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ALL ABOARD. VCU's commuter bus awaits passengers outside the campus bookstore on Broad Street.

Republicans win control of assembly

Larry O'Dell

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RICHMOND— Republicans completed their historic takeover of state government, seizing control of the House of Delegates for the first time in modern history and holding their narrow majority in the Senate.

With the GOP victory in Tuesday's elections, Virginia joined Florida as the only Southern states with Republicans in control of both legislative chambers and the governorship.

Two years ago, Gov. Jim Gilmore led an unprecedented Republican sweep of the top three statewide offices — governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general.

— Now, with two years remaining in Gilmore's term, Republicans will have unfettered power to press their tax-slashing agenda and redraw legislative and congressional districts to their advantage.

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tage after the 2000 census.

Republicans were part of a coalition that controlled the General Assembly during Reconstruction but had never held an outright majority. The century began with only a half-dozen Republicans in the 140-member legislature.

"Now the last election of the century has them completing a takeover of state government from top to bottom," said University of Virginia political analyst Larry Sabato. "That's a 180-degree change, perfectly positioned as bookends in a century."

The defeat of Democratic Sen. Stanley C. Walker ensured that Republicans would at least maintain their 2119 Senate advantage, even if Republican Sen. Jane Woods lost a close race against former Democratic U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne. The Woods-Byrne race was too close to call this morning.

In unofficial returns, Republican D. Nick Rerras led Walker 57 percent to 43 percent with 17 of 31 precincts counted. Complete totals, however, would not be known at least until today because of a voting machine failure that left several Norfolk precincts uncounted. Elections officials were testing 20 machines this morning to try to find out what happened and count those votes, said Ann Washington, general registrar with the

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Bus route offers relief for the weary

April Duran

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The black bus with the gold VCU logo on the side is a sight for sore eyes and feet, especially as the weather turns cold and rainy.

The problem is that a lot of students see it everyday but don't know where it goes.

The bus, known as the Academic Loop shuttle, provides free transportation services to various locations throughout the Academic Campus to VCU students, staff and faculty. It loops around from the Broad Street parking deck to the Southern side of the Student Commons.

Students ask several times a week

about the shuttle's route across the campus, said Bruce Korusek, one of the shuttle drivers supplied by Virginia Overland Transportation Company.

"This bus is underutilized ... it's just my opinion," Korusek said. "When the weather isn't bad, people prefer to walk."

Weather is definitely a factor on usage.

"We are looking at the (passenger) counts," said Emma Minor, acting manager of the Parking and Transportation Office. "Traditionally the counts go way up during the winter."

She said that the recent growth on both the Academic and the Medical campuses requires constant monitoring of ridership.

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Rita Botts/Commonwealth Times

THE PLAN OF ATTACK. Fraternity members review a map before splitting into groups for Halloween Watch.

Halloween Watch draws community support

Jennifer Bowen

CT STAFF WRITER

The tiny ghouls and goblins of Richmond walked the streets safely this year thanks to the members of VCU's Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity.

Sponsoring the annual Halloween Watch, participants patrolled the Fan District, ensuring the safety of trick-or-treating children.

"This is great way to be active in the community," said AKL pledge Jim Dewey.

"It brings it together and it also helps to rid of some of the stereotypes people have about the Greek system."

This is the first year the brotherhood has opened the project to all Greek organizations. The event pulled in over 300 Greek students.

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• Airplane antics

Walter Andrew Everhart, 36, of North Carolina received 19 months in prison for fighting during an airline flight and urinating in the aisle.

Everhart told a federal judge that he didn't remember the episodes in which he tried to fight with other passengers, including kicking the seat of a pregnant woman so hard she fell out and feared she would have a miscarriage.

Witnesses said it took six officers to subdue Everhart after he urinated into a condom and became unruly.

He attributed his black outs to painkillers and alcohol.

• Founding Father's ticker

The school district in Columbus, Ga., assigned aides to alter photos in textbooks of Emanuel Leutze's famous "Washington Crossing the Delaware" painting after some adults thought parts of Washington's pocket watch, dangling against his thigh, may appear to fifth-grade students as the penis of the Founding Father.

The aides located matching paint and spent two weeks touching up 2,300 textbooks.

Some officials - in Cobb County - simply took out the page to avoid confusion.

• Wanted: Granny

Denny Usui, 28, first told investigating officers in July that his grandmother wasn't home when they began questioning him in

his grandmother's disappearance. His statements progressively changed when they insisted on looking around:

"Oh, I don't know, she might be here," and then "Yeah, ok, she's in the shower," and then "Oh, go inside; my grandma's bathroom is inside her room," and then "Oh, I think she's dead. She's in the shower." And finally, "I don't want to say anything else until I speak to my attorney because this is a felony and I never committed a murder before."

• Showing their softer side

According to a Los Angeles Times report in June, about 40 members of the Preston Youth Correctional Facility near Sacramento - including murderers and armed robbers - are thriving in a program that teaches the rehabilitative effects of sewing.

These violent male offenders stitch, knit and crochet booties and blankets for premature babies and to achieve what one man called sewing's "calming" effect.

• Main courses

Three employees of a psychiatric hospital in Almaty, Kazakhstan were charged after they brought home seven prostitutes, killed them and then proceeded to eat them in gourmet, ravioli-type dishes.

Along the same lines...India's national news agency reported in August that a 3-year-old girl had been sacrificed to a Hindu

goddess in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, in order to bring prosperity to the village. No arrests had been made yet.

• Hermit emerges

Stepan Kovaltchuk, 75, is out of touch with the world.

According to the Agence France Presse wire, Kovaltchuk emerged last month from his sister's attic in a remote part of the Ukraine, where he had been living for the past 57 years.

He first began hiding from the Nazis and later from the Soviet military recruiters.

Kovaltchuk was not aware of Ukrainian independence and came out of his hiding place only because his sister had just recently passed away.

• When you gotta go ...

A New Jersey man who refused to take a Breathalyzer test should not have lost his driver's license, a judge ruled.

The reason?

John Carlin could not blow hard enough without wetting himself.

The judge said that Carlin had a valid physical reason for not complying with the police order when he pleaded guilty to drunken driving, but was upset that his license was suspended because of his refusal to complete the breath test.

"I would have taken the test, but I couldn't," Carlin said. "I kept telling the police I had to go, that I had to go real bad,

but they wouldn't listen."

• Unusual mining methods

An Alaskan, who recently butchered a goose, found more than he bargained for.

Along with some digested grass, he discovered twelve glittering flakes of gold, about \$10 to \$12 worth. The pieces were several millimeters long and flattened so thin he could barely pick them up with tweezers.

Originally trained as a geologist, Frank Kuful used to mine gold and still goes panning for fun.

"I could work half a day and not get 12 pieces," he said.

• Paying for "companionship"

A woman who operates an escort service is suing the publisher of the Mid-Atlantic Adult Guide for defamation, saying the listing of her business under the heading "Incall and Massage" is misleading.

Paige Barnes said her Premiere Referral is a "Non-sexual" escort service for professional men in need of companionship.

Guide Publisher Ivan Monet offered to publish a retraction, but defended the listing.

"I don't know any guy who is going to pay \$150 an hour to be alone with a pretty girl and not have something happen," he said. "The suit is groundless and without merit."

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Bus provides rest for weary students

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The Medical Campus provides a bit more of a challenge in accommodating transportation needs.

"Medical students start the day very early," Minor said, "they tend to have very different hours than the Academic Campus (students)."

To accommodate this discrepancy, the North Loop shuttle starts at 5:30 a.m.

Cham-nan Prak, a junior pre-nursing major, uses the shuttle and parking loop for getting to the Medical Campus three times a week.

"Parking down there is hard to find and taking the bus is easier," she said.

It's always on time, she said, but sometimes too crowded for everyone to sit down on the inter-campus VCU Shuttle.

The recent Gateway Project at the hospital will cause a change in the nearby bus stop at the beginning of the spring

semester. Currently the shuttle stops at Sanger Hall, which is undergoing renovation, Minor said. The new stop will be across Marshall Street at the Ambulatory Care Center, which will bypass the construction, making it safer.

"The plan is to make it a temporary stop, (unless) passengers want to make it a permanent stop," she said. "We work for you."

Another student, Erica Satterfield, utilizes many buses to get around the traffic and parking problems associated with downtown.

"It's much easier than fighting for parking," said Satterfield, a junior pre-med biology major.

Some fear the Academic Loop's low ridership, compared to the popular VCU Shuttle that carries passengers between the two campuses, would result in the discontinuation of that line.

VCU ACADEMIC LOOP

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Laurel St. @ Cathedral Place	:04	:24	:44
Richmond Landmark Theater	:06	:26	:46
Student Commons (Main St.)	:09	:29	:49
School of Business (Main St.)	:11	:31	:51
VCU Music Center (Harrison)	:13	:33	:53
Scherer Hall (Harrison @ Franklin)	:16	:36	:56

NORTH LOOP SHUTTLE

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The Academic Loop shuttle could be combined with the Student Commuter Loop, which takes commuters to the SC 1 lot on the corner of Belvidere and Broad streets, with minor adjustments.

"The combination would still accommodate all the stops," Minor said. "If the decision was made, it would be (implemented) at the beginning of the semester."

She said she was opposed to losing the Academic Loop, since it helps assists so many that come to the university.

Korusek agreed that some populations would be put out if the route was altered.

"The mobility-impaired would be hard pressed to walk that distance," he said, in regard to the distance between Broad and Main streets.

Animal researcher threatened

Isaac Baker

DAILY NORTHWESTERN (NORTHWESTERN U.)

EVANSTON, ILL. (U-WIRE) — When the director of Northwestern University's Neuroscience Institute received a call from his wife last week about a suspicious letter with no return address, he told her to leave it alone.

Dr. Enrico Mugnaini knew he was a potential target for animal rights groups intent on stopping his research on animals.

"We had a warning about that," Mugnaini said of similar threatening letters sent to researchers nationwide. "So we called the police, and they transilluminated the letter. They found razor blades mounted cleverly so that you might cut yourself."

Mugnaini's letter was the latest in a string of hostile letters threatening violence against researchers who perform animal testing, said Ross Rice, special agent and spokesman for the Chicago office of the FBI.

"There have been a rash of these across the United States," Rice said. "But as far as we can tell, they are not coming from a single, isolated location."

The letter threatened violence against Mugnaini, a professor of molecular and cell biology at the Chicago Campus, if he doesn't stop research on animals within a year, he said. The letter, postmarked in Las Vegas, was signed by a British animal rights group called Justice Department.

The letter will be processed for forensic evidence and forwarded to the New York FBI office, which will lead the investigation, Rice said. If the senders are

identified and found in violation of federal law, charges may be filed, he said.

"My wife is quite upset," he said. "You never know if these organizations include some people who are not well put together. These things cannot pass unnoticed, but I hope they aren't very serious."

Although some NU researchers test primates, Mugnaini said he and his staff primarily test mice and rats: mapping neurochemicals, reconstructing neurocircuits and removing brains.

"If you eat meat, then you might as well do research," he said. "You can fault anyone. But we try to minimize animal usage as much as we can."

He said NU maintains an animal testing committee overseen by a government agency to ensure the university's compliance under federal regulations.

Vice President for University Relations Al Cabbage said an e-mail about the letter was sent to NU researchers and administrators involved with animal testing, but no further safety checks are in place.

"It's a heightened awareness more than anything else," Cabbage said.

While the letter has troubled Mugnaini and his family, he said he refuses to let the threats stop him from continuing his life's work as a researcher.

"We have tightened control of the lab and we're being more careful with packages and mail," Mugnaini said. "But we cannot be totally intimidated, either. We have to live a normal life. I abandoned practical medicine 37 years ago, and I intend to continue to do research until I retire. It's what I have chosen to do in my life and that's not going to change."

Greeks patrol the Fan

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"Halloween was one of my favorite holidays as a child. I was able to enjoy it so much because I lived in a safe neighborhood. All I want is for these children of Richmond to be able to enjoy the holiday with the same comfort and security that I did," said Delta Chi participant Jake Glover.

The walk spanned the area from Belvidere Street to the Boulevard and from Monument Avenue to Cary Street. Participants walked in groups of six or more and watched for suspicious activity.

"We have had a great response from the community in the past," said the event's co-chair Jay Pahade. "We are here to help."

Community members agreed that the project was helpful.

"This is a great thing ...," said Richmond Police Officer Weaver to the gathered crowd. "You will be working in connection with the police to keep this area safe. Just keep your eyes open."

While walking, participants were welcomed by the community.

"I think this project is great," said community member Scott Swing.

"The more people we have out here the better. Before, parents used to stand on the corners and try to keep an eye out. But you guys have T-shirts and are really covering the area. I've seen a lot of people from the project out."

Another Fan District resident agreed. "I've been living in the Fan for 27 years, and this is the first year that I have seen so many people here to keep the kids safe. It's great that the university cares about the community that surrounds it."

defending more open seats."

Gilmore, seeking a GOP majority for the final two years of his term, led a fund-raising blitz that allowed Republicans to outspend Democrats for the first time.

"Jim Gilmore will be the first Republican governor this century not to be forced into an early and painful lame duck period," Sabato said.

Transportation played as a big issue only in traffic-choked northern Virginia, and it lost much of its traction after Gilmore in late August announced \$2.5 billion in funding to overcome gridlock in Washington's Virginia suburbs.

Only 56 of the 140 seats were contested by both major parties. One reason so many incumbents got a free pass is that potential challengers thought it wise to wait until after redistricting to run.

Despite the small number of contests, candidates were expected to spend \$25 million, a record for Virginia legislative campaigns.



Jessamyn Miller/Commonwealth Times

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Norfolk Board of Elections.

In the House, Republicans defeated two Democratic incumbents and had a net gain of one in five contested open seats to forge a 52-47 majority. The assembly's lone independent, who mostly votes with Republicans, easily won re-election.

"Free at last. Free at last. Free at long last," Gilmore exulted at a GOP victory party. "Democracy has finally come to the commonwealth."

Democratic Del. Gladys B. Keating lost to Republican Tom Bolvin in a closely watched race in Fairfax County. Republican Terrie Sui's victory over Del. Glenn R. Croshaw, D-Virginia Beach, was a surprise.

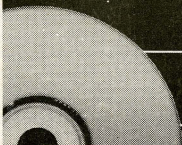
"It ultimately came down to a handful of very competitive races," Craig Bieber, executive director of the state Democratic Party, said at a somber Democratic gathering at a Richmond bar. "We knew we had to win most if not all of them because we were



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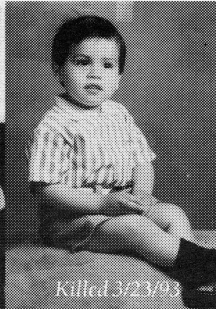
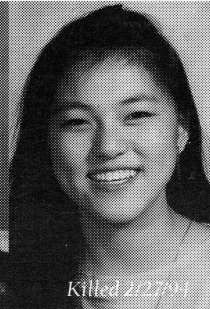

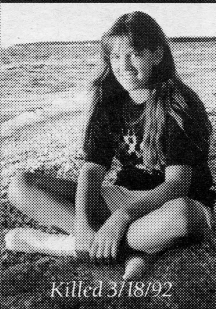
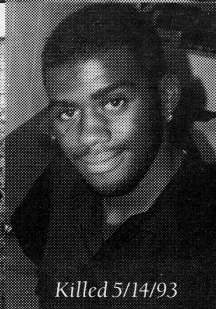



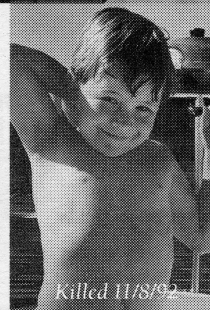

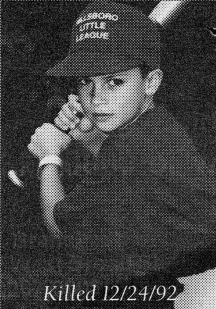




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Life, liberty and elephant dung

By now most people have heard of the art show at the Brooklyn Museum of Art that New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani wanted to ban. He felt some of the pieces in the show were offensive to religion, and most likely he was right. A picture of the Virgin Mary covered in feces - elephant dung to be exact - may be offensive to many people, especially those of the Catholic faith.

But despite his objection to the exhibit, the show continues. More people may visit the museum now than before thanks to the free press Giuliani gave it. And the show should go on.

It should go on because here in America, the First Amendment to the Constitution protects the citizen's right to freedom of speech and freedom of expression. And the Supreme Court of the United States has long upheld this protection.

According to "The Law of Public Communication," a communications law book written by Kent Middleton, Bill F. Chamberlin and Matthew D. Lunker (1997, Longman Publishers Inc.), the Court has ranked certain types of speech that are protected under the First Amendment. Political and social expression stands at No. 1.

"The most valued and most protected speech - the expression that arguably contributes most to individual fulfillment as well as to democratic governance - is expression dealing with political, social, religious and cultural issues," the book states (p. 43).

And that's what that art exhibit in Brooklyn is all about. The feces-smudged Virgin Mary makes a bold statement about the artist's opinion of

religion, a statement protected by the First Amendment.

Of course, this isn't the first time a government agency or New York has seen a battle over freedom of speech.

In 1971, the U.S. Attorney General's office took the New York Times newspaper to court over a series of articles titled the "Pentagon Papers." These papers were leaked Pentagon reports detailing the history of U.S. action in Vietnam, including descriptions of how the public had been lied to.

Within two weeks, the two sides were standing in front of the Supreme Court debating freedom of speech. The Court sided with the Times, saying any prior restraint on publication "bear(s) a heavy presumption against its constitutional validity," and that the government had failed to meet its burden of showing a justification for the restraint.

In fact, the Court has said the Constitution "looks beyond written or spoken words as mediums of expression" (Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, 1995).

Thanks to the First Amendment, newspapers can publish pretty much anything they want, as long as the paper does not print false or malicious information. Thanks to the First Amendment, people may say whatever they want. And thanks to the First Amendment, artists can sling dung till the cows come home.

Instead of acting outraged and drawing hordes to the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Giuliani should have just told reporters who asked what he saw at the exhibit: A lot of crap.

Chris Woodford

GOP on the T-O-P

History was made in Virginia on Tuesday, when voters across the state elected a majority of Republicans to the General Assembly, giving the Grand Old Party its first majority in both houses of the legislature.

For an Assembly addict like myself, this presents some interesting thoughts for the coming legislative session. I covered the Assembly for the past two sessions for Capital News Service, a news bureau run from VCU's School of Mass Communications. My first visit to the Assembly came on opening day in 1998.

The Republicans had, by way of some late special elections, claimed half of the House of Delegates seats. But, the returns from the special elections weren't in, and House Democrats, who still held a slim majority, weren't about to seat the special electees until the Speaker of the House had been elected. The Speaker runs the House and is the most important position in the House.

In their attempts to get the special electees seated to vote for Speaker (and a Republican), the GOP took to banging on their desks and shouting "Object, Object, Object!" The walls of the House chamber are still ringing with that shouting.

But now, the Republicans own at least a 52-47 majority with one independent siding with them. Which means Delegate Thomas W. Moss Jr. (D-Norfolk), who has served as Speaker since 1991 and is nicknamed "Boss" Moss, is likely on his way out of the Speaker's chair. You could say the GOP victory is Boss Moss's loss.

So who will become the next Speaker of the House? Traditionally, the Speaker is a senior member of the House, because knowledge of the rules of the House is vital. A few candidates come to mind.

Leading the pack is Vance Wilkins (R-Amherst). A member since 1978, Wilkins served as co-chair of the Committee on General Laws and on the Rules committee. Wilkins' rural district (parts of Amherst, Augusta and Rockingham

counties) will hurt his chances for Speaker, as he does not bring a lot of power with that district.

Next in line is Harry Parrish (R-Manassas), who has served in the House since 1982. Parrish was co-chair of the Finance committee and also served on the Rules committee. Wilkins, however, holds the advantage in seniority.

Third is John Rust Jr. (R-Fairfax), who has been pushing to the job despite his lack of seniority. Rust served in the House from 1980-82, was re-elected in 1997 and served on the Finance committee for the past few years. He was also instrumental in working out the compromise on the elimination of the car tax and school construction money.

The dark horse for Speaker of the House may be the lone independent, Lacey Putney (Bedford). Putney tends to side with the Republicans on most issues, and he's served in the House since 1962. He served on the Privileges and Elections, Appropriations and Rules committees during the past two sessions. And, being an independent, he would be seen as the fairest pick in a House that is closely divided. He's respected by both sides, and would most likely garner votes from both sides.

Whoever becomes the next Speaker will have some big shoes and a big chair to fill. Moss, while generally ruling in favor of the Democrats, served as Speaker with a flair and panache not likely to be seen in the House chamber for some time. Like the leader of a lion's den, Moss would roost in the Speaker's chair and squash squabbles on the floor with one swift bang with his Speaker's mallet.

Moss even had the best quote of the session last year. While debating funding for minority councils, a group of delegates began drumming on their desks when an American Indian council was mentioned. Boss Moss slammed his gavel and pronounced, "There will be no more tom-tomming in the chamber!"

Maybe the new Speaker will let them drum.

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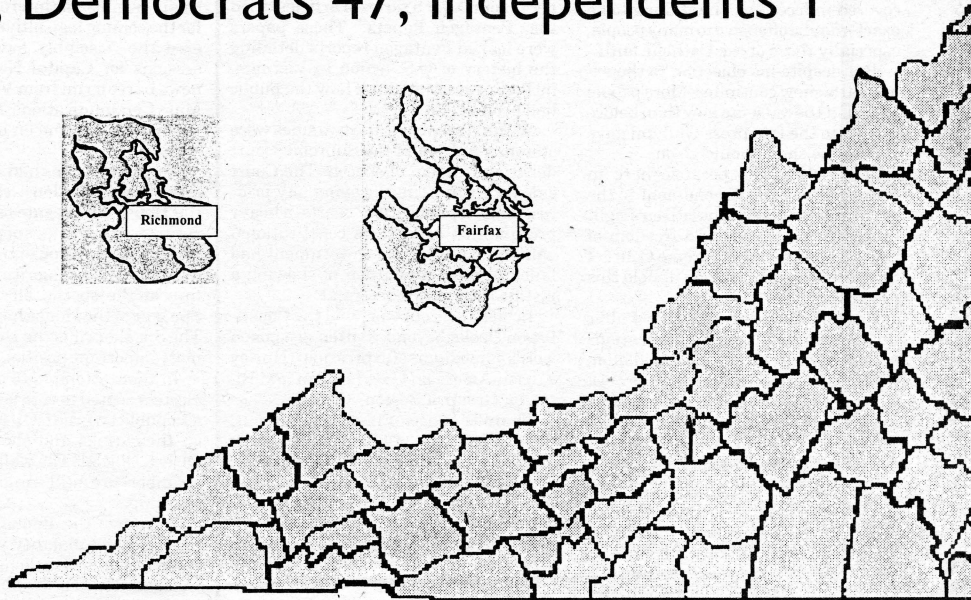
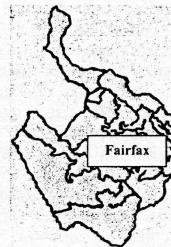
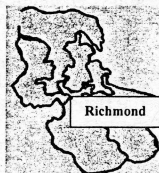
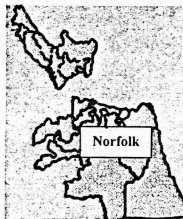
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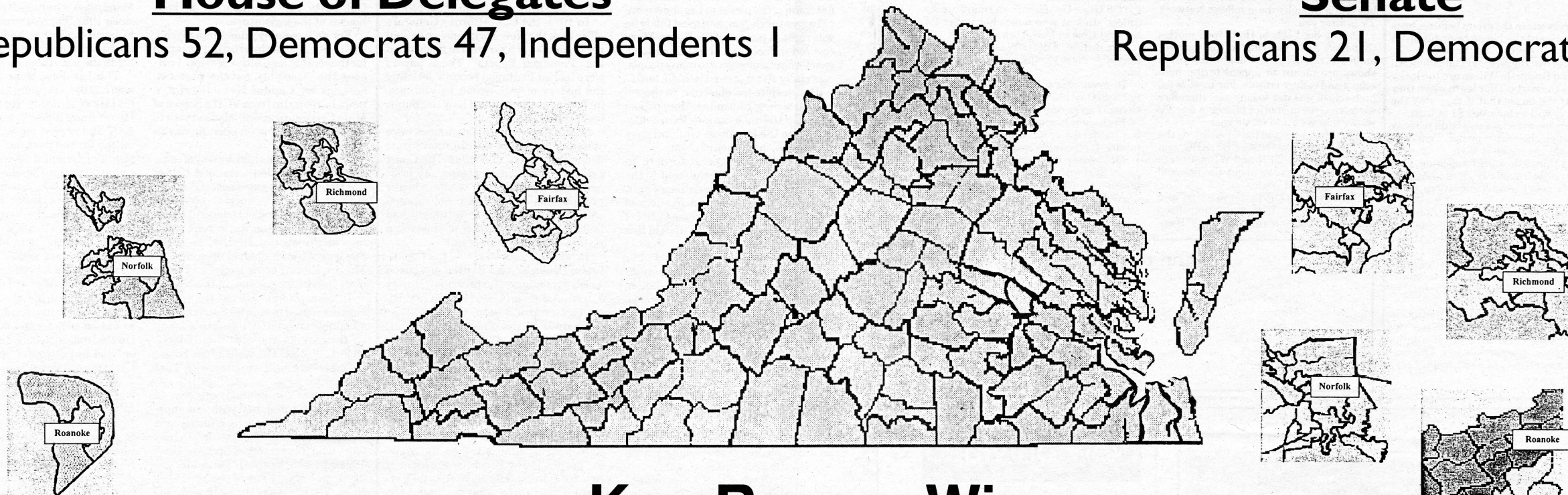
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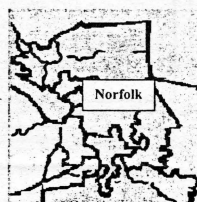
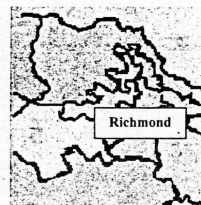
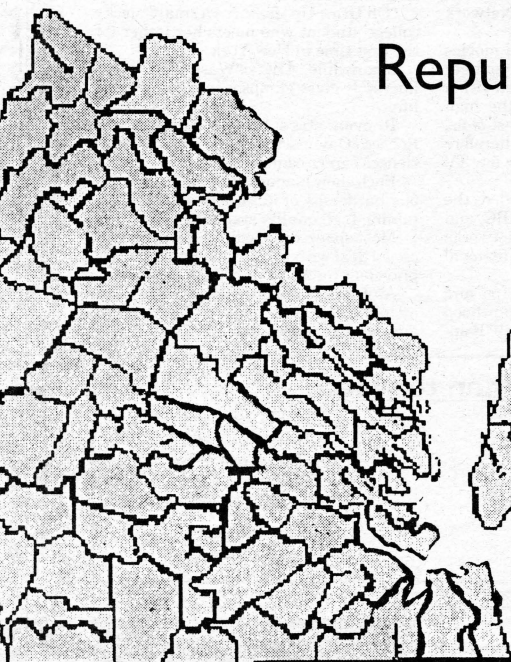
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'House on Haunted Hill' a horrendous Halloween movie

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KENTUCKY KERNEL (U. KENTUCKY)

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — One of the most disappointing things in this world is when great actors and great producers get together to make a big pile of cow manure.

This cow dung is a really awful horror movie plagued by worthless characters and overdone special effects. This is what's wrong with "The House on Haunted Hill."

The beginning is very promising when theme-park tycoon Steven Price (Geoffrey Rush) takes reporters on a tour of his new roller coaster.

His scare antics are impressive but he makes the unforgivable promise that "the fun is just beginning."

Broken promises come to fruition when the action moves to the Vannacutt Psychiatric Institute for the Criminally Insane, known as the House on Haunted Hill. Four guests have been invited to the birthday party of Price's wife, Evelyn (Famke Janssen), at the dreaded asylum.

Watson Pritchett, played by Saturday Night Live's Kris Kattan, is the former owner's ancestor and believes the house is

alive. Everyone in the group believes he is demented until the house begins to liven up.

Actors Taye Diggs, Peter Gallagher, Ali Larter, and Bridgette Wilson are the lucky guests to the party. They learn when they arrive at the house that if they stay the night they will be awarded \$1 million.

They believe the task will be all too easy even though the crazed owner, Pritchett, insists that the house is alive.

Crazy things do start happening. One by one everyone starts dying as in Agatha Christie's novel "And Then There Were None."

The only difference here is that you wish they would all die in the quickest possible manner.

The characters in this movie are as shallow as the baby pool I swam in when I was 5 months old. They breed as much excitement as the entire chemistry department's lectures.

The ending and resolution of this movie is the worst I have ever seen. Let's just say being adopted could save you if a large black monster tries to kill you. File this baby in the category of worst movies ever made.

TV focuses on younger crowd

Raven Miller

CT STAFF WRITER

Attention all people old enough to vote, but young enough to be in college. Network TV is after you.

On the hot heels of Hollywood movies that have been catering to the younger audience, now a number of new television shows are meant to appeal to the high school and college crowds. For most of us, high school was not so long ago, therefore we have vivid memories of seeing few TV shows that we could relate with.

That time seems to have passed, as the big three networks (NBC, CBS, ABC) and even the upstart UPN and WB networks are dishing up shows about the fictional lives of American youths.

Such shows as UPN's "Grown Ups" and ABC's "Oh Grow Up," make adulthood their focus. Former nerd Steve Urkel ("Fam-

ily Matters"), portrayed by Jaleel White, is the main character in "Grown Ups." The show primarily deals with relationship and dating issues.

"Oh Grow Up" features a smart-alecky college student who meets her father for the first time in New York.

Meanwhile, ABC's "Wasteland" is deliberately gives glimpses into post-college life.

It even stars former Noxema girl Rebecca Gayheart, whose character experiences career confusion.

Each show manages to explore the various hardships of adulthood while maintaining high quality standards.

Most shows directed toward a younger crowd deal with romantic relationships, a prevalent topic in WB's "Jack and Jill."

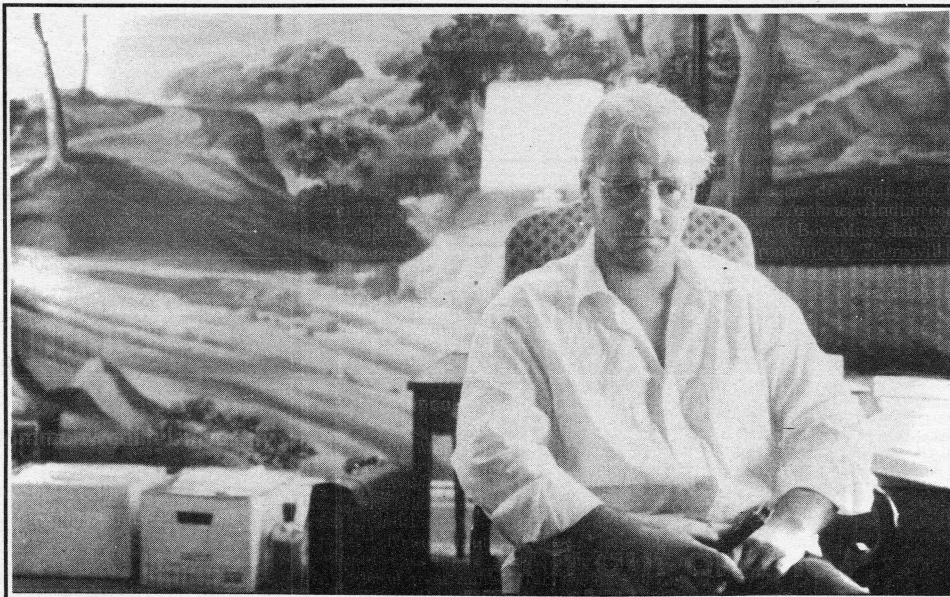
As for uncommon TV shows, the list includes of UPN's "Roswell," a youthful and more domestic version of "The X-Files."

When to watch

"Grown Ups"
"Shasta McNasty"
"Angel"
"Roswell"
"Oh Grow Up"
"Wasteland"
"Cold Feet"
"Jack and Jill"

Mon. 9 p.m. UPN
Tues. 8 p.m. UPN
Tues. 9 p.m. WB
Wed. 9 p.m. UPN
Wed. 9:30 p.m. ABC
Thur. 9 p.m. ABC
Fri. 10 p.m. NBC
Sun. 9 p.m. WB

An inside view



Frank Connor

Russell Crow stars as Dr. Jeffrey Wigand, whose life was devastated when he exposed secrets of the tobacco industry, in the "The Insider," which opens Friday.

New on video

Barry Short

CT STAFF WRITER

• Never Been Kissed (Rated R, Now Available)

Drew Barrymore plays a copy editor that goes undercover in high school for her big reporting break. This movie should have been called "Never Been Funny." The comedy simply falls flat. First of all we are asked to believe that Drew is a nerdy girl who can't get a date. Yeah right. Also, her character is clumsy but all her pratfalls are just not funny. Unfortunately, Drew's personality can only carry a movie so far.

• Muppets From Space (Rated G, Now Available)

The Muppets are back. This time Gonzo stars as he finds out he is a long lost alien.

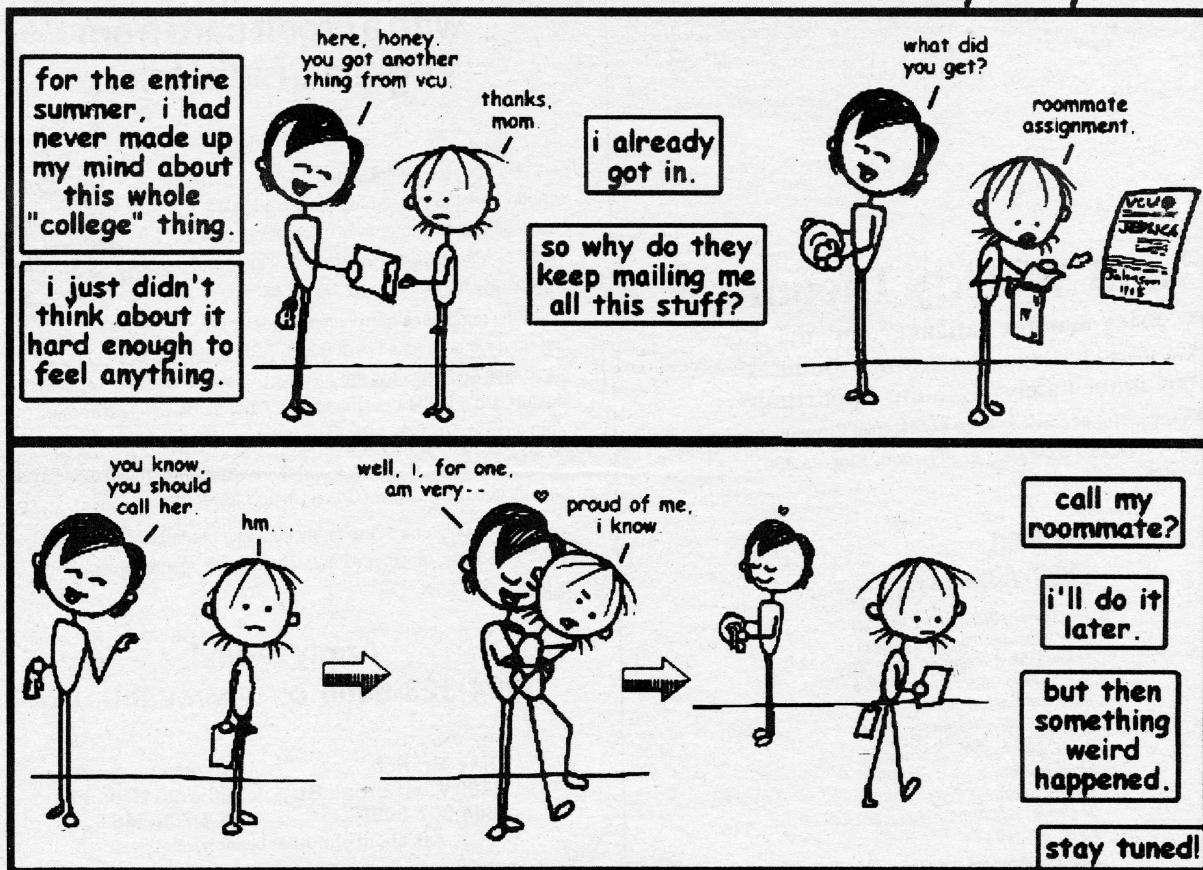
When the government finds out a secret organization kidnaps him. Then crazy hijinks ensue.

This is definitely the best Muppet movie in years. Like the past movies there are a lot of great cameos from the likes of Ray Liotta, Hulk Hogan and many others. For those of us who grew up on the Muppets its nice to see them at their best again.

Other Muppet movies — The Muppet Movie, The Great Muppet Capers and Muppets Take Manhattan.

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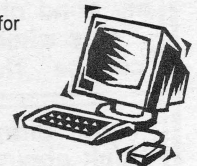
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Tuesday, November 9, 1999

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The Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department in conjunction with the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education and the Richmond Public School will present this broadcast at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business Auditorium on the above date from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm EST.

PLACE: VCU School of Business Auditorium, 1015 W. Main Street

TIME: 6:00 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

HOST AGENCIES: VCU Police Department
VCU School of Education
Richmond Public School

PHONE: 804- 828-1196

NOTE: This conference is free to the general public.

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Any questions, please contact Officer Thomas House at the above telephone number.

RAMS ROUNDUP

• Tribe ends Rams season again

VIRGINIA BEACH — William and Mary's Missy Wycinsky, the Colonial Athletic Association player of the year, tallied twice in an 88 second span to send the VCU women's soccer team a 6-0 defeat Wednesday.

This defeat marks the third straight year the Rams have had their season ended by the Tribe in the CAA quarterfinals.

Wycinsky's goals came in the 14th and 16th minutes. Wycinsky assisted Avery Willis on the Tribe's third goal. Wycinsky ended up with three goals while Emily Davis and Franny Sajakowski scored as well.

VCU beat American 3-2 to overtime to advance to the quarterfinals.

Darcy Roy headed in a pass from Annie Sullivan with 2:28 left in the first overtime to win the Rams' first ever CAA tournament game.

"I saw the ball the whole way," Roy said. "I knew there was a defender on my back. I just went up for it and gave it my best effort."

After a scoreless first half that was played in rainy conditions, the play-in match turned into an offensive shootout.

AU scored first in the 53rd minute when Andrea Arkin crossed a ball to Diane Wootton who found the back of the net.

The Rams responded 32 seconds later.

Jerena Bailey took advantage of a turnover by an Eagle defender and beat AU (8-10-0) goalie Jackie Sierodzinski on the right side to level the match at one.

Bailey factored in the next goal in the 71st minute. Bailey hit a shot that struck the post and the rebound came to Marta Xinxola who fired the ball home for a 2-1 VCU (3-14-2) lead.

A little under six minutes later the Eagles hit back to tie the match at two. Kelly Schneider capitalized on a Ram foul, taking a free kick and finding the back of the net.

The game headed to overtime and the stage was set for Roy's dramatic game-winner.

• Vasylyeva wins first title

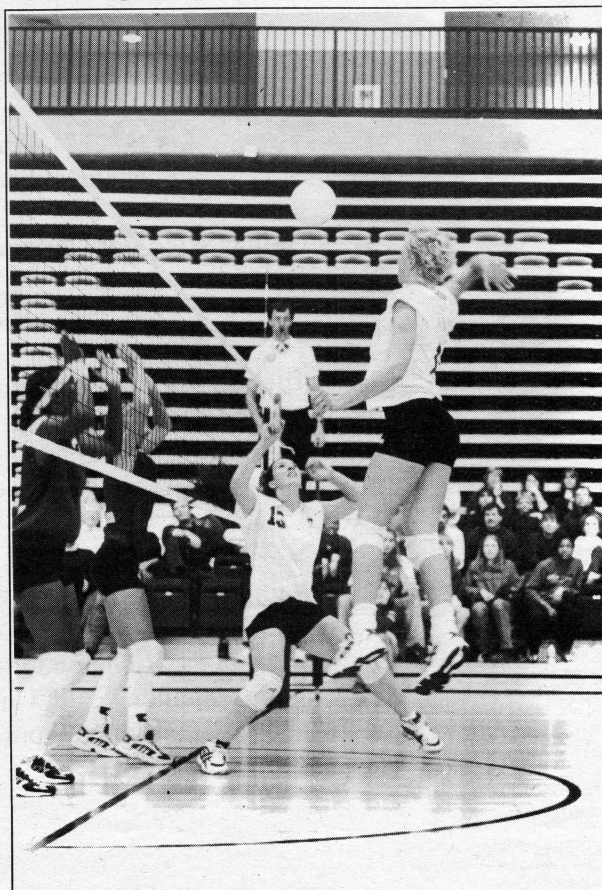
NORFOLK — Freshman Kate Vasylyeva of the VCU women's tennis team survived a difficult first set to sweep Ines Khelifi of Virginia Tech 7-6, 6-2 in the flight A finals of the East Coast Collegiate Tennis Championships.

Vasylyeva, 8-3 this season, advanced to the finals when Old Dominion's Mily Kannarkat retired with a sprained ankle.

VCU will play at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional indoor championships on Saturday.

— compiled from news sources

Killing time



Rita Botts / Commonwealth Times

VCU's Baiba Berzina flies in the air for Lauren Nussman's (13) set during VCU's loss to East Carolina. VCU swept Hampton 15-7, 15-7, 15-7 on Tuesday. VCU takes an I-95 trip to face George Mason and American this weekend.

CAA tournaments

Women's soccer (at Virginia Beach SportsPlex in Virginia Beach)

Play-In game — **No. 9 VCU 3**,
No. 8 American 2 (OT).

Quarterfinals — No. 5 UNC
Wilmington 3, No. 4 George
Mason 2 (OT); No. 7 Richmond 2,
No. 2 James Madison 1; No. 1
William and Mary 6, No. 9 **VCU**
0; No. 6 Old Dominion 2, No. 3
East Carolina 0.

Nov. 5 — Semifinals: W&M vs.
UNCW; ODU vs. UR.

Nov. 7 — Championship: semifi-
nal winners

Field hockey (at Bridgeforth Stadium in Harrisonburg)

Nov. 5 — First round: No. 3
William and Mary vs. **No. 6**
VCU; No. 4 Richmond vs. No. 5
American.

Nov. 6 — Semifinals: No. 1 Old
Dominion vs. UR/AU; No. 2
James Madison vs. W&M/**VCU**.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTES

MEN'S SOCCER (11-4-1, 5-2-0)

Nov. 6
ECU

Nov. 9-14
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TOURNAMENT

A VCU DEFEAT OF EAST CAROLINA
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PAST THREE SEASONS.

WOMEN'S SOCCER (3-15-2, 0-8-0)

SEASON OVER

VOLLEYBALL (13-12, 3-7)

Nov. 5
GMU

Nov. 6
AU

Nov. 9
NSU

VCU LOST 3-2 GEORGE MASON AND
3-1 TO AMERICAN EARLIER THIS
SEASON.

FIELD HOCKEY (4-15, 1-4)

Nov. 5-7
CAA TOURNAMENT
VS. WILLIAM & MARY

THE RAMS ARE LOOKING FOR THEIR
FIRST TOURNAMENT VICTORY SINCE
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 indicates home games.

FIELD HOCKEY continued from page 16

ties. There is not pattern to the goals that have been scored against her.

She doesn't have a weakness."

With VCU knocking off Richmond 4-3 in overtime Sunday, Hawthorne sees an improving team that could give W&M trouble.

"I've looked at VCU's scores and I know they are improving," Hawthorne said. "That win over UR gives them a lot of momentum coming into the tournament. (VCU coach) Dawn (Hill) does a good job and will have them ready to play."

The Tribe's biggest concern will be the freshman scoring tandem of Lauren Sparrow and Jennifer Howard, the reigning CAA player of the week. Sparrow leads the team with 13 points (4G, 5A) while Howard

ranks as VCU's top goal-sneak with six goals.

Howard has three game-winning goals this season, including the overtime winner against the Spiders.

If the Tribe defeats the Rams, then it will face second-seeded James Madison in the semifinals, a matchup that Hawthorne would relish. JMU won the first game 3-1.

"We have a mental edge in that matchup," Hawthorne said. "We outshot them, we had the advantage in penalty corners, and their goalie played very well. We were frustrated that we outplayed them and didn't win, but I think that game will motivate us to be better at converting our offensive chances."

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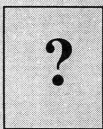
"Right-Hand"
Rogalsky



"Grand Leap"
Artis



"High On"
Hearney



"Juggling"
Justin



"Chasing"
Tracey



"Left-Hand"
George



"French Maid"
Stubblefield



"Picture This"
Komarnicki

NCAA

Massachusetts @ Richmond	Richmond	Massachusetts	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Richmond	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Richmond
Va. Tech @ West Virginia	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
Notre Dame @ Tennessee	Tennessee	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Tennessee
Texas A&M @ Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Nebraska
Wisconsin @ Purdue	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Purdue	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue
Ohio State @ Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State

NFL

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

RESULTS

Last week:	13-7	14-6	15-5	12-8	12-8	9-11	10-10	12-8	11-9
Season to date:	94-46	94-46	83-57	82-58	82-58	81-59	80-60	78-62	72-68
Percentage:	.671	.671	.593	.586	.586	.579	.571	.557	.514
Games Back	—	—	11	12	12	13	14	16	22

§ First things first this week. It should be obvious that a new, prettier face is on the board this week with the debut of "French Maid" Tara. The News Editor apparently didn't learn from one of her predecessors, "News Editor of the Night" Nguyen and will brave the usually male-dominated Picks. "Nefarious" Netherland became a little too comfortable at the top, and now must share his space with "Corona" Joe, whose apartment could use a good, thorough cleaning by a French maid. The first question on the job application, "If I said you had a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?" "Apocalypse Now" Artis made the biggest jump of the week, but still remains 11 games back. He is the closest to the intertwined one -- "Trick Knee" Tom and "Soon-to-be-Slapped" Joe. After "Galoot" George's poor showing, rumours are afloat he will have to leave his position in shame at the end of the semester. And before we go, The Picks would like to give a shout out to "Red Brasserie" Tracey, who spearheaded the production of the election spread on pages 8-9.

MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 31)

PLAYER	G	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Kevin Jeffrey	16	13	3	29		
Ricardo Capilla	15	6	6	18		
Matt O'Connor	16	4	4	12		
Matt Kirkpatrick	15	3	1	7		
Emmanuel Tetoit	16	3	0	6		
Gilberto Bejarano	16	2	2	6		
Roman Otten	16	1	3	5		
Kofi Sey	15	1	2	4		
Andy Kish	13	0	2	2		
Cory Greiner	13	0	1	1		
Guillermo Henriques	16	0	0	0		
Sven Roper	16	0	0	0		
Carlos Garay	14	0	0	0		
VCU totals	16	33	24	90		
Opponents	16	15	10	40		

GOALKEEPING	G	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Adam Mead	16	33	15	42	.688	0.92
Heath Matyssek-Snyder	3	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
VCU totals	16	36	15	5	.706	0.91
Opponents totals	16	85	33	5	.720	1.99

SOCCER AMERICA MEN'S TOP 20

(Through Nov. 1)

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	LW
1	UCLA	15-1-0	2
2	Duke	12-0-3	3
3	Indiana	14-3-0	1
4	Furman	15-1-1	6
5	Wake Forest	11-0-5	5
6	Penn State	15-2-0	7
7	Maryland	13-4-0	8
8	SW Missouri State	14-0-3	4
9	Saint Louis	14-2-1	10
10	Connecticut	12-4-0	11
11	UMBC	17-0-1	12
12	SMU	11-3-0	13
13	Santa Clara	12-2-1	14
14	Creighton	10-3-2	9
15	Washington	11-4-2	16
16	San Diego	12-3-0	18
17	Stanford	10-3-2	NR
18	Portland	10-4-2	15
19	Brown	10-4-0	NR
20	North Carolina	11-4-1	NR

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 28)

PLAYER	G	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Shanna Ziegenfuss	18	3	3	9		
Christine Koussis	17	2	1	5		
Annie Sullivan	18	2	1	5		
Jennie Siedel	17	1	2	4		
Kim Scott	13	1	0	2		
Katelyn Robie	12	1	0	2		
Darcy Roy	18	1	0	2		
Hope Troman	17	1	0	2		
Katie Doyle	18	0	1	1		
Laura Minnich	15	0	1	1		
Marta Xinola	12	0	1	1		
Holly O'Hara	16	0	1	1		
Jerena Bailey	13	0	1	1		
Didde Christensen	18	0	0	0		
Shannon Farrell	18	0	0	0		
VCU totals	18	12	12	36		
Opponents totals	18	47	43	137		

GOALKEEPING	G	SV	G	SO	SV%	GAA
Lindy Brown	18	139	47	1	.747	2.45
VCU totals	18	142	47	1	.751	2.45
Opponents totals	18	53	12	9	.815	0.63

SOCCER AMERICA WOMEN'S TOP 20

(Through Nov. 1)

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	LW
1	Santa Clara	18-0-0	1
2	North Carolina	16-2-0	2
3	Florida	18-1-0	3
4	Nebraska	17-1-1	4
5	Penn State	16-2-1	5
6	Notre Dame	15-3-0	6
7	USC	14-4-0	8
8	Harvard	13-1-1	16
9	Connecticut	13-6-0	9
10	William & Mary	15-3-0	12
11	Virginia	12-7-0	10
12	Stanford	13-4-0	7
13	Kentucky	16-2-1	13
14	Wake Forest	13-5-0	11
15	Clemson	12-5-1	14
16	San Diego	15-2-0	17
17	Texas A&M	15-4-0	18
18	Fresno State	13-4-2	19
19	James Madison	13-5-1	20
20	UCLA	12-4-1	15

MEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 31)

Team	W-L	Pts.	Overall
Old Dominion	6-1-0	18	13-3-0 .813
VCU	5-2-0	15	11-4-1 .719
Richmond	5-2-0	15	9-6-1 .594
American	4-2-0	12	8-8-0 .500
William & Mary	4-3-0	12	9-6-3 .583
James Madison	3-4-0	9	10-7-1 .583
UNC Wilmington	1-5-0	3	7-8-1 .469
George Mason	1-5-0	3	5-12-1 .306
East Carolina	1-6-0	3	3-9-1 .269

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 24)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Jimmy Tanner, ODU	16	3	35
Kevin Jeffrey, VCU	13	3	29
Nino Marcantonio, AU	8	11	27
Brandon Wright, JMU	10	4	24

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(Through Oct. 31)

Team	W-L	Pts.	Overall
William & Mary	8-0-0	24	15-3-0 .833
James Madison	6-1-1	19	13-5-1 .711
East Carolina	5-2-1	16	11-4-1 .719
George Mason	5-3-0	15	9-10-0 .474
UNC Wilmington	4-4-0	12	10-6-1 .618
Old Dominion	3-5-0	9	9-8-0 .529
Richmond	3-5-0	9	11-8-1 .575
American	1-7-0	3	8-9-0 .471
VCU	0-8-0	0	2-14-2 .158

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Oct. 31)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Katy Robertson, GMU	22	13	57
Missy Wycinsky, W&M	13	15	41
Aimee Grahe, JMU	18	3	39
Jaime Ricker, GMU	11	12	34

FIELD HOCKEY STANDINGS

(Through Nov. 1)

Team	W-L	Pts.	Overall
Old Dominion	5-0	1,000	14-6 .700
James Madison	4-1	800	14-5 .737
William & Mary	3-2	600	10-9 .526
Richmond	1-4	200	9-11 .450
American	1-4	200	8-8 .500
VCU	1-4	200	4-15 .211

SCORING LEADERS

(Through Nov. 1)

PLAYER	G	A	Pts.
Marina Digiacomo, ODU	30	8	68
Katrina Hunter, JMU	19	10	48
Kim Miller, ODU	14	10	38
Heather Rice, UR	17	2	36
Julie Martinez, JMU	16	2	34
Magdalena Aguilar, AU	15	4	34

VOLEYBALL STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 31)

Team	W-L	Pts.	Overall
James Madison	9-1	900	21-3 .875
American	7-1	875	16-3 .842
William & Mary	6-4	600	14-11 .560
George Mason	4-4	500	9-11 .450
East Carolina	3-5	375	8-11 .421
VCU	3-7	300	12-12 .500
UNCW	0-10	000	3-18 .143

VOLEYBALL LEADERS

(Through Nov. 1)

PLAYER	G	Ave
Taryn Kirk, JMU	83	1.25
Shelley Sprouse, VCU	84	1.05
Baiba Berzina, VCU	83	.98
Sarah Kary, ECU	57	.95

Ram Stat

VCU field hockey's 4-3 overtime win over Richmond was the Rams' first win in the city rivalry since 1993.

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Inside

A two-man race in The Picks, plus final regular-season standings in field hockey and women's soccer.

Rams grab easy win over Bison

Dionne Waugh
CT STAFF WRITER

Led by Matt O'Connor, who had a goal and an assist, VCU ran through Howard's defense to take a 2-0 victory.

The Rams started off strong with Roman Otten shooting a near miss just outside of the Bison goal in the first 30 seconds of play.

From there on, VCU (11-5-1) weaved in and out of Howard's defense, outshooting the Bison 25-3.

With some near misses on goal by the Rams, the Bison upped the ante and a yellow card was called on the Bison's Carlington Clarke in the 18th minute of play for roughing and arguing with the referee.

Clarke (two shots on goal) was the only Bison player to register a shot on goal against the Rams.

Three minutes later, VCU scored its first goal on a diving header by O'Connor.

"When we got down to the back of the box, it was just me and Roman. I passed (the ball) out to Roman, and he just returned the favor," said O'Connor.

VCU continued to outshoot Howard (3-9-2) with two close runs by Guillermo Henriques from defense all the way to the penalty box where he was barely stopped.

"Their pressure wasn't that good so it was easy for Manu (Emmanuel Tetiot)

and I to meet up in the middle," Henriques said. "It felt like an easy game, like they didn't want to play. Like they just came here to have fun. So it was pretty easy for us."

In the 69th minute of play, Kofi Sey was taken down, but returned to the game five minutes later. With seven minutes to play, James scored the Rams' final goal, and his first of the season, off an assist from O'Connor.

O'Connor had eight shots on goal with one goal and one assist.

Matt Kirkpatrick totaled seven shots on goal with several near misses.

"I take a lot of responsibility for leadership and I just try to get everyone really aggressive and determined," he said. "The hardest aspect of the game was that we didn't put the chances away early."

This is the kind of team where, if we'd have been two or three up and half-time, or even with 30 or 40 minutes left, it would have been an easier game. We had a lot of chances, but we made it hard for ourselves."

VCU's two leading scorers, Kevin Jeffrey and Ricardo Capilla, did not play in the game due to injuries and the need for rest for the upcoming Colonial Athletic Association tournament games.

Overall, Coach Tim O'Sullivan was pleased with the match.

"We did OK in terms of creating chances



Joshua Komarnicki / Commonwealth Times

THROUGH THE LEGS. VCU's Matt O'Connor (6) tries to keep control of the ball while a Howard player attempts to tackle the ball.

and having possession. (But) not all the time do those things equate into goals. It was a game that was pretty solid," he said. "I don't think we were under pressure or any threat in many ways."

"So I was pretty happy. We may be able to finish some more chances in that regard,

but it was a solid performance that got me a 2-0 win."

Kirkpatrick agreed, saying, "Overall, it's a step in the right direction and we're working to the CAA tournament now."

"We're all giving it 100 percent. Maybe we're not playing as well as we like, but the fight is there."

W&M won't take VCU hockey lightly

George Templeton
CT SPORTS EDITOR

When the VCU field hockey team met William and Mary this season, the Tribe dominated the match entirely, winning 4-0.

W&M, which meets VCU in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament's first round Friday, had a 29-2 shot advantage, a 16-2 penalty corner advantage, and VCU (1-4, 4-15) goalie Jennifer Burroughs made 12 saves to keep the game from being a runaway.

Despite the statistical dominance of the first game Tribe coach Peel Hawthorne said that motivating her players for the rematch in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament won't be difficult.

"All I have to say to them is Penn," Hawthorne remarked. "We went up there, and we got a lot of shots on goal, and a lot of penalty corners and we lost. With so much parity in Division I this season, any team can beat any other team on any given day."

W&M (3-2, 10-9) hasn't missed the mark too often this season. Of the Tribe's nine defeats, seven came against nationally ranked teams or teams that were nationally ranked at some point this season. None of those losses were by more than two goals, and only No. 6 North Carolina shut them out.

"When it comes to being competitive with bigger programs then we were suc-

cessful," Hawthorne said. "We had a chance in every game and I was disappointed that we didn't win more of those because we were so close."

Hawthorne credits depth for making W&M so tough for the higher-ranked teams to play against. The Tribe's leading scorer, Ann Ekberg with 17 points (8G, 1A), started one game this season.

"Ann handles that role very well," Hawthorne said. "It's a benefit to have her come off the bench a little later, because just when the other teams get comfortable and relax, here comes Ann."

W&M has three other players with at least 10 points, and four players with at least seven.

"For the first time we have had a lot of depth on the bench," Hawthorne said. "We can substitute in and out on every line. That helps when some players are not playing as well and we have some breathing room on the bench."

Goalkeeper Erika Vargas is the Tribe's other weapon. Vargas leads the CAA with a 1.26 goals against average and a .814 save percentage. Vargas set a school record with five straight shutouts earlier in the season, finished six shutouts and three shared shutouts.

"She is extremely quick and aggressive," Hawthorne said.

"Vargas will come out to the top of the circle and stuff a lot of scoring opportuni-



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RUNNING. VCU's Maria Sonina (17) tries to work around a Princeton defender near the sideline.

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