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Students rally for African American Studies major

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"When the state tries to deny a university the privilege to educate, it is an issue that needs immediate attention." Those words circulated around campus on a flier advertising a rally held for an African American Studies program. The State Council of Higher Education will meet with university officials today to discuss the issue.

Yesterday's rally in the Park Place area near Hibbs was sponsored by Black Caucus members.

About 25 students and faculty members gathered to support the rally, including members of Black Caucus, NAACP, Black Student Alliance, Ebony Quest, Black Graduate Student Association and several Black Greek Lettered Organizations. The event also attracted media attention.

Several factors may have contributed to a low overall turnout, including a last-minute notice of the rally's relocation.

Nicola Pierce, Black Caucus president and event organizer, thanked those who did come, but recognized student apathy on campus.

The rally, she said, was to increase student awareness and encourage students to attend tomorrow's meeting.

"I'm happy that the university is approving it and they're backing it," Pierce said before the rally. "From this we've gained student involvement."

In her introduction, Pierce described

the progress of African American Studies at VCU.

According to Pierce, 5,167 students have taken courses that cross line with African American studies, averaging 861 students each semester. A total of 40 VCU students have minored in African American Studies, while 1,000 students were enrolled in such classes last semester.

Victor Collins, director of the Office of Minority Student Affairs, briefly spoke to those gathered in support of African American studies.

He commended those who came to show support and encouraged them to be active in the political process.

"If this precedent is established where State Council of Higher Education deny the request of African American Studies as a major to VCU, then the council ultimately moves into a new role having power to totally dwarf the will of the school. I urge everyone to exercise your right to observe your government at work," Collins said.

Quincy Moore of the Office of Academic Support also addressed the crowd.

"Twenty-five years ago we struggled to get African American courses on white college campuses, now our struggle is having a major in African American Studies," Moore said.

Moore emphasized the importance of students showing their support.

"You stand here today as students who have reaped the benefits of those who came before you. Now you must carry on that

Climbing The Walls



Peter S. Martin/Commonwealth Times

Matt Six, a fourth year mass communications student, looks down from a rock climbing exhibit yesterday at the life safety fair. Prizes were given out as students roamed display tables of groups such as campus police, Richmond Fire Department and the ABC Board.

legacy for future students", Moore said. "This is a major event here for VCU."

Dr Henry Rhone, vice provost for student affairs and Blue Wollridge, an associate professor of political science and public administration also praised the students for showing their support.

The 30-minute rally concluded with Pierce inviting the crowd to attend the

SCHEV meeting tomorrow, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., on the ninth floor of the James Monroe Building.

Allison Aheart, president of the Ebony Quest dance troupe, said she plans to attend.

"I may not be allowed to be heard, but I will be seen with my big VCU T-shirt on," she said.

Hundreds attended graduate fair at Commons

David S. Brooks
CT STAFF WRITER

About 350 people and 90 graduate schools participated in the sixth Graduate and Professional Day Monday on the VCU academic campus. The fair not only drew representatives from 10 medical schools, 31 law schools, and 47 general graduate programs, but also offered a series of information sessions for the first time.

"I would encourage students to be as savvy as possible in collecting information," said Tracy Green, director of marketing and public relations for VCU's graduate school.

During the information sessions experts discussed such topics as financial, writing personal statements and "Strategies to Gain Admission to Highly Competitive Graduate Programs."

Barry Simmons, VCU's associate director of financial aid, discussed shortcuts through the financial-aid process and the issues students should consider in applying for aid.

"Don't wait to be accepted to apply for financial aid," he said.

For one VCU student, Jendina Idleman, who plans to pursue English education, the information ranked high on her list.

"I just wanted information on colleges I hadn't considered," she said. "I'm going to apply faster (because so many schools were there). I didn't realize how quick the deadlines were."

James L. Forsyth, dean of admissions at the University of Maryland School of Law, said the fair gives people an opportunity to shop.

In-state and nearby schools, however, tended to attract more interest from poten-

tial graduate students. The law schools reported less interest from students than did other disciplines.

Margaret Reynolds, employer development specialist at VCU's Career Center, called that trend consistent with a nationwide decline in law school applicants.

The social work job market is stronger, Reynolds said, adding that the visiting social work schools attracted more people. In addition, she cited presentation-related elements that attracted people to a school's table: a friendly face, someone willing to talk, and candy.

"When the recruiters had candy," she said, people were more likely to visit the table.

A six-school consortium organized the fair. The fair, begun in 1992, first came to VCU last year after the University of Richmond outgrew its space for the participants. Therefore VCU, with its newly completed Commonwealth Ballroom, offered to hold the fair.

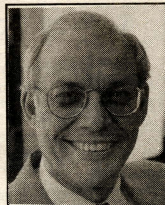
Besides VCU and UR, the consortium

includes Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia State University in Petersburg, and St. Paul's College in Richmond. Nonetheless, 10 percent of the potential graduate students came from the Greater Richmond community.

Although attendance fell short of the 500 to 600 VCU's Student Career Center had expected, Margaret Reynolds said they needed to answer the question: "Was it cost-effective?"

"We're going to meet (with the other schools in the consortium) and see what they think," she said, pointing out the costs of administration, planning, and time invested by represented schools.

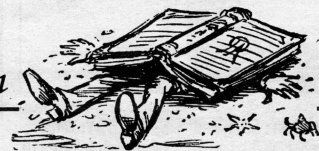
VCU's Career Center organizers overcame a last-minute parking obstacle. They had forgotten that parking for the gubernatorial debate would occupy the academic parking deck when they told people to park there. The center made last-minute arrangements for the fair's visitors to park in Monroe Park.



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Weird NEWS

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction



•Stop clowning around with "Bubbles"

Amy Haroldson, "Bubbles the Clown," is suing Ellie Reed, "The Original Bubbles the Clown." "Bubbles," Amy says, is trying to steal her laughs and wants her to stop.

In 1990, Reed's license expired after she had been doing her act for 15 years. In August, she re-registered as "The Original Bubbles the Clown. Meanwhile, Haroldson has been using the name "Bubbles" for a year and registered the name this summer. Furthermore, Haroldson wants to cancel Reed's upcoming Yellow Page ad, her clown phone number and pay up to \$10,000 for losses caused by "confusion and deception" as well as her attorney fees.

•Sing along music

A Hungarian man says he can't sleep because his new dentures are broadcasting the state radio station 24-hours a day. A dentist came to the 69-year-old's home and sure enough, heard the tunes for himself. However, after the dentist laced his patient's mouth with extra-thin wire, the music stopped when the wire short circuited the music.

•A heartwarming miracle

An 18-year-old male with his heart on his left side survived a stab that could have injured him severely. The knife stab, which could have penetrated his heart, was aimed on the wrong side. According to reports, the stab

was a result over a money argument. Doctors say one out of 3,500 people have this medical irregularity.

•No money back guarantee

In Vancouver, Wash., a couple who allegedly left \$60,000 in 100s, 50s and 20s at a restaurant, now want their money back. Local police, however, refuse to release it unless "they" identify themselves first.

According to the report, a bartender, who was cleaning up after the couple left, found the money by the bar. She received a \$30 tip from the couple.

Lt. Janet Thiesen said, "Until we find out exactly who they are, the money will stay in our evidence room."

•Get off the phone

A 14-year-old boy in Florida shot his sister because she was on the phone too long. The state attorney will decide whether John Raul Micheliche will be charged as an adult for shooting his sister, Katharyn. The 15-year-old teenager suffered minor injuries from her brother's shot with a .22-caliber pistol.

•Breakup by e-mail

After his one month girlfriend told him she wanted to break up, an 11-year-old boy was found hanging by his bathrobe belt in the shower rail of his bathroom. The

couple who met at a summer camp went out for a short period of time. Reportedly, the girl sent an e-mail to her boyfriend informing him that she no longer wanted to see him. In response, the boy sent back an e-mail saying she would no longer hear from him. When she asked if he meant suicide, he didn't answer.

•Sleeping beauty gets arrested

When Vernon Poochigian, 18, returned home, he found a burglar, who ransacked his home, snoring in his sleep. Jeffrey Abbott, who only moaned when Poochigian tried to wake him, was arrested after police arrived.

Abbot was charged with two counts of attempted auto theft and one count of burglary.

The worst part, according to Poochigian's father, the burglar walked on the rooftop of his 1967 Ford Cobra.

•Senior citizens fight bad guy

In Jacksonville, two senior citizens, Oscar Moore, 69, and Robert Guerry, 81, fired at a teenager who tried to rob the restaurant where they were eating. Dervonne Marquise Moore, 17, apparently, grabbed a waitress while holding a loaded gun and demanded that she open the cash register.

Moore shot the male in the stomach and Guerry fired at the teenager when he tried to flee. Later, at the hospital, the young man was charged with armed robbery and arrested.

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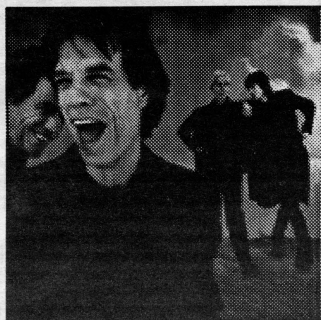
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These Rolling Stones gather little moss

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Despite their age, the Rolling Stones' latest installment in their long and rowdy career, "Bridges to Babylon," seethes with vitality from the opening chord.

From the snazzy cover artwork to the amalgamation of sounds contained within, the Stones delightfully belie the fact that they're a bunch of graying grandfathers, especially on tunes like randy rocker "Too Tight." Indeed, Grandpa never sounded quite like this.

An assortment of styles and textures pour forth on "Bridges" — reggae ("You Don't Have to Mean It"), country ("Always Suffering") and rhythm and blues ("How Can I Stop") — lending much credence to the notion that the Stones are not resting on their considerable laurels.

Still, a sinewy chorus redolent with Jagger's pained-to-perfection vocals on

Rolling Stones prove they haven't lost their touch

Still building 'Bridges' in their old age

"Anybody Seen My Baby," the album's first single, finds England's oldest hitmakers in an R & B groove that predominates the album.

Legacy intact, the Stones' look to the future on "Might As Well Get Juiced," employing the services of techno-meisters the Dust Brothers. One listen to Mick's hellhound harmonica solo on this techno-blues tune, one which reportedly was not favored by Keith Richards, will surely satisfy purists.

The Techno Twins lend a lighter hand on "Saint of Me," a gospel-influenced hand-clapping confessional on which Mick proclaims, "I want to save my soul," though, "...you'll never make a saint of me."

Don Was manned the controls on the bulk of "Bridges," including the classic sounding "Flip the Switch," on which Mick wails "I'm not going to burn in hell! I used the joint and I knew it well."

Also produced by Was, the loping "Already Over Me," featuring Jagger at his impassioned best, while Richards' slashing guitar on "Out of Control," a tune that wavers in and out of a "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" funk, rises through the mix with Jagger's bluesy harmonica stylings to provide one of many highlights on "Bridges."

Despite all the press rumblings regarding the Dust Brothers' bit of production assistance and the band's aging, the Glimmer Twins demonstrate throughout "Bridges" that they've once again found a

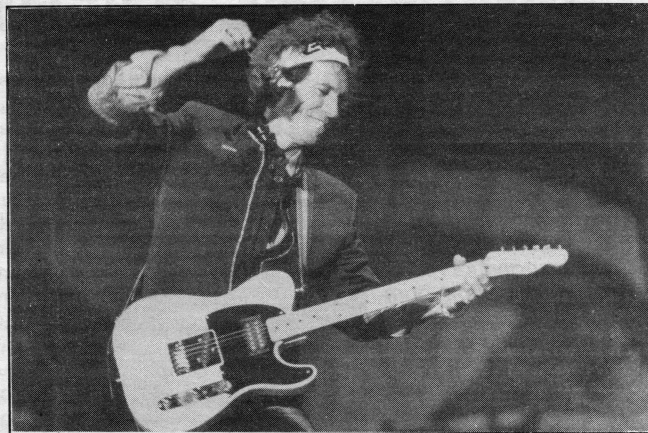


photo by Gianni Giansanti

Keith Richards proves that Baby Boomers can still rock.

groove that fits them well, one in which they can creatively experiment without sacrificing the Stones' familiar sound.

Upon their induction to the Rock 'n' Roll hall of Fame, The Who's Pete Townsend advised the band not to grow old gracefully, saying, "...it wouldn't suit you."

Rowdy and still paintin' it black after 39 albums and 35 or so years, the Rolling Stones' tank is still quite full. Indeed, "Bridges to Babylon" is arguably their finest since 1972's seminal "Exile on Main Street." Rest assured, the Rolling Stones are still a gas, gas, gas.

Controversial 'Insane' album finally released

Ryan McGuin

CT STAFF WRITER

The Insane Clown Posse's latest release, "The Great Milenko," was almost never released to the public's listening pleasure. The bands' label, Disney-owned Hollywood Records, pulled the album from record store shelves only six hours after its release on June 24. A statement from Hollywood said that the album contained lyrics that were

"inappropriate for a product released under any label of our company." Island Records acquired the rights to "The Great Milenko" and released it in August.

Because of all the hoopla, when I first picked up the CD Insane Clown Posse I didn't know what to expect. After placing it into the CD player and starting the puppy up I didn't know what the hell was going on.

There was some country bumpkin trying to play the banjo, singing "Come on hurry lets get

this shindig started." The music stopped and some guy started talking about the coming of Shangrila and the great Milenko the Necromancer. Who was this Great Milenko? Well, he has a catchy tune on track two.

This CD will take you on a crazy carnival ride consisting of hardcore rap — not gansta — with a sense of humor. I found myself laughing out loud many times. If you dig rap, or just dig crazy music with some warped lyrics, this CD is definitely for you.

Every track is great and the intermissions are hilarious, especially one about a group of kids acting like gang bangers while the leader's mom is yelling "get your ass inside and do your homework."

Before I listen to it, if I had seen the Insane Clown Posse CD in a record store I would probably have walked right by it, but now they're one of my favorite bands.

Final judgment: In case you haven't picked up on it yet, this CD is awesome.

Wyclef is Busted

Joe Orsinger

CT STAFF WRITER

I am ashamed to say that my first reporting assignment for the Commonwealth Times is already somewhat of a failure.

I left for The Ballroom (the club formerly known as the Capitol Ballroom) in Southeast D.C. with what I thought was ample enough time to see Busta Rhymes, and Wyclef Jean.

Unfortunately, even though I grew up about ten minutes outside of D.C., I tend to get lost every time I try to navigate my way through our nation's capitol. After stopping for directions twice, I finally found the place.

Upon entering the club, I was in-



opening up for Wyclef.

I couldn't get too upset, because the tickets were free anyway. So I stood sipping a \$4 beer waiting for Wyclef to make an entrance. He walked on stage with his guitar and offered an opening tribute to the late Notorious B.I.G. while strumming the cords to Puff Daddy's summer hit "I'll Be Missing You" (or the Police's "Every Breath You Take," for those of you still upset about Puff's blatant robbery of that melody).

His first full song was "No Woman, No Cry," with geographically appropriate lyrics

injected to the delight of the audience ("In a government yard in D.C."). "No Woman" was where the references to last year's "The Score" album ended.

Apparently Wyclef authorized a contest with D.C.'s 93.9 KYSS FM which subjected everyone to ten minutes of amateurs freestyling to the beat of A Tribe Called Quest's "Can I Kick It?" Actually, it was amusing when Wyclef took back the mic and proceeded to humble the aspiring performers. It was all in good fun though—the contest winners got a nice pat on the back before they went backstage.

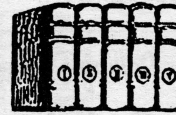
By some stroke of good luck for me, Wyclef decided he needed a break to gulp some Evian and Busta Rhymes came out for an encore performance of "Put Your Hands Where My Eyes Could See." It was suddenly quite obvious who really stole the show that night, and I could still kick myself for missing Busta's set.

Refreshed and ready for a contact buzz, Wyclef instructed everyone with a bag of weed to light it up as the lights dimmed and he performed "Apocalypse."

Still to come were "We Trying to Stay Alive" and "Guantanamera" which got everyone moving thanks to MTV's heavy rotation of the respective videos. It probably would've been smarter to save at least one of these stand-outs from his CD "The Carnival" for an encore.

Next time Wyclef Jean should open up for Busta Rhymes, or at least wait until he has the guaranteed crowd-pleasing rest of the Fugees to back him up.





Honor

MCV, Academic Honor councils

David Henschel
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Think you can get away with cheating? Guess again.

Honor councils on the academic and medical campuses this summer issued their annual reports, which contain grim stories of some students who face failing grades and expulsion from VCU.

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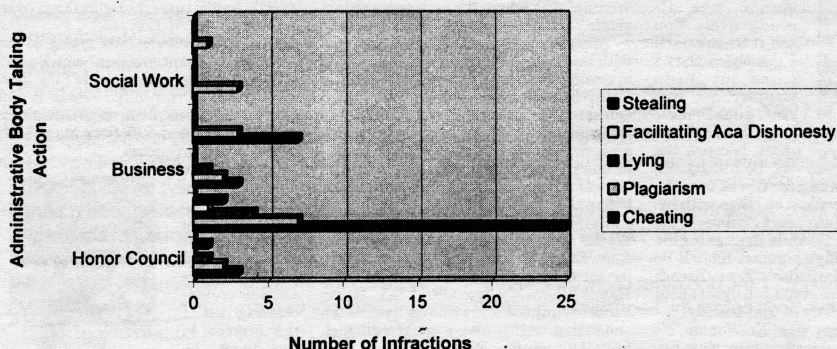
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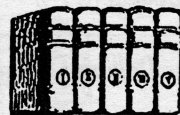


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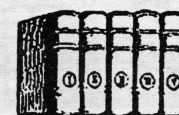
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Duvall said VCU Provost Grace Harris tells faculty members to spend part of the first class

meeting discussing the honor system with students.

"This doesn't always work," he said, "because many students (on the Academic Campus) miss the first day of classes. But it is the most effective way to announce it. There's never one place when all the students (on the Academic Campus) are together at the same time."

Duvall heads the Academic Campus Honor Council of four professors and two students who, like a jury in a court of law, try cases in which students are accused of violating the VCU Honor Code. Each faculty member serves as a coordinator for a different school in the academic campus.

Council members hear only the few cases in which students appeal the coordinator's decision.

"Most students on the academic campus," Duvall said,

"accept the punishment given by the honor system coordinator for the school in which the offense happened. He or she has the responsibility to investigate the charge and recommend consequences."

Reports from the west campus since 1994 show that the number of students who requested an honor council hearing became even smaller this past year.

"Meanwhile," Duvall said, "for the first time since 1990 a student dissatisfied with his outcome filed a lawsuit against the university."

That student attended the criminal justice program in the College of Humanities and Sciences. Anna Kelly, speaker of the SGA and alternate student member of the west campus honors council, participated in the May 30 hearing in which the student was found guilty of cheating in one course and two counts of plagiarism in another. He was expelled.

"I stand behind the decision," Kelly said. "We're not supposed to discuss the case. I want to uphold the confidentiality of the student. I am not aware of a lawsuit."

Student members of the Academic Campus Honor Council serve two-year terms. Current SGA vice president Charlie Bryan belonged from 1995

until the day before this fall semester opened.

"As a student," he said, "the integrity of your degree matters a lot. If you're paying money to go to school here you should be concerned about cheating."

Bryan said he missed the May 30 hearing about the criminal justice student, the most recent on the west campus, because it was his birthday. His last act as council member took place in July 1996, when the council met and expelled a biology student for cheating in two courses.

"I had to suppress laughter sometimes (during the hearing)," he said. "The student said, 'I'm not sure how this happened. It just was a fluke.'"

The student was also charged with lying and stealing, Bryan said. The stealing complaint resulted from his "borrowing" the answer key to a multiple-choice test and the lying from his false claim of innocence. The council dropped these charges, Bryan said, because it planned to expel the student, anyway.

While Bryan stands by the council's decision, he said he believes every student who requests a hearing should retain an attorney.

"If you got expelled," Bryan said, "and you weren't given due process or the case was mishandled, you'll feel someone wronged you. I was told (by a faculty member) issues of due process are not relevant, issues of due process are not defined in the same way in this process as in the U.S. court system."

Current SGA president Tiana Nelson also served as a student member of the Academic Campus council from 1995 to 1997. Like Bryan, she missed the May 30 decision on the criminal justice student but joined the council in expelling the biology major in July of 1996.

"It's the only (hearing) I've been in," she said. "The outcome was just sad. I left the room in shock."

Nelson said she and other council members spent five days before the hearing doing homework on the case.

"You have to study information they give you before the hearing," she said. "It's really like a

class."

While she thinks cheating harms the university, she said she can understand motives that might lead a student to do it.

"You know what it is," she said, "to get stressed out. You know how it is to have three tests in one day."

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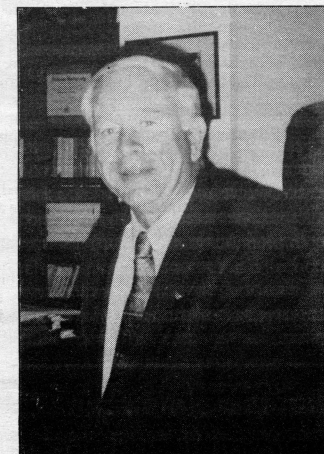
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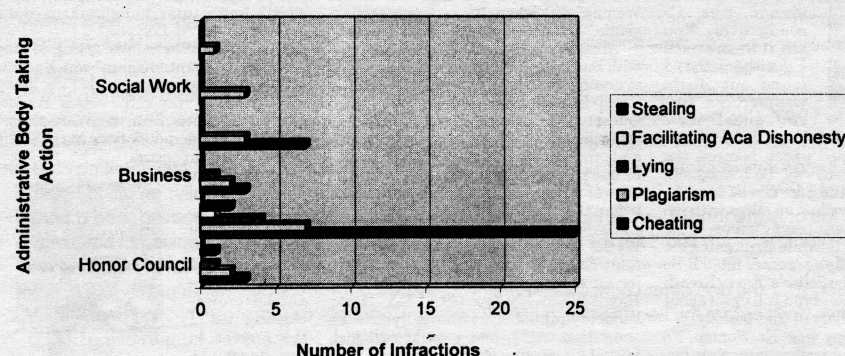
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William H. Duvall

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VCU Academic Campus Honor Code Infractions



Council



hear students, uphold integrity

meeting discussing the honor system with students. "This doesn't always work," he said, "because many students (on the Academic Campus) miss the first day of classes. But it is the most effective way to announce it. There's never one place when all the students (on the Academic Campus) are together at the same time."

Duvall heads the Academic Campus Honor Council of four professors and two students who, like a jury in a court of law, try cases in which students are accused of violating the VCU Honor Code. Each faculty member serves as a coordinator for a different school in the academic campus.

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Council members hear only the few cases in which students appeal the coordinator's decision.

"Most students on the academic campus," Duvall said,

"accept the punishment given by the honor system coordinator for the school in which the offense happened. He or she has the responsibility to investigate the charge and recommend consequences."

Reports from the west campus since 1994 show that the number of students who requested an honor council hearing became even smaller this past year.

"Meanwhile," Duvall said, "for the first time since 1990 a student dissatisfied with his outcome filed a lawsuit against the university."

That student attended the criminal justice program in the College of Humanities and Sciences.

Anna Kelly, speaker of the SGA and alternate student member of the west campus honors council, participated in the May 30 hearing in which the student was found guilty of cheating in one course and two counts of plagiarism in another. He was expelled.

"I stand behind the decision," Kelly said. "We're not supposed to discuss the case. I want to uphold the confidentiality of the student. I am not aware of a lawsuit."

Student members of the Academic Campus Honor Council serve two-year terms. Current SGA vice president Charlie Bryan belonged from 1995

until the day before this fall semester opened.

"As a student," he said, "the integrity of your degree matters a lot. If you're paying money to go to school here you should be concerned about cheating."

Bryan said he missed the May 30 hearing about the criminal justice student, the most recent on the west campus, because it was his birthday. His last act as council member took place in July 1996, when the council met and expelled a biology student for cheating in two courses.

"I had to suppress laughter sometimes (during the hearing)," he said. "The student said, 'I'm not sure how this happened. It just was a fluke.'"

The student was also charged with lying and stealing, Bryan said. The stealing complaint resulted from his "borrowing" the answer key to a multiple-choice test and the lying from his false claim of innocence. The council dropped these charges, Bryan said, because it planned to expel the student, anyway.

While Bryan stands by the council's decision, he said he believes every student who requests a hearing should retain an attorney.

"If you got expelled," Bryan said, "and you weren't given due process or the case was mishandled, you'll feel someone wronged you. I was told (by a faculty member) issues of due process are not relevant, issues of due process are not defined in the same way in this process as in the U.S. court system."

Current SGA president Tiana Nelson also served as a student member of the Academic Campus council from 1995 to 1997. Like Bryan, she missed the May 30 decision on the criminal justice student but joined the council in expelling the biology major in July of 1996.

"It's the only (hearing) I've been in," she said. "The outcome was just sad. I left the room in shock."

Nelson said she and other council members spent five days before the hearing doing homework on the case.

"You have to study information they give you before the hearing," she said. "It's really like a

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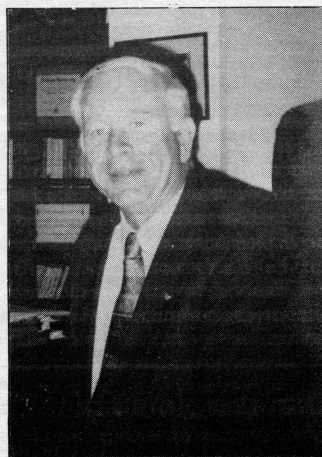
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Lindsay Kastner

Commend the Red Cross; facing failure takes courage

Half a century late, the Red Cross is finally admitting that it was aware of the Holocaust and kept silent.

It has long been suspected by many that the International Committee of the Red Cross knew early on about the Nazi atrocities.

This week the ICRC disclosed 60,000 pages of war-time documents which confirm those suspicions. The documents are now in the hands of Israeli officials.

Also, ICRC's archivist George Willemin publicly acknowledged that a "moral failure" was made by the organization.

The released documents include reports from Red Cross field workers, records of decisions made by the organization and records of communication with the Nazi regime. They show that the Red Cross knew about deportations and specific mass murders occurring as early as 1940.

Had the Red Cross made its knowledge of the Holocaust public, Allied powers may have done more to halt the killings.

Six million Jews and an estimated four million non-Jews were murdered by the Nazis. To hear that the Red Cross knew about the killings and did nothing instills at first fierce anger, and for a half century to pass before acknowledgment is made worsens the story. But there is a certain courage in disclosing that one has done something terribly wrong. Remaining silent is so much easier.

We must commend the Red Cross for admitting its failure, because all around the world people are being slaughtered or denied freedom. There have been attempts at genocide in Bosnia, and even in developed and modernizing countries such as Russia, religious freedom is sometimes hard to come by.

If we do not remember the tragedy of the Holocaust and the somewhat subtle ease with which it was set into play, we risk repetition. And should such a terrifying history replay itself, perhaps the Red Cross would not keep silent the second time around.

For these reasons we must not underestimate the magnitude of the organization's wrongdoing but must forgive and praise it for coming forth.

The Red Cross, however, was not the only one to make a "moral failure." Many governments did far less than they should have to stop the Holocaust while it was underway. In fact, in January of 1944 the U.S. War Department decided that the U.S. Army would not make specific efforts to rescue Holocaust victims unless an opportunity for rescue was apparent during regular military operations.

After the war ended and the concentration camps were liberated, few countries admitted the homeless, destitute, and ill prisoners past their borders. Many were forced to remain at the former camp sites because they had nowhere else to go.

Their homes and businesses were often destroyed or taken over by the Nazis. And though the war was ended, anti-Semitism did not magically disappear. The displaced persons, as they were called, were often surrounded by hatred.

The Allied nations rarely offered the survivors a place of refuge, therefore extending their suffering.

It was not only the Red Cross that did wrong.

The Allied nations were heroes for liberating the camps, but afterwards they often turned their backs on those they liberated. When we speak of their heroism we should remember this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We can use as much paper as we want; We pay tuition

I'm replying to Mr. John Emmanuel's letter to the editor about pay-for-printing. What type of student are you?

You're supposed to be fighting with us, not against us... what you said sounded like something my mom would say.

First off, I really don't think anyone cares that you're a computer monitor at Cabell and the manager for Rhoades and Johnson's computer labs. If anything, your article should be discredited by that, because John, we're not stupid. All you do there while you work is play your music too loud and play games. So don't go trying to impress us with your resume. I would rather you have said that you're a student and this is your opinion.

Okay, now that I have that off my chest, why the hell do you care how much paper we waste? It's our business, not yours. Let me quote you really quickly, "Now we barely go through one stack, or, at least during my shift, I've never had to add paper to the printer."

In reality, are you too lazy to get up off your butt and refill the paper tray? I think we, as students, should decide how much paper we get to use. After all, who's paying my \$9,000 tuition? I think I should decide how much paper I want to waste.

Also, you said that the library was handing out handbills warning us of the action about to be implemented. Who cares? It's still a sneak attack; who the hell actually reads the stuff they hand out? They probably didn't even get to ten percent of the students. So in reality, wouldn't you say it was a sneak attack since no one knew about it?

And no, I'm sorry, it has nothing to do with change. It just comes down to the fact that the school is trying in any way to squeeze money out of us.

I mean honestly John, how many times have you wanted to do your laundry or get a drink but you couldn't because you had no change. I think the school can find the money somewhere to pay for some paper.

I'm pissed because the students had no say in anything, but I am glad that the SGA tried everything possible.

Well John, I notice that you have a nose ring and a piercing under your lip, which is fine. I have piercings too, but what would you do if a company you worked for said, "lose the earrings... dress better." You'd be pretty pissed too, right?

Well, join the rest of us.

Lu Duong
VCU student

**Write a letter to the editor.
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Media ignored mental health issue in campaign

The political debate for Virginia Governor on October 6 featured lackluster questions from two of the state's most quoted political analysts, Larry Sabato, a political science professor at the University of Virginia, and Robert Holsworth, a political science professor at VCU. There is little reason to suspect that the boring drone will change during the remaining campaign.

In contrast, the greatest single act of courage in the political campaign for this November's statewide election was recently illustrated by Margaret Hager the wife of John Hager, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor. Mrs. Hager demonstrated unparalleled courage by publicly acknowledging the suicide of her sister in Richmond on Sept. 13, 1997 and the previous suicide of her brother. The statement was documented by the local ABC television affiliate WSET Channel 13 in Lynchburg during its night-time news broadcast on Sept. 30.

Mrs. Hager's statement is significant as it clearly illustrates that mental illnesses equally affect real people of all social, economic and political groups. Naturally, this disclosure has been all but ignored by most of the news media across the state, as it does not play well into much of the media-supported liberal agenda.

In fact, John Hager addressed issues involving mental illness at length during a recent interview with a major statewide news organization, which then, in much of the media's typically highly biased fashion, filtered out any reference in its "news" article. Though other political candidates for statewide election may be affected by similar mental health issues, none dare to speak out.

The other candidates for statewide office and these high profile "political analysts," by ignoring Virginia's bipartisan public mental health crisis, are failing to address what is actually an issue of public education. An alternate perspective is on the Internet at www.osalink.com/freepree/index.htm. That fact that youth ages 16-24 have the highest rate of suicide (of all age groups) is a clear indication of the failure to appropriately address mental health as part of student curriculum in Virginia's public schools.

In the end, despite the fact that Virginia spends billions of dollars per year on education, the state is not preparing youth for the reality of life after school. How many more must die? On the subject of mental health, Virginia's public schools and education system (including Sabato and Holsworth as preminent figures) receive an F.

Phil Theisen
Lynchburg, Va.

The Picks



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Anderson



"Coach"
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"The Rat"



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Games Back	---	1	4	6	8	9	9	9	13

■ Yet another menage a trios has appeared in The Picks. It is not at the top like its predecessor but in the middle and has three extremely willing participants, "Lord Stanley" Rogalsky, "News Editor of the Night" Trish and "Squared-Circle" Southworth. The Sports Editor is certain he will separate himself from this entanglement and proceed to the left, but the fiery baroness of the News Department may have something to say about that. Most likely her statement will be "Hey Buttface, get back here!" "Suplex" Southworth, a self-proclaimed "Imposible ridin', jet-plane flyin', kiss stealin', wheelin' dealin'" son of a gun, may be too busy styling his hair like Ric Flair to concentrate on the matters of the gridiron and if he's not careful, he could end up spending much more time beside "Dipsick" Dovi than he wants. "Lease Me" Leiss is still chasing "Monkey Midge" Anderson and has vowed on a stack of Associated Press Stylebooks to hunt down and overtake the one known as "Baboon Breath." Bring out the cavalry! It is a good thing that "Ain't Never Going to Graduate" Anderson can pick football games because shadows of doubt have been cast on his ability to write commentaries. In the last issue of the CT, (there will be a slight pause here so the readers can rush over to their trusty stockpile of old CT's, which everyone has, and look up Anderson's piece) the underfunding of the Spectrum section bemoaned the lack of parties at this fair university. While he may have a point, as you can now see from yesterday's CT (assuming you used the allotted time to peruse the article from your CT archives) he used the word "monkey" a record number of times. Now there is nothing wrong with setting records. Each and every Friday in this very space the Sports section sets marks for sexual connotations in journalism, and no one complains. Blatant self-promotion, such as "Ask Me" Anderson's, borders on unethical behavior, and that can't happen. Somebody get Congress on the phone and they'll get an investigation going. That would explain the repeated sighting of "Timeout." Templeton's idol, Fred "I Love the Smell of Subpoenas in the Morning" Thompson. Has anyone noticed that the nearest National Hockey League franchise, the Washington Capitals, is 4-0 and the highest scoring team as well. Who'd have thunk it! That's not the strange part. What's really weird is that there's not a Murray in sight.

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Ram Stat

Goalkeeper Jim Larkin has started all 12 of VCU's men's soccer games this season.

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Inside

Find out if "Monkey Boy" Anderson still leads The Picks.

In sluggish game, men's soccer ties Howard 1-1

Tom Leiss

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Rams went into Wednesday's home game with the Howard Bison looking to improve on last week's performances. In the first half it looked like they would.

VCU (9-1-2) was in control from the opening whistle and 5:59 into the half the Rams earned a free-kick.

Dwayne Bergeron sent a cross toward the middle of the field but a Howard defender deflected it. Trevor Spencer collected the ball and fired a shot past Bison goalie Kofi Boxhill, making the score 1-0.

"I controlled the ball at the top of the 18 and I saw the far post and just tried a shot," Spencer said. "It came out good."

Howard's best chance to score came in the 33rd minute. Keelan Williams took the ball down the left wing and beat two Ram defenders before crossing a ball to Greg Simmonds whose soft header was grabbed by VCU goalie Jim Larkin.

The Rams nearly went up by two 20 seconds before the half when John Moffatt stole the ball from the Howard defense, cut in front of the goal and hit a shot that was blocked by the Bison defense.

The rebound went right to Bergeron whose shot got through the defense but hit the left goal post. Kofi Sey collected that rebound but put his shot wide of the right post.

Howard (5-4-1) came out of halftime and took it to the Rams.

In the 76th minute, the VCU defense misplayed the ball and Howard's Carrington Clarke took control of the ball near the middle of the field and placed an 18-yard shot just inside the left post tying the score, 1-1.

Howard almost took advantage of a corner kick in the 80th minute. A Howard attacker controlled a loose ball and blasted a 25-yard shot off the upper left goal post.

VCU's best chance to regain the lead came with five minutes left in regulation.

Moffatt took a shot from the right side of the penalty area but a Bison defender deflected it high in the air toward the left side of the area where Ricardo Capilla attempted a spectacular scissor kick, sending the shot high and wide of the left post.

Both teams seemed content to go to overtime but in the 89th minute Larkin was forced to make a diving save of a well placed shot from 30 yards out, tipping it wide of the left post.

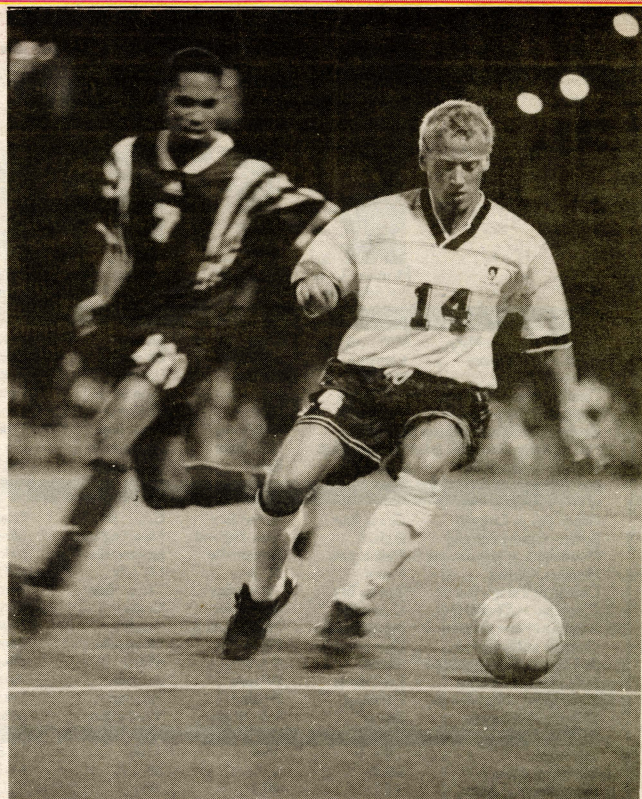
Spencer said he didn't think this was the team's best performance.

"The first half we did what we wanted to do," he said.

"The second half, I think we scored and we came out a little bit flat but we didn't just give up, we kept fighting."

VCU had the best scoring chance of the two overtime periods.

Moffatt crossed the ball from the right goal line, over the Bison keeper, to a wide open Capilla who headed the ball high over the crossbar.



Mary Franke/Commonwealth Times

FANCY FOOTWORK — Junior midfielder Thomas Straschil shakes off an opponent on Wednesday night's game against Howard University.

SPORTSWIRE

•Taylor sidelined until January for Rams

Lamar Taylor, the heralded recruit for the VCU men's basketball team, will not begin his freshman season until January.

Taylor, a John Marshall High School graduate, was supposed to be VCU's starting point guard.

Another new recruit, Scott Lilly, will likely move to that position now.

Practice starts Wednesday for the Rams. VCU is scheduled to play 10 games before it's Colonial Athletic Association opener against William and Mary on Jan. 3.

•Pippen out for 2 months; Rodman signs

The Chicago Bulls got good news and bad news Tuesday.

Scottie Pippen will likely miss the first two months of the regular season following foot surgery and Dennis Rodman signed another one-year contract with the team.

Pippen had the surgery Monday in New

York to correct a problem with the soft tissue of his left foot. He injured it in Game 5 of last season's Eastern Conference finals against Miami.

Rodman's new one-year deal will have a base salary that is "considerably more" than \$2.5 million, the player's agent said.

•No jail for Marv, accuser says

The woman former NBC sportscaster Marv Albert admitted assaulting does not want Albert sent to jail because "he will not survive."

Vanessa Perhach, in an interview aired Wednesday on the television show "Hard Copy," said that Albert is "tormented inside; jail time will not change him inside."

Perhach, 42, of Vienna, Va., accused Albert of biting her on the back and forcing her to perform oral sex.

The man famous for his trademark "Yes!" pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault and battery while a forcible sodomy charge was dropped.

He faces as much as a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

•Heisman hopeful hyped on Internet site

Auburn University, looking to pump some life into quarterback Dameyune Craig's Heisman trophy candidacy, began making its pitch on the Internet this week.

Auburn's sports information department has started a web page titled, "Top 10 reasons why DC should be in N.Y."

New York is where the Heisman, the award for the best player in college football, is awarded each year.

Craig has thrown for 1,515 yards and nine touchdowns in leading No. 8 Auburn (5-0).

The page can be found at <http://www.auburn.edu/athletics/dameyune>.

•Pittsburg Steeler coach Cowher kisses and makes up

Pittsburgh Steeler fans are talking this week about coach Bill Cowher's sideline smooch with his starting quarterback Kordell Stewart.

After scoring on a 74-yard run Sunday in Baltimore, Stewart bumped shoulders with Cowher, and hugged him.

The two embrace for a few seconds, and Cowher leaned over and gave Stewart a fatherly kiss on the cheek.

Cowher may have been trying to make up with his players.

Two weeks earlier he screamed and sprayed spittle at punter Josh Miller for failing to keep two short punts out of the end zone.

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