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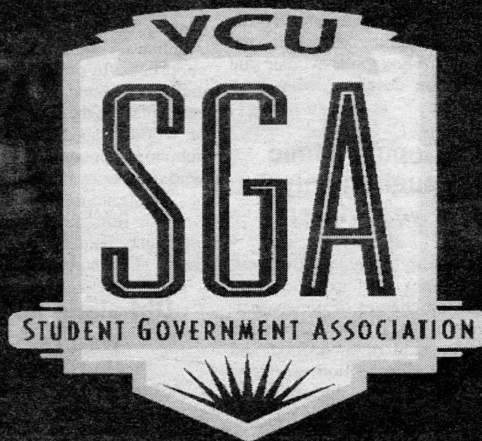
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Are you a West Indian student? Maybe not, but there's a West Indian Student Union Social at 7 p.m. in the University Student Commons. Food and beverages will be available. Unfortunately, no contact information is available.	What's VCU's master site plan? Do you know? Maybe not, but it sounds intriguing, doesn't it? There's a VCU Master Site Plan meeting today at 1 p.m. in Capital Ballroom D of the University Student Commons. Sponsored by University Commons and Activities. For more information, contact 828-6500 .	Would you like to learn about a wide variety of university programs? Maybe not, but there's a slew of information sessions about a wide variety of university programs ranging from chemistry to journalism . Some are being held in the University Student Commons, some in the T. Edward Temple Building and some in the Oliver Hall Building. For more information contact 828-6007 or go to http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/calendar/online and click on the link for Oct. 4.

CAMPUS FORECAST



Thursday
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Friday
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Saturday
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Sunday
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Spanish AOL debuts

America Online has introduced a Spanish version of its popular Internet service. AOL Latino is wholly in Spanish and joins the ranks of other Spanish-language versions of Internet services such as Yahoo! Inc.'s Yahoo! En Espanol. An AOL spokesman said AOL Latino staffs more than a dozen employees but fewer than 100. The Hispanic population is the United States' largest minority group and is growing at nearly four times the rate of the overall population.

Robot vacuum cleans house

German company Alfred Kaercher GmbH announced a new cleaning robot, the RoboCleaner RC3000. It moves around a floor between rooms, vacuuming up dust and dirt. It knows to stop before tumbling down stairs, and when its storage is full or its battery is dead it empties itself and recharges. The only work required by its human owner is turning the power switch on and moving it between floors if necessary. However, the RoboCleaner RC3000 has a principal drawback that could discourage would-be technophiles - a \$1,500 price tag.

CNN, Fox News in phone duel

CNN commentator Tucker Carlson purported to give out his home phone number upon request while defending

telemarketers on a segment of "Crossfire" last week. However, the number he actually gave was for the Washington bureau of Fox News - a rival of CNN. Fox retaliated by publishing Carlson's unlisted home number on its Web site, leading to a wave of obscene phone calls to the CNN commentator's wife. Carlson apologized for his stunt on air. A Fox spokeswoman said Carlson deserved what happened.

Deputy mimic caught nearly 2 years later

Jeremy Lepianka, 22, of Syracuse, N.Y. was arraigned Sunday on charges of impersonating a police officer, criminal possession of a weapon and criminal possession of a noxious substance, pepper spray, after what he said was nearly 2 years of pretending to be a sheriff's deputy. Lepianka was caught after he pulled over a pickup truck and then called for police backup after the truck fled the scene. He told investigators he had been volunteering as a deputy and had mainly dealt with traffic violations.

No permission needed for Chinese to marry

As of Wednesday, Chinese couples no longer need their employers' permission to get married. The new rules took effect on China's National Day, a popular day for weddings. The old rules stem from a time when nearly all Chinese worked for the government or in communes

and needed their employers' permission to travel around.

World record set for M&M eating

Jim Hager of Oakland, Calif., all but officially set a world record Sunday for eating 115 M&Ms in 3 minutes - one at a time, with chopsticks. In order to be officially recognized, and therefore earn a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, the M&M-gobbling-event organizers must send videotapes, photos and witness statements to Guinness. Kathryn Ratcliffe of England previously held the record for eating 112 Smarties.

Girl alone for 3 weeks

A 2-year-old girl was found alone in her apartment after spending nearly three weeks there. She survived on ketchup, mustard and food she found in the refrigerator and kitchen cupboards, Jacksonville, Florida police said Tuesday.

The toddler's father found the girl Monday wrapped in a towel in an infant's bathtub in her mother's apartment.

The mother, Dakeysha Telita Lee, 20, was arrested on Sept. 10 on an aggravated battery charge and is now also charged with child abuse for not telling the police she had left the girl alone at home.

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NEWS

SGA welcomes 20 senators this fall

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Staff Writer

Twenty.

That's the number of senators sworn into the Student Government Association Monday night despite being disrupted by a hurricane and rushed campaigns.

After Hurricane Isabel disrupted Internet connections and power supplies, making it difficult for VCU students to access the online



voting Web site, the SGA moved the elections from Monday through Wednesday to Wednesday through Friday. SGA adviser Tim Reed said the hurricane gave candidates less than a week to campaign plus allowed candidates to campaign on the first day of the elections.

Samantha Marsh, SGA's executive director of university relations, said there were some difficulties organizing the fall election.

"It was really hard for us to get on the ball and have an election this early in the year," she said.

Typically, the SGA conducts elections during the spring semester. The senate, which consists of 50 seats, needs a majority to pass legislation and conduct its business. However, with 20 positions empty because of resignations and low numbers of people seeking office last spring, the SGA was forced to hold elections this semester, said Reed, who is also the director of University Student Commons and activities.

Zmarak Khan, SGA president, said he would like to see a fully staffed SGA after next spring's elections.

"We do hope that we will have enough candidates running that all the 50 positions for the senate and the executive branch would be filled," he said.

Tin Myint, SGA's director of elections, provided a list of the 20 candidates sworn in last week. Of the 20: 13 represent the College of Humanities and Sciences, four represent the School of Engineering, two represent the School of Business and one represents the School

of Nursing.

Kirsten Hirsch, adviser for SGA's publicity committee and VCU's assistant director for information and off-campus student affairs, said she was satisfied with the diversity of students who applied.

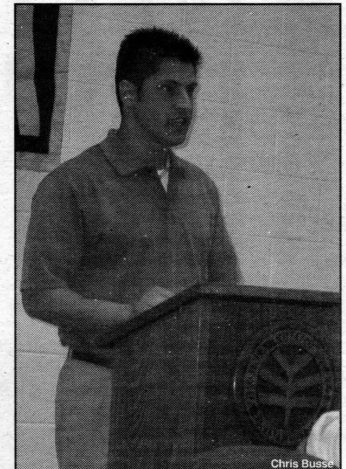
"Any time you can widen the breadth of your senate it speaks to how well of a job you're doing representing your constituents," she said.

Nonetheless, Khan said he would like to work with the legislative branch to recruit an even more diverse pool of applicants to fill SGA positions.

"I was rather disappointed that the candidates were not that diverse" for last week's election, Khan said. "I think diversity is important because the way people grow up - they bring perspectives into life and that includes student government."

In addition to swearing in the senators, Khan named Hitesh Patel the acting vice president. During the next month Khan officially will recommend Patel as the permanent vice president and the senate will vote on that.

Regardless of the problems, voter turnout was comparable to a normal election, said Khan. Hirsch said Reed reported that 594 students cast their votes.



SGA President Zmarak Khan

VCU officials support nixing 'reading days'

TANJA ZLATKOVIC
News Co-Editor

The cancellation of the fall "reading days" motivated some students to quickly voice their opinions in disagreement with the administration's decision to proceed with classes on Oct. 16 and 17. Nevertheless, VCU officials said they are confident their decision was proper based on the circumstances they faced.

"When we look at our calendar we try to ensure that we have 15 weeks of instruction," said Roderick McDavis, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "That's the key."

Since no inclement-weather days are incorporated into the semester schedule, he said, the two "reading days" posed the best option on how to regain the lost instructional days. Even though the fall semester began two days early to enable the longer weekend in October, the Academic Campus was closed for three days - still leaving one missed day.

Support to make up the lost time during Hurricane Isabel came also from faculty.

"We have an obligation to cover all of the material in the course," said Judith Lewis, president of the faculty senate and professor for maternal child nursing. "For those of us on the MCV campus who don't have the ability to recapture those two days ... we are scrambling to find ways to provide the students with the missed

material."

The "reading days" were only implemented on the Academic Campus. It would be easier, she said, if faculty at MCV had the option to restore their missed days.

"I hardly can walk into a classroom and tell my students, 'We'll just skip over lungs,'" she said.

Recovering the hours of class is also tied to the amount of financial aid an institution receives. Although state

financial aid is solely based on the total student need, financial aid from the federal government is based on specific regulations of academic requirements. The number of weeks in an academic semester is part of those requirements.

"The entire academic year has to be 30 weeks," said Zita Barree, senior associate director of University Financial Aid. "In order for an institution to be eligible to receive federal financial aid funding, it has to follow the regulations."

Typically, if universities cancel classes for an extended period of time they can make up that lost time by implementing longer class periods, longer semesters, Saturday classes or - they proceed with classes during days previously scheduled otherwise.

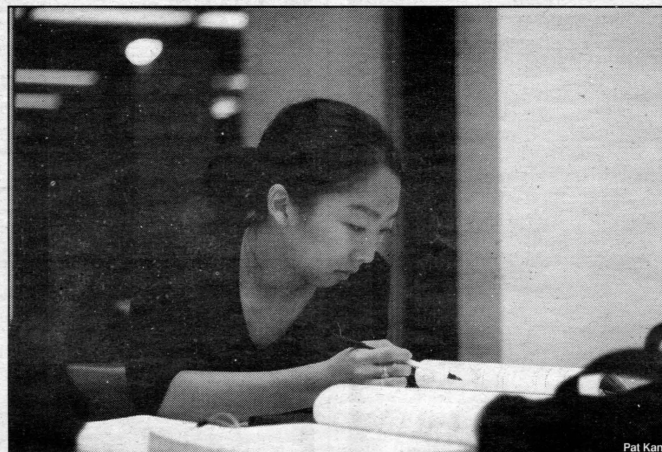
Henry Rhone, vice provost for student affairs, said, "Throughout the state you will see different ways on how institutions will resolve this loss of time. What we did is just pick one option."

Even though the Federal government stipulates a certain number of days specifically required for class time, institutions in Virginia vary in the length of their semesters. University of Virginia, for instance, has 66 instructional days during the fall semester whereas VCU has 72. The reason for this difference stems from how institutions count their instructional days, McDavis said. UVA counts Saturdays as instructional days, which offsets the required 15-week semesters.

"But either way," McDavis said, "if you are going to lead with something, then why not lead with the number of instructional days? We think that's a good thing."

Another key point, he said, is that Oct. 16 and 17 were days designed to give students the option to catch up on their school work - at school or elsewhere.

Lewis agreed adding that the reading



Christine Ha studies at the James Branch Cabell Library.

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NEWS

GRC evacuates during storm

CHARLOTTE SHILLING & ASHLEY TOWNSEND

News Writers

False fire alarm calls can be big enough problems on their own, but when they occur during potentially dangerous weather conditions – such as Hurricane Isabel – they can be even worse.

Students evacuated the Gladding Residence Center in response to a fire alarm at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, during pouring rain and raging winds. Jamal Brooks-Hawkins, resident director, said between 200 and 400 GRC residents evacuated when the alarm rang.

Fourteen resident advisers directed wind-whipped students to the first floor of the West Main Street Parking Deck for shelter. Under normal circumstances, GRC students evacuate to Monroe Park. Although uncomfortable, many students gathered safely in the parking deck while RAs maintained order.

Bernard Mann, director of housing, said rain seepage caused a glitch in the alarm system this time, but Brooks-Hawkins blamed student pranks for the two preceding alarms.

System malfunction was not an option for the first two because of tampering and pull station damage.

Student resentment toward frequent alarms could lead to reluctance to evacuate, Brooks-Hawkins said. The alarm during the hurricane is the third such incident since the beginning of fall semester, a rate equivalent to an average of one alarm every 13 days.

"If someone does pull a fire alarm and it is really happening, it only takes one time," he said.

Some student comments seemed to echo Brooks-Hawkins' concern.

"I wasn't going to leave because it happens all the time," Denise Brinkley, first-year political science major, said. "I thought it was one of those pranks that these immature people pull ... Personally, I was ticked off."

Some students seemed mostly inconvenienced by the ample amounts of rain Isabel delivered to the area.

Kimberly Koskamp and Kevin Zimmerman, medical illustration majors, spotted a small group of students in Monroe Park after the alarm.

Zimmerman said that most of them were on the sidewalk wondering what to do. Already soaked and wanting to avoid the crowded parking deck, Zimmerman and Koskamp braved the storm and walked to the Hibbs Building in search of food.

Koskamp said, "My roommates were in there. They were pretty unhappy, soaked and wet."

Mark Tompkins, a business major, walked over without a shirt on so that he'd have something dry to wear when he got to a dry shelter.

Some students said the wait outside the GRC before police and fire authorities approved their return lasted only 15 minutes. Others remember a more lengthy stay.

Mann, who evacuated to the parking deck, said he waited two hours.

Sensing student frustration, Brooks-Hawkins and other resident authorities decided to act and called a fire-alarm forum. Students and RAs planned to discuss the problem and various approaches to a resolution.

However, the same storm that set off the third fire alarm has also set back the first forum meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22. Brooks-Hawkins said he plans to reschedule the meeting for next week, and university officials are considering security measures to catch future false-alarm culprits.

As one option, a powder only visible under a black light would rub off onto the offender's hand and authorities could apprehend the offender by scanning the hands of students as they re-enter the building.

According to the 2002-2003 University Housing Occupancy Report, GRC houses 850 students at full house.

Crime Log

Sept. 25

Male arrested on West Franklin Street for possession of marijuana.

Sept. 26

Female arrested on West Grace Street for unlawful wounding.

Male arrested on North Harrison Street for being drunk in public.

Female arrested on West Main and Monroe streets for driving under the influence of drugs and possession of marijuana.

Sept. 27

Female student at the Pollak Building on North Harrison Street advised that on Sept. 24 a known person threatened her.

Male employee at the Hibbs Building on Park Avenue advised that on Sept. 26 an unknown person damaged state property, total value unknown.

Male arrested on East Leigh Street for driving under the influence.

Two males arrested on West Grace Street for possession of marijuana.

Male arrested at the Main Hospital on East Marshall Street for trespassing.

Male arrested at Capital Garage Apartments on West Broad Street for underage possession of alcohol.

Sept. 28

Female student at West Broad Street Housing on West Broad Street advised that on Sept. 27 a known person threatened her.

Person arrested on North Morris and West Main streets for possession of marijuana.

Sept. 29

Male at I Lot on North 7th Street advised that a known person damaged state property, total value unknown.

Female at Main Hospital on East Marshall Street advised that on Sept. 28 a person(s) removed personal property from an unsecured location, total value \$255.

Sept. 30

Male at 11th and Marshall streets advised that on Sept. 29 an unknown person resisted arrest, drove recklessly and attempted to elude a police officer.



GRC students return to their rooms after a fire alarm call during Hurricane Isabel.

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NEWS

Auditor's office
begins Trani reviewMATT BUSSE
News Co-Editor

The office of the state's auditor of public accounts has begun its review of material alleging that VCU's President Trani misused state resources, said Walter Kucharski, auditor of public accounts.

The review process could take "up to a couple of months," Kucharski said, depending on the content of the documents.

"We have started to do our own work," he said. "When we get done, we will be releasing a report with our findings."

According to its Web site, the Code of Virginia stipulates that the auditor of public accounts, or the superintendent of police, determines methods of investigation "upon the discovery of circumstances suggesting a reasonable possibility that a fraudulent transaction has occurred involving funds or property under the control of any state department, court, officer, board, commission, institution or other agency of the Commonwealth."

"If, at any time, the Auditor of Public Accounts discovers any unauthorized, illegal, irregular, or unsafe handling or expenditure of state funds, or if it comes to his attention that any unauthorized, illegal, or unsafe handling or expenditure of state funds is contemplated but not consummated, he shall promptly report the facts to the Governor, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission and the Comptroller," the Code states.

Trani wrote in an e-mail Sept. 17 that material had been received by the university alleging a misuse of state resources by him. The material also contained personal attacks against his wife, Lois, and his family, and was thought to have been delivered by people who had worked in the office of the president.

In a later interview with The Commonwealth Times, Trani said he had only seen a sample of the material containing the allegations.

"As best as has been explained to me," he said, "it (the allegations) has to do with use of time."

Judith Lewis, president of the Faculty Senate, said the Senate was not concerned about the allegations and did not plan to take any action regarding them.

"It's (the investigation) not ours to do anything with," she said. "President Trani is a wonderful leader and we're confident in his integrity."

Campusfood.com's Free Food Tour '03 coming

MELISSA DANCE
Staff Writer

The idea of free food generates appeal, especially among college students.

Free Food Tour '03, a promotion sponsored by Campusfood.com, provides the opportunity for students to receive one free food item per order at participating restaurants. The offer is limited to one selected item on the menu.

The tour arrives Oct. 6 in the VCU area and runs for two weeks. The tour is making its way through campuses across the East Coast and Midwestern states.

In Richmond, the promotion will be active at Pizza Movers and Calzones situated at 223 Grace St., Pizza and Philly Steak, situated at 1800 E. Main St., and Wan Jinglou, located at 1808 Creighton Road.

Another local restaurant featured on the Web site, but not offering free food is China King.

Campusfood.com is an Internet food-ordering network that specializes in delivery or pick-up from eateries located near college campuses.

The Web site, which describes itself as a "virtual food court marketplace," features interactive menus and connects more than 1,000 restaurants to 200 universities.

The searchable database allows students to select their school and then choose from a list of participating businesses.

Ismael Archbold, marketing coordinator for Campusfood.com, said the free food promotion began earlier this year and will be featured at 80 colleges.

The ordering service was created in 1997 as an answer to problems associated with phone orders, Archbold said.

"The CEO and president, Michael Saunders, came up with the idea when he was a college student," he said. "He always got busy signals when he tried to order food and he noticed that language barriers were a problem, so he set out to create an easier method."

VCU is the first stop in Virginia on the Free Food Tour. Other schools receiving a visit include University of Virginia, University of Richmond, Virginia Tech and the College of William and Mary.

The promotion is a partnership with the local restaurants and has nothing to do with the actual universities, Archbold said. So is this promotion considered competition?

Timothy Reed, director of the University Student Commons and Activities, said that he's not familiar with Campusfoods.com but he doesn't see it as

a threat to VCU Dining Services.

"In the long run this won't affect our business," Reed said. "We actually try to promote local restaurants, especially during Open House, because the dining services in the commons can't possibly satisfy everyone."

Several local restaurants agreed that this promotion probably wouldn't be seen as a threat to their business.

Andy Hill, a cook at Carytown Burgers and Fries, said it all depends on what people want to eat.

"I wouldn't worry too much about it, we do the best job we possibly can and we specialize in certain types of food," Hill said. "Our food is more home-style and some people prefer that over pizza and Chinese food."

Scott Layton, an associate at Papa John's at 1200 W. Main St., said he didn't think business would suffer because they provide a similar service.

"We feature online ordering too and we generally have a big population of customers that are college students, so I doubt our business will be affected," Layton said.

Free Food Tour '03 runs until Nov. 12, but Campusfoods.com can be accessed and used as long as the restaurants are open.

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days were "not conceived of as a mid-semester vacation but rather as two days to allow students time for reading and work on course assignments."

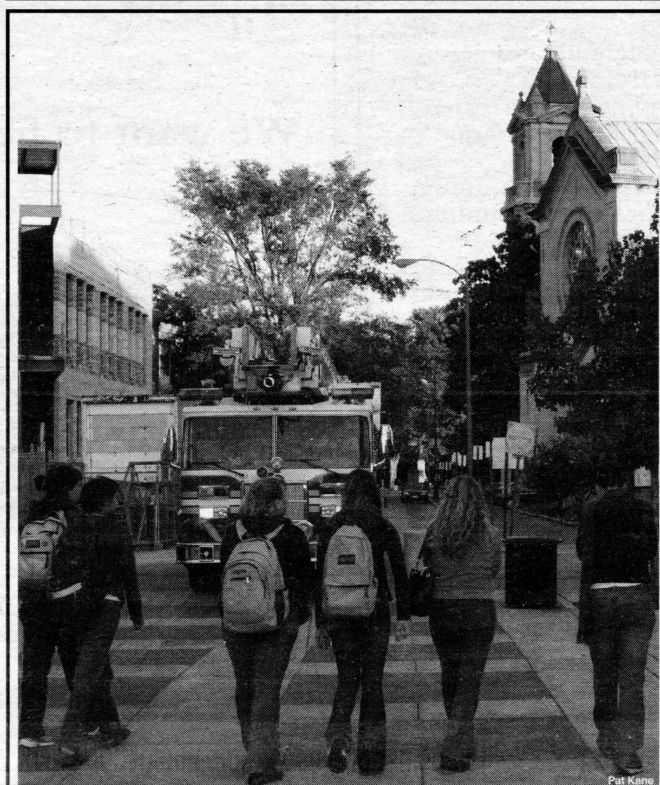
Students who already made travel arrangements, which cannot be reversed, are encouraged to speak to their faculty members about making up the class material they would miss during those two days. In a letter to the student body, McDavis said that faculty was asked not to schedule any exams during that time.

"We were as flexible as we can be," McDavis said. "That is a compromise, if you will, instead of saying that no excuses will be accepted for those days."

Even so, one aspect of the decision-making process that will change in the future is the consultation of the other constituents of the university before a final decision is made.

The administration made the decision to cancel the "reading days" on Sept. 22. They informed faculty via e-mail the same day but students were not notified until Sept. 26.

"Consulting SGA and faculty senate would have been useful, but my sense is that those who made the decision would still support the same decision," McDavis said. The circumstances of the storm and electricity outages made the communication more difficult, he said, but in the future those two bodies of the university will be included in the decision-making.



Students walk past the Hibbs Building during a fire alarm call.

Patt Kane

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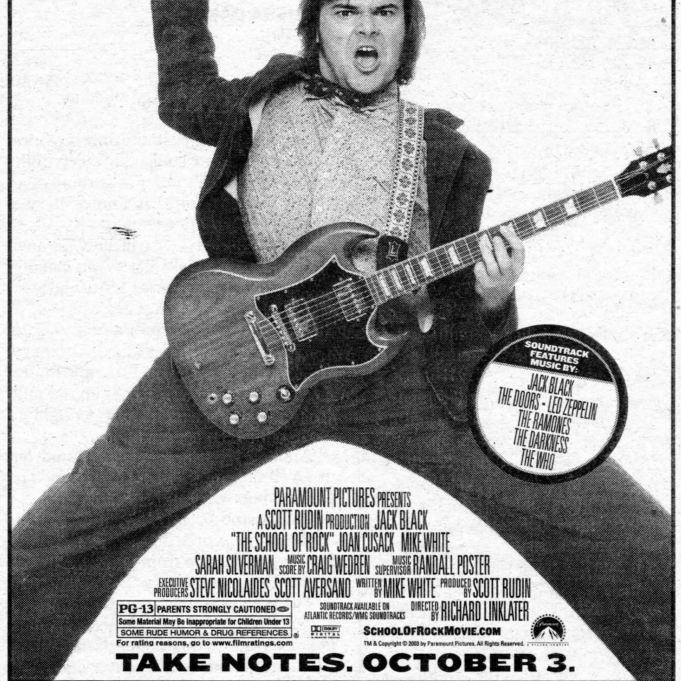
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vs. Towson, 7 p.m.
Towson, Md.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Men's Rugby
vs. Hampden-Sydney, 1 p.m.
Hampden-Sydney, Va.

Volleyball
vs. Towson, 7 p.m.
Alltel Pavilion at Stuart C. Siegel Center

Men's and Women's Cross Country
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Sunday, Oct. 5

Men's Soccer
vs. Towson, 1 p.m.
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Women's Soccer
vs. Drexel, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Field Hockey
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Atlanta thrashes Predators

Exhibition match decided in sudden-death overtime

TYLER COOPER
Sports Editor

Zambonis, oversized sweaters, Canadian beer and an icy rink meant one thing for Richmond Saturday night: hockey season is ready to start.

A new local hockey team, the Richmond RiverDogs, brought two National Hockey League teams, the Nashville Predators and the Atlanta Thrashers, to the Richmond Coliseum for a preseason exhibition game. The crowd of 3,507 cheered both teams as they skated onto the ice.

Rink attendants rolled out the red carpet for the ceremonial puck drop. Two soldiers from the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, whom had just returned from service in Afghanistan, signaled the start of gameplay.

Tempers flared early in the game. The Predator's Tomas Kloucek and Atlanta's Francis Lessard dropped their gloves at 9:53 and pounded on each other until the referees could safely break them up. Both

players received five-minute penalties for fighting and Atlanta received an extra two minutes for roughing.

No goals were scored during the first period, despite the numerous attempts taken by both teams. The Predators outshot the Thrashers with eight shots on goal, while Atlanta managed six.

Less than two minutes had passed in the second period when Vyacheslav Kozlov brought Atlanta into the lead 1-0 with the goal. Nashville continued to search for the back of the net, but came up short throughout the last 18 minutes.

The speed of the players quickened and the hits came harder during the third period. Nashville's Scott Hartnell evened the score 1-1 at 9:18 and just over one minute later Atlanta moved ahead 2-1 on a power play goal.

The Thrashers allowed the Predators another chance when a double minor high-sticking penalty gave Nashville four min-

utes to even the score. Vladimir Orszagh tied the score 2-2 with his power-play goal.

One minute remained in regulation when Nashville's left wing Hartnell was sent to the penalty box for holding.

Regulation time expired with the Nashville penalty still lingering. Overtime would last five minutes or until a player scored.

It took 53 seconds for Atlanta's Koslov to feed a shot to a wide-open Dany Heatley, who blasted the game-winning shot past the slow hand of goalie Tomas Vokoun.

The fans filed out of the stadium, satisfied but awaiting the return of a Richmond hockey team.

The RiverDogs will play their first exhibition game at 7:35 p.m., Oct. 17 at the Coliseum.

VCU's hockey club began their season Sept. 19. The next home game is scheduled Oct. 10 against Temple University.



This weekend's forecast: Broncos assert supremacy

BY RAJ SETHI
Sports Writer

Game of the Week: Denver Broncos (4-0) at Kansas City Chiefs (4-0).

It's not even a week into October, yet this game will go a long way in determining AFC West supremacy. The Oakland Raiders, Denver Broncos and Chiefs all figure to battle for the division crown, but the winner of this game gets the early leg up on the other two. The Chiefs have been arguably the most impressive team in the NFL this season (apologies to the Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings, who have also looked outstanding), but the Broncos are a team well-equipped to slow them down. Three factors that could determine who wins:

1 • As Clinton Portis goes, so goes Denver: The Broncos aren't going to win this game without their second-year star, plain and simple. Portis didn't dress this past Sunday against the Detroit Lions because of a bruised chest; Denver gained just 79 yards rushing. Consequently, a young Detroit team was able to hang with them for the entire game, at one point even coming within a botched extra point of tying the contest early in the fourth quarter. Even with much-maligned quarterback Jake Plummer performing well for a second consecutive game (25-34, 277, 2 touchdowns), the

Broncos still couldn't put away the pesky Lions without a solid running game. Portis gives them that and much more; he's an explosive runner who can also catch passes out of the backfield. Denver needs to win the time-of-possession battle. If they can't establish a consistent running game, the Broncos won't have a shot.

2 • Priest Holmes vs. Denver's run defense: In the Broncos' first two games of the season, their defense was tested by Corey Dillon and LaDainian Tomlinson, a pair of all-pro running backs who have made a habit of running over defenses. First-year defensive coordinator Larry Coyer's unit was up to the task, however, and limited them to a combined 127 yards and zero touchdowns, both in convincing wins. The following week, they held the Raiders' running game to just 39 yards in another blowout. These three exceptional performances make what happened last Sunday even more inexplicable: the Lions' running back-by-committee featuring Shawn Bryson and Olandis Gary, two players who couldn't hold down their second-string jobs with their previous teams, ran all over the Broncos' defense. Detroit totaled 144 yards rushing, averaging a hefty six yards per carry. Denver's Jekyll-and-Hyde-like performance won't do against arguably the NFL's best back. Especially considering that Holmes figures to be even more motivated for this game after being held to 90 yards rush-

ing last week against the Baltimore Ravens and just 13 yards receiving. If the same Denver defense that showed up last week comes into Kansas City, look out, it could get ugly.

3 • Dante's Inferno: In a season in which special teams play has been the difference in multiple games (just ask the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Ravens), has there been a better performer than Dante Hall? It's not even close. Last week, the 5'8" burner ran a kick back 97 yards for a touchdown with 5:08 left in the game, scoring what proved to be the game-winner. The return gave the Chiefs a 17-10 victory in a game in which their offense, coming in averaging a league-best 37 points per game, couldn't consistently move the ball. The touchdown put Hall in the record books: It was the first time in league history that a player had run a kick back for a touchdown in three consecutive games. Hall took a kickoff back 100 yards against the Pittsburgh Steelers three weeks ago, and then scored on a 73-yard punt return against the Houston Texans a week later. Not only does the fifth year pro-bowler from Texas A&M give the Chiefs a chance to score on every return, but he also provides the offense with great field position, something that becomes even more crucial in close games. Hall could make the difference Sunday.

SPORTS

NFL wraps up last week of September

CORY CARLINO
Sports Writer

Sunday night Peyton Manning did something in New Orleans that his dad, former New Orleans Saints quarterback Archie Manning, never did. Peyton threw six touchdowns as the Indianapolis Colts beat the Saints 55-21. The Colts have now won four consecutive games.



The Minnesota Vikings also picked up their fourth straight win when backup quarterback Gus Frerotte filled in for Daunte Culpepper, who has three broken vertebrae in his lower back. Frerotte went 16-21 for 267 yards and four touchdowns in a win against the San Francisco 49ers, who have now lost three games in a row. Frerotte also picked up a franchise high 157.2 quarterback rating with the victory.

Manning and Frerotte were not the only players who stepped up last week. The Kansas City Chiefs' kick returner Dante Hall set an NFL record with his

third kick return for a touchdown in three games. In the 17-10 victory over the Baltimore Ravens, Hall returned a 97-yard kickoff to the end zone.

The Chiefs also hold a 4-0 record this year. Rocky Boiman is not a name heard much in Tennessee but when linebacker Peter Sirmon was injured Sunday, Boiman was put into the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Then Boiman sacked Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox for a safety. Later in the game he intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Boiman and the Tennessee Titans defeated the Steelers 30-13.

The Washington Redskins ended up with another close game. This week they beat the New England Patriots 20-17, despite an attempted comeback by Tom Brady's Patriots in the last five minutes. The Patriots had the ball and were trying to move into field-goal range in the last minute. On a fourth down the Redskin's defense knocked down Brady's pass to end the game. Had the pass been caught the Patriots would have been in a position to tie.

Pick up Monday's issue for this weekend's scores.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

From news sources

Tourney tough on VCU's golf team

VCU rebounded strongly from a rough first round during the opening day of Louisville University's Cardinal Intercollegiate golf tournament Monday.

The Rams were tied for last place in the 14-team field after carding an opening-round score of 312 over the par-72 Cardinal Club course, but improved to a 296 over the second 18 holes to vault into an 11th-place tie at the conclusion of day one.

Freshman Victor Ciecieski finished with a one-over par 73 to lead VCU's second-round surge, while sophomore Manuel Relancio and freshman Daryl Chappell each closed with a 74 to help the Rams move up in the team standings.

Ciecieski and Relancio both stand in a 35th-place tie individually after recording 36-hole totals of 151. Chappell is currently tied for 42nd overall with a 152 composite score, while freshman Jens Fahrbring shot a 79-75—154 for the day and is currently tied for 50th place.

Tournament host Louisville leads the field after registering a pair of 291s over the first two rounds, with Southern Mississippi three strokes back in second place. Eastern Kentucky and South Alabama are both tied for third after compiling team scores of 586 on Monday.

The Cardinal Intercollegiate will continue tomorrow morning with a single 18-hole round to determine the tournament champion.

Late goal edges Rams field hockey

LaSalle University sophomore Emily Simone scored the game's only goal with just over 10 minutes remaining in the first half as the Explorers came through with a 1-0 victory over visiting VCU in field hockey Sunday afternoon. The game was played at Temple University's Geasey Field.

The Rams, who fell to 4-5 after the loss, owned a 15-8 advantage in shots for the game but could not solve LaSalle goalkeeper Colleen Borger, who finished with seven saves to help the Explorers move to 6-

3 overall.

Simone put LaSalle ahead when she tipped in a pass from junior Sara Camilli in front of the VCU goal with 10:23 left before halftime. The Explorers made the lead stand through the second period despite 11 penalty corner attempts by the Rams in the final 35 minutes.

Borger made six stops on 12 VCU shot attempts in the first half en route to her first shutout of the season, while senior goaltender Abby Stiles made six saves for the Rams in the losing cause.

Overtime fight leads to tie for women's soccer

North Carolina-Wilmington freshman Justine Hammer scored with 10 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime and the Seahawks fought VCU to a 2-2 tie in the Colonial Athletic Association women's soccer opener for both teams Saturday at the UNCW Soccer Stadium.

Sophomore Sandra Anger had a goal and an assist for the Rams, now 4-3-1 on

the season, while UNCW junior Kristine Mengle netted her eighth score of the year as the Seahawks moved to 5-4-1 overall.

With VCU holding a 2-1 advantage heading into the final seconds of the second half, Hammer collected a cross from junior Erin Gonzalez in front of the Rams net and slipped a shot past senior goalkeeper Chrissy Lloyd to send the game into extra minutes. The two teams then failed to score after playing a pair of 10-minute overtime sessions.

Anger gave VCU an early 1-0 cushion when she dribbled through the Seahawk defense and beat sophomore goaltender Tiffany Langford in the 13th minute. UNCW tied the score with 18:52 left in the first half when Mengle headed home a corner-kick cross off the foot of junior Caroline Renkin, but the Rams countered five minutes later on junior Jen Parsons' seventh goal of the season to regain the lead. Anger and senior Prue Cormie were each credited with an assist.

Langford finished with eight saves in goal for UNCW, including three in the two overtime periods. Lloyd stopped four attempts for the Rams, who finished the afternoon with a 14-11 edge in shots.

Chiropractic... The Choice For Me

Jason Kucma is a Third-Year student from Medford, NJ. He graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology concentrating in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

"The only thing that has ever captured my attention was studying the human body. The more I learned in school, the more I needed to know. The most logical step for me was to become a Doctor of Chiropractic so I could truly help people."

Before making his decision to attend Logan, Jason visited nearly half of the chiropractic colleges in the United States. "Logan is in the perfect location in a safe, residential area. The Admissions staff are very friendly and helpful and the faculty are excellent."

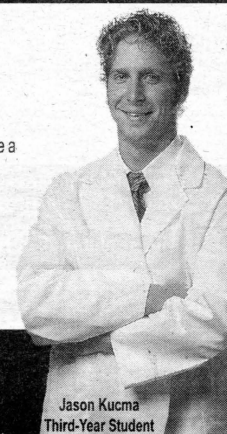
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Love and destruction with Jucifer's Amber Valentine

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The chemistry between Jucifer's Amber Valentine and Ed Livengood doesn't stop after they lay down a track.

"We fell in love at almost the same time we fell in love with playing music together," Valentine said via telephone Monday.

In the 11 years that Livengood and Valentine have been playing music together Valentine said the two have only been apart for three days.

"We have a very special relationship," she said.

Childhood beginnings

Valentine's interest in music was piqued at a young age because her family had instruments around at all times, she said. She was taught to play the piano and guitar as well as many other instruments she uses in the band today.

"Our parents have told each of us we were very responsive to music," she said.

Livengood and Valentine are the only artists involved with Jucifer. They play every instrument in the studio and on tour.

Focusing on a direction

Valentine said Jucifer has grown immensely between its first full length release, "Calling All Cars on the Vegas Strip" and its most recent CD, "I Name You Destroyer."

Jucifer's approach to the musical process was "a lot more refined" with "I Name You Destroyer," Valentine said.

The recording of "I Name You Destroyer" was also different because Valentine and Livengood recorded it in one-to-two-day periods over the course of a year, she said.

Valentine and Livengood had worked on material individually before to "Calling All Cars." For their first CD they basically compiled the songs they had each been working on, she said. There are only three or four collaborative songs on that record.

They also learned a great deal about what their band could do with the studio between the two records and their second recording "lambs" the e.p., Valentine said.

Spots not stripes

The fact that Jucifer is a male and female duo makes comparisons to bands like

The White Stripes and The Raveonettes a no-brainer.

Valentine was not familiar with The White Stripes' music. She has heard part of a chorus of a The White Stripes song, and she said from that she thought their overall sound was different from Jucifer's.

Before to the two-person band phenomenon, she said Jucifer was compared to bands with female singers. One time it was described as an all-female band, Valentine said.

She said that was amusing because "we're basically half male."

"The fact of a band being trendy has less to do with the band and more to do with what people do with a band," Valentine said.

Bang your head

Jucifer is coming to The Nanci Raygun and Valentine said audiences should prepare for hard and fast music.

"If everything is working properly it's very, very loud," she said.

While she and Livengood appreciate listening to soft music at home, she said they play "more of the faster stuff, more of the heavier, more visceral" music live.

Tour de force

Valentine and Livengood's house was sold last year and now they live in their tour vehicle. They keep all of their belongings with them as they play and write music.

She said the living arrangement works for them because they both got restless when they were at home for an extended amount of time.

"It's actually made our relationship better," she said.

Living on tour gives them more time to focus on what matters to them.

"We're constantly working on our music now," Valentine said.

Jucifer will play The Nanci Raygun at 10 p.m., Oct. 3 with Jet By Day. The show is 18 and up and costs \$6. 929 W. Grace St. 353-4263

Spectrum

OutKast blazes separate trails

ALEX WOOLRIDGE
Spectrum Writer

OutKast's "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," is sure to be considered one of the better, if not the best, hip-hop and soul records of the year. Making that claim sells it short though, because this is one of the year's masterpieces regardless of genre.

Big Boi and Andre 3000 tore it up with their verses back-to-back for a decade now, so this time they each alternate stealing the show on their own knockout discs. But as Big Boi makes it clear in "Tomb of the Boom," this isn't a sign of a breakup to come, just a new method for their mold-busting funky rap to reach the masses.

Following a rich hip-hop tradition, Big Boi lets a head-nodding intro set the mood and lift the energy to the right level. Just after the intro, "GhettoMusick," detonates and leaves a confusing mushroom cloud in the head of anyone trying to pin OutKast to one genre. When this song surfaced on the Internet and as a vinyl single about two months ago, it didn't seem to make sense.

The whole world was listening when the Atlanta legends rearranged hip-hop, so expanding the genre that anymore would be considered nearly impossible.

Early on, both discs show that "Stankonia," wasn't a one-time freak show. Instead it boasts that a return to the comparatively plain-jane days of their early albums is out of the question. Aside from all of the implications of the hi-tech gangsta ideology advancing, "GhettoMusick," is one fun track with its chugging bassline and smooth rhythm and blues intermissions.

Indeed, "Speakerboxxx," finds all sorts of ways to please your ears. There's a romantic chemistry between the fairly crafty, thugged-out beats and the melodic vocals of guests. "Unhappy," and "Bowtie," are both feel-good jams that maximize Big Boi's verbal skills. The other single from Big Boi's disc, "The Way You Move," is a custom made sing along that sounds even more genius alongside veteran underachievers like Nelly in a radio set list.

How better for Big Boi to survive solo than to bring in chart-toppers like Lil' Jon, Ludacris and Jay-Z? That's the idea at least, but most of the cameos get in the way instead of helping.

Jay-Z's hook on "Flip Flop Rock," is overly dull, while the talentless Ludacris comes armed with more cheesy lines than politicians bring to debates. The big question is, why bother with the big names? Lesser-known emcees can keep the mic warm until Big Boi comes back to set it ablaze. Instead Ludacris spits a silly verse that waters down the whole track.

Big Boi's been proving his skills on classics for quite a while. Just because Andre 3000 crept off into his own disc doesn't mean that Big Boi needs a backup squad that only creates holes in otherwise

golden songs.

The cynicism of "Gasoline Dreams," is even more biting on "War," where Big Boi rants "there will be no tomorrow, but sorrow and horror will follow/the hollow hearts battle for dollars/politicians, modern day magicians, physicians of death."

There are some problems with the actual lyrics, which aren't really on par with those of "Stankonia" or the ridiculously underrated "ATLiens." The music is good enough for most lyrical failures to be ignored, but if anything keeps this side of the double-disc set from being legendary it's the actual content of the songs.

For one, the hook on "Last Call," is incredibly annoying. This song is partly to blame for the second half of "Speakerboxxx" degenerating from a strong statement to a run-of-the-mill mumble.

Andre 3000's "The Love Below," is a deep contrast to "Speakerboxxx," and OutKast in general. It's hard to dodge comparing this CD to Prince's experimental rhythm and blues, even if every review mentions the similarities. The very soul of Prince's art (not the worthless albums like "Rave Un 2 the Joy Fantastic;" -- the good stuff) lives on in almost every song.

While it's got to be pretty tiring to continually have your songs compared to someone else, standing in the shadow of such a trendsetter is the ultimate compliment. Naturally, Andre 3000 isn't the musician that Prince is, but he still meets expectations fully with unprecedented wit and eclectic flavor on "The Love Below."

The tracklist goes from a very funky

but strangely themed song, "Happy Valentine's Day," to a panic-paced-beat driven song "Spread," one of the few that features actual rapping. If you're wondering why Andre 3000 has all but abandoned rap, consider some of the artists he told Spin magazine are some of his current favorites: Squarepusher, Aphex Twin, and The White Stripes. Maybe that explains this album.

Some songs sound-like show tunes ("Love Hater"), some sound like soul-electronica ("Vibrate"), and songs are too varied to even begin to label, like the single "Hey Ya!"

Then there are interludes like "Where Are My Panties?" that are really funny and really, really scary.

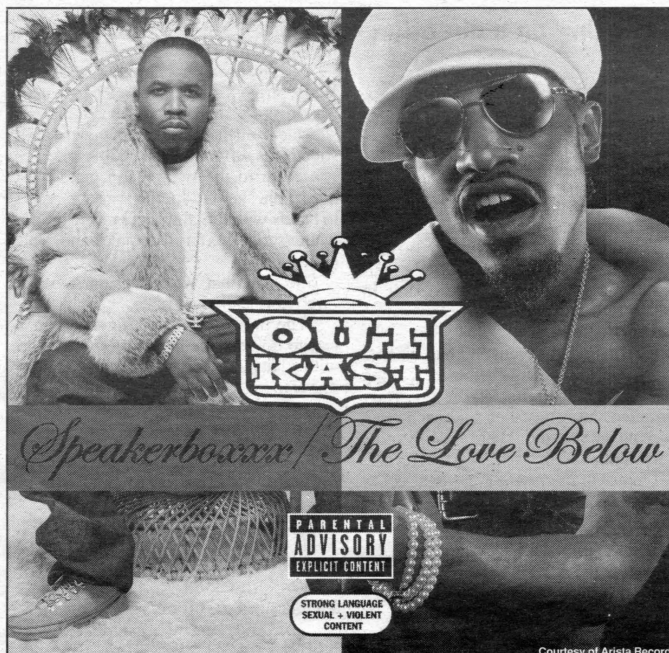
The most succinct way of showing how weird this album is would be the song "Dracula's Wedding," that's actually about what the title suggests. If you look past the odd factor, like it has a lazy eye you want to ignore, you'll find some gems in "Behold A Lady," and "Prototype."

"Good Day, Good Sir," is the oddest of oddball humor. All the skits and unscripted ramblings show that Andre 3000 isn't taking himself too seriously as an "artist" even if he is carving out an unforgettable place in music.

"The Love Below," is a hands-down lock for most exciting collection of love songs from the hood. Some of Andre's musings on love take turns as weird as the tweaks and twists in the music.

He sings "Miss Lady, you could have been born a little later/ But I don't care, so

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Big Boi and Andre 3000 do their own things

Happenings

Thursday, Oct. 2

While you're at the Science Museum of Virginia checking out the Grossology exhibit, why not listen to **The Austin Lounge Lizards**? Tickets are \$10 at the museum admissions desk. 2500 W. Broad St. 864-1400.

Friday, Oct. 3

The first Friday of the month means it's time for the **First Friday Artwalk**. Galleries along Broad Street will stay open from 7-10 p.m. and a shuttle will be available if the you're more into "art" and less into "walk." 782-8672.

The **Jackson Ward Second Street Festival** celebrates the African-American community in Richmond with live music, historic exhibits and food. From Second Street across Broad Street to Leigh Street all this weekend. Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. 788-6466.

The Latin Ballet Company presents "**NuYoRiCan**" this weekend at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, seniors and children. 2880 Mountain Rd. 261-6200.

Saturday, Oct. 4

ArtWorks presents a **Latin Film Festival** on Saturdays at 8 p.m. all this month. Films include "Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands," "Guantanamo" and "Blossoms of Fire." 320 Hull St. 646-0310.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Get your motor running, head out for the Classic Ampitheatre. **John Kay and Steppenwolf** play at the Virginia State Fair at 5 p.m. 600 E. Laburnum Ave. 345-7223.

Got something going on? Have the inside track on some hot info? E-mail Melissa at lynchmd@vcu.edu

Spectrum

¿Que Pasa? delights

D.J. JOVE
Spectrum Writer

In light of Isabel's aftermath, the 17th Street Farmer's Market still called for celebration.

The market hosted "¿Que Pasa?," a festival which celebrates the culture and diversity of the Richmond Latino community.

"We have a saying down here at the marketplace," said Lila Kerns, program manager of the marketplace, "we're all in this together, rain or shine. Although in this case it was hurricane or shine."

Festivities for the day included Spanish lessons as well as a wide array of food vendors and dance and music performances.

"I am overwhelmed by the abundance of the Latin culture the festivities brought out today," said Nisha Tiwari, a student at VCU. "It really reflects the growing diversity here in Richmond."

Even though Isabel left the marketplace and most of Richmond without any power, all of the festivities were able to run smoothly.

"All of our food vendors were working without electricity. They had to make everything at home, bring it here and cook using other conventional methods," said Kerns. "It's amazing we were able to get everyone working together to make this event even happen."

"This just proves that an event like '¿Que Pasa?' can bring any type of community together," said Kerns.



Musicians play authentic Latin music at the festival

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what if your head sports a couple of gray hairs/ Same here, and actually I think it's funky in a Claire Huxtable-type way/ Miss Lady, it looks like you need a little juice in your life," on "Pink and Blue."

The LSD and flamboyant wardrobe have finally taken their toll on Andre 3000, pushing him to create something beyond imagination. "Take Off Your Cool," is jazzy and sounds awesome even with super-unlikely guest Norah Jones. More deranged than inviting a Grammy-winning jazz vocalist is the song "Vibrate," which explores self-gratification over a reversed beat and features the line "play with your own score sheet/ become the master of your own 'bation.'"

If this can be classified as a hip-hop album, it has to be the most forward-thinking one to come along since Blackalicious' genre-bending "Blazing Arrow."

It's definitively OutKast, whether the duo is pairing up on one another's discs for "Roses," and "Ghettonusick," or getting "stank" by themselves. Considering the true diversity between and within the two CDs, it's easy to say that "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," really does have something for everyone.

OutKast

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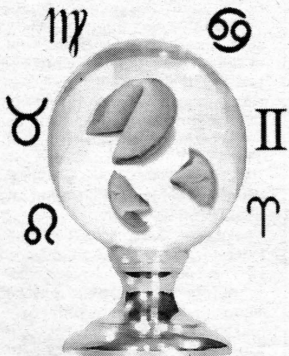
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"The Love Below"-

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Together: ★★★★★
(out of 5)

Zodiac Cookies



Zodiac Cookies

Libra: Avoid unpleasant surprises this week by not looking up while walking below birds.

Scorpio: Never let them smell you sweat.

Sagittarius: Don't copy essays; there are only five good ones and the professors remember those.

Capricorn: If you want to really shine this week, shave your head and polish it.

Aquarius: You will be eternally indebted to your friendly neighborhood note-taker.

Pisces: Everyone has their Waterloo, just try and be Wellington.

Aries: This week, try not to tell funny stories about yourself from high school.

Taurus: You'll never have these years back, so get to work on a time machine.

Gemini: Yo-ho-ho, a bottle of rum should shiver your timbers. But don't go oveboard, matey. Arr.

Cancer: A journey of a thousand miles begins with one tank of gas.

Leo: Never put off until tomorrow what is due today.

Virgo: Take wisdom from old Bugs Bunny cartoons — always, always double-check your directions when you reach Albuquerque.

Courtesy of Arista Records

WHILE
You Were Out

WWE RAW

Eric Bischoff announces that Steve Austin was suspended for attacking Bischoff last week, meaning Austin won't be on tonight's show. Jericho attacks Jim Ross, but is chased away by Austin. Austin knocks out security who tried to escort him out.

The Dudley Boyz vs. Test and Scott Steiner: Stacy Keibler hits Test with a chair, allowing the Dudleys to pin Test. After the match, Steiner attacks Keibler.

Triple H offers \$100,000 to anyone who will injure Goldberg.

Jim Ross defeats Jonathan Coachman in a country whipping match, making Ross and Jerry Lawler the announce team for RAW.

Kane vs. the Hurricane: Kane wins by pin.

Ric Flair and Randy Orton vs. Shawn Michaels and Goldberg: Rodney Mack attacks Goldberg with a chair.

Christian vs. Rob Van Dam, ladder match: RVD wins, making him the new Intercontinental Champion.

Alias

Sydney wakes up in the Hong Kong safe house two years later. Vaughn, now a married teacher, was sent by the CIA to bring her back. He tells her she's been dead for the past two years. Vaughn takes her in using a dart. Jack was arrested for contacting Irina to investigate Sydney's death. Sydney opts to recover a stolen chip on the condition she gets to see her father. Her father urges her to seek clearance back into the CIA so she can investigate her disappearance. She retrieves the chip, but threatens to destroy it unless her father is released. Sydney tells Vaughn they will never have closure. Jack tells Sydney he believes she was never dead. He shows her a hidden-camera tape of her meeting with a Russian diplomat. She pulled out a knife and slit his throat.

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.

OP/ED

Virginia Power, Warner failed to provide

JEFFREY Z. QURESHI

Ex-officio member of the editorial board

Benjamin Franklin could not have imagined that his two point, asynchronous electrical connection would become the power distribution network that now pervades everyday life. Nor could the inventor foresee the mess a low front would create on the modern city of Richmond, Va.

I felt certain Hurricane Isabel was more talk than substance. Surely with electricity bills at an all-time high, Dominion Virginia Power had invested heavily in the public's safety and well-being by maintaining only the highest quality of power lines. The company runs the world's safest nuclear power plants at North Anna and Surry. Who knew that Richmond's electrical conduits were at risk for such havoc?

As of Sept. 26, more than 350,000 billing entities were still without power, eight days after Hurricane Isabel stunned Virginia. Indeed, by early afternoon Thursday, Sept. 18, my headache began; I was one of many without power.

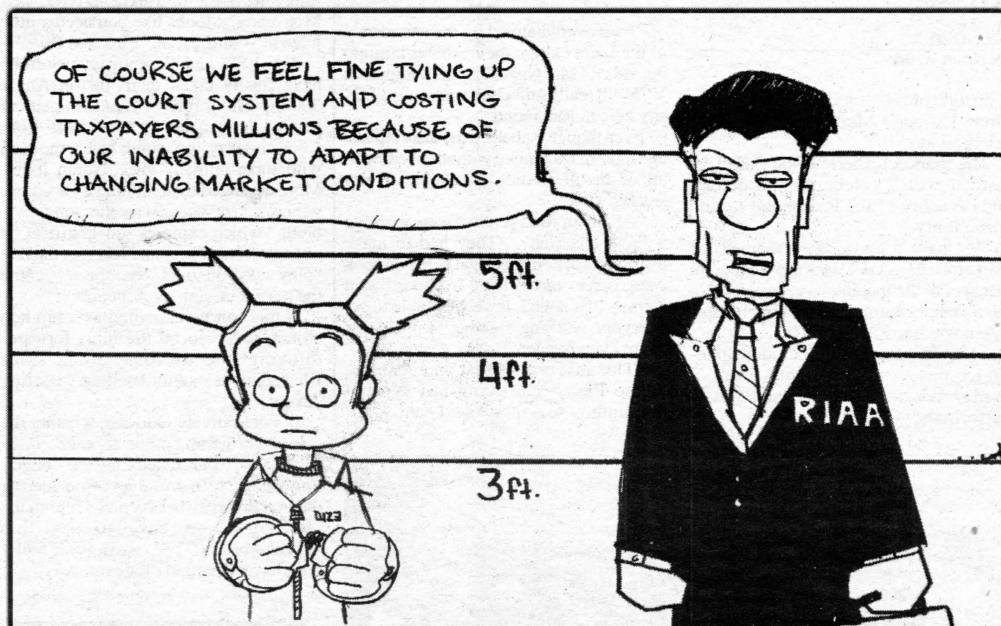
At first, everything was fine. I witnessed Isabel with family and friends, admiring nature's unique mix of atmospheric conditions. Day two was tolerable as we ventured into unaffected Short Pump as well as hard-hit areas such as River Road and the Fan. By Sunday, Sept. 21, I had enough.

At that time, one side of Cary Street had power and was busy. Many businesses, particularly restaurants, returned to commerce; consumers were eager to be fed and pampered. But where were Virginia Power's utility trucks and linemen? Many Richmonders heard the electric company's assurance they were working around the clock. Apparently the phrase depends on one's definition of working around the clock.

According to a Sept. 26 Richmond Times-Dispatch article, Virginia Power clarified its assertion of steadfast work. To the local monopoly, around the clock equates to 12 hour shifts followed by 12 hours of preparation. Clearly this contrasts with the ordinary meaning given to the term.

Virginia Power misled consumers and should not wonder why critics question the company's veracity. Many would be sympathetic had the electric company been upfront in explaining the risks of line work at night and the need for rest. Richmonders could have done without the corporate aggrandizement.

Furthering public ire was the lack of a perceived presence immediately after the storm. One could not find a Virginia Power truck to save their life! Additionally, the Times-Dispatch reports that the State Corporation Commission will be surveying localities to measure the adequacy of the



CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ONE IS THE REAL CRIMINAL?

BY ANDREW BABB

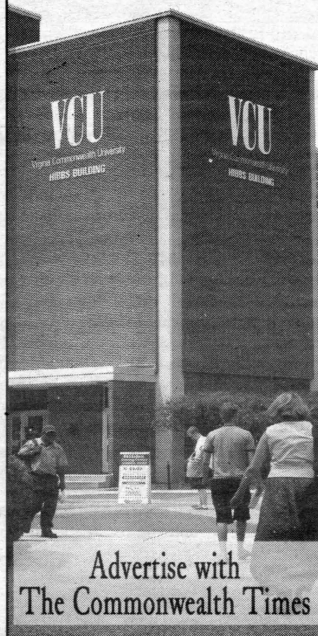
company's response.

Analysis of Isabel's wake also reveals a poor response by the state. Led by Democrat Gov. Mark Warner, Virginia failed to provide citizens with adequate water supplies. Local officials deemed the water unsafe as treatment plants fell victim to Virginia Power's lackadaisical restoration response. Officials were surprised when the dearth of backup generators forced faucets off. Seems pretty obvious to me. Also, where was the ice promised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in coordination with state agencies?

And what of the National Guard? According to the Times-Dispatch, 1,000 reservists were sent home at the end of September, several days before Virginia Power's projected date for complete restoration. Warner needs to remember this is not Connecticut anymore. Citizens of our beautiful Commonwealth expect leadership during difficulties, not a mere situation report. Indeed, Old Dominion Democrats should worry about the legacy, or lack thereof, Warner leaves for the party. High hopes, tremendous disappointment.

Hurricane Isabel will be local lore for a while. No doubt, Dominion Virginia Power will use the cost of reconnection as justification for a rate increase. Additionally, count on Warner to blame economic woes on disaster relief (disbelief). My advice, thank Georgia Power for turning on the lights.

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Street Eats

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The best burger in the city comes to us! Carytown Burgers and Fries is located next to Ukrops at the far west end of Carytown.

One mile or so east and they have a satellite location right here on Main Street in the middle of VCU's academic campus. Lifetime Richmond Andy Hill is your chef here and if this man knows anything, it is burgers.

Andy is also an excellent conversationalist and during the few minutes it takes to prepare a juicy piece of cow, he'll talk it up with anyone and everyone. Being a VCU student himself Andy knows the woes of college students...classes and hangovers.

Come to Andy for a burger and a good session of counseling. Cooking up to seven quarter-pound beef patties at a time, Andy told me all about the operation. The buns are baked fresh daily, at Weiman's Bakery downtown. "Handmade" chili, the best in the world, is also available and highly recommended. "I'm hooked on the chili," Andy said.

Look for specials in the near future, like the Mushroom Swiss Burger. Also to come will be the other half to this famous company, Carytown fries! That's right, Andy will be frying those delicious boardwalk-style golden specimens very shortly. Can you believe that? Outdoor fries are probably dangerous but Andy doesn't care. It's worth it to make VCU happy. And what's a burger without fries? Well, this burger without fries is still easily a meal in itself. Despite being called a quarter pounder also, McDonald's version is not even a quarter of the size of this monster.

For \$3, you get the biggest and tastiest slab of meat you've ever had. It's better than steak. And for the vegetarians, Andy offers the Garden Burger, which is grilled on a separate space above the meat burgers so that no animal juice gets on it. However, I think the meat eaters may have a drip of veggie vitamins on theirs as it lies below. It's good for you though.

And you can have burgers year round. Andy is not scared of snow or cold, he'll be here if it's 20 below zero, he said.

Hot dogs, topped with chili and cheese, are also available for \$1.50. However, like the Greek stand, I recommend sticking with the specialties, and in this case it is clearly the burger. (They don't call it Carytown Burgers, Fries and Hotdogs.)

Painter hat bobbing up and down, Andy proudly stated his motto, "The goal is to give a good meal as fast as possible." Good is by far an understatement but the rest is honest. Step down from the throne so-called Burger King. Carytown's reign has begun.



Delegate Marshall lives in the past

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Op/Ed Writer

There is a civil war going on at Virginia college campuses that's focused on what goes on behind the dorm room door when the lights go off.

Recently, Del. Robert Marshall, R-Prince William, has attacked both Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and James Madison University for sexual- and sex-related items. In his past tirade Marshall attacked JMU for its "Sexfest" months ago when its students were taught how to use condoms properly. Marshall also laid into JMU for its "misuse" of Virginia funds in having the morning after abortion pill available for students.

This was much the case in his recent rant as Marshall attacked Virginia Tech for its "Sex Talk Live" because it is a show in which sex is discussed and sex toys are given as prizes.

In The Washington Times, Marshall was quoted as saying that he just wants to get everyone to "Tell the truth" so let's do just that.

During Marshall's term he has produced, in my opinion, no important legislation. However, he annually has the honor of filing the most bills, the majority of them being time consuming and wasteful. Instead of targeting the real issues of the state he has instead focused his attention on frivolously beating a dead horse, in the form of introducing bills focused on elevating religion, downing pornography and outlawing abortion. Many of his bills die in committee but not until after Marshall showboats his opinion and casts anyone against him as being a child killer or pornography lover.

The Supreme Court has said that both abortion and pornography are legal. Until

the Supreme Court feels the need to rule differently any attempt by a state to introduce a law to outlaw either seem futile and a waste of time. Marshall doesn't seem to get this point. Session after session he introduces pointless, at least in my opinion, legislation focused on the same things that even if passed would be ruled unconstitutional by the courts.

This all plays into Marshall's stance against sexual education on campus. He has bashed these state universities for using money to educate their students on sex and the dangers of it. Showing someone how to use a condom is no more a waste of time than Marshall using the General Assembly as a showplace for his pointless bills.

There is also a connection between sex and college that makes the sexual talk and education very meaningful. A few years ago our fine city of Richmond was ranked as having one of the highest percentages in the nation of sexually transmitted diseases. That was largely attributed to the fact that we have three large universities here within city limits. Out of any population, the most sexually active are college-aged kids. Those are the ones who need to be educated.

During Marshall's time at Montgomery Junior College back in the '60s sex was a dirty word.

Societies perception of sex has changed. Kids at a younger age are being exposed to sex through music and the media and thus are sexually active at a younger age. It can be called the "Britney effect." All those years of hearing and seeing Britney Spears sing "Hit me baby one more time" and Christina Aguilera singing "Let's get dirty" have taken sexual innuendos out of the dark and put them in the middle of the public eye.

This sexual awakening comes to a ris-

ing point in college.

To deny that fact is to deny that change has happened. One can take the outdated approach of Marshall and keep sex talk hush-hush or one can have our society be open, educating young people on sex.

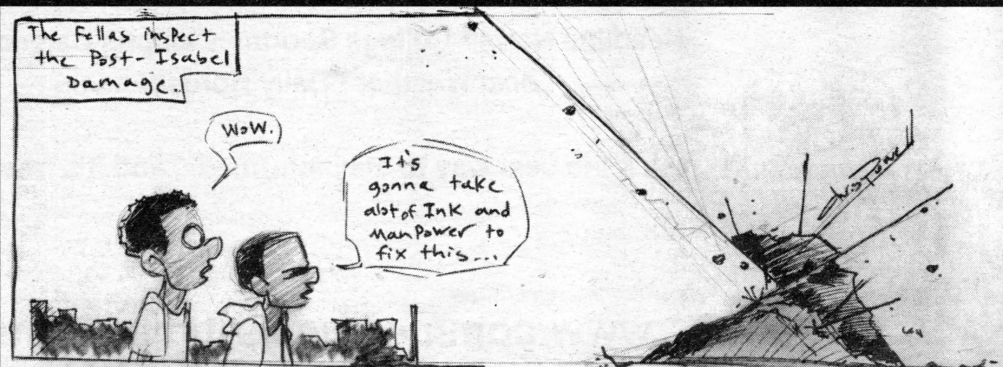
The way things were done in the past is no longer effective. We must educate young people about sex and an integral part of that is having a society free to discuss sex, be it in the form of television shows, college shows, radio shows or even at home in pornographic movies. We have far too many young women who are pregnant or who are single mothers for us to continue with a hush-hush society.

The only way to change that is to educate people to use condoms and not be embarrassed or ashamed to admit mistakes. It is a daily occurrence on some college campuses for young people to get intoxicated and have unprotected sex. It is far better for the women to take a morning after pill and eliminate the chance of an unwanted child, then to allow her to become pregnant, possibly drop out of school and be on government assistance. The young man may also be forced to drop out of school to work and make child support payments.

Marshall sits in his office in Northern Virginia and writes letters to college presidents demanding to know this and that and tries to intimidate them. I will issue Marshall a challenge. Come down to VCU anytime and I will debate you. We can donate the proceeds to charity, perhaps the Hurricane Relief Fund.

A debate is a free flow of ideas and thoughts, exactly what a college should be. Colleges should protect their students by educating them about sex. The closed door, hush-hush, dirty-word world Marshall would like us to live in is a farce.

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