

## WEATHER



**FRIDAY** — Mostly cloudy. Thirty-five percent chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the lower 70s.



**WEEKEND** — Chance of rain with highs in the 60s. Lows between 45 and 55.

# Commonwealth TIMES

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**It's Alcohol Awareness Month.** So let's talk about drinking. See columns, pages 8 and 9.



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## MCV's Goldman to leave Nov. 1

Jill Myers

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

When an artist and a scientist meet, you wouldn't expect them to have much in common, much less have a long-lasting marriage.

But I. David Goldman, chairman of the Division of Hematology/Oncology and director of the Massey Cancer Center at MCV, has much more in common with his wife, an artist and president of the Richmond gallery ArtSpace, than you would think.

"When you do research," Goldman said leaning back on the worn-out chairs in a simple office overlooking Richmond's City Hall, "you translate ideas to experiments, which takes creativity. And by doing research you create new knowledge."

This act of creating through research brings him more satisfaction than anything else, with the exception of his wife and three children, he said.

For this reason—the act of creating knowledge through research — Goldman will be leaving his position at the cancer center on Nov. 1 to become director of the Cancer Research Center at Albert Einstein College of Medicine near New York City.

While Goldman said he also could use his creativity as an administrator, such as forming interactions between

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## MCV receives grant for spinal-cord research

Peter Van Vleet

CT STAFF WRITER

As one of four model systems of care for individuals with spinal-cord injuries in the United States, MCV received a five-year \$1.86 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

"We can take on more patients, work on projects and it will help us combine our resources," said Dr. William McKinley, director of spinal cord injury services at MCV Hospitals and principal investigator for the grant. "This grant acknowledges us as a center of excellence."

An estimated 10,000 people a year suffer traumatic spinal-cord injuries in the United States and more than 200 in Virginia.

Besides actor Christopher Reeves, one of those victims is Ray Bonis, 32, a VCU mass communications major, who suffered his spinal-cord injury at age 16 when he lived in New Jersey.

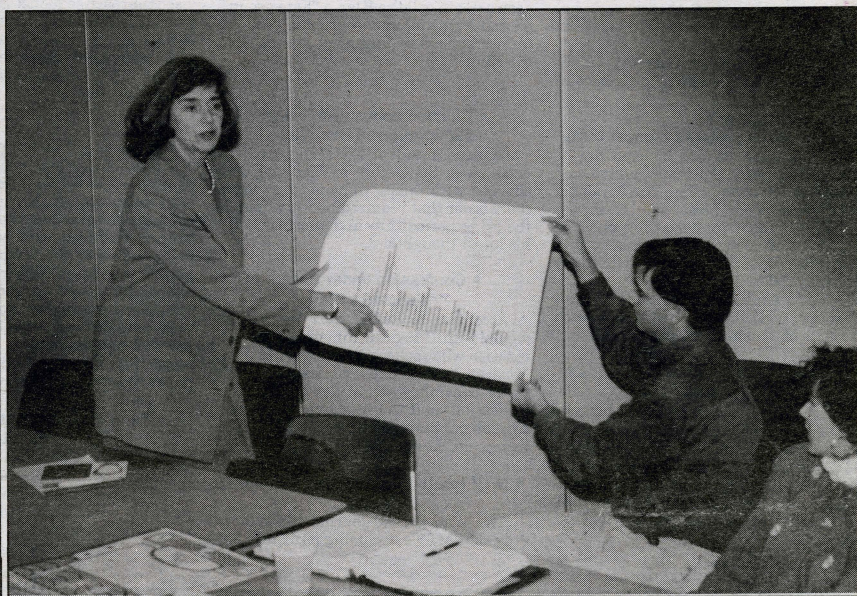
"I think Virginia and MCV are catching up and may surpass the kind of facilities they have up north," Bonis said. "What's great is it's where the people are, and MCV has other facilities to support it. They have a lot of services and now it is more convenient to the patient."

MCV, previously chosen as a model system of care for individuals with traumatic brain injury, rates nationally with Michigan, Houston and California that also have sites selected by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. David X. Cifu, medical director of the rehabilitation and research center at MCV Hospitals and a co-investigator for the project, said the hospital takes patients from the Virginia and North Carolina areas.

"The entire grant is focused toward rehabilitation,"

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Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

Nancy Finch, Virginia General Assembly candidate, addresses current growth in the general-fund revenue at a Young Democrats meeting yesterday. Part of these funds go toward higher education.

## Assembly candidate pledges support for higher education

Sherry Jones

CT STAFF WRITER

Nancy Finch, a Virginia General Assembly candidate, used a meeting yesterday with VCU's Young Democrats as an opportunity to take a few shots at her opponent in the 72nd district.

Jack Reid is the Republican incumbent in the district, which includes western Henrico and northern Chesterfield counties.

Pointing out Reid's lack of support from environmental, educational and business groups, Finch criticized her opponent mostly for his failure to support higher education.

"He is not endorsed by the Virginia Education Association, and he's not particularly supportive of education," she said.

Finch added that she has the backing of the VEA as well as the AFL-CIO.

Finch also showed the group cards that are being distributed by mail to members of her district.

One of the cards portrays Reid holding a handgun and reads — "Booze + Guns = Good Idea." This campaign refers to Reid's support of a proposal during the 1995 General Assembly session that would have allowed Virginians to carry concealed weapons anywhere alcohol is served. The measure did not pass.

"I'm trying to think of some of the other bad things he's done," Finch said, holding up more anti-Reid

campaign gear.

Moreover, Finch, a former journalist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, said she has been forced to run a low-budget campaign, while her opponent has received money from numerous political-action committees.

"We're having to run a low-budget campaign," she said, "but I think we're running a very responsible campaign."

For the past 10 years, Finch has worked as a legislative liaison for George Mason University, which she said opened her eyes to higher-education funding cuts.

Relating a story of the financial strain faced by a woman who has children and is returning to school, Finch pledged to work toward restoring funding for public and higher education.

Finch also said she thinks politicians should vote their consciences, not just along party lines.

"I belong to a party," she said, "but I also don't think parties should take precedence over what needs to happen."

Finch added that she would like to see more cooperation among General Assembly members, especially in the Richmond area.

Running in a strongly Republican district, Finch said, is one of her main obstacles in getting elected Nov. 7.



# Weird NEWS

*Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction*



## • Deer toe jam has healing power

In a recent science journal article, researchers from Humboldt State University in California reported that the toe jam of black-tailed deer contains chemical compounds that can kill several common types of bacteria (including one that causes acne) and fungi (including one that causes athlete's foot).

ATucson, Ariz., firm has begun to manufacture synthetic versions of the compounds.

## • Sex industry protests nuclear tests

The trade association of legal prostitutes in Canberra, Australia, announced in August that it would launch a boycott of French underwear, hosiery and cosmetics to punish France for resuming nuclear weapons testing in the South Pacific, and prostitute groups in Melbourne and Sydney soon may follow suit.

Also, Australia's largest chain of adult sexshops and cinemas has taken all French products off its shelves.

## • Sinking of Greenpeace ship leads to medal

In July, French president Jacques Chirac awarded the Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, the nation's second-highest military order, to Major General Jean-Claude Lesquer, for commanding the troops that sank the Greenpeace environmentalists' protest ship in Auckland, New Zealand, harbor in 1985.

## • Ku Klux Klan not a 'hate group'

In August, the County Board in Walworth County, Wis., attempting to make a policy to cover an upcoming march by the local Ku Klux Klan but bowing to Lake Geneva Supervisor Frank Janowak's desire not to call the Klan a "hate group," passed a resolution encouraging peaceful counteractions to "unhappy groups" like the Klan.

## • Chinese police arrest man for unreported thoughts

Chinese dissident Liu Gang, 34, was arrested in September in Liaooyuan and charged with failing to honor a previous court order that required him to report to the police periodically and inform them of his latest thoughts.

## • Confession under torture deemed valid

According to Rafael Ruiz Harrell, an official with a Mexican human-rights organization who spoke with reporters in July, Mexican law validates confessions made by torture if they are ratified by one other confession, and the ratifying confession, too, can be obtained by torture. "So all you have to do," he said, "is torture two people."

## • MTV treats star roaches well during filming

The Wall Street Journal reported in July that MTV's upcoming foray into fea-

ture film will lead with a romantic comedy, "Joe's Apartment," chronicling Joe's adventures wooing his girlfriend in a New York City apartment that has 3,500 roaches.

Representatives of the ASPCA supervised the roach sequences, including one in which the three-inch-long "Tiny" appears to rope an evil house cat and ride him out of the apartment. Said the film's executive producer, "Not one cockroach was harmed during the filming."

## • Biker punishes daughter's rapist

Biker Patrick Woodward was arrested in June in Coldwater, Mich., and charged with assaulting and kidnapping a 23-year-old man who Woodward says sexually assaulted his 14-year-old daughter.

According to the Coldwater Daily Reporter, Woodward admitted that he had offered the man four choices as punishment for the sexual assault: arrest by the police, a facial scar, a general beating or a gunshot to each buttock. The man chose number four, and, according to the newspaper, Woodward delivered.

## • Ten-year-old boy sues zoo over panda bite

In Huzhou, China, Lu Jie, age 10, filed a lawsuit against the local zoo after he was bitten by a panda. The official Xinhua news agency said the lawsuit was the first of its kind in China.

## • Spilled soft drinks cause sticky seatbelt situation

In May, Takao Onoda, an official with the Ministry of Transportation in Japan, responding to U.S. claims that a Japanese seatbelt manufacturer makes shoddy products, denied any responsibility. Instead, he blamed Americans' laziness in not caring properly for the belts, including their spilling soft drinks on them.

## • All in the name of art

Alexander Brenner was arrested earlier this year in Moscow for dressing in boxing trunks and gloves in Red Square and demanding that President Boris Yeltsin come fight him.

Previously, in the name of art, Brenner has attempted to copulate with his wife at a monument, defecated in front of a Van Gogh painting at a museum, driven staples into his naked buttocks at an art house, and masturbated from the top of the diving tower at Moscow's leading municipal swimming pool.

— Compiled from news sources.

## Corrections

Student Government Association Sen. Sean P. Johnson, chairman of the services committee, was identified incorrectly in Wednesday's Commonwealth Times.

A cutline in Wednesday's issue misrepresented VCU President Eugene P. Trani's comments concerning the Jade Elephant. Trani said he would consider options other than a parking lot for the property.

We regret the errors.

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### Grand larceny

A female student reported that between 12 p.m. 10/12 and 10 p.m. 10/17 unknown person(s) removed her mountain bike from its secured location in the Gladding Residence Center.

Total value: \$300

### Grand larceny

A female student reported that 3:20 p.m. 10/19 the larceny of her bag and its contents from Oliver Hall.

Total value: \$336

10/22

### Arrest

Clyde Orlando Nelson was arrested at 10:07 p.m. 10/20 in Monroe Park for drinking in public.

### Arrest

Edna Dqvangdara was arrested at 9:48 a.m. 10/21 at Johnson Hall for trespassing after being forbidden to do so.

### Grand larceny

A female student advised that between 11:45 p.m. 10/21 and 12:01 a.m. 10/22 an unknown person(s) removed her personal property from an unsecured location in Gladding Residence Center.

Total value: \$975

10/24

### Vandalism

A male employee reported that between 8 a.m. and 1:39 p.m. 10/23 unknown person(s) vandalized parking signs at Cathedral Place.

10/25

### Sexual battery

A female student reported at 2 p.m. 10/23 the sexual battery from a known party in Johnson Hall.

### Arrest

Jay Carl Banks was arrested at 4:09 a.m. 10/24 at the Pollak Building for trespassing after being forbidden to do so.

# Two candidates vie for Ms. VCU title

Jenifer L. Vancil  
CT STAFF WRITER

For years VCU's administration has tried to get students involved in the annual Founder's Day Celebration. Wendy Vick came up with the answer.

"I have been attending (Founder's Day) since I was a freshman. The administration tried to include students, but it didn't work because students weren't involved in the planning."

Vick rounded up some friends last year to create the Student Government Association's Activities Programming Board's Homecoming Committee. Last year's dance, said the former committee chairwoman, was extremely successful.

"It was nice to see everyone come out. People don't talk to each other on this campus," Vick, this year's committee chairwoman of music and Ms. VCU adviser, said. "At the dance, everyone talked."

The committee is expecting so many people for the year's homecoming gala, the event has spilled over to a second ballroom. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Egyptian Building on the MCV campus, the week will carry an Egyptian theme and a lecture on the history of Egypt will be included.

Two students, Shanté Freeman and Amy Lewis, will vie for the title of Miss VCU and the opportunity to represent the university in philanthropic endeavors. The title carries a \$500 scholarship.

Candidates for Ms. VCU must have prior community service, a 2.5 cumulative GPA, two recommendations and be able to serve for one year.

Lewis, a former Panhellenic Council president and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, said the Ms. VCU position will be different from her previous community-service experience.

"(When my responsibilities to Panhellenic were fulfilled) I found I had extra time to commit to a project. I wanted something outside of Greek life."

"I feel like I can make a difference."

Freeman, a Red Cross volunteer and a student athletic trainer, said she would use the title of Ms. VCU to make philanthropic projects already in place at VCU more visible.

"I wish to serve as a role model for education, campus activities and community service," Freeman said. "... Ms. VCU



Photos by Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

**OUR LADY** — Shanté Freeman and Amy Lewis will compete for the title of Ms. VCU and the opportunity to represent the university in philanthropic endeavors.

would put me in a position to have a network of people that want to get things done."

The university has designated the Carver Promise project, a tutoring and self-esteem program for students in Carver Elementary, as Ms. VCU's philanthropy during her reign.

Students are invited to interview the candidates 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Business Building Auditorium. The candidates will be judged by a panel, Vick said, instead of

a majority vote by students.

"We don't want a popularity contest," she added.

The events of the week, which include the gala, a standing float parade, a performance by the Black Awakening Choir and a film festival, are paid out of student activity fees, alumni funds and private donations, including a donation from VCU President Eugene P. Trani, Vick said.

"When no one believed in us," Vick said. "Dr. Trani believed."

# Suspect claims aliens made him murder

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**TUCSON, Ariz.**—Acknowledging that it sounds "truly bizarre," a man on trial for killing two women said cocaine-pushing space aliens took control of his body and forced him to murder to prove that aliens existed.

The aliens told him that their mission required he be convicted and sentenced to die but that he would survive a lethal injection, Robert Joe Moody testified Wednesday.

"After being declared dead, the extra-sensory biological entities will bring me back to life to speak through me," he said. "It sounds truly bizarre, but the extra-sensory biological entities have helped me

with certain gifts to understand what's going on."

Prosecutor David White told jurors during closing arguments Wednesday that it's a much simpler story: Moody is a desperate cocaine addict who killed and robbed the women for money.

Moody, a former financial planner and real estate agent, is charged with two counts of murder in the November 1993 deaths of Michelle Malone and Patricia Magda.

Guns belonging to Malone were stolen and pawned, while Magda's credit cards were stolen, authorities said.

Jury deliberations were to begin later today after a hearing on whether the prosecution improperly discussed an insanity issue in front of the jury.

Although Moody was declared mentally competent to stand trial and is defending

himself, the judge instructed jurors that they could find him insane. He is not claiming insanity.

Moody was tied to the murders after he walked into a California police station claiming amnesia.

Fingerprint records turned up the Tucson murder warrants.

He was arrested on Jan. 4. Moody claimed he didn't remember the murders until about a week after he was arrested — when a "Star Trek: The Next Generation" episode he was watching in jail triggered his memory like "an electrical explosion" inside his head.

Moody admitted in testimony that he killed the women, saying the aliens forced him to do it because they wanted him to help prove their existence by getting the public's attention with the murders.

## NATIONAL FOCUS



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people that were not there before, he would like to focus on research.

And his new position at Einstein will allow him to do just that, he said.

In his resignation letter to John Jones, vice president for Health Sciences at MCV, Goldman wrote that the position at Einstein will permit him "to focus entirely on the development of basic and translational research programs as director of their cancer center."

At Einstein he will continue his studies of the entrance of a class of anti-cancer drugs into cells, how the drugs kill cancer cells and why the cells become resistant.

Since 1985, his research has been funded by the National Cancer Institute's Outstanding Investigator Grant award, which was renewed in 1992 for seven more years.

"Often people (in the medical field) who move into the administrative field... do it because they were successful in research," he said. "It's ironic that when you're recognized in the field of research, you're rewarded with an administrative position."

In addition to his accomplishments as researcher, Goldman has a long list of achievements made in the administrative part of his job. He is particularly proud, he said, of the Division of Hematology/Oncology, which derives from a merger he made in 1982.

Dr. Francis L. Macrina, interim director of the Massey Cancer Center, also noted Goldman's administrative innovations in recruiting faculty members on VCU's academic campus.

By helping to recruit in basic areas of science such as chemistry and psychology, Goldman can compound the work done at the cancer center by applying the academic campus scientists' work to cancer research, Macrina said.

Despite Goldman's busy schedule, Macrina said, one always knows where to find him.

If he wasn't in the lab or in his office, he is with his patients, Macrina said.

"He is a very hard worker," said Macrina, who has worked for him since 1988. "... He sets very high standards for himself and promotes these standards throughout the building."

These standards have led to a very talented team of

researchers at the center, the interim director said.

Dr. Hermes Kontos, dean of VCU's medical school, said Goldman also has worked hard to promote the cancer center's outreach sites. The sites—in South Hill, Farmville and Lancaster County—were developed to help cancer patients living in rural areas receive treatment without having to travel to Richmond.

Kontos also mentioned Goldman's standards.

"He is a friendly and compassionate individual and a tough administrator who sets high standards for himself as well as his colleagues," Kontos said.

Because of these qualities, Goldman has earned his respect as a person, a scientist, a physician and an administrator, he said.

When Goldman finally leaves the office and lab and examining room behind for the day, he takes the East/West shuttle to VCU and walks to his home in the Fan District.

This almost daily routine is one of the things about Richmond he will miss the most, he said, especially in the spring when blossoms line the streets of the Fan.

"Life is easy in Richmond," the doctor said.

Easy in Richmond, maybe, but not at Massey. When he moves to New York, he said, he hopes his life will be a little less hectic.

"I don't have time to do anything here (in Richmond)," he said. "But with more focused responsibilities (at Einstein), I hope to have more time."

He already has found a place to satisfy one of his hobbies, cycling. Every Sunday, he said, one of the parkways is closed for cyclists in Winchester County, where he will live. He would also like to spend more time on his other hobby, flying. Despite his talk of relaxing, already Goldman has been thinking of his work at the college.

Along with the cancer center, he said, it has a strong program in molecular genetics. He would like to tap this strength and potential and use it for cancer-related issues.

He also will be looking at connecting the basic research activity with the college's clinical research activities.

And will his wife like New York?

"Of course," he said. "She's an artist."

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Cifu said, "with a fifth going toward reintegration."

The grant, he said, will be split into five parts including issues of accessibility, vocational reintegration, alcohol and substance abuse as well as projects on patients with related brain injuries. Another includes the five-part series that will deal with medical issues after the spinal-cord injury.

"Seventy-five percent of all traumatic spinal-cord injuries are alcohol-related," Cifu said, "and 50 percent have these problems afterward."

MCV's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation reported that Paul Wehman, director of VCU's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Supported Employment, has placed more than 500 individuals with disabilities, including spinal-cord and brain-trauma patients, in jobs during the past 12 years.

Wehman will direct the plan to reintegrate the patients into the work force while emphasizing consumer advocacy toward spinal-cord injuries.

Mass communications major Bonis, who is an assistant archivist for the James Branch Cabell Library, said the only place for patients to go in the state is the Woodrow Wilson facility in Fishersville, Va.

"I think it is about time VCU and MCV is finally coming aboard with a real rehab center. MCV didn't have a reputation for treatment in spinal cord injuries as far as rehabilitation," he said referring to the reason patients went to Fishersville.

Cifu said MCV is creating a bulletin board on the World Wide Web for people having suffered spinal-cord injuries to communicate with each other, learn about breakthroughs in research and to pass along ideas to those who recently suffered from a spinal-cord injury.

"While it's nice that (Christopher) Reeves is making it (spinal-cord injuries) apparent," Cifu said, "think about those who have to live with it day-by-day, minute-by-minute."

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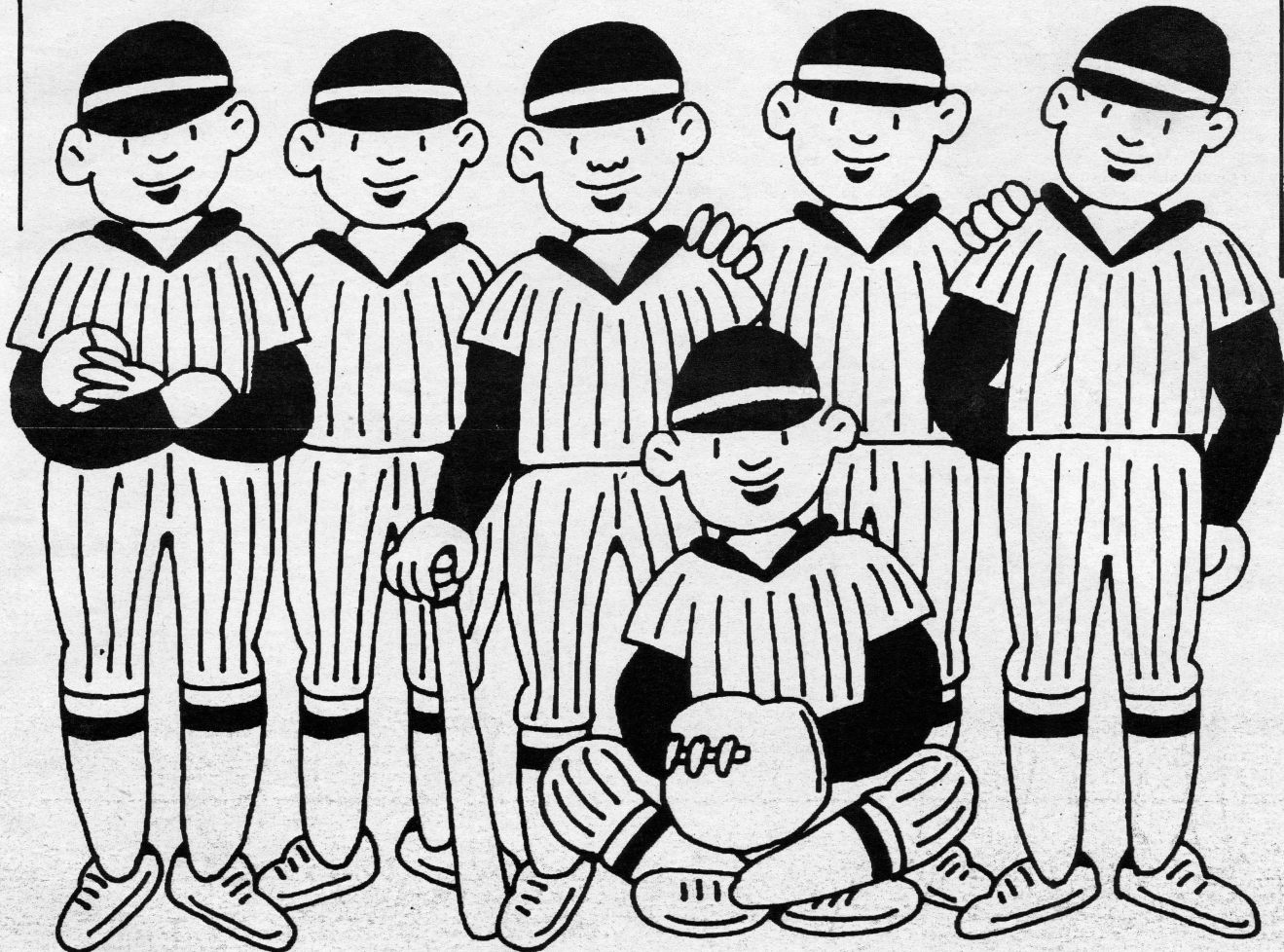
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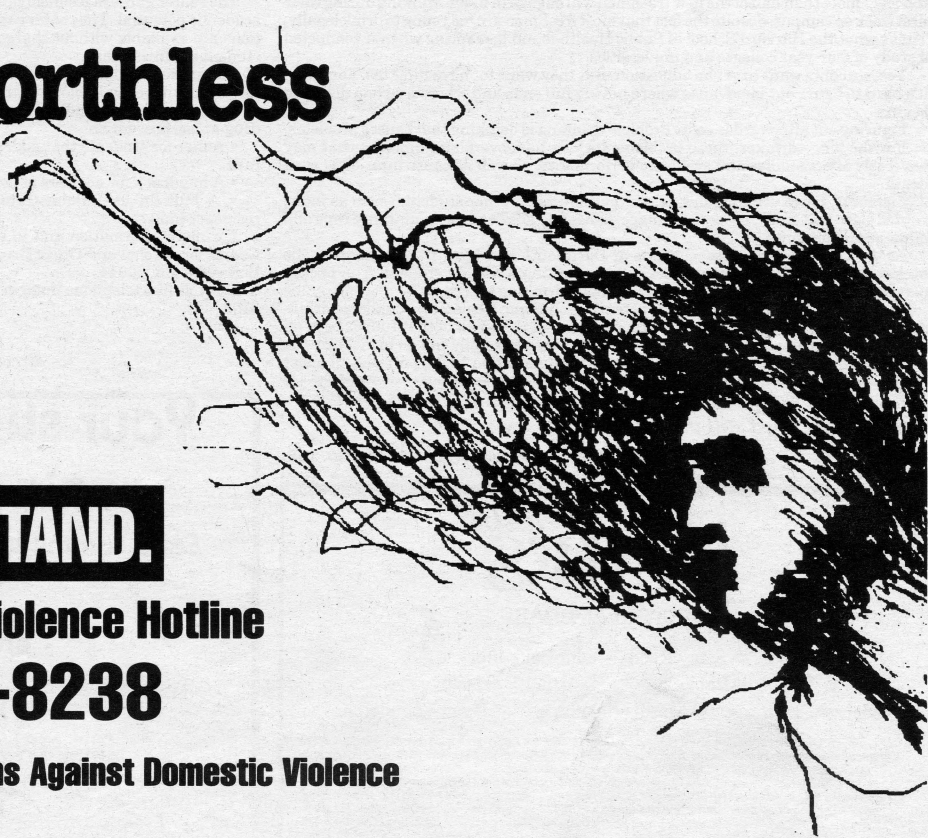
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# Letter

## TO THE EDITOR



### Don't Be DOA from AODs

A student at a fraternity collapsed and died after reportedly drinking a fifth of Southern Comfort and some Jack Daniels. This happened last December at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. The coroner's report said he had a blood-alcohol level of .54 percent, more than five times the amount needed for a drunken-driving conviction.

As new students arrive on campus, they are often put at physical and academic risk by their own — and by others' — alcohol and other drug (AOD) abuse.

But many students may not be aware that binge drinkers represent only a minority of the student population.

Binge drinking is defined as consuming more than four or five drinks at one sitting; the kind of drinking that leads to problems.

However, research shows that only a minority of students at four-year colleges engage in this type of drinking. At 44 percent, it is a large minority, but it's a minority nonetheless.

That means that nonbinge drinkers and people who don't drink at all represent more than half of the student body on most four-year college campuses. Also, other data show that about one-third of all students would just as soon not have alcohol around at all.

But if you doubt that the binge-drinking problem is serious, consider the following incidents. They are but a sampling of those that occurred at the nation's colleges and universities during the past school year.

- Last April at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an 18-year-old freshman celebrating the end of the spring semester with a night of heavy drinking, fell to her death as she tried to climb a maintenance ladder to the roof of a classroom building.

- If there was a lesson to be learned from the death, it didn't take. Five weeks later, a senior celebrating her 25th birthday was found lying drunk and unconscious in an alley, her ankle broken in a fall from a fire escape.

- One week later, campus police found another unconscious student who had fallen and hit his head against a door after excessive drinking.

- Last spring at an initiation picnic sponsored by the Texas Cowboys, a social booster group at the University of Texas, an underage pledge — drunk after taking part in drinking games and other activities involving alcohol — drowned in the Colorado River.

Clearly, a lot of people come to college to drink and get drunk. At the so-called "party schools," more than half of the new freshmen will engage in binge drinking during their first week on campus, despite the fact that most freshmen are too young to drink legally. That's what the Harvard School of Public Health found last spring when it conducted a study of four-year colleges and universities.

Yes, students want to get an education. But they want to "have fun," too. For some, it's hard to figure out in advance where having fun ends and where problem drinking begins.

Figuring out afterward is easy. Problem drinking is drinking that causes problems. For the binge drinker, those problems include hangovers and illnesses that may adversely affect studies and academic performance, as well as cause injuries or even death.

Moreover, binge drinking has deleterious effects for other students, such as interrupted sleep and study, property damage, fights and accidents, acquaintance rape and other sexual assaults.

At the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth last May, five members of the hockey team were charged with sexually assaulting a female student. The hockey players and the female had spent the afternoon drinking together.

Fortunately, these problems have potential solutions. Remember, nonbinge drinkers and people who don't drink at all represent more than half of the student body on most four-year campuses. And there are things they personally can do to mobilize the non-binge drinking majority and the school administration to support and to adopt

comprehensive programs to prevent AOD abuse.

These students have the right to speak out and to not tolerate drinkers who impair the quality of their education and their campus life. And they should be encouraged to do so.

On many campuses, college administrators are helping students discourage underage and binge drinking as well as fight ingagainst peer pressure to drink.

But often these efforts are fleeting and fragmented: alcohol-awareness weeks, sobriety checkpoints, training for alcohol serving staff and so forth.

New students, indeed all students, concerned about the problems associated with AOD abuse can encourage administrators to establish a comprehensive prevention strategy tailored to the unique characteristics of their campus. Such a strategy likely will combine some new and different ideas with existing campus activities not previously identified as part of a substance-abuse program. Elements of such a program may include:

- Establishing substance-free housing. The University of Michigan first set up such living arrangements in 1989, and 500 students signed up. Last year, 2,400 students (30 percent of undergraduates living on campus) were housed on substance-free floors in 15 different buildings.

- Reducing or eliminating all public consumption of alcohol on campus and enforcing regulations. After all, why should students (even those of legal drinking age) be barred from drinking in public when drinking by faculty, alumni and administrators continues to be permitted and tolerated at on-campus parties and athletic events?

- Offering a variety of alcohol-free events, activities and entertainment that appeal to students with differing interests. How about a closely enforced, substance-free concert by a big-name rock group? How about keeping campus recreational facilities (such as basketball courts, weight rooms, swimming pools and tracks open late on weekends as a wellness alternative to downtown bars?

Help is available to students and administrators concerning the development and implementation of comprehensive alcohol and other drug-abuse prevention programs. The Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, fosters campus programs and environments that will discourage abuse of alcohol and illegal drug use.

The center encourages lifestyles and cultures more conducive to fulfilling students' academic potential. The center's technical assistance, training and numerous publications are available without charge to all post-secondary educational institutions and student organizations.

Of particular interest to students and administrators may be several publications that soon will be available from the center. These include:

- A management handbook for student organizations addressing alcohol and other drug-abuse prevention.

- A flier for students that addresses the prevention and avoidance of acquaintance rape.

- A handbook for advisers of Greek organizations.
- A bulletin for administrators that explains how to establish substance-free residence halls.

For more information and to receive publications, contact the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention at 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 600, Bethesda, Md. 20814.

Our toll-free telephone number is (800) 676-1730, and our fax number is (301) 718-3108.

Sincerely,

Theodore Hammett,  
director of the Higher Education Center for Alcohol  
and Other Drug Prevention

*"I have discovered that all human evil comes from this, man's being unable to sit still in a room."*

— Blaise Pascal, *Lettres Provinciales*, (1656-1657), No. 139.

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Ryan Templeton

# Fungi Doo-Doo, The Anaerobic Byproduct Of Society

Alcohol.

What is it? Fermented plant gunk, really. But people really don't care about that part. Alcohol has a long history, and I guess that some would contend that any discussion of booze should include both the pros and cons of consuming such a unique beverage.

I, myself, do not drink it. In fact, my palette never has sampled beer, wine or any mixed drink whatsoever. So, by whose authority am I even allowed to talk about it? I mean, if I haven't puked up my stomach innards on Sunday morning or experienced the Greek society parties — like Kappa Apple Pie — then by what right do I consider myself any kind of a voice on the issue of alcohol?

Well, no one's really. But I am not talking about alcohol itself. I am simply verbalizing about the effects of alcohol on society. And I dare say I have enough experience to talk about that.

It's funny to see someone experiment with this stuff. A person may have had wine at dinner with family back home, but it isn't until a person tries to get drunk that the silliness of alcohol really comes through. It's almost like taking excess radiation and turning into the Incredible Hulk. You do really silly things — like running around

green with no clothes on — and not remembering a darn thing the next day.

By the way, did Dr. David Banner ever drink?

If this guy was stupid enough to zap himself with enough radiation to make himself into a walking uranium stick, would he perhaps also ingest alcohol to the extent that he'd pass out? Maybe he just liked turning green.

Me, I have problems taking NyQuil just because I always have heard that it contains a small amount of alcohol. NiteTime, its Food Lion equivalent, contains no alcohol. However, the package says it may contain edible ink.

Edible ink? Does using the adjective "edible" make it OK? I can just hear the guys at Betty Crocker saying, "Oh, this pie contains edible cyanide, but hey, at least it doesn't contain alcohol."

A lot of people make fun of people who don't drink. I find that rather pointless.

Us nondrinkers could just as easily contend that drinkers have no imagination when it comes to finding ways to dehydrate themselves. I mean, if you knew the mechanics of the kidney process and what alcohol does to it, then you might think twice about scoffing down that next Bloody Mary. If dehydration is your goal in life,

then you may as well drink sea water.

You see, alcohol affects the brain, which in turn affects the kidneys. The kidneys have these little tubes called corpuscles that condense and collect all the junk that comes out of your blood, water included.

And there are little mechanisms that control just how much water gets squeezed out. If you drink large amounts of alcohol, or caffeine, then your kidneys loosen their grip and let the water flow out like champagne at New Year's.

The end result is that your body gets really dry. So dry, in fact, that you wake up the next morning with a headache the size of Montana due to your partial dehydration.

But most people don't drink alcohol for its dehydration effects. Most drink to get that infamous buzz.

Hey, I thought that was why we had NyQuil.

There are so many other things that can give you a buzz, like say, slurping a milkshake without stopping. That probably kills more brain cells than drinking alcohol anyway.

And somewhere I remember seeing somebody with tequila candy. Is this a great consumer buy or what? Apparently, it's a nonalcoholic candy (purely "edible,"

Mrs. Crocker) that is essentially a block of clear, hard sugar. Now, the most interesting aspect to this item is that, in keeping with authenticity, a worm actually was embedded in the candy. Like a little prehistoric fly from Jurassic Park. Can we say "sicko"?

Imagine Willy Wonka at his next company meeting. "Oh, I got an idea. Let's make a candy bar that tastes like fish. We can even put real bones in it!"

I think people who don't drink should continue not to drink. I also believe that the people who want to keep drinking should continue to do so.

But I hope they realize that, like all forms of self-indulgence, drinking merely is a habit and is not a mark of distinction. I have habits, too. I am addicted to the silly arcade game called Bust-A-Move.

Am I cool because I throw quarters away? Not really.

My point, as concealed as it may be, remains: People who like to drink fungus poop are of no real ill to society. And really, neither are those who slurp milkshakes and play arcade games. The world still goes 'round.

But I feel compelled to leave you with this question: Why is there a worm in tequila?

Kelly Near

## Resident Redneck On Alcohol

Howdy y'all. This week I'd like to talk to you about a very serious subject, alcohol awareness.

Every year we have recognized a week in which to highlight drinks.

Now imagine that. You can bet your boots I know all about alcohol awareness.

I'm aware that I like alcohol!

Now, I've been told some kids — mainly freshmen — come to college and never have really been drunk before.

First time I heard that it really came as a shock to me. But I guess it could be true.

They get up here and they ain't got no parents to hound them and then they just go plumb wild. They go to some of those cool fraternity parties and get themselves wasted for the first time.

Well, it's all downhill from there. They become party animals, the people binging on weekends.

(That's another thing, I find it real strange that people here start partyin' and drinkin' on Thursdays.)

But back to those kids. They think beer should be drunk like water, eight glasses a day. The saddest part is, some of these kids don't make it.

They usually don't die, but in some extreme cases they do. Most of 'em just flunk out. That of demon alcohol, the many times I remember stumbling around drunk back home, not even knowin' my own name.

Now, I don't know what it's like up here in the big ol' city of Richmond, but back home if you're underage you still can get alcohol real easy.

You just find someone old enough to buy it, give 'em a few extra bucks and you got any alcoholic beverage you want.

I remember when I was livin' in a dorm. It's really hard to drink there. You got to be real quiet and can't get all rowdy like

you're inclined to get when you start drinkin'. And then, when you do get caught, you got to try to hide all the people in the bathroom, or try sneakin' 'em out through the connecting suite.

Then there's always all those parties where the people from the ABC board show up to check IDs. A lot of the underage kids end up busted. And possession of alcohol is not a fun topic to deal with in court. Trust me, I know.

And many nights back home, I spent my share of time eatin' gravel after fallin' out of pickup trucks. One night I even fell out of Yella's truck. (You can refer back to my last column to find out just how big of a fall that was!)

And one night when the Wild Turkey really whipped up on me, somebody found me fallen into a trash can while I was ralphin' (that's pukin').

As if that's not bad enough, there's always the fighting while you're drunk. I've been in plenty of drunken fights.

But I really like those guy fights. After they're over, the guy that got whipped always claims that he saw three of 'em. (I always tell him he should have hit the one in the middle.)

But seriously y'all, alcohol is not something you want to play with. I got this friend that lives in one of the dorms that I sometimes take home with me when I go back to visit.

Now, I didn't think that this little girl could drink. I was wrong. She drinks like a fish stranded in the desert. The last time I took her home with me she got so tooted she passed out on my friend's kitchen table. Later she ended up ralphin' and the next day she felt real bad.

My redneck words of wisdom — if you play be prepared to pay.

Brian J. French

## 21: The Last Geriatric Frontier

Unseen hands grab you, forcing you into a friend's car.

The car swerves, and the hands pat you on the back, more enthused about it than you, who remains in a state of relative shock.

It's finally gonna happen ...

The car stops, and the hands take you outside a building with music and laughter on the inside, and a bouncer the size of Colorado on the outside, standing next to your pearly gates. He glowers at your party.

You and yours stay in the car, keeping a watchful eye on the digital clock.

11:58 ... 11:59 ...

You take out your driver's license, casting a distasteful look at the horrid profile shot they make new drivers take when they first apply for the card. Tomorrow, you think, I'll get a new license, with a dignified frontal shot.

In the back of the car, an alarm goes off. Midnight.

You confidently step out of the car and stride with metered purpose to the still-omnibus bouncer. He stares a hole through your head and asks in his best gravely voice: *Can I see some identification?*

You give a gentle smirk and pull out the license. He's glances at it, is about to say something, then looks at it carefully, scanning the whole of it for a full minute.

He turns to you, now with significantly less malice (even, dare say, a *smile*) and

says: *Happy Birthday! Come on in!*

Welcome to The Other Side.

Now at the fabled age of 21, you finally get the key to the last door in your hallway of adolescent angst: the legal right to alcoholic beverage consumption.

After your first night of bar-hopping, the fun still goes on. There's your first trip to the adult's equivalent of F.A.O. Schwartz's: the ABC store. Tubs of tequila, seas of scotch, barrels of bourbon; a feast for the eye, a Love Boat cruise for the lips, a red-eye flight to hell for your brain the next morning.

Oh, yeah. Almost forgot about the over-drinking end of it.

Not to worry; most twice your age forget about it, too. That's how you get the drunken-driving statistics, the alcohol poisoning fatalities and the most common side effect: that vicious headache when you wake up.

Draw the shades, baby. Your day is done ... before it ever began.

So don't drink? Of course not. That's hardly the answer. Prohibition bore that much out. Just remember that, as the right to drink alcohol represents the passage into adulthood, the message should carry more weight than the symbol. Maturity and moderation in drinking are key.

But in the meantime, drink up. That 21st birthday doesn't come back for an encore.

For more information on alcohol awareness, call VCU's Office of Health Promotion at 828-9355.





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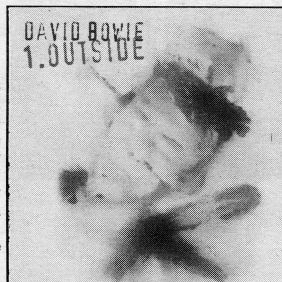
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REVIEWS



## DAVID BOWIE OUTSIDE VIRGIN RECORDS

David Bowie is one of those artists whose reputation — both the factual and the rumored — often overshadows their art. This is an unfortunate side-effect of being a public figure, for underneath all the hearsay and hubbub, David Bowie is indeed a very formidable musical figure. His work in the '70s resulted in such albums as *Ziggy Stardust* and *Low*, which are classic works.

Yet his most recent works — both solo and with Tin Machine — have met with less-than-enthusiastic response.

*Outside* may be the album that brings Bowie the recognition he deserves. Subtitled "The Nathan Adler Diaries: A Hyper Cycle," *Outside* is a murder-mystery concept album about the "art murder" of a fictitious character called Baby Grace.

The rather complex liner notes outline the basics of the (apparently ongoing) story through both the past, present and future, following cyber-sleuth Detective/Professor Nathan Adler's thoughts and actions during his investigation.

Musically, Bowie crafts a surreal future world, a cyberpunk-meets-Phillip Marlowe kind of world that conjures up technological and post-apocalyptic visions intertwined around an old private-eye formula. Instruments shift the textures and moods from soft ambience to harsh metallic dissonances, swirling around the most flexible instrument — Bowie himself.

His voice supplies several different timbres to the album, portraying different suspects, the victim and Adler himself.

radio hit — although "The Heart's Filthy Lesson" is catchy enough to have chart potential.

The strange and elusive images and textures in the music make it difficult to really enjoy the work without at least a basic understanding of the story line.

And while I am impressed with the thoroughness of the conceptual feel, dedicating several pages of liner notes to lyric transcriptions only to turn around and distort them beyond legibility was rather frustrating for a curious listener such as myself.

As a basic rock album, *Outside* probably won't exactly change the face of the music scene and could well generate more complaints about pretentiousness than his previous works. As a concept-based work of aural art though, Bowie has succeeded.

If thinking-music is your cup of tea, then drink well from this musical fountain.

— Peter Tibbs



## STEELY DAN ALIVE IN AMERICA GIANT RECORDS

What is quite possibly the most anal retentive musical partnership in all of rock 'n' roll's history, Donald Fagen and Walter Becker, managed to create some of the most memorable songs of the '70s and '80s as the nerve center of the rock-meets-jazz-funk band Steely Dan. But to the dismay of their fans, less than halfway through the '70s Steely Dan ceased to tour, choosing instead to take shelter within the studio and hammer out classic after timeless classic.

The band went inactive back in the early '80s after *Gaucho*, and except for an occasional compilation or the recent box set, it looked as if the world had heard its last funky groove from Steely Dan.

But nothing lasts forever it seems, for in 1993 Steely Dan began what would become an incredible live comeback stretching across two years' worth of tour dates promoting Fagen and Becker's recent solo albums. Now, just more than a year since the end of the tour comes not only the first new Steely Dan album since *Gaucho* but also the band's first-ever official live album.

*Alive In America*, with more than 67 minutes worth of music from one of the best bands of the '70s, proves that some things in life are truly worth waiting for.

If there remain any doubts in the minds of fans that perhaps time has taken its toll on Steely Dan, *Alive In America* will silence them within just the first few minutes of the opening track, "Babylon Sisters." All the crucial ingredients of "that sound" are here: incredibly

tight musical arrangements from top-notch players, tuneful hooks anchored by popping grooves, tasteful horns and Fagen's distinct voice bringing it all together. This is musical performance so clean it could make your mother's kitchen look like a truck stop in Texas.

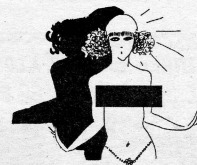
Beware of the waves of fuzzy nostalgia that will undoubtedly come over you as such delightful tunes as "Peg" and "Babylon Sisters" make their live debut in all their energetic brilliance.

Fresh new arrangements of other songs appear throughout the album on such tracks as "Reeling In The Years," preventing *Alive In America* from sounding dated or redundant. Also preserved here among the classics is a superb performance of "Book Of Liar" from Walter Becker's solo album.

Oddly missing are any tracks off either of Fagen's two solo efforts, along with some obvious favorites like "Deacon Blue" and "Hey Nineteen."

Whether the outstanding musical effort and success of *Alive In America* signals the return of Steely Dan to the studio for new studio material remains to be seen. A musical collaboration between such perfectionists as Fagen and Becker hardly can be expected overnight. But until that day comes, fans of the Dan have been given a tasty new morsel to savor.

— Peter Tibbs



## Spectrum

### BRIEFS

#### Stallone skips on golf tourney

**LOS ANGELES** — Sylvester Stallone afraid? Don't count on it, his spokesman says.

Stallone played a practice round of golf last Monday at the famous Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, but USA Today reported Stallone failed to show for Wednesday's pro-am tournament.

"Did Rocky chicken out?" USA Today asked Friday after reporting Stallone withdrew from the tournament without explanation. The newspaper said Stallone was "frightened by the thought of playing a pro-am."

"That is totally without fact or truth. This makes him look very unsportsmanlike," Stallone spokesman Peter Silberman said Monday by telephone from Italy where the actor is shooting the movie "Daylight."

"There was never any commitment to play in the pro-am. There was never any commitment to play in a tournament," Silberman said. "Sly is a wonderful golfer, but he does not pretend to be a pro."

"He's not going to play with the pros. He's not in that league."

#### Irving R. Levine to leave NBC

**BOCA RATON, Fla.** — Irving R. Levine, the professional TV journalist with the dry, measured delivery and trademark bow ties is retiring from NBC after nearly half a century.

Levine is stepping down Nov. 1 to become dean of international studies at Lynn University, a school with an enrollment of 2,000 students, the university said Wednesday.

Levine has been a presence at NBC since 1950, when he began covering the Korean War. He became the network's full-time economics correspondent in 1971 and has done weekly commentaries on CNBC for the last 5 1/2 years.

#### Basinger-Baldwin baby arrives

**LOS ANGELES** — It took a bit longer than 9 1/2 weeks, but Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin have announced a new production: a daughter.

Ireland Eliesse Baldwin, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, was born Monday at a Los Angeles-area hospital, said Sandy Rice, a publicist for the actress.

It's the first child for the couple. Basinger starred in "9 1/2 Weeks." Baldwin was in "The Shadow" and "Glenrarry Glen Ross."

#### Tom Arnold tires of TV life

**LOS ANGELES** — Two failed TV comedy series have soured Tom Arnold on the small screen.

"Until I got kicked off television, I had no idea how big the movies are and how important the movies are compared to the little television," the ex-husband of caustic comedy queen Roseanne told TV's "Extra" during an interview for broadcast Thursday.

Arnold starred in the series "The Jackie Thomas Show" and "Tom," both of which quickly faded.

Since then, his movie credits have included "True Lies" and "Nine Months" and he also stars in the upcoming films "The Stupids," "Big Bully," "Carpool" and "The Honeymonsters," in which he plays Ralph Krampen.

Now he wants to try raising a family with new wife, Julie Champnella.

"I think I'm mature enough for it, maybe," the 37-year-old Arnold said.

— Compiled from news sources.



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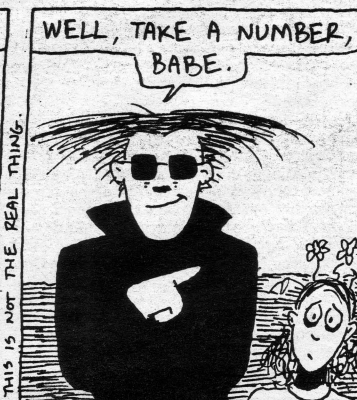
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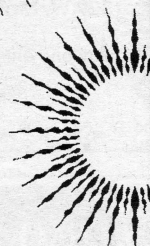
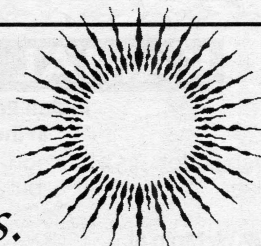
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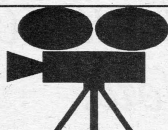
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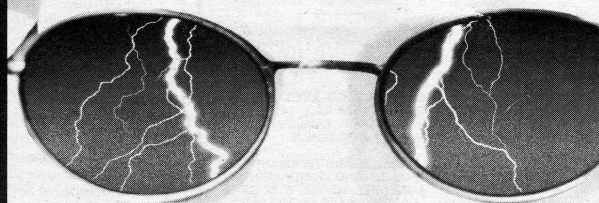
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# The Picks

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Bill  
"Da Thrill"



"Never Nervous"  
Dobias



"Sensational"  
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"One More"  
McMahon



"Hail Mary"  
Terry



"All the"  
Whelan



"Say Hey"  
Coveh



French  
"Revolution"



"Marvelous"  
Martha

## SATURDAY, OCT. 28

Nebraska at Colorado Kansas at Kansas State Iowa at Ohio State Northwestern at Illinois Boston College at Notre Dame USC at Washington	Colorado Kansas State Ohio State Illinois Notre Dame USC	Nebraska Kansas Ohio State Northwestern Notre Dame USC	Colorado Kansas Ohio State Northwestern Notre Dame USC	Nebraska Kansas Ohio State Northwestern Notre Dame USC	Nebraska Kansas Ohio State Northwestern Notre Dame USC	Nebraska Kansas Ohio State Illinois Notre Dame USC	Nebraska Kansas Ohio State Northwestern Notre Dame Washington	Colorado Kansas Ohio State Notre Dame USC	Colorado Kansas Ohio State Notre Dame USC
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## SUNDAY, OCT. 29

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## MONDAY, OCT. 30

Chicago at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Chicago	Minnesota	Chicago	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
<b>RANKINGS</b>									
Last week:	11-8	11-8	11-8	9-10	10-9	9-10	11-8	10-9	9-10
Season to date:	99-53	97-55	95-57	94-58	92-60	91-61	90-62	90-62	95-57
Percentage:	.651	.638	.625	.618	.605	.599	.592	.592	.625
Games back:	—	2	4	5	7	8	9	9	4

■ Though quick to acknowledge that football is America's true pastime, many Pickers have broken self-imposed vows of baseball celibacy to watch the World Series this week. But despite the many differences between football and baseball (such as that football is a sport while baseball is merely a continual labor battle with an occasional groundout to short), there does lie a juxtaposition between The Picks and The Show. You see, the Atlanta Braves, as of press time, had a two-game lead vs. the Cleveland Indians. Subsequently, Picks bellweather (and Braves fan) Bill "Da Thrill" has a two game lead against Indian-Lover "Never Nervous" Dobias. Both are taking extreme measures to include their baseball heroes in the Picking process. "Da Thrill," for instance, is covering his Picks with a Greg Maddux jersey for three days before exposing them to outside air, while "Never Nervous" is making his Picks on a table encircled by bobbing-head dolls of the eight starting position players for the Tribe. "Da Thrill" cried foul, however, accusing "Never Nervous" of using a corked pen to make his Picks. X-Rays were negative, and afterward, "Never Nervous" walked up to his accuser and merely pointed to his writing hand. Taking a respite from baseball-influenced Picks, the guest Picker race continues to produce mere pretenders to the throne. "Not Michael" Irvin certainly wasn't Michael Irvin, or even Michael Dukakis as she plummeted to a 9-10 mark. Continuing in the theme of Susan B. Anthony-inspired Pickers, "Marvelous" Martha takes the plunge. Her chances for success have been somewhat diminished, however, by her disclosure that her Picks will be made based on which team's quarterback has the longest hair.

## SOCCER

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The second half of the game was much like the first. Both teams had their chances but neither could slip the ball home past the keeper.

During the overtime session, VCU had a golden opportunity to score and win the game, but it was Olsensen's turn to make the big stop.

With less than 10 minutes left, Ram forward Peter Roberts took a pass and found himself one-on-one with the ODU netminder. Olsensen came charging toward Roberts and was able to take the ball away from the VCU senior.

"I was expecting it to come to me but my first touch got a little out in front of me, and the goalie came out and made the play," Roberts said. "I would like to have that one back."

After the game, VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan said he was pleased with the way the team rebounded from last week's 5-1 loss to Colonial Athletic Association

leader James Madison University.

"Although we are a little disappointed we didn't come away with the win, it was extremely important for us to play well," he said. "We didn't play well against Madison, and we were flat all week and as a coaching staff we were a bit nervous going into the end of the year on how we would react."

"I was very happy with the way the team played, and I thought it was one of our best performances of the year."

Even though the Rams didn't get the win, the players seemed confident and ready for the Monarchs if they were to meet again in the CAA Tournament.

"I look forward to meeting them in the tournament," Larkin said.

VCU has three games remaining and if they win all three, which is a good possibility, the Rams could finish the season at .500.

"That's our goal," O'Sullivan said. "We really want to see if we can do that."

## FIELD HOCKEY

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Heather Hale rebounded a slapshot past sophomore goalkeeper Keriann Sloat, who had relieved Smith.

One of the stories within the story involved rarely-used Frances West. The freshman forward scored the first goal of her career with 6:41 left in the game, making the score 7-0 and making her a very happy Cavalier.

"It was great ... easily the biggest moment I've had here," a jubilant Frances West said afterwards. "I hope to have many more of those moments here."

Virginia completed the offensive onslaught with 53 second left after Lori Mastropietro scored.

The game was important for the Lady Rams in that Virginia is a similar team to Old Dominion, their first-round opponent in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament Nov. 3 through Nov. 5 at Cary Street Field, according to VCU co-coach Phil Danaher.

"They (Virginia) are a faster team than Old Dominion, and play the same style of passing game," Danaher said. "Our players are finally starting to come through. They don't have the passing down yet, but they're coming together."

"They'll be around for a while."

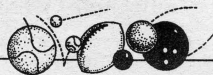
■ The loss marred the last regular-season game for senior forward Shannon Lenhardt.

Lenhardt, this season's captain, has been with the program for five years, including the two seasons in which the Lady Rams were nationally ranked.

"She's been a great person for this program, especially for our transition," Danaher said.

Said Lenhardt: "I've been on this team for five years, and I'm happy with my accomplishments here. To be a captain is just really great. All of my hard work paid off."

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## Curve Ball

• Q: Who was the last pitcher other than Greg Maddux to win the National League Cy Young Award?

A: Tom Glavine

# SPORTS

## Inside

• "One More" McMahon did a belly flop in The Picks last week.

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## VCU, ODU go 120 minutes without a score

*Larkin, Olansen play excellent in net*

Coveh Solaimani

CT SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes it seems as if they are on an island all by themselves. It's just the keeper and the ballhandler.

The outcome of the game lies in the goalkeepers' hands, and they are expected to make the play.



VCU	0
ODU	0

And that's exactly what VCU netminder Jim Larkin and Old Dominion University keeper Nathan Olansen did as the Rams and Monarchs played to a scoreless tie Wednesday at Cary Street Field.

Both Larkin and Olansen made game-saving stops to help preserve the tie. Larkin's moment came right at the end of the first half. For Olansen, his stop came in the early moments of the second overtime period.

Throughout much of the first 45 minutes of action, VCU (6-9-1, 2-4-1) and ODU (8-7-1, 2-2-1) played to a standoff. Each team had their chances to score but came up short. In the final minutes of the half, however, the Monarchs put together their best scoring chance of the game.

ODU midfielder Raul Ovalle sent a per-

### CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

JIM LARKIN  
VCU GOALKEEPER

■ Made two saves including big one at the end of the first half.

■ QUOTE OF NOTE — "Jim's one of the best keepers in the CAA."  
— Tim O'Sullivan, VCU coach.

fect cross to teammate Carlos Vasco, who headed the ball towards the top of the goal. The shot seemed certain to land in the net but at the last second Larkin leaped up and tapped the ball over the top crossbar.

"The ball came across and kind of caught me off guard because he was running away from the goal, and he headed it across," Larkin said. "Fortunately, I got my arm up there and knocked the ball over the bar."

Vasco said he couldn't believe the ball didn't go into the net.

"When I headed it, the goalie was off balance, and I thought it was going to go in," he said, "but the goalie made a great save."

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Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

NOT THIS TIME — Rams senior Peter Roberts and the Rams were stymied as VCU and ODU battled to a scoreless tie.

## U.Va's balanced attack blasts Lady Rams

Brian J. French  
CT STAFF WRITER

The biting cold, combined with a biting Virginia offensive attack, made for a long night at Cary Street Field for the sparse crowd in attendance.

Six different Lady Cavaliers found the back of the box during the 8-0 whipping. Michelle Vizzuso and Allison West scored twice to pace Virginia (12-7) as the Lady Cavaliers outshot VCU (3-15) by a 33-4 count. The Lady Rams did not get a shot on goal in the second half.

"We did some sloppy things out there in the first half, but they cleaned it up in the second half," said Virginia coach Melissa Gelnovatch, referring to VCU's 4-2 advantage in penalty corners in the first half. "We stress a clean, smart game. It's important for us to play smart for the ACC tournament."

The No. 10 Lady Cavaliers, with three members of the United States under-21 Olympic team (Vizzuso, forward Meredith Thorpe and midfielder Margaret Boutilier) scored their first goal one minute and three seconds after the opening faceoff (on a Allison West tip-in) and didn't let up in taking a 4-0 lead at halftime.

Vizzuso scored on a hard slapshot at

### CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

MICHELLE VIZZUSO  
VIRGINIA FORWARD

■ The freshman scored twice in the first half of the Lady Cavaliers' 8-0 win, despite suffering a minor leg injury less than two minutes in the contest.

■ QUOTE OF NOTE — "She's a great player. (She has) great speed, great stick skills and a great mind for the game. She'll have a great future in this sport."

— Phil Danaher, VCU co-coach

25:52 to make the score 3-0, and the freshman forward later put in a Nicole McMas pass to extend the lead to four. Thorpe scored the Lady Cavaliers' other goal in the first half.

In the second half, it went from bad worse for VCU.

The Lady Rams, after being outshot 4 in the first half, did not get a shot off in the second stanza, while Virginia shot times and got only one penalty corner.

West scored her second of the game at 29:47 left in the game on a slow-roll pass that got past freshman goalkeeper Staci Smith.

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ALMOST A SWAN SONG — Shannon Lenhardt (right) played her final regular-season game last night, an 8-0 loss to Virginia.



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