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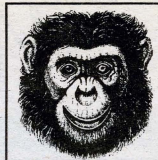


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SEEKING REDEMPTION — Mike Rooney, evangelist director of Whitley Pentecostal Church in Princeton, N.C., says he travels to college campuses to save college students from sinful behavior. Rooney spoke to students yesterday afternoon in Shafer Court.

Students doubt evangelist's 'word of God'

Jill Myers

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Ask, and you shall receive.

Question, and you may or may not get the answer.

For one group of students, the answers to questions posed to a traveling evangelist who came to preach the "the word of God" yesterday in Shafer Court never seemed to arrive.

Nonetheless, both sides kept trying.

For more than five hours, the crowd of students, waxing and waning in its number but always present, flocked around evangelist Mike Rooney intently listening — and, for the most part, vehemently retorting — to everything he said.

"Follow the prophet," a small, advancing wave of students shouted mockingly as they followed Rooney from the middle of Shafer Court to its stage while others watched from the cement wall or corners of the stage.

Emotions swelled as the evangelist, arms flailing in the air, spoke.

"Homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God," Rooney, the evangelist director for Whitley Pentecostal Church in Princeton, N.C., said. "... God wants to save

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SGA tackles constitution revamp

Proposal to increase number of senators addressed

Laurence Wallace

STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association's committee chairs began the tedious process of revising the association's constitution during Monday's meeting.

Changes to each committee's section of the constitution were proposed to the executive committee.

Sen. Clifton Davis, appointments committee chairman, proposed increasing the number of senators in the association from 36 to 50. Davis also proposed moving the association's elections to March and excluding full-time classified university employees from voting.

"Full-time classified university employees don't just have the interests of students in mind when voting," Davis said.

Sen. Charlie Bryan, SGA training coordinator, said the restriction was arbitrary because there is no evidence that being both a student and a university employee creates a conflict of interest.

"If a student pays the student activity fee, then they have a right to be a part of the SGA," Bryan said. "Every student is still a student. I don't see any reason to exclude them when there's only a theoretical possi-

bility there would be a conflict of interest without any evidence."

Sen. Tom House suggested closing the election booths at 10 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. But L. Victor Collins, director of minority student affairs and faculty adviser to the association, disagreed, saying there has been little voting after 7 p.m. in past elections.

Lakeeshia Green, chairwoman of the human relations committee, proposed eliminating the "biweekly" contact the constitution specifies the committee maintain with the Office of Minority Student Affairs, the Office of Student Activities and the vice-provost of student affairs and replacing it with simply maintaining contact.

Roberto Rojas, the new chairman of the publicity committee, requested increasing committee membership from six to seven. He also changed the committee's purpose statement in the constitution to read, "The Publicity Committee shall publicize the activities and actions of the Senate and all Senate sub-committees."

Rebecca Riofrio, SGA's ad-hoc coordinator, said the constitution should clarify that the publicity committee help the appointments committee during the association's elections. She said this would guarantee the working relationship be-

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Greeks patrol Fan for holiday

About 20 groups of four watch out for wrong-doers

Jill Myers

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Amidst a world populated with the crooked-nosed witches, mangle-faced beasts and hollow-eyed devils of Halloween, it's easy to forget real-world dangers.

For instance, a pack of young people, not dressed in costume, saunter down the middle of the road, stopping traffic and not caring if they do.

Trouble? Maybe, but a group of four who are participating in this year's Halloween Watchers program, aren't taking any chances.

After seeing the mob of 20 splitting the middle of the road, Marian Walker of VCU's Alpha Gamma Delta, one of two sororities participating in the Halloween safety patrol, asked a Fan District resident to call the police and then continued tracking the group.

No trouble at all, it's what they're there for.

This Halloween about a group of 80 VCU students from four Greek organizations — Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Delta Chi and Phi Sigma Sigma — broke up into groups of four to patrol the

streets of the Fan, looking out for "treat's" darker counterpart — trick.

"We've had a blast so far," Walker said. "And a lot of people have thanked us for being out."

While the whole patrol roamed between Main and Hanover streets from Vine to Strawberry streets, most of the groups converged on Hanover Street and Floyd and Grove avenues.

"That's where all the action is," Manuel Juranis, president of AKL, said before he set out.

Walker said her group mostly had been walking around from block to block among the carnival atmosphere, making sure kids weren't left behind.

"A lot of people recognized us from last year," Walker said, donning the black with yellow fluorescent etchings that makes up this year's Halloween Watchers' logo. "A lot of times Greeks have a negative image in the community. This is one way to show people were not all about partying."

This year, the patrol's major sponsors who paid for the shirts were neighborhood businesses such as Piccola's, Richmond Athletic Club, Kinko's and MCV Hospi-

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News from across the globe



WORLD/NATION



• Canada still one country for now

MONTREAL — Quebec emerged from its independence referendum torn in half, with the defeated separatists blaming immigrants and big business and defiantly promising another breakaway attempt.

The federalists in Canada who backed national unity squeaked through to win with 50.6 percent to the opposition's 49.4 percent in Monday's vote.

By a margin of barely 50,000 votes out of 4.67 million cast, Canada was spared the loss of its largest province with one-quarter of its people.

• Japanese cult sought materials in U.S.

NEW YORK — The Japanese cult accused in a nerve gas attack on a Tokyo subway tried to buy materials for nuclear and chemical weapons in the United States and Russia, Sen. Sam Nunn said.

The materials the Aum Shinri Kyo cult tried to purchase included laser technology that the United States refuses to sell to suspected terrorist countries, Nunn said in an interview in Tuesday's New York Times.

Twelve persons were killed and thousands were sickened in the March 20 sub-

way attack.

• Numerous double agents plagued CIA base in former Soviet Union

WASHINGTON — The CIA has concluded that its operations in the former Soviet Union were riddled with double agents, and that the White House was not told how bad things were, according to published reports.

The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post reported on Tuesday that double agents sent disinformation back to the United States in the 1980s and early 1990s and went undetected until the Aldrich Ames spy case broke last year.

Ames, a longtime CIA counterintelligence officer, was arrested by the FBI in February 1994 and now is serving a life sentence in prison for spying.

• James Brown arrested on domestic violence charge

AIKEN, S.C. — Soul singer James Brown, who has had several run-ins with the law and served time in prison, was back in jail again Tuesday on a domestic-violence charge after his wife said he assaulted her.

Aiken County sheriff's authorities charged Brown with criminal domestic violence after his wife, Adrienne, called 911 at about 4:20 a.m. asking for medical help.

A bond hearing for Brown was scheduled in Aiken for Tuesday.

VIRGINIA



• Police, medical examiner investigate unclaimed body

DANVILLE — Authorities said Monday they know little about a body found behind a tobacco warehouse during the weekend.

Some children playing in a wooded area behind Motley's Warehouse found the decomposed body Saturday, said Danville police Maj. B.C. Elliot.

Police were unable to determine the body's gender or approximate age or the cause of death.

The body has been sent to the state medical examiner's office in Roanoke for an autopsy.

• Woman charged in murder of her newborn daughter

SPOTSYLVANIA — A 34-year-old Spotsylvania County woman has been charged with fatally stabbing her newborn daughter, then putting the baby's body in a trash can shortly after she gave birth alone in her bathroom.

Sandra L. Futrell was charged with first-degree murder in the Saturday slaying in which the newborn was stabbed repeatedly with a steak knife, according to the county sheriff's department.

Authorities were summoned after Futrell's boyfriend returned home.

The baby's body had been stuffed in a trash bag and was discovered in a trash can in the garage outside the home, according to authorities.

RICHMOND



• Four Kennedy students shot after class

Moments after classes ended, four John F. Kennedy High School students were shot and wounded as a man standing across the street from the school parking lot opened fire with a handgun.

The suspect was identified as a black male in his late teens about 5-foot-4 and 120 pounds with short hair.

The shooting has sent shock waves through the 800-plus student body of Kennedy.

CAMPUS



• VCU to celebrate Founders Day

VCU will honor 12 Alumni Stars as part of its weeklong celebration of Founders Day. Other highlights of the 1995 festivities will run from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5.

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Not like it used to be

I scared the bejesus out of myself yesterday. I committed an act I vowed never to commit: I sounded just like my parents.

"The trouble with kids nowadays is that they think school is a big joke," I whined, almost adopting the sarcastic intonation formerly reserved for the mockery of elders. "It's ridiculous. No one wants to learn anymore. It seems like all high school is these days is

Student COMMENTARY

Corey Fyke

another turf battle littered with drug dealers and pimps and (horrors!) sexual objectification!"

OK, so maybe it's not that bad at all schools. But the random shooting of four teenagers at John F. Kennedy High School Monday certainly highlights one of the central questions facing not only Richmond's school administrators, but also those from throughout the state and across the country: What can public educators do about rising crime in its schools?

The statistics are not encouraging. Since 1980, Virginia's juvenile-crime rate has risen 21 percent, and its juvenile murder rate has grown at more than double the national rate. Also, the number of students caught with firearms and the number of drug-related and violent crimes increased between 1992 and 1994.

Back when I was attending my unabashedly white, suburban high school in rural Connecticut in the late 1980s, there was none of this to behold. We held pep rallies and mailed letters on behalf of Amnesty International and gossiped in whispery tones about who was dating (for lack of a better term) whom.

We never had to deal with shootings or guns or violence in the community spilling over into the classroom. The Thanksgiving Day football game against cross-town and interstate rival Westerly (R.I.) High School was the closest we got to dealing with the gravity of real-life violence. The territorial pride we felt was fervent but not violent; we were playing for our school, our town and our state, not our lives.

And that's the scary part of the J.F.K. shooting: It apparently grew out of a conflict between rival housing projects Fairfield Court and Whitcomb Court. The teen-age suspect was believed to live at Fairfield Court, while all four victims resided at Whitcomb.

The gang mentality the shooting highlights is not something that is relegated merely to a few secluded inner-city spots anymore. In this age of housing developments and apartment complexes, community has given way in many places to racial, territorial, religious and myriad other sorts of strife. The gun is the mighty equalizer, the weapon of intimidation.

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Cohen attacks animal research

James McMahon
CT STAFF WRITER

The use of animals in biomedical experimentation, or vivisection, came under sharp attack Monday evening, as Dr. Murray Cohen addressed nearly 30 students in a lecture sponsored by the NOAH project.

Cohen, a psychologist and co-chairman of the Medical Research Modernization Committee, attacked the very premise that those who favor animals in research base their argument.

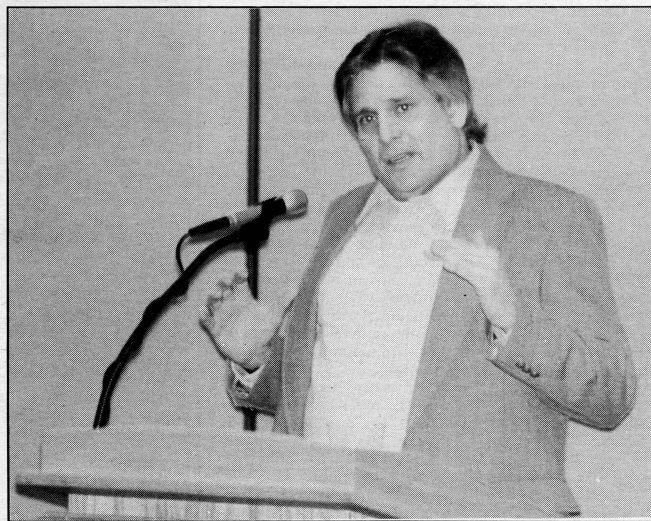
The committee, Cohen said, is made up of medical professionals from many different areas who, through the course of their careers, have come to the conclusion that animal biomedical experimentation is unnecessary.

"The basic premise of the animal experimentation is the assumption that the findings can be generalized to human beings," he said. "And this must occur somewhat regularly and predictably."

Cohen, however, argues that this is not the case. Animals and human beings, he said, are to vastly different to assume that what takes place in a guinea pig would take place in a human.

"Why would we have specialized doctors who treat animals," he said. "When your animal is sick you wouldn't take the animal to an internist or a gynecologist because they wouldn't be able to diagnose

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Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

NO MORE VIVESECTION — Dr. Murray Cohen, psychologist and co-chairman of the Medical Research Modernization Committee, urged for the end of animal experimentation in a speech Monday night in the University Student Commons. The lecture was sponsored by the NOAH project.

Quebec premier to resign after secession defeat

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTREAL — Stung by defeat in the secession referendum, Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau said Tuesday he plans to resign. He also apologized for blaming the loss on non-French immigrants.

Parizeau maintained staunch support, however, for the separatist cause that has been at the heart of his long political career. He said his Parti Quebecois would choose new leadership capable of achieving independence for the mostly French-speaking province.

Parizeau, 65, was elected premier last year after promising to hold a referendum on secession. His side lost Monday, but only narrowly — 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent.

But at a time when the separatists could have been taking heart at their strong showing, Parizeau shocked even his allies with a bellicose speech at campaign headquarters, blaming the defeat on immigrants.

"It's true we have been defeated but basically by what?" Parizeau said. "By money and the ethnic vote."

Parizeau's co-leader in the separatist camp, Lucien Bouchard, distanced himself from the ethnic remarks Tuesday, signaling that the premier's position had become untenable.

Parizeau expressed regret for his phrasing, saying he used terms "that could have been much better chosen." But he reiterated his view that Quebec's French-speaking majority had, in effect, been thwarted by non-francophones.

About 90 percent of English-speaking and immigrant Quebecers opposed secession, while French Quebecers — who make up 82 percent of the population — voted for independence by a 60-40 margin.

Earlier Tuesday, Bouchard — a pos-

sible replacement for Parizeau — scoffed at an offer from Prime Minister Jean Chretien to negotiate a new status for Quebec.

"Never again will sovereigntists be begging for anything from the rest of Canada," declared Bouchard. He said Quebec would sit down for talks with Canada only after winning a future independence referendum.

Chretien, chastened by the razor-thin federalist victory Monday, said he would try to get other provincial premiers to support changes that would decentralize the government and recognize Quebec as a distinct society.

Bouchard described his reaction to Chretien's offer as "boredom" and "big yawns."

"Nobody's going to get us sovereigntists involved in another 30 years of sterile discussions," he said.

Bouchard reiterated the separatists' promise to mount another independence drive.

Current Quebec law bars a new secession referendum until after new legislative elections, but separatists control the legislature and could change the law.

Though most of Canada welcomed the outcome of Monday's vote, Quebec was uneasy. Montreal police reported 40 arrests after supporters of the rival sides brawled, and a homemade bomb was found at offices of the federalist Liberal Party. No one was injured seriously in the street fighting, police said.

There was little celebration in the federal capital, Ottawa, where Chretien met with his Cabinet to discuss the impact of Monday's referendum.

The federalists' narrow victory kept Canada intact but drove home the message that Quebecers, and many other Canadians, want major changes in the federal system.

"The 'no' forces may have won the referendum, barely, but they clearly lost

the broader battle," commentator Alain Dubuc wrote in *La Presse*, a French-language Montreal newspaper.

Federal leaders "didn't understand the depth of Quebecers' dissatisfaction," Dubuc wrote. "They were incapable of proposing a message of hope to them and giving their vote some meaning."

Parizeau caused a furor with his bitter nonconcession speech Monday night, in which he blamed big business and ethnic minorities for thwarting the will of the French nationalist majority.

"I was shocked," Chretien said. "I hope that everybody will reject that. Every citizen under the law in Quebec is an equal citizen, and you cannot divide a society on 'ours' and 'theirs.'"

Chretien, in a televised address late Monday, appealed for reconciliation and offered to cooperate with those seeking governmental change.

Reform Party leader Preston Manning, who advocates shifting many federal powers to the provinces, called Chretien's remarks "another stream of meaningless clichés." He said the federal government should stop focusing on Quebec and instead propose something that works nationwide.

"Go into a meeting and say, 'Here, take it' and offer it to all provinces," Manning said. He demanded Chretien spell out his plans.

Gilles Duceppe, a leader of the separatist Bloc Quebecois in Parliament, urged the government to make a swift gesture toward Quebec.

"They have to respond quickly and show what they mean by change — unless it's all nothing but hot air, which is possible," he said.

Financial markets welcomed the Yes victory, narrow as it was. Prices rose on the Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges, and the Canadian dollar — weakened by prereferendum uncertainty — strengthened on world currency markets.

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them, but if they keep on jumping on each other's back, they will not inherit the kingdom of God."

The crowd answered with scorn.

"Oh, come on," came one shout. Another person yelled, "God loves everyone he created."

Some mocked him, others yelled at him and still others became angry because he wouldn't listen to them.

"He's raising himself above everybody else. It's pathetic," said Tim Darken, a freshman art major.

Noel Vonkauffman, a sophomore business-management major, gave another reason for Rooney turning a deaf ear to students' arguments.

"He doesn't want to be caught making a mistake," the sophomore said, "because he'll lose credibility."

But the six other Whitley members who stood by to answer the individual questions of potential repenters saw Rooney's emphatic preaching differently.

"He gets a lot of people that mock him, but he keeps on because God has led him to do this," said Ione Kuhns, who has traveled with Rooney to college campuses before. Rooney, she said, has taken his one-man revival service to the Olympics, Mardi Gras and colleges all throughout North Carolina.

The evangelist, who has been taking the word on the road for about five years, has been arrested one time in Charlotte, the Whitley members said, but charges were dropped once he went to court.

Because the grounds of a state school are public property, Rooney cannot be removed from campus, although VCU police stood by and watched him and the crowd.

For private schools, he must obtain a permit, his supporters said, adding that he always does.

For Rooney, Halloween gives him the perfect opportunity to make everyone aware of their sins, his fellow church members said, calling it a satanic holiday.

"I am not going to be toasting Elvira tonight," the commercial artist turned part-time traveling evangelist said to the crowd. "I'm going to be praying for your sins."

His statement met with a round of laughter.

"What makes you think you are so perfect," one spectator asked the evangelist. "According to you, you are already God."

Rooney yelled back that he was God because he has "totally submitted" to the Savior.

Throughout the day, it was this arrogance that either forced people away in disgust or kept them spellbound with disbelief.

"He's looking down on everyone. I didn't cuss at him, I didn't yell at him and he still turned around (when I questioned him)," Cameron Champney, a freshman sculpture major, said.

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And so these innocent teen-agers, gregariously spilling out of a building that symbolizes hope and freedom from the violence that has become commonplace in most urban areas, were victimized by this external turf war.

When Virginia's General Assembly next meets, a special task force of the legislature's Commission on Youth and a special commission formed by Gov. George Allen will recommend drastic changes to how the state deals with juvenile offenders, including automatic incarceration of the most dangerous and violent underage convicts and the ability for prosecutors to try juveniles in adult courts.

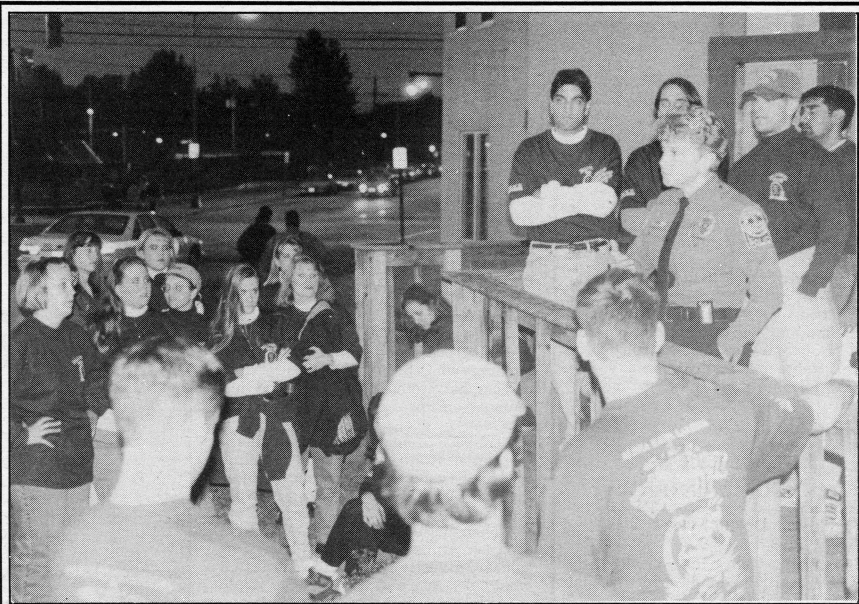
Too little, too late. Violence has become a lifestyle, a culture even, and increased sanctions aren't going to be much of a deterrent.

The shooting at JFK is symbolic of the state of affairs in many urban and some suburban school districts. The destruction of the traditional sense of community in many housing developments begets violence, and violence leads to innocent victims. The only hope for a lot of these kids is to get a decent education and pull themselves out of this violent quagmire.

Unfortunately, violence seems to be an increasingly common characteristic of not only society but also public-school education. Administrators and politicians virtually are powerless to stop violence on school grounds and can at best only hope to contain it.

And although our parents' inevitable stories of how tough they had it in their day bore us interminably and force us to suppress our giggles, they do have some merit. They rose above their (mostly exaggerated) plights to get where they are today. There is a lesson to be learned.

Come to think of it, I seem to vaguely remember having to walk two miles uphill through a blizzard to junior high...



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

TRICK OR TREAT — Barbara Walker, a field training officer for the VCU police, gives these Greeks participating in the Halloween Watchers patrol tips on safety for the evening.

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tals. Other sponsors included the Crazy Greek and Sam Adams.

The safety patrol began in 1987, when one of the fraternities "felt a need in the Fan for a higher degree of safety" and wanted to help officers assigned to the Downtown district, said Chris Elmore of AKL.

One year, Juranis said, a group of Halloween Watchers notified police of a "would-be" robber.

But in the years he's been participating in the patrol,

he hasn't seen much action.

"Usually, we've gotten poured on," he said. "And people just didn't want to go out."

Steven Kaura, AKL's philanthropy/fund-raiser committee chairman who helped organized the event, said he thought the patrol gives parent's the piece of mind they normally normally have on Halloween.

In return, the participating organizations get a chance to be seen in the community, while having fun.

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tween the committees for future senate bodies.

Rojas replaced Jeff Kraus as chairman of the publicity committee.

Meanwhile, the executive committee added the responsibility of proposing the meeting agenda to the full Senate to the constitution.

The committee also reworded one of its constitutional functions to read, "The Executive Committee shall prepare and administer an annual budget for the Senate and all Senate committees."

Collins noted that 41 percent of the student activities fees goes to the SGA, adding that the activities programming board receives 33 percent of SGA's budget.

Duane Kay, the association's president, said the committee changes will be taken to the full Senate on Nov. 20.

Senators Bryan and Riofrio reported on the progress the ad-hoc committee is making on writing the SGA's meeting guidelines.

Sen. Riofrio said, "The Senate is going to be just one big meeting and what runs the meeting is the agenda."

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or treat the animal properly."

If you had a parent who had heart failure, he continued, whose life was saved by the drug digitalis, would you automatically assume you could give it to your dog if it had heart failure?

"If you did assume that then you would kill your dog because digitalis in dogs makes heart failure worse," he said. "For that very reason, animal research is not generalizable to human beings just on that intuitive level."

Moreover, Cohen said most scientific experimentation that involve animals carries a disclaimer that says the results of the experiment should not be assumed to apply to human beings.

"This is said by the animal experimenters and those

She suggested the association test the new meeting guidelines at a trial meeting.

Bryan said the committee is proposing Senate meetings be divided into separate discussion and voting parts.

"We are proposing that all the voting should be handled in one section, and all the discussion and presentation should be handled in a separate section," Bryan said.

He said the committee is considering adding the option "postpone" to "yes" and "no" during voting for senators who would like further discussion on an issue. The meeting guidelines will replace Robert's Rules of Order in the association's constitution.

In other business, the executive committee removed four senators from their positions because they violated the association's attendance policy. The policy states senators cannot miss four regularly scheduled meetings per semester.

The four senators include three from the appropriations committee (Jasmine Reynolds, Paul Nesmith and John Tubia) and Dante Payton of the services committee.

who fund these projects," he said "not by critics of these experiments like myself."

Animal experimentation, Cohen contends, is a long excepted form of research that soon will be considered obsolete, as many other beliefs have in the past.

Creationism, or the development of different species, he said, once was widely believed and accepted, yet once Darwinism came along those scientists who believed in creationism gave up the theory.

"So in my opinion some day in the future maybe 50 years, with any luck maybe 30 years, vivisection will be looked at by people like us as one of the quaint old ways — a method people once believed in and may of done some good — but ultimately was disillusioned," he said.

Stacy Reed

Astrology and Politics For Beginners

What do people want from government? Well, surveys, polls and politicians are trying to answer this very question. And what they ultimately find is that most Americans agree on the major issues.

Better education — Yes!
Less crime — Yes!
Balanced budget — Yes!
Yes! Finally, issues we all can agree on, regardless of political party affiliation. America's welfare system does not work. Our budget does need to be balanced. Crime does need to be reduced. Education does need to increase.

So if we all agree, why all the debate and mudslinging?

Well, it has a lot to do with astrology. You know, horoscopes, psychics and such. See, of course we all agree. Public support for or against an issue is gained when certain special-interest groups use terminology specifically intended to sway public opinion.

It is nothing more than political word-play — it is simply the tricks of astrology.

First take into consideration just how astrology works. Even if you believe wholeheartedly in this practice of word witchcraft, here is a test that can break that faith. Read somebody else's horoscope for an entire week. The truth is most of the time someone else's horoscope will fit your life just fine.

And do you know why this is true? Here's the secret. Sssshhhhh, don't tell anyone ... It's all in the wording.

In any given horoscope there are vague references to money, success or love.

The trouble for die-hard horoscope believers lies with the huge range of possible

interpretations for each word. Sure "money, success and love" could mean you win the lottery, are offered a fantastic job and find perfect love with your one and only soul mate.

But it also could mean you find a dime, pick up a job application and get a smile from the cashier at Wal-Mart.

You could be either Oprah or homeless, and the horoscope still would be accurate. One size does fit all.

Political campaigns are no different. They just like trying to claim higher moral purpose.

For instance, if a politician wanted to reduce crime, wouldn't it seem logical to build more prisons?

And if said politician wanted to get elected, wouldn't it seem equally logical to take a "get tough on crime, build more prisons" approach? Of course.

Any not-quite elected official would be a fool to use a "raise taxes and build more prisons in your neighborhood" campaign. Try telling the voting public that you want to take more tax money and reduce the value of their homes.

They won't laugh. They also won't elect you.

So instead political campaigns focus on abolishing parole, building more prisons and cutting taxes. It's all in the wording. Makes social issues and their solutions sound simple and you get elected. But it's nothing

more than political astrology at its best.

Here's what lies between the lines in today's "horroroscope" of politics.

Americans like voting for candidates that are "tough on crime." But do we really understand what this means?

In the United States we pay approximately \$20,000 to keep one inmate in jail for one year. That's the cost of a four-year college education.

Here in Virginia, we spend only slightly less per year, about \$18,000 per prisoner. That's still one college degree per prisoner that gets wasted. Candidates that are "tough on crime" also are necessarily "tough on taxes."

And 70 percent of that money is wasted in the long run.

Wasted because we aren't keeping even dangerous criminals off the streets. There is a 70 percent recidivism rate. Meaning 70 percent of all paroled or ex-prisoners will commit another crime and be convicted again.

Our "correctional system" is a failure at rehabilitation. Not even abolishing parole will solve the problem. A 70 percent recidivism rate costs you \$20,000 per year per prisoner. One entire college education. And the majority of the criminals just get out and do it again.

What is perhaps worse is that other 30 percent. Do they really get rehabilitated?

Not necessarily. Even statistics have more than one interpretation.

That other 30 percent could have become law-abiding citizens. Or they could have continued their criminal ways, having just learned better methods of not getting caught.

Where did they get such an anti-education? Prison.

Perhaps our statistics show us that we're spending \$20,000 a year to teach criminals how to be better criminals.

And to think that we spend less than \$2,000 per year per student to teach kids how to barely regurgitate arbitrary facts.

And as for that balanced — budget debate. Like all other hot topics of the moment, it's nothing more than a political word scare.

No, of course we can't afford to keep paying interest on the interest on the interest of our national debt. But even more importantly, we cannot disregard the interests of those who rely (and always have relied) on government psychics for their daily 'scope.

An extra 10 years will kill none of us who already are making it. But we certainly don't need the budget perfected immediately if the result would force more people to define "success" as finding a dime.

Politicians want you to see their interpretations of the issues. It's only natural. They want your vote.

But the only way to find any measure of truth between the political lines is to read more than one candidate's "horror" scope for the future.

Where those meanings intersect, we will find our answers.

"National injustice is the surest road to national downfall."

— William Ewart Gladstone, Speech at Plumstead, (1878)

Look for Sound Off here
next week.

(The editor was slacking, but she'll be better next week. Or fired.)

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Kelly Near

Redneck Experience No. 3: Snipe Huntin'

A few weeks back I promised to tell y'all about snipe huntin' so here it is.

Now, for those of you city folk who don't know yet, there is no such thing as a snipe. And we count on y'all people not knowin' that little fact.

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Now, I've done this to a few people and most of them do take the news well, 'cause they had fun,

even if they do feel like a total @##. Anyway, til next week this is your resident redneck sayin' I was country before country was cool.

**"We send ya' out alone
into a big field and make
you scream 'SNIPE' in
a real loud shriek."**

"We are most likely to get angry and excited in our opposition to some idea when we ourselves are not quite certain of our own position, and are inwardly tempted to take the other side."

— Thomas Mann, *Buddenbrooks* (1903), pt. VIII, ch. 2.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

Exhibit: Fertenberry and P. Chung's exhibit continues in the Student Art Gallery in the commons. For more information, call 828-3648.

Exhibit: Matt Osio's exhibit continues to be displayed at the Student Art Space in the commons. For more information, call 828-3648.

Athletics: VCU men's soccer team takes on East Shore at 7 p.m. at Cary Street Field. For more information, call 828-7000.

Athletics: VCU's volleyball team plays against James Madison at 7 p.m. at Franklin Street Gym. For more information, call 828-7000.

Exhibit: An Audio-Kinetic Ball Machine is on exhibit until Nov. 12 at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St. For more information, call 367-6552.

Exhibit: "Mark Lindquist: Revolutions in Wood," an exhibition by woodturner Mark Lindquist continues through Nov. 12 at the Hand Workshop Art Center, 1812 W. Main St. For more information, call 353-0094.

Exhibit: "A-Hunting We Will Go" is on display through March 31 at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 2800 Grove Ave. For more information, call 367-0878.

Exhibit: "Dean Dass: Recent Works," an exhibit by artist Dean Dass, is on display through Nov. 25 at Reynolds Gallery, 1514 W. Main St. For more information, call 355-6553.

Concert: Skuttlebutt performs at Rack 'n' Roll Cafe, 1713 E. Main St. For more information, call 644-1204.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Lecture: APB/Lecture Committee sponsors "Let's Go To Egypt," a lecture by Dr. Talbert, at 7 p.m. in the Commons Theater. For more information, call 828-3648.

Lecture: The VCU Association of Filmmakers sponsors a lecture on the aspects of low-budget filmmaking by guest speaker David Williams at 7 p.m. in Capital Room D in the student commons. For more information, call 358-8011.

Lecture: William J. Cooper, Boyd Professor of History at Louisiana State University, presents the lecture "Jefferson Davis and the Politics of Confederate Command" at 7:30 p.m. in Keller Hall at the University of Richmond. For more information, call 649-1861.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

Film: APB/Film Committee features "Scarface" at 7 p.m. in the Commons Theater. For more information, call 828-3648.

Athletics: VCU's volleyball team takes on George Mason at 7 p.m. at Franklin Street Gym. For more information, call 828-7000.

Exhibit: "The 49th Parallel," an exhibit by Richmond artist Sally Bowring opens and continues through Nov. 25 at 1708 Gallery, 103 E. Broad St. For more information, call 643-7829.

Exhibit: Richard Lee Bland, a Richmond artist, opens his show of oil paintings displaying a variation in landscape, city views and portraits of Richmond's bohemian counter-culture. The exhibit begins at 6 p.m. at Corporate & Museum Frame, 301 W. Broad St. For more information, call 353-9929.



Richard Lee Bland opens his show of oil paintings at Corporate & Museum Frame. See Nov. 3 Calendar entry for details.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Film: APB/Alternative Films presents "The Mummy" at 2 p.m. in the Commons Theater. For more information, call 828-3648.

Athletics: VCU's volleyball team plays against American University at 2 p.m. at Franklin Street Gym. For more information, call 828-7000.

Film: APB/Alternative Films features "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" at 4 p.m. in the Commons Theater. For more information, call 828-3648.

Film: APB/Alternative Films presents "Cleopatra" at 7 p.m. in the Business Building Auditorium. For more information, call 828-3648.

Special Event: APB/Homecoming Committee sponsors a Homecoming Gala in the student commons. For more information, call 828-3648.

Performance: VCU Department of Music sponsors a concert by the Richmond Jazz Society with jazz pianist Barry Harris and saxophonist George Coleman at 8 p.m. in Hodges Theater in the Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 828-6776.

Concert: 311 plays at 9:15 p.m. in Lancer Gym at

Longwood College in Farmville, VA. For more information, call (804) 395-2103.

Special Event: The 18th Annual Model Railroad Show opens at 9:30 a.m. at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St. For more information, call 367-6552.

Exhibit: "Shades of Light," a show of lamps, opens and continues through Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. at Astra Design Gallery, 1301 W. Main St. For more information, call 257-5467.

Performance: The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts opens its Fast/Forward series with a performance by Wim Vandekeybus, the Belgian director, choreographer, actor and photographer who leads one of Europe's most adventurous performance ensembles, at 8 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 2800 Grove Ave. For more information, call 367-8148.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Athletics: VCU men's soccer team plays against Howard University at 6 p.m. at Cary Street Field. For more information, call 828-7000.

Film: APB/Alternative Films features "The Tune" at 6 p.m. in the Business Building Auditorium. For more information, call 828-3648.

Film: APB/Alternative Films presents "The Wild Bunch"



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REVIEW

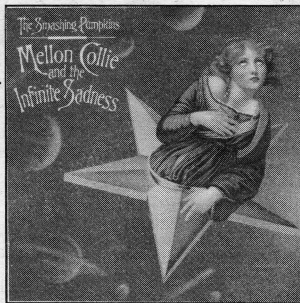
Smashing Pumpkins are back on the scene with the much-anticipated release of *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*, following the multi-platinum success of the groups' past albums. This album is huge, including two full length CDs, but that is not the best part. The collection is filled with quality songs.

Usually many problems arise in re-releasing a double-length album. They're packed with too many filler songs that would have been weeded out had the album been released on a single disc.

However, *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* contains 28 tracks and it sounds as if Smashing Pumpkins have overcome those problems. A few songs are lacking in quality, but the abundance of good songs outnumbers and overpowers the weaker tracks. In fact, the band has divided the discs into two chapters, "Dawn to Dusk" and "Twilight to Starlight."

Smashing Pumpkins promotes two attitudes in their music; heavy rock n' roll and some really beautiful relaxing music that they play exceptionally well. In the past they've been known to mix these diverse methods, starting with melodic songs, then jumping into a raucous ending or vice versa.

For some reason they have avoided combining this method on the new album, opting for a more straightforward approach. In the past, singer/guitarist Billy Corgan has been the primary songwriter for the band, churning out most of the



**SMASHING PUMPKINS
MELLON COLLIE AND THE
INFINITE SADNESS
VIRGIN**

music on previous albums.

The latest album is more of a group effort with band members contributing diverse segments to the music. By doing this the album has a more cohesive feel. Songs like "Bodies," "Tales of Scorching Earth" and "Jelly Belly," illustrate the harder, more raw side of the band.

Songs like "Bodies" and "Bullet with Butterfly Wings," revert to the Smashing Pumpkins that we're familiar with, containing quiet-to-loud songs with catch

chorus lines.

While tracks "1979," "Cupid De Locke" and "Tonight Tonight" contain beautiful more relaxing tunes, they aren't the best songs of the new release.

While this is a great album for the Pumpkins, I have one qualm — the production is dominated by the bass guitar. This prominence gives the heavier songs a muddy sound. So listeners may want to lower the bass level on the equalizer before cranking up the album. On Nirvana's *In Utero* album, the band suggested this technique and wrote it out on the cover. This trick works like a charm. Billy Corgan has always favored this technique on albums he has produced, even on live performances.

Other than this one small bass quirk, the new album is amazing. It is exceptionally crafted and very well done. Even though it may cost more than conventional CDs, it's worth every penny.

-Bill Carter

at 8 p.m. in the Business Building Auditorium. For more information, call 828-3648.

Workshop: VCU Department of Music sponsors a jazz piano workshop with Barry Harris at 11 a.m. in the VCU Music Center, Room 116. For more information, call 828-6776.

Workshop: VCU Department of Music sponsors a workshop by saxophonist George Coleman at 3 p.m. in the VCU Music Center, Room 116. For more information, call 828-6776.

Concert: Urge Overkill and Guided By Voices perform at 9 p.m. at The Abyss in Virginia Beach. For more information, call (804) 463-ROCK.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Exhibit: Kate Terrell's exhibit is on display at the Student Art Gallery in the commons. For more information, call 828-3648.

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Special Event: VCU's Department of Music presents a jam session with jazz pianist Barry Harris and saxophonist George Coleman at 8 p.m. in the VCU Music Center, Room 116. For more information, call 828-6776.

Concert: The Jim Rose Circus performs at 9 p.m. at The Abyss in Virginia Beach. For more information, call (804) 643-ROCK

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

Workshop: VCU's Department of Music sponsors a workshop with legendary trumpeter Clark Terry, jazz pianist Barry Harris and saxophonist George Coleman at 1 p.m. in the concert hall of the Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 828-6776.

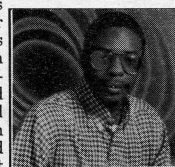
The Clementine Review

Gary C. Clement

SPECIAL TO THE CT

Dead Presidents Hollywood Pictures

America is filled with ex-military men turned ordinary citizens. They became heroes on foreign shores but left military duties behind to experience a more relaxed and balanced life away from enemy lines. Once home, the many physical, social and mental problems associated with military combat and tactical-related issues are no longer theirs alone. All their hardships, pains and struggles with self, for employment, family and surroundings, will perhaps stake on an entirely new and different light, not only in their lives, but in the lives of those around them.



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In the Hollywood Pictures film "Dead Presidents," Anthony Curtis (Larenz Tate) is a bright 18-year-old from the Bronx, who in 1968, is about to make his first real step into manhood. Like most African-American males after high school, he is faced with the decision of his life. Should he attend college or face the woes of a military career? He chooses to join the Marines, leaving behind his mentor Kirby (Keith David), girlfriend Juanita Benson (Rose Jackson) and her sister Delilah (N' Bushe Wright). Eventually his buddy Skip (Chris Tucker) and friend Jose (Freddy Rodriguez) join him.

In 1972, Anthony returns to his old neighborhood and realizes that for some reason things have changed. He is not the same hero he used to be. He is not a hero at all. He is just an unemployed, (soon to be employed) man who can barely make ends meet. He lives in a South Bronx apartment with his wife and daughter. He has changed. His world of military security has changed. He and desperate times meet face to face.

His next attempt is to cook up a scheme to obtain some "dead presidents," a slang term for cash, bills of currency that bear the faces of past U.S. presidents.

"Anthony wants to be his own man," said Larenz Tate, who portrays the character. "He wants to do what he wants to, regardless of what others say. All of his intentions are good, but his ideas of how to get money are wrong. He loves his family and wants to show responsibility. After years in Vietnam, his life is changed. He is trying to take on the frustrations of a new life and it's just too much for him. So he

calls in others from the community to help him."

"Dead Presidents" was produced and directed by the fraternal twin brother team of Albert and Allen Hughes (The Hughes Brothers). From beginning to end the film shares with America and the world, moral responsibilities and choices from a Vietnam veteran's point of view. It brings the viewer a step closer to the reality of any ex-military man turned law abiding citizen.

"Dead Presidents" is the third film and second major feature for the Hughes brothers. "Menace to Society" won the best picture award at the 1994 MTV Movie Awards after premiering in 1993 at the Cannes Film Festival.

"I think that the Hughes brothers made a great film," said N' Bushe Wright, who portrays Delilah. They are great storytellers and this film is better than normal because you see a variety of characters and they are all different people in personality. The message is clear about making choices and the perspective is different."

Wright commented on the Hughes brothers' use of white faces. "I think it was just a symbol of disguise, something different and unique that they wanted to use to capture their audience and leave their signatures carved in stone for the rest of Hollywood to see. And believe me, this heist was like none other," she said.

Captured in its raw appeal throughout locations in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Harlem, the setting for "Dead Presidents" has characteristics of the 1968-1973 era. Unlike many directors and producers, the Hughes brothers took chances on newcomers.

"You will see a lot of new faces in this film," said Tate. "And I think they did a tremendous job of making the experience factors work. In between takes I had a lot of opportunity to talk with ex-Vietnam vets who told their stories about their troubles after returning home."

Said Tate, "The Hughes brothers really know their stuff and what they want," he said. "Because throughout the entire film we had very few problems and they were very professional. Things went well. They focused on truth and took care of business."

No blockbuster would be complete without a complementing soundtrack. The "Dead Presidents" soundtrack consists of hits from as early as 1970. Curtis Mayfield's "If There's Hell Below" and Jessie and Trina's "Where Is the Love" are included on the list of music from the movie.

"The soundtrack is perfect," said Tate. "This film is different from most stories and it's a period piece. So when the Hughes brothers went back and pulled this music off the shelf, they hit it right on point."

Special Event: VCU's Department of Music features a jam session with Clark Terry, George Coleman and Barry Harris. For more information, call 828-6776.

Performance: The Martha Graham Dance Company performs at 8 p.m. at The Carpenter Center, 600 E. Grace St. For more information, call 828-1711.

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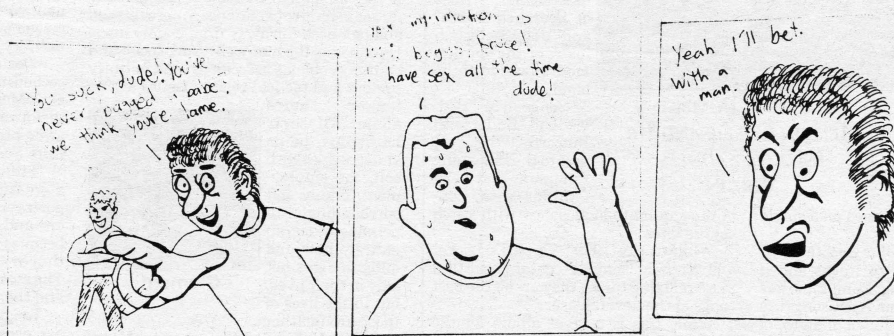
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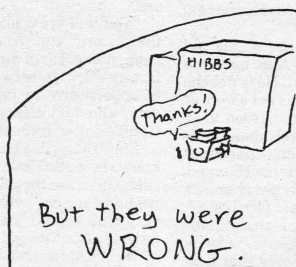
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— Jon M.



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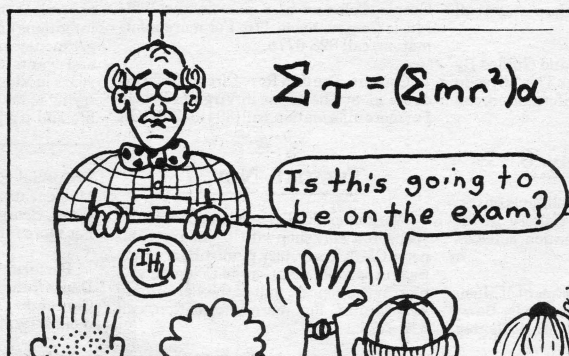
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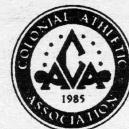
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RAM PAGE



Lady Rams finish season strong

Back-to-back shutout victories by the women's soccer team and a dominant showing by men's senior tennis player Jonas Elmlblad highlighted this past week in VCU athletics.

RAM NOTES

Men's basketball

The start of the regular season is less than a month away, and the Rams are excited to get things going.

VCU head coach Sonny Smith said this year's squad may be the most athletic team he has had at VCU. The Rams have four starters back from last year, and their first season in the CAA could be a memorable one.

The Rams will play their first exhibition game, the annual Black and Gold game, this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Franklin Street Gym.

The women's team will play at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Men's soccer (6-10-1, 2-5-1)

The Rams continued their up-and-down season last week. VCU rebounded from a horrible game against James Madison University and played Old Dominion University to a scoreless tie in a game they could have won this past Wednesday.

Saturday, the Rams lost any chance of finishing with a .500 record by dropping a tough game at UNC-Wilmington. VCU scored the first goal, but the Seahawks rallied with two second-half goals to win 2-1.

Despite the inconsistent play of the team, a bright spot has been the play of sophomore Mike McDonnell. The Rams midfielder wasn't even on the roster at the beginning of the season and now has worked his way into a starting position. Earlier in the season he scored a goal in consecutive games.

Next home game: 7 p.m. tonight vs. Maryland East-Shore at Cary Street Field.

Women's soccer (7-10-2, 2-5)

Which CAA team has the best record during the past eight games?

If you guessed VCU, you are right!

Along with James Madison, the Lady Rams 5-2-1



Smith



McDonnell

record is tied for tops.

VCU won its second CAA game in three days Sunday as the Lady Rams blanked East Carolina University 2-0. Friday. The team earned its first-ever conference win Friday with a 1-0 shutout of UNC-Wilmington.

The team's 7-10-2 regular season record is quite an accomplishment for a program in its first season. Coach Lisa Zifcak merits some consideration for the CAA Coach of the Year award.

The team will wind up its season this weekend in the CAA tournament in Harrisonburg. Their first round opponent will be JMU. The Lady Dukes beat VCU 6-1.

Field hockey (3-15, 0-6)

The Lady Rams lost for the eighth and ninth consecutive times last week to American University and to the University of Virginia. AU blanked VCU 6-0, and U.Va. posted an 8-0 win.

This weekend the Lady Rams will host the CAA tournament and will have another chance to get a win. Their first-round opposition will be ODU. Earlier in the year, the Lady Monarchs defeated VCU 6-1.

Next home game: 3 p.m. Friday vs. Old Dominion in the CAA tournament at Cary Street Field.

Volleyball (10-22, 0-3)

It's been a long year for the Lady Rams. With a 10-22 mark, VCU has dropped six consecutive matches, but a strong performance this week can salvage the season.

Starting Wednesday, the team will have three matches in four days against conference opponents. All games will be at home.

Next home game: 7 p.m. tonight vs. James Madison at Franklin Street Gym.

Women's cross country

Beth Green ran a time of 18:20.7 to finish seventh at the CAA Cross Country Championships in Williamsburg. She finished 40 seconds off the winning time and earned CAA All-Conference honors for her finish. Simona Immerman finished 12th to earn the same honors.

Men's tennis

Jonas Elmlblad won five matches to win the A-2 Singles Draw at the South Carolina Region II Fall Invitational. He defeated Thomas Malik of Coastal Carolina 6-4, 6-0 in the final.



Immerman

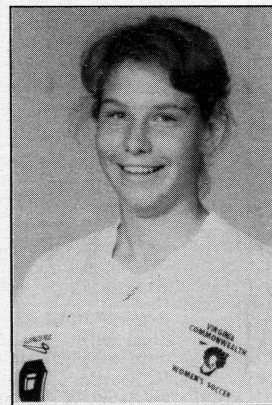


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Athlete of the Week

Pascale Lecuire

Women's soccer, sophomore, Arlington



The sophomore goalkeeper notched consecutive shutouts to help the Lady Rams to a pair of conference wins over UNC-Wilmington (1-0) and East Carolina (2-0). Lecuire had six saves against UNC-W and two in the Pirates game.

MEN'S SOCCER

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Through Oct. 30)

TEAM	CONFERENCE					ALL
	W	L	T	W	L	
James Madison	6	2	0	14	3	1
William & Mary	5	2	0	13	5	0
George Mason	5	2	1	10	4	3
Old Dominion	3	2	1	9	7	1
American	3	3	0	7	10	0
Richmond	2	3	1	7	8	1
UNC-Wilmington	2	4	0	9	8	0
VCU	2	5	1	6	10	1
East Carolina	1	6	0	3	15	0

CAA LEADERS

(Through Oct. 30)

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
Ferrandino, GMU	16	8	40
Reynolds, UNC-W	16	3	35
Pearson, AU	15	2	32
Vasco, ODU	15	2	32
Owens, W&M	10	10	30
Honeysett, JMU	10	4	24
McSorley, JMU	10	4	24
Shubert, UNC-W	8	5	21
Barett, W&M	9	2	20

WOMEN'S SOCCER

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Through Oct. 30)

TEAM	CONFERENCE					ALL
	W	L	T	W	L	
William & Mary	7	0	0	12	5	1
James Madison	4	1	1	12	6	1
Old Dominion	3	2	1	6	9	1
American	3	2	2	9	6	4
George Mason	4	3	0	7	11	1
VCU	2	5	0	7	10	2
UNC-Wilmington	2	5	0	9	9	0
East Carolina	0	7	0	3	16	0

CAA LEADERS

(Through Oct. 30)

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
Neaton, W&M	16	12	44
Williamson, JMU	17	7	41
Cali, W&M	16	3	35
Shearon, UNC-W	12	9	33
Herndon, AU	14	2	30
Kenney, VCU	11	7	29
Toutman, W&M	11	4	26
Tourtellotte, JMU	10	5	25
Cook, W&M	8	8	24
Walker, UNC-W	10	3	23

FIELD HOCKEY

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Through Oct. 30)

TEAM	CONFERENCE					ALL
	W	L	T	W	L	
James Madison	6	0	0	16	4	0
Old Dominion	5	1	0	13	7	0
American	4	2	0	12	4	0
William & Mary	3	3	0	11	6	0
Radford	2	4	0	9	10	0
Richmond	1	5	0	5	14	0
VCU	0	6	0	3	15	0

CAA LEADERS

(Through Oct. 30)

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
Thate, JMU	33	10	76
Siu-Burt, AU	25	10	60
Bensdorf, W&M	27	5	59
Chellew, ODU	22	1	45
Casabo, AU	7	17	31
Wilds, JMU	11	5	27
Salvia, ODU	3	19	25
Hoehlein, JMU	3	17	23
Zarchin, JMU	2	16	20
Osmond, RAD	9	1	19

VOLLEYBALL

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(Through Oct. 30)

TEAM	CONFERENCE					ALL
	W	L	T	W	L	
William & Mary	4	0	0	11	13	0
American	1	0	0	15	9	0
George Mason	1	0	0	13	9	0
UNC-Wilmington	2	1	0	14	7	0
East Carolina	2	1	0	15	12	0
VCU	0	3	0	10	22	0
James Madison	0	5	0	8	13	0

CAA LEADERS

(Through Oct. 30)

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	83	444	Kingley-Ibhe, GMU	68	4.66
Dawson, VCU	119	352	Kovacs, GMU	83	4.57
Amberg, W&M	71	339	Courtat, AU	88	4.36
Moon, UNC-W	83	312	Domokos, GMU	83	4.17
Kurcova, AU	79	296	Brne, ECU	94	3.99
ACE AVERAGE			DIG AVERAGE		
Courtat, AU	88	0.82	O'Brien, VCU	113	4.70
Smiekel, AU	87	0.56	Dawson, VCU	119	3.94
Delair, UNC-W	83	0.55	Kingley-Ibhe, GMU	68	3.46
Kovacs, GMU	83	0.53	Yngblood, UNC-W	83	3.20

Curve Ball

Q: What is the Florida State football team's record against ACC schools since becoming a member of the conference?

A: A perfect 29-0

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Lady Rams looking for miracle on Cary Street

Field hockey team prepares for CAA tournament

Brian J. French
CT STAFF WRITER

It's been a season of firsts for Phil and Shannon Danaher, but most of them aren't the kind they'll exert a lot of energy remembering down the road.

The first-year, co-head coaches have presided over a young VCU field hockey team that has shattered program records for most losses (15; previous record: 12 in 1981) and goals allowed (76; previous record: 43 last year) while tying the mark for most times on the receiving end of a shutout (8; also accomplished in 1984 and 1986). This is also the first time the Lady Rams have gone through the Colonial Athletic Association schedule without a win since the league first sponsored field hockey as a conference sport in 1991.

But there is one more first for the program to come: the first time VCU has hosted the CAA tournament, which gives the Lady Rams a leg up on something that, even in the team's top 20 days, they never got: an improbable first trip to the NCAA tournament.

"It's funny," Shannon said this week, "but when I first mentioned the NCAA tournament, our freshmen players' eyes just lit up. Apparently, it never occurred to them that the CAA has an automatic bid."

Phil made mention of last year's Iowa squad, which posted a mediocre record in the regular season and rode a string of upsets that took them to the Big 10 title and all the way to the Final Four.

"Iowa was the fourth seed in the Big 10 tournament, and they had to play an Ohio State team that beat them 6-0 three days before," Phil said. "But they made it to the finals and won the title on (penalty) strokes, and then went to the Final Four."

"3-15 doesn't mean a thing. It can happen to us," he said.

But to do that, the Lady Rams would have to play — and win three games in three days, starting Friday against No. 6 Old Dominion. IFVCU were to win the game, it too would be a program first against the Lady Monarchs.

Old Dominion routed VCU 6-1 Oct. 14 at Cary Street Field.

Despite the disparity in score, the Danahers said they don't intend to change the game plan greatly.

"The main thing we have to do is stop them up the middle," Phil said.

The biggest task, said both Danahers, is to limit the corner — kick opportunities the Lady Monarchs got in their last meeting.

"We need to eliminate their corners," Shannon said. "We're telling our players, 'If you foul, do it out of the circle.'"

Added Phil: "They (ODU) draw a lot of their fouls in the outside circle. Old Dominion works for those fouls."

Specifically, the Lady Rams have to deal with freshman Mimi Smith, who netted a hat trick and was significantly faster than any of their players.

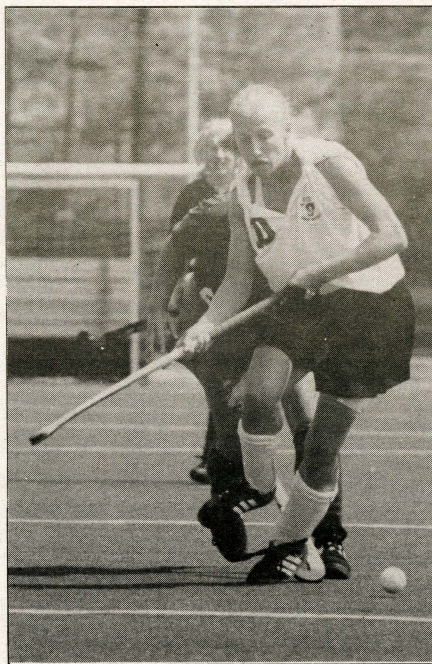
"We'll put (freshman midfielder) Cortney Cutchall on her," Phil said. "She's a very physical player with decent speed. We'll see if it's Mimi speed, but she won't have the ball. She'll just try to aggravate Mimi when she has the ball."

One advantage the Lady Rams do have is Cary Street Field. While the Lady Rams were only 1-6 in home contests, it is a field unlike those at the other six CAA schools.

"Our turf is different; it isn't a particular style," compared to others, Phil said, adding that he doesn't think Old Dominion players like this field.

The ODU-VCU game will be at 3 p.m. Friday, and is the third game of the day. If the Lady Rams upset Old Dominion, they would face the winner of the American-Richmond contest.

On her team's chance to run the table, Shannon said, "If all the games were predetermined, then nobody would play."



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MISSING IN ACTION — Sophomore Heather Nelson will not be available for the CAA Tournament because of a broken finger sustained earlier this year.

1995 CAA Field Hockey Championship

No. 1 James Madison	No. 1 James Madison
BYE	Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m.
No. 4 William & Mary	Friday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.
No. 5 Radford	Sunday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
No. 3 American	Friday, Nov. 3, 12:30 p.m.
No. 6 Richmond	Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.
No. 2 Old Dominion	Friday, Nov. 3, 3 p.m.
No. 7 VCU	

CAA Champion

Same old story: JMU, ODU favored

Brian J. French
CT STAFF WRITER

In what would be a carbon copy of past Colonial Athletic Association field hockey tournaments, James Madison and Old Dominion are expected to meet in the finals.

The defending national champion Lady Dukes, who are ranked fourth in the latest poll, lost to Old Dominion in last year's championship tilt, 2-1 in overtime. The No. 6 Lady Monarchs have won all four previous CAA tournaments since the league sanctioned field hockey in 1991.

A capsule look at the teams in this year's tournament:

No. 1 James Madison (16-4, 6-0 CAA) — Ranked fourth in the country, the Lady Dukes have a first-round bye in the tournament and will face the William & Mary-Radford winner. Leading the way for the defending national champions — Carol Thate with two consecutive national scoring titles. Thate has 33 goals and 76 points to lead the CAA. Other JMU players in the CAA top 10 include Jennifer Wilds, Heather Hoehlein and Karen Zarchin. Goalkeeper Tara Perilla leads the CAA in goals against average (0.91), only needing to make 28 saves all season.

No. 3 American (12-4, 4-2) vs. No. 6 Richmond (5-14, 1-5) —

American defeated William & Mary 1-0 Oct. 26 to claim the third seed, while Richmond fell to Radford Oct. 27 by a 2-1 count to drop the Lady Spiders into the sixth spot. The Lady Eagles routed Richmond 5-0 at home Sept. 19. American sophomore midfielder Stacey-Ann Siu-Butt has won back-to-back CAA Player of the Week honors and is second in the league in scoring (25 goals, 60 points). Richmond's best player, goalkeeper Carol Kneer, racked up 254 saves, outdistancing ODU's Kim Decker in saves by 119.

No. 4 William & Mary (11-6, 3-3) vs. No. 5 Radford (9-10, 2-4) — Possibly the best of the three first-round games. The Lady Indians defeated Radford 3-2 at home Sunday in the final tilt for both teams. William & Mary was ranked in the top 20 but fell out after losing to American. The Lady Indians' Saskia Bensdorp was the CAA's third-leading scorer with 27 goals and 59 points. The Lady Highlanders are paced by Holly Osmond (nine goals, 19 points).



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HERE WE GO AGAIN — CAA leading scorer Carol Thate leads James Madison University into this weekend's conference tournament at Cary Street Field. The Lady Dukes are the defending NCAA champions.