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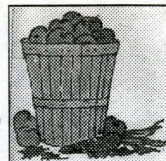


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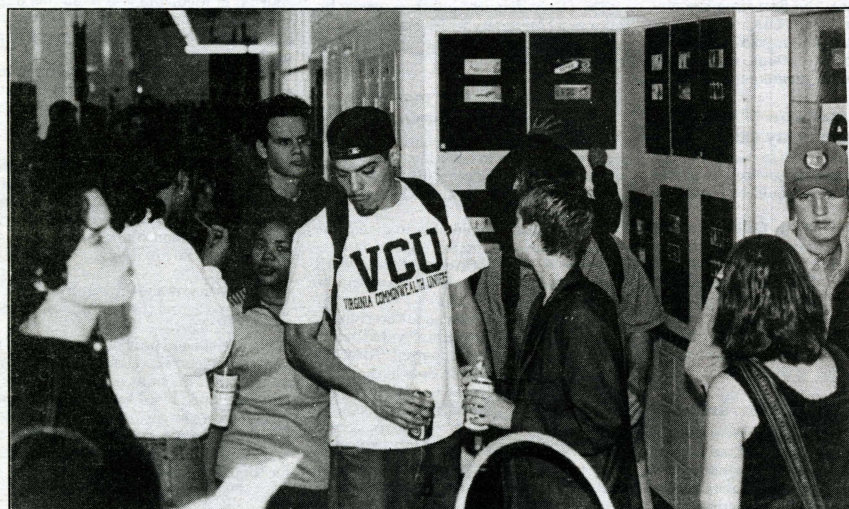
■ The signs of change are in the air (and in the basket). Fall is here, so turn to pages 8 and 9 of **EYE** and celebrate the autumnal equinox.



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DOLLAR (DE)SIGNS — Students and faculty on the fifth floor of the Pollak Building examine the works of dozens of VCU students who took part in a contest to redesign the dollar bill. Diga A. Erickson won the contest, which was sponsored by the department of communication arts and design. The CT will run an article about the contest and its winners on Friday, Nov. 8.

Smoking ban rekindled by SGA

Paul Whelan
CT News Editor

When the Student Government Association senate meets today at 4 p.m., a proposed ban on smoking should spark some debate.

And VCU President Eugene P. Trani, who will be the SGA's guest, will be on hand to participate in the exchange.

The ban, resolution EB1, was proposed during the student senate's Oct. 7 meeting by SGA President Duane Kay and Vice President Sean Johnson.

The proposal, which calls for smoking to be banned from all university buildings, fell six votes shy of the 18 necessary to pass.

Kay and Johnson proposed the ban on the grounds that a number of the designated smoking areas are in places

that many non-smokers need to traverse. In particular, Kay and Johnson pointed to the smoking areas in the first-floor lobby of the Business Building and the second floor of the student commons.

"I think it's not necessary to alienate people by any means," Johnson said, "but it's a health concern."

The resolution was opposed by several senators, many of whom felt the proposal unfairly persecuted smokers. Sen. Michael Menefee suggested it could be harmful to smokers' health to force them to go outside during the winter in order to smoke.

Menefee suggested that the smoking areas be moved, not abolished.

In an interview, Johnson pointed out that proponents of the ban have already talked with building managers in

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FBI's suspicion labels Jewell guilty

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part article concerning Richard A. Jewell and the circumstances surrounding the FBI's investigation of him for the Olympic Games bombing in Atlanta.

A captive of the federal justice system, Richard A. Jewell spent the past three months in terror. In a recent interview with New York Times reporter Kevin Slack, Jewell, the Summer Olympic Games security guard who identified the bomb that later exploded, told his version of the story. The article, "A Man's Life Turned Inside Out By Government and the Media," appeared in the Oct. 28 issue of the New York Times.

What began as Jewell's 15 minutes of fame became a living nightmare for the Atlanta resident. Keeping a low

profile since the FBI pinned him as the prime suspect for the bombing, Jewell spent the last few months in his apartment playing Nintendo video games, watching old movies and cautiously talking on the telephone fearing it was tapped.

On Oct. 26, the justice department issued a letter to Jewell formally announcing that he was no longer a "target."

Although the letter cleared Jewell from the government's suspicion, his notoriety remains deep in the minds of millions.

The story unfolded when Jewell received a phone call two days after the bombing from Tim Attaway, a Georgia

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English department changes curriculum

ENG 200 to replace 102

Chris Dovi
CT Staff Writer

To meet the new General Education Requirements in the College of Humanities and Sciences, the English department has instituted a number of curriculum changes.

The changes, approved for implementation by the college, are the most comprehensive in 20 years, said Richard Fine, associate professor of English and chairman of the department.

Top on the list of changes, Fine said, amounts to the abolishing English 102 and replacing it with an expanded writing intensive course, English 200.

English 200 was brought about in part through recommendations of Elizabeth Cooper, director of composition and rhetoric.

English 102 had been simply a literature course, Cooper said, but the new 200 course will resemble a research and writing workshop.

"We're really excited about 200 — it's going to include a component of electronic researching," she said. "Everyone will have some instruction in using the Internet and evaluating sources."

"I think it's a tool that every college graduate is going to need to have. The electronic media present new problems that (this) generation will have to deal with."

Another revision that sets English 200 apart from English 102 involves prerequisite restrictions that keep students from taking the class until the second semester of their sophomore year.

In addition to 24 credits in other required general education classes, English 101 is required before taking English 200. Previously, 101 and 102 could be taken out of sequence.

"The idea is that students will have some instructional writing every year throughout their four years," Cooper said.

During the transitional period students will be helped rather than hindered.

"In this transition period," Fine said, "we are going to accommodate students."

In spring 1997 students will have the choice of either taking 102 or a sophomore-level literature class. Students who choose a literature class will take 200 in spring 1998. English 102 will be available on a limited basis for students enrolled before fall, so they may finish their degree requirements.

Since English 200 will be gradually phased in, the spring 1997 schedule lists nearly the same number of 102 sections offered, while it lists only a few sections of 200.

Despite the department's accommodating attitude, Cooper said students must make an effort to understand the changes.

"We want them to be prepared," she said. "We've tried to get the word out, but people who don't go through advising won't know about (the changes)."

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Health

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News from the medical community



•Patient settles after wrong surgery performed

A 20-year-old Roanoke woman who underwent surgery on the wrong knee settled her case out of court. Julia Showalter sued Dr. Bertram Spetzler after her right knee was operated on after a 1993 automobile accident. The surgery was to take place on the left knee.

Showalter reached a \$500,000 settlement with the doctor. Spetzler's attorney admitted the doctor performed the surgery, but Spetzler said he found a condition in the left knee and corrected it.

The attorney for Showalter said she has not suffered any long-term effects from the mistaken surgery.

•Spinal fluid test helps diagnose brain disorders

A quick test for brain disorders such as Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans and BSE, or "mad cow disease" in cattle has been developed by scientists. The test, developed by researchers at the National Institutes of Health and the California Institute of Technology, makes it possible to detect proteins in spinal fluid to diagnose these disorders before death.

•Chlamydia leading sexually transmitted disease

Chlamydia was the No. 1 sexually transmitted disease in the United States in

1995, according to the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gonorrhea and AIDS rank Nos. 2 and 3 according to a report released by the CDC. There were 477,638 cases of chlamydia reported last year, the first time the disease was tracked by the CDC.

If left untreated, chlamydia, a bacterial infection with no symptoms, can lead to infertility and tubal pregnancies.

•Link to mad cow disease in humans may exist

Scientists at London's Imperial College School of Medicine discovered evidence that mad cow disease could be passed to humans.

While Professor John Collinge of the school said the date does not conclusively prove a link between mad cow disease and Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans, it boosts the theory that it can be passed to people.

Collinge said the data can be used to make up tests for CJD that can be carried out on lymph nodes or tonsil tissue.

•Abuse of drugs, alcohol, same for those on welfare, those who do not

A study by the National Institutes of Health suggests that those who receive welfare are no more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol as the general population.

NIH researchers analyzed a 1992 survey of 42,862 households about welfare

status and drug or alcohol abuse. According to the study 6.4 percent to 13.8 percent of welfare recipients were heavy drinkers. This compares to 14.8 percent heavy drinkers not on alcohol.

The study disputes another survey by Columbia University which stated that 20 percent of mothers on welfare abused drugs or alcohol.

Alzheimer's link may be found in protein

Alzheimer's sufferers seem to have more of the p97 protein in their blood before the onset of the disease, according to a study by the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

A blood test may be able to detect the disease before symptoms appear, but researcher Wilfred Jeffries said more work was needed before such a test would be useful.

More studies are needed to determine if p97 proteins levels become elevated before Alzheimer's becomes apparent. Also, it's unclear what the protein does in the body, why it becomes elevated in Alzheimer's or what role it may play in the disease.

Protein helps mend viral damage

A new study confirms that a natural protein can help restore immune systems damaged by the virus that causes AIDS.

Last year, doctors from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Dis-

eases reported that regular injections of interleukin 2 can boost the body's production of blood cells that are a primary target of HIV.

Currently, in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, the team has duplicated the findings in a more demanding comparison study in a larger group of patients.

Side effects included flu-like symptoms and headaches, however, these were not as cruel as had been seen in earlier experiments with the drug.

Brain destroying gene recognized

Scientists have discovered the genetic defect responsible for an incurable brain-destroying disease and have developed a blood test for identifying people with the disorder or who are thought certain to get it.

The disease is known as spinocerebellar ataxia type 2, and the newly found gene is labeled SCA2.

Scientists had previously identified the genetic defects responsible for two major inherited forms of ataxia, types 1 and 3, and developed blood tests for those, too.

Ataxia is a lingering, incremental disorder that cheats people of coordination and can eventually lead to dementia and death for thousands of Americans.

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MCV center tries to smother heartburn

Laparoscopic surgery means less pain

Heidi W. Smithers
CT STAFF WRITER

Surgery for heartburn doesn't have to be a pain.

Patients now have another option to relieve severe heartburn called laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication surgery, otherwise known as laser surgery.

Previously, physicians treated heartburn by helping change the person's lifestyle, using extensive drug therapy that included histamine blockers or the traditional surgery.

"Patients avoid a large incision, experience less pain and reduce the time out of work (with laser surgery)," said Dr. Eric J. DeMaria, director of MCV's Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Laparoscopy also is used for a wide area of less invasive surgical procedures including gallbladders, appendectomies, hysterectomies, lung and bowel surgery as well as kidney stones.

"At the center our goal is to promote less invasive surgical options in all types of surgery from heart to knee surgery," said Jeannine Moss, the center's clinical coordinator.

Some people try changing their lifestyles, which can require losing weight, elevating the head when sleeping, reducing alcohol consumption and breaking the smoking habit besides avoiding fatty and spicy foods. "Those changes by themselves only help very mild cases," DeMaria said of heartburn including someone having a hiatal hernia.

When over-the-counter antacids aren't enough physicians often recommend extensive drug therapy to suppress stomach acid. For the past two years, three histamine blockers, Tagamet, Pepcid and Zantac, have been available at drugstores, grocery stores and elsewhere without a prescription. Stronger medicines, however, still require prescriptions.

"I spent a year on medication with little relief," said Susan Cook, 28, who had the laparoscopic surgery. "When Dr. DeMaria suggested surgery I jumped for joy. I knew there would finally be relief."

During laparoscopic surgery physicians make five small incisions in the abdomen, then pump gas into the abdomen. This allows more room for the surgeon to man-

euver fiber-optic scopes (the laparoscope) that transmit the path to a video monitor.

Using the stomach wrap technique (see diagram), the surgeon tightens the passage between the stomach and the esophagus to prevent backward flow of stomach contents during the laser surgery.

"Some patients go home the same day," Moss said, the center's clinical coordinator. More than half of the patients spend one night in the hospital with laparoscopic surgery compared to five or six nights with the traditional surgery.

Patients return to work one to two weeks after laparoscopic surgery, where patients previously could remain absent from their jobs for four to six weeks.

"My lifestyle is 100 percent different," Cook said. "I wish I had done it sooner."

Before the surgery Cook sometimes would vomit 10 times in three hours. She was unable able to walk across the room without the aid of her 4-year-old son.

"I got so sick my husband was afraid of what was happening," Cook said. "I would wake up with chest pains so bad he thought I was having a heart attack."

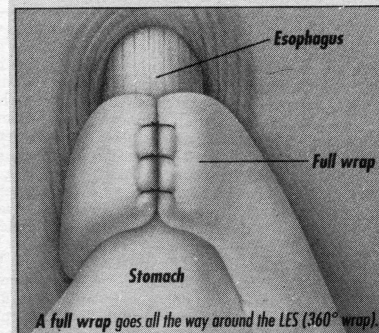
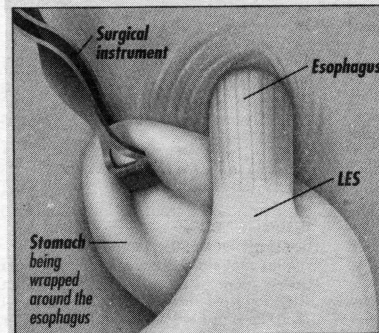
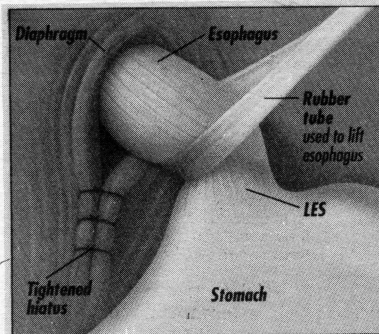
Still, not everyone is a candidate for the surgery.

"First, tests need to be done followed by medical treatment, then more tests," DeMaria said. "The person has to be healthy enough to get through the procedure."

For instance, patients who previously had abdominal surgery or have pre-existing medical conditions may find laparoscopic surgery appropriate for them. A thorough medical evaluation by a physician followed by a consultation with a surgeon can determine if and when the surgery would be appropriate. When MCV opened its minimally invasive center in 1995, DeMaria said it was to help surgeons bring attention to this laparoscopic surgery. But helping patients understand that laser surgery could reduce the pain and recovery time became even more important to the center's staff.

All of this involved a change in philosophy. "People, especially young people, don't want help even though they are miserable," DeMaria said. "They think they deserve it because they drank beer or ate pizza. Actually it's a serious medical condition and they need to go to a doctor."

Since people generally fear pain,



The Laparoscopic Surgical Procedure

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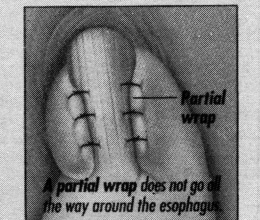
If the opening of the hiatus is too large (hiatal hernia), the surgeon may tighten it with a few stitches (sutures). This repairs the hiatal hernia. Then the esophagus is lifted out of the way for a short time. Nothing is opened, removed, or rerouted during the procedure.

Wrapping the top of the stomach around the esophagus

The surgeon wraps the very top of the stomach around the outside of the esophagus. This added support helps prevent reflux. To make sure the wrap is not too tight, a flexible rubber tube (bougie) may be temporarily inserted into the esophagus. Sometimes the surgeon performs a dilatation procedure along with the surgery.

Choosing the wrap

Next the wrap is permanently stitched in place. Two commonly used wraps are shown here. The surgeon selects the wrap that is best for your condition.



DeMaria said they don't want to lose their normal routine. "It's not uncommon for a person to have this problem for 10 to 15 years," DeMaria said. "They thought it was their lot in life."

But, for Cook it worked and she said the center staff treated her great. "They don't do anything until they have explained everything," she said. "They even called one year later to check on me."

Divided government in the cards after election day

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Complaints about gridlock aside, all signs point to voters once again choosing divided government Tuesday instead of opting for one party's solutions.

The record of the last three decades underscores what polls suggest will happen this year: faced with the choice of ending gridlock or balancing political forces against one another, voters will choose, or at least tolerate, balancing most of the time. In 22 of the last 28 years, at least one of the two houses of Congress has been controlled by the party opposed to the president.

While they can't admit that President Clinton will be re-elected, despite his

healthy lead in all polls, Republican leaders are insisting they will retain control of Congress whatever happens to the presidency.

"I think people want that additional protection against Bill Clinton, should he be elected," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday on CNN.

Democrats, of course, are saying the opposite. American voters "remember the polarization and the confrontation that existed for the last two years and they don't want to see that," Lott's colleague, Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said on CBS. "They want to see more bipartisanship, more cooperation, less confrontation."

But history shows that divided government does not necessarily hurt presidents, nor does it automatically block legislation.

The recent record of presidents running for re-election after having led a politically divided government is promising for Clinton. Republican Presidents Reagan, Nixon and Eisenhower all won after having led Congresses partially or wholly under Democratic control. Presidents Carter and Benjamin Harrison lost after serving one term with their own party controlling Congress. And Lyndon Johnson, crushed by Vietnam, chose not to seek a second term despite unprecedented success with fellow Democrats in Congress.

Of course, history also raises caution flags: Presidents Bush, Ford, Hoover, Taft and Cleveland were unseated after leading divided governments.

Yale political scientist David Mayhew, whose book "Divided We Govern" discusses

party rifts between the White House and Congress, said history fails to prove the thesis that one-party governments are more productive than divided ones.

"The volume of important legislation coming out does not differ significantly," Mayhew said, although the content of legislation may differ markedly.

Georgetown University political scientist Stephen Wayne argues that conservatives prefer divided government because division slows change.

In relatively good times, such as the last two years, Wayne notes, divided government seems to work well because action is less in demand. In bad times, such as the early 1990s recession, voters yearn for

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Monday, Nov. 4

As part of the Academic Success Workshops series, "Essay Test Preparation" will be covered at the seminar. The workshop will take place in the commons Forum Room at noon. For more information, contact University Counseling Services at 828-6200.

For the grand opening of VCU/MCV's Aquatic Center, events will include swimming per weekly schedule, drawing for give-aways at 7 a.m., noon, 5 p.m. as well as during water polo matches between 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Special events are planned throughout opening week. The center is located at the corner of 10th and Turpin streets on the MCV Campus.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

A seminar on "Entrepreneurship" will be held at 11 a.m. in the Business Building Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the School of Business Undergraduate Dean's Office. For more details, contact Iris Johnson or Diane Brown 828-3710.

Election returns will be shown beginning at 6 p.m. in the Common Ground. It is sponsored by the University Student Commons and Activities.

Scheduled events for the Aquatic Center include a water fitness class from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.; fitness assessments 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; water basketball games from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Student activities will sponsor a workshop on "Exploration in Search of New Ideas" at noon in Capital Room A in the

commons. For more information, call 828-3648.

The Chanticleer Vocal Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The concert is part of the Mary Anne Reynolds Concert Series sponsored by the music department.

Saturday, Nov. 9

"Run for the Cure" sponsored by the Massey Cancer Center will be held in the York River State Park at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Bruce Emmert at (804) 566-8345 or Charles Crone at (804) 253-2657.

The Friends of the Richmond Public Library will hold a fall book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the main library on 101 E. Franklin St. Proceeds from the fall and spring book sales will go to funding for many library programs and activities.

Monday, Nov. 11

Virginia Blood Services will hold their blood drive in the student commons in Capital Rooms A-B from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Last September 259 people donated blood, much of which was used by patients at MCV. The blood drive is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, the national co-ed service fraternity. The blood drive will continue Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Virginia Blood Services serves all Richmond hospitals, the University of Virginia Medical Center, Columbia John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell and Community Memorial Healthcenter in South Hill.

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Bureau of Investigation agent, whom he considered a longtime friend.

Under the disguise that Attaway was inquiring out of personal curiosity, the agent arrived at Jewell's home for a lasagna dinner, secretly equipped with a legally wired recording device.

For approximately two hours, Jewell described his experience freely using police talk and profanity. He explained how he discovered the suspicious green knapsack while guarding the tower and later found it to contain a bomb.

Jewell's lawyers said that the transcripts of his client's conversation reflects the naiveté of a man who had no reason to believe he was under suspicion.

State and federal officials spared no resources in their unsuccessful attempt to prove that Jewell was the culprit. From the surveillance, searches, polygraph and deceptive tests, even Jewell's hair samples, none of collected information provided significant evidence that he was the bomber. As a result of Jewell's case, several issues concerning the power of the federal gov-

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an effort to get the smoking areas moved. The managers, Johnson said, informed them that there wasn't space available to be set aside as a closed-off room designated for smoking.

"This (proposal) is just the next logical step," Johnson said, adding that his main concern was whether the SGA proposal would have any impact.

"What does it mean if we do pass it?" Johnson asked.

The SGA vice president also talked about the significance of this debate being rekindled when Trani will be at the meeting. "Anything that you can put in the

ernment and the influence of the media surfaced. Furthermore, the tactics employed by the state and federal agents who investigated the bombing raised questions.

Jewell's dreams of becoming a law enforcement agent may become a fading fairy tale for the security guard.

"I don't know of any police department who would hire an officer who has so much press, negative and positive, as I have," Jewell told the New York Times.

According to Jewell's civil lawyers, L. Lin Wood and Wayne Grant, Jewell plans to sue several newspapers and television networks for distorting his role in the bombing and his life story. Jewell was described by forensic psychologists on television and in newspaper to be the loner type fitting the profile of a bomber.

Jewell told the Times, that the news media "just jumped on it like a bleeding cow."

Adapted from a New York Times article published Oct. 28

president's face does have more weight," he said, adding that he was appreciative of Trani's visit to the SGA. "I think it's saying a lot when the president takes time to meet with the students like this."

Trani's visit to the SGA is an annual occurrence, except for last year when the president failed to make it to a meeting. Speaker of the SGA senate Charlie Bryan said he hopes Trani will address issues of concern to students such as parking and campus safety.

The president, Bryan said, usually talks about capital projects or fund-raising campaigns.

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Advice from academic advisers becomes even more crucial for students transferring to VCU from other institutions, though transfer students earning associate degrees before coming to VCU should have no problem.

Those who don't have associates degrees are not so lucky — the change means that a 102 class completed at another institution will not meet VCU's •General Education Requirements. In this situation, the 102 class could classify as a general elective.

"We have met with the community colleges around the area," Cooper said, "and they are aware of (the new requirements) and will be advising their students accordingly."

English 200 sets VCU apart from many universities.

"The move to 200 is major," Cooper said, "because 101 and 102 have been such an institution both (at VCU) and around the country."

"It's one way of responding to the growing needs of students to be better prepared to write — not only in their disciplines — but outside of the university."

Not only do the department's changes meet General Education Requirements, but the faculty used the general education as a springboard for much broader departmental changes.

"The entire English department was involved in development," Fine said. "One of the big points in all of these changes for us was to separate teaching of general education from teaching of majors."

The revised English curriculum offers classes designed for non-English majors, but majors will find the emphasis on more close reading of text as well as a writing intensive environment throughout their four years.

"We looked at (the changes) as a really exciting thing," Fine said, "more topics courses — less survey. The point is to spread out the writing curriculum throughout their entire experience."

Many changes resulted from responses to surveys and comments by graduating English majors.

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decisive government action and grow frustrated when they don't get it. The difference that may explain Clinton's impending success and Bush's failure at the polls.

Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who spent much of his political career working for Republican presidents and Democratic Congresses, would have preferred unity.

"If you believe there is legislation needed, it is difficult," Weinberger said. "Generally what you have is something watered down to the point where it's actually useless."

The attitude of lawmakers working with a president of the opposite party plays an important role, according to Howard Pastor, former chief congressional liaison for the Clinton administration. Republicans in the past two years rejected a longstanding tenet on Capitol Hill "that the job is to govern, and you use your leverage to go to the middle."

And Clinton shouldn't count on coop-

"They (graduates)," he said "would have liked a little more practice with close reading of text early in their major."

Much of the spirit of the changes can be seen in a series of new courses listed in the spring schedule of classes under the general heading of English 301.

In a draft proposed to the curriculum committee, the listing is described as a required series of course modules, each worth 1.5 credits that run only half a semester each. Module classes cover areas of prose, poetry and drama — all designed to teach close reading and more precise writing techniques.

Two of these modules are required of all English majors.

The revised curriculum also includes a required course titled "Literature of Diversity" that Fine characterized as a response to the philosophy behind the whole change.

"We're getting a little away from American and British courses. There is so much interesting literature being written that is not American and British — often called post-colonial."

The philosophy, he said, involves a de-emphasis on the nationality of literature and more on historical period.

"This is not a move to satisfy P.C. (political correctness) but rather to acknowledge that there is a lot of literature that doesn't fall into the category of English and British," he said.

For instance, Fine pointed to literature of the Caribbean as great writing often overlooked or discounted in classes confined to geographical contexts. Offerings likely will increase in these diverse types of literature.

Fine expressed confidence that the changes not only conform to the General Education Requirements but also to the student's overall educational experience. Revision of the major became equally important, he said, if the department were to fulfill its obligation to give students a well-rounded education.

"Admittedly, (the changes are) fairly complicated," he said. "But so was the old system and once students understand, they will actually have more leeway."

eration in a GOP-controlled 105th Congress.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, vilified by Democrats in campaign ads, is unlikely to be in a mood to work closely with Clinton. Then there are Clinton's ethical problems that a GOP Congress will continue investigating.

"What incentive is there for Republicans to compromise at all?" asks John Motley, a lobbyist for the National Retail Federation. "I don't think you're going to see a Congress which is going to accomplish a great deal."

Democrat Tom Foley, ousted from the speakership — and from the House — in the Republican takeover of 1994, said Clinton is about to learn what Republicans have known for years: A party can hold the White House without controlling Congress.

"The president has not perhaps expressed adequately the debt that he owes Speaker Gingrich," Foley said.

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Tomorrow is decision making day. The one opportunity where every person has the ability and power to decide the fate of this nation. While the power is limited and divided among all voters, the power is still there. For that one day all politicians are at our mercy.

We are reminded of the simple fact that these men and women we sent to represent and protect us owe their jobs to us, the electorate. For those few moments inside the stall of a voting booth, the real and true meaning of democracy and all that makes this country work is realized.

Beyond voting for president, Virginians will have an opportunity to choose their senator. The Warner vs. Warner election, same last names, different party affiliation. Two successful, well-off gentlemen want to represent you in the U.S. Senate. Now the question is Mark or John.

When you go into that booth and help decide to forge the path that this country will lead the rest of the world along, we should have a few things in our mind. As college students preparing to challenge and change the world, we need a young voice who is more in tune with society. We need a determined individual, not afraid of the established power of the Washington beltway, and who will not give in, even in the worst of times. We need Mark Warner.

New generation, new thinking

The generation on the verge of taking over is completely

different from the generation currently pulling the puppet strings.

This generation is a group of kids who know no war, who pray to no one God who are currently waiting for the consequences of their actions to take its toll. A generation looking for a leader among themselves as they follow the voices of yesterday along a path they have no desire to take. A generation unlike any other, not looking for

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John Warner is a prime example of the generation past. This man has been in Congress since 1978, and

what has he accomplished? If anyone can name one major feat born by Warner they are one ahead of us.

John Warner fought bravely in two wars. He served his country well in both Korea and World War II. But for us, this new generation, the wars might as well have been the Trojan wars and we might as well have lost.

Mark has fought no wars on foreign ground, wars that would somehow save his homeland. This does not make him any less an American; it simply puts him in tune with his generation and the generation that will soon take over.

Your student loans are here

Mark Warner will try to increase spending for student

loans, as looks to take care of the future, John Warner voted for a budget that would reduce the growth of the student loan programs by \$10 billion. John Warner stands staunchly behind Gov. George Allen as he opposes the Goals 2000 money, putting Virginia school children one step behind the rest of the nation.

Mark Warner, the right Warner for the state and for education, supports a targeted tax cut that would include a \$10,000 deduction for college and vocational training. This vision and dedication to the future through education is a better way to protect the elderly. Instead of forking money over blindly, Mark will better prepare the future seniors by giving them an education to draw from instead of a blank check from the government.

Mark Warner would not have voted against a bill that would have ended political action committee donations, as John Warner chose to help shoot it down.

With the help of his then wife Elizabeth Taylor, John Warner was elected to serve Virginia. In 1994 he led the fight to keep Oliver North from entering the Senate as Senator instead as a man under investigation, but in the past two years John has supported the same legislation North probably would have supported.

Nothing against John, he served his country well, but Virginia needs a new, younger voice to shout its cries in the hallowed halls of the center of the free world. A man who has proven his success in the trenches of the business world. A man committed to new ideas, instead of a man living in the past. That man is Mark not John.

Vote Mark Warner on Tuesday and help save yourself.

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Consider what you think justice requires, and decide accordingly. But never give your reasons; for your judgment will probably be right, but your reasons will certainly be wrong.

Lord Mansfield

Those who have been once intoxicated with power, and have derived any kind of emolument from it, even though but for one year, can never willingly abandon it.

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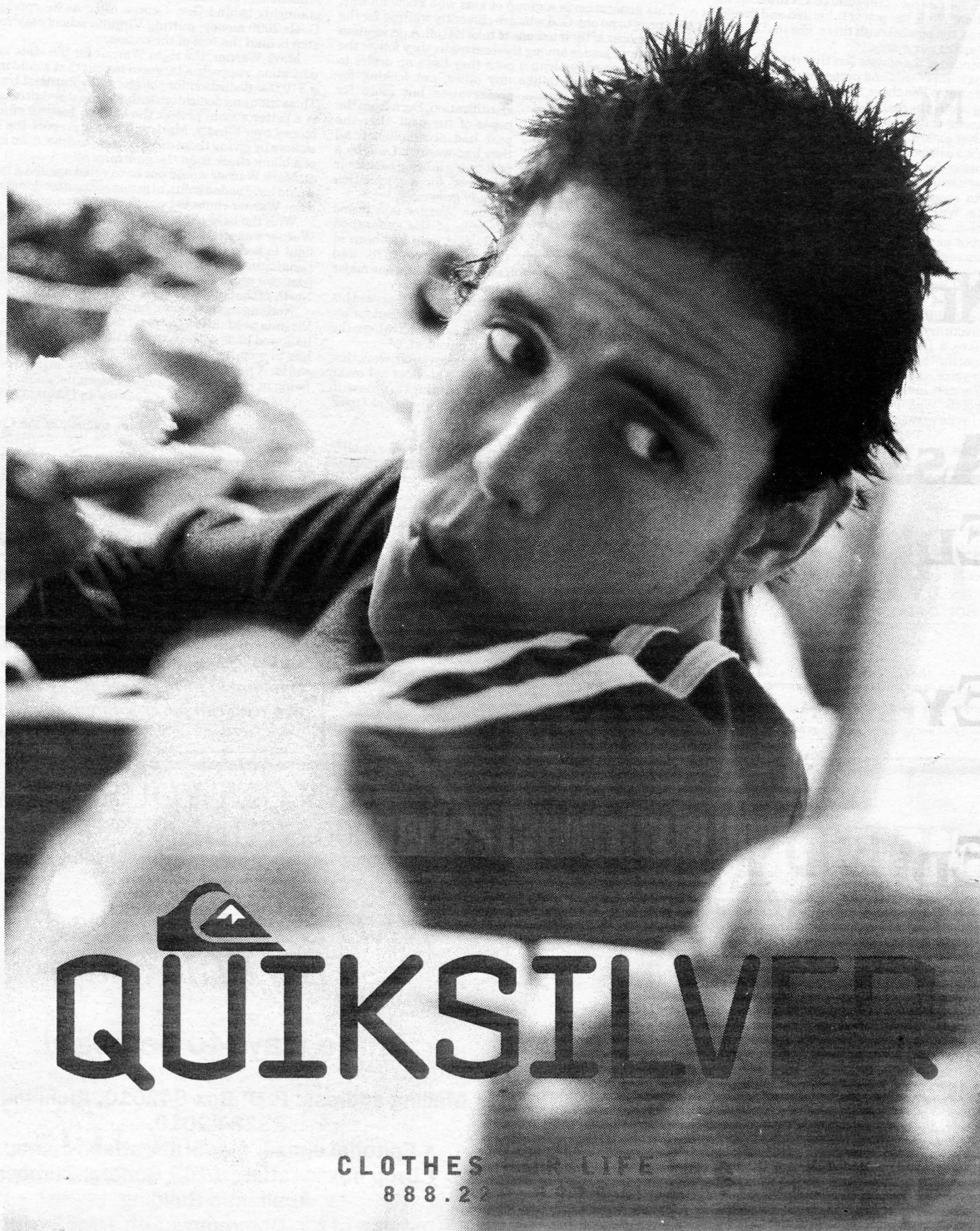
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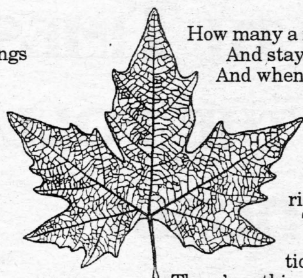


The Autumn Wind

The autumn's wind on suthering wings
Plays round the oak tree strong
And through the hawthorn hedges
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The year's departing song.
There's every leaf upon the whirl
Ten thousand times an hour,
The grassy meadows crisp and curl
With here and there a flower.
There's nothing in this world I find
But wakens to the autumn wind.

The chaffinch flies from out the bushes,
The bluecap "teehees" on the tree,
The wind sues on in merry gushes
His murmuring autumn minstrelsy.
The robin sings his autumn song
Upon the crab tree overhead,
The clouds of smoke they sail along,
Leaves rustle from their mossy bed.
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How many a mile it suthers on
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Sweet twittering o'er the meadow grass,
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—John Clare

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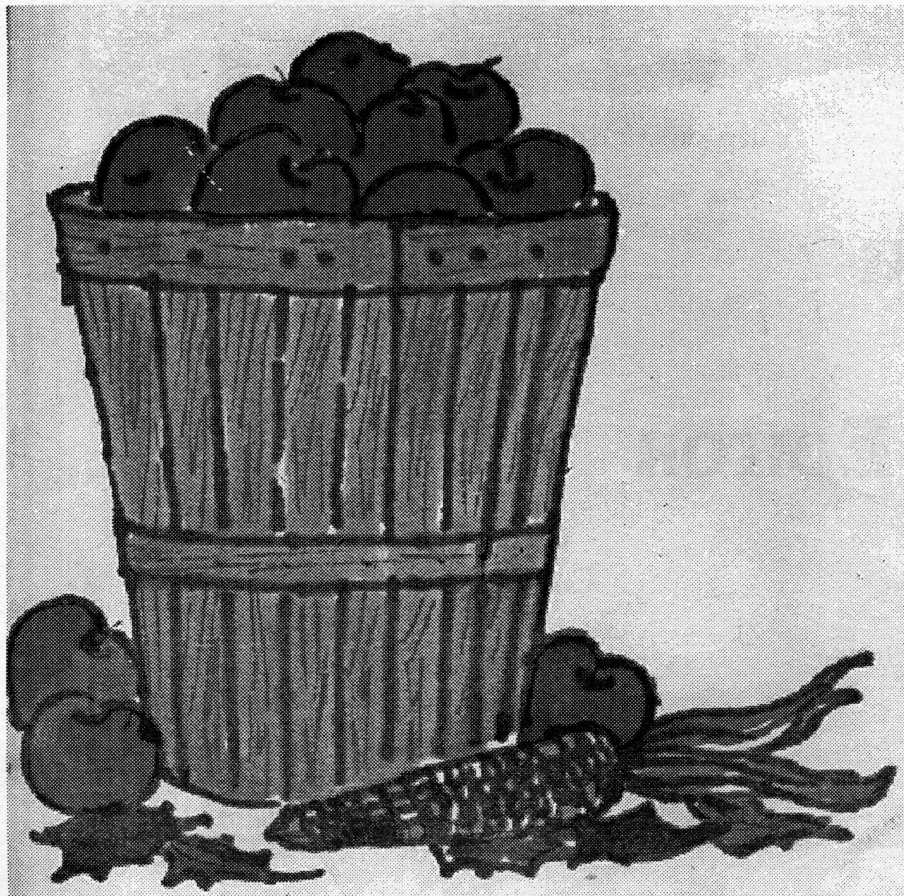
Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch eaves
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And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er brimmed their clammy
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Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
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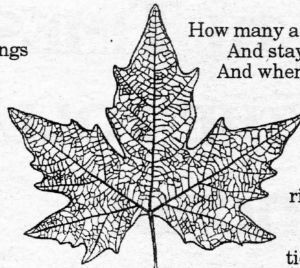
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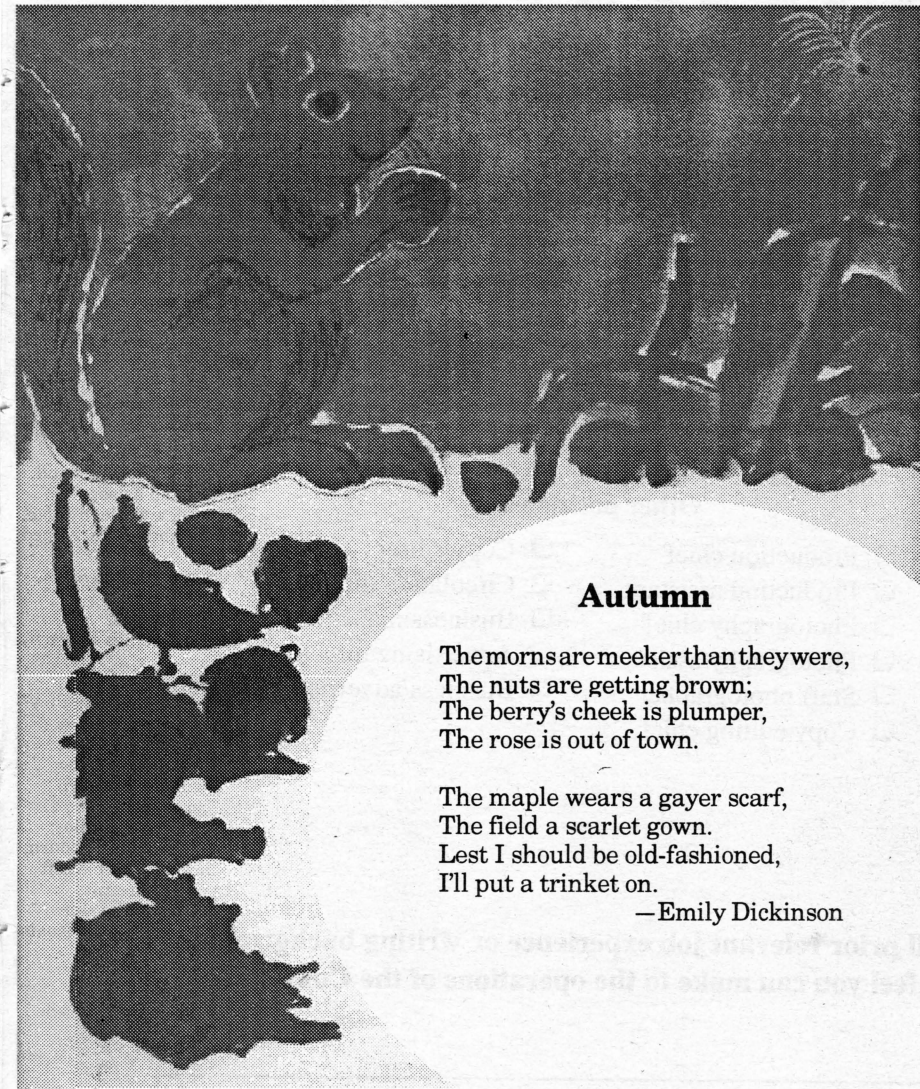
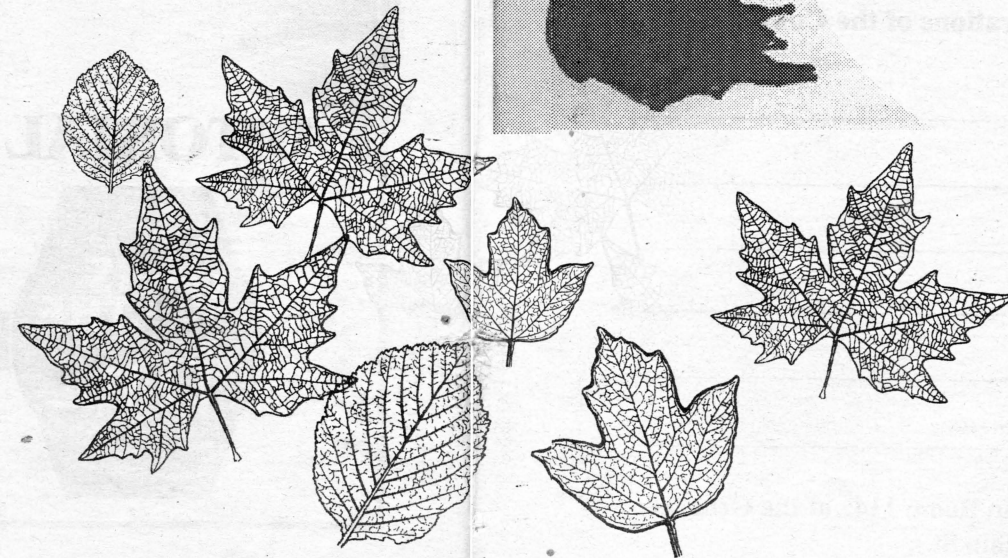
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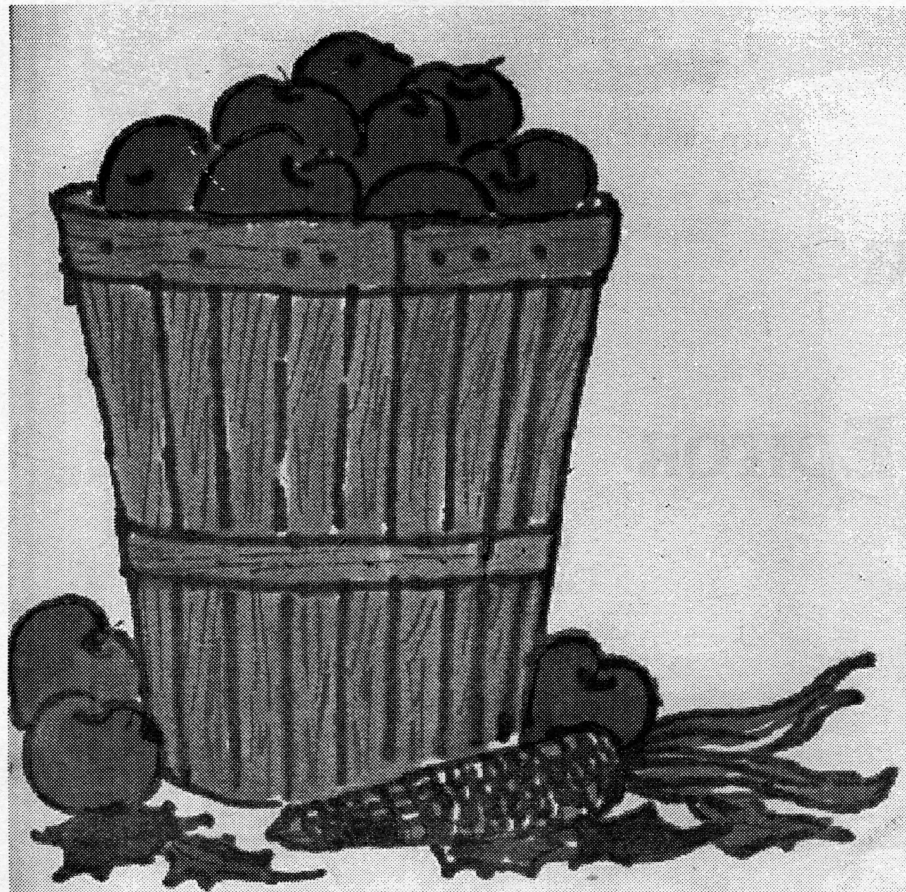
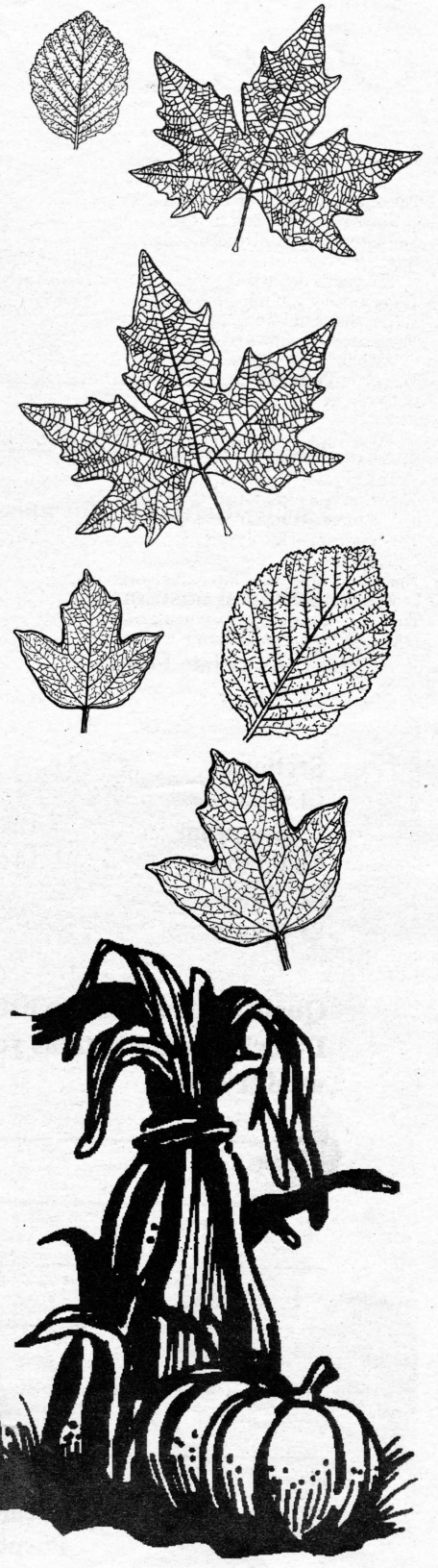


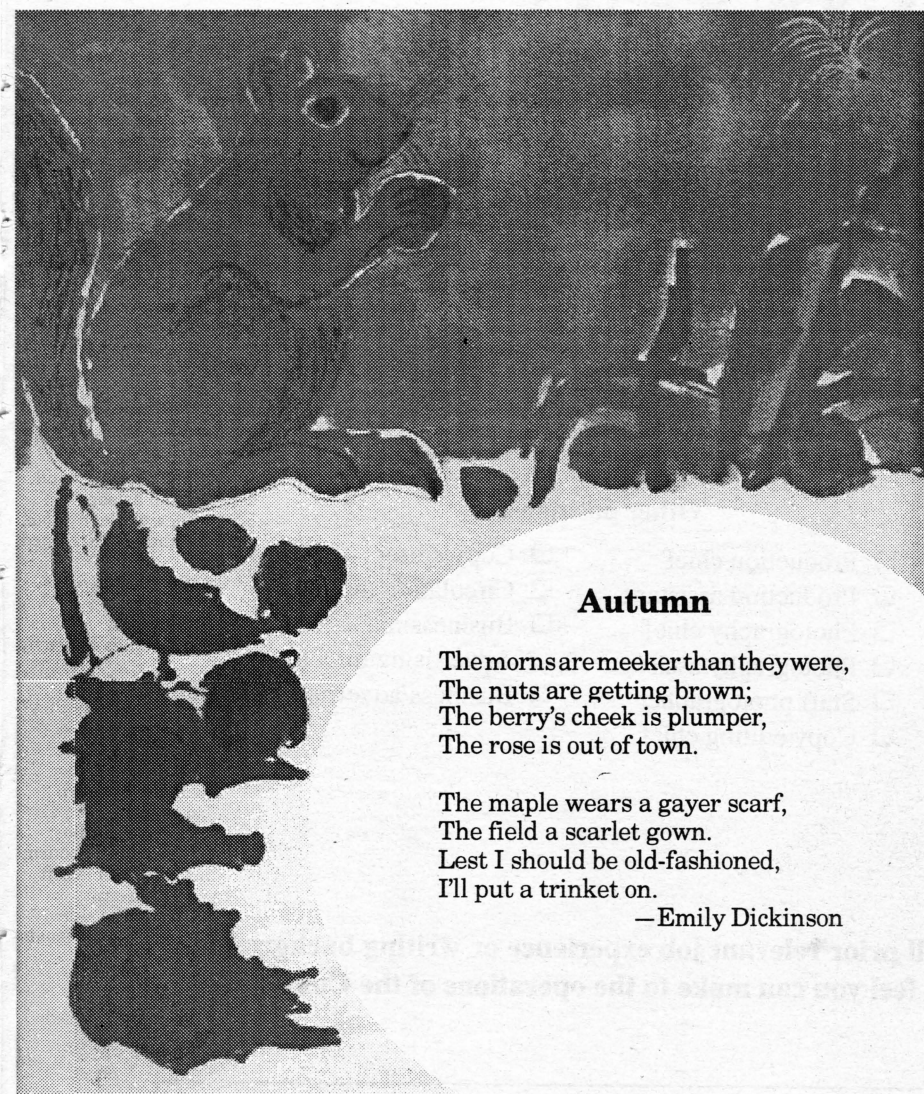
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ART DISPLAY — (left to right) Julie Plunkett, marketing consultant for Exchange Place gallery, Richard Toscan, dean of VCU School of the Arts and Michael Drought, chair of the department of painting and printmaking, pose in front of a painting by Shanti Metz, a senior in VCU's painting and printmaking department.

Student artwork displayed at local gallery

Jenny Swiger
CT ASSOCIATE SPECTRUM EDITOR

Ten undergraduate students in VCU's painting and printmaking department are displaying their work at the Exchange Place Gallery through Feb 7, 1997.

"All of the work (on display) was done last spring, and was chosen by the faculty," said Reni Gower, associate professor of art in the painting and printmaking department. "Each instructor selected from their class an outstanding piece to display."

Gower said it provides the students with practical experience in organizing, installing and

publicizing exhibits. The display also gives the community an opportunity to view the artwork. Shanti Metz, a senior in the painting and printmaking department, has a painting on display at the gallery that she completed during her sophomore year. Metz said she has finally achieved the growth that she's been waiting four years to obtain.

"The painting that is on display was actually used as a springboard for what I'm working on now," Metz said.

The work, which is an estimated 5 feet tall, includes many human-like figures as well as some bird-like qualities on some of the figures. The figures range from having only a beak, or bird feet, with the rest of the body human, to complete

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to show my work," Bogdan said. "In the studio the same people see the work."

Chris Angeles, a senior in the painting and printmaking department, also has a painting on display at Exchange Place and two other galleries.

"Last year, I saw everyone else display their work," he said. "Now, I feel like my work is starting to pay off."

Other students whose work is on display include: Beth Beaven, Ray Cross, Matthew Kovalick, Kim Mayo, Scott Roberts, Renee Shortell and Jimmy Thaiss.

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birds. She is now working with the same idea of the original figures, but in an abstract fashion.

"Now, there's more ambiguity, and the painting is more open," she said. "It holds more."

Valerie Bogdan, a senior in the painting and printmaking department, also has a painting on display at the gallery. Bogdan said her painting, "The Ineffable Becoming" is very frontal, as it reaches out to the viewer.

Bogdan added that she had no specific inspiration for the piece because she works as intuitively as possible.

"People have told me that it references landscape," she said.

There are rough and jagged rocks and valleys included in the painting.

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Students Express Creativity in new VCU art class

Sarah Fisher
CT STAFF WRITER

Conventional appreciation of art is not hard to come by on VCU's Academic Campus. Consider the Anderson Gallery, VCU's Dance Center, the Commons Student Art Space and Theatre VCU; these are places where traditional art is either displayed or practiced.

VCU's Honors Program introduced a performance-art module as part of its program, "New Perspectives in the Arts," this semester. While learning the process of creating art, 11 VCU students were able to engage the surrounding areas of the campus in their work.

Taking an avant-garde approach to art, the five-week performance-art module explores the making of art combined with audience involvement.

By using different mediums such as painting, sculpture, dance, architecture and music, performance art allows the student to produce ideas for making art. Each student generates their own ideas from their experiences.

"The particular attraction (to performance art) is it allows us to go through the confines," said Tom Adair, art foundation instructor. The module doesn't have a certain structure or expectations to it, he said.

This past Thursday, the first five-week module had its last meeting. The 11 students in Adair's class planned the route

they would take to make their final performances. Many of the performances were outdoors.

Amy Marshall, a student in the class, wore a karate uniform for the performance Thursday. In Monroe Park she recited lines from the Tao de Ching and tossed a football between verses.

Marshall, an English major, described the class as mandatory playtime.

"It provides an arena... where you can make your own definitions," she said.

Rachel Lums, a music performance major, lead the class on a trek from outside Cabell Library to MCV. Her performance took place on the VCU shuttle bus. A book called "The Spontaneous Poetics of Jack Kerouac" provided inspiration for her class outing.

While riding on the bus, Lums read from Kerouac's book. She instructed the class to call out any word that started with the same letter of their first name when a word that she read started with the same letter.

Lums said the class helped rid her of personal fears. "I have an outlet for all of the crazy ideas I've had and never could do," she said. "It validates me as a creative entity."

The Pollak Building courtyard was the desired location for Dixon Johnston's performance. Johnston stomped through the courtyard with tape recorders tied to his feet as the class watched from the fourth-floor balcony. His pseudo-shoes re-

corded the sounds of his feet hitting the pavement. He then made his way to the balcony to throw the tape recorders into the courtyard with rocks tied to them.

For his finale, Johnston packaged the tape recorders into boxes to be sent as a prank to the FBI, State Police and Richmond Police.

Roman Cho, a music performance major, gave an autobiographical monologue for his performance. He read from his work-in-progress, "Memories of Childhood." Classical music played as he explained, then acted out, his past involvement in activities such as dance, football and playing the drums.

The performance-art module is open to students of all majors.

Chemistry student Erika Massenburg said that she enrolled in the class to try something different.

"There are no restrictions. That's the best thing about it, there are no limitations," she said.

Class attendance is among the few tangible conditions on which the module is based. Students are also required to write a paper about their conceptions of performance art.

The elusiveness of the performance-art module makes for an interesting addition to VCU's course offerings. It's quirky. It's unconventional. It's modern art.

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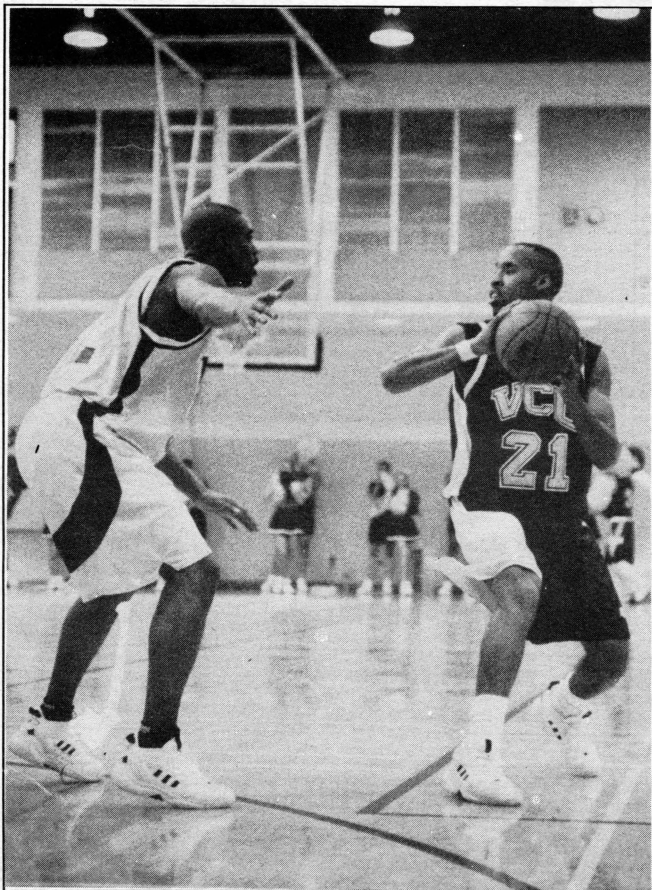
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IN THE BEGINNING — Senior Sherman Hamilton looks to pass as Marcus Reed defends him in Saturday's Annual Black and Gold game. Hamilton scored 13 points and had four assists in the Rams' first exhibition.

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gone way up in the possibilities of getting to play."

The Rams were 12 of 32 from beyond the arc, which caught Smith's attention.

"I was impressed with the three-point shooting, which was atrocious last year and was the thing that probably kept us from winning the NCAA game," he said.

In addition to Lee, Hamilton was 3 of 5 and Marcus Reed hit 2 of 3.

The Rams will get their first taste of outside competition Saturday against a

Yugoslavian Select squad at Franklin Street Gym.

CORRECTION — On Friday the media's incorrect women's preseason predictions were displayed. The following are the media's correct predictions: 1. Old Dominion, 2. James Madison, 3. George Mason, 4. American, 5. East Carolina, 6. William & Mary, 7. VCU, 8. Richmond, 9. UNC Wilmington.

Volleyballers squander weekend series

Joe Rogalsky
CT STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball team lost two Colonial Athletic Association matches this weekend after sweeping Charleston Southern University Friday night.

VCU (13-19, 1-5) faced off against nationally ranked George Mason (20-2, 5-0) Sunday in Fairfax and lost 15-5, 15-3, 15-6. The No. 21 Patriots trailed only once in the match in cruising to their fifth straight win. They are undefeated in conference play. The Patriots had 33 kills compared to 13 for the Lady Rams and 11 errors compared to VCU's 21.

Saturday night VCU lost in three games to the Eagles of American University. The Lady Rams succumbed to AU 15-6, 15-8, 15-5. The Eagles (11-19) had 10 aces to VCU's one and outkilled the Lady Rams 45-29.

In the tune-up match before the CAA contests this past weekend, the Lady Rams defeated Charleston Southern (2-22) 15-8, 16-12 and 15-9 Friday evening.

"I was pretty pleased by the way everybody played," coach Cheryl Carlson said. "I think this prepared us well for the upcoming games this weekend."

The team was able to practice a new defense that was implemented Saturday against American University. Carlson was happy with the team's play in the new system, especially in the final.

"In the third, the girls performed well,"

Carlson said. "We used it (the new defense) all the time, not just half of the time like we had done in the two earlier sets."

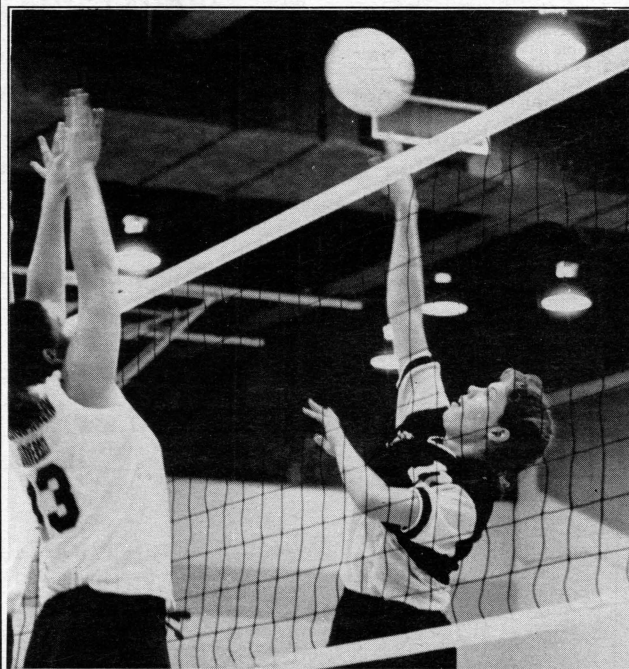
In the first game, CSU jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, but the Lady Rams erased the deficit and built an 11-4 advantage on the way to the win. In the second game, VCU once again found themselves behind, this time 2-0. The Lady Rams scored eight straight points and appeared to have the set sewn up. CSU battled back and tied the score at 11. Jennifer West's ace put VCU up 12-11, but CSU was not done. CSU once again launched a comeback, and was one point away from winning the game.

The Lady Rams denied them that chance, and pulled out the victory. In the final game, the two teams exchanged points early on, knotting the score at nine.

Lead by sophomore Jessica Chapman's thunderous spikes, the Lady Rams put six unanswered points on the board to clinch the match.

"Mary (Franke) and Jessica were communicating well out there," Carlson said. "That communication is what lead to the strong spikes and kills."

The Lady Rams have one more home game, 7 p.m., Wednesday at the Franklin Street Gym against William & Mary. After playing the Tribe, they head to Wilmington, N.C., for the CAA championship tournament.



Pete S. Martin/Commonwealth Times

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT — Sophomore Jessica Chapman reaches to put one by Charleston Southern's defenders. VCU won that match but lost its next two against CAA rivals American and George Mason universities.

TEAM	STREAK	UPCOMING EVENTS	NOTES
MEN'S SOCCER (6-7-3, 2-4-2)	lost 2	Nov. 4 Howard UNCW	WINS IN ITS NEXT TWO GAMES WILL GIVE THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM A WINNING RECORD HEADING INTO THE TOURNAMENT.
WOMEN'S SOCCER (10-9-0, 4-4)	won 1	Nov. 7-10 CAA TOURNAMENT	THEY WILL LIKELY HAVE THE CHANCE TO AVENGE THEIR LOSS TO AU IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE CAA TOURNAMENT.
VOLLEYBALL (13-19, 1-5)	lost 2	Nov. 6 W&M	THE LADY RAMS WERE SWEEPED IN A MATCH AGAINST THE TRIBE EARLIER THIS SEASON.
FIELD HOCKEY (3-15, 0-6)	lost 6	Nov. 4 VNOVA	THE VILLANOVA GAME HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM SATURDAY UNTIL MONDAY TILL NOON.
MEN'S BASKETBALL		Nov. 9 YUG	VCU OPENS ITS SEASON NOV. 23 AT HOME AGAINST MIAMI (OHIO).
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		Nov. 10 CRO	THE LADY RAMS' NOV. 24 GAME IS THE TEAM'S REGULAR-SEASON OPENER.

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Lady Rams lose gender war

Glass not concerned with outcome

Joe Rogalsky
CT STAFF WRITER

VCU's women's basketball team lost its opening scrimmage 77-60 on Saturday at Franklin Street Gym. They faced a group of male students assembled by coach David Glass.

"Playing guys helps the team with the physical aspect, as well as the overall quickness," Glass said, adding that 6-6 Mona Karlsson and 6-4 Allyn Lewis normally practice against players who are only 5-10 and 5-9. "It helps them to go against somebody big."

Playing time for each player was determined before the start of the game, Glass said, and the score was of no concern.

"We just wanted to get good competition that did not know our plays," he said. "No one was worried about what was on the scoreboard."

Meredith Sisson, a transfer student who red-shirted last season, led the Lady Rams in scoring with 11 points in 25 minutes of action.

"It was good to get back in the action," Sisson said. "I just need to relax and play like I know I can play."

Last season's second-leading scorer, Gabrielle Kylhstedt, had nine points, all coming on three-point shots.

Glass pointed to forwards Chevette Waller, who had eight points and two offensive rebounds, and Lindsay Mergenthal, who finished with nine points, as players who stood out offensively.

This year's starting point guard Sarah Trayers scored

six points.

"I think our offense has come together well," said Lewis, one of the team's captains.

"We had been having some trouble with it, but everyone seemed to calm down a lot and play as a team. But we still have to work to do."

Learning a new offense can't be done overnight, and with less than one month of practice behind them, the Lady Rams still have a way to go before they are ready for the regular season.

"We have put a whole new offensive system in," Glass said. "To get acquainted with the system, you just have to spend hour after hour working on it."

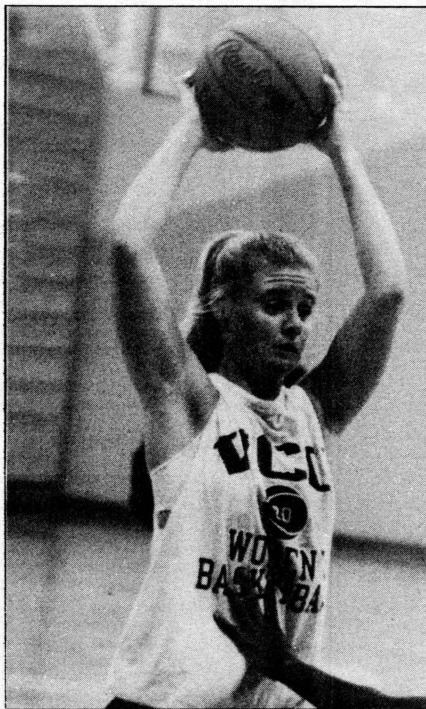
There is no quick solution, you just have to spend a lot of time. Today we tried stuff that we had only worked on for three days and we still have a lot of work to do."

Defensively, Sisson was the top rebounder with six. Karlsson and Lewis, VCU's twin towers, had five and four respectively. The team had 10 steals and forced 20 turnovers.

"We need to work on our transition defense, along with blocking out and rebounding," said Glass, who said he felt his team played like he would expect. "But this type of game lets us see where we are and get some competition."

The team next plays a Croatian Select team 2 p.m. Sunday at Franklin Street Gym, where all of their home games will be played.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



File photo

A CALL TO ARMS — Sophomore transfer Meredith Sisson looks for a teammate at a practice earlier this year. Sisson led the team with 11 points and eight rebounds.

SOCCER

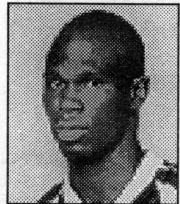
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tangle 'em-up style of defense aggravated several Cavaliers and drew a yellow card for Virginia forward Matt Leonard.

"They weren't doing a good job of closing Brian West down," Gelnovatch said, "and then finally (Amato) was all over him."

But without any serious threats on the U.Va. goal the Rams really didn't threaten the Cavalier's lead.

"We had one chance and that was like a half-chance," Wright said of Trevor Spencer's shot that was fisted away by Cavalier goalkeeper Yuri Sagatov.



Wright

A goal would've tightened the match, and then anything could have happened. But even O'Sullivan realized that was not likely.

"To spot a team two goals, and really it could have been three and four and five goals as good a team as that, it is really going to be difficult for us," O'Sullivan said. "If we had pressed, trying to get a goal, we would have given up another two or three."

VCU plays at Howard Monday and close the regular season Saturday at Cary Street Field against UNC Wilmington.

If the Rams can win their final two regular-season contests they can enter the CAA tournament with a winning record. Something they haven't done since the 1993 season when they finished the year 15-3.

The UNCW Seahawks are eighth in the Colonial Athletic Association. Their only win came against last place East Carolina.



Terry Scanlon/Commonwealth Times

UPENDED — Dominic Amato slides to break up a scoring effort by Virginia's Ben Olsen. Amato terrorized Wahoo forwards throughout the second half, but the top-ranked Cavaliers still defeated the Rams 2-0 before a crowd of about 2,000.

Rams Stat

■ The VCU men's basketball team was 15-4 last season with Patrick Lee in the starting lineup.

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Lee, Griggs shine in annual scrimmage

Byrd's health still in question

Terry Scanlon
CT SPORTS EDITOR

Season-opening intrasquad scrimmages are usually nothing more than a sloppy exhibition to show the team off to the fans, and a game in which the coaches hope to find some redeeming value.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

"That was the best black and gold game we've had since I've been here because we're usually never this far ahead," coach Sonny Smith said. "I'm not saying we're really ahead, we've just been so bad with the others."

Senior Patrick Lee led the Gold squad to a 64-61 overtime win before a packed house at Franklin Street Gym Saturday night.

"Patrick Lee kind of stood out there at one of stretch of the game," Smith said. "(He) kind of distanced himself from everybody."

The 6-2 guard recorded a game-high 26 points including four three-pointers.

He said he gained confidence from his work-outs during the off season, but downplayed his own performance.

"I played alright," he said. But we still have a lot of work to do," Lee said.

While Lee impressed, Smith still had reason to worry about George Byrd, who has a stress fracture in his left leg.

Byrd has been the biggest trouble spot for Smith as he tries to prepare for the season.

Byrd, a two-year starter, averaged 9.1 points and 6.8 rebounds a game last season.

At 6-8 and 270 pounds he's the biggest post player on the roster, not to mention most experienced.

He pulled down nine boards and scored 11 points in only 29 minutes, but still didn't look like his usual self. After the game he admitted being hesitant on the floor, and Smith noticed.

"Our biggest concern is George. It's just kind of a sad situation," Smith said. "If you notice, he didn't spring up above anybody to get a ball."

VCU point guard Sherman Hamilton said that nobody's stepped forward to take Byrd's place, but that as a combined unit Torrance Archie, Kevin Miles, Simon Moore and Mylo Brooks will be able to work together to fill the role.

"Piece by piece the puzzle is going to be put together," Hamilton said.

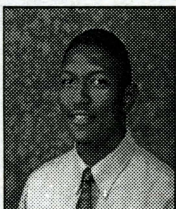
Smith said Miles played well in the post, but the newcomer that really impressed the coach was

Roderick Griggs, a transfer from Lawson State College in Hueytown, Ala.

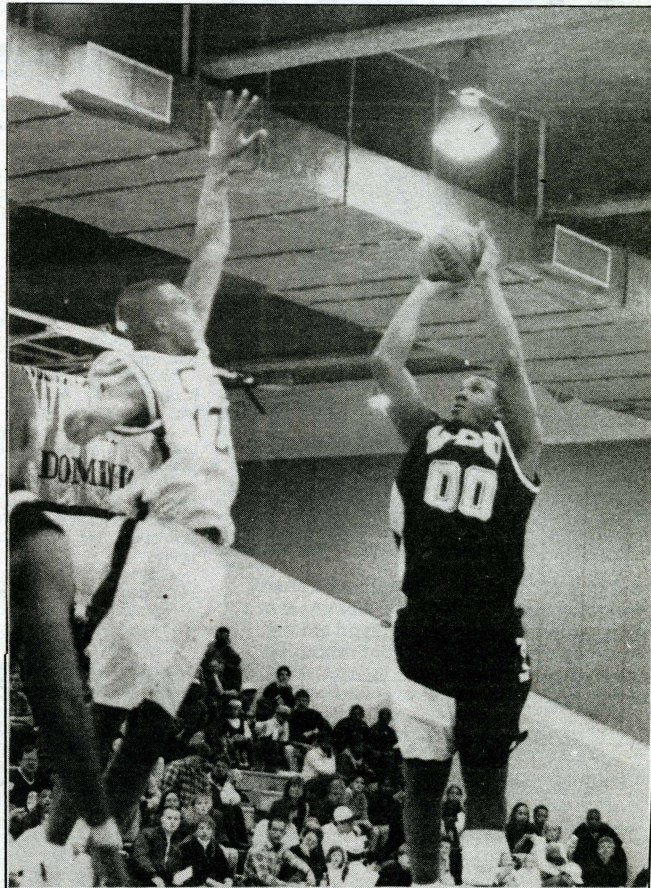
Griggs, 6-8 and 200 pounds, nailed four of five shots, blocked three shots and added three assists in only 21 minutes of play.

"Griggs is starting to make every shot. Yesterday in practice he didn't miss a shot," Smith said. "He's

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GRIGGS



Pete Van Vleet/Commonwealth Times

THE RIGHT TOUCH — Senior center George Byrd puts up one of his 10 shots at Saturday's Annual Black and Gold game. Byrd's nine points and 11 rebounds weren't enough as the Gold team defeated the Black 64-61 in overtime.

Rams humbled in house Arena built

Terry Scanlon
CT SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The University of Virginia established a dynasty in men's soccer during the reign of Bruce Arena, capturing five national championships dating back to 1989. Arena returned to Klöckner Stadium on Saturday as a spectator and saw his former team manhandle VCU 2-0 before a crowd of nearly 2,000.

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Arena, who left Charlottesville a year ago to coach D.C. United of the Major Soccer League, said his former squad has a shot at another national championship, but was not terribly impressed with its performance against the Rams.

"They did what they had to do to win. It was an easy game for them," he said.

"Virginia wasn't at their best today, but VCU played a pretty good game."

It took All-American Mike Fischer only five minutes to score his 56th career goal and put an end to any speculation of a possible upset.

When Matt Leonard's side-winding bicycle kick sent a shot into the upper right corner of the goal, the match had the makings of a rout. The Wahoos, however, weren't able to convert the rest of the afternoon, but it wasn't for lack of chances. VCU, on the other hand, had only one shot on goal for the entire game.

The close score was a combination of VCU defenders overcoming their awe of playing the top team in the nation, and U.Va. players realizing they had the game in hand.

Virginia coach George Gelnovatch said in a disapproving tone that his team has learned what it takes to get by, and in the second half they just went through the

motions.

"This game could've been four or five to nothing in the first half," he said. "We started pretty well, but we played a bad second half."

Too many VCU players were intimidated by playing the No. 1 team in the country.

"I was extremely disappointed in the first half. We played frightened. We're scared to play the No. 1 team." O'Sullivan said. "We're very fortunate to come away only two goals down."

During the second stanza the Rams hassled Wahoo forwards more, keeping them from extending their lead.

"The second half we settled down and showed we can play," senior Mervyn Wright said.

Dominic Amato and Thomas Straschil impressed both coaches. Amato's rough

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ODU mutilates field hockey team

NORFOLK — Old Dominion University stomped VCU 16-0 in field hockey Saturday at ODU. VCU (3-15, 0-6 in conference play) couldn't get a shot off against the No. 10 Lady Monarchs (16-4, 6-0 in conference play). VCU has been outscored 27 to 1 and outshot 92 to 6 in its past three games.

Seven Lady Monarchs found the back of the cage against VCU goalie Jodi Dodson. ODU was lead by Danielle Chelley, who scored five times, and Heather Eastburn, who scored three times and added seven assists. Three other players scored twice and two more added a goal each.

Thewin gave ODU coach Beth Anders her 300th career victory. VCU will face off against Villanova Monday at Cary Street Field in the Lady Rams' last regular-season game before the conference tournament.

— compiled from news sources