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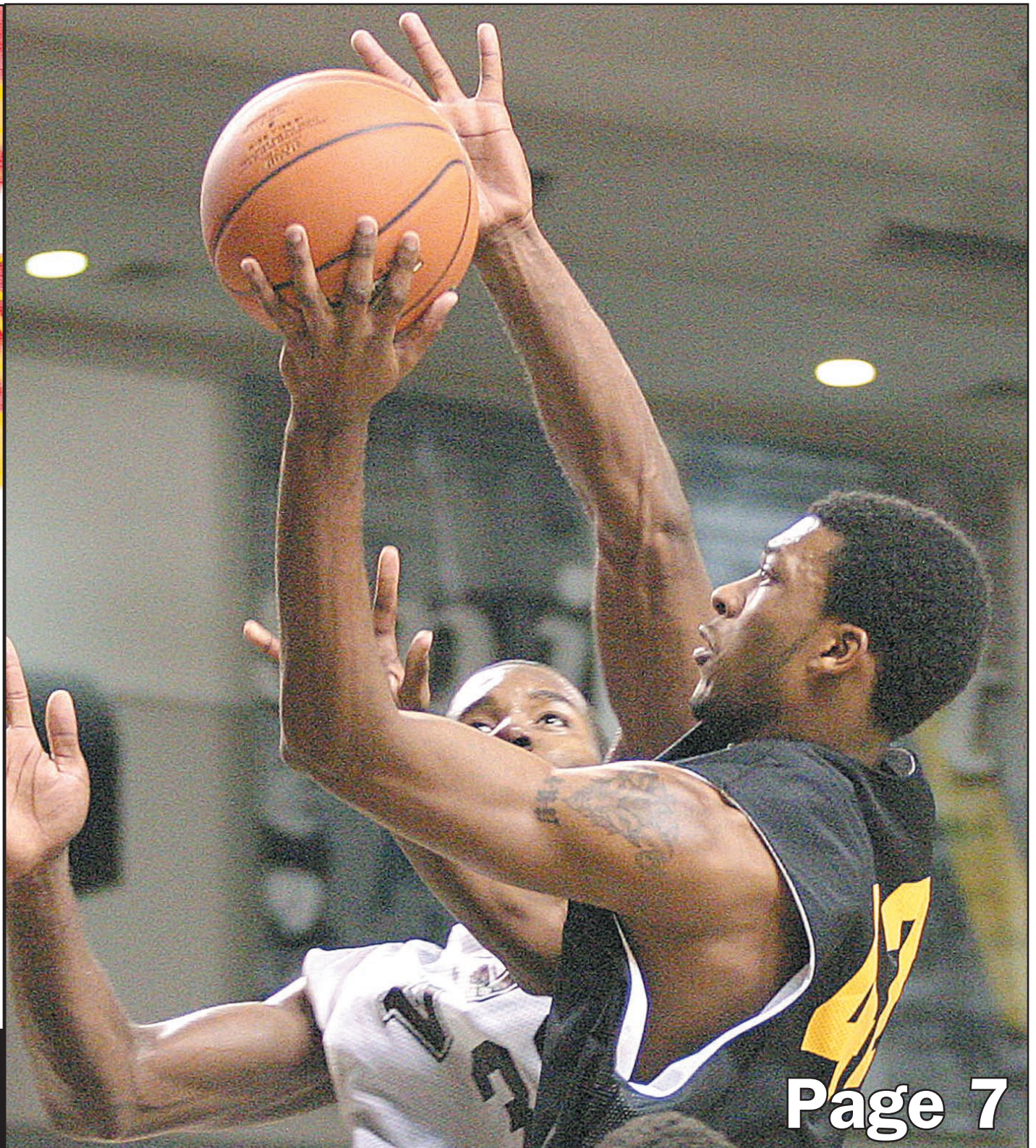
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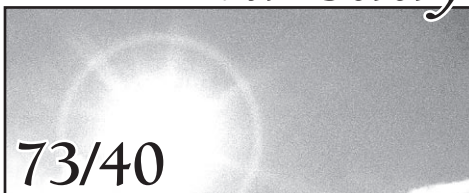
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Thursday



Bring your own bani! Check out the United Sikh Association of VCU in Virginia Room A in the Commons between 7:30 and 8 p.m. as they get together and read the hymns from Guru Granth Sahib Ji. The group will also read Sikh scripture and just sit and have veechaars (discussions upon them) and reflect. For more information call Gurvinderpal Chaudhry at 301-1414.

Friday



The Crossroads Gallery of Art unveils their new exhibitions for the end of 2005. Featuring artists such as Doug Zeigler, Christopher Mize, Victoria Dye and Pat Harvey. Their works are on display during normal business hours throughout Dec. 27. For more information, call 278-8950.

Saturday



Get your dance on and win! Sign up at the Break Point Games Room for the In The Groove Tournament. Fans of "Dance, Dance Revolution" will definitely need to check this out. An entry fee of \$5 is required. The winner will receive one-half of the total entry fees. For more information call 828-4263.

Sunday



As part of this year's Veterans Day, the Virginia Holocaust Museum will honor veterans of World War II who participated in the liberations of concentration camps. Panelists will discuss their personal experiences and answer questions. The film "Miracle at St. Otilien" will also be shown. For more information call 257-5400 ext. 251.

IN THE NEWS

Compiled from wire reports

Bush outlines \$7.1 billion flu-fighting strategy

WASHINGTON – Faced with how to stretch scarce vaccines and where to put hacking patients when hospitals overflow in the next super-flu crisis, cities and states are awaiting instructions on how to make President Bush's \$7.1 billion plan work.

States already got an unpleasant surprise Tuesday when Bush said he wants them to purchase millions of doses of an anti-flu drug with their own money to supplement the federal government's stockpile.

"They expect us to pay 75 cents on a dollar for flu medicine—that's going to be a tough pill to swallow," Republican Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, chairman of the National Governors Association, said through a spokesperson.

Bush outlined his strategy to get ready for a possible worldwide flu outbreak, emphasizing better early warning systems to spot super-strains of influenza before they reach the United States and better ways to brew vaccines to protect against them.

Colorado voters give up \$3.7 billion in tax refunds

DENVER – Colorado residents have voted to suspend their Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, the strictest government spending limit in the nation, and give up more than \$3 billion in tax refunds to help the state bounce back from

a recession.

Fiscal conservatives were dismayed at the outcome Tuesday night and worried about its impact on other states considering similar spending limits.

But supporters said Colorado couldn't afford to vote no, not with higher education, health care and transportation already suffering from millions of dollars in budget cuts.

"It means we can join 49 other states recovering from the recession, we can make up some of the cuts," said Republican Gov. Bill Owens, who stunned his own party by joining Democrats in crafting the ballot measure.

Australia receives threat of terror attack

CANBERRA, Australia – Australian authorities have received specific intelligence that terrorists are planning an attack on the country, Prime Minister John Howard said Wednesday, calling on lawmakers to increase the powers of Australia's intelligence agencies.

Howard refused to give any details of the threat, saying he did not want to jeopardize counterterrorism operations, but he introduced a minor amendment to counterterrorism laws in the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

"The reason for this amendment is that the government has received specific intelligence and police information this week which gives cause for serious concern about a potential terrorist threat," Howard said at a nationally

televised news conference in Canberra.

Conductor Skitch Henderson dies at 87

NEWHAVEN, Conn. – Skitch Henderson, the Grammy-winning conductor who lent his musical expertise to Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby before founding the New York Pops and becoming the first "Tonight Show" band leader, died Tuesday. He was 87.

He got his big break in 1937, when he filled in for a sick pianist touring with Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney. When the tour wrapped up in Chicago, he used the original pianist's ticket and went to Hollywood.

In 1954, NBC hired him as the bandleader for Steve Allen's "Tonight Show." Even as the hosts changed from Allen to Jack Paar to Johnny Carson, Henderson was a constant.

He founded the New York Pops in 1983, using popular tunes to make orchestral music exciting. "People come to hear music that's accessible to them – old songs that are powerful and don't go away," he said.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 31 issue of The Commonwealth Times our staff neglected to credit Stephanie Gerwitz and Donna-Jo Webster with their work on the CT hits the streets. We regret this error.

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NEWS

New dean charts the course for School of Medicine

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Third-generation physician. Former Illinois All-State high school football player.

Founding director of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Research on Reproductive and Women's Health.

When Jerome F. Strauss III this fall added another title to his resume by becoming the dean of the School of Medicine for VCU's Medical Campus, he succeeded Heber H. "Dickie" Newsome, who retired in June after four decades with VCU.

"I appreciate the warm welcome from a fine institution and from the students," Strauss said. "The School of Medicine is one of the gems of VCU."

Polishing this gem to nationally recognized brilliance ranks high on his to-do list.

For starters, Strauss plans to hire more faculty and add classroom space. Some projects are already under way. One of them is the groundbreaking for Phase Two of the Medical Sciences Building. The facility will contain 125,000 more square feet of laboratory and academic space. Plans for a School of Public Health are on the drawing board.

"It will emerge as an individual entity—a domain of scholarship," Strauss said, explaining that the public health school is now a part of the medical school. "Disease prevention and environmental health affects the population. We need strength in public health and health policies to achieve high quality of care."

Additionally, he said, healthy-lifestyle promotion and knowledge of the risks and consequences of unhealthy actions should begin early to strengthen public health.

For instance, the dean identified smoking, poor diet and lack of exercise as factors causing such diseases as obesity to become epidemics.

"We've watched without intervention," said Strauss, who completed his medical degree and

doctorate in molecular biology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. "We'll pay down the road."

A Chicago native with a bachelor's degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I., Strauss also described strategies for creating substantial growth in research and discovery.

"We have strong programs (here) in research and clinical care," he said. "I hope we will be tapping resources to expand into areas we've not been in before."

Sheldon Retchin, vice president for health services and CEO of VCU Health Systems, called Strauss a strong students' dean, explaining that one of the dean's top issues concerns the high debts students face once they enter medical school.



Jerome F. Strauss III

By the time the typical medical student graduates, after years of study, clinical rotations and residency, that person could owe an amount equal to the cost of a new home.

"Dr. Strauss is appealing for more philanthropy," Retchin said, "and is looking at methods for increasing the scholarships available. Alumni know the value of a school."

Ashley Hall, president of the VCU-MCV Student Government Association and a fourth-year medical student, said more scholarships could assist in unraveling one of the medical school's biggest challenges.

"A big concern is 'How am I gonna pay off my debts?'" she said. "The new dean will be a great asset for us and the MCV campus. We are relying on alumni providing scholarships for us."

Furthermore, Hall said that Strauss will serve as a mediator among various medical programs, such as allied health, pharmacy, dentistry and

nursing.

"The dean can help keep the lines of communication open between schools," she said, "to make sure we know what's going on. He'll give us a way to communicate with administration too."

Retchin likens Strauss to a strategic compass on the medical campus, describing Strauss' personality, expertise and intelligence as one that generates ideas to lead the medical school in bold new directions.

"If I could have designed the ideal candidate to take the school to new levels of preeminence," Retchin said, "it would be Jerry Strauss. His role has a tremendous influence on campus. The university community and the science and medical communities will be pleased with the results."

To Strauss, strengths of the medical campus belong to its cancer research and treatment. He points to its strong research areas in neuroscience, cardiovascular health and gastrointestinal diseases. Still, he said he would like to expand studies in such areas as pathogens, infectious diseases and restorative medicine.

An aging population, he said, will require more regenerative technology such as replacement devices or biochemically created materials to repair organ systems and fight diseases.

"As the School of Medicine, we offer people promises — that they'll be cured or get better," Strauss said. "We have to deliver on that promise."

Medical students play a critical role in Strauss' agenda.

"We're banking a lot on them," he said. "They're our future. Our ultimate goal is improving the health of the commonwealth. People want effective treatments, and we promise we'll deliver. We promise to educate, and the public will reap the rewards."

Retchin offered a glimpse into the future of the medical school with Strauss charting the course.

"I think we'll look back on the 'Strauss era' as a golden era," he said.

Jamaica House shooter still on loose

The man who allegedly shot someone Oct. 24 at the Jamaica House Restaurant is still at large, said Ron Brown, spokesman for Richmond Police.

"No arrests have been made at this point, and we are still investigating," he said.

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Brown said police are looking for a thin built black male last seen running across Broad Street toward the Carver area. If you have any information for police, you are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 780-1000.

Halloween ball brings out the character in everyone

CELINA WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

The Average Joes, The Three Amigos and The Ghostbusters last Friday night visited the Larrick Student Center on the Medical Center Campus. And they weren't there to play dodge ball, bust ghosts or even compete for best group or duo from a movie.

So why the visit?

To celebrate Halloween, of course. Students evoked the spirits of film and television favorites at the annual Halloween Ball sponsored by MCV's Student Government Association and Phi Omega, a society for dental students. Guests paid \$5 or donated two cans of food with a \$3 admission.

Giza High, the student government's social vice president, said more than 200 guests arrived, and by the end of the night a large box overflowed with about 200 cans

of food for the Virginia Food Bank. Moreover, the group raised \$630 to pay for food, beverages and music entertainment for the evening.

Amy Brown, a 30-year-old dental student, and her husband arrived at the party dressed in full 1920s getup. She wore a tan flapper dress with a matching hat while he wore a gangster-style pinstripe suit and hat.

Brown said she already owned the dress, but the couple spent almost \$100 on their costumes. She rationalized the cost because they could wear their outfits again and again.

"We don't spend that much every year, but we usually do get dressed up and go out or throw a party (for Halloween)," said Brown, who explained that when she was younger, her family didn't have the money to buy her ideal Halloween costume. Furthermore, as an undergraduate, she often volunteered to work Halloween night, so her co-workers

with children could take their families trick-or-treating.

In contrast, Trevor O'Neil, a 23-year-old dental student, and his roommates budgeted their purchases and spent about \$20. The night of the party, they became The Three Amigos from the film "Three Amigos!" that starred Chevy Chase, Steve Martin and Martin Short. O'Neil recalled watching and laughing at the film with his roommates several times before the night of the party.

O'Neil said to prepare for the party, the trio shopped at a thrift store for the costumes, stenciled a design on their sombreros and jackets and bought some pizza cutters for about \$1 each. The Three Amigos attached the pizza cutters to the heels of their shoes to serve as metal spurs.

"We did a lot more this year than we have in the past because we wanted to win best costume," said O'Neil, who portrayed Dusty

Bottoms, the amigo played in the movie by Chevy Chase.

After all their efforts, the Browns reached the semifinals of the costume competition. Best individual costume went to a student dressed as the daisy-duke-wearing cop Jim Dangle from the Comedy Central show "Reno 911."

The Three Amigos received the award for judges' favorite and rushed to the front of the stage. Cheered by the crowd, one of the amigos placed his drink on the floor and break-danced, just barely missing his cup. Nonetheless, top honors for best duo or group costume went to a couple dressed as Napoleon and Deb from the film "Napoleon Dynamite."

Prizes for the contest included tickets to the annual winter ball set for February 2006 or a \$50 gift certificate for one of three restaurants in the Short Pump Town Center.

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New senators for SGA

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Staff Writer

About 10 senators last week became official members of SGA's Student Government Senate after being officially sworn into office. The group also approved budgets totaling \$4,371 for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates. In addition, the Senate approved a speaker fund request for VOX @ VCU.

Lauren Gauthier, SGA's Senate clerk, read the oath aloud to the new senators.

"Not all the senators were there," Gauthier said. "I would say 10 maybe. I'm not sure."

The Senate approved \$2,600 of the \$3,300 budget of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. It also approved \$1,771 for the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates, which requested \$7,983.

Bruce Vann, director of SGA financial affairs, called the budgets important because they assist student organizations.

"I just say they are important because everything costs money, so I guess it helps student organizations to function," he said.

After considerable discussion, the sena-

tors awarded VOX @ VCU \$4,049 to pay the speaker's fee for Debran Rowland, writer, author and civil-rights attorney.

"I don't think the entire process was fair," Vann said. "I don't think it's fair because it's a situation that has stressed out everybody involved from every single angle."

Vann elaborated on allocations, saying that the decision-making process for such issues is more complex than it appears.

"From an outside perspective it may seem a lot of issues are black and white and decisions should be made fairly easily," he said, adding that he wanted to remind people that "any job is harder to do than it looks, and there's always more to it than it seems."

Before the new senators said their oaths, Megan Shandelson, Senate vice-chair, explained each person's specific responsibilities. The three main responsibilities, Shandelson said, are to attend the Senate meetings, attend committee meetings and fulfill their office hours.

Referring to them as "baby birds," she told the new senators they will be assigned an acting senator as a buddy to receive their training. The assigned buddies are already Senate members.

Student government denies Black Caucus executive pay

QUASHEENA CARPENTER
Staff Writer

Although the Black Caucus organization received 85 percent less money than it requested from the Student Government Association, Tiffany Townsend, the Black Caucus president, said her major complaint stems from the SGA not providing executive pay.

"We probably won't have to deal too much with appeals other than the fact that we didn't get any executive pay," Townsend said. "I still haven't gotten a formal decision as to why we aren't receiving executive pay."

But Edward O'Leary, SGA president, doesn't agree with the Black Caucus asking for executive pay.

"Right now I am opposed to any organization getting salaries," O'Leary said. "If Black Caucus directors get paid, then every other club has the right—governing or not—to ask for their directors to receive pay."

In September, the Black Caucus submitted a request to the SGA for \$11,195, which Townsend said was an addition to last year's allocation of \$33,292.

"Pretty much what we asked for was additional fees for our political committee salaries for all executive members, our programming committee and Hispanic Heritage Month," she said.

The organization did not receive additional funds for Hispanic Heritage Month, but it supported the program anyway.

"We will find a way to get funding one way or another," said Jahnissi Tirado, Black Caucus treasurer.

Although O'Leary opposes the SGA allocating funds for executive pay to Black Caucus or any other organization, he doesn't disagree with everything the organization wants funded.

This summer for instance, O'Leary called a special Senate meeting to ensure that organizations like Black Caucus obtained their funding on time.

When the issue arose concerning the 2006 Spring Ball, O'Leary stood in front of the student senators to ask them to approve the funds for the Black Caucus.

"After attending the Spring Ball last year, I had a very good time and I became a big supporter of the ball eventually," O'Leary said.

The result?

Black Caucus received the \$12,000 that it wanted for the ball.

"My main goal is to increase the communication between SGA and Black Caucus," Townsend said. "I don't think that the communication has been there in the past."

NEWS

University officials discuss strategic plan advances

ANNA GORONCY
Staff Writer

After 14 months, 120 meetings and public forums, 600 e-mails and thousands of hours of work, the pages of the VCU 2020 Strategic Plan soon may close.

The plan details goals and initiatives that lead VCU, from construction to class sizes to research goals for the next 15 years.

Stephen D. Gottfredson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, recently presented the near final draft of the plan to students, faculty and staff for discussion.

"We really want this to be VCU's plan, and that means it has to come from the VCU community," said Gottfredson, co-chair of the VCU 2020 planning commission along with Sheldon Retchin, vice president for health sciences and CEO of VCU's Health System.

About 90 people, mainly faculty and staff, attended the public forum at the Grace Street Theatre where Gottfredson spent 30 minutes discussing the draft, but the audience asked only a few questions about the drafting process.

The reason?

The commission had consulted students, faculty, staff and alumni throughout the drafting process.

"We really have saturated the community," he said.

For instance, Kathryn Murphy-Judy, the Fac-

ulty Senate president, said the senate has been involved from the first discussions. Furthermore, last year's president, Judith Lewis of the School of Nursing, served on the executive committee of the planning commission, which consisted of students, faculty, staff and administrators.

A student-centered university represents one key part of the strategic plan with the University College and the Campus Compact as the two initiatives that focus on student engagement with the university, with other students and with learning.

With students being a major issue, Eddie O'Leary, student body president, said the commission consulted the Student Government Association on every issue to ask its opinion. As a representative of the student body, O'Leary will join the commission for its final meeting.

Since the SGA became involved throughout the process, O'Leary said the plan calls for more common space for students and meeting places for student organizations. The SGA also requested more tenured faculty and more teachers in general.

O'Leary said he is happy with the way the plan is developing.

"It's such a comprehensive plan—a lot of the things we were concerned with were addressed," he said.

Murphy-Judy said the Faculty Senate is also pleased with the process, and it, too, likes the concept of a student-centered and learning-

centered plan.

"We agree that it is farsighted and that the process has been transparent," Murphy-Judy said. "We've had a buy-in."

With the many available committee positions, focus groups and forums, virtually any member of the community could be involved during the drafting process. The commission also set up a VCU 2020 Web site that allowed visitors to read the latest draft of the plan, review committee members and their decisions as well as examine numerous other documents.

The site allowed another avenue of input as well because people could e-mail the commission with their feedback. Gottfredson said the commission received more than 600 e-mails by the end of the process.

Among other goals for 2020, Gottfredson said he hopes to increase VCU's name recognition.

"We've been pretty quiet about the story of VCU. I hope we get a little noisier about that," Gottfredson said, then smiled.

After the executive-planning commission meets again Nov. 3 to approve the final draft, the plan then will be presented to the Board of Visitors at its November meeting for a final discussion. After that discussion, the plan will be printed, then presented in February for ratification by the board.

Gottfredson said the university will begin implementing the plan immediately after approval.

Police caution students on Net safety

ISAC CROUCH
Staff Writer

"I will never understand why some people would post so much information on the Internet about themselves," said Willie Fuller, university police chief.

Referring to Facebook.com and Myspace.com Web sites, Fuller said these sites are not only dangerous but also could be life-threatening.

"It is sad that it takes a tragedy like what happened to Taylor Behl to make people concerned about being safe on the Internet," he said.

In the past, Fuller said, VCU would talk about being safe on the Internet only to first-year

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students at orientation, but now the police plan to work with the Student Government Association on both campuses as well as the Division of Student Affairs to develop guidelines on student Internet usage.

Previously, the university had no guidelines in place for students other than file-sharing guidelines.

Sonia Banks, director for VCU's center for psychological services and development, said part of the problem exists because people often think they are safe when writing on the Internet.

"They may feel safe because of their

anonymity," she said.

Melanie Middleton, a junior fashion-design major, said the situation that happened with Behl reinforces the need for people to be aware of their surroundings at all times on or off the Internet.

"It is unfortunate what happened with Behl, but it isn't a representation of VCU," she said. As a precaution, Middleton said she consistently makes sure she doesn't post anything on the Internet that would permit someone to track her down.

Fuller, however, said it's easy to track down people who post information on

the Internet, especially when they list their names, telephone numbers and class schedules.

"VCU police often use the Internet to solve cases," he said.

For instance, he said last year, university police tracked down a group of students who had been stealing items from the Shafer Court Dining Facility. Those students started a group titled "Shafer Thieves" on Facebook.com. The police learned the students' names and charged all the parties involved because of the information they had posted online.

"How do these students think they can get away with something if they are posting it all online?" he asked.

Although the Shafer Thieves didn't think they would be caught, Facebook.com and Myspace.com allow students to post their names, addresses, phone numbers and class schedules as well as their interests. Students also can list their friends on the Web sites.

"Since having no system to hold them accountable," Banks said, "they can explore parts of themselves feeling like there are limited consequences."

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14. Cold Sesame Noodle	3.25	
15. Pu Pu Platter	8.25	

SOUP (with Crispy Noodles)	Pt.	Qt.
16. Egg Drop Soup	1.00	2.00
17. Wonton Soup	1.25	2.25
18. Chicken Noodle or Rice Soup	1.25	2.25
19. Hot & Sour Soup	1.50	2.75
20. Vegetable Soup	1.25	2.25
21. House Special Soup	4.85	
22. Seafood Soup	5.55	

FRIED RICE	Pt.	Qt.
25. Roast Pork or Chicken		
Fried Rice	3.25	5.55
26. Shrimp or Beef Fried Rice	4.00	7.25
27. Vegetable Fried Rice	2.75	4.75
28. Plain Fried Rice	1.95	3.00
29. House Special Fried Rice	4.25	7.55
30. Lobster Fried Rice	5.25	9.25
31. Crab Meat Fried Rice	3.75	6.55

LO MEIN (Soft Noodle)	Pt.	Qt.
32. Roast Pork or Chicken Lo Mein	3.75	6.25
33. Beef or Shrimp Lo Mein	4.25	7.25
34. Vegetable Lo Mein	3.25	5.25
35. House Special Lo Mein	4.50	7.75
36. Lobster Lo Mein	5.25	9.25

CHOW MEI FUN (Thin Rice Noodle)	Pt.	Qt.
37. Shrimp or Beef Chow Mei Fun	4.00	5.00
38. Roast Pork or Chicken Chow Mei Fun	4.55	
39. Singapore Rice Noodle	5.50	
39a. House Rice Noodle	5.50	

CHOW MEIN	Pt.	Qt.
40. Chicken or Pork Chow Mein	3.85	7.00
41. Beef or Shrimp Chow Mein	4.25	7.25
42. Vegetable Chow Mein	3.25	5.25
43. House Special Chow Mein	4.50	7.55
44. Lobster Chow Mein	5.25	9.25

CHOW FUN (Flat Noodles)	Pt.	Qt.
45. Roast Pork or Chicken Chow Fun	5.25	
46. Beef or Shrimp Chow Fun	5.50	
47. House Special Chow Fun	6.00	

MOO SHU DISHES (w. 5 Pancakes)	Pt.	Qt.
48. Moo Shu Chicken or Pork	6.75	
49. Moo Shu Beef or Shrimp	6.95	
50. Moo Shu Vegetable	5.50	
51. House Special Moo Shu	7.25	

EGG FOO YOUNG (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
52. Roast Pork or Chicken Egg Foo Young	5.25	
53. Beef or Shrimp Egg Foo Young	5.55	
54. Vegetable Egg Foo Young	4.75	
55. Crab Meat Egg Foo Young	5.25	
56. Lobster Egg Foo Young	7.55	
57. House Special Egg Foo Young	7.00	

SWEET & SOUR (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
58. Sweet & Sour Pork	3.75	6.75
59. Sweet & Sour Chicken	3.75	6.75
60. Sweet & Sour Shrimp	4.50	8.25
61. Sweet & Sour Combination (Shrimp, Pork & Chicken)	8.35	

POULTRY (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
62. Chicken w. Broccoli	4.00	7.00
63. Chicken w. Cream Sc.	4.25	7.25
64. Moo Goo Gai Pan	4.25	7.25
65. Chicken w. Black Bean Sc.	4.25	7.25
66. Chicken w. Broccoli in Garlic Sauce	4.25	7.25
67. Curry Chicken w. Onion	4.25	7.25
68. Kung Pao Chicken	4.25	7.25
69. Chicken w. String Beans	4.25	7.25
69a. Chicken w. Cashew Nuts	4.25	7.25
69b. Almond Chicken	4.25	7.25

PORK (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
70. Roast Pork w. Broccoli	4.00	7.00
71. Roast Pork w. Chinese Veg.	4.25	7.25
72. Roast Pork w. Snow Peas	4.25	7.25
73. Pork w. Mixed Veggies	4.25	7.25
74. Pork w. String Beans	4.25	7.25

BEEF (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
75. Beef w. Broccoli	4.25	7.25
76. Pepper Steak	4.25	7.25
77. Beef w. Chinese Veg.	4.25	7.25
78. Beef w. Oyster Sauce	4.50	7.75
79. Beef w. Mushrooms	4.50	7.75
80. Beef w. Scallops	4.50	7.75
81. Beef w. Snow Peas	4.50	7.75
82. Hot & Spicy Beef	4.50	7.75
82a. Beef w. Cashew Nuts	4.50	7.75
82b. Almond Beef	4.50	7.75

SEAFOOD (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
83. Shrimp w. Lobster Sauce	4.75	8.75
84. Shrimp w. Broccoli	4.75	8.75
85. Shrimp w. Snow Peas	4.75	8.75
86. Shrimp w. Mushrooms	4.75	8.75
87. Shrimp w. Cashew Nuts	4.75	8.75
88. Szechuan Flavored Shrimp	4.75	8.75
89. Shrimp w. Black Bean Sc.	4.75	8.75
90. Shrimp w. Mixed Veggies	4.75	8.75
91. Shrimp w. String Beans	4.75	8.75
92. Shrimp w. String Beans	4.75	8.75
93. Almond Shrimp	4.75	8.75

VEGETABLES (w. White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
V94. Mixed Vegetables Tray	3.25	5.25
V95. Sautéed Broccoli	3.25	5.25
V96. Bean Curd Szechuan Style	3.25	5.25
V97. Sautéed String Beans	3.25	5.25
V98. Bean Curd w. Garlic Sc.	3.25	5.25

CHEF'S SPECIAL DISH (with White Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
1. Happy Family	10.55	
2. Sesame Chicken or Beef	8.75	
3. Orange Chicken or Beef	8.75	
4. Four Season	8.75	
5. Seafood Delight	10.95	
6. General Tso's Chicken	8.75	
7. Seafood Pan Fried Noodle	10.95	
8. Beef & Scallops	10.55	
9. Sesame Shrimp	10.55	
10. Tung Ting Shrimp	9.55	
11. Subgum Wonton	10.55	
12. Dragon and Phoenix	9.95	
13. Shrimp & Scallops w. Garlic Sauce	10.95	
14. Mongolian Beef	9.25	
15. Hunan Trio	9.75	
16. Shrimp in Sa-Chia Sauce	9.55	

DIET MENU (All The Food Are Served with Steamed Served w. White Rice)	Sm.	Lg.
D01. Steamed Mixed Veg.	3.25	5.25
D02. Steamed Chicken w. Mixed Veggies	4.25	7.25
D03. Steamed Shrimp w. Mixed Veggies	4.75	8.25
D04. Steamed Chicken w. Broccoli	4.00	6.75
D05. Steamed Shrimp w. Broccoli	4.75	8.25

SIDE ORDERS	Pt.	Qt.
Fried Donuts	2.95	
Pineapple	3.75	
White Rice (Sm.) 0.75 (Lg.) 1.50		
Crispy Noodle	0.30	
Almond Cookies	1.00	
Soda	0.75	
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Men's Basketball

Thurs. Nov. 10: vs. Virginia Union (Exhib.), 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Thurs. Nov. 10: vs. Virginia Union (Exhib.), 5p.m.

Men's Soccer

Sat. Nov. 5: at James Madison, 7p.m.
Tues. Nov. 8: CAA Championship Quarterfinals

Women's Soccer

Fri. Nov. 4: CAA Semifinals vs. ODU-JMU winner, 5:50 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 6: CAA Championship, 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Thurs. Nov. 3 – Sun. Nov. 6: National Indoor Championship in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Volleyball

Fri. Nov. 4: at George Mason, 7 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 5: at James Madison, 7 p.m.

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

Rams opens season with scrimmage

WESTON REEVES
Associate Sports Editor

Fans could rest easy at the Stuart C. Siegel Center on Tuesday night, knowing no matter how things went down, the Rams were heading home winners.

Playing for the first time this season before a crowd, the VCU men's basketball team split into teams of black and white jerseys, playing two 12-minute games and one 10-minute game against each other.

Returning for his fourth season as head coach, Jeff Capel commended his squad.

"I think our guys played with really good energy, especially through the first two games," he said. "It was good to see how guys react in front of people and see some guys that maybe are gamers, some guys that practice OK but were a little bit better tonight with the lights."

Junior guard Jesse Pellot-Rosa (Richmond/George Wythe High School) looked impressive in the first game, scoring 15 points, with nine made behind the three-point arc. He led the black shirts to a 23-22 victory.



Jamal Shuler (15) scoops the ball from Alexander Harper (25) during the Black & Gold game.

Pat Kane

Pellot-Rosa said this season the Rams are going to display more of their athletic ability on offense, utilizing the size of 6-foot-10-inch senior Calvin Roland (Hephzibah, Ga.) and 6-foot-9-inch Seton Hall transfer Eric Davis (Philadelphia, Pa.).

"We have some good post players," Pellot-Rosa said, "so we're going to try and feed the ball inside and work inside out this year instead of shooting so many threes."

The black shirts started out the second

game strong when Roland threw down a forceful dunk over white-shirt players, drawing a foul in the process. He missed the free throw, but junior Renardo "Slim" Dixon (Houston, Texas) grabbed the offensive rebound and put it in for two more points.

The white shirts went on to win the second game 25-24. The final game lasted 10 minutes, with the white shirts defeating the black shirts 18-14.

Keep the Saints in New Orleans

KYLE TRYGSTAD
Sports Writer

Sports are the best vacation from life we have. Our teams give us something to root for, to hope for and simply to talk about. They are a diversion from the pitfalls of our paths and the tragedies that sting us.

The New Orleans Saints offered a wink of sunlight to the thousands of displaced residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The team was one of the few things that lasted through the storm. And now it seems they may not make it either.

Last week, ESPN's Chris Mortenson reported that after the season the Saints will be relocating themselves from the damaged city. The owner, Tom Benson, is planning to move the team to its current temporary home of San Antonio for the 2006 season and could relocate to Los Angeles for good after that.

The report surfaced after two team executives, who were adamant about keeping the Saints in New Orleans, left the organization. Arnold Fielkow, who was fired, has said his stance on the team being leaders in the rebuilding effort of New Orleans led to his discharge.

There are some obvious reasons why Benson may be evacuating: lack of money, lack of corporate sponsors, lack of people and not to mention the state of the Superdome. But to abandon a city

ravaged by natural disaster is irresponsible and crummy.

If Benson was really short on cash, I know of 31 other NFL owners who could lend him a few bucks. If it's the Superdome he's worried about, the stadium will reportedly be cleaned up and repaired by next season.

Whatever his reasons, it's disloyal to leave behind the fans that supported the downright awful teams the franchise has put on the field year-in and year-out. And to turn his back on the state that spent millions of dollars over the years on facility improvements for the franchise he owns is just wrong.

Can you imagine the Yankees leaving New York after Sept. 11?

The Yanks gave something to the city that couldn't come from anywhere else. They let New Yorkers forget about the tragedy even for just a few hours. When Derek Jeter came out of nowhere in the 2001 playoffs to flip that ball to home plate, he made the impossible possible. He saved the season, and along with that, the heart of New York.

The difference between the Yankees and the Saints, however, is one owner cares about his city and one doesn't.

It seems like Benson's the only one that wants the team to leave.

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Men's Soccer

	W	CAA L	T	overall W-L-T
Old Dominion	8	1	1	(13-2-2)
Hofstra	6	2	2	(11-4-3)
James Madison	6	3	1	(10-5-2)
Virginia Commonwealth	4	2	3	(6-8-3)
UNC Wilmington	4	3	2	(9-6-2)
George Mason	3	3	4	(7-6-4)
Towson	3	4	3	(9-5-3)
William & Mary	2	3	5	(4-8-5)
Northeastern	2	3	5	(3-8-6)
Georgia State	3	7	0	(5-12-0)
Drexel	2	6	2	(3-11-3)
Delaware	1	7	2	(2-11-4)

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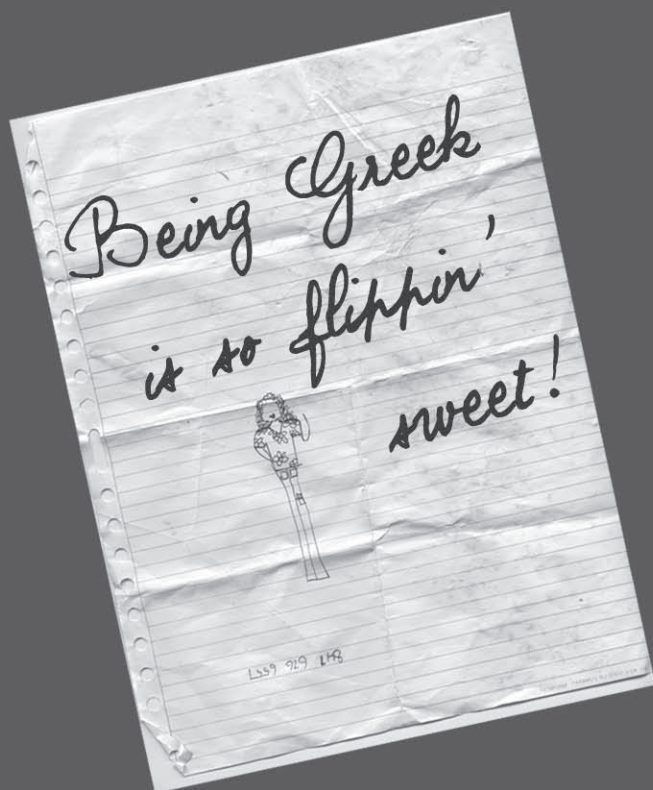
	CAA W	L	T	overall W-L-T
Virginia Commonwealth	9	0	2	(11-3-5)
Hofstra	8	1	2	(12-3-3)
Delaware	7	3	1	(10-5-3)
James Madison	6	4	1	(11-7-1)
Old Dominion	6	5	0	(12-6-0)
William & Mary	5	3	3	(7-4-8)
UNC Wilmington	4	6	1	(8-10-1)
George Mason	4	7	1	(8-11-0)
Towson	3	6	2	(8-7-3)
Northeastern	3	8	0	(6-12-1)
Georgia State	3	8	0	(9-11-0)
Drexel	2	9	0	(7-11-1)

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Greek Week 2005



- Window Painting
11.05 Noon
Commons
- Mr. Delta Pageant
11.05 6:30 PM
Commonwealth Ballroom
- Greek Games
11.06 Noon
Cary Street Field
- Mr. Greek Pageant
11.07 7:00 PM
Commons Plaza
- The Power of Personal Decisions
featuring Andrea Mosby-Jones
11.08 7:00 PM
Richmond Salons, Commons
- Open Mic Talent Show
11.09 7:00 PM
Commons Theater
- Greek Awards
11.10 7:00 PM
Commonwealth Ballroom B

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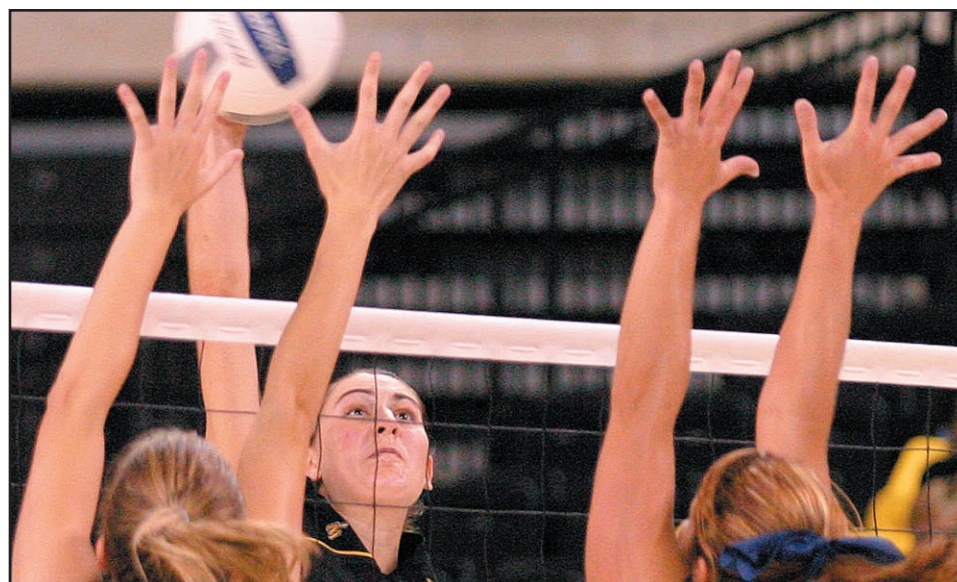
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Field Hockey	CAA		overall W-L
	W	L	
Old Dominion	8	0	(15-5)
Northeastern	6	2	(15-5)
Hofstra	5	3	(12-6)
James Madison	5	3	(11-8)
William & Mary	4	4	(9-10)
Towson	3	5	(9-9)
Delaware	2	6	(8-11)
Virginia Commonwealth	2	6	(6-11)
Drexel	1	7	(10-9)

-regular season completed

Volleyball	CAA		overall W-L
	W	L	
Hofstra	14	1	(17-6)
William & Mary	11	3	(16-8)
Towson	10	4	(22-6)
Virginia Commonwealth	8	6	(16-10)
Georgia State	8	7	(9-14)
James Madison	7	7	(13-9)
Northeastern	7	8	(10-14)
Delaware	5	9	(9-18)
George Mason	1	13	(4-17)
UNC Wilmington	1	14	(5-20)

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Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*

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 Week 9 Redskins: Philadelphia d. Washington 20-17
 Upset of the week: Minnesota d. Detroit (1 ½)
 Season record: 9-5 (.643)

Omar Yacoubi, Op-Ed Editor
 Week 9 Redskins: Philadelphia d. Washington 20-13
 Upset of the week: New England d. Indianapolis (-3)
 Season record: 8-6 (.571)

Alex Woolridge, News Co-Editor
 Week 9 Redskins: Philadelphia d. Washington 16-7
 Upset of the week: Tennessee d. Oakland (-2 ½)
 Season record: 7-7 (.500)

Weston Reeves, Associate Sports Editor
 Week 9 Redskins: Philadelphia d. Washington 20-14
 Upset of the week: Tampa Bay d. Carolina (-1 ½)
 Season record: 5-9 (.357)

Karen Bolipata, Copy Editor
 Week 9 Redskins: Philadelphia d. Washington 40-30
 Upset of the week: Arizona d. Seattle (-4)
 Season record: 3-7 (.300)

Katie Gantt, Executive Editor
 Week 9 Redskins: Washington d. Philadelphia 24-14
 Upset of the week: Miami d. Atlanta (-2)
 Season record: 2-8 (.200)

Joe Gavin, Spectrum Co-Editor
 Week 9 Redskins: Washington d. Philadelphia 5-3
 Upset of the week: San Francisco d. N.Y. Giants (-10)
 Season record: 2-8 (.200)

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The mayor of New Orleans, governor of Louisiana and NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue have all been outspoken about keeping the Saints at home. It will certainly take all three to make that happen.

Benson has denied reports that he's packing up his team and shipping it to Texas. But why then has his lawyer informed Louisiana that the team wants to break the lease on its suburban New Orleans headquarters? And why has the mayor of San Antonio said that Benson wanted to meet with him about relocating the team there beyond this season?

The worst part is the way Benson has handled everything—firing dissenters within the organization and holding secretive dealings with other cities. He's made one thing obvious: he doesn't have to move the team, he wants to move it.

But the Saints have no business anywhere but New Orleans. They have a fan base that doesn't care how many times they lose or how many late-season meltdowns they incur. As most fans do, they want a winner, but if the team moves to San Antonio they won't even get a loser.

The people will come back. And with the help of the Saints, they may someday be able to forget, even if it's for just a few hours.

What do you think?

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Sports trivia



Which two major American team sports have had their championships canceled due to a labor dispute and when?

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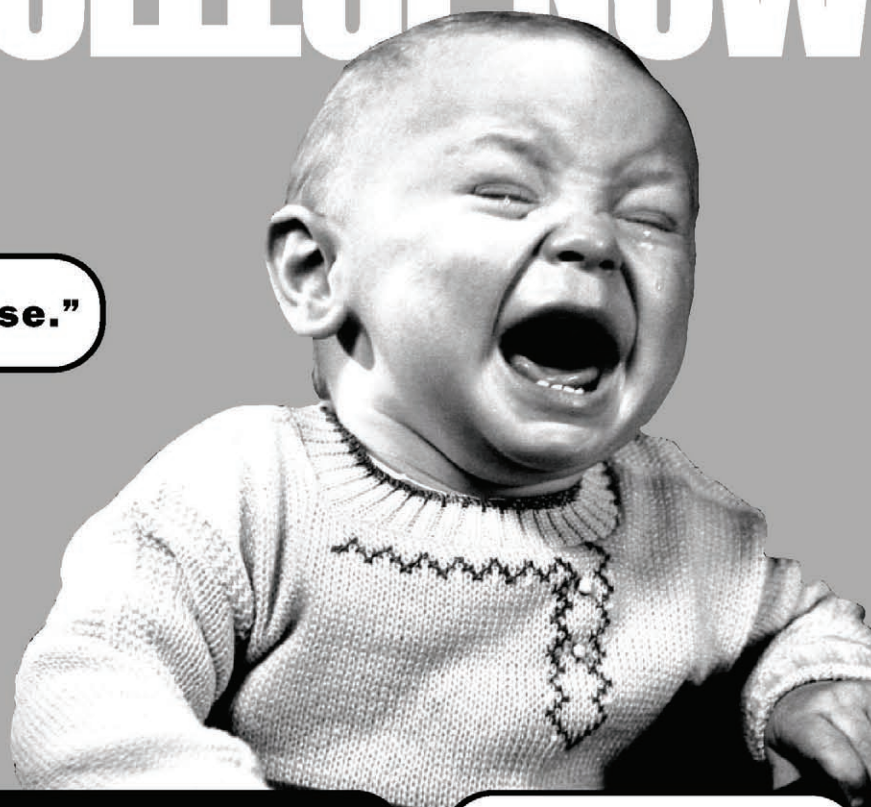
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2005 ELECTION GUIDE

After VCU debate, voters pick attorney general

Creigh Deeds

Sexual predators: "Keeping our children safe is one of the most important responsibilities of government. ... I have the experience and the vision to keep our families safe from violent sexual predators as Virginia's next attorney general."

Identity theft: "Identity theft harms both Virginia's consumers and businesses, and as attorney general I will work with Virginia's business leaders to prevent identity theft and educate consumers on how to protect themselves. Identity theft is a serious crime, and identity thieves deserve serious time, not just low-level felony convictions. I will make sure the more you steal, the more time you serve."

Gang violence: "Gang violence is invading all parts of Virginia. Illegal immigrants continue to fill the ranks of gang members, and our children are turning away from families to gangs for support structures. ... We have to send a strong signal ... that (gang activity) is behavior we're not going to tolerate."

PHILIP BOGENBERGER
Sports Editor

The candidates for attorney general have been campaigning for months. But Sen. Creigh Deeds, D-Bath County, and Delegate Robert McDonnell, R-Virginia Beach, debated just once: at VCU in September.

The debate, sponsored by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, was the only face-to-face duel between the two candidates. It gave Deeds and McDonnell a chance to discuss such issues as tort reform, illegal immigration and Virginia's right-to-work law.

McDonnell touted his support of medical malpractice reform and his efforts to upgrade technology that would be beneficial during a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

He said he was a "friend to Virginia businesses" and advocated cracking down on illegal immigration.

"In Virginia, we should not afford the right of citizenship to people who are here illegally," McDonnell said. "It takes away from the people who come here through a legal process."

Deeds said he wrote Virginia's version of Megan's Law, requiring sex offenders to register with police after being released from prison. He also sponsored the bill creating an Amber Alert system in Virginia, a subject on the minds of

many people since the disappearance and death of VCU student Taylor Behl.

"I don't know why it took two weeks to get the alert issued," Deeds said. "It should have been issued earlier. I have kids of my own."

He said he was part of the "solution to Virginia's economic woes" by supporting Gov. Mark Warner's plan in 2004 to balance the state budget by raising taxes. McDonnell opposed the tax and budget legislation.

"We passed historic budget reform," Deeds said of the \$1.4 billion tax package. "When the going got tough, they (McDonnell and other Republicans) quit. He's had his chance and he chose not to lead."

McDonnell said Deeds has "sided with criminals" because he wanted a "moratorium on the death penalty." He also said Deeds would be a "litigation-happy AG."

The candidates agreed on one thing: that the biggest issue facing Virginia is transportation.

"All areas of the state are affected by poor road conditions and congestion problems," Deeds said.

McDonnell said, "Being from Virginia Beach, I know easing traffic problems is a priority."

The candidates are looking to succeed Judith Williams Jagdmann, who became attorney general after Jerry Kilgore stepped down to run for governor.

Bob McDonnell

Drugs: "As attorney general, I will be a drug dealer's worst nightmare. When I'm attorney general, I will fight to create a climate in which Virginia will not be open for business for drug dealers."

Sexual predators: "A major step toward ensuring that Virginia's children grow up safe and secure is to put convicted sexual predators behind bars for a very long time the first time they offend. These criminals cannot be rehabilitated, and are likely to commit new crimes. We must act now in Virginia to reform our laws to reflect this known danger to our children."

Identity theft: "The identity theft epidemic is one of today's top law enforcement challenges. It is a scourge that victimizes young children, young and middle-aged adults and the elderly alike. I will continue to take the lead in cracking down on criminals who threaten Virginians and prey on vulnerable citizens."

Lieutenant governor race generates more heat than light

Leslie Byrne

Abortion: "Pro-choice."
Gay marriage: Thinks same-sex couples should be able to formalize their commitment.

Capital punishment: Has supported capital punishment for crimes, but thinks there are serious questions about how the death penalty is implemented.

Transportation: Sponsored a law that requires covers on debris-carrying trucks. Says state should spend more on sidewalks, pedestrian bridges and bike rails.

Education: Supports smaller classrooms and qualified, well-trained teachers. Supports more funding for higher education. Opposes "charter" status for the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and William & Mary.

Environment: Supports tax incentives for recycling and manufacturing, as well as the tightening regulation of underground pipelines to prevent above-ground explosions.

KAREN BOLIPATA
Copy Editor

Issues have taken a back seat to the hostile tone of the campaign for lieutenant governor.

Republican Bill Bolling calls Democrat Leslie Byrne a liberal, saying she is out of step with Virginians on issues ranging from taxes to same-sex marriages.

Byrne says Bolling is unethical. She points to his 20-year employment at the Reciprocal Group, a Richmond-based insurance company that went into bankruptcy after a fraud case involving its top executives.

"I'm a businessperson who has had three successful businesses in Virginia, and I have done it without declaring bankruptcy or fraud," Byrne said during a debate at VCU. Pointing to Bolling, she added: "I know that's not a very high standard, but on this stage it is."

Bolling's campaign has since released letters from the U.S. attorney's office and the state insurance regulators stating he had no involvement with the case.

Stephen Farnsworth, associate professor of political science at the University of Mary Washington, said the personal attacks can help candidates distinguish themselves from each other.

"You're talking about two politicians that are at very extreme ends of the political spectrum," he said. "There's very little they would agree on."

Byrne, a former congresswoman and state senator from Fairfax, has been one of the most liberal

Democrats in the General Assembly, Farnsworth said. Unlike her opponent, she supports abortion rights and same-sex marriages and opposes the state's right-to-work law.

Farnsworth said Bolling follows a conservative Christian agenda and is one of the most conservative senators. He is a strong supporter of the citizens' right to bear arms and has earned an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association, unlike Byrne, who has an "F" rating.

While Byrne said she has supported capital punishment for capital crimes, she questions its implementation in certain situations. Bolling has said he is a strong supporter of the death penalty.

Byrne, 58, has been a member of the House of Delegates, the U.S. House of Representatives and, most recently, the Virginia Senate. When Byrne was redistricted out of her Senate seat in 2001, she called it an attempt by Republicans to keep Democrat women from state politics.

Farnsworth said Byrne may view the race for lieutenant governor as a chance for redemption — "an opportunity for her to get even."

Bolling, 48, is serving his third term as state senator representing Hanover County. He served on the Hanover County Board of Supervisors from 1992 to 1995.

Bolling has expressed his desire to someday run for governor, and many view the lieutenant governor office as a launching pad for the executive slot.

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Bill Bolling

Abortion: "Pro-life." Supports parental notification and consent legislation and a ban on "partial-birth" abortion.

Gay marriage: Sponsored a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and same-sex unions in Virginia.

Capital punishment: Strong supporter of the death penalty.

Transportation: Wants to ensure transportation funds are spent on transportation projects. Supports additional funding for highway construction without increasing taxes.

Education: Supports more funding for public schools, higher academic standards and accountability in public education. Supports giving choices to families who desire alternative forms of education for their children.

Environment: Wants to provide incentives for programs that reward individuals and businesses for helping keep the environment clean.

2005 ELECTION GUIDE

Warner's shadow looms over the race for governor

ANNIE MCCALLUM
Staff Writer

Mark Warner is not on the Nov. 8 ballot, but his shadow looms over the race among the three men who seek to succeed him as governor.

Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine repeatedly reminds voters that he would carry the mantle of fellow Democrat Warner, who is barred by law from seeking re-election.

Republican Jerry Kilgore, Virginia's former attorney general, says Kaine is more liberal than Warner — and “too liberal

to be governor.”

Kilgore, who strongly supports capital punishment, has tried to make the death penalty the dominant issue in the race. Kaine says that as a Catholic, he opposes capital punishment but would carry out the death-penalty law if elected.

Polls show Kaine and Potts neck and neck. State Sen. H. Russell Potts, a Republican running as an independent, barely registers in the polls but still could be a factor in deciding the election.

Here is how the candidates stand on key issues:

	Tim Kaine	Jerry Kilgore	Russell Potts
Party affiliation	 Democrat, Richmond	 Republican, Henrico County (formerly of Gate City)	 Independent, Winchester
Transportation	Kaine would require developers to submit a traffic impact statement to get land rezoned. He would require the Virginia Department of Transportation to study the traffic and land-use impacts of road projects. He says communities should be able to reject projects that might cause congestion. He says road funds should be used only for transportation.	Kilgore says the state's Transportation Trust Fund, made up of gas tax revenues, should be used only for transportation purposes. He says people convicted of the most serious traffic crimes should face greater penalties. Kilgore says VDOT should partner with private industry to develop and finish transportation projects.	Potts would call a special legislative session to “adopt a strategic vision” for transportation, especially in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. He also wants to look for new funding for transportation. Possibilities include a sales tax increase, tolls on the interstate, and an increased tobacco tax.
Taxes	Kaine has come under scrutiny because his fellow Democrat, Gov. Mark Warner, promised not to raise taxes but did. Kaine says he will not promise that he won't raise taxes. However, he said he will look for opportunities to cut taxes. He supports cutting homeowners' taxes and creating tax credits for small businesses.	Kilgore believes Virginians should have a say in what taxes are imposed upon them. He believes proposed tax increases should be put to a referendum — except when Virginia faces “cataclysmic financial distress.” In such emergencies, Kilgore would allow a one-year tax hike if approved the governor and two-thirds of legislators.	Potts has said, “I hate taxes, but I love Virginia more.” He says he opposes using the state's general operating fund (which supports schools and other services) to finance transportation. Instead, Potts said he would find revenues elsewhere — possibly from an increase in the sales tax or tobacco tax.
Education	Kaine wants to make pre-kindergarten education available to all Virginia children. He also wants to create a four-year college in Southside Virginia. In addition, Kaine has pledged to raise teacher salaries.	Kilgore said he believes in the three R's: recruit, retain and reward. He wants to focus on recruiting excellent teachers and retaining them by creating a “single salary structure.” He also would create a statewide bonus system for teachers.	Potts would create two rigorous “high tech” high schools, in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. He has criticized as “horrible policy” No Child Left Behind, the federal law that sets school standards.
Abortion	Kaine says he has religious opposition to abortion and would try to reduce abortions. He said he would seek to ban “partial birth” abortions, support abstinence-focused education for teens, ensure women access to contraceptives and promote adoption.	Kilgore says he supports a “culture of life” and “reasonable safeguards” regarding abortion. They include parental consent and parental notification laws, a 24-hour waiting period before having an abortion and a ban on “partial birth” abortions.	Potts supports Roe vs. Wade, the court ruling that allows women to choose an abortion. As governor, Potts said, he would veto attempts to overturn the ruling. He supports parental consent rules, a 24-hour waiting period and a ban of “partial birth” abortions.

Sources: www.jerrykilgore.com; www.russpotts.com; www.kaine2005.org; candidate debates and other news reports

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Because the office is largely ceremonial, it's difficult to run for lieutenant governor, Farnsworth said. The lieutenant governor's duties are to preside over the Senate, cast tie-breaking votes and succeed to the gov-

ernorship if the governor dies.

The small portfolio of duties makes campaigning difficult, Farnsworth said. “It's more a discussion of character and policy.”

Polls show that the Nov. 8 election for lieutenant governor may be close. Bolling and Byrne seem to be trying to cater to their base supporters rather than to attract swing voters, Farnsworth said.

“I think both candidates are doing a good job of telling their supporters what they want to hear,” he said. “The challenge for both candidates is to reach out for those moderate voters.”

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Blending old-school funk riffs with rap-rock and reggae fusion, the Richmond-based band plays songs from their "Seconds" L.P. Acoustic loop-station artist Dennis Licari opens the show. 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$5. 1847 W. Broad St.

Friday, Nov. 4

First Friday Artwalk

Downtown Richmond

The monthly art buffet offers door-to-door exhibit openings along the historic Broad Street corridor. Free.

Richmond Roots Revival

Cary Street Café

The monthly concert series features local musicians Ominotago, Jubeus, and Modern Groove Syndicate. 9:30 p.m. \$5. 2621 W. Cary St. (804) 353-7445.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Glow Party

Richmond Salons, University Student Commons

APB hosts a glow-in-the-dark dance. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$3 for VCU students, \$5 for non-VCU students. Bring canned goods for \$2 off.

"The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?"

Firehouse Theatre

The award-winning drama by Edward Albee's sorts out the irrational, bewildering and awkward nature of love. 8 p.m. \$10 for students and \$20 for general public. 1609 W. Broad St. (804) 405-5685.

Sunday, Nov. 6

"Drinking Games"

Bogart's

The brainchild of local playwright Clay McLeod Chapman, "Drinking Games" involves anonymous actors in the crowd telling their story in the Back Room. 7 p.m. Every Sunday through Dec. 11. \$10. 203 N. Lombardy St. (804) 353-9280.

Neon Man Workshop

ComedySportz Improv Theatre

Playwright-performer Slashtipher J. Coleman leads a workshop on how to write, produce and market your own theatrical works and presents his one-man show, "The Neon Man & Me," for feedback. Free. 7115-A Staples Mill Road. (804) 266-9377.

Fall Fashion 343

Fashion students mull over street-smart and Western-influenced trends

JOANNAH NWOKEABIA
Spectrum CO-Editor

Ask fashion design senior Sean Rapoza which trends to avoid this fall and he'll quickly tell you: "pink polo shirts with the collars flipped up."

One look around VCU's campuses and it becomes clear that more than a few student mannequins missed that memo. Add to that the memos advising them to chuck the Uggs and throw out the ponchos.

For Rapoza and his fellow fashion merchandising and design classmates, trend-watching isn't just a pastime. It's serious business. Identifying, tracking and analyzing trends are all part of their curriculum this fall in FASH 343, professor Rosalie Regni's fashion forecasting class.

The change of seasons offers fashion-savvy students a reason to put the stale trends of summer and yesteryear into hibernation and try something fresh.

When it comes to accessorizing this fall, bigger is better, Kristin Lounello recommended.

"Big of everything" is in, the fashionista said — oversized earrings, sunshades, necklaces, belts and long fitted T-shirts. The 21-year-old trendspotter also recommended borrowing a look already popular on the West Coast — pairing dresses with cowboy boots.

To stay stylishly warm, try senior Erica Basha's suggestion of tucking your jeans into your boots and bundling up in a plush wrap sweater. As for the guys, they "always do the same thing," Basha said, dismissively.

Rapoza, a senior, shed light on how the often-overlooked men's fashion food chain works: Unlike women's trends, ideas for men's style tend to flow upward — from the streets to the runways. This season, he said, look for black jeans frayed at the hems. It's a popular style among young, grungy guys.

Dress them up or down, denim jeans, a staple in most college students' closets, show no sign of fading away this fall. Whether or not the cotton blues are dated, though, depends on what cut students choose to wear. For women, the look is the tapered cut.

Considering the extinction of the flared leg, Shola Martyn pointed out jeans are becoming more straight-legged and decorative. As for that hole in your favorite pair of cotton blues, let it rip. Deconstructed denims are coming back strong this fall, Martyn said.

While you may not want to wear your curtains anytime soon, Bridget Levesque, a home fashions major, suggests looking to interior decorating trends when it comes to stocking your closet.

"Anything with brown is in style — even in home fashions," the 21-year-old said.

It seems the Midas touch has reached handbags, belts and shoes, but don't count out those ubiquitous, shiny accessories yet. Heather Henley, 25, predicts bronze, gold and rusty colors will be popular this fall, too.

"Metallics are in," she said. Henley also expected some summer favorites — plastic beaded necklaces and peasant skirts — to carry into the fall.

There was one thing the whole class did agree on: Black is the new black.

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The CT hits the street: Styling the student body

Q1: What fashion trends are in style this fall?
Q2: What trends should students leave behind?



Bruce Vann, 20, Small business studies, sophomore
Q1: I think T-shirts and jeans are definitely in.
Q2: Definitely tights. Spandex tights, unless you're a dancer, is not fashionable at all.



Katy Parrish, 24, second-year graduate student in School of Social Work
Q1: I've noticed a lot more girls wearing bigger sunglasses.
Q2: My mom gave me these jeans and the waist was very high ...



Amanda Gray, 19, Pre-nursing, sophomore
Q1: Cowboy boots.
Q2: Snow boots. It's not even snowing outside.



Liz Rose, 22, Graphic design, senior
Q1: A lot of browns, as far as colors, and greens and pinks.
Q2: A lot of guys are starting to do the tapered jeans and tight jeans.



Prashant Dhingra, 22, Finance, senior
Q1: I think the trend is a little risqué—the popped collar—but I don't do that. I kind of have my own style.
Q2: Jerseys are cool, but overly baggy shirts with T-shirt logos all the time, I'm not big on. I think plain is better sometimes.



Tyler Steele, Photography, age and year not disclosed
Q1: Black and black.
Q2: What I'm wearing right now is probably not in.

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Gavin DeGraw shines in concert



JOANNAH NWOKEABIA
Spectrum Co-Editor

Post-pubescent Trick-or-Treaters in ghoulish costumes may have caused a slight stir in the Fan this weekend. But it was piano man Gavin DeGraw, simply dressed in a plaid shirt, ashy-gray pants and an army-green cap, who got the spine-tingling screams Halloween Eve.

Never mind that they came mostly from the overglossed lips of not-quite-legal teenyboppers, the singer-songwriter rocked the Stuart C. Siegel Center with a piano-pounding, soul-infused, hour-long set from his platinum-selling album, "Chariot."

He was in town Sunday for VCU's "Rams for Relief" benefit concert, which raised \$1,656 to help victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The money will be donated to the American Red Cross.

One highlight in the concert came when DeGraw treated the audience to an acoustic guitar version of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get it On." Saving the best for last, he belted out his two biggest hits: "I Don't Want To Be" and "Chariot."

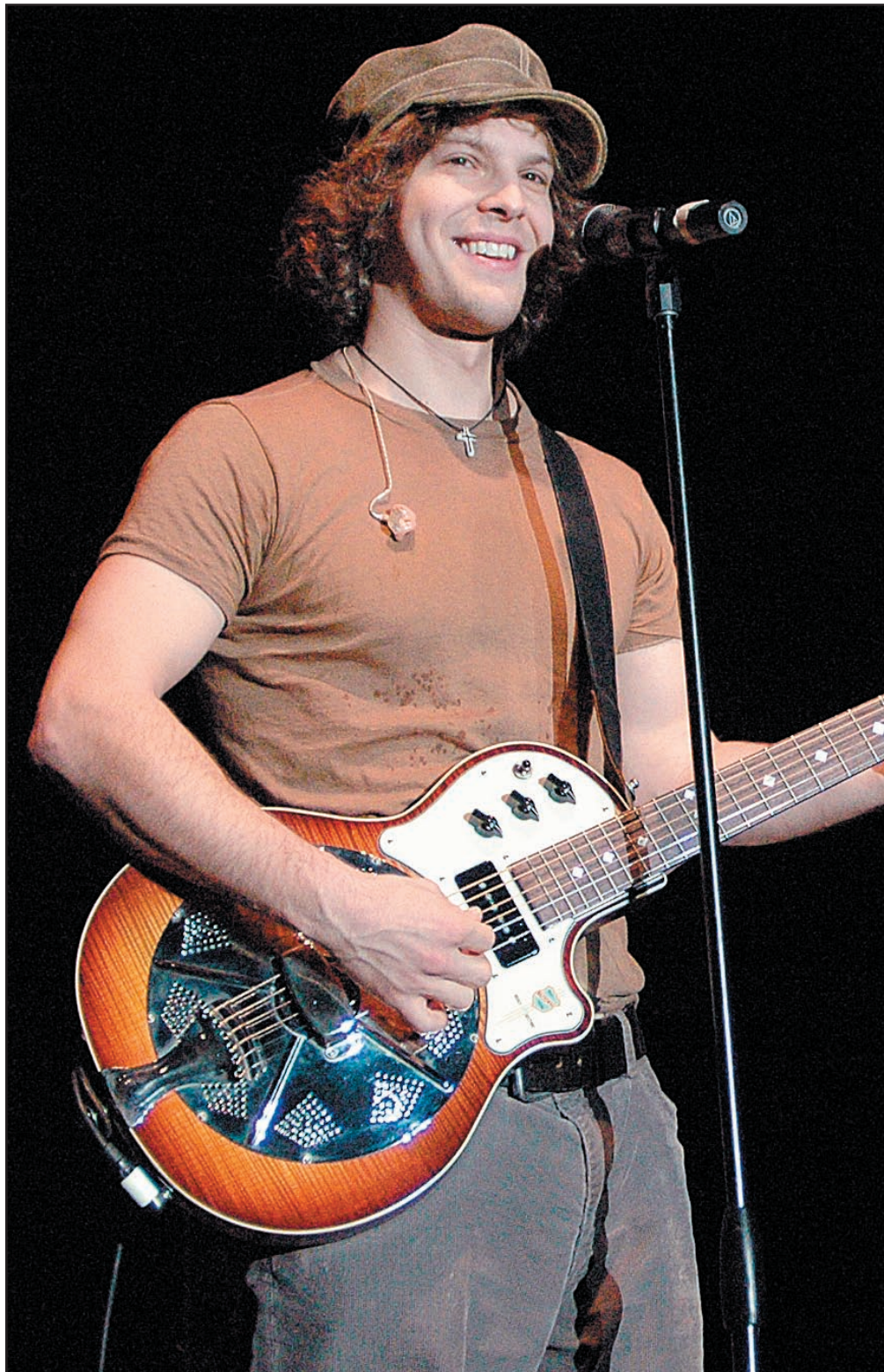
Rock group Pepper's Ghost opened the show with their signature sound reminiscent of '60s rock that brought the young crowd to its feet.

The Philadelphia-based band, composed of brothers Anthony and Michael Montesano, Rob Bennett, David Hartley and a drummer known only as Zil, played songs from their latest album, "Shake the Hand that Shook the World."

Hot off the heels of his MTV Hard Rock Live concert, DeGraw's star is on the rise. But it wasn't enough to fill the seats Sunday night. Around 400 people turned out for Sunday's concert held at the 7,500-seat Alltel Pavilion, barely filling the floor-level seats.

With DeGraw's powerful voice and charismatic onstage presence, the concert felt more like an intimate listing party among friends.

A long wait could turn any die-hard fan into an expletive-spewing sourpuss. It says a lot about the country boy from New York that his fans patiently waited for nearly an hour between sets and still greeted him with a warm welcome when he finally appeared on stage. But with pipes like his, DeGraw was well worth the wait.



Ash Daniel

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Movie Review

JAMES APPLEBACH
Spectrum Writer

This weekend, just in time for our post-Halloween candy gorging, Uncommon Productions shows the old and new film adaptations of Roald Dahl's classic story, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," as well as the remake of the classic film "Bad News Bears."

The original and more musical film based on Dahl's story, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," features more songs, dwarf-like Oompa Loompas and 1970s haircuts. Gene Wilder plays Willy Wonka, a famous chocolatier who is forced to close down his factory after some worker spies sell his secret candy recipes to competing companies. The closing forces him to work

in seclusion until he holds a contest where five golden tickets are sent out in random Wonka bars to five lucky children from anywhere in the world. As the children soon discover, Wonka's years of seclusion have gotten to him, and he is now walking a fine line between genius and insanity.

The remake of this film titled "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," follows closer to the literary work. In this version, Willy Wonka is played by Johnny Depp in one of his most fascinating and believable roles. Everything is revamped for a modern generation of moviegoers. The songs in the film use a wider array of styles and instrumentation. Also, the special effects used for the wonders in-

side Wonka's factory, the great glass elevator and the Oompa Loompas have improved a great deal since the 1970s. These all provide excellent eye candy along with the theme of the film. The film can be mildly disturbing, however, when one looks at the factory as a childhood paradise for the man without a childhood. Remind you of anyone?

The second remake of the weekend, "Bad News Bears," stars Billy Bob Thornton as an ex-professional baseball player and an alcoholic. He is recruited to coach a failing baseball team of 12 year-olds and lead them to a comeback.

"Carry Me" makes weekend debut

OLIVIA BEATTY
Spectrum Writer

Richard Newdick Theatre in the Shafer Street Playhouse, Nov. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. Nov. 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Directed by Jenny Hundley

Set in Jackson Ward in 1968, "Carry Me" is Jenny Hundley's thesis theater project. The show pays homage to the local historical neighborhood through democratically driven humor.

"It's an attempt to get at the issue of racism through satirical political humor," Hundley said.

Hundley wrote and directed the play after spending two years researching. The play is based on Sidney Poitier's directorial debut, "Carry Me Back to Morningside Heights."

"The scene design in itself reflects everything classical about the architecture of historic Jackson Ward," scenic designer Lara Rhyner said. "Many Richmonders who live in it are unaware of it's history."

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Weird News

Compiled from wire reports

Prostitutes threatened war effort

London prostitutes came close to threatening the war effort during World War II by pestering U.S. troops.

High-level meetings were held to try and resolve the situation with U.S. Army chiefs worried about a venereal disease outbreak.

The soldiers themselves wrote home to complain that they were constantly accosted and sometimes robbed.

There were also fears of a propaganda coup for the Germans if they found out, as the Nazis could have portrayed Britain as a "decadent" nation where "immoral" women "preyed" on unwary U.S. troops.

But despite pleas from U.S. Army chiefs, British officials refused to change the law to make it easier to jail prostitutes.

This made the soldiers "easy prey

for the innumerable prostitutes that frequent the neighborhood, and their own conduct is such as to encourage these prostitutes."

GIs who consorted with prostitutes became known as "Piccadilly commandos".

Pilgrims flock to see Jesus on wardrobe

Pilgrims are flocking to the home of a Romanian family who claim the images of Jesus and two disciples have appeared on their wardrobe.

Valeriu Junie, 66, of Drobeta Turnu Severin, said he first noticed the images about a year ago, just before Christmas.

"It all started one night when I was watching TV and noticed some shadows on our wardrobe.

"I turned on the light and saw the image of Jesus in the middle and those of St. Peter and St Paul on the sides.

"I didn't say a word to anyone for a few weeks but then the images started

to become clearer everyday. I decided to call the priests and since then lots of people come to my house to see the miracle."

Local priest Vasile Nuhaui said, "I was shocked by what I saw there. There were three shadows on that wardrobe with the face of Jesus Christ in the centre.

"It is a miracle when saints reveal themselves to us mortals and I crossed myself and started to pray. I told the two old people they should fast and pray to those holy images."

Colombia to stage baby marathon

About 600 babies are expected to compete in a crawling marathon in Colombia.

They will have to crawl for five meters along a track in the Cali city center.

The route, along the city's Bolivar Walk, will be especially covered for the race.

Babies ages 8 to 18 months are eligible to compete for the top prize of a diploma and a bag full of baby goodies.

Four-foot wire left in man's body for 10 years

A builder has revealed that doctors left a wire measuring four feet in his body.

Steve Windless discovered the wire when he felt a sharp pain in his neck and could feel the wire sticking out.

"I was gobsmacked," he said.

"At first I'd thought it might be a nail that had got lodged in my skin at work. I couldn't believe it when the wire just kept coming out."

The wire was left behind when he underwent a complex medical procedure a decade ago.

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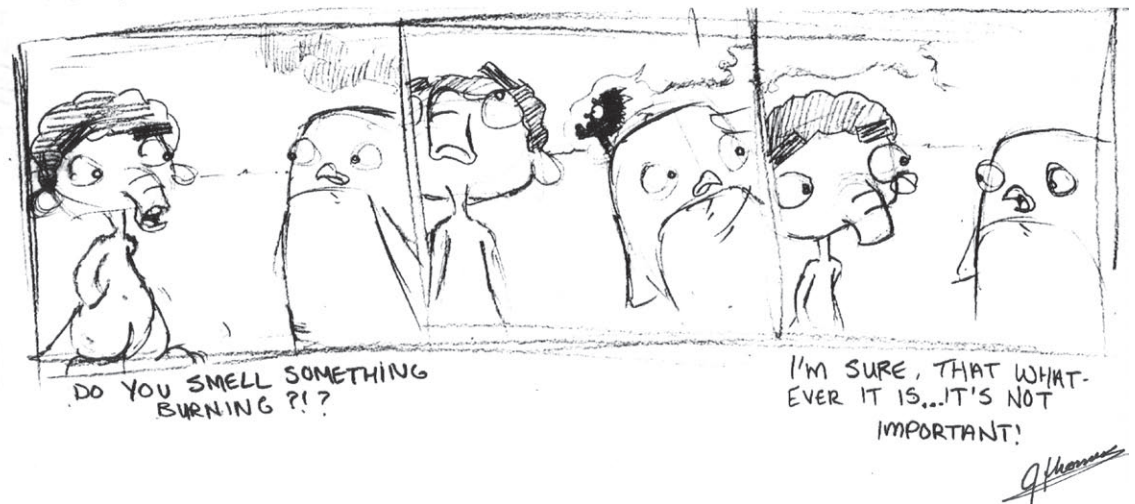
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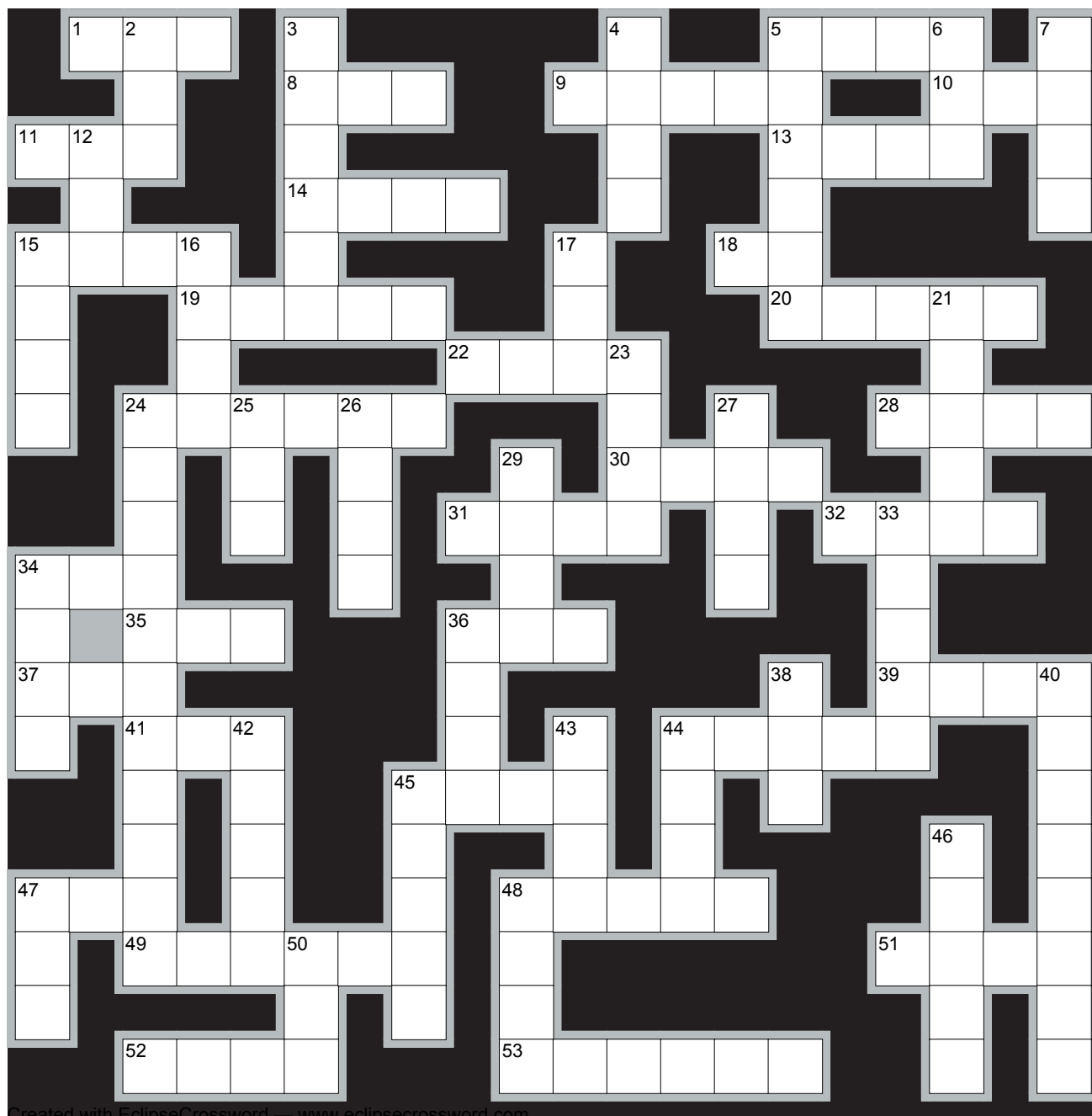
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1. An instrument for digging.
5. Type of beans. Delicious with liver and Chianti.
8. To be wrong, human, usually both.
9. Substance that freezes into ice, snow.
10. Cherry, apple, mincemeat...
11. Mode of transportation
13. Island.
14. Secretary of State.
15. "Certainly I don't want to die. But if anyone has to die, let it be me." - Regal last name, a junior.
18. "Was up?"
19. Wonder Woman's golden "weapon."
20. Cookie batter.
22. Abbreviation of Professor.
24. Mad at someone.
28. To tie together, like with a rope.
30. Reed instrument.
31. Snappy remark.
32. Cheat, swindle.
34. Extra-sonic aircraft.
35. Fall behind.
36. Bad hairpiece.
37. Regret
39. VCU mascot.
41. To lightly strike.
44. Loud.
45. Meat market.
47. Plus, join.
48. He is considered among the most influential figures in the development of rock-and-roll music.
49. Name of the new dining center.
51. Cry, scream.
52. Not closed.
53. Steep slope.

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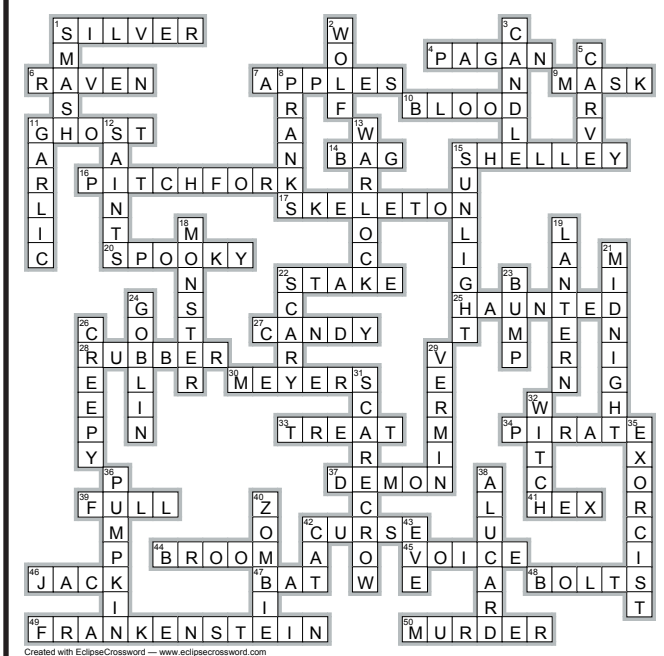
2. Used to row, row, row a boat.
3. Wreckage.
4. Satisfy.
5. Rhymes with rigid.
6. Gorilla.
7. Greenhouse gasses could do this to the ice caps.
12. Born Cassius Clay.
15. Original creator of Batman.
16. Delight.
17. Love interest, boyfriend or girlfriend
21. Generally gas or charcoal, meant for cooking.
23. Flip.



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24. Data East's amphibians.
25. The last part.
26. Mote, speck, small.
27. A creator of poetry.
29. A spiritual teacher.
33. Tucks, piano keys.
34. A sharp, sudden pull.
36. Scarce, unusual.
38. You can process this to make petrol products.
40. Teaching someone something.
42. Spaghetti, angel hair, linguini.
43. Caused by the moon.
44. Close to.
45. Oursun will probably become a white one these someday.
46. Large aquatic mammal.
47. Fit, appropriate.
48. Crab.
50. Follower of a sport.

Answers from Oct. 31 edition



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EDITORIALS & LETTERS

Opinion In Brief

Chilling condemnation

The Monroe Park Campus SGA's decision last month to condemn September's PETA display at VCU is understandable given the racial insensitivity involved in the display's methods – comparing, for example, an African child with the image of a monkey.

Senators who supported the resolution say they are in favor of First Amendment rights. But by condemning an idea rather than the methods used to convey it, the senators' actions don't match their words.

'Silly debate'

White House Counselor Dan Bartlett has suggested that the questions surrounding the failures of pre-war intelligence in Iraq are a "silly debate," suggesting that Democrats such as President Clinton reached the same conclusion: that Saddam "was a threat."

The question, however, is how imminent that threat was – and whether it justified an immediate invasion. There's nothing silly about getting to the bottom of a decision to take a nation to war.



WE HAVE A VACCINE THAT IS EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING 97% OF THE CASES OF THE VIRUS, AN STD, THAT CAUSES MOST CERVICAL CANCER. CERVICAL CANCER IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON CANCER AMONG WOMEN...



YOU CAN'T USE IT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE LIKE GIVING YOUNG GIRLS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE PREMARTIAL SEX! IF WE CAN'T SCARE THEM WITH THE THREAT OF DEATH HOW CAN WE TRUST OUR GIRLS TO REMAIN PURE?! ABSTINENCE IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE 100% CERTAIN, SO LET'S NOT TAKE ANY SORT OF PRECAUTIONS BECAUSE THEN IF THEY GET CANCER THEY OBVIOUSLY DESERVED IT!

DID THIS SORT OF STUFF COME UP WHEN THEY MADE THE HEPATITIS B VACCINE WE ALL ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE TO ENROLL IN PUBLIC SCHOOL?

Editorial Cartoon | by Andrew Babb

Your Turn *Letters to the Editor*

Planned defense

After reading Derek Rinaldo's Oct. 13 article attacking Planned Parenthood, I was outraged by the blatant inaccuracies he tried to pass off as factual information. As an intern for the Virginia League of Planned Parenthood and a social work student in the BSW program here at VCU, I found it necessary to write The Commonwealth Times to call Rinaldo on his lack of research.

Planned Parenthood is a 501(c)3, or nonprofit, organization. This means that all money coming into the organization goes toward keeping it running. At Planned Parenthood health centers, abortions are not seen as a profitable "consumer good" as Rinaldo describes them. Under Title X of U.S. code, organizations that provide abortions are not given taxpayer money from the government to fund any clinical procedures. The overwhelming majority of Planned Parenthood's services focus on prevention, and the only money granted at the state level is for preventative HIV/STD programs provided through the Department of Education.

I seriously doubt that the anti-choice groups are in support of

"pro-informed choice." If this were true, how would "abstinence-only until marriage" education programs in public school systems, which operate under a "Don't ask, don't tell" basis, claim efficacy?

Young people need to be given accurate information about the dangers regarding sex and options that are available for them to protect themselves. People should be given all of the facts so they can make their own decisions about their bodies. Rinaldo cites afterabortion.com when discussing the emotions women experience after having an abortion as "depression, post-traumatic stress disorder – and even suicide." Yet studies have shown that the emotion most women experience after an abortion is relief.

As a student learning from the counselors, I know that it is of the utmost importance to make sure that women are not being coerced by family or friends to have an abortion. The counselors do not coerce the patients to have an abortion; they only listen. The only "coercion" we have here is to urge women to get annual checkups, use condoms to prevent STDs and to use a reliable method of birth control in order to avoid unintended pregnancies.

Planned Parenthood clinics are not uncaring money-making machines motivated by greed and profit. They are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide non-judgmental support for women seeking information and access to reproductive health services, as well as advocating public policies that allow for women – not the government – to decide what to do with their own bodies and reproductive health.

Spreading the misinformation of a biased opinion to the readers of The Commonwealth Times is one thing; listing off slanted lies as facts is another. It is up to the readers to be the judge, but I'd hate to think Rinaldo's tirade would discourage women from accessing services that some may not be able to afford anywhere else. Planned Parenthood offers annual exams, STD screenings and treatment, free pregnancy tests, low-cost birth control, adoption counseling, as well as an upcoming prenatal healthcare program for low-income women without insurance. Polarizing the issue of abortion services at Planned Parenthood is a disservice to women seeking adequate, affordable healthcare.

– Amanda Covington

Kaine response

To the Editor:

As a liberal, I was saddened and frustrated by Tim Kaine's speech in the VCU commons on Sunday, October 30, 2005. The speech was nothing more than meaningless rhetoric.

Kaine pushed aside education, jobs, health care and other issues needed to "move Virginia forward." Although, Kaine repeatedly used the phrase to rally supporters.

Kaine was also unable to demonstrate that he could run a "positive campaign" when he made passive remarks about his opponent sweating in an earlier debate.

As much as I would like to support a Democratic governor, I cannot vote for someone who clearly demonstrates the problems within American politics.

– Benjamin Cohen

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