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photo from the book *Virginia Commonwealth University, A Sesquicentennial History* by Virginius Dabney

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## History of mass comm filled with triumphs, obstacles

Ben Wasson  
CT News Editor

Fifty years ago this year, the Richmond Professional Institute offered its first journalism courses to students. In 1950, the school created a degree in journalism. Three years later, four students earned the school's first journalism degrees.

The history of VCU's School of Mass Communications spans numerous name transformations and several administration and address changes. Its enrollment almost doubled in 1973 from 176 to 338 students and sometimes shrank or leveled.

### Part Two of a four part series on the School of Mass Communications

With enrollment swelling from the first four students in 1948 to more than 600 today, VCU's mass communications program drew attention for its successes and its problems.

Most recently, in a surprise to students and faculty on Oct. 2, Stephen D. Gottfredson, dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, announced that the school won't seek reaccreditation and suspended admissions into the professional journalism and media management graduate tracks.

To put the present into perspective, the Commonwealth Times decided to take a look at the history of VCU and its mass communications programs.

In the 1950s, RPI became a vastly different place from its humble beginnings in 1917 as the Richmond School of Social Work and Public Health. Funded solely through private sources until 1940, the institution scrambled to remain in operation.

In his book, "Virginia Commonwealth University: a Sesquicentennial History," Virginius Dabney wrote

about the Richmond School of Social Work and Public Health:

"(In 1917) there was only one full-time teacher, and he, a human dynamo, was also the sole administrator, janitor and general handyman."

Still, the faculty grew and the students came. By 1952, RPI enrolled 1,107 students, but students in the Department of Journalism remained less than 30 until 1965 when 41 students entered the program. The institution received full accreditation in 1953 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

In 1962, the institution ended its 37-year affiliation with the College of William and Mary to seek its own identity. For the next few years, however, the two institutions continued to share the same alma mater song and school colors.

Besides changing school colors from white, green and gold to blue and gray, perhaps the most significant change in RPI came in 1968 when it merged with the Medical College of Virginia to become Virginia Commonwealth University.

Jack Hunter, a former Richmond Times-Dispatch editor, served as acting head of the Department of Journalism for 13 years until 1970. Hunter saw the department through the transformations and stepped down that year to continue as a faculty member.

George T. Crutchfield came from a five-year teaching stint at the University of South Carolina to succeed Hunter and took the reins as head of the Department of Journalism. In that year, the department moved from the oversight of the School of Social Sciences to the School of Arts and Sciences, later to

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## VCU hosts graduate school fair

Sarah Ann Hearney  
CT Staff Writer

Students trying to predict their graduate school futures obtained a little help last week during the Greater Richmond Area Graduate and Professional School Day in the VCU Student Commons.

Representatives from 78 graduate and professional school programs set up information tables in the Commonwealth Ballroom where students could ask questions and collect information packets.

"We are trying to generate student interest in graduate programs," said Josephine Wheeler-Diggs, a 28-year-old business major who volunteered at the fair.

Officials from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science expressed a particular interest in VCU students.

"The students at VCU are mostly commuters," said Lisa Kenny, assistant director of graduate admissions at PCTS. "They are usually older and know what they want to do. They are more focused."

"Not as many VCU students attend our school as we would like, but we are hoping to get more."

Kenny said there are three criteria all graduate programs exam-

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## Withdrawal day cometh

Deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday

Sarah Nemetz  
CT Staff Writer

Heads up students and faculty! Friday, Oct. 23 is the last day to withdraw from classes.

In a memo from David R. Hiley, vice provost for academic affairs, sent earlier this fall, faculty were reminded of the university policy that they must advise students as to their status and grades before the withdrawal date.

This gives students an opportunity to determine where they stand in their classes and if they need to

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# News of the Weird

## • Americans have big bottoms

Ferry boat officials in Seattle noticed that some people had to sit in the aisles, so they cut the maximum capacity for the boat.

Coast Guard officials suggested that the average behind measures 18 inches, so using that figure the maximum capacity for the boat dropped from 250 to 240. But the ferry between Vashon Island and Seattle still crowded people into the aisles.

"Eighteen-inch butts are a thing of the past," said ferry spokeswoman Susan Harris. "We have all expanded."

Maximum capacity now consists of 230 persons.

## • I'm sorry, does this jail have better accommodations?

Jail officials in Fairfax, Va. recently released a man because they couldn't afford his food.

After sentencing Neil H. Lederman, a 43-year-old Orthodox Jew, to 11 months in jail for writing a bad check, officials changed his sentence to home detention because kosher meals for the prisoner cost the county \$70 a day, said Chief Deputy Sheriff James A. Vickery.

Prosecutor James Bitner said he doesn't think asking for kosher meals constituted a valid meal request.

"I always believed that when a jury sentences someone to jail they go to jail,"

he said, "I didn't know they would later be released because the jail couldn't meet that person's needs."

## • Drink or swim

In March, a brewery near Berlin began selling 1-quart bottles of dark beer concentrate. Four bottles of the concentrate from Kloster Brewery, when mixed with water, fill a 32-gallon tub — a rather expensive bath at \$22 per bottle.

The difference between these bathing suds and the ones you drink lies in the non filtered yeast, which the brewery owner said makes the bath more soothing to the skin.

"You can bathe in it, or drink it," he said. "Whoever wants to, can do both."

## • Can I buy that stock?

Thanks to a computer error Vyto and Diane Kapocius received a huge surprise. Officials assessed their Milwaukee property value at \$1.2 million — a rather large increase over the previous assessment that appraised the home at \$137,200.

For some unknown reason, during assessment, records showed that the Kapocius' home included 250 fire places, but they don't even have one.

Mary Mudlaff, a clerk at Green Village Hall said, eventually the city fixed the error when it showed up on the tax rolls of the first area-wide assessment in seven years.

"We've gotten some calls, but nothing like that," Mudlaff said. "That's the only one. It's definitely a computer glitch."

## • No pot-luck in Florida

Flooding cost Florida farmers millions of dollars in losses this year — even dope farmers.

Agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement said they collected only half of the marijuana plants they normally find each season.

"A lot of the prime areas were hit hard," said David Broadway, coordinator of the agency's marijuana program. "If your having trouble irrigating a legitimate crop, imagine how much harder it would be for an illegal crop you have to hide."

The need to better tend their crop caused growers to plant the illegal weed closer to their homes, which officials attribute to a rise in arrests.

## • Roller Derby anyone?

The Nashville Network plans to air a 26-week series of "Roller Jams" games beginning Jan. 15, said TNN president David Hall.

Instead of roller skates, though, the contestants will wear more modern inline skates.

"The country's obsession with sports entertainment and the popularity of inline skating and extreme sports make this the perfect time (for such a pro-

gram)," Hall said in a written statement.

Stephen Land, co-executive producer of the show, said six teams are in training. Plans include playing international teams and a schedule of live games in various cities.

Much of TNN's other programming consists of country music and motor sports.

## • Rats slow enrollment process

Most students and teachers have heard the same old excuses, such as "my dog ate my homework," and believe it about as much as they believe one plus one equals three, but that may change.

Now Ugandan students who don't get accepted into universities in Uganda can use a similar excuse that is the truth because rats ate their exams.

Actually, rats gnawed through computer cables at the National Examination Board and crashed the computer system, leaving thousands of students in entrance limbo, reported the *New Vision Daily*.

The daily said the problem affected those who applied for teacher training colleges, polytechnic and medical institutions.

This was not the first time rats hungered for wires in the African country. Earlier this year they chewed up telecommunications wires, cutting off phone links to parts of western Uganda and Rwanda.

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# VCU singers to raise money to help needy

Olivia A. Orr  
CT STAFF WRITER

With the hope of raising money for the Pan-African Foundation, 39 VCU voices will rise in song this Sunday during a gospel concert fund-raiser.

Emmanuel Ofori, president of the foundation, requested that the university's Commonwealth Singers perform at the fund-raiser after he was told about their impressive vocal skills.

"I told him our program is not gospel," said John Guthmiller, director of choral activities at VCU. "It's a different sort of thing to add to the program."

Guthmiller said Ofori approached him about doing the concert sometime during the first week of classes.

"Emmanuel is so persuasive about the importance of what he is doing," Guthmiller said. "He's got a vision and he's got a way of making things happen."

Ofori and the Pan-African Foundation created this vision in an attempt to reduce famine and disease to those less fortunate in Third World countries. Ofori

said she hopes the fund-raiser raises enough money to help expand the land in Africa and buy medical supplies.

"We want to help these people to become independent and self-sufficient in food production and health care," Ofori said. "We have ten medical doctors, dentists and nurses to go to Africa when we leave in March. We would also like ten volunteers in areas of help like counseling."

Ofori said he feels the addition of the Commonwealth Singers to the fund-raiser's program may attract a combination of people and allow him to extend the message to other groups that may be able to help the mission.

"My main goal now," he said, "is to spread the vision of the organization."

The Pan-African Foundation gospel concert fund-raiser will be held Sunday, Oct. 25 from 4-7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 5403 Monument Ave. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested.

Other performances for VCU's Commonwealth Singers include the Fall Choral Classic at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 and the VCU Holiday Concert on Dec. 11.

## VCU holds graduate, professional school fair

### GRAD

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ine when considering admissions — grade point average, standardized test scores and professional experience in the field of study.

But Suzanne Blyer, a representative from the University of Richmond Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, said GPA and test score requirements at U of R vary from program to program.

"Each application is considered and reviewed on an individual basis," Blyer said. "If a student applies to the history graduate school, the history department will see if the student's GPA and GRE scores are up to their standards. The psychology department might have different requirements. It depends on the department."

"We want students to succeed and have the ability to do well. Otherwise, it will be a waste of their time and money."

The Graduate School of Business Administration at Fordham University in Manhattan is one of many schools that take a hard look at a student's work experience when considering those students for admission.

"We look for six or seven years of business experience," said Walter O'Connor, director of the master's program in taxation at Fordham.

"Many students come to our school that have worked many years in banks or in business offices, but that is not real experience."

When interviewing students for graduate school admission, O'Connor asks them what they previously did to make money.

"Real experience was in high school when you mowed your neighbor's lawns to get money. You paid your sister or brother to help you out and when they didn't show up to mow a certain lawn, you had to deal with the neighbor's screaming," O'Connor said. "That scenario had all the (same) ingredients as managing a company as big as General Motors. You got real experience in marketing, finance and account-

ing."

A person's personality and attitude, he said, have a lot to do with whether or not that person is accepted to graduate school.

"During my interviews with students, I look for people who will convert knowledge into action. I want tigers who are aggressive and assertive. That's what you need in the business world," O'Connor said.

Students attending the fair walked around with plastic bags and arms full of information packets from the different schools.

"I have definitely added to my stack of graduate school applications," said Chris Owens, 27, a psychology major.

While students at the event said they were able to see which graduate schools would suit their individual needs, some complained that most of the school representatives were from admissions offices.

"I am looking for the program and the faculty, what do they do and are they really interested in what I am," Owens said. "(The admissions representatives) don't know about specific parts of programs because they are just with admissions. They say 'Here's a packet' and that's it."

Harold S. Greenwald, an admissions counselor for VCU's School of Graduate Studies, did just that. He gave out packets along with a Web site address ([www.vcu.edu/gradweb](http://www.vcu.edu/gradweb)) where students could find out more about VCU's graduate school.

Greenwald said, contrary to some people's beliefs, companies do not look down on students who do graduate work at the same institution from which they earned their undergraduate degrees.

There were five seminars held during the day, geared toward supplying students with more information about graduate and professional school. They included "Money Matters: Financing Graduate and Professional School," "Me, Myself and I: Strategies for Effective Interviews and Personal Statements" and "Navigating the Net to Get to Graduate School." All students were invited to attend.



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6:00 pm Dancers

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Monday, October 26, 1998

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5:00 pm Dancers

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Tuesday, October 27, 1998

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5:00 pm Dancers

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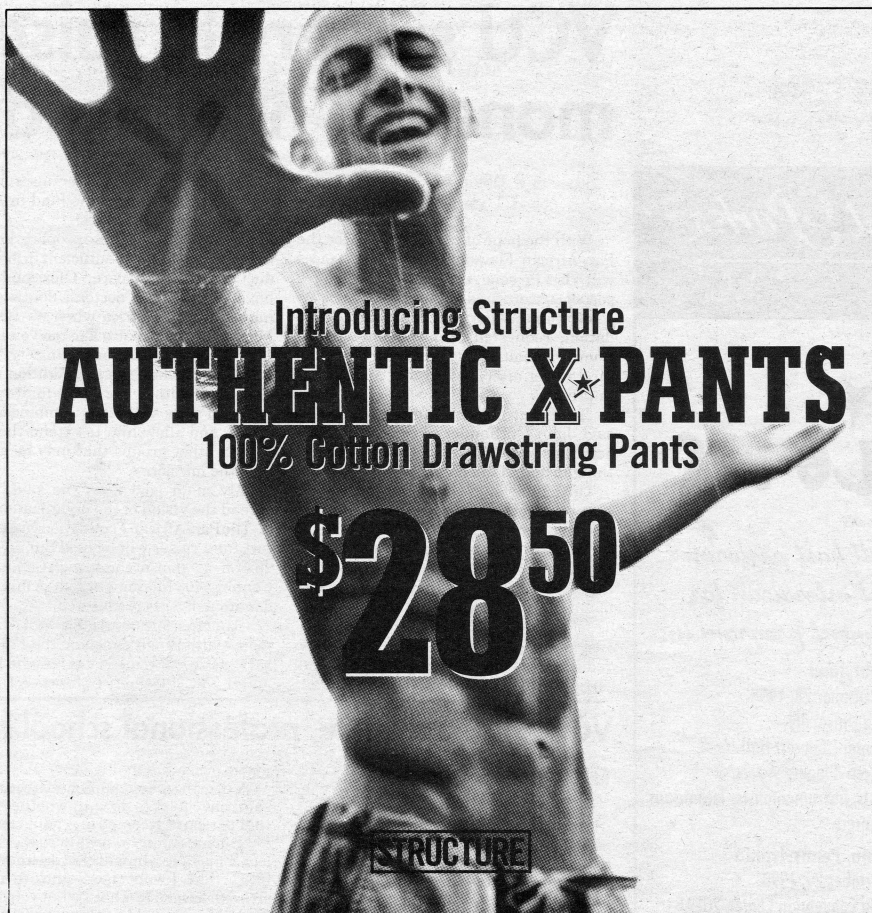
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**Tuesday, November 10** --- Spring Schedule Books will be available for pick-up in Room 104 of Founders Hall, the school or college of your major, and in the University Student Commons.

**Wednesday, November 11** --- Advance Spring registration begins for University Honors students, and students with disabilities.

**Wednesday, November 18** --- Advance Spring telephone registration begins for students in accordance with the following timetable:

G1, G3  
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**Wednesday, November 18**  
**Friday, November 20**  
**Friday, November 20**  
**Tuesday, November 24**  
**Monday, November 30**  
**Thursday, December 3**  
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**Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Phone registration number: (804) 828-1495**

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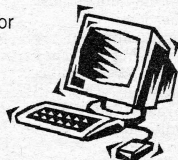
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## Mass comm history has triumphs, obstacles

### MASS COMM

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become the College of Humanities and Sciences.

Crutchfield, Dabney wrote, proved to be a "fortunate choice" bringing his experience as consultant to the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, member of the American Press Institute advisory board and Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communications officer to the position.

The Department of Mass Communications formed in 1973 when the Department of Advertising left the School of Business to merge with the Department of Journalism.

In 1975, the department began the application process for accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education for Journalism and Mass Communications. It received accreditation in 1976, the same year it established its first graduate program.

To earn the accreditation, the department passed the council's 12 standards: alumni activity, a solid budget, student records and advising, governance and administration, instruction and evaluation, faculty, internships and work experience, equipment, scholarship, public service, diversity and alumni contact.

Students in the 42nd accredited program in the country now could qualify for scholarships and awards such as the nationally acclaimed Hearst Journalism Awards Programs contests.

"One of the reasons I came here was the opportunity to take a pretty good program and reshape the curriculum to meet the standards of the accrediting agency," Crutchfield said this week. "That would place us among the elite schools."

Still, the accrediting team found the facilities at the Franklin Street Gymnasium too small and warned the administration that reaccreditation would be difficult unless the situation improved. Nevertheless, the council reaccredited the program in 1982, the same year the department became the School of Mass Commu-

nications.

During Crutchfield's administration, the school offered many professional opportunities to students and attracted prominent leaders in the communications profession. Two such people, Edmund C. Arnold, an author and journalist who built an international reputation on his work in typography and newspaper design, and David Manning White, an international lecturer, author and scholar, joined the faculty.

Besides the Dow Jones internships that place qualified students in summer internship programs at leading newspapers, students had the chance to participate in the school's first Capital News Service.

CNS began in the 1970s providing stories for Virginia community newspapers and distributed taped broadcasts to the commonwealth's community radiostations. The program became defunct after a few years only to be reincarnated by another teacher more than 20 years later.

The School of Mass Communications' Advisory Board, composed of professionals and VCU faculty and created by Crutchfield in 1984, established the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame two years later. Some members of the hall include Roger Mudd, Willard Scott, James Kilpatrick, Ann Compton and other communicators who at some time established roots in Virginia's communications arena.

In 1988, ACEJMC again reaccredited the school. That year, the school also moved into the newly completed General Purpose Academic Building that also houses the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame.

On July 30, 1989, Crutchfield stepped down to become an educator-in-residence at Richmond Newspapers Inc. He returned to VCU the following semester to teach communications classes.

Crutchfield's successor, Thomas R. Donohue, came from Boston University. Donohue began a five-year contract with VCU in 1989 to be the School of Mass Communications' director with a number of challenges ahead.

## Friday final day to withdraw from classes

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withdraw.

Students registered for classes who never attended must withdraw by Friday. Not doing so causes an automatic "F" for that course. It's even more important to withdraw this week because the student information system will shut down Friday

to convert to another system.

Withdrawal can be done by calling 828-1495, or students can complete an attendance withdrawal form available at Founders Hall. The form must be taken by 4:30 p.m. Friday to Room 104 at Founders Hall.

After 4:30 p.m. the computer system for records, registration and financial aid shuts down and remains so through Monday, Nov. 2.

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# Straight from the Heart(land)

Tom Netherland  
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

John Mellencamp rarely rests easily. Once a fervent touring musician known for marathon performances, these days he's more inclined to help others more directly -- namely with his involvement in Farm Aid, along with Neil Young and its president and chairman, Willie Nelson.

The same could be said for Mellencamp's latest album, his self-titled debut for Columbia Records after nearly two decades with Mercury Records.

Consider its cover. A silhouetted fiddler stands far back in a swirling gray fog that lies all around. Well into the forefront, a white-shirted Mellencamp, the details of his face all but shadowed out, is looking downward. A cross stands out, dangling from his neck. The black and white image is a clue that Mellencamp's latest is not exactly a happy-go-lucky stroll through the park. And it isn't.

The album's opening track uses Miriam Sturm's fiddling to fine effect. Amid the tune's straight-on rock sound, Mellencamp paints a dark picture of a society ("I ain't got no morals/Ain't got no politics/Ain't got no particular point of view") that has lost its way. The tempo picks up during the chorus as he sings "We're just yelling in the dark/We're just pissin' in the wind/From underneath the sheets that we're praying from/Better let a little bit of sweetness come in."

This leads directly into "Your Life Is Now," a call to arms to those who may be simply skating along through life with little to no purpose. Mellencamp implores "Get your head up above the crowd/We could shape this world

if you would only show us how." To a society rife with scandal and political dead-ends in office, his message could scarcely have been more apropos.

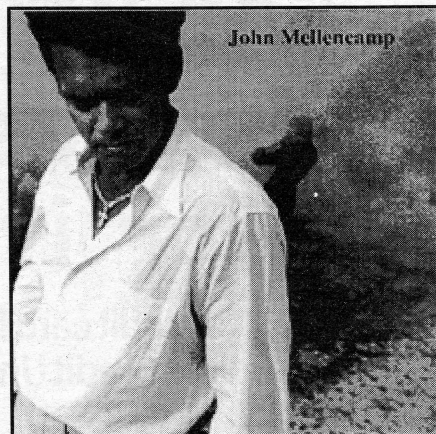
Elsewhere, the Indiana native gets into more specific human emotion, as on "Positively Crazy." The song's campfire feel -- languid harmonica, quiet, unassuming acoustic guitar, hushed vocals -- heightens its wistfulness as he sings "In a perfect world we'd have done just fine." The line itself, and indeed the song, meanders into territory that many can dearly relate to. Life sometimes doesn't go as planned, not all is perfect in an imperfect world, and we sometimes have no control over given circumstances. But we do have the capacity to remember and think "what if?..."

The music is, at times, deceiving. It's frequently catchy, always engaging. Nowhere is that more evident than on "I'm Not Running Anymore." As Mellencamp charges into the future, singing "I'm on my way," a decidedly '90s accompaniment marks the way. At one point in the song he observes "I'm not the young kid I used to be." Isn't that refreshing? A rocker who knows that rockers grow old, too.

The observation points to an aspect of Mellencamp that has long endeared people to him: his honesty. If he's feeling like crap, it shows. If things are hunky-dory or just okay, then that, too, shows in his music.

People will listen when Mellencamp points out via "Eden Is Burning" that our innocence is being lost. They will perk their attention when he sings "Life is a contradiction, sorrow and desire" on "It All Comes True." They will wonder, as he points out in "Days Of Farewell," that much of our society today is essentially riding on flat tires, without pin-pointing one particular problem.

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This leads directly into "Your Life Is Now," a call to arms to those who may be simply skating along through life with little to no purpose. Mellencamp implores "Get your head up above the crowd/We could shape this world

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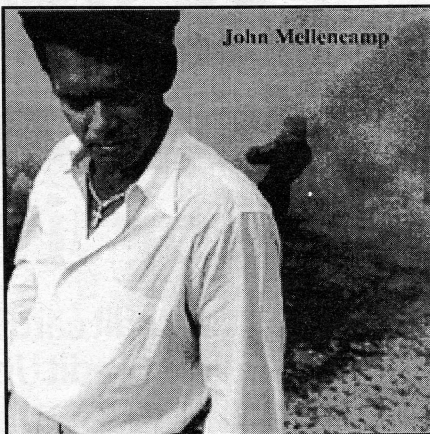
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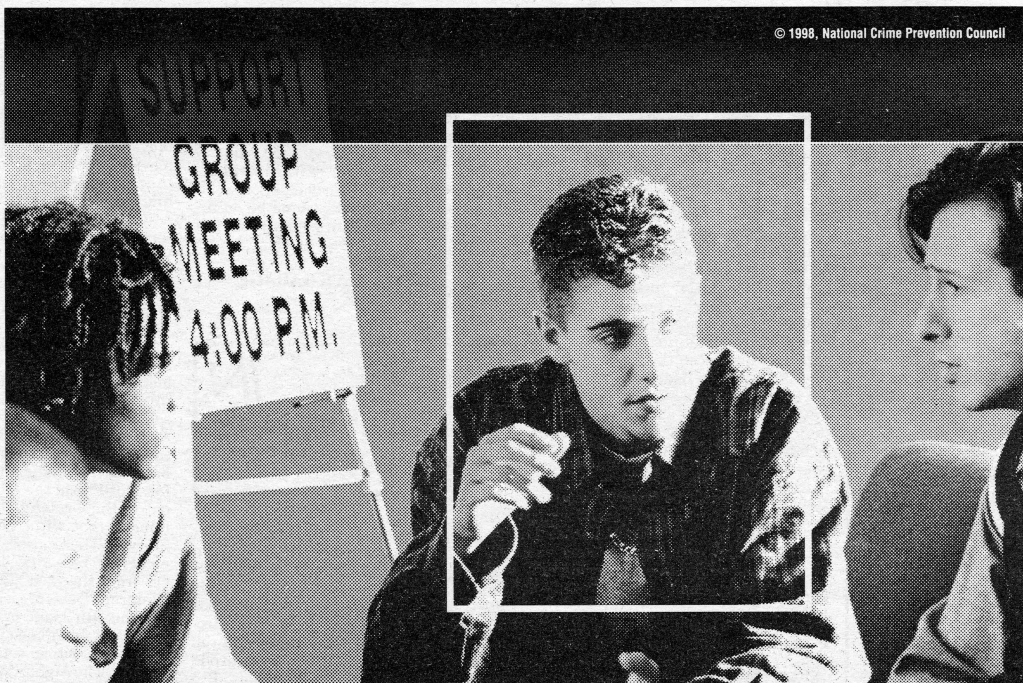
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This proves there's nothing the administration of VCU is not capable of and that includes running one of the top communication (sic) programs in the state straight into and under the ground.

With the administration's decision not to reapply for reaccreditation (sic) for the mass communications program marks the end of a recent circle of ignorance that, at times, included having a school with no director, an acting director and a director with no experience in communications.

But the circle didn't stop there. It went all the way to fake promises made to incoming students who had their choice of communications schools but chose VCU because of its location and accreditation.

Its also extended into the quality of classes. When you have people receiving degrees that can't write, which is basic, and that have never worked professionally in the field, which is equally important, something is very wrong. That's the grim shape VCU's once glory-filled program has fallen too.

Writing is the basic backbone of communication. Without it one cannot transfer thoughts, ideas or beliefs.

I'm lucky. I have been writing for newspapers professionally for money since I was 14, so naturally now at 19 my skills are a little bit better than almost everybody else's.

So when I went to sign up for classes this semester, I thought the advising department would recognize this and put me in a higher level of classes.

With a portfolio of over 30 published newspaper pieces from the past year and two pages of references I went in to choose my classes for this semester and talk with my advisor (sic).

I didn't want to place out of the basic news writing class, that wasn't my motive. I just wanted to be placed in something higher since it was pretty obvious that I (sic) could already write better than the majority of people my age.

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I didn't want an easy A. I got plenty of those in high school. But now I'm flipping the bill for these classes so I want to be challenged (sic) and don't want to have to take or pay for these "filler" classes or general electives.

I'm not just taking these mass communications classes for the hell of it and that's what I (sic) wish the administration here would understand. I plan to make my millions from writing and communications so this is serious stuff to me that they can't seem to understand from there lackadaisical (sic) "Take it and get an easy A" attitude.

Am I (sic) here for my health? No. I could land a job in the communications industry now with my background. But I'm here because I (sic) want to be pushed and to get that degree.

To get that degree though you have to take general electives. Which are no doubt in my mind a total waste of time and a

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It's a ridiculous (sic) thought that a student only take and pass three mass communication introductory courses to get into the esteemed "Upper division."

What's worse then (sic) this is the fact that when you're a first or second year student here at VCU, over three-fourths of your money goes to pay for general electives, not mass communications classes.

I have a problem with that. Courses in the sciences, math, and foreign (sic) language have no impact in the day-to-day communications industry and unless you want to work in some specialized area of the field it's unlikely you'll ever come across anything you have to deal with in those classes.

That comes from lack of leadership and lack of direction. The department suffered as a whole while the 21st Century newsroom project was being developed and the downward (sic) spin started then.

It sickens me to hear Godfredson (sic) and Trani say they're doing the best thing for the mass communications school. It's not that hard to find a director. Hell, I'll do it for free.

But, while they both courted projects like the Siegel Center, Engineering School (Which (sic) may soon be on it's way down because I (sic) wouldn't believe everything Trani says) and the new bookstore the communications program steadily fell.

I wonder how Ted Turner over at Time-Warner (sic) would feel if he knew the large monetary gift he gave to VCU a few years ago was being spent on nothing, certainly not the computers he intended (sic) it to be because the lab my news writing class uses has computers almost as old as me.

Now, there is nothing the students can do. No one in the administration (sic) here seems to care about me, you or the rest of the communications students. The fate of the Mass Communications school is like the "Titanic" movie without the fluff ending.

I don't know about you but I'm (sic) heading for a lifeboat now. Which may mean transferring to another school if VCU cannot get itself together. The only way VCU is going to learn that it cannot jerk students around is to have them leave. I grew up here in Richmond and VCU is the place where it made the most sense to go.

After seeing the non-caring attitude they've given me and every other student here by refusing to answer questions I (sic) am seriously thinking about leaving and going to a "real" communications school. Having the highest number of students transfer out, that's the rude awakening (sic) VCU needs.

Places like Virginia Tech, James Madison, and Virginia don't have problems like this and that's why people don't think of them as a second rate (sic) glorified (sic) community college, which is the attitude many have towards (sic) VCU.

Until VCU gets it (sic) act together people are going to laugh, not the students, but the future communications employers when they ask new graduates where they went to college.

**Michael Dickinson**

## Financial aid needs flexible standards

The State Council of Higher Education conducted a study that revealed that even after scholarships and all grants are counted, undergraduates in the Commonwealth of Virginia are still only receiving 33 percent of their education costs through financial aid. As a result the Council voted unanimously to request an addition \$28.6 million in the latest state budget to increase this funding. The Council foresees that this will cover 50 percent of the demonstrated need for financial aid.

All this was done with one stipulation: that the recipients of the money maintain a 2.0 GPA after 2 years of education. Of course, this is all pending approval from the General Assembly, but let's assume that the General Assembly respects the opinion of the Council and approves this new spending. This will undoubtedly open up educational opportunities to those who because of financial constraints would not be able to continue their education. This is a good plan and a plan that should be instituted.

There is, however, a concern about that GPA requirement. Granted, having a minimum GPA for those who will receive the taxpayer's money for their education is certainly a just requirement. It is also an impersonal and disingenuous one at that. Student's who receive this funding for their education should be required to keep up minimum academic standards, and the 2.0 GPA does not seem altogether unreasonable. The most troubling aspect is the "in stone" nature of this requirement.

This requirement gives little wiggle room for the student and could force students to take "fluff" courses just to inflate their GPA's instead of taking the courses that will help them graduate.

It can be envisioned that instead of instituting a draconian system hinging on pure merit as measured by cumulative average, it would be more facilitating to place the power of financial aid in a financial aid administrator at the University level. This person would then take into account the student's individual situation instead of just measuring them up to a number that may be indicative of their cumulative performance, but not of their effort and

recent performance.

If our goal is to increase the number of people who are disadvantaged entering the Commonwealth's universities and leaving with marketable degrees that can in turn end the cycle of disadvantage, then we do not best do that by stifling this process as a result of numeric measures that may or may not be indicative of true results.

Let this not be construed to indicate, however, that those students whose performance is dismal with little redeeming indicators should continue to receive this precious financial aid. The intent of this proposal is to allow the Financial Aid Administrators at the university level, those who are familiar with the university's goals and intentions, make the decisions. For example, a student who has taken a smattering of unfocused classes and achieved under a 2.0 GPA would be denied any further financial aid. Yet the student who, while working a full time job, has taken a focused track of classes that place him on the road to a bachelor's degree, yet still had under a 2.0 GPA would be given the opportunity to continue receiving this financial aid on a conditional basis. These conditions and the policies would be generated by the university instead of the General Assembly in conjunction with the State Council of Higher Education.

It can clearly be understood that the Council would like to see a more efficient use of the taxpayer's money. They would like to see those students who are working hard for their degrees and have a demonstrated need receive the money. Yet, sometimes there is more than meets the eye, which cannot be seen directly from the GPA requirement. Yet the student's individual case can be examined on the university level for these oddities.

We need to give students more opportunities, not devise more ways to take them away. I urge that the General Assembly approve this new financial aid funding, yet amend the recommendations of the Council to issue the schools guidelines for administering financial aid, but ones that can be flexible. Let's give opportunity, not take it away.

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**Ram Stat**  
VCU men's soccer team was shutout for the first time this year in the 0-0 tie with James Madison.

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# Sports

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**Upcoming**  
Results from the men's soccer grudge match with George Mason and from volleyball's road trip in North Carolina.

## Men's soccer wins another overtime thriller 1-0

**George Templeton**  
CT SPORTS EDITOR

**WILLIAMSBURG**—Tuesday night the VCU men's soccer team played its eighth overtime game, this season, defeating the William & Mary Tribe 1-0 in a key Colonial Athletic Association match on a goal by Kevin Jeffrey in the 112th minute.

It was VCU's second win ever against the Tribe, the other in 1995.

Seven seems to be the Rams' lucky number. VCU's current unbeaten streak and unbeaten overtime streak are both at seven, and VCU is 5-1-2 in overtime games this year.

"It was a fiercely contested game" said Jeffrey. "But we knew what we could do and we did it in the second overtime."

Jeffrey's goal gave VCU a win in a game that the Tribe dominated offensively late in the contest.

Although the first half of the match was pretty even the Rams did have the two best opportunities to score.

"In the first half we didn't get as many people forward as we wanted," said VCU

coach Tim O'Sullivan. "But our defense had good shape to it, and we didn't give up too many chances."

VCU's (5-0-1 CAA, 9-3-2) first scoring chance came on a free kick when Ricardo Capilla stepped up and launched a shot that hooked left past diving Tribe goalkeeper Adin Brown but was just wide of the post.

The Rams had another opportunity in the 23rd minute when Jeffrey ran down the right side of the field and hit a hard low shot from a bad angle that Brown mishandled. Jeffrey, however, couldn't collect the rebound and the ball was cleared out.

The Tribe (1-3-0, 7-6-1) had an excellent chance in the 35th minute to pull ahead. On a long shot into the box, VCU goalkeeper Adam Mead tried to punch the ball out but instead knocked it straight up in the air.

The ball bounced behind Mead but a VCU defender was there to clear it off the line and keep the game scoreless.

The second half was a tale of many missed opportunities for William & Mary in a half they dominated.

"In the second half we had a lot more players get forward but it was at the expense of our defense," O'Sullivan said. "Our defense didn't have any shape in the second half, and we created a lot more space and gave up chance after chance."

The Tribe's first opportunity came on a corner kick in the 56th minute. Brian Hinkey, who scored the goal in last year's 1-1 tie, put the corner kick right to the head of Luke Bockelmann, but his header was right at Mead.

The Tribe's had its best chance of the match in the 85th minute. Andrew Pillari delivered a long cross into the box that Caleb Stoddart received perfectly. Stoddart beat Mead to the ball and his header just barely cleared the bar.

The Rams best chance of the half came off a corner kick in the 58th minute. Lorenz Baumgartner struck the corner to Matt Kirkpatrick, who then headed it to Capilla. While down on the field Capilla swung his leg around and struck a shot that went right at Brown.

Brown's eight saves, put him at 269 for his career, which ties him with Paul Grafer

and Scott Budnick for William & Mary's all time record.

But it was the save he didn't make that helped VCU win the match.

After a corner kick was cleared by the Rams' defense, Capilla and Jeffrey raced out on a two-on-three break down the field.

The two forwards worked a give-and-go play to beat the defense with Jeffrey passing to Capilla, who went back to Jeffrey.

When Brown coming out from the goal to contest, Jeffrey slipped a shot under his arm and into the net for the game-winner.

"That was a big guy that was coming towards me," Jeffrey said. "I knew that a goalkeeper's usual weakness is under his armpits, and that's where I shot it."

VCU's next match is against CAA archrival George Mason.

"We have a lot of motivation now," Capilla said. "We have George Mason coming up, which is important for conference, and we have Virginia coming up, which is important for trying to get an at-large bid."

## Calle paces W & M cross country meet

At the Tribe open run VCU cross country placed three women in the top 10 including the winner Maria Elena-Calle.

Calle won the 5,000 meters in a time of 16:50. Also finishing in the top 10 was Claire Kelley, who finished fourth with a time of 17:55, and Michelle Rademacher, who placed eighth with a time of 18:19.

The top finisher for the men was Danny Tepovich, who finished in 21st place with a time of 25:51.

—compiled from news sources

## Field hockey looks for second conference win

**JW Revercomb**  
CT STAFF WRITER

VCU's field hockey team looks to bounce back from Sunday's loss to ninth-ranked Duke this weekend against conference rival American.

If the Rams hope to improve their 7-9 record, they will need a better performance on attack. Sunday the Blue Devils shut out the Rams and held top scorers Maria Sonina, Jenna Stewart and Colleen Engelhard to no goals on only two shots as VCU was unable to cope with Duke's defensive pressure.

"The players were frustrated with themselves because they knew they weren't playing the way that they can play," said head coach Dawn Hill.

American (1-3 CAA, 8-6), a good all-around team that has played many close games this season, will look to pressure the Rams much like Duke did last week.

"It's a conference game and they are gonna play us real tough," Hill said. "Hope to see better passing on our attack because we need more pressure than we got last week to draw more corners and scoring opportunities. We are capable of winning if we play our game."

VCU's defense will have to stop American sophomore Jhoanna Savino, who was recently named CAA player of the week. Savino is currently tied for fifth on the CAA scoring list with 29 points and 13 goals, including two scored in a win against Hofstra last weekend.

In addition to Savino, American has Ana Pineyro and Sage Asteak, who are tied for seventh with 28 points.

The Rams will follow Saturday's game with 5-9 Appalachian State on Sunday. Appalachian State has been shut out six times this year, including a 5-0 loss to Richmond.

Last season the Rams started slowly against the Mountaineers, but held on to win 2-1.

"It's a game we should win, but that

doesn't mean anything," Hill said. "Hopefully we'll get things started on Saturday and be able to carry it over on Sunday."

This season has been a turn around year for the Rams. At 7-9, VCU already has its best season since 1994. In the 59 games prior to this year, the Ram's record was 7-52.

Last year the Rams ended up 218, and the team was outscored 75-16, giving up an average of 3.8 points per game while scoring only 0.8 points per game.

So far this season, the Rams have cut that margin to 48-22 and have improved their scoring average to 1.4 points per game while giving up only three pints per game.

A sweep this weekend would put the Rams at .500 and bring the possibility of a winning season for the first time since 1993, when the squad finished 11-9.

"A winning season is possible," Hill said. "But we're looking at each of the three remaining games separately. We're going to attack them and we want to win."

"We have put tougher teams on the schedule this year, and there will be even tougher teams on the schedule next year. We hope to improve and be over .500 next season."

The Rams leading scorer this year is Sonina, with 19 points off of eight goals. Senior back Courtney Cutchall leads the team in assists with nine.

VCU will end its regular season on Saturday October 31, against conference opponent William and Mary who is 7-7 overall and 3-2 in the CAA.

## VCU golf finishes 10th at Duke

The VCU golf team placed two of its players in the top-20 and finished 10th at the Duke Golf Classic.

VCU finished (+30-894) 30 strokes behind champions North Carolina who finished with an even par (864) score.

The top two finishers for VCU were Reg Millage and Donny Lee. Millage (+1-217) shot a final round 72 to finish tied for 12th, six shots behind the winner Eamonn Brady (-5-211) of East Tennessee State.

Lee (+4-220) finished tied for 18th after shooting a closing-round 73.

—compiled from news sources

## Volleyball still falling

The VCU volleyball team dropped to 0-6 in the Colonial Athletic Association after sweeps by the James Madison Dukes and the William & Mary Tribe.

CAA leaders JMU (5-0 CAA, 13-4) defeated the Rams 15-6, 15-0, 15-4 last Friday night. Jennifer West led VCU with eight kills in the match.

The Tribe (3-3, 12-13) defeated VCU 15-4, 15-8, 15-6 Tuesday night.

Summer Segars led VCU with five kills while Mary Franke added 10 digs. William & Mary was led by 11 kills and seven digs from Laurel Witt.

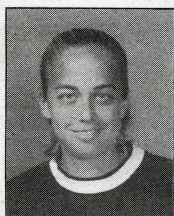
The Rams finish their four-game road trip against UNC Wilmington on Friday, Oct. 23 and East Carolina on Saturday, Oct. 24.

—compiled from news sources

## Athlete of the Week

**Shanna Ziegenfuss**

Women's Soccer



■ Ziegenfuss, a sophomore forward from Sykesville, Md., scored the only goal in VCU's 1-0 win at American last Saturday. The win combined with a 1-0 loss by UNC Wilmington to Richmond helped the Rams clinch a berth in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament.

<b>MEN'S SOCCER</b> (9-3-2, 5-0-1)	Oct. 24 GMU	Oct. 27 LIBERTY	Oct. 31 VIRGINIA	VCU IS RANKED #25 IN THE SOCCER NEWS POLL
<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> (5-7-2, 1-4-1)	Oct. 25 MARSHALL	Oct. 28 W&M	Nov. 5-9 CAA TOUR.	THE RAMS WILL PLAY IN THE COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AT THE VIRGINIA BEACH SPORTSPLEX
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> (6-15, 0-6)	Oct. 23 UNCW	Oct. 24 ECU	Oct. 30 AU	VCU WAS ONE OF FOUR TEAMS TO DEFEAT AMERICAN LAST YEAR.
<b>FIELD HOCKEY</b> (7-9, 1-3)	Oct. 24 AU	Oct. 25 APP. ST.	Oct. 31 W&M	THE RAMS' GAME AGAINST AMERICAN HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE CARY ST. FIELD.

indicates home games

# The Picks



"Al Davis"  
Netherland



"Jim Beam"  
Joe



"Spraying"  
Dusty



Wilson  
"Football"



"Tenderfoot"  
Tim



"Bursting"  
Ben



"Cornered"  
Chris



"Gambling"  
George



"Flamingo"  
Finkbeiner

## NCAA

N.C. State at Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Virginia Union at Norfolk St.	Virginia Union	Norfolk St.	Norfolk St.	Norfolk St.	Norfolk St.	Virginia Union	Virginia Union	Norfolk St.	Virginia Union
Florida St. at Georgia Tech	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Georgia Tech	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.
Miami at West Virginia	Miami	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	Miami	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Georgia at Kentucky	Georgia	Georgia	Kentucky	Georgia	Georgia	Kentucky	Georgia	Kentucky	Georgia
Texas Tech at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Missouri at Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Southern Cal. at Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Southern Cal.	Oregon	Southern Cal.	Southern Cal.	Oregon	Southern Cal.

## NFL

Atlanta at N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	Atlanta	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets
Baltimore at Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Minnesota at Detroit	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
New England at Miami	New England	Miami	Miami	New England	New England	Miami	New England	New England	New England
San Francisco at St. Louis	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Tampa Bay at New Orleans	New Orleans	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	New Orleans	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Tennessee at Chicago	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Chicago	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Chicago
Cincinnati at Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Cincinnati	Oakland
Jacksonville at Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Jacksonville	Denver	Denver	Denver	Jacksonville	Denver
Seattle at San Diego	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	San Diego	Seattle	Seattle	San Diego	Seattle	San Diego
Buffalo at Carolina	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Carolina	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo
Pittsburgh at Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Kansas City	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Kansas City	Kansas City

## RESULTS

Last Week:	13-7	14-6	14-6	12-8	13-7	14-6	13-7	13-7	13-7
Season to Date:	102-38	97-43	95-45	93-47	92-48	92-48	90-50	90-50	80-60
Percentage:	.729	.693	.679	.664	.657	.657	.643	.643	.571
Games Back:	—	5	7	9	10	10	12	12	22

§-§ The Picks this week seems to be drawn to 13-7 like Bill Clinton is drawn to interns. Five Pickers finished with a 13-7 record this week while the other four prognosticators finished either one game above (14-6) or one game below (12-8) that mark. The Picks has also separated into three very defined packs. At the top there is "Try and Stop Me" Tom and "Drunk for Two Weeks" Rogalsky fighting for the title. The Spectrum Editor "Whoa Nellie!" Netherland has the honor of being the first Picker to break the century mark. Good for him because now his win total has just surpassed the combined IQ of his favorite team, the Oakland Raiders. That's good for "Red neck, nose and arms" Rogalsky because his winning percentage is actually getting close to that of one of his most hated teams, the 1998 New York Yankees. On the bottom, probably permanently, is "Fisting" Finkbeiner who will be the last Picker to crack 100 wins, and is trying to get his percentage to be somewhat higher than his test grades. The middle pack in this race is taking on the look of a crowded elevator. Six Pickers led by the always late News Man Smith "A Wesson" are separated by five games. His rise is a good trend for the News Department because along with his performance, "Blowing up" Ben is also making a move to the left, to help compensate for the last place position of "Carssick" Christian. Following the Co-News Editor is the sleeping Editorial Editor Justin "For a Quicke", who is now in danger of a slow and agonizing move to the right, similar to the one "Cleveland" Chris is taking. The current Executive Editor is now tied for the seventh spot with "T-Burglar" George who, try as he may, can't seem to get out of the right side of the board. In the middle of this chaos is "You Bet Your Life" Yoder, who is hoping that he can put his skills as the payroll king in the Business Dept. to good use on how he is going to try to make a move to the left.

## MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 19)

PLAYER	G-GS	G	A	Pts.		
Ricardo Capilla	13-13	5	5	15		
Kevin Jeffrey	9-8	5	2	12		
Matt Kirkpatrick	13-13	3	3	9		
Trevor Spencer	13-13	3	1	7		
Andy Kish	12-11	1	3	5		
Lorenz Baumgartner	12-11	1	2	4		
Roberto Gutierrez	10-9	2	0	4		
Erwan LeCrom	13-13	1	1	3		
Dwayne Bergeron	13-13	1	1	3		
Jose Maldonado	10-2	1	0	2		
Kofi Sey	13-9	1	0	2		
Gilberto Bejarano	10-0	0	0	0		
Dominic Amato	11-2	0	0	0		
Guillermo Henriques	13-13	0	0	0		
Brian James	3-0	0	0	0		
Adam Mead	13-13	0	0	0		
VCU totals	13	24	18	66		
Opponents	13	16	12	44		
GOALKEEPING	G-GS	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Adam Mead	13-13	43	16	2	.729	1.10
VCU totals	13	43	16	2	.729	1.10
Opponents totals	13	82	24	1	.774	1.65

## SOCCER AMERICA MEN'S TOP 25

(Through Oct. 19)

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	LW
1.	INDIANA	13-1-0	1
2.	DUKE	13-1-0	1
3.	CLEMSON	13-1-0	4
4.	CONNECTICUT	14-0-0	5
5.	UCLA	10-2-0	2
6.	STANFORD	10-3-0	7
7.	SOUTH CAROLINA	10-3-0	8
8.	CREIGHTON	9-2-1	9
9.	WASHINGTON	11-2-0	6
10.	SAINT LOUIS	12-2-1	11
11.	VIRGINIA	9-2-2	10
12.	DARTMOUTH	8-1-1	13
13.	FURMAN	12-2-2	16
14.	ST. JOHN'S	8-3-3	14
15.	CAL-ST. FULLERTON	9-3-1	NR
16.	GEORGETOWN	11-3-0	17
17.	SANTA CLARA	9-3-2	15
18.	BUTLER	12-2-0	20
19.	WAKE FOREST	9-3-1	18
20.	SOUTHERN METHODIST	9-3-1	NR

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 19)

(Through Oct. 19)

PLAYER	G-GS	G	A	Pts		
Rebecca Ruth	14-13	7	0	14		
Shanna Ziegenfuss	14-14	4	3	11		
Kristin Aaserudseter	14-14	2	1	5		
Annie Sullivan	14-14	1	1	3		
Carlyon Marin	13-13	1	0	2		
Jen Seidel	14-14	0	1	1		
Holly O'Hora	14-14	0	1	1		
Darcy Roy	14-14	0	1	1		
Pascale Lecuire	13-8	0	0	0		
Shannon Farrell	14-14	0	0	0		
Hope Troman	13-3	0	0	0		
Katelyn Robie	14-9	0	0	0		
Jana O'Brien	10-5	0	0	0		
Ann Marie Lock	9-2	0	0	0		
Allison Kutcha	4-0	0	0	0		
<b>VCU totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>		
<b>Opponents totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>78</b>		
GOALKEEPING	G-GS	SV	SO	SV%	GAA	
Lindy Brown	13-13	88	22	4	.800	1.58
Pascale Lecuire	1-1	7	5	0	.583	5.00
<b>VCU totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.779</b>	<b>1.81</b>
<b>Opponents totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.815</b>	<b>1.00</b>

## SOCCER AMERICA WOMEN'S TOP 20

(Through Oct. 19)

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	LW
1.	NORTH CAROLINA	15-0-0	1
2.	SANTA CLARA	14-0-1	3
3.	FLORIDA	14-1-0	4
4.	CONNECTICUT	13-0-2	5
5.	PORTLAND	11-1-2	7
6.	NOTRE DAME	12-2-1	2
7.	DARTMOUTH	10-1-1	8
8.	NEBRASKA	11-2-1	10
9.	WILLIAM & MARY	11-1-1	15
10.	HARTFORD	9-4-0	11
11.	PENN STATE	13-1-1	6
12.	BRIGHTON YOUNG	13-2-0	16
13.	UCLA	13-2-1	9
14.	SAN DIEGO ST.	13-1-0	17
15.	VIRGINIA	10-4-2	NR
16.	MICHIGAN	11-3-1	19
17.	SETON HALL	8-4-1	NR
18.	CLEFSON	10-5-0	12
19.	WAKE FOREST	11-3-1	20
20.	VANDERBILT	10-4-0	13

## MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 19)

Team	W-L	%	W-L	%
James Madison	6-0-1	.928	10-2-1	.808
VCU	4-0-1	.900	8-3-2	.692
George Mason	3-1-0	.750	10-4-0	.714
Richmond	2-2-0	.500	7-5-2	.615
William & Mary	1-2-0	.333	7-5-1	.576
Old Dominion	1-3-0	.250	5-5-2	.500
East Carolina	1-2-0	.333	2-8-1	.227
UNC Wilmington	0-3-0	.000	3-9-1	.269
UNC Wilmington	0-5-0	.000	9-5-0	.643

## SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 19)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Derek Ford, UNCW	8	6	22
Eduardo Lima, GMU	9	2	20
Brent Cesare, UR	9	2	20
Mike Bizzendine, IMU	8	2	18

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 19)

Team	W-L	%	W-L	%
Richmond	4-1-1	.750	9-4-1	.679
George Mason	4-2-0	.667	10-5-0	.667
James Madison	4-2-0	.667	10-5-1	.656
Old Dominion	4-1-0	.800	8-5-0	.615
William & Mary	3-0-1	.875	11-1-1	.885
East Carolina	2-4-0	.333	7-5-1	.577
American	2-3-0	.400	5-7-1	.423
VCU	1-4-1	.250	5-7-2	.429
UNC Wilmington	0-7-1	.063	6-9-1	.400

## SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 19)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Katy Robertson, GMU	15	9	39
Missy Wyckins, W&M	14	7	35
Christy Timbers, UNCW	13	5	31
Therese Wolden, IMU	9	8	26

## FIELD HOCKEY STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 19)

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
Old Dominion	6-0	1.000	14-2	.875		
James Madison	3-1	.750	10-7	.588		
William & Mary	3-2	.600	7-7	.500		
Richmond	1-2	.333	5-11	.313		
American	1-3	.250	8-6	.571		
VCU	1-3	.250	7-9	.438		
Radford	0-4	.000	7-7	.500		

## SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 19)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Marina Digiacomo, ODU	20	16	56
Kim Miller, ODU	12	10	34
Ashleigh Miller, ODU	10	12	32
Mimi Smith, ODU	14	4	32
Tara Naopi, IMU	12	5	29

## VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 19)

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
James Madison	6-0	1.000	14-4	.778		
American	4-1	.800	10-5	.683		
George Mason	3-2	.600	3-16	.158		
William & Mary	2-3	.400	11-13	.458		
East Carolina	2-4	.333	8-12	.400		
UNC Wilmington	2-4	.333	6-15	.286		
VCU	0-5	.000	6-14	.300		

## VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

(Through Oct. 19)

PLAYER	HITTING PERCENTAGE	G	Avg
Ajola Berisha, AU	.68	365	
Heather Wintermeyer, AU	.68	353	
Edis Bonati, AU	.70	313	
Shelley Sprouse, VCU	.52	312	