

# The Commonwealth Times

FREE

## VCU rankings on the rise

### News

Students  
share  
stories of  
studying  
abroad

**Page 5**

### Sports

Women's  
volleyball  
vs. Albany  
a close call

**Page 9**

## U.S. News

America's  
Best Graduate  
Schools

Sculpture - 1st

Nurse Anesthesia - 1st

Graphic Design - 4th

Health Administration - 5th

Master of Fine Arts - 6th

**Page 3**

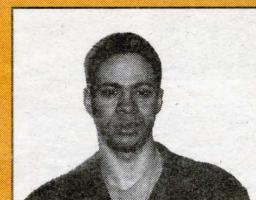
### Spectrum



**Page 10**

### OP/ED

Terry  
Burton  
takes on  
homeland  
security



**Page 19**



# IN BRIEF

## CALENDAR

## SEPT. 15 THROUGH 17

Monday, Sept. 15	Tuesday, Sept. 16	Wednesday, Sept. 17
VCU newcomers who don't know what the Hollywood Cemetery is, here is a great opportunity to learn about it. <b>The Hollywood Cemetery Walking Tour</b> focuses on the history of the cemetery, the famous people buried there and the symbolism of the grave markers. You can meet a guide at the cemetery entrance at Cherry and Albemarle streets Monday through Saturday 10 to 11:30 a.m. Advance reservations required, adult tickets are \$7. For more information, call (804) 649-0711 Ext. 334.	For those ready to party on Tuesdays, visit <b>Sticky Rice for karaoke night</b> , 10 p.m., 2232 W. Main St. Most entrees, which are a mix of American and Pan-Asian food, are around \$10. For more information, call (804) 358-7870.	VCU features <b>"Time for Feedback"</b> and invites students to give their opinions on VCU's dining services. Dine with the directors at the University Student Commons at noon. For more information, contact Katherine Hudgins at 827-1385.

## THE Commonwealth TIMES

ROOM 1149  
T. EDWARD TEMPLE BUILDING  
901 W. MAIN ST.  
RICHMOND, VA 23284-2010

## STAFF

Executive Editor  
**DEVON MARROW**  
CTEditor03@yahoo.com

News Co-Editor  
**MATT BUSSE**  
bussemd@vcu.edu

News Co-Editor  
**TANJA ZLATKOVIC**  
zlatkovic@vcu.edu

Production Chief  
**ANDREW BABB**  
andrew@toolatetorun.com

Graphic Artist  
**VACANT**

Spectrum Editor  
**MELISSA LYNCH**  
lynchmd@vcu.edu

Associate Spectrum Editor  
**MICHAEL GLENNON**  
glennom@vcu.edu

Sports Editor  
**TYLER COOPER**  
coopert@vcu.edu

Photography Editor  
**KENT BROCKWELL**  
rugbybrockwell@yahoo.com

OP/ED Editor  
**PATRICK RYAN**  
ryanpm@vcu.edu

Business Manager  
**TYLER BLAND**  
dibland@vcu.edu

Associate Business Manager  
**STEPHANIE DAWSON**  
dawsons@vcu.edu

Advertising Director  
**PRITYANKA GUHA**  
btrfly83angel@aol.com

Advertising Representative  
**SHELLY CHIANG**  
s2skchia@vcu.edu

Circulation Director  
**ERIC LARKIN**  
MediaofZion@aol.com

Webmaster  
**CARL HOLSCHER**  
peroty@arcticpalace.org

www.commonwealthtimes.com  
ctvcu@hotmail.com  
(804) 828-1058

## CAMPUS FORECAST



**Monday**  
**81/62**



**Tuesday**  
**78/62**



**Wednesday**  
**78/64**



**Thursday**  
**76/63**

## Sharp laptops to deliver sharp 3-D pictures

Electronics giant Sharp Corp. will begin selling laptops capable of producing images that appear 3-D. The laptops, which will go on sale in Japan on Oct. 27 and later this year in the United States, produce the 3-D effect by bending the images at different angles so that the user's left eye and right eye see slightly different pictures. No special glasses or other equipment is required and the user can switch the computer's display to a standard picture at the push of a button. Sharp will sell the laptops for approximately \$3,000 and said that while its current array of 3-D programs is small, it hopes other companies will soon develop software to take advantage of the new laptop's capabilities.

## Logitech hits 500-million-mice mark

Logitech International announced last week it has shipped 500 million computer mice over the past two decades. Mice, which were invented in 1964 and first entered into popular use with the debut of the Apple Macintosh in 1984, come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Some use optical technology, negating the need for a standard tracking ball, while others have an arsenal of different buttons and others features to make a user's computing experience more efficient. Microsoft announced last week they are releasing a new mouse outfitted in leather.

## Man noses nut to Blair

Mark McGowan, a 37-year-old artist, crawled on his hands and knees for 11 days pushing a nut with his nose for 7 miles. His endeavor ended at Tony Blair's door, where McGowan handed the nut to a member of Blair's office and asked that Blair accept it as payment for McGowan's £15,000 (US\$24,000) student debt. McGowan intended the ordeal as a protest against student debt. Blair's office reportedly said it was not its business to be involved in McGowan's finances.

## Saudi Barbies under siege

Saudia Arabia's religious police, formally known as the Committee for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, have declared Barbie dolls a moral threat. A police Web site said Barbie dolls are symbols of decadence and a police spokesperson made a point of claiming they were modeled after a Jewish woman. Barbies have been banned for more than 10 years in Saudi Arabia but they can still be found on the black market, where they might cost \$27 or more. A police spokesperson said the renewed anti-Barbie stance was intended to remind children and parents of the dangers of the doll as the new school year begins. Mattel Inc; the company that makes Barbie dolls, had no immediate comment.

## Junk mail was real garbage

Robin Troy, 41, was convicted of disorderly conduct and ordered to pay a \$25 fine after mailing a package of hairballs.

rotten oranges and other trash items to Brian and Connie Striegel. Connie Striegel owns the apartment building in which Troy lives. Troy sent the package after apparently complaining several times to Striegel about a tenant who put trash by the curb for pickup days before it was due, giving stray animals time to root through it. Troy enclosed a note with the package saying her children deserved a clean place to live. She had originally been ordered to pay a \$300 fine, but it was reduced on appeal.

## Spiders spur inmate to sue

Marcia Wall, an inmate at the Washington State Prison in Davisboro, Ga., filed a lawsuit in federal court in Atlanta claiming she and other inmates have been repeatedly bitten by spiders and the prison staff ignores their complaints. Wall, who is serving a 10-year sentence for burglary and aggravated assault, wants prison officials to seal up window screens, clean up spider webs and give her and other inmates proper medical treatment. McNeill Stokes, Wall's lawyer, said inmates have sent him dead spiders in envelopes as proof that they infest the prison. Department of Corrections representative Scheree Lipscomb did not comment on the lawsuit but said a pest control company fumigates the prison monthly.

Photo Illustration by Husayn Raza

Spectrum cover photos courtesy of Columbia records and Lost Highway Records/ The American Recording Company

Recycle this Newspaper!



For recycling information  
visit: [www.vcu.edu/recycling](http://www.vcu.edu/recycling)



# NEWS

## VCU graduate schools among top-ranked in nation

*U.S. News and World Report releases America's Best Graduate Schools 2004 Edition*

**MATT BUSSE**  
News Co-Editor

Michael Fallacaro, chairman of nurse anesthesia in the School of Allied Health Professions, said he always believed his department had a high-quality program. U.S. News and World Report recently declared the program at the head of its class.

VCU's graduate nurse anesthesia program earned a No. 1 ranking in the U.S. News and World Report America's Best Graduate Schools 2004 edition, published April 4, which evaluated and ranked graduate programs across the country.

The university's graduate sculpture program in the School of the Arts also achieved a top ranking this year, and 14 other university programs ranked in the top 50 of their respective classes.

Fallacaro said, "The true spirit of the university is alive and well at Virginia Commonwealth University - academicians, faculty and scientists all working together for excellence."

Fallacaro credited the graduate students and community partners, such as hospitals and nurse anesthetists in the state, with facilitating the department's achievement.

"That's where the congratulations go more so than to the administration," he said.

Myron Helfgott, chairman of the sculpture department, said that students would benefit from the rankings by carrying the school's reputation with them when they graduate.

He added that the ranking would entice students to attend VCU even if the university is unable to offer as much of a financial incentive as other schools.

"We lose top people because we're not competitive with the money," he said. "Now we have one other thing to induce them to come here - this ranking."

Fallacaro said he hopes the nurse anesthesia program's new rank will not only persuade students to attend VCU but also raise awareness about the nurse anesthesia field.

"I hope the rankings will give nurses who are considering an expanded role to give anesthesia a look," he said. "I'm hoping that (VCU) will be a preferred destination for folks looking to study in the discipline."

According to its Web site, U.S. News and World Report surveys academic experts, faculty and administrators to determine its ranks in addition to viewing statistics about programs' faculty, students and research.

U.S. News and World Report highly ranked four other graduate programs in the School of Allied Health Professions in addition to nurse anesthesia. The health

services administration program placed fifth this year and rehabilitation counseling ranked 20th. The schools' physical therapy program ranked 15th when it was last evaluated in 2000 and its occupational therapy program placed 17th in 2001.

In the School of the Arts, the graphic design program earned fourth place in 2003, the Master of Fine Arts program placed sixth and the painting and drawing program ranked 10th.

The College of Humanities and Sciences saw its creative writing program

rank 50th in 1997. Its graduate clinical psychology program earned 50th place in 2001 and its public affairs program placed 51st also that year.

The School of Social Work's graduate social work program ranked 13th in the country when it was last evaluated in 2000.

The School of Education's education program placed 39th this year. While U.S. News and World Report does not assign individual numeric rankings to teacher preparation programs, the school's program ranked in the top 50 of its class.

The School of Dentistry's graduate dentistry program ranked 13th in 1993, the School of Pharmacy's graduate pharmacy program placed 19th in 1997 and the School of Nursing's graduate nursing program ranked 48th in the nation this year.

In the School of Medicine, the community health program placed 18th this year and medical school research ranked 59th.

The complete index of rankings can be purchased in -print or online at <http://www.usnews.com>.



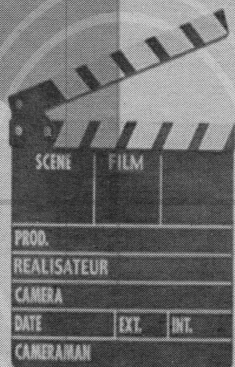
First-year graduate sculpture student Tim DeVoe at work

Kent Brockwell



# CLASSIFIEDS

## MOVIE LISTINGS



[www.commonwealthtimes.com](http://www.commonwealthtimes.com)

**FREE PAYDAY LOAN!** Cash Directly Deposited Next Day!!! Apply Online! Easy Confidential!!!  
[www.mypaydayloan.com](http://www.mypaydayloan.com)

**Need an extra \$36,000.00 a year?**  
Vending route for sale. Cost \$36,000.00. Help find missing children. 1-800-568-1392 or [www.vendingthatworks.com](http://www.vendingthatworks.com).

**Part time lawn helper**/tend to 15 hours per week/good for part time or nighttime students/desired fan area resident. Call 338-5471.

**Spring Break 2004.**  
Travel w/ STS, America's #1 student tour operator. Jamaica, Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas, & Florida.  
Hiring on-campus reps. Call for discounts. 1.800.648.4849 or [www.ststravel.com](http://www.ststravel.com).

**Vending business for sale 18K annual net.** Cost \$3495 Hurry won't last. 1-800-568-1392 or [www.vendingthatworks.com](http://www.vendingthatworks.com).

**Movie Extras/ Models needed.**  
No experience required all looks & ages needed. Earn up to \$500-\$1000 a day. 1-888-8820-0167 ex.U162.

**Help Elect VA Dems & Earn \$**  
Paid Grassroots Organizers  
Full or Part-Time  
Call or send resume to 804-784-8867. edyoon77@yahoo.com

**BABYSITTERS NEEDED.** Great Pay. Flexible Hours. Must have experience, references, and transportation. Complete the on-line application at [www.rivercitysitters.com](http://www.rivercitysitters.com) or call 278-6366.

**PRSSA**  
Make friends and meet influential people! Local PR professionals are available for advice at monthly PRSSA meetings. Next Wednesday Temple library 12:30 and 4:30.

FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE	<b>CLASSIFIED</b>		FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE
	FOR VCU STUDENTS		
	Name:	_____	
	Date:	_____	
	Address:	_____	
	E-mail:	_____	
	Phone:	_____	
	Text:	_____	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
(Up to 25 words)			
Time period for ads: _____			
Submit to:			
Commonwealth Times			
1149 Temple Building			



## News

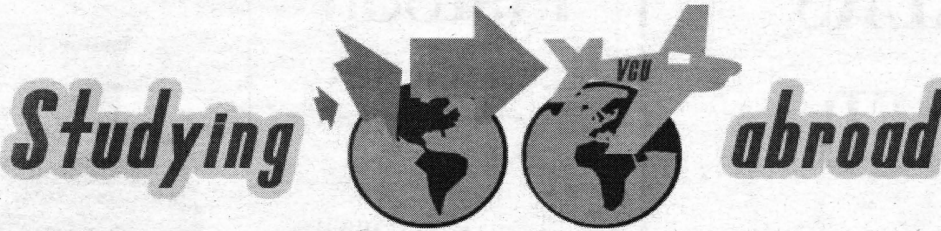


Photo Illustration: Husayn Raza

## Travel yields positive experiences for students

**ASHLEY TATE TOWNSEND**  
Correspondent

A suicide bombing occurred at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem a week before Nancy Thorsen left for a study abroad program in Haifa, Israel, August 2003.

"It gave me pause as far as going on the trip, but I wanted to go and I didn't want that to keep me from going," said Thorsen, who took modern Hebrew, ethnic groups in Israel and history of Israel classes.

Although she said she never felt directly threatened during her time in the Middle East, Thorsen considered her safety in certain situations. After hearing reports of bombings, she continued to ride the bus for convenient transportation.

"You would be sitting on the bus thinking, 'Okay, where would be the best spot to sit,'" Thorsen said. "You'd check people out.... My family didn't care for me riding the bus."

As director of VCU's Office of International Education, Jennifer Ludovici said VCU would not send students into a dangerous situation.

The office's Web site provides a link to a list of travel warnings issued by the U.S. State Department. Ludovici said VCU does not endorse programs in countries with travel warnings.

"There was a travel warning (for Israel) last semester," she said, "but (Thorsen) had already left and begun the program when the travel warning was issued. So, at that point it became her decision as to whether or not she wanted to cancel her program or remain."

Ludovici said 198 students participated in VCU's summer study abroad program last year. This summer 160 of 190 students originally registered for the program will study abroad. She attributed the drop in registration to the war in Iraq, SARS outbreaks and the economy, but said those factors have not affected student enthusiasm.

"I think student interest is as high as it's ever been," Ludovici said. "I feel that the parents' support of their children to go study abroad is not as strong now."

Besides safety, what else should students consider when deciding to study abroad? Ludovici said she suggests that students ask themselves three questions:

- What do I want to study?
- When do I want to travel?
- Where do I want to go?

If students only know the answer to one of the three questions, Ludovici said she

directs them to VCU's education abroad Web site, [www.vcu.edu/oie](http://www.vcu.edu/oie), to do more research.

On the Web site students may investigate the three established VCU programs: the International Student Exchange Program, university-wide exchanges or VCU summer study abroad. An independent program option exists for students with plans that don't fit the established programs.

Film major Jarrod Kloiber had a plan when he decided to study in Prague.

"I wanted to learn a European perspective of my craft," Kloiber said. "I really wanted a challenge and wanted to go to a place where I could feel anonymous and get lost in the crowd."

Louisa County native Tiffany Robinson said she hopes to study abroad but has not determined where or what she will study. She said she has narrowed her plans to a summer program to shorten her time away from home.

Robinson currently works as student assistant in the Office of International Education and previously she worked as assistant in Ludovici's office, which she said gave her a new perspective on her education.

"Working in this office I have learned more about other countries and other people," Robinson said. "I only speak English, and other people that come to the office are trilingual or bilingual. It makes you want to learn a whole lot more."

Ludovici mentioned several incentives for students to study abroad, including a unique and constant education experience.

"Spanish classes in the United States don't cut it," said Matthew Haglund, who studied in Guatemala. "They teach you a lot less than being immersed in the language.... I was dreaming in Spanish by the second week."

Students should not make the trip if they don't socialize with the local people, Haglund said.

"It takes a personality to go there," the English major said. "I used to introduce myself as the gringo. They loved it."

One question often raised is should students worry about homesickness?

Nicole Buonviri took nine credits of intensive Italian language in Florence and said she didn't miss home.

"I lived with an Italian family," Buonviri said. "The best times would be sitting in their kitchen at night and the whole family would come together and make dinner from scratch. They always opened their arms.... (My host) wanted to make my bed and do my laundry. I never felt homesick because it was like having another mother in Italy."

She admitted she did not adjust well to the lack of technology.

"I went to an internet café to check my e-mail," she said. "It was acceptable to turn in handwritten papers because not everyone had access to a computer."

With experience studying abroad in Germany and working in Japan and Mexico, Ludovici said the value of these programs outweighs the risks that students might encounter abroad, especially since similar risks exist in the United States. She said she advises students who do not feel comfortable to consider studying abroad at another time.

"That one experience of doing my study abroad really defined the course of my life," Ludovici said. "Being able to facilitate that experience for other students is incredible.... They come back with a better idea of what kind of path they want to take in life."

In Tokyo, Ludovici said her British friend revealed that she didn't like Americans before she met Ludovici even though she had never known another American.

"In many cases we are known by a stereotype," Ludovici said. "Now more than ever we need to be out there breaking barriers and meeting other people and expressing who we are."

Ludovici said students who study abroad boost their ability to get jobs and gain a better understanding of their own culture. She also said that opportunities to experience the world decrease with age and added responsibilities like children and house payments, but students have access to scholarships and financial aid to make studying abroad affordable.

"I have never once heard a student say, 'I would rather have had the money than that study abroad experience,'" Ludovici said. "It's something that is so worth the money that it ends up being a non-issue."

At age 32, Thorsen said studying abroad when she returned to school fulfilled her desire to go to Israel, an opportunity she waited for about eight years to receive.

Thorsen described both Jews and Arabs in Israel as incredible people and said she developed an understanding of the stress and tension they endure every day. Exploring the land gave her a lesson in history.

"The Bible actually comes alive," the international studies major said. "It's not only about religion but it's about historical facts and events. You can go to the location and see it and travel on the old trade routes that people used to travel, like Abraham.... It's hard to conceive that much history."

**Hurricane Isabel** might hit the East Coast during the middle of the week and early preparations for any contingencies are recommended. The greatest threat land-falling tropical storms pose around here is inland flooding. It is still impossible to tell if, when and where the hurricane will make landfall on the East Coast but make sure to pay close attention to weather forecasts during the next couple of days, and if you don't have an umbrella — go get one.



## Crime Log

Sept. 10

Male arrested at the Hibbs building on Park Avenue for attempted petit larceny.

An unknown person falsely summoned a fire apparatus at MCV's main hospital on East Marshall Street.

Female student at Gladding Residence Center on West Main Street advised that an unknown person harassed her.

Sept. 11

An unknown person removed a male student's personal property valued at \$50 from the T. Edward Temple building.



## Like Challenges?

The Commonwealth Times is looking for news writers!

Contact us at 828.1058





# SMOKERS NEEDED

You may be paid up to \$500  
for successful study completion.

Smokers between the ages of 18-50  
who smoke at least 15 cigarettes/day  
are needed to participate  
in a variety of research studies.

## Call 225-3562

Monday – Friday  
9am – 4pm  
for more detailed  
information

All studies are conducted  
in McGuire Hall  
on VCU's Medical Campus  
Principal Investigator:  
Thomas Eissenberg, Ph.D.

## Platoon Leaders Class

PLC is a high-intensity internship where you attend paid training over the summer for 6-10 weeks.

We develop and evaluate your *Leadership and Management Skills*



Upon completion of summer training you return to college to complete your degree. Upon graduation from college, *you decide* whether to accept a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

### What we guarantee:

- Unsurpassed leadership and management training.
- Pilot and ground positions.
- Esprit de Corps, and pride in a unique accomplishment.
- Competitive salaries for summer training.
- Financial assistance for your remaining time in college.
- For qualified aviation officer candidates, free flying lessons upon completion of training

### What we look for:

- Men and women who aspire to lead.
- Men and women, freshmen through seniors.
- Men and women who enjoy tough mental and physical challenges.
- Americans who want to belong to an elite organization that prides itself on honor, courage and service to your country.

You can contact Captain Michael E. Ceres or Staff Sergeant Sherri Runge at (800) 552-9548 for more information, or visit our website  
[www.marineofficer.com](http://www.marineofficer.com)



# News

## Zmarak Khan's candlelight vigil speech

Students and faculty gathered Thursday at the University Student Commons Park Plaza for a candlelight vigil to commemorate the events of Sept. 11. In a speech to the audience Student Body President Zmarak Khan reflected on the past two years since the terrorist attacks.

"This evening is a time for reflection - a time to give pause - a time to remember the lives that were lost two years ago today. There are times when events defeat words. When the unimaginable overwhelms our ability to understand, but tonight we once again take a moment to reflect on the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Our gathering demonstrates unity and support for the friends and families of the victims, and the countless others in the world who have been directly affected by this tragedy.

On September 11, 2001, the world as we knew it changed dramatically. Many of us were greatly affected by profound sadness and grief. In the span of a few hours, the sense of security and stability in our lives suddenly was taken away from us, as individuals and as a nation. Although we in Richmond - hundreds of miles away from New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC, many of us had family, friends, and acquaintances who were affected by this tragedy. Today, we are gathered to commemorate the memory and legacy of those who died two years ago. The victims were fathers, mothers, children, family members, and friends. They were as diverse as those of us gathered here today who work and go to school at Virginia Commonwealth University. And they shared the same dreams to make life better for themselves, their families, their children, and their communities.

The uncertainty that was created that

day has continued to affect our everyday lives.

It's clear that, as we continue the healing process and struggle to deal with the events of 9/11, there will be continuing challenges to the nation and to Virginia Commonwealth University. We must remember that we are a diverse community. Though we are united by common goals and values, we must also be aware of our differences. This is something to celebrate and be proud of. It is often in times of crisis when our unity, and our commitment to diversity, is most severely tested. To meet and overcome these challenges, we must ensure that all voices are heard and none are stifled. We must stay focused on the cherished values of diversity, tolerance, and respect that form the bedrock of our nation. Especially as an institution of higher learning, where the exchange of ideas and knowledge is paramount, this University must and will be a model of civility and free speech, values that form the cornerstones of our society.

But to truly honor and memorialize those who we lost, let us not submit to fear, but instead rise to the challenge and take to heart the great truths we have learned about ourselves in these past two years: that there is strength and virtue in the richness of our diversity, in being humane, and in being part of a larger community - and that there is no place for hate or intolerance in our world.

So as we return to class and work tomorrow, and reflect on the events of September 11, all of us must remember that when challenged, the very best of ourselves and our society must be demonstrated. In tribute to those who lost their lives that day, let us recommit ourselves to embody these values at VCU in our everyday lives."

## 'Silent killer' on the rise

MELISSA NOBLE

Staff Writer

Every year Rita gets a pap smear. She always gets a clean bill of health and smiles to herself. In an age of rampant sexually transmitted diseases, year after year, Rita remained healthy.

Before Rita met Andrew, her boyfriend, she was a virgin. Even though she was taking birth-control pills, she and Andrew always used condoms during sex. After nine happy months together, Rita planned to marry Andrew. She was so thankful that she abstained from sex until she met him.

Last year Rita received a call from her physician, who told her that her Pap smear was abnormal. Rita was diagnosed with HPV - Human papillomavirus. Independent of lifestyle, race and gender, more than one million Americans test positive for HPV yearly, causing the virus to be the fastest spreading STD. With no symptoms, Rita became one of the 50 percent of college students tested who are diagnosed with the virus.

"HPV is known as the 'silent disease' because condoms don't necessarily protect you from it," said Connie Garman, clinical research coordinator for Virginia Women's Center at St. Mary's Hospital. "If the body parts are touched, even if there is no actual intercourse, the virus can be spread. Men don't normally have symptoms."

Small warts on the genital area can detect HPV. As in the case of Rita, the warts are often so small that they cannot be detected. Pap smears will show any detection of HPV, which is why it is important that all women receive pap smears.

HPV was most prevalent this year at Student Health Services and in December and January alone 100 patients visited for treatment.

Despite the increase in the number of HPV cases, VCU reported a decrease in chlamydia cases.

"We seemed to have gotten a hold of chlamydia," said Betty Reppert, associate director of Student Health Services. "The positive rates have gone down in the 18 years I've been here, but HPV rates have gone up."

This information seems to be uniform throughout Richmond.

Eileen Guertler, public relations coordinator for the division of STD and HIV rates for the Richmond Health Department, confirmed that chlamydia is on the downswing. The Richmond Health Department tracks the rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV and AIDS.

"Chlamydia has seen a 15 percent decrease since last year in the Richmond city area," said Guertler, reporting the confirmed rates from Jan. 1 to March 30 of this year, as opposed to the

same dates of 2002.

Chlamydia, like HPV, can go unnoticed. Three quarters of women and half of the men with chlamydia have no symptoms. Both men and women, when experiencing symptoms, will have burning sensations when urinating and may also have discharge. Women may experience bleeding between periods, where men may have a swelling of the testicles.

Also on the downswing was gonorrhea, at a 16 percent decrease. Gonorrhea's symptoms are similar to chlamydia. Burning during urination, discharge and intense pain during sexual intercourse are all symptoms of the disease. Unlike chlamydia, however, people infected with gonorrhea will usually show symptoms two to 10 days after the sexual encounter.

There were five less cases of HIV this calendar year than in 2002. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. This virus slowly attacks the T-cells, vital to the immune system, until the body's natural defenses against disease are completely destroyed.

This year Richmond Syphilis and AIDS rates saw an increase. Syphilis saw a 50 percent increase as there were four new cases as opposed to only two cases in 2002. Syphilis is contracted by open sores that form once the body has been in contact with the bacteria. Syphilis is passed on by contact with sores, whether it is vaginal, oral or anal.

The AIDS rate increased from 19 cases to 22.

Nonetheless, in 2002 there were 2,231 new cases of chlamydia, 1,604 new cases of gonorrhea, 26 cases of syphilis, 115 new cases of HIV and 47 reports of AIDS.

Garman and her associates are fighting the battle of STDs by looking for a possible vaccine for HPV.

"There are 100 subtypes of HPV," said Garman. "We are looking to protect women from strands 6, 11, 16, and 18. Those are the strands that have been proven to cause cervical cancer."

Garman is conducting a four-year study with 11,000 women that all test negative for HPV. Half of the recipients are given a placebo, where the other half are given a test drug. The women are tracked and routinely tested, where at the end of the study Garman will be able to identify how much the vaccine cut down on positivity rates of HPV.

"Hopefully finding a vaccine for HPV will eliminate the need for pap smears," said Garman. "If we could find a vaccine, cervical cancer could be eradicated."

"Wearing a condom can cut down on the spread. But becoming educated about all the risks is most effective," she said.



Chris Busse

Students gather at Park Plaza for the candlelight vigil on Sept. 11.



## NEWS

## Spotlight on activist Emily Harry

DANTE SILVERI  
News Writer

Emily Harry has been working with the VCU Living Wage Campaign since it started. In fact, she helped start it.

Harry became involved with the Richmond Living Wage Campaign about two years ago, fighting for higher wages for city workers. She said she helped start the VCU campaign this summer because the school employs many workers through various contractors.

"I think VCU is a great university and very wealthy. There is no reason people shouldn't get paid well," she said.

Although the on-campus campaign is underway, Harry said she hardly feels her work is done. She attends regular meetings with the group, spends two days each week going out and talking to workers on campus about the campaign, works with

the activist group Food Not Bombs serving meals once a week to the homeless in Monroe Park and has made a documentary on city employee wages.

Jim Straub, a Living Wage Campaign organizer, applauds her efforts.

"It's Emily's drive ... that brings many people into the campaign," he said.

Straub is not alone in praising Harry.

Jen Lawhorne, a 2001 VCU graduate and member of both the Living Wage Campaign and Food Not Bombs, said, "I believe that any campaign she's working for is destined to be a huge success."

These groups are not the only things that keep Harry busy. She works two part-time jobs and is an active member in the United Methodist Church. In addition, she plans to graduate, with a bachelor's degree in religious studies.

Harry said she wants to graduate this year so she will be finished with college in

time to work in Egypt's West Bank and the United States through a church program.

Harry said her religious beliefs motivate her to do her work. While the Living Wage Campaign and Food Not Bombs are not religious groups, their purpose fits with what her beliefs compel her to do.

"It's not a matter of reward for me," she said. "It's a matter of justice. It's just something I have to do."



Emily Harry (far right) marching at a protest

## Library regulations designed for students' protection

LIZ KINCAID  
Staff Writer

The aroma of coffee, the appeal of free Internet access or quiet study areas found within the James Branch Cabell Library lure many inquiring students.

The library is home to VCU's rare literary works, course reserves and multimedia collections. The library also houses a plethora of computers, photocopiers, scanners and video stations.

But at night, the doors lock, security sweeps the building and all the students must leave or face trespassing charges.

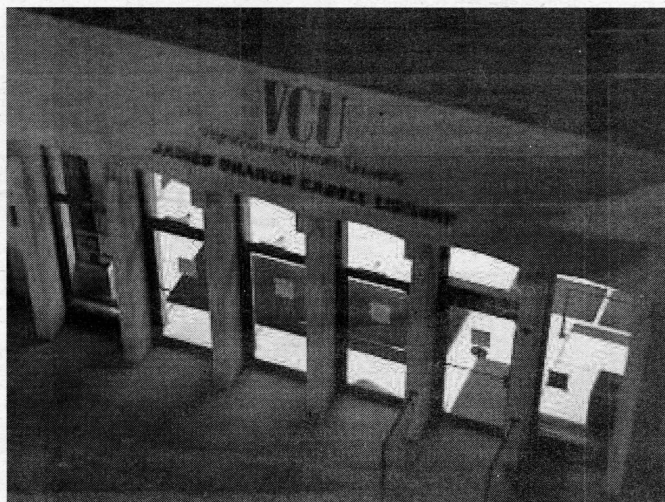
"When we close, we have security go around to each person in the library and tell them that the library is closing. Security is supposed to account for everyone in the library when they do their rounds including everyone downstairs in the computer lab and upstairs in the study rooms," said Beth Burton, customer services section head.

"After rounds, we ask that everyone cooperate with security and accommodate library staff by exiting the building," she said. "We've done everything realistically possible, budget wise, to keep the library open as late as possible. We appreciate that students respect the authority of the security guards and listen to them."

The library takes precautions to ensure safety for students, said Sara Watstein, associate university librarian for public services.

"Anyone coming into the building after 10 p.m. is required to show VCU identification cards. Those students already in the building, who may have been here studying or doing research, do not show identification," she said.

The Cabell library is a five-story build-



James Branch Cabell Library

CT Archive

ing with lots of nooks and crannies on every floor, said Watstein, including the individual study rooms, group study rooms, restrooms and the book stacks.

"Not every nook and cranny in the building is searched. Students need to be aware of their surroundings," she said.

Burton said library staff used to flash the lights when closing, but realized the fuse would blow and cost VCU money. So, library staff stopped flashing the lights.

"In the past some students resisted the closing call, trying to finish one last paper but safety protocol required students to exit," Burton said. "If a student is found in the library after closing, the VCU police decide what measures need to be taken and

whether to charge the student."

The library is not immune to problems like theft. Although a sporadic problem on campus, said Watstein, many students get up for one minute to find a book and leave their personal belongings behind.

Watstein said safeguarding belongings is probably the biggest security problem in the library because people put themselves at risk when leaving materials unguarded.

"I think that people don't always safeguard their materials when they go to the restroom, when they get a cup of coffee or when they are visiting a friend. It's very easy in any setting, not just the library," said Watstein. "People's habits haven't changed with technology."

Burton said, "People used to have pen and paper, but now they have Personal Digital Assistants, laptops, cell phones and pagers, and other valuables like CD players."

While students' personal property is high-tech, so is the library's material. A highlight of the library, Watstein said, is the range of digital services accompanied with personal services by library staff.

Jared Stone, music major, usually uses the library for research and the media center. He comes to the library about once a week, but lives so far away he doesn't normally come at night. But he said he takes safety precautions at all hours.

"I don't leave stuff lying around but I think it's a pretty safe campus," he said.

JoRai Sykes, a Spanish major, uses the library for e-mail, Internet access, research and studying. She feels safe after dark doing group projects and study sessions at the library.

"The library is a good resource center and you don't have to go to other schools to get the stuff you need," she said. She sometimes stops in the library just for a coffee.

Burton said, the coffee area as a collaborative space a neutral ground for creating a pleasant group working area.

The staff is another asset of the library, Burton said. The library's reference staff is easily approachable as well as knowledgeable about the great collection of works the library offers. She said the circulation desk does their best to help out students by going out of their way.

The regulations, rules and late fees at VCU libraries can be found on the VCU libraries web site, [www.library.vcu.edu](http://www.library.vcu.edu), along with forms for interlibrary loans, reserve requests and book renewals.



# SPORTS

## Albany edges VCU 3-1 for 4th straight win

**PAT KANE**  
Sports Writer

The University at Albany Great Danes' women's volleyball team continued their strong season Friday by taking the Rams 3-1 during the VCU Invitational at the Stuart C. Siegel Center. This was the Ram's second home loss, following Tuesday's 3-0 loss to Liberty.

During the close first game, VCU took the lead at 24 points and kept back an Albany advance, winning 30-28. The sec-

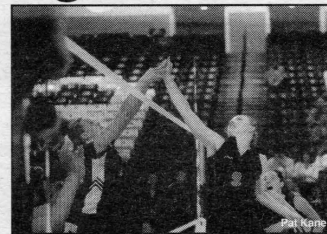
ond game was clearly Albany's, who maintained a sizeable four to seven point lead for most of the match. VCU scored three quick points to even it up 27-27 and again at 29-29, but Albany finished the match 31-29. The Great Danes had their strongest playing in the third game, taking an early lead and maintaining it. Albany won 23-20.

The next match was a must-win if the Rams were to tie up the match and they kept a lead until three kills by Albany leveled the game at 17-17. Late in the

game it was up in the air until Albany made two kills to win 31-29.

Leading the individual statistics were Albany's Ashley Green with a career-high 17 kills, Albany's Ashley DeNeal with 14, and VCU's Meghan Boyle and Jessica Bartlett with 12 and 10 kills, respectively.

The Rams entered Saturday's game against the University of North Carolina Asheville at 3-7 for the season, while the Great Danes stand 5-2 for their Saturday match with Loyola.



Ana Bodreeva reaches high

### Upcoming Sports Events

#### Wednesday, Sept. 17

**Men's Rugby**  
vs. University of Richmond  
Spiders Sports Center

#### Thursday, Sept. 18

**Women's Soccer**  
vs. Liberty University, 4 p.m.  
Sports Backers Stadium

**Men's Soccer**  
vs. University of Maryland, 7 p.m.  
Sports Backers Stadium

#### Friday, Sept. 19

**Volleyball**  
Towson Tournament  
vs. Towson  
Towson, Md.

#### Saturday, Sept. 20

**Rugby**  
vs. Christopher Newport University, 1 p.m.  
Newport News, Va.

**Volleyball**  
Towson Tournament continued  
vs. St. John's University, 11:30 a.m.  
vs. Coppin State College, 2 p.m.  
Towson, Md.

**Field Hockey**  
Vs. Wake Forest, 1 p.m.  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Men's Cross Country**  
U.S. Naval Invitational  
Annapolis, Md.

For more information contact the VCU sports line: (804) 828-7000. VCU sporting events are free to students with a valid student ID.

## NFL week one chock full of shutouts

**CORY CARLINO**  
Sports Writer

Week one passed for the National Football League and left some teams with wins and some with losses. The story of the week does not lay in the win/loss column this time around. Both the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots — teams with top-rated offensive teams — were shut out. The Eagles lost 17-0 to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, while the Patriots lost 31-0 to the Buffalo Bills. It doesn't end there, though.

Two former Most Valuable Player quar-

terbacks, Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers and Kurt Warner of the St. Louis Rams, had too many turnovers to expect a win. Favre threw four interceptions and ended the game with a QB rating of 46.6. Warner fumbled the ball five times and threw an interception against a New York Giants pass-rush that seemed to be everywhere. The Giants accumulated six sacks in all. And the surprises didn't stop.

Joey Harrington and the Detroit Lions racked up 42 points against the Arizona Cardinals, who managed 24 points. The Cardinals, in turn, had a surprise of their own. Rookie wide receiver Anquan Boldin

caught ten receptions and earned 217 yards including two touchdowns. Boldin set a record by gaining the most yardage by any Cardinals wide receiver in a game, and they've been around since the 1920s.

Perhaps the most surprising event of the week was the Houston Texans coming back to beat the Miami Dolphins 21-20. Before Sunday the Dolphins had not lost a season opener since 1991. The Texans remain unbeaten during season openers, having lost none in their short two-year history.

Stay tuned for highlights from next week's 15 games.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

From news sources

### Men's soccer adds second loss to season record

The Rams entered the Nike Carolina Cup with only one defeat for the year, but added a second after a 3-1 loss against the University of North Carolina-Greensboro on Friday. Both teams had a scoreless first half.

The UNCG Spartans picked up the pace in the second half, scoring from a breakaway. Five minutes later the Spartans stole the ball from the Rams and broke away again, netting another goal and leading the game 2-0. The Spartans scored one more time before VCU responded.

With less than five minutes remaining, the Rams avoided a shutout when Cristian Neagu scored off an assist from Hugh McDonald. The Rams fought to even the score and send the game into overtime, but finished 3-1. VCU will finish the tournament on Sunday after a match-up versus the University of North Carolina.

### University of Virginia douses Rams' field hockey during rain-soaked game

The Cavaliers of UVA started Friday's game in the lead with less than 20 minutes remaining in the first half and maintained their lead well into the second half. VCU's Ashley Cadwallader evened the score with 23:31 remaining in regular play. The Rams scored again courtesy of Madeia Mustafaa but the goal was waived off.

Virginia asserted offensive pressure against the Rams and it paid off when Virginia sophomore Allie Flynn scored off a redirected shot by teammate Juli Bojanic. VCU goaltender Abby Stiles made four saves but they weren't enough to erase their one-goal deficit. The Rams lost 2-1 over No. 16-ranked UVA, falling to 2-3 for the season.

### Women's soccer shut out in Vegas

The Rams traveled to Las Vegas to play the University of Las Vegas' Rebels at the UNLV Invitational on Friday. Scoring began early for the Rebels with a goal 7:09 into the game straight into the back of the net. A rebound given up by VCU gave Rachaci Buscovich another chance to score from 20 feet back and she beat VCU goaltender Chrissy Lloyd, leading the game 2-0.

During the second half, VCU put pressure on UNLV and outshot them 8-3 but all of VCU's scoring chances came up short. Lloyd mishandled the ball off a high shot, which allowed UNLV another chance -- one they didn't miss the second time.

Anni Magliulo earned a hat trick later in the second half when she caught a pass through the middle of the box, making the score 4-0 in favor of UNLV. The Rams could do little else but take chances at the Rebels' goaltender, whom they couldn't break through.

The Rams will go on to play Pepperdine on Sunday and attempt to improve their season record of two wins and two losses.



# Spectrum

## THE MAN IN BLACK

*"His influence spread over many generations of different people. I loved him as singer and a writer."*

**Mick Jagger**

*"His attitude, his style and his music made him a true original. Who else could knock on the doors of the pearly gates wearing black?"*

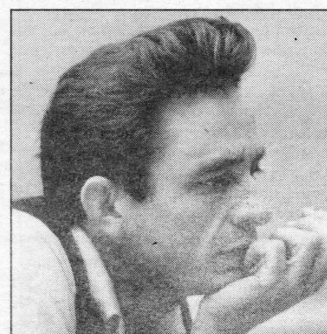
**Faith Hill**

*"Johnny Cash was not only bigger than country music – he was bigger than life. The world will never be the same without the Man in Black."*

**Andy Griggs**

*"His resonant voice and human compassion reached the hearts and souls of generations, and he will be missed."*

**George W. Bush**





## Spectrum

## Looking back at an American legend

TOM NETHERLAND

Spectrum Writer

By now most of you know of Johnny Cash. He died at age 71 early Friday morning at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., from complications of diabetes that led to respiratory failure.

But there's much about the Man in Black that you may not know.

Many people have long wondered why he wore black so much. Cash answered them in song with 1971's "Man in Black."

"I wear the black for the poor and the beaten down, livin' in the hopeless hungry side of town," he wrote. "I wear it for the prisoner who has long paid for his crime, but is there because he's a victim of the times."

Cash championed underdogs. For example, his 1964 album "Bitter Tears: Ballads of the American Indian" looked at the plight of American Indians from the days of America's founding right through to the 1960s. From that album he scored a hit with "Ballad of Ira Hayes," which humanized a Pima Indian. Hayes served in World War II and was one of the men who hoisted the American flag high after the Allied victory in Iwo Jima. Hayes later died drunk in a ditch, forgotten.

Johnny Cash did not forget.

He cared for everyone, said Kris Kristofferson, his friend for more than 30 years.

"Johnny Cash has always seemed larger than life to me," he said. "He is a true American hero, beloved the world over as much for his kindness and compassion and championing of the underdog as for the power of his art."

Cash also wore black for those who either missed the point of Christianity or have not been exposed to it.

"I wear the black for those who've never read or listened to the words that Jesus said about the road to happiness through love and charity," he wrote. "Why, you'd think he's talking straight to you and me."

Contrary to what some people might think, Cash was no punk rocker and surely wasn't a punk. He was no saint, but he held Christianity dear throughout his life. Again, look to his records. His first of six gospel albums, "Hymns by Johnny Cash," dates to 1959. He also wrote a Christian novel, "The Man in White."

The Rev. Billy Graham befriended Cash and wife June Carter Cash decades ago, which led to several appearances by the Cashes on Graham's televised crusades.

"Johnny was a deeply religious man," Graham said. "He and June came to a number of our crusades over a period of many years. (My wife) Ruth and I took a number of personal vacations with them at their home in Jamaica and in other places. They both were like a brother and sister to Ruth and me. We loved them."

Yet whether going to church, singing on stage or merely going shopping, Cash was rarely seen in anything but black. And what a presence he was.

When that man looked you in the eye and said, "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash," it seemed like to church stood still. And yes, he said those words to anyone he met, whether on stage before thousands or on his front porch in front of one. No matter who you were or where you came from, his handshake was just as firm as if

he were shaking the president's hand.

"The citizens of the world have lost one of their most enduring guiding lights," said former son-in-law Rodney Crowell. "As a musical hero to millions, a trailblazing artist, humanitarian, spiritual leader, social commentator and, most importantly, patriarch to one of the most varied and colorful extended families imaginable, Johnny Cash will, like Will Rogers, stand forever as a symbol of intelligence, creativity, compassion and common sense. I'm thinking Mount Rushmore."

Cash sure seemed like a mountain.

But no mountain made matched the height of Johnny Cash. His resonant and rich baritone mirrored whatever lifelong turmoil rumbled deep within him. His pain came through that voice like a beacon to all in need, whatever their need.

He was a speaker to millions of those who had no voice. Cash was there for those who lived in the gutter, on the wrong side of the tracks or simply in some personal hell.

Old people, young people, all people. Cash's compassion extended to everyone.

"I wear (the black) for the sick and lonely old," Cash wrote, "for the reckless ones whose bad trip left them cold."

Cash even offered comfort to convicted killer Gary Gilmore. Cash called him shortly before he was executed by firing squad in 1977 in Utah. Cash heard that he was Gilmore's favorite singer, so he called and sang a song to him.

"I wear the black in mourning for the lives that could have been," Cash wrote.

Now the world mourns the loss of Cash. Even as his career maintained critical and commercial success in re-

cent years, a litany of health problems gradually wore him down.

Cash's recent cover of Trent Reznor's "Hurt" added yet another few pages to the legend of Johnny Cash. The emotionally charged accompanying video was nominated for six MTV Awards and won one.

Meanwhile, on Friday afternoon at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tenn., hours after Cash's death, someone placed a bouquet of red roses beside his Hall of Fame membership plaque. That didn't quite fit.

Later on, another passersby draped Cash's plaque in black cloth. Fitting for the Man in Black.

"Oh, I'd love to wear a rainbow every day and tell the world that everything's OK, but I'll try to carry off a little darkness on my back," Cash wrote. "Till things are brighter I'm the man in black."

Johnny Cash Albums:  
suggested listening

TOM NETHERLAND

- "Ride this Train" 1960
- "Ring of Fire: The Best of Johnny Cash" 1963
- "Blood, Sweat and Tears" 1963
- "Bitter Tears" 1964
- "Jackson" (with June Carter) 1967
- "Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison" 1968
- "The Holy Land" 1969
- "Johnny Cash at San Quentin" 1969
- "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash" 1970
- "Man in Black" 1971
- "Ragged Old Flag" 1974
- "The Last Gunfighter Ballad" 1977
- "Highwayman" (with Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson) 1985
- "The Sun Years" 1990
- "The Man in Black: 1954-58" (5-CD box set) 1990
- "The Man in Black: 1959-62" (5-CD box set) 1991
- "Come Along & Ride this Train" (4-CD box set) 1991
- "American Recordings" 1994
- "The Man in Black: 1963-69" (6-CD box set) 1995
- "Unchained" 1996
- "VH1 Storytellers" (with Willie Nelson) 1998
- "Love, God, Murder" (3-CD box set) 2000
- "American 3: Solitary Man" 2000
- "The Essential Johnny Cash" 2002
- "American IV: The Man Comes Around" 2002

"Johnny Cash was a very giving man. I experienced that in 1991. He spoke at the memorial service for my 7 band members and my tour manager that we lost in a plane crash. His kind words and support comforted us at a time when we needed it most. He understood that need because he had lost his mother the week before but was still willing to be there for us. We will miss him dearly."

- Reba McEntire

"He's been my inspiration, my faithful friend, my champion - a constant oasis of unconditional love and support. His fierce independence and free spirit, balanced with his love of family, children and his fellow man, will stand as a shining example of the best of what it means to be human. And he was damned funny, even in the darkest times."

- Kris Kristofferson

"This is a very sad day for me as well as for millions of music fans around the world. John was a very dear friend - we had a long history together. We both went through a lot of messes in the old days but ended up realizing what was important in life and changed our ways."

I just went out and visited him a few weeks ago and he looked so good and was busy recording new material. I know that the angels will sing today and heaven is a better place with the addition of Johnny Cash. I'm sure he is happier now that he is with his beloved June."

- George Jones

"It's a sad day in Tennessee, but a great day in Heaven. The 'Man in Black' is now wearing white as he joins his wife June in the angel band."

- Merle Kilgore

"I considered myself a friend, he considered me a fan - he indulged me. He showed me around his house, his ranch, his zoo (seriously, he had a zoo in Nashville), his faith, his musicianship - it was a lot to take in. He was more than wise. In a garden full of weeds - the oak tree."

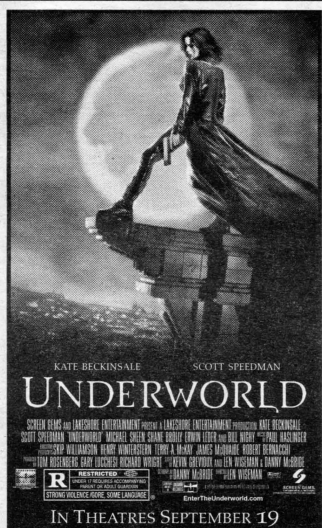
- Bono

"Country music has never had a more powerful personality than Johnny Cash. So much can be said about this incredible man. Rock, country and Gospel will be fighting to claim his music as their own -- and, in the end, they all get to. He brought a Memphis rock-n-roll attitude to country music, and all things good about country to rock -- and married both of these to Gospel music at the same time. There will never be anyone like him ever again."

- Brad Paisley



## COMPLIMENTARY MOVIE PASSES!



YOU AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO A  
SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

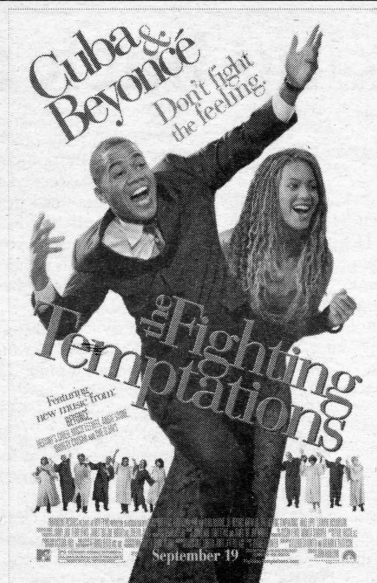
Stop by the Commonwealth Times office in the Temple Building,  
room 1149 to pick up your complimentary pass for two.

# UNDERWORLD

One pass per person. While supplies last. No purchase necessary.

OPENS IN THEATRES SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

## COMPLIMENTARY MOVIE PASSES!



YOU AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO A  
SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

Stop by the Commonwealth Times office in the Temple Building,  
room 1149 to pick up your complimentary pass for two.

# THE FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS

One pass per person. While supplies last. No purchase necessary.

OPENS IN THEATRES SEPTEMBER 19

## higher test scores guaranteed or your money back\*\*

Attend all required classes or make-up sessions, complete all scheduled tests, and do your homework. If your score doesn't improve on test day from your Kaplan diagnostic or a prior official test score, you can choose to repeat our program for free or get a full refund of your tuition.\*\* It's that simple.

Visit our table outside the  
VCU Commons on 9/4, 9/8  
and 9/16! Classes start  
soon!

World Leader In Test Prep  
and Admissions

# KAPLAN

1-800-KAP-TEST  
kaptest.com

\*Test names are registered trademarks of their respective owners.

\*\*To be eligible for this offer, you must be enrolled in Kaplan's full classroom, tutoring, or online courses. In addition, you must present a copy of your official score report and your course materials within 90 days.

# SKY DIVE!

One day first jumps, and a staff dedicated to keeping you and your  
fellow students sky diving at  
SKY DIVE ORANGE



STUDENT DISCOUNTS

(540) 943-6587

1(877)348-3759  
(877) dive-sky

Complete information on: [www.skydiveorange.com](http://www.skydiveorange.com)

# SKY DIVE!



## Spectrum

## Local bands, vendors on hand for Monroe Park Festival

*Concert attracts up and coming talent, planners hope event is the first of many***MICHAEL GLENNON**  
Associate Spectrum Editor

— Walking east down Main Street toward Monroe Park last Tuesday, you'd hardly have known anything was happening. Maybe some music, but nothing that wouldn't be drowned out by the souped-up sound system of a passing car.

Get in a little closer, though, and you'd have heard what Nathan V. Hughes of Ground Zero Promotions called a welcome to students.

Hughes said he wanted to introduce them to local businesses like Ukrop's Supermarkets and the local radio stations and some local bands.

"I wanted to get a good mix of music to get the students ... exposure to what's

available in Richmond," Hughes said.

Students certainly got a good mix of music. Musical acts varied from the rap stylings of Luggage to the dreamlike acoustic sound of Jarrod, Lance and Vince.

"I wasn't expecting rap, I'll tell you that," said Al Marr, a junior history major. "They're not bad, but it's just kind of hard to hear them, what they're saying."

Acoustics raised concerns for others, as well.

"I think if the speakers were pointed out that way toward campus, a lot more people would literally hear about it," said Vincent Daus, drummer for Jarrod, Lance & Vince.

Kaitlynn Grose, a pre-nursing sophomore, said she did not know about the concert ahead of time.

"I was just walking by," she said. "It caught my attention."

Marr said, "I would have thought there'd be a lot more people out here."

The crowd was good, Hughes said.

"It's a steady crowd, it's steadily building. Right at the beginning it was just like any party. You hope it's not going to be just that handful of people the whole time, but it's really steadily building," he said.

This event was the first large event Ground Zero Promotions staged. "We've had a couple of other smaller things," Hughes said, "but mostly just setting up parties at clubs and things like that."

Daus said, "the crowds were poor. It's such a late start, I only heard about this a week ago. I guess it's as best as can be expected."

Business from around the area had tables set up near the stage, and many gave away promotional items.

"It's interesting," Grose said. "I think it's an interesting way to promote different products and I got some freebies, so

I thought that was pretty cool."

The event may not have had a large turnout, but those there generally saw potential in the event itself.

"I think it's a good idea," Grose said. "Monroe Park's a pretty central area, all the students walk by. It's kind of cool to promote your product and to get your name out there."

Jarrod, Lance and Vince might play at another similar event.

"It was a good idea," Daus said. "If it becomes a tradition, I think it would be more productive."

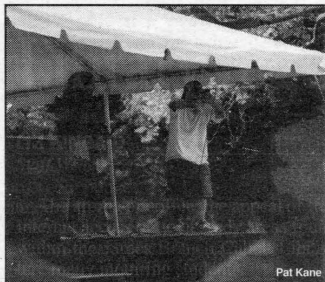
"It's fun, it's a good time. It's a good first start."

The event's planner said he has high hopes for the future.

"I hope to get it built up so we can keep doing it and make it bigger and better every year," Hughes said. "We've got a lot of space in Monroe Park and Monroe Park isn't used as much as it could be, especially for the VCU students, considering the dorms are right here. It's something I want to keep building."



Pat Kane



Pat Kane

"Edible Red" (left) and "Luggage" (right)

We want to hear from you!



Send your comments and letters to  
ctvcu@hotmail.com.

Anthem LIVE!

P R E S E N T S

JAY  
LENO

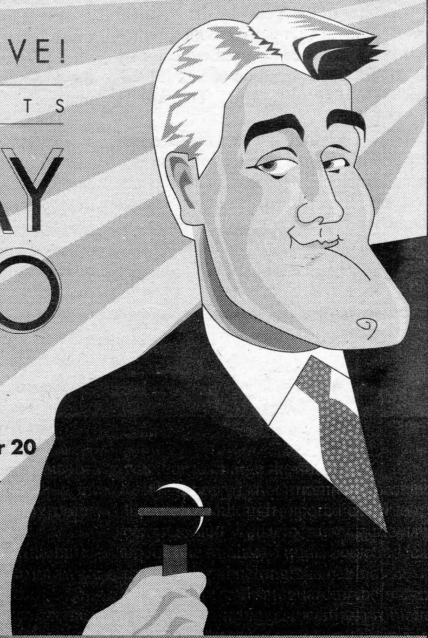
with musical guest

BRUCE HORNSBY

Saturday, September 20

8 pm • VCU Siegel Center

Tickets \$29 - \$99



100% OF TICKET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MASSEY CANCER CENTER

Anthem LIVE!

Anthem • Benefiting VCU's Massey Cancer Center

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the trade name for Anthem Health Plans of Virginia, Inc.  
An independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.  
® Registered marks Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH  
TICKETMASTER 262-8100

and the SIEGEL CENTER BOX OFFICE 828-7267

For more information visit [www.vcuhealth.org](http://www.vcuhealth.org)

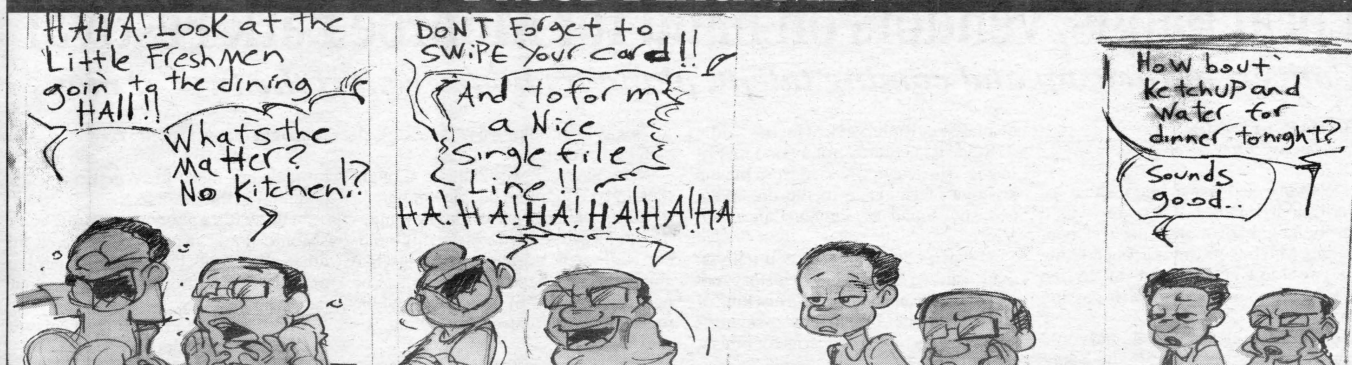
Comcast SUNTRUST

Anthem LIVE! 28  
Richmond Times-Dispatch



## Spectrum

## PROUD BLACK MEN



BY CHRIS POWELL

## Sex educator aims for the "J-Spot"

STEPHANIE DAWSON

Spectrum Writer

"The J-Spot: a Sex Educator Tells All" was a lecture and performance that inspired conversations that lasted long after the curtain closed.

Jay Friedman, an internationally known sex educator, entertained while educating his audience about important and timely sexuality issues.

Jay Friedman, nominated multiple times as "Lecturer of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities, is professionally certified as a sex educator by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT).

An award-winning writer featured in a number of national publications, he is a former disc jockey and host of a radio talk show on relationships. Based in Seattle, Friedman travels campus to campus to share his insights and outbursts on sex and relationships.

Unafraid to tackle even the toughest sexuality issues, Friedman addressed a whirlwind of topics with sensitivity and playful humor. Friedman's presentation was poignant, powerful, playful and provocative. Wednesday's audiences learned:

- The three conditions to meet before you're ready to have sex

- The truth about whether men really explode if they don't have sex

- The mysteriously missing sexual organ

- How to make condoms feel oh-so-much better

- Cross-cultural comparisons between the U.S. and other countries on sexual matters

- The state of sex education in the U.S. — including life as a sex educator

"People call me a sexual provocateur," explains Friedman, "My performance is at times personal, philosophical, political and prophetic. The storytelling, the cultural observations, the predictions—they're all relevant to the students' lives, getting them

to perk up, laugh a lot and also learn."

A recent reviewer raved that "It's a lecture performance a la 'The Vagina Monologues' that provokes as it electrifies audiences about the things everyone cares about: sex and relationships. ... This is an educational and entertaining event better than any class on campus."

"Unfortunately, we live in a sex-negative, sex-repressed, and sex-phobic society, which has trouble talking about sex and which provides inadequate sex education," Friedman asserts. "My goal is to give a thought-provoking, conversation-creating and perhaps life-changing performance that breaks the taboos in talking about sex. If people can be more open, I'm sure we'd avoid the dangers that result from sexual ignorance, and instead enjoy healthy relationships and more pleasurable sexual lives."

This event was really informative as well as entertaining. Students really enjoyed this awe-inspiring lecture. Never before has anyone made the topic of sex so fun and interesting.

## WHILE You Were Out

## WWE SmackDown!

**Rey Mysterio and Billy Kidman vs. Tajiri and Nunzio:** Tajiri pins Mysterio. After the match, Tajiri attacks Mysterio with Mysterio's title belt.

**Vince McMahon** gives Stephanie McMahon the choice of wrestling Brock Lesnar tonight or quitting as general manager.

**Shanequa vs. Dawn Marie:** Nidia and Torrie Wilson attack Shanequa, resulting in Dawn Marie's disqualification.

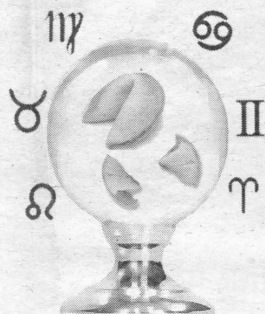
**Chris Benoit vs. Rhyno:** Rhyno submits to the Crippler Crossface despite A-Train attacking Benoit.

**John Cena vs. Eddie Guerrero, parking lot brawl:** After a long fight, Chavo Guerrero Jr. attacks Cena with a title belt, allowing Eddie to pin Cena.

**Acolyte Protection Agency vs. Matt Hardy and Shannon Moore:** Bradshaw pins Moore. After the match, Bruse presents Faarooq and Bradshaw with cans of beer on a silver tray.

**Stephanie McMahon vs. Brock Lesnar:** Stephanie tries to run away, but Lesnar carries her back to the ring. Kurt Angle attacks Lesnar, chasing Lesnar and Vince McMahon out of the ring.

## Zodiac Cookies



## Zodiac Cookies

**Virgo:** Cheer up. Weekends are overrated and Mondays get a bad rap.

**Libra:** Try as you might, you might as well try.

**Scorpio:** If it helps, plead insanity. If you look half as disheveled as you feel, it might just work.

**Sagittarius:** Walk as though you're going somewhere, talk as though you've got something to say.

**Capricorn:** Forget vegetables, eat your macaroni and cheese.

**Aquarius:** You see the light this week, but only in the sense that your eyes take in reflected light as visual information.

**Pisces:** If you didn't enjoy your stroll as recommended in Thursday's issue, check to make sure that you really are a Pisces.

**Aries:** Stand and be counted. That's right, attendance will be taken at all your earliest classes this week.

**Taurus:** You're in the process of making a comeback, don't let small things throw off your momentum.

**Gemini:** Worry less. Do more.

**Cancer:** You will be able to amicably settle a legal matter this week.

**Leo:** He who laughs last, gets funny looks from everyone else.

Are you constantly missing your favorite shows? Let us know what they are and we'll fill in the gaps for you.  
E-mail Michael at glennnm@vcu.edu with any suggestions.



## Spectrum

## Cabin Fever: Bloody, good

**MORGAN COPELAND***Spectrum Writer*

There can't be that much blood in the human body.

"Cabin Fever", a new film by Lion's Gate Entertainment, had people disturbed and laughing at the same time.

As the story starts, a homeless man out in the middle of nowhere gets a disease from his dead dog. The five college students, Paul, Karen, Jeff, Marcy and Bert, follow the constant drinking, nudity, sex and drugs cliché to a T. For some reason they decided that camping would be a good idea and they go right smack to the middle of the woods. Then people get really sick.

During the drinking and other deviant behavior, the campers accidentally set the homeless man Henry on fire after he vomits blood inside Jeff's truck. Henry goes running off into the dry woods without leaving a burnt path in his wake.

The campers feel really bad about it and say they are going find a way into town. But they never did until about an hour into the movie when they work up the courage to clean the bloody vomit out of the truck.

In the interim, the local deputy comes out to investigate on his bicycle. Someone called in on a radio (because phones don't work out there, of course) that there was a disturbance at the cabin. The deputy goes to the campsite and isn't fazed by the blood-drenched truck in front of his face, nor is he by Paul, played by Rider Strong from the television show "Boy Meets

World," who tells the officer they had to rough up the homeless man pretty well.

The movie continues with disturbing images of Paul pleasuring the girl he has had a crush on since eighth grade only to find out that his hand is drenched in blood. What's more disturbing is the scenes following it: dogs eating people and a rotting corpse with maggots and a snake going through it, just to name two.

The make up artists did an excellent job. The victims looked a lot worse than the victims in the movie "Outbreak," who had the Ebola virus.

"Cabin Fever" wasn't completely grotesque — from the drinking contests between Jeff and Bert to decide who could go the entire week just drinking beer, to a camper who appears out of nowhere with about five pounds of marijuana.

Many of the jokes were well placed to make the mix of horror and comedy good compliments of each other.

The director, Eli Roth, sampled horror ideas from the 70s and 80s the first 45 minutes, setting up the story. This by far was the duller part of the movie.

I wouldn't call it a horror movie per se; it was more of a bacterial terror. The campers were more afraid of who had the disease than of who was going to kill them.

**Cabin Fever**  
Rated R

★★★ (Out of 5)



Photo illustration: Candice Anderson

Paul (Rider Strong) stars in "Cabin Fever"

## Dancemaker concludes residency with documentary

**D.J. JOVE***Spectrum Writer*

A documentary, "Heartbeats of a Dancemaker," which was presented by VCU's Department of Dance and Choreography, celebrates the life, career and creative artistry of one of the world's most innovative choreographers, Donald McKayle.

McKayle's career spans more than 50 years, and continues to inspire and influence audiences and dance students alike. More recently, he has done the same to students of the dance department under a three-week residency at VCU.

"He has impacted the students in helping them understand the heritage of modern dance and appreciating the depth of the art form," Scott Putman, assistant professor of the Department of Dance and Choreography said.

"He also teaches the students to appreciate who they are and to strive to who they

are to become."

Named "an irreplaceable treasure" by the Library of Congress, much of McKayle's work is fueled by the conditions of human struggle and inspired by the heroism of human beings. His choreographed performances combine messages of social content and dance movements of compassion, depth, warmth and sensitivity to the human condition.

"The beauty of humankind lies in our diversity and our feelings," said McKayle, age 73. "My concern for the human condition and my love of dance is a pursuit that has followed me all of my life."

The documentary features rare classic archives of his earliest works dating back to 1948, beginning with the start of his career at age 18. His debut piece was an unconventional work of choreography done not to music but to a spoken poem titled "Saturday's Child" by Countee Cullen. The poem is written about the

struggle of being homeless. McKayle's pairing of the poem and choreography definitively illustrates the condition of human struggle.

In the feature we continue to see McKayle's concern for the human condition through his work. The success of "Saturday's Child" prompted McKayle to create his works "Games" and "Rainbow Round My Shoulder," both of which are still performed all over the world today. Both pieces stay true to his personal style of illustrating the human condition through dance.

His work for the theater has even gotten him attention from movie and television directors, who led him to work as a choreographer and consultant for movies such as Disney's *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*, *The Jazz Singer* and *The Great White Hope*.

McKayle's illustrious career as a choreographer, dancer, writer and director earned him numerous awards and nominations

including Broadway's Tony award, Emmy nominations for choreographing various television specials, an NAACP image award and countless honors for his achievements and contributions to the world of dance.

McKayle's work in the world of dance has always been the first of its kind to open the doors to change. His style of dance and choreography is part of the progressive movement that led to what modern dance is today. Though he has found success in the commercial industry, he has never pursued it as a career. McKayle has always stayed true to his calling of the theater stage and teaching.

"Teaching is wonderful, and I'm so happy to be here," McKayle said. "Dance belongs to its own time. Dance is a process in teaching and the process is always going on."

"Heartbeats of a Dancemaker" will air nationally on PBS November 2003.



1110 W. Broad Street  
Next to the Siegal Center  
Phone: 355-0433 Fax: 355-4806



\$2.49 sub of the month  
Sweet Onion Chicken Teriyaki  
regular 6"

### \$0.99 SUB

Buy Any Sub at Regular Price and a Medium Drink and Get a 2nd Sub of Equal or Lesser Value for only \$0.99

Valid Only at 1110 W. Broad Street Subway One Coupon Per Visit. Not Good With Any Other Offer. Expires 9/30/03

### \$1<sup>00</sup> OFF

Any Regular Footlong Sub

Valid Only at 1110 W. Broad Street Subway One Coupon Per Visit. Not Good With Any Other Offer. Expires 9/30/03

### Double Deal \$7<sup>99</sup>

Buy Any Two Regular Footlong Subs for Only \$7.99

Valid Only at 1110 W. Broad Street Subway One Coupon Per Visit. Not Good With Any Other Offer. Expires 9/30/03

### \$0.50 OFF

Any Regular Six Inch Sub

Valid Only at 1110 W. Broad Street Subway One Coupon Per Visit. Not Good With Any Other Offer. Expires 9/30/03

### Triple Deal \$11<sup>99</sup>

Buy Any Three Regular Footlong Subs for Only \$11.99

Valid Only at 1110 W. Broad Street Subway One Coupon Per Visit. Not Good With Any Other Offer. Expires 9/30/03

### Party Bargain \$5<sup>00</sup> OFF

Any Giant Platter  
(Please allow at least 24 hours advance notice. \$25.00 minimum order. A deposit may be required.)

Valid Only at 1110 W. Broad Street Subway One Coupon Per Visit. Not Good With Any Other Offer. Expires 9/30/03

ANTONIO BANDERAS SALMA HAYEK JOHNNY DEPP  
**ONCE UPON A TIME IN MEXICO**  
COLUMBIA PICTURES AND DIMENSION FILMS PRESENT A TROUBLEMAKER STUDIOS PRODUCTION A ROBERT RODRIGUEZ FILM ANTONIO BANDERAS SALMA HAYEK JOHNNY DEPP  
"ONCE UPON A TIME IN MEXICO" MICKEY ROURKE EVA MENDES DANNY TREJO ENRIQUE GILES MARCO LEONARDO CHECH MARIN WITH RUBEN BLANCO AND VALERIA DARTIG  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS MARY VERNIEU PRODUCED BY TONY MARK EDITOR GRACIELA MALON WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ROBERT RODRIGUEZ  
CASTING BY ELIZABETH AVELLAN CARLOS GALLARDO ROBERT RODRIGUEZ  
COLUMBIA PICTURES  
SEPTEMBER 12

KATE BECKINSALE SCOTT SPEEDMAN  
**UNDERWORLD**  
SCREEN GEMS AND LAKESHORE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENT A LAKESHORE ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION KATE BECKINSALE SCOTT SPEEDMAN "UNDERWORLD" MICHAEL SHEEN SHANE BROLLY ERVIN LEDER AND BILL NIGHY MUSIC BY PAUL HASLINGER  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SKIP WILLIAMSON HENRY WINTERSTERN TERRY A. MCKAY JAMES MCGUAIDE ROBERT BERNACCHI  
PRODUCED BY TOM ROSENBERG GARY LUCCHESI RICHARD WRIGHT WRITTEN BY KEVIN GREVIOUX AND LEN WISEMAN & DANNY MCBRIDE  
DIRECTED BY DANNY MCBRIDE  
CASTING BY GLEN WISEMAN  
A BATTLE GROUP PRODUCTION  
STRONG VIOLENCE/GORE, SOME LANGUAGE  
EnterTheUnderworld.com  
IN THEATRES SEPTEMBER 19

Keep our campus  
"Jackass"-free!

Don't download movies from college.movieline.com. Sept. 15th - Oct. 15th.

STUDENTS AGAINST  
**MOVIELINE**  
COLLEGE FILM FESTIVAL



## Spectrum

## Dandy Warhols mellow with "Monkey House"

**RYAN KENT**  
Spectrum Writer

The Dandy Warhols finally return to the rock world with their release "Welcome to the Monkey House." With production assistance from former Duran Duran keyboardist Nick Rhodes and backing vocals by Simon LeBon on "Plan A," The Dandy Warhols traded in their Velvet Underground influences for a lot of bass, grooving keyboards and boatloads of 90s Duran Duran.

"Plan A" is a very entertaining number. It is a mix of Courtney Taylor-Taylor's

droning vocals with a rolling bass line and enough twang to call it a rock song. It features the lyrics "There must be some sort of message/Simple but somehow impressive/Anyone who can think of something/Come on now express it," which enable the song to have a feel-good flow.

"Scientist," a dance-floor beat with tons of synths and electric noodlings, manages to create a wall of sound that can entice nearly anyone to shake their body around and look like an idiot.

"The Last High," which was co-written by former Lemonheads front-man Evan Dando, is a very spacey listen. Tunes that

float around the cosmos seem to bring you up to a level from which you won't want to come down.

The guitar work isn't the most impressive crunch heard on so many rock songs of today but it fits in perfectly with the definite chill of the album. The Dandy Warhols have created a keeper. Gems abound on this album, don't expect them to rock your socks off but they'll make you feel mellow and carefree.

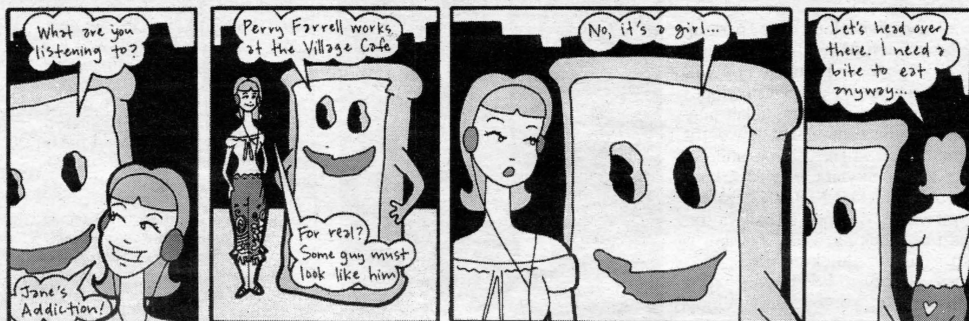
The Dandy Warhols  
"Welcome to the Monkey House"  
★★★ 1/2 (Out of 5)



The Dandy Warhols rock out with a mellow groove

Photo Illustration: Candice Anderson

## CURLS



BY CAROLYN BELEFSKI

## Happenings

## Monday, Sept. 15

The University of Richmond hosts the **Stephan Harris Quartet** for a free concert. Camp Concert Hall, 28 Westhampton Way. 7:30 p.m. 289-8980

Bluegrass is the order of the day with **Trip n' Jenny** at the Cary St. Café. 8 p.m., no cover charge. 2631 W. Cary St. 353-7445

Think you're talented? Maybe you're humorously untalented? Find out at "**Gong Show**" auditions at Comedy Alley. 7 p.m. at 7115 Staples Mill Rd. 266-9377

## Tuesday, Sept. 16

**Cheryl Pallant**, a local poet, reads from her latest book at Fountain Bookstore. 6:30 p.m., 1312 E. Cary St. 788-1594

Start warming up your voice now, Tuesday at 10 p.m. is **karaoke** time at Sticky Rice. 2232 W. Main St. 358-7870

**The Switch** will be at Bogart's playing jazz. 9 p.m. at 203 N. Lombardy St. 353-9280

## Wednesday, Sept. 15

It's a nice day for a **Billy Idol** concert. Good thing the Innsbrook Pavilion has him as part of their Innsbrook After Hours series. Show starts at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. 4901 Lake Brook Drive. 217-8801

Wednesday night is **open mic** night at Out of Bounds. 2701 W. Broad St. 355-7390

Got something going on? Have the inside track on some hot info? E-mail Melissa at [lynchmd@vcu.edu](mailto:lynchmd@vcu.edu)

# OP/ED

## A true learning experience

ANGELA MACK  
Op/Ed Writer

Now that classes have been in session for about three weeks, many of us feel that we are all settled in. Our schedules seem to be going smoothly (or hectically for some) and we are getting to know new people.

Freshmen are finally in the "real world" and sophomores have one year of college life under their belts. As for juniors and seniors, we are just looking forward to graduating.

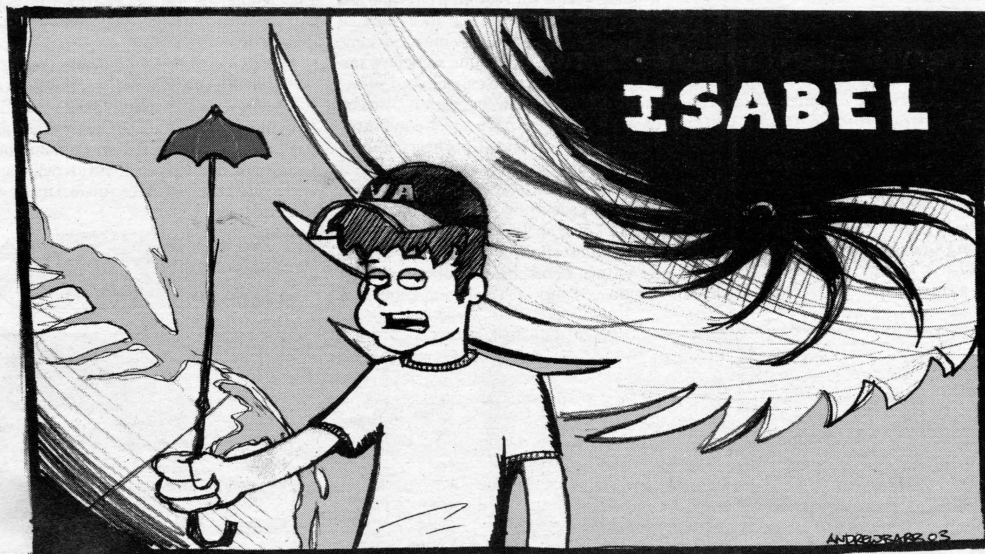
To be honest, college has its share of ups and downs, but it is truly a learning experience. Many of us come to college thinking that high school has really prepared us for this adventure. I must admit that I myself thought this idea was true. With all of the advanced placement classes and SAT prep courses, you would think that you were getting a head start. I'm here to tell you that nothing can prepare you for the college experience.

Some of us have learned that college is a place where you realize that everything you thought you knew, you really don't know. You thought your three years in Spanish was enough to get you out of taking foreign language courses, but placement exams proved that theory wrong. You look at a map and realize that Texas isn't where you thought it was all of these years. Suddenly you get the picture that those four years of high school were irrelevant!

College isn't just a place of disappointments. You learn so many things that will be critical in your survival here as well as in life.

For one, Wal-Mart will become your best friend. It is always there when you need it and in most cases it will never let you down. You don't need an e-mail address or cell phone number to get in touch with it. It is never too busy for you or not available to answer your call. You learn that \$20 will buy enough food or snacks to last you for at least two weeks. You say to yourself, "Why is 7-Eleven still in business? There should be a Wal-Mart on every corner instead."

Late-night fast-food places will be your home away from home. Every establishment with a 99-cent menu gets you excited despite the high dose of calories. VCU may have added a few more food vendors that stay open later than the dining halls in Hibbs or Larrick,



"Sure, we're taking safety precautions."

BY ANDREW BABB

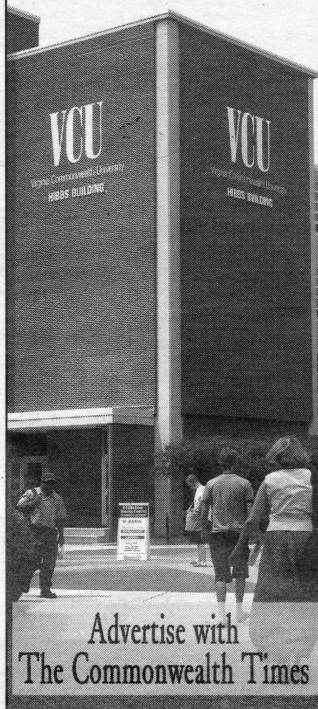
but nothing compares to a Wendy's Junior Bacon Cheeseburger and Frosty. And yes, people, Krispy Kreme, which is located on Broad Street, has a 24-hour drive-thru! This is very essential when exam time arrives and you need a boost of energy to keep your eyes open and in the books.

One key lesson that college life teaches you is that not everyone who has a driver's license can drive. You assume that since they passed the test they must be capable of good driving skills. SORRY, that doesn't mean anything! Walking to class can cost you your life, so please pay attention to pedestrian walkways. Some drivers either ignore or totally miss the one-way street signs, so looking both ways on a one-way street may be a smart move to make.

To all of you who don't have a parking pass, the wonderful world of street parking is an experience in itself. You will finally learn what those green envelopes mean and paying a parking ticket may cause you to miss out on that new outfit at the mall. You will see drivers attempt to fit a Buick Skylark into a parking space made for a Geo Metro. Occasionally, you will see cars parked halfway on the curb or blocking walkways, but it becomes the norm after a while.

I urge you all to heed every word written in this article. Please enjoy every minute of your college experience but remember that you are not here just to joke around and party to your heart's content. Live, love, and most of all - learn!

Want to reach the student body of VCU?



## THE Commonwealth TIMES

DEVON MARROW  
Executive Editor

PATRICK RYAN  
Op/Ed Editor

### WRITERS

Michael Dickinson • Terry Burton  
Alexander Marra • Angela Mack  
Jeffrey Z. Qureshi • Ariane Pearl

The opinion section of The Commonwealth Times is a forum open to the public. Virginia Commonwealth University students, faculty and administrators are encouraged to submit letters and columns expressing their opinions and concerns. The opinions expressed are those of individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Commonwealth Times or VCU. Editorials represent the institutional opinion of the Commonwealth Times.

We reserve the right to edit all letters for grammar, style and space. Letters should not exceed one single-spaced typed page. Letters must be signed and must include daytime and evening phone numbers.

Please send letters to CTEditor03@yahoo.com. Mailing address: P. O. Box 842010, Richmond, VA 23284-2010. Drop box location: Room 1149, T. Edward Temple Building.



## OP/ED

## Street Eats

ALEXANDER MARRA  
Op/Ed writer

I am well aware of our large vegetarian population at VCU. It is a commonplace phenomenon across the world. College campus equals loads of vegetarians. Well, I'm not the only one who figured this out.



And so we have the "Hip-  
pie Shack" as it's been  
deemed, located across  
the street from Essam,  
next to the business build-  
ing. The proper appella-  
tion for this beautifully  
decorated food house is  
"J and K's Mobile  
Munchies." You can't miss them. You can  
hear the mellow beats of Reggae pumping  
from the boombox all over center-campus.  
John Chandler and Kathleen Farley are no  
strangers to the business either. "Nine years  
and we are still together," said Farley.  
These two bring a whole new meaning to  
street vending. This is really more like an  
outdoor bar. Music blaring, pub-style con-  
versations about life and the recent hap-  
penings, and ... stools, real stools!

"Anybody watch David Letterman last  
night? They had a picture of Bush hocking  
a 'loogie'!" And the crowd laughs. Chan-  
dler is a natural people person. When asked  
if I could take a picture, he replied, "OK,  
but I look better with no clothes on." Come  
here for the wonderful hummus and veggie  
wraps, and stay for the  
culture. Even walking by  
is profitable. On the left  
side of the tropical-motif  
hut there is a little chalk-  
board displaying the day's  
proverb, which is usually  
in the simplistic style of a  
Bob Marley line - an  
"everything's gonna be all right" way of  
thinking. But they have brightened my day  
and gotten me through some rough times.  
The wraps range in clever names like "The  
Jank" to "The Pipsqueak." For the non-  
herbivores you can get yours stuffed with  
mesquite chicken. Average price, 3 bucks.  
Another popular seller is the fresh squeezed  
lemonade for \$1.50. Bring your own cup,  
and knock off 50 cents. Recycling is highly  
encouraged. Beautiful sunny fall day out-  
side? Borrow a blanket from the basket and  
lie out on the grass. They are free with any  
purchase. A sign warns the non-customer-  
ers. "Blankets for rent, 10 dollars an hour  
if no purchase." Again with the good-  
times joking. These two are meant for this  
line of work. But this is not their only job.  
Farley told me of their band called "One,"  
which plays Reggae fusion, and "no cov-  
ers," all original.

"We don't want to copy anything when  
it comes to food, drink or music." These  
two should be on the Honors Council.  
Chandler and Farley left me with this opti-  
mistic thinking. "It's nice that people ap-  
preciate we're trying to do something a  
little different."

Part 2 in a series...

## Homeland Insecurity

TERRY BURTON  
Op/Ed writer

In October of 2001, the Patriot Act was  
passed by Congress and signed into law by  
President George W. Bush. In direct re-  
sponse to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the

Patriot Act gave federal au-  
thorities broadened pow-  
ers to combat the threat of  
terrorism. Among those  
powers are the ability to  
detain non-citizen suspects  
for up to seven days with-  
out concrete evidence,  
broadened wiretap powers  
and the ability to access library records of  
suspects without a court order. Such records  
had been previously inaccessible without an  
order.

Two years later, one has to wonder if  
broadened power at the federal government  
is really what is in the best interest of America.  
Granted, I'm all for avoiding future strikes  
against America and am fully aware that  
those who would strike at us aren't going to  
use the most conventional means to do so.  
There have even been suspected terror cells

broken up as a result of the act and the  
members of those cells convicted and sen-  
tenced. In other words, yes, this has been  
proven to be an effective law, I won't deny  
that. However, as Dana Milbank notes in the  
Sept. 10 edition of the Washington Post,  
President Bush has recently asked to have  
the authority of the Patriot Act expanded at  
both the federal and state levels, saying "For  
the sake of the American people, Congress  
should change the law and give law enforce-  
ment the same tools they have to fight other  
crime" (washingtonpost.com). Allowing  
police at the state level the same leeway that  
federal authorities to get around established  
procedure is essentially giving them carte  
blanche to abuse that power. I'm not accus-  
ing all police of being willing to abuse their  
power, but I can't help but remember the  
maxim, "power corrupts, absolute power  
corrupts absolutely"

While we're on the subject of absolute  
power and corruption, the extended powers  
to federal authorities would include, "the  
ability to revoke the citizenship of terrorism  
suspects, forbid the release of information  
about terrorism detainees and set up a DNA  
data base of people associated with terrorist

groups" (washingtonpost.com). It's inter-  
esting to note that in this country, where  
people are supposedly "innocent until proven  
guilty," that the rights of citizenship could  
be stripped based on suspicion of terrorist  
ties and not a proven fact of such ties, all in  
the name of national security if President  
Bush's extended plan for the Patriot Act  
passes. As for forbidding the release of  
information about terrorist suspects that have  
been detained, isn't that what the  
government's doing anyway? Despite chal-  
lenges to the constitutionality of such an  
information blackout, the government has  
held individuals without benefit of telling  
them what they've been charged with or  
allowing them access to lawyers; similarly  
the press has been denied any information  
of the detainees. As for the setting up of a  
DNA database, need I state the potential for  
such a system to be abused? It could be  
something out of science fiction. President  
Bush may believe that he has the best in-  
terests of America at heart, but I would like  
to remind us all of the words of another great  
American, Benjamin Franklin, who said  
"Those who would give up some freedom  
for more security, deserve neither."

★ Post Modernity now! by lyz holder

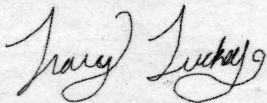


# Do you really want to see 22 minutes of drunken behavior and 32 acts of sexual deviancy?

Fellow Students,

Don't log onto college.movielink.com between September 15th and October 15th. Sure, high-speed, reliable downloads of your favorite movies seems like a great idea. But what about the message those films send? The people at Movielink want you to watch movies like *American Pie*, a film rife with drunken behavior, sexual deviancy, and a very unsanitary display involving food. Choose education over entertainment. Don't be lured in by the prizes. Granted, 'the ultimate PC entertainment system' sounds great, but think of the distraction. Up all night, watching movies, playing games, people stopping by with booze. Is that really how you want to spend your college years?

Tracy Tuckey



StudentsAgainstMovielink.com



## STUDENTS AGAINST MOVIELINK COLLEGE FILM FESTIVAL