCU was tackling. When Richmond scored a try (rugby equivalent of a touchdown in football), the Rams appeared to miss some key tackles. Adolf Johnson expressed disappointment at the outcome of the game. "I don't think we put up a good effort. We definitely should have won this game."

Sam Hall, referee for the VCU-UR contest, was

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Dallas Cowboys riding back from the dead

by Lee Meredith
staff writer

Last Monday night I witnessed a complete massacre of the Dallas Cowboys by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Yet Dallas fans all across the country should be smiling because the Cowboys will eventually reach the NFL promised land.

They will do it with one of the best turnarounds in sports history. Just three years ago the Cowboys were a lowly 1-15.

Even then, writers, coaches and fans had a sense that the Cowboys would soon have their day in the sun.

The rebuilding process began when businessman Jerry Jones purchased the team before the 1989 season.

He immediately started making the changes necessary to make the Cowboys winners again.

His first move was to give general manager Tex Schramm and the Heart of the Cowboys, head coach Tom Landry, their walking papers.

Jones replaced Landry with the highly successful Jimmy Johnson of the highly successful Miami Hurricanes.

This move angered many of the Dallas faithful, yet Johnson's credentials spoke for themselves.

At Miami Johnson produced a national championship, a trip to a major bowl every year he was there, tons of All-Americans and even a Heisman Trophy winner.

His pro-style offense took college football

to another level.

To sum it up, simple and plain, Johnson is a winner. Jones knew exactly what he was doing when he hired Johnson to lead the Dallas Cowboys.

Johnson immediately made an impact as head coach. The first thing he did was to trade an overrated, albeit highly talented Herschel Walker, to the Minnesota Vikings for a plethora of first-round draft choices.

This would eventually turn out to be one of the greatest, most lopsided trades in football history.

The next move Johnson made was to draft Troy Aikman, the much heralded quarterback from UCLA. There wasn't any doubt in anyone's mind that the Cowboys would make him the first pick in the '89 draft.

The only question was how long it would be before he returned Dallas' offense to the threat it once was during the Roger Staubach-Tony Dorsett-Drew Pearson era.

Aikman's talents fit perfectly into Johnson's scheme. The 6-3, 220-pounder has a rocket arm, yet he can excel at the short passing game as well.

He also just happens to play with a lot of heart and intensity. These qualities will undoubtedly make him a superstar in the NFL.

The Cowboys weren't only weak at quarterback when Johnson arrived, their defense was rapidly aging, their offensive line was slow and ineffective and they didn't have the overall team speed needed to be competitive in the league.

Washington, Philadelphia and the New

York Giants were manhandling Dallas on the defensive side of the ball.

So Johnson did the only thing he could. He used the draft picks from the Walker trade to rebuild his team with younger, quicker talent.

One of Dallas' biggest moves was to draft Michael Irvin, a big-play receiver from the University of Miami. The next year Johnson and Co. drafted Tennessee's Alvin Harper to complement Irvin's abilities. Teamed with Kelvin Martin and Alexander Wright, the Cowboys' receiving corps is as good as any in pro football.

Irvin, as we all know, is Aikman's main target. Last year alone he caught 88 passes and led the NFC in receiving yardage. His 1991 performance earned him a trip to the Pro Bowl and he is now considered among the NFL's elite receivers, along with San Francisco's Jerry Rice, Buffalo's Andre Reed and Washington's Gary Clark.

Johnson also had to rebuild his defense, for opposing teams were scoring on the Cowboys with ease. He did this by bringing in young talent to mesh with the already stable veterans. Dallas took Russell Maryland, another Miami product and perennial All-American, in the '91 draft.

Maryland is a quick, strong and tenacious pass rusher and his style only complements Danny Noonan, Jim Jeffcoat and Daniel Stubbs. This front four help comprise a very formidable defensive line.

Johnson also augmented the hard-hitting style of safety Bill Bates by drafting middle linebacker Robert Jones from East Carolina University. Jones, a consensus All-American his senior year at ECU, helped lead the Pirates to a 10-1 season

and a dramatic, come-from-behind victory against North Carolina State in last year's Peach Bowl.

Jones has already established himself as the starting middle linebacker and will undoubtedly become a mainstay in the Dallas defensive scheme.

The Cowboys biggest break, however, came when they were able to take Florida's Emmitt Smith in the 1990 supplemental draft. He has been the major factor in turning Dallas around.

Smith's running game has taken the pressure off Aikman and opened up the passing attack. He has made his presence felt around the league the moment he set foot in Big D. He rushed for more than 800 yards his rookie season and last year led the NFL in rushing yards.

Before Smith's arrival the Cowboys went 1-15. When he took over the backfield in 1990 they went 7-9 while just barely missing the playoffs. Last year he led the team to an 11-5 mark and their first post-season birth in years. It will only be a matter of time before he leads Dallas to the Super Bowl.

Within only three years the Dallas Cowboys have come back from the dead. Landry, Staubach, Dorsett and the "Doomsday Defense" are gone.

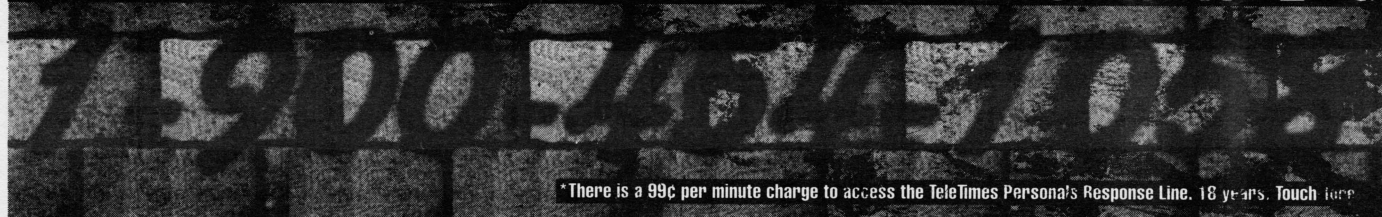
But Coach Johnson, Aikman, Irvin and Smith have ushered in a new era for Cowboy football.

Odds are they won't reach the Super Bowl in January with Philadelphia and San Francisco standing in their way.

But is sure is nice to see people rooting for the original "America's Team" once again.

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Bad calls aplenty as Rams, Bulls deadlock

Sophomore Wright's goal with 2:16 remaining ties No. 14 USF

by Drew Geary
sports editor

In a soccer game marred by many questionable, sometimes horrible, calls by referee John Defreitas, it was only fitting Friday night at Cary Street Field that VCU and the University of South Florida wound up tied 3-3 after 120 minutes of physical, sometimes comical, play.

"That guy (Defreitas) should have never even been on the field," South Florida coach Jay Miller said after the game. "This was a bad experience for me."

With 2:16 remaining in regulation, sophomore midfielder Pancho Wright scored on a 20-yard carpet burner that knotted the match with Metro Conference rival USF, which entered the evening ranked No. 14 in the latest Soccer America poll.

The game-tying goal, the only score of the second half, was the first of the season for Wright, a native Richmonder who was not in the opening lineup due to an ankle injury.

Coach Lincoln Phillips put Wright, who played briefly in the first half, back into the game with five minutes left in the contest. Three minutes later he watched the Monacan High School product pick off an attempted USF clear at the top of the penalty box and immediately blast the ball past a

diving Jeff Gopsill.

"This is a boy who wasn't even able to make road trips last year," said Phillips of Wright. "He is starting now and playing a major role."

The game remained scoreless for the first 13 minutes, with most of the action being played in the center of the field. But it was only a matter of time before Bulls' senior midfielder Mark Chung made his mark as one of the best players in the conference.

Chung, who had already twice won Metro Player of the Week this year, scored his 10th goal of the year with a nice header from five yards out with 31:55 remaining in the first stanza.

The Rams, to the dismay of Miller and Co., utilized the lightning-quick speed of forward Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi and scored just 12 seconds later.

Adu-Gyamfi received a lofting lead pass down the left side from forward Chris Barnard after the kickoff. Adu-Gyamfi beat his defender to the bouncing ball and used his right foot to flip it over the head of a charging Gopsill and into the right corner of the net.

Adu-Gyamfi, a freshman from Herndon, Va., has now scored in five of VCU's 10 games this year while starting each time. VCU took advantage of a USF defensive mistake with 24:01 remaining when Adu-

Gyamfi intercepted a pass deep in Bull territory. The freshman quickly passed to a wide-open Wayne Pratt, which set up a one-on-one situation with Gopsill. Pratt delivered his eighth goal of the season as he calmly pushed the ball to the right of USF's goalkeeper and into the center of the net.

The Bulls, however, gave VCU a taste of its own medicine when forward Ryan Scott scored one minute after Pratt.

Bulls' midfielder Oystein Drillestad passed Scott the ball 25 yards from VCU's net. Scott then one-timed a rocket volley that eluded goalie Mark Huff, hit the bot-

tom of the crossbar and caromed down, just barely breaking the plane of the goal line.

USF's Matt Borgard, another Richmonder, gave the Bulls a 3-2 lead with 11:12 left in the first, a lead that would last for 56 minutes before Wright knotted the game and sent USF back south a bit perplexed.

"I'm very proud of the guys," Phillips said.

"South Florida is a very good team. I'm not worried about the result because winning is not everything. We have pride and that is what counts."

Field hockey

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week's practices and were restricted from playing in the UR game.

Stauffer said, "The kids that played did a great job under the circumstances. I put them behind the eight ball but they pulled it out. They kept their poise and stuck together. I'm not one to sacrifice the team when players do selfish things like this. There's no self in team and I didn't hesitate doing what I did. This (playing without five suspended players) did more for our team unity than any speech I could ever give."

Goalkeeper Mary Ellen Hostetler concurred with Stauffer's assessment. "It made us closer. It made us a stronger team in the end," she said.

The team pulled it out even when the Spiders turned up the heat with many drives to the goal late in the second half.

"I commend them (Richmond)," Stauffer said. "We came at them hard and fierce in the first 20 to 25 minutes. Their goalkeeper had some awesome saves which kept them in the game."

"It was a good win. We were tired late in the game but we came together and walked away with the win."

The win also gave Hostetler her third shutout of the season.

"It was great," said Hostetler. "I was relieved. It was nerve-racking at the end (because of the Spiders' last offensive drive). But we played a tough game and I'm glad we came out on top."

Rugby

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pretty even-handed in his comments.

Asked about the game, Hall replied that the match-up was "particularly competitive, due to the inter-city rivalry."

Basically both teams performed the fundamentals very well, which is a positive reflection of their practicing."

Coupled with the loss to Mary Washington, VCU's record dropped to 1-2 with this loss.

This puts a roadblock in the Rams' path if they intend to win the state title this season.

"If we plan on doing any good at (the) state (championships), we had better get our act together," Johnson said.

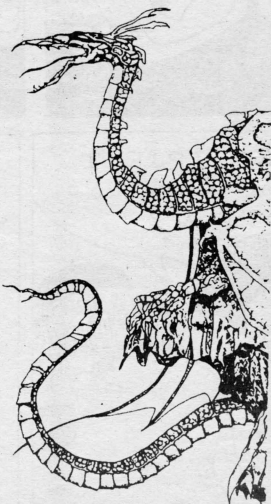
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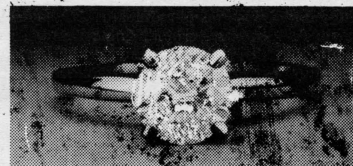
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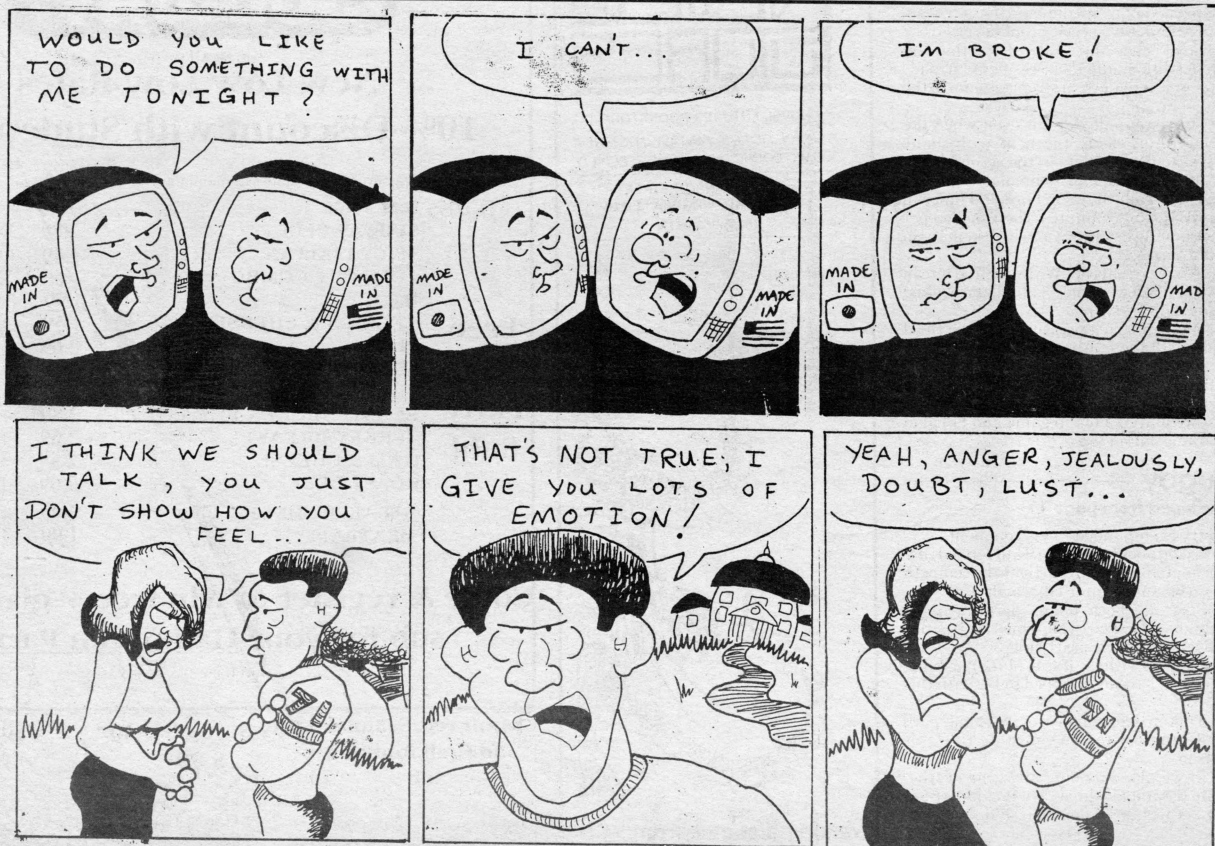
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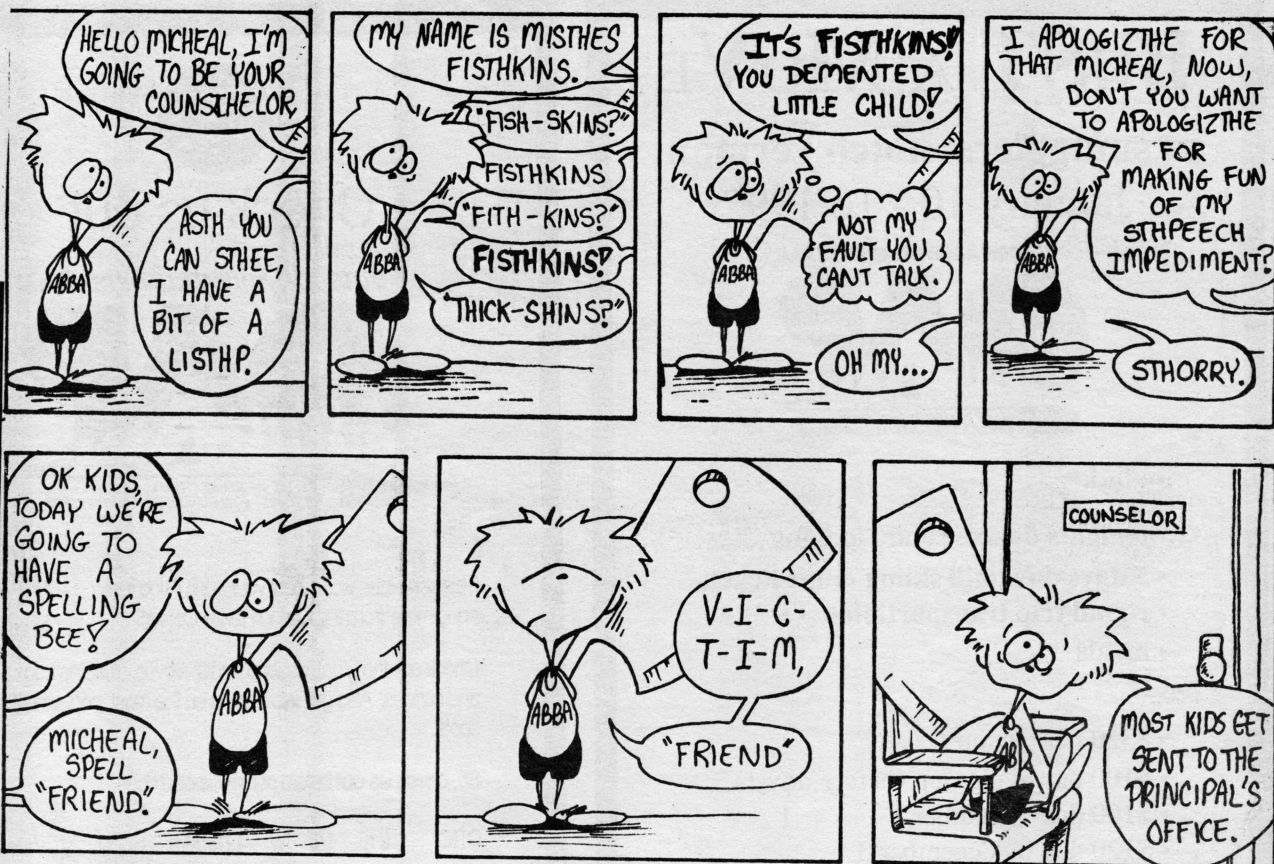
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