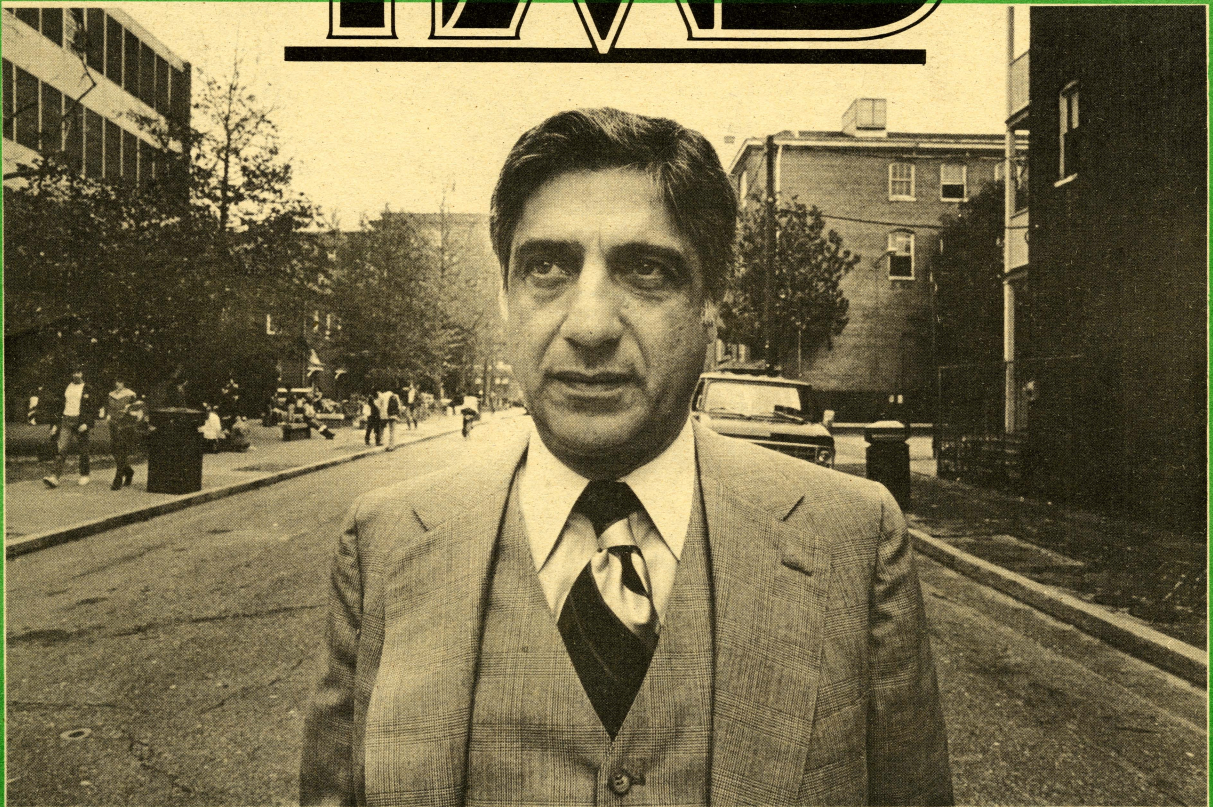


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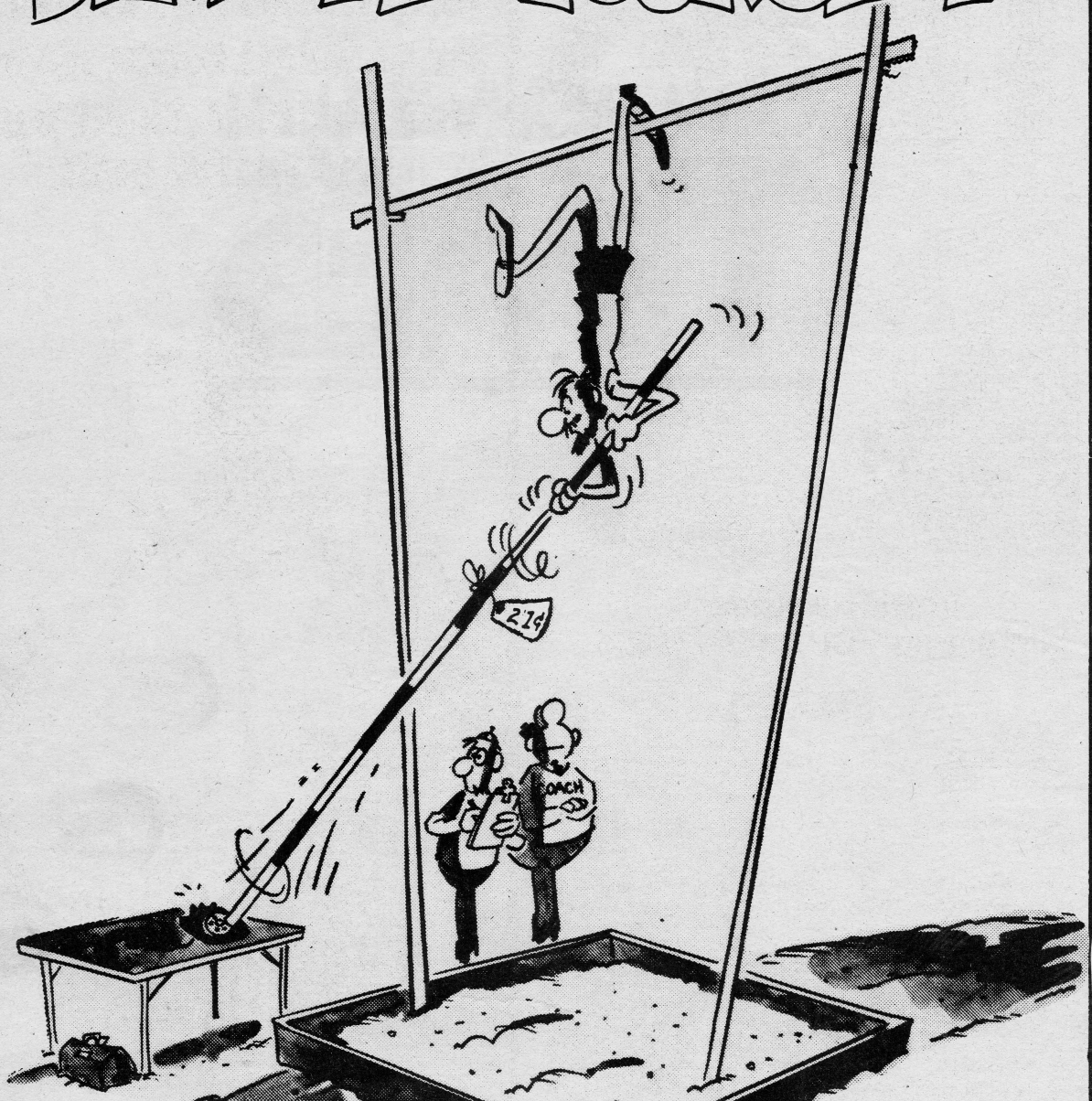


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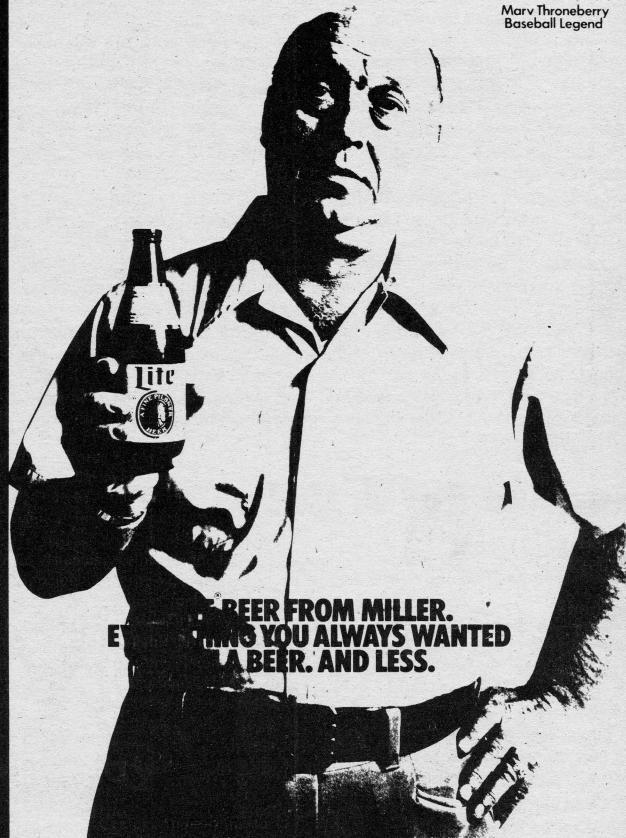
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**"BACK WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL,  
MY BASEBALL COACH TOLD ME  
THAT SOMEDAY THERE'D BE A  
LESS FILLING BEER.**

Marv Throneberry  
Baseball Legend



**HE ALSO  
TOLD ME TO TRY OUT  
FOR GLEE CLUB!"**



Where does the *Commonwealth Times* come from? Any smart-aleck can say, "Business Building lobby, or the Rotunda of the Hibbs Building"; but the real answer is "from students who are not only interested, but motivated enough to make an active contribution."

Our staff at *Commonwealth Times* is often accused of being cliquish, of "not giving a rat's ass about VCU." Some people complain that the paper doesn't carry enough campus news or sports coverage; others complain that there is too much of both, and that "the paper isn't even worth reading."

Seeing itself in the midst of all this, the *CT* wants to change, and is honestly trying to be more responsive to the students' needs. This is a first step. Two more remain:

It remains to be determined exactly what the needs of VCU's 18,000 students and nearly 150 student organizations are. Unless some P.R.-Mass Comm wizard steps forward, the *Commonwealth Times* must define itself by relying upon the input of its readers—as writers, illustrators, ad salespeople, photographers; in fact, we welcome anyone with an idea or opinion about VCU or the *Times*.

Come by and talk to our new Executive Editor, Peter "Boy" Blake, or any of our other helpful staffers. We're on the second floor of 916 W. Franklin Street.

## Not Bad For A Girl

By Bobbie Harrell  
Times' Managing Editor

WHEN A MALE BECOMES SPORTS EDITOR he's questioned about writing styles, coverage guidelines and other technical decisions he will have to make. But when I took over—the first female sports editor for the *Commonwealth Times*—people asked, "Are you going into the men's locker room?"

I explained that since the Equal Rights Amendment had just failed in a General Assembly committee, too many people might get upset if a female was seen entering the men's locker room. After all, I wasn't exactly greeted with open arms when I entered the previously all-male press room. Ushers were constantly reminding me that the seats at press row were for the "working press" only, implying that since I was female I couldn't be covering sports events.

"No, Virginia is not ready for that," I answered, adding a weak "yet" as an afterthought.

It took a year of teasing and double-daring, but Head Basketball Coach Dana Kirk and his Rams finally coaxed me into the locker room on February 27. VCU had just defeated Randolph-Macon and the Rams were celebrating both the end of a winning season and the announcement that they were heading to the East Coast Athletic Conference post-season playoffs.

As Edmund Sherod handed me a slice of the victory cake, I relaxed. No hostility here; just more good-natured teasing from some, and "so what?" from others.

THE E.R.A. DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT to the floor of the House or the Senate this year; it had been killed in committee. The ideal of equal rights, however, did not die with the amendment. There's a whole new generation of Virginians entering the working world. These

new workers don't need a Supreme Court decision or a constitutional amendment before they will allow a female to perform a job previously done only by males (or vice versa).

But while this new breed of Virginians may be more willing than their fathers to accept a female co-worker, they're *less* willing to accept tokens or quotas.

A sports editor for one of the New River Newspapers, Inc. informed me last month that his sports staff included two females and one male. He said he hired the females because they were more qualified than the male applicants. He added, however, that any female applying for the job would have to be better than the male applicants—not just equal—to even be considered for the job.

It wasn't that the young editor wanted to discriminate. It was just that his small southwest Virginia community wasn't used to the sight of females covering sports, so to justify their presence to the local coaches the women had to be, in every sense, the *best* person for the job.

WELL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT THINGS to get better all over the state. But will a strong segment of Virginians continue to discourage women from reporting sports? I think not.

Even if the E.R.A. fails, there is still Title IX of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to deal with. Under this act, athletic and academic programs at all state institutions must be geared toward providing equitable opportunities for females, or federal funding for the institution will cease.

Notice the wording: Equitable—not equal—opportunities are required. It will be at least a year before the federal courts determine whether coaches and commissioners shall be required to let female reporters into the locker room.

In the meantime, Virginia will continue to have female sportswriters, and some of these reporters will break through to men's locker rooms. They will probably receive as little attention as I did when I entered the Ram's chamber.

Even when I left the locker room, I met only one raised eyebrow among local media personalities; the rest simply acknowledged my presence as if I were one of the boys.

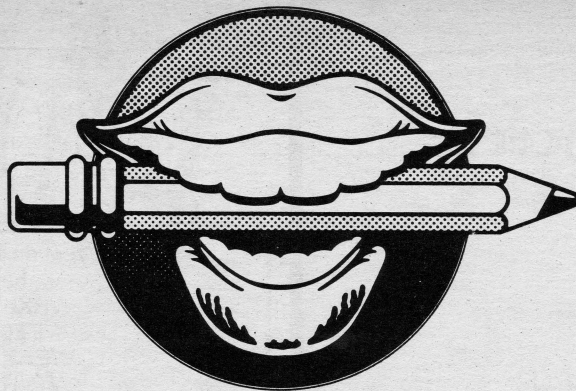
But despite my success at spoiling an old Virginia tradition, my visit to the locker room was not the most satisfying moment of my year as a sports editor. That moment came when a male acquaintance was commenting on a basketball article I had written. I was prepared for the "not-bad-for-a-girl" comment, but it didn't come. Instead, my friend listed the things he liked about the article, then, completely seriously, added, "And you couldn't even tell it was written by a girl."

## Jack Anderson

—The 1980 Olympic games are still two years away, but already a major political battle is brewing between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Russians have proposed changing the international rules to bar broadcasts by Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty and the Voice of America. The International Olympic Committee will consider the Russian proposal at a spring meeting in Athens.

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## No Useful Purpose

The article by Jack Moore in the *Commonwealth Times* entitled "VCU Basketball: Scholarship Without Scholars" (February 28-March 6) in my opinion served no useful purpose. The article inflicted injustice on a group of fine young men who should not be chastised, but praised instead for their effort at Virginia Commonwealth University.

As University Registrar I work very closely with the Athletic Office in monitoring student eligibility for all athletes within the University. In that the article addressed basketball, I will only comment on the basketball program. Since Mr. Mills and Coach Kirk assumed responsibility for the basketball program, I have seen a dramatic increase in concern for the athletes' academic progress. They have been closely monitoring their athletes' academic programs each semester with considerable success.

Due to privacy rights of the individuals involved, I cannot divulge the individual academic averages of our student athletes, but I can honestly admit to having pride in their academic performances. As a group their academic record is fine, with everyone in good academic standing. Mr. Moore's concern about only Tim Binns graduating this Spring should not be an issue. National research has shown that, due to heavy demands on an athlete's time, not lack of scholarly effort, many do not graduate in eight semesters. Furthermore, research has also shown that a high number of non-athletes also do not graduate in eight semesters. A student does not have to graduate in eight semesters in order to receive a good education or to be considered scholarly.

Finally, Mr. Moore indicated that my office reported to him that Gerald Henderson was not a registered student last semester. Mr. Moore should have sought further verification of Gerald Henderson's name before he submitted the article, for Jerome is Mr. Henderson's recorded name, not Gerald. To further clarify the record, Jerome (Gerald) Henderson was not only a student last semester, but he also achieved at a high level while representing VCU on the basketball court. Knowing what I know about Jerome (Gerald) Henderson, I am convinced he will graduate in the very near future and go on to continued success.

In my opinion the Athletic Office is striving very hard to develop a program that we can all

enjoy and of which we can be proud. I hope in the future that the *Commonwealth Times* will attempt to assist in this effort.

John J. Smolen, Jr.  
University Registrar

*The author, Jack Moore, responds:*

*It is my hope that this misunderstanding between the Registrar's office and myself concerning the academic standing of Jerome (Gerald) Henderson will not overshadow the main point of the article—athletes are being paid (by students) to attend VCU, and the past evidence has shown that they are leaving after their eighth semester having no diploma to show for it.*

## Gone too Far

I would like to clear the record on an article I was quite disturbed about.

Richard Mayfield in "Ethnicity: The Root of the Problem" [*Commonwealth Times*, March 14-20] writes about the League of Black Journalists, Black Student Alliance and his misunderstanding of my interpretation of the "finger." Although I do not agree with Mayfield's statements, I realize he has the right to his opinion. On the other hand, I refuse to allow anyone to quote me on something I did not say.

Mayfield wrote: "I am interested in experiencing people, not color. If I am hired for a job I want to be hired because I am the best person qualified for the job, not because of my skin color as Mr. Vaughan believes. (This statement comes from a conversation I had with Mr. Vaughan last week where he stated that, 'If I had a job to fill, I should hire a black. And if necessary, train him, just to give him a chance despite the fact that I had another applicant who had the qualifications and training needed'."

This statement is not a misquote, but a figment of Mayfield's imagination. He is trying to ruin my integrity by writing statements concerning me which are untrue. He was unable to respond to my letter by using direct quotes from the article itself in support of his statements [*Commonwealth Times*, Feb. 28-March 6]. Instead he put words in my mouth and uses them as direct quotes.

If his statements are a misprint by the *Commonwealth Times* I apologize to Mayfield.

It is disheartening to comprehend anyone making statements on someone else's behalf in such a derogatory manner.

My first reaction was to request an apology by Mayfield for his libelous statements. But I realize his illogical trend of thought is an apology in itself.

I submit to Richard Mayfield; he has won his own battle. I will argue no more. On the other hand I appreciate Colleen Payton for her enlightening letter titled "Obvious Solution" [*Commonwealth Times*, March 14-20].

Jesse Vaughan  
League of Black Journalists

## Review Rewrite

I am writing in defense of *Running on Empty* and in reaction to Mr. Blumberg's irresponsible and lackluster review of the album ("Jackson Browne: Out of Gas, *Commonwealth Times*, February 14-20).

What Mr. Blumberg failed to realize when he wrote his review is that *Running on Empty* is Jackson's first "concept" album. True, he does not deal with "grand images of the end of the world," nor with "themes exploring the isolation of the individual"—at least not as he has in the past. Jackson Browne has, however, captured the attitudes, thoughts, feelings of the musician on the road; this is something very difficult to communicate to those who have never been "on the road" for the simple fact that it is an extraordinary lifestyle.

"But getting any sleep on this rolling motel—that's the trick" pretty well sums up the intense problem of the road musician. On this album, although Jackson Browne's existential "The World's Flat and There Ain't No Jesus" philosophy is there, but on this lp it takes second place to his thoughts of where he is as a musician.

I feel that Mr. Blumberg has made the mistake (as so many people do who have "favorite" artists) of comparing this latest album with earlier, less closely constructed ones. Certainly the brilliance in production makes this one of the most fascinating albums of the year. Perhaps Mr. Blumberg will listen once more to "Stay" with a different, more open, mind.

Joe Sokohl  
Former VCU Student



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# WVCW

What do all these radio stations  
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WRXL WRVQ  
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They employ persons whose first radio experience  
was at VCU's student radio station.

WVCW will be holding elections in April  
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Station Manager

Program Director	Chief Engineer
Production Manager	News Director
Business Manager	Traffic Director
Personnel Director	Public Service Announce- ment Director
PR/Promotions	

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# THE GENERATOR IN MARCH

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5	6 EVERY MONDAY	7 * RICHMOND ALL-STAR JAM	8 BRUCE AND THE BOYS	9 M.F.	10 RATTLE SNAKE	11
12	13 RICK FLDRIDGE GROUP	14 RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL BAND	15 STEVE BASSETT	16 CROCUS	17 SOUTHERN ROCK AT ITS BEST!!	18
19	20	21	22 HOBBITON BRIDGE	23 SILVER CREEK	24 SOUTHERN KNIGHTS	25
26	27	28	29 TO BE ANNOUNCED	30 NIGHT	31 HOBBITON BRIDGE	





## That Play Called *Interplay*

Theatre VCU will present *Interplay*, a work developed by director Maury Erickson and his cast, March 21-25. Based on the writings of such authors as Kurt Vonnegut, Ray Bradbury, and R.D. Laing, *Interplay* revolves around a party setting. The party-goers are caught up in a tangled web of their own making. They are continually defining themselves in terms of others. They are intertwined with one another, but still hopelessly alone. They cover the reality of life with a curtain of fantasy to protect them from the scrutiny and criticism from others.

The actors will use masks to show the constant changes in their charac-

ter, and the quickness of a mood change.

*Interplay* is the last production to be presented in the Gaslight Theatre. The former Scottish Rite Temple building at 311 N. Harrison Street will be demolished in June to make way for the new VCU Theatre and Music Center. *Romeo and Juliet* the last show of the current season, will be presented in the Shafer Street Playhouse, Theatre VCU's home for the next two years.

*Interplay* will run for five nights, March 21-25. Curtain is at 7:30 pm and seating is limited. For information and reservations, call the VCU Ticket Office at 770-6778.

## Funds for the Nurses

The Becky Godwin Fund has been established in the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing at VCU with an initial gift of \$5,000 donated by the nursing school's dean, Dr. Doris B. Yingling. The fund, named in memory of the daughter of former Governor and Mrs. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., will be used to further the professional development of MCV

nursing school students.

According to Dr. Yingling, the fund will provide a source of revenue for student research projects, travel to national meetings of professional organizations, and other needs that are professionally oriented.

Becky Godwin died at age 14 when she was struck by lightning at Virginia Beach on August 29, 1968.

## The Minimum Wage Debate

If the sweat of your brow earns you the minimum wage of \$2.65 an hour, your annual income falls below the U.S. government's poverty line. But don't despair; you're in the company of 5 million other Americans.

This statistic came to light at a debate on the minimum wage law sponsored by the Department of Economics. The main speakers were Markley Roberts, an economist with the AFL-CIO, pro, and Walter E. Williams, Associate Professor of Economics at Temple University, con.

Both Roberts and Williams favor the minimum wage law. Williams is more critical of it, however:

"The minimum wage law tends to discriminate against the most marginal worker...and youths in general, because of relatively low age and work experience."

If an employer is forced to adhere to a strict minimum wage scale, he or she will screen potential employees rigorously. The inexperienced, the semi-skilled, and the new seekers in the job market will almost always be passed over in favor of the more highly skilled or those with practical experience. While this may be sound business practice, it hamstring the young jobhunter.

"Opportunities to upgrade skills by on-the-job training are limited."

Williams said. "Early work experience teaches job-finding skills, promptness, and respect for superiors. It gives youth an opportunity to make their mistakes at a time when those mistakes will not be very important; when there are no dependents involved, for example."

The concept of a minimum wage was part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in the early '30s. Since that time, unemployment has doubled. Teenagers as a group suffer the most, with a rate of 19 percent. The rate for blacks is twice that of whites.

One of the most widely-heard arguments against a set minimum wage is that the inherent increase in business costs would be passed on to the consumer. The counter-argument is that the new wage-earners would then have greatly increased buying power and would be in a position to help support the businesses that support them.

Both sides agree in recognizing that the minimum wage law needs modification, however.

If you'd like to know exactly where you stand, to increase your earnings to the poverty line level you must make at least \$3.05 an hour, an increase of 40 cents per hour. And that's the bottom line.

—John Clarke

## The Correct Right Turn

Although it's perfectly legal to right-turn-on-red in Virginia unless specifically prohibited by appropriate signs, the Department of State Police reports troopers are finding it necessary to issue summonses to apparently surprised motorists.

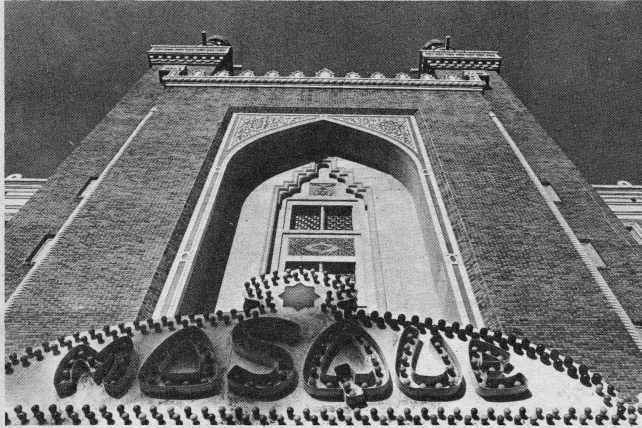
The problem, according to the State Police, is not the proper right turn, but the fact that many motorists are beginning to utilize unpaved shoulders to carry out the maneuver. Approaching one or more vehicles

stopped for a traffic light at an intersection, motorists are pulling off the highway onto the unpaved shoulder and advancing to the traffic light to turn right on red.

It's illegal to pass by driving off the pavement or main traveled portion of the roadway and doing so presents quite a few hazards for the motorist making the turn as well as for other motorists at the intersection.

Charles L. Vaughan  
Information Director,  
Virginia State Police





File photo

## A Firetrap on Laurel?

In the wake of a disastrous night club fire in Kentucky last year, fire inspection officials throughout the nation have intensified enforcement of fire and safety codes for all public buildings.

Last year in Richmond, several Fan area night clubs were ordered to close down for various fire code violations. Most of these violations were minor; generally, after the defects were corrected, the establishments were allowed to reopen.

A recent inspection of the Mosque by the Virginia State Firemarshal's office was highly critical of several potential safety deficiencies in the structure. According to Mosque and city officials, these deficiencies will be corrected in due time.

Robert D. Goff, chief engineer of the State Fire Marshall's office, said the problems at the Mosque stem from several open stairways which should be enclosed in order to provide adequate exits in case of fire.

"This type of problem is not unique in a building of this type," Goff said, "and the situation is easily rectified with the installation of a sprinkler system."

According to Mosque Manager D.L. Barefoot, the problem at the Mosque stems from the fact that when initially built, the Mosque was run by private interests, and was

immune from most building code regulations.

Barefoot said that the problem will be corrected, and that funds will be appropriated in the 1978-79 Mosque budget for the installation of a sprinkler system.

Barefoot noted that the stage and sound system sections of the building already are protected with not only sprinklers, but with fire walls, and that all pipes running throughout the building meet state fire code requirements.

According to Barefoot, the Mosque has never been evacuated, and that the problem areas mentioned now have sprinkler systems.

"We have sprinklers on the stage, fire doors, and the curtain around the stage is fireproof. Also, light and sound room areas are equipped with sprinklers and fire extinguishers. A two-foot fire wall exists around the perimeter of the back stage area, separating that section of the building from corridor sections."

Binford said that the budget was just presented to the City Planning Commission, and will go before city council for approval. All of this will take place before July 1, the start of the city's fiscal year.

If the budget is adopted, with this appropriation the sprinkler system could be installed at the Mosque before next fall.

—Steve Stein

## Mr. Bill Gets Award

After nearly 21 years of good deeds for the community, Bill Pahnelas, *Commonwealth Times* copy editor, finally had the favor returned.

Last Wednesday, Richmond Bureau of Police presented Bill a citation—not for his arrest, but "as an expression of commendation and appreciation of outstanding Service to Law Enforcement." In early September 1977, Bill found a lady's wallet containing \$61 and an empty eyeglass case, and turned them over to a policeman in the area. In a personal letter to Bill, Chief of Police Colonel Frank S. Duling wrote that "The honesty and concern displayed by you and your friends is indeed

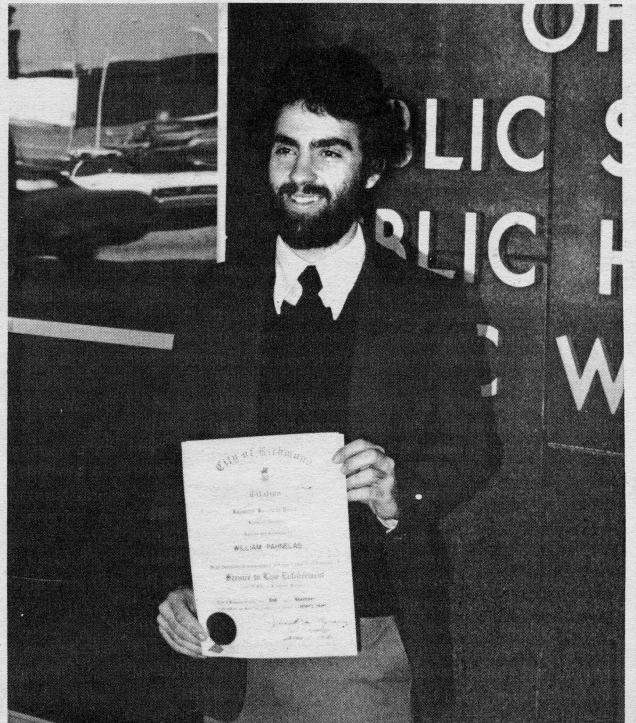
refreshing in this day and time."

Major James T. Parks and Captains A. Steve Csaky and Joseph Parker presented the citation to Bill and 10 others for civic benevolence ranging from saving a drowning child to capturing potential robbers at a U-Tote'm store.

At least 75 to 100 citizens receive the awards each year, according to Capt. Parker. In the past the awards were presented during Police Week, in May. But to make the presentation more streamlined, the Bureau, as of March, hands out the citations monthly. The award ceremony is now incorporated in the monthly crime statistics press conference.

—Peter Blake

Photo by Tom Matthewe





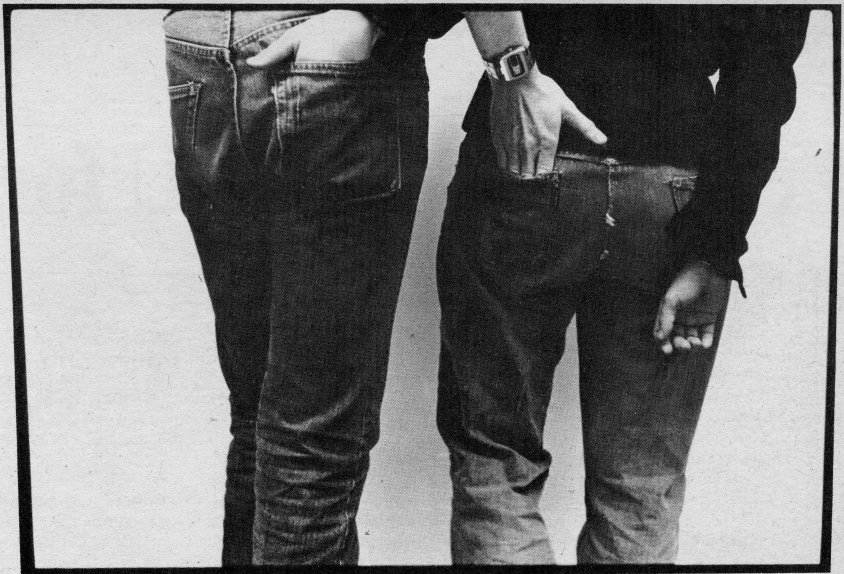


Photo by Robert Sauder

## Blue Jeans:

### It's the Price, Not the Color

By Nancy Wright

If Hardee's provides the staple food of VCU students, then jean-peddling joints must provide the staple clothing. The only difference is that Hardee's hamburgers remain at about the same price, whereas jeans, whether from individual shops or from department or chain stores, vary in price according to size, style and brand.

Shops located relatively near the VCU campus include A Sunny Day (410 N. Harrison St.) which sells fashion jeans for between \$18 and \$25; the Hub Fashion Shop (16 E. Broad St.) whose prices range from \$19.95 to \$24.98; Clover Patch (5702 Grove Ave.) which sells fashion jeans for between \$18 and \$25; and The Store (882 W. Grace St.) which sells straight leg denim jeans at \$14 and corduroys at \$16.

In addition to these shops, which are in the general Fan District, there are also Mel Burn's (6000 W. Broad St.) whose prices average \$14.50 for Levis; Phase III Fashions (2913 W. Cary St.) which sells Gammons and Happy Legs fashion jeans for women for \$19. A&N Stores, which have locations at 618 E. Broad St. and in the Willow Lawn Shopping Center,

sell both regular and pre-washed Levis and Wranglers for \$12 to \$20. Dean Credit Clothiers (310 E. Broad St.) sell men's and women's fashion jeans on an easy credit plan for \$27.99.

Several shopping malls have a variety of stores which specialize in jeans and other sportswear. At Regency Square there is Jacobs & Levy (also located at Willow Lawn Shopping Center), whose men's jeans range from \$14.50 to \$22; and The Ranch, whose ladies' fashion and regular jeans sell for \$15 to \$20. Edgar's Outfitters for men sell regular and fashion jeans for between \$11.50 and \$20 and the Pants Corral at Chesterfield Mall sells regularly valued \$22 men's and ladies' jeans for \$12 to \$17.

Jeans prices may seem outrageous just for blue denims to roll in the dirt or to bum around in, but Americans traveling in the Soviet Union have sold their worn out jeans for \$50 or more to kids who may have considered them a symbol of freedom.

Jeans once were considered to be worn only by farmers for milking cows and radicals who found patches and raveled threads rebellious. Now they are accepted as normal attire almost anywhere if you want to pay the price. ☆☆

A Sunny Day	women's fashion	\$18-\$25
The Store	men's and women's straight leg demims straight leg corduroys	\$14 \$16
The Clover Patch	women's fashion	\$18-\$25
Hub Fashion Shop	women's fashion	\$19.95-\$24.98
Mel Burn's	men's Levis	\$14.50
A&N Stores	pre-washed Levis, Wranglers	\$11.98-\$19.98
Deans Credit Clothiers	men's, women's fashion	\$27.99
Jacobs & Levy	men's jeans	\$14.50-\$22
The Ranch	regular, fashion	\$14-\$21
Edgar's Outfitters	men's regular, fashion	\$11.50-\$20
Pants Corral	men's, women's fashion, regular	\$12-\$17



# President Ackell: Preparing for VCU for the 1980s

Story by Mike Welton  
Photos by Tim Wright

Ah yes...VCU: A swirling protoplasm of 18,000 art students, med students, full-timers, part-timers, nervous in-betweeners and perpetual hangers-on. They all mingle here in an environment that nourishes a struggling urban institution: the community has a healthy business sector, provides access to federal, state and local governments with their myriads of agencies, and offers the culture and beauty of the city's history, architecture, museums and parks.

But at the same time, students here suffer through some of the disadvantages of an unknown university: the short end of the funding stick from a tradition-bound General Assembly; inadequate facilities for students and faculty; no parking for a student body composed primarily of commuters; a lack of an elected west campus student government; a five-mile decaying stretch of asphalt, brick and neon that serves as a stark reminder of the physical and philosophical distances between the two campuses; and until Dana Kirk arrived a year and a half ago, name recognition that didn't reach past Short Pump.

However, the situation could be and has been worse. Two months ago, VCU lacked even the comfortable reassurance of having a permanent president to solve any of these problems. At best, H.I. Willett was serving in a caretaker capacity as acting president, until someone was chosen to fill the void left by the death of Dr. T. Edward Temple last March.

But all that has changed. Dr. Edmund F. Ackell, 52, has assumed the position and is in the process of analyzing the university and its environment.

The position of university president is demanding, physically and emotionally—Dr. Temple kept a 12-hour day, not including four night meetings a week.

Ackell has a different approach. "I've got my own philosophy about that," he says. "I work as hard as I can, but I also play as hard as I can. I'll put in 12, 14, 15 hours a day at work, but I'll also go out and play golf when I want to. It's not a matter of whether someone puts in the hours, but how he uses them."

And up until last week, Ackell was applying his time in the place where it was most likely to prove beneficial—at the State Capitol, pushing for a significant increase in the university's biennial budget. The state legislature is simultaneously the toughest and most likely starting point for a new president. In the past, VCU has been consistently slighted in favor of some of the older, more traditional state institutions.

Ackell is quick to admit that there are some legislators who might not be anxious to increase VCU's funding: "Fifty-seven percent of the legislators are attorneys, and therefore are not our graduates," he points out, adding that of the remaining 43 percent, more than half are graduates of out-of-state institutions.

On a more optimistic note, he stresses that VCU is at a "very good turning point. We're only ten years old," he says. "our mission is different. Our programs are not traditional. We're urban—our student body is different. We're a new school with new philosophies and different programs. Little by little, we'll get the recognition we deserve," he says firmly.

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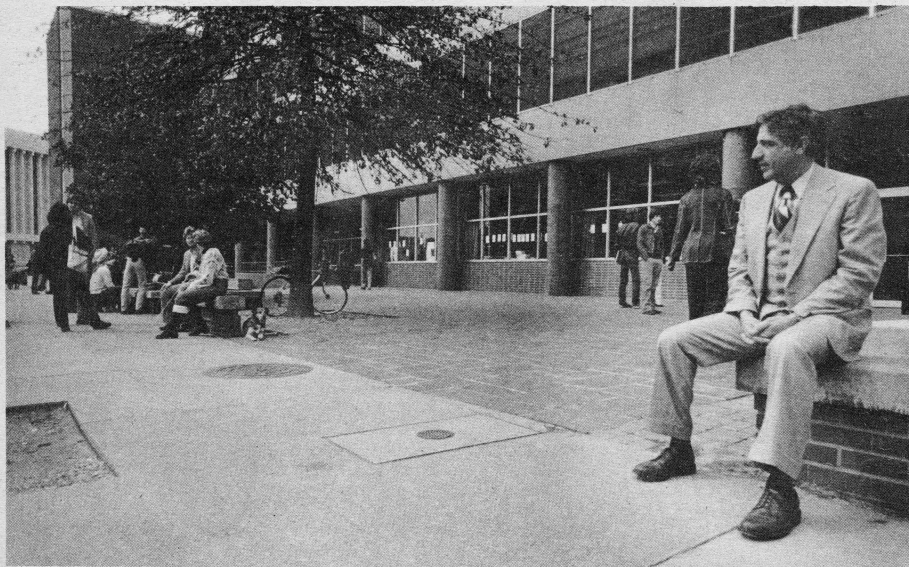
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Story by Mike Welton  
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Ah yes...VCU: A swirling protoplasm of 18,000 art students, med students, full-timers, part-timers, nervous in-betweeners and perpetual hangers-on. They all mingle here in an environment that nourishes a struggling urban institution: the community has a healthy business sector, provides access to federal, state and local governments with their myriads of agencies, and offers the culture and beauty of the city's history, architecture, museums and parks.

But at the same time, students here suffer through some of the disadvantages of an unknown university: the short end of the funding stick from a tradition-bound General Assembly; inadequate facilities for students and faculty; no parking for a student body composed primarily of commuters; a lack of an elected west campus student government; a five-mile decaying stretch of asphalt, brick and neon that serves as a stark reminder of the physical and philosophical distances between the two campuses; and until Dana Kirk arrived a year and a half ago, name recognition that didn't reach past Short Pump.

However, the situation could be and has been worse. Two months ago, VCU lacked even the comfortable reassurance of having a permanent president to solve any of these problems. At best, H.I. Willett was serving in a caretaker capacity as acting president, until someone was chosen to fill the void left by the death of Dr. T. Edward Temple last March.

But all that has changed. Dr. Edmund F. Ackell, 52, has assumed the position and is in the process of analyzing the university and its environment.

The position of university president is demanding, physically and emotionally—Dr. Temple kept a 12-hour day, not including four night meetings a week.

Ackell has a different approach. "I've got my own philosophy about that," he says. "I work as hard as I can, but I also play as hard as I can. I'll put in 12, 14, 15 hours a day at work, but I'll also go out and play golf when I want to. It's not a matter of whether someone puts in the hours, but how he uses them."

And up until last week, Ackell was applying his time in the place where it was most likely to prove beneficial—at the State Capitol, pushing for a significant increase in the university's biennial budget. The state legislature is simultaneously the toughest and most likely starting point for a new president. In the past, VCU has been consistently slighted in favor of some of the older, more traditional state institutions.

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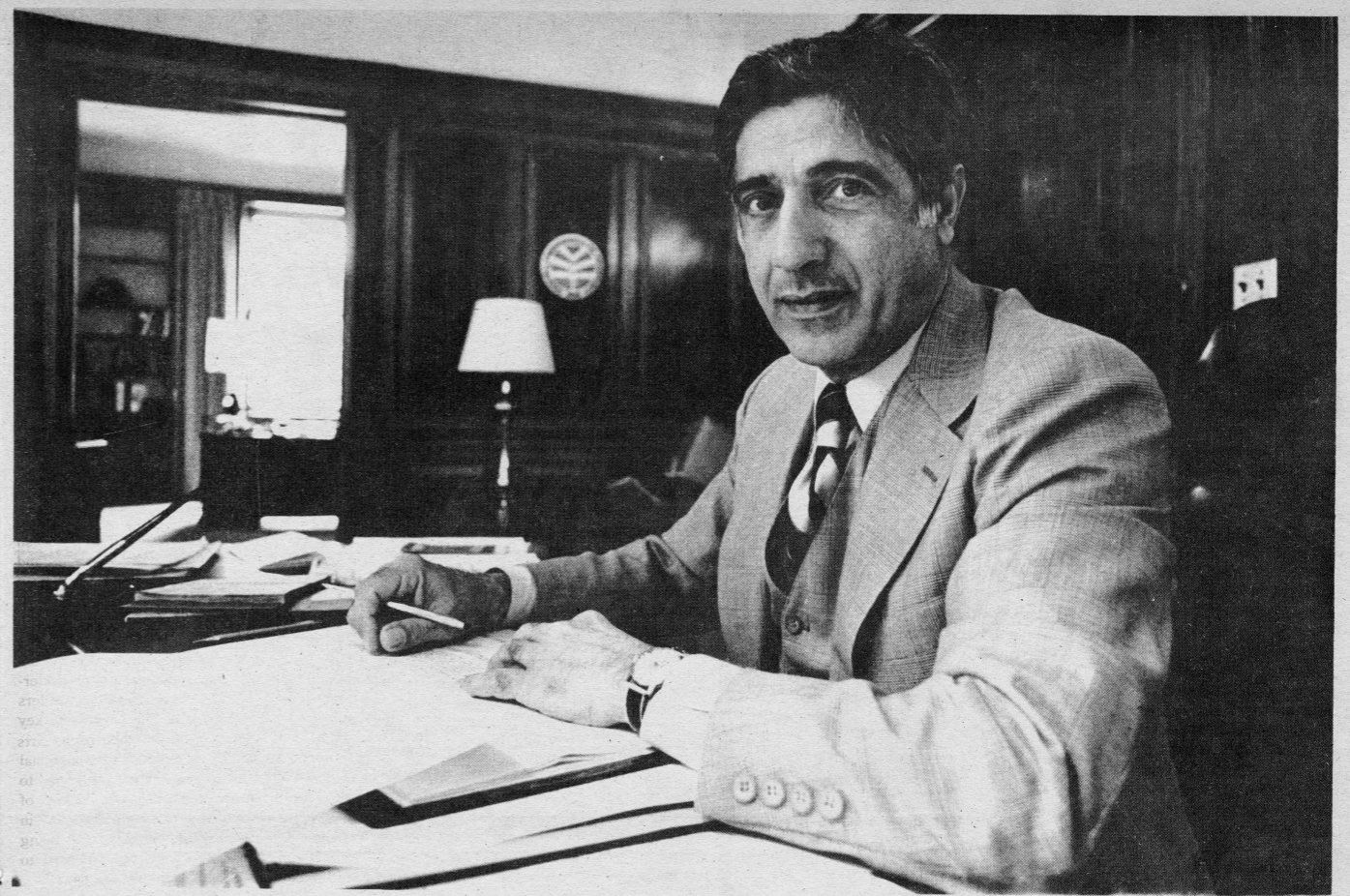
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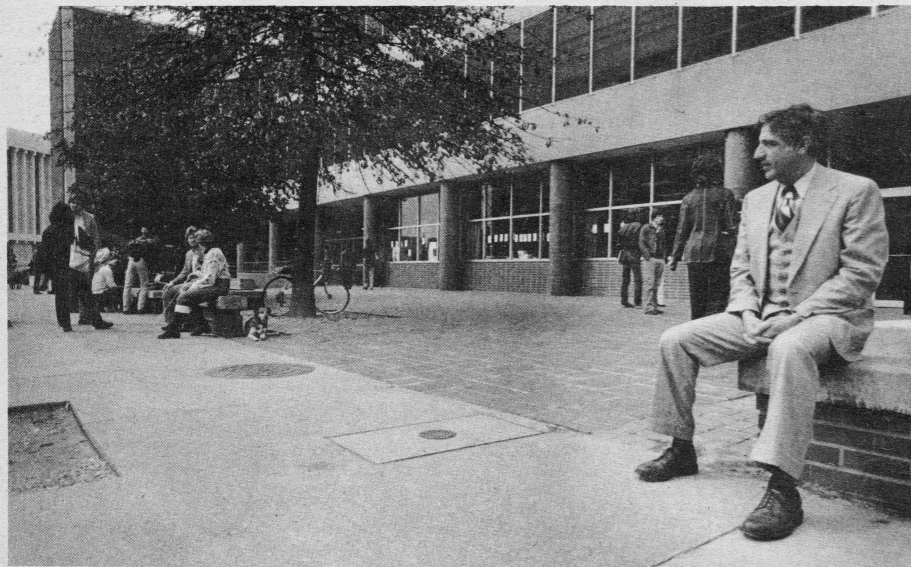
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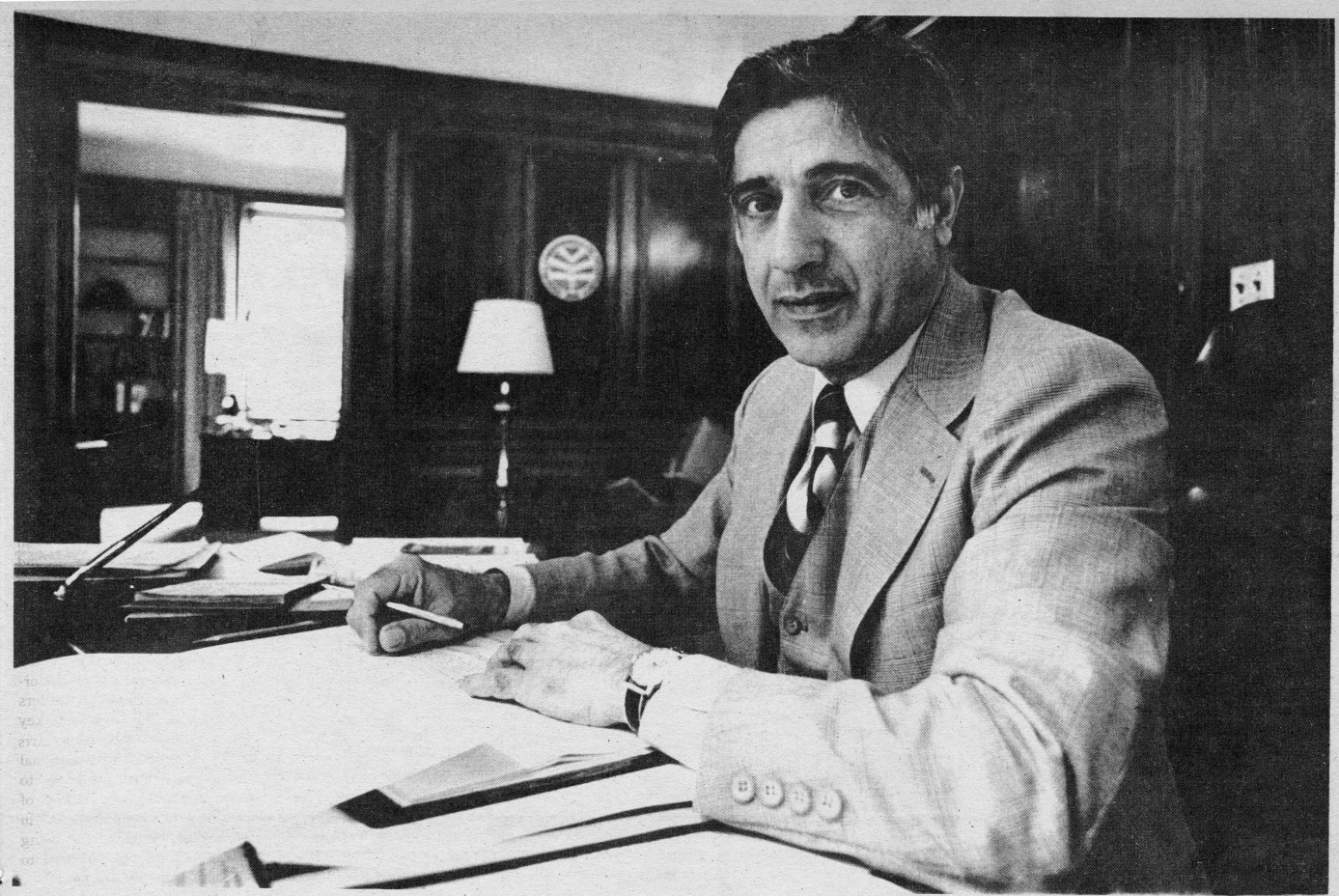
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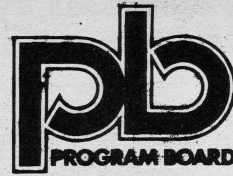
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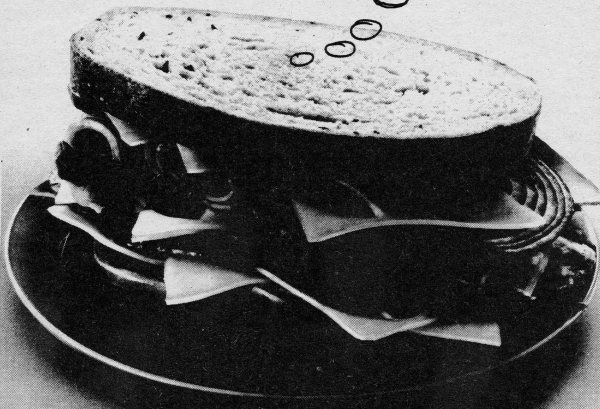
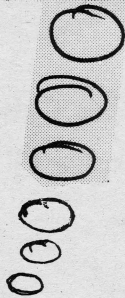


## Weekly Events

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## Student Center Being Planned

By Steve Stein

One year ago the VCU Board of Visitors voted to charge each full-time student of the university a \$30 annual facility fee for the construction of a student center somewhere on the academic campus. One year after the imposition of the fee, plans are being developed for the construction of the building.

Presently, a 15-member committee of students, faculty and administration members has selected the Arlington architectural firm of V.V.K.R. as principle designer of the building. The firm will now begin making preliminary plans for the building. In the meantime the committee has begun looking at student centers at other universities in Virginia, Tennessee, and Maryland to get an idea of how these centers are constructed, and to see what type of activities are housed in them.

According to Dr. Richard Wilson, Vice President for Student Affairs at VCU, a four-phase schedule has been devised by the committee to aid in planning the center. According to Dr. Wilson, "The first phase is the most critical because it is here that we are working with the architects to plan the building and decide what functions and services we want to have in it. With this in mind, a general layout of the building can be made.

"The second phase consists of a series of meetings between the committee and architects to allocate space locations for the various functions and activities to be housed in the building."

Wilson noted that the third phase in process is to present the committee's finalized plans to the University Board of Visitors and various other state boards for approval and funding.

The fourth phase will be an attempt to get more student input during the course of the planning and designing of the building.

Wilson said that a survey will be undertaken soon to obtain student opinion about the proposed building, and to find out what activities they would like to see in the center.

The student center will be constructed in the block of land across the street from the library bounded by Floyd Avenue, Cherry, Main, and Linden Streets.

According to Dr. Wilson and Louis Saksen of the University Institutional Research and Planning, the new building will attempt to encompass the flavor of Fan area architecture, featuring low rise buildings and open, green space. This element of architectural design is being encompassed in all new university planning, and is already being applied in the construction of the new dormitory on Main Street, which will feature an open court yard, and be no more than four to five stories high on any one side.

As for the student center, it is anticipated that the building will not encompass the entire block of land for construction, and the remaining area is expected to be used as a small park-like area. According to Dr. Wilson, planning for the student center "will attempt to capture every inch of available space and maximize its use to the fullest."

It is unclear just how long will be needed to design and construct the building. Wilson noted this would be difficult to determine because of the time involved in planning for the multiple uses of the building. There is need for student input, but so far students and officials have not been able to meet to decide on the planning stages.

In regard to the possible uses to be housed in the center, everything is unsure at this time, but according to Dr. Wilson, the inclusion of a bookstore, cafeteria, and meeting and lounge rooms are being considered. But in regard to the bookstore and cafeteria service, Wilson noted that "although the food service would enhance the area, since the building is being built with student funds, the cafeteria and bookstore would have to operate on their own financial resources."

In other words, the cafeteria would have to make a profit from its own operations, because no subsidy from university or student funds would be available. This also holds true for the operation of a bookstore in the new center.

Funding for this new building will come from two sources. State funds have been appropriated for the acquisition of land. Funds for the construction and operation of the building will come from so-called revenue bonds. After the building is constructed and put into use, monies derived from the building will be used to repay any bonds purchased for construction.

This type of funding scheme is already being used to pay for the construction of any new dorms or student centers on each campus within the Virginia higher educational system.

Once completed, the new student commons building will encompass some 70,000 square feet of space, and cost about \$4 million.

Again, student input is desired by the committee, now in the very preliminary stages of planning the new center. The committee meets every Friday afternoon from 1:30-4 p.m. at 901 Floyd Avenue. Meetings are open to all students to offer their opinions and suggestions regarding the new building's planning. ☆☆



## After the Gravy, Kirk Eyes Main Course

### Special to the Times

If the VCU basketball team's trip to Washington for the Eastern College Athletic Conference's playoffs was just gravy after a 23-3 regular season, it must have tasted mighty fine.

Because the Rams went back for two more helpings.

"I don't think it can be put into words," what the post-season play meant for VCU, said head coach Dana Kirk. "When you get onto national TV and get the exposure of playing in two national tournaments ... golly, it's so valuable to a program as young as ours."

VCU was awarded a bid to the ECAC playoffs shortly before taking the court for a regular season game against Old Dominion University. The Rams won that game and then won their final two regular season games, but were given little chance for victory in Washington, against the 17th-ranked Georgetown University Hoyas. Uh-huh.

VCU won that game, 88-75, with freshman Danny Kottak, "hobbled" by a sprained ankle, hitting 13 of 15 shots from the floor, three of three from the line, and grabbing 11 rebounds despite having three personal fouls after the first half. Another freshman, Edmund Sherod, was nine of 12 from the floor. He

finished with 26 points and, as the Rams' playmaker, weaved through the variety of defenses the Hoyas presented. VCU shot 59 percent of their shots from the floor for the game.

The win earned VCU an audience with St. Bonaventure, last year's National Invitational Tournament (NIT) champions. They were a team with plenty of experience in all sorts of post-season play.

On the line for the winner was an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

The game was televised regionally by NBC. Those countless VCU fans who didn't get to make the trip to Rochester for the game jammed their

way into local bars and livingrooms to watch the Rams in their first crack at national TV and the NCAAs.

VCU was in control of the game right down to the final minutes. In the end, a Tim Waterman jumper with three seconds left gave the Bonnies a 63-61 win.

It wasn't the end of the season, however, as the NIT offered the Rams a spot in their tournament. The only drawback was the opponent — 18th-ranked Detroit, in Detroit.

The Titans were considered by many to be one of the finest teams in the country. They were one of the top scoring teams in the nation and were second in average margin of victory. They had only lost three games and owned a victory over defending NCAA champion Marquette.

Many wondered, including those at VCU and Detroit, why the Titans were left out of the NCAA field.

Anyway, the Rams lost 94-86. Eight points is closer than most teams ever came to the Titans after one half, let alone one game.

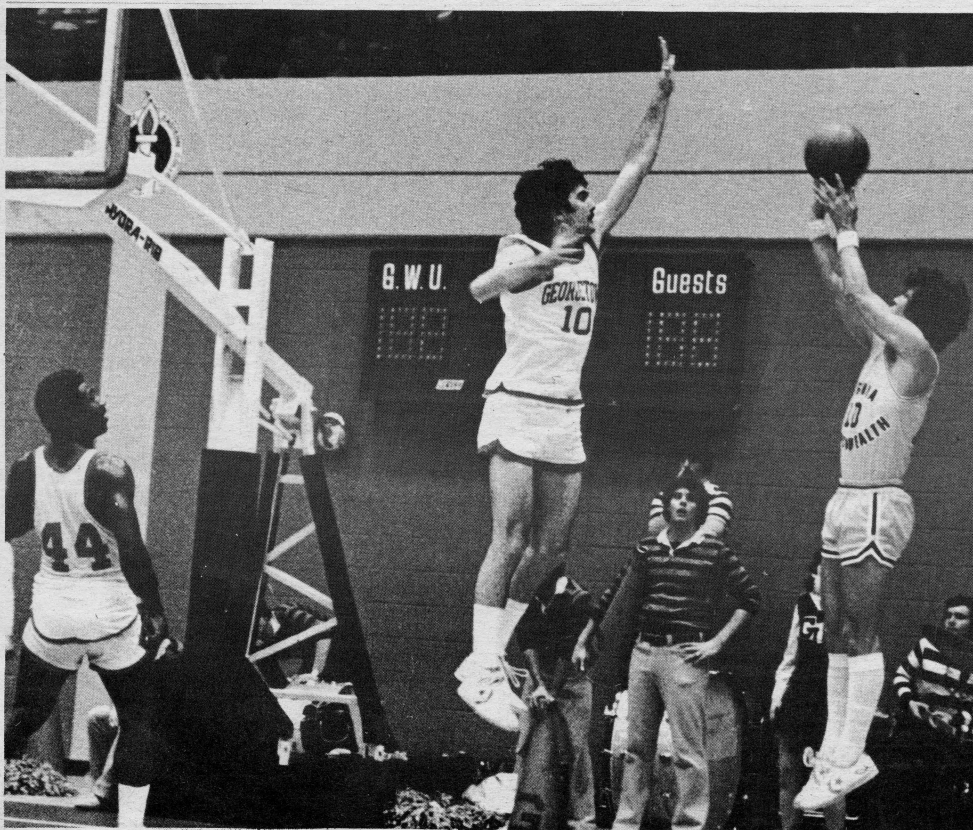
"To get there that quickly is a tremendous asset to our program," Kirk said. "We beat some good ballclubs, we got to play in certain sections of the country we wouldn't have normally. We certainly learned a lot of geography."

"The national exposure will help our program and help our student body. We've gotten letters from as far away as California. You wouldn't believe the letters coming in."

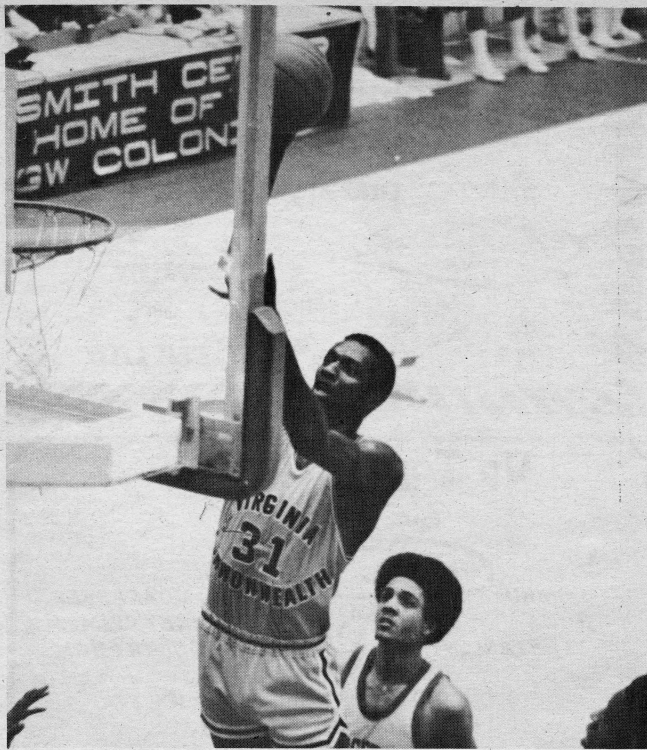
"NBC kind of adopted us. They said we were a cinderella team and that we were a team of the future, even after we had lost."

"To expect success this early, well, compare your program with some of the others in the country and it's unrealistic to have expected to achieve this much success this early. There are teams that haven't been playing 20 years and haven't gotten anything."

"After two years. Unbelievable. I love it. What has happened to us has happened so quickly. It's an acceptable fact and we love it. You wonder about next year."







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**Left:** Tony DiMaria saw limited action against Georgetown, due to a bout with the flu. Here he takes his lone shot against Georgetown. **Right:** Soaring over the Georgetown defender, Ren Watson slams one home.

## Sideliner

By Jack Moore

### Basketball

VCU's 94-86 loss to Detroit in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament marked both the end and the beginning.

It marked the end of the Rams' most successful season ever (24-5), and the end of the stellar careers of Gerald Henderson and Wes Carmack. Henderson's appearance in 103 games during his four years at VCU is a school record. He finished fourth on VCU's all-time scoring list with 1,542 points. Carmack, the Rams' "sixth man," averaged 8.9 points a game in his final season.

But the first post-season berth in the school's history may just be the beginning for one of the youngest and most promising squads in the country.

At season's end three of Coach Dana Kirk's five starters were freshmen—Penny Elliot, Danny Kottak, and Edmund Sherod.

Elliot, a forward, was named MVP in the Coliseum Invitational. He hit 54.6 percent from the floor for the season, a school record for a freshman.

Kottak, meanwhile, hit on 51.8 percent of his shots this year. He stunned Georgetown, shooting a torrid 86.7 percent (13-15), breaking an ECAC record in the process. The Louisville native averaged over 20 points a game in post-season action.

Virginia's leading AAA scorer last year, Sherod made the move to point guard for the Rams. Kirk's first signee, Sherod led the squad in assists and set a VCU record for playing time (968 minutes).

Sherod poured in 26 points against Georgetown and converted three one-and-one opportunities down the stretch to put the contest out of reach.

Ren Watson, the old man on the squad, will be called upon once again to put his 6'9" frame in the way of opponents' shots, as he did 127 times this year. Watson led the squad in rebounds (twelve a game), as well as in field goal percentage (.560).

With the experienced Watson holding down the middle, and the trio of budding stars behind him, the Rams can look forward to more tournament action next year.

### Baseball

While the cagers were playing their bonus games, Bill Bailey's baseball squad was wondering if it was ever going to play. The team's Mar. 4 opener with Hampden-Sydney was snowed out, and rain postponed a twin bill with the Coast Guard eight days later. But as for their postponed game with Virginia Wesleyan at Hotchkiss Field last Wednesday, only City Hall knows why for sure.

Seems both teams were suited up and ready to play when a city official appeared and cancelled the game, claiming that play would cause undue damage to the field.

Bailey called the whole thing "ridiculous", adding, "the field was meant to be played on, not pampered like a woman's hair." Bailey's exasperation could only be matched by VWC's. They had just travelled 100 miles for the "game."

Just in case, Bailey is keeping an active roster which features only two seniors. John Dodd will share left field chores with Calvin Bonner, and the strong-armed Carl Robinson will be counted on at the plate as well as in the field.

And what about next year?

Well, four of the Rams' starters will be back. The only one missing will be guard Gerald Henderson. And he will be missed.

But Kirk showed last year how he could recruit and he already has the ball greased and rolling for the coming recruiting wars.

"To be a solid program and a class program you need two or three good recruiting years back-to-back. Right now we're in our second year of recruiting. It's a lot easier with the national attention.

"We want one guard, one forward, one center and two athletes. If he's a guard and a good athlete, we'll take him. If he's a forward and a good athlete, we'll take him. We've been courting some people. Then again, we've got youth and everyone knows we've got youth and that's scaring a lot of people."

Another thing that is (or was) hampering recruiting was talk that Kirk would be coaching elsewhere when next season opened.

"That's why I went ahead and renewed my contract," said Kirk. The five-year contract renewal was announced last week by VCU Athletic Director Lewis Mills.

Although Kirk said the contract doesn't absolutely guarantee that he will be here for another five years, it

does show he doesn't have any intentions of going elsewhere.

"I'll be here next year," he said. "That's why I signed my contract. I love the University and the community and what's happening here.

"I'm not looking to leave, but I'll always listen to opportunities. I have to do what's in the best interest of my family. Opportunities don't come too often and you don't close your door on any. You've got to look at all of them.

"I'm very happy here. But if somebody comes along with a good contract and something that could help me in my situation I'd be foolish not to listen."

One Kirk warned about for next year is complacency. VCU will no longer be the underdog.

"We're going to have to be on our toes a little more," Kirk said. "They're going to say, 'They're for real,' not that they didn't always this year. No one will take us lightly. When they beat us, it's going to be an upset now, not the reverse.

"We have to defend this. We have to play better at a higher level.

"We could be a better team and not have as good a record as we had this year. How many teams win 24 games? Next year you've got try to do as well as you can with what you've got. ☆☆



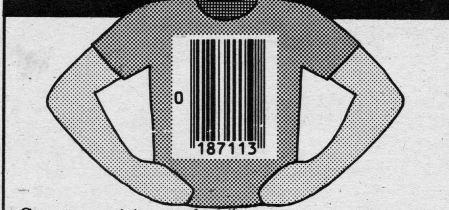
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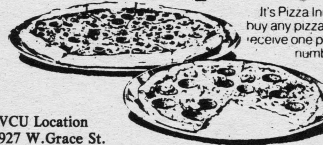
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For any **single girl between the ages of 17 and 26** who has never been married or had children: you are eligible to enter the Miss Virginia-World USA beauty pageant in April. The winner will receive an expense paid trip and an official gown for the Miss World USA pageant in August during competition for the world title. Anyone interested in entering the pageant should write for the official entry form: Miss Virginia-World USA Pageant, 866 Little Bay Ave., Norfolk, Virginia 23503. (804) 587-9454.

The National Poetry Press is sponsoring a college poetry review.

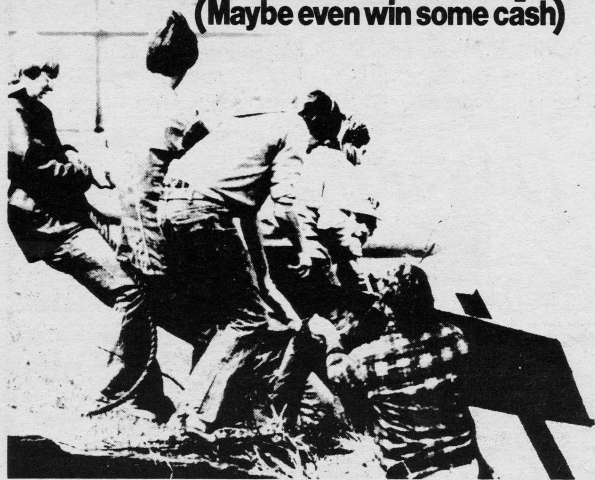
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What's Rugby? Well, it's a cross between football and soccer. Anyone interested in finding out more about this sport, or if you already know about it, and would like to join, the VCU Rugby Club invites you to join their practices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4:30 at Graves Intermediate School. For more information, call John S. Brown at 355-9868.



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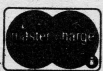
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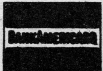


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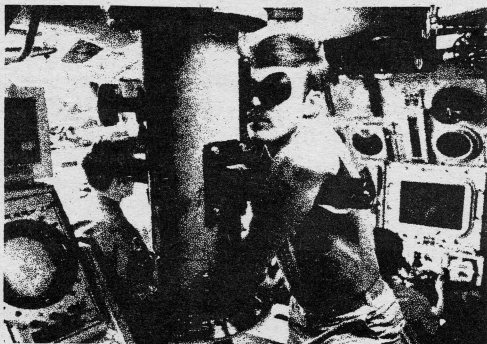


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**Free dinner and program** tonight at the United Campus Ministry, 700 W. Franklin St. They have varied speakers and discussions. Starting time is 5:15.

**Delbert McClinton** with **The Skip Castro Band** will be doing one show tonight at the **Pass**, 803 W. Broad St. For more information, call 353-8901.

A **senior recital** 8:30 tonight at the VCU Music Center Auditorium, 1015 Grove Ave. Alvin France will be playing trombone.

## Wednesday

Practice for the **VCU Rugby Club** will be held this afternoon at 4:30 at the Graves Intermediate School.

**Come on down** and join as the faculty and staff get together for brief devotions followed by coffee and donuts. Pace Methodist Church and United Campus Ministry, next to Rhoads Hall. Everything starts at 7:30 a.m.

**Ever wonder what gay people are like?** Come to the Gay Alliance of Students meeting on Wednesday nights at 9:30 in the McCabe House, 901 Floyd Ave.

## Thursday

**Twentieth Century Flute Music** will be presented tonight at 8:30 pm in the Music Center Auditorium. Featured guest: Roger Martin on flute; Accompanist: Rebecca Plummer.

## Friday

**Buddy Rich** and his sixteen piece orchestra will play at the Empire Theatre, 118 W. Broad St. Two shows, at 8 pm and 10:30 pm. Tickets may be reserved at the Empire box office by calling 782-1911.

Winning films from the **Ann Arbor Film Festival** will be shown at VCU today through Sunday. They will be shown in the School of Business Auditorium, 1015 Floyd Ave. Show time is 7:30, and admission is \$2 per evening or \$5 for all three evenings. For more information, call Toni Radler at 770-7375.

**Good Friday Worship** at Pace Church, 700 W. Franklin St. A multi-media service will portray the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

## Saturday

**Faculty recital**, tonight at the VCU Music Center Auditorium, 1015 Grove Ave. Robert Daniel will be featured.

## Sunday

**Easter Sunrise Service** in Monroe Park today at 7 am. Doctor Keith Crim, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies will preach. At 7:30, following the worship, breakfast will be served at Pace Church, 700 W. Franklin St. Everyone is invited.

**Ronald Thomas**, cellist, and Landon Bilyeu, pianist, and the VCU Symphony Orchestra are in concert tonight at the VCU Music Center Auditorium at 8:30 pm. Tickets are available at the Music Center, 1015 Grove Ave. Phone 770-5195. \$3/public admission, \$1.50 for students.

## Monday

In the Music Center Auditorium tonight, a **student recital**. Guest, Thomas Piercy on clarinet. Robert Powers, euphonium. Recital starts at 8:30 pm. Admission is free.

## In Addition:

Articles for the Calendar must be turned in by Wednesday noon of the week preceding the Tuesday of publication.

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