

## WEATHER



**MONDAY** – Partly cloudy with highs in the mid-50s. Lows in the high 20s or low 30s.



**TUESDAY** – Cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the mid-60s. Lows in the low 50s to high 40s.

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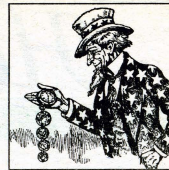
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• It's that time again. See inside for the CT's annual election supplement.



## Welfare reform tops social policy discussion

**David Brooks**  
CT STAFF WRITER

"All that stands between us and social justice for the poor is a poverty of imagination."

That was David Stoesz's message Friday at the third annual forum on social policy, an in-depth look at welfare reform and part of VCU's weeklong Founders Day celebration.

Speaker David Stoesz, newly appointed to the School of Social Work's Samuel S. Wurtzel Endowed Faculty Chair and an authority on social policy, spoke to more than 100 at the VCU Performing Arts Center.

Robert Schneider, professor of social work, moderated the discussion between Stoesz, the audience and three panelists.

The panelists included Patrick Dattalo, associate professor of social work, Carol Brunty, commissioner of the department of social services for Virginia, and Katherine Nash, hearing officer for the Virginia department of medical assistance.

Stoesz contended that women on welfare are more willing to work than both the liberal and the conservative ideologies say.

"In Richmond, there are more monuments than democrats, and the monuments have more vitality," Stoesz said.

In response to questions about funding for welfare, Stoesz pointed out that only 1 percent of the federal budget goes for welfare and that Virginia ranks 49th on the scale of tax dollars dedicated to welfare.

Stoesz alluded to the necessity of increased taxes as a means to accomplish governmental goals such as welfare reform.

After a pause, Stoesz said, "I didn't hear any gasping. This must be a liberal audience."

One member of the audience questioned Stoesz's belief that many of the possible solutions are yet to be considered. She contended that all of the ideas had already been considered and that the issue was simply lack of funds.

According to Stoesz's proposal, "Reinventing Human Services in Virginia," the Virginia Investment Act is organized around four central themes: rewarding actions designed to achieve economic self-sufficiency; experimenting through privatization; empowering consumers and communities and respecting the cultural diversity of the Commonwealth.

The discussion, however, went beyond financial issues. One member of the audi-

ence pointed out that forces beyond the poor's control contribute to their problems and that welfare cannot merely be an issue of personal responsibility.

Brunty turned the table and said that reform "does not throw people off," rather it is intended to "draw a line in the sand" to require something from the recipients.

Another member of the audience was concerned about what she perceived as a lack of participation in the welfare program from African-Americans.

Nash did not believe the lack of participation would change anytime soon but that the opportunity still exists.

Schneider was optimistic about the outcome of the meeting and expressed contentment with the challenges discussed, the dedication of the participants to continue the search for possibilities.

## Early detection key to surviving breast cancer

**Laurie McKay-Smith**  
CT STAFF WRITER

*Editor's note: This story is the second part of a three-part series on breast cancer.*

More than 950,000 American women have died from breast cancer since 1960. This doubles the number of Americans who died in World War I and II and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf conflicts combined, according to the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation.

Because of these numbers, many in the medical profession contend that breast cancer has reached an epidemic stage because when it's not detected early it becomes even more deadly and more expensive to treat. Breast cancer costs the United States more than \$6 billion yearly in medical expenses and lost productivity. Though

people continue to speculate about diet, environment and many other factors as contributing to the disease, no one knows what causes the disease or how to prevent it.

Still, Dr. Ellen Shaw deParades, spokeswoman for the American Cancer Society, said breast cancer often can be detected early through mammography, yearly clinical breast exams and regular self-breast examinations.

"I think we have come a long way in increasing breast-cancer awareness," she said. "But I think we have a long way to go in the utilization of mammography."

Virginia, deParades said, ranks 48th among all states in the percentage of women older than 50 who receive mammograms

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## Israelis Pay Respects To Rabin

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of thousands of Israelis, many weeping, many bearing flowers, silently filed past the simple wooden coffin of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sunday, in a final salute to the assassinated soldier, statesman and man of peace.

The parade of mourners came from all over the shocked and saddened country to a courtyard in front of the Israeli parliament. The procession was expected to continue all night until the start of a state funeral Monday attended by dozens of world leaders, including President Clinton.

Even as Israelis mourned, they tried to grasp the enormity of the upheaval thrust upon their country when a Jewish opponent of Rabin's peacemaking gunned him

down.

Under a bright, warm Jerusalem sun, many gently placed bouquets of flowers on stone tiles near the flag-draped coffin in which the 73-year-old slain leader lay. Others saluted the former army chief of staff who became Israel's standard-bearer for peace.

"I feel that half the country has died," high school student Pini Cohen said as he and a group of friends huddled and lighted candles in parliament's courtyard on a hill over looking Jerusalem. A Jewish settler from New York, Yaakov Geneck, quietly sat in a corner, with a sign announcing he was on a hunger strike to protest growing violence.

Geneck said he opposed Rabin's peace policies, but could not condone the behavior.

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**THE NEW MS. VCU** — Shante Freeman was crowned Ms. VCU Saturday night at the VCU Egyptian Extravaganza Homecoming. Wendy Vick, organizer of the event, stands beside Freeman, who will receive a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the homecoming committee.

## Food, fun at homecoming

**Allison Brown**  
CT STAFF WRITER

It wasn't the usual scene in the commons Saturday night.

The usual crowd of students dressed in jeans, T-shirts or sweats who float in and out of the student center during the week was replaced by another group donning dresses, coats and ties fit for a high school prom.

More than 200 students spiffed themselves for VCU's Egyptian Extravaganza Homecoming Gala of 1995, the second of its kind for the university.

They filed in about 10:30 p.m. for the food, fun and entertainment, which included being photographed in front a 7-

foot, life-like camel and dancing to jazz band Warren Fordham Quartet — also known as Matrix.

In between the band's sets, WVCW discjockeys Kerry James, Derrick Washington and Jeff Karluk played a mix of hip-hop, techno and top 40.

"I thought it was very well organized," James said of the whole event, "and people seemed to have a really good time."

Wendy Vick, organizer of the event, said the decorations, which had an Egyptian flair — hence the camel — seemed to please everyone this year.

Overall, she said, "it was nice to see

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# Health

## NOTES

*News from the medical community*



### • MCV research explains AIDS virus' ability to survive

A group of MCV scientists reported in the Oct. 26 issue of the British science journal *Nature* an explanation of how the AIDS virus undermines a critical function of the immune system occurring in secondary lymphoid tissue, such as the lymph nodes, the spleen and tonsils. This discovery explains why the virus is able to survive after the body's immune system has launched an attack.

Dr. Gregory Burton, an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, described the process as the immune system being "stabbed in the back" by the HIV virus.

"What happens is that when HIV reaches the lymph nodes, the immune system reacts by activating different types of cells. T-helper cells come in to boost the work of antibody cells, but once there, they end up becoming infected."

### • MCV professor receives national recognition

Dr. William Regelson, VCU medical college professor, is receiving national recognition for his research on the drug melatonin. Regelson and an Italian researcher co-wrote a book called "The Melatonin Miracle." The book explores the effects of melatonin on the aging process and has people running to drugstores in search of the anti-aging drug.

As a result of his book, Regelson has appeared on "Good Morning, America" and has been mentioned in *Newsweek* in an article that discusses the benefits of melatonin.

In addition to anti-aging experts also say that melatonin may help reduce the effects of jet lag on the human body.

### • Machine detects bad breath

Halitosis, more commonly referred to as bad breath, can be stopped where it starts thanks to a new machine called the Halimeter.

The Halimeter is based on portable analyzers that industry has been using for years to monitor sulfur-containing pollutants. Now it's becoming a central piece of equipment in some dental offices around the country that are beginning to include a new offering in their practices — diagnosing and treating chronic halitosis.

The device helps pinpoint sources within the mouth that cause bad breath. A straw is placed at different locations in the patient's mouth and samples of air are drawn through it into the machine. Gas concentrations are measured to tell whether or not the compound is at an unacceptable level. Currently about 1,000 Halimeters have been sold.

### • VCU researchers conduct schizophrenia study

A report by VCU researchers confirms

an earlier finding that a gene is linked with an increased susceptibility to schizophrenia.

The study was led by Dr. Kenneth S. Kendler, professor of psychiatry and psychiatric genetics, and Dr. Richard E. Straub, a molecular biologist, both at MCV. The research led by Kendler is based on studies of 265 families involving more than 1,400 people in Ireland and Northern Ireland who have been affected by schizophrenia, one of the most common of the psychotic disorders.

Dr. Rex W. Cowdry, acting director of the National Institute of Mental Health, praised the work of Kendler and his colleagues in locating the general location of a schizophrenia-linked gene.

### • Breast cancer possibly linked to environment

Beginning next August, scientists plan to go to the homes of every Long Island woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer to find out if there are any environmental causes for the disease such as pollutants in tap water, house dust and yard soil.

Scientists conducting the study intend to visit close to 2,100 homes, which represents almost every woman who was diagnosed with the cancer over 12 months. Samples of house dust will be vacuumed up and tested for the presence of hydrocarbons and other residues of air pollution, airplane exhaust and auto emissions.

According to a 1992 study, Long Island's breast cancer levels are higher than the average in New York.

### • American elderly live longer

A recent study suggests that the United States may be the healthiest place on earth for old people. The report found that Americans who reach age 80 can expect to live about a year longer than the elderly in four other industrialized countries.

One explanation for American elderly living longer is the availability of their health care. Americans on Medicare get virtually any care they need without long waits. Other countries hold down costs by limiting availability of expensive services that require patients to wait for care — sometimes for many months.

### • Weight gain linked to cigarettes

An increase in obesity among Americans during the 1980s has been explained by a recent study that found that when people give up cigarettes they gain weight. The study found that during the 1980s, obesity increased 10 percent among men and 8 percent among women. Giving up smoking accounted for one-quarter of the decade's weight gain among American men and one-sixth among women.

The researchers calculated that women who gave up smoking put on an average of 11 pounds and men 10 pounds.

— Compiled from news sources

## RABIN

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ior of Rabin's opponents. "I am here to say that the hatred of so many people led to this. I have encountered this hatred and I did not speak out," said Geneck, who moved to Israel two years ago.

Rabin's assassination at a peace rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday night stunned a nation that, despite increasingly bitter divisions over peacemaking with the Arabs, had somehow denied that such violence could happen to them.

### Yigal Amir — suspect

The suspect, Yigal Amir, a 27-year-old law student with links to the Jewish extremist fringe, told interrogators he wanted to stop Rabin's peace policies. He reportedly said his actions were based on rabbinical rulings that permit Jews to kill people who gave away parts of the biblical Land of Israel.

Israel radio reported that Yigal Amir's brother, Hagai, was one of an unspecified number of extremists rounded up for questioning.

"There were many writings on the wall, but still we felt this could not happen to us," said Chaim Ramon, chief of the powerful Histadrut Trade Union Federation.

Rabin's death raised immediate questions about the future of Middle East peacemaking, especially the Israel-PLO autonomy agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from most West Bank towns and villages by the end of the year.

Some delays were possible as Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, puts together a caretaker government. Born in Jerusalem in 1922, Rabin was the nation's first native-born prime minister and at the center of its history for more than 50 years. He joined the elite Palmach unit of the Haganah Jewish underground in Palestine, and fought in the siege of Jerusalem during the 1948 war.

He was the military chief of staff when Israel defeated three Arab armies in the 1967 Mideast war, then Israel's ambassador to the United States, prime minister in the 1970s, and defense minister in the 1980s.

He was appointed prime minister again after his Labor party won the 1992 elections, and his peacemaking with the PLO earned him the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize, along with Peres and PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Dubbed "Mr. Security," Rabin was the one politician Israelis trusted enough to take the risks involved along the rocky path toward peace.

But the political climate had turned unprecedentedly venomous in recent months over the planned West Bank withdrawal, and Rabin personally had become the target of increasing vitriol by Israel's right wing, which called him a traitor and compared him to a Nazi.

### Why?

A stunned nation tried to come to grips with the killing Sunday. "Rabin Murdered, Israel is hurting and crying," read the headline in the Yediot Achronot newspaper.

Tens of thousands stood silently Sunday at the site of the assassination. A sea of memorial candles, bouquets, handwritten prayers and Rabin photographs covered the spot where the prime minister was shot. A sign in Hebrew read, "Why?"

"Rabin was looking to the future. He was looking out for us, the younger generation," said Amir Shavir, an 18-year-old from Tel Aviv. "They killed him. They killed my hope."

Rabin's coffin, draped with the blue-

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## FYI

for your information

## • It's a plan

The Outdoor Adventure Program will hold its pre-trip meeting for the Nov. 11 mountain hike at 6 p.m. Nov. 7. For more information, call 828-6004.

## • Play it again

The play, "Misanthrope" opens at 8 p.m. Nov. 8 at Shafer Street Playhouse. Free with VCU student ID, all others \$5 to \$6. Call Theatre VCU box office, 828-6026, for reservations. Sponsored by the Department of Theater.

## • Bag it

Receive a guided tour of the Anderson Gallery featuring artist Richard Kent Hough from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 8. Part of the Brown bag gallery tours. For more information, call Loretta Cooper, 828-1522.

## • The "prize is right"

The CBS college tour will be at VCU from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 9 in Shafer Court. Win prizes by playing games based on CBS shows. The event will continue Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by APB/Special Events Committee.

## • Stress tests

Learn how to manage the stress of tests through the Academic Success workshop, "Managing Academic Stress and Anxiety" at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Commons Forum Room. For more information, call Joy Bressler, University Counselor Services, 828-6200.

## • Sign up, kwhickly!

A Kwhickball tournament will be held Nov. 10 at the Cary Street Gym. For more information, call Jennifer Chapman, 828-6100. Sponsored by Recreational Sports.

## • In midfall

A mid-Autumn festival will begin at 9 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Commons Commonwealth Ballroom. Sponsored by the Chinese Student Association.

## • Bible quest

Bible teaching and discussion will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 12 in the commons Capital Room. Anyone, Christian or non-Christian, having questions about the Bible is encouraged to attend. See sign-up sheet on the commons' bulletin board. Sponsored by the Temple of God Campus Ministries.

## Talbert speaks of Egypt — old and new

Sherry Jones  
CT STAFF WRITER

"Get ready to buckle your seat belts. We're getting ready to leave. In a few minutes we're going to be in the air," said Robert Talbert, associate professor of history, Thursday night as he prepared students and faculty for a slide show about Egypt.

Showing a slide of clouds representing the flight to the "land of the pharaohs," Talbert gave the group a quick lesson on Egyptian geography as it relates to culture and customs.

The Egyptians were aware of two powerful life-giving forces — the Nile River and the sun, he said.

"They knew the last of June and the first of July," he said, "that the waters would rise and it wouldn't be long before the whole valley was under water. And only the villages at the highest elevation would stick out like islands in a sea. They knew it was coming."

"We talk about rotating crops. The ancient Egyptians did it better. They rotated their soil every year."

The sun also represented life and death for ancient Egyptians.

"They woke up each morning. The sun came up. This was birth. The sun traveled over the sky. This was life. And the sun set. This was death," Talbert said. "They saw the same thing in the Nile River. The flood, you see, is going to bring death. But out of death comes new crops and life."

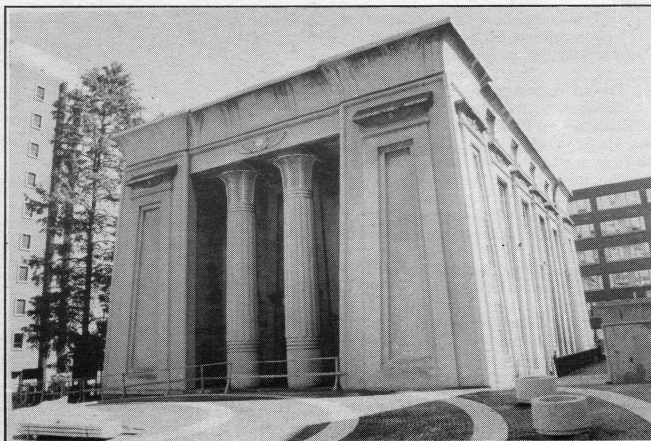
The Egyptians developed their idea of resurrection, Talbert said, from these two life-giving forces.

"Unlike we're told today," he said, "that you can't take it with you, the ancient Egyptians believed that you could."

The Nile is really two rivers — the blue Nile and the white Nile. They flow separately until they meet near the modern capital of Sudan — Khartoum.

The most notable characteristic of the Nile is the direction in which it flows — north.

Changing gears somewhat, Talbert moved on to the history of the country. He presented the group with a timeline that depicts the periods of highs and lows in Egyptian history.



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

**EGYPT IN RICHMOND — The Egyptian Building on the MCV campus is 150 years old this year. The building is at the center of VCU's Founders' Day celebration.**

Periods of power are called kingdom periods, he said, adding that this is when the pyramids and the great Sphinx came into being.

Intermediate periods represent a breakdown in the system, Talbert said. These are periods of foreign invasion.

"We're going to be moving on now. ... We're headed on to our final destination — the land of the pharaohs," Talbert said. "It won't be long before we're flying over the Greek Isles. And then we see nothing but the blue waters of the Mediterranean. And then before we know it the blue waters of the Mediterranean halt and the sands of North Africa make their appearance."

"Pretty soon now, we're going to start

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Jennifer Schneckenberg/Commonwealth Times

**TAKE A TRIP TO EGYPT — David Stoesz, newly appointed to the School of Social Work's Samuel S. Wurtzel Endowed Faculty Chair, led a discussion of Egypt Thursday night as part of VCU's Founders' Day activities.**

## Information systems director with spirit of fellowship

Peter Van Vleet  
CT STAFF WRITER

Executive Director of VCU's Information Systems Research Institute, A James Wynne, describes his job as "exciting — frightening — and yet exciting."

Wynne now heads the institute that provides research, education and technical assistance to the business community.

"We educate students to better understand what businesses need, give businesses an active role in our curriculum and also help our faculty develop to keep them on the leading edge," said Wynne, an associate professor.

When the institute opened in January 1992 it was established as a community outreach to raise funds for the School of Business.

"We try to bring the latest technology to

the classroom and local businesses," Wynne said. "It's our responsibility to bring the new technology to the metro area and lifelong learning."

Jeannette N. Hurd, associate program director of the institute, calls Wynne the backbone of the ISRI.

"He started it and has kept it going. Without him it's not even in existence," Hurd said. "Some things you associate with different people. With the ISRI Jim is the man."

Howard Tuckman, dean of the school, said Wynne has a wealth of experience and is sensitive to the needs of the business community.

"He has a strong sense of what the institute needs. He works well with the faculty and staff, and we are very pleased to have him with us," he said in describing Wynne's major roles with the school and the community.

Wynne, who earned his doctorate from the University of Nebraska in 1978, called the ISRI a program as one having a "competitive advantage over other educational providers."

He cited Richmond as an area where the ISRI can help provide job experience as well as academic credentials for VCU students who can obtain on-job training while earning a degree. It also offers resources for faculty education.

"We can go next door (the institute) and provide training for both our students and faculty to keep them on the cutting edge," Wynne said.

The ISRI, which has raised funds for software, hardware and faculty education, was one of the testing sites for Windows 95 last year. In addition, it provides many workshops for people ranging from the head of Fortune 500 companies to end users in technology.

"The idea is to bring new technology to Richmond," Wynne said. "We work with (the) business community to help solve some of their problems, which in turn helps to further educate our students and faculty."

As the first chairman of VCU's Department of Information Systems, Wynne is

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Unsung Hero



# 'Alumni Stars' honored in ceremony

VCU honored the accomplishments of 12 Alumni Stars and their commitment to the university Friday night as part of the 1995 Founders' Day activities.

## David W. Singley

Chief executive officer of Coastal Physician Group of Florida Inc. in Boca Raton.

The School of Allied Health Professions honored Singley, a 1985 master's of health administration graduate.

Singley oversees the day-to-day management and operations of Coastal's managed-care business in the state, including its health maintenance operation, independent physicians association and management services organization.

Singley also is regional executive vice-president of Coastal Physician Group Inc.

## Roberta Ann Williamson

The School of the Arts honored Williamson for her work as an artist during the past 20 years.

Williamson earned her master's of fine arts in jewelry and metalsmithing in 1976, and since then has received eight grants from the Ohio Arts Council for her studio work, which has been exhibited in both nationally and internationally juried shows.

## David Lee Cochran

The former School of Basic Health Sciences honored Cochran of San Antonio, Texas.

Cochran holds three degrees from VCU — a master of science in biochemistry in 1977, a doctor of dental surgery in 1981 and a doctoral degree in biochemistry in 1982.

Since 1992, Cochran has held appointments as professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center, following six years on the VCU faculty.

## Robert J. Grey Jr.

The School of Business recognized Grey, a partner with the Richmond law firm Mays & Valentine.

Grey joined the firm in 1985 and also serves as vice-chairman of the Richmond Metro Chamber of Commerce as well as chairman of the Virginia Black Caucus.

He is also a member of the VCU Business Council and the VCU Foundation board.

## Anne C. Adams

Adams was honored by the School of Dentistry.

A 1975 master's recipient in microbiology and a 1980 doctor of dental surgery alumna, Adams has been in private practice in Richmond since 1980.

She also has served on the VCU faculty in the field of restorative dentistry for the past 15 years.

## M. Kenneth Magill

The School of Education recognized Magill, who earned his bachelor's degree in business from VCU in 1965 and his master's degree in education in 1969.

A Richmond resident, Magill is the division chief for administration in the Virginia Department of Education, which he joined 23 years ago.

A former teacher and principal, Magill developed the first "Guidelines for Middle Schools in Virginia" and was a founding member of the Virginia Middle School Association.

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something I started last year flourish this year."

The dance also gave students a chance to see this year's Ms. VCU crowned. Her position recognizes the efforts made by one student in the areas of campus and community service.

Around 11 p.m., Shante Freeman stepped up with much applause to accept the title.

She replaced Tonya Noble, who said she had had fun as Ms. VCU but she was "happy to let it go."

As Ms. VCU, Freeman will continue her participation in the Carver Promise, a partnership between Carver Elementary School

and the university that provides tutoring and mentorship for grade-school children. She also will help represent VCU at alumni functions and Board of Visitor meetings and other university functions, Vick said.

In an earlier interview, Freeman had said she hoped to gain the title as a way to give more visibility to campus and community service.

In addition to the crown and roses, Freeman also received a \$500 scholarship from the SGA Activities Programming Board's Homecoming Committee.

Freeman said she had fun working with everyone and thanked several organizations, including Black Caucus and the Black Student Alliance, for their support.



Jennifer Schneckenberg/Commonwealth Times

**A NIGHT WITH THE STARS** — As part of VCU's weeklong Founders Day celebration, 12 alumni stars were honored at a reception and dinner hosted by President Eugene P. Tranter.

## Robert A. Pratt

A 1980 graduate in history, Pratt was honored by the College of Humanities and Sciences.

A scholar who has published extensively on race relations and the Civil Rights movement, Pratt is an associate professor of history at the University of Georgia in Athens.

His book "The Color of Their Skin: Education and Race in Richmond, Virginia, 1954-1989," received the 1993 Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States.

## Dr. Bruce A. Jarrell

The School of Medicine honored Jarrell, who completed his general surgery residency at the MCV in 1978.

Jarrell has served as professor and head of the Department of Surgery in the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences in Tucson since 1990.

## Joseph A. Runk

The Nontraditional Studies Program recognized Runk, who earned two degrees under the program — a 1988 bachelor of general studies degree and a 1991 master's of interdisciplinary studies degree.

A computer consultant working in Seattle, Runk formerly was a senior manager in the Management Information Systems Administration of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

Runk applied research from his master's program to the development of the final technical requirements for the DMV's digitized driver's license.

## Regan L. Crump

Crump, a 1978 graduate from Gaithersburg, Md., this year's Alumni Star from the School of Nursing.

Crump is a deputy chief in the Division of Community and Migrant Health with the U.S. Public Health Service.

His responsibilities include developing, implementing and evaluating public-health promotion and primary care programs for the Bureau of Primary Health Care.

## John O. Beckner

The School of Pharmacy honored Beckner, a bachelor of science graduate.

The Richmond resident has served as director of pharmacy for Ukrop's Super Markets Inc. since 1994, following 15 years of pharmacy appointments with companies throughout the Greater Richmond area.

Beckner also is president-elect this year of the Virginia Pharmacists Association.

## Catherine E. Nash

Nash, of Richmond, was recognized by the School of Social Work.

She earned her master's of social work degree from VCU in 1985.

Since 1990, Nash has served as administrative judge on the Medical Assistance Appeals Panel of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services.

Her responsibilities include reviewing decisions of Medicaid hearing officers, including researching federal and state statutes, regulations and policies.

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our descent."

From Egypt's exquisite sunsets to its wonderful museums, Talbert said the pyramids have brought much attention to Egypt.

Asking the audience to look west, Talbert showed a slide with the pyramids grazing the edge of the desert.

"You're going to see the largest piles of stone you've ever seen in your life," he said. "These were no amateurs — these ancient Egyptians — they knew what they were doing."

The journey continued as the group returned to Richmond, viewing a slide of VCU's Egyptian Building.

Talbert said MCV got its start in this building 150 years ago.

After giving some of the history surrounding the building, Talbert explained how some of the architecture closely follows that used by the ancient Egyptians.

Pointing out the palm leaves that rate the pillars at the front of the building, Talbert said this design was one of the most used in Egyptian architecture.

Thomas Sommerville Stuart, building's architect, began his career in Philadelphia.

Today the Egyptian Building stands four stories high somewhat hidden behind numerous bald cypress trees.

"She stands today just as proud majestic as she ever has," Talbert said. "There is a wonderful tradition that has here in a very short ride."



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and clinical breast exams at least every two years.

The cancer society recommends that all women have a baseline mammogram between ages 35 and 40 to be used as a comparison tool for the future. In addition, women ages 40 to 50 should have a mammogram every one to two years, and women older than 50 should have a mammogram every year.

A mammogram provides a series of X-rays that often can show a lump in a breast two years before a woman or a health professional can feel it.

During the mammogram procedure, a radiologist positions a woman's breast between two plastic plates on the specialized X-ray machine. The plates, when tightened, spread the breast to make any abnormalities in the tissue detail easier to detect.

Dr. Dirck L. Brendlinger, radiologist and director of the Allison Breast Center in Richmond, said once the breast is properly positioned in the machine, two views of the breast are X-rayed, one from above and one angled from the side.

The physician then compares previous mammograms — including the baseline film — with new films to detect any changes in breast tissue. Brendlinger said the radiologist looks for unusual shadows, masses, distortions, pattern changes and differences in the two breasts and the films.

Nevertheless, he said that not all breast cancer can be detected easily by a mammogram because some cancers grow rapidly and occur between exams.

If the cancer occurs around the edge of the breast, such as the one o'clock position, or if the woman has very dense breast tissue the cancer may not appear on the film.

Kathie Spiegel, the Breast Health Center coordinator for the Medical College of Virginia, said mammograms are 90 percent effective in detecting abnormalities in post-menopausal women but may miss 30 percent of all cancers in women younger than 50.

"Mammography is not a good diagnosis tool for young women," Spiegel said.

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and-white flag bearing the Star of David, was placed in an army truck Sunday morning and, accompanied by six army generals and two police chiefs, was driven slowly from Tel Aviv up to Jerusalem through the rocky, eternal hills. Thousands of cars were parked along the highway as Israelis strained to catch a glimpse.

The coffin was placed on a black bier in the plaza outside the parliament. Rabin's widow, Leah, supported by her son, Yuval, and daughter Dalia, slowly walked toward the coffin. From time to time, she buried her tear-stained face in her hands, and slumped on Yuval's shoulder.

Yuval quietly recited the Kaddish, or prayer for the dead. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis filled the Knesset plaza and spilled out into the streets for miles.

Parents brought their children, carrying them on their shoulders. One man hobbled along on crutches. There were soldiers in uniform, members of the Druse sect, an offshoot of Islam, in white head-dress and long flowing robes.

### World leaders to pay respects

Some 100,000 Israelis filed past the coffin in the first few hours. The plaza was to remain open all night, and Israel TV said it expected some 1 million people to pay last respects before the funeral Monday afternoon at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl cemetery.

## Mammography's ability to detect breast cancer varies with a woman's age



"Breasts in younger women are dense and granular. Tiny changes can often not be identified on younger women."

While two-thirds of all breast-cancer cases occur in older women, according to the National Cancer Institute, the disease also affects younger women and about 900 men each year.

Many medical professionals agree that the development of breast cancer can be attributed to certain risk factors.

For example, de Parades said, a woman's chance of developing breast cancer increases with age.

Other factors including family history of the disease and previous breast-related problems such as fibrocystic disease, may increase a woman's risk for breast cancer. Benign changes in the breast or cancer in the other breast also may contribute to increased risk.

To a lesser extent, the risk for breast cancer increases in women who began menstruating before age 15, according to the cancer institute. Also, women who had their first child after age 30 or who never bore children are considered risk candidates for the disease.

"Most medical radiologists agree that

high-risk candidates for the disease should be screened five to 10 years before the standard guidelines," de Parades said.

If a sister were diagnosed with breast cancer at age 35, she recommends that the woman have a mammogram at 30.

Regardless, 70 percent to 75 percent of breast cancers do not occur in high-risk women, de Parades said in stressing the importance of mammograms.

Yet, some women avoid mammograms for fear that the exam will hurt, de Parades said, adding that the discomfort exists for a few minutes.

A few years ago, many women were concerned about the potential exposure to high doses of radiation from mammograms. As a result of the nationally instituted Mammography Quality Standards Act, mammography facilities now have specialized equipment and highly trained individuals.

All facilities must be certified in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration, Brendlinger said, which ensures high-quality X-rays with low doses of radiation.

Many breast-cancer survivors like Christie Yates of Stephenson, Va., are speaking about their experiences with this

disease to encourage other women to take an active role in their personal health care.

"You need to be in tune with yourself," she said. "You need to watch your diet and give yourself regular monthly self-breast exams."

Betty Reppert, the associate director of the Office of Health Promotion at VCU, said brochures on self-breast examination are available, and University Student Health Services offers five classes weekly that focus on female health concerns and care.

"Part of the class addresses self-breast examination," Reppert said. "We have several models to show what a healthy breast should feel like and what a lumpy breast feels like."

These classes are offered at 5 p.m. Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fridays. Each session, Reppert said, lasts about 45 minutes.

Similarly, the cancer institute recommends that all women perform self-breast exams once a month, preferably seven to 10 days after their menstruation cycle begins when breasts are less tender.

While performing self-breast examinations a woman should be aware of the potential warning signs of breast cancer. These include changes in texture or skin color of the breast, a skin dimpling or depression in one part of the breast and bloody or spontaneous discharge from a nipple.

Other warning signs may include a lump or thickening of the breast tissue or the tissue in the armpit and a retracted nipple in a previously normal breast.

Regular self-breast exams plus a mammography and yearly clinical exams are vital in the fight against breast cancer, said Harry Bear, chairman of surgical oncology at MCV, because these procedures often can detect the disease in the early stages.

When cancer is found early, the patient can be provided with more treatment options and a better chance for survival, he said.

"Women, when they find a lump, should bring it to the attention of a physician as early as possible," Bear said. "They don't have to lose their breast."

## WYNN

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one of the original six members of the institute's executive advisory board.

He received his master of science degree from VCU in 1974 and returned to VCU in 1978.

Though the executive director said the ISRI started slow, it's now self-sustaining because the university has been unable to fund it.

Nonetheless, Wynne said, offering ISRI seminars, teleconferences and advising services to the community helped attract businesses to the Richmond area.

"We play the role of the glue that will help hold the new engineering school and Motorola together," he said. "If it can continue to grow then we can contain and attract a high quality of faculty and students."

"I want to see the institute support itself the best it can to open more avenues along with the School of Engineering."

Besides heading the ISRI, he is the 1995 president of the Southeast Region Decision Sciences Institute. He leads its conferences and presents papers to its more than 700 members.

Wynne also teaches graduate and undergraduate courses for the school — something he said he finds most rewarding.

"My job is to prepare them (students) to meet those challenges that the business community puts on them," he said.

More than 40 world leaders, including Clinton, former Presidents Bush and Carter, and U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, said they would attend.

Rabin's funeral also was to bring to Jerusalem Jordan's King Hussein and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt — two Arab leaders who have not visited the disputed city, claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital. An official visit to Jerusalem is seen by the Arab world as recognition of the city as Israel's capital.

Arafat, Rabin's most important peace partner, said he would not come to Jerusalem for the service, citing the complicated security operation Israel would have to mount if he were there.

It was likely he was discouraged by Israel from joining the mourners, for fear his presence, still highly controversial in Israel, would set off protests from Israeli and Palestinian opponents to the peace process.

Arafat has not visited Jerusalem since Palestinian self-rule began 18 months ago because his presence there would aggravate the sensitive issue of sovereignty over the city, which both Palestinians and Israelis claim as their capital. In Lebanon and in Iran, militants opposed to PLO peacemaking cheered the news of Rabin's death.

The rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday was

intended to bolster support for Rabin's peacemaking efforts. About 100,000 Israelis showed up at the Kings of Israel Square to encourage him to go on.

Shortly after the rally broke up, Rabin left the stage and was approaching his car. There, the gunman waited, pretending to be a VIP driver.

He fired three shots from a 9-mm Beretta pistol from close range and struck Rabin in the back and stomach. The prime minister died an hour later, at 11:11 p.m. on a hospital operating table. Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu, Rabin's fiercest critic, said he would not vote against any government Peres presents to Parliament. "In a democracy governments are replaced through elections, not by murder," Netanyahu said.

Elections are scheduled for October 1996, but Peres may move up the vote to broaden public support for negotiating additional agreements with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon.

Peres allowed a glimpse of the difficult task ahead, saying Sunday that "worry is eating my heart" over having to tackle peacemaking without his close ally, Rabin. "I know exactly what we are facing," a bleary-eyed Peres said.

"This is the time ... forgetting the country out of the cycle of wars, to get the Jewish people away from their past and grant them a new future."



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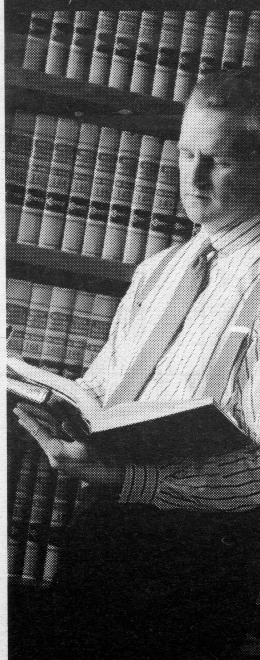
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Dick Gentry

# Massive Resistance To Citizen Initiatives

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Sure, I intentionally use the scary sound bite — "massive resistance" — from our less-than-proud political past. I wanted to get your attention. You remember the old joke about the jackass and the 2x4.

The idea-concept-plan-promise of Virginia citizens gaining the right to initiate legislation *without* the ministrations of the 140-Club in Richmond is now really no more than a dream for a few political nerds. Reason? "Massive Resistance" by the activists of the Virginia institutions which deal in public policy.

In other words, politicians (Democrat and Republican), bureaucrats, activists (left, center and right), journalists and academics are generally against you and me having an effective, direct and dramatic say in how we govern ourselves.

Don't you see why? "They," the governing elite of the state, know what is best for us people.

"Jeez, Dick, why stir up these worms? Don't we have enough trouble as it is," is what I heard from more than one journalist. Others warned me about the nuts who would come out of the woodwork to do mischief "as they regularly do in California."

"At the very best of times, we can barely get the voters to the polls, and now you want to encourage thousands of don't cares' to muck around in politics," a member of the General Assembly confided. "That's just plain stupid," he added.

Another member of the 140-Club said, "With any luck, after November 7, the terms of a few over-timers will end, and that will take the wind out of the term limit sail." Did you catch that? I didn't ask him to comment on his fears about what citizens might do with initiative power. But he knows, doesn't he? Right on!

"That (citizen initiative) is an idiotic and dangerous idea," said one of my very liberal acquaintances who admitted she would lose "clout" with present legislators if there were more fingers in the lawmaking pie. And another liberal lobbyist told me he was against citizen initiatives because he didn't want to waste time and his clients' money dealing with "off the wall" issues.

And in case you were wondering, it's not a one-sided ideological logical mindset.

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A religious right wing activist who talks candidly about politics with me on occasion said, "There aren't enough of our voters to beat back the stuff the liberals would be able to put on the ballot. I know, I know, everyone is supposed to be frightened of us these days, but, in fact, the looney left has won most of the social and political battles for years, and that's not going to change anytime soon, in spite of how we are portrayed in the papers and on the tube."

A preacher-activist admitted the prospect of circulating petitions throughout his network "to get things back to where they ought to be" appealed to him. "However," he said, "it would be a never-ending, physically and emotionally draining chore; I foresee massive statewide political battles every year." He said he would fight the movement for citizen initiatives and concluded, "We're better off with the devils we know in Richmond than constantly fighting a substantial number of voters."

A business lobbyist told me, "What the hell do the voters know about real, day-to-day, economic issues? Nothing. And they don't care either. Why should they be allowed to make the law?"

Probably 75 percent of the official activists (precinct officials, political committee

members, etc.) of the major political parties I unscientifically polled by telephone said, "Really, we don't need that kind of trouble ... that's why we have elections." One county official told me, "Most people don't want to be bothered with any of this government stuff (he used a more colorful term)."

And then he repeated the classic complaint about Virginian (and all American) voters: "They want it all, whatever it is, and the very best of it, and they

want it for free."

To make the point more graphic, the day I ended my telephone interviews, Republicans in the U.S. House were spending more on Medicare, but less than the Democrats would spend in the same time, while providing for a tax cut. In psychiatry, that's called schizophrenia; in politics it's called normalcy. Democrats are no different. The President promises to veto what the Republican majority passes, but then says he can live with GOP budget reductions as long as no programs are cut. Whew!

It makes one want to throw out the whole bunch and start over.

Perhaps that is what is driving the modest movement for initiatives and referenda in Virginia. Being realistic, we know we can't repair the entire system, nor can we solve all the problems, but we still *feel* there is something radically wrong with *things* and somehow or other, we, individual citizens, are going to have to do *something* to regain some measure of control over "our" government.

And that will be particularly difficult here. Even with the growth of the population since the Roosevelt revolution, and the dramatic shift in the distribution of citizens, the Commonwealth appears gov-

erned as if the infamous "machine" were still in existence. Whether we loved or hated the Shenandoah Valley oligarchy, we were conditioned to it, and, during the same decades we learned to tolerate, applaud and finally promote the growth of the national Nanny state. So, Virginia voters have at least two ingrained psychological demons to counter.

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Virginia has deteriorated as a political entity from the home of giants like Washington, Jefferson, Henry, Madison, Mason, et al, and it's not a pretty picture. Nor does it bode well for the future.

The outlines of the "new" politics of cyberworld, the global village and market, and the slow death of massive, bureaucratic private and public institutions and burgeoning privatization, demands a renewal of old fashioned individual citizenship. And, obviously, citizenship must start at the bottom, with individuals, and work up and out. If the renewal does not take place, we probably, and our children assuredly, will live in a society lacking the blessings of liberty.

Virginians should be demanding the ability to self-govern directly from time to time. That's not asking too much; nor is it radical, revolutionary, or ill-advised. Initiative and referendum (I&R) would be a modest improvement in the political rules we choose to live by in a modern Old Dominion. I&R would be a check on politics-as-usual and a brake on the arrogance of all politicians.

That would constitute a huge plus for individual citizens.

I&R didn't become a 1995 campaign issue due to massive resistance to the idea by Virginia's ruling elite. Individual citizens will just have to work extra hard in the near future to gain what should be an automatic right of citizenship.

***"No one is fit to be trusted with power. ... No one. ... Any man who has lived at all knows the follies and wickedness he's capable of. If he does not know it, he is not fit to govern others. And if he does know it, he knows also that neither he nor any man ought to be allowed to decide a single human fate."***

— Sir Charles Percy Snow, *The Light and the Dark* (1961)

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## Black Voters Beware

The following excerpt is from an October 9 Richmond Times-Dispatch article. The excerpt refers to the "expected" lack of African-American participation in the upcoming elections.

"Here's a political slant on the O.J. Simpson Trial: A Republican consultant said Simpson's acquittal was the best thing that could have happened to GOP candidates for the General Assembly. If the former football star had been found guilty, blacks would have gone to the polls in large numbers Nov. 7 to vent their frustrations at the system, the consultant said.

"Now Republicans expect a light turnout from blacks, who constitute one of the largest voting blocks in the Democratic Party."

Journalism classes teach that the information written at the end of articles is the least likely to be read. The following excerpt was found at the end of the article, in the last column, on the next-to-last page of section B.

In other words, for one reason or another, it was placed so that not many people would be enticed to read it.

But luckily, for one reason or another, these paragraphs were included.

And when they are pulled out from the depths of newsprint darkness, they highlight the arrogant attitudes held by many of our not-yet-elected politicians. It is an arrogance that Virginia can do without.

This is a slap in the face to voting African-Americans everywhere.

Republicans must think African-Americans are too preoccupied, and too stupid, to know that voting is one of the most important personal contributions the individual can make toward bettering their overall lot in society.

Those Republicans who hope you won't vote, who expect a "light turnout" at the polls, need to get a little surprise with a darker turnout. Virginia's darker-skinned voters are still very much aware of the issues at hand.

And, if anything, the Simpson verdict and the Million Man March have shown just how much impact each individual's vote can carry.

Political candidates who think they can already count the votes, and their victories, will need a reminder on Nov. 7.

A reminder that the African-American community is not to be ignored.



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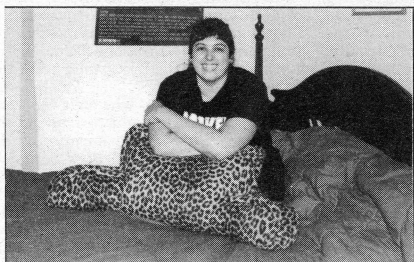
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"If I know a thrift store well," Poore said, "I can spend about 10 minutes. I usually go to three or four in an hour-and-a-half or two hours. I've gotten it down to a science. You've got to know where everything is."

And where it isn't.

"If you walk to the rack and the first four clothes are frilly, or if you walk in and smell polyester," she said, "you know not to go through the clothes."

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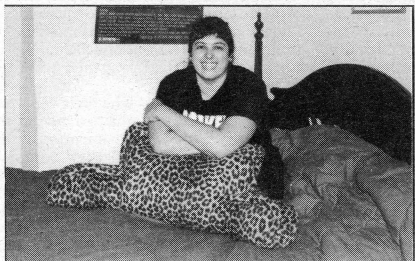
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**JUNKIES (OF THE THRIFT STORE KIND)** — (left to right) Jennifer Caunedo, Zach Sizer, Kate Fulton, Raven McMillian, Matt Conner and Nick Renfroe loaf in Shafer Court, each adorning at least one thrift store gem.

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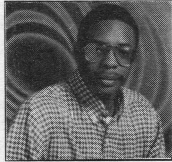
# The Clementyne Review

## Gary C. Clement

SPECIAL TO THE CT

In the company of John Witherspoon, on any given day, you had better be ready to laugh, cry and take notes. From David Letterman to Bill Cosby entertainers across America somehow have been influenced by his career.

Since the 1970s and work on such television series as "WKRP," "What's Happening Now" and "Good Times," John "The Spoon" Witherspoon has carved his own definition of "funny" and "hilarious" into American television comedy.



Clement

Today, most know him as Pop Williams, father to Marlon and Shawn Williams Wayans on the Warner Brothers Network comedy The Wayans Brothers Series.

**'Pop Williams' character played by veteran actor**

In addition to that role, he is set to co-star with Eddie Murphy and Angela Bassett in the Paramount Pictures release "Vampire in Brooklyn."

In the film he portrays Mr. Cylas, the neighborhood drunk and owner of an apartment building that Murphy's character rents. The film also stars Kadeem Hardison and Allen Payne.

"I'm always excited to do a film," Witherspoon said. "And with Eddie Murphy, that's a plus. I'm so pleased with this young man because he's always given respect, and he (gave me the) opportunity to bring my true talents to a project."

Witherspoon has been around for so long that it is rare for filmmakers and producers not to include him when making a film or shooting television programs.

He has become famous for his last-minute stints of creating characters for movies and television. John "The Spoon" Witherspoon is an original and his talents range from stand-up comedy to the "Who's Who" in entertainment.

He has shared the stage and platform with such comedic greats as David Letterman (who is also the godfather of his son), Marsha Warfield and Richard Pryor.

He has opened with his comedy routines on the road for such acts as The Commodores, Tom Jones, Chaka Khan, George Benson, Roberta Flack and Ashford and Simpson.

A native of Detroit, Witherspoon experienced firsthand how manual labor was affecting his life and close friends. He left the factory behind to take on life in the fast lane as a comic in Hollywood.

After receiving much acclaim as a comedian, he took up acting to create a niche that would set him apart from other comedians.

His first role found him opposite Tim Reid in the series "WKRP" and "Frank's Place." Other series on which he appeared include "Hill Street Blues," "Barnaby Jones" and "The Incredible Hulk."

Seeing Hollywood in the square-roots-stage, who better than Witherspoon can explain how Tinseltown has changed?

"When I first came here, black actors and actresses were nonexistent,"



Photo courtesy of WB Network

John Witherspoon as Pops.

Witherspoon said. "The studios didn't feel blacks could make money and therefore we were given very few opportunities. As soon as the 'Black Movie Age' began, they started buying up every script they could find."

"Although television has given the black community a lot to be thankful for, we still have a long way to go because a lot of black shows are written by whites. They can't document what it means to be black. For instance, on the 'Wayans Brothers' this season, we got new writers. The material is all different and Pop is the attention-grabber."

Having grown up in the days of pinups, polyester outfits and patent leather shoes, Witherspoon has a lot to tell young people about business and life in general.

"It's really crazy out here today. All the guns, drugs and hoods. Whatever hap-

pened to manners and honesty? To be frank with you, I think it left when all the kids began gang-banging and killing each other," Witherspoon said.

About his co-stars, the Wayans brothers, Witherspoon said, "I'm very proud of them. They had positive role models in their brothers, and they've used that foundation to become successful."

"For the kids out there doing the drugs and gang banging, I wish there was some kind of military camp or place we could ship them to so that they can see what these things are doing to our nation, our people."

Future projects for Witherspoon include developing a script he wrote and continuing working on the "Wayans Brothers Series."

"I don't advise any young person to come here and struggle for work. I say always have something to fall back on," Witherspoon said. "If you have the opportunity to become a doctor, lawyer, accountant or whatever, go for it."

"Learning lines here can be a headache and you have to know your stuff because there are a lot of people in line for the job you're after."

"So Hollywood is not a joke. It's real and you have to be. I feel very blessed for all my accomplishments and wouldn't trade them for anything and believe me, I've paid the price of fame and fortune."

"You will have to do the same, so don't come here looking for a free lunch or an easy ride. This is show business and you better know your business or get out of Dodge."



## The Hibbs Conspiracy



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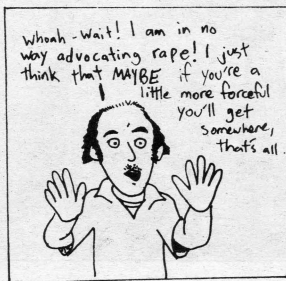


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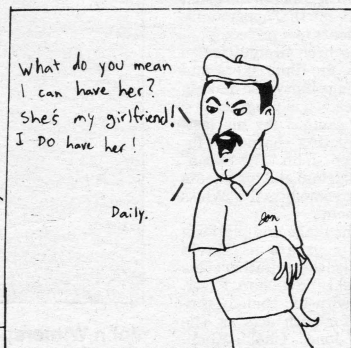
## That's Retarded!

— Jon M.



Gomez, that's not even possible. She doesn't even know my name, she just calls me that REALLY fat guy."

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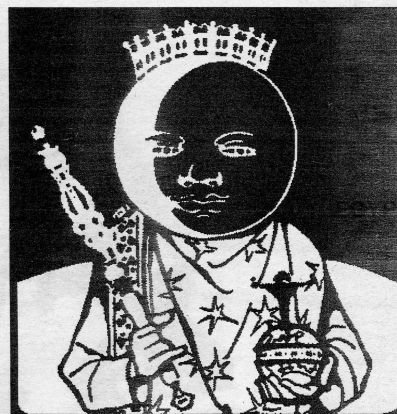
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# Salvia, Old Dominion thrash Lady Rams

**Brian J. French**  
CT STAFF WRITER

If any team in the Colonial Athletic Association were to beat the VCU Lady Rams in the conference tournament, it

would only make sense that Old

Dominion would cast that final blow.

The Lady Monarchs maintained a then-perfect 11-for-11 performance in the CAA tournament by blasting VCU 6-0 on a balmy Friday afternoon at Cary Street Field.

Samantha Salvia netted her first hat trick during the game to pace Old Dominion (14-7), which moved to the semifinals against American.

The Lady Rams finished the season with their 10th consecutive loss to end with a record of 3-16.

With the win, Old Dominion stretches its winning streak against VCU to 22, dating back to when field hockey was played as a club sport. The Lady Rams have not defeated Old Dominion since they became an intercollegiate team, and during the series (which ODU leads 22-3-1) the Lady Monarchs lead with an aggregate score of 116-14.

This game was no different. Old Dominion rattled off five goals in the first half and coasted to victory in the second stanza.

The Lady Rams, who used a starting lineup of eight freshmen, were outshot 31-2 and gave up 14 penalty corners, which was a focal point of VCU co-

## CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

**Samantha Salvia**  
Old Dominion midfielder

■ The first-team All-CAA selection, with a season goal total of three, doubled that number in one game by scoring the Lady Monarchs' first, fourth and sixth goals in the rout. She also tallied an assist.

■ **QUOTE OF NOTE** — "She really had some nice plays. She showed very good skill today."

— Beth Anders, ODU coach

coaches Phil and Shannon Danaher's game plan.

Also scoring for the Lady Monarchs: Kelly Driscoll, Heather Simon, and Danielle Chellew.

Salvia scored her first goal less than three minutes after the start of the game on a slapshot from the right side of the circle.

She also scored less than 10 minutes later on a pass from Dani Derr and dribbled past substitute goalkeeper Keriann Sloat for the Lady Monarchs' only second-half score.

The difference between Friday's game and a previous meeting Oct. 11 at Cary Street in which the Lady Monarchs won 6-1 came in the intensity ODU had during the rematch, said coach Beth Anders.

"We played with much more enthusiasm this time," Anders said. "We played sluggishly last time we were here, but we had more fun this time. We were working together."



File Photo

**CLASS ACT** — Senior Shannon Lenhardt's career came to an end in VCU's 6-0 loss to Old Dominion Friday. Lenhardt was named second-team All-CAA.

## SOCCER

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Stavros Manolakos scored thanks to the help of Bison defenseman Jahmanie Anderson, who kicked the ball in into the net inadvertently. And Derrick Etienne knocked in the other VCU goal on a crossing pass from Dominic Amato.

Besides Adu-Gyamfi, the game was the last home game for Roberts and other seniors Jason Sheppard, Chris Barnard, Frank Owusu and Jonathan Morris. Roberts, who had two assists, said it felt good to get the win in his final home appearance.

"It was wonderful to have a great ending tonight," he said, "I had two assists tonight. It was definitely good."

The win gave the Rams a 6-2-1 record in their last nine games of the regular season. Not bad for a team that struggled to a 2-8 start.

VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan said the biggest reason for the team's turnaround was the fact that they began to play a style of soccer that's best suited for them.

"We've learned how to play effective soccer," O'Sullivan said. "We weren't making as many mistakes at the midfield and in the back that were putting us under pressure."

Next up for the Rams is the CAA Tour-

## CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

**Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi**  
Senior forward

■ Scored three goals to become VCU's all-time leading goalscorer in a 5-1 victory over Howard University Sunday night.

■ **Quote of Note** — "I'm glad to see him get the goals tonight. It really helped his confidence."

— VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan

namment later this week and O'Sullivan said he believes last night's win will help the team.

"I feel confident going into the tournament and I think this game was important for us," he said.

The Rams first-round opponent is James Madison University. The Dukes are one of the nation's top teams and they beat VCU 5-1 earlier in the season. O'Sullivan said he expects his team to be fired up and ready to prove to JMU that they are ready.

"They'll be fired up," he said. "We want to prove to people that we can play with Madison and beat Madison."

## THATE

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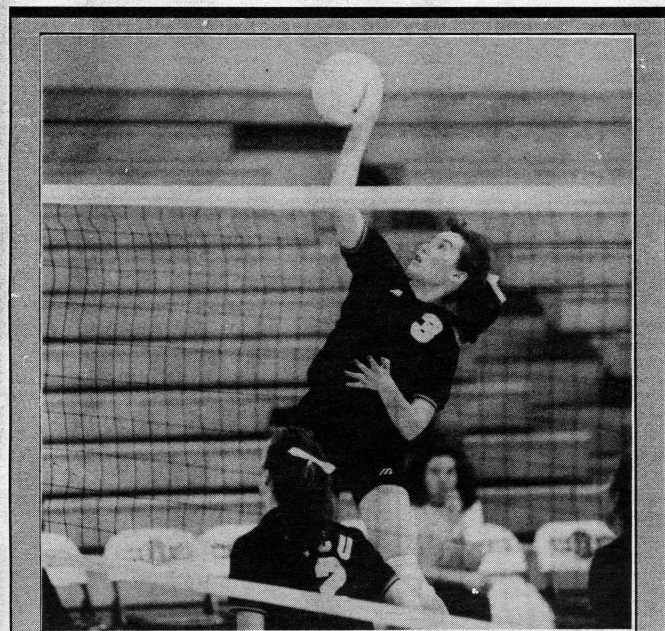
goals and 76 points lead the nation again, even though by her own standards, this wasn't necessarily a banner year.

With the CAA tournament now history, Thate has one last thing to do before calling it a career: repeat as NCAA champs.

Thate said: "It's a different viewpoint.

I'm here now, and while I'm here, I want to reach the highest thing I can reach like we did last year, beating UNC. I don't really want to compare the two. It's not fair to compare it. Wherever they put me, I want to get the best out of it that I can.

"I just want to go to the top of the mountain."



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

**END OF THE ROAD** — VCU seniors Julie Blair (hitting the ball) and Suzanne Dawson (watching the play) played their last game at Franklin Street Gym in Saturday's loss to American University 15-12, 15-9, 15-7.



# Dukes dethrone Lady Monarchs in CAA final

Brian J. French

CT STAFF WRITER

The irresistible force blasted through the immovable object.

Carole Thate scored both of James Madison's goals as the Dukes defeated four-time Colonial

Athletic Association champion Old Dominion 2-1 Sunday before a crowd of about 100 at Cary Street Field.

"I'm done here. There's nothing more I have to do now," Thate said jokingly after the game. "There isn't anything else I could ask for."

This is just a great feeling. With the win, the Dukes are guaranteed a spot in the 12-team NCAA tournament and will likely get a first-round bye. Old Dominion's loss, the first for them in either the CAA or predecessor South Atlantic Conference tournaments, means the Lady Monarchs will find out Monday afternoon whether they are in the field.

Both goals were of the same genre — the breakaway. Thate took a pass from Kelly McDonald and snaked it past ODU goalkeeper Kim Decker with 4:58 left in the half and scored on an extended breakaway with 1:50 remaining in the period.

"We just didn't stay to our game plan," ODU coach Beth Anders said. "They just moved to the ball before we did. I wish there was a magic answer I could give, but they just got to the ball before we

## CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

Carole Thate

James Madison midfielder

■ Scored both goals in JMU's 2-1 win against ODU, giving the Dukes their first CAA tournament crown.

■ **Quote of Note** — "Carole brings the level of this team up a notch. She's not a one-woman team — any team with only one player won't win the title — but she just brings us all up. She's a finisher. She brings so much desire to the game."

— Christy Morgan, JMU coach

did."

Immediately after Thate's first goal, James Madison coach Christy Morgan called for a timeout to counteract any changes Anders would make.

"ODU was doing different things," Morgan said, "so we decided to change things around ourselves."

The nail in the coffin, or so it appeared, occurred with 10:25 left in the game. Samantha Salvia was awarded a penalty shot after JMU goalkeeper Georgina Negus covered up the ball, but was stopped.

Then, with 4:13 left, ODU's Becky Bearor took a shot directly at Negus, which seemed an easy kick save until Negus missed on the kick, allowing the ball to go through.

That would be all the Lady Monarchs could do, though, as the Dukes stormed the field at the final buzzer.

Morgan was gang-tackled by her play-



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

**DUKE JUKE** — JMU midfielder Carole Thate runs rings around ODU's Samantha Salvia en route to her first goal of the game.

ers and dragged toward the bench to receive an ice water dunking.

James Madison held the Lady Monarchs to five shots on goal, none of which in the outside circle.

Decker was credited with nine saves, while Negus rang up six, including the penalty stroke stop.

But while the Dukes celebrate, they have a date with an as-yet-to-be-deter-

mined opponent in the second round of the NCAA's.

The game plan?

"We'll savor this win, sure, but we have to remember that this isn't the optimal goal," Morgan said. "We have to set new goals and reach them. We can't just rest on last year's title, because that was last year and this isn't."

# James Madison's Thate queen of field hockey world

Brian J. French

CT STAFF WRITER

That's Carole (CAH-rou) Thate (Thah-tah). As in vaguely like cruel. As in the fate of those who have to shadow her on the

## PROFILE

field without even the vaguest idea of how to stop her. As in how the Amsterdam native with the bandana treats the opposing defenders and goalkeepers when she's on one of her subconscious tears, effortlessly splicing the ball through sticks and legs and turf... and ultimately through to the back of the box, while only having a vague idea of just how she did it.

That's Carole Thate. No. 16 on the James Madison field hockey program, but No. 1 on the Dukes' all-time goals and scoring lists after only two seasons. And No. 1 on the national scoring list for the past three years. Not to mention No. 1 in the eyes of Colonial Athletic Association coaches for the past three years.

But that's also Carole Thate on the dean's list. In her third year as a student at JMU, she's on track to graduate with a degree in psychology in May. With honors.

So just what is Carole Thate's story?

"I started playing field hockey back when I was 9," Thate said before the start of the CAA tournament. "We played in clubs back home, and my parents also played when they were younger. There was always a stick in the hallway or somewhere in the house I got acquainted with it that way."

In those Amsterdam clubs is where Thate honed her considerable skills, com-



THATE

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— Carole Thate  
JMU midfielder

ing to the realization early on that she had a spe-

cial knack for the sport.

One of the turning points in her career came as she turned 17 while watching her teammates leave further afield for the shores of the United States to continue their field hockey days at the collegiate level.

Thate would follow suit.

"A lot of my former teammates, they went to ODU (Old Dominion University) or UNC (University of North Carolina)," Thate said. "I had decided (to play American field hockey) right after the Olympics. Having an opportunity to see the world, do something new... it was just the right time."

But before making the move to JMU, she first made a side trip... to Barcelona for the 1992 Olympics, where her Netherlands squad — in rare form for a Thate team — finished sixth.

Still, Thate said the experience was worth it. "I had a great time. I met a lot of people. I was just a kid, but I was

"It's amazing — you see these famous people and the people you see on TV, and then you have field hockey — it's amazing how similar everyone was," Thate said. "It (the significance) kind of passed me by while I was there, but afterwards I had so many great memories. Every time I think about it... it was the best experience. It's just amazing."

Thate, after having chosen JMU to continue her career, went to the business of rewriting the school's record books. Among the new high-water marks: most goals in a season (40, in 1994), most points in a season (93, 1993), most goals in a career (112, for a 48-goal lead on No. 2 goal scorer Sandy Wilson) and most points in a career (259, for a 116-point lead on Wilson).

But the biggest accomplishment came in Boston last year, when the Dukes — a team that had never been to the NCAA's before Thate — shocked North Carolina in the title game.

"Beating UNC was the best thing for us and what we could do," Thate said. "We couldn't go any higher. We were at the top

of the mountain."

The most recent hurdle, defeating Old Dominion for the CAA title, was cleared Sunday. Thate scored both of her team's goals in the 2-1 win.

Those numbers, left for interpretation by themselves, suggest a very good athlete. It's when you add in the academic element that you start to get a measure of just how versatile Thate is.

Upon earning her psychology degree, Thate expressed interest in joining a graduate-school program for child psychology and earning a master's, possibly a doctorate.

Afterward, as she will freely admit, is anyone's guess.

"I kind of keep it open," she said. "I want to go to grad school, maybe even get a Ph.D. in child psych. Who knows — maybe they'll offer me a great job or maybe I'll get involved in something great here. Then I'll stay. I definitely need my master's if I want to do anything with psychology back home. Time will tell. I'm not in a hurry."

Is she in a hurry to make a run at another Olympics?

"It's far back (in my mind)," she said. "My academics are more important. I will be here in May, and should my coach want me here from May to July — which is a short period — then I will go for it. But that's really unlikely."

Not that her field hockey statistics this year are small potatoes, either. Her 33

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• Q: Who is the NFL's all-time leading scorer?

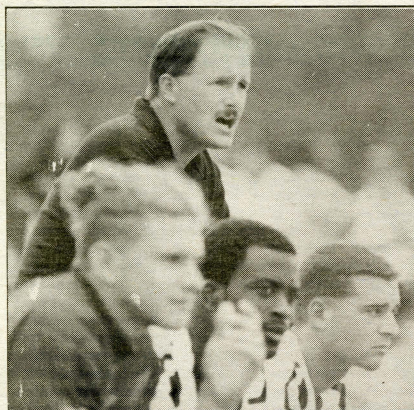
A: George Blanda, 2,002 points.

• Find out who won the CAA field hockey tournament. See page 15 for the details.

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**ALL FIRED UP** — Tim O'Sullivan finished his first season as Rams coach at 8-10-1.

# Adu-Gyamfi sets goal mark

*VCU defeats Howard in regular-season finale*

**Coveh Solaimani**

CT SPORTS EDITOR

VCU senior Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi made his last game at Cary Street Field a memorable one.

Adu-Gyamfi scored three goals to become VCU's all-time goal scorer and his six points allowed him to tie for first place as the Rams all-time points leader in VCU's 5-1 whipping of Howard University



**VCU 5  
HOWARD 1**

last night.

Adu-Gyamfi scored the first goal less than six minutes into the game. Derrick Etienne headed the ball to Adu-Gyamfi and he let loose with a shot that beat Bison keeper Jevaughn Sterling for the score.

Three minutes later at 8:37, Adu-Gyamfi kicked his way into the record books. Senior Peter Roberts sent the

ball through to the Rams forward setting him up for a breakaway. All he had to do was finish the play. And finish it he did.

"Peter chipped the ball right over the top and I saw him (Howard goalie) coming out," Adu-Gyamfi said, "so I saw I had it either way and I placed it to his right."

Adu-Gyamfi said it meant a lot to him to break the record at home. "It was my last game as a senior and my last game playing at Cary Street," he said. "I'm glad I did something."

Up 2-0 at the half, VCU (8-10-1) continued its solid play in the second 45 minutes.

Adu-Gyamfi netted his third goal of the game on another one-on-one play to put VCU ahead 3-0. HU (6-10-1) tallied its only goal of the game at the 63-minute mark on a shot by midfielder Andre Virtue.

The Rams added two more goals in the closing minutes.

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# Rams' frontcourt excels in scrimmage

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With four returning starters and this year's top newcomer, the Black team did what was expected and blew out the Gold



**BLACK 95  
GOLD 67**

squad 95-67 in VCU's annual Black and Gold

game Saturday night at the Franklin Street Gym.

George Byrd, Bernard Hopkins, Ivan Chappell, Sherman Hamilton, Marcus Reed and Ben Peabody helped the Black team surge out to an early 21-7 lead en route to the win over Gold team members John Smith, Tryrian Ridges, Patrick Lee, Marlow Talley, Joe Martin, Scott Marston and Chris Wood.

In the first half, Hopkins, Reed and Chappell paced the Black squad as it raced out to a 50-32 lead. The play of the half came within the first five minutes of the game. Reed made a steal and dished it to Chappell who laid down a thunderous slam to get the crowd of 1,122 in an uproar.

The game got sloppy in the second half.

Both teams raced up and down the floor and turned the ball over several times. The closest the Gold team got was 16 points as the Black squad pulled away to the 28-point win.

A pleasant surprise for the Rams was the play of senior John Smith.

Last season Smith spent the year nursing an injured knee and was never able to perform the way coach Sonny Smith hoped he would when he brought him here.

If Saturday night's game is any indication, John Smith is back and the Rams are in for a real treat.

John Smith scored 23 points, pulled down 13 rebounds and blocked three shots while showing movement and jumping ability that was never there last year.

"John looked like a whole different player," Talley said. "He was taking stuff off the rim and dunking it back in."

Besides John Smith, the rest of the Rams frontcourt showed why they are the

## CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

**John Smith**

Senior center

■ Had 23 points, 13 rebounds, three blocks and two steals in showing that he is on the way to being his old self.

■ **Quote of Note** — "He worked hard in the offseason in strengthening his knee. Now we have four solid big men."

— VCU forward Bernard Hopkins

strength of the team. Talley led all scorers with 27 points and had 13 rebounds while Hopkins was the Black team's top scorer with 23 points and he grabbed eight cars. Byrd, the Rams starting center a season ago added 13 points and 12 boards.

While the big men dominated, it was the play of Reed that caught the eye of coach Smith.

Reed, a transfer from Trinity Valley Junior College in Texas, had 17 points and six rebounds while playing solid defense. Coach Smith said Reed could become the starting point guard by the end of the season.

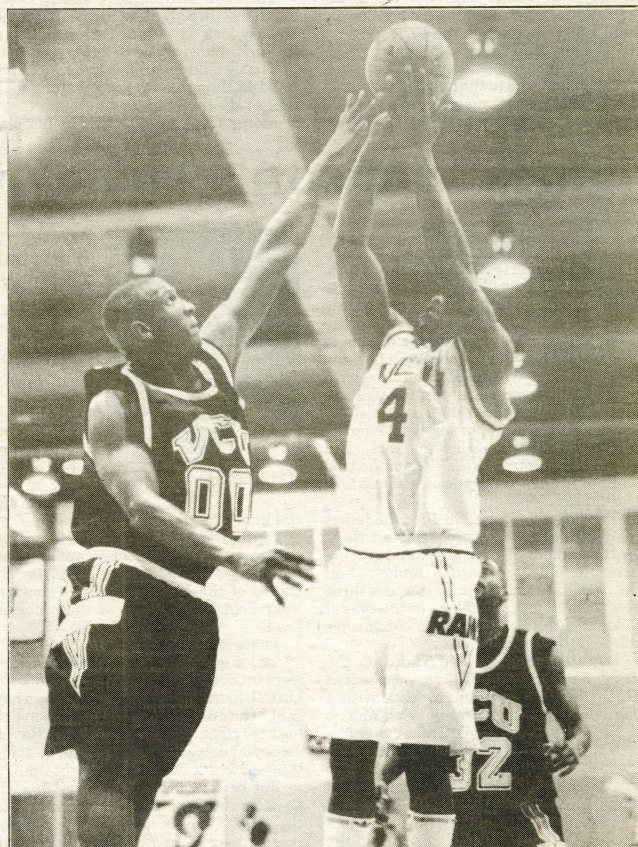
"The guy who stood out as much as anybody for me was Marcus Reed," coach Smith said. "There's a possibility before the year is over he could be our point guard."

If Reed were to become the point guard, then Sherman Hamilton, who had 16 points and hit five of seven from three-point range, would move over to the two-spot — a position that coach Smith said fits him better.

"Hamilton's a better two (shooting guard) than one (point guard) anyhow," coach Smith said.

There are still three weeks to go until the start of the regular season and playing time is still up in the air. Coach Smith said he usually likes to use an eight-man rotation but because of this team's depth he will do something different this year.

"I'm looking for a nine-man with a 10th guy coming in and playing a little bit," he said.



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**CAN'T TOUCH THIS** — John Smith's 23 points weren't enough as the Black team routed the Gold squad 95-67 in the Black and Gold game this past Saturday.