

WEATHER



WEDNESDAY — Partly cloudy. Highs in low 80's. 30 percent chance of rain.



Thursday — Periods of rain with an 80-percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows in the mid-60s.

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• Remember the Baby Sitter Club book series, and how much you enjoyed reading them? Well, get ready for the movie version! See story, page 9.



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Virginia's first lady speaks to breast cancer survivors

Sherry Jones
CT STAFF WRITER

Susan Allen, Virginia's first lady, kicked off October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Monday with the presentation of a certificate of recognition to Dr. Ellen De Paredes of the Medical College of Virginia.

"Breast cancer has been one of our primary concerns," Paredes told a group consisting of survivors as well as others who have helped fight this disease. "We used to consider breast cancer a deadly disease. Now, we can call it a curable disease."

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 182,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and 46,000 women will die from this disease.

In Virginia, 4,500 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year and 1,200 women will die of breast cancer, the second major cause of cancer death in women next to lung cancer.

Studies show that a woman's risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer in-

creases as she gets older. Between the ages of 25 and 35 one in 24,489 women are diagnosed with breast cancer. The chances increase for women between the ages of 35 and 45 where one in 940 women are diagnosed with the disease.

A more dramatic increase comes for women between the ages of 45 and 55 in which one in 182 women are diagnosed with breast cancer.

In addition to the presentation of the framed certificate, Allen discussed the importance of preventative measures, such as mammograms, in the fight against this deadly disease.

"Early detection through mammography can reduce the number of breast cancer deaths by at least one-third," she said, thanking the American Cancer Society, the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, physicians, scientists, breast cancer survivors and concerned citizens for their ongoing battle against this disease.



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH — (Left to right) Susan Allen, Janet Mottinger and Margaret Borwhat hold a \$12,506 check, which was given to the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation at a ceremony to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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The Juice is loose

Simpson set free by exhausted jury

Verdicts get mixed reactions at VCU

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson went home a free man Tuesday, spared by an unpredictable jury to pick up a life of privilege instead of a life in prison. Acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and her friend, he pledged to track down the real killers who are "out there somewhere."

In a courtroom on the verge of exploding with emotion, a hush fell as Judge Lance Ito's clerk, Deirdre Robertson, read the two words "not guilty."

Simpson smiled, mouthed the words "thank you" at the jury, then clasped his hands together. Lead attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr., standing behind Simpson, slapped him on the back and laid his forehead on his shoulder. Attorney Shawn Chapman cried and clutched jury consultant Jo-Ellan Dimitrius' hand.

Tears of anguish and shouts of joy burst from the three families whose lives were torn apart by the bloody June 12, 1994, slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson

and Ronald Goldman.

"Oh, my God!" exclaimed Simpson's grown daughter, Arnelle, embracing her brother Jason. "We did it!" a family member exulted to lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr.

At the courthouse, Simpson's older son, Jason, read a statement from his father: "My first obligation is to my young children, who will be raised the way that Nicole and I had always planned. ...But when things have settled a bit, I will pursue as my primary goal in life the killer or killers who slaughtered Nicole and Mr. Goldman. They are out there somewhere. Whatever it takes to identify them and bring them in, I will provide somehow."

Police Chief Willie Williams, however, said he had no plans to reopen the investigation.

"It doesn't mean there's another murderer," Williams said of the acquittals.

In his statement, Simpson also noted that many will surmise he is guilty, acquit-

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At 1 p.m. yesterday in the VCU Student Commons, more than 100 students anxiously awaited the verdicts in the now-infamous O.J. Simpson case.

The commons echoed with cheers and sighs as O.J. Simpson was found innocent of the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman.

With all eyes on a television screen, student reaction to the not-guilty verdicts varied.

"I knew they were going to find him not guilty from day one," said Jo Wilhelm, a pre-dental student. "The evidence was inconclusive. The jury made the right decision."

Yvette Ohree, an accounting major, agreed.

"The anticipation was so great," she said. "I'm glad it's over with. I think what got him acquitted was a lot of holes in the case and a lot of unanswered questions."

Other students, however, were not satisfied with the verdict, prompting one stu-

dent to ask, "What the hell was the jury smoking?"

"I think he's guilty as sin," said Jason Weiser, a history major. "He can't account for where he was. Do they (the jurors) need a Kodak of him knifing Nicole? This was an open-and-shut murder case."

Weiser attributes the not-guilty verdict to sloppy police work.

Likewise, Will Meyer said he thinks no one will ever know who committed this atrocity.

"We're never going to know, but God knows who did it," Meyer said. "That person's going to hell and I think O.J. knows who did it."

Another student, Dave Altizer, said he thinks the jury was bribed by Simpson and his lawyers.

Many students, though, found the verdict surprising.

"I thought it would at least be a hung jury," said Sandy Kay, a physical education major.

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World NEWS

News from across the globe



WORLD/NATION



• Tropical Storm Opal closes Gulf Coast ports

MEXICO CITY — Flirting with the shore, Tropical Storm Opal flooded Mexico's eastern states with heavy rain last night, closing fishing and commercial ports on the nation's Gulf Coast.

A tropical warning was in effect for the coastal areas of southeastern Mexico, where Opal was expected to dump 10 inches of rain on some parts of the Yucatan Peninsula.

As rivers swelled, more than 20,000 people in Campeche state abandoned their homes during the weekend, the Mexico City newspaper La Jornada reported.

• Las Vegas shows up as hot bet for housing

WASHINGTON — More people are betting on Las Vegas for jobs and affordable housing than any other metropolitan area in the country.

The Census Bureau reports the area around the center of America's gambling industry grew fastest in the nation between 1990 and 1994 — jumping 26 percent in population to more than 1 million.

The Census Bureau released population totals Monday for the nation's 271

metropolitan areas and its more than 36,000 cities, towns and places.

The second-fastest growing metropolitan area during the April 1990 to July 1994 period was Laredo, Texas, with 22.4-percent growth, the bureau said. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area of Texas was third at 20.2 percent.

The 10 most rapidly declining cities with populations over 100,000 were: Hartford, Conn.; New Haven, Conn.; Providence, R.I.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Waterbury, Conn.; Newark, N.J.; St. Louis; Lansing, Mich.; Norfolk, Va., and Washington, D.C.

• Clinton, justices attend Red Mass

WASHINGTON — President Clinton joined three Supreme Court justices Sunday in a Roman Catholic Mass for government officials to pray and reflect together before Monday's opening of the new court term.

Clinton, accompanied by his daughter, Chelsea, attended the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in downtown Washington. The first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, was out of town. The justices attending were Stephen Breyer, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The Red Mass, so named because of the color of the priests' vestments, is a centuries-old Catholic tradition in which government officials pray together for justice.

VIRGINIA



• Newport News amends youth curfew ordinance

NEWPORT NEWS — City council has amended a curfew ordinance to address a juvenile court judge's concern that the 3-month-old statute was unconstitutional.

Police officers now will have a bit less discretion in enforcing the curfew, and parents and judges will have more, City Attorney Stuart Katz said.

In the new version, there is no longer an exemption from the curfew in cases of "reasonable necessity," a phrase in the original that Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge Ronald Bensten thought granted police too much discretion, Katz said.

The ordinance also contains a new clause that exempts children from enforcement if they are on "legitimate business" with parental consent.

Vice Mayor Marty Williams said that clause may water down the law.

But Katz said the changes are technical in nature and should not undermine the policy's effectiveness.

The ordinance requires children under 14 to be off the streets by 10 p.m. Teens aged 14 to 17 must be in by midnight.

RICHMOND



• Commission backs plan for new school

The new middle school planned for South Richmond probably won't be the palace that some critics had feared, but the scaled-down version still will be expensive.

The city Planning Commission yesterday unanimously recommended plans for the school to the city council. The council will take up the issue Monday night.

Plans call for a \$15 million, one-story school for about 600 children at Jahnke and Blakemore roads. If all goes according to plan the school would open in January 1998.

The latest version of the plan makes the new school smaller and saves \$300,000 to \$500,000 over a proposal that drew heavy flak from the planning commission and other critics in June.

CAMPUS



• Fire trucks called to Hibbs

Smoke filled the Hibbs Building Tuesday when bread was left in the cafeteria's toaster for too long. Fire trucks were called to the scene and the building was evacuated.

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O.J. trial circus packs up tents

It's over.

Marcia Clark can go back to providing adequate child care and a normal hairstyle. Johnnie Cochran, Robert Shapiro and the rest of the "Dream Team" can finally begin to overtly market themselves as legal defense deities. Scores of legal experts must now go back to the mundane lives they led B.O.J. (before O.J.). Journalists can start packing up the tents of their media circus.

Orenthal James Simpson, star football player and actor, was found

Student COMMENTARY

Corey Fyke

innocent Tuesday morning of the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

When the verdict was announced at 10 a.m. PT, the sense of anxiety was palpable in the courtroom. A visibly uptight Tom Brokaw whisked the ABC News audience from city to city, showing the large crowds massed in public areas to watch the verdict.

There was Los Angeles, where a crowd that looked like a Woodstock revival saturated the area around the Superior Court building. There was London, where large crowds had gathered in public areas (we were assured this was true although ABC never was able to patch its video connection to Britain). And, of course, New York City, where Rockefeller Center resembled Central Park during a Simon & Garfunkel concert.

The harried pre-verdict coverage was indicative of the carnival atmosphere that has pervaded this trial since day one. The proceedings are great fodder for a novelist. The author who could have dreamed up this scenario three years ago would be a rich man today, indeed.

The storylines jump out: American pop culture and sports hero's fall from grace and attempt at redemption; Japanese-American judge Lance Ito, more than 50 years after his people were unjustly herded into internment camps by the American people's xenophobic paranoia following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, sitting as the defender of the Constitution; lawyers whose personal lives are nearly as entangled as the defendant's; a showcase of rabid pack journalism (are you listening Oliver Stone?).

Above all, though, the trial came down to a simple tenet the American legal system is based on: Did the prosecution prove beyond a reasonable doubt that O.J. Simpson committed the grisly murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman?

This simple principle overshadowed all the hype. It even seemed to divert the attention of the world

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Beyer plans to reintroduce motor-voter

Federal court sets March 6 deadline for statewide implementation

Dan Lowrey

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Lt. Gov. Don Beyer said Monday he and other Democrats will push for legislation in the 1996 General Assembly to implement the National Voter Registration Act.

The act, known as "motor-voter," allows eligible voters to register at motor vehicles offices as well as social services departments.

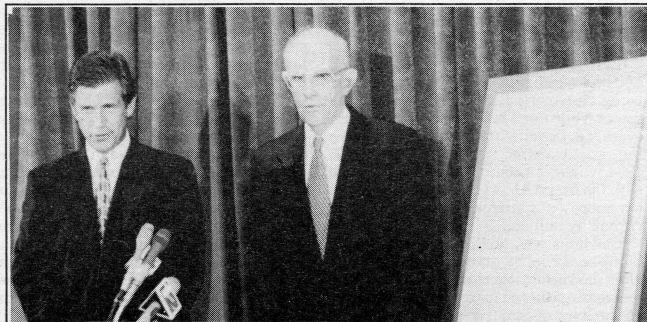
The General Assembly passed the act in February, but Gov. George Allen vetoed it, calling the act an unfunded federal mandate. Allen earlier challenged the act by filing a suit against the U.S. Department of Justice to avoid implementing it in Virginia.

Last week, Allen ordered a halt to the motor-voter registrations in a handful of Virginia counties excluding Richmond. Beyer and other critics claimed he purposely did this on the eve of the federal court hearing.

Even though Delegate James M. Scott, D-Fairfax, joined Beyer on Monday to support the act, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Williams ruled Tuesday that Virginia has until March 6 to comply with the national motor-voter law.

William Mark Dunn, assistant attorney general of Virginia, argued that to comply with the constitution, the act "cannot commander or conscript state employees to carry out the federal law."

Still, Williams ruled that the law was constitutional, but he left open the question of refunding costs incurred by the state for implementation. A hearing is



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

DEMOCRATS DRIVE FOR MOTOR-VOTER — Lt. Gov. Donald Beyer (left) and Delegate James M. Scott, D-Fairfax, announced at a press conference Monday the Democratic party's determination to pass the Motor-voter legislation in the 1996 General Assembly.

expected on this issue later this year.

It is estimated that motor-voter implementation could cost several million dollars and add nearly 1 million people to the state's voter registration rolls.

Following the ruling, Allen issued a statement indicating he would comply with the decision and push for changes needed to implement the law in January.

"The attorney general and I have determined that further legal challenges should not be mounted," Allen said. "... In my view, the courts across the United States have spoken sufficiently on this issue, and the Commonwealth of Virginia will abide

by their rulings."

At Monday's press conference, Beyer said he viewed the motor-voter law as one that expanded opportunities for all Virginians. He said only three of five adults in Virginians are registered to vote.

The lieutenant governor said regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's ruling, he will push for legislation to again approve the law during the 1996 General Assembly.

Williams ruling is consistent with rulings in California and Illinois that require states to widen their voter registration through the motor-voter process.

SGA takes step toward revised constitution

Laurence Wallace

CT STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association on Monday distributed proposed constitutional amendments as a first step toward revising its constitution by December. Many SGA Senators failed to attend the meeting.

Senator Charlie Bryan, SGA training coordinator, prepared the amendments to the constitution. The changes concern replacing Robert's Rules of Order with SGA Guidelines in the three separate sections where the rules are written in the SGA Constitution, he said, and others also will be made.

The group voted 8-0 with one abstention to add the vote to the amendments on its Oct. 23 agenda.

"This was the first thing that we wanted done," Bryan said.

In addition, the phrase "parliamentary procedure" in the constitution will be replaced with "SGA Guidelines." The changes explain that committee meetings as well as parliamentary questions will be conducted according to the association's guidelines.

SGA's constitution last was revised and approved on Feb. 21, 1994.

After reviewing the proposed amendments, the association heard funding requests by the Special Events Committee, a subcommittee of the APB for the CBS College Tour coming Nov. 1 to Nov. 3 at

VCU.

"The CBS College Tour will provide two days of activities spotlighting CBS daytime, sports and prime-time programming," said Elaine Voces, president of the Special Events Committee. She noted that the event will feature a carnival atmosphere and requested SGA allocate \$500 to cover advertising and parking for the event.

Also, the SEC requested a line-item change to use \$250 allocated for the Wednesday Music Series for overnight security for the CBS event. Voces told the group that CBS will repay part of the parking and security expenses for VCU and all of the advertising expenses within 30 days of the event.

William H. Duvall, faculty adviser to the SGA and dean of student affairs, suggested the events committee request approval to use \$500 that had been allocated for spring events.

Lakeesha Green, chair of SGA's Human Relations Committee, reported on the Sixth Annual Statewide Conference on Community Service and Higher Education at the

College of William and Mary. The theme of the conference was "Cultivating Community," with Nikki Giovanni as the keynote speaker.

"The conference supplied me with so much information that I felt I could help out so much more with my community," Green wrote in her report. "I did not feel like I had to change the world, but I felt I could help someone who needed me."

Many SGA Senators attended the President's Retreat, and Bryan said he was "quite impressed" with the high interest in the community session at the retreat.

"We were trying to define what community is and how to improve the sense of community at VCU," he said.

Bryan also is making preparations with Kathy Jones, assistant coordinator for the Outdoor Adventure Program at VCU, for the SGA retreat on Oct. 20 to 22.

In other business, Lorie Menk was appointed to the appointments committee-at-large after a nomination by Clifton Davis, chair of the Appointments Committee.

VCU police warn against rash of thefts

VCU police received a call from the Richmond police notifying them of three robberies that occurred Monday evening within hours of each other in the area surrounding VCU.

One of the robberies, McClanahan said, occurred in the 1300 block of West Main Street.

The suspects in that robbery, she said, were described as two juveniles — one with a sawed-off shotgun — who were driving a black Pontiac Grand Am.

"The police chief (Dan Dean) did not want to start a panic, but he feels that students should be alerted," the lieutenant said.

She advised students to use common sense, to "buddy-up" and if students ran into a situation, just to give the robbers what they wanted. She also urged students to use the escort service.

The detective investigating the crimes could not be reached for further information.

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tal or no acquittal.

"I can only hope that someday, despite every prejudicial thing that has been said about me publicly, both in and out of the courtroom, people will come to understand and believe that I would not, could not and did not kill anyone," his statement said.

Erily, the Simpson saga ended much as it had begun, with the fallen football star being transported in a white van to his estate while news helicopters tracked him overhead. Tuesday's televised verdicts were the most-watched event since June 17, 1994, when Simpson, in a white Ford Bronco with his friend Al "A.C." Cowlings driving, led police on a surreal slow-speed chase viewed by millions.

Cowlings was at the door to embrace Simpson when he arrived home an hour after the verdicts were read. Later, family members gathered for a champagne party on the lawn of Simpson's lush estate.

Florists, caterers and musicians pulled up to the house and told reporters they were there for a celebration.

The gaiety stood in marked contrast to the solemn mood in the district attorney's offices.

"Last June 13, '94 (the day he learned of his son's death), was the worst nightmare of my life. This is the second," Goldman's father, Fred, said at a prosecution news conference. "This prosecution team didn't lose today. I deeply believe this country lost today. Justice was not served."

At a defense team news conference, Cochran insisted the issue of race, which he played heavily in the trial, did not overcome the facts.

"This verdict speaks justice," Cochran said. "This was a case based upon the evidence."

He denied playing "the race card," saying instead that credibility had won out.

"Race plays a part in everything in America," he said. "But this stuff about playing a race card is preposterous."

But fellow defense attorney Robert Shapiro disagreed, saying he was "deeply offended" that Cochran had compared the police detective who found the bloody glove to Adolf Hitler. He said he would never work with Cochran again and would never talk to attorney F. Lee Bailey.

"To me the Holocaust stands alone as the most horrible human event in modern civilization," Shapiro said. "And with the Holocaust came Adolf Hitler, and to compare this in any way to a rogue cop, in my opinion, was wrong."

He said of Cochran: "He believes that everything in America is related to race. I do not."

Although it was his decision to bring Bailey into the case, Shapiro said he was angry when the legendary attorney took a courtroom role and cross-examined witnesses.

"I will never talk to F. Lee Bailey again," he said.

Cochran said he hoped the Los Angeles Police Dept. would alter shoddy investigative practices exposed in the trial.

As the words setting Simpson free were spoken in court, his elderly mother, Eunice, seated in a wheelchair, wiped her eyes, held up her hands prayerfully and murmured words of thanks.

"I was always in prayer. I knew my son was innocent," she said at the defense meeting with reporters.

Across the room, Goldman mouthed the word "murderer" as the verdict was announced. Kim Goldman, who spent most of a year in court honoring her dead brother's memory, doubled over and sobbed along with a younger brother and sister.

The jurors who acquitted Simpson in less than four hours of deliberations refused to speak with attorneys or explain their verdicts to reporters. The usually dapper jury came to court in uncharacteristically casual clothes. One black man smiled at the defense team as he entered the courtroom.

"We won," whispered defense attorney Carl Douglas, almost in amazement.

The verdicts, returned Monday but held overnight by Judge Lance Ito to give lawyers and families time to assemble, caught everyone by surprise. There was immediate speculation that Simpson had been convicted because jurors had asked the court to read them a segment of testimony considered favorable to the prosecution.

Simpson's sister, Carmelita Durio, said the family spent the night on "an emotional rollercoaster," praying together and steeling themselves for what lay ahead.

Her sister, Shirley Baker, who joined Durio in the courtroom almost every day at the trial, said she was elated.

"I just feel like standing on top of this table and doing a jig," Baker told reporters.

The verdict reverberated from Los Angeles to the White House, where President Clinton watched the verdicts on television, then wrote a statement.

"The jury heard the evidence and rendered its verdict," Clinton said.

"Our system of justice requires respect for their verdict. At this moment our thoughts and prayers should be with the families of the victims of this terrible crime."

Earlier, Clinton was briefed on federal government plans to assist California authorities if the Simpson verdicts triggered unrest. But the streets remained calm.

Outside the courthouse, most of the crowd of more than 1,000 people pressing the police barricades cheered wildly as the innocent verdicts were transmitted on portable radios.

Some of the crowd members chanted loudly, "Justice means acquittal, acquittal means justice!" followed by shouts of "Free O.J.!"

inescapable glare of its coverage was reduced to a soft, red glow within the embers.

So the circus ceremoniously packed up its innumerable collection of sideshows and left the Los Angeles Superior Court building Tuesday morning. The final, pre-verdict show was one P.T. Barnum would have been proud of, though.

But for once, the story was not the sideshows. It was the triumph of the American legal system's faith in the ability of a jury of peers to put aside all prejudices and render a decision based on the facts of the case.

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Commenting on the media coverage of the trial, Kay said she thinks Americans are now more aware of the judicial system.

"The trial being on TV probably prolonged things," she said. "The media have brought up points for the lawyers to look at."

Other students thought it was going to be a mistrial.

Turning their attention away from the verdict, several students showed concern for the victims' families.

"I don't think he did it," said Cherlanda Sidney, a social work major. "I think the victims' families are going to have a tough time because they still don't know who killed their loved ones."

Tiffany Harris, a nursing student, said she thinks the families will continue to blame Simpson.

W. Avon Drake, associate professor of political science and public administration, said he had his doubts about Simpson's innocence near the end of the trial.

"I felt toward the end of the trial that O.J. was guilty, but I was not convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt," Drake said.

The prosecution's case, he continued, was based on DNA. It all came down to whether the jury believed the prosecution's theory or the defense's version, because there were no fingerprints or eyewitnesses.

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Allen also said it is important for Virginia to ensure early detection, especially in rural areas where women are usually less apt to visit a physician on a regular basis.

A mobile mammography unit was parked at the executive mansion for tours following the event.

Also, a \$12,505 donation was presented

he said.

In addition, Drake said many people attempted to make a racial issue out of this case.

"It was a predominantly black jury," he said, "but there were two whites who could have easily caused a hung jury."

Drake also said he thinks most blacks supported Simpson, not because of who he is, but instead because of what he represents.

"Most blacks supported O.J. because of the legacy of what the criminal justice has done to blacks over the years," he said, adding he thinks race relations in the United States are better now than ever before.

Duane Kay, president of VCU's Student Government Association, said his heart goes out to the families of the victims, although he thinks the jury made the right decision.

"It's my opinion that it was easier for them to say he was not guilty than it was for them to say he was guilty," Kay said, adding that the defense did an excellent job of creating doubt.

With three of the top five lawyers in the country defending him, Kay said, it would be hard for Simpson to lose.

"I think it would have been a different case altogether if there hadn't been so much media involved," he said, "but I don't think it's affected the jury's decision."

jointly by Allen and Janet Mottinger of Williamsburg's Junior Women's Club to Margaret Borwhat of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation.

The money was raised with \$2 donations from more than 6,000 people who toured Colonial Homes magazine's 20th Anniversary Home Open House this summer.

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away from the hype about the hype, which had grown considerably since the boring and dragging days of DNA testimony. Whether or not O.J. was guilty almost became a background concern to whether or not Marcia Clark, sporting her post-mordant moptop, had proven it beyond all reasonable doubt.

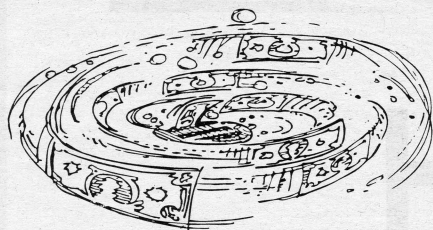
In the end, the drone of the soundbytes and the "comprehensive" tabloid trial coverage was silenced by the tolling of the bell of justice. The major fuel source — the ongoing courtroom drama — of the O.J. media fire was cut off, and the once-blinding and

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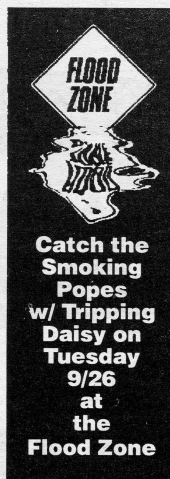


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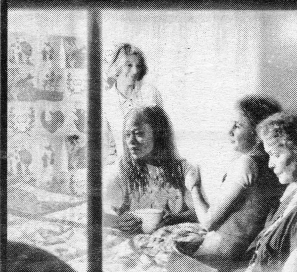
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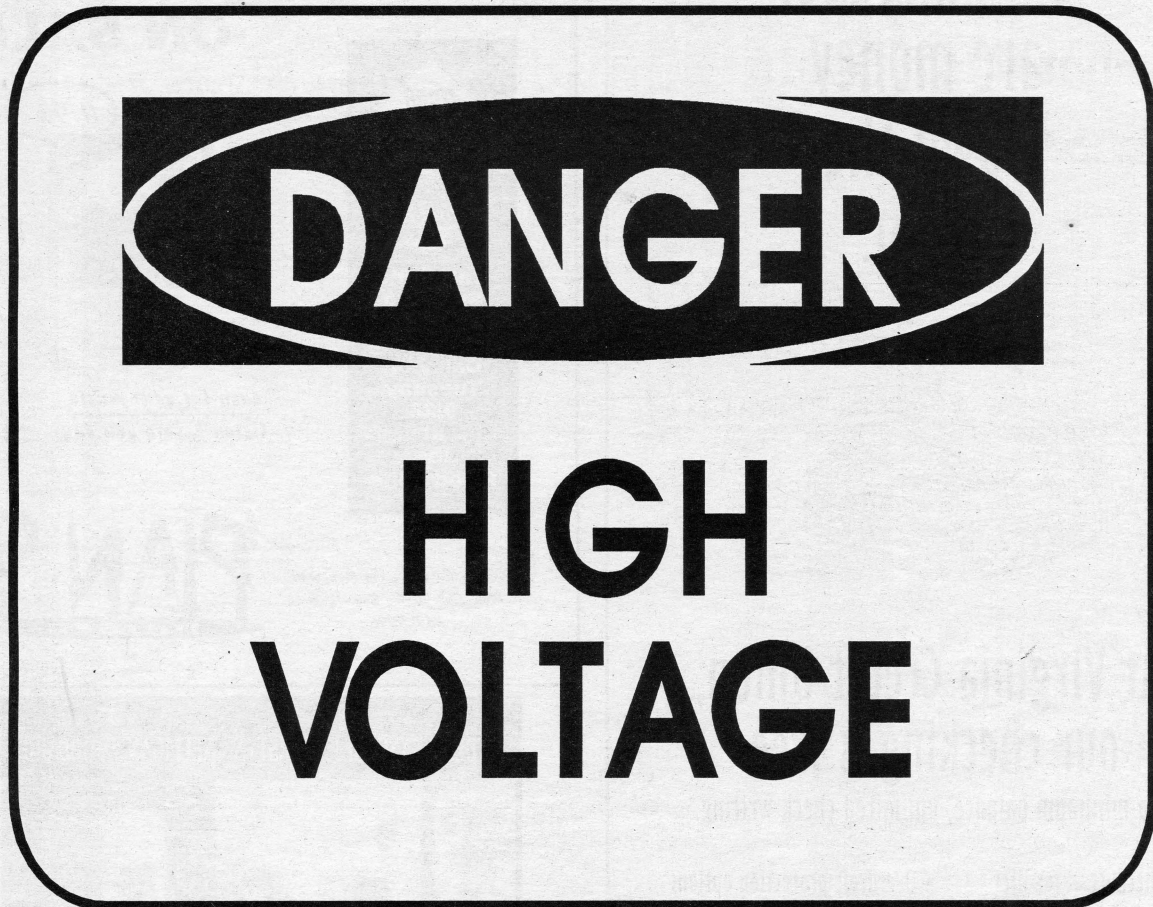
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Resident Redneck Finds Country Hot Spots

Hi y'all. Once again (in case you missed last week's bit) I'm your resident redneck, and I'm here to pick a few bones and culture you, redneck style.

Just when I was startin' to think I was never gonna get another bit of country here in the city, low and behold, the State Fair came to town!

We got to walk around all day admirin' the home-grown vegetables that good, down-home people spent lots of time growing. And we got to see who grew the biggest pumpkins, right about the time we shoulda started to think about Halloween.

My fav-o-rite thing to do was "spect the livestock." There's just something about the way that stall smells that makes me feel like I should be home.

You city folk could even have had a new learning experience, and you mighta tried to learn yourself a good trade. For fifty cents, they'd a let you milk a cow. And you even got a sticker when you were done so that everyone knew of your accomplishment.

The best part of the fair was the rodeo. Something about them cowboys holding on to those animals for eight seconds just made my blood run plum hot. Then you had that smell issue again. The smell of horse dung, cotton candy and popcorn always makes for a good ol' time.

But the State Fair wasn't the only country fun that ever happens in this city. There's also the bar scene, 'specially Dakota's and the Midway. The first local bar I checked out last week was Dakota's at Innsbrook.

It was nothing but a bunch of doctors

playing dress-up country style and line dancin' (probably for the exercise). Then I went to the Midway. Now that was pure redneck heaven. Just good ol' country people out for a good time. No imports there — it was Budweiser for everyone.

Here's the low-down on a place closer to home, the University Student Commons. I'd like to pay VCU a big ol' compliment.

This Commons is pretty hip. (Is that the word you city folk use?)

When I attended Old Dominion University, our version of the commons sucked a hog's tail. Here we got decent eating places like Taco Bell and Burger King. All's we need now is a good ol' ham and grits place. That would

remind me of the meals we had back home.

Now that reminds me. Let me tell you about "Redneck Experience #1: Cow Tipping."

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You get yourself way back away from 'em, get in a football tackle stance, and then charge right into 'em. Down they go.

You just have to be careful to be real quiet, so the farmer don't wake up and try to tip you over for good with his 12-gauge.

Well, that's all folks, for this week. Next week's experience: Snipe hunting."

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Sound Off

Why do you think the Simpson case became such a racial issue?



"I think it was because the relationship was biracial, so it was going to be a racial issue."

— Alicia Smith, 19, sophomore, criminal justice

"What it all comes down to as far as race ... is whether or not you're the type of person who believes police are that corrupt; if, in your personal experience you have seen police be that corrupt. ... Black people think that the police are capable of that type of thing, whereas I guess white people don't."

— Alex Tyler, 25, junior, business



"Mostly because of Fuhrman. The defense used it for their case, which brought in the issue of racism for the whole thing."

— Lindy Liberman, 19, sophomore, undecided



"Because the defense made it that way."

— Mark Casper, 31, junior, business



"Because of the problems between white and black people in society."

— Hugo Urdaneda, 20, freshman, English language program



"It probably was used as a crutch to take the initial purpose of the whole case out of the picture."

— Winston Trice, 22, junior, outdoor recreation



"Looking at the history of the black man in the criminal justice system there's more weight drawn toward the black being more guilty than the white. The issue was already there."

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"I think the main turning point of it was basically Fuhrman and all that was brought out about his racial issues. I felt that it became a bigger issue than it had been; Fuhrman made people start talking about it more. Not that the issue wasn't already there, it just opened up the door."

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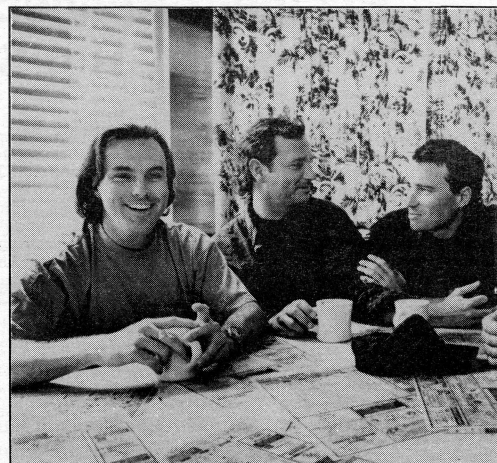
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Growing in popularity, Martin participated in a 1994 mall tour which drew some 6,000 fans at each stop. In the Spring of 1995, she traveled to Europe for the first time to meet thousands of British and Irish fans.

She begins a two-year, 50-state national tour this fall. The books have also spun off a merchandising line of trading cards, Milton Bradley board games and Kenner Collectible Dolls.

"This is 16 1/2 years for me here at Scholastic Inc.," said Co-founder and Executive Vice President Jane Startz. "Ann Martin is a very good friend of mine and I think that she's created a wonderful world for girls. And it's not easy to make films for girls, but thanks to Anne's perception, we've made a good film."

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On the eve of its second decade, the Baby Sitters Club has become a motion picture presentation with author Ann Martin receiving fan letters at the rate of some 15,000 per year. The fan mail is an operation that has expanded so rapidly Martin has gone on line (on Prodigy) and is receiving log ons to the tune of 50,000 weekly.

Growing in popularity, Martin participated in a 1994 mall tour which drew some 6,000 fans at each stop. In the Spring of 1995, she traveled to Europe for the first time to meet thousands of British and Irish fans.

She begins a two-year, 50-state national tour this fall. The books have also spun off a merchandising line of trading cards, Milton Bradley board games and Kenner Collectible Dolls.

"This is 16 1/2 years for me here at Scholastic Inc.," said Co-founder and Executive Vice President Jane Startz. "Ann Martin is a very good friend of mine and I think that she's created a wonderful world for girls. And it's not easy to make films for girls, but thanks to Anne's perception, we've made a good film."

"I also think that this film is about friendship. Something to be cherished. For friends to support each other through thick and thin. This version is not only for girls, but elements of family play a major role in this concept. That trait enables us to reach a broader audience."

"I have a special feeling about the film because it shows that girls grow up in families that teach responsibility and how to become successful."

After a year and a half, Scholastic Productions has released two films, The Baby Sitters Club and The Indian in the Cupboard.

"Our goal is to make films that have a journey and passage," Startz continued. "It's important to provide universal stories for all people and I'm just thankful that I've been given a gift to pull people and good ideas together. Strong people who work well together."



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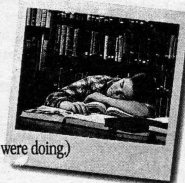
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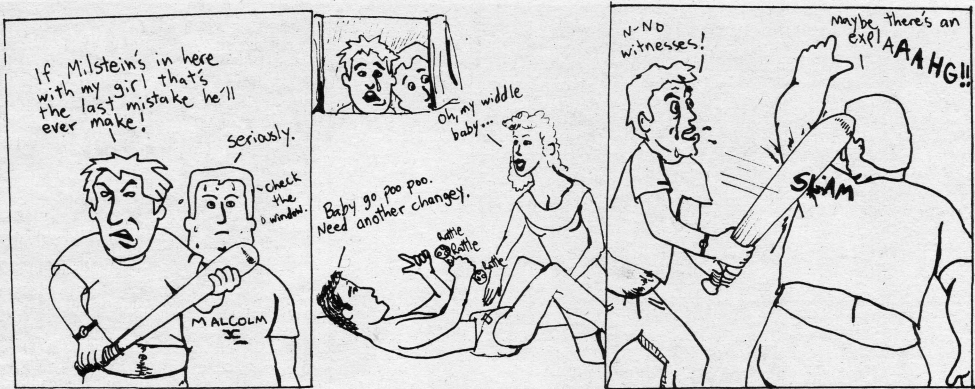
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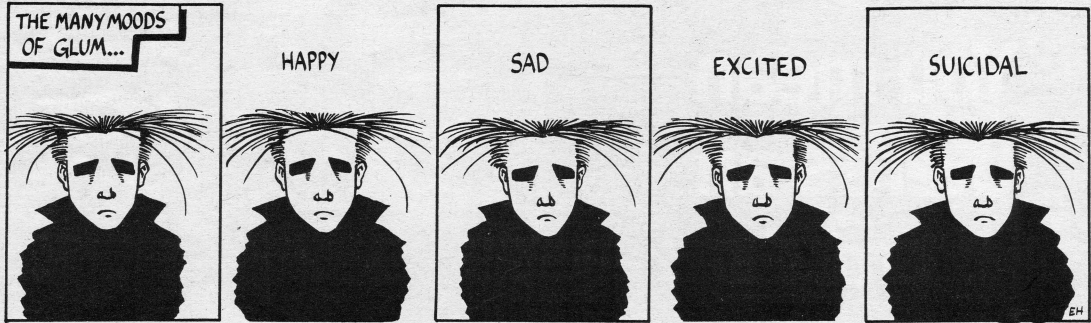
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RAM PAGE



VCU teams in a collective slump

Atie by the women's soccer team against Atlantic Coast Conference opponent Wake Forest highlighted this past week in VCU athletics.

Men's soccer

Entering last night's game, VCU (2-8) continued to have troubles scoring during the week. The Rams were shut out twice in losing to American University and UNC-Asheville. The two defeats ran VCU's losing streak to six games and their scoreless streak to nearly 400 minutes of action.

As the Rams struggle offensively, so has forward Kwaku-Adu Gyamfi. The Rams senior is in sixth place on VCU's all-time scoring list and is 22 points shy of the scoring mark.

Next Home Game: 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 vs. Virginia Tech at Cary Street Field.

Women's soccer

The Lady Rams (2-7-1) earned their first tie in school history last Friday against Wake Forest University. The tie was sandwiched in between losses to University of Maryland-Baltimore County and American University.

The Wake Forest game was the second shutout for VCU netminder Pascale Lecuire. VCU faced 25 shots in the game and Lecuire came up big with eight saves. And in Sunday's game, Christina Kenney overtook Jamila Ashford as the team leader in scoring with a goal in the Lady Rams 2-1 loss to UNC-A.

Next Home Game: 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 vs. Liberty at Cary Street Field.

Field hockey

Back home.

That's where the field hockey team will be this week after playing six consecutive games on the road. During

that stretch, the Lady Rams were 1-5 with the lone victory coming against Appalachian State.

VCU's last game was Saturday against Radford, and Toni Staub did all she could to maintain her honor as the Commonwealth Times Athlete of the Week. The junior netted two goals in the Lady Rams 4-3 defeat.

Next Home Game: 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 vs. Davidson at Cary Street Field.

Volleyball

Suzanne Dawson did it again.

Earlier this season, the Rams senior set the VCU career-assists record, and during the weekend Dawson became the school's all-time digs leader.

Dawson's mark was the only bright spot for VCU as the volleyball team lost all three matches in a tournament hosted by the University of Connecticut. The defeats left the team with a nine-game losing streak and a 6-14 mark.

Men's tennis

Jonas Elmlad and Boris Kodjoe advanced to the quarterfinals of the T. Rowe Price National Intercollegiate Clay Court Championships before falling to the No. 1-ranked doubles team in the country. The Rams senior doubles team defeated Nic Chisholm and Jan Hermanson of South Alabama 7-5, 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals.

Golf

Geoffrey Goldstein shot 75-71—146 to tie for second place at the Virginia Intercollegiate Golf Championship last week. The senior's final score was only one stroke behind the winning score and helped the team to a third-place finish, three strokes off the lead.

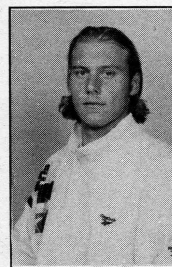
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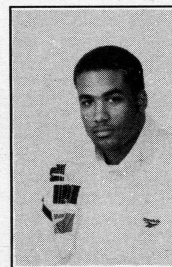
CT



Athletes of the week



Jonas Elmlad,
senior,
Stockholm,
Sweden



Boris Kodjoe,
senior,
Gundelfingen,
Germany

The Rams' dynamic duo reached the quarterfinals of the T. Rowe Price National Intercollegiate Clay Court Championships before being knocked off by the No. 1 doubles team in the country. In the quarterfinals, VCU's top doubles team lost to the eventual champions, Paul Robinson and David Roditi 6-4, 6-4.

MEN'S SOCCER

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(Through Oct. 2)

TEAM	CONFERENCE			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
James Madison	3	0	0	11	0	0
American	2	0	0	5	5	0
Old Dominion	1	0	0	6	3	0
George Mason	3	1	0	7	2	1
William & Mary	1	1	0	7	3	0
Richmond	1	1	0	4	5	0
UNC-Wilmington	1	3	0	5	5	0
VCU	1	3	0	2	8	0
East Carolina	1	3	0	1	9	0

CAA LEADERS

(Through Oct. 2)

Here are the current point leaders for the CAA, with goals, assists and total points (two points for a goal and one for an assist):

PLAYER	G	A	P
Vasco, ODU	12	1	25
Pearson, AU	11	1	23
Owens, W&M	8	6	22
Ferrandino, GMU	8	5	21
Honeysett, JMU	8	4	20
McSorley, JMU	9	2	20
Marcotriggiano, GMU	6	5	17
Reynolds, UNCW	8	0	16
Asgerisson, UR	6	1	13

WOMEN'S SOCCER

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Through Oct. 2)

TEAM	CONFERENCE			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
William & Mary	4	0	0	7	3	1
James Madison	1	0	0	7	4	1
American	2	1	0	6	3	1
George Mason	2	1	0	3	6	1
Old Dominion	1	1	0	3	6	0
VCU	0	2	0	2	7	1
UNC-Wilmington	0	2	0	4	5	0
East Carolina	0	3	0	1	8	0

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PLAYER	G	A	P
Neaton, W&M	12	6	30
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Totman, W&M	8	3	19
Herdmon, AU	9	1	19
Williamson, JMU	6	5	17
Shearon, UNCW	6	4	16
Tourtellotte, JMU	4	4	12
Wolden, JMU	5	1	11
Durand, UNCW	4	3	11
Whalen, GMU	4	2	10

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	W	L	T	W	L	T
James Madison	4	0	0	9	2	0
American	2	0	0	6	2	0
Old Dominion	2	1	0	5	6	0
William & Mary	1	2	0	6	3	0
Radford	1	2	0	5	6	0
Richmond	1	3	0	3	8	0
VCU	0	3	0	3	8	0

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PLAYER	G	A	P
Thate, JMU	18	4	40
Bensdorf, W&M	18	2	38
Siu-Butt, AU	14	5	33
Driscoll, ODU	9	0	18
Chellev, ODU	8	0	16
Casabo, AU	4	8	16
Wilds, JMU	5	3	13
Osmond, RAD	5	1	11
Lees, AU	4	3	11
Frieswyk, AU	3	4	10

VOLLEYBALL

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Through Oct. 2)

TEAM	CONFERENCE			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
George Mason	1	0	0	11	4	0
American	0	0	0	10	6	0
East Carolina	0	0	0	10	7	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	5	7	0
VCU	0	0	0	6	14	0
UNC-Wilmington	0	1	0	9	5	0
James Madison	0	2	0	6	8	0

CAA LEADERS

(Through Oct. 2)

Here are the current point leaders for the CAA, with games played and average:

HITTING PERCENTAGE			KILL AVERAGE		
PLAYER	G	AVG	PLAYER	G	AVG
Domokos, GMU	53	.461	Domokos, GMU	53	4.33
Moon, UNCW	52	.400	Kovacs, GMU	53	4.19
Amberg, W&M	44	.362	Courtat, AU	57	3.89
Dawson, VCU	76	.356	Bme, ECU	62	3.68
Kurcova, AU	57	.304	Youngblid, UNCW	52	3.62
ACE AVERAGE			DIG AVERAGE		
PLAYER	G	AVG	PLAYER	G	AVG
Courtat, AU	57	0.84	O'Brien, VCU	76	4.43
Smiekal, AU	57	0.61	Dawson, VCU	76	4.08
Kovacs, GMU	53	0.57	Bme, ECU	62	3.29
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Rams take the city title

Coveh Solaimani
CT SPORTS EDITOR

After going more than 415 minutes without a goal, the Rams picked the perfect team and the perfect time to break the scoreless streak.

VCU forward Kwaku-Adu Gyamfi netted an early goal to help propel the Rams to a 1-0 victory over the University of Richmond last night at Cary Street Field.

The win ended VCU's (3-8) six game losing streak, gives the team the city championship and allowed former VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan to win his first meeting against the team he used to lead out on the field.

"I wanted to win the game for my coach, my teammates and the university," Ram defenseman Chris Barnard.

Less than six minutes into the game, Adu-Gyamfi made a great individual play to break the team's scoring drought.

The senior picked up the ball 40 yards away from the goal and dribbled through the Spiders (4-6) defense before knocking home the game winner.

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CT Player of the Game

Kwaku-Adu Gyamfi
SENIOR, FORWARD

■ Dribbled through the UR defense to score the only goal of the game.

■ QUOTE OF NOTE: We desperately needed a goal and it was good to see that happen."

— Tim O'Sullivan,
VCU coach.

"I've thrown so many goals away that my focus was to do whatever I had to do to score a goal," Adu-Gyamfi said. "I'm glad it came against Richmond."

O'Sullivan said the early goal helped the team's confidence and allowed the defense to take over.

"Particularly in the second half Chris (Barnard) and Mervyn (Wright) did a very good job. Number six and Number nine, the two Icelandic players for Richmond are very, very good players and Chris and Mervyn rose to the challenge and shut them down," he said.

The Spiders had a couple of chances in the first half, but they didn't capitalize on them as things seemed to finally even out for VCU. UR forward Duncan Susee blew a wide open shot from about five yards out and an earlier attempt by UR defenseman David Baumritter was stopped cold by Rams keeper Jim Larkin.

In the second half, VCU became more physical and the team's intensity picked up. The Rams were called for 22 fouls and the referees handed out four yellow cards to VCU players.

Although VCU controlled much of the action in the final half, the Spiders did have one solid opportunity to score. Midfielder Omar Sigtryggsson had an open shot inside the box that he sent wide left of the goal.

With just over 10 minutes left in the game, it appeared as if VCU had iced the game. Forward Darrell Etienne kicked home a Peter Roberts pass to give the Rams an apparent 2-0 lead but Etienne was called offsides nullifying the goal.

Following the game, O'Sullivan said the win was important for the team.

"We needed a win, and we needed a win in a bad way for our program and it was real important for us to get it," he said.



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CITY SLICKER — VCU's Kwaku-Adu Gyamfi helped the Rams knock off the Richmond Spiders to take the city championship last night at Cary Street Field.

GMU knocks off VCU; Kenney scores lone goal

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The more talented Patriots of George Mason University (4-6-1, 3-1-0) came to Cary Street Field and dominated the young VCU women's soccer team (2-8-1, 3-1-0) most of the game in a 3-1 victory.

VCU head coach Lisa Zifcak was especially disappointed in her team's first half performance.

"We had a nightmare first half. It was really ugly," Zifcak said. "We didn't create anything."

Jac Cicala, GMU head coach, said the number of scoring opportunities decided the game.

"The difference in the game today is we created more scoring chances than VCU," he said.

GMU out-shot the Lady Rams 15-2.

However, VCU's first shot was picture-perfect and the Lady Rams capitalized on the co-captain combination.

Senior Stephanie Whitlow crossed the ball on a corner kick enabling Christina Kenney to leap and head the ball into the net.

Whitlow described the goal as "awesome" and gave Kenney the credit.

"Chris timed it perfectly," Whitlow said. "She got her head on it and placed it right in the corner."

Kenney also tried to pass along credit.

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Christina Kenney
Junior, Midfielder

■ Scored VCU's lone goal on a header off a corner kick.

■ QUOTE OF NOTE: "Chris timed it perfectly."

—co-captain
Stephanie Whitlow

pass from Steph. All I had to do was redirect it."

Zifcak said the team has been working on corner kicks in practice and that Whitlow was looking for Kenney for one reason.

"She's our strongest header," said Zifcak, who usually refrains from commenting on individual players in an effort to keep the focus on the team as a whole.

Kenney now leads the team in points (11), assists (3), shots (27) and is tied for first in goals (4).

The Patriots scored in the 42nd minute of the game when Lisa Echea sailed a shot over VCU goalkeeper Pascale Lecuire's head from 30 yards away. GMU would not relinquish the lead.

Two minutes before Kenney's goal, GMU's Eileen Corrigan banged a shot over a leaping Lecuire, off the crossbar and into the goal.

GMU was forced to play the final 25 minutes of the contest a player short when freshman Jill Ford was ejected for using profanity.

Kenney, who attended the same high school as Ford, referred to her as "my little girl." Kenney said that Ford cursed at the referee and then told her in a joking manner what she had said. The referee heard the latter and presented Ford a red card.



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CAN'T STOP THIS LADY RAM — Stephanie Whitlow dribbles past a George Mason defender. The Patriots downed VCU 3-1.

Cicala was infuriated at the call. "You wouldn't do it in a men's game," he yelled repeatedly to the referee.

After the game he was calmer but still said the ejection was ridiculous.

"I've never seen a player ejected for profanity," said the fourth year head coach.

Next up for the Lady Rams is Liberty University. VCU defeated LU 3-2 in overtime on Sept. 9.

Kenney said her team has improved and they are looking forward to playing them again.

"This time we should school them," she said.