

WEATHER



FRIDAY – Occasional rain and drizzle. Chance of rain 80 percent. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds between 15 mph and 20 mph.



WEEKEND – Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 60s. Lows between 50 and 55.

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Black Caucus rebuts council's allegations of race discrimination

Matthew J. Weeks
CT SENIOR WRITER

The Black Caucus voted to submit a letter to the Commonwealth Times, addressed to Interfraternity Council Vice President Michael Hancock, in a move to rebut the statements he made in the Nov. 4 issue of the CT.

Hancock alleged in the Nov. 4 issue that "there are organizations on this campus that discriminate on the basis of race and they receive the same student funds that we (IFC) are denied." In the article, he specifically mentioned the Black Caucus as one particular organization.

The letter states that comments made by Hancock and Matt Fedowitz, IFC president, were false.

Black Caucus Vice President Anglea Toney said that the letter is addressed specifically to Hancock and not to IFC.

"The IFC didn't make those statements," she said in an interview yesterday. "Although he's (Hancock) representing IFC, I guess I can't blame the organization for the allegations that he made."

The letter states that, contrary to Hancock's beliefs, there are white people in black organizations and that the Black Caucus' constitution never states that people of other nationalities cannot join. Toney said that the letter was written to show people the group's purpose.

Toney expressed displeasure with Hancock's comments because she said she felt they were distorted.

Elizabeth C. Bell, assistant director for student activities who also oversees Greek affairs, agrees with Toney's stance.

"It looks as if he (Hancock) may have made an inaccurate comment, because whoever wrote the letter is accurate in saying that it's not in any constitution of Black Caucus, or any other African-American organization on campus, that they discriminate on the basis of race," she said yesterday. "His statement was technically incorrect and he probably did not realize that at the time."

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Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

I wanna hold your hand!

SHAKE AND SMILE – Bob Busch, chairman of the Hospital Hospitality House and VCU President Eugene P. Trani exchange a handshake at Wednesday's dedication ceremony for the new MCV/VCU Hospital Hospitality House. The groups's board of directors also launched a two-year \$2.2 million fund-raising drive for renovation of the eight-story house.

Board of Visitors names Harris as acting president

Trani to spend summer as research fellow

Melanie Irvin
CT NEWS EDITOR

Grace E. Harris, VCU provost and vice president for academic affairs, will serve as acting president from June 15 through Sept. 15 while President Eugene P. Trani takes sabbatical leave.

The VCU Board of Visitors yesterday unanimously approved Trani's recommendation of Harris for the post.

Trani will spend the summer as a Research Fellow at the University of London.

"I will sleep well in London knowing



Grace E. Harris

Grace Harris (is serving as president)," he said.

Working for 20 years with a colleague researching President Woodrow Wilson's Russian policy, Trani said he hopes to have a 400-page manuscript prepared by the end of the summer.

"This is a piece of Eugene Trani you didn't know about," Trani said, referring to his book.

In addition, the board approved general guidelines for the university's planned expansion along Broad Street between Belvidere and Harrison streets.

The guidelines, prepared by the architectural firm Michael Dennis & Associates, outline several recommendations for

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Goins arrested in New York

Melanie Irvin
CT NEWS EDITOR

Christopher C. Goins, the alleged mass murderer who has been charged with 5 counts of capital murder, was arrested yesterday morning in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Goins was charged with killing Daphne Jones, 29; her children, Nicole Jones, 9; David Jones, 4; Robert Jones, 3; and James Nathaniel Randolph, 35, the father of two of the children, Oct. 14 in Gilpin Court. Goins had been missing since the shooting.

FBI Agent Stanley Klein joined Richmond police Chief Marty Tapscott, Mayor Leonidas B. Young and City Manager Robert Bobb in a televised press conference about 10 a.m. yesterday to announce the arrest.

"I hope they (the victims' families) feel some solace in knowing the killer, alleged killer of their loved ones, has been brought to justice," Klein said during the press conference at the Richmond Police Acad-

emy.

Klein said he was unsure if Goins would fight extradition to Richmond.

The FBI obtained a warrant Wednesday to search the apartment where they believed Goins and his girlfriend, Monique Littlejohn, were staying. At 5:30 a.m. yesterday, a SWAT team stormed the apartment and arrested the pair without incident, Klein said.

Goins had shaved his head and facial hair, Klein said, adding that most of the ongoing investigation had been focused in New York.

Littlejohn has been charged with forgery.

Goins was to appear in New York court yesterday morning for arraignment.

"It's ironic that the day the tragedy occurred was also dark and rainy," the city manager said.

"It's ironic that today's climate is similar with the arrest of Christopher Goins in New York City."

WORLD/NATION

• Nepal election returns show communists leading

KATMANDU, Nepal — Early results Wednesday from parliamentary elections in Nepal show a communist alliance leading the centrist party that has controlled government for the past three years.

Twenty of the 30 seats already announced from Tuesday's voting have gone to left-wing parties.

The communist-led parties' promise of land reforms have wide appeal in this mountainous agricultural country.

• Security Council welcomes Iraq's recognition

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council Wednesday welcomed Iraq's recognition of Kuwait's borders in a letter, but in a less enthusiastic manner than what a majority of the council members would have preferred.

The United States and Britain were pitted against the other 13 members of the council, who claimed they had been forced to accept a toned-down version of a letter to Iraq's delegate in response to the country's recognition of Kuwaiti borders.

The council had been debating the letter's content since Monday.

Most members of the council wanted to emphasize that Iraq had taken a major step toward repairing its reputation among nations.

The United States argued that Saddam Hussein had been duplicitous since the Persian Gulf War ended and didn't want to send Baghdad too much of an encouraging message.

• Woman ordered to stop suing people

PHILADELPHIA — After filing more than 700 lawsuits already this year, Brenda Butler Bryant has been ordered to stop suing people until she hires a lawyer or finds a doctor to certify that she is mentally competent.

Burger King, the CIA, the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia School Board are just a few of those Bryant has sued.

Senior U.S. District Judge John P. Fullman ordered her to put a halt to her filings, claiming the handwritten lawsuits were "incomprehensible."

Fullman added that her lawsuits contained no complete sentences.

In February, when a judge ruled that court clerks were not required to send copies of her lawsuits to those she sued, Bryant sued the judge.

VIRGINIA

• Man found guilty in fatal beer dispute

VIRGINIA BEACH — A dispute at a grocery checkout on April 29 led to one man's death and another facing a long prison sentence.

Circuit Judge A. Bonwill Shockley Tuesday found Michael Shane Mitchell guilty of second-degree murder. Mitchell could receive up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced in January.

Mitchell, 22, and George Fedon, 44, got into a scuffle after Mitchell's beer was mistakenly rung up on Fedon's bill. During the fight, Fedon got Mitchell into a headlock, and Mitchell pulled out a 9mm pistol and killed Fedon.

• Woman's 1991 conviction upheld

GRUNDY — The 1991 conviction of a woman charged with hiring two men to kill her husband, because she believed he was molesting her 18-month-old daughter, was upheld Tuesday by a three-judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Sharon Smith was convicted in Buchanan Circuit Court of solicitation to commit murder. The jury recommended Smith receive three months in prison.

One of the men she approached about shooting Smitty Smith alerted police authorities. The police eventually wired him with hidden microphones to gather evidence.

Her husband was shot Oct. 18, 1989, by two relatives who were not involved in the police operation. Smith survived and denied his wife's claim that he molested their daughter. Smith wasn't charged in connection with his wife's allegation.

Smith can appeal the case to the full 10-judge panel or appeal it to the Virginia Supreme Court.

RICHMOND

• Stabbing ruled as self-defense

A Richmond Circuit judge ruled Tuesday that a Vietnamese man acted in self-defense when he stabbed the owner of the Asian Gourmet Restaurant at 900 W. Grace St.

Quoc Viet Dinh Vu, 21, testified that he and Tien Quang Vu, 33, got into a scuffle around 6:15 p.m. Aug. 15 after he learned that Tien had been recklessly driving his vehicle.

Quoc said that Tien hit him in the face several times and started to choke him

before he pulled a knife and stabbed Tien.

The knife wound pierced Tien's heart, and he died from the wound at MCV Hospitals.

CAMPUS

• Professors create ET Center in Russia

Dr. Edward M. Racht, assistant professor of internal medicine, and Dr. Charles Breindal, professor of health administration, have established the Vladivostok Center for Emergency Training in Vladivostok, Russia.

The center was created in conjunction with a health-care partnership program between MCV and Vladivostok Municipal Clinical Hospital. A U.S. Agency for International Development grant funded the project. About 300 physicians, nurses and ambulance drivers will receive emergency care training each year in central and eastern Russia.

• MCV scientist awarded international prize

Dr. Z. Reno Vlahcevic, chairman of MCV's Division of Gastroenterology, recently was awarded the Adolf Windaus Prize for Research in Cholesterol and Bile Acid Metabolism. Vlahcevic was the fourth person to receive the international award.

— Compiled from news sources.

CORRECTION — The Commonwealth Times incorrectly printed the date for VCU's Homecoming in the Oct. 5 issue. The event will be Nov. 17 through Nov. 19.

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- 11/8
- Grand larceny
A male VCU employee reported that between 8 a.m. and noon an AMX remote control board was stolen from the General Purpose Academic Building.
Total Value: \$200
- 11/9
- Arrest
David Eric Delong was arrested on a forgery and utterance charge at an unknown time at the Ritter-Hickok House.
- 11/10
- Grand larceny
A male VCU employee reported that between 3:30 p.m. 11/9 and 7:30 a.m. 11/10 a microwave, camera and refrigerator were stolen from the MM Lot.
Total Value: \$375
- 11/11
- Damage to personal property
A female VCU student reported that between 4 p.m. 11/10 and 8 a.m. 11/11 someone damaged her vehicle in the YY lot.
 - Grand larceny
It was reported that at 12:24 p.m. an electronic balance was stolen from Sanger Hall.
Total Value: \$2,000
- 11/13
- Harassing phone call
A male VCU student in Rhoads Hall reported that at 3:26 a.m. he received a harassing phone call.
 - Arrest
John Carvey was arrested at 11:08 p.m. at Hermitage and Broad streets for carrying a concealed weapon.
- 11/14
- Grand larceny
A female VCU employee reported that between 6 p.m. 11/11 and 1 a.m. 11/14 a computer chip was stolen from 826 W. Franklin St.
Total Value: \$500
 - Harassing phone call
A female MCV employee in Sanger Hall reported that at 2:27 p.m. she received a harassing phone call.
 - Grand larceny
A female MCV employee reported that between 11/7 and 3 p.m. 11/14 a computer, data box and a cart were stolen from the Main Hospital.
Total Value: \$5,300
- 11/15
- Grand larceny
A male VCU employee reported that between 7:30 p.m. 11/14 and 2:30 p.m. 11/15 a PE600 Balance was stolen from Sanger Hall.
Total Value: \$2,000

Class visitor gives insight on the Nov. 8 election

Leila M. Ugincius
CT STAFF WRITER

"The No. 1 root cause of most crime in this country is the deterioration of the family."
— Delegate Eric Cantor, R-Henrico County

Delegate Eric Cantor, R- Henrico County, spoke Wednesday to a state and local government class taught by Nelson Wikstrom, associate professor of political science. His students wanted to discuss crime, economic development and education.

Cantor began by commenting on how the Nov. 8 elections will affect the General Assembly in the upcoming year:

"The elections last week (reflected) a mood that is also prevalent in Virginia," he said. "(It brought) a revolutionary change. ... It was a mood that swept this country. 'People are sick and tired of excuses. They're tired of hearing 'we can't do anything about the welfare system ... or about social security.'"

Cantor said a similar mood prevailed in this past year's gubernatorial election where the crime issue was a prime concern for constituents.

Gov. George Allen since has introduced — and pushed through the legislature — what Cantor called a "revolutionary" crime bill.

"The most relevant aspect of the bill was the abolition of parole," he said. "The current situation is if you behave, you gain a lot of 'good time.' After Jan. 1, the maximum time (off) will be 15 percent.

"Further than that, there is no more parole. We've strengthened tremendously the amount of time served (in prison)."

Wikstrom's students voiced their concerns about funding for the new crime bill. Cantor responded that the bill passed with uncertainty of how much it would cost.

"The issue of funding was not answered during this session," he told the group. "How to pay for it is one of the toughest issues in the upcoming session."

New fund-raising policy rewards priority seating to those who donate the most

Sherry Jones
CT NEW EDITOR

Some VCU basketball fans are a bit outraged about a new fund-raising policy for the Stuart C. Siegel Center, according to an article in yesterday's Richmond Times-Dispatch.

This new fund-raising venture allows people who donate money to get priority seating based on the amount of money they give.

Richard L. Sander, VCU's athletic director, said the policy is being implemented to help defray costs for the \$25 million project.

The problem arose when season-ticket holders recently were informed about the new system, which is based on three criteria — length of time as a season-ticket holder, length of time and amount of pledging as a general donor and pledges toward the center, the Times-Dispatch article reported.

After signing a contract with Pepsi and receiving a contribution from Siegel, the athletic department still needs to raise \$4 million to finance the center.

"That's the bottom line," Sander said. "We've got to raise \$4 million."

In addition, student fees have increased by \$100 to provide approximately \$15 million of the cost.

Sander added that VCU has a responsibility to reward those people who are trying to help get the Siegel Center built.

"People who are donors are the ones we (VCU) want to take care of," he said.

He added that he doesn't understand why people are so upset about having their seats moved, adding that part of this new policy stems from an attempt to move the student seating section closer to the floor.

"All we're talking about is moving their seats a little bit to accommodate those who donate to the center," Sander said.

Clinton school prayer comment angers group

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Although reserving final judgment, President Clinton is not ruling out possible support of school prayer, prompting a liberal group to accuse the president of caving in to conservative Republicans.

A proposed constitutional amendment allowing voluntary prayer in schools is high on the agenda of Republicans who will assume control of Congress next year. House GOP leaders plan hearings on the subject with a floor vote by summer.

When Clinton was asked about the issue at a news conference in Indonesia Tuesday, he said he has personally supported voluntary school prayer for some time, but that it was necessary to ensure students are not coerced into praying, or forced to say a specific prayer.

As for the proposed amendment, Clinton said: "I want to reserve judgment. I want to see the specifics. I'll be glad to discuss it with (the Republicans). ... I certainly wouldn't rule it out. It depends on what it says."

He also said, "What I think the country needs and what I think the schools need is a sense that there are certain basic values of citizenship, including valuing the right of people to have and express their faith, which can be advocated without crossing the line of separation of church and state and without in any way undermining the fabric of our society."

Clinton's remarks drew a sharp response from People for the American Way, a leading liberal group.

"The president's first post-election signal on 'culture war' issues comes across as an instant cave-in," said Arthur J. Kropp, the group's president.

"Amending the Bill of Rights is a grave step that has never before been taken in our nation's history. ... Instead of taking his cues from Newt Gingrich, President Clinton should be standing for the constitutional rights of all school children," Kropp added.

Liberal groups long have argued against the school prayer amendment on the grounds it violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

One student asked if the state government will get to the root cause of crime to prevent it.

Cantor agreed this is a problem.

"Let's try to stop the bleeding rather than putting a Band-Aid on it," he said.

The legislator identified lack of role models for young people and the disintegration of the family unit as part of the problem.

"The No. 1 root cause of most crime in this country is the deterioration of the family," the Henrico politician said.

Another student asked what issues, aside from crime, will be considered for funding.

Cantor said secondary and higher education, welfare and the prison system will receive consideration.

"(They're) all very related with economical development," he said. "Inner-city (schools) have the most serious problems yet they're spending the most money per pupil."

Moreover, Cantor said, the crime issue is intertwined with the economy.

"What company is going to want to build in a crime-infested area?" he asked.

IFC revokes Delta Chi fine

Matthew J. Weeks
CT SENIOR WRITER

Interfraternity Council's Executive Board accepted Wednesday Delta Chi fraternity's appeal of a \$100 fine imposed for missing three regular meetings.

IFC Vice President Michael Hancock said that Delta Chi appealed the fine because IFC has failed to sign up for regular meeting space with the University Student Commons. As a result, he said, Delta Chi representatives assumed IFC was not meeting.

Hancock said the executive board saw this as a logical reason to revoke the fine.

"Because of a breakdown in the chain of information amongst the IFC officers and in exchanging that information with Delta Chi, the appeal was accepted and the fine was tossed out," he said. "They had good points and good reasoning behind missing their meetings. We're just being fair to them because we made the mistake."

Daniel Aderhold, IFC secretary, praised representatives in their ongoing struggle to garner funds from the Student Government Association. Aderhold said he will meet today with SGA's Appropriations Committee to discuss IFC's quest for funding.

He also said that Greek Council, IFC and Panhellenic Council have appealed the appropriations committee's decision to revoke their funding for the fall semester.

Greek Council, which houses both IFC and Panhellenic, has been restructuring this semester. As a result, the group did not register as a student organization, making it ineligible to receive funding.

IFC and Panhellenic must request funding from Greek Council.

Recently, IFC has sought to receive funding from SGA as an independent organization.

Cribbs informs SGA about architectural guidelines

Tricia Nguyen
CT STAFF WRITER

Jeffrey Cribbs, associate vice president for Capital Planning and Real Estate Development, told the Student Government Association Executive Committee Monday about the architectural guidelines concerning the physical developments on VCU's Academic and MCV campuses.

The guidelines attempt to enact policies that preserve and enhance the architectural integrity of existing buildings, future buildings, landscape features, open spaces, pedestrian/vehicular circulation and access on both campuses.

"To be successful in guiding the future development of the institution, we ought to have a set of guidelines that we, as an institution, have in which we seek professional assistance," Cribbs said.

Because VCU is an urban university located within many neighborhoods, Cribbs said, it takes on the "flavor" of the individual, areas in which it lies.

"We are not one single piece but an eclectic kind of institution," Cribbs said. "We have to build on recognizing that diversity."

Cribbs suggested those architecturally significant buildings in the neighborhoods be identified and maintained, while finding ways to deal with other, less sound, structures.

Another issue of concern is improving the landscaping and lighting of VCU to "calm" the student environment, Cribbs said.

"The guidelines are not discipline from the standpoint that they don't say we're going to place this building on that site at this time," he said.

He said he attended the meeting to inform senators that the guidelines are only a blueprint in developmental planning.

"What we wanted to do today is share this document and let you (the executive committee) know we are actually in progress of improving (the VCU) environment," Cribbs said.

In other business, Cathaleen Bryant, SGA president, announced the possibility of a leadership curriculum that will cross several curriculums such as sociology, political science and history.

"This curriculum would better prepare students for leadership roles," Bryant said.

L. Victor Collins, interim director for student activities who also advises SGA, reminded the senators that there is an ad-hoc committee looking into leadership development, suggesting that the two groups work with one another.



First a plane, then a gunman, now a burglar

John Solomon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—These just aren't good days for the Secret Service. First, a plane crashed on the lawn of the White House. Then a gunman fired a semiautomatic rifle on the executive mansion until passersby tackled him. Now a burglar has walked off unimpeded with several items—including a TV and radio—from a Treasury building that Secret Service agents patrol 24 hours a day.

The victimized agency, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, has other problems as well—several federal investigations into its conduct in trade embargo cases.

"We have peaks and valleys," Secret Service spokesman Jaime Cagigas said. "We can go years and years without anything and then you can have several in a row like this."

The Secret Service isn't releasing the incident report, but Cagigas confirmed the burglary occurred overnight Oct. 18 on the

second floor of the Treasury annex building, directly across the street from the majestic main Treasury Department building.

The two buildings are among the most tightly secured in the government. Visitors are stopped at the entrances by Secret Service agents and cannot go farther unless they are authorized by someone who works in the building.

Usually, a visitor must provide a date of birth, which is logged into a Secret Service computer system along with specific information about when he arrived and left and whom he was going to see.

Cagigas declined to provide specifics about the OFAC burglary, but government officials familiar with the case, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said staff members discovered it upon arriving for work in the morning.

A window in OFAC's second-floor records room, where government files are stored, was found ajar and numerous personal items from workers' desks, including a TV and radio, were taken, the officials said.

The burglary surprised OFAC staff, the officials said, because in order to reach the window from the outside, the perpetrator would have had to scale a trash compactor and the two-story wall. Several obvious footprints were found on a table, suggesting the burglar may not have been so careful, officials said.

OFAC already is a tense office, since a federal grand jury, the Treasury inspector general and congressional committees began investigating its activities.

Those probes began in response to Associated Press stories that cited documents suggesting the agency, for political reasons, improperly dragged its feet in a criminal case.

Cagigas declined to discuss specifics of the break-in. But when asked how Secret Service agents who patrol the building day and night could have failed to detect the burglar, he conceded the incident had spurred a review of security arrangements for the building.

"Those are things that are being looked at," he said.

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Hancock said he was "distracted" by the tone of the letter, which singled him out, as well as IFC President Matthew Fedowitz.

"They're attacking me personally in this letter, rather than the issue that I was talking about," he said. "I find that very offensive (and) very unprofessional in their part. I think if an organization is going to single out individuals, it's not good policy on their behalf."

Hancock said that the comments were taken out of context in the letter.

"The issue that I'm trying to point out here is that we are a group of culturally diverse individuals who are denied funding because we are males and yet there are much less diverse organizations, like Black Caucus, which receive the same funding (we are denied)," Hancock said. "It's not just Black Caucus; I didn't single them out. I used them as an example of one of many."

Bell said this is a funding issue, not a cultural issue, and it shouldn't even be discussed.

"I think bringing cultural diversity into it at this point, is really a moot point," she said. "Everyone should be culturally diverse. It really shouldn't be an issue."

She suggested that IFC, Student Government Association senators and the Black Caucus, engage in "healthy discussions," on the nature of their funding dilemmas.

"I think that it's an issue that is getting increasingly heated and I think the parties need to sit down and talk about, instead of splashing their accusations and rebuttals all over the Commonwealth Times," she said. "I don't think that is a forum that they need to

Black Caucus Rebuttal

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was submitted to Michael Hancock and the Commonwealth Times by Black Caucus. It has been edited for accuracy with permission from Black Caucus President Grace Prince.

To Michael Hancock, Interfraternity Council vice president:

Recently, it has come to our attention that you made some comments concerning black organizations on campus. This is very distressing because your comments were not true. Your statements, that were printed on the front page of the Commonwealth Times Friday, November 4 issue, would have many students to believe that there is truth to what you said. In response to those statements, we have written a rebuttal.

You stated "there are organizations on this campus that discriminate on the basis of race and they receive the same student funds that we are denied" and in an interview after the IFC meeting you cited the Black Caucus as one such group. This comment is false, there are white people in black organizations on campus. You also claimed that African-American organizations on campus "can get money straight from SGA and through Black Caucus," which is also false because there are black organizations on campus that do not get funds from SGA or Black Caucus. Black Greek letter organizations, being an example, do not receive funding because they have a discretionary intake process.

IFC President Matthew Fedowitz also stated that there is not a written rule claiming people of different backgrounds can't join the African-American organization, but that it is

unwritten. To this statement the Black Caucus replies by asking two questions,

1. Did Mr. Fedowitz attempt to join the Black Caucus?

2. Did Mr. Fedowitz ever attempt to attend a Black Caucus Meeting?

The Black Caucus has four at large seats where anyone can join with the only requirement being they have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

One must only complete an application. If the Black Caucus discriminates on the basis of race then the question of race would be asked on the application, which it is not.

Finally, we would like to explain to everybody why there is a need for black organizations here at VCU. Black organizations on this campus are here to serve as a vehicle through which African-American students can voice their concerns and opinions about the decisions which affect their existence at VCU. The Black Caucus is the umbrella organization which serves to govern all black student organizations. The Black Caucus is committed to representing black student organization's concerns to enhance social, political, and cultural awareness at VCU. However, it is open to anyone regardless of race.

The Black Caucus strongly encourages investigation about our organization or its policies prior to publicizing false statements.

—Black Caucus

engage this discussion (in)."

Hancock said that he plans to issue a statement to the Black Caucus, expressing his views and beliefs.

"I have no problem with what the Black Caucus does on this campus," he said.

"As a matter of fact, I think there is a place for organizations like (them) on cam-

pus."

As for Toney, her feelings of resentment may not go away anytime soon.

"I was personally offended by his statements," she said. "I think that he owes all African-American organizations an apology for the statements he made, if he's really sincere."

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the area:

- develop Shafer Street as a north-south spine between Cabell Library and the Broad Street Corridor;

- develop a new campus entrance at Broad and Shafer streets;

- develop with the city of Richmond a strategy for "calming" traffic as it passes

through the campus—especially on Main Street.

Michael Dennis, who presented the guidelines to the board, called this expansion the "boldest university move I've seen."

He said he has met with city officials, as well as citizens, to examine the costs and benefits of developing the Broad Street Corridor.

"This will unite the two campuses with a link down Broad Street," Dennis said.

In other business, the board:

- reviewed a 5-year strategic plan for the VCU School of Business;

- approved requests for the privatization of the University Bookstore and for University Printing Services;

- approved naming the recreation/convention center the Stuart C. Siegel Center;

- recognized 6 students for their scholastic achievements.



Trani administration should lay off electorate

Recently, VCU President Eugene P. Trani has been trying to control the Student Government Association. Now other VCU administrators have jumped on board.

The administration is trying to keep SGA on a tight leash, preventing them from being a true governing body.

William H. Duvall, dean of student affairs, and L. Victor Collins, interim director for student activities, along with other SGA advisers presented SGA Executive Committee members with a new SGA constitution. The constitution outlines SGA's purpose and senators' responsibility.

This proposed constitution was written without any student participation.

Instead of bypassing our elected student representatives, Duvall and Collins should have done their jobs as SGA advisers and pointed out the problems in the existing document, giving senators a chance to do their jobs and look for appropriate solutions.

These administrators say they only are making recommendations, but it sure looks like they are trying to control and manipulate the governing power of SGA.

Although SGA may have a chance to make changes in the proposed constitution, senators ought to have been the ones

deciding when and if the constitution needed to be revised.

Senators should not stand for such action. They should not let the administration arbitrarily make fundamental changes in the constitution.

If administrators have something to say, they should present their ideas to SGA and let senators decide what needs to be done. Just as senators must work within the organization, the administrators ought to do the same.

For example, this proposed constitution calls for an increase in the number of senators from 36 to 50.

SGA can't even keep all its seats filled now. It's absurd to suggest an increase.

It seems these few select administrators are trying to make SGA more "representative."

But just as SGA Vice President Jonathan Bartee said in Wednesday's Commonwealth Times, changing the constitution is not going to make SGA more efficient. Only students can do that by making the senators accountable to their constituents.

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Popularity is a crime from the moment it is sought; it is only a virtue where men have it whether they will or no.

— George Savile, Marquess Of Halifax, "Political, Moral and Miscellaneous Reflections"

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Ben Ragsdale

Republican Congress of 1950s Cared for the Masses, Unlike Gingrich

The last time the Republicans had a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives was in the '50s.

I was a kid then, and my main TV fare during those years ranged from Howdy Doody to the original Mickey Mouse Club to Davy Crockett.

TV news was still in its infancy but was already highly influential and gaining an avid audience. I was among the less avid in that audience. But it sure did beat reading then-pictureless Time and U.S. News and World Report.

I vividly remember the filmed reports from President Dwight Eisenhower's news conferences.

"Ike" was not a polished performer. But people did believe what he told them — a tradition with U.S. presidents that we long ago discarded.

Then there was the "Ev and Charley Show."

"Ev" and "Charley" were Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) and Rep. Charles Halleck (R-Ind.), the Republican majority leaders in the Senate and the House, respectively.

The combined charisma of this avuncular pair made the often inarticulate Eisenhower look like a game show host by comparison.

Though the Republican Congress of the '50s did its share of nay-saying, as Republicans are prone to do, they also kept the federal government intact.

They did not try to unravel the New Deal, things like Social Security which were working for all of us. The Republicans

joined Democrats in funding an ambitious new Interstate Highway System and federal aid to education.

Dirksen and Halleck were, like Eisenhower and most other GOP leaders of the time, rooted in the American political mainstream. Toward the end of his Senate career, in 1964, Dirksen lent vital support to the passage of President Lyndon Johnson's Civil Rights Act, saying it represented "an idea whose time has come."

Now a savvy public servant named Newt Gingrich says the time has come for his new — and sometimes radically different — ideas.

The Georgia congressman, expected to become Speaker of the House of Representatives in January, has been omnipresent over the past ten days. His ideas, many of which are quite specific and some of which are very vague (or disguised), are bouncing around the country like pinballs reflecting his wizardry.

Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.), the once and future majority leader in the Senate, generally has been relegated either to a stance of for or against the Gingrich agenda. Usually an independent spirit and party to many a deal with Democrats through the years, Dole, begrudgingly, may favor most of Gingrich's agenda.

The national political scene is changing dramatically. The election ten days ago was truly a watershed event. It behooves us all to get to know the goals of Rep. Gingrich and his allies. They may be radically changing our lives.



Letter to the Editor

Ignore the bad judge of modern dance

makes it beautiful.

The whole essence of modern dance is that it is filled with emotion and has a significant meaning behind it, whether or not that meaning is the same for everyone.

Though Mills does not respect modern dance as a form of art, he does respect ballet because it has a beauty to it. Anyone who only appreciates art for its appearance has a very narrow insight of the world of art.

We all learned when we were little never to judge a book by its cover. Mills does not understand why people are enjoying modern dance so much. I encourage him and anyone else who feels this way to open the book and go experience some real dancing for themselves.

"What is art?" Mills asks. Art is the use of skill and imagination in the production of things of beauty. What is beauty? Beauty is qualities that give pleasure to the senses or exalt the mind. What gives pleasure to our senses is quite different for everyone. Therefore one person can not say what is and is not art.

— Mandy Edds
VCU dance major



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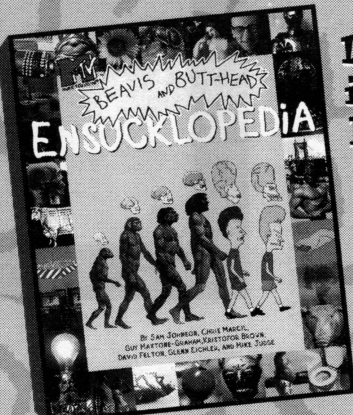
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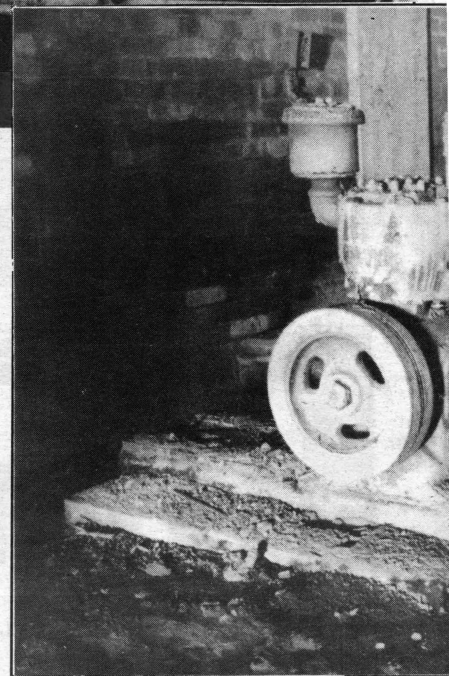
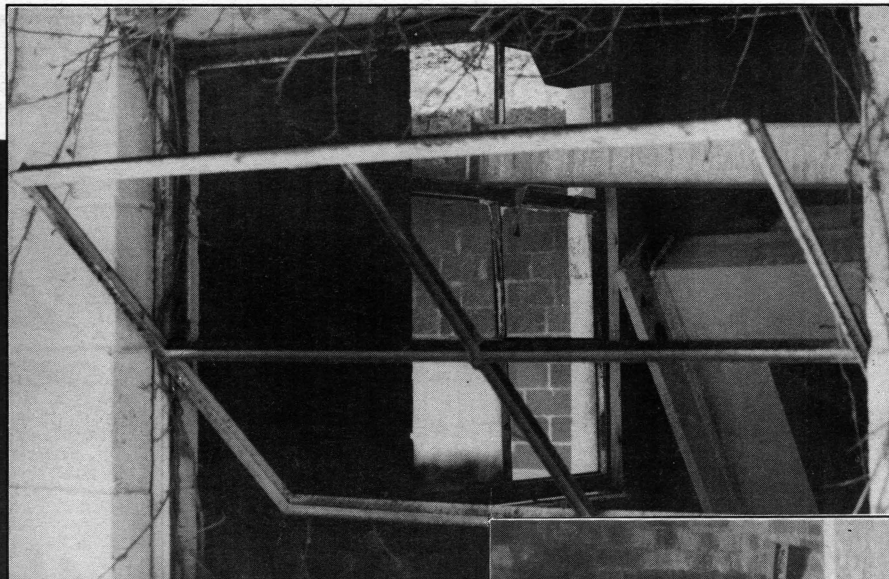
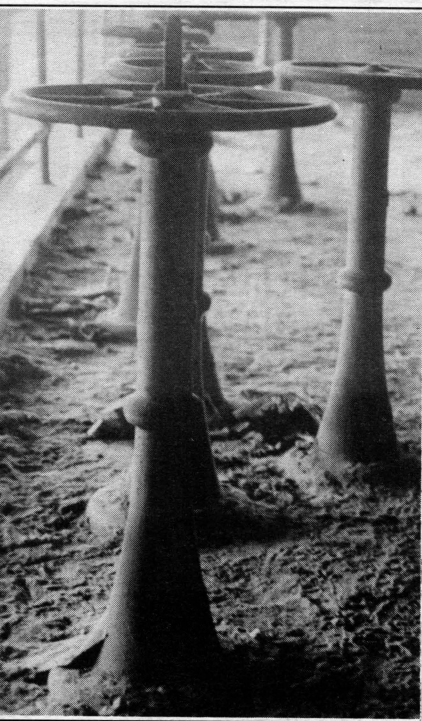
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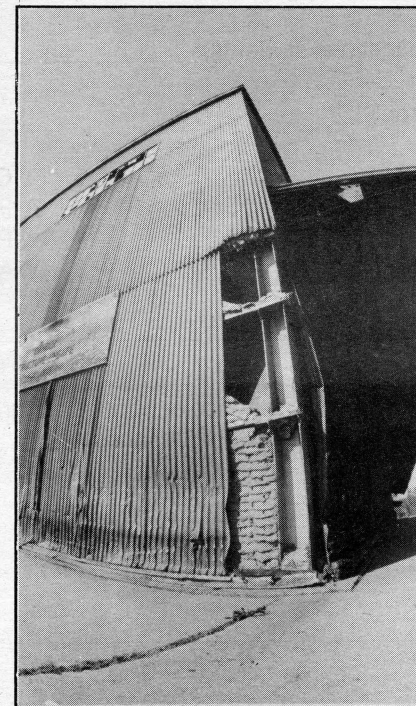
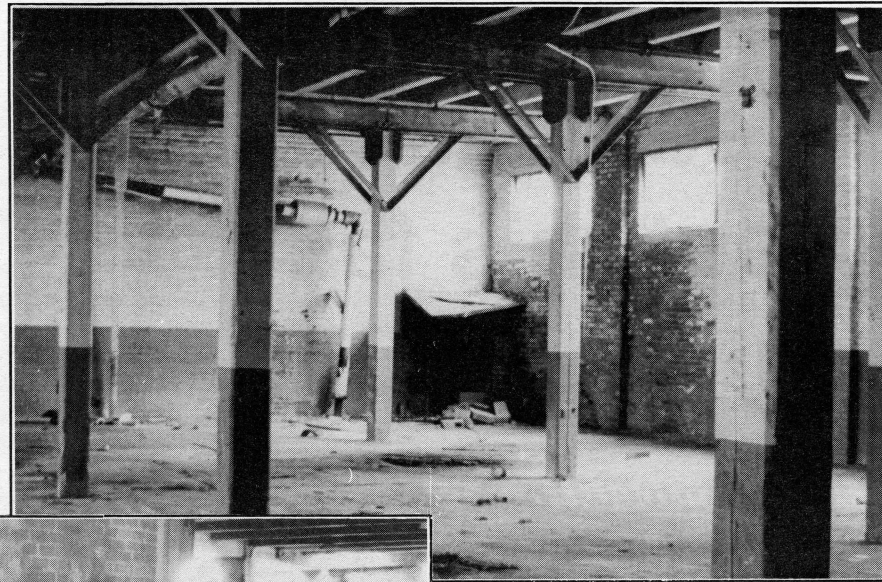
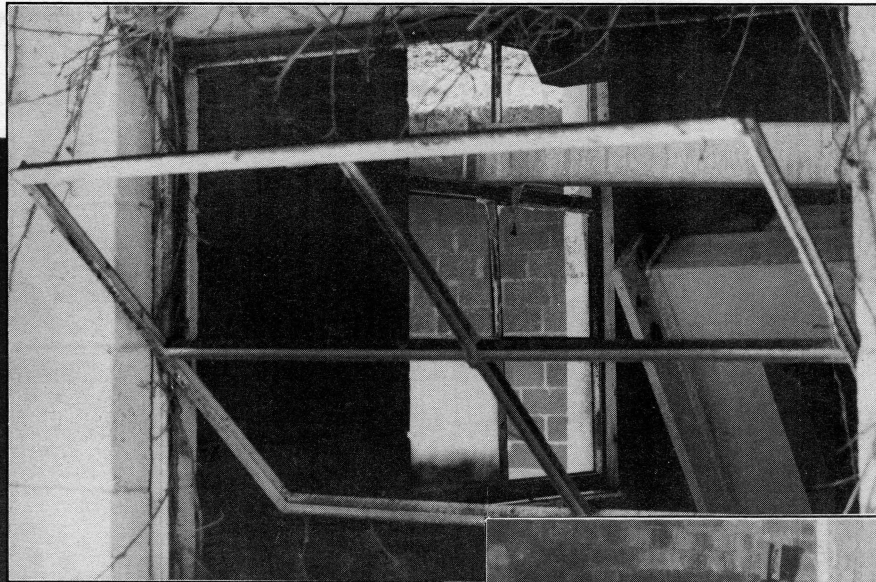
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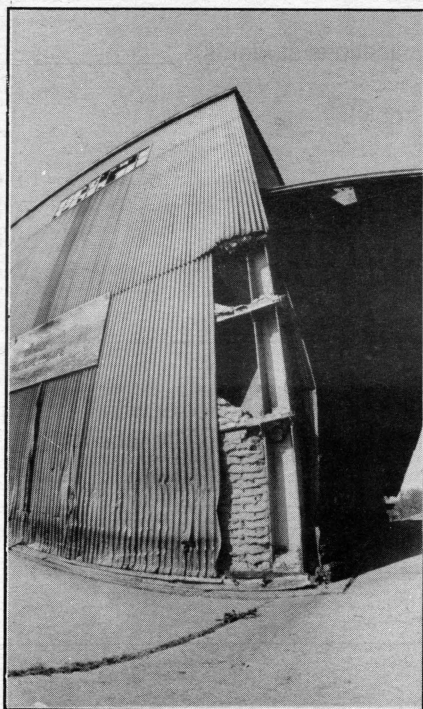
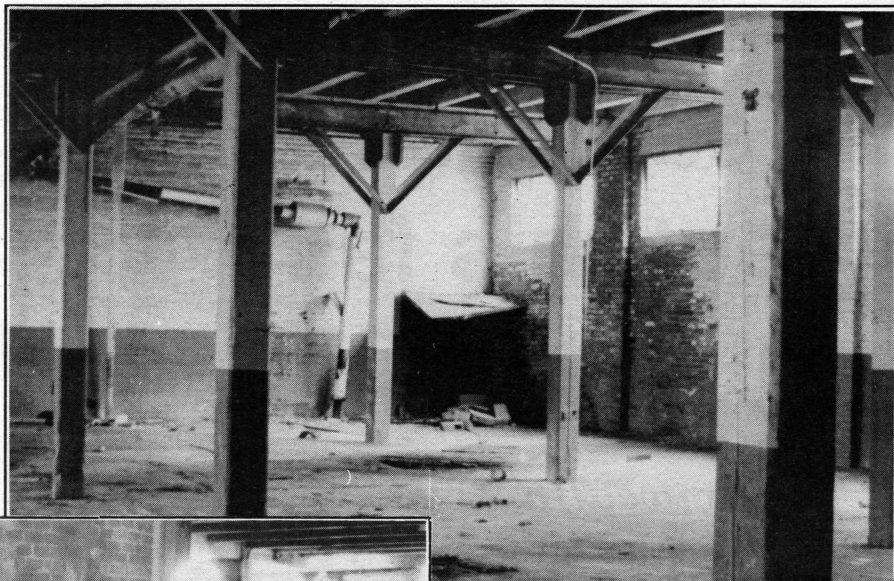
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'Lear' loses in modern-day translation

Douglas Vann
CT STAFF WRITER

Sick at heart and in mind, Lear wakes from an uneasy sleep with dazed eyes and says to her — yes her — daughter Cordelia, "You do wrong to take me out o' the grave."

I could almost hear William Shakespeare uttering this reproach as he turned in his grave during the Nov. 11 performance of "Lear" at the Raymond Hodges Theater. How many times must the poor Master suffer at the hands of a clumsy director who doesn't know what he's getting himself into, especially when that director wreaks havoc on the playwright's work?

And Lawrence Broglio did just that when he dreamed up "Lear," adapted from the Shakespearean tragedy "King Lear." The modern "Lear" inflicts two major damages on the 17th-century masterpiece. First, it performs a sex-change operation on the insane King Lear, making him Queen Lear, as if he didn't have enough problems. Secondly, it heaves the setting into the 21st century, infecting the actors and the play's language with a serious case of culture shock.

The play begins with Lear standing atop her vacation palace, flanked by guards and royal subjects dressed in Broglio's perception of the next century's garb, not unlike the vestments of the Deep Space Nine crew.

Lear, played by Linda Livingstone, could pass for a 1950s TV mom, with her lovely hair and smile, if not for her flaring temper. Like a true matriarch, she bequeaths one-third of her empire to her daughters Goneril, played by Scottie Bowers, and Regan, played by Therese Ducey. She disowns Cordelia, played by Martha Baker, who refuses to brown-nose her mother in return for a share of the empire.

During this scene, the daughters either speak with their backs to the audience or with their backs to the queen, two no-no's both on the stage and in the royal court. But the latter act perhaps is symbolic of Goneril and Regan, who later betray their mother's trust.

Costuming becomes a problem during this scene. The

players look as if they were carelessly strewn on stage. Goneril, dressed completely in green, and Regan, as red as a rose, pull one's eyes to their antipodes when they stand apart from each other. No doubt, the costume designer chose these clashing outfits to illustrate the sisters' conflicts, but a subtler approach to this theme may have proven more esthetically pleasing.

The set, constructed by Theater 103 students, is a remarkable artistic accomplishment. It features a revolving stage which turns full circle like Lear's ill fortune, exposing the royal palace on one side and a stone cave on the other.

An imposing gray corona, perhaps a symbol of female genitalia, looms overhead and quivers during the play's storm scene. Unfortunately, this is a short-lived joy as the structure begins to swing back and forth uncontrollably, nearly causing Cordelia to jump out of character, fearful of the eclipsed sun's descent.

As remarkable as it is, the set doesn't belong anywhere near Shakespeare, no matter what the scene. Shakespeare and company conceived "King Lear" during a time when theater sets were simple. Their audience, deprived of modern technology, found their joy in the play's rich language and masterful plot, both of which were lost in this modern "Lear" beneath a storm of quaking eclipses and badly recorded laser gunfire.

The script should have been rewritten entirely, if Broglio planned on appealing to a modern-day audience. To keep pace with this speedy Space Age world, some of the actors rushed through their lines, destroying Shakespeare.

Not everyone, though, disliked this modern setting. During intermission, I asked one woman what she thought about "Lear." She replied, "It's so neat, just like 'Star Trek.'"

Luckily, this Shakespearean "Star Trek" is not without its highlights, thanks to some grade-A acting. Len Rowe, playing Edgar, provides some humorous comic relief when one isn't distracted by audience members stirring restlessly in their seats, probably in great need of catharsis. Rowe jumps around on stage, disguised as a dirty beggar, wailing hilariously and mocking Queen Lear's insanity.

Goneril's husband Argentine, played by Eric T. Sutton, conveys a refreshing sensitivity to Shakespeare's language, and his part offers some much-needed relief. Sutton's remarkable stage presence obliterates the phony modern environment and salvages the dignity of acting, taking one back to 1606, the year "King Lear" was first performed.

The final scene of "Lear" rings true to Shakespeare, actually sending shivers up one's spine despite its ludicrous precedents. The stage darkens, leaving the rotating stage to the shadows, and a white spotlight provides a safe solace for the play's language. Lear, completely divorced from reality, breaks down totally and wails in grief, breaking empathetic hearts with her agony.

Finally, she dies over her daughter's dead body, leaving the play's best characters to offer moving insights about her plight. Thom Moore, playing Kent, who remains Lear's faithful servant during her insanity, nearly brings one to tears as he says, "The wonder is, she (Lear) hath endured so long. She but usurped her life."

One must commend Broglio for his ambition. In the playbill, Broglio refers to previously performed adaptations of "King Lear," including a 1991 Lee Breuer/Mabou Mines production. The performance encountered some of the same problems as VCU's "Lear," including a poorly edited script and unbelievable characters. And despite Broglio's knowledge of this ill-fated performance, he went on with the show. What a brave soul!

Ironically, Broglio and the Ensemble omitted the last line of the original King Lear: "The oldest hath borne most; we that are young, shall never see so much, nor live so long."

This line, expressing the cruelties that the young are willing to inflict upon the old, sums up the connection between William Shakespeare and "Lear," for this modern adaptation usurps the very essence of the great Master's finest work.

Some advice to theatergoers who plan on seeing this star-crossed performance: Don't be afraid to laugh in the face of tragedy.

"Lear" continues through Nov. 19.

'SEXXX' attracts a full house

Sara Kukorlo
CT SENIOR WRITER

"SEXXX," Jasmine's 1994 Fall Fashion Show, got a great deal of attention Wednesday night when an estimated crowd of 600 piled into the Commonwealth Ballroom in the student commons.

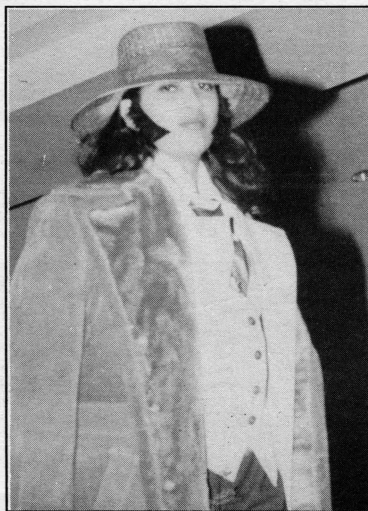
To attract the sizeable crowd, fliers with the term "brief nudity" had been placed throughout campus to advertise the event. About 100 people had to be turned away at the door because the ballroom was filled to capacity.

Jasmine is an organization of student models at VCU, although it isn't an official part of student activities. The organization limits itself to no more than 12 female models, who call themselves the "Twelve Disciples." Founder Hozay Garrison started Jasmine a little more than a year ago because he used to model.

"I was watching shows on VCU's campus and I saw how some student organizations were recruiting models, but they weren't training them," he explained. "I wanted to start something that really could show high-class modeling."

To audition for the group, women must go through a two-stage process. The first step is an attitude evaluation, and the second is a session during which they work with professional trainers. They are judged on their attitude, Garrison said, how fast they catch on and how well they work with the trainer. Auditions are open to anyone.

Garrison said he chose "SEXXX" as the fashion



Jennifer Knipper/Commonwealth Times

Shilu Mistry models what Jasmine founder Hozay Garrison called "a tribute to my mother for introducing me to the 1970s." The character was inspired, he said, by the '70s movie "Superfly."

show's name because it defines the intent of the show: seductive, entertaining, x-rated, explicit and explosive.

"It's really a shame that such a large amount of people came out because we put on the fliers 'brief nudity,'" Garrison said. "They didn't come out to see a fashion show. They came out to see brief nudity ... and sex."

The Limited at The Shops at Willow Lawn, Talbots at Sycamore Square, J. Riggins and Amore Lingerie provided the show's fashions.

Garrison said he gears the shows at VCU toward students.

"The students really couldn't take up the New York or Paris style. It's not really all that glamorous," he said. "It's straight up about the clothes."

Garrison said he hoped "SEXXX" would create enthusiasm for Jasmine so that people will come to the spring fashion show. Technical problems with sound and lighting at Wednesday's show has him somewhat anxious.

"I apologize first to the models and second to the students for the technical difficulties," he said. "We guarantee that the next show will not have these problems."

Other than that, Garrison and his models said they felt happy about the show.

Jasmine's next fashion show is scheduled for the spring, and its theme will be time.

At that show, Garrison plans to unveil five male models.

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Players looking for owners, not vice versa

This year's baseball strike has free agents looking for work instead of owners looking for workers

Ben Walker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.—Yet another sign that times are tough in baseball: These days, it's Vince Coleman, Tom Henke and other available players asking for jobs, rather than the other way around.

It used to be that almost every free agent had a flock of clubs calling with offers. But now, with teams trying to hold down salaries, along with the game's uncertain future, that's all over.

"We got a call from Vince Coleman's people," Texas Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said Wednesday. "We weren't interested."

Ditto for Henke, whose representative talked to the Toronto Blue Jays, trying to hook him up with his old team.

"His agent called about two weeks ago and asked about that," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "I don't think there will be a need there."

The Blue Jays still aren't sure whether they'll bring back Dave Stewart.

Stewart said before the season started that this would be his last year.

He fluctuated on his decision, and hadn't made up his mind when major leaguers went on strike Aug. 12.

"He has indicated to us now, and I believe it's his final decision, that he wants to play another year," Ash said. "Ideally, he'd like to play for us. I'm not certain we'll be able to come to a deal."

Stewart struggled this season, going 7-8 with a 5.87 ERA. And at age 37, he may not be worth the more than the \$4 million the Blue Jays paid for the 1993 AL playoff MVP.

Ash said, however, that the Blue Jays would like to employ Stewart after his pitching career is over. Stewart has done a lot of community work in Toronto in two years, and his off-the-field presence, along with his on-the-field experience, could serve the team well.

"He's someone we'd like to have in our organization," Ash said.

This week's general managers meeting has attracted others looking for jobs. Former major leaguer Chris Speier popped into The Phoenician resort, looking for friendly faces.

Speier, a solid shortstop for more than a decade, later coached in the minors. He's been away from the game for a couple of years — aside from helping out some in-

fielders in the Arizona Fall League — and wants to be on the field again.

"I just want to get back in the game somehow," Speier said.

The GMs have been spending their mornings in small group sessions, discussing issues such as the need to get young athletes to play baseball.

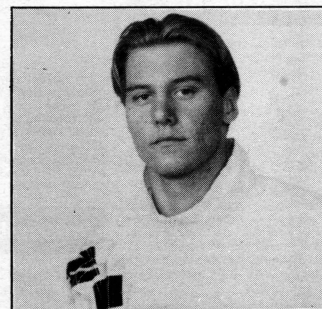
"The breakdown happens in the teen years," Ash said.

By afternoon, the GMs try to talk trade, whether it's on the resort's golf course or around the acre-plus of swimming pools. Along with a croquet lawn and more than 4,000 fish in the tiered waterfalls and lakes, there's also a 165-foot waterslide on the 130-acre complex.

"In past years, we targeted clubs we felt we matched up with the best," Ash said. "But this year, we thought it was smarter to talk to everyone."

There has been hardly any discussion, though, about Thursday's labor talks in Washington between owners and players. Owners are preparing a new proposal in hopes of progressing toward a settlement.

"There's not much talk at all about that," Ash said. "Better to let them handle it there."



VCU Athlete of the Week

November 7 - November 13

Tennis player Jonas Elmbald, a sophomore from Stockholm, Sweden, advanced to the quarterfinals at the Rolex Region II Championships at the University at North Carolina this past weekend.

He won three matches in straight sets before falling to eventual champion David Caldwell of UNC. Elmbald concluded the fall season with an 8-4 record, the best on the team.

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Monday, Nov. 21

N.Y. Giants at Houston
Last Week:
Season to date:
Percentage:
Games back:

N.Y. Giants
10-8
118-73
.617

N.Y. Giants
10-8
118-73
.617

N.Y. Giants
11-7
117-74
.613

Houston
11-7
114-77
.597

N.Y. Giants
13-5
113-78
.592

N.Y. Giants
15-3
111-80
.581

Houston
11-7
110-81
.576

Houston
10-8
107-84
.560

N.Y. Giants
8-10
103-88
.539

Four years. Four years in the Picks, and "Pick 'em" Harter still doesn't get it. Still picking the Redskins (a 433-game streak at last count), and still in last place. But he is, if nothing else, charitable, allowing those poor souls not admitted in the Picks a one-week stay in his name. This week, it was the managing editor. However, Harter's generosity turned into pure terror upon learning that his guest picker chose Atlanta, New Orleans, and Tampa Bay. He commissioned the Picks prodigy, French "Revolution," to change them, but will probably still lose more than he wins. Meanwhile, success has apparently gotten to Bill "Da Thrill." The formerly mild-mannered photographer demanded in rare egotistical form that this week's underneath be focused on his miraculous run from the bottom of the pack to the middle. However, his power trip was slowed upon hearing that the underneath is reserved for those who do horribly in the Picks. He was placated with the news that, considering his pick of the Rams, he would be prominently featured next week. Finally, it should be noted that the Swami has been asked to provide halftime entertainment at the Michigan-Ohio State game, where he will belch the Michigan fight song with a 12-pack of Milwaukee's best in his lap, dressed only in his underwear. He agreed to do this because, as he put it, he does that at home during Michigan games anyway.

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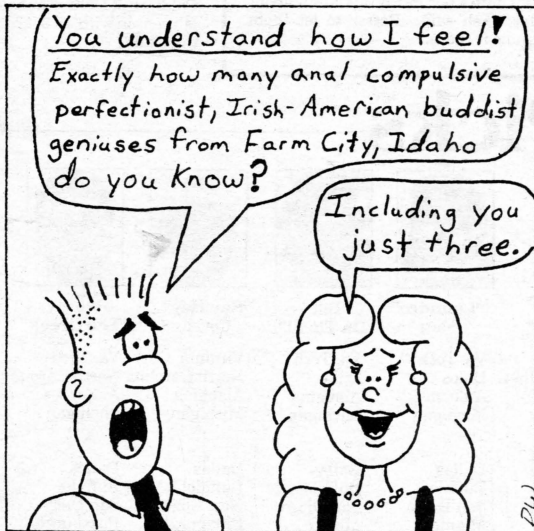
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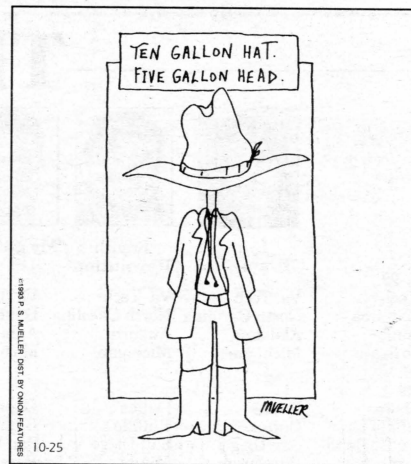


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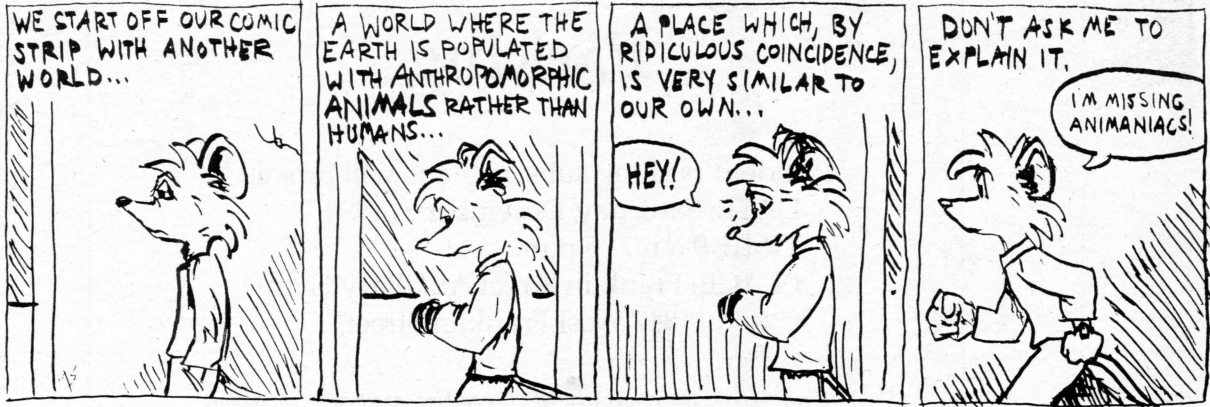
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