

WEATHER



MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in low 80s. Thirty percent chance of rain.



TUESDAY - Chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Lows in the 50s.

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• **Dedication** — Jerry Garcia lives on in the hearts of fans after his death this month. See story page 14.



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Students receive OK for journey to China

Sherry Jones
CT STAFF WRITER

After months of planning and waiting, about 30 members of the VCU community boarded a bus headed toward the airport early Saturday morning. Their final destination — China.

The morning before, however, as members of the VCU delegation to the Fourth U.N. Conference on Women gathered in the VCU Meeting Center, their chances of going to China looked bleak.

Only one day before their planned departure very few of the delegates had received visas.

At about 9:20 a.m. the meeting room erupted with cheers as Arlene Jackson, director for the Center for Community and International Programs, announced that the group had been granted visas that morning.

"This was my dream that almost turned into a nightmare," she said in reference to leading this group of students and faculty to China.

The 62-member national delegation led by VCU is comprised of VCU students and faculty as well as others from across the nation, including Duke and Rutgers.

Judith Twigg, an instructor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, said she sees this as an opportunity for VCU to combine a number of interests by reaching out to other universities and women across the country.

"We are the only educational institution that has been inclusive," she said, adding that this conference gives

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Jennifer Cantwell/Commonwealth Times

WHAT A RELIEF — Members of the VCU delegation to the Fourth U.N. Conference on Women relax early Friday morning after learning their visas had been approved. The group left Saturday for the conference in China.

Office of Student Affairs faces staffing crisis

Student activities and minority affairs feel effects

James McMahon
CT NEWS EDITOR

As a result of the state's Workforce Transition Act and a general universitywide freeze on hiring, the VCU Office of Student Affairs finds itself entering the fall semester understaffed, with little help in sight.

As members of the university's administration and faculty take advantage of the early retirement plan offered by Gov. George Allen, the Office of Student Affairs is trying to find ways to maintain the services of many university departments.

L. Victor Collins, interim director of student activities and director of minority student affairs, has left the Office of Student Activities to concentrate full time on minority student affairs.

The change came about when two staff members, including interim director Jody Allen, took advantage of the governor's early retirement plan. Stephanie Jefferson, program support and technician, also opted for the early out.

The moves left the Office of Minority Student Affairs, already a lightly staffed office, severely depleted, requiring Collins to move back into the office full time. Collins,



Collins

though, will continue to serve as an advisor to the SGA.

"We did not want to see a drop-off in the programs of the Office of Minority Student Affairs," Collins said. "That is why I had to come back full time."

Collins, however, is concerned about the adjustments the Office of Student Activities now must make.

"We need to ensure student activities does not get totally inundated and swamped," he said.

Henry Rhone, vice provost for student affairs, said while there is an obvious shortage in staff, students will not see a reduction in services provided to them.

"I would not feel comfortable saying to the students you won't get the services you used to get," Rhone said. "Our short-term goal is to ensure the students continue to get the services they need."

The administration, Rhone said, has asked the commons and activities staffs to suggest ways to continue providing the level of service students are accustomed to despite the decrease in staff.

The long-term effects of the staff shortage, Rhone said, are a little less clear. In fact, the administration does not know when, or if, the positions made vacant by the Workforce Transition Act will be filled.

According to the governor's plan, the

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SCHEV tears down VCU's construction plans

Bill Myers
CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Despite being one of the few universities to use its facilities on a full-time basis, the prospects of VCU receiving its requested amount for building new structures looks grim.

Although \$11 million of the \$39.1 million requested by VCU is to help build the School of Engineering, which is part of the state's incentive package to lure Motorola to the area, the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia recommended that VCU should concentrate on repair rather than construction.

"Major renovation funding is Virginia

Commonwealth's greatest need, the report stated. "The accumulated deficiencies in the buildings and infrastructure are so severe that the university's overall facility condition index is the poorest in the entire Virginia system of higher education."

The facility condition index is a calculation used to compare facilities at universities across the state using a formula that measures how much it would take to bring the particular facility up to date.

In a perfect world, Jeffrey Cribbs, VCU's associate vice president of capital planning and facilities management, said, the index would equal 100 percent. This would take a brand new campus, he added.

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VCU's pay inequities case back in court

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that a report that spurred VCU to pay \$441,791 to remedy pay inequities between its male and female faculty may have been faulty.

The ruling overturned a previous decision by Senior U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams that said a suit brought on by five of the university's male faculty members who challenged the report's decision had no validity.

The attorney for the five male faculty members, Richard Cavado, said that the analysis on which the decision to pay the

money was based didn't take into account the faculty member's performance, extra administrative duties and the amount of time they spent teaching as opposed to the time that had elapsed since they began teaching.

The court ruled that this could be the case and was enough to send the issue back to court.

Melissa Burnside, a spokeswoman for VCU, said Friday that no one at the university had had the chance to look at the opinion.

—Compiled from news sources.

Health NOTES

News from the medical community



•MCU offers nine-week health series

MCU is accepting registrations for their Mini-Med School fall 1995 series of classes. The nine-week series will be conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 6 through Nov. 8 at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St.

The upcoming series will focus on a variety of topics, including infectious diseases, nutrition, mental health, cancer and cardiovascular physiology. Designed to be fun and informative, the series features lectures by VCU faculty in human genetics, anatomy, psychiatry, microbiology and pathology.

The series is free and open to the public. To register, call 828-3640. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

•UCU investigates marine animal for cancer fighting potential

A one-celled marine animal, bugula neritina, that forms mosslike colonies in oceans throughout the world, is being harvested off the coast of San Diego, Calif., and the Yucatan Peninsula, and according to a VCU study, may contain a chemical that has potential benefits for leukemia patients.

The chemical is bryostatin, and Steven Grant, a professor of medicine and phar-

macology at VCU's Massey Cancer Center, is leading the investigation in a Phase I human trial. He has studied the chemical since 1990 when interest in this compound as an anticancer agent began to accelerate. Grant is examining bryostatin for its potential to fight leukemia, a cancer that begins in blood-making tissues, such as bone marrow, and results in the body making too many white blood cells.

VCU's phase I human trial started in May and is funded by a \$144,000, two-year grant from the national Cancer Institute. Phase I is enrolling patients with advanced, solid-tumor cancers for whom conventional therapy offers no chance to cure.

•Quarter of U.S. toddlers lack vaccinations

About 25 percent of the nation's toddlers aren't protected against measles, mumps, polio and other common childhood diseases despite a government push for vaccinations, federal figures show.

The number of fully vaccinated youngsters ages 19 months to 35 months is at a record high, but the figure has remained about the same for the two years, said Walter Orenstien, director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Immunization Program.

The CDC released Thursday the first

results of a survey showing more than 1 million children in that age group lack at least one basic vaccination.

•Eating habits reduce stroke risks in men

The refrain "Eat your vegetables" now has yet more evidence on its side. In a statistical study of men, middle-aged and older, a greater intake of fruits and vegetables appears to give significant protection against the risk of stroke. According to an article in the April 12 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the risk of stroke in this population declined by 22 percent for every three servings of fruit and vegetables eaten.

Mathew Gillman, a physician in the Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention at the Harvard Community Health Plan, and his co-workers carried out their analysis on 832 men enrolled in the Framingham study, which monitored the health of participants over a 20-year period. The diet of each individual was assessed at the time of enrollment, on the basis of what the participants had consumed during the previous 24 hours.

Amidst a long list of about 100 foods and food groups, the statistical link between vegetables and reduced risk of stroke stood out strongly. These findings held even when the researchers adjusted for other

variables such as age, blood pressure, other cardiovascular risk factors, body mass, cigarette smoking and physical activity.

•Anti-drug antibodies help fight cocaine addiction

A new weapon against cocaine addiction may come from the world of immunology. A research group headed by Donald Landry at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons has developed an array of artificial enzymes that bind to cocaine and degrade it before it can take effect in the body.

The enzymes work on the same principle as naturally produced antibodies, which guard our health by breaking down germs before they can cause disease.

For people who try to break the habit, the first stage of recovery may be especially hard, because current treatments generally must be taken for several weeks before they begin to take effect. A cocaine-degrading antibody would be of vital importance to addicts who relapse during this stage: By breaking down the drug before it reaches the central nervous system, the antibody would shield the patient from cocaine's powerful reinforcing effect on nerve cells. Breaking the link between cocaine use and euphoria would be the first step in reducing the powerful craving for the drug.

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for your information

•Women's Work

Students and teachers work together as equals — well, except for the grading thing — in a new class being offered by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration in conjunction with the Women's Studies Program. "Topical Seminar: Women in Public Policy and Administration," which will meet on selected Saturdays throughout the semester, deals with the influences of feminist theory and research on women and by women in the fields of public administration and policy.

Students will act as part instructor, part researcher and part student as they examine feminist theory by or on women in the public administration field.

The instructors, Janet Hutchinson, an assistant professor in the department and Deirdre Condit, an instructor in the department, will be working toward making the classes' discoveries part of a bibliography to be used later as a part of the larger curricula offered to degree-seeking students in this field.

An organizational meeting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. today in Scherer Hall, Conference Room 401.

•Wrestling With Technology

What used to mean a federation of men with big muscles and leopard's skin spandex recently has turned into something more along the lines of a federation of phaser-toting humans and aliens in Starfleet uniforms.

As time moves closer to the 24th century, so does VCU.

This semester the Department of Fashion Design and Merchandising will be offering a two-credit World Wide Web Workshop.

The class will involve the development of a WWW site as well as learning to "surf" the web, program in HTML, a hypertext mark-up language and work with service providers.

E-mail Les Derby at lderby@cabell.vcu.edu or Nancy Scott at nmScott@cabell.vcu.edu for more information.

•Makin' The Grade

Have you ever wanted to inspect a professor's work like they do yours? You may be able to this week that is if one of your instructors teaches in VCU's School of the Arts. Beginning Aug. 31, the Anderson Gallery will display more than 100 pieces of art presented by every art school faculty member. The mediums to be displayed range from video to crafts to computer imaging. The opening reception for the biennial Faculty Exhibitions is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 31 at the gallery. The show ends Sept. 22.

•Blast From The Past

Umaja Music Festival, featuring several supergroups from the past, including Cameo, The BarKays and Chuck Brown and the Soul Searchers. The groups start at 2 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Sept. 9. The event takes place on Brown's Island. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 at Willie's, Peaches and Tower Records. Otherwise, they are \$20 at the gate.

New look

Mosque receives face lift, new name this fall



Suzanne Alford/Commonwealth Times

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR — The Mosque, a longtime Richmond landmark, is getting a new name to go along with a new look. The Richmond City Council is expected to vote soon on a new name for the building, which is still undergoing renovations

VCU chief financial officer makes moves to retire

Scott Walker
CT STAFF WRITER

Donald C. Bruegman, VCU's senior vice president for administration, will retire June 30, 1996, after 18 years of service as the institution's chief financial and business officer.

Bruegman said he chose to retire so he could take advantage of the Workforce Transition Act, the state's early retirement incentive program.

"This is an opportunity that doesn't come by very often," Bruegman said. "It gives me a chance to make a career change. I am retiring from VCU and Virginia, not from work."

As the university's chief financial and business officer, Bruegman oversees the school's financial management, including the capital and fiscal planning, budget administration plus facilities management and construction.

Throughout this academic year, he also will continue to be responsible for administrative systems, human resources, business services, public safety, auxiliary enterprises, real estate development, internal audit and investments.

"The university should begin looking for a replacement in the fall," Bruegman said. "The person selected will be identified in late fall of 1995."

"I'm sure there are many qualified internal and external candidates. I am going to step aside and take an impartial role in

the selection. I am not going to sponsor anyone."

VCU President Eugene P. Trani announced Bruegman's retirement June 14 in a letter addressed to the university community.

"It was during the 1980s that VCU greatly strengthened its processes for financial and budget management, human resources, facilities management and capital planning under Don's leadership."

"Today, VCU enjoys a reputation for fiscal and management integrity thanks to Don's efforts and commitment to VCU."

"One of his major accomplishments has been chairing the Committee on Administrative Review charged with implementing the strategic directive to study and recommend changes to the administration. Don's guidance of this process will result in a better organization as well as substantial budget savings."

Trani is referring to changes proposed in the report by the financial consulting firm KPMG Peat Marwick.

The report identifies ways for VCU to save an estimated \$13 million annually by consolidating and restructuring many of its management structures.

"As of July 1, we began restructuring the administrative division," Bruegman said. "We are currently working on technology improvements."

"These improvements will allow a greater savings through eliminating central offices and consolidating organizations

Christopher Carraway
CT STAFF WRITER

The Mosque, Richmond's concert hall and theater on the corner of Main and Laurel streets, soon will have a new name. Richmond's City Council addressed the issue this summer after repeated requests by the Islamic community.

Nidal Mahayni, secretary and founding member of Advocates for Intercultural Richmond, said local Muslims previously have asked different city council members to consider changing the name but nothing ever was placed on the council's docket.

Masjid Bilal members, he said, asked the council again this year to change the name of the building, and after considering public views for and against the change, the council members approved renaming the Mosque.

"They heard the requests of a community and acted on it," Mahayni said. "That doesn't always happen."

Richmond's City Council now takes on the hardest aspect of the issue.

"We will decide what the final name will be," 5th District Councilman Henry W. "Chuck" Richardson said, adding that he expects a decision in the early fall.

The request for the change arose from the confusion the name shares with the Islamic place of worship — also a mosque. Sometimes visiting Muslims who are looking for a mosque to worship in would be directed to the Mosque near VCU rather than to one of three masjids in the area.

"They don't know what's going on," Mahayni said, adding that Muslims in other communities thought that local Mus-

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into administrative satellite centers" that will enable any department to access the information it needs by using one computer network.

"The area we are concentrating on now is the system that is used for students," Bruegman said, adding that once this system is complete, the university will move on to the financial system.

"We already have the new software development under contract, and the search for proper hardware is in progress."

According to the projections of the KPMG Peat Marwick report, the \$13 million annual savings will be offset by the technological advances costing an estimated \$4 million per year.

"We must remove all the bureaucracy that slows down and confuses progress," Bruegman said.

The restructuring does not stop with VCU's computer systems and covers most of the university's colleges and departments.

For instance, the School of Business already has eliminated one department.

"This was a dramatic change for us," said Howard P. Tuckman, dean of the School of Business, "but VCU as an institution has also dramatically changed."

"Don has been very forthright and stern about the changes called for by the restructuring. He has also worked very hard to make sure the restructuring and reorgani-

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He lost his home, but not his dignity

'People don't realize — this can happen to anybody'

Lynn Hafer
CT STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: Lynn Hafer, a mass communications student, wrote this story of Ernest Jackson's life in late July — just hours after the homeless man learned that his search for a job finally had ended. In her article, Hafer tells of how becoming a member of the homeless society could happen to anyone.

Ernest Jackson started life at a disadvantage, having been born to an alcoholic father and a mother addicted to heroine.

Nonetheless, this Philadelphia native did what few other ghetto children do — Ernest Jackson completed high school. He not only finished high school but he also earned associate degrees in English and computer science.

"Graduating high school is the biggest thing you could do," he said. "It really said something if you finished."

But now the 31-year-old finds himself among Virginia's homeless population — a group numbering more than 94,000, according to the 1994 Virginia Homeless Provider Survey.

As a child, he said, his mother abused him and his father neglected him.

"My mom would always be messed up and get mad at my father 'cause he was never around," the clean-cut African-American said.

"She'd take it out on us. She'd use extension cords."

In spite of his troubled background, Jackson said, he worked as a computer operator for a major Philadelphia bank after completing college.

"When I was 21 I knew everything. I liked the parties, the women and then I liked the drugs," he said, adding that though he takes responsibility for his actions he believes addiction to be a hereditary disease.

Although Jackson began drinking when he was 13 years old, he said he resisted drugs until he became an adult.

And when he started using drugs, it was not his addicted parents or the ghetto druglords that got him hooked. Instead, he said, it was his peers — his middle-class friends.

"I was living the yuppie life," Jackson said while shaking his head. "Crack and alcohol took it all away."

With his parents dead and his sister and brothers unwilling to help, the former yuppie began living on the streets.

"My brothers and sister have done really well, but they don't approve of me," he lamented. "They rarely help me out — I know deep down they love me."

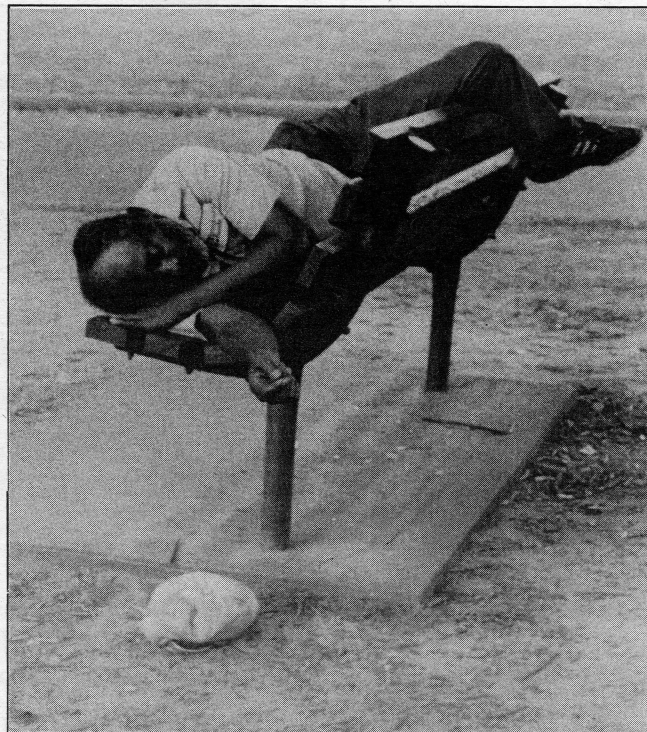
Jackson, who considers himself "transient" rather than "homeless," arrived in Richmond this summer.

"I got sick and tired of being sick and tired," he said.

"I had to get away from my surroundings and to somewhere that I don't know any dealers. I've been straight for three weeks."

To escape Philadelphia — and the drugs — Jackson said he took his last \$40 to the bus station and asked for a ticket to a place as far south as one could go.

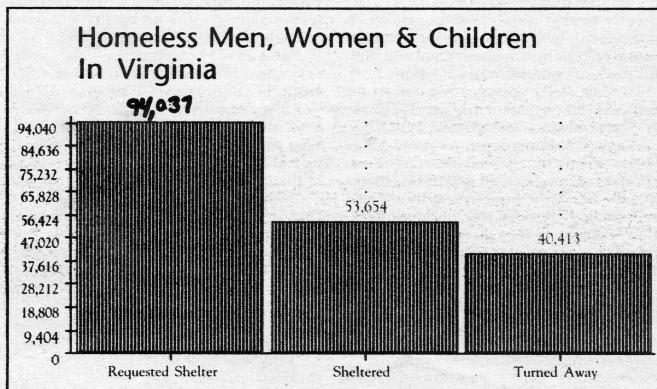
That place ended up being Richmond, where his three suitcases remain in a bus



Suzanne Alford/Commonwealth Times

JUST GETTING SOME REST — This Richmonder relaxes on a Monroe Park bench on a sunny afternoon. Students walking through the park often see first-hand Richmond's growing homeless problem.

Homeless in Virginia



These results were compiled from the Virginia Coalition for the Homeless 1994 Virginia Homeless Provider Survey. One hundred twenty-eight shelters participated in the survey. These numbers reflect only the number of persons who came to the participating shelters.

station locker while he stays in Monroe Park. And sometimes he stays at the Daily Planet, a Richmond-area homeless shelter at the corner of Canal and Belvidere streets.

"I keep clean and like to dress nice," Jackson said of his belongings. "You can't have a lot of stuff at the shelter or it will get stolen."

Although theft becomes a problem, Jackson and his friends, David Harris and Billy Curlee, said they think homeless people take care of each other.

"We are really like a family," Curlee said as Jackson shook his friend's hand.

In seeing another positive side, Harris said all of them are in "the same boat. There isn't racism between homeless people."

The friends identified and agreed on the worst problem they face every day: People's negative attitudes about the homeless population.

Curlee, for example, said the police recently stopped him when he started to enter the Jefferson Hotel for a job interview. "I had dressed nice but was carrying my backpack," the homeless man said. "What am I supposed to do? Leave all my worldly belongings in a bush?"

Jackson cited another example of discrimination by describing the scene of a bank guard escorting him to the teller's window when he went to cash his welfare check.

Still, the men contend that some people "have heart" because businesses like Domino's Pizza and Lee's Chicken give leftovers to people without homes.

Even though Jackson accepts these food donations, he said he never panhandles or steals, emphasizing that he has no police record. The transient also stressed the fact that he never has prostituted himself.

"I still have pride and dignity," Jackson said, explaining that he earns money by doing odd jobs, and he receives welfare assistance.

That, too, could be changing because a law firm, just hours before this interview, hired Jackson as a custodian.

"I've got to start at the bottom and find myself. Then I need to find God — everything else will fall in place," he said of his hopes for a better life. I wish people could come together as one and just live life.

"People don't realize — this can happen to anybody."

Hard Times has fallen on VCU

Lynn Hafer
CT STAFF WRITER

Students complain that academic life at VCU is difficult: 8 a.m. classes, final exams and annoying roommates.

Others across the campus, however, experience even greater hardships — especially the homeless.

"It's hard to get up and go find work when you are dealing with the stress of not getting a good night's sleep 'cause you got to make sure they don't steal your belongings," said one homeless man who asked to remain anonymous.

But this man and other Richmond-area homeless people now have a chance to better themselves with Hard Times, a local newspaper featuring articles written by the homeless and distributed by them.

"It is a way for them to earn money to get through a crisis situation," said Sue Capers, chairwoman of Hard Times and director of public policy for the Virginia Coalition for the Homeless. "These people have been out of the workforce for a long time, and this is the smallest step toward a real job."

The coalition first published Hard Times in December 1994 after Capers saw a similar publication produced in San Francisco.

An all-volunteer staff produces the paper, Capers said, and the only expense is the printing cost of each issue, estimated at \$500, which comes solely from donations to the coalition.

Hard Times goes to press every six weeks, she said, with hopes to publish monthly. Since the first edition, the circulation has increased from 10,000 to 15,000 copies.

Through the coalition's efforts, the homeless know in advance when the paper will go to press. They are encouraged to submit material for the publication.

"It doesn't have to be about being homeless. It can be about anything, but it is how it relates to them — their view," Capers said, adding that having their material printed and expressing themselves gives the homeless people a much-needed sense of pride.

As for VCU students, Capers said she would like to see them assist those wanting to contribute to the paper.

"Unfortunately, most of them (homeless) are not walking around with pen and paper," Capers said. "And some have great ideas but just don't know quite how to express them. The students could help get them down."

Still, another benefit comes with distributing Hard Times. Distributors — all members of Richmond's homeless population — work in 30-day rotations. Thirty copies of the paper are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings to each of the 25 active distributors.

Once the distributors pick up the papers, the copies become their property. And the distributors keep all donations (\$1 suggested per copy) received from the paper.

"We are trying to give everyone a chance to earn over \$300," Capers said of the estimated 100 homeless persons on the active and waiting list of distributors. The rotation system is in place so more people can participate.

"I buy food and one time I bought me a dress to go look for work," one distributor said of the money she earns.

Capers said other distributors buy work boots, winter coats and pay for rooms.

Administrators of Hard Times do not follow up on the distributors.

"It would be as inappropriate as a supervisor of Philip Morris asking his employee, 'How do you spend your paycheck?' Capers said of instilling responsibility and self-worth into the distributors. "They are adult men and women."

Still, the distributors must meet some requirements. They must be sober and show no sign of drug usage. And they must be on time to pick up the papers or someone else on the roster will get them.

"We try to run it like a regular job," Capers said.

Administrators strongly discourage distributors from "aggressive selling" and advise them to "offer the paper, answer questions, smile and walk away if the customer is not interested."

Moreover, the coalition allows distributors to receive only two complaints from the public. After the first, they

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What can you do to make a difference?

10 steps for ending homelessness

By Karl Bran

1. Buy a copy of HARD TIMES every time it's printed.

2. Pick a shelter or other program serving homeless people and give what you can every month. Do this for a year and see how you feel.

3. Volunteer with a shelter or other service organization so you have personal contact with people who happen to be homeless... do this once a month for a year.

4. Let your elected officials at all levels know that you don't mind having your tax dollars spent on helping the homeless and those in need. Keep telling them.

5. If you can, give a homeless person a job or urge others to do so.

6. Work within your church, temple or synagogue to support programs that help the homeless with money, time and influence. Pray for all persons in need.

7. Be aggressive! NIMBY: Not in My Back Yard efforts to keep out shelters or other affordable housing. Examine your values and have courage.

8. Join the board of a non-profit program that works to end homelessness and develop affordable housing programs.

9. See each person fresh and new each day, without judgments and stereotypes. Use their names. Let them tell their stories. "The drive is dehumanizing" and "we should help."

10. Be gentle on yourself and others, but do something even if it is small.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Homeless people live, and have a right to live, in decent places in the country making their public presence illegal will not help them get jobs. Providing affordable and affordable housing, job training and treatment programs will help get homeless people off the streets by addressing the causes of homelessness, instead of making it a crime.

The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 318 F St., N.W., Suite 412, Washington, D.C. 20004, (202) 638-2536.

SHELTERS



receive a warning. After the second, they can no longer distribute Hard Times.

Dan M. Dean Jr., chief of VCU police, said there have been very few problems with the distributors on and around VCU's campus.

Although the distributors cannot conduct business on campus without a permit from student activities, Dean said the sidewalks belong to the city, and the university cannot regulate them.

"The few complaints we've received were about them (the distributors) getting pushy, being rude. We tell them that they have the right to be on the sidewalk selling, but they don't have the right to harass people," Dean said. "But, it really hasn't been a problem to us."

The Hard Times editorial board does not plan to apply for campus vending permits, Capers said. But a high percentage of readers are VCU students interested in "urban studies, economics and enlightenment," she said.

On the other hand, the coalition would like VCU students to become even more involved with the publication.

"Certainly, the donations are appreciated," Capers said, "but it would be nice for the journalism department to help with printing and layout."

Some homeless distributors say they, too, would like more involvement from the students.

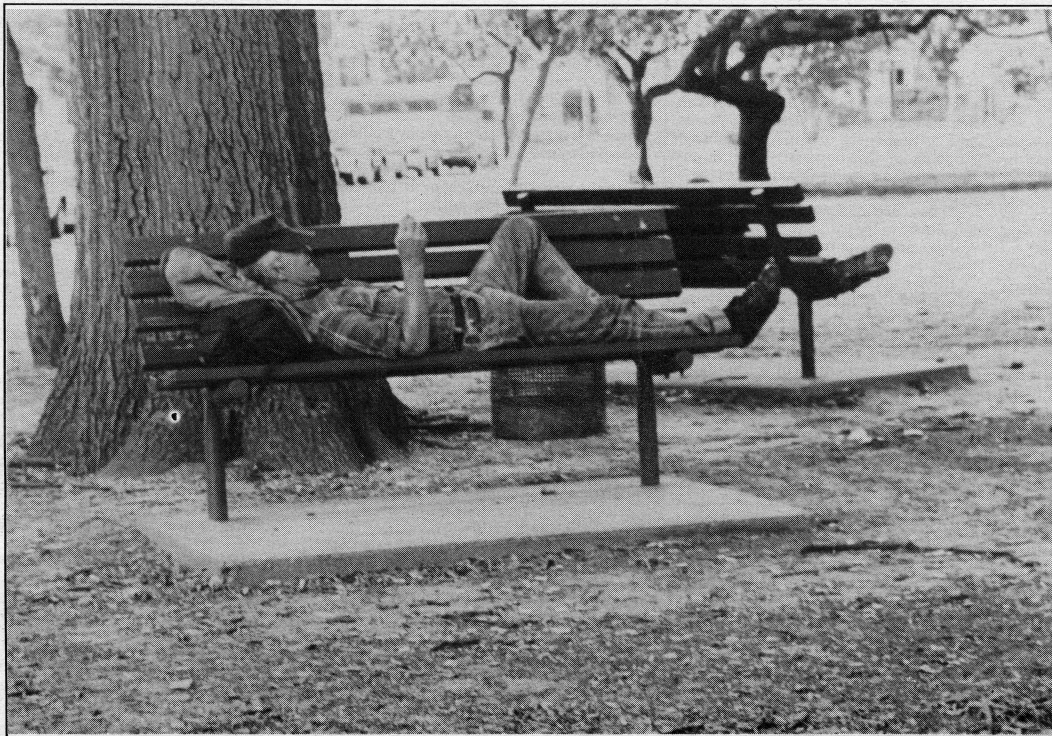
"A lot of folks don't get any meals between Sunday morning at the church and Monday morning when the shelter opens up," a homeless woman said, requesting that VCU students serve lunch in Monroe Park on Sundays.

A homeless man had another request:

"It would be real nice if they would give us support and take the time to have a conversation," said the distributor. "The students could learn a lot from us. They could learn to understand struggle, learn to survive. One day they might wind up out here... It can happen."

Those interested in obtaining a copy of Hard Times may find a distributor on Franklin Street near Shafer Court, in the 900 block of Grace Street or near Monroe Park.

For more information or to volunteer, call Virginia Coalition for the Homeless at 320-4577.



Suzanne Allford/Commonwealth Times

TIME FOR A NAP? — One Richmonder gets caught taking a nap in Monroe Park. The park is a common hangout for many of the area's homeless.

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students a chance to network with a variety of different people not only from the United States, but also from all across the world.

The conference is scheduled to take place from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8 in Huiarou, China — about 40 miles outside of Beijing — and is expected to attract 36,000 global participants. In addition, a forum for nongovernmental organizations will take place from Sept. 4 to Sept. 15.

The U.N. conference and the NGO Forum on Women are being conducted separately but will share a common theme — improving the lives of women on a global scale.

During the summer, Jackson and Twigg have offered a number of seminars aimed at educating the group about women's issues in today's international community.

"We have worked quite diligently to prepare students and faculty," Jackson said, explaining that the group has identified about 11 points of action for the conference.

Most importantly, she continued, she has asked students to "look globally and act locally."

Twigg agreed, saying that there are many ways for students to bring back what they learn in China, including discussing the issues brought up at the conference with their classmates once they return to VCU.

In addition, Twigg as well as several other faculty members attending the conference, will offer classes in the fall geared toward international politics with a focus on Asian society.

Among those attending the conference from VCU are Rebecca Riofrio and her mother, Harriet.

"I think the reason we are going is because it's something for women," Rebecca said, adding that she sees this as a good chance for her to spend more time with her mother.

Harriet said she is very excited about having the opportunity to meet so many women from other areas of the world.

"I'm looking to kind of air out my assumptions about the world," she said. "It's a personal quest in a way."

Both mother and daughter agreed that attending this conference gives them a chance to gain insight into how other women deal with issues facing them in today's society.

"I want to learn a whole lot about the different perspectives of women from around the world," Rebecca said.

Diana Scully, director of the Women's Studies Program at VCU, said attending this conference is one of the best educational experiences for students.

"They're going to be completely overwhelmed," she said, explaining that the students will be faced with a different lifestyle as well as having to encounter 36,000 other people at the conference.

said, of what the focus of the office should be, adding that much of the actual activity planning is done by the SGA's Activities Programming Board.

"Actually the Office of Student Activities isn't into activities at all," he said. "So the name is somewhat misleading, even though it is in the activities center."

Collins stressed that the office will continue to encourage leadership activities, advise Greek organizations and help with volunteer services both on and off campus.

Rhone agrees that leadership development should be the offices' major focus, adding that there is a large number of students in the university community interested in serving on committees or in organizations.

"There are all sorts of committees for students to serve on, but they need to be trained and prepared for their time on them," he said.

Rhone added that a possible name change for the office is being considered.

Collins urged students to be patient while all the changes and staffing problems are being worked through.

"We hope students will try to understand and bear with us," he said. "Things are not going to go totally smooth but we are all in this together."

He hopes by mid to late October, Collins said, things will have become a little smoother for the students and administration

president for planning and budget and was promoted to vice president of administration in 1981 and senior vice president in 1984.

"I am proud to be departing at a time when the institution is in financial stability and has a good reputation financially," he said. "The current restructuring will allow the university to accomplish the objectives we have set out for. I feel confident that VCU will be ready for the 21st century as an institution on the move."

Free Parking!

As part of a pilot program, VCU will offer free parking to commuter students in two designated lots on the academic campus.

Nearly 410 free parking spaces will be made available in the SG Lot at Belvidere and Broad streets and in the CV Deck located at Belvidere and Main streets.

Students wishing to gain access to the lots must first display a valid VCU ID card.

Shuttle buses will run from the lots to the James Branch Cabell Library every 20 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

There students can then transfer to other VCU shuttles. Guards will be posted at each parking facility.

The shuttle's timetable will remain the same as last year's service. Non-VCU students also may use the service but must pay full parking fare.

In addition, beginning Aug. 28, the Greater Richmond Transit Co. will provide bus service between the MCV and academic campuses. The shuttle service is free to VCU faculty, staff and students with valid VCU ID.

—Compiled from news sources.

SCHEV

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VCU's index equals 23 percent.

"There are a number of classrooms on both campuses where the technology is not in place to support the way learning is today," Cribbs said.

The university initially asked for \$12.5 million from the state general fund appropriation to renovate Sanger Hall on the MCV campus. Some of this money, the report stated, will come from nongeneral funds such as donations. A preliminary estimate by the council's staff suggests that VCU should contribute \$2.9 million to the project.

Donald C. Bruegman, VCU's senior vice president for administration, said he suspects that the money will come from research overhead funds.

On the academic campus, both Bruegman and Cribbs said the Life Sciences Building is in dire need of renovation.

"If you just walk into the bathroom (of the Life Sciences Building), you can tell it's not a pleasant environment," Cribbs said.

The report stated the university asked for \$22.5 million state general fund appropriation and \$5.6 million nongeneral fund appropriation for a new Life Sciences Building. Since only part of this money would be justified by the council's space-need guidelines, they suggested that VCU either reduce the size of the project or increase the nongeneral fund contribution.

Another option, Bruegman said, would be to tear down the existing structure and build a new one on the same site.

Though the needed repairs do not pose a safety risk, he said, the lack of technology

poses a risk to students' education. And the technology can't be added without first upgrading the infrastructure, such as the electrical system, he said.

And if the state does not appropriate all the money to do the repairs?

Cribbs said he doubted the state had enough to support many of the requests, but that the university would have to accomplish less in terms of the amount of space that could be improved.

"We'll have to work through the priorities, looking at the level of risk."

Donald J. Finley, SCHEV's associate director for finances and facilities, said the governor has not outlined in the budget the amount of money to go toward capital outlay, but "if there is a major capital outlay program...VCU would be one of the state's priorities."

Other requests by VCU include:

- \$29 million of funds for its Technology Enhancement and Network Infrastructure project.

- \$11 million to provide about 7,000 square feet of space for a "Clean Room" in the School of Engineering.

- \$4.6 million to demolish the old MCV steam plant and \$3.6 million to correct structural problems, water leaks and other deficiencies in the MCV steam tunnel complex.

- \$16.8 million to acquire for a parking deck on the academic campus, which would be paid back by the collection of parking fees.

- \$4 million to improve five of its older dormitories.

In addition to the council's preliminary suggestions, VCU's requests will be reviewed again by the council in September and also by a number of the state's departments and agencies.

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lins had sold their Mosque to the city.

Changing the name should "alleviate confusion factors," he said.

When the building was erected in 1927 by the ACCA Temple of the Mystic Shrine, it housed a swimming pool, bowling alley, apartments and a theater.

"It was like a headquarters for the ACCA Temple Shriners," said Bill King, assistant to the director of Richmond's recreation and parks department.

ACCA Temple defaulted on the mortgage in 1935, and five years later the city bought the \$2 million building for \$200,000.

Now the building is undergoing a \$5.5 million makeover.

"It's a historically accurate restoration," King said. "This phase involves the public areas."

Restoration of the theater, lobby and bathrooms cost the initial allocation, King said, but the building still will require an estimated \$3.5 million for restoring and renovating other areas.

"It just was not a very nice place to go," King said, citing peeling paint, a leaking

roof and outdated audio and lighting systems.

The first phase of the project, which is funded through the city's capital improvements budget, King said, is projected to be completed in early October. With that deadline a grand opening could occur the weekend of Oct. 27.

The building boasts housing the 10th oldest Wurlitzer Opus organ in the United States.

"It is huge," King said. "There are 1,169 pipes."

The theater also has played host to many famous artists including Duke Ellington, Johnny Cash, Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley and most recently Frank Sinatra, who collapsed during his performance.

If all goes as planned, the Mosque should have a different name by the time it is reopened to the public. Although some people oppose the change, Mahayni said it is a small group.

"But it (the group) is sincere," he said.

Overall Mahayni credits the city council's sensitivity to aiding Richmond's cultural diversity in this situation.

"If (the) council was not willing," he said, "it would not have happened."

STAFF

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university must first demonstrate, to the state, the need to restaff a position made vacant by the transition act in order to gain permission to fill it.

Collins said its anyone's guess as to whether that permission to fill the vacant positions will be granted.

"People we envisioned in these positions are no longer there," Collins said. "It makes it real frustrating... you have to be able to change on the go."

Administrative staff, Rhone said, will feel the brunt of the staff shortage.

"We are in a state of flux right now," he said. "The staff we have now may be asked to do more to ensure students get the services they need."

Both Collins and Rhone recommend the use of graduate students to help ease the load on administrators. Both offices currently employ graduate students, Rhone said, adding that there is no freeze on the hiring of students as long as money is available.

"These students bring valuable resources to the offices they work in," he said. "Both counseling services and recreational sports have a large student staff that works very well."

Outside of the staffing problems, the administration is taking a look at other possible changes in the Office of Student Activities.

There have been discussions, Collins

BRUEGMAN

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zation runs smoothly."

The business dean calls Bruegman's skills very valuable, saying Bruegman's departure will slow things down, but he thinks the advance restructuring will help void the gap.

Bruegman earned his undergraduate degree in business administration at the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in accounting at the University of Illinois. He joined VCU in 1978 as vice

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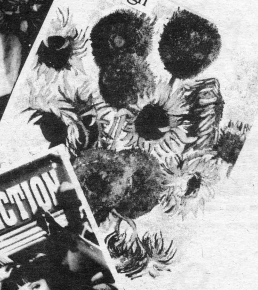
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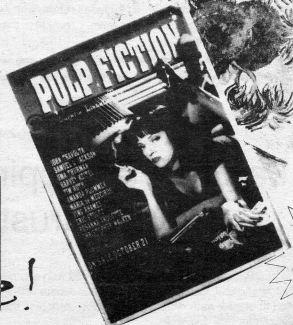


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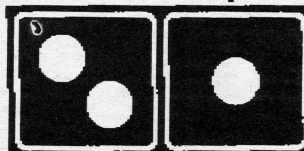
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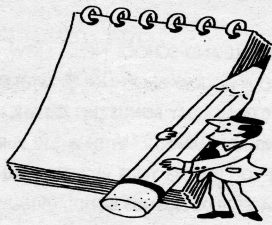
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The editorial page of the Commonwealth Times needs some serious help. What it needs is you.

Last semester the students and faculty of VCU seemed to have very few opinions about anything. Somehow I find it hard to believe that all those conversations center around idle gossip. *Somebody* out there must be discussing politics or social problems or *something*. But it sure wasn't evident in our empty mailboxes.

This year use your media, people. You have at the tips of your fingers (by either keypad or pen) 7,500 pages every week. That's about 3,000 copies of the paper,

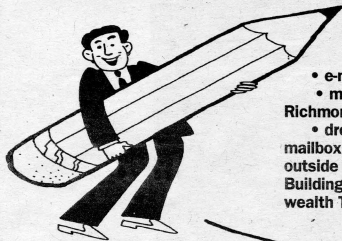


three times a week, during both fall and spring semesters. That's a lot of opportunity for your opinions to reach others and take root, and this campus has more than enough open-minded space for those roots to grow.

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- e-mail — eng3s1r @ hibbs
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Letters to the Editor History in Ashes

Dear Editor, Commonwealth Times: I suppose one should expect such ill-informed opinions as found in John Fiebke's column "Richmond Redemption" (Commonwealth Times, Aug. 7) from young students. The first paragraph alone should have signaled that what follows is unworthy of serious consideration.

When is it ever obvious that a society should "let go of its past"? Does Fiebke have any idea about why we study history? Does Fiebke really think that the Civil War "has been relegated to high school history books," or that it is not a legitimate part of our nation's history? Or of our city's history? Does Fiebke believe that the 600,000 Americans of all races who died in that war don't deserve our remembrance? Is he aware of the origins of our Memorial Day? Has he considered that the Civil War may have been significant because it fundamentally changed the focus of power in our national government?

There are many reasons why it is not obvious that we should let go of the past,

but I suspect Fiebke had something else in mind when he wrote his piece. He, as many of his contemporaries, hasn't learned that we cannot impose today's values upon those in the past who have not had the advantage of our "enlightenment." Many of today's politically correct, self-righteous youth and their adult guarantors insist on attributing modern notions of racism to our ancestors who lived in another time and culture. These self-appointed keepers of the moral flame know nothing of the objectivity of history. Should we, for example, ignore the contributions of the ancient Greeks to Western civilization because they owned slaves and worshipped mythical gods? Surely not.

I hope Fiebke will find the time in his search for truth at VCU to enroll in a few history courses. Perhaps he will find other irrationalities in his piece.

*Sincerely,
William E. Satterwhite,
Class of '95*

Some Women Need Safer Plans

Dear Editor, Commonwealth Times:

Thanks for publishing Roblyn Mitchell's article "Helping Hands" in your Aug. 7 edition. I'm reminded of a Richmond Times-Dispatch article "Mother shot on holiday died in nearby driveway," Dec. 30, 1994. The Times-Dispatch article was a short blurb about a pregnant woman who was shot while trying to flee from her abusive husband. In both articles no mention was made of the phone numbers for the 24-hour hotlines.

Why do I think these hotlines are so important? Well, for starters, according to Justice Department statistics, the No. 1 cause of murder of women in this country is murder by loved ones. And these murders don't just "happen," they are part of an escalating cycle of abuse that hotlines can help curb.

Persons calling one of the hotlines (*in*

Richmond 643-0888, in Chesterfield 796-3066) not only get a sympathetic ear, but they also are exposed to the idea of having a "safe plan."

A safe plan is the preorganization necessary to escape an abusive situation quickly when it arises. For instance, hiding an extra set of car keys somewhere so that the person being abused doesn't have to beg her attacker for the privilege of fleeing an explosive situation. Preorganization such as this may have gained the unfortunate woman in the Times-Dispatch article precious life-saving minutes.

Men and women who want to make a difference can call the YWCA at 643-6761 to volunteer.

*Sincerely,
Ed Drain*

King James' Anti-family Bible

Dear Editor, Commonwealth Times:

The Christian Coalition's "Contract with the American Family" is a big lie misrepresentation of Jesus Christ's scriptural teachings that are actually quite anti-family. In Matthew 10:34-38, Jesus said he had come to bring intrafamily discord and urged people to leave their families and follow him. In Luke 14:26, he demanded that his disciples "hate" their families. In Matthew 19:29, he urged his followers to "forsake" their families.

In Matthew 8:21-22 and Luke 9:59-60, he denied a disciple's request for family leave to bury his father. Jesus curtly replied to the man, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead."

In Mark 3:31-35 and Luke 8:20-21, Jesus snubbed his biological family who had come to see him. He claimed that the assembled crowd, rather than his mother and brothers, was his family.

Yes, Jesus had brothers — and sisters, as further evidenced in Matthew 13:55-56,

Mark 6:3, John 7:3, 7:5, Galatians 1:19 and Acts 1:14. Many Christians are so blinded by the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary and the ideal of sexless "abstinent" Josephite marriage that they are too embarrassed to bring themselves to admit this.

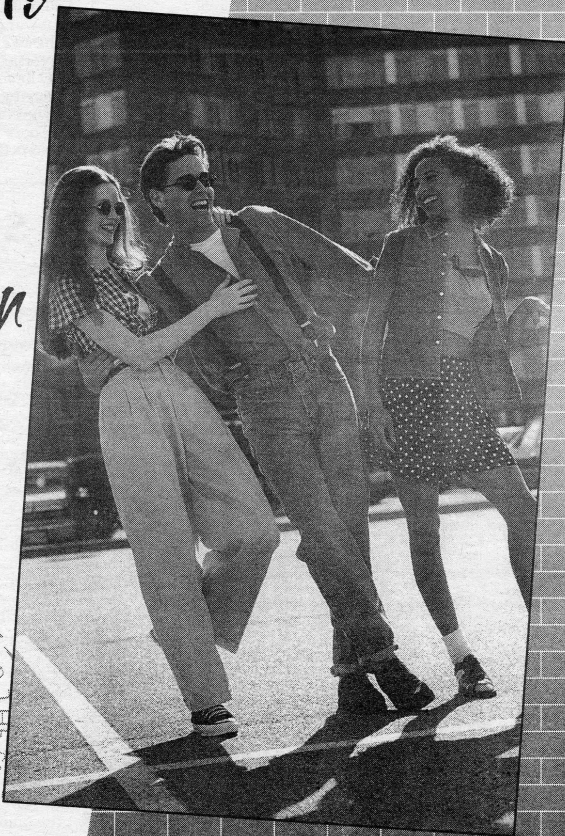
Partly based on the false prophecy that the Second Coming was imminent (Matthew 16:28, Mark 9:1 and Luke 9:27, 21:32), early Christians such as St. Paul (1 Corinthians 7:6-9, 29, 32-34) frowned upon marriage but patronizingly granted "permission" for those lacking self-control since it was "better to marry than to burn." This anti-sex, anti-marriage ascetic bias lives on today in the strict celibacy requirements for the ruling hierarchy of the largest Christian sect, the Roman Catholic Church. Clearly, they believe that having a family is detrimental to religious life.

*Sincerely,
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Role reversal

Faculty display works at Anderson Gallery

Sara Kukorlo

CT ASSOCIATE SPECTRUM EDITOR

The tables are about to turn for professors in the School of the Arts.

Students who have been under their critical eye will have the opportunity to critique their professors when the Anderson Gallery presents it's biennial Faculty Exhibitions Aug. 31 through Sept. 24.

The show will feature more than 100 works of art by the faculty of the School of the Arts.

"It is everybody's chance to see what the faculty does," said Anderson Gallery Director Steve High.

The Faculty Focus exhibit aims at providing more in-depth presentations of faculty work.

"We felt it would add a stronger dimension to the show to not only show the full faculty but to show people that had been recommended by their department," said Loretta Cooper, the gallery's development director.

She said this is the first exhibition featuring a "split show." This means the shows gives an in-depth look at 10 faculty members' works, in addition to the entire faculty's presentation.

Ten faculty members of the School of the Arts were recommended by their de-

partments and invited to present some of their work in the focus show. Guests include Richard Kevorkian, presenting his large abstract paintings; Richard Carlyon; Elizabeth King, with a sculpture focusing on the her exploration of personal history and the human body and Jim Long with photos from a survey of male relationships.

Other invited artists include James Meyer and Allan Rosenbaum with crafts; Carlton Newton and Myron Helfgot displaying sculptures; Camden Whitehead

displaying interior-design pieces and Nancy Lensen-Tomasson showing photographs.

Cooper said the faculty show is one of the largest the Anderson Gallery presents.

"I think something a lot of people take for granted when they go to school at VCU is that they forget that VCU is the largest state-funded artschool in the United States. That says a lot about it," she said. "Secondly, they also take for granted that the Anderson Gallery is the largest contempo-

rary art museum in the state of Virginia. To have that combination and to have a faculty as strong as we do, it's certainly one of our highest attended shows."

The Anderson Gallery is the official museum for VCU. Cooper said the gallery is affiliated with the university in that it sponsors a faculty biennial, an annual student show, a Communication Arts and Design show and two rounds of master's of fine arts shows.

"One of the objectives is to get more departments — not just art departments — interested in utilizing the gallery," Cooper said. "You can utilize art in a lot of different ways and I think the faculty show is a really good representation of that. One of the most interesting things about the faculty show is how eclectic it is. A lot of faculty at VCU have success as an artist as well as success as a faculty member."

The gallery will give an opening reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 29.

The Anderson Gallery is located on the VCU campus at 907 1/2 W. Franklin St. Beginning Sept. 1, the gallery will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is free, and the gallery is open to the public. For more information on the gallery and upcoming shows call 828-1522.

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Exhibit dates: Aug. 31 to Sept. 24

Look for: A diverse show featuring more than 100 pieces by School of the Arts faculty members.

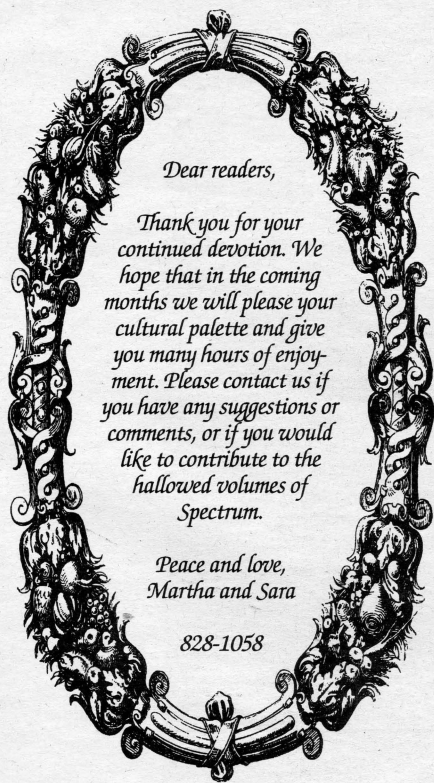
Faculty Focus

Opening: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 29

Exhibit dates: Sept. 29 to Oct. 20

Look for: A new program of solo and small group exhibits by selected faculty throughout the School of the Arts.

You can find both exhibits at the Anderson Gallery, 907 1/2 W. Franklin St. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.



Dear readers,

Thank you for your continued devotion. We hope that in the coming months we will please your cultural palette and give you many hours of enjoyment. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or comments, or if you would like to contribute to the hallowed volumes of Spectrum.

*Peace and love,
Martha and Sara*

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In the Mood... for a little more time

Martha Shelton
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

I must have gotten lost in the oblivion of summer. Or maybe I just accepted too many hours of overtime at work, but somehow the fall semester abruptly crept up on me.

Uh oh, here we go again. Another semester of nightmarish classes at 8 a.m., waiting in add/drop lines for hours, fighting hellish traffic on I-95 and forking out some serious cash for all of it.

But wait!

The summer can't be over, I still have a lot to do before school begins! I have to get my school schedule straight, my work schedules figured out and what about the beach? I have seen the beach only once this summer, and that trip lasted just a few hours.

I need more time.

There is so much left to accomplish. I have to find my dog who so selfishly ran away, leaving his mother (myself) in tears. I have to get organized, get my supplies together; where did I put my backpack? I have got to get it together.

I need more time.

This year is going to be different. Of course I do say this with each new semester, yet nothing ever seems to change. I am determined, with each new semester, to change my study habits and devote more time and effort to school, yet things remain the same. But this year really needs to be different, it's my last.

Am I ready for it? I don't think so. Only one more semester, and I'll be finished with school.

I need more time.

No more school? Oh no! I don't have a purpose

without school. For several years I always had had something to work on, something to read, something due or something to write. Without school what will become of me?

I need more time.

I'm gonna have to get a REAL job! I'm definitely not ready for a real job. Working 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, fighting for parking spaces Downtown all for a measly wage. I hope this semester goes by very slowly. For the first time in years I don't want December to arrive.

It's so safe here at VCU. I have a purpose at VCU. I'm needed at VCU, or at least at the Commonwealth Times. What will become of me if I lose these needy feelings?

I need more time.

How could I find a way to stay just a little while longer? Maybe I'll go to graduate school. Or, maybe I can stretch the semester out and be forced to go one more semester? Anything to avoid graduation. Did I just write that? Avoid graduating? Gosh, don't tell my mom I wrote that.

No, extending my course load to be forced to go another semester won't work. I'll have too many credits and probably won't be eligible to graduate. That would happen to me, another chapter in the story of my life. I guess I have to face the music.

I better get myself in gear. The fall semester is inevitable.

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VCU fans remember a Grateful legend

Libby Stephens
CT EYE EDITOR

Grateful Dead tunes have spawned spirited smiles, uninhibited dance and union for three decades. But when the "Papa Bear" of rock 'n' roll fell into permanent hibernation and the words "Jerry's dead?!" fell off American tongues, the music changed tone.

Jerry Garcia, lead guitarist for the Grateful Dead and head of the Jerry Garcia band, died Aug. 9 (eight days after his 53rd birthday) reportedly of heart failure while in a drug rehab center.

Word spread like wildfire via the Internet, newscasts and word of mouth; placing family, friends and fans (synonymous terms) in states of shock and sorrow. Devotees everywhere were affected by the loss of the head Dead.

The tragic news stopped Eric May, a VCU senior, in his brush strokes. During a summer painting course someone nonchalantly told him, "Garcia died."

In disbelief May, 25, immediately ditched his class for home to check with friends. There, 20 telephone messages blinked the reality — Garcia really had died.

"I love all of the other members of the band; but I mean JERRY," said May, veteran of nearly 80 Dead shows. "You always went for Jerry. Jerry was the power."

May attended his first concert June 30, 1988, and his final — exactly seven years later — June 30, 1995.

"It's hard to believe that's the last time I'll see him play." As the grateful owner of 500 hours of hand-decorated Dead bootlegs, May added, "But the music lives on."

Other fans now, however, perceive the Grateful Dead as a chapter of history rather than an immortal entity.

"It was a 30-year era in music ended," said Joe Parfitt, a 21-year-old sociology student. "They had been around longer than I had, and they still affected me in a huge way. Jerry Garcia affected millions of people and made them all happy."

Parfitt's plans to attend several Jerry Garcia Band shows this fall will not be fulfilled. Nor will 75 percent of the Grateful Dead, a void Parfitt believes that Garcia created when he died.

"He's an incredible musician, but it's something more — something about his energy," the VCU junior said. "When Jerry sang it made me smile."

Jerome John Garcia was born on Aug. 1, 1942 in San Francisco to a Spanish immigrant jazz musician and a nurse.

He grew up with an appetite for painting, but a distaste for most other classes. Dropping out of high school in 1959, Garcia enlisted in the U.S. Army — a false calling. After nine months, eight AWOLs, two court martials and a dishonorable discharge, he returned to the Bay Area.

There Garcia teamed up with Robert Hunter (later a lyricist for the Dead) and formed a duo called Bob and Jerry. Soon rhythm guitarist Bob Weir, singer Ron "Pigpen" McKernan and drummer Bill Kreutzmann joined in to form a jug band — Mother McCree's Uptown Jug Champions.

In 1965, the group plugged in and changed its name to the Warlocks. In November the band renamed itself the Grateful Dead — a name drawn from a folktale about a human helping a ghost find peace — and embarked on a journey to share their own tales.

Dead shows have been described as "environmental theater." They included not only uplifting, improvisational music but they also involved all of the senses with vivid colors, free-form dance, sweet-smelling smoke clouds wafting overhead and often drug-induced

exploration.

No music group ever has generated such a large tribal community or bonded so closely with its audience.

"They provided people with a sense of family," said Cory Blake, a guitar instructor at VCU. "They basically put out better vibes than others. A power center."

So what if the Grateful Dead had only one Top 10 single (1987's "Touch of Grey")? Pop music wasn't its scene. The Dead was a road band admired more for its live improvisation and positive energy than for its studio talents.

With thousands of concerts and 28 albums, the Dead never suffered from monotony. Each concert was different, as is each album, as is each listener. The Grateful Dead has pressed a unique fingerprint into American culture.

But it seems to be Garcia who left the largest mark of all.

"I really think the guy was a 20th century shaman who alchemized a lot of people's lives," Blake said. "He's more important than a musician. His real contribution was as a person. I think it's a great loss. We need more shaman of his quality."

Aside from his obvious talents, Garcia had many other interests. He found a natural high in scuba diving, immersed himself in painting, incorporated his art into his own line of neckties, donated much time and money to saving the rain forest and last year married his third wife.

But even Garcia had personal demons to battle. In 1985, he was busted with cocaine and heroin — long-term habits. His health declined dramatically the following year when he slipped into a diabetic coma.

The fall 1992 Dead tour was cancelled after he collapsed from exhaustion. He spent two weeks at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

This summer Garcia returned to the center to fight his heroin habit (as well as smoking and weight problems). He wanted to be sober when he gave away the eldest of his four daughters at her September wedding, and he also wanted to be clean for the upcoming fall tour.

During the second week of August he checked into a private clinic, Serenity Knolls in Marin County, Calif.

In his sleep he died about 4 a.m. Aug. 9. A private funeral service was conducted the following Friday.

Garcia was the fourth Dead member to die. Three keyboardists preceded him: Ron "Pigpen" McKernan in 1973 of cirrhosis of the liver; Keith Godchaux in 1980 after an automobile accident; and Brent Mydland in 1990 after shooting a speedball (coke and morphine).

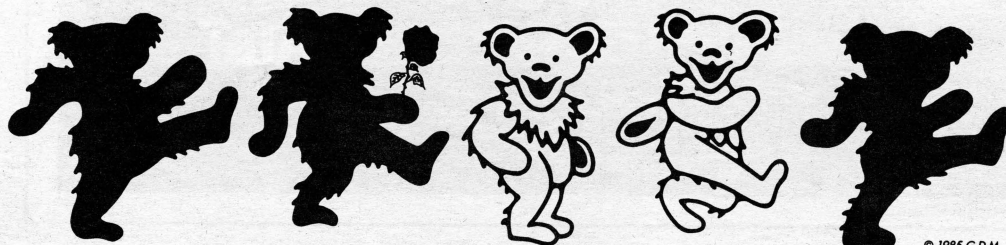
It still is unclear whether the Dead will continue without Garcia. If so, Deadheads insist, it wouldn't be the same. If not, what will become of their nomadic tribe? Selling T-shirts, food, stickers, jewelry, drugs, drug paraphernalia and whatever else, some people revolved their lives around following the Dead.

So what happens when the magic bus stops? Where will they get off?

"There are people that follow for the music and the experience," Parfitt said, "and people that go to sponge off others."

"Those people will find another way to freeload. The others will find another outlet for love."

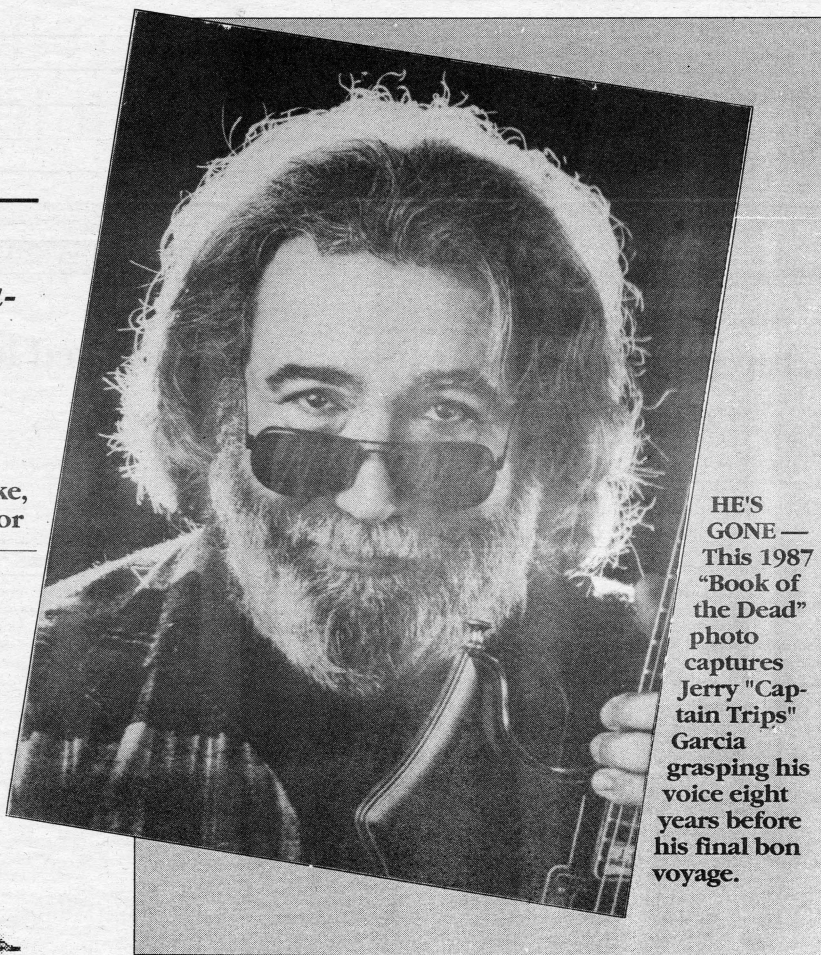
Maybe Garcia's spirit will serve as a guiding light. Although the life flame of Garcia burned out, his earthly embers will glow forever on.



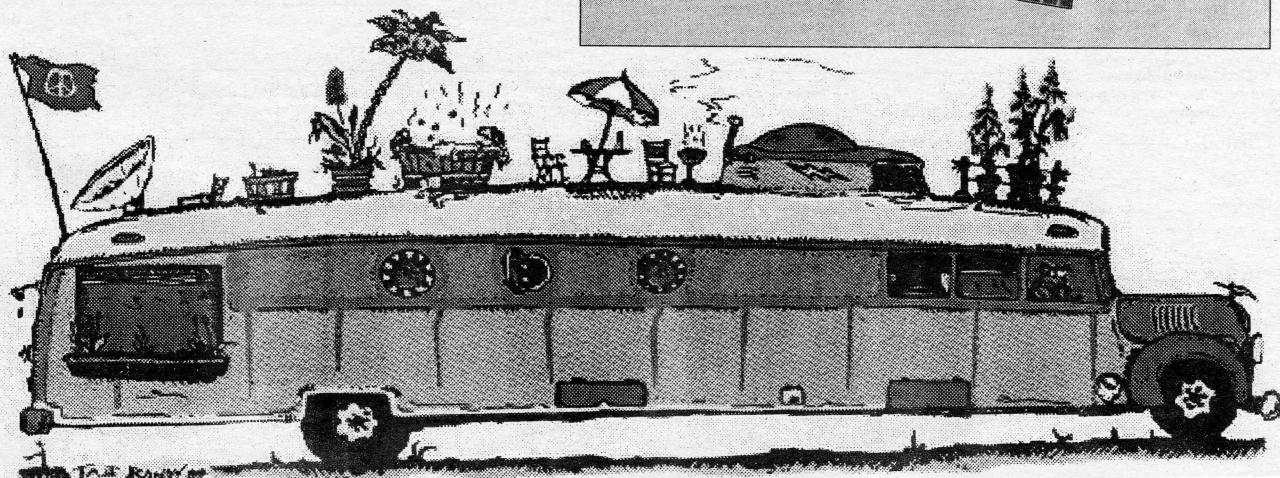
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HE'S GONE —
This 1987 "Book of the Dead" photo captures Jerry "Captain Trips" Garcia grasping his voice eight years before his final bon voyage.



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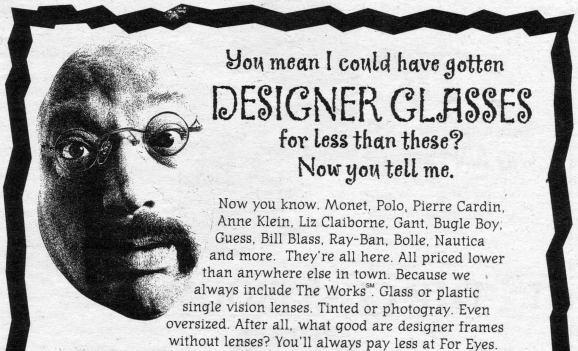
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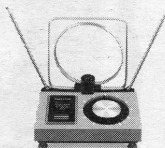
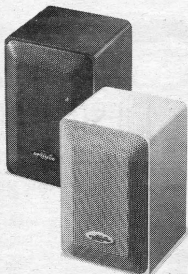


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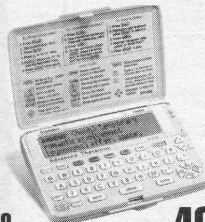
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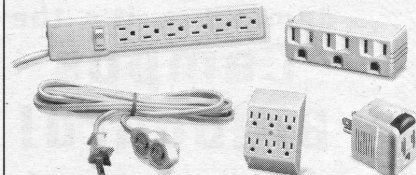
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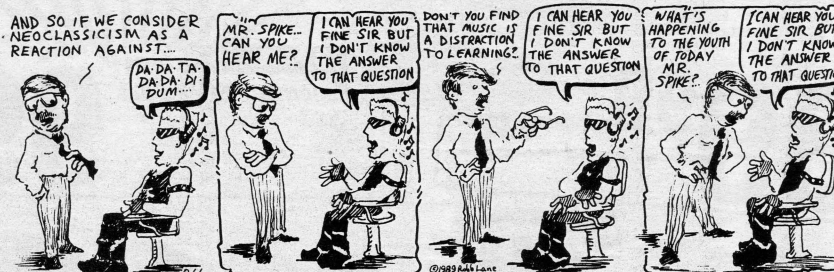
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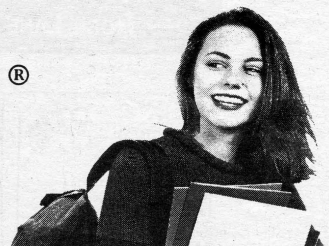
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Sells gets nod to lead Lady Rams

Texas, Duke highlight schedule

Terry Scanlon

CT ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

With Susan Walvius' June departure, many disappointed Lady Rams fans were fearful that the program's success may be short-lived. On Aug. 15, however, VCU hired a young and ambitious coach who has been nothing less than successful in the eight years she has been affiliated with college basketball.

Peggy Sells, formerly the head women's coach at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, inherits a Lady Rams team that was 20-10 last season and made its first-ever postseason appearance. Sells wants more.

"Hopefully, we can turn these 20 wins into 25 or 30 and get into the NCAA instead of the NIT," Sells said.

And Sells knows something about winning. A 1991 graduate of Clemson University, Sells was the point guard on four teams that appeared in the NCAA Tournament.

Twice during her playing days, the Lady Tigers reached the Sweet 16 and in her senior season they advanced to the final eight.

As a graduate assistant for her alma mater, Sells helped lead the Lady Tigers to win 21 games and to their fifth-straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

During the past three years as USCS head coach, Sells accumulated 80 wins vs. only 13

losses and made three Division II tournament appearances.

"We were very fortunate. I think you have to build yourself around good players," Sells said of her impressive record.

Sells is excited about the Lady Rams for which Walvius and assistant Barbara Jacobs primarily are responsible.

"We have so many opportunities to play good basketball teams which gives us opportunities to be noticed nationally," she said.

The Lady Rams' schedule is highlighted with games against Duke, Texas, Old Dominion and a tournament in the Bahamas, which includes matchups with Western Kentucky, Alabama and Oklahoma.

Sells' philosophy on playing nationally ranked teams is simple.

"Anytime you have a chance to compete against good teams, you have a chance to beat them," she said.

Sells makes her approach to the game quite clear.

"One of the main philosophies that we're going to build our program around defensively is '60 points or less,'" Sells said.

She predicts that on any given night her team will be able to score 60 points or more.

On the other side of the ball, she expects to run a well-disciplined, fast-paced offense with sound fundamentals.

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'Noles still loom over football world

Brian J. French
CT STAFF WRITER

When the Michigan Wolverines' Mercury Hayes caught a balloon from frosh phenom Scott Dreisbach to blow out Virginia Coach George Welch's 62 birthday candles Saturday, it marked the beginning of yet another season of college football drastically different from the previous year's.

Instead of the Bowl Coalition, you now have the Bowl Alliance, which represents yet another way to determine a national champion without doing the logical thing: a playoff system.

And it might come close to working, too. This year, the Fiesta Bowl will match the top two teams from the non-Rose Bowl conferences. The Orange Bowl matches the No. 3 and No. 5 teams from the Alliance; the Sugar, No. 4 and No. 6.

But the real changes come next year. The Southwest Conference folds after this season. Of the SWC schools...

• Texas, Texas A & M, Baylor and Texas Tech will join the Big Eight, which will from that day become the Big 12. The Big 12 then will split into two divisions, simplifying scheduling but separating Oklahoma and Nebraska, making one of the best rivalries in college sports an every-other-year event.

• Rice, Texas Christian and SMU go to the soon-to-be 16-team Western Athletic Conference, which also will add Tulsa, San Jose State and Nevada to the mix. Try not to be too surprised if you don't hear much about the new-and-improved WAC around these parts.

• Lowly Houston joins Conference USA (which was just featured on that Amazing Discoveries infomercial at 4:30 a.m. Sunday). Along with Louisville, Memphis, Cincinnati, Southern Mississippi and Tulane, the Cougars will launch the newly formed conference from infancy into mediocrity.

So who wins the hearts of the writers and coaches this

year?

Though as many as 10 teams could contend for the mythical national title, Bobby Bowden should eke his Florida State club past son Terry's Auburn squad on Jan. 2 in Tempe, Ariz.

Why? Because...

1. Florida State — ... has a Heisman candidate in Danny Kanell, a top 5-running back (Warren Dunn), offensive line and linebacker core, a coach that has since transcended the title coach and now is more akin to a guru, a 1,000 mark against ACC foes since joining in 1992, and a nonconference slate that replaces Notre Dame with Central Florida. If they get past their usual first-blood matches with Miami and Florida, another title will be within reach.

2. Auburn — For Bowden II's Tigers to get to the national title game in the team's first year off probation, they'll need to get through the crab bucket that is the SEC unscathed. But with their two toughest opponents (Florida and Alabama) making road trips, it's possible. Likely to carry the burden of making Auburn's return to the bowl scene successful: superb running back Stephen Davis and the best linebacking group in the country.

3. Penn State — College football perfection is something that rarely goes unrewarded, yet Joe Paterno has had four teams in his 29-year tenure at Penn State go undefeated and uncrowned. They could be in similar straits this year; their three toughest opponents visit Happy Valley, while Wally Richardson should replace Kerry Collins adequately.

4. Nebraska — If Tom Osborne can decide between Tommie Frazier and Brook Berringer at quarterback (and it appears that he's decided on Frazier) the Cornhuskers will have a shot at contending. The postseason monkey now is back in the closet, so a trip to Colorado is the big obstacle.

5. Southern California — Unfortunately for Trojan fans, Sports Illustrated decided to publish a football preview magazine, meaning USC likely will suffer the SI Jinx as great players and teams before them have. Depth at tailback, a good defense and the nation's top wideout

(Keyshawn Johnson) may overcome the voodoo, though.

The noncontenders (though you never know)

6. Florida — Take Auburn out of the equation, and the Gators are contenders.

7. Texas A & M — A win at Colorado may give the Aggies a title shot in the SWC's swan song.

8. Notre Dame — Do you really think the Irish will repeat last year's debacle?

9. Ohio State — The tough schedule keeps the Buckeyes from the prize.

10. Tennessee — If Peyton Manning stays, national champs next year.

11. Michigan — Showed poise against Virginia; keep an eye on Hayes.

12. Colorado — Loss of Kordell Stewart, Michael Westbrook major.

13. Miami — If they thought Andrew in '92 was bad, wait til they get a look at the NCAA in '95.

14. Texas — With resurgence of Horns, a shame the SWC says good night.

15. Illinois — Simeon Rice. Outland Trophy. Bowl bid. 'Nuff said.

16. Virginia — Defense choked in Ann Arbor, Mich., but they'll improve.

17. UCLA — Solid offensive line means Los Angeles will have two good football teams ... for once.

18. North Carolina — Leon Johnson could run the Heels into the top 15.

19. Virginia Tech — Good running game, easy schedule could mean success.

20. Alabama — Loss of starters equates to losing some of those close ones.

21. N.C. State — Tremayne Stevens at tailback may mean Pack at bowl.

22. Oregon — 16 starters return, but Los Angeles teams too powerful this year.

23. West Virginia — Trend should be to continue improvement.

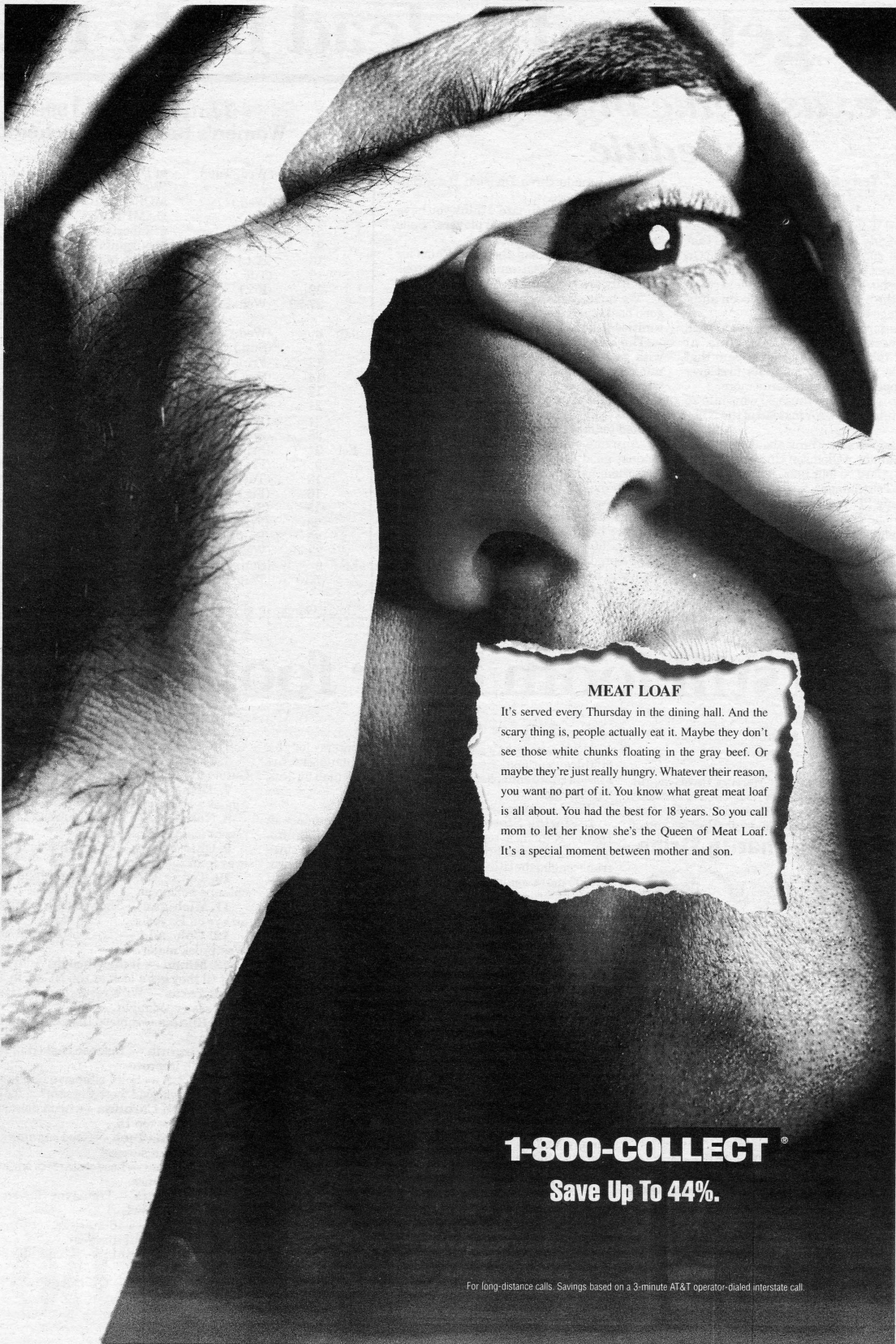
24. Wisconsin — QB Darrel Bevell older than three star NFL play-callers.

25. Kansas State — Easy schedule means bowl, Nebraska means loss.

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O'Sullivan's debut an upsetting success



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THAT'S MY BALL — Senior Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi led the way as the Rams held off Maryland 2-1.

Coveh Solaimani

CT SPORTS EDITOR

If Saturday's game against No. 9 Maryland was an indication of things to come, then the Rams soccer team is in for quite an eventful season under new Coach Tim O' Sullivan.

With less than one minute remaining in the game, midfielder Derrick Etienne took a perfect crossing pass from Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi and slipped home the game-winning goal to give the Rams a surprising 2-1 victory over the Terrapins in an exhibition game at Striker Park.

"I knew Kwaku was going to beat his man," Etienne said. "I made a near-post run (at the goal), and my brother made a far-post run, and I was in position and just did my job."

In the first half, both teams played aggressively as neither was able to take control of the game. Both goalies, Jim Larkin for VCU and Russell Payne of Maryland, turned away several good chances until the Rams finally broke the ice to take a 1-0 lead at the break.

Midfielder Peter Roberts won a fight for a loose ball and took a shot that floated right past Payne's outstretched hand.

"We were scrapping, and I got a toe on it (the

ball) and poked it over the keeper's head," Roberts said.

Maryland had an opportunity to tie the game late in the half, but VCU defender Mervyn Wright made a slide tackle, denying Terrapin midfielder Tod Herskovitz a clean shot attempt.

Herskovitz, however, would get even with Wright. Eight minutes into the second half, Herskovitz stole the ball from the Rams defender deep in his own end and pushed the ball past Larkin to even the score.

During the next forty minutes neither team was able to score. Maryland kept the ball on their side of midfield for the better part of the second half. But, the Rams defense squashed the Terrapins' attack, holding them in check until scoring a late goal to win.

"Right now defense is most important," Adu-Gyamfi said. "We are so talented on offense that we know we will score."

Although the game was just an exhibition, O' Sullivan said he expects the victory to help his team's confidence tremendously as the Rams prepare for the regular season opener at George Mason later this week.

"This was real important in terms of confidence," he said. "To play with them (Maryland) and to do well with them being No. 9 in one poll and No. 6 in another is great for the players."



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A new beginning for O' Sullivan and the Rams

Coveh Solaimani

CT SPORTS EDITOR

Editor's note: The following is the first of a four-part preview of VCU's fall sports.

The Rams begin their inaugural season in the Colonial Athletic Association with a new coach in old territory.

Former University of Richmond soccer coach Tim O' Sullivan, who skipped across town to become VCU's coach during the spring, has thoughts of a CAA title in his mind.

"We have a fairly good nucleus of talent that if we come together as a group we can be competitive to win that, even early," O' Sullivan said. "But we can't shortchange that process. This team has a good chance of becoming a very good team come the end of the year."

Last year's Rams squad was marred by turmoil and instability as its coach quit just before the season started. Thus, a team with high hopes of gaining an NCAA tournament berth found themselves in disarray and finished 5-14.

This year everything seems settled and O' Sullivan said he thinks the stable situation and environment will help this year's team improve itself.

"I think now the players are feeling good about at least understanding about what we are asking of them," he said. "To be honest I think the players are looking forward to redeeming themselves."

During the off-season, O' Sullivan and his assistants brought in several talented players including three from Iceland to help the team — Thorvaldur Asgeirsson, Kristinn Hafliðason and Peter Marteinsson.

With the many new freshman coming along at the Rams six returning seniors will be counted on to provide leadership and direction.

"The newcomers are important, but most important are the returning players," O'

Sullivan said. "Along with the coaches, the returning players set the standards. A lot of the success we have comes down to the leadership of the players because soccer is a player's game."

One player who will be counted on to provide such leadership and offense is Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi. The senior is tied for sixth in points on the VCU career list and was second team All-Metro last season.

"Certainly the whole success is not going to come down on Kwaku but Kwaku is the leader and in the terms of setting standards that is important."

Defensively, VCU struggled at times last season. The return of Mervyn Wright, however, should help tremendously. Wright, a junior, played in only two games last season after starting in 16 games in 1993. Other players who will be counted on defensively include seniors Peter Roberts and Fredrik Wickstrom.

Another player whose play will be integral to the team's success is goalkeeper Jim Larkin. Larkin's play was up and down last season and he will have to be more consistent this year. But, O' Sullivan said he thinks he is ready.

"Jim is a competitor. He's a fierce competitor and he is not going to accept the team not doing well," O' Sullivan said.

Now that they are playing in the CAA, one question the Rams will have to answer is whether they are ready for the competition and talent they will face on a nightly basis.

The first five games should serve as a barometer for O' Sullivan and his players as the team faces CAA powerhouses George Mason and William & Mary in the early going.

"It will be important to get off to a good start, but it won't make or break the season," said assistant coach Shaun Docking. "We've got two realistic shots (at a NCAA berth)."



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

GETTING READY — Head coach Tim O'Sullivan hopes to have his players in top form for the CAA Tournament.

VCU's 1995 men's soccer roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
0	Cory Smith	GK	Jr.	Roundhill
1	Jim Larkin	GK	So.	Scarborough, Ontario
2	Peter Marteinsson	D	Fr.	Reykjavik, Iceland
3	Jason Sheppard	M	Sr.	Richmond
4	Thorvaldur Asgeirsson	D	Fr.	Reykjavik, Iceland
5	Mervyn Wright	D	Sr.	San Fernando, Trinidad
6	Kristinn Hafliðason	F	Fr.	Reykjavik, Iceland
7	Fredrik Wickstrom	M	Jr.	Sundsvall, Sweden
9	Stavros Manolakos	F	Fr.	Richmond
10	Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi	F	Sr.	Herndon
11	Frank Owusu	F	Sr.	Dale City
13	Chris Barnard	M	Sr.	Virginia Beach
14	Dominic Amato	M	Fr.	Metairie, La.
16	Dwayne Bergeron	M	Fr.	Lafayette, La.
18	Derek Giuffrida	M	Fr.	Great Neck, N.Y.
19	Peter Roberts	M	Sr.	Charlottesville
20	Derrick Etienne	M	Fr.	Richmond
21	Darrell Etienne	M	Fr.	Richmond
23	Luke Roberts	GK	Fr.	Charlottesville
24	Jonathan Morris	GK	Sr.	Virginia Beach

Head coach: Tim O'Sullivan; assistant coaches: Shaun Docking, Ted Jones, Leigh Cowlishaw.