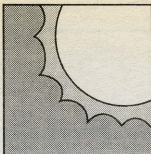




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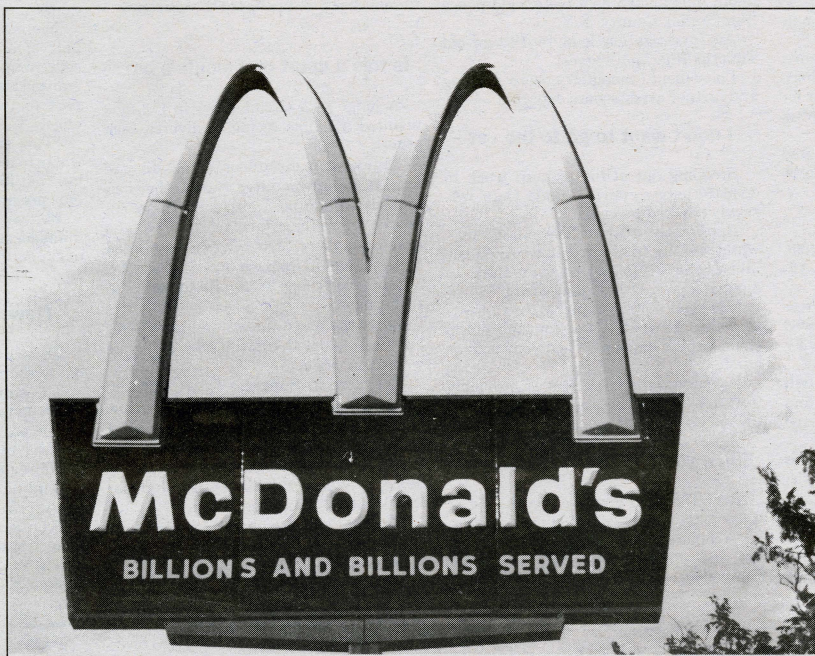
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BILLIONS SERVED AT VCU. Timothy Reed, director of University Student Commons and advisor to the SGA, said McDonald's five-year contract can be renewed up to three times.

SGA says McDonald's could be here 20 years

Christian K. Finkbeiner
CT NEWS EDITOR

In an SGA Senate meeting on Monday, student government President Charnessa Paige made an announcement that drew groans and exclamations of surprise from the audience of senators and other students.

Paige said she learned from Jean E. Clark, VCU's food services administrator, that the McDonald's in the Student Commons could renew its contract with the university for an additional four or five years after its original five-year contract expires in 2002.

While some audience members were visibly upset by this news, it may not have prepared them for what was coming.

"The university sets up a contract," said Timothy A. Reed, director of University Student Commons and Activities and an adviser to the SGA, "with a series of potential renewals. In this case there are three possible renewals, for a potential of 20 total years (including the first five-year contract)."

With this announcement, expressions of surprise and disbelief arose from the crowd in the Commons Theater.

"You have to vote with your dollars," Paige said, regaining the group's attention. "If you don't want McDonald's in the commons, don't eat there. And

remember that Ukrop's (Fresh Express) and the Commons Cafe are part of the deal. If McDonald's stays, they all stay."

Reed added that if students want to boycott the food services offered in the commons, they need to "create a plan" for that boycott.

"Don't just say you don't want McDonald's," he said. "Let (university officials) know exactly what you do want."

"If McDonald's revenues have been climbing when the time comes to decide on the contract, it's likely the contract will be renewed."

When reached by phone, Clark declined to comment on the specifics of McDonald's contract, but said she encourages student input on food service matters.

Outside of the Senate meeting, student reaction to the news was mixed.

"It makes no difference to me," said Patrick Ansbro, a senior.

Another student expressed disappointment, but not surprise.

"It figures," said Cecilya Burns, a senior psychology major. "I don't like it, but there's nothing I can do about it. Especially with Ukrop's (involved). They have way too much power in Richmond."

Food service in the commons was not the only issue

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Sororities combat alcohol problems

Sarah Nemetz
CT STAFF WRITER

With fraternities at some Virginia colleges and universities banning alcohol in their chapter houses, officers at Virginia Commonwealth University sororities say they, too, want to create more awareness about alcohol problems.

Kristen Anderson, chapter president of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, said her chapter instituted policies to make people more responsible about alcohol use when it became aware of student binge drinking as a major problem.

"We host alcohol awareness programs for the chapter throughout the year," Anderson said. "We encourage people not to put themselves in bad situations, and part of that is being responsible about alcohol."

The national organization to which her sorority belongs, she said, does not condone drinking on sorority property, and ASA members do not consume alcohol during rush, a function in which sororities recruit potentially new members.

"With the informal rush my office doesn't have a lot to do with it," said Greek Coordinator Sharon Malazich. "The sororities set up their own parties and dates and take care of everything on their

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- Phi Mu Sorority
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News of the Weird

Honey, you awake?

Margarita Sanchez slept next to her husband for eight days before she realized he had died.

The Mexico City resident said she thought he was angry, but the 83-year-old likely died of alcohol poisoning, officials said.

Notimex, a Mexican government news agency, reported that the wife told authorities her husband did not speak to her for eight days even though she tried to speak to him.

Police found the partially decomposed body covered up to the neck with blankets.

Fathered his brother

A 17-year-old Macomb County, Mich. boy faces trial for impregnating his 12-year-old sister.

Macomb County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph Cozzolino said the boy waived a preliminary hearing Monday, moving the case to circuit court.

In two weeks a trial date and judge will be assigned to the case where prosecutors have charged the boy with first degree criminal sexual conduct.

A clinic in Wichita, Kan. performed a controversial late-term abortion on the girl in July.

Jesus makes him high

Two years ago a statue of the infant

Jesus disappeared from the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport, N.Y., only to resurface recently—with a few alterations.

Someone hollowed out the statue's stomach and head to fashion a type of marijuana pipe known as a bong, said police from Suffolk County, N.Y.

An investigation lead to 18-year-old Timothy Rhatigan's arrest.

Police said other items were missing and further arrests were expected.

I don't want to go to the vet

Stepping out of his pick-up truck to open the gate, a man in Orinda, Calif. was slowly crushed to death.

Apparently, Michael Trevethan's dog, while waiting in the truck, knocked the idling vehicle into gear trapping the man against a post, Orinda police said.

"He died of traumatic asphyxiation," said Dan Lawrence, the county's police chief, "which happens when your body is crushed."

Police said the dog also died, probably from dehydration because the heater was turned up full blast.

Since you can't take it with you

Even the dead appeared on the list of those to pay land taxes in Onega, Russia.

"A computer was stolen about two years ago and the data was lost," said Olga Semyonicheva, a spokeswoman for the

regional tax inspectorate, "so they took data from the local registration office and there was a mix-up."

She said apologized to the relatives of all the dead people on behalf of the tax inspectorate, which is under huge pressure to squeeze more tax out of the citizenry.

Is this a court or a single's bar?

A judge in a circuit court in Orlando insulted a couple trying to divorce each other.

Thinking their uncontested divorce would take only minutes, Gary Lieberman and his wife Julie Smith-Lieberman appeared before Judge Leonard V. Wood, who asked details of their sex life and urged them to remain married and have a baby.

"He was trying to humiliate us," said Lieberman.

Later the judge said he wouldn't mind having a child with Smith-Lieberman if he weren't married.

The Florida Supreme Court publicly reprimanded Wood, a rare occasion in that state.

"I have been at fault in my choice of words and unnecessary expression of thought," Wood wrote to the state Judicial Qualifications Commission.

He said he blamed health problems on his actions and was under the long-term care of a psychologist.

Udder government waste

An television ad for U.S. Rep. Mark Neumann (R-Wisc.) features the noises of cow flatulence to attack Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.) in his bid for election to the U.S. Senate.

Neumann challenges Feingold's support of a government-funded study researching whether or not the methane emitted from cud-chewing animals plays a part in the Earth-warming greenhouse effect.

"This study smelled like government waste to me," said Neumann, "so I wrote a bill that killed the funding of this ridiculous program."

Mike Wittenwyler, Feingold's campaign manager said that characterizing Feingold as supporting the study is "udderly" ridiculous.

Flawed, but not counterfeit

Though Germany printed millions already, their euro coins must be redesigned.

The stars of Europe that encircle the coin lean to the side, an official said.

The stars on all countries' euro coins must have their top point directed upward, but the German version fans out.

A mint in Berlin, one of several in Germany, printed 2 million themselves.

"The German coin design was based on a description which was open to interpretation," said Building Ministry spokesman Wolfgang Jenders in defense of the mistake.

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Clinton not responsible for market decline

Barnini Chakraborty
CT STAFF WRITER

Let's try a multiple-choice test:

A. The recent stock market fall correlates with the President Clinton-Monica Lewinsky affair.

B. The stock market fell because of congressional pressures placed on Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

C. The stock market declined because of overseas negative factors including the fall of Asian and Russian stock markets.

If you answered C, you were correct even though news media around the nation reported that many people attribute the stock market decline to the U.S. president and his personal problems.

Not so, said Edward Millner, chairman of VCU's Department of Economics.

"I wouldn't blame him (Clinton) for the market," Millner said. "The (economic) problems in Russia and Asia are interrelated. Our stocks are much more affected by Asia and their interest rates than by Clinton."

Sam Guzman, president of VCU's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, a national accounting fraternity, agrees.

"The most significant factor in the volatility," he said, "is the slowing of corporate profits, which in many cases reverts to the Asian crisis."

This means Guzman suggests that the real culprits for the lower market-rate belong to the overseas stock markets.

"It is rare to find a company that does not have any exposure to Asia in some form," he said, "whether it is in production, supplies or other various aspects of business."

"The problems in Asia and Russia are impacting corporate profits, which in turn impacts the stock market, which in turn impacts the amount of money that investors put into the market."

In addition, Guzman attributes the stock market volatility to the Federal Reserve Board chairman.

"All eyes have been on Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve to see whether the Fed will cut interest rates," he said. "Most people seem to think the Fed will reduce rates by .25 (percent) to .50 percent."

And it did just that Tuesday, Sept. 29. The federal funds rate was cut a quarter point to 5.25 percent, causing stocks to plummet more than 100 points before the Dow Jones Industrial average recovered at 8,080. The net effect will be lower interest rates on loans and on savings accounts.

Nonetheless, on occasion the U.S. president's role affects the stock market, causing it to plummet, slightly decline or remain stable.

The day President Reagan was shot, for instance, the stock market experienced a decline. Ironically, when President Nixon resigned the market was not severely affected, because Millner said the market had anticipated Nixon being impeached and braced itself.

Millner reminds students interested in the stock market that they should "have a tolerance for risk," but he recommends they invest in mutual funds because of their good history.

Likewise, Guzman recommends the stock market to fellow students, although he warns they should be careful in what they invest.

"This is a great time to be buying stocks because prices (of stocks) have fallen recently," he said. "You can find some great values in the market now."

Guzman said if students are interested in investing for a short amount of time, they should look for companies that are fundamentally strong and are in a position to withstand short-term volatility.

On the other hand, he said these companies should have exposure to Asia or Russia though he thinks Internet stocks are performing fairly well.

For students interested in long-term investments, Guzman suggests they invest in companies having strong management and fundamentally are strong.

"Dell is one of my favorites," he said.

Although market experts may disagree which stocks will produce the greatest benefits, they agree that President Clinton's personal problems may not contribute at all to America's declining stock market.

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own."

In the spring formal rush the Panhellenic vice president usually recruits around 10 sorority members who then are titled Rho Chis. These members come from any sorority but, Malazich said, disassociate themselves from their sorority during rush.

"The Rho Chis and Panhellenic vice president and myself (direct) the formal rush," Malazich said.

Each sorority, she said, then can sponsor a certain number of parties dictated by the three of them, and prospective members attend a specific number of parties to join the sorority.

"In trying to get to know new students, alcohol wouldn't help," Anderson said. "It isn't necessary. It's not something you'd want with open and honest dialogue."

Anderson's sorority and others at VCU operate by their respective national organizations' guidelines as well as by the National Hellenic and the Panhellenic councils regulations. These councils, Malazich said, do not condone drinking on sorority property or drinking during rush.

Wendi Furlong, chapter president of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, affirmed AGD has a dry rush.

"Alcohol," she said, "would hinder the 'getting to know part' of getting a student through (rush)."

In addition, Furlong emphasized that she thinks drinking alcohol around new students could intimidate those who don't drink.

One repercussion of drinking, Furlong said, is that students can perform poorly in school.

"Irresponsible drinking affects schoolwork and relationships with people you hang out with," she said. "Your overall judgment when you drink can get you hurt physically or emotionally."

Forexample, the "Alcohol Use and Abuse on Virginia's College and University Campuses" special report noted a direct relationship between increased alcohol use and dropping grade point averages. Jim Dyke, a former state secretary of education, led the task force that developed this statewide study in 1993. In previous interviews Dyke pointed out the study's findings of a correlation between alcohol use and sexual assault.

Another AGD member, Lisa Summerell, suggested the key to drinking alcohol is to drink responsibly.

"You can drink socially," she said, "and it's not a bad thing."

Nonetheless, William H. Duvall, associate vice provost and dean of student affairs, said because chapter houses are on private property, VCU has limited jurisdiction until a Greek organization commits an offense of its national organization's guidelines.

This means when a violation of Greek regulations occurs, the university must have evidence to notify the national officers to take disciplinary action.

"The ultimate," he said, "would be canceling registration of that group as an organization at VCU."

In doing this, Duvall said the chapter would have no access to campus facilities and functions and would have to operate exclusively off-campus.

"VCU has not canceled a registration to date," Duvall said.

Other options include the university placing the chapter on probation or suspending its charter. But the main problem with enforcing any university regulation involves finding out if an offense actually occurred. At times a reported offense is blown out of proportion or never happened.

Sometimes, Duvall said, a student complains to staff or faculty members or to the Richmond city police before the complaint reaches Duvall's office.

Because of the recent expansion of VCU's police jurisdiction on the western border of the campus from Harrison to Lombardy streets, officers on occasion are alerted to problems involving Greek organizations since their chapters are housed in the area.

Sorority presidents Anderson and Furlong stressed that they previously have not encountered problems involving alcohol in their chapters.

Moreover, alcohol consumption and its problems hold the spotlight now because of the task force developed by Richard Cullen, former state attorney general, and now led by Attorney

General Mark Earley, but Duvall said he thinks VCU has "an essentially alcohol-free environment on this (academic) campus."

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Higher Education Act

Dusty Smith
CT NEWS EDITOR

Congress has passed bill to extend the Higher Education Act yesterday.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives voted unanimously to pass the bill which President Clinton is expected to sign.

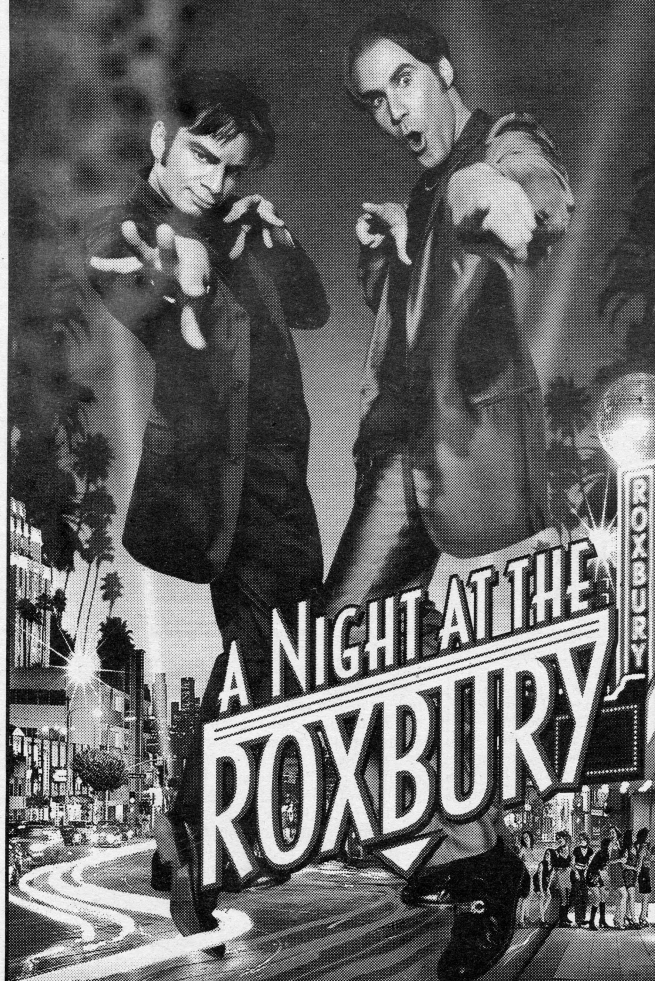
"By increasing the access and quality of higher education," said Sen. James M. Jeffords (R-Vt.), "this bill will help insure that our nation remains a leader in educational excellence for all our citizens."

Virginia Attorney General Mark Earley and Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) worked together to have a last minute amendment placed on the bill involving parental notification.

If signed by the president, the bill gives universities and colleges license to inform parents of any alcohol-related offense by their children under 21.

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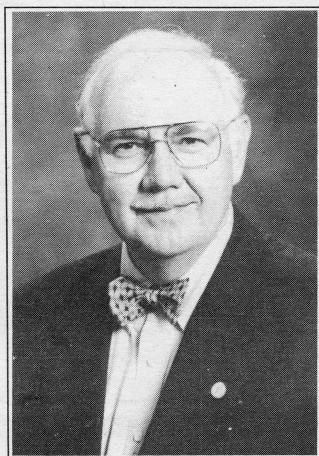
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Bosher appointed distinguished professor

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Bosher

Welcome back master graduate and colleague William C. Bosher Jr.!

Starting in January, Bosher will teach master's level courses in educational leadership in VCU's School of Education. As Chesterfield County School superintendent, he accepted VCU's position as distinguished professor of education.

"We saw him as one of the leading superintendents in this area and in the state, and he has much to contribute to VCU," said John S. Oehler, dean of the education school.

Oehler, who served with Bosher on several committees and presentations, shared 25 years of experience with Bosher, who was Virginia's superintendent of public instruction before joining the Chesterfield school district.

He began serving in Gov. George Allen's administration in 1994 after leaving his 13-year term as superintendent of Henrico County Public Schools.

In 1969, Bosher received his master's degree in educational counseling at VCU and later returned as a part-time adjunct professor.

To help prepare VCU students for educational administrative positions, Bosher said he will teach one course per semester and during the summer primarily on evenings and weekends.

Besides teaching, he plans to help develop an institute for educational policy in VCU's Center for Public Policy. Through research and analysis, the institute eventually will offer information regarding educational issues to legislative agencies, local boards and public officials.

Calling his dual position a "collateral appointment" and "clearly an honor," Bosher said he appreciates the extraordinary recognition shown by VCU.

Alan M. McLeod, division head for teacher education in the education school, said he thinks Bosher's teaching will help students in the educational leadership area because as a county and state superintendent he dealt with policy at all levels.

"He has been on the firing line and is still on it," McLeod said. "He can bring a perspective on a complexity of issues to bring to resolution."

Expecting to offer firsthand accounts of major issues in school administration, Bosher sees applying his experiences as one method of allowing students to learn through evaluation. He said his teaching would include looking at successes while reflecting on errors.

"Graduate students can get a sense of push and pull," he said. "I'd learn more from what I'll give, and we can push each other. That's the beauty of the classroom."

As for Bosher's involvement with the educational policy institute, Oehler predicts this role combined with an instructional one will benefit not only the university but also allow Bosher to enhance his knowledge.

"It will," Oehler said, "give him a chance to synthesize both his experience as an educational leader and his knowledge as he gains more information."

Nonetheless, VCU will need to organize and fund the institute. When in operation, Bosher suggested, it will become a policy-making institute greatly needed to provide advice and resources about education to the public.

"It is exciting to be a part of its growth and future planning," he said.

Once Bosher's on campus, Oehler said he thinks the superintendent's activities will benefit the students and the community.

"(Bosher's presence) will contribute to our students and the education in this area of the commonwealth," the education dean said.

Yet, when the distinguished professor needs a break, he'll hit the sky. "Flying is good transportation and therapy," he said referring to his private pilot's license.

Hibbs building earmarked for large computer lab

Olivia A. Orr
CT STAFF WRITER

Students who spend too much time waiting in line to use a computer here at VCU, may have hope for the future.

Thanks to a project initiated by the College of Humanities and Sciences, a new computer lab is in the works for VCU's Academic Campus.

The planned site for the computer lab is the basement of the Hibbs Building, where VCU's bookstore was once located. Though still in the final stages of planning, officials said the goal is an official opening for the lab in spring 1999.

Despite other options that were considered for the old bookstore site, the proposal for a new lab was accepted by the university provost's office and brought into the planning stages. Albert Sneden, associate dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, is overseeing much of this planning process.

"Our key goal is to have more computers available to students on a broader time frame," Sneden said. The goal, he said is to install around 100 computers and keep the lab open a minimum of 80 hours a week.

Sneden said the cost of the lab will be between \$500,000 and \$600,000, but a concrete cost figure is not available.

In a meeting of the Student Government Association Senate on Monday afternoon, Edwin E. Blanks, vice provost for

academic administration, said the budget for the lab is \$650,000, but the blueprints detail a \$1 million plan.

"That's a \$350,000 problem," Blanks said. "We need to bring the plans back down to the \$650,000 budget." He added that university officials hope to keep the lab open 24 hours a day, but, because it is a project of humanities and sciences, it will probably be open to exclusively to students within the college.

"Obviously, there could be some exceptions to that rule," he said.

Climate-control concerns will be important factors in the lab's construction, Sneden said. The heat output from the computers, along with the age and design of the building, must be taken into account, he said.

"The provost's office has been very supportive of the initiative," Sneden said.

Blanks said other labs are in the works for the Hibbs Building. Two labs in the General Purpose Academic Building will be converted back to classrooms. The computers from those labs will move to the third floor of Hibbs when the Humanities and Sciences dean's office moves out of Hibbs and into Scherer Hall.

"We really need more classrooms," Blanks said. "Besides, the current location of the dean's office is a fire hazard. People are in less than six square feet of individual work space and there is no conference room."

BIOGRAPHY

Positions

- Superintendent of Chesterfield County Schools.
- Chairman of the Virginia Board of Education's advisory committee.
- Part-time adjunct professor at the University of Virginia.

Professional Experience

- State superintendent of public instruction.
- Part-time adjunct professor at VCU and at University of Richmond.
- Superintendent of Henrico Public Schools.

Education

- Doctor of Education, University of Virginia, 1974.
- Master of Education in counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1969.
- Bachelor of Arts in English, University of Richmond, 1968.

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Engineering building home to cutting-edge clean room

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Anyone who has spent time on VCU's campus has probably heard about the high-tech marvel at Belvidere and Main streets. The engineering school's new building houses 450 students, a library, a 200-seat auditorium and dozens of computers, as well as the Virginia Microelectronics Center, a cutting edge clean room facility.

Clean rooms are electrical engineering laboratories which have very few dust particles in the air. The tiny particles can be fatal to an engineer's work, said Robert Mattauch, chairman of electrical engineering at VCU.

Clean rooms stay clean because filtered air is constantly channeling through the space. VCU's clean room undergoes seven complete air changes each minute," Mattauch said.

Before entering the clean room, students and researchers must first go into pre-gowning and gowning areas where they don full bunny suits, rub-

ber gloves, and head and shoe covers. "What we are trying to do is protect the environment from the people," Mattauch said.

To protect the air quality and the expensive equipment inside the clean rooms, only authorized individuals have access.

All students and faculty at the school will be issued a proximity card that they flash in front of a small box outside the doorways to the clean room and other limited access areas. The card identifies them to the computerized system that checks to see if they are authorized to enter the location. The door automatically unlocks once the system clears a person.

The VMC's clean room consists of several levels. The first floor of the facility is a 5,000 square-foot clean room designed to offer students a real-world learning experience.

The third floor clean room is 2,500 square feet and intended primarily for

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MCVH ranked among top hospitals in country

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CT STAFF WRITER

Although the local media highlights the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals' ranking among the best in the country, at least one medical student was surprised it took so long for MCV to be recognized.

"I'm proud to be studying in such a great school and I am not surprised at the recent recognition, only that it took so long to be recognized," said David Roberts, a student at MCV.

Robert's was referring to the July article in U.S. News and World Report that ranked MCV as one of the top 40 hospitals in the country. Likewise, Modern Health magazine ranked MCV as one of the nation's top 100 hospitals.

Modern Health magazine last January reported an independent study of hospital ratings and benchmarks for success listed MCV as the only hospital in Central Virginia meeting the magazine's requirements.

Then in July, U.S. News and World Report placed three of MCV's specialties among the best available in the country: gynecology, rehabilitation, and orthopedics.

Gynecology, managing reproductive-tract problems from infertility to ovarian cancer, ranked No. 36.

"It is impossible to separate patient care and patient services," said Dr. John Seeds, chairman and professor of gynecology at

MCV. "It all fits together in a cycle.

"People, he said, prefer to go to MCV because of its individual faculty member's personal reputation and its broad variety of services.

Massey Cancer Center, which works closely with MCV Hospitals, treats cancer patients throughout Virginia.

"The hospital is an integral part of the cancer center's role in cancer treatment," said Richard Seither, associate director of Massey Cancer Center. "The cancer center needs the academic medical center to take the research findings to the patient's bedside."

Orthopedics, another of MCV's specialties noted in the article, ranked No. 38. Ethel Kemp, a former patient who was treated for joint problems, said she felt very comfortable with the orthopedic physicians' level of knowledge and found the hospital staff nice and caring.

MCV's rehabilitation center, helping people affected by strokes, injuries or brain damage, placed No. 20 in News and World Report's article. The National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research designated the center as a model system of care for individuals with traumatic brain injury.

"As a student, I am exposed to a wide variety of things at

MCV," said Turner Lewis, a second-year medical student. "Most of all, I see how everyone at MCV puts the patient ahead of their own concerns."

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researchers, Mattauch said. Sandwiched between the two levels is a huge maze of air ducts and air filters that keep the air in the clean rooms as dust free as possible.

However, what really makes VCU's school of engineering stand out, said Mattauch, is not just the clean rooms, but who will use them.

VCU plans to offer electrical engineering students a clean room experience as early as their freshman year. In other programs, Mattauch said, students do not even take engineering classes, much less enter a clean room, until the end of their sophomore year.

"There have been so many things wrong with engineering education for so long," Mattauch said, adding that traditional programs "wring the enthusiasm out of the student."

In contrast, VCU's program is designed "to keep fanning those flames of enthusiasm," he said.

In addition to providing students early clean room access, the engineering school and its new building incorporate many other features into a student's experience.

There are classrooms with distance-learning capabilities, computer classrooms and labs, quiet study rooms, graduate student study carrels and several lounge areas with comfortable seating, many with marker boards where students and faculty can confer over problems.

The new building has "a real first class environment," said Robert Pearson, associate professor of electrical engineering.

"They spared no expense," said Heath Case, a third-year chemical engineering student. "Labs (at the new building) are far superior to anything that we've done outside."

The building also has ample space for social events, including a spacious courtyard. There is even a warming pantry to keep food hot for catered events.

Every Wednesday morning the courtyard and adjoining lounge areas serve as the site for student and faculty socials where prospective engineers and their teachers can mingle over coffee. Turnout at the Wednesday Morning Mixers has been "rather good," Mattauch said.

An engineering student's coursework can get "mighty frightening," he said, adding the mixers give faculty the opportunity "to essentially hold their mental hands and encourage them."

Pearson agrees that the interaction outside of class can be of great benefit to students.

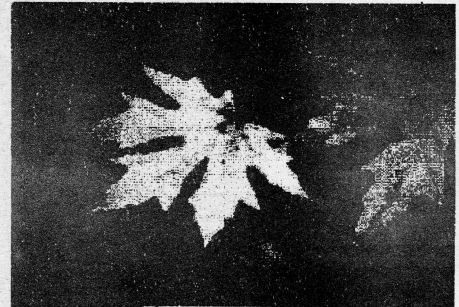
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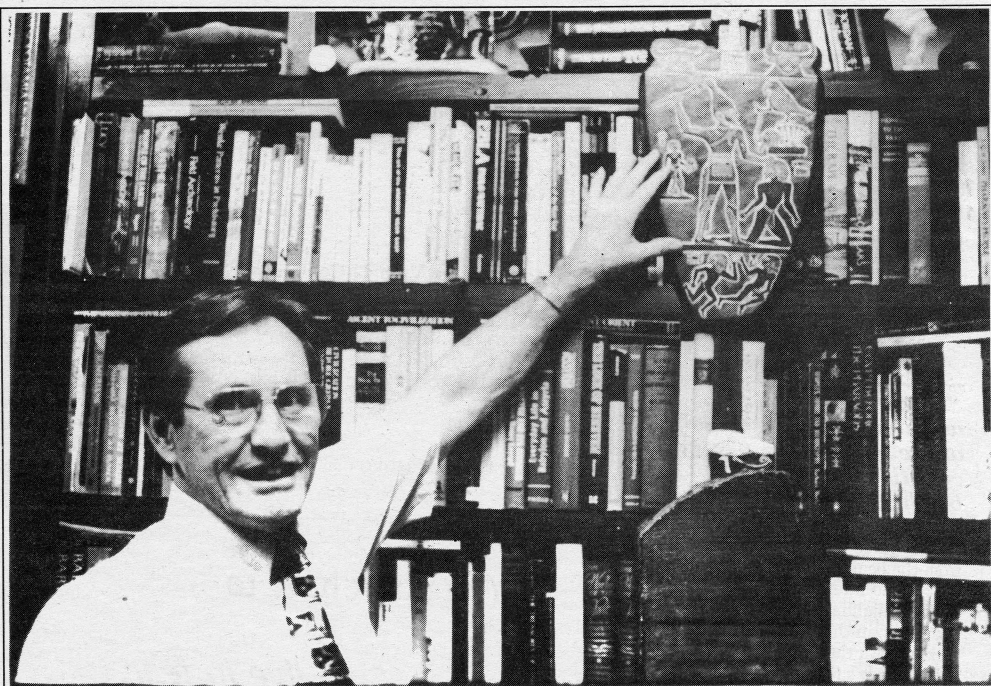


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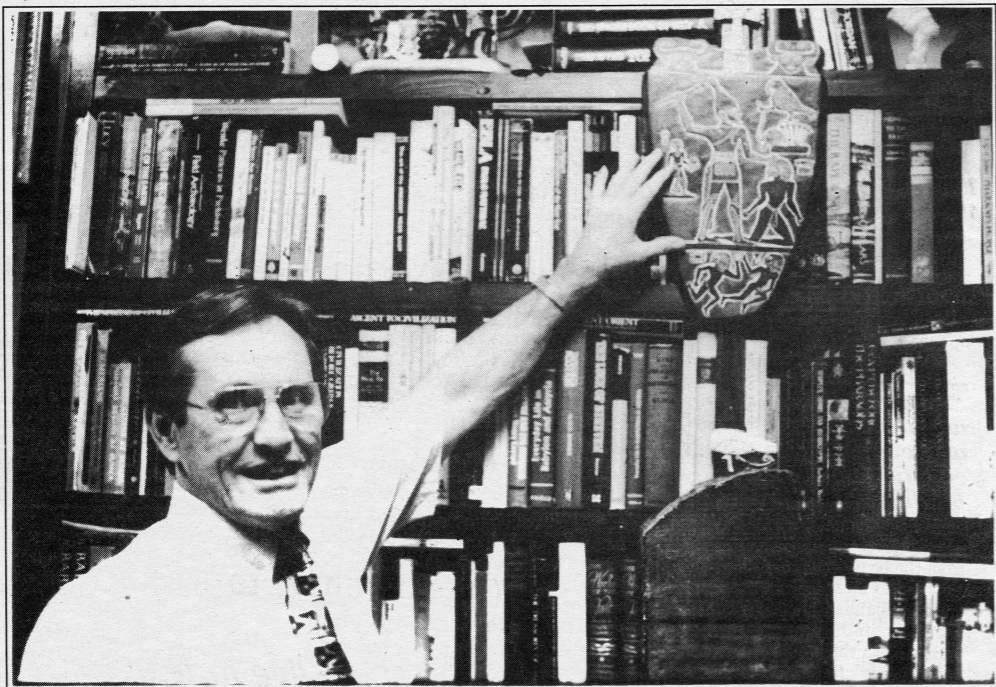


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Egypt was also, in several aspects, centuries ahead of its contemporary countries in terms of equal rights for women.

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Cover of Solid Gold Fish Bowl's new album "By the Ounce"

Solid Gold Fish Bowl's "Ounce" measures up

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Combine the energy of Santana with the magic of the Grateful Dead, and you could have something special on your hands. Well, that something special appears to have mutated in the form of Richmond's Solid Gold Fish Bowl.

Until the release of its debut album, "By the Ounce," fans of the band had to scour the local club scene, most notably Alley Katz and The Cobblestone, to hear the band's vibrant rhythms.

The ten-track offering is solid throughout. Its percussion driven sound, complete with high energy guitar riffs and the pleasant voices of Anne Bloomsburg, Pierre Picardat and Cy Taggart coalesce to make the music magical. Noteworthy tracks include

"Wolfman's Slow Jive," "Willow Tree," and "Enjoy The Room." A carnival-like piece about Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead scene called "Fatman's King," is a tune that will bring a tear to the eye of any Deadhead.

The CD is a slice of what Solid Gold Fish Bowl is all about. To truly get an idea of how wonderful the band is, you must see a live show to take in the sounds that will have your feet movin' and your body groovin'.

Solid Gold Fish Bowl's members are: Pierre Picardat (rhythm guitar, lead and backing vocals), Anne Bloomsburg (lead and backing vocals), Zach Hess (rhythm and bass percussion), Cy Taggart (lead guitar, mandolin, and backing vocals), Andy Bossola (bass), Dave Raymond (rhythm and accentual percussion) and Mark Langhorst (piano).

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"There's a certain mystique about Egypt. You can mention Mesopotamia, you can mention Babylon, and people will just stare at you. But when you mention Egypt, you can see a little glitter in the eye," Talbert said.

"There's a mystique there. There's a lot to see."

Due in part to its astounding advancements relative to available resources, Talbert said "The more we've learned about the Ancient Egyptians, the more advanced they are. The more we study them, the more we're amazed at how much they did know, whether it was medicine or mathematics or astronomy, they knew all about it."

Egypt was also, in several aspects, centuries ahead of its contemporary countries in terms of equal rights for women.

Talbert noted that women in Ancient Egypt "Voted, they conducted wills, testaments. They were recognized as equal." Furthermore, "To be a woman in Ancient Egypt was to be in a far superior position than in Greece and Rome. No question about it."

Tonight at 7:30 in the Business Building Auditorium Dr. Talbert will speak and present a slide show on his recent trip to Egypt. He described his presentation as a "come-fly-with-me kind of thing. Let's explore Egypt!"



Cover of Solid Gold Fish Bowl's new album "By the Ounce"

Solid Gold Fish Bowl's "Ounce" measures up Local band makes good with new album

Mark Stallard
CT STAFF WRITER

Combine the energy of Santana with the magic of the Grateful Dead, and you could have something special on your hands. Well, that something special appears to have mutated in the form of Richmond's Solid Gold Fish Bowl.

Until the release of its debut album, "By the Ounce," fans of the band had to scour the local club scene, most notably Alley Katz and The Cobblestone, to hear the band's vibrant rhythms.

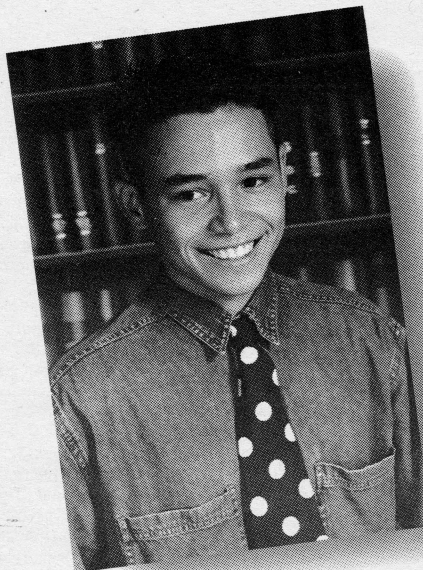
The ten-track offering is solid throughout. Its percussion driven sound, complete with high energy guitar riffs and the pleasant voices of Anne Bloomsburg, Pierre Picardat and Cy Taggart coalesce to make the music magical.

Noteworthy tracks include

"Wolfman's Slow Jive," "Willow Tree," and "Enjoy The Room." A carnival-like piece about Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead scene called "Fatman's King," is a tune that will bring a tear to the eye of any Deadhead.

The CD is a slice of what Solid Gold Fish Bowl is all about. To truly get an idea of how wonderful the band is, you must see a live show to take in the sounds that will have your feet movin' and your body groovin'.

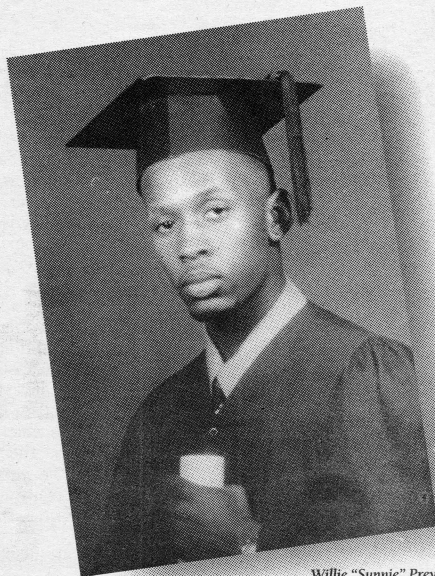
Solid Gold Fish Bowl's members are: Pierre Picardat (rhythm guitar, lead and backing vocals), Anne Bloomsburg (lead and backing vocals), Zach Hess (rhythm and bass percussion), Cy Taggart (lead guitar, mandolin, and backing vocals), Andy Bossola (bass), Dave Raymond (rhythm and accentual percussion) and Mark Langhorst (piano).



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Justin Wilson

When will Gilmore work for Virginians?

For Republicans, Jim Gilmore was a godsend. He entered office as the antithesis of his predecessor. Instead of being confrontational, he was conciliatory. Instead of operating under a "me-versus-the-world" mentality, he presented himself as someone who would gently nudge the establishment instead of subverting it.

He was swept into office due to a campaign pledge that plainly resonated with the voters of Virginia, and it gave him a mandate to act.

For Democrats, Jim Gilmore is quite scary. In Gilmore you have a man who cannot be lambasted as being in bed with Pat Robertson or Jerry Falwell. He is scary because he appealed to a common-sense nature in Virginians with a fluky but successful campaign pledge.

Now, we look at Gilmore's administration nearly nine months in, and we have to say, "Where have we gone?"

Of course, Jim Gilmore accomplished his mandate of eliminating the personal property tax on personal vehicles. For all the build-up, it went through with little fanfare as Gilmore quashed opponents' plans regardless of merit and force-fed his plan through the General Assembly. He celebrated with a multi-million dollar bash on the grounds of the Capitol, and sent out ethically questionable "campaign" notices with the tax refunds reminding everybody who it was that actually refunded their personal property tax dollars.

Without the tax refund, what else has Gilmore accomplished? He has spent much of his first year appointing commissions to study various policy issues. Instead of making policy, Gilmore has chosen to pass the buck to others. What better way to avoid blame than have other

people make the decisions and take the heat for controversial ones? Granted, delegation is a mark of a good executive, but this is ridiculous.

He shrewdly obtained control of the State Senate and parity in the House of Delegates by enticing Democratic legislators with high priced state jobs. As calculating as it was, it was pure political genius.

He surprised everyone with his appointment of the head of the Virginia NAACP to another high priced state job, and surprised his own party by toning down the annual Confederate Day resolution. He even attempted to reach out to the state employees, whose morale was verging on suicidal after the term of former Gov. George Allen.

Yet when we look at everything, what has Jim Gilmore really accomplished? He prevented real meaningful tax breaks on the food tax from going into affect. He fought the General Assembly when it tried to ensure that all children are afforded appropriate health care. He bashed one of the best university systems in the nation for being overspenders. He's been seen hobnobbing with Charlton Heston, president of the National Rifle Association. Now he is traversing the state trying to raise money so the Republicans can take control of the General Assembly outright next November. Where is the work for the people of this Commonwealth?

I certainly am glad that the governor enjoys meeting those who can cut him checks for \$10,000, but it's a shame that he doesn't; also enjoy meeting with the rest of us Virginians; most of whom put him into office.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notifying parents an invasion of students rights

After reading the article "VCU examines notifying parents of alcohol abuse (Sept. 28)", I'm left almost speechless. I have yet to determine whether the suggestion of notifying parents of alcohol violations was born of insanity or stupidity, or both.

I find it sad that there even has to be a conversation on different possible ways, however well meaning, to tread on student privacy. And the quote from Jonathan Amacker, "Just because a young adult turns 18 and goes off to college doesn't mean that parents no longer have a right or responsibility to be involved."

Sorry to tell you Jon, but that's EXACTLY what it means. Some people might complain about the edge of adulthood being at 18, but it is exactly the opposite of what the Attorney General's office thinks it is. It is the time that marks the independence of the individual, and exactly the moment at which the parent is no longer responsible for what the child does.

And can't you just see the waiver for personal privacy bundled with all the other 1,000 forms that an incoming freshman has to sign and send off? The form would likely get signed without even reading it or thinking about its repercussions.

None of this is to say that I am in favor of wild, on-campus drinking.

I have another suggestion to curb drink-

ing in the VCU area. It won't be popular, but I think it will be somewhat effective.

Tax the living hell out of alcohol on campus. Require, along with any other penalty that might apply, a minimum \$500 fine for an alcohol-related offense. Tax the living hell out of alcohol around campus in local bars and convenience stores. Hopefully this would accomplish two things simultaneously. If you make alcohol too expensive, college kids simply won't be able to afford it.

Secondly, you could use the funds raised by the massive, irrational, no-holds-barred taxes towards alcohol education, and towards paying the poor paramedics that have to scrape the drunken idiots off of the trees with spatulas.

My approach, I admit, is evil, ruthless, fascist and unfair. Under the idea I've set forward, people drinking responsibly would have no problem whatsoever. (Other than higher prices on alcohol.)

Those who drink irresponsibly and who are in the category that would be "prone" to alcohol-related offenses can fry for all I care. Irresponsible behavior can and does result in the deaths of innocent people and is not something I feel I have to be fair in dealing with.

David Allen
VCU junior

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Ram Stat

Former VCU men's basketball player Mylo Brooks was drafted in the seventh round of the CBA draft by the Fort Wayne Fury.

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Sports

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Upcoming

See how field hockey did in Philadelphia and how women's soccer did in their first two home matches.

Rams stun Spiders

George Templeton
CT SPORTS EDITOR

The situation didn't look good for VCU men's soccer team. The Rams played the Richmond Spiders who lost just one game, 1-0 to second-ranked Duke, and favored by Soccer America magazine to win the Colonial Athletic Association title.

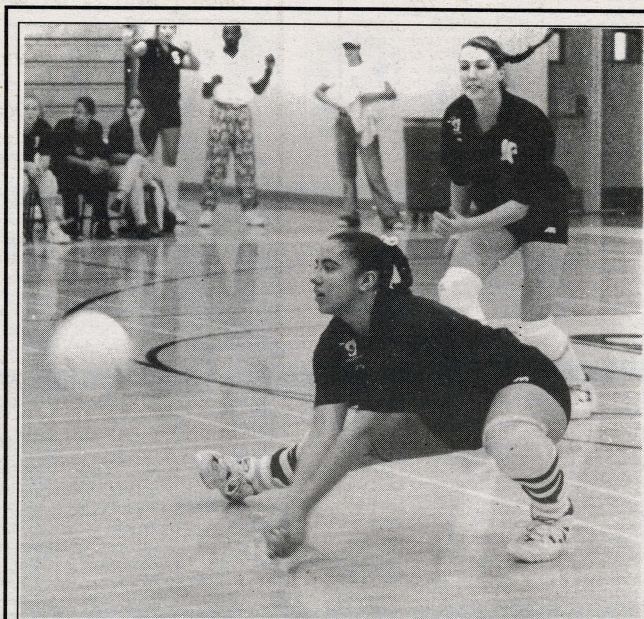
To compound VCU's troubles, the Rams faced a 1-0 deficit late in the game against goalkeeper, Adrian Clewlow. The goalkeeper gave up only one goal in four games and led the CAA with 0.21 goals against average.

VCU overcame the Spiders with a goal by Matt Kirkpatrick with 5:02 left in regulation. With 8:03 gone Ricardo Capilla scored to give the Rams a 2-1 victory Tuesday night at Richmond.

"We fought hard, and played with good spirit and our work paid off in the end," said Kirkpatrick.

The Rams (4-3-1, 2-0-0) fell behind 3-34 into the match when the Spiders took advantage of a VCU mistake to score early. After an error by the Rams that caused a turnover near its own goal, Brent Cesare fed Cam Letke who beat VCU goalkeeper Adam Mead on the left side to give Richmond a 1-0 lead.

"Richmond puts a lot of pressure on the goal, and our defense made a mistake,"



DIG FOR IT

Summer Segars gets down for the ball with Kristen Didio looking on. VCU volleyball takes on ECU, 7 p.m. Friday and UNC W, 2 p.m. Saturday at Franklin St. Gym.

said VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan. "Hopefully we'll be able to eliminate those mistakes as the season wears on."

During the rest of the first half both teams played evenly, each taking six shots and having two corner kicks, but VCU missed two opportunities to tie the game.

The first came in the 23rd minute. Kirkpatrick took a cross from the right side of the field and hit a shot that beat the diving Clewlow, but hit the post.

The second chance came when a long pass from the midfield, Capilla outran Clewlow to the ball on the right side of the goal.

With Clewlow out of position, Capilla tried to cross the ball out of heavy traffic in front to Dwayne Bergeron, but the Spider defense cleared the ball away.

The Spiders nearly increased their lead to 2-0 in the 2nd half. In the 52nd minute, Andy Moden's shot from the right side of the goal had Mead beaten but went just wide.

In the 59th minute the Rams fell victim to two non-calls on apparent fouls in the box.

The first came when Capilla collected a pass 13 yards from goal and prepared to turn around toward the it when he was apparently knocked down by the Spiders.

"The referee's decision is something we can't control," said Capilla.

The second came when Kevin Jeffrey took a long pass from the Rams defensive area and ran toward the goal when the Spider defender apparently grabbed Jeffrey's jersey and the ref made no call.

"We felt there were fouls not called in the box," said O'Sullivan. "I know that referees hate to call penalties, but a foul is foul no matter where it is."

The Rams then tied the game when Capilla fought off two defenders to get the ball near the Richmond goal. Capilla passed

off to Kirkpatrick who was open on the right side and put his shot into the upper corner past Clewlow to tie the game.

"That was a great goal because it was scored against the flow of play," said O'Sullivan.

Kirkpatrick credited Capilla's hard work for allowing him to score.

"We had started to gamble more because there wasn't much time left and we needed to score, so I ran into the offensive zone a lot more," Kirkpatrick said. "This time Ricardo (Capilla) made a great play to get open and he got me the ball."

In the overtime Kirkpatrick and Capilla switched places.

Kirkpatrick ran up the right side of the field and fed the ball through heavy traffic to Capilla, who slotted past Clewlow into to give VCU the win.

"It's good to see Ricardo score that goal because he scored some great goals last year," O'Sullivan said, "and there is a lot of pressure on him to score goals this year."

VCU plays again at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at Collegiate School against nationally ranked South Carolina.

Field hockey wins in OT

George Templeton
CT SPORTS EDITOR

With a win over the Richmond Spiders, VCU's field hockey team (5-5, 1-2) could have won three straight for the first time since 1993.

The Rams were 31 seconds away from accomplishing just that, when Leigh Honeker scored. In overtime Honeker shot, giving the Spiders a 3-2 victory.

"Defensively we didn't make smart decisions and it came back to haunt us," said VCU coach Dawn Hill.

The Spiders scored when Honeker, who gained an assist, fired it into play, and after one shot fake, Melissa D'Anton shot past VCU goalkeeper Jodi Dodson, giving Richmond a 1-0 lead. Also getting an assist was Christy Yarnell.

"We gave them too many opportunities, and the defense could only take so much," Hill said. "We turned the ball over a lot in our own end and at midfield and that really hurt us."

The Spiders' led until 41 seconds left. Christine DeFebo scored her second goal this year to level the score at one.

The Rams took the lead late off a penalty corner. Jenna Stewart put the ball in play to Courtney Cutchall who fed the ball to Maria Sonina. Sonina shot past Richmond goalie Brooke Fuller giving the Rams a 2-1 lead.

"I saw her stick down and I pushed the ball real hard, and I knew it would go high," Sonina said.

The goal came off a Richmond penalty corner, a category the Spiders dominated 12-6. With Dodson on the wrong side, Honeker scored to knot the score at two. D'Anton and Yarnell earned assists.

Honeker's game-winner came during an offensive attack by Richmond. After Dodson made a save off a Richmond penalty corner, the Rams couldn't clear the ball.

A scramble in the circle resulted in Honeker taking the ball and putting it home to give the Spiders the win.

"It would have been a hard loss to take in regulation, but overtime makes it a lot worse," Hill said.

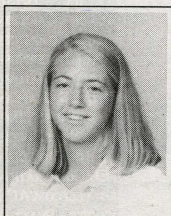
This weekend VCU faces Temple on Saturday and St. Joseph's on Sunday.



Athlete of the Week

Cortney Cutchall

Field Hockey



■ Cutchall, a senior from Harrisonville, Pa., scored one goal and two assists and was named Colonial Athletic Association player of the week. Cutchall assisted on the game-winner against Radford, to help VCU win their first CAA game ever.

MEN'S SOCCER

(4-3-1, 2-0-0)

Oct. 3 So. CAR.	Oct. 7 UNCW	Oct. 10 ODU
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VCU's MATCH AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA WILL BE ITS FIRST AGAINST A NATIONALLY RANKED TEAM THIS YEAR.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(3-5-0, 0-2-0)

Oct. 3 UNCW	Oct. 6 UR	Oct. 9 YSU
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THE RAMS ARE 2-2 AGAINST TEAMS FROM VIRGINIA.

VOLEYBALL

(5-10, 0-2)

Oct. 2 ECU	Oct. 3 UNCW	Oct. 6 HAMP-TON
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VCU HAS LOST SEVEN CONSECUTIVE CONFERENCE MATCHES.

FIELD HOCKEY

(5-4, 1-1)

Oct. 3 TEMPLE	Oct. 4 St. Joe's	Oct. 7 UVA
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RAMS HAVE WON MORE HOME MATCHES THIS YEAR (4-2) THEN MATCHES WON IN ANY SEASON FROM 1995-97.

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Season to date:	62-18	60-20	57-23	55-25	55-25	54-26	54-26	46-34
Percentage:	.775	.750	.713	.688	.688	.675	.675	.575
Games Back	—	2	5	7	7	8	8	16

\$5-\$ "Numb Knees" Netherland held on to first place this week, only because of some fortunate quarterbacking that allowed both his Raiders and himself to win. Apparently Dallas' quarterback, Jason Garrett, attended a pre-game "mind-clearing session" with Michael Irvin and other assorted convicts. "In Absentia" Rogalsky survived tumults on the homefront to go 16-4 and keep second place in his clutches, and remain on the heels of "No Comics" Netherland. Heads will soon be rolling 'round the campus as "Wagon, Plane, or Train, I Don't Care As Long As I Get to Fort Wayne" Franke, the woman with the longest nickname in Picks' history, seeks retribution for falling three games back. "Ying-Yang" Yoder has proven that he can salvage the CT's financial records, but the question remains, can he salvage his season? Though he started strong, "What's That?" Yoder keeps sliding further and further out of first. As this is being read, the gap between the Business Manager and the title spreads further apart than Monica Lewinsky's legs. On a more positive and less political note, "Dirbag" Dusty has separated from "Billy Club" Ben and "Right" George, which is not only a sound lifestyle choice, but a smart Picks' move as well. Should "Dirty and Decadent" Dusty continue his current pace and be top Picker from the News Section, he wins a "Get out of covering the General Assembly Free" card. The Picks would like to thank you for reading and at same time, would like to thank Angela "Climbing the Woodford" for help in laying out the Sports section Sunday night. Speaking of the Sports Section, the last two Picks champions, "Leftover Leiss" and "Lord I Was Born a Rambling Man" Rogalsky, have both come from the illustrious Sports Section. The Sports Editor "Son of Monkey Boy" Templeton better get his act together if he is to defend the honor (what little there is left) of the Sports section. Besides he doesn't want to end up having the dubious record of that former Sports Editor and Picks alumnus Terry "Execution Witness" Scanlon.

MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Sept. 28)

PLAYER	G-GS	G	A	Pts.
Ricardo Capilla	7-7	2	2	6
Roberto Gutierrez	7-2	2	0	4
Dwayne Bergeron	7-7	1	0	2
Lorenz Baumgartner	6-6	1	0	2
Trevor Spencer	7-7	2	1	5
Gilberto Bejarano	6-3	0	0	0
Guillermo Henriques	7-7	0	0	0
Erwan LeCrom	7-7	1	1	3
Matt Maldonado	6-2	1	0	2
José Kirkpatrick	7-4	1	1	3
Kofi Sey	7-3	0	0	0
Dominic Amato	6-2	0	0	0
Andy Kish	6-0	0	1	1
Brian James	3-0	0	0	0
Kevin Jeffrey	3-1	1	1	3

VCU totals	7	12	7	31
Opponents	7	11	8	30

GOALKEEPING	G-GS	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Adam Mead	7-7	19	11	1	.633	1.40
VCU totals	7	19	11	1	.633	1.40
Opponents totals	7	42	12	0	.778	1.17

SOCCER AMERICA MEN'S TOP 25

(Through Sept. 28)

RANK TEAM	RECORD	LW
1. INDIANA	8-1-0	2
2. UCLA	6-1-0	3
3. DUKE	8-1-0	1
4. CLEMSON	5-1-0	4
5. SO. CAROLINA	7-1-0	5
6. VIRGINIA	6-0-2	6
7. SAN JOSE STATE	8-0-0	8
8. CONNECTICUT	8-0-0	9
9. CREIGHTON	7-1-0	10
10. ST. JOHN'S	5-1-2	7
11. DARTMOUTH	4-0-0	11
12. MARYLAND	6-2-0	NR
13. SAINT LOUIS	8-2-0	13
14. STANFORD	5-2-1	15
15. FURMAN	7-1-2	14
16. WASHINGTON	7-1-0	12
17. BOSTON UNIV.	5-1-1	17
18. PORTLAND	5-1-1	NR
19. UAB	7-1-0	NR
20. SANTA CLARA	6-1-1	19

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Sept. 21)

PLAYER	G-GS	G	A	Pts.
Rebecca Ruth	8-8	5	0	10
Annie Sullivan	8-8	1	1	3
Shanna Ziegenfuss	8-8	3	2	8
Pascal Lecuire	8-8	0	0	0
Jessie Lynn	5-4	0	0	0
Carolyn Marin	7-7	0	0	0
Darcy Roy	7-1	0	0	0
Hope Troman	8-8	0	1	1
Jennie Siedel	8-8	0	0	0
Shannon Farrell	8-8	0	0	0
Kristen Aaserduster	8-6	1	1	3
Katelyn Robie	8-3	0	0	0
Jana O'Brien	7-3	0	0	0
Holly O'Hara	8-4	0	0	0
Allison Kutcha	3-0	0	0	0

VCU totals	8	10	5	25
Opponents totals	8	21	19	61

GOALKEEPING	G-GS	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Lindy Brown	7-7	51	16	2	.761	2.19
Pascal Lecuire	1-1	7	5	0	.883	5.00
VCU totals	8	58	21	2	.734	2.53
Opponents totals	8	41	10	1	.804	1.21

SOCCER AMERICA WOMEN'S TOP 20

(Through Sept. 28)

RANK TEAM	RECORD	LW
1. NORTH CAROLINA	8-0-0	1
2. NOTRE DAME	8-1-0	3
3. SANTA CLARA	8-0-1	2
4. FLORIDA	8-0-0	4
5. CONNECTICUT	9-0-0	5
6. PENN STATE	8-0-1	6
7. PORTLAND	7-0-1	10
8. WILLIAM & MARY	7-0-1	8
9. VIRGINIA	6-2-1	10
10. HARTFORD	5-3-0	11
11. NORTHWESTERN	8-0-1	12
12. UCLA	7-1-1	9
13. STANFORD	5-1-2	15
14. DARTMOUTH	4-1-1	13
15. NEBRASKA	6-2-0	14
16. TEXAS A&M	5-3-0	16
17. CLEMSON	5-3-0	18
18. HARVARD	4-2-0	19
19. SAN DIEGO STATE	7-1-0	20
20. MARYLAND	6-3-0	NR

MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Sept. 28)

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	%	W-L	%
James Madison	2-0-0	1.000	6-1-0	.857
George Mason	1-0-0	1.000	7-2-0	.778
VCU	1-0-0	1.000	3-3-1	.500
Richmond	0-0-0	.000	4-1-2	.714
Old Dominion	0-0-0	.000	3-1-2	.667
UNC Wilmington	0-1-0	.000	5-1-0	.833
William & Mary	0-1-0	.000	4-3-0	.571
American	0-1-0	.000	2-5-1	.325
East Carolina	0-1-0	.000	1-5-0	.167

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Sept. 28)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Eduardo Lima, GMU	6	2	14
Derek Ford, UNCW	5	3	13
Niki Budalich, JMU	4	3	11

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Sept. 28)

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W-L	%	W-L	%		
Old Dominion	3-0-0	1.000	6-2-0	.750		
George Mason	3-1-0	.750	7-2-0	.778		
William & Mary	1-0-1	.750	7-0-1	.938		
Richmond	1-0-1	.750	4-3-1	.563		
East Carolina	1-1-0	.500	5-2-0	.714		
American	1-1-0	.000	3-4-1	.438		
James Madison	0-1-0	.000	6-2-0	.750		
VCU	0-2-0	.000	3-5-0	.375		
UNCW	0-4-0	.000	4-6-0	.400		

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Sept. 28)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Christy Timbers, UNCW	11	5	27
Misty Wycinsky, W&M	11	5	27
Katy Robertson, GMU	9	7	25

FIELD HOCKEY STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 28)

(Through Sept. 28)					
Team	Conference			Overall	
	W-L	%		W-L	%
Old Dominion	3-0	1.000		8-1	.889
James Madison	1-0	1.000		5-5	.500
William & Mary	2-1	.667		5-4	.556
VCU	1-1	.500		5-4	.556
Richmond	0-1	.000		3-6	.333
Radford	0-2	.000		4-4	.500
American	0-2	.000		4-4	.500

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Sept. 28)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Marina Digiacomo, ODU	11	8	30
Ashleigh Miller, ODU	9	10	28
Kim Miller, ODU	9	5	23

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 28)

(Through Sept. 28)					
Team	Conference		Overall		
	W-L	%	W-L	%	
American.....	2-0	1.000	13-2	.833	
James Madison.....	2-0	1.000	8-4	.667	
William & Mary.....	1-1	.500	7-8	.467	
George Mason.....	1-1	.500	1-12	.077	
East Carolina.....	0-1	.000	5-9	.333	
UNC Wilmington.....	0-1	.000	3-11	.214	
VCU.....	0-2	.000	5-10	.333	

VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

(Through Sept. 28)

PLAYER	HITTING PERCENTAGE	G	AVG
Ajola Berisha, AU	.45	35	.392
Heather Wintermeyer, AU	.45	45	.375
Shelley Sprouse, VCU	.36	35	.351