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Stricter parking enforcement in Academic Campus, Fan, Carytown

Official 'concerned for safety' of parking officers

April Duran

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Although part-time student John Netto has a single class for three days every week from 9-10 a.m., he usually gets to campus by 7:30 to get free on-street parking.

"That's when it's easier to find a space," he said.

Despite the inconvenience, Netto said he does not mind since he gets a chance to have some coffee and study before class. He does miss the extra time for snoozing, he said.

When asked of his opinion about the parking enforcement on campus, he was a bit more cynical.

"They're too strict — less compassionate towards students," Netto said. "Their goal is to nail you, not to direct students to safer parking spots."

Since Tuesday there has been an increase in parking enforcement in Carytown and the Fan by the privately contracted Central Parking, said Brannon Atkinson, public information officer for the city.

More than 20 agents, up from nine, are targeting illegal parking all over the city, especially in timed areas on Franklin, Main and Cary streets. There are six agents assigned to the Fan area, one or two of which cover VCU, said Brandon Stewart, operations manager for CPS. He also cites focus on areas to the west of Lombardy Street.

"This is a good time for change," Stewart said.

What should VCU students expect?

Look for "more consistent enforcement," Atkinson said. "(Previously it) has been spotty because they had to rotate areas, due to a limited number of people," he said.

Complaints about vehicles without Fan parking permits staying beyond the two-hour time limit have poured in, he said, from residents of the lower Fan, the area adjacent to the western edge of the Academic Campus.

The city is concerned and is trying to appease both sides without penalizing anybody in particular, Atkinson said.

For example, CPS agents now use hand-held computers to check the record

of a license plate number of a vehicle in violation. State law authorizes towing from public spots for three outstanding tickets, yet the city allows a grace period for the fourth ticket and tows on the fifth. This leniency is not cheap. He cites more than 6,500 current cases of five or more outstanding tickets, which is uncollected revenue.

On the flip side, the city is trying to resolve some parking congestion in areas where people want to conduct business, or in areas where residents must share on-street parking with others. Atkinson cautioned that this situation may become even more problematic since approximately 1,000 new apartments are under construction as part of the city's growth and development.

"Parking is one of the things people (associate) with convenience. How do we accommodate," he asked, "for (future residential) parking? We want VCU students to avoid any problems," Atkinson continued, "since parking tickets are hard on the budget."

This parking situation proves to be more than just a financial burden

to some students.

Senior marketing major Mia Cannon has never been towed but has been ticketed five times. She recalled an incident when she got a green envelope for parking on Franklin Street, as did all the other cars in that area. The problem arose when she realized the envelope was empty. It took over a month to clear the issue up.

"It was a real inconvenience, at least I didn't have to pay it," she said, "but it was a big waste of time."

She also recalled a policeman with a "bad attitude" during another incident.

"He was more concerned with his sense of duty than in helping students," Cannon said. "It's terrible here — more spaces would mean less problems."

She was very concerned that the lack of sufficient parking was making the students act aggressive toward each other. She cited mid-street U-turns, frenzied cut-offs and smug attitudes as a "dangerous and hostile situation."

"This just puts students at risk for accidents," she said.

Some feel that increased enforcement will alleviate some of these issues.

"The only ones who will be hurt are those that abuse it by parking long-term in spots not designed for it," Atkinson said. "The safest alternative is to try off-street parking in a VCU lot or deck, or another option is the city's bus service, (which is free for VCU students)."

Three officers refused to comment on the issue and Stewart said he would not allow them to speak to the press. He said recent issues not having to do with parking could possibly jeopardize the safety of the officers.

"They have a difficult job as it is and I don't want to make it any harder," he said.

If your car is towed from a public or private area call the Richmond Police Department's communication desk at 780-6718.

For questions about public parking enforcement call Central Parking Systems at 649-7718.

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Rita Borts/Commonwealth Times

IT'S A DOG'S WORLD.

Students were not the only animals who took advantage of the mild weather. Thai and graduate student Tim Wilson played yesterday afternoon in the Commons Plaza.

News of the Weird

• Bee mine

A swarm of Africanized bees attacked a Mexican elementary school, sending two teachers and 10 children to the hospital with stings.

People evacuated the area of Acapulco after the enormous numbers of bees landed on school grounds.

In recent years, a number of people have died from large numbers of insect stings in Argentina and Costa Rica.

The bees, hybrid of European honeybees and an aggressive African import, become easily provoked to attack.

After introduced to Brazil in 1956, 26 colonies escaped a forest near Sao Paulo and have traveled steadily at about 300 miles a year through Latin America.

In 1990 the bees reached Texas.

• Say no to sex toys

No more vibrators!

That's what the Alabama Legislature said last year after they outlawed strip clubs and the sale of sex enhancers.

Sherri Williams and other women took the state to court with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. The group said the ban violates their rights to privacy.

If caught selling such items as vibrators or special condoms, the vendor could receive a \$10,000 fine.

"They set out to eliminate strip clubs, but along the way they snuck in sex toys,"

Williams said. "Not only did they take away your entertainment, but when they were done they also took away your right to entertain yourself."

The ACLU also stated that physicians could legally prescribe Viagra to Alabama women, but women could not legally obtain items to help experience sexual pleasure.

• Don't drop the ball until 2001

"If the start of the 21st century and the third millennium were set in 2000, it would mean that there would have been only 99 years during one of the last centuries," said researcher Xie Baocheng of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

That's right. Chinese scientist decided the millennium begins on Jan. 1, 2001 instead of 2000 by basing their conclusion on the Gregorian calendar. According to the calendar, the first century began at year one.

This, however, does not affect the year 2000 problem.

• Bath burial

After three years in a bathtub, someone finally found the deceased Spanish woman.

A family member decided to check-up on the 71-year-old retired nurse after relatives became angry when the woman did not show up to her brothers' funerals.

Madrid police said she died in her tub at least 18 months ago and as long as three

years ago.

Friends and neighbors called on police after they had not seen her for months. The police knocked on the door and left.

• Reach out and ream someone

A former telephone marketing researcher turned artist has lashed out at people who were rude to him while working in the position.

Canadian Les Newman of Winnipeg, Manitoba, reeked vengeance upon his enemies by opening an art gallery consisting of pages of telephone numbers of people who were disrespectful when he called to solicit their opinions on a number of consumer products.

"The show doesn't have a title. But it's subtitled, 'All the phone numbers of rude assholes who tried to make me feel like shit while I tried to make my living as a telephone market researcher in October 1998,'" Newman said.

Some debate has been kindled among Canadians by the growing amount of market research and business solicitation by telephone in recent years.

Newman, who is currently on holiday from his job, said he was unsure if he would have a job once his employer got word of his art show, set to run for the next month. Yet in still, he shows no sign of remorse for his actions.

"It's an opportunity for revenge," he said.

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Body Fair aims for awareness

Tracey Wainwright
CT NEWS EDITOR

Where can you receive a massage, make a stress balloon and eat Cracker Jacks?

The Body Fair, that's where.

By the time students walked out of the Commonwealth Ballroom Monday, they had the opportunity to gather information on nutrition, exercise and stress management -- all through a kickoff of Body Acceptance Week sponsored by the Office of Health Promotions.

"Body Acceptance Week is a subset of the national Eating Disorder Awareness Week," said Sandra L. Thomsen, health educator and coordinator of a nutrition and body acceptance peer-education group. "It is our way of celebrating what the body can do and (sharing) ways of taking care of ourselves."

The diverse exhibits at the fair focused on the week's subtitle -- "Uniting the mind, body and spirit."

A collage of photos submitted by fashion merchandising students depicting various faces and bodies covered the wall behind Karen M. Guthrie's body-image table.

"We will fill the wall up with beautiful images that (don't) have to fit one standard," said Guthrie, associate professor of fashion design and merchandising. "The fashion business tends to focus on one standard -- very tall and skinny -- (that is) a very unrealistic image. It is the responsibility of the next generation of fashion professionals to come up with a healthy body image."

Garland Gravely, junior and fashion design major, said the same applies to male stereotypes.

"The magazines (say) that we all have

to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger or Sylvester Stallone," Gravely said. "Why not just show the flaws?"

In addition to building healthy body perceptions, the fair focused on stress management with counselors, a massage and stress balloons.

Students filled balloons with flour to make stress-relief toys. Victoria Richardson, freshman and pre-physical therapy major, said she took stress very well, but midterms posed more stress than usual.

"I don't let things get to me too much," she said. "I take a nice hot shower and lie down, but I might bust this (balloon) by midterms."

Others at the fair, such as freshman Ebony Allen, said exercise helped them to relieve everyday tension.

"I have excess energy, and it gets rid of that," said Allen, an employee at Cary Street Recreational Facilities. "I just feel better."

Information on other recreational facilities decorated tables at the fair to show the importance of exercise in a healthy lifestyle. Outdoor Adventure Program fliers offered alternative means of physical activity -- other than visiting a gymnasium or pool.

Martha Henley, registered dietician, opened her knowledge of exercise and nutrition to visitors.

According to her flier, she ranked aerobic exercise, such as running, swimming or even intramural sports, as a priority along with healthy eating.

"In college students' lives," she said, "there are a lot of barriers to keep some from eating well, but they can be overcome."

Even with a time-demanding schedule, Henley said students still need to eat

three meals a day and snacks if necessary. She added that students could choose healthy foods in every eatery in the University Student Commons.

"Hipsnacks" in the Commons, according to her flier, include such items as hamburgers, cheese pizza, fruit, grilled chicken salad, bagels and yogurt.

"The best thing students can do is to take food with them," Henley advised, "such as a fruit bar or an apple."

In relation to nutrition, the Office of Health Promotion, University Counseling Services and Overeaters Anonymous offered programs to aid those who suffer with eating disorders.

Hope (last name retained for animosity), chairwoman of OA's public-information committee, said the group works with all types of eating problems.

"We believe our problem is a three-fold problem," Hope said, "dealing with the emotional, spiritual and physical aspects. We are not a diet club; we encourage nutrition."

Along with outside support groups, students can seek on-campus help for eating disorders or nutritional questions with the nutrition and body acceptance peers and counseling services.

Counseling services helped with not only nutritional matters but stress management as well. Students at the fair received stress dots to monitor their stress levels during a typical day.

Ana Sullivan, psychology intern with counseling services, said the dot turns darker as you become more stressed.

"As one becomes stressed," she said, "the circulation is constricted and one's temperature goes down. The dot becomes darker when the body temperature decreases."

Sullivan said counseling services of

fers individual and group sessions to deal with problems.

"We just try to get people to come in before their stress peaks," she said.

In addition to the stress-dot test, students took part in other interactive opportunities at the Phi Mu sorority table.

Phi Mu member Jaime Swingley urged visitors to draw their idea of the most healthy body.

"We want to stress to people that there is more than what's outside of the body," Swingley said, "and you can love all shapes and sizes."

While some drew images with markers, others wrote what they enjoyed about the person they most admire at an Office of Health Promotions table.

Corrine House, peer educator, sat behind the table decorated with pink cards on which students composed brief descriptions of the people they most admired.

"We are trying to get people to realize that they don't pick someone for what they look like," House said, "but for their nonphysical qualities."

The fair's diverse exhibits allowed its visitors to take a timeout from academics to focus on physical and mental health management.

"Appreciate what your body can do and accept it as it is," Thompson explained. "Then you can maximize its potential instead of spending time hating it."

One student provided a male perspective of the fair, the attendees of which were predominantly female.

"I think it is information that needs to get out there," said Garland Gravely, a junior fashion merchandising major. "People need to be taught that a 300-lb. woman can be just as beautiful as a 90-lb. female. It is all about inner beauty."

College radio station sued for refusing KKK promotional statement

Brian Hamman
THE STUDENT LIFE
(WASHINGTON U.-ST. LOUIS)

(U-WIRE) ST. LOUIS — The first round of a court battle between the Ku Klux Klan and the University of Missouri at St. Louis, which holds the broadcasting license for KWMU-FM, has ended with a decision in favor of the radio station. U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas C. Mummert ruled that the station was within its rights when it decided to refuse underwriting dollars from the KKK.

"This is a positive ruling for public broadcasting nationally because there would be a loss of support from individual and businesses for public broadcasting throughout the country," said Patricia Bennett, general manager of the station, which is a

local affiliate of National Public Radio.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Mummert ruled that while the KKK's proposed promotional statement did not violate KWMU's underwriting guidelines, the station is not obliged to accept underwriting donations from everyone.

Robert Herman, lawyer for the KKK, filed suit against UMSL last October after KWMU refused to accept a donation from the KKK to underwrite four episodes of "All Things Considered," a popular afternoon radio news program. In return for underwriting the program, the KKK would have received 15 seconds for a promotional statement, which would have said that the program was sponsored in part by the KKK, "a

white Christian organization, standing up for the rights and values of white Christian Americans since 1865."

Mummert's most recent ruling followed his decision last fall to deny the Klan's request for an injunction that would have required the station to air the promotional message until the start of the trial.

Herman claimed that the station, licensed by a public institution, created a public forum for speech by "opening up a portion of its broadcast for a third-party speech." Herman argued that the station violated the First Amendment when it declined the donation on the basis of the group's views.

Bennett claimed that aligning with the Klan would hurt that station financially by driving away other po-

tential donors. The Post-Dispatch reported that KWMU relies on underwriting money for about 22

percent of its \$1.8 million budget.

"Now, more than ever, public broadcasting relies on the support of corporations and individuals to fund its operations," Bennett said.

The battle is not over yet. Herman has filed an appeal, which could bring the case to the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Herman said he was not surprised by the lower court ruling and believes that the case could be solved by the court of appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court.

"You really have got to have strong principles to do this because it cuts against what most people perceive as common sense, and the status quo has inertia," Herman said.

Here we are now, entertain us

Question 1:

Are you satisfied with on-campus entertainment?

Question 2:

Why or why not?

Question 3:

What, if anything, should be done to improve the situation?

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Pot Shots

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Tom Netherland

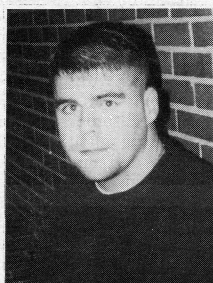


Jeff Lysak, undecided, junior

Q1: No opinion.

Q2: I'm hardly ever on campus.

Q3: I wouldn't be able to say.



Ryan Osborne, undecided, freshman

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: I don't know of anything that's going on.

Q3: Fliers, posters...better advertising.

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: It's (music entertainment) limited to one genre, exclusive to hip-hop and r & b. School is too (politically correct).

Q3: More communication. I don't know how to get involved. Tell me how to get involved.

Elbe d'Oliveira, undecided, freshman

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: It sucks.

Q3: We need better shit.

John Carpenter, undecided, sophomore

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: For one, because we have a lot of local talent — Richmond and school talent — and it's not allowed to be expressed. It's hard to get a spot (for performing) on campus.

Q3: The radio station could step up the voice. We basically could be the foundation.

Joshua Dowell, psychology, junior

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: There isn't any.

Q3: We need more money to put into stuff.

Eric King, business, sophomore



Lu Duong; anthropology, info systems, pre-med; sophomore

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: It seems that they're focused on certain groups.

Q3: Better organization, more input from the students. I think (VCU) wants to do what they want to do. The SGA does do a good job.



Mark Cosby, business administration, junior

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: I didn't know there was entertainment being offered on campus.

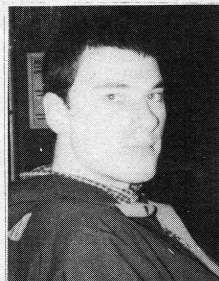
Q3: VCU could get a band or a concert in here.

Q1: Satisfied.

Q2: We have plenty of programming.

Q3: It depends on the student organization.

Phu Tran, biology, senior



Andy Weiss, information systems, junior

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: I don't know of any entertainment.

Q3: Better advertising of what they do have. More student entertainment.

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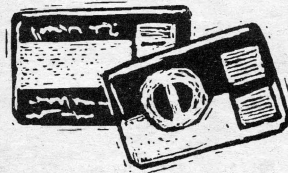
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Goodbye and good riddance' An open letter to Michael R. Dickinson

I have watched with amusement as you've ranted and raved during your first semester here about how mighty and wonderful you are. I think you probably made a good decision in leaving the mass communications program, because you've burned so many bridges here I think you would be in for three years of hell.

You view yourself as brave and standing up to the big guys, being the only one with enough guts to talk trash about the top administrators. While we were all displeased about the loss of accreditation, your lack of professionalism or even an understanding of the complexity of the issues is unmatched. You are certainly the king of ignorance and naivete.

I guess in your three or four years of "professional experience" you probably learned everything you could have learned here anyway. What were you, a high school special correspondent for the Richmond paper? An occasional free-lancer? A yearbook editor? That was a great start, but the image you've been trying to give is that you've been doing real reporting, that you've been a staff writer doing work on

your own. I would have thought in that time you would have improved your grammar, spelling and punctuation. Your submissions to the CT and your platform for executive editor were full of mistakes and ignorant egoism. And what about your wonderfully flawed free-lance sports story for the T-D recently? Numerous factual errors? You haven't even learned the basics. And in case you don't know, journalists who don't show up are shabby. For all of your high and mighty talk before you tried to be an editor for the CT, you didn't even show up for the election. Maybe it's because you knew you didn't have a chance, but why didn't you act like a man and come to rescind your application? No follow-through but you sure do know how to babble.

Goodbye and good riddance.

David S. Brooks
Senior
Mass Communications

(Editor's note: Michael R. Dickinson was a candidate for executive editor of the CT but did not appear for the Nov. 19, 1998 special election and received only one vote from the staff.)

Justin Wilson

Where is the Siegel Center?

When you go out to a nice restaurant and plunk down \$40-50 for dinner you expect your dinner to be delivered in a prompt manner.

Often, if it's a few minutes late, you will complain and the waiter will give you a discount on your dinner.

What would happen if your dinner were about a year late?

Pretend that instead of a restaurant, it is Virginia Commonwealth University, and instead of a dinner you were waiting for a 7,500-seat multi-purpose sports arena.

For the past six months we have sat around and awaited the new stadium's formal introduction. At first the Stuart C. Siegel Center was to open last summer. Then the opening was moved up to the middle of the season. Now, we are left with absolutely no games in the new arena this season. Instead, we must all continue waiting until a belated introduction to the VCU community next fall when the basketball season commences.

Every once in a while the local Richmond media will do a story about how the arena will be delayed another few months. They will show an interview with VCU Athletic Director Richard Sander, who will shrug off the delay as just "bad luck" and "unforeseen circumstances." Frankly, as a student at this institution, I am little frustrated.

VCU spent over \$29 million to build this arena and just like a dinner at a

restaurant, I can't see waiting this long for it. Why hasn't the athletic department explained to the students what the reason for the delay is?

Why haven't they addressed the private donors who helped foot the bill for the arena? At least the waiter will tell you that the kitchen is understaffed when your meal is slow!

Instead we have been met with men's basketball games at the University of Richmond in front of crowds that barely rival local little league games. Our team has not had a home, and nobody has taken accountability for this. What about the lost revenue from all of the people who would have attended the games had it been in the new stadium as anticipated? What about the lost concessions those people would have generated? What about the intangibles—like how much better the team would have done with a real "home" stadium?

These are the things that are not being addressed. Instead of shrugging off the media, the athletic director needs to be addressing the students and explaining why this happened! Was it incompetence on behalf of the contractor? Did VCU choose the wrong contractor?

We as the customers need to have those questions—among others—answered.

Silence will not do!

The Technician (N.C. State University) -- (U-Wire)

National Condom Week a time for awareness

In light of National Condom Week, manufacturers should reevaluate marketing condom products to the public.

This week is National Condom Week. In light of the holiday, students should consider the importance of safe sex in order to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS and pregnancy. More importantly, the condom industry might want to reevaluate the availability of their products to the public.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, 85 percent of male teenagers and 76 percent of female teenagers in the United States have had sexual intercourse by the age of 19. The percentage of sexually active students increases dramatically with each year of age. These statistics prove that there is a growing need for contraceptives as well as an increasing market for them. Yet, why do stores that sell condoms behind counters make buying them an embarrassing experience?

A recent survey by the Center for Population Options in Washington indicated that only 13 percent of stores sold condoms, and in another only 33 percent of condoms were kept behind the counter. The survey

also found that teenage females, 40 percent of the time, faced resistance or condemnation from store clerks when they requested condoms. Perhaps the industry should reorganize where they display their products in order to make it more convenient for people, especially teenagers, and less embarrassing to buy condoms.

When using a condom properly during intercourse, about three out of every 100 women are expected to get pregnant. Not only that, but latex condoms act as a barrier to a wide variety of viruses, bacteria and other infectious particles. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the United States, someone is infected with HIV every 13 minutes. CDC estimates that 65 percent of these AIDS cases can be attributed to sexual contact. If anything, such statistics provide all the more reason why the industry should seriously restructure the way in which condoms are sold. Condom businesses should re-market their products so that they are easily accessible and sold with little to no embarrassment. This would make improvements in the battle against AIDS, teen pregnancy and the transmission of STDs.

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Ram Stat

• VCU's Maria-Elena Calle was named the CAA's cross country athlete of the year by the league's coaches.

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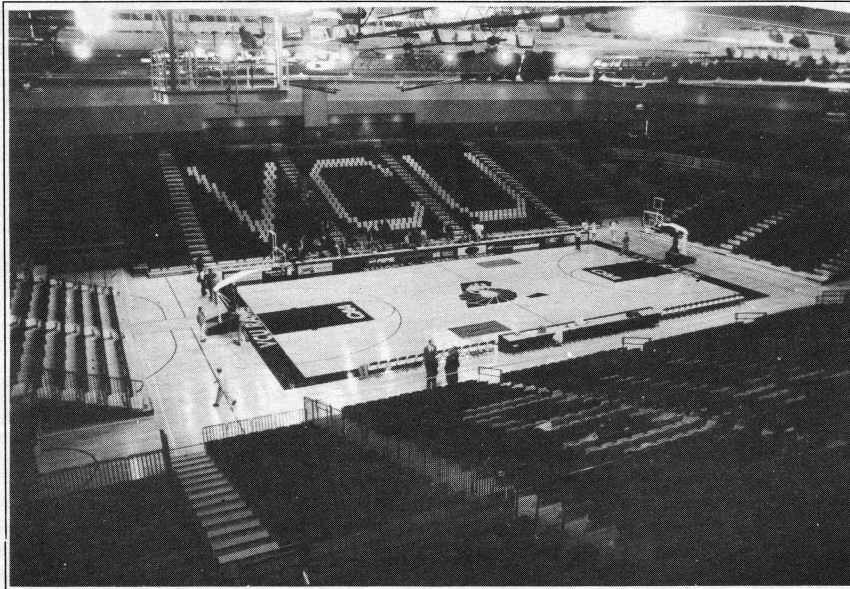
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• An update on the women's tennis team.

Grand opening



Mary F. Franke/Commonwealth Times

FINALLY. VCU unveiled the Stuart C. Siegel Center on Monday. The stadium was originally slated to open last summer, but construction delays pushed the opening back several months.

Siegel Center unveiled

Call it VCU's on-campus arena. Or call it the Siegel Center, or ALLTEL Arena, or ALLTEL Arena at the Siegel Center. One thing is for sure, it's finally open.

Monday the new home of the VCU men's and women's basketball team was shown off complete with its retractable seating, 40,000-square-foot maple court, game clocks in the locker rooms, and 7-by-9 foot video screens.

"It's disappointing not being here," said VCU Athletic Director Richard Sander. "But it's like going to the doctor to get a shot. It's not pleasant, but once it's over you forget about it and think about all the positives."

VCU announced Monday that ALLTEL signed on to a 10-year sponsorship agreement worth \$2 million.

The recreational facilities will be open March 5 and the athletic department facilities will open a month later.

VCU plans to hold graduation ceremonies at the Siegel Center in May.

The VCU men's and women's basketball teams will open up the new arena on Nov. 19 with the women facing West Virginia and the men taking on Louisville.

—Compiled from news sources

Rams shooting to avoid winless trip

George Templeton
CT SPORTS EDITOR

Lately it seems like the VCU women's basketball team hasn't just hit the wall, the Rams have smashed into it.

Mired in a 1-5 slump VCU may have hit its low point when Richmond, a team the Rams whipped 88-74 a month before, ran the VCU off the court 83-60.

"We're in slump that we haven't pulled out of," said sophomore guard Alyssa McKenna. "We played a rival and I thought we would be pumped up. It looked like we gave up out there."

VCU coach David Glass said he was shocked and disappointed with VCU's play against Richmond.

Glass explained different reasons for VCU's problems

"We're playing on the road a lot," Glass said. "When you look at the big picture winning on the road in this league is very difficult."

"We don't have Marika (Rasmussen, who is out for the year with a knee injury). We've been a grind it out team from the start and we have come from behind a lot this year, eventually it wears on you."

One particular problem for VCU is rebounding. Conference opponents have out-

rebounded the Rams by an average of 5.6 per game. Richmond out-rebounded VCU 61-42 last Friday.

"We have had to play with three small guards since Marika's injury," Glass said. "Against certain teams we need to be very scrappy because of the match-up problems we face with a small lineup. We would have played with three frontcourt players in the lineup if Marika was healthy."

Another problem for VCU (6-7, 9-14) that wasn't a problem early in the season was second half defense. In VCU's first meeting with American, the Rams held the Eagles to 18 percent shooting in the second half. In the second meeting AU shot 48 percent in the second half, leading AU coach Jeff Thatcher to call it an offensive explosion.

In the first game against UNC Wilmington, they shot 23 percent in the second half, to help the Rams turn a nine-point deficit into a 16-point victory.

Contrast that with the losses against George Mason where the Patriots shot 55 percent in the second half and 60 percent for the game in the second meeting.

"Halftime is about adjusting," McKenna said. "Other teams are adjusting to us at halftime and we're not adjusting enough to them."

Rams in Action

TEAM	UPCOMING EVENTS			Notes
MEN'S BASKETBALL (13-14, 7-7)	FEB. 20 JMU	FEB. 25-28 CAA TOURNAMENT		The Rams have guaranteed they won't play in the play-in game this year.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (9-14, 6-7)	FEB. 19 UNCW	FEB. 21 W&M	FEB. 24 ECU	VCU defeated all three of these opponents in the first matchups earlier this year.
MEN'S TENNIS (7-0, 4-0)	FEB. 20 L'VILLE	FEB. 23 UNC	FEB. 27 OHIO STATE	VCU's Daniel Andersson is ranked 13th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.
WOMEN'S TENNIS (2-1, 0-0)	FEB. 20 PENN STATE	FEB. 27 U.V.A.	MAR. 8 LMU	Starting with Loyola Marymount the Rams will play 3 matches in four days.
BASEBALL (5-2, 0-0)	FEB. 19 ST. JOHN'S	FEB. 20 UNCC	FEB. 21 SIENA	VCU's 10-game road trip to begin the season will end after the game with Siena.

☐ INDICATES HOME GAME ☐ INDICATES AWAY GAME

VCU will try to break its spell Friday Feb. 20 at UNCW. Last season's trip to Wilmington was unpleasant for the Rams with the Seahawks picking up their first Colonial Athletic Association win of the season 68-57.

"I think a lot of the players will be thinking of last year and how we were embarrassed," McKenna said. "No matter what we need to do, we need to win and get

on the road to recovery this season."

Glass said that the team needs to recover some of its focus and energy.

"If we find our focus and energy everything else will fall into place," Glass said. "Our defense will definitely be better. We need to get back to scrapping for everything. Our goal is to be peaking for the CAA tournament and then win a couple of games there."

The Picks



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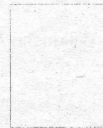
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TOTALS

Last week:	13-7	17-3	15-5	13-7	13-7	12-8	11-9	11-9	8-12
Season to date:	62-38	62-38	60-40	60-40	56-44	55-45	54-46	51-49	47-53
Percentage:	.620	.620	.600	.600	.560	.550	.540	.510	.470
Games Back	—	—	2	2	6	7	8	11	15

■ Here's something new: Picks fans — a tie at the top. Even newer, there are two members of the Sports Department involved, a needless Sports Editor sandwich if you will. In the past, members of the Sports Department have disgraced themselves by not finishing near the top of the Picks mountain. Beginning with last year, this all changed. Then-Associate Sports Editor "Lights Out" Leiss won the football Picks and then Sports Editor and current Managing Editor "Redheads, Red Wine, Red Beans and Rice" Rogalsky won the basketball Picks. Now there are the two leaders of this department are duking it out for the No. 1 spot in The Picks. The first member of this duo has been tied with (and tied to) people on so many occasions that this is like riding a bike, of course it's Templeton "the Bourbon Street Rat," who seems stuck on 13-7 after posting that record for the third straight week. The Sports Editor's luck may not hold if he continues to end up at 13 wins every week. The second member of this Sports tandem, "Mighty Mississippi" Reveromoni gained four games on the leader by posting a robust 17-3 record this week. "Jolly Time" Jason is promising to pass the vermin he's tied with by sacking the Kentucky Wildcats on him, but the rat knows that cats like that will never catch him. One good tie pair deserves another and that what lurks two games behind the leaders. Our first member is the reigning Picks champion "Hey Now" "Netherland," who has overcome his lack of college basketball knowledge to emerge a contender in this four-horse race. Joining the Spectrum Editor is "Gumbo" Joe, who is attempting to slam down these upstarts on his way to repeating in the basketball Picks. "Bartles and James" Rogalsky's problem is his being distracted by other members of CT photo and news departments. Those are the contenders, now here are the pretenders. The last five were unchanged this week but tightly bunched leaving "Meet Me at Mardi Gras" Yoder as the best of the rest, which isn't saying much. "Where's my Wallet" Yoder will attempt to recover from his trip down to New Orleans and stay ahead of "Crawfish" Wilson and the embittered "Rainbow Warriorette" Wainwright, who will try to pick despite her disappointment that Jeff Gordon won the Daytona 500.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA STANDINGS

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
George Mason	11-3	.786	14-10	.583		
Old Dominion	10-5	.667	21-7	.750		
James Madison	9-5	.643	16-8	.667		
Richmond	9-5	.643	14-10	.583		
UNC Wilmington	8-6	.571	9-15	.375		
VCU	7-7	.500	13-14	.481		
East Carolina	6-8	.429	12-12	.500		
William & Mary	2-12	.143	7-17	.292		
American	2-13	.133	6-19	.240		

CAA SCORING LEADERS

Player	gp	fg	3-pt	ft	pts	avg.
George Evans, GMU	24	179	0	73	431	18.0
Charles Stephens, UR	24	158	4	92	412	17.2
Stan Simmons, UNCW	22	130	68	31	359	16.3
Chantney Howard, JMU	24	126	43	76	371	15.5
Jason Miskiri, GMU	23	121	41	72	355	15.4
Cal Bowdler, ODU	28	152	7	113	424	15.1
Jabari Outtz, JMU	24	111	39	93	354	14.8
Bo Jones, VCU	27	132	67	91	382	14.1
Kinte Smith, UR	24	120	36	50	326	13.6
Jim Moran, W&M	24	120	42	41	323	13.5

CAA REBOUNDING LEADERS

Player	g	no.	avg.
Cal Bowdler, ODU	28	260	9.3
Charles Stephens, UR	24	204	8.5
George Evans, GMU	24	193	8.0
Reggie Bassette, ODU	28	220	7.9
Eugene Atkinson, JMU	24	182	7.6
Kinte Smith, UR	24	163	6.8
Tom Strohbehn, W&M	24	163	6.8
Shawn Hampton, VCU	27	179	6.6
Saliou-Binet Telley, AU	25	165	6.6
Rob Strickland, JMU	24	154	6.4

RESULTS/SCHEDULE

DATE	VCU	GAME	OPP.
Nov. 13	70	VIRGINIA	86
Nov. 18	63	WESTERN KENTUCKY	61
Nov. 21	58	@Southern Illinois	59
Nov. 23	87	MD-EASTERN SHORE	71
Nov. 27	81	BYLER (Honolulu)	61
Nov. 28	66	Iona (Honolulu)	73
Nov. 29	48	So. Mississippi (OT) (Honolulu)	51
Dec. 2	76	@Colorado	78
Dec. 6	62	@Radford	86
Dec. 12	95	LIBERTY	68
Dec. 19	104	NORFOLK ST.	94
Dec. 22	89	@Georgia St.	99
Dec. 30	79	SO. MISSISSIPPI (OT)	76
Jan. 2	79	AMERICAN	65
Jan. 6	66	@EAST CAROLINA	71
Jan. 9	72	OLD DOMINION	82
Jan. 13	48	@UNC WILMINGTON	65
Jan. 16	82	@JAMES MADISON	77
Jan. 20	68	@GEORGE MASON	77
Jan. 23	64	@RICHMOND	68
Jan. 25	88	WILLIAM & MARY	69
Jan. 27	75	UNC WILMINGTON	60
Jan. 30	72	@OLD DOMINION	76
Feb. 3	59	@AMERICAN	52
Feb. 6	83	@WILLIAM & MARY	67
Feb. 10	69	EAST CAROLINA	67
Feb. 13	72	RICHMOND (HTS)	78
Feb. 17		GEORGE MASON	730 p.m.
Feb. 20		JAMES MADISON	
Feb. 25-28	CAA Championships, Richmond, Va.	TBA	

VCU STATISTICS

Player	fg	3-pt	ft	avg.
Jones	132-328	67-174	51-66	2.6 57 14.1
Taylor	89-223	48-104	70-92	3.6 167 11.0
Hampton	93-189	0-0	100-153	6.6 4 10.6
Martin	95-199	23-63	17-29	3.6 23 8.8
Lilly	61-157	33-87	24-36	1.8 50 7.2
Kodjoe	52-140	18-60	28-32	5.1 20 5.8
Moore	40-112	21-66	17-22	1.2 9 4.9
Okosa	48-101	0-1	21-38	5.4 10 4.3
Ragler	40-109	9-32	18-17	1.7 20 4.1
VCU	691-1650	220-554	364-537	38.9 492 72.8
Opponent	589-1601	185-545	374-554	37.3 418 71.7

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA STANDINGS

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
Old Dominion	12-0	1.000	19-3	.864		
Richmond	9-4	.692	12-11	.522		
George Mason	8-5	.615	11-12	.478		
East Carolina	7-7	.500	14-10	.583		
VCU	6-7	.462	9-14	.409		
William & Mary	5-7	.417	12-10	.545		
American	4-9	.308	11-12	.478		
James Madison	4-10	.286	10-17	.370		
UNC Wilmington	3-9	.250	8-14	.364		

VCU STATISTICS

	(Through Feb. 14)						
	fg	3-pt	ft	avg.	avg.	pts	
Player	m-a	m-a	m-a	rb	a	pts	
Karlsson	125-233	0-0	60-83	6.7	18	13.5	
Luckett	110-268	11-50	70-104	6.2	102	13.1	
Remus	97-240	16-60	56-68	4.9	79	11.6	
Rasmussen	60-152	2-8	38-52	5.8	18	11.4	
McKinnon	53-143	10-49	31-43	2.7	44	7.0	
Mergenthal	51-128	20-44	13-16	2.2	18	5.9	
McKenna	25-80	6-36	10-12	1.5	27	3.3	
Washington	21-37	0-1	18-31	2.3	3	3.8	
Edwards	21-62	0-0	14-23	3.4	7	2.7	
DeLaGarza	10-23	0-0	2-6	1.1	1	1.1	
Thompson	6-26	3-13	2-4	0.6	5	1.1	
Dee	6-17	0-1	1-3	0.6	1	0.8	
Burns	5-14	0-0	1-2	1.0	0	2.2	
VCU	594-1438	68-263	316-448	39.5	326	68.3	
Opponent	574-1422	99-296	394-566	41.6	320	71.3	

CAA SCORING LEADERS

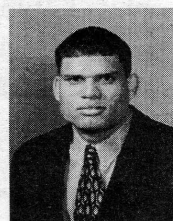
Player	gp	fg	3-pt	ft	pts	avg.
Jen Surlas, GMU	23	142	49	36	369	16.0
Kate Miller, AU	23	124	25	86	359	15.6
Kari Gaskins, AU	23	126	41	51	344	15.0



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Athlete of the Week

Shannon Martin



Men's Basketball

■ Martin, a junior forward from South Boston, Va., scored a career high 24 points in VCU's 69-66 win over East Carolina. Against Richmond Martin led the Rams with 18 points and nine rebounds.

Women's tennis squeaks by Harvard

Bruce D. Wilkinson Jr.
CT STAFF WRITER

The No. 20 ranked VCU's women's tennis team narrowly defeated No. 57 Harvard 5-4 on Monday at the Thalhimer Tennis Center.

"It's great to have a chance to play against Harvard but the only time they could play was Monday at 11 a.m.," coach Eva Bard said.

In singles, VCU's No. 1 Lenka Zacharova, defeated Sanaz Ghazal in two sets 6-3, 6-1, for her first win this season. The Rams No. 2 Andrea Ondrisova beat Andrea Magyera in straight sets 6-2, 6-1. Her teammate, Yana Sokolenko, defeated Vedica Jain 7-5, 6-2 in the third spot.

The pivotal win of the match went to No. 5 Lyudmila Teterina, who after winning her first set 6-3 against Roxanna Curto, lost her second set 6-3, and came back with a huge 6-3 victory in the third set.

"Mila (Teterina) fought today," teammate Yana Sokolenko said. "She was sick all last week and didn't get to practice."

This was her first win of the season as well as the first real match which she has played healthy.

"She has been sick for eight days and really only practiced for the first time right before the match," Bard said.

"By the doubles match she had lost

her energy."

In doubles Zacharova and Ondrisova defeated Harvard's Ghazal and Fleur Broughton 8-4. Both were playing while recovering from injuries. Zacharova had broken her foot earlier in the year and had to stretch it out before the match and wore tape around it.

Ondrisova, a close acquaintance of Zacharova's, had torn a ligament in her hand earlier last fall and by the end of the match she had to ice it down because it still bothered her.

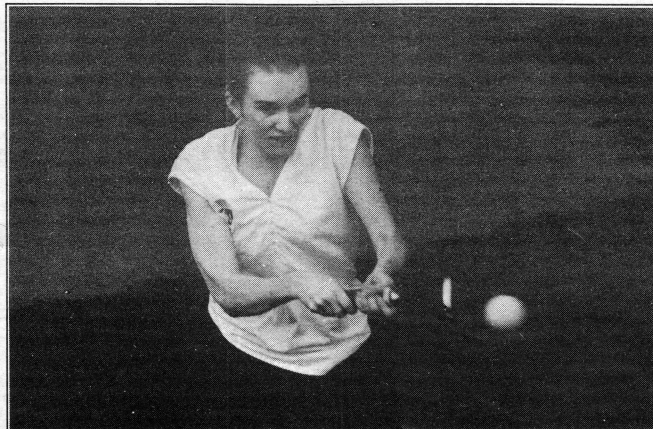
"Lenka and Andrea have been best friends from the time they were born," Bard said. "Zacharova has to work on stretching out her foot for at least a half an hour before her match, but she is improving."

The victory came shortly after the team lost its first match of the season to No. 22 Miami on Sunday at Williamsburg, 7-2. Ondrisova defeated Katia Bogomolova in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, with the other win going to Sokolenko who beat Eva Jimenez 6-3, 6-0.

This is the second year in a row that VCU played Miami for its first match of the season and lost.

"They lost on Sunday but showed encouraging signs," Bard said.

The next match will take place against Penn State at home at 2:00 on Saturday.



Mary F. Franke/Commonwealth Times

BACK AT YOU. VCU's Lenka Zacharova returns a shot during the women's tennis one-point win over Harvard. The Rams play Saturday at home against Penn State.

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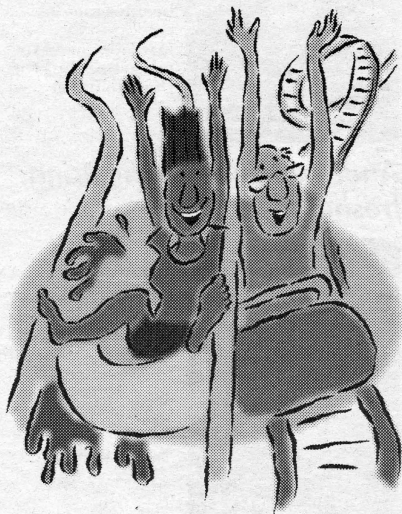
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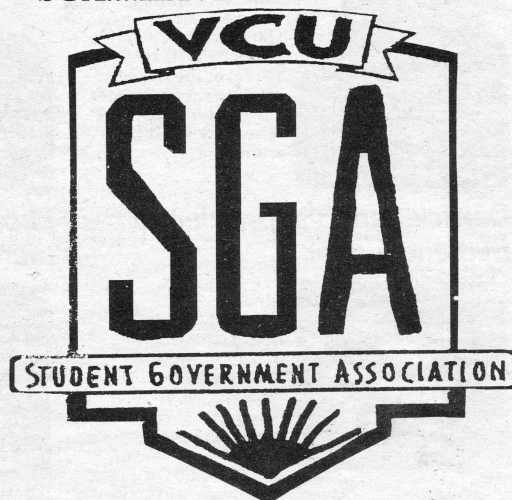
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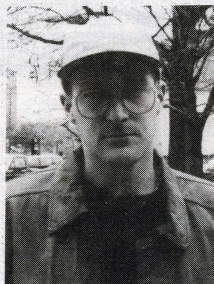
Question 3:

What, if anything, should be done to improve the situation?

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Pot Shots

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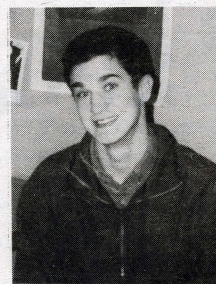


Tom Baskett, computer science, junior

Q1: No opinion.

Q2: No opinion.

Q3: I have no idea.



Andrew Miller, engineering, freshman

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: There's not much entertainment at all besides movies.

Q3: They need to advertise the stuff they do have.

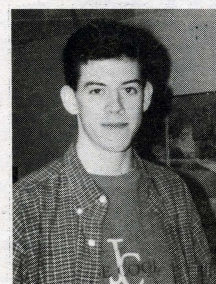


Don Parker, psychology, senior

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: I see other schools get well-known speakers. VCU chooses speakers more for the university than for the student.

Q3: Have students on the committees that choose the speakers.

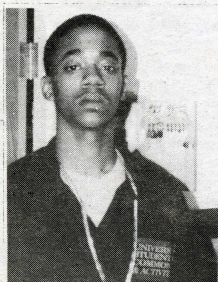


Kevin Mansfield, engineering, freshman

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: There's not much to advertise.

Q3: Get the word out more. Try to have more variety.

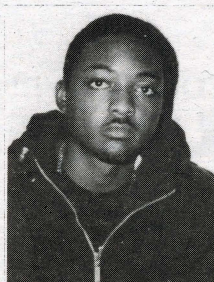


Donald Copeland, accounting, sophomore

Q1: I am dissatisfied.

Q2: Lack of entertainment.

Q3: Better promotions and events.



Derrick Venable, pre-dental hygiene, junior

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: There's really none on campus.

Q3: Have more artists come to VCU to perform for the students free, and let the students vote on who they want to come.

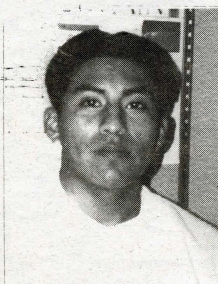


Ebony Elliott, fashion and merchandising, senior

Q1: Dissatisfied.

Q2: I feel that there has been no events in the spring that appeals to all the students.

Q3: More group organization, better student organization, co-sponsorships and things like that.

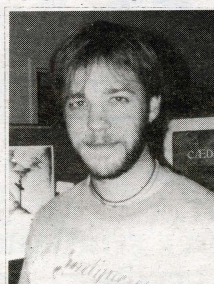


Victor Ramos, accounting, freshman

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: They don't advertise events as they should.

Q3: The faculty needs to be more involved with it.



Kevin White, philosophy, junior

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: I haven't had any experience. If anything, they don't include enough.

Q3: More advertising and more stuff. They should bring in bands.



Ben Bateman, art, junior

Q1: Moderately dissatisfied.

Q2: I like the movies, but they need places for bands to play.

Q3: If we had a place for bands to play.