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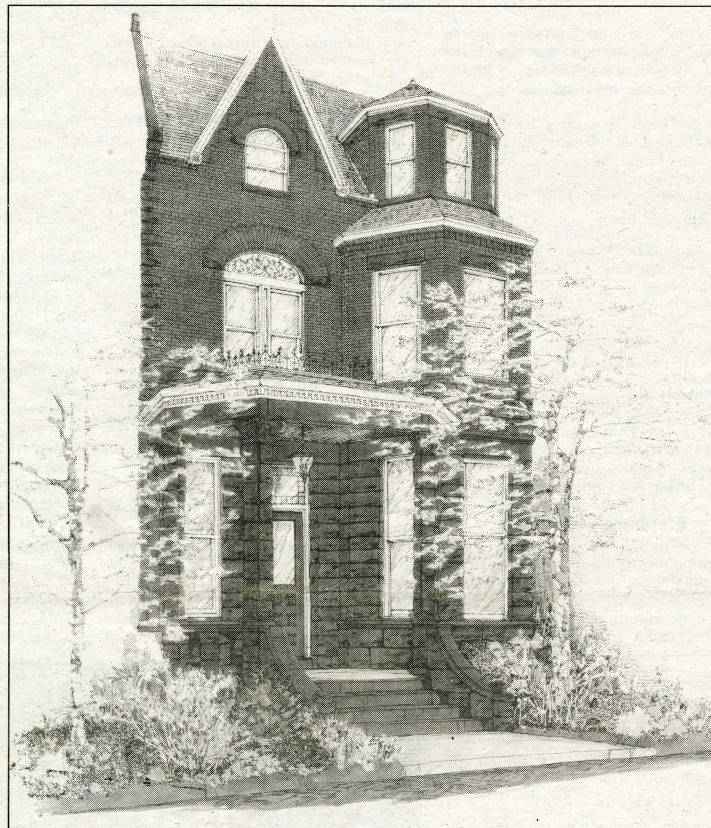
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PUTTING DOWN ROOTS – The VCU Alumni Association recently purchased this apartment house at 924 W. Franklin St. It will be the association's first permanent office.

VCU Alumni Association receiving new building

Tracey Wainwright
CT MANAGING EDITOR

Start packing your bags VCU Alumni Association; you soon should have a new home.

As early as May 1999, the association plans to move from its office on Shafer Street to its recently purchased house on West Franklin Street. If construction, scheduled to start in January, moves on time the board of directors will meet in its new offices.

William P. Iles, director of the Office of Alumni Activities, called the building the first permanent home for the association.

"The house is in the heart of VCU on Franklin Street," Iles said, describing the 1890s structure as an apartment house. "Its location places the association in the core where VCU started."

Renovations will transform the apartment house into a meeting area for students, faculty

and alumni after its official opening in fall 1999. The new alumni center, which will include gathering areas and offices, will provide the university with a multipurpose facility.

Ken Magill, chairman of the alumni house committee, and Jack H. Sims, director of capital support for VCU, view the house as a welcome center for returning alumni.

"The house will be the front door to the university for our alumni," Sims said.

Besides a gathering area and offices, the \$300,000 budget will fund an area where individuals and groups can access the Internet and state-of-the-art software such as Microsoft PowerPoint in a room to be decorated with scrolled woodwork, fireplaces and stained glass.

Along with a multipurpose area, the first floor will accommodate 150 people with its

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Labeling items before they're lost helps search

Sarah Nemetz
CT STAFF WRITER

You've been studying in the library for midterms, and in the rush to get to class you leave your coat — but you don't realize it until several hours or days later. What do you do?

You can visit the lost-and-found dropoff points in nine buildings across campus. These buildings differ in their policies, but after holding lost items for a few weeks, most policies call for turning in items to the VCU police property office at 938 W. Grace St.

So if you lost your property, you can make the find easier if the item has identification or markings tying it to you. Better yet, if you can provide a description of the item, it helps everyone involved in the search for it.

John Edgell, evidence and property technician for the VCU Police Department, said that anything and everything a person can carry and get detached from goes in the property room. Items housed there include schoolbooks, watches, jewelry, money, wallets, bicycles and many keys.

"We hold items a minimum of 90 days," Edgell said. "We can go a little over on that (time limit) because of the commitment we have."

The police give unclaimed articles to Goodwill Industries Inc., to the state for auction or discard them.

"Personal items — photos and things like that — are thrown away," Edgell said. "I hate to throw personal items away — it breaks my heart."

"Unfortunately, oftentimes students don't put any ID (on personal property)."

He emphasized the importance and responsibility of labeling items.

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Campus Lost and Found Dropoffs

- Hibbs Building 828-1673
- Student Commons Information Desk 828-6500
- School of Business 828-1595
- James Branch Cabell Library Circulation Desk 828-8110
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- VCU Police Property Office 828-7071

News of the Weird

• Policeman shoots self during rush hour

A policeman directing traffic in Bangkok, Thailand shot himself during morning rush hour Tuesday.

Two officers working close by said Corporal Nopadol Thechawandee, 34, told them that he wanted to die, but they didn't take him seriously.

A police spokesman said he believed stress had caused Thechawandee to take his life on the main road in front of Bangkok's International Airport.

Thailand's Public Health Ministry called Bangkok's traffic a major cause of stress for both motorists and traffic police.

• What comes around goes around

A man's car ignited shortly after he threw a Molotov cocktail, a bottle filled with gasoline and stuffed with a rag, at his neighbor's house Monday.

Eldon Green, 53, and his neighbor, Joseph Carnesi, had been feuding for months over a relationship Carnesi had with a relative of Green's.

Court records showed that a woman accused Carnesi of sexual assault, but the case was reduced to a misdemeanor battery.

"I didn't do anything to the girl," Carnesi said.

Bill Doniel, a St. Petersburg police spokesman, said Green threw the Molotov cocktail on top of his neighbor's house, then "his vehicle was ignited by fire and it stopped when it ran into a tree."

Green died late Sunday at Tampa General Hospital from his wounds.

• Politician's wife has affair with his lawyer

After her husband landed in jail on counts of voter and mortgage fraud, the wife of Humberto Hernandez, a Miami politician, became involved with his lawyer.

"If I had to do it again, I would," said Esther Hernandez. "It just happened."

The story broke after a gossip columnist spotted Hernandez kissing Jose Quinon, her husband's lawyer, while her husband sat in jail.

"It's tough to be Bert's wife," Esther Hernandez said. "He was never around. I was sort of like a political widow. We lived separate lives."

The couple plan to divorce.

Judge Joan Lenard ordered Quinon to avoid any contact with Humberto Hernandez. Quinon, separated from his wife of 20 years, paid back more than \$234,000 in legal fees.

Now the politician may be able to withdraw a previous guilty plea on the grounds that he received bad counsel.

"I want to make a movie out of this," Esther Hernandez said.

• Elephant kills golfer

A rampaging elephant killed a German tourist playing golf in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The elephant, thought to have escaped from the nearby Kruger National Park,

attacked and killed Rita Hahn, 58, Saturday at Hans Merensky Country Club and Lodge as her husband and son watched.

The golf course borders the park, South Africa's premier game reserve, where the animal is believed to have broken through a game fence.

"The elephant is still on the loose and we have warned local residents to be alert," said a police spokesman.

• Prostitution regulated in Greece

Members of Greece's parliament submitted a bill recently forbidding prostitutes from working in groups and regulating how many can work in a brothel at one time.

Prostitution is legal in Greece for women who obtain the proper permit.

The new bill said Greek applicants could have a three-year permit, but foreigners could only gain a license for one year.

The government suggested two new sources of income gained from the regulation: the cost of issuing permits and revenues from penalties on prostitutes failing to obey the law.

• Caffeine can kill

On a dare from friends, a North Carolina student swallowed dozens of over-the-counter caffeine pills last week and died, officials said.

Jason Allen, 20, collapsed Tuesday after attending a night class at Carteret Community College in Morehead City, where he was working on a high school equivalent

degree.

"A (campus) security guard passing by a gazebo spotted Allen and saw him slumped down with his head leaning against a seat," said Morgan Smith, a college spokesman. "He was barely conscious and said he couldn't move."

Allen was rushed to Carteret General Hospital, where he died a day later.

Police said the number of pills he swallowed is unknown, but he likely died when his heart rhythm was affected by the caffeine.

• Airline is user friendly

Australia's second largest airline, Ansett Airlines, said it plans to install special disposal bins on planes to try to stop illegal drug users from dumping syringes.

"The big concern is the possibility that an AIDS-infected drug-user may drop a syringe which might raise the risk of somebody being accidentally pricked," said Peter Young, public affairs manager for Ansett. "The chances are pretty remote, but we're not in the business of taking chances."

Critics said the move gives approval to drug users.

The airline defended its decision, though.

"It is a community trend, the increasing use of drugs and the thoughtless and dangerous disposal of syringes, and unfortunately aviation would appear to not be immune," Young said, citing the increased number of discarded syringes found in aircraft, which poses a risk for cleaning and maintenance staff.

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foyer, two parlors, grand staircase and reception room. Iles said the house will offer a patio and garden for its visitors as well as office space on the second and third floors for the association's officers and staff.

Magill said he expects the building to stand as a welcome mat for visiting alumni and give them a sense of being at home.

"Alumni of a university this large deserve a place to come back to," Magill said. "It will really help the association bring the alumni back to campus and make them excited about the university's programs."

Iles said the association bought the house for \$158,000 from private funds and donated it to the university for public use.

"We're at a level," he said, "where we have the resources to provide a building like this to the students and faculty and give it to the university."

Having a house as its own property, the association aims to create more visibility for its activities and share the importance of alumni involvement with the community.

"The relationship with VCU is lifelong," Iles said, "and a really important connection in helping to maintain the strength of the university."

Alumni, he said, take the knowledge learned at VCU to their workplaces where they help build the school's reputation. When alumni maintain a close association with the university, he said they become more apt to work toward VCU's growth.

Not only will alumni have a place to hang their hats on campus, but Jay M.

Weinberg, rector of the board of visitors, Iles, Magill and Sims also see involving more alumni in university programs as providing greater support overall for VCU.

"(The house) will provide a better relationship with our alumni," Sims said, "while increasing our potential for raising money."

Weinberg agrees.

"It is a good place to raise funds from alumni," he said. "It's a gathering place that keeps them close to the university."

Magill predicts that some alumni probably will visit to attend athletic events. Once the building opens to the public, Magill said the association will invite students, faculty and alumni to watch sporting events on a large screen television placed in the house.

"The house will help enhance VCU's image," Magill said, "and promote programs that involve alumni."

With another means of support, Iles said the university can advance more easily. Situated in the historic Fan District near campus, he said the building represents VCU's heritage and the significance in maintaining a relationship with the school.

"The building, we hope, will become part of campus life," Iles said. "We hope students will become familiar with the word (alumni) and the importance of that continuing connection."

In addition, the alumni director pointed out that having more alumni activities could improve VCU's overall image.

"When a university's reputation is upheld, it attracts stronger students and makes degrees more powerful and significant."

Labels help students find their stuff

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bility of students to put names, phone numbers or Social Security numbers on property to more easily identify owners of lost items.

"I do try to call records and registration to confirm if the name is a student and try to obtain the phone number to contact them," Edgell said.

So, how can you help?

When students move they should try to update their records by providing current addresses to the registration office.

Edgell explained that if students go to the library to find a lost article, the staff at the circulation desk may tell them they had the item and gave it to the police.

At the James Branch Cabell Library circulation desk, Thomas Gray, office assistant, said his staff places lost items in a container, a box or whatever is available.

"We keep it for a while — it varies — a couple of weeks — and then we give it to the VCU police," he said.

The property office personnel also handle police evidence. "When students walk past our office it says VCU police property office, and I don't think they connect it with the lost-and-found (office) in their minds," Edgell said. "Feel free to come by if you think you've lost something."

When students come to collect articles, Edgell asks them to describe the item before looking for it.

"We really wish we could get more stuff back to more people," Edgell said. "I really enjoy that part of my job."

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Nursing students share reproductive health info

Booths coax observers with candy

Ben Wasson
CT News Editor

What did Henry VIII, Van Gogh, Cleopatra and Napoleon have in common? Historians suspect they were infected by a sexually transmitted disease.

Students in Nursing 335, the nursing of women, offered this bit of reproductive health information during a health exhibit from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday outside the VCU Student Commons.

As a portion of their grade, School of Nursing students in associate professor Deborah Raines' class set up several tables with models, pamphlets and informational displays.

"This is an opportunity for our students to learn to interact with the public and share health information," Raines said. "They can take health care outside of the acute care setting."

Students said they found the exhibits enlightening.

"They represent the material so we can understand it," said Yevgeniy Rip, a sophomore biology major. "It was pretty cool."

Following a Halloween motif, a stand devoted to sexually transmitted diseases, complete with pictures, offered candy as an enticement.

"As soon as students see the pictures they say 'I'm out of here,'" said Thomas Caswell, a nursing student. "So we try to coax them with a little candy."

People in the age group 17-40 are at risk for contracting an STD. Other risk factors include sex without a condom, having more than one partner in a three-month period and having sex after consuming alcohol or other drugs.

"A lot of kids fall into that category at VCU...especially with the alcohol," Caswell said.

Students browsing the exhibit could see a number of maladies brought on by STDs, including an angry red sore on a syphilis-infected penis.

"It makes you think," Vera Clementson, an English language program freshman, said.

One table invited students to conduct examinations for lumps on models of the scrotum and breasts. There were two sets of breasts on the table, but by Tuesday, one of the two scrotum models went missing in action.

"Someone was palpating a little too hard and busted it," Kristen Chaffins, a nursing student, said.

To check for lumps that could be cancerous, the nursing students advised men to check themselves regularly by rolling their

testicles between the thumb and finger in the shower. The warm water relaxes the scrotal sac making detection of problems easier.

Women should conduct a breast self-exam every month one week after their

period with the pads of their fingers.

"Students are in the age group (18-35) most likely to have the lumps," Rebecca Perzanowski, a nursing student, said. "You can do it with your girlfriend or wife, but it's best to do it yourself because you know your body."

One stand had 18 reproduction-related questions such as "Where is sperm located?" and nursing students rewarded correct answers with candy.

A stand dealing with healthy pregnancies disseminated information to students.

Kristy Pugh, a nursing student, encouraged pregnant women to maintain a healthy diet and visit their doctor regularly.

Raines said she plans to make the reproductive health exhibit a regular event on campus by holding one each semester.

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ZOMBIE DANCES TO DIFFERENT BEAT

Tom Netherland
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

He's the Stephen King of rock 'n' roll. With a name like Rob Zombie, that should come as little surprise.

Zombie, who grave-danced around Halloween-ish themes as the front-man in White Zombie, jumps in whole hog with his first solo effort, "Hellbilly Deluxe."

Zombie's 13, naturally, cadaverous creations of heavy horror music play like a scare-a-thon. "Call Of The Zombie," a short, lyric-less intro sets a creepy tone that shrouds the entire album. The set's finale, "The Beginning Of The End," some what quietly - yet no less creepily - completes the odyssey.

In between, brace yourselves: a phalanx of sounds, courtesy of a liberal amount of programming and slashing guitars, grabs for the jugular. Among the better beastly barrages, "Superbeast" is pure, ridiculous fun. Bombastic and catchy as a claw to the throat, you can practically imagine Boris Karloff doing the Monster Mash from beyond the grave to the track.



Equally fun is the palpitating "Dragula." Named for the casket-shaped hot rod used by Grandpa Munster in the 1960s horror-kitsch television show, "The Munsters," the track has been getting coffin loads of airplay, courtesy of radio - and even MTV. It's no wonder. The song equally captures the camp appeal of the show and, indeed, of Zombie himself. This dude is not meant to be taken seriously.

This album is no critical masterpiece. It doesn't aim to change the world or say anything that'll make you go "hmmmm?" Don't look for Bob (as in Dylan) with Rob (as in Zombie). You'll be shocked.

And that's the idea.

Whipsaw guitars mark the ghoul-ish ("How To Make A Monster") and the gruesome ("Living Dead Girl"), the otherworldly ("Demonoid Phenomenon") and the oppressive ("Spookshow Baby"). Adorned with Zombie's beast-like wail, those tracks - and indeed the entire album - all but leap from the speakers in a

ghostly good demonstration of pure fun.

Rob Zombie has cornered the horror rock market.



Theatrical, silly and full of fun, play it loud...just be careful not to wake the dead.

BLACK SABBATH RISES FROM THE DEAD

Tom Netherland
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

Black Sabbath plods with the lumbering speed of a grave-cooled zombie on the warpath.

The long unthinkable has occurred: Ozzy Osbourne has returned to record and tour with Black Sabbath. Ozzy was the band's original lead singer, fronting the group for almost a decade, 1969-

78.

"Reunion," the first album by the original members of Black Sabbath in twenty years, was recorded live last year in England. A double disc, it also features a duo of new studio tracks.

In recent years practically every band that's ever come down the pike has regrouped for the all-lucrative album and tour. The Eagles did it. So did Fleetwood

Mac. Heck, even Boy George and Culture Club returned from oblivion. So, why not Black Sabbath and Ozzy Osbourne?

Well, the band had all but professed a hatred for one another, at least between guitarist Tony Iommi and Ozzy. Though they'd made nine albums and traveled the world together, had known each other since boyhood, the duo's problems reached breaking point in 1978 when Ozzy left the band for good to pursue a solo career.

Ozzy's career went on to eclipse Sabbath's success. A string of million-selling albums and the reputation for being a madman of sorts fueled a career that has since perched him atop the heavy metal world. He's now considered the genre's

grandfather.

Iommi stuck with Sabbath. A parade of singers followed Ozzy's exit, including well-known warblers Ronnie James Dio (Dio, Rainbow), and Ian Gillan (Deep Purple). No matter. The band gradually sunk to being an embarrassment. Tours didn't draw throngs of people and albums failed to sell. The band was all but headed towards extinction after "Forbidden," its 1995 studio release.

And then Ozzy called. See, the last couple of summers he's headlined his own heavy metal touring festival, Ozfest. Well, early last year he contacted his old buds about the possibility of getting back together. Naturally, given Ozzy's history of drug abuse and the less-than-friendly break with him, Iommi was cautious, but being that the band was on the way out anyway, he listened.

All four original members of the band - Ozzy, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler (bass) and Bill Ward (drums) performed their first set of shows in nearly two decades last summer. Fans who saw the event loved it. More importantly, the band enjoyed it as well.

The culmination of its efforts resulted in "Reunion."

Iommi and Ward recently turned 50 and Ozzy is also about to surpass the half-century mark. Too old to rock 'n' roll? Not a chance. In fact, they sound invigorated on such standbys as "Sweat Leaf" and "Paranoid." Not only does the band sound

like it has not missed a step in the interim, but everybody seems to be having a blast as well.

Ozzy, between songs, exhorts the crowd to go crazy. Iommi's thundering guitar seems to have awakened from its Rip Van Winkle-like slumber. Ward and Butler mesh as if nary a beat's been missed. And what of Ozzy's voice? Well, it's delightfully off-key as usual and otherwise a joy to hear on Sabbath tunes once again.

The band has long since moved past questions of Satanism and the occult, topics with which they've long been associated. On several tracks, though, the band plays with the notion a bit. "War Pigs," as anti-war as any heavy metal song ever has been, finds Ozzy comparing war wagers with "witches at black masses." Elsewhere, "Children Of The Grave" is a slightly macabre look at a favorite band topic: death.

Likewise, "Sabbath Bloody Sabbath" blasphemes Christianity and those who propound it. Or it attacks hypocrisy. Either interpretation works. As Ozzy sings of people "filling you head full of lies," the thought may come to the listener that this stuff is pretty intense, musically, for a bunch of middle-aged men. And it is. But listen closely and you know what? You can't tell they're getting old. The music is tight, seemingly ageless and surprisingly fresh. That's quite an achievement given the band's many years apart.

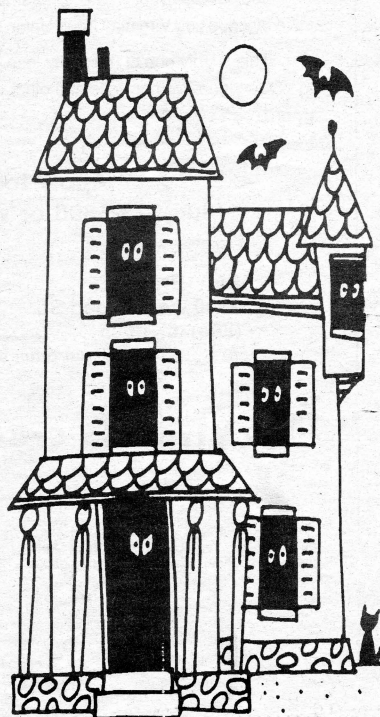
The impressive "Psycho Man," one of two new tracks, plods along in typical, foreboding Black Sabbath fashion. The character of the song is a serial killer "who won't be happy until he smells their fear." When he kills, Ozzy sings, "He loves it when they take their final breath." How pleasant.

Live albums are sometimes tricky affairs. Some work well. Others take real effort just to listen to. This one works. Great care has obviously been given to its

construction.

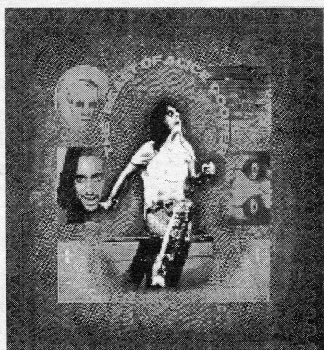
Harmony seems to be the word in Black Sabbath's camp these days. Its new album is a success. The band has honestly never sounded better. And better still, the group is planning to begin an extensive tour beginning New Year's Eve.

Who says you can't come back from the dead?



COOPER: NOT YOUR AVERAGE CREEPY ROCKER

Tom Netherland
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR



Alice Cooper is much more than just some freak who loves snakes.

In his day, Cooper had quite a knack for crafting highly listenable, radio-friendly songs. He ranked more people than he'd probably care to remember. Yet with songs such as "Cold Ethyl" and "I Love The Dead," he may have expected a barrage of criticism.

Warner Brothers Records, the label with whom Cooper enjoyed his greatest success, has released a sparse collection of his very best, aptly titled "The Beast of Alice Cooper." The album doesn't contain his more controversial songs, but it is an assemblage of songs that may change a few opinions about just who this man named Alice really was.

For one thing, Alice Cooper is really Vincent Furnier, the son of a Baptist preacher. He was not raised in a dysfunctional family nor was he any sort of a devil child. Today, 50-year-old Alice and his wife live not in some dark and dreary mansion on a secluded hill, but in an unassuming Phoenix, Ariz., suburb. His children even attend a neighborhood church.

Surprised? Indeed, Alice is not just a

horror show. In the past he's been grossly associated with heavy metal, but in his heyday, he was Top 40 accessible. Make no mistake, a distinct pop sheen can be heard on many of his early records.

Juvenile odes such as "School's Out" married with songs of rebellion ("I'm Eighteen") and gave Alice instant access to rabble-raising teens across the country. The songs' no-doubt-about-it infectious sound became a trademark that, woefully, he shed in later years.

Others, like "No More Mr. Nice Guy" (later covered by Megadeth), endeared Cooper to latter-day metalheads and radio alike. It was a precarious tightrope that he walked, one between acceptability and showmanship.

While he released singles such as the heavily orchestrated - and surprisingly touching - "Only Women Bleed," Alice peppered his infamous live performances with ditties such as "Dead Babies."

No doubt, there are two Alice Coopers. One fared well on the radio. The other shocked and let the fake blood fly in concert. (He is known for "beheading" himself on stage.)

Taken together, the at-odds aspects of the Detroit-born rocker made him a star, 19 studio albums after which he's still filling theaters with his fake-blood bursting act.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

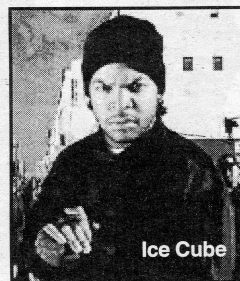
Tom Netherland
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

WAR AND PEACE

Rapper/actor Ice Cube is a man on the move these days. It seems the man who's starred in films such as "Higher Learning" (1995), "Anaconda" (1997), and "Dangerous Ground" (1997) is returning his focus to music. He's about to complete his participation on the Family Values Tour (billed along with non-rap acts Korn, Limp Bizkit and Orgy), but much more lies ahead for the gangsta rapper.

Next month (Nov. 17) Priority Records will release his fifth solo album, "War And Peace Volume One (War)," the first of a two-part opus that will be completed next summer with "War And Peace Volume Two (Peace)." Cube decided to go against releasing the albums as a double-album because, as he told a journalist recently "I've tried to listen to some rap double-albums and it's just too much." Of the albums, he said "War And Peace" is about life and living. Every day is a struggle.

Cube said "Today might be cool, but tomorrow night might be a horror for yourself." Ice Cube initially rose to fame as a member of N.W.A., the highly influential rap supergroup that also featured Dr. Dre and the late Easy E. This Tuesday, Nov. 3, Priority will release a compilation tribute album to N.W.A., "N.W.A.: Straight Outta Compton - 10th Anniversary Tribute."



Ice Cube



B.E.A.M. THEM UP

R.E.M.'s first album since last year's departure of drummer Bill Berry, the 14-song "Up," was released Tuesday, Oct. 27. The band has re-focused its attention on the music and has come up with a sound altogether different from anything they have done before. Drum loops and guest drummers were used in Berry's spot. Bass player Mike Mills and guitarist Peter Buck switched instruments for the bulk of the album, and lead singer Michael Stipe played guitar on a couple of tracks. The album's lyrics are dark, in direct opposition to its title. Now, R.E.M.'s decision not to tour in support of the album does not bode well for its success. Since 1991's multi-platinum, "Out Of Time," sales for each subsequent album have dipped, so much so that its last release, "New Adventures In Hi-Fi," has yet to surpass the almighty platinum (one million copies sold) plateau. Being that the band re-signed with Warner Brothers Records several years ago for a reported \$40 million,

company officials may be a tad bit worried about recouping their investment.

MORISSETTE, METHOD MAN AND MIDNIGHT OIL

As for what's coming up, brace your wallets as record companies begin a month-long deluge of big releases, this Tuesday, Nov. 3. Leading the pack,

Alanis Morissette's long-awaited, frequently talked about "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie" (what's up with that title?) is being projected as this winter's big seller. Being that her previous album, "Jagged Little Pill," has to-date sold better than 16 million albums in the United States, it's a pretty good guess that there will be winning results for her latest. As with "Pill," Glen Ballard also produced "Junkie."

"Tical 2: Judgment Day" from Wu-Tang Clan's Method Man hits shelves the same day. No doubt fans will snap up the album faster than you can say, "Oh no, not another rap album." Even more likely to sell in droves, the 3-boy wonder group Hanson (egad!) bows with its first-ever live album titled, simply, "Live." The brothers Hanson wowed crowds all summer (including a pair of Virginia shows) with its bubble gum sound and teeny-bop appeal. Known for its radical political views, Midnight Oil no doubt will be expressing themselves as always on its new album, "Redneck Wonderland." No word as to whom they are referring, but you can be assured that Peter Garrett (Midnight Oil's famed bald singer) will do so loudly and in no uncertain terms. Also out Tuesday, live albums from the Rolling Stones ("No Security"); 311; Portishead and Bow Wow Wow ("Wild In America"); studio discs from The Cardigans ("Gran Turismo") and Billy Ray Cyrus ("Shot Full Of Love").

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Ho-ho-ho and a hearty cha-ching!! will go retailers and their cash registers in the coming weeks as the music industry inundates stores with its usual holiday fare: box sets, Christmas albums and greatest hits packages. This Tuesday look for a slew of them at your favorite record store, including a holiday release from Celine Dion ("These Are Special Times"); box sets from John Lennon (the 4-disc "Anthology"); Burt Bacharach (the 3-cd "The Best Of Love: The Collection") and songwriter Randy Newman (the 4-cd "Guilty: 30 Years Of"). Greatest hits releases from U2 ("Best Of Volume 1: 1980-90") and Skid Row ("40 Seasons - The Best Of Skid Row") vie for consumers' cash while the frequently feuding Gallagher brothers and their band Oasis release an album of B-sides, "The Masterpieces." Had enough? Can't bear the thought of spending more dough on a bunch of albums? Well, wait until next week. More albums than you can shake Santa's leg at are on the way. Stay tuned for more information.



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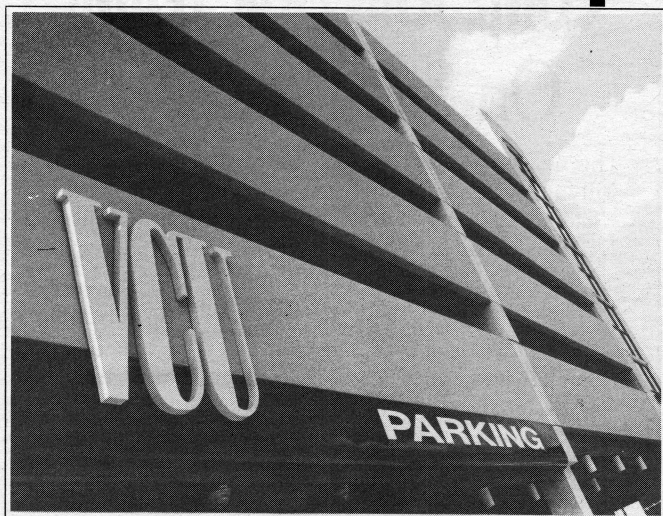
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NAME THIS — Maybe time will bring the General Motors Deck or the Henry Ford Deck. There appears to be plenty of room for corporate sponsorship here.

Justin Wilson

What's in a name?

The building formerly known as GPAB has been renamed the T. Edward Temple Building. VCU has recently gotten into the habit of renaming its buildings. We gave Stu Siegel a big ego boost, as his name will adorn the new arena when it finally opens up sometime in the next decade.

Yet, we are now left with a big quandary. We have many buildings left to name.

A year ago, the university community assailed the crass commercialism of having a McDonald's in the Student Commons. But forget all that now. Let's name the building after McDonald's. Let's get McDonald's to pony up a cool million dollars, and from now on the Commons will be known as the McDonald's Center. It will get the university some more cash to use in instruction and physical plant improvements, and it will give McDonald's some nice advertising.

But let's not stop there. We have this Business Building that is sitting there with no identity. Besides the fact that it's now being held up by four stilts, it would be a perfect place for some corporate entity to affix its identity. I am sure that there has to be some business with its headquarters in Richmond that would love the assistance in recruiting that naming the Business Building would give them.

What about the Phillip Morris Academic Building? How about the Circuit City Business Center? I am sure that somebody would be willing to come up with the necessary funds. It would mean immeasurable advertising exposure, as well as showing the corporations to be positive contributors to the

Richmond community.

Then we have the Hibbs Building to worry about. Granted, this one is already named after someone, but that really shouldn't matter now. Hibbs is dead, so he won't really care. Let's go ahead and sell the rights to ARAMARK. What better way to help ARAMARK repair the image it has rightfully gained as the purveyor of horrible food than by having the entire building named after them. I'm sure you agree that extracting a million dollars from ARAMARK to make it ARAMARK Hall or ARA Hall is the best route for the university to raise money. The students couldn't care less what it's called, and we all know the food won't get any better.

I'm surprised that the School of Engineering Building isn't already named the Motorola Engineering Center. That should be easy. We're on a roll now! I'm sure that Champion, Adidas or Nike would surely pay some money to put their name on the Franklin Street Gym or Cary Street Field. We could get Porsche or Lexus to pay to place their name on the new Broad Street Parking Deck, just to remind everybody what you could be driving if you weren't getting gouged by the book prices on the first floor.

We could make a fortune off this! Instead of eschewing commercialism for the sake of preserving the so called "ivory tower" image of higher education; let's relish in it. Let's become a corporate Mecca, a test bed for the powers of good that corporate money can bring.

Money can't be bad, can it?

Chris Woodford

Will an American hero salvage 1998?

What a year it's been. Ken Starr made public his findings in the Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton scandal. A lunatic from Montana stormed the U.S. Capitol and killed two police officers. Roy Rogers, Alan Shepherd and George Wallace died.

Not exactly the happiest of years.

And now, something will happen today that will help salvage the year for America. A hero from our storied history will return to the occupation that first put him in the history books. I'm talking about John Glenn, of course.

Today Glenn left the pull of Newton's gravity behind and returned to space, some 36 years after he became the first American to orbit the Earth. Today he became the oldest person ever — 77 — to brave the G-forces and spend time in Earth orbit.

But now for the big question: Will Glenn's return to space give 1998 a happy ending, or will it be largely ignored as a publicity stunt?

That's what many people are calling it. A stunt, a payback for campaign fund-raising assistance, a retirement present. I say so what if it is?

So what if Glenn was chosen for this experiment because of his notoriety? So what if it's a payback? This trip should be great for America as a morale booster.

Glenn represents the American dream. He was a distinguished pilot, became one of the first American as-

tronauts, was the first American to orbit the Earth, and served four terms as a U.S. Senator. He was a popular politician, and most likely would have served an unprecedented fifth term, but he turned it down for this mission.

So what if NASA is using Glenn's trip to boost interest in the space program. I say good. The space program is one of the few government programs that is doing a good job. Sure it's expensive, but all new things are.

What better way to get children interested in space once again. An interest in space could lead to careers in science or engineering. With all the bad things that have happened this year, it's a wonder that people still think it's worthwhile to have children.

Perhaps this mission will bring some sort of perspective back to Washington and the country. Maybe people will realize that there are bigger things than political plots and scandals. Maybe.

In a world that's full of scandals, plots, wars, famine and disease, it's good to know that there are still some people who think we, the human race, have the potential to overcome our differences and achieve our goals. Glenn is such a person, and his return trip to space is an example of a strong-willed person following through.

I say hooray for John Glenn! May America never forget, or forsake, your interminable spirit!

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Upcoming

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Rams try to spike inconsistent play

JW Revercomb
CT STAFF WRITER

VCU's volleyball team will look for its first conference win of the season this weekend when it serves as host to American and George Mason.

"We have been having good practices," said Cheryl Carlson, volleyball head coach. "Hopefully the team will play well and we'll have a chance to win these two games."

The Rams have struggled in conference this year, losing all eight matches and was swept in five of them.

Inconsistent play hurt the Rams this season. The last time VCU faced conference teams at home, East Carolina and UNC Wilmington, the Rams won the first game of both matches and led in the second and third games but failed to put their opponents away.

At UNC Wilmington last weekend, the Rams played their closest match of the season.

VCU fell behind early, but won the fourth and fifth games to force a deciding rally game, a game both teams can score on either serve, that the Seahawks won 16-14. "To lose 16-14 in a rally game was tough," said Carlson.

Injuries caused Carlson to tinker with the line up against UNCW and ECU. Outside hitter Kristen Didio moved to setter in place of an injured Mary Franke.

Carlson said she was pleased with Didio's play and said the line up may be used again this weekend.

On Friday, VCU will face second place

Eagles 19-5 (6-1), who will come off a 3-1 victory over first place James Madison.

"American is real tough, but we match up real well and we'll see what happens," said Carlson.

The Rams will have to deal with Eagles sophomore middle hitter Ajola Berisha, this week's Colonial Athletic Association player of the week, who had 30 kills in the victory over JMU on Saturday.

The Eagles also have Maria Zhuravleva, who tallied five service aces against the Dukes. Berisha and Heather Wintermeyer have the first and second best hitting percentages in the Colonial Athletic Association at .386 and .352, respectively.

The Rams will face GMU on Halloween. The Patriots swept VCU earlier in the season, but two of the games finished close at 16-14 and 17-15.

"We were right in there with them," Carlson said. "I think the team is real fired up and will play [GMU] well."

The Patriots also have a recent player of the week. Senior middle blocker Kami Mullings earned the award last week based largely on a triple double she had against San Diego State. In that match she totaled 29 kills, 13 digs and 11 blocks.

If VCU allows her to put up those kind of numbers on Saturday, Halloween could be a long frightening day for the Rams.

Concerning the Rams' conference struggles, Carlson said that from match to match different things bring frustration, but added team morale remains high. "I don't think we've given up at all," she said. "That has been a real positive thing."

Jen West leads the team with 182 kills and sophomore Shelly Sprouse was fourth in the conference last week with a .270 hitting percentage. Sprouse and Baiba Berzina lead the Rams with 38 blocks and Franke sits as the top play maker with 646 assists.

Bard wins regional award

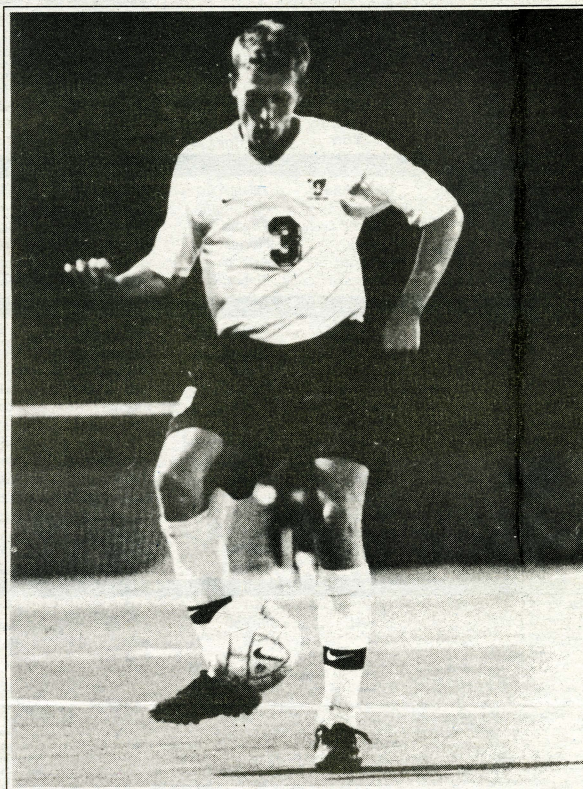
VCU Women's Tennis coach Eva Bard was named 1998 college coach of the year by the Mid-Atlantic United States Professional Tennis Association Division. Bard adds this honor to her 1998 Colonial Athletic Association coach of the year award.

Last year VCU won a school record 18 straight matches after starting 0-2. The team finished with a 20-4 record, the most wins ever by a VCU squad.

Last year also marked the biggest turnaround in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association in 1998 and in VCU's history. The 20-4 mark came on the heels of a 2-17 season in 1997.

VCU advanced to the CAA final and the NCAA East Region final only to lose to William & Mary both times. VCU was ranked 22nd in the final Rolex National Collegiate Tennis Rankings and second in the East Region.

—compiled from news sources



Mary Franke/Commonwealth Times

DRIBBLING WITH IT -- Matt Kirkpatrick, VCU junior defender, leads the Rams into a huge intrastate battle with Virginia at 5 p.m., Saturday.

#17 Men's Soccer ties Liberty

The 17th ranked VCU men's soccer team tied Liberty 1-1 in Lynchburg Tuesday night to extend its unbeaten streak to 10 games.

Liberty struck first when Jose Gomez scored at the 62:55 mark after a scoreless first half.

The Rams knotted things up seven minutes later when Matt Kirkpatrick found Kevin Jeffrey for a score.

The Rams outshot the Flames 6-2 in overtime but couldn't score.

For the game, VCU outshot Liberty 14-11 and both teams had four corner kicks a piece.

The nine overtime games VCU has played this season makes a school record.

The Rams play next at 5 p.m., Saturday in Charlottesville against No. 3 ranked Virginia.

Thayaprasat wins Flight D Singles

VCU's Siri Thayaprasat, a junior from Woodbridge, Va., defeated Lauren Hastings of UNC Charlotte 6-3, 6-3 on Sunday to win the D Singles of the Old Dominion Women's Collegiate Invitational.

Earlier in the day, Thayaprasat beat American's Heather Skiles 6-1, 6-3 to advance to the finals.

VCU junior Lyudmilla Teterina from Kiev, Ukraine, defeated Sharon Lai of Syracuse in straight sets 7-6, 6-2 to win the A singles consolation title. Teterina advanced to the finals earlier in the day when she beat Vanessa Manicom from Appalachian State 6-1, 6-3.

Carmen Bietzer, a senior from Burgdorf, Germany, lost to Katie Thompson of Syracuse in the semifinals of the C singles 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

—compiled from news sources

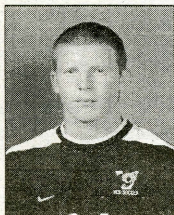


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Athlete of the Week

Dominic Amato

Men's Soccer



■ Amato, a senior defender from Metairie, La., was named Colonial Athletic Association player of the week. He scored the only goal Saturday night against conference opponent George Mason. It was his first goal of the year, and it put VCU into a first place tie with James Madison in the CAA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTES

MEN'S SOCCER (10-3-2, 6-0-1)

Oct. 31
VIRGINIA

Nov. 6
ECU

Nov. 10-15
CAA
TOUR.

VCU IS RANKED #20 IN THE NATIONAL SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA POLL.

WOMEN'S SOCCER (7-7-2, 2-4-1)

Nov. 5-9
CAA
TOURNAMENT

THE RAMS HIGHEST FINISH EVER IN THE COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IS FIFTH.

VOLLEYBALL (6-17, 0-8)

Oct. 30
AU

Oct. 31
GMU

Nov. 3
Nor.
STATE

VCU DEFEATED NORFOLK ST. EARLIER THIS YEAR.

FIELD HOCKEY (8-10, 1-4)

Oct. 31
W&M

Oct. 31
CAA
TOURNAMENT

THE RAMS EIGHT WINS THIS YEAR EQUALS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WINS FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE SEASONS.

indicates home games

The Picks



"Terrifying"
Tom



"Grim Reaper"
Rogalsky



"Devilish"
Dusty



"Yikes"
Yoder



"Wolfman"
Woodford



"Vampire Bat"
Ben



"Witches Brew"
Wilson



"Ghoulsh"
George



"Frightening"
Finkbeiner

NCAA

Richmond at Villanova	Richmond	Villanova	Richmond	Villanova	Richmond	Villanova	Richmond	Villanova	Villanova
William & Mary at Hampton	Hampton	Hampton	William & Mary	William & Mary	William & Mary	William & Mary	William & Mary	William & Mary	William & Mary
West Virginia at Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
Florida vs. Georgia	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Florida	Florida
Oregon at Arizona	Oregon	Arizona	Arizona	Oregon	Arizona	Oregon	Arizona	Oregon	Arizona
Texas at Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska	Nebraska

NFL

N.Y. Giants at Washington	N.Y. Giants	Washington	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	Washington	Washington	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants
Arizona at Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Arizona	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Arizona
Denver at Cincinnati	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Jacksonville at Baltimore	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Miami at Buffalo	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Buffalo	Buffalo	Miami	Miami
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Tampa Bay	Minnesota	Minnesota
New England at Indianapolis	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England
New Orleans at Carolina	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	Carolina	New Orleans	New Orleans	Carolina
St. Louis at Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	St. Louis	Atlanta	Atlanta
Tennessee at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City	N.Y. Jets	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	Kansas City
San Francisco at Green Bay	San Francisco	Green Bay	Green Bay	San Francisco	San Francisco	Green Bay	San Francisco	Green Bay	San Francisco
Oakland at Seattle	Oakland	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Oakland	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Oakland
Dallas at Philadelphia	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas

RESULTS

Last Week:	17-3	13-7	15-5	14-6	16-4	14-6	12-8	11-9	13-7
Season to Date:	119-41	110-50	110-50	107-53	106-54	106-54	105-55	101-59	93-67
Percentage:	.744	.688	.688	.669	.663	.663	.656	.631	.581
Games Back:	—	9	9	12	13	13	14	18	26

§-§ The Halloween edition of the Picks presents a pretty gruesome sight indeed. There is no race for the top spot: the Picks looks like your typical baseball season with the races for second more interesting than the race for the top spot. That's because the Spectrum editor, "Nowhere to Run" Nederland, opened a nine-game lead on his two closest pursuers, "Scare Me" Smith and "Really Afraid" Rogalsky. While the two of them fight it out for the Picks silver medal, "Nightmarish" Nederland is having a good laugh at them and the rest of the competition that have double-digit deficits staring right in them in the face. The business manager, "Yell and Scream" Yoder, moved up this week. He vows that he has the "two Pickers in front of him in sight and that after he jumps over them, he'll be the Spectrum Editor next" — keep dreaming. Next to him stand two monsters that bear watching in the race for second, "Candyman" Chris, who posted the second best record this week at 16-4, and "Bats in the Belfry" Ben who is not only thinking about beating out the executive editor this week, but has set a much loftier goal for himself, top Pickers in the news department. Next comes "However" Justin, who took the biggest fall this week, from third to seventh, and counts on the Redskins to help pull him out of his slump this week, may your faith be rewarded but the Picks thinks a Redskins victory is almost as likely as the sky raining candy on Halloween night. Following the editorial editor is George "the Goblin" who disgraced himself with a Picks-worst 11-9 week. The sports editor is taking a small bit of faith as the editorial editor is making, by picking his beloved Tampa Bay Bucs to defeat the undefeated Minnesota Vikings. A slight kick in that scenario is the anemic offense of the Bucs, who score almost as often as "Ghoulsh" George does. In last place but closing fast on the competition is "Frankenstein" Finkbeiner who went 13-7 and actually stands now within 10 games of getting out of the cellar. A problem for the co-writers editor is that he still trails the leader by 26 games. Ouch!

MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 26)

PLAYER	G	GS	G	A	Pts.		
Ricardo Capilla	15-15	5	7	12	17		
Kevin Jeffrey	11-8	5	2	12	12		
Matt Kirkpatrick	15-15	3	3	9	9		
Trevor Spencer	15-15	3	1	7	7		
Andy Kish	14-13	1	3	5	5		
Lorenz Baumgartner	14-13	1	2	4	4		
Roberto Gutierrez	12-9	2	0	4	4		
Erwan LeCrom	15-15	1	1	3	3		
Dwayne Bergeron	15-15	1	1	3	3		
Jose Maldonado	11-2	1	0	2	2		
Kofi Sey	15-10	1	0	2	2		
Dominic Amato	12-3	1	0	2	2		
Gilberto Bejarano	11-2	0	0	0	0		
Guillermo Henriques	15-15	0	0	0	0		
Brian James	3-0	0	0	0	0		
Adam Mead	15-15	0	0	0	0		
VCU totals	15	26	20	72			
Opponents	15	16	12	44			
GOALKEEPING	G	GS	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Adam Mead	15-15	48	4	750	0	95	
VCU totals	15	49	16	4	754	0.95	
Opponents totals	15	93	26	2	782	1.55	

MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 26)

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
James Madison	6-0-1	.928	11-3-1	.821		
VCU	6-0-1	.928	10-3-2	.733		
Richmond	4-2-0	.667	9-5-2	.629		
George Mason	3-3-0	.500	10-6-0	.625		
Old Dominion	2-4-0	.333	6-6-2	.428		
William & Mary	1-3-0	.250	8-6-1	.566		
East Carolina	1-3-0	.250	3-9-1	.269		
UNC Wilmington	1-5-0	.167	11-5-0	.688		
American	0-4-0	.000	4-10-1	.325		

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 26)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Derek Ford, UNCW	10	7	27
Brent Ceszars, UR	10	3	23
Mike Brizendine, JMU	9	4	22
Brandon Wright, IMU	10	1	21

SOCCER AMERICA MEN'S TOP 25

(Through Oct. 26)

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

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 26)

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
George Mason	5-2-1	.687	11-5-1	.676		
Old Dominion	5-2-0	.714	10-6-0	.625		
William & Mary	4-0-2	.833	12-1-2	.867		
Richmond	4-2-1	.643	10-5-1	.688		
James Madison	4-3-0	.571	11-6-1	.638		
VCU	2-4-1	.357	7-7-2	.500		
East Carolina	2-4-0	.334	8-5-1	.607		
American	2-4-0	.334	6-8-1	.433		
UNC Wilmington	0-7-1	.063	6-9-1	.400		

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 26)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Katy Robertson, GMU	16	10	42
Missy Wyckins, W&M	14	7	35
Jen Henley, ODU	13	5	31
Christy Timbers, UNCW	13	5	31

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 26)

PLAYER	G-GS	G	A	Pts		
Rebecca Ruth	16-15	7	1	15		
Shanna Ziegenfuss	16-16	5	3	13		
Kristin Aaserudseter	16-16	3	1	7		
Annie Sullivan	16-16	1	1	3		
Carolyn Marin	15-15	1	0	2		
Jen Seidel	16-16	0	2	2		
Darcy Roy	16-16	0	1	1		
Holly O'Hara	16-16	0	1	1		
Pascale Lecuire	15-10	0	0	0		
Shannon Farrell	16-16	0	0	0		
Hope Troman	15-3	0	0	0		
Katelyn Robie	16-10	0	0	0		
Jana O'Brien	10-5	0	0	0		
Ann Marie Lock	11-2	0	0	0		
Allison Kutcha	4-0	0	0	0		
VCU totals	16	17	10	44		
Opponents totals	16	27	24	78		
GOALKEEPING	G-GS	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Lindy Brown	15-15	100	22	4	820	1.28
Pascale Lecuire	1-1	7	5	0	583	5.00
VCU totals	16	107	27	4	799	1.59
Opponents totals	16	78	17	2	821	1.00

FIELD HOCKEY STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 26)

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
Old Dominion	6-0	1.000	16-2	.889		
James Madison	4-1	.800	11-8	.579		
William & Mary	3-2	.600	8-8	.500		
American	3-3	.500	10-6	.625		
Richmond	1-4	.200	5-13	.278		
VCU	1-4	.200	8-10	.444		
Radford	0-5	.000	7-9	.438		

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 26)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Marina Digiacomo, ODU	23	17	63
Mimi Smith, ODU	16	5	37
Kim Miller, ODU	12	10	34
Ashleigh Miller, ODU	10	13	33
Tara Napoli, IMU	13	5	31

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 26)

Team	Conference	W-L	%	Overall	W-L	%
James Madison	7-1	.875	15-5	.750		
American	6-1	.857	19-5	.792		
William & Mary	5-3	.625	14-13	.519		
George Mason	3-4	.429	3-18	.143		
East Carolina	3-5	.375	9-13	.409		
UNC Wilmington	2-4	.333	7-17	.292		
VCU	0-8	.000	6-17	.261		

VOLLEYBALL LEADERS

(Through Oct. 26)

PLAYER	G	Avg
Ajola Berisha, AU	75	.386
Heathr Wintermeyer, AU	75	.352
Taryn Kirk, JMU	67	.333
Edis Bunati, AU	77	.308