

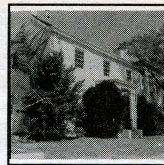
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Students protest, support teachers

Sherry Jones
 CT STAFF WRITER

Approximately 150 students assembled yesterday to protest the university's denial of tenure to three female minority faculty members.

After a 90-minute rally in the Commons Plaza students trekked across campus to the President's Office where they met with VCU President Eugene P. Trani and Grace E. Harris, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Former Student Government Association President Cathaleen Bryant, who spearheaded the event, said the purpose of the rally was for students to show their support for these three faculty members — Njeri Jackson, associate professor of political science and public administration; Beatriz Rosado, assistant professor of foreign languages; and Diane Simon, assistant dean of the School of Education.

After the rally, Jackson said that although she could not discuss the details of her case, she was proud to have so many of her students show their appreciation and support.

"It is the greatest honor any teacher could have in life," she said.

Speaking first at the rally, Bryant referred to VCU's Strategic Plan, citing diversification of faculty as one of



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TOGETHER WE STAND — Students gather in the Commons Plaza to protest the denial of tenure to three popular women minority faculty members.

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Arrest made in connection with sexual-assault cases

At least three VCU students reportedly raped since February

Diane Giles
 CT MANAGING EDITOR

Richmond police arrested Wednesday a suspect in connection with two reported rapes of VCU students near campus, said Sgt. Robert Walker of the Richmond police detective division.

A third rape, Walker said, also of a VCU student, as well as an abduction and forcible sodomies against two male victims have been reported in the area. The incidents began Feb. 21 and have continued until the past two or three weeks, he explained.

The suspect has been charged with abduction, Walker said, and could be charged with at least two rapes, pending DNA test results. The detective said he believes the women were attacked by a different person or persons than the male victims.

Henry G. Rhone, VCU's interim vice provost for student affairs, wrote an open letter to students yesterday advising them of the incidents. He explained that he found out late last week that the incidents involved students. He was told that a suspect already had been identified by a victim, he said, and that an arrest warrant had been

issued.

Walker said one of the reported rapes took place near the 300 block of Mulberry Street, near the Boulevard.

In another case, police list a victim as being abducted from Shafer Street between Grace and Franklin streets and taken to Byrd Park.

Other police sources said the third incident took place in the 1900 block of Floyd Avenue.

All occurred between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

In at least one case, police reports indicate the perpetrator got into a car with a victim, Walker said, and threatened her with a knife or gun. Usually, he added, the perpetrator didn't actually have a weapon.

In another case, he explained, the perpetrator reportedly took a victim into an alley at knifepoint. First she refused to do what he wanted, Walker said, but after he tried to strike her, she submitted.

The suspect still is in custody, Walker said, and will not be released on bond.

Reports also state that one of the male victims was attacked in his own apartment by a single suspect, he said, and the other was attacked on the street by three suspects.

Walker said he hopes that police have the perpetrator of all three rapes in custody, but people still ought to be careful. He advised that no one walk alone at night and to use well-lighted paths.

Student Government Association Presi-

dent Duane Kay said Dan Dean, chief of VCU police, will attend Monday's executive committee meeting to discuss how to open communication between the campus police and students.

Rhone called Kay Wednesday night, the president added, to discuss the best way to advise students of the situation without alarming them.

Deirdre Condit, a political science and women's studies instructor, said the administration should not have waited to inform students.

"Those aren't decisions we (faculty) can make," she said. "The students need to be aware so they can make those decisions themselves."

Kay added that the letter was chosen as an appropriate move yesterday morning.

Speak up

The following students are the winners of the third annual VCU Speech Tournament:

4th Place \$50: Jeff Wilson "Modern America — Poverty"

3rd Place \$75: Kelly Mason "Weight Discrimination"

2nd Place \$100: Manuel Rosado "Is Genocide Still a Cancerous Part of the Human Condition"

1st Place \$200: Andrea Dickson "Community Involvement"

Delta Chi: homeless no longer

Only four months after vacating their fraternity house on Grove Avenue, Delta Chi fraternity has found a new home.

Delta Chi President Cameron Gilbert said the group will finalize the deal early next week when they sign a lease for two houses located on South Harrison Street.

The fraternity, Gilbert said, will sign a three-year lease, and he expects the brothers to move in on Aug. 1.

"I would expect us to stay at this location for as long as it is conducive to both sides," Gilbert said.

The fraternity moved out of its old house under what Gilbert called friendly circumstances with the landlord after a fire left the house in bad shape.

Susan Hairfield, owner of the two Harrison buildings, said she moved out of the area ten years ago when fraternities began to move into the neighborhood.

However, Hairfield said, she was very impressed with Gilbert and decided to rent to the fraternity.

The houses will have 12 residents.

WORLD/NATION



•Egyptian, U.S. groups campaign to free lawyers

CAIRO, Egypt—Egyptian and American human rights activists began a campaign Wednesday to free 44 lawyers unlawfully held without charges, including one imprisoned for more than six years.

They also said they will use the U.N. crime conference that begins Saturday in Cairo to highlight the illegal detention and torture of thousands of civilians by Egyptian authorities.

The campaign was launched on the anniversary of the arrest of Abdel-Harith Madani, a lawyer who represented Islamic militants. He died a day later in jail, after reportedly being tortured. The government said he died of an asthma attack.

•Drugs tested to help troops survive A-attack

WASHINGTON—The Defense Department, in cooperation with NATO allies, is testing two commercially approved drugs it hopes will enable soldiers who initially survive a nuclear bomb to last long enough to finish their battlefield mission, the director of the Defense Nuclear Agency said Wednesday.

The drugs, which reduce or eliminate the vomiting that follows exposure to radiation, are being tested "to extend the ability of an individual to perform his mission in a radiation environment," Maj Gen. Kenneth Hagemann told reporters.

Defense officials believe there is a greater possibility than ever before that theater nuclear bombs—less powerful than strategic ones, and typically fired a few hundred miles across the battlefield—may be used by a "rogue" nation like Iran or North

Korea.

The two drugs that are being tested, Glaxo's Zofran and SmithKline Beecham's Kytril, are both Federal Drug Administration-approved anti-nausea drugs used by medical patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy.

•Whitewater probes call ex-White House secretary

WASHINGTON—Whitewater prosecutors summoned a former White House secretary before a federal grand jury Wednesday, pursuing an investigation into the handling of papers following the 1993 death of Vincent Foster.

Betsy Pond was questioned for more than an hour by prosecutors who are trying to determine when a White House aide removed a box of papers from Foster's office the morning after his July 20, 1993 suicide, according to people close to the investigation.

Pond entered Foster's unlocked White House office briefly the morning after his death, straightening a batch of papers that were in disarray and turning off an office alarm system that had been in use overnight, according to the sources.

VIRGINIA



•Martinsville man reported fatally shot in his home

MARTINSVILLE—Police discovered a Martinsville man had been fatally shot, when his wife gave the police the gun that she said killed him, police said.

When police arrived at the home of Johnny J. Ayers, 45, Monday night, they found him lying on a bed in the basement,

said Sgt. Ronnie Hatcher of the Martinsville Police Department.

Ayers was pronounced dead that night at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County.

Police learned of Ayers' death when his wife, Hilda Ayers, drove to the department Monday, Hatcher said. She had the .22-caliber Magnum pistol that allegedly was used in the shooting and gave police a statement about the death, police said.

No charges have yet been filed, and the death may be ruled self-defense, Hatcher said.

•Teen charged after gun goes off in classroom

MANASSAS—A Woodbridge teenager has been charged with two felonies for the accidental discharge of a semiautomatic pistol in a classroom.

The girl, 13, has been charged with possession of a firearm on school property and the willful discharge of a firearm on school property.

The teen-ager also has been suspended from school for five days. Principal Sharon Blackwell said she would recommend expelling the girl.

No one was hurt in the accidental discharge, police said.

Prince William County Police officer Kim Chinn said the .380-caliber bullet blasted a hole through two desks and passed through a teacher's sweater that hung on a chair in the back of the classroom.

RICHMOND



•Citizens discuss Richmond institution's name change

The building that for almost 60 years

has been known as The Mosque is scheduled to reopen in October, and still no one is sure what it will be called. Last night about 20 people got together in the Main Library to hash it over again. And again, there was no consensus.

About half who spoke said a mosque is a place of worship and the name has never meant anything else.

The other speakers said they didn't want to offend anyone, but The Mosque has always been The Mosque and should always be The Mosque.

•Chesterfield shopping center plan reborn

The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve zoning for a 68-acre project with a 150,000-square-foot shopping center, offices, 51 homes and 144 condominiums on Midlothian Turnpike.

The vote brings to a close a zoning issue that began in 1992 and resulted in a lawsuit against the county by developers Bonarco Associates and Charles M. and Louis D. Marchetti, who had proposed a shopping center development.

CAMPUS



•Books collected for former Soviet Republic

The Jennings Economic Society is looking for books to fill the libraries of Georgia and Mongolia. The society already has collected April 20 and 21 old textbooks from professors and students.

They won't, however, be sending them for another week. If any student or professor would like to make a donation contact Steve Perez at 828-7141 by May 5.

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4/20

•Petit larceny

A male student reported that between 9:50 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. 4/19 an unknown person removed personal property from the Cary Street gym.

Total value: \$100

4/22

•Grand larceny

A female employee reported that between 11 p.m. 4/20 and 7 p.m. 4/21 an unknown person removed property from the first floor of MCV's East Library.

Total value: more than \$200

4/23

•Arrest

Dwight D. Alford was arrested at 10:53 p.m. 4/21 in a VCU parking lot for possession of a controlled substance and a concealed weapon.

4/24

•Petit larceny

A female reported that between 7:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. 4/23 an unknown person removed her purse.

Total value: \$73

•Petit larceny

A female reported that at 7:15 p.m. 4/23 an unknown person removed her book bag and its contents from the courtyard between the Hibbs Building and the Performing Arts Center.

Total value: \$73

4/25

•Grand larceny

A male reported that at 10:38 a.m. 4/24 an unknown person took seven pieces of photo equipment from Sangar Hall.

Total value: \$7,350

•Grand larceny

A female student reported that between 4:30 p.m. 4/21 and 3:15 p.m. 4/24 an unknown person took interior components from a 486 computer located in MCV's Tompkins-McCaw Library.

Total value: more than \$200

•Vandalism

A window located on the west side of the building at 913 West Franklin Street was broken.

Total value: \$75

•Arrest

Tracey Lynn Barton was arrested at 12:15 a.m. 4/24 at the intersection of Grace and Laurel streets for driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license.

4/26

•Suspicious circumstances

An unknown person shot metal slingshot balls between 10:40 p.m. and 10:53 p.m. 4/25 at a Grove Avenue Baptist Church and at a female employee's vehicle.

USA Today columnist discusses today's hate

Jill Myers

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A white man killed Martin Luther King Jr. A black man killed Malcolm X. White or black, it is still hate that killed these two men, Barbara Reynolds, a columnist at USA Today and guest lecturer at VCU, said last night.

Speaking to a crowd of about 20 people, Reynolds told the audience that they needed to continue the struggle for equality but stop the hate.

Hate, she said, was the guiding force behind the Oklahoma City bombings.

"I wondered how it would be to one day say good-bye to my son and then rush to a place that had been blown up by hate," she said. "It all boils down to hate."

But the Oklahoma City bombing was different, she said.

It started with Charles Murray's book "The Bell Curve," in which she said, it talked about how black people didn't have much intelligence so they didn't need the programs.

"Now after you see this (Murray's book), then you see Newt and his posse begin the strategy in Congress of taking billions out of social programs for education, job training and housing... all the school lunch programs that are being cut for poor children.... How are they supposed to learn?" Reynolds asked.

These children who are not learning, she said, is part of Gingrich and his followers' strategy for poor children to go straight from school to jail.

Her other strategy, she said, is to set up a list of enemies consisting of browns, blacks, immigrants, gays and feminists. She called the list "hate boiled over."

Setting up this enemy list is a way to kill the dreams and hopes of those on the list.

But, she said, Oklahoma City interrupted this strategy.

"Right now there is an unusual phenomena... whites are now fearing whites, she said.

"Angry white males are out of control. Jails made for us (blacks) are now made for them."

It doesn't matter, she said, if it's black

hate, white hate or yellow hate, because hate destroys totally, she said of all the people killed in the federal building.

She said that when she recently interviewed the head of the American Bar Association, he said the problem with the initial false accusations was that white people would not at first believe the enemy could look like them.

Reynolds also talked about hate among black people. She remembers when she was young listening to songs about respect and love.

Now, she said, record companies publish records on which black women are called "bitches."

To remedy this, she said, black women must demand respect.

You must make the effort, she said, or nothing will change.

She also recommended voting as a way to bring about change.

"Do something revolutionary like voting," she said laughing. Students can have a voice, she said, they just have to make one.

Tradition vs. Technology

VCU, Oregon Hill debate importance of historical home

Diane Giles

CT MANAGING EDITOR

Oregon Hill group offers free restoration of Jacob House

Diane Giles

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In a letter to VCU President Eugene P. Trani, the Oregon Hill Home Improvement Council offered yesterday to renovate the Jacob House at 610 W. Cary St. free of charge.

Charles Pool, an OHHC board member, said they anticipate a cost of less than \$30,000, but are prepared to spend up to \$50,000 to restore the house.

The group plans to sponsor a fund-raising drive to raise the money. They expect to receive donations, Pool said, from many of the preservation groups and the corporations in Richmond that have shown interest in the engineering school.

In a statement released yesterday about the letter, OHHC President Kelley Lane suggested the house be used as a small gallery to highlight the

history of engineering in the area and the working class neighborhood that aided the development.

Donald C. Gehring, assistant to VCU's president for community and governmental relations, said the university could not yet comment on the proposal.

The school is anticipating more proposals, Gehring said, in response to Trani's recent offer of the house and \$105,800 to move it to another site.

They will wait until after the Monday deadline for those proposals and "take what's on the table at the point," he said.

Earlier this week, Gehring said even if this proposal was made, it still would be preferable to VCU to move the house.

But, he said yesterday, "they put an offer on the table and that's fine — we will give it consideration."

that forbade the freeing of slaves and then proceeded to free his own slaves. He allowed them to become apprentices in his construction business to learn the trade.

The story of the Quaker builder, Lane said, has encouraged more research into a largely unknown part of Virginia's history. Stories told by a black Varina community about the Gravelly Hill School in Varina — the first school for free blacks, which Winston helped create — are just beginning to attract attention, he said.

"I really think there's some healing for Richmond," he added, in looking at this part of history.

Lane maintains that there's room for the house as well as whatever VCU plans to build on the block. On the southern half of the block, he said, there are 60,000 square feet of space, and the first phase of the engineering building is only expected to take about 20,000 square feet. The Jacob House, he continued, takes up only approximately 1,500 square feet.

"Obviously... there's room left over," he

The tale begins in approximately 1817, when Quaker George Winston built a townhouse at what is now 610 W. Cary St. During the next century and a half, a slew of residents called the building home. It was the first townhouse built in the town of Sydney, which later became divided into Oregon Hill and the Fan District neighborhoods.

Fast forward to 1994. Virginia Commonwealth University begins scouting for land for one of its newest projects, an engineering school. The university decides the school, which many think has the potential to bring enormous economic benefits to Richmond, will be built on the 600 block of West Cary Street.

The controversy begins.

Members of the Oregon Hill Home Improvement Council were some of the first to voice concern. On Sept. 9, 1994, OHHC released a statement of opposition to the relocation or demolition of the house and, less importantly, its neighbor at 608 W. Cary St., the E. P. Vial House.

The house could be saved.

Other organizations have since joined the cause, including the William Byrd Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Mary Washington College Department of Historic Preservation.

The house is important for a variety of reasons, said Kelley Lane, president of OHHC.

"It's hard to put into one sentence," he said.

First of all, it's the oldest house in the Fan District and Oregon Hill, Lane said. It's also the first house built there, which, he explained, is a rare find.

Additionally, Lane said, the house was built by Winston, who was part of a progressive movement to improve the situation of blacks in the country.

"He was an island of sanity in his day," Lane said.

Winston, he said, helped overturn a law

that forbade the freeing of slaves and then proceeded to free his own slaves. He allowed them to become apprentices in his construction business to learn the trade.

Some suggest the house could be incorporated into the design of the engineering school. Or perhaps it could be used for faculty offices, as were the renovated houses on West Franklin Street. Some even have suggested creating a museum in the house dedicated to the history of Richmond engineering and culture to complement the new school.

"We feel it can be a win-win situation," said Charles Pool, an OHHC board member.

But Donald C. Gehring, assistant to VCU's president for community and governmental relations, said the Jacob House cannot dictate VCU's use of the land. The lot currently is owned by the VCU Real Estate Foundation, a private organization that acquires and manages property for the university.

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HISTORIC HOUSE — The Jacob House at 610 W. Cary St. remains at the center of controversy concerning the location of the planned VCU School of Engineering.

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The entire block eventually will be used for academic purposes, Gehring explained. Not only will it hold the engineering school but also the fine arts center, possibly a new life sciences building and expansion of the first engineering school buildings as well, he said.

"Our plans are not concrete," he explained. **Trani offers to move house**

That's why President Eugene P. Trani announced by letter on April 5 that the Real Estate Foundation would give up to \$105,800 to an individual or group to help move the house. The arrangement would require a commitment from the interested party to contract and oversee the move, acquire an alternate site and provide for other associate expenses, such as building a foundation for the house.

The offer did not meet with enthusiasm on all sides.

Pool called it a "disingenuous proposal." He projected a possible cost of \$200,000 or more to secure another lot for the house and said on-site renovation would be much more feasible.

Another group, the Valentine Museum, contributed their view of the situation after VCU offered to move the house to the Valentine Riverside location.

Gregg Kimball, senior historian for the Valentine Museum, was asked to evaluate the house as a possible addition to the site. Kimball advised the former Valentine president and director, Frank Jewell, to pass on the offer.

"Based on research and recent news reports," wrote Kimball in a letter to Jewell, "the main historical value of the house at 610 West Cary Street is its relationship to the Sydney neighborhood and environs."

"I would argue against placing the house on the Valentine Riverside site out of this context."

Kimball explained that this does not reflect on the value of the house; it merely rejects moving the house to another site.

"The value of this house is completely imbedded in what the community thinks the value is," he said. "This is a huge value judgment."

The two camps need to come together to develop a course of action, Kimball added.

"There doesn't seem to be a coherent

plan."

Some preservation groups disagree
Some groups that focus on Richmond's history, however, don't share the view of OHHC.

The Historic Richmond Foundation issued a statement on Oct. 13 sympathizing with VCU's dilemma.

"The committee felt that VCU's commitment to not go south of Cary Street had been a reasonable *modus operandi* with the preservation interests in Oregon Hill for the past several years.

"These (Jacob and E.P. Vial) houses lie north of Cary Street in an area that is recognized as VCU's reasonable expansion territory.

"There are times," the statement continued, "when the greater good is the creation of something new at the expense of something old. The expanded and vibrant VCU will be an asset to Oregon Hill that far outweighs the preservation of these buildings."

Consider potential benefits

Richmond City Councilman Henry W. "Chuck" Richardson, of the 5th District — in which the Jacob House is situated — said both sides have validity and must be considered.

"I think that we have to always take into consideration the historical significance of a structure and its potential benefits in the future, (and) what the potential benefits of the proposed school might be.

"VCU's School of Engineering has the potential to make significant contributions to the city," Richardson continued, "and while we value our history and the richness of our city, it's not always possible to do both. But in some instances we might be able to."

Richardson also said the possibility of increasing the number of African-Americans in the field of engineering, as the new school is expected to do, is an important consideration.

If this is accomplished, it would follow a current trend. Black Issues in Higher Education reported in December that "... baccalaureate degrees awarded to African-Americans in engineering climbed 42 percent over the decade."

The school, which is expected to enroll its first class in fall 1996, will offer undergraduate programs in chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering.

It is expected to enroll more than 500 undergraduate students, and graduate more than 100, by the year 2000.

If approved by the General Assembly, VCU would receive a \$16 million grant from the state to enhance the electronics manufacturing curriculum in the school. The grant is part of an incentive plan offered by state officials to attract electronics giant Motorola to Central Virginia.

The school has been endorsed in the past year by area business and community groups, including the Metropolitan Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Central Richmond Association and the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

This enthusiasm is part of the reason the city council committed to donate \$500,000 to the new school. Richardson said, however, they still want the university to do what it can to preserve the Jacob House.

"But we're not in a position to do anything if VCU chooses to do otherwise," he said.

Councilman Timothy M. Kaine, 2nd District, explained that although the property is in what is known as the Oregon Hill Historic District, it is not within the city's historic district. If it were, he said, any changes to it would have to be approved by the city's review board.

But that responsibility falls to the state in this situation, he said.

Kaine added that it would be best to save the house, regardless of its location.

"If the building can be saved either in the current location or anywhere else, that would be preferable to destroying it," he said.

State review questioned

Another issue that surfaced during the debate is whether VCU should have been required to file for a review by the Department of Historic Resources.

Trani has said VCU would request a review voluntarily, but because the property is owned by a private organization, the VCU Real Estate Foundation, it is not subject to state review as a state agency normally would be.

Not so, said David J. Brown, the executive director of the Preservation Alliance of Virginia, a statewide consortium of preservation groups.

Jacob House stands as monument to Richmond's history

Diane Giles

CT MANAGING EDITOR

"This is the story of a house, a small house, a very old house."

So begins a narrative written by Charles Pool and Dulaney Ward of the Oregon Hill Home Improvement Council in the "Richmond Journal of History and Architecture."

By reading the story of the Jacob House at 610 W. Cary St., one can guess at the excitement the writers felt when composing it. But to see Pool talk about the old home is to see the enthusiasm in his eyes.

VCU currently is considering demolishing the house in order to build its engineering school, despite protest from OHHC and other groups that emphasize historic preservation.

But why the outcry? Why is the house so important?

"This is the oldest home in the Oregon Hill historic district," Pool said, explaining that it dates back to about 1817. "It's not only the oldest home but it's the first house built in the town of Sydney."

The town, he explained, was a suburb of Richmond when the city was first laid out by developers. It later was divided into the Fan District and Oregon Hill neighborhoods.

It was the only home built, he continued, when they founded the town before the depression of 1819. No other homes were built for several decades.

It is not only its birthdate that makes it special, Pool said, but also the rich array of people who lived there.

The house was built by Quaker George Winston, who also built at least 150 other houses in Richmond and made the bricks that composed the state penitentiary.

Winston went against many social conventions, Pool explained, by emancipating his slaves and using almost exclusively free black apprentices in his construction business. He also was on the board of the first school for emancipated blacks in Virginia.

OHHC President Kelley Lane called Winston "an island of sanity in his day."

Winston was acquainted with Nathan Bale, whose wife, Sally, participated in the South's first underground railroad, Pool said. She worked for abolition, for educating free blacks and for getting them out of the South when necessary.

The Quaker also educated and trained his apprentices with the skills of brickmaking. He made his business work, the Oregon Hill resident said, and helped blacks learn the skills they needed to become productive citizens.

The Jacob House, Pool said, is the last remaining residence associated with the early Quakers that tells the story of the abolitionist movement.

But the story doesn't stop there. Each owner was more interesting than the last, Pool said.

The next owner of the home was Benjamin J. Harris, who built a cotton mill below the house on the James River Canal. Harris, also a Quaker, advertised that the mill would include such progressive amenities as housing and education for its employees.

Lewis Rivalain, a secretary and special agent for the Mutual Assurance Society, bought the Jacob House from Harris in

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the university's goals.

"That's a contradiction when you deny tenure to three women of color," she argued.

Bryant also showed concerned about the tenure process itself, suggesting that there needs to be more student input in the decision-making.

"It's a frustrating thing for students not to be able to say anything on behalf of their instructors," she said. "Tenure makes them free to express themselves without having to worry about the penalty if they publish something that criticizes the profession or the school.

"These aren't just good professors. They are the support systems for students."

SGA Sen. Rebecca Riofrio, another coordinator for the protest and former president of the Latino Student Alliance, said VCU needs more minority faculty members.

"There's no one more qualified to teach us about women of color than women of color," she said.

Riofrio later explained that the group's concern ignited Monday night when they found out about Jackson and Rosado. Soon after, she said, some students heard about Simon.

Women's Caucus President Kendra Johnson said working with instructors of the same race and gender gives her hope and encouragement.

"You've got to make people accountable to your needs," she told the group. "We're the ones who give them (the university) our tax dollars. We're the backbone of this

institution.

"We're just a little pissed off right now. They (the administration) don't want us to get real mad."

Other members of the VCU community addressed the crowd, encouraging students to keep fighting for what they believe.

In an emotional testimonial, Rosado's son, Manuel, said he has seen first hand the dedication of his mother.

"For her, teaching does not end at the classroom door," he said about the numerous hours his mother spends with students outside of class.

Another bystander took the stage, saying that Jackson was like a mother to him.

Herbert Hirsch, a professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, said he was glad to see students initiate such an event. He added that the denial of tenure to women of color is not an uncommon occurrence.

"Anybody who doesn't do the kind of thing that they are supposed to do have a very hard time getting tenure," he said. "Even if the decision was not based on any merit, as in this case it does not appear to be, it's very hard to find future employment (once denied tenure)."

As the rally came to a close, Johnson reiterated her hope that students would not let their concern end with this one rally.

"This is the wake-up call," she said. "The alarm is going off and we keep hitting the snooze button."

Johnson then asked students to follow her and others across campus to Trani's office.

About 35 students assembled across the

street from the president's office, while several representatives went inside to try to speak with Trani.

Although they were informed that Trani was very busy and would not be able to see them at that time, Bryant, Johnson and Riofrio said the group of protestors would not disassemble until they heard from the president.

After some negotiation with the interim vice provost for student affairs, Henry G. Rhone, Trani had the students assemble in his conference room for a brief meeting.

"I'm happy to both gather information for you on the issue and discuss the tenure process with you," Trani told the group. "This is a system that has worked and worked well at this institution for a number of years.

"I certainly am interested in having more and more women and minority faculty members."

Harris agreed, adding that currently there is a task force reviewing the university's procedure for granting tenure.

"I will see to it that there are opportunities for student input here," she said.

Trani mentioned that Jackson and Simon still are going through appeals processes, and a final decision has not been made.

Harris added that many times, the appeals processes result in overturning the original decision.

While they did not speak, a number of faculty members and administrators did come out to watch the protest and give their support to the students.

L. Victor Collins, interim director for student activities, said he was glad to see

students exercising their rights.

"I have to agree with the concern over losing these women faculty of color," he said. "Students should have some voice in the process."

Students, he continued, need to establish an ongoing dialogue with the administration about the whole process of tenure.

One of Jackson's colleagues, Deirdre Condit, an instructor in the political science and public administration department, said that as a white, untenured woman, she is a better person and instructor because of women such as Jackson, Rosado and Simon.

"She (Jackson) teaches me and I teach her," Condit said. "I think that's what education ought to be."

While he said he could not comment on the process, Rhone said he thinks the students were using an effective vehicle for getting their message across.

"We're listening," he said. SGA President Duane Kay said he was glad to see so many students turned out.

After the rally, Andre Thomas, a co-worker of Rosado's and an instructor in the foreign language department, said he thinks the tenure process is where the problem lies.

The problem Rosado faces, he continued, is that she exhausted her appeal process and was still denied tenure, which means she must seek employment elsewhere.

"The fact that she did not receive tenure is an example of why the rules and regulations for tenure and the whole concept of tenure need to be re-evaluated," he said. "I think VCU has lost a great asset to the university."

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"VCU ...," Brown said, "is trying to say we don't want to go through that process and we don't want to work with other state agencies that have a constitutional responsibilities to preserve historic resources."

He explained that the Virginia Constitution set up the department to protect historic resources.

"It seems to me," he continued, "as another state entity, VCU needs to respect that."

Julie L. Vosmik, director of the division of survey and register in the department, said even if VCU were asking for the review, they would not be bound by the findings.

"What they would be required to do is to seek our comments, she said. "They wouldn't necessarily be required to follow them. Our role is advisory."

The house has gone through the primary part of state review, Vosmik said, and the board found it eligible for historic designation.

The house, she explained, already is listed on both the Virginia Landmark Register and the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure to the Oregon Hill historic district.

OHHIC, however, wanted the house to receive individual recognition in its own right, she said.

"We said that we thought that it did (deserve the recognition)," she added.

For the house to become registered, she explained, a nomination must be submitted, and it must be considered by various committees. Submitting a nomination is "not unlike writing a thesis," Vosmik added, but most of the historical information already has been collected by OHHIC.

Conflict not new

The idea of conflict between Oregon Hill and VCU is an old one. Trani said that when he arrived five years ago, the university had poor relations with many of the surrounding communities, including the Pan District, the Carver neighborhood, West Avenue and Oregon Hill. But, he said, the university worked hard to create a community advisory board that invites input from area residents. Since then, relations with most groups have improved dramatically.

With all groups, in fact, except Oregon Hill.

"One question you've got to ask," the president said, "is, 'How much of it is VCU and how much of it is Oregon Hill?'"

One reason for the bumpy past was the master plan for VCU expansion proposed in 1990. The Oregon Hill community led the opposition to that plan, Trani said, and received significant support.

The university not only was attempting to acquire residential buildings, Trani said in explaining the opposition, but it also did not communicate their intentions clearly with the communities.

Today, the president said, the views of the community are evident in the university's plans for expansion on Broad Street. When the Midtown West Association suggested sites for the proposed parking deck and convocation center, VCU ended up choosing the suggested spots.

Lane agreed that relations seemed to have improved. There was more openness and more willingness to talk, he said. But only until there was controversy.

"We started opposing the tearing down of this building and they (VCU) closed up," he said. "They were quite friendly as long as there wasn't a conflict."

When the group began voicing their concerns last fall, Lane explained, he was told to speak with no one in the university but Gehring.

Then, "Don Gehring told me he didn't want to talk to me — he wanted me to put everything in writing," he said.

Gehring explained that decision:

"He and I have not had the best of relations, and I said to him that I would prefer that he do that (put it in writing)."

In this setting, Gehring said, "with people that are not always reasonable and are manipulative," it was important to protect himself and the university as well as the people with complaints.

With everything in writing, he continued, it would be less likely to misinterpret information going from one side to the other, and that the Oregon Hill community doesn't trust the university.

Lane said OHHIC gets accused of making things up. What can improve the situation?

The university has made a commitment not to expand south of Cary Street, Trani said, other than the properties it already owns, including Cary Street Field and the gym next door.

"We clearly are looking at expanding in other directions," he said. "I don't know what more we can do."

HISTORY

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1825. Rivalain is important to the present knowledge of Virginia architecture, Pool said, because he drew detailed pictures of many important structures in the state at that time.

Ten of his drawings also were published in Mary Wingfield Scott's "Old Richmond Neighborhoods," Pool said.

George Hendree then bought the house in 1827. The most prominent cabinet maker in Richmond, Hendree also was an undertaker. Once, Pool said, in the midst of a lawsuit against someone for several thousand dollars, Hendree found himself defending his character.

"There was an astonishing article in an 1822 newspaper," Pool said, "where Hendree was defending himself against charges that his mother was a 'colored person.'"

The charge had been made against him, Pool explained, because if it were true, Hendree would not have been allowed to testify in court.

Such stories, Pool went on, "really intensify your appreciation for George Winston and the early Quakers who worked to educate and emancipate blacks, and to train them for society."

In 1832, the newest owner was John Jacob, for whom the house was named. Jacob, who also was descended from Quakers, worked as the assistant superintendent for the state penitentiary.

The state pen, Pool explained, was part of a Quaker movement toward penal reform. While prisons today often are thought of as archaic, he said, they were part of a progressive movement away from the tortuous punishments that had been popular.

Larkin Glazebrook, who later served on the Richmond City Council during the Civil War, was the next to call the Jacob House home in 1856. He worked as part of the board that rejuvenated Westham Turnpike (later named Cary Street) and renamed it Westham Plank Road. Since he was a lumber merchant, Pool said, it is suspected that Glazebrook provided the planks for the road.

Pool emphasized the importance of the working class history of many of the house's residents.

"You don't want to give the mistaken impression that the only people of importance during that period were the wealthy people," he said. "The working class also have an important history. It's unfortunate that the majority of working-class homes have been demolished."

It's necessary, Pool stressed, that society recognizes the contributions of the people who built Richmond and who helped build VCU.

"There are not many houses in Richmond that date back this far that can be used to interpret this history," he said.

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April 27, 1995

Dear Students:

We are very concerned about recent incidents of violence near Virginia Commonwealth University and want to take this opportunity to emphasize how important it is that we each make personal safety a top priority in our travels around the University and the city.

During the past three months, the Richmond City Police have reported four incidents of rape in the general area of the Academic Campus. These incidents have occurred in the late evening. An arrest has been made related to two of the incidents, but precautions are still in order for everyone.

For your information, attached is a fact sheet of tips that you can use to ensure your own safety. I urge you to adopt these practices as a matter of routine.

Within the past two years, VCU officials have taken several steps to increase security on both our campuses. Patrols, including bicycle patrols, and the number of individuals participating in the escort service have been increased. Fences, emergency phones, and additional lighting have been installed in the VCU parking lots. A consultant will be advising us on ways to enhance security on our campuses. We will be looking forward to the consultant's report in September.

VCU compares favorably to other institutions in terms of the level of personal safety on our campuses, but all of us need to be vigilant about the threat of crime. If you need more information about the University's security services or would like to share your ideas about enhancing security, please call VCU Police at 828-1196.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Henry G. Rhone
Interim Vice Provost for
Student Affairs

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The VCU Police can be reached at **828-1196**

For EMERGENCIES, call the VCU Police at **828-1234**

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM,
call VCU Counseling Services at **828-6200**

FOR OTHER QUESTIONS,
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Assault Education Coordinator at **828-2085**

FOR GENERAL CONCERNS,
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or the Dean of Student Affairs
on the MCV Campus at **828-0525**

Safety Tips in the Community and on Campus

Always have your keys in hand before leaving your car and doorway.

Always lock your doors when alone and never prop exterior doors.

If followed while walking, change directions and head toward well-lighted and populated areas.

If followed while driving, drive to a public place, such as a police station or hospital.

Safety Tips on Campus

Never walk alone or isolate yourself. Always walk with someone or call for the VCU Security Escort Service (828-WALK).

Become aware of the locations of the Emergency Response Telephones, located on both campuses, which ring directly to the VCU Police. These phones are in yellow boxes with blinking lights.

Use well-lighted, well-traveled routes; walk with confidence and be alert at all times.

Report all suspicious persons or incidents to VCU Police at **828-HELP**.



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WEDNESDAY WANDERINGS

Wednesday Wanderings are held every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Commons Plaza.

June 21
Rising Water Dancers
Falling Water Drum
(Native American Dance)

June 28
S.R.L.G. Jazz Poets

July 5
Academy of St. Boatwright
on the Lake (Dixieland Band)

July 12
Hectic Red (70's & 80's Rock)

July 19
Willie & Lobo
(Rockin' Gypsy Surfer Dudes)

July 26
Fringe Benefits
(Female Barbershop Quartet)

August 2
Blue Miracle (Funk)

August 9
Vance Gilbert
(Folk Acoustic)

August 16
Settie (Rock)



SLUMMER CINEMA

in the Common Ground

Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
June 19: 12 noon, June 20: 5 pm
Rated PG-13, 93 minutes

The Mask
June 19: 5 pm, June 20: 12 noon
Rated PG-13, 100 minutes

Reality Bites
June 26: 12 noon, June 27: 5 pm
Rated PG-13, 98 minutes

Wolf
June 26: 5 pm, June 27: 12 noon
Rated R, 121 minutes

The Shadow
July 10: 12 noon, July 11: 5 pm
Rated PG-13, 112 minutes

Streetfighter
July 10: 5 pm, July 11: 12 noon
Rated PG-13, 97 minutes

Radioland Murders
July 17: 12 noon, July 18: 5 pm
Rated PG, 108 minutes

Quiz Show
July 17: 5 pm, July 18: 12 noon
Rated PG-13, 133 minutes

Four Weddings and a Funeral
July 24: 12 noon, July 25: 5 pm
Rated R, 116 minutes

So I Married an Axe Murderer
July 24: 5 pm, July 25: 12 noon
Rated PG-13, 93 minutes

Forrest Gump
July 31: 12 noon, August 1: 5 pm
Rated PG-13, 142 minutes

The Shawshank Redemption
July 31: 5 pm, August 1: 12 noon
Rated R, 142 minutes

Nell
August 7: 12 noon, August 8: 5 pm
Rated PG-13, 113 minutes

When a Man Loves a Woman
August 7: 5 pm, August 8: 12 noon
Rated R, 124 minutes

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
August 14: 12 noon, August 15: 5 pm
Rated R, 102 minutes

Exit to Eden
August 14: 5 pm, August 15: 12 noon
Rated R, 113 minutes

Family Video Series
A family oriented movie series, shown every Thursday at 12 noon and again at 5:30 pm.

The Lion King
June 22: Rated R, 116 minutes

Little Big League
June 29: Rated PG, 120 minutes

The Flintstones
July 6: Rated PG, 91 minutes

Richie Rich
July 13: Rated PG, 94 minutes

The Little Rascals
July 20: Rated PG, 82 minutes

Hoop Dreams
July 27
(2nd show begins at 5 pm)
Rated PG-13, 171 minutes

Angels in the Outfield
August 2: Rated PG, 105 minutes

E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial
August 10: Rated PG, 115 minutes

SUMMER TRIPS

day trips to sights around Virginia

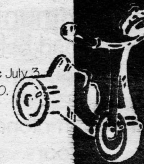
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July 8, 1995
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All others: \$20.00 on sale June 26.
Regular Park Admission price: \$28.95

Water Country U.S.A.
Williamsburg
July 15, 1995
Student tickets: \$10.00 on sale June 19.
All others: \$12.50 on sale June 26.
Regular Park Admission price: \$19.95

Paramount's Kings Dominion
July 29, 1995
Student tickets: \$14.00 on sale July 3.
All others: \$17.00 on sale July 10.
Regular Park Admission price: \$27.95

Holocaust Memorial Museum - Washington D.C.
August 12, 1995
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FRIDAY, April 28, 1995

SPECTRUM

Hollywood reacts to Oklahoma bombing

The Associated Press

The Oklahoma bomb tragedy has made Hollywood sit up and take notice, particularly when it comes to bomb storylines rendered disturbing by the tragedy.

On ABC's daytime serial "All My Children" a demented Janet Green, (played by Robin Mattson), is seen this week plotting to plant a bomb at the wedding of Trevor and Laurel, (James Kiberd and Felicity LaFortune).

The two-hour May 22 episode of Fox Broadcasting Co.'s "Melrose Place" reportedly includes a bombing at the Los Angeles apartment complex that is home to its main characters.

The attack by a vengeful Kimberly (Marcia Cross) was planned as a series cliffhanger that leaves uncertain who survived.

Both the "All My Children" and "Melrose Place" stories were written before the deadly federal building bombing in Oklahoma City on April 19. The Fox drama's finale was filmed from March 24 through April 12, associates at Fox said.

"We are sensitive to one aspect in the plot of the 'Melrose Place' season finale because of a single coincidence with those real-life events," Fox and series producer Spelling Television said in a statement Tuesday.

"We are currently discussing the best way to handle this one aspect of the May 22 episode and will make that decision over the next week," the statement read.

Cliffhangers and extravagant plot twists are common during the May ratings sweep, used by local stations to set

advertising rates.

But television often is criticized for the amount of violence it includes, said Kathryn Montgomery, president of the private Center for Media Education.

"Now they're kind of caught red-faced, which gives you a glimpse of a problem that's there all the time with TV," Montgomery said. "This forces them to apologize for what they routinely put in their programming."

A Fox spokesman said the network would not detail the options under review. Reshooting the episode seems unlikely, since filming has concluded for the year and the actors have scattered.

Another awkward instance of a bomb plotline prompted Fox to pull and episode of the animated series "The Critic."

The episode, which had been scheduled to air last Sunday, included lead character Jay Sherman (the voice of Jon Lovitz) hooked to explosives and held hostage at Carnegie Hall. On "All My Children," the decision was made to air a disclaimer Monday and before each episode dealing with the wedding bomb. The actress who plays Janet addresses the home audience directly.

"Hello, I'm Robin Mattson, the actress who plays Janet on 'All My Children,'" she said. "All of us were horrified by and deplore the violence in Oklahoma City that took so many innocent lives. Violence is never, never a way of settling difference in a civilized society."

"All My Children" also shot a new scene to insert into the series. "There will be a scene ... that includes newspapers with Oklahoma City reports on them, and the reports will affect Janet," said ABC publicist Sally Schoenbaum.

Brown arrested; released on \$5,000 bail

The Associated Press

Singer Bobby Brown and tow companions were arrested early Wednesday and charged in the beating of a nightclub patron, police said.

Witnesses said the fight started when Brown, husband of Whitney Houston, was talking to a woman at the Mannequin nightclub and another patron tried to break into the conversation.

After the woman said she didn't want to speak to the man, police said, Brown and his companions beat him up.

Brown, 26, publicist Travis Boyce, 26, and bodyguard Gary Smith, 27, were charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct.

Brown, whose hits include "My Prerogative" and "Every Little Step," urinated inside a police car and gouged four-letter words into the upholstery, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Carlos Espinosa.

The three men were released on \$5,000 bail each. If convicted, they face up to 15 years in prison on the felony assault charge and 60 days on the misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge.

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Ben Ragsdale

The Njeri Jacksons

Currently, at least a mild furor is brewing concerning the failure of VCU to grant tenure to three female minority faculty members. One of these is Njeri Jackson of the VCU political science and public administration department.

I know nothing at all about the tenure issue, what is involved or whether anyone has been treated unfairly. I'm not even sure I believe in tenure.

But I do know Njeri Jackson as a teacher. Simply put, she is terrific. One thing is certain: We want Jackson, and people like her, teaching on this campus. We need them in greater numbers.

If tenure represents full partnership and power on the faculty staff, then we all should benefit from individuals like Jackson gaining tenure.

And though it may be a little less than politically fashionable these days, the goal of diversity of the VCU faculty remains valid.

Although I am sure that the competition for tenure is intense, I would frown on any arbitrary professional action that might discourage a scholar and teacher of Jackson's caliber from staying at this uni-

versity.

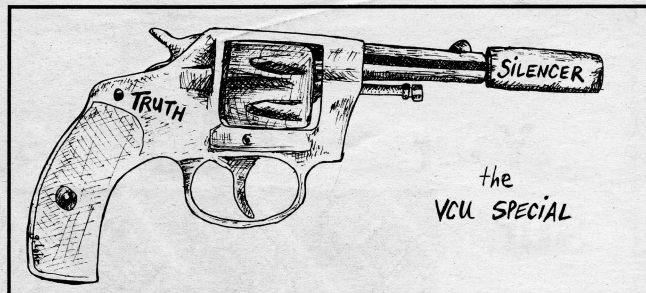
This is a person who combines a vast knowledge in her subject areas with precise presentation and a thoroughly engaging Socratic manner.

This is the kind of university professor who always is surrounded by students asking questions after class, who usually travels across campus discussing current events with students at each elbow, who spends long hours meeting individually with her students.

Jackson's teaching is the kind that students will remember for years to come. Why? Because she challenged us to think for ourselves, inspired us to really want to learn more and helped us to broaden our horizons about how society actually works.

It takes all kinds to staff a productive university. You may not want a Njeri Jackson in every position. But the combination of both teaching and inspirational qualities represented by Njeri Jackson is something that the VCU community should nurture.

This university would be much less competent and much less appealing if it did not have the Njeri Jacksons.



Stacy L. Reed

Rumors of Rape

Since late February there have been three, possibly five, read that, possibly 5, VCU students raped on or near campus. The Richmond police have known about these rapes all along, and our administration found out last week. How long were they going to keep this to themselves?

One rape happened in late February, one in late March, one in mid-April, one just a few weeks ago, and one who-knows-when. Three of the rape victims were female, one attacked on the street, another pulled into an alley, another abducted by car to Byrd Park. The other two rape victims were male, one was attacked by three males on the street, and the other was attacked in his apartment.

Three of the victims were VCU students, and it's possible that the remaining two victims were students as well. All of the attacks occurred on or near the VCU campus. How safe do you feel now?

Not that you, whether female or male, should ever feel safe on this campus, or that you should ever let your guard down. But really now — multiple rapes are reported to the Richmond police, and students aren't even given an extra dose of warning? How many people have to get raped before the hush-hush is broken? Five?

Supposedly, it was not until one of our Commonwealth Times reporters heard about the "alleged" rapes and began to question university police, that somebody got interested in alerting the rest of the student body.

At that point, the CT's sources all suddenly seemed to be in meetings or taking other calls. Imagine our surprise when media relations called back, saying that

they and student affairs had been working on just that very rape issue.

Then suddenly, all the people in those spur-of-the-moment meetings suddenly started calling us, wanting to place a last-day, last-minute, past-deadline, warning message advertisement.

Somebody out there must have known before noon today that this would be our last issue of the semester. Why did they wait until the last minute to warn the students? Did they think they could just wait until one of the students' main media information sources had finished for the semester? Did they think they could just wait until the semester's classes were over and all the potential student victims stopped strolling around the campus? Is this a case of "Don't ask, don't tell," if somebody doesn't ask, nobody will tell?

The timing of yesterday's events could have been just a crazy coincidence, but that still doesn't explain why the students weren't told sooner. After all, Richmond police knew about that first rape back in February, and VCU knew about all of them last week.

Now, I think I am as careful as possible when I walk around this campus. Anywhere downtown, West End, or northside for that matter. But even I could have thought of a hundred creative ways to be even more strict with my own safety. I, for one, would have liked to have known, back then in February, when that first rape occurred.

Given the poor lighting of the parking deck and surrounding streets, I know I would not have walked to my car alone. I is hoped that most of you wouldn't have either.

Greg A. Lohr

The Violence of Silence

It has been suggested that VCU officials waited a few days to let these attacks be known because they hoped to find the "right way" or "right time" for the news.

It seems to me there's no time like the present, when the reports are current ... when the reports may increase alertness and perhaps save lives.

For years the administration has urged students to be smart, to take precautions on campus. Recently, university officials and Virginia's Attorney General James S. Gilmore III even conducted a panel discussion with students. What did they talk about? Sexual assault on campus.

One message repeated again and again by the attorney general and other panelists: be aware. Not only of your surroundings but also of the ever-present danger.

Is this secrecy the next phase of the

administration's plan for combating crime on campus?

If so, we'd hate to see phase three.

No matter how sensitive an issue may be, more harm is done by containing it than by releasing it.

Henry Rhone said he recently found out about the attacks, and a University Media Relations spokeswoman said her department and student affairs had discussed an appropriate way to notify students.

Coincidentally or not, the facts are as follows:

- Yesterday, the CT began to investigate the sexual assaults.

- Also yesterday, Rhone issued an open letter to students stressing the university's utmost concern about the attacks. It was issued, he said, to dispel prevalent rumors and to inform students.

Letter to the Editor

Drink to Think

Dear Editor:

In the interest of the health of all, and of building great minds and healthy bodies... True knowledge is the strong foundation upon which such desires are realized. A healthy brain is essential to conceive and cement knowledge to our minds. Presently in America, alcohol advertising has weakened the structure of our society and influenced the minds of many people.

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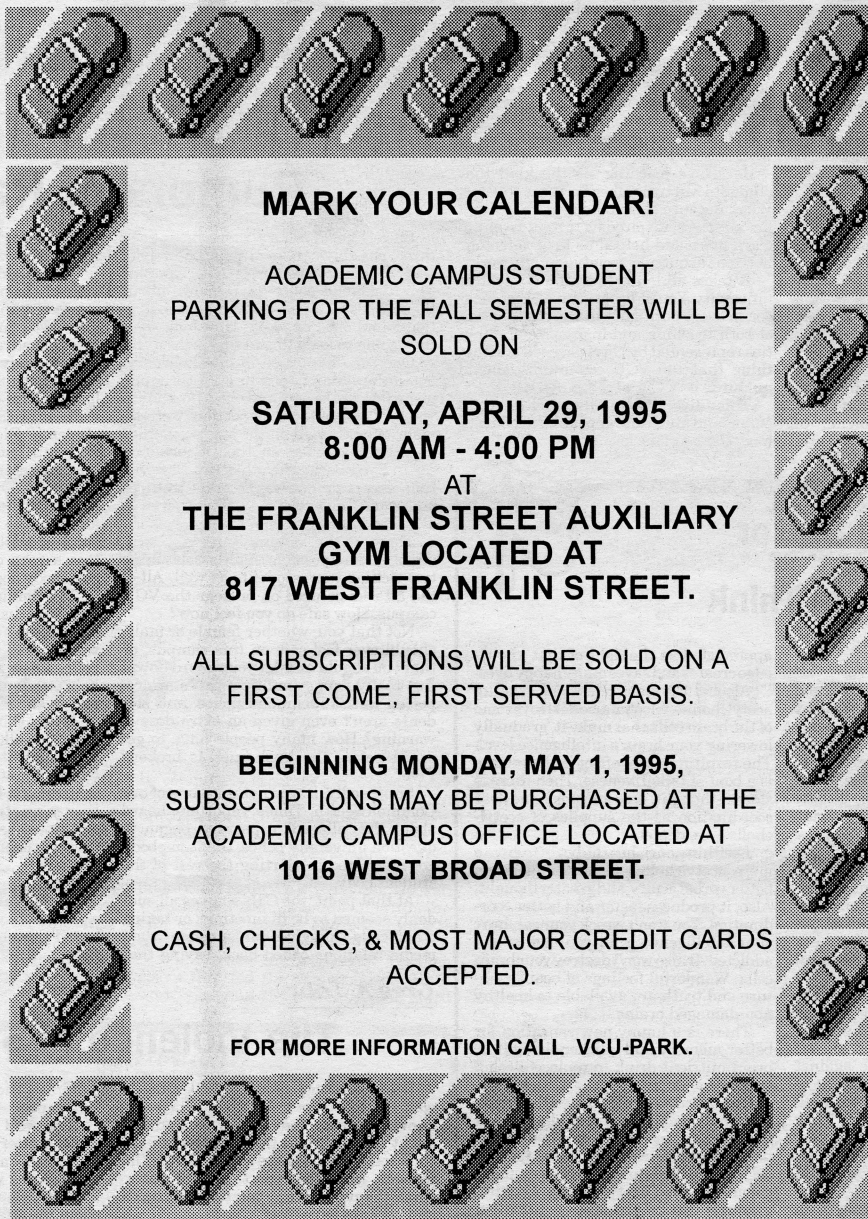
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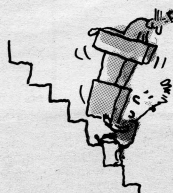
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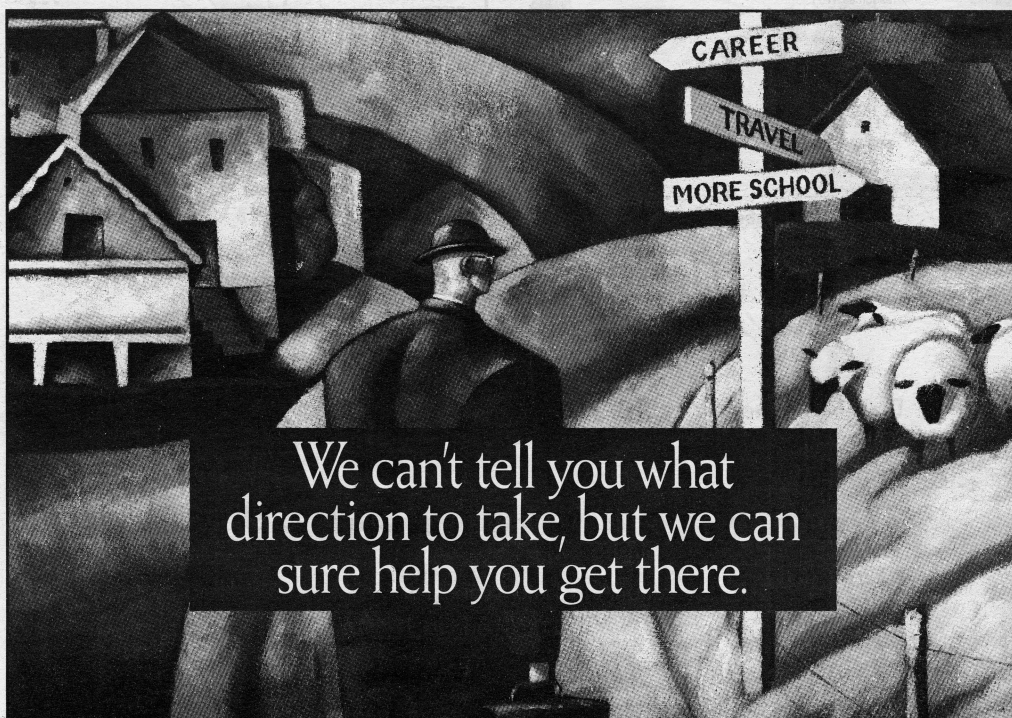


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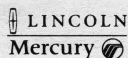
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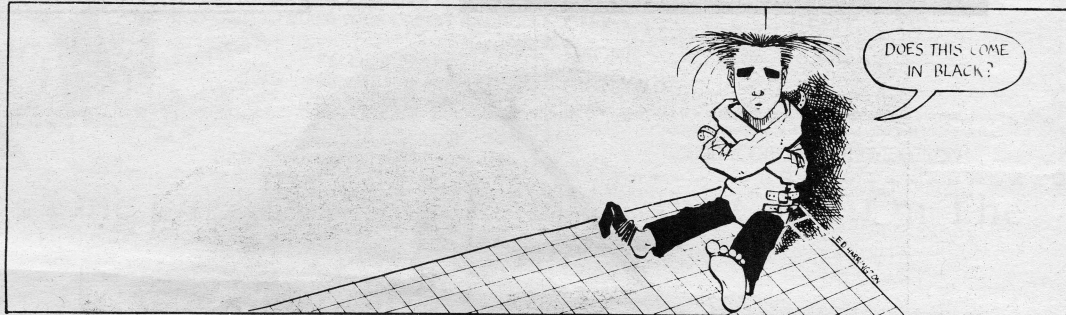


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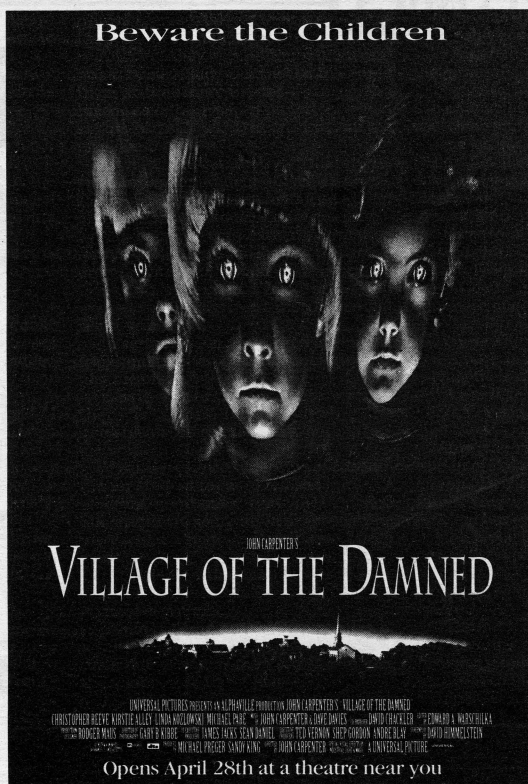
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Pinstripers won't Yank their fans' legs this year

Brian J. French
CT STAFF WRITER

Break out the party hats and the AK-47s. The New York Yankees are bringing the World Series crown to the Bronx.

The Yankees are clearly the best team in what is clearly the best division of what is clearly the best league in the majors.

But there should be plenty of excitement in all three divisions to keep faithful junior-circuit fans enthused well into October.

Even after the Yankees wrap their division up by Labor Day.

AL EAST

1. New York — Where to start with this team? You could start in the outfield, where Paul O'Neill, Bernie Williams, Danny Tartabull and Luis Polonia comprise the deepest one in the AL. You could start in the infield, where Don Mattingly, Wade Boggs and Pat Kelly all play their roles as decent defenders and hitters while Tony Fernandez blossoms into a star shortstop, or behind the plate where Mike Stanley and Jim Leyritz each have more long balls and RBIs than 75 percent of the catchers in the majors.

Wanna start with pitching? With Jimmy Key and Jack McDowell starting and John Wetteland finishing, that would be a good jump-off point. Hell, start in the manager's office with AL Manager of the Year Buck Showalter. Just don't try to start with any glaring weaknesses. There are none here.

2. Toronto — Technically, they're still the defending World Series champions. They retain the bulk of their lineup, and add a Cy Young winner. So why aren't they the runaway faves in the East? It depends. If the rookies (shortstop Alex Gonzalez, catcher Carlos Delgado and right fielder Shawn Green) can handle major-league ball by Memorial Day, and if Duane Ward comes back from rotator cuff problems, the Blue Jays will make a serious run at the top.

3. Baltimore — You return Rafael Palmeiro and Chris Hoiles. Of course, you return the original Junior at shortstop, looking for that game-played streak record. And you're closer to fourth in the division than first. Pity Peter Angelos. Of course, when John Franco says no to the O's so he can stay with the Mets for less money, you can figure trouble's a-comin'. The Orioles had to settle for warmed-over Doug Jones at closer and lost both Mike Devereaux and Mark McLemore to free agency. Closer Armando Benitez and second-baseman Manny Alexander need to be in the lineup if the O's want the wild-card spot.

4. Boston — The best No. 4 team in the majors. The Sox got the services of Jose Canseco, who'll crank 45 in Fenway. Mo Vaughn returns, Mike MacFarlane hopefully will erase the memories of Dave Valle at backstop, and Mark Whiten's bat will contribute to a good offensive set. But the loss of Otis Nixon makes the Sox slow, and Tim Lincecum is forced to move to third to replace Scott Cooper. If Ken Ryan duplicates last year's season, they could be better.

5. Detroit — The Tigers don't deserve to be in this division. The pitching is suspect, as usual, the offense is down, and they're old. They'll clinch last by the AL-

Star break.

AL CENTRAL

1. Cleveland — One of the biggest stories of the strike-shortened season was the resurrection of the Indians. With Albert Belle doing everything, Kenny Lofton doing everything, Carlos Baerga doing almost everything and Jim Thome and Manny Ramirez close to that level, the Tribe could overcome a lack of a bullpen and win the division. They'll need a consistent stopper to go to the Series, though.

2. Chicago — Not to count the White Sox out, yet. The pitching staff is deep enough to absorb the loss of Jack McDowell, and Frank Thomas (despite what the other guy on this page says) is the next triple crown winner. Questions: Can Roberto Hernandez come back from a bad season? Is Chris Sabo anywhere close to Japan-bound Julio

Franco at the DH spot? Is Ray Durham the next Roberto Alomar? The right answers could bring the White Sox to the head of the class.

3. Kansas City — The Royals fire sale gave David Cone and Brian McRae away for next to nothing. The outfield is in disarray and the infield is made up of also-rans. Only Kevin Appier and Bob Hamelin return as bright spots for the Royals. Weak teams at the bottom of the Central allow Kansas City to be third.

4. Milwaukee — They may be getting better at long last. Greg Vaughn, Dave Nilsson, Mike Fetters and Ricky Bones have good futures ... even if they're in Charlotte, as some are predicting. Lack of everything else keeps them from contending.

5. Minnesota — Every so often, the Twins go and win a World Series when they're not even supposed to win 50. That's not happening this year.

AL WEST

1. Texas — The cream of the crap. The addition of Mickey Tettleton offsets the loss of Canseco, and the offense will continue to be potent. Jeff Russell must regain his form in the bullpen if the Rangers want a shot at something beyond an AL West title ... like the .500 mark.

2. Seattle — You get this feeling the West won't produce the wild-card team. Ken Griffey Jr. carries this team (surprise, surprise). Randy Johnson? Traded, sooner or later. There's trouble in Rain City, alright.

3. Oakland — Tony LaRussa deserves better.

4. California — Rumors of a franchise swap with the Pacific Coast League are untrue. The PCL couldn't handle the decrease in talent. And one bit of advice — trading the only good speed guy they have for a 36-year-old outfielder is *not* how to rebuild.

Playoffs

N.Y. Yankees beat the Chicago White Sox in six.

Cleveland handles Texas in five. ALCS — New York beats Cleveland in seven. Wetteland picks up saves in final two games, gets ALCS MVP.

World Series — Yankees beat Atlanta in six. Donnie Baseball finally gets his ring.

Barry Bonds gets the last word with Atlanta

Coveh Solaimani
CT SPORTS EDITOR

It's game seven of the National League Championship Series. The Braves lead the Giants 2-0 and are one out away from going back to the World Series. But, San Francisco has two men on and Barry Bonds at the plate. Greg Maddux winds up and delivers the pitch. It's up there, it's out there, it's 1954 all over again, there!! The Giants win the pennant!!! The Giants win the pennant!!!

I just woke up!!

In every baseball magazine I read, all I see is the Braves, the Braves, the Braves (I was beginning to think Atlanta was the only team in the National League.) Granted, the Braves are stacked and are the N.L.'s top team on paper but the best team doesn't always win.

The following is a look at my crystal ball for the National League.

NL EAST

1. Atlanta — Nobody in the division can match the Braves pitching staff. In Maddux, John Smoltz, Tom Glavine, Kent Mercker and Steve Avery the Braves have the major's best rotation. Add that to a dominating offense, you have baseball's best team. Their only weakness is in the bullpen where they lack a proven closer.

2. Montreal — Even though the Expos gave up their best players in a yardsale, they still have one of the league's most talented teams. Moises Alou could be baseball's next superstar and Wil Cordero ranks among the league's top shortstops. If Mel Rojas comes through in the pen, Montreal could find themselves in the playoffs.

3. Philadelphia — The Phillies will score a lot of runs but they have little pitching and their defense is suspect. Their only hope is that they stay healthy, but that may be too big of a task for Philadelphia.

4. New York — The Mets are on their way back but they still have to improve in a lot of areas if they are to move up in the division. They have a woeful defense and their starting pitching is mediocre at best. They need to unload John Franco for a couple of young players so they can continue the rebuilding process.

5. Florida — Still an expansion team. They have some big-name players in Terry Pendleton and Andre Dawson but they are past their prime. The Marlins will be lucky to get 60 wins.

NL CENTRAL

1. Cincinnati — During the offseason the Reds went out and picked up some quality pitchers. They acquired Mike Jackson and Xavier Hernandez for the bullpen and added Pete Smith to the starting staff.

Cincinnati's offense led the league in runs last season and could do the same again this year if Ron Gant returns to form.

2. Houston — Jeff Bagwell is the best first baseman this side of Frank Thomas and he'll have to repeat last season's performance if the Astros are to have a chance. Derek Bell and Phil Plantier are also important to Houston's chances.

3. St. Louis — Last season the Cardinals were last in the N.L. in ERA and strikeouts and were first in homers allowed, so obvious improvements were needed. They went out and picked up Ken Hill and Danny Jackson for help. The two pitchers had a combined record of 30-11 last year. If Brian Jordan can have a breakthrough year St. Louis will be trouble for the rest of the N.L.

4. Chicago — Poor Cub fans, all they have to look forward to is Harry Carey's rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

5. Pittsburgh — I noticed the players in Pittsburgh don't have their names on the back of their jerseys anymore. I guess they don't want anyone to know who they are. Oh well, I can't think of anything positive to say about this team.

NL WEST

1. San Francisco — The best player in baseball roams the Candlestick grass. Bonds is baseball's next triple crown winner, and along with Matt Williams the duo forms baseball's top 1-2 combination. The Giants do need to improve their starting pitching but they have the division's best defense and closer in Rod Beck.

2. Colorado — Larry Walker, Andres Gallaraga and Dante Bichette will send a lot of baseballs out of Coors Field. The Rockies' only weakness is a big one: no pitching. I repeat no pitching! They have only two pitchers on the whole team.

3. Los Angeles — The Dodgers have arguably the worst defense and bullpen in the N.L. Some guy named Rudy Seanez appears to be the closer. Who's he? Tommy Lasorda's only hope is that Mike Piazza and Raul Mondesi drive in enough runs to give the Dodgers a five-run lead to take into the ninth every night.

4. San Diego — They could be the biggest surprise in baseball. The Padres have the division's deepest staff, and with the addition of Ken Caminiti and Steve Finley the team will play better behind their pitchers. Their only problem will be scoring runs. Tony Gwynn is the only reliable man in the batting order.

Playoffs

1st round

Atlanta gets by Montreal in four. San Francisco over Cincinnati in five.

NLCS

San Francisco shocks Atlanta in seven.

World Series

San Francisco sweeps Cleveland just like in '54.

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NCAA dreams still alive

Tennis team headed to Regionals

Terry Scanlon
CT ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The VCU men's tennis team will probably need to shake an old nemesis if they plan on advancing from the NCAA Regionals into the final field of 16.

The NCAA Region II Tennis championships will be held at Old Dominion University May 5-7. Likely to be included in the six-team field are North Carolina, Clemson, Florida State and VCU. Duke will either play at the regionals or automatically qualify for the final 16.

VCU head coach Paul Kostin expects them to be seeded second or third. In the six team field the top two seeds receive first round byes.

"But then again I don't give a damn about seedings. You still have to win matches," Kostin said.

"We have a great shot to win the regionals," said VCU's top seed Richard Wernerhjelm. "We're going to be prepared. We just have to stay focused."

VCU was 2-3 against the other five Region II finalists this season. The Rams defeated UNC and Clemson at home, lost at FSU and twice to Duke.

Duke has been the thorn in VCU's side for the past couple of years. The Rams are 0-10 lifetime against Duke.

"They've been giving me problems every year," Kostin said.

Duke, which spent most of the year in the top 10, will likely be the top seed in the region.

"We just don't match up real great against them," Kostin said. "We've never matched up well against Duke. I don't know why. But we don't."

"Just hope that they might lose before we do so we don't have to meet them," Kostin said.

Wernerhjelm, who was named 1995 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Region II Rookie Player of the Year, would like another opportunity to face the Blue Devils, he said.

"I would like to play them," Wernerhjelm said. "We held them very close the first time we played."

VCU lost to Duke 5-3 the road on March 17. Two weeks later the Blue Devils waxed the Rams 9-0 at the Thalheimer Tennis Center.

Duke's No. 1 seeded player, Chris Pressley, is ranked 10th in the nation. Wernerhjelm defeated Pressley 6-3, 6-3 in the teams' first meeting of the year.

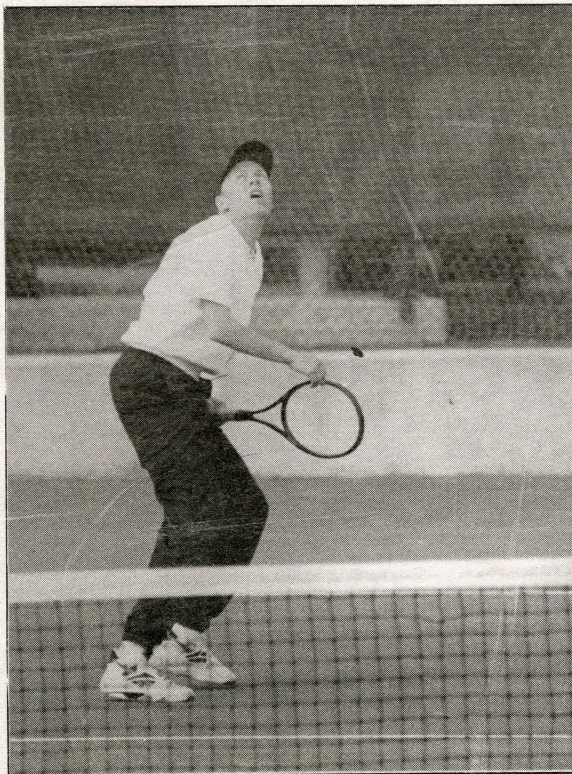
This is VCU's third trip to the NCAA tournament since arrived in 1991. 1994 was the first year for the Regional tournament format for men's tennis. Prior to that, the top 20 teams competed for the championship.

Last season, VCU lost in the first round of the regionals to Georgia Tech, 4-1.

The regional honor qualifies Wernerhjelm as one of eight finalists for National Rookie Player of the Year.

"That's a very, very great honor for me," Wernerhjelm said, adding that just because he is the No. 1 seed he does not see himself as the leader on the team. He points to junior captain Jonas Elmlad for that role and adds that the Rams win and lose as a team.

"I don't feel pressure because I don't feel that they expect me to win every match, because we work as a team. Any player can get the fourth point," the native of Stockholm said. "I do (put pressure on) myself, but nobody else blames me if I lose."



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SUPER FRESHMAN — Rams No. 1 singles player Richard Wernerhjelm was recently named ITA Rookie of the Year for the region.

Golf team looks for first NCAA outing

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The VCU golf team is hopeful that they have not teed it up for the last time this season. The Rams competed in six tournaments this season, winning three of them, including the Metro Conference tournament. But that is no guarantee for post-season play for a team in a region that includes the ACC.

"My goal when I started coaching has always been to get to the NCAA tournament with the VCU golf team," said head coach Jack Bell.

The VCU golf team is in District III North. Eight teams from the district will compete May 17-20 at the Yale Golf Course in New Haven, Conn., for a chance to advance to nationals.

The VCU golf team never has played

in the NCAA championships.

The golf team's future will be decided May 1. A four-man committee headed by Tom Brennan of Coastal Carolina will make the decision. Also on the committee is Larry Penley, golf coach of Clemson.

"All we can do now is sit back and wait," Bell said.

Clemson is one of three or four teams "on the bubble," according to Bell, the 1995 Metro Golf Coach of the Year. Bell also believes that VCU, East Tennessee State and Augusta College are on the proverbial bubble.

VCU defeated Clemson at the Palmetto Classic in South Carolina and split two meetings with ETSU.

According to Bell, UNC, Georgia Tech and Virginia already qualified, and North Carolina State is all but in.

Sprinters look to continue success

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As the semester winds down for most students, for the VCU men's track team it is just kicking into high gear.

Less than a week after capturing their second consecutive Outdoor Metro Championship, the Rams are on their way to Philadelphia this weekend for the Penn Relays in hopes of posting times good enough to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

"We're ahead of the game right now," said Julian Spooner, track and field head coach. "We have another level to get to."

With only two meets remaining, Spooner said he believes some of his athletes have a legitimate shot at qualifying individually for the NCAA Championships. Spooner said as the weather improves, generally, so do times.

"The hotter the weather, the better the running," Junior Ron Jones said, who would like to qualify for the NCAA championships in the 200 meters.

Spooner said Jones has an excellent chance of qualifying.

"I think he's got a legitimate shot at getting in (the NCAA Championship)," he said.

In Tampa, Fla., last weekend, Jones led the Rams' attack, capturing the Men's Most Outstanding Athlete award.

He placed first in the long jump, ran on the first place 4x100 team, and took second in the 200 meters. According to Spooner, all of this was accomplished despite a minor injury.

"It is sort of like a dream come true," Jones said.

Luck, who won the award last season, said he was pleased for Jones.

"Last year it was between me and him too," he said. "I'm just as happy for him."

"Going into Penn Relays I hope to drop my 400 hurdles time," he said. "Hopefully I can meet my goals and qualify for nationals (in the 400 hurdles)."

Sophomore Shelby Crawley also would like to qualify for the NCAA championships in the 200 meters and 400 meters. He finished first in the 400 meters at the Metro and third in the 200 meters at the Metro Championship.

"Oh, man, that would be a great accomplishment. It's like one of my dreams," Crawley said, looking towards the future. "If I don't get it this year, I'll definitely get it next year."

At this weekend's Penn Relays, Spooner sees his 4x200-meter relay team of Jones, Crawley, Charley Williams and Mustapha Jinadu as being the Rams' best chance at placing in an event.

Jones agrees. "Our 4x200 relay team, we're going to try to do something. We've got a pretty good team ... a pretty good shot," he said.