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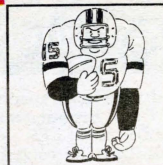
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Students question Siegel Center funding

Sherry Jones
CT News Editor

As the newly named Stuart C. Siegel Center received praise Wednesday night during a black-tie gathering at The Commonwealth Club, students questioned specifics of the convocation center.

Two students met yesterday with VCU President Eugene P. Trani, attempting to end confusion concerning the students' monetary contributions to the center.

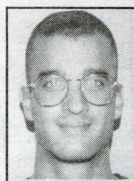
After the meeting, Jonathan Bartee, vice president of the Student Government Association, said the meeting was a step in the right direction.

"I got full disclosure of everything that goes along with the recreation/convocation center," he said, adding that Trani did refuse to give a precise figure concerning the amount of money that will come from student fees.

Bartee said previous SGA presidents told him that students were not supposed to pay for more than \$8 million of the 3,000 to 4,000 seat arena.

Now, he added, Trani said the student portion will be anywhere from \$8 million to \$12 million.

While Bartee said this is not the original deal, he is satisfied that Trani set forth the amount students will be contributing.



Jonathan Bartee



Photo courtesy of VCU Media Relations

SHIRTS AND HOOPS — The Stuart C. Siegel Center, VCU's recreation and convocation center, in future form. VCU President Eugene P. Trani announced the building will be named after Siegel, executive chairman of S & K Famous Brands and member of VCU's board of visitors, at a black-tie gathering Wednesday of VCU's Founder's Society, a group of 125 members who've contributed \$100,000 or more to VCU. The board of visitors met in a special executive session before the ceremony and unanimously decided to name the center after Siegel, who has recently pledged a planned gift of \$4 million to \$7 million toward the project.

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Class withdrawal deadline today

Schexnider encourages student evaluations

Leila M. Ugincius
CT Staff Writer

Students should evaluate their workload and grades before the university closes its offices today, the last day to withdraw from a class with a grade of "W."

This is of particular importance to freshmen, said Alvin J. Schexnider, associate vice president for academic affairs and vice provost for undergraduate studies.

"Once you're in college, you're expected to manage your own time," Schexnider said. "Expectations are different — it can be a harrowing experience."

The withdrawal date falls in the middle of the semester, and Schexnider said the university encourages professors to evaluate students by midsemester.

"This is so students can have some sense of how they're faring and initiate actions if they find they're not doing as well as they thought," he said.

Some students expressed mixed opinions about the deadline.

"(The withdrawal date) is too soon," one sophomore, an administrative justice major, said. "What if you're not doing well right now, but you might improve later on?"

Michael King, a graduate student studying urban

IFC complains about lack of SGA appropriations

Matthew J. Weeks
CT Senior Writer

In the midst of working on next year's budget, the Interfraternity Council's executive board blasted the Student Government Association on Wednesday night, citing discrimination and little funding for its projects.

IFC Vice President Michael Hancock said SGA granted IFC \$80 last year, compared to smaller organizations that received upward of \$4,000.

"We represent around 400 people, more or less, at any given time," he said. "It seems as if we're treated unfairly because of who we are, as opposed to equitable treatment by SGA as any other student organization would be given."

Daniel Aderhold, IFC secretary, said the problems are deep-rooted. "There are stereotypes against us within SGA," he said. "That causes some of the (budget) problems."

The stereotypes, Hancock said, include the belief that fraternities are "whites-only" clubs.

"All fraternities on this campus, as far as I know, are culturally diverse organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed and anything like that," Hancock said. "They (SGA) don't look at us like that; they think of us as traditionally white fraternities."

"I think that's where we have a lot (of the) problem getting our funding. A lot of people would be afraid to say that, but I'm not."

Aderhold said these reasons have been around for a long time.

"This is all I've ever heard," he said. "And if I'm wrong,

then someone please come and explain it to me."

One example of being passed over by SGA, Hancock said, is when IFC requested funding for a disc jockey. SGA denied IFC's request, but granted another organization funding for one. IFC representatives said they view SGA as a roadblock.

"If we want to sponsor a big event for the campus, not just for the Greeks, and we don't have that exact amount of money, that's the place we're supposed to go for it and we can't get it," said IFC Parliamentarian Thomas Huneycutt.

Hancock agreed.

"I think we're not only being discriminated against, but misunderstood," he added. "It's a matter of misunderstanding of who we are and what our makeup is. And also, it's a type of discrimination because of who we are stereotyped as. And that's the problem."

Hancock said IFC will do whatever it can to increase its funding from SGA. "We're going to submit legitimate budgetary requests, like any organizations would," he said. "If they're not granted, then we're going to ask why. We're going to pull out precedent if we have to."

SGA Vice President Jonathan Bartee said Greeks need to take an initiative if they expect results.

"If they want to make a change, they need to make an effort to get in there (SGA)," Bartee said.

In other business, Theta Delta Chi has not paid the \$100 fine imposed by the president's council two weeks ago. TDC now will be suspended from the fraternity intramural soccer league.

If the fine is still not paid, the suspension will be carried over to the next sports season.

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WORLD/NATION

• Judge in Simpson case requests broadcast delays

LOS ANGELES — Superior Court Judge Lance Ito requested Wednesday that three television broadcasters delay airing interviews with the most recent author of a book about Nicole Brown Simpson.

Two of the broadcasters, CBS and Maury Povich, said they will go ahead and air the interviews with Faye Resnick, who alleges in her book, "Nicole Brown Simpson: The Private Diary of a Life Interrupted," that O.J. stalked his ex-wife and threatened to kill her if she pursued sexual relations with other men.

Only CNN said they would delay airing its interview with Resnick on "Larry King Live," scheduled for last night.

• IRS denies former slaves land

WASHINGTON — More than 200,000 black citizens have filed reparation claims with the IRS based on a post-Civil War proposal to provide former slaves with 40 acres and a mule.

Claims for \$43,209 have been denied and the IRS warned taxpayers who refile that additional claims will be a \$500 penalty for filing frivolous returns.

The claims are based on a bill passed in Congress in 1866 requiring that Confederate property be confiscated and redistributed to former slaves. The bill was vetoed by President Andrew Johnson.

• Trooper claims Clinton pressured judge for money

WASHINGTON — Arkansas state trooper L.D. Brown has informed Whitewater investigators that he witnessed a meeting between then-Gov. Bill

Clinton and a municipal court judge, wherein Clinton pressured him for money.

Former Judge David Hale has alleged that Clinton forced him to make a \$300,000 Small Business Administration loan to Susan McDougal, a partner in Clinton's Whitewater real estate transaction.

Brown, who apparently has had a falling out with Clinton, said the information he provided the investigators recently corroborates Hale's claim.

VIRGINIA

• Golfer convicted of assault

FREDERICKSBURG — Brian Scott Reeder, 19, was convicted of assault and battery Wednesday for seriously injuring another man on a golf course with a putter.

Reeder was also tried for unlawful wounding after he apparently clubbed Jimmy Durante, of Fredericksburg, on the head with enough force to break off the head of the club.

Judge William Ledbetter gave Reeder a six-month jail term and a \$2,500 fine.

The incident apparently left Durante, 56, with an indentation on the left side of his head and problems with speech, memory and control of his right arm.

• U.Va. survey shows 65 percent of students sexually active

CHARLOTTESVILLE — A random survey conducted on the University of Virginia campus has revealed that 65 percent of its undergraduates were sexually active last year and of those surveyed, 40 percent had between two and five partners.

The survey, conducted by researchers at U.Va.'s Institute for Substance Abuse Studies, also showed that 36 percent "never," "seldom" or "only" "sometimes" used

condoms. About 40 percent always used condoms, while 23 percent usually did.

• Tractor traps man for 36 hours

WILLIAMSVILLE — John Flinton, 60, of Staunton, was hospitalized Wednesday after being trapped under a tractor for almost 36 hours.

Flinton, listed in serious condition at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, was operating the tractor Monday afternoon when the tractor flipped, pinning him to the ground. A resident of the farm found him about 11 p.m. Tuesday.

• School can't break the mold

MANASSAS — The third floor of Stone-wall Middle School has been taken over by mold, forcing some 250 students to attend classes in the school's cafeteria and gym.

Dozens of worried parents have called with complaints and teachers who work in the area have complained of runny noses, headaches, sore throats and typical allergic reactions possibly triggered by mold.

Cleanup of the floor, which has 14 rooms, is expected to cost more than \$60,000.

RICHMOND

• Church starts fund-raising campaign

HOPEWELL — After an 11-year-old boy was convicted last week in the burning of Tony Dillhoff, 3, last week, The Power of Praise Bibleway Church members organized a fund-raiser to pay for a lawyer to appeal the decision to hold him in a detention center.

Church members initiated the drive Monday after the boy's mother raised questions about the sentence, said Rev. James L. Clarke Sr., the church's pastor. The boy

was apparently baptized before the incident.

CAMPUS

• Biology department announces scholarship

The official endowment of the Lewis C. Goldstein Scholarship will be announced at the biology department's faculty meeting at noon Oct. 26 in room 201 of the Life Sciences Building.

After Goldstein's death in 1985, the scholarship fund was created to honor the former biology chairman and professor and to award undergraduate scholarships to senior biology majors based on their academic performances.

• Scholar-in-residence to discuss learning theory

Jack Mezirow, emeritus professor of Teachers College, Columbia University, will speak about "The Transformative Learning Theory" at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in the Commonwealth Ballroom.

• Employment opportunities workshop

A Partners Program workshop to help students improve employment opportunities and master quality service will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Capital Room B. For more information contact the University Career Center at 828-1151.

• Career center to sponsor fair

The University Career Center will sponsor the Greater Richmond Graduate and Professional School Day from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Commons Oct. 26.

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Oct. 13

• Grand Larceny

A male VCU employee reported that at 12:31 p.m. a radio, and two speakers were stolen from a state van parked in the GG Lot at 700 W. Broad St.

Total Value: \$300

• Arrest

Bernard G. Dickenson was arrested 4:37 a.m. in the 1200 block of East Broad Street for possession of narcotics and carrying a concealed weapon at

• Shoplifting

Officers responded to 601 N. 10th St. at the MCV Bookstore for a shoplifting incident at 2:56 p.m.

Oct. 15

• Arrest

Camesha Peters was arrested at 4:23 for obstruction of justice and interfering at MCV's Main Hospital.

• Arrest

Leroy Stanford was arrested at 4:10 a.m. for disorderly conduct at MCV's Emergency Drive.

• Arrest

William McCain was arrested at 11:45 a.m. at MCV's Main Hospital.

Oct. 16

• Grand Larceny

A female VCU student reported personal property stolen sometime between 11:15 p.m. 10/13 and 10 p.m. 10/16 from a secured location at 107 N. Morris St.

Total Value: \$325

• Grand Larceny

A female VCU student reported personal property stolen sometime between 6:30 p.m. 10/14 and 2 p.m. 10/16 from a secured location at 107 N. Morris St.

Total Value: \$1,512.70

Oct. 17

• Vandalism

A male VCU employee reported vandalism at 11:15 a.m. at 901 W. Main St.

Oct. 18

• Grand Larceny

A female VCU student reported personal property stolen from the third floor of Franklin Street Gym sometime between 5 p.m. 10/16 and 4:15 10/18.

Total Value: \$300

• Arrest

A male juvenile was arrested at 3:07 p.m. for possession cocaine with intent to distribute at 903 W. Clay St.

Oct. 19

• Grand Larceny

A female MCV employee reported an unknown person broke into several vending machines at the Lyons Building and removed cash.

Total Value: \$1,000

Trani receives leadership award

Commended for community-relations improvements

Jill Myers
STAFF WRITER

Sipping on a cup of coffee behind a desk devoid of clutter, Eugene P. Trani said discussed his first days as VCU's president. He said he realized the university had a sour relationship with the community.

He said his first clue to the rocky relationship came during a congratulatory conference when he noticed friendly faces filled the first half of the room while people with pickets lined the second half.

Since then, Trani said he has worked toward healing the estranged relations between VCU and the community.

Recognizing Trani's efforts, the Leadership Richmond Metro executive committee will honor him with the National Association of Community Leadership 1994 Distinguished Leadership Award on Nov. 9.

"He was a natural," said Diane Roberts, chairwoman of the LRM board, referring to her decision to submit Trani's name for the award. Local nominations automatically receive the national award.

Although Roberts said she never has met Trani, she had read articles about his involvement with the Virginia Biotechnological Research Park and the proposal for the School of Engineering, which drew her



Eugene P. Trani

attention to the VCU president.

She said after a conversation with Tina Egge, the executive director for LRM, they mutually agreed the VCU president was a worthy nominee for the award.

"We selected Trani because of the vision he (has) brought to the community by moving beyond VCU," Roberts said.

Robert Olson, the executive director for the research park, said before Trani's arrival, the community's interest in such a park remained dormant. He called Trani the champion of the park project.

"All the skills embodied in Trani have been an ideal match for launching the research park," Olson said of the president's communication and sales skills.

Gordon K. Davies, the director for the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia, said Trani has given VCU a shot in the arm. Trani, he said, understands the forces and interests in a major metropolitan area that give him the ability to maintain ties with the community.

William Iles, director of VCU's Alumni Activities, said Trani was given a message when he arrived at the university in 1990 suggesting he focus on community relations.

Since 1968, relations with the community occurred sporadically on an individual, personal level, Iles said, noting that Trani brought a systematic, centralized approach to dealing with the community as well as the state and local legislatures.

Trani's authoritarian reputation, Iles said, probably stemmed from his focus on centralizing VCU to give the university

one voice.

"VCU has a history of decentralization. With departments and schools having a lot of autonomy, there wasn't a lot of cooperative direction," Iles said. Some people — especially those who have been here longer than Trani — like that autonomy, he said, and they may resent Trani's centralization efforts.

Nonetheless, the president credits the university for the award, saying VCU is only as good as its relationship with the community.

"I could give an example for almost any department," Trani said about the areas where he has established ties between VCU and the community.

He looks at the research park formation and the School of Engineering proposal as answers to calls from the Richmond community.

Nevertheless, concerns on the part of VCU's neighbors still need a better solution, Trani said. In general, though, he thinks the community understands the school's importance and supports the university financially and psychologically, he said.

The president said he sees inadequate funding as the biggest limitation for carrying out projects. Therefore, the university has had to create alternative mechanisms of funding by turning to private corporations like Pepsi-Cola and fund-raising ventures.

Surviving in difficult times — actually thriving in difficult times — is VCU's most important accomplishment, Trani said.

Black Caucus president hands in resignation

Matthew J. Weeks
CT SENIOR WRITER

Black Caucus President Thurlow Stenson during Wednesday's meeting announced his resignation, effective Oct. 24.

"I just need to concentrate more on my studies," he said, adding that he plans to graduate in May. "I'm kind of stressed out. It's a lot of responsibility."

In other business, the Black Caucus discussed possible themes for its homecoming next year.

After narrowing the choices to two, Black Caucus voted 8-7 in favor of "VCU Black Family Reunion" instead of "VCU Heritage: Our Cultural Network."

"This is going to be a link between black students, black alumni and the network between the two," said Black Caucus Secretary Angela Toney. The event, to be held next year, will include speakers and possibly a dance.

The Black Caucus also heard reports from various committees including Tosin Fadeyi, chairman of the Kwanzaa committee.

Fadeyi explained that his group was searching for more funds to help pay for a keynote speaker, adding that the theme for Kwanzaa festivities this year will be "Unity Umoja." He also provided details about the main features of the celebration, which begins the first week of December.

"We're going to have speakers, a performance troupe, and we're going to have a reception right after the speaker," he said. "I would like to have Angela Davis (as the keynote speaker), but we'll see."

Mexican woman discovers rat parts in drink, sues PepsiCo Inc.

Incident leads to hospitalization

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A Mexican schoolteacher is suing PepsiCo Inc. and a grocery chain after finding rat parts in a can of Diet Pepsi she was drinking.

Maria Del Consuelo Lazaro alleged in a lawsuit filed Friday that she drank about a third of the soda before discovering the matter during a visit with family in Buena Park in July.

She went to a hospital, complaining of abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting, and hospital workers found the rat inside when they opened the can, said her attorney, Daniel Ramirez.

Lazaro developed a rash and a fear of eating that has caused her to lose 30 pounds, he said.

The suit names as defendants Pepsi-Cola and Albertson's grocery chain, which declined to comment. No dollar amount for damages was given.

Federal investigators confirmed that rat parts were in the can, but found no cleanliness or health problems at the Orange County Pepsi-Cola distributor where it had originated. They said it wasn't clear how the rat got in the can.

"We did find the rat in the can," FDA spokeswoman Rosario Quintanilla-Vior

told the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday. "It was in pieces, but it was there."

She said the agency didn't make a public announcement because there wasn't enough evidence of what happened.

Investigators weren't able to speak directly with Lazaro, who lives in Jalisco, said Quintanilla-Vior.

A Pepsi official said the company wasn't responsible and suggested the incident was the latest in a string of hoaxes.

Pepsi-Cola last year was cleared in a national product-tampering investigation after people across the country claimed to have found needles in Diet Pepsi cans.

The FDA arrested 53 people for filing false claims. None has shown Pepsi was at fault, Ward said.

"It's tough for anyone to know how the rat or mouse got into the can, but the FDA gave our plant a clean bill of health," said spokeswoman Anne Ward at PepsiCo headquarters in Somers, N.Y.

"We have to take every call in good faith, but unfortunately, we've had some experience with people who have tried to take advantage," Ward said.

Associate professor studies judicial reform movement in Warwickshire

Jenifer L. Vancil
CT STAFF WRITER

Frank P. Belloni, associate professor of political science, departs this week for a study-research leave in Warwickshire, England.

While in England, Belloni will be a visiting fellow in the School of Law at the University of Warwick, where he will join some faculty members in studying the judicial and criminal justice reform movements in that country.

His faculty collaborators, he said, have close ties to the movement. One was a member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, which examined the problems and gave British Parliament recommendations for reform.

"In 1991, there were some serious miscarriages of justice (in England) and a public outcry for reform," Belloni said, citing the example of the Birmingham Six who were wrongly convicted of a 1974 IRA bombing. Because of public pressure, the

case was reopened and they were released in 1991.

Belloni said he became aware of some of the problems with the criminal justice system in England after studying the miner's strike of 1984-85.

He later became interested in studying miscarriages of justice and the reform movement in England after meeting Cheryl Thomas of the Wolfson College of Oxford University at a conference.

Thomas, Belloni said, invited him to study the reforms after he presented a paper at a conference at Bologna University in Spain that dealt with the education and training of judges and lawyers in England and Wales.

"She (Thomas) called me and said she thought the information was very accurate," he said. "She invited me to collaborate with her on a study of the reforms."

"I first contacted the University of Bristol because I had done some work there. I told them I was coming to study and asked if they could accommodate me, and they con-

tacted the University of Warwick."

After spending the summer researching in England, Belloni was offered a visiting fellowship at Warwick for this academic year.

Belloni, the former director of the International Studies Program at VCU, said he looks forward to his work in England.

"The International Studies Program has expanded from about 25 minors to 78 now," he said. "Although I enjoy my work with the students very much, there isn't much time for my research. At Warwick, I will focus on my research and writing."

Christopher Silver, associate dean in the College of Humanities and Sciences and director of the International Studies Program, said faculty research increases VCU's experience as an institution and increases the ability for other professors and departments to compete for funding.

"I think his research will be good for his department and good for the college," Silver said.

North snags top honors in mock elections

Coveh Solaimani
CT STAFF WRITER

If mock elections at three universities in Virginia are accurate, Republican Oliver North will unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Charles S. Robb as one of Virginia's two senators.

North's campaign people officially report that Virginia Military Institute, Radford University and Hampden-Sydney College conducted mock elections this month to determine the candidate of choice on each campus. In each case the Republican Party candidate won.

In the first election early this month at Radford University, North won by a landslide with 60 percent of the vote. Robb finished second with 28 percent, and Marshall Coleman, the Independent candidate, took in 11 percent.

"Ollie North represents the mainstream of student opinion here at Radford," said Scott Michie, chairman of the Radford College Republicans in a press release the day following the campuswide election.

At VMI, North garnered an even greater percentage of the vote. Eighty-three percent of the cadets there chose him contrasted to Robb's 12 percent and Coleman's 4 percent.

Some people expressed surprise at this outcome because of Robb's service with the Marines.

"Robb voted with Clinton's bill to allow homosexuals in the military and for defense cuts," said Christian Hoff, managing editor of VMI's student newspaper, The Cadet. "Ollie is actively in favor of the military."

At Hampden-Sydney College, North saw his potential votes reaching 72 percent. Robb received 15 percent and finished second. Although Coleman finished third with 12 percent of the vote, he made his strongest showing on the Hampton-Sydney campus.

"The election indicates a strong sentiment towards Mr. North on campus," said Marshall Manson, editor-in-chief of The Tiger, Hampden-Sydney's school newspaper. He suggested that the college's tradition of conservatism played a significant role in the outcome of the mock election.

Urban officials discuss crime, budgets, welfare

Joe Taylor
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORFOLK—Too many Americans are finding fault with their government and its leaders "when we ought to be celebrating what we've accomplished," Virginia's top municipal officials have been told.

Instead of taking pride in the U.S. victory in the Cold War and the high regard with which other nations view our system of government, people have become cynical and don't trust their elected officials, Haynes Johnson of The Washington Post said at Monday's opening of the 89th annual Virginia Municipal League Conference.

Johnson was to have been the No. 2 speaker for the two-day gathering of hundreds of officials from the state's 41 cities and 190 towns. But he was pressed into service for keynote remarks after Gov. George Allen had to cancel because of illness.

Johnson said a spirit of optimism car-

ried people through past crises like the Great Depression and World War II. But Americans don't have such a clear adversary today on which to focus, he said.

Ask people in Washington about the current political climate, and privately they say "they have never seen such rancor, such hatred, such partisanship," he said.

Johnson pointed to a barrage of negative advertising in this year's congressional campaigns as a sign of the current mood. He said the elections "will be driven by disappointment with the performance in Washington."

The conference, which will end today, is taking up topics from welfare reform to budget preparation to urban crime.

Reuben Greenberg, police chief of Charleston, S.C., told Virginia officials that his city tried lots of solutions to its problem of increasing crime, but none of them worked.

Then, he said, he tried an old-fashioned remedy that has paid big dividends in combatting juvenile crime — truancy pa-

trols.

Greenberg said officers pick up any youngsters aged 6 to 17 who are on the street during school hours and return them either to the classroom or, if they've been expelled, to their homes.

The effort may not be educational, he said, but it's effective law enforcement.

"We don't know if they're learning anything or not, and at this point we don't care," the chief said. "We do know that not a single kid has been shot or shot at during the three years that we've had this program."

Greenberg admitted that during the summer, "kids absolutely eat us alive" with purse snatchings, armed robberies and other offenses. But he added, "We have nine months. They have only three."

He said forcing youngsters to stay in school instead of leaving them to the anonymity of the streets puts them around people who know them — and can identify them — and thus reduces the chance that they'll do something wrong.

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"Now we know where we stand," Bartee said.

Noah Goldman, a junior business major who was also at the meeting, said, "He (Trani) really did not want to give a number."

Goldman also said that Trani assured them that the university fee would not increase any more than the previously agreed upon \$100.

Earlier, SGA agreed to a \$100 increase in the university fee to help finance the center and other recreational improvements, such as renovations to the Franklin Street Gym.

Opening up communication between Trani and students, Bartee said, was one of the focuses of this meeting.

"I think we're pretty much on a better track," he said, adding that Henry Rhone,

interim vice provost for student affairs, also attended the meeting.

Rhone, Bartee said, served mostly as a moderator, clarifying many of the issues discussed.

The vice provost said a candid dialogue during the meeting helped Bartee and Goldman better understand the situation.

"I think it was very important that Dr. Trani, Mr. Goldman and Mr. Bartee have that kind of discussion because there seems to be a lot of confusion (surrounding the convocation center)," Rhone said, during an interview following the meeting.

He added that students asked to meet with the president and deal with questions firsthand.

Speaking about the success of the meeting, Goldman said, "It was successful in that he (Trani) was willing to meet with us."

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planning, disagreed.

"(The professors) all give you plenty of opportunity to find out where you stand in class," he said. "If (the withdrawal date) were any further, it wouldn't be fair to the rest of the students who are hanging in there."

Jonas Elmlblad, a junior majoring in marketing, said the university gives students enough time to decide if they want to withdraw from a class, and he does not think an evaluation from the instructor is always necessary.

"You usually have one or two tests before — that's enough time," he said. "Usually you can feel if you need to drop a class."

Students who drop a class after today's deadline will receive an "F" for the course unless they appeal to withdraw through the University Academic Status Committee, Schexnider said.

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Ben Ragsdale

Just the Facts, Guys

"Just the facts, ma'am." That's what Sgt. Joe Friday of "Dragnet" used to say. Somebody needs to be making that request loudly and clearly during Virginia's current U.S. Senate campaign.

The candidates have strayed far from relevant issues and facts in this campaign. Even though a down and dirty campaign was universally predicted, the behavior we have seen was not inevitable and it is not justifiable.

Rarely edifying in its early days, the dialogue among Charles Robb, Oliver North, Marshall Coleman and their supporters has become demeaning to the candidates and insulting to voters. And the modern arbiters of what gets heard and seen and read about, the faithful media (both news and advertising), have been serving as mere conduits for this political tripe.

Despite his heavy moralizing on the troubles of the other two, Marshall Coleman has been no white knight in this campaign.

He has issued almost daily denunciations of his opponents and aired the first negative radio and television advertising.

But his strident attacks have paled beside the exchange between the two front-runners, North and Robb.

North, Robb and their handlers are truly the sick puppies of this campaign. They are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars simply to spew venom.

The television ads they released last week were nauseating.

Robb said North was guilty of "lying to Congress," "false statements," "lying to schoolchildren," "selling arms to terrorists" and "back dating documents."

North reminded voters that Robb has been accused of attending cocaine parties

and cavorting with young women while serving as Virginia's governor from 1982 to 1986.

On Monday the two front-runners kicked off this week's shenanigans with dueling news conferences. North accused Robb of being a slacker in the Senate. Robb accused North of benefiting from secret Iran-Contra bank accounts. None of the utterances were revealing or constructive.

All three candidates remain dedicated to political offense. Their mutual mantra, currently the most popular in U.S. politics, is "hit 'em first, hit 'em hard and hit 'em again." Their appeals have frequently been to the worst instincts in all of us.

Who is to blame for this sad situation? Certainly the politicians, the political consultants, the intolerant ideological groups and those who contribute and raise the big political money are responsible — to the point that they rarely give a second thought to the extraordinary nastiness with which politics is conducted today.

But we can't blame just them.

The burden to reject this status quo falls on every one of us who cares about our collective life.

Any caring citizen can say no to mediocrity. Those who enjoy positions of community leadership — at any level — have a special obligation to speak up for constructive political dialogue.

We can all find ways to reject the system as it is, to encourage basic civility, to insist on higher standards and to demand fundamental decency from those who would serve us in elective office.

We need to clear the air.

We could start by insisting of Robb, North and Coleman, that for the next 18 days, they give us "just the facts."

The forces of a capitalist society, if left unchecked, tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

— Jawaharlal Nehru, "Credo"

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William Beverly

Homeless in the Cabell Library Foyer

Oct. 11— Today, about 9 a.m., I was walking into the Cabell Library and in the foyer was a small-framed African-American man. He looked unkempt with rough hair and stained clothes and as I took a closer look, it appeared that he was homeless.

He probably had come into the library foyer because it was sheltered, warm and a comfortable place to sit. I could partially identify with this situation. I was homeless once, many years ago, and recall tired mornings after frightening evenings with nowhere to sleep. I remember just wanting to go inside somewhere to get away from the elements — anywhere — like the Cabell Library foyer.

I walked past the man into the library, feeling like I ought to stop and see if I could help. I left a part of myself out there as I headed for the circulation desk.

A few minutes later, when I was leaving the library, he was still sitting there. Only now, he was taking off his shoes. His Converse All Stars — the only kind of tennis shoes I wear — beamed up at me with grave familiarity. I could see myself taking off my shoes in such a place.

What a spectacle.

How embarrassing. The other spark of familiarity was that I usually give my old shoes to local shelters and charitable distributors such as the Daily Planet and Grace House (both within blocks of the library). I wondered if those might have been my shoes.

I was glad for him to have them from wherever they came. The shoes had no laces, and he was wearing no socks. When you're homeless, a shoe lace can come in handy for many things other than tying shoes together.

So there he was, in the Cabell Library foyer, with people walking by him as if he were invisible. He rested one bare foot on top of a shoe as he crossed his legs to look at the bottom of his other foot. His feet were worn, and he looked very tired.

Then he suddenly reached for the bottom of his other foot and began scratching intensely. I knew what was happening. He had the itch. It could have been any one of many dermatological disorders. It happens a lot with homeless people, as many are malnourished, medically neglected, rarely bathed and often have to wear the same rancid clothing day after day.

Fear of communicable skin disease could be one of the reasons so many people are afraid to get close to homeless individuals. I recalled times in my life when I had such problems.

There is so much shame attached to skin problems. It's like kicking a horse when she or he is down. It seems that the last thing a man in this condition needs is social isolation. Yet that is what he gets in the Cabell foyer.

I started to walk toward him but veered away. I guess I too was afraid.

As I exited the library, some of my life's most bitter memories flashed through my mind, augmented by a fixa-

tion on the vision of this man hopelessly sitting there, intensely scratching his feet.

I combated it with thoughts of how it would be so nice to help him find the medical care he needs. I did not have the strength. Like so many others, I only wanted to get away.

"One hell of a social worker I am going to be," I thought. We didn't address this in my social work education. I could only figure that he must know where the Daily Planet is by now. And they do have a medical clinic. At least I hope he knows where to find some help.

Then there is the issue of whether or not the help will be there for him. Is the Planet still open?

I rationalized my dilemma with angry thoughts of how some dutiful state employee from the Cabell Library will come along eventually and nicely ask him to leave the premises. Either that or they would ask security to "have him removed," as has been done when such folks have sought refuge in other buildings around VCU.

He'd be gently scolded back out into the cold of this Virginia October. One never realizes how cold it can be until they get to the point where they are not even welcome in a public place, like a library.

We take things like libraries, bath-rooms and health care for granted — yet for this man, and many others, such basics could be a luxury.

I was bitter and scared as I walked away. I did not help him. And worse, I thought, society will not help him, either. Half the folks who walk by him probably do not even recognize his peril.

Worse still, so many won't even know that he is there. And only a few of the other half who do understand his condition know enough to do something about it.

Unfortunately, I am not one of them.

It is so interesting in this day and age. Universities like VCU train hundreds of social workers and other health care professionals each year, yet on the VCU campus a homeless person cannot get help unless she or he jumps through hoops, which she or he may not be skilled enough to negotiate.

Churches get gigantic tax breaks as not-for-profit or charitable institutions, yet instead of welcoming the homeless to their structures for shelter, meditation and community, they lock their doors at night and post armed guards at the entrances during services to keep "undesirables" away. What would Yahweh, Mohammed or Jesus think of that?

Where is the virtue in a society that works so hard at being clinically skilled or religious that its citizens are too busy or callous to lend a hand, when and where it is needed?

I wonder how many social work, divinity, medical and/or other competent students walked by this man as he sat in the foyer of VCU's Cabell Library today. I wonder how many even noticed the reality of his ominous situation. And how many stopped to help? I did not. I am sorry.

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Politics blend with pleasure for some young Virginians

Sara Kukorlo
CT SENIOR WRITER

How are the Flood Zone, the band Ban Caribe and politics related?

The common bond is an organization known as VOTE — Virginians of Today Energized.

VOTE featured the popular Caribbean band at a benefit party Sunday, Oct. 16 at the Flood Zone.

As a Richmond-based organization for young Virginia voters, according to its literature, the group's primary goal is to put the progressive ideals of those voters into action by placing emphasis on grass-roots politics and community service.

One of the organization's founders, Albert Pollard, explained the rationale behind VOTE.

"A bunch of us who are Democrats, although we're calling ourselves progressives because we don't want to exclude anybody, got together and realized that political parties don't do anything.

"They're boring ... We wanted to provide a political forum where younger Virginians could get involved."

In keeping with that sentiment, the Flood Zone seemed the logical choice for the location of the organization's party, Pollard said.

"The Flood Zone is not where you would normally think about having a political event," he said. "The traditional basic political fund-raiser is a barbecue with a bluegrass band. You're not going to attract a ... young crowd that way."

The music of Ban Caribe fit that bill as well, Pollard explained, adding that the sound is fun and danceable.

"It's not standard for a political event, but we're trying to be unconventional and hopefully by being unconventional we can attract people's attention, and I think it's going to work," he said confidently.

The event marked the first actual meeting of VOTE — a sort of kick off party. The group plans to sponsor social events, forums for elected representatives and host educational speakers at its future quarterly meetings to

discuss legislative and community issues that interest young voters.

VOTE stands firm in its belief, Pollard said, that an active and involved electorate represents the best hope for a better Virginia. To uphold that belief, members of the organization are required to dedicate at least 24 hours each year to community organizations in the Richmond area.

The organization's first quarterly meeting will be held Dec. 7 at Bottoms Up Pizza. Dan Palazzolo, assistant professor of political science, is scheduled to speak on the national debt and what it means for the future of younger Virginians.

When asked why Bottoms Up Pizza is the spot for the meeting, Pollard said, "The national debt is a boring subject. Hopefully by someone talking about it at Bottoms Up Pizza, you know people are drinking beers and eating pizza, then you can make it accessible.

"To reach a young audience, you've got to make it easily accessible. We're trying to do to politics what Disney wanted to do to history up in Northern Virginia."

Congressman Bobby Scott was in attendance at the Flood Zone and said he plans to become active in VOTE as much as he can.

"I think it's an excellent organization focusing on young people which tend to be the lowest voting group in society today," Scott said. "They really have the most at risk. I would hope that more young people will become involved."



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

POLITICIZING OR SOCIALIZING — A handful of potential voters noshed Sunday at the Flood Zone, but not for Ollie.



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

MUSICAL VOTES — Ban Caribe "rocked the vote" Sunday night.

For more information about the VOTE organization, its social events or quarterly meetings, call 225-VOTE.



A fish tale

Production continues on the mega-budget movie, "Waterworld," starring Kevin Costner, despite seemingly runaway costs. More than \$100 million has already been spent on the action science-fiction film that stars Costner as a half-man, half-fish hero in a water-covered world of the future where Earth's ice caps have melted.

"I try to be honest and there is no point pretending this is a normal film," Costner said. "The money got out of hand."

Costner's room and board — a bungalow with butler and chef — depleted the budget \$4,500 per day.

The ABCs of alcohol and erotica

An NC-17 rated film, "Erotique," has been returned to an art theater near North Carolina State University following an agreement between the theater owner and the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. As a condition of showing the film, the owner agreed not to serve alcohol during screenings.

An obscure but rarely enforced ABC rule in that state dictates that alcohol and explicit films don't mix.

ABC attorney Glenn Lassiter said the film's seizure and the subsequent compromise may have opened a can of worms.

"It's a case where answers have to be reached, and the answers have potential implications," Lassiter explained. "There are First Amendment issues, 14th Amendment issues, Fourth Amendment issues thrown in there."

Boombox brain surgery

According to a study published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association, physicians may enjoy a lower pulse rate and blood pressure while listening to music.

The research provided evidence that surgeons who listen to music while operating on patients improve their responses on nonsurgical stress tests.

Dr. Richard C. Dillihunt, a specialist in general and vascular surgery, said the type of music surgeons listen to while operating "depends on the personality of the individual and the nature of the procedure."

Dillihunt's preference, he said, is "oldies but goodies."

Dr. Brian Jumper, a urologist, said he doesn't listen to music while operating if it distracts those assisting him. When he does listen to music, though, he prefers 70s pop music, folk or classical.

"If you're (up)tight, you don't perform well," Jumper said. "And certainly if music helps you loosen up, it's better."

Wes Craven's having nightmares about Freddy Krueger

Despite being killed in the last "Nightmare" movie, Freddy Krueger, the films' maniacal, surreal psychopath is back. Wes Craven has returned to Elm Street to film a new nightmare, he said, following a dream appearance by Krueger.

"The key moment came in a dream where I was dreaming that we were at this crazy cocktail party coming up on the 10th anniversary (of the first 'Nightmare'), and we were all there," Craven said. It was during this dream he saw an image of Krueger.

"From that dream, I woke up and thought," Craven said, "That shadow, that thing back there, is Freddy-ness. That is the real thing. If they stop the film or kill off that character, that thing, the shadow, is still there."

Craven filmed the first "Nightmare" in 1984, but none of the five sequels.

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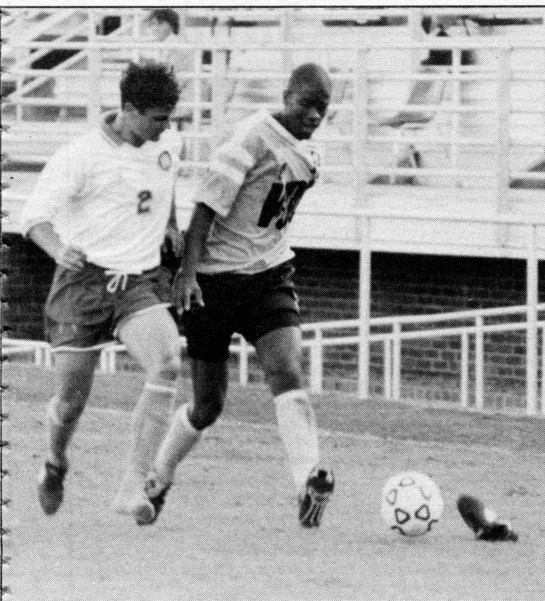
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Fifth-ranked Cavaliers flatten Rams



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SHOELESS IN CHARLOTTESVILLE — UVA's Tom Baker loses his shoe trying to steal the ball from VCU's Quincy Coleman at Klöckner Stadium. The Rams lost 6-0.

Brian J. French
CT SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Klöckner Stadium, home to Virginia's soccer team, is perched atop a hill from where one can take in the fall foliage of the surrounding mountains. The view from the stands during a crisp, clear October afternoon is a sight to behold.

The same cannot be said for the game played within the stadium, however.

Six different Virginia players scored as the fifth-ranked Cavaliers rolled to a 6-0 defeat of the visiting VCU Rams.

The Cavaliers dominated on both sides of the ball — outshooting the Rams 16-5 — to bolt to a 2-0 lead less than 13 minutes into the game.

But VCU coach Jon Stueckenschneider said things were not as bad as they could have been — or were before.

"The last time we played them, we lost by a really big margin (8-0, during the 1990 season at Klöckner)," said Stueckenschneider after the game. "We cut down on that. We only had one shot on goal that game; this time we had five.

"This team (Virginia) is very good. They have the talent there and they don't get frustrated when things don't go their way. They'll go far (in the NCAA Tournament).

The three-time defending national champions (13-2) were led by midfielders Mike Fisher, Sean Feary and Billy Walsh, who each scored a goal and

recorded an assist.

Feary's goal was particularly impressive. At the 62:53 mark of the game, he took a pass with his back to the goal and landed a blind shot over his left shoulder into the right corner of the net, sending the announced crowd of 380 into a frenzy, and giving his Cavaliers their fourth goal of the contest.

Feary on his shot: "All I could see was the goalkeeper. I couldn't see the goal when I kicked it."

Virginia also got goals from forwards Nate Friends and A.J. Wood, and defenseman Tom Baker.

With the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament on Virginia's horizon, coach Bruce Arena noted that his squad may be regaining the form that would make them NCAA champions for the fourth consecutive year.

"We've got a lot of improving to do, but we have the foundation of a good defensive team," said Arena. "Overall, we're getting better."

For Stueckenschneider, the loss was something to build on, but no more so than any other game.

"We use each game as an individual building block," Stueckenschneider said. "In this game, I used a 'sandwich' critique at halftime, where I first say, 'Here, here's what we did good,' and then I say 'Here, here's what we didn't do so well.' Then I finished it off with something good again, to create the sandwich."

The Rams have traditionally had little success against the Cavaliers. In the 13 games the two squads have played, Virginia is 12-0-1, with the only tie coming in 1981. During the series, the Cavaliers have outscored VCU 76-4.

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Possibilities are endless with rookie QB

Arthur Mills
CT STAFF WRITER

It's right there on the money. In Gus We Trust.

Because of that and a convenient injury to Heath Shuler, the man, my man, Gus Frerotte will start for the Washington Redskins Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts.

Before I get into the beauty of future Hall of Famer Gus Frerotte starting, I'd like to explain the injury curve for rookie quarterbacks in the National Football League.

Actually, it's a lot like the schedule for the fifth-place team in the NFC East. That team gets to play Tampa Bay twice the next season. This way, members in the NFL's best division are assured of two wins the following year.

For a rookie quarterback like Shuler, there is a system of unwritten rules designed to help him lessen the negative effect of a five-interception game like he had against the Arizona Cardinals last weekend.

With three interceptions, he must walk with a limp the following week. Four picks and he is required to wear a soft cast on some part of his body. Five, like Shuler, and he's forced to get around on crutches. With six interceptions or more, the team

must supply the rookie with a wheelchair.

Another poor game, and the general manager's parking pass gets revoked, while the quarterback is declared color blind (see Vinny Testaverde).

Shuler may or may not be hurt, but he knows that after throwing five interceptions, he'd better be.

So, with Shuler suffering from a five-interception sprained ankle, the genius, coach Norv Turner, turns to an unknown seventh-round pick out of Tulsa as the man to turn this horrid 1-

6 season around.

The chances of Frerotte actually accomplishing that are about the same as Captain Kirk dying without being able to be brought back after the Star Trek Generations movie.

But to paraphrase William Shatner's TV Guide interview, "In the Redskins' universe, the possibilities are endless."

Turner knows Frerotte probably won't be as effective as early season starter John Friesz.

Friesz played passably in his four starts, leading Washington to its only victory, and showed a command of the offense that Shuler hasn't approached.

The problem is that Friesz won't be in Washington next year, preferring to parlay his four good starts into a starting job and more money in Jacksonville or Char-

lotte or on the other expansion teams like Tampa Bay or Cincinnati.

So the genius, Turner, turns to Frerotte, primarily to teach his prized rookie quarterback a lesson.

Frerotte is getting paid the league minimum. He didn't hold out. He's kept his mouth shut. He attended the NFL combines in Indianapolis, rather than conducting private interviews.

Frerotte has all these admirable traits, plus the added bonus that no matter how miserably he plays, it can't be any worse than how Shuler and his \$19.5 million arm have done.

The genius, Turner, knows the fans in Washington are restless with his pick at quarterback.

He hasn't shown arm strength or accuracy. He's looked lost and he's blamed others. Worst of all, he held out, and that is the greatest crime an athlete can commit, especially when his progress has been slowed and he doesn't realize why.

The genius, Turner, knows his pick at quarterback hasn't improved on his own, so now it's time to give him a kick in the butt.

With Frerotte given the opportunity to play, if only for one week, the genius, Turner, has shown his rookie quarterback that he won't hesitate to use his other rookie quarterback if things don't get better.

Even before taking a snap, Frerotte has

been a success because he's not Shuler.

Redskins fans love to have a backup quarterback they can root for in times of distress. Just by being named starter, Frerotte has become Washington's messiah, though Shuler will always be the team's leader.

If Shuler plays well in the future, Redskins fans will cheer because he's supposed to play well. When he struggles, the fans will boo like before.

The difference is that now, the genius, Turner, has given Frerotte part of Shuler's stage, and the fans won't soon forget it if Shuler continues to struggle.

When the Redskins face Philadelphia next week at RFK Stadium in Washington, Shuler will start. If he plays poorly, he'll hear the Gus calls and look to the genius, Turner, for support.

And the genius will look around and be able to say, "Hey Heath, I'm not the one who's blowing it."

The message to Shuler with Frerotte starting is that he had better work harder.

The genius, Turner, has given his team a win-win situation. If Shuler heeds the message, works harder and plays better, he'll be the quarterback the Redskins hoped they had drafted. If he doesn't, at least the Redskins brass will be able to rectify the problem.

Of course, there is one unlikely scenario. Frerotte will step in, throw for 300 yards and four touchdowns, and Shuler will become that beloved backup.

It could happen.

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Shuler's injury gives Frerotte his chance

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Fielding a rookie at quarterback is not a surprise for the Washington Redskins. Starting a rookie other than first-round draft pick Heath Shuler, however, is totally unexpected.

Coach Norv Turner said Monday he will start Gus Frerotte against the Indianapolis Colts over Heath Shuler and veteran John Friesz.

"I'll just go out and do my best to help the team win," Frerotte said.

Shuler sprained his right ankle Sunday during the Redskins' 19-16 overtime loss to the Arizona Cardinals and was hobbling around Redskin Park on crutches Monday, with his ankle wrapped in bandages and tape.

Friesz is a five-year veteran with experience as a starter in San Diego. He started the Redskins' first four games this year and directed the team's only win, a 38-24 victory over New Orleans.

Frerotte is the team's lesser known rookie quarterback after being drafted from Tulsa in the seventh round. Turner says he's played well enough to earn an opportunity to start.

"You get into a fine line, because our job is to go out and try and win football games, but there's no question Gus Frerotte is a talented guy and we need to find out some things about him, what he can do, how our team will respond to him, how we'll play with him," Turner said. "It's not a situation where I feel we're experi-

menting. I believe he'll play well and he deserves the opportunity based on what he's done.

"There isn't a lot of continuity in the last couple of weeks, I mean there hasn't been a lot of continuity offensively, so I don't think we're going to upset anything," Turner said.

Frerotte looked sharp in preseason, albeit usually against third-string defenses. He was 18 for 29, an impressive 62 percent, for 227 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. His chief role in practice has been to run the scout team, but coaches and players say he's looked good doing that, too.

Redskins trainer Bubba Tyler said Shuler is questionable for the Colts game.

Aside from the injury, Shuler had a terrible day Sunday, throwing five interceptions, including one that set up the Cardinals' winning field goal. He said he also played while recovering from a bout of stomach flu and threw up several times while calling plays in the huddle.

"I'm never going to have as bad a day as that, so everything else looks better," Shuler said. "There's not a whole lot of confidence in a game like that. You can still learn from it, and that's the biggest thing. To bounce back shows you what kind of person you are, what kind of player you are, good guys are going to bounce back."

Turner said he was disappointed enough with Shuler's performance to consider a switch at quarterback even if he were not injured, but said he expects to play Shuler as soon as he's healthy.

Cooke looking for other sites for stadium

The Associated Press

LAUREL, Md. — Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke says he is looking at other sites for his new stadium, but has not given up on plans to build in Laurel.

Laurel remains "our first choice," Cooke said.

The Redskins are taking "immediate and positive steps" to try to comply with Anne Arundel County's objections to the planned 78,600-seat stadium.

"We are hearing from communities who want to have us there in the state of Maryland," Cooke said.

Cooke would not comment on speculation that he was considering moving the Redskins to Baltimore, where a new stadium could be built near Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

"That is my business," Cooke said.

Herbert J. Belgrad, chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority, said he has not been contacted by Redskins officials about the team's plans.

An Anne Arundel County zoning officer ruled Oct. 12 that the Redskins' proposed 382-acre site in Laurel is "too small for the proposed use."

Administrative Hearing Officer Robert C. Wilcox turned down seven of the Redskins' eight zoning requests, saying the proposed stadium would harm public health, safety and welfare.

The Redskins have appealed the decision.

Stadium project manager Walter Lynch said the team has received scores of proposals for alternate sites.

"We're just swamped with people with land," he said. "There's a lot of good offers, a lot of good proposals."

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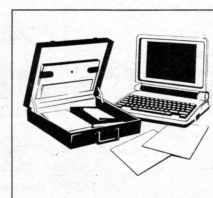
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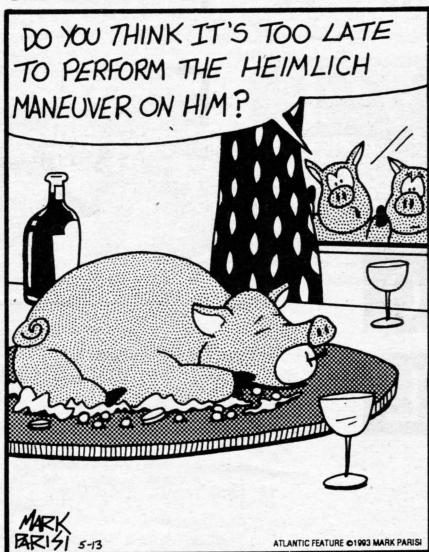


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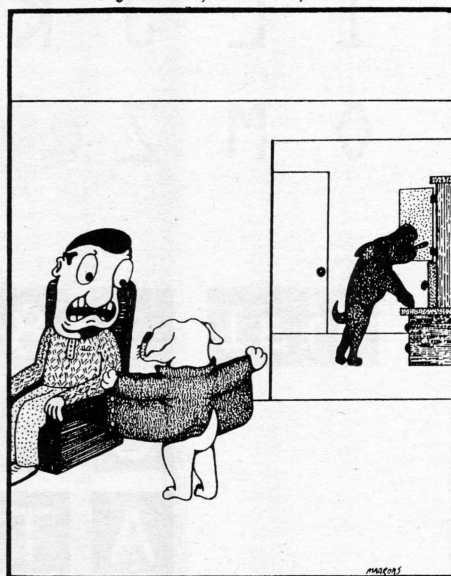


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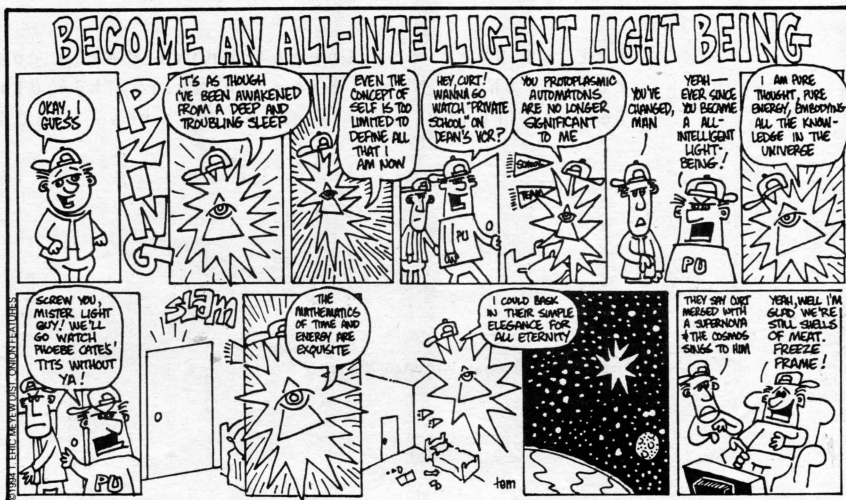


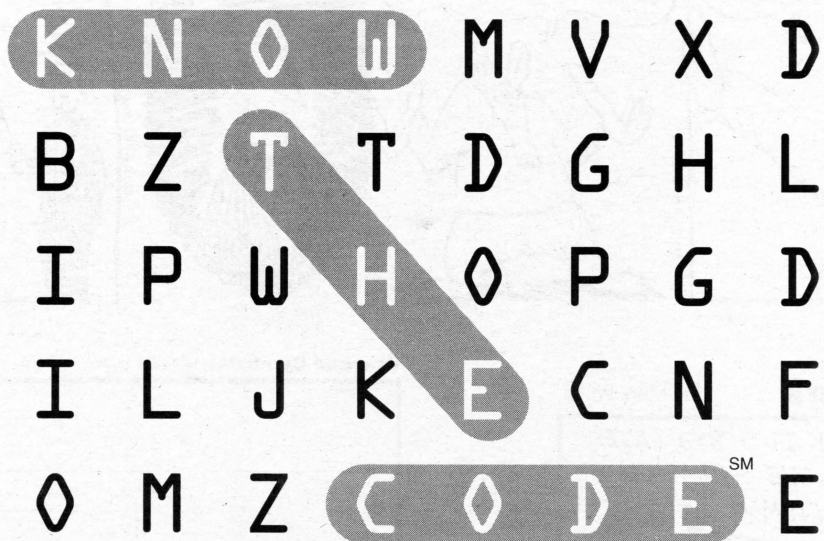
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