

WEATHER



MONDAY – Cloudy. Occasional drizzle. Highs in the mid-50s. Lows in the low 50s.



TUESDAY – Variable cloudiness. Highs in the mid-60s. Low in the mid- to upper 50s..

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• The Flood Zone has been spared, but other local clubs haven't been as fortunate. See story, page 9.



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Counseling services faces possible cuts

Valarie Thorpe
CT STAFF WRITER

Savings is on the agenda for VCU but at what cost to the students? A recent report by KPMG Peat Marwick requested by VCU's Committee on Administrative Review suggests slashing budgets as well as programs and job positions.

One service the report recommends be changed is University Counseling Services.

"Accountants are making these decisions, and the results could be Multicultural Diversity Program — gone, women's services — gone, some of our work with alcohol-related problems — gone, career counseling — gone," said Dr. Jack Corazzini, director of University Counseling Services.

In addition to the program cuts, the report suggests combining counseling with Student Health Services and charging students an out-of-pocket fee for counseling, funding counseling through student fees or with an additional line-item fee.

Meeting times for group three

Group three covers student services and student affairs.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Date: April 13

Place: Business Building Auditorium (academic campus)

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Date: April 13

Place: George Ben Johnston Auditorium, 305 N. 12th St. (medical campus)

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A day for diversity

Stacy L. Reed/Commonwealth Times



COMMON GROUND — VCU students inquire about objects and artifacts the Latino Student Alliance displayed at Friday's Intercultural Festival. See story and more photos on pages 6 and 7.

VCU names Kaplowitz Woman of the Year

Jill Myers
CT STAFF WRITER

She's a physician. She's the director of the HIV/AIDS center at VCU. She's a mother of two, and she's VCU's 1995 Woman of the Year.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz was given the annual award by her female peers for her work on the VCU/MCV campuses.

"She juggles more balls at one time than anyone I know," said associate professor Daphne Rankin, who served as co-chairwoman with Kaplowitz of an HIV/AIDS committee. "I saw her at a committee meeting this morning, and then she was with her patients in the afternoon."

Gail Connors, education director at the center, said the one word that best describes Kaplowitz is "relentless."

"If Kaplowitz wants something, she'll go after it," Connors said.

In addition to her responsibilities as director, Kaplowitz sees patients once a week at MCV.

"All of her patients will tell you she's very caring," Rankin said, adding that she once saw Kaplowitz take time to patiently listen to one of her patient's concerns, even though she had to hurry to catch a plane.

Kaplowitz said that when she began her medical career she never expected to become involved in HIV/AIDS care or, for

that matter infectious-disease care.

After completing her residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kaplowitz received a fellowship in infectious diseases at that university. There she began treating and educating patients with sexually transmitted diseases. Then, in 1980, the medical world recognized AIDS as a sexually transmitted disease.

"The irony of it all," the 44-year-old physician said, "is I went into infectious disease because it was something that you could cure."

It took years to understand that there is a lot more to taking care of people than just curing them, she said. Even though many of her patients die young, Kaplowitz said she still can play a major role in helping those individuals increase the quality of their lives.

Though when patients die, she said, she still hears a voice asking what could she have done differently in order to save or to prolong the person's life.

Usually doctors are trained to save lives and if they cannot, they somehow feel they failed, she said.

But the patients themselves help her deal with the pain caused by another's death.

"I'll never forget," Kaplowitz said, "I was sitting beside of one of my dying patients, and he was peaceful with dying while I was distraught. ... He turned to me

and said 'I'm OK with it.' ... It was bizarre — him calming me down."

Even though many of her patients will die while she is caring for them, Kaplowitz said she takes pride in helping people live better, longer lives.

Kaplowitz, who also holds an associate professorship in the Department of Preventive Medicine at MCV, said she takes pride in being perceived as a positive role model for other women, especially in the medical and academic worlds.

She said she has had many strong female figures who influenced her throughout her personal life and professional career.

Kaplowitz's first influence and role model was her mother, who left medical school to raise a family but returned about 20 years later, earning a doctorate degree, but not in medicine.

"The message she sent to me was that you don't have to limit yourself just because of limitations early on in life," Kaplowitz said of her mother's influence.

Now that Kaplowitz has grown older, she has some advice of her own.

Although people must have goals to aim for, Kaplowitz remembering a speech she gave at her high school, they should be willing to change them.

"You can't box yourself in," Kaplowitz said. "If you do, there's no way you can see the options out there."

Man exposes self in MCV bathroom

Scott Bass
CT NEWS EDITOR

A female janitorial worker at VCU received an eyeful two weeks ago when a man reportedly walked into a bathroom she was cleaning and began urinating on the floor.

"He just whipped it out and did his number right there on the floor," said VCU police Detective Victor Stembridge. "This was just a guy that was mad and said he had to go."

VCU police arrested George Boggan shortly after 1 a.m. March 29 and charged him with indecent exposure.

Boggan allegedly walked into a bathroom on the first floor of MCV Hospitals that a janitorial worker was cleaning. Boggan was asked to use another bathroom just down the hall.

"She (the janitorial worker) turned her back to continue cleaning," Stembridge explained. "She turned around, and he was urinating on the floor."

Boggan's arrest, Stembridge said, is in no way connected to the recent rash of indecent exposure incidents on the academic and medical campuses. During the past six months six cases of indecent exposure have been reported.

WORLD/NATION



• Dog's cross-country trip no longer mystery

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The cross-country odyssey of Buddy the mutt isn't such a mystery after all.

The dog made headlines and earned himself a spot on David Letterman's show after he turned up in Colorado just three days after he disappeared from his home in Central Islip, N.Y., 1,500 miles away.

The mystery was solved last week, when Joseph VanWart, Robert White and John O'Brien said they were heading West in a car and found Buddy at a gas station near his home, nosing through the trash with a bagel in his mouth.

"We called it over — the next thing we knew it was in the car," VanWart said. "We thought 'OK, that'll save it from getting hit by a car.'"

• TV newsrooms await new hard drive camera

LAS VEGAS — The first tool in the television broadcasting newsroom — the camera — has finally gone digital.

A new camera that shoots and stores the action and sound on a disk was to be introduced Sunday at the country's biggest broadcasters' convention.

The price tag: \$30,000 to \$50,000.

The race to develop a camera with a removable hard drive was won by Avid Technology Inc.

The new digitized camera should be available to broadcasters sometime during the summer.

• Maid 'mistakenly hanged,' special inquiry reports

MANILA, Philippines — A Filipino maid was mistakenly blamed and hanged for two murders, according to a panel that recommended the case be reopened.

President Fidel Ramos had threatened to cut off ties with Singapore if the commission he appointed found that Flor Contemplacion was hanged last month unjustly. He has not announced his decision.

The case created a national uproar in the Philippines, seen by many as an example of what they say is mistreatment of Filipinos working in menial jobs abroad. Many Filipinos believe Contemplacion was framed; Singapore denies the charge.

VIRGINIA



• Suspect in slaying surrenders

SKIPWITH — Roland E. Jones, 43, of Chase City, turned himself in at the Chase City police department Wednesday morning, ending an intensive search that included dogs and a state police helicopter.

Police said Jones was charged with two counts of capital murder in the slayings of Charles L. Townes, 42, of Chatham and Mary A. Tucker, 36, of Skipwith.

Townes, a truck driver, was a friend of Tucker. Police said Jones was an acquaintance of Tucker. Police did not speculate on a motive for the slayings.

• Lake Gaston accord near?

VIRGINIA BEACH — The long, bitter fight about the Lake Gaston water pipeline might be on the verge of resolution through a mediated agreement that would create a bi-state water partnership and address issues ranging from highway bottlenecks to aquatic weeds.

Thursday, John Bickerman, a Washington lawyer appointed by a federal court to mediate the dispute, released a summary of a proposed agreement that negotiators for the city of Virginia Beach and the state of North Carolina have thrashed out under his guidance.

"We've made some real headway," Bickerman said. "It's my hope that we'll complete a deal soon. We're not there yet, but we're getting closer."

• Medical waste discovered

RUTHERGLEN — A Caroline County woman admitted on Friday that she dumped about 25 grocery-size bags of medical waste along a rural road.

The woman, whom police did not identify, said she regularly traveled in the area to care for her brother, who uses a colostomy bag. She had been dumping the bags for nearly three months.

The waste consisted of such items as used colostomy bags and containers of bloody rags, officials said.

Hazardous-waste workers cleaned up the waste. County spokeswoman Cindy Rozell said it posed no threat to public health or water.

Rozell said the waste was dumped in about seven or eight locations on private property whose owner reported the incident Tuesday.

RICHMOND



• Art Done by city, school workers to be displayed

"City Expressions '95," an art exhibit featuring the work of city and Richmond Public School employees, will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall at 900 E. Broad St., from April 18 until May 2.

The deadline for registration for the city of Richmond's Employee Recreation Program event is Friday.

For more information, call Milton Marshall at 780-4126 or Janet Fleming at 780-7694.

• 'Art for Animals' set Wednesday at the Hyatt

An "Art for Animals" reception, sale and auction will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Hyatt Richmond, 6624 W. Broad St.

Tickets are \$35 and include wine, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by the cast of the musical "Annie Warbucks".

The event is sponsored by the SPCA. For details, call 643-6785.

CAMPUS



• Gay students told to build on history

The history of gays was the topic of importance at the second annual Sexual Minority Alliance conference at VCU Saturday.

Stephen M. Lenton, an assistant dean at VCU, said the history of gays "is a history of struggle." He pointed out to about 60 college students from six Virginia schools that the conference would have been illegal not too long ago.

He also said the gay-rights movement is in a unique position because gays and lesbians have been making contributions to society for a long time even though their sexual preferences have been hidden.

Lenton is the adviser to VCU's sexual minority group and has helped the group sue the school for the right to organize and meet on campus.

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Dynamic Duo

Award-winning authors Randall Kenan and Tony Early will read fiction at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in the Business Building Auditorium.

Figaro! Figaro!

Virginia Opera a la carte at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in the Commons Ballroom. The audience will receive a sampling of the singers' repertoire.

Livin' with the 'Elizabethans

George P. Garrett—writer, poet, editor and educator—will speak Thursday, April 13, at the Ninth Annual Cabell Lecture on the fourth floor of James Branch Cabell Library. The topic of his speech is "Living with the Elizabethans." Garrett's most recent works include "Entered From the Sun," "The Sorrows of Pat City," "Whispers in the Dark" and "My Silk Purse."

Women in Film

As part of a film series that addresses some of the issues related to today's women of color, the films "Chicana" and "Status of Latino Women" will be shown from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Business Building Auditorium.

"Chicana" traces the political activism of Chicana and Mexican women from the pre-Columbian time to the present. "Status of Latino Women" explores Latin-American relationships and the mystique of machismo. A moderated discussion will follow each film.

Just Relax

A workshop on progressive relaxation techniques is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in commons Room 225.

Rejoice!

A resurrection celebration will occur at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, in the Commonwealth Ballroom.

Call Out the Dogs

An Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Panhellenic Council will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15 in the Commons Plaza.

Just Say No to Violence

A panel discussion with Attorney General James Gilmore will occur at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 17. The panel will discuss violence prevention.

Lack of communication keeps some away from social

Panhellenic, Theta Chi also plan fund-raiser

Jennifer L. Vancil
CT STAFF WRITER

VCU's Panhellenic Council held an all-sorority ice cream social last night to facilitate communication among all 11 sororities on campus, but it was lack of communication that kept some participants away from Amy's Custom Yogurt shop.

Elizabeth C. Bell, assistant director for student activities who also oversees Greek affairs, said when she called to follow up on the invitations, she found that at least one organization didn't receive an invite.

"It was a lack of communication," she said, adding that Panhellenic, which presides over the six Panhellenic sororities represented at VCU, is looking to schedule another event for all sororities.

In other business, Dean Bogin of Theta Chi fraternity spoke to the council on the idea of holding a fund-raiser for breast cancer research. The plans would include a carnival-type event in Shafer Court as well as live entertainment.

"I would like to have a committee with at least one member from every sorority and members of Theta Chi," Bogin told the group.

"I think this would help the Greek system at VCU as a whole," he added. "There isn't a lot of money in research." Bogin said he became interested in the idea after a close family member died of breast cancer.

Panhellenic Council President Rachel Stafford said the council could be a big part of the event.

"I think it is an excellent idea, especially



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

MMM, MMM GOOD—Members of VCU's Panhellenic sororities discuss the recent South Eastern Panhellenic Conference over some yogurt. Last night's ice cream social took place at Amy's Custom Yogurt on Grace Street.

for sorority women. The statistics are pretty high," she said. "It's important to get involved. I have talked to him before about it and they (Theta Chi) have already done a lot of work for it."

Bell expressed enthusiasm for fraternities getting involved in women's health issues.

"I'm glad to see the men's group taking

the initiative to get us organized," she said.

Also, the council will play host to some 30 to 40 children Saturday for their Easter egg hunt. The event will be held on the grounds of the student commons and will be sponsored by area businesses including Amy's Custom Yogurt, One-Eyed Jaques and Plaza Art. Children of students and faculty are welcome to participate.

COUNSELING

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Looking at it from another administrative viewpoint, Donald Bruegman, senior vice president for administration, said counseling fees could be paid in several different ways.

"The money could come from university fees, student activity fees, health services fee, or counseling could have its own separate line-item fee," he said.

One question Bruegman raises concerns whether all students should pay an across-the-board fee for counseling.

"That's a question open to debate, but it's something to consider. Should all students be required to pay for a service that only some students use?" he asked.

The Marwick report recommends merging student health with counseling services and withdrawing the \$527,000 of education and general funds. The study suggests paying for counseling with student fees.

"That does not seem feasible," Corazzini said. "I don't think student fees can support anything more than it already does. The other suggestion is a fee for service and that would require students be insured or pay out of their pockets. It is my perception that students do not have the money to pay for counseling in this manner."

Insurance coverage opens the door to additional complications.

"People must be diagnosed if they are using insurance," Corazzini said. "There are many people that come to counseling that have more developmental problems, and insurance wouldn't cover many of these."

Doris Rice, assistant director for admin-

istration for Student Health Services, said VCU should conduct a cost-benefit analysis of insurance.

"In a doctor's office the largest part of the staff is located in the front office," Rice said. "This is because insurance generates a lot of paperwork and to complete it all you need a large number of people. Needing to hire that many people to file insurance requests could defeat the whole purpose of saving money."

Student health administrators considered charging students for services.

"We've looked at it in a preliminary way, but we decided it wasn't something we wanted to do," Rice said. "We don't want to nickel and dime our students to death."

Several years ago the health services administration began charging students for medication.

"We saw a significant drop in patient visits when we began charging for medicine," Rice said. "We firmly believe you will see a drop when you see user fees."

William H. Duvall, associate vice provost and dean of student affairs, said not many students would opt to pay for counseling.

"I believe they will try and find another way to deal with their problem," he said. "Our students are not like the students from Ivy League colleges who have more money at their disposal."

"A very high percentage have to work to go to college and may not be able to afford to pay for counseling. This doesn't mean the need goes away. It means you just don't address that need."

The report also suggests administrative job cuts. Corazzini said that counseling services was hit with a cut in 1988 and lost positions then.

"A review was conducted after that reduction, and it suggested (restoring) what we had lost in order for us to do our job effectively," Corazzini said. "We do not have extra resources. We've been able to accomplish our job because of a dedicated staff."

"They want to help the students, and by taking on a lot more and working harder they have been successful. But we still have waiting lists of things that need to be done."

The KPMG report, first released on Saturday, March 18, in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, has generated a series of open meetings slated to begin Tuesday, April 11, on both campuses.

Since student services and student affairs falls in the group three topic area, meetings concerning this topic, which includes counseling, are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. April 13 in the Business Building Auditorium on the academic campus and for 1:30 p.m. at the George Ben Johnston Auditorium, 305 N. 12th St., on the medical campus.

"This report is just getting out," Duvall said. "I would encourage all students to inform themselves about it. Use the avenues of response by attending information sessions and by letters to the editor of the CT."

"There are clearly lots of implications to students. This survey could make VCU a very different place than it is right now."

Corazzini said this report has almost everyone throughout the university concerned.

"This thing has cut across like a knife and affected people in very traumatic and troubling ways," he said. "It's been very difficult for everybody."

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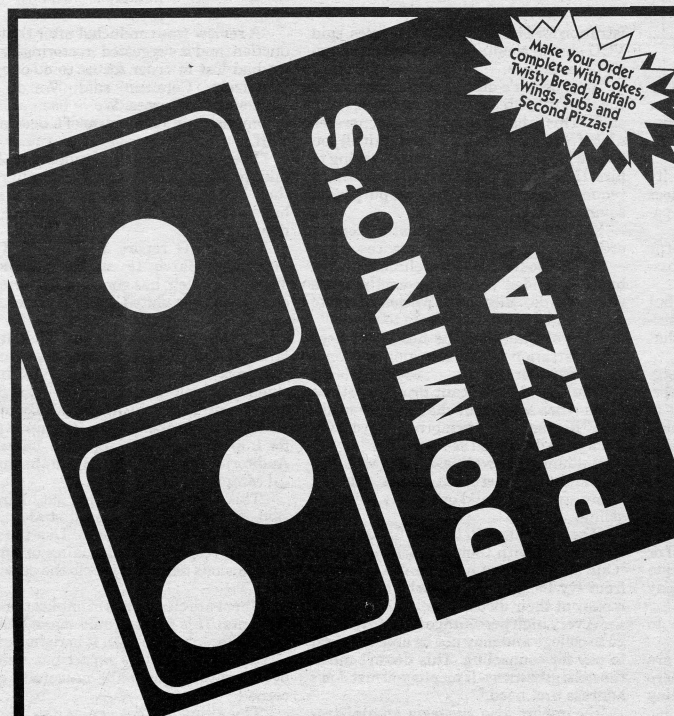
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Jeff Qureshi

We Are Sorry Mr. Madison

The Republican Party of Virginia's nominating process is responsible for the turmoil concerning the 1996 senatorial race. When will the Grand Old Party wake up and realize the Christian Coalition cannot deliver election winners here in the Commonwealth?

With the religious right insisting who the Republican nominee will be, other GOP contenders find themselves incorporating extremist views into their platforms with the obvious hope of securing votes. Through utter domination of the Republican caucus, the Christian Coalition has successfully nominated such utter losers as Oliver "I'm not really a criminal" North and Mike "Fanatic" Ferris. Both of these nominees were shut out by the true moral majority of the Old Dominion, the voters.

Lose weight GOP, dump the Christian Coalition!

It is dangerous when a party allows such narrow views, as demonstrated by the Christian Coalition, to demand unfavorable actions.

Through successful grass roots organizations and war chests full of monies, an evangelical twist has found its way into state politics. If we elect such persons into office, count on continued debate over such issues as school prayer and personal liberty.

The Christian Coalition wants to control what you and I say, think, do, see, etc. That is not freedom and, in fact, it is the same type of censorship which motivated Europeans to come to this grand country.

The United States Constitution is clear on the separation of church and state. Why then is prayer in school such

an issue? The cerebral Virginian James Madison adamantly warned against consolidated influences of political factions. In Federalist paper No. 10 Madison writes, "A zeal for different opinions concerning religion, concerning government, and many other points ... have, in turn, divided mankind into parties, inflamed them with mutual animosity, and rendered them much more disposed to vex and oppress each other than to co-operate for their common good. So strong is this propensity of mankind to fall into mutual animosities that where no substantial occasion presents itself the most frivolous and fanciful distinctions have been sufficient to kindle their unfriendly passions and excite their most violent conflicts."

The Republican party, both within the state and nationally, must cast off their religious shrouds and work to secure their majority position by inclusion. Without this bold move, Virginia GOP candidates will continue to be rejected by the Commonwealth. By opening the nominating process here in the Old Dominion, the GOP can guarantee candidates that a majority of voters can be comfortable with. This would be Virginia's first step back into the mainstream.

Sen. Arlene Specter (R-Pa.) recently announced his presidential bid. In doing so, he denounced Republican extremists such as Pat Robertson (doesn't he belong in a church rather than on TV?), Pat Buchanan and Ralph Reed, the leader of the Christian Coalition. Sen. Specter said, "We do not need holy wars. What we need is tolerance and brotherhood and simple humanity."

Preaching has become a byword for long and dull conversation of any kind; and whoever wishes to imply, in any piece of writing, the absence of everything agreeable and inviting, calls it a sermon.

Sydney Smith, "Lady Holland's Memoir" vol.I, ch. 3

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Stacy L. Reed

No Counseling? Has This University Gone Mad?

As a student you should know that you have free counseling services available to you. You've already paid. This free student service is funded with money from your tuition and student fees, as well as from government aid, which comes from your and your parents' taxes.

Also, as a student you should know — and be infuriated — that some of your

administrators (whose salaries are also paid by you and your parents) are considering eliminating

counseling from the university budget. One of the administrators' suggested students should pay for the counseling as if it were an outside service, a counseling insurance or HMO of sorts. Which means you are about to pay even more for what you've already bought. I think you have paid for and deserve more than this.

Chances are you know someone who needs or is using one of these counseling services right now. Most would consider it smart and healthy for these students to have this positive outlet available without the extra bureaucratic hassle.

The problems you as a VCU student have to cope with today are as diverse as the student population itself. Your college worries no longer are just adjusting to dorm life or learning to handle personal stress. They're not just about poor grades and occasional alcohol abuse. If you're a commuter, you don't just worry about where to park or whether you'll be ticketed.

Students worry about getting raped, mugged or shot walking back to a car that

might have been towed, stolen, or burglarized. Students here worry about the increase of violent crimes (including rape) and they worry about the very real threat of getting HIV. Many students, on campus or otherwise, have an almost complete lack of personal privacy. Many students are stunned into disbelief as American politics becomes evermore confusing and hypocritical. And

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most students reluctantly look forward to a job market that says, "Go away. Come back when you have a

master's degree, when you have work experience, when you have figured it out, when you have all the answers."

The problems you as a VCU student face today are not "student" problems; they are the overwhelming social issues of our time. They are the social ills that cannot be solved. Not by our entire American government, much less you as one individual.

For VCU officials to make it harder and more expensive for students to receive counseling would add only more problems to this pile.

It's hard enough to sleep through the sirens and the gunshots of the night. There is enough stress in making it back alive to your might-not-be-there car.

Let's not make it even harder to find positive ways to deal with our problems and our stress. Without a little counseling now and then to temper our tempers, this place easily could go mad.

For more information about VCU counseling on the academic campus, you can call 828-6200, on the MCV campus call 828-3964.

Stephen Johnson

Whose Western Civilization?

Skimming through the newspaper the other day I found, along with the usual O.J. Simpson trial hyperbole, a story about a major university that had given up a \$20 million grant because the administration felt the school should not teach a course in western civilization. I can see this issue of political correctness from all angles.

There was, for instance, the bruhaha about Enola Gay's mission exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution Museum, which intended to portray the American mission of dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima as one of superpower aggression against a poor defenseless Third World country.

That particular PC view of the Enola Gay's mission, however, isn't what I am talking about here.

What I want to know is why there exists a single version of western civilization that can be such a rallying point for its opponents?

There is no single line of white history

leading from the first City of Ur to the civil rights explosions of the sixties. Most courses in western civilization include much more coverage of the so-called "Glory of Rome" than the civilizations of the contemporary "barbarians." For example, many a century ago a man called Vercingetorix, a gaulish Celtic chieftain, had some lucky unifying a few Celtic tribes to defeat the mighty armies of Rome — at least for a while. In this role, Vercingetorix is similar to Sitting Bull, who also unified tribes to beat a larger and better-armed force — for a while.

Yet no course in western civilization ever told me of Vercingetorix. Instead of ridding our universities of western civilization courses, the courses should be widened to include all people of the western hemisphere — not just those who currently hold power. Western civilization is of equal importance to any other history and should not be abandoned.



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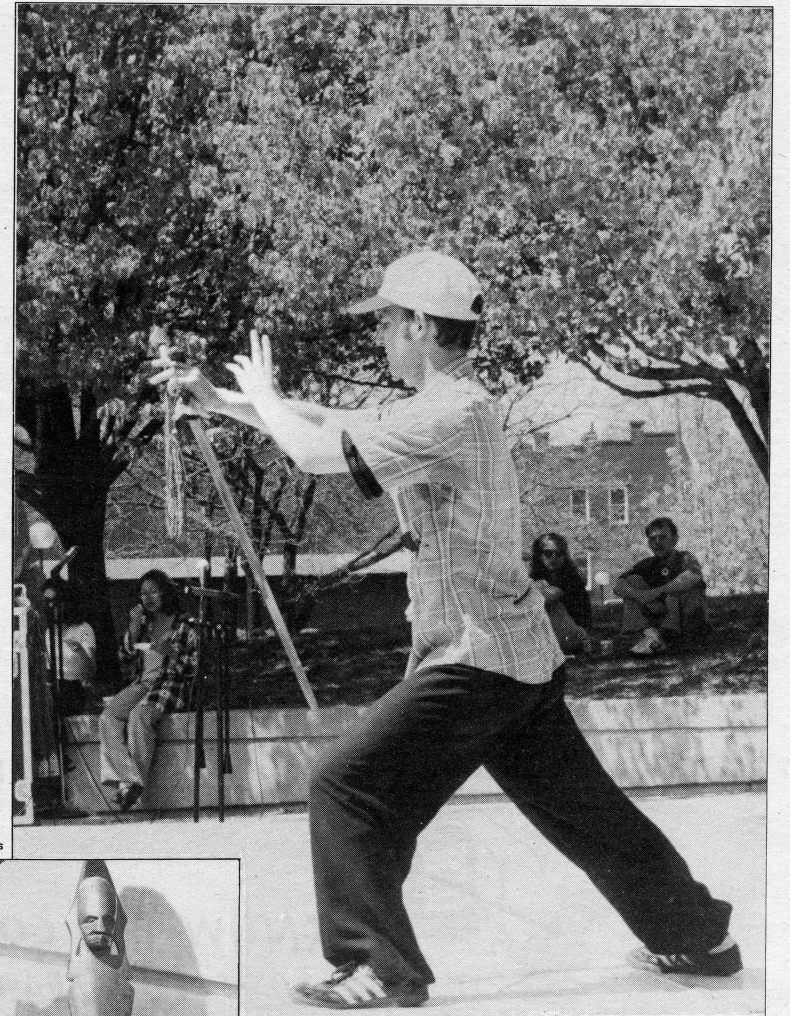
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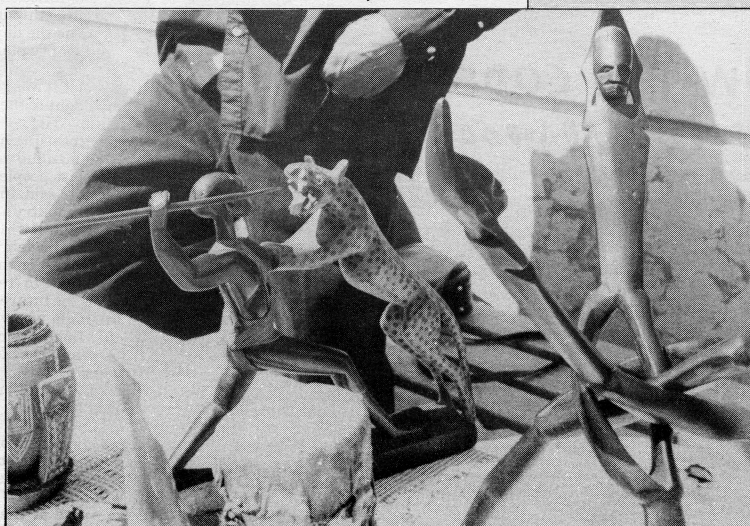
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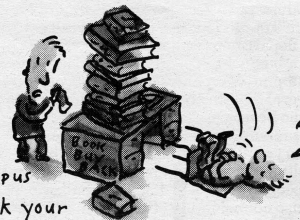
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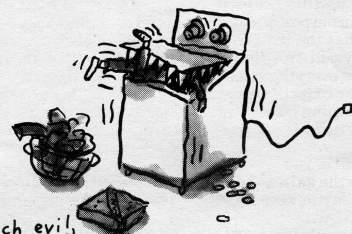
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Richmond clubs: *Are they a dying breed?*

Leila M. Ugincius
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

When Tim Morley was a VCU student, he made an occasional social visit to some of the Grace Street bars such as the Jade Elephant or the Backdoor.

But that was almost two decades ago. Now, when Sgt. Timothy Morley of the Richmond police department walks into a club, he's there for business.

At about 11:45 p.m. March 2, Morley accompanied several building inspectors, including Alcoholic Beverage Control representatives and tax enforcement officials, to the citizengallery on Broad Street. The gallery was actually a rented home, opened by the owners to people wishing to display their art. They also occasionally offered live music. After discovering the building violated numerous building codes, the inspectors downshut the gallery.

This raised several questions by frequent visitors to the gallery, including many VCU students. For one, why were the police involved? Also, why was the club "raided" so late at night, instead of during normal business hours?

The incident, however, did not seem odd to the police and inspectors.

"Our main purpose was to pre-empt any problems that the tax people may have had," Morley said. "We (the police) go along to make sure everything is all right."

Among the codes the citizengallery violated were zoning issues, entertainment taxes and certificate of occupancy limitations.

One friend of the residents of the gallery, Micah Jayne, a junior at VCU, wrote a pamphlet questioning the motives of the city inspectors which he distributed throughout campus.

"Why all of those diligent city employees were called out late on a Friday night instead of earlier in the day when the same code violations would have been more evident under the sunlight," he wrote, "is quite curious."

The gallery, however, had brought attention to itself earlier in the week by advertising a live band. This caught the attention of tax investigators, Morley said.

"They had a live band when we went in there," he explained, "which in itself is no big deal; but they were charging money."

"The tax people wanted to see if they were charging admission," Morley said. "If they had walked in in the daytime, they

wouldn't have been able to investigate those allegations."

Clubs come and go in cities. It's a common occurrence. Maybe business starts to wane, or perhaps trends change and once-popular spots lose their appeal.

But what makes this case different has to do with something that happened a week earlier on Feb. 28.

Carrie DeMott, a VCU senior majoring in history and education, had just started her second night working at the Factory on the corner of Laurel and Grace streets.

In a scene similar to the one that took place at the citizengallery, the fire marshal had to close the Factory for surpassing its occupancy level. Morley said the Factory had oversold one of its upstairs shows.

"They had so many people, it's a potential catastrophe," he said.

Hani Atallah, one of the Factory's owners, said they did nothing to provoke the investigators.

DeMott sat there and watched as ABC, fire and building inspectors walked around.

"They had a real attitude," she said. "It was really disgusting watching those old men walking around acting like little children."

So what do DeMott, Jayne and many others think is the real reason behind the clubs being closed?

"I think it's pretty much known that VCU wants that property," DeMott said.

"It's like they're trying to change (the school's) image by building an engineering school," she said. "They're taking money away from the art program. Instead of

making the existing (programs) better, they're doing a disservice to the students," Jayne agreed.

"If the (citizengallery) building is condemned, it costs the school less to buy it," he said. "I'm angry with the way the school is treating the artistic community which has given it its reputation."

In his pamphlet, Jayne speculated on what the school would want with the land:

"Aside from temporary storage space for all the archived information being stored in the future arts building on Main and Belvidere the space would be mighty useful to build say, a football stadium or new basketball arena on."

"It is no secret now," according to the pamphlet, "that the art program is being seriously downsized to make funds available for an expanded sports program, just what an alleged art school needs."

The Factory's Atallah, too, said he believes the school had some influence in shutting down his club.

But VCU officials deny any knowledge of the matter.

Donald C. Gehring, assistant to the president for governmental and community relations, was unavailable for comment by press time. Debra Hill, administrative assistant in news services, however, said while the school does have Broad Street plans, she did not have any information to support the theory that the school is behind the club closings.

"I don't have anything in writing that VCU is doing anything," she said.

Morley, the VCU alumni and Richmond

police officer, said the Grace Street area always had been a major night-life consortium, similar to Shockoe Bottom, but that has changed now. Even so, he does not think the school is responsible.

"It's all changed," he said. "A lot of people will say there's a conspiracy behind it — that's always juicy."

"People may say VCU wants to change the art school to a sports and engineering school," Morley said. "I think VCU's been an art school for a long time. I don't think they're going to change that."

For now, VCU students will have to make do with local bars and clubs that haven't been shut down. The Factory and the citizengallery are waiting for permission to reopen. The violations against the citizengallery were thrown out of court and they did not have to pay the \$2000 fine, Jayne said.

Although other clubs, such as Twisters, still are operational, Atallah doesn't think there is another club quite like the Factory.

"We offered somebody something to do locally," he said, "so they wouldn't have to go all the way down to Shockoe Bottom."

This is especially important, he said, "for the ones who did drink and didn't have transportation or didn't want to drive back and possibly get into an accident."

"We had something there every night of the week, it was something completely different (each night)," Atallah added. "So if you didn't like it one night, you'd like something there the next night."

Atallah said he would like to reopen in the same building, but if that's not plausible, he will find another location.

Clubs also have suffered in other parts of town, too.

The Flood Zone still is fully operational, but its liquor license, however, will be suspended for two months — probably during May and June, said Tracy Jones, one of the owners.

"Shows will continue," Jones said. "We're booked all the way through April."

Instead of looking at the situation pessimistically, Jones said, they will use this time to remodel.

"A lot of people thought we're not going to be open. The only thing it means is we can't sell beer. We're still going to be open."

"June's our slowest month of the year anyway," he explained, because that's when college students leave to go home or on vacation.

When the fall semester starts, he said, the Flood Zone will be back to its old self again.



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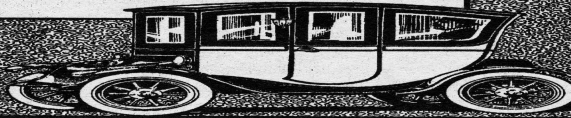
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know the kind of level of play that we are talking about. I know what the standard is."

The standard has been high in the Colonial Athletic Association during the past couple of years. In 1993, George Mason advanced to the NCAA final before being crushed by the Mia Hamm-led North Carolina Tar Heels. In 1994, William and Mary was defeated in the quarterfinals by top-ranked Notre Dame and finished the season ranked third. GMU was tenth.

Zifcak adds James Madison University

to that list of top 20 teams. "There are some strong teams. It is a really tough conference," she said.

While at GWU, Zifcak played under Shannon Higgins, who was a two-time All American at UNC. Zifcak said she understands UNC's style of play and plans to implement the unique system here.

"I would say it is highly competitive," she said.

The Lady Rams' inaugural game is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 3 against Radford at Cary Street Field.

VCU Women's Soccer 1995 tentative schedule

Sept	3	RADFORD	1 p.m.
	6	Virginia Tech	4 p.m.
	9	Liberty	1 p.m.
	16	CAMPBELL	1 p.m.
	20	JAMES MADISON*	4 p.m.
Oct	24	Navy	3 p.m.
	26	UMBC	5 p.m.
	29	WAKE FOREST	7 p.m.
	1	AMERICAN*	2 p.m.
	3	GEORGE MASON*	7 p.m.
	6	LIBERTY	4 p.m.
	9	ST. BONAVENTURE	1 p.m.
	14	Towson State	1 p.m.
	18	Old Dominion*	6 p.m.
	20	Louisville	4 p.m.
Nov	21	Dayton	2 p.m.
	25	William and Mary*	7 p.m.
	27	UNC-Wilmington*	7 p.m.
	29	EAST CAROLINA*	1 p.m.
	1-5	CAA Tournament	

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Tiger Woods may mark the beginning of new PGA era

Matthew Dobias

CT STAFF WRITER

There's been a buzz going around the gallery at the Augusta National Golf Club this week, and it's not the mint juliepe-fueled buzz characteristic of the Masters golf tournament.

There's a new star among the old guard in the rather unchanging world of golf, and his name is Tiger Woods.

Just 19 years old, the Stanford freshman may not make a run for the coveted green jacket this year, but in three days, including consecutive rounds of 72, Woods displayed the poise that made him the U.S. Amateur Champion.

His rock-solid nerve and concentration has drawn the admiration of his competition.

Saturday's match-up had him paired with Curtis Strange who recorded a 71 to Woods' 72. Both Strange and Woods slipped in under the cut.

It was the first cut Woods has made in nine pro tournaments.

Paired for the first time in tournament play, Strange had some good things to say about Woods' play.

"His game's very poised," Strange said in a recent Richmond Times-Dispatch article. "Everything he needs will come around if he's just a little patient."

Woods usually outdistanced Strange off the tee, but too often they were well off the fairway.

"I'd much rather see a 19-year-old kid hit it hard and chase it than already be trying to finesse his way around a golf course," Strange said in the article. "Tiger will eventually lose some of that length trying to gain accuracy, but there's plenty of time for that."

Woods is quickly becoming the fans' favorite.

His drives draw gasps from the gallery — not entirely unlike the kind heard when John Daly steps to the tee.

Daly, too, once was hailed as golf's future star but watched it fizzle as alcohol damaged his game perhaps beyond repair.

Because Woods is an African-American in a predominantly white sport there is the added attention and the added pressures that only long-standing traditions are capable of supplying.

But Woods' potential is great. He has the star power to bring in much-needed interest from new and younger fans, including people from the African-American community.

He probably is the latest PGA posterboy. In time, Woods will no doubt get to wear the green jacket of the Masters champion and along the way he has the opportunity to put golf in the limelight.

One last thing: Woods is too young to buy alcohol, but who's to say he can't get Jack Nicklaus to pick up a couple of sixers at the 7-11?

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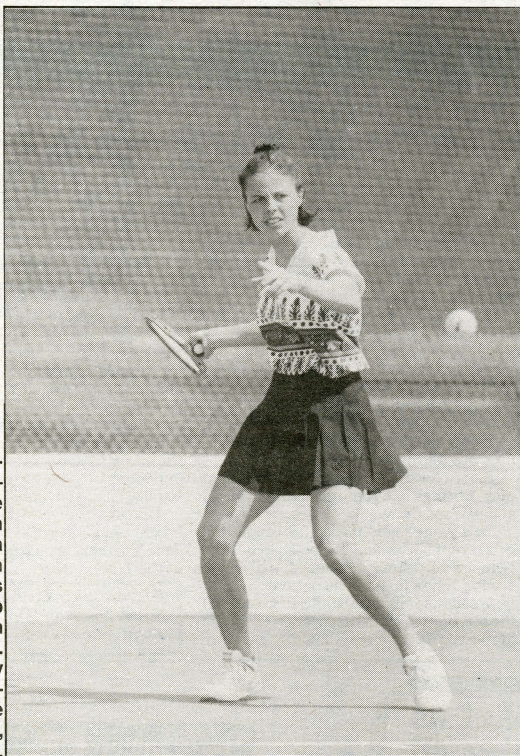
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CONCENTRATION —
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VCU quiets the Tigers' growl *Lady Rams now 8-8*

Coveh Solaimani
CT SENIOR WRITER

After a 7 1/2 hour bus ride, Princeton University women's tennis team arrived at the Thalheimer Tennis Center just in time to receive a 6-1 thrashing at the hands of the Lady Rams Sunday.

VCU	6
PRINCETON	1

In dominating the Lady Tigers, VCU dropped only one set the entire match. Princeton's only win came when Liliana Manoukian defaulted with a one-set lead. "Everybody played well," said Eva Bard, the Lady Rams coach. "This was an important win for us because we needed to see how tough we are."

VCU set the tone for the match right from the start. In the doubles, the Lady Rams overpowered the Lady Tigers, easily winning all three sets.

"They enjoy the doubles and like it," Bard said. "They have a good time and the doubles gives them a feeling of togetherness."

Coming back from an injury, Sofia Hiort and her partner, Helene Nilsson, shut out their Ivy League counterparts 8-0. Ilona Poljakova and Manoukian defeated their opponents 8-2.

"We didn't make any mistakes at the net," Poljakova said. "We were quick and precise."

Eva-Marie Pehrsson and Kristi

Whitaker fought the wind and won the other doubles match-up 8-5.

"Getting used to the wind was the hardest part," Whitaker said, adding that her team attacked as much as they could.

VCU continued its roll in the singles. Hiort completed her comeback with a straight-set victory over Beth German 7-5, 6-2, making Bard very happy.

"The big thing is that Sophia is back in the lineup. I hope she stays on the mend," Bard said.

Poljakova and Nilsson also won their matches with ease. Poljakova dropped Bridget Mikysa 6-2, 6-0, and Nilsson defeated Jane Dickinson 6-2, 6-3. Freshman Helena Karlsson lost only one game in disposing of Princeton's Stephanie Alpert 6-1, 6-0.

Lady Tiger Kristen Larson garnered Princeton's only set before falling to Pehrsson in the third set.

With yesterday's victory, VCU won its second match in two days and improved its overall record to 8-8. The Metro Conference Tournament is right around the corner and Whitaker said her team's performance this weekend was a confidence builder.

"We definitely needed this win. We have had a rough season, and today's win will help to boost our confidence," she said.

Bard is optimistic about her team's chances in the tournament following this weekend's good showing.

"I'm very hopeful," she said, adding that she believed her team always has a chance.

Zifcak prepares for inaugural season

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The coming fall will mark the beginning of a new era in VCU intercollegiate sports. A group of women will don the black and gold on the soccer field for the first time in September.

Lisa Zifcak, the first head coach of a VCU women's soccer team, is ready to face the challenges and is prepared for the probable tough times that lie ahead.

"Anytime you're starting something from the ground up there is going to be a lot of growing pains," Zifcak said. "It will be hard for us for the first couple of years, but after that it will be OK."

"I have no intention of coming in and having it stay at a certain level," she said. "I would like us to be competitive in our region, competitive in the state and of course in conference as well. My biggest long range goal is that I would like us to be (in the) top 20."

Zifcak has wasted no time getting things started. She currently has 19 prospective players working out this spring, practicing four days per week.

But Zifcak hesitates to say that anything is certain for next season at this point. She plans to hold open tryouts in

August, has two recruits signed and is looking to sign additional players.

VCU Athletic Director Richard Sander feels confident in selecting Zifcak to head the new program.

"We wanted someone who was familiar with this area — particularly Northern Virginia because it is a hotbed of soccer. She is very smart and has a lot of contacts and has a lot of knowledge," Sander said.

A 1992 graduate of George Washington University, Zifcak's only previous coaching experience was as an assistant and interim head coach at Mercer University.

Unlike most head coaches, her playing days are not over. Last season she was a member of the Atlanta Magic women's professional soccer team of the United States Interregional Soccer League. Zifcak started at both the midfield and forward positions and plans to play again in the upcoming season.

In her days at GWU, Zifcak twice led the team in scoring, and she sees her experience of playing at the Division I level as being beneficial to her new team.

"I think I am more prepared than the players. I think the players have no idea. I



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NO. 1 — Lisa Zifcak, head coach of VCU women's soccer, prepares for the upcoming season. The women's first game tentatively is scheduled for Sept. 3 against Radford.

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