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Bullet hits student on Laurel Street

by Lisa L. Brownlee
associate news editor

Violence hit close to home for a Virginia Commonwealth University student Sept. 19. A gunman injured at least four men, including a VCU student, during a shooting in a nightclub area on the edge of campus.

A stray bullet hit VCU senior Eric B. Carcana, 23, in the right buttock as he and other bystanders fled.

Carcana speculated that the gunman, aiming for one person, simply shot into a crowd, endangering anyone in his way.

"I knew he wasn't after me," he said, stressing that he walked into the situation totally oblivious to the danger.

In addition to Carcana, the assailant injured Steve Earl Christian, 21; Clinton Devon Neal, 19; and Byron Brown, 22, of Richmond. All victims were treated and released.

Carcana, a resident assistant and university security staff member, described the chain of events leading to his gunshot injury.

After leaving a campus party at Franklin Street Gymnasium, Carcana said, he stopped at Rhoads Hall to say hello to co-workers, then headed to Ivory's Uptown Lounge searching for a friend.

Carcana said he got as far as Lums, a restaurant at the corner of Grace and Lau-

rel streets and less than a block from his destination, when he saw people running toward him. He instinctively about-faced and ran too.

"Then I turned around real quick to see what everyone was running from," Carcana said.

That's when he said he felt the sharp pain of a flesh wound. He knew he was shot when a stranger running behind him told him he was bleeding and to take off his shirt.

Carcana, clueless as to why the person told him to remove his shirt, said he just kept running.

Things happened so quickly that other details of the shooting are sketchy, Carcana said.

"All I can remember is a baseball hat and a sweat shirt," he said, describing the gunman.

Carcana said he remembers no clothing colors or specific physical characteristics.

After the assailant shot him, Carcana limped immediately to Metropolitan Hospital where medics treated and released him within an hour, he said.

Because the bullet posed no threat to his life, Carcana said, doctors left it.

Police said an escalated argument inside the club could have sparked the shooting.

No arrests have been reported but there are suspects.



file photo

The shooting occurred near Ivory's Uptown Lounge on the corner of Broad and Laurel streets. VCU resident hall assistant Eric Carcana was one of four people injured.

Women's studies gain popularity

by Sandy Westmoreland
staff writer

A women's studies topic like "Women, War & Peace" must be validated by men and women before being taught at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"A new women's studies course is scrutinized in the same way that any new course is scrutinized even though the administration is mostly men," Diana Scully, women's studies coordinator, said.

"It isn't a battle. There are more women's studies topics this year and a number of faculty members teaching women's studies courses."

In midsummer, Courtney Leatherman reported in The Chronicle of Higher Education that some members of the National Women's Studies Association meeting in Austin, Texas, said the association "was besieged by chaos at a time when academic programs and scholarship in women's studies were flourishing on many campuses."

Leatherman also reported that some members were positive about the diversity of its association.

"Where else could you find an English professor, a sociologist, a philosopher and economist all sitting around talking about an interdisciplinary approach to teaching?" she asked.

At VCU, most of the women's studies courses listed in the fall 1992 schedule are cross-listed with other departments including sociology, English, political science, history, art history and foreign languages, which provides its interdisciplinary feature.

David Hiley, dean of the College of Humanities & Sciences that oversees the Women's Studies Program, said he does not think it would ever be a totally separate program.

"Women's studies draws its strength from the interdisciplinary approach," Hiley said. "The status and growth of women's studies depends upon faculty jointly being a part of women's studies and another department.

"Much like black studies, the status of a program is its shared courses and its own courses."

Beatriz Rosado, assistant professor of foreign languages and scholar-in-residence with the Honors Program, teaches the course "Dissident Voices in Contemporary Literature."

In this course, she said, students look at different positions and perceptions of a society within a historical context.

"Women's studies does not isolate itself to feminist issues but to human issues," Rosado said.

Some other faculty members explained why the courses they teach fit into the Women's Studies Program.

Ann Woodlief, associate professor of English, who teaches "Women Writers," said she developed this course in 1978 that "turned out to be a natural for women's studies."

Ann Creighton-Zollar, associate professor of sociology and African-American studies, teaches

Clinton-Gore supporters rally for student votes

by Patrick S. Bodsford
staff writer

As the Nov. 3 presidential election draws near, political rallies and gatherings pervade Virginia Commonwealth University. Students expressed views on various issues, including the core philosophies of the nation's predominant political parties.

A crowd slowly gathered in the Commons plaza Friday for one of several state college campus rallies organized by students backing the Bill Clinton-Al Gore presidential ticket.

Two people wore oversized masks of Dan and Marilyn Quayle, and others wore signs saying "I Believe Anita Hill" and "Just Say NoE."

The primary topic emphasized by almost every speaker was the importance of voting, no matter how dim the politi-

cal atmosphere might seem to potential voters.

"All the posters in the world mean nothing if you don't vote," Eric E. Stanley, a local radio personality, said.

Stanley attacked the Republican stance on censorship and the National Endowment for the Arts. He explained that a group of musicians were banned from a concert because their music was considered "raunchy." Stanley said he found that very interesting, since most of the band's music was written in the 1930s.

"There are those who will tell us that four more years is just what we need. I smoke cigarettes because I need cancer," was his response to three people yelling "four more years."

Ashley McDowell, a member of Students for Clinton-

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Recruiters focus on honor students

by Sandy Westmoreland
staff writer

When Virginia Commonwealth University President Eugene P. Trani gave three reasons for the university's increased enrollment, he listed the economy, better-packaged programs and VCU's improved reputation.

But John Berglund, director of VCU's Honors Program, credits the hike to a fourth reason.

"VCU's admissions is getting the word out better through more direct recruiting of honor students," he said.

Horace Woolridge Jr., director of university enrollment services, said the increased number of honor students could be attributed to three targeted mass mailings.

"We sent out a cover letter to honor students and explained the perks of VCU's Honors Program," he said. "Once you start getting honor students, it increases the academic standing of the university and other excellent students will follow."

Woolridge also credits Arthur Seidenberg, coordinator of prehealth sciences advising, for recruiting many eight-year health sciences students this year.

"Dr. Seidenberg wined and dined 'em," Woolridge said.

Seidenberg said he does not "go on the road" to recruit star students, but follows up with some when they visit the campus.

"It's a thrill," Seidenberg said, "probably similar to how a coach feels when going after a star high school athlete."

Twenty-three freshmen honor students received early acceptance to the Medical College of Virginia for fall 1996, Seidenberg said.

"And that might not sound like many, but seven years ago we only had three," he added.

This fall, an estimated 675 honors students averaged 1,200 on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, Berglund said. Their GPAs were about 3.5.

Freshman Debbie Manning from Hampden, Va., said VCU was basically her first choice because she wants to become a doctor of emergency medicine.

"With medical schools being more and more difficult to get into, I chose VCU because of the preadmittance policy to MCV through the Honors Program."

Senior Timothy Beirne from Roanoke, Va., said he chose VCU for the same reason. He said he wants to become a surgeon or a general practitioner in a small town.

"VCU also accepted me earlier than the University of Virginia and offered me a provost scholarship in my freshman year," Beirne

said.

Both students, as well as all students in the Honors Program, must maintain a 3.2 grade point average in honors courses and a cumulative 3.5 GPA every semester.

"At the end of last year, about 61 percent of the freshmen honors students were retained, 39 percent dropped and 10 percent were on probation," Berglund said.

Not all honors students want to go to MCV, however.

"Only about one-fourth intend medical careers," Berglund said, "and only one-half of those students have guaranteed admission to MCV."

The medical school is not the only college offering preadmission invitations.

"The Colleges of Education, Business, and Community and Public Affairs, for example, also offer guaranteed admission to honors students," Berglund said.

Statistical data Berglund provided showed that 66 percent of honors students are enrolled in the College of Humanities and Sciences.

Eighteen percent are in the School of the Arts, 9 percent in the School of Business and the remaining 7 percent are in other schools.

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Clinton-Gore rally

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Gore, had a copy of the Republican National Platform.

She used platform points to attack the Republican ideology on several positions, including family values, homosexuality and pornography.

"Broken homes can have a devastating emotional and economic impact upon children and are the breeding grounds for gang members," she read from the platform.

She said the platform condemned the use of public funds for obscenity disguised as art and called for a national crusade against pornography.

"I guess they (Republicans) figure if they start a new crusade, we will forget about their crusade against drugs that isn't working or their crusade

against Saddam that isn't working," she said to the crowd.

Another topic of some speeches was abortion.

Laura Long, from the VCU Delegation for Choice, spoke to the crowd, condemning the Republican stance on choice.

She related the right to choose to economics.

"When a woman bears a child before she is ready, she may forego her education, delay her career or spread herself too thin, and never be all that she can be for that child," she said.

In reality, she said, the right to choose might be the difference between making ends meet and welfare.

"Bill Clinton deals with reality. George Bush deals with idealism. George Bush denies my reality," she added.

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"Sociology of the Black Family."

"There is a tendency in sociology to treat the black family headed by a woman as a matriarchy because the data about black families," she said, "was collected by men during home surveys and then interpreted by men."

Catherine Mooney, assistant professor of history and geography, said in her class,

"History of Women," students study "the ideas propagated about women by men, men writers and the church from the Greeks to the French Revolution."

Exploring diversity within a discipline appeared to be a novel idea 20 years ago, but VCU's Women's Studies Program formally began in fall 1989. Since then, 26 students have declared minors in women's studies.

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News

Today's businesses

Forum stresses rethinking competition, productivity

by Brenda Murray
staff writer

A partner in a Boston information technology firm who teaches at Boston University will conduct the first official Information Systems Research Institute's forum seminar in early October.

Tom Davenport of Ernst & Young Center for Information Technology and Strategy will discuss "Business Process Re-Engineering."

"BPR looks at a big chunk of business and rethinks how it works," institute director Jean Gasen said.

Jim McDowell, director of information systems services for Virginia, one of the seminar's sponsors, points to the development of the world's economic structure, especially since World War II, as the main reason for implementing BPR.

After that war, McDowell said, countries like Japan and Germany were rebuilding with re-engineering by streamlining businesses and increasing productivity. He suggested this is what America must do to improve productivity and maintain peoples' lifestyles.

"I think the subject matter (of this forum) is important. I believe it is the most important thing we have to do in the U.S.," McDowell said.

Davenport agreed that America must change the way it does business and said he sees BPR as the key to competition and productivity of America's companies.

Gasen praised the institute's success with passive learning programs such as teleconference seminars and an information technology library.

She acknowledged that the information systems department "wants something more active" — and that's where the seminar comes into play.

McDowell recommended Davenport as

the first guest speaker.

"I had Jim Winn (chairman of the department) give me a list of CEOs in the area and laid it before Tom Davenport," McDowell said, adding that he encouraged him to consider the exposure involved.

Davenport agrees that it took some persuasion to get him to come to VCU, explaining that he is called on to do two or three seminars a week.

"This guy in state government who works with VCU came. He was very persistent and aggressive. He talked me into it," Davenport said, describing McDowell's positive tenacity in urging him to participate.

But coming to VCU is also part of what Davenport does for Ernst & Young. He educates people about the benefits of new technology as it relates to streamlining their businesses.

"It's what I do for a living," Davenport said.

Yet, McDowell said, getting Davenport to come to VCU goes beyond his expertise in the information systems field.

"I particularly like the approach of Tom Davenport and his delivery," McDowell said, commenting that so often speakers are too emotional in their approach.

Many of these people, McDowell said, make a lot of money with their seminars and are more like motivational speakers.

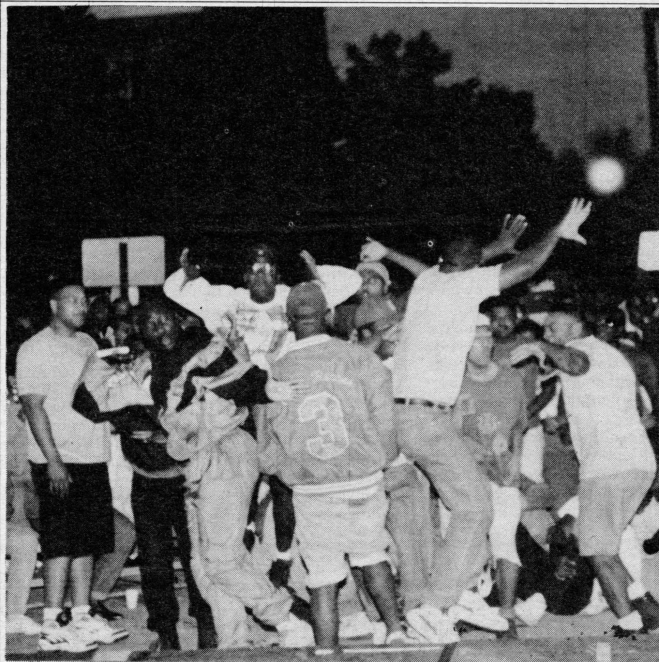
"Tom's not that way. He's more like an academician," he said.

Gasen said the seminar is important in developing public relations for the school.

"(We) try to gain visibility in the community," she said, by keeping the forum open.

Invitations to the forum went to management information systems directors of major corporations in the area but is open to anyone interested. It is scheduled for 11 a.m. Oct. 1 at the VCU Meeting Center.

Step show draws 1,000+ crowd



staff photo by Derrick Washington

The annual Black Caucus Step Show, featuring VCU's traditionally black Greek-letter organizations, drew more than 1,000 spectators Saturday, Sept. 26. Students and alumni gathered to see a host of fraternities and sororities execute African-derived steps. One alumnus called the show "an unofficial VCU homecoming."

Private school discounts not a threat, officials say

Scholarships, not tuition cuts, attract students to VCU

by Patricia Woods
news editor

Although some private institutions attract students with discount programs, university officials said Virginia Commonwealth University probably will not offer such discounts or lose students because of such promotions.

This summer, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that private schools started promoting their academic programs through tuition discounts aimed at middle-income students.

Why? Private college administrators attribute the promotions to the fact that fewer students can afford college during a poor economy and the dwindling number of high school graduates.

The Chronicle identified Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., as one private school reducing its \$12,500 tuition by 50 per-

cent for students graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

The next 10 percent receive a 33 percent discount, and those graduating in the third 10 percent receive a 25 percent cut.

At VCU, university officials give two reasons such discount programs will not affect VCU's academic students.

William Bost, executive director of university enrollment services, identified distinct differences between typical VCU students and those students attracted to private institutions: the type of university and the type of student.

"VCU is an urban university ... and draws the bulk of students from (this) area," he said, whereas, private schools attract students wishing to leave home for four or five years and then graduate.

Morton O. Schapiro, professor of economics at the University of

Southern California, told the Chronicle that private colleges use the four-year plan to promote their institutions.

"Private colleges are stressing service," he said. "Students have access to professors, and students can graduate in four years."

In contrast, Bost said it's common for VCU students to attend school for six years.

"An urban institution," he said, "is an in-and-out school. Part of the accessibility (to middle- and lower-income students) is you can take a year off to work."

Horace W. Wooldridge Jr., admissions director for enrollment services, said anything a school can do to make itself more attractive economically (such as discounting tuition) will hurt its competition.

But he pointed out that VCU's biggest competitors for new students, Virginia Tech, James Madison and the University of Vir-

ginia, are not private schools. "The state doesn't allow a lot of leeway" where discount programs are concerned, he said.

Stephen Merritt, coordinator for financial aid for the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia, said all state institutions follow the same guidelines when offering scholarships.

"The state allows tuition reduction for certain categories of students (such as) children of war veterans or whose parents were killed in fire and rescue in Virginia," Merritt said, citing some instances.

Bost said the university offers other incentives to attract students who otherwise might be tempted to attend private institutions.

"We provide academic scholarships to roughly 10 percent of freshmen," he said, adding that there are about 160 to 180 of these each year, "and they're top-flight

kids — all of them."

The University Undergraduate Scholarship Program includes four separate categories: the Presidential Scholarship, which includes room, board, tuition and fees; the Provost Scholarship, Deans Scholarship and Black Scholars Award, all of which include in-state tuition and fees.

Clifford Winters, a 19-year-old junior in the religious studies program, said his Presidential Scholarship was "by far" the major reason he chose VCU.

The University of Richmond offered him a university scholarship, which covered half of the tuition, room and board, he said, as well as a music scholarship.

In addition, he said, the University of Rochester in New York offered him about \$15,000 in scholarship funds.

"But my parents aren't rich, and not to pay was definitely a bonus," he said.

Health •

Student's suicide stirs ideas on prevention, counseling

by **Shelby D. Barrette**
staff writer

Juliet Rachel Bogdanove, a VCU student, disappeared from her Chesterfield County home May 6. Her remains were found by a construction worker in a nearby wooded area four months later on Sept. 8.

Chesterfield County Police Lt. Ben Mize said Bogdanove's death was a suicide by hanging.

"We theorize that she had been there since the time of her disappearance. Her body was significantly decomposed and she was identified by dental records. The autopsy basically showed no signs of wounds on her remains," he said, "I wouldn't say that it was a typical hanging by any means."

Terry Osborne, Bogdanove's friend and a VCU student, said, "She just went for a walk one night and she never came back. That (suicide) just wasn't her style."

Osborne, a senior Administration of Justice major, said whether Bogdanove's death was indeed a suicide is not the issue.

"If her (Bogdanove's) death has

to do anything, it should serve as a notice to people that these are tough times. People are hurting; it's our responsibility to help."

Osborne said she hopes that Bogdanove's death will make students at VCU realize that they should take time to care about their neighbors.

"People are just people. All the reasons we find to keep us apart are petty.

"People have become immune. Unless they can put a face on a victim, they do very little to stop it (tragedy) or assist someone in a crisis. There is little camaraderie at all in saying 'I'm a member of the VCU family,'" Osborne said.

Osborne said she would like to see student dollars go to things that might affect students more directly. "Resources seem to be limited," she said, "Counseling Services does the best they can."

University Counseling Services caters to the entire VCU community. With more than 20,000 people to provide service to, their staff can become saturated with students in need. There is, however, always someone available to counsel those in cri-

sis, said a UCS employee.

"If you are in crisis, you can see someone immediately," she said. "If a person has those inclinations (suicide), they should waste no time getting in contact with us."

Osborne, who is also a deacon at the Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond, said she appreciates the presence of the UCS on campus, but added, "Some people have an aversion to talking to a person that is being paid to be there."

Osborne said, "If a person is different, it's only an experience others haven't had. People that stand out for any reason, they are human.

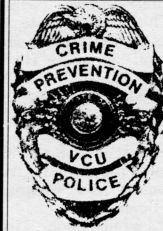
"There are human beings behind those faces. We need to start looking out for each other and stop creating a world of hurt.

"I hope Juliet's death might serve some positive purpose," Osborne continued.

"She would want it that way."

Memorial services will be held for Bogdanove at 7:30 Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Metropolitan Community Church. The church is located at 4500 Kensington Ave.

The CT needs health writers. If you have a connection with MCV, give the news section a call at 367-1058.



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Editorial

Keith E. Lennon

What is the SGA Mentality?

"I dote on their very absence." —
William Shakespeare

Last year, I wrote a few columns critical of VCU's student government. For my efforts, I was accused of being biased against the Student Government Association, of taking statements out of context and of making false statements about the SGA.

These are all untrue. I applaud SGA efforts to have Linden Street closed and their opposition to mandatory health insurance and I commend them for dealing with the funding needs of so many student organizations.

A recent SGA meeting centered around the fairness of how the SGA funding committee distributes money to the university's student organizations.

In the article (CT, Sept. 17, "SGA avoids fight...") about the meeting, Larry Moore, senator from the College of Humanities and Sciences, was quoted: "The process is almost totally unfair. Only the people on the funding committee decide who gets what and there are only 11 members on funding."

Well if it's the funding committee, doesn't it make sense that they make funding decisions?

If not them, who? The senate as a whole? Like that would work.

In an article focusing on SGA senate absenteeism

(CT, April 9, "SGA: Missing in action"), Robert Lewis, senator from the College of Humanities and Sciences, was quoted: "People use this (the SGA) as a resume-builder. I know there is apathy within the student body but there is apathy within the student government as well."

The same article quotes Mike Stanley, president of the SGA: "... Some people don't understand that the senate requires work and responsibility."

Of all SGA committees, funding has by far the most obvious impact on the university. The members must finance a number of student organizations with limited funds. I don't envy them the task. Neither should Larry Moore.

After the question of funding was settled, the meeting turned to addressing a proposal for future parking options.

Two new parking decks, with a total of 1,600 spaces, have been proposed — for the year 2002!

That is great for my 2-year-old niece, but what about now?

The proposal suggests raising University Fees to pay for the future decks. They don't mean the fees of the Class of 2006 — they mean yours. Much like with the planned "Recreational Facility" (or as it is often called, the Trandome) we will be paying for a facility that most of us will never see.

This fact doesn't seem to bother our "leaders."

In an article (CT, Sept. 17, "SGA avoids fight..."), SGA funding committee member Shannelle Armstrong is quoted: "Just because [students today] don't directly benefit doesn't mean it doesn't have the right to be done. [The decks] would be our legacy to the university, every class leaves a legacy."

Leaving a legacy is fine, but doing so on the unwilling backs of today's debt-ridden students is wrong.

Never before has the price of college escalated as it does now, never before have state funds been so scarce, and never before have students been as cost-conscious as they are today. And things appear to be getting worse.

In such an economic climate, why should any student be expected to pay for a facility he will never use? The cost should be borne by those who will benefit. Raise the fees when the facility is available for use. Not before!

These people are supposed to be your leaders. Make sure they know how you feel about paying still higher fees in the near future. Make them do their jobs.

The next full SGA senate meeting is today at 5 p.m. in the Commons. They meet every other Monday at the same time.

Make your voice heard — it's your money and your right!

Christian Boyles

You, ma'am, are no Jane Pauley

Last Monday, primetime's "Murphy Brown" reacted to the ammunition it supplied to this year's political staging ground.

Giving advice to fellow television reporter Murphy Brown, buddy Frank Fontana advised, "Murph', it's *Dan Quayle*, forget about it!"

The controversy surrounding the Emmy award-winning show began when its namesake decided to give birth to a child out of wedlock. Having

spurred the ongoing and tiresome "family values" debate, the show made its rebuttal to the Republican revival of traditional American families effectively concise.

The fictional television character's words of comfort to Murphy Brown were not only advice to her but to the entire nation. America has let the candidates avoid real issues by fueling debates on how sound it is for a fictional woman to have an illegitimate

child.

Instead of covering the more worthwhile issues of education, economics and abortion, the latter half of this year's election has focused on the virtues of "the morally right."

Family values, gay-bashing and comparisons to dead presidents have supplanted more traditional issues. Instead of applauding Brown's decision not to have an abortion, Vice President Quayle condemns her choice to carry the baby to term. Never acknowledging the fact that her husband left her, or that many Americans are placed in similar situations daily, Quayle heartlessly bangs his drum.

The show's statement does not glamorize single motherhood, but salutes the monumental courage of the women and men who raise children alone.

As not to exclude the Democrats from this growing trend, it's only fair to mention that Hillary Clinton, with cookies and recipes in tow, was overhauled to better fit the "family values" image.

In fact, the Democrats are going along with the Republicans, conversely of course, every step of this election. Each side is scrambling to garner the votes of every disgruntled group they can unearth or exploit.

In response to the Republican rhetoric "Family Rights Forever, Gay

Rights Never," the Democratic Party has declared itself a safe harbor for gay and lesbian voters.

As Pat Buchanan declares AIDS "nature's retribution," Bill Clinton announces "I have a vision and you're a part of it," to 600 gay and lesbian activists at a gala last spring.

While Republicans are making enemies and Democrats are making friends, the issues slip further out of the limelight.

Instead of defining themselves, the candidates are making comparisons to a dead president. President Bush's likening of himself to former president Harry Truman was comical, considering Truman was a Democrat adamantly opposed to the empowered Republican Congress.

However, Clinton's proclamation as the new Harry Truman was absurd, contributing to the delinquency and diversion of the election. Unable to tackle the issues, even unable to tackle a debate schedule, it is apparent both parties are afraid to face the issues. An indication of such fear is evident in the dissecting of a television show and exhuming of a departed president.

Perhaps Ross Perot was right when he said people don't care about the issues.

At least Hollywood has the courage to stick out its neck when addressing the issues.

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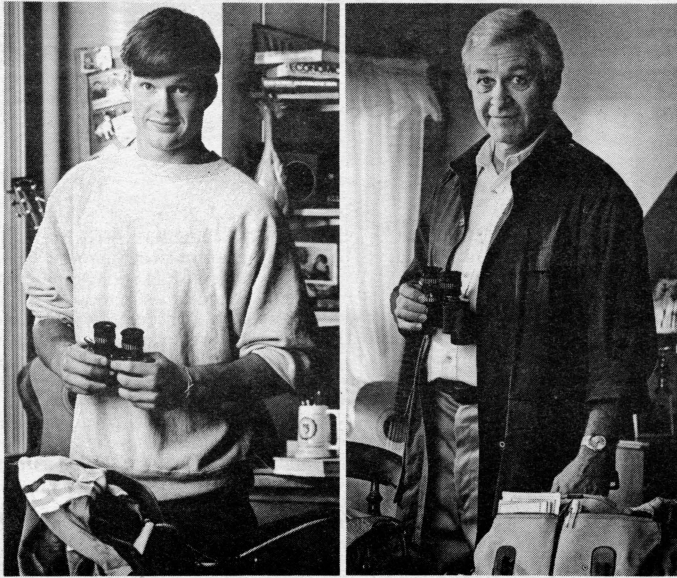
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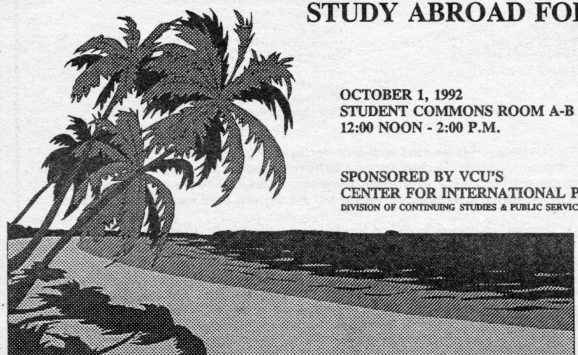


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Spectrum

Black sororities encourage sisterhood, unity

by LaTricia Benefield
staff writer

"To join or not to join?" That's what many female students find themselves asking about black sororities.

One thing is common among these sororities — all are oriented toward community service activities. Nevertheless, each sorority has its own significant purpose, focus and values.

There are five active black sororities at Virginia Commonwealth University: Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Inc., Phi Alpha Psi Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Inc.

Phi Alpha Psi was founded at VCU Feb. 16, 1991. With only four chapter members, PAP is in the process of becoming an incorporated sorority. PAP previously had designed a forum to present themselves to those curious about the organization.

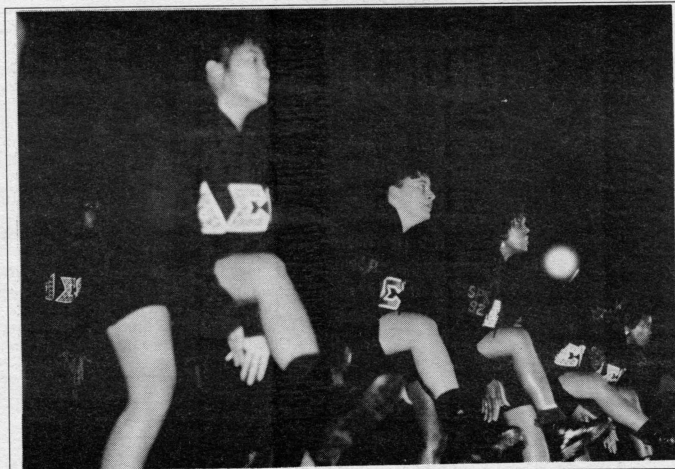
Jackie Brown, president of PAP, said she felt there would be a positive response to the creation of the sorority but was disappointed with the feedback.

"It was surprising, the narrow-mindedness of people who were saying these things about us ... making up stuff and assuming what we were about."

The necessity to form PAP was derived from its purpose, she said, which is to promote unity, sisterhood, awareness, knowledge and pride in one's culture on the undergraduate, graduate and professional level.

Furthermore, she said, PAP hopes to do more to inform everyone of black history through educational fliers. The fliers will display an important fact, individual or event in black history.

Valerie Richmond of Alpha Kappa Alpha said it isn't uncommon to have differ-



staff photo by Derrick Washington

Delta Sigma Theta takes a step in the direction of charity and unity.

ences or disagreements within a fraternity or sorority.

"Nobody is gonna get along with everyone," Richmond said. "Other organizations should have been more supportive of it (PAP) and less hostile."

AKA was founded Jan. 15, 1908, at Howard University, she said, and promotes unity and scholastic achievement among women. In addition, AKA requires a GPA of 2.5 for both semester and cumulative averages. Failure to comply with this rule re-

sults in an inactive membership status.

Similar to other organizations, Sigma Gamma Rho also has a strong community service background. For example, the sorority might visit the Oasis House and conduct activities there with runaway children.

Sorority member Michelle Bey said she feels it is important to know yourself before becoming a member of any establishment.

"Being Greek shouldn't be the most important thing in your life," she said.

Local band raises Cain, pleases Shockoe crowd

by James Lyon
staff writer

Cain was the son of Adam and Eve who killed his brother; he was an all-around bad guy. But the Cain Razers are interested only in having a good time.

As Delayne W. Chowen, the band's keyboardist/guitarist/singer put it, "All we want to do is please the crowd. That's all we've ever wanted to do."

The Cain Razers have been playing in Richmond for the past four years, but because of changes in the band, have never been able to attract a big following.

"Every time we start hitting it big, someone ends up quitting the band and then we start all over again," said J. Mark Scott, drummer and singer.

The original members of the band are the lead guitarist and major vocalist, Mark Nuckols, and Scott.

Chowen and new member Brian Sulser, the bass player, combine to write most of the band's

original songs or rewrite the old ones.

During their show at The Shockoe Bar and Grill Friday, Sept. 25, the Cain Razers played two sets with more than 20 original songs and two covers in which Scott did the singing.

The Cain Razers, however, could hardly be tied down to any musical style. In fact, the only word that could describe their show would be "fun." They whipped the 20-something crowd into a partying mood.

There wasn't a single guy in the audience with long hair or a studded leather jacket, but that didn't mean the band was some soft pop group.

Their music came across as surprisingly hard at times and lighthearted at other times.

They are a serious band, a fact that is obvious when you watch Nuckols' face as he sings. He manages to sing, play a mean guitar and still come up with more than 100 expressions.

The best thing about this band

is that it doesn't fit into the normal structure of a four-piece band. There is no particular frontman and, eventually, every member sings his own songs.

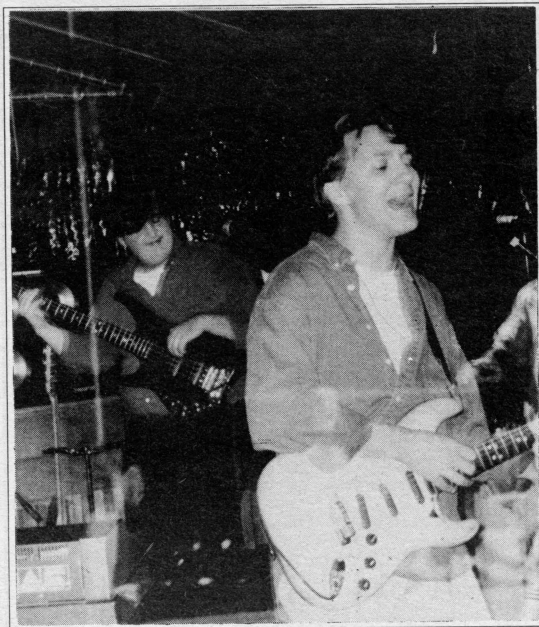
For instance, Sulser, who joined the band five months ago, sang an upbeat song called "Welcome to Mr. Rogers neighborhood" toward the end of the second set when mostly only friends of the band were left.

He also showed his abilities early in the show on a jazzier tune when he played his five-string bass.

The entire band shines with talent. All the musicians have the ability to sing, play a tune and make it look easy.

The Cain Razers' music is great for anyone interested in having a good time. As word of mouth spreads, so will the group's popularity.

The band doesn't have any recordings on the market, but with their talent and ability to draw in a crowd, it shouldn't be long.



staff photo by James Lyon

Richmond's Cain Razers raise heck at The Shockoe Bar and Grill Friday.

Book Review

Refined felines help solve a murder in new mystery

by Mary Edwards
staff writer

Jim Qwilleran has two cats that solve mysteries. Koko sniffs out clues while Yum Yum lays around looking pretty, as only females can.

Lilian Jackson Braun has been writing about Qwill, Koko and Yum Yum for years. The books are whimsical and wonderful — delightful to read.

In Braun's latest book, "The Cat Who Moved a Mountain," Qwilleran has inherited a fortune and must decide what to do with it.

An acquaintance recommends Potato Mountains, so Qwill decides to go there for the summer and consider his options.

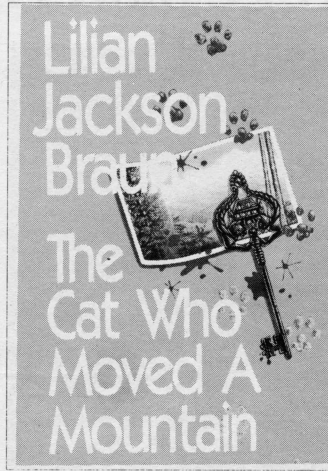
He rents an old house on the very top of one of the mountains. Instead of finding peace and quiet, he lands in the middle of a controversy.

The mountains are inhabited by people who have lived there for generations. They are rough people whose ancestors were moonshiners in the prohibition era.

The people have lived in the mountains for centuries and they want their mountains to remain unchanged.

In the valley are entrepreneurs wanting to turn the mountains into a tourist trap. They want to strip the land of its beauty and uniqueness and build hotels, restaurants and homes.

Qwill rents the home of J. J. Hawkinfield, proponent of land development on the mountains and owner of the town's newspaper, found murdered in his home.



On his first night there, Qwill becomes lost and is rescued by a mountain woman who guides him to the house. It is her brother, Beechum, who was charged and convicted of Hawkinfield's murder.

Qwill does not believe Beechum is guilty, even if he is a hot-headed environmentalist. But who did kill Hawkinfield?

With Qwill, Koko and Yum Yum on the case, the murderer will be brought to justice. You can count on that.

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In addition to presenting awards to a scientist and industrialist based on recent work, an individual may be honored for lifetime achievement.

Nominations and supporting data must be returned to the Science Museum by Nov. 10. Information on the program and nomination packets may be obtained from the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W Broad St., Richmond, Va 23220-2054, or call 367-0037.

Look for Collegiate crossword



and more Record Reviews in next Monday's Spectrum section

Choices, choices



staff photo by Shelby D. Barrette

An abortion-rights supporter expressed his opinions at the pro-choice rally last Saturday. The rally, held in Shafer Court, featured five local bands, several speakers and was sponsored by VCU's Delegation for Choice. Approximately 200 supporters turned out to enjoy the music, hear the issues and register to vote.

Help us rename Spectrum!

Since we're not creative enough to name our own section, maybe some of you will be. If not, we're gonna call it Features. So help us, we're hapless and don't wanna keep a-changin'. Contact Nancy or Clint at 367-1058.

WVCW

Top Ten Tracks of the Week

artist	title
1. Peter Gabriel	Digging in the Dirt
2. Sugar	Helpless
3. Shamen	Love, Sex, Intelligence
4. Paul Westerberg	Dyslexic Heart
5. Suzanne Vega	Blood Makes Noise
6. Ramones	Poison
7. Darling Buds	Please Yourself
8. Too Much Joy	Donna Everywhere
9. Toad the Wet Sprocket	Little Heaven
10. Temple of the Dog	Hunger Strike

Catch the top 35 post-modern tunes on "The List" Saturdays at 2 pm.

WVCW

Top ten Beats of the Week

artist	title
1. House of Pain	Jump Around
2. Arrested Development	People Everyday
3. Miles Davis	Fantasy
4. M.C. Serch	Here it Comes
5. Cypress Hill	Latin Lingo
6. Public Enemy	Hazy Shade of Criminal
7. Eric B. & Rakim	Don't Sweat the Technique
8. Original Flavor	Here We Go
9. Shante	Dance to This
10. YZ	Return of the Holy One

Top Ten Beats of the Week is provided by WVCW

Calendar

To submit your information to the Calendar section, mail it to Calendar, 901 W. Main St. Richmond, VA 23284-2010.

Monday 28

The VCU Delegation for Choice will hold a meeting in Commons Room B.

Voter Registration 1-6 p.m. at the Commons Plaza.

Music: Student electronic music recital, "Midi Affairs," at the VCU Concert Hall. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday 29

Voter registration 1-6 p.m. at the Commons Plaza.

Music: University of Virginia hosts the Brodin Trio. The three Russian emigres will perform work by Beethoven.

Wednesday 30

Voter Registration 10-4 p.m. in Commons Plaza.

Sports: Field hockey team competes at Virginia, 7 p.m.

The Sexual Minority Student Alliance will hold a meeting sometime today in the Commons. Topic to be discussed: Coming Out Day.

Thursday 1

Voter Registration 1-6 p.m. in Commons Plaza.

Theater: Richmond University will present "Rain, Some Fish, No Elephants," an eerie play set in futuristic winter. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information, call 289-8271.

Friday 2

Last Chance!! Last day of registration in Commons Plaza, 1-6 p.m.

Music: Jazz II w/Doug Richards will perform at Marble Hall (Virginia Museum).

Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Sports: Field hockey team competes at Radford. Games begin at 6 p.m.

Saturday 3

Sports: Field hockey team competes at Old Dominion. Show starts at 6 p.m.

Music: Symphonic Wind Ensemble in VCU's Chapel Hall. Dr. Terry Austin will conduct. Admission is free.

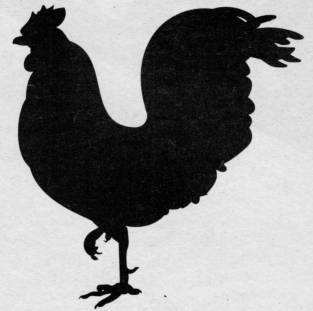
Sunday 4

Sports: Field hockey team competes at Louisville. Show starts at 1 p.m.

Faculty recital: Dr. Mary Jane Fitzpatrick will perform. Show starts at 4 p.m. in the Chapel Hall and admission is free.

Movies: "Young Soul Rebels" showing in the Business Building at 6 p.m. "Tommy" follows at 8 p.m.

Don't be a chicken!



Even someone straight off the farm is welcome to write for the Spectrum section.

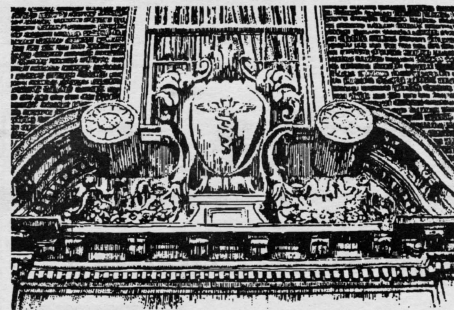
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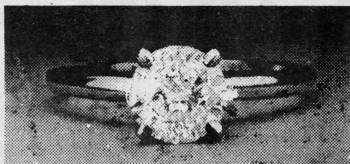
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Sports

English player outdoes the Patriots this time

by Phil Griffin
staff writer

Francis Marion University, a Division II school in Florence, S. C., traveled north Saturday night to butt heads with the VCU Rams and received a major Excedrin headache!

In a physical game that saw Francis Marion use three goalkeepers because of injuries, the Rams shut out the visitors 4-0 in this brutal contest.

The Francis Marion Patriots never seriously threatened the Rams goalkeeper or, for that matter, VCU's half of the field.

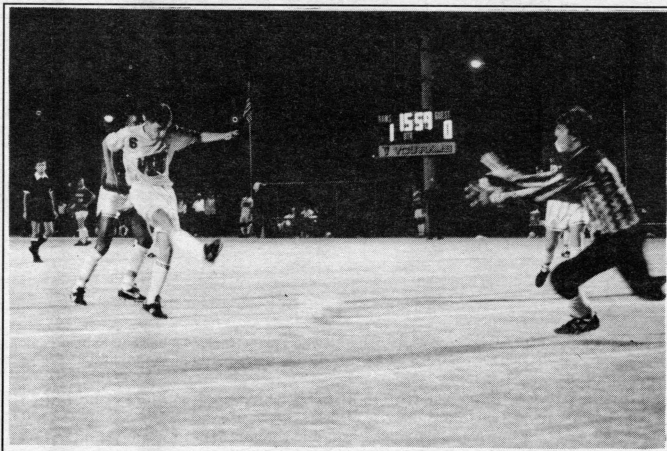
The man of the hour for VCU was Wayne Pratt, who hails from the Old Country and learned his ball in West Yorkshire, England. Pratt dominated play from the start and in the process scored three goals in the first 1:44 of the contest.

Aside from Pratt's impressive hat trick, Vladislav Bezborodov also was a standout for the Rams in this game.

While he did not score, Bezborodov hovered all around the opponent's net, waiting for his scoring chances to develop and generally causing havoc.

When "Vladi" finally got a couple chances to score, his shots caromed off the post but, regardless, the damage already was done.

Bezborodov achieved his real goal of



staff photo by Andre Dupuy

HE SHOOTS AND SCORES — Senior Wayne Pratt blasts one of his three goals.

upsetting the goalkeeper and allowing other shots to tickle the wire.

During the halftime break, Coach Lincoln Phillips said he liked what he saw from his team during the first half so he

used the second half as an opportunity to practice the fundamentals of sound soccer in a game atmosphere.

"This is an opportunity to play it simple, stay in front of the goal and put the ball in

the back of the net," Phillips instructed his team.

In the second half of play, the Rams controlled the game as well as any team could. Crisp, controlled passes and precisely timed scoring threats gave VCU the look of a well-oiled machine.

There was no doubt that VCU was going to win this soccer match. If Pratt wasn't scoring Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi was.

The only non-Pratt score came with just over 18 minutes left in the game. Adu-Gyamfi pounded the ball into the top left corner to give the Rams a 4-0 lead. It proved to be the final goal of the game.

There was some excitement left, however, as VCU was awarded a penalty kick with 2:55 left to play in the game.

Instead of letting co-captain Fredrik Roxenius take the penalty kick, Phillips, knowing the game was at hand, let first-year player John Harbor do the honors.

Harbor's shot was blocked by the goalkeeper on a beautiful diving play but all was not lost. An inexperienced player was given some quality playing time and is that much better for it now.

It's chances like those that Phillips uses to improve his team. The game already had been won and nothing was on the line so why not let the youngster attempt the goal.

VCU field hockey team impeaches Davis & Elkins, 4-1

Susan Hoff registers first two-goal game as Rams improve to 4-2

by John Medeiros
staff writer

It was supposed to be an easy win.

Especially after the VCU Rams field hockey team (4-2) defeated former No. 12 Duke. The game was not easy, however, because the Rams played down to their opponents' level.

VCU defeated Davis & Elkins (3-2) by the score of 4-1 last Friday night, but the game was not supposed to be close. The Senators have a winning record, but have faced lesser competition.

"We're not particularly pleased with our performance," said VCU coach Pat Stauffer. "We really abandoned the basic tenets of our offense."

The Rams took the early lead on a goal by Amy Bonzano 2:16 into the game. It was Bonzano's fourth goal on the young season and is a career high for the junior. She beat the Senators' Sherri Phillips on a penalty stroke with a shot low to the goalie's right.

VCU dominated the remainder of the first half by not allowing Davis & Elkins to gain control of the ball. The Rams had a season-high seven penalty corners in the first half. It took six of them for the Rams to finally capitalize on the play they rehearse so often.

Susan Hoff blasted a shot past Phillips at the 22:01 mark to give the Rams a two-goal cushion.

The game went to halftime with VCU still winning by two, but the stats told a different story. The Rams had 15 shots, the Senators did not have any.

"Prior to this game, we were worried about our corners," Stauffer said. "Tonight, we scored on them but a lot of our decisions on offense were infantile."

The Senators did register four shots in the second half, the last of which served to remind VCU the game was not finished.

Davis & Elkins earned their only penalty corner of the match and used the opportunity to cut the VCU advantage in half. Nicki Wentz tipped a shot by Cheryl Abplanalp past VCU's Mary Ellen Hostetter, giving the Senators new life.

The game was played between the 25's for the majority of the final 20 minutes. The Rams only had four more shots on the Senators' goal, but they put two of them in the net.

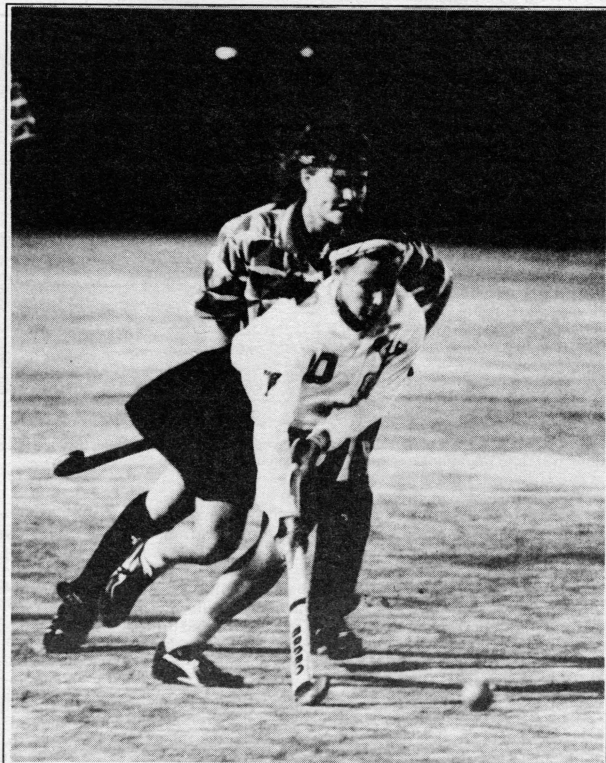
Susan Hoff's shot with 15:14 to go in the game cut through the cold night air and was a blur as it passed the Senators' Phillips. It is the first time that Hoff has had two goals in a game since her arrival in Richmond last fall. Wanda Ortega and Alycia Yoder had the assists as the Rams scored on two of the 12 penalty corners they earned.

"I wish one of the goals had been during an (offensive) attack. Even with the win, I still think we should have played better," Hoff said.

Heather Eckenrode was the final Ram to tally a goal on the evening. She took control of a bouncing ball and sent a shot between the legs of Phillips at the 27:40 mark of the second half. The goal was Eckenrode's second of the year and was the 20th point of her career, tying her for ninth on VCU's all-time scoring list.

Overall, the Rams outshot the Senators, 25-4, and had 11 more penalty corners. The Rams, however, did not play as well as they have in their earlier games. Stauffer said she was not pleased with all aspects of VCU's game. Her players knew that fact, and some expressed similar feelings.

"We should have played a more controlled game," Hoff said. "We have to re-evaluate our play and get focused to play up to UNC's level."



staff photo by Andre Dupuy

Rams co-captain Cindy Bano dribbles past a Davis & Elkins defender. The Senators saw the backs of several VCU players as the Rams had 25 shots and 12 corners.

Ruggers mug Christopher Newport, win 27-0

Rams dominate throughout en route to first victory

by Brian French
staff writer

The Virginia Commonwealth University Rugby Club, the closest thing VCU has to a football team, hosted the Christopher Newport University Captains (formerly Christopher Newport College) Saturday afternoon at Leigh Street Field.

CNU might have presumed that since they are officially a university they would be worthy of respect and would therefore be seen by other schools as a threat in athletic endeavors.

However, on the trip back to Newport News, the CNU rugby players probably realized they were a university rugby team in name only.

The Rams clobbered the Captains 27-0 in a game that was more lopsided than the score would indicate.

The Captains never had a true scoring threat during the game and were more notable for profane use of profanities than athletic talent.

Meanwhile, VCU kept the ball in CNU's end of the field almost the entire game, holding back in the second half after taking a 20-0 lead at the half.

Pete Murray, starting wing forward for the Rams, said he figured the game was in the bag, so the team did not try to run up the score against the overmatched Captains.

"After the first half we were able to lay back and play defensively, since they didn't have much of an offense," Murray said.

Tensions began to mount as the game progressed, especially on CNU's side. Heated words were exchanged among players, and play became more and more aggressive.

At one point, a CNU player walked off the field in disgust, only to be coerced by his teammates to return to the game.

A scary moment for the Rams occurred when Scott



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UP FOR GRABS -- A Christopher Newport player kicks the ball before being smothered by a VCU player as others give chase. The Rams had their way with the Captains Saturday afternoon, but up next for the team is powerhouse Mary Washington.

Wenger, already playing on an injured hip, was hurt while carrying the ball.

A group of CNU players brought Wenger to the ground, opening a large gash on his forehead. After being taped up, however, Wenger still wanted to play. His injury, though, required six stitches to fix and kept him out of the game for good.

"Well, in this game we have to expect certain injuries," Wenger said. "It was unfortunate that I didn't get to continue, but I'm glad our team did well," he said immedi-

ately after the game.

CNU, who dressed less than the 15 required to play, had to borrow some of VCU's B-side players in order to compete. This did nothing to alter the outcome of the game, as the Rams start 1-0 for the season.

The Rams' next game is on the road against the Mary Washington Mothers, who beat the Rams twice last year on the way to winning the state title. As was the case last year, the winner of this game should determine the best team in the state.

ITC National Clay Court tournament a smash in Richmond

Six VCU players participate in the first of four collegiate grand slam events

by Jason T. Bonardi
associate sports editor

During the 1992-93 academic year, Virginia Commonwealth University is playing host to a series of national events.

The first of which, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Clay-Court Championships, concluded yesterday at Brandermill Country Club and Woodlake Racquet and Swim Club.

The championship, the first of the four collegiate grand slams, is scheduled to be played in Richmond next year and there is a chance for a long-term stay.

"Richmond is a special place," said ITA Executive Director David Benjamin. "We would like to be here for many years."

Benjamin, who is also head coach of the Cornell tennis team, said the large amount of clay courts is one reason Richmond got the bid.

"Brandermill and Woodlake have a lot of courts and some are inside, so there is no reason to move anywhere else," he said.

With the tournament hosting more players than ever before, Benjamin said, Richmond is making its mark in the first round.

More than 120 players competed in the pre-qualifying rounds for only four open spots in the round of 32.

Doubles was played this year for the first time in tournaments history, which dates back to 1986.

"We are very excited to host this tournament," said Richard Sander, VCU athletic director. "It's been a fine week."

Sander said bringing a national event like this to VCU shows com-



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Women's tennis coach Eva Bard is flanked by Ilona Poljakova (left) and Ivi Moorlat. Poljakova, a native of Estonia, won her first two matches in the United States.

mitment to college tennis and does a lot for the Rams' program.

Thalhimer raised money

Charles Thalhimer, who started raising money last spring when VCU secured the bid to host, said enough money was raised so that VCU was not going to have to pay for expenses.

"I'm very critical of myself," Thalhimer said, "I think I left some money on the table, but next year I think it will go better."

Sander said most of the donations came from private citizens and people "who want to see quality tennis in Richmond."

VCU woman captures two matches

Ilona Poljakova, a freshman from Estonia, won her first two matches in the U.S.

"I was very nervous in my first match," Poljakova said.

She won the first match, which lasted three hours, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

"Once I settled down and started playing offensively I felt better," she said.

Poljakova, who plans on studying mass communications, also won her next match against the second-ranked player 6-3, 6-3.

In her final match, playing against the third-ranked player,

Poljakova lost 6-4, 6-0.

"I don't have an excuse," she said. "She played well and I didn't."

VCU men gain experience and exposure

Boris Kodjoe, Fredrik Eliasson, Robert Pavliska and Isedro Lledo made it to at least the second round of the tournament.

Kodjoe, a freshman from Germany, won his first two matches before falling in the last qualifying round.

Pavliska, a native of Sweden, came one match from joining Eliasson and Lledo in the round of 32.

Athlete of the Week



Wayne Pratt

VCU soccer player Wayne Pratt has been named Athlete of the Week ending Sept. 21. Pratt, a senior forward from West Yorkshire, England, scored two goals Saturday during a 4-1 victory against East Carolina University. He leads the team with seven points this year and is co-leader in goals with three.

Silly rabbits, high school sports are for kids

by Arthur Mills
managing editor

In the rest of the country at approximately 11:20 p.m every night of the week, the local news broadcast for the area shows us what happened in the world and area in sports.

Assuming my facilities are intact and I'm in the house at the time, 11:20 is one of my favorite times of the day. Locally, I try to watch Ben Hamlin, Chip Tarkenton or Ivan Schwartz (insert goofy smile here) whenever ESPN or CNN are on commercial break.

I think all three are boobs but considering the sub-par overall newscast how much can be wrong with auto racing, Chips Fish Tails and Ivan's holier than thou attitude.

For the past two Friday nights, I have had unimpaired facilities and have been in the house only to be perplexed by the non-stop roll of high school football highlights on all three stations.

Talking to others, with even less to do on Friday than myself, it became apparent for as long as anyone could remember the local news has been dominated by high

school football every Friday night during the season.

This past Friday, at least half of each newscast was dedicated to highlights of a game resembling football but played by a bunch of brats with no talent.

Somehow, some of these games actually draw a camera crew and someone to talk about how exciting the action was. George Evanko, last seen getting knocked over by some kid at home plate, was at the Thomas Dale, L.C. Bird contest and called it the "Super Bowl of Chester."

Are you okay George.

It was a big high school football game that drew a hole bunch of kids and their parents to see their team kick a little butt, but it wasn't on the level of a Super Bowl.

Still, George's overstatement seems to be shared by a lot of people in this backwards little city in which we. All I want to know is why?

When I was a pimply-faced, 16-year-old adolescent, I kind of dug high school sports, especially football. I went to games, cheered loud, taunted a few suckers from loser schools and often found myself in gentlemanly disagree-

ments with the poorer of the sports.

Local broadcasts in my area didn't have much on high school sports and I just thought it was because high school football was for a whole bunch of kids and their parents to see their team kick a little butt and the next day read a little about it in the paper.

In Richmond, sports broadcasts pander to those whose education has ended in or after high school and to the high school player with a six-pack (a 12-pack for big hoss's) coolin' with his girl at a party with a bunch of other children.

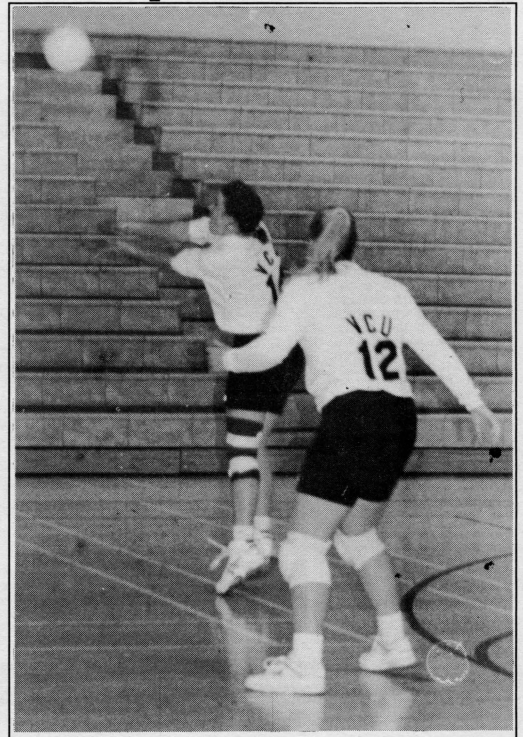
Important events demand large chunks of time for coverage, but high school football coverage gets more time than did the coverage about the devastation Hurricane Andrew caused in Florida and Louisiana.

In Richmond, if the seventh game of the World Series fell on a Friday night, I'd bet local news broadcasts would give it only a cursory look-see.

We don't live in a hick town and shouldn't have to put up with a good-ole-boy sports broadcast that caters to parents who like to dode over their little cuties or to those too ignorant to leave the protective womb of their communities.

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Bump it ...



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Shannon McMeekin defends the Rams' backcourt as Jennifer Smith (12) looks on in Friday night's 15-9, 15-11, 15-7 victory against East Carolina. The Rams travel to Delaware State tonight.

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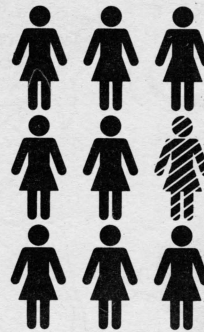


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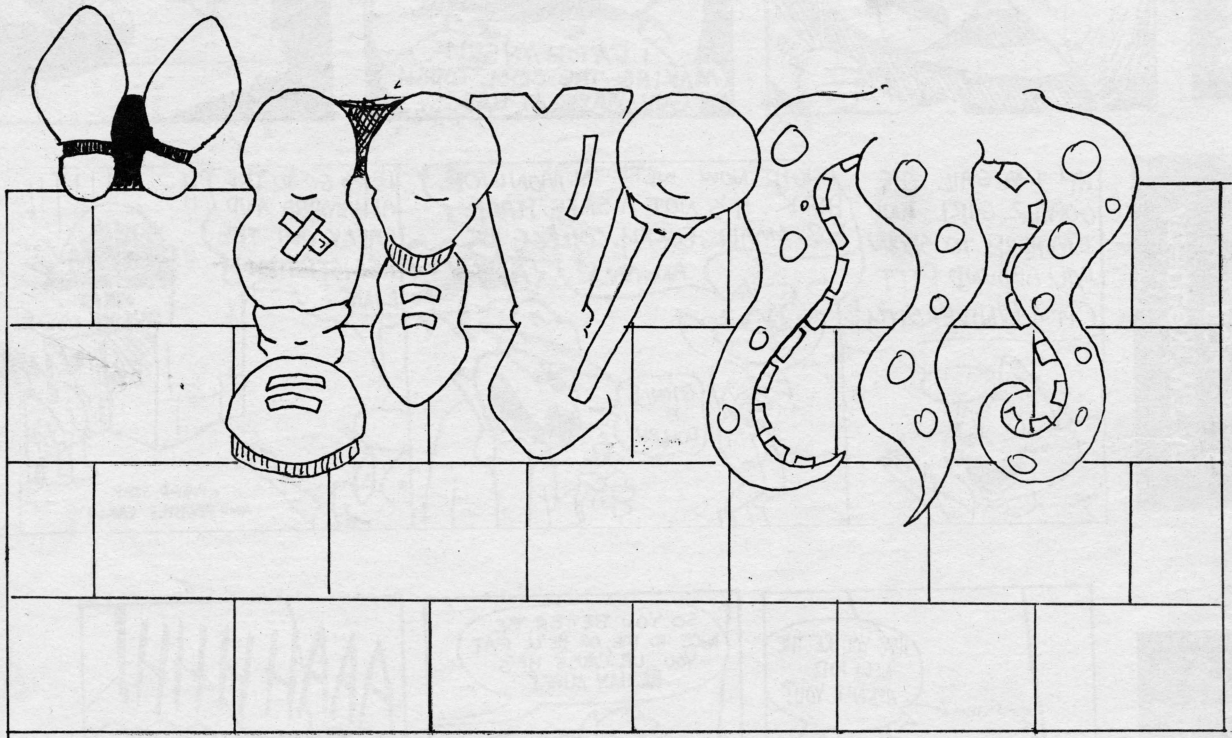
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