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HEAVENLY SINGING. Leslie Nollie, president of Randolph Macon College's Ujima Gospel Choir, sings in celebration of VCU's annual Social Justice Day held on March 22.

Cambridge and VCU debate fornication law

Rebekah Moore
CT REPORTER

Should sex between unmarried people be illegal? Does the fact that fornication is considered a class-four misdemeanor in Virginia actually influence many people's daily actions?

The Cambridge Society and VCU met Thursday night to debate the relevancy of this law.

The Cambridge Society, founded in 1815, is the oldest student union in the world, said member Alex Dean.

Members are sent over the world to debate various issues. Last week they came to Richmond.

Although VCU does not have a debate team that is registered as a student organization, the Activity Programming Board pulled together four volunteers to meet the challenge — Ebony Prince, Keith Williams, Jamal Gunn and Arlon Staywell.

The four debaters from Cambridge were Jenni Hibbert, Matt Barry, Alex Deane and Jo Phillips.

The teams were divided evenly — two from Cambridge and two from VCU — on each side of the issue.

The first to speak, Phillips, defended the law. She said that sex is bad when it is "manipulative and damaging to people involved, when it is derogatory and when people aren't safe."

Phillips said she thought that sex in marriage is the only time you could have safe sex both emotionally and physically.

She said she believed the law should be upheld and considered a protection to the people of Virginia.

In opposition, Hibbert argued that "sex outside marriage can be a beautiful thing."

Hibbert said that we need to look to education to bring down unwanted preg-

nancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

"This law has as much effect on fornication as farting does on the Richter Scale," she said.

Gunn based half of his argument on the movie Star Wars, saying that we should see the side defending the law as the good side, and the others as the dark side.

Prince argued against the law by listing ridiculous and outdated laws, and asking the audience to consider if they were enforceable, and if the government had overstepped its bounds.

She even concluded her argument by passing out condoms.

Williams went for the blunt route, beginning his argument with the question, "What would this law do to protect us from STDs?" and answering himself with a resounding "Nothing."

Finally, Staywell defended the law, saying that if this law wasn't in existence, our economy wouldn't be doing as well as it is right now.

Deane gave the closing arguments in support of the law, and Barry against it.

Deane said that he thought the opposition underestimated how much people actually do respect the laws, alluding that these laws are being followed.

He also pointed out that the punishment for breaking one of these laws is a \$250 fine, money that could be used for sex education.

Barry, on the other hand, argued that while people shouldn't just go around having sex, marriage isn't a magic solution to STDs and unwanted pregnancies. He said the law is outdated and irrelevant.

After the closing arguments, the audience was allowed to comment about the debate.

The audience chose the side debating against the law.

Prominent civil rights lawyer honored

Lu Duong
CT STAFF WRITER

The School of Social Work honored social advocates, including renowned lawyer Oliver W. Hill, best known for his role in Brown vs. the Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court decision striking down segregated schools, at "Social Justice Day" last week.

Many students said that the Hill's prestige encouraged them to attend the "Social Justice Day" activities.

"When I heard that Oliver Hill was on hand, I had to come," said junior graphics design major, Jay Gunia. "I've read ar-

ticles and have seen him on TV, and to see him in person was an honor."

Hill — born in Richmond in 1907 — with his team of lawyers, filed more civil rights suits in Virginia than were filed in any other Southern state during the segregation era. The Washington Post once estimated that Hill's team was responsible for winning more than \$50 million in higher pay, new buses and better schools for black teachers and students.

"Oliver W. Hill is a testimony to social justice," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick J. McDavis. "Mr. Hill proved that people can make a difference in equality."

At the ceremony, McDavis and School of Social Work Dean Frank Baskind presented Hill with a \$1000 check for the Evolution Change Foundation, a social awareness organization he heads.

According to the "Social Justice Day" program, "the purpose of the tribute to Mr. Hill is to foster understanding of both the time period and the man, and draw the connection of both to our current times."

"I feel as if VCU is making great strides for the community," said a Richmond social worker, Eve Jones. "Mr. Hill is someone that you only read and hear about."

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College Briefs

• Green Party candidate speaks to college crowd

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and presidential hopeful, spoke to a crowded auditorium at the University of Virginia last week. Nader, the presidential candidate for the environmentally-minded Green Party, addressed topics ranging from campaign finance reform, money-centered politics and grassroots activism.

In the 1960s Nader worked to reform auto safety laws and to improve working conditions for California's migrant workers. Throughout the 1990s he focused on campaign finance reform for presidential elections.

Nader's potential to win the presidency this year seems slim, but he and his party say that their primary goal is to bring in 5 percent of the general election vote. That would qualify them for the matching federal campaign funds for Nader's 2004 presidential race.

For Nader's name to appear on the Virginia presidential ballot, Green Party supporters will have to collect 10,000 signatures.

• U. Texas faces allegations of racist hiring practices

A committee formed to replace the president of the University of Texas

Health Science Center at San Antonio discriminates against Hispanics, alleges UT Regent Tony Sanchez.

In recent years the number of minorities in high-level positions at UT has risen, however, whites still control a significant portion of executive posts.

According to fall 1999 UT System statistics, whites held 80 percent of all executive posts and 89 percent of health-related executive posts. Only 49 percent of UT students are white.

Regent Raul Romero, chairman of the Regents' Special Committee on Minorities and Women, said UT executives need to include more minorities among their ranks, but added that changing the ratio of whites to non-whites will take time.

"I think what we need to ensure is that we always have movement, a dynamic, in that direction," he said.

• Female cadet earns top rank at VMI

Virginia Military Institute cadet Erin Claunch was named last week as one of the school's two battalion commanders for next year.

In her new position, Claunch, a member of the first VMI class to include women, will supervise four companies of cadets, said VMI's Assistant Public Relations Director Chuck Steenburg. A

battalion commander is second in rank only to the regimental commander at VMI.

Claunch's duties will include coordinating the military training of VMI "rats," or first-year cadets.

The position will not be Claunch's first taste of student leadership at the school. This year she serves as regimental academics sergeant, also a high-level position for a cadet.

• Gay group at U. Penn receives hate e-mail

As the sexual minority community at the University of Pennsylvania was gearing up for B-GLAD 2000, the annual Bisexual Gay Lesbian Transgender Awareness Days, a derogatory e-mail was making its way through a gay alliance listserv.

The e-mail, which is being investigated by University Police, was sent out Tuesday night to the Queer Students Alliance listserv. The writer made several derogatory comments and used expletives throughout the letter.

"I just want to thank you for helping me

target your kind," the e-mail said.

Campus police are working with the Office of Student Conduct and the Information Systems and Computing Office to determine who sent the letter, whether the e-mail constitutes a breach of law, and whether it implies any threat.

The QSA also received another e-mail Tuesday from a student who was unhappy with the organization's recent name change. The group, which was previously called the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance, changed its name because some members felt the word "queer" was more inclusive.

The second e-mail was sent from a bisexual sophomore who said she was considering joining the group, but is offended by its new name.

"I have since decided that I will not join your organization since next year you will probably change the name to the 'Dykes and Faggots Alliance,'" she wrote.

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Students dig into history, earn credit

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CT REPORTER

Wondering what to do this summer? How about a trip to the Middle East to search for ancient artifacts and earn college credit?

A trove of archaeological treasure awaits those students who dig in the ancient city of Ashkelon.

This biblical city, home of the Philistines, has a soil rich with artifacts dating back to 2000 B.C. from the Canaanite and Philistine eras.

The Greeks and Romans have left evidence of their civilizations at Ashkelon as well as Muslims, Jews, the Christian Crusaders and the Byzantine era of 1200 A.D.

Jon Waybright, an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, has been visiting this site for the past 10 years to uncover the wealth of ancient cultures revealed in the Israeli soil.

Waybright led a group of five to Ashkelon last summer, which included VCU students, Cheryl Call, a senior political science major and Warner Winthrop, a sophomore urban studies major, as well as two volunteer archaeologists from Richmond.

The dig at Ashkelon is the most significant of those sponsored by the Semitic Museum of Harvard University, wrote its director, Professor Lawrence Stager, in an e-mail.

The expedition has been in the field for the past 15 seasons largely because of the generosity of private donor, Leon Levy, he wrote.

Waybright explained that Levy is a businessman and philanthropist who has a personal interest in archaeology projects.

Waybright, who teaches religious studies, publicizes a presentation of slides and a talk about the excavation project with flyers that he sends to various classes, at which he encourages students to accompany him to Ashkelon.

Call, who had only been to Europe previously and Warner, who had never

traveled abroad, were both persuaded by Waybright's enthusiasm about the project, to take the journey to dig for buried archaeological artifacts.

The world's oldest arched gateway, a barrel-vaulted mud-brick structure, has recently been unearthed in Ashkelon, Waybright said. It dates back to 2000 B.C. and is set between the city walls that are 100 feet tall.

The gate, which has been preserved in the hot dry desert climate of Israel, was a significant location where the biblical kings announced news, said Waybright, who has worked on digging out the gate for the past 10 years.

"It really turns me on when I think about the many civilizations at Ashkelon

who have passed through the gate."

Ashkelon, he explained, was a Canaanite stronghold and also a seaport of the Philistines, who, Waybright said, were the biblical "bad guys." Goliath, who fought David, was a Philistine, Waybright said.

This ancient site of the Philistines is 30 miles south of Tel Aviv on the coast of Israel.

It contains a semi-circular area of approximately 160 acres that was continuously built on for 5000 years by various civilizations and is a treasure for the student of archaeology.

Waybright, who teaches students about Christianity, Islam and Judaism, said, "The hands on approach to ancient ar-

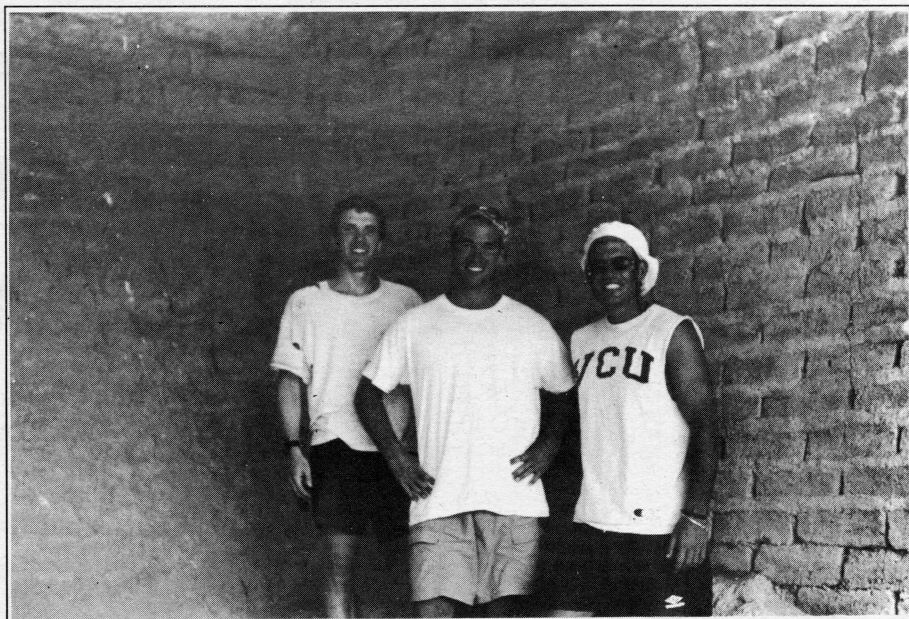
chaeology, where you can literally yank objects out of the ground, brings the biblical culture to life."

The typical day of digging at Ashkelon began for the VCU group at 4:30 a.m. with tea and toast so those members could begin work at 5:30 a.m. in the relative cool of the morning, said Waybright.

A second breakfast of yogurt, bread, cheese, olives and tomatoes was welcomed by the group at 9:30 a.m. a few feet from the gentle surf of the Mediterranean.

After laboring for another hour, a serving of fruit and a short swim to cool off proved a refreshing break. The group went

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IN THE MIDDLE EAST. (left to right) Charles Demm, a religious studies graduate; Jeff Buckley, a religious studies and history graduate; and Jon Waybright, a religious studies adjunct professor, stand inside ancient ruins in Ashkelon, Israel.

Campus Calendar

Today, 2 p.m. until 3 p.m., Academic Success Workshop—Maximizing Memory, University Student Commons Forum Room

Today, 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., SGA Student Senate meeting, Forum Room

3/29, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., Interfaith Dialogue—"Original Sin and the Concept of Salvation in Christianity, Islam and Judaism," Commonwealth Ballroom A

3/30, 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Academic Success Workshop—Maximizing Memory, Forum Room

3/31, 8:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Hibbs 403

U.S. surgeon general will speak at commencement

This year's VCU graduating class will receive their new degrees with advice from U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.

He will deliver his keynote address at the May 13 ceremony at the Richmond Coliseum.

Satcher also will address the graduates of VCU's Department of Allied Health Professions on May 13.

Sworn in on Feb. 13, 1998, Satcher is the only African-American man to serve as surgeon general. He also serves as the assistant secretary for health.

Before becoming as surgeon

general, Satcher served as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Satcher has received many honors. He was awarded the New York Academy of Medicine's Lifetime Achievement Award and awards from the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians.

Earlier this year, he received the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

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ISRAEL: Students make finds in Ashkelon

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back to work until about 1 p.m.

In late afternoon the group typically returned to clean and identify the artifacts they had found that day.

Winthrop said he had the chance to work as an assistant staff member. This allowed him to record the level and direction at which shards of pottery were found and the type of soil they were found in, he said.

In the evening workshops were held on subjects such as photography, surveying, ceramics, geology, conservation and animal bone analysis.

The day ended for the students at 7 p.m. when most of them, Waybright said, were so tired after being up at 4:30 a.m., that they were ready to turn in.

Because of the full days of digging, sightseeing trips organized by Harvard's Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon had to wait for the weekends.

Call and Winthrop visited various sites between them including Jerusalem, Masaada, the Sea of Galilee and the country of Jordan.

"I'm very pleased with the organization," said Waybright, referring to Harvard's sponsorship of the dig, "because if I dig it up and it's not in my field I can hand it to the experts."

The organization provides geologists and conservationists who can date pot-

tery, biologists and physical anthropologists who analyze human remains.

Stager wrote in an e-mail, "This is the fourth excavation project that I have directed over the last 33 years and I have to say that Ashkelon has been the most successful and rewarding of those digs."

The strata in which the archaeologist dig is called a "tell," Waybright said. Winthrop dug in the Bronze Age period of 1,400 B.C. and Call excavated in the area that contained Byzantine pieces from 1,200 A.D. to 1,500 A.D.

Waybright explained that it is the rims and handles of pottery that give the archaeologist information on the dates of the different layers of strata as each civilization built its city on top of the previous ones.

Winthrop said a 114-dog cemetery that has experts confounded as to its purpose fascinated him. Another puzzle, he said, was a woman found in a fetal position holding a baby.

After analysis it was revealed that the woman was too old to be the baby's mother. It has been surmised, Winthrop said, that the woman was a nurse who was buried with the baby to take care of it in the after life.

A valuable find, made by the student archaeologists, Winthrop said, was clay loom weights belonging to the Philistines. These were made of unbaked clay, so they crumbled easily and were hard to exca-

vate, he said. "You could still see the oval area where the string had been attached," he said.

This supports the theory that Philistines were sea people from the Aegean because the Canaanites had a different type of loom weight, he said.

An object that Winthrop dug up himself in his tell, during his stay at Ashkelon was a half-inch Egyptian monkey figurine.

The Egyptians frequently attacked the Canaanites as they traveled up their trade route and left amulets, scarabs and ceramics as evidence of their presence in Ashkelon, Winthrop explained.

Call, who helped excavate the late Byzantine period, said, "We found tons of pottery, coins, glass, parts of statues, a wall, a well and a mosaic floor. When you're digging and the earth looks the same and suddenly green coins glinting in the dirt that is dated from the Bronze Age of 1400 B.C., it was so exciting."

"It was absolutely amazing — a once in a lifetime trip," Call said. "It was exceedingly hot and I had never done manual labor before. It certainly was an alternate lifestyle."

She said she hopes to return as an assistant supervisor specializing in animal bone analysis.

Winthrop's experience with the various Middle Eastern cultures such as Muslims and Jews has started him thinking

about changing majors to religion. He said he hopes to return to Ashkelon on another expedition this summer with Waybright.

Both Call and Winthrop earned college credit on the trip. Call received eight credits and a transcript from Harvard and Winthrop earned six VCU credits.

The seven-week expedition costs \$2,000, said Waybright, plus airfare.

As volunteer archaeologists dig, the pages of the Bible come alive with images of Ashkelon as an ancient city. Waybright quoted Zephaniah 2:7, in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

"The seacoast shall become the possession on the remnant of the house of Judah, on which they shall pasture and in the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the Lord their God will be mindful of them and restore their fortunes."

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An informational talk about the summer 2000 trip to Ashkelon, "Tales from the Grid: Digging in Palestine This Summer," is planned for 3:30 p.m., April 7 at the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy. For more information call Jon Waybright at 359-2126.

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LAWYER: Hill receives Presidential Award

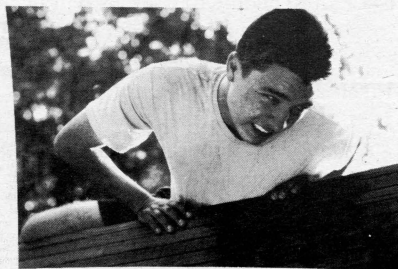
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However, sitting 5 feet away from him was an awe-inspiring moment."

A video documentary highlighted Hill's work for social equality as a member of the "Freedom Fighters; a group of African-American lawyers that fought for justice in education and other areas."

Hill received the Presidential Award, presented to him by President Clinton, for his work in civil rights. "I was very honored to receive the Presidential Award," he said of the accolade. "However, I only earned a part of it, the others did just as much as I did so this belongs to them as well."

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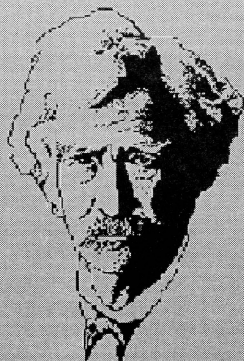
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1906



Mark Twain

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By **Rebecca Ann Sams**
Spectrum Associate Editor

Describing ancient Greek playwright Euripides, VCU's professional directing program head Marvin Sims said, "This man spent the majority of his life feeling that reason was the be-all, end-all and discovering that emotion needed to be in the mix somehow. He was moving toward moderation."

Sims had only been teaching at VCU for a year and a half when he immersed himself in Euripides' philosophy and created a small stir in the academic world of Richmond in the process.

The distinguished Ohio native said he rocked the theater department with his controversial decision to direct Euripides' tragedy, "The Bacchae," for Black History Month in February, upsetting some who felt that a Greek drama posed no relevancy for the black community.

Others objected to the play's high erotic content. Sims' version included vivid depictions of women in the throes of sexual ecstasy.

Undaunted, Sims wrote an adaptation set in a culture both African and Asian. His vision of "The Bacchae" came to the stage at the Raymond Hodges Theatre from Feb. 17-26, a dark, nuanced production rich with the patterns, sounds and language of three different cultures.

Sims, who also acts as interim head of the professional acting program at VCU, explained that he hoped this production would "open up the university to the entire possibilities of the theater department."



Think about it:

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Sims speaks on directing

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What attracted you to *The Bacchae*?

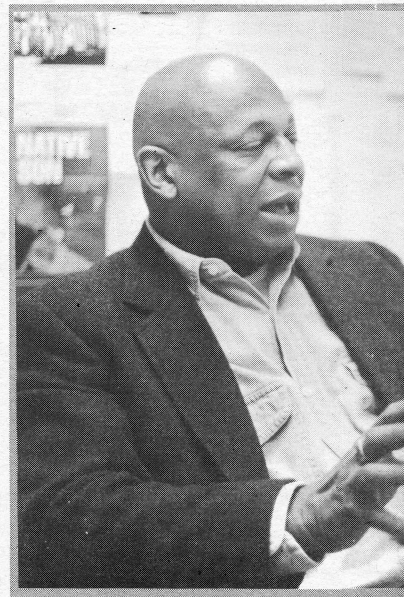
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Born: November 30, 1835

Birthplace: Florida, Mo.

Died: April 21, 1910

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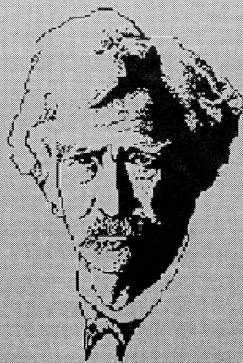
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By Rebecca Ann Sams
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Sims had only been teaching at VCU for a year and a half when he immersed himself in Euripides' philosophy and created a small stir in the academic world of Richmond in the process.

The distinguished Ohio native said he rocked the theater department with his controversial decision to direct Euripides' tragedy, "The Bacchae," for Black History Month in February, upsetting some who felt that a Greek drama posed no relevancy for the black community.

Others objected to the play's high erotic content. Sims' version included vivid depictions of women in the throes of sexual ecstasy.

Undaunted, Sims wrote an adaptation set in a culture both African and Asian. His vision of "The Bacchae" came to the stage at the Raymond Hodges Theatre from Feb. 17-26, a dark, nuanced production rich with the patterns, sounds and language of three different cultures.

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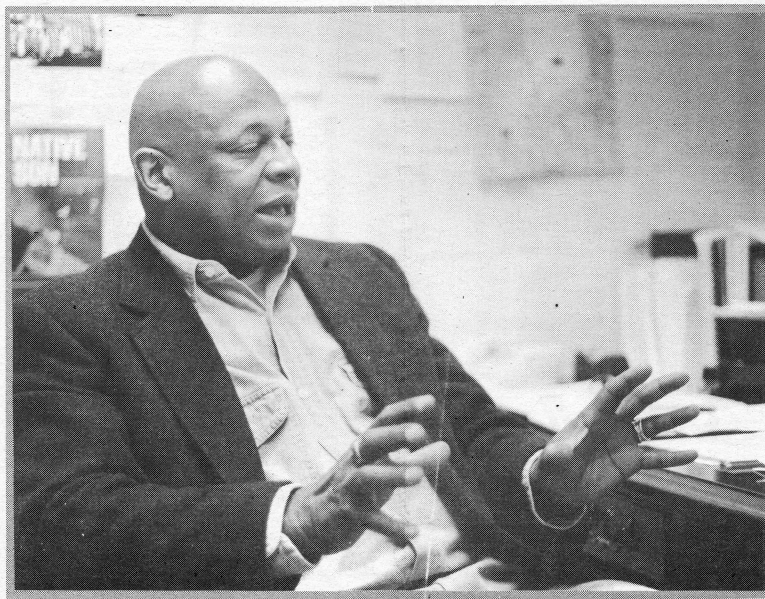
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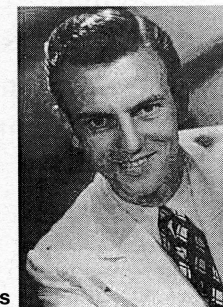
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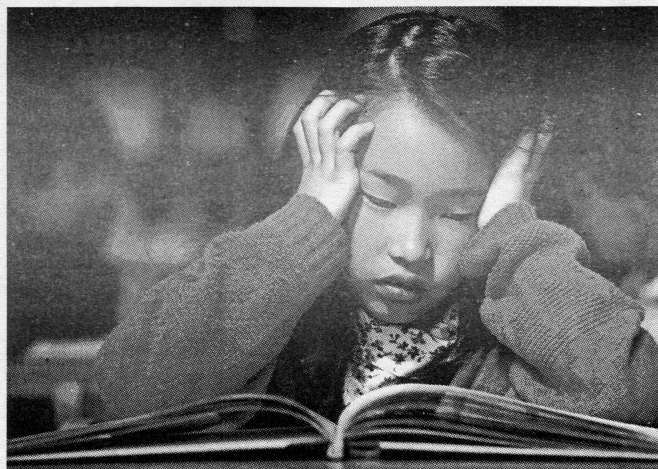
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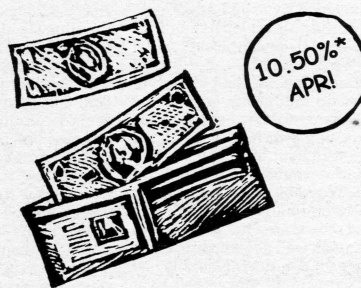
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East Regional at the Siegel Center

LSU earns second trip to Elite eight

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Louisiana State's appearance at the Women's East Regional was their sixth appearance in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 during the tenure of coach Sue Gunter.

With a little under 15 minutes left in the game it seemed that the Lady Tigers and Gunter would go home with their fifth loss in six Sweet 16 appearances.

DeTrina White and Marie Ferdinand made sure that didn't happen by combining for 28 second-half points and keying an 18-4 run that helped third-seeded LSU to a 79-66 triumph over No. 2 seed Duke.

"We wanted to do it for coach," White said. "We knew it would be a school record to get this far. We came out and played our game in the second half."

Ferdinand scored 15 of her 22 points in the second half as well as recording eight assists. White had a double-double, 19 points and 11 rebounds, and scored 13 of her points in the second frame.

White and Ferdinand combined for 10 of LSU's (25-6) 18 points during the decisive run. Duke (28-6) led 43-36 when the run began with April Brown (16 points, nine rebounds, six assists) grabbing an offensive rebound and dishing to White for a layup. Ferdinand hit a short jumper followed by another White layup. Ferdinand then made a steal and ran out to an easy layup to cut the score to 47-46.

"My team has fed off me all year," Ferdinand said. "I wanted to give them a lift."

Gunter gave credit to White, Ferdinand and defense for the second-half surge.

"We had some steals and our offensive spacing was much better in the second-half," she said. "White is very quick and she was solid on the block for us. Marie just decided to put the ball on the floor and go to the hole. She shoots the ball very well and she was tough out there for us today."

The Lady Tigers took the lead for good

on a reverse layup by Angela Crockett and increased the lead when Jaime Hawkins scored four straight points and Marie Ferdinand scored on a putback.

That was it. LSU went from down 43-36 to a 54-47 lead that they never relinquished. In the 6:23 span that the run occurred in, the Blue Devils managed only one bucket, a jumper by Missy West.

"They did a great job at closing out on us when we were shooting," said Duke coach Gail Goestenkors. "All the credit goes to them for their excellent play on the offensive and defensive end of the floor."

LSU grabbed three offensive rebounds during the run after struggling on the boards for most of the game. Duke outrebounded LSU 12-3 on the offensive rebounds in the first half and finished with a 21-12 advantage for the game.

"We were playing a 1-3-1 zone that wasn't very pretty," Gunter said. "The 1-3-1 isn't geared to rebounding and I am not making an excuse for them (the players). The trade off was good enough because it made Duke rush their shots. You can't let them set up and shoot because they are one of the best spot-up shooting teams in the country."

Duke's rebounding advantage and +5 turnover advantage allowed them to lead 31-30 at halftime despite being outshot 54 to 35 percent and missing nine of 11 3-point tries. The Blue Devils ended up shooting a dismal 23.8 percent (5 for 21) from behind the 3-point line.

"I thought that eventually our shots would start falling," said Georgia Schweitzer (14 points). "We have a lot of shooters on our team and you think if you keep shooting, eventually the shots will fall."

Lauren Rice led the Blue Devils with 17 points while West added 13 points. Katrina Hibbert was the fourth double-figure scorer for the Lady Tigers, adding 14 points.

Huskies cruise over Sooners

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Prior to this season Oklahoma had made one trip to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA women's tournament.

In 1986 that trip ended with Texas, the eventual national champions, brushing the Sooners out of the tournament 85-59. The trip didn't end any differently for the OU this time.

Connecticut was down 9-6 and scored the next 14 points on their way to a 22-4 run that effectively ended OU's upset bid. The Huskies (33-1) cruised to a 102-80 victory.

"There's not a whole lot to say that wasn't evident out there," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "I'm proud of the way we came out and took control. We played with confidence."

"Sometimes Cinderella happens because the favorite doesn't play well. We played with energy and intensity."

Much like OU's other trip to Sweet 16, the Sooners may have been eliminated by this year's national champions. Sooner coach Sherri Coale thinks so.

"We got beat by the best team in the country today," she said. "They are tough, deep and they can score. They were really good today."

"The thing that I was frightened of was their hunger, and that was very evident. If they don't win the title this year I'm going to be mad at Geno."

Asjha Jones and Tamika Williams came off the bench to score 16 points each and lead six Huskies in double-figures.

Svetlana Abrosimova had 15 points while Sue Bird added 14 points and Shea Ralph scored 10 points while grabbing five steals and dishing out eight steals.

"It's unbelievable to know that we have five or six players that can pick it up

for us if we're not playing well," Ralph said. "Our bench can come in and we won't miss a beat."

Not only did the bench provide 47 points for the Huskies, they provided eight of UConn's East-Regional-record 21 steals.

That record thievery led to OU's regional-record 33 turnovers.

"We put so much pressure on the ball and we can see when a team is tired," Abrosimova said. "We can get tired and our bench helps out defense."

Twelve of UConn's steals and 20 of OU's turnovers came in the first half as the Huskies put the game out of reach.

After the 22-4 run UConn blew out to a 40-19 lead. The Huskies shot 59.5 percent (22 for 37) in the first half to stake themselves to a 57-42 halftime lead.

LaNeisha Caulfield scored 16 of her 22 points in the first half to keep the deficit from being larger.

"When Phylesha (Whaley) went out I was thinking 'oh Lord' I need to keep this going until she gets back," Caulfield said.

Despite picking up three fouls in the first half and fouling out, Whaley finished with a game-high 24 points in her last game.

"I'm disappointed that my career is over," Whaley said, "but I am so happy I got to be part of a team like this in my senior year."

Whaley finished her career with school records in nine categories. "The tough thing about this loss is that this is the last time I'll get to play with Phylesha," Caulfield said. "I really enjoyed playing with her."

When Whaley fouled out with 36 seconds left, she walked off the floor with congratulations from Auriemma, hugs from Coale and a standing ovation from the crowd of 5,702 at the Siegel Center.

East Regional at a glance

Semifinals — Saturday
No. 3 Louisiana State 79 No. 2 Duke 66

No. 1 Connecticut 102 No. 5 Oklahoma 80
Finals — Sunday
UConn (33-1) vs. LSU (25-6), 7:00 p.m.

Rams in Action

TEAM	UPCOMING EVENTS			Notes
MEN'S TENNIS (16-3, 7-0)	Mar. 29 W&M	April 1 UNC	April 6 UVA.	VCU swept East Carolina 7-0 and UNC Wilmington 6-0 on the road this past weekend.
WOMEN'S TENNIS (8-4, 4-1)	Mar. 29 GMU	Mar. 31 ECU	April 1 UNCW	THE RAMS WILL PLAY THREE STRAIGHT MATCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA AFTER THEIR MATCH WITH GEORGE MASON.
BASEBALL (21-10, 1-2)	Mar. 28 DUKE	Mar. 31-April 2 GEORGE MASON		BEGINNING WITH DUKE, VCU WILL PLAY NINE OF ITS NEXT 10 GAMES ON THE ROAD.
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Seahawks take two from Rams

Sparked by a dominant pitching performance in game one, UNC Wilmington won two of three games from the VCU baseball team at the Diamond this past weekend.

In the opener on Friday night, the Seahawks Anthony Kozol gave up an RBI double in the first inning to Danny Lopaze and then shut the Rams out for the next 10 innings in helping UNCW to a 5-1 11-inning victory in VCU's Colonial Athletic Association opener.

Kozol (6-1) struck out eight and held the Rams (1-2, 21-10) to seven hits while walking only two.

David Ange, who scored UNCW's first run in the third, was the offensive star for the Seahawks (5-1, 18-10) with three hits and two runs.

Jason Dubois matched Kozol for 9 1/3 innings holding UNCW to 10 hits while striking out six.

The first game stayed tied until the 11th inning when a Ram error contributed the Seahawks four-run outburst. Three of the runs were unearned.

Lopaze starred at the plate and the mound in leading the Rams to an 11-0 victory in the second game.

On the mound Lopaze went the distance for the shutout, surrendering four hits while striking out three Seahawks. At the plate, Lopaze went 3 for 5 with a double and two RBIs.

VCU took control of the game in their first time at bat. Dubois singled home Barry Blake for the first run and moved to third after a Lopaze double.

Brian Mohr singled home Dubois, and Lopaze came in on a sacrifice fly by Kevin Elrod to put VCU up 3-0. Dubois finished with a 3 for 4 night with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Lopaze and Davy Martin also recorded three hits in the VCU win.

VCU's defense came undone in the third game as the Rams committed three errors that led to UNCW scoring six unearned runs and winning 9-5.

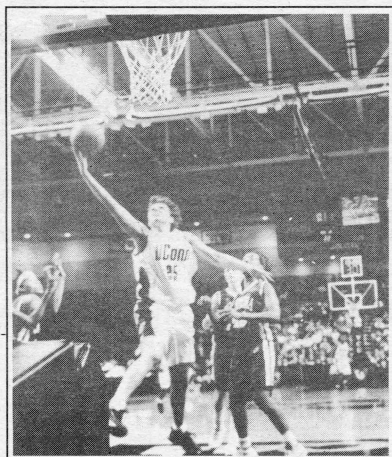
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FLOOR BATTLE. Connecticut's Shea Ralph (foreground) fights for the loose ball with an Oklahoma player late in the first half of the Huskies' 102-80 victory.



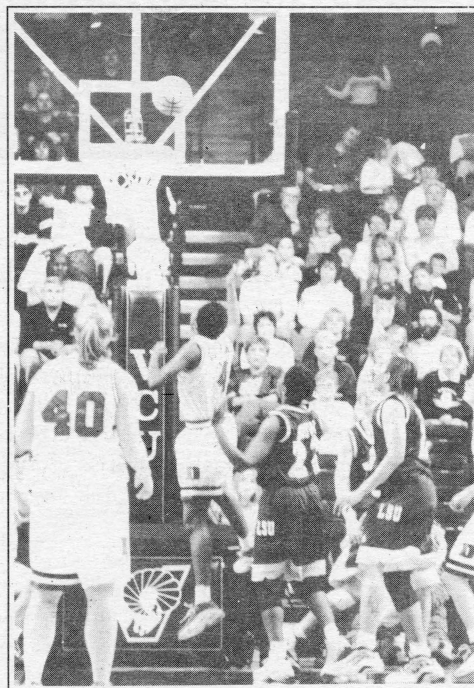
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TO THE HOOP. The Huskies Svetlana Abrosimova glides toward a layup early in the first half of their matchup with Oklahoma. Abrosimova joins teammate Shea Ralph (above) on the Associated Press' First-team All-America team. Both players were also finalists for the Naismith awards.



RB

HEADED HOME. Duke boss Gail Goetsenkos (above) won't make a return trip to the Final Four this season after making the title game in 1999.



RB

UP AND IN. The Blue Devils Rochelle Parent (#4) hits a layup with the Lady Tigers April Brown and DeTrina White looking on.

Five Rams win at Richmond

RICHMOND — Chris Tuck led a sweep of the 400-meter hurdle event by the VCU track and field team, and was one of five Rams to win events at the Spider Relays at Richmond. Four of the victories came in running events.

Bobby Wilson was the only Ram to win a field event, taking the pole vault with an effort of 14-7.

Tuck finished the 400-meter hurdle event in a time of 15.09 with Damon Watson and Marcus Johnson completing the Rams sweep.

The third victory for the VCU men came in 100 meters with Sean Hunter

taking that event in a time of 11.26.

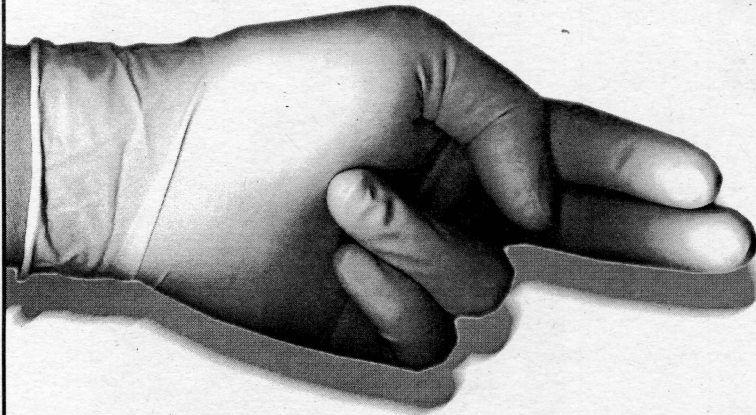
Two members of the VCU women's team won events as well. Briana Grose grabbed a victory in the 1,500 meters, finishing in a time of 4:51.57.

Alysia Barton joined Tuck and Hunter as the third Ram freshman to win this weekend when she took the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 14.46.

VCU track returns to action this Saturday when they travel down Interstate 64 to Williamsburg for the Colonial Relays.

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