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Time for young people to Rock the Vote

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Rock the Vote.

What is it? Why is it needed? How can it help you?

As its name indicates, Rock the Vote is tied to the music business. Members of the recording industry formed the Rock the Vote organization in 1990 to encourage young people to go to the polls to cast ballots and to educate them so they can make informed political decisions.

Partly because of this group's effort, the number of young voters rose in 1992 for the first time since 18- to 21-year-olds first were allowed to vote in 1971.

"In 1992, we were credited with regis-

tering 358,000 new voters," said Sapna Batra, a Rock the Vote representative. "We are looking to exceed that number (this year). We have received about 185,000 calls so far through 1-800-REGISTER."

Scott Keeter, chairman of VCU's Department of Political Science and Public Administration, said whoever does not participate in politics leaves the game to other people. He said people do have power though many people believe that they do not.

"Those that participate will have more power than those that don't," he said. If people don't participate, they definitely won't be represented."

Matt David, chairman of the College Republicans of VCU, called Rock the Vote

a good thing.

"Young people are really apathetic about voting," he said. "Anything that will get people involved is great."

History indicates that young people always have been less involved in politics than older groups.

"People become involved (in politics) as they settle into a community, have children, the children are going to school and they are buying property," Keeter said. "These things tend to show people the relevance of politics."

This year, Rock the Vote wants to continue increasing the number of young voters by offering different places and methods of registration. When Congress in 1993 passed the "motor-voter" law, it allowed

voters to register at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Although some states provided registration opportunities at other government offices, the registration process now is standardized and permits phone registration.

Thus, enters Rock the Vote.

Students wanting to register by phone first dial 1-800-REGISTER before being asked to enter their zip code.

Once the zip code is accepted, students can see a list of voting requirements for their resident state.

They then enter their names and birthdates. Afterward, these students should receive prepaid forms in the mail

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Chieu Nguyen/Commonwealth Times

MOVIE MAYHEM — Pyrotechnics take center stage Tuesday during the filming of "The Day of the Jackal." The facade of the faux New Hope Memorial Hospital on the corner of Cary and 5th streets was wrecked by the explosive movie magic.

SGA to senators: Three strikes and you're out

Paul Whelan
CT NEWS EDITOR

During its third meeting of the year, the steering committee of VCU's Student Government Association discussed the student senate's attendance policy.

The current policy is three strikes and you're out. According to the SGA constitution, any senator who accumulates three absences will be kicked out of the senate. Absences include missing a meeting of the full senate and any meeting of the senator's assigned committee. This is the first year that the policy will be strongly enforced.

So far, seven senators are in this situation. In order to remain in SGA, these students must submit written excuses to the clerk of the senate by next Monday. The steering committee then determines whether or not the excuse is valid.

During the steering committee's discussion, SGA Vice president Sean P. Johnson expressed concern that some senators may not be aware that they are in violation of the attendance policy.

"What I'm saying is I don't think we can afford to lose good people," Johnson said, adding that the committee should make sure that these senators are notified and given ample time to submit excuses.

Speaker of the SGA Senate Charlie Bryan said that this far into the semester the senators already should be aware of the policy.

Johnson said in a later interview that he thinks the policy is necessary and should be enforced strictly. The rule lets senators know that being a senator isn't just for fun and that they are expected to put some time into the SGA, he said.

The policy weeds out those who aren't dedicated. "The ones that are left ... are the ones you want to work with," Johnson said.

Another benefit of the attendance policy is that it has kept the appointments committee busy, Johnson said.



Workshops offer keys to academic success

Paul Whelan
CT NEWS EDITOR

Do feel like you're an A student stuck in a C minus rut?

The Academic Success Program may be exactly what you need. The program, which is in its second year, is sponsored by VCU's University Counseling Services. Workshops for the program are held every Monday and Thursday at noon in the Forum Room of the University Student Commons.

Joy Bressler is the senior staff counselor who organizes the workshops.

"I really do believe all students want to succeed," said Bressler, adding that most students just need to learn

good study skills in order to do well in college.

The most recent workshop, "How to be an Assertive Student," was conducted by senior staff counselor Pauline Moroni.

"What we're talking about when we talk about being assertive is self assurance and respect for self and others," Moroni said to an audience of nearly 60 students. "What you need to understand is these classes belong to you. Get everything you can out of them."

Moroni went on to give the audience tips on being assertive. She told the students to be very aware of how they come across in the classroom and told them to keep

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World NEWS

News from around the globe



WORLD/NATION



•21 Sunni Muslims killed in mosque raid

Masked men opened fire on worshippers in a mosque in Multan, Pakistan, killing 21 and injuring another 33. Officials believe the attack is linked to recent violence between Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

Many of the victims were 10- to 16-year old boys who attend a religious school next door to the Mosque. All 21 victims were Sunni Muslims.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack but two people have been arrested.

•Japanese turn Taiwanese from disputed islands

Taiwanese and Hong Kong legislators on their way to the Diaoyu Islands were turned away by Japanese patrol boats yesterday. Japan, Taiwan and China all lay claim to the tiny islands, which are uninhabited.

The flotilla was filled with 16 legislators and nearly 40 reporters. At the center of the dispute are the abundant fish stocks that surround the islands.

•du Pont suspects lawyers of CIA conspiracy

Millionaire John E. du Pont fired two of the lawyers defending him in his upcoming

murder trial. du Pont said he believed the lawyers had joined prosecutors, the judge and the CIA in a conspiracy against him. du Pont has been charged with the murder of an Olympic wrestler.

•Clinton orders airline changes

President Clinton ordered the Federal Aviation Administration to begin matching luggage with passengers on every domestic flight, even though the controversial move could mean long delays and more expensive tickets.

Airline professionals said they have no idea how to carry out the directive which is aimed at preventing anyone from checking a bag and then not boarding the plane.

With 500 million domestic passengers a year, "you're talking about one of the biggest logistical problems you could imagine," said David A. Fuscus, spokesman for the Air Transport Association.

Clinton ordered the FAA to phase in the rule over the next 60 days at selected airports. "We're going to cooperate, but it's a huge job," Fuscus said

•Suspect in sex-slave case shot to death

A Maryland man wanted for chaining two women in his basement as sex slaves was shot to death in New York.

Richard Elliott, 57, had been wanted since last week when two prostitutes in chains escaped from his home outside Baltimore. The women said he had kidnapped,

sexually abused, beaten and threatened them with death in a torture chamber.

Elliott served more than a decade in prison for kidnapping and torturing a California teen-ager 30 years ago. Police said the motive for the shooting was not immediately known.

•Woman opens fire on Penn State campus

A 19-year-old woman with a Mohawk haircut spread out a tarp in the middle of Penn State University and opened fire with a rifle. One student was killed and another wounded before she was wrestled to the ground while reloading.

Jillian Robbins, a hunter with Army Reserve training, had a history of mental problems and was known as "Crazy Jill," according to acquaintances. Robbins was hospitalized in serious condition with a stab wound suffered when she was tackled by a student who came to the rescue and knocked her to the ground.

No immediate charges were filed. Police gave no motive and said Robbins did not know her victims.

VIRGINIA



•Norfolk police uncover stockpile of drugs, guns

A state trooper pursuing a man who ran through a traffic checkpoint led Norfolk

police lead to an apartment full of guns, drugs and cash. Police also found \$130,000 in heroin and cocaine in the apartment.

The trooper was running a routine checkpoint at an Interstate 64 exit ramp when he saw a car back up and flee. The officer followed and found the contraband in plain sight.

CAMPUS



•VCU reaches deal with male professors

VCU and 6 male professors who were suing the school for sexual discrimination apparently reached an out-of-court agreement this week. The case stemmed from 1992 pay adjustments that were made for female members of the faculty.

The professors claim that the adjustments were sexually discriminatory because they were based on a university study that they say was flawed. The Washington-based Center for Individual Rights backed the professors on the grounds that the university's study, which found female professors were paid less, failed to take into account factors used in determining tenure cases.

The settlement is awaiting finalization by Gov. George Allen who is out of the country.

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Homeless issue takes spotlight

Tricia Nguyen

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For Christine Garcia, finding work has been a struggle the past two years. Over that period of time, she's lived at Sean's Place, one of the two houses sponsored by the Freedom House.

Last night she attended a forum addressing the national concerns of the homeless held at the student commons.

"I really hope they carry through with what they're saying," Garcia said of the panel of national experts participating in the forum. "It will be excellent, especially for people who want to help themselves."

The forum was sponsored by VCU's School of Social Work. Last night's event is a preview of a statewide conference held today on "Homelessness in Virginia." Local and national experts will discuss ways to address the homeless issue.

The panelists include Fred Karnas, former VCU graduate, and director of the Interagency Council for the Homeless of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Nan Roman, vice president of the National Alliance to End Homelessness; Deborah Dennis, director of the National Resource Center on Homelessness & Mental Illness; and Walter Leginski, chief of the Homeless Programs Branch of the Center for Mental Health Service within U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Richmond City Councilman Timothy Kaine was the moderator.

While the panelists discussed changes in the government which directly affects the homeless, Garcia took notes.

With the passing of the Welfare Reform Bill and federal budget cuts, all panelists agreed that a new wave of homeless people can be anticipated.

"We're going to take a serious hit," Roman said, predicting that a devolution of responsibilities will occur on the



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HOMELESS ISSUE- Ann Nichols-Casebolt, associate dean of the School of Social Work, makes opening remarks last night before a group of students, professors and members of the community at a forum addressing the nationwide problem of homelessness. Tonight a statewide conference will be held at the commons.

state and local levels.

Some trends Roman foresees include one-third of women and children will be without homes, while 25 percent of the people cut off from federal assistance will become homeless.

"There's a lot less sympathy for poor people," she said of the growing negative attitudes against the homeless.

Another, she noted, is "that only deserving poor people should be helped."

The myths and stereotypes about the homeless was a topic of discussion at the forum, one of which Dennis

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Clinton believes Whitewater a witchhunt

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said he believes Whitewater prosecutors may be out to get him and the first lady.

Clinton was asked whether he agrees with Whitewater figure Susan McDougal that prosecutors are hunting for information to implicate the Clintons in wrongdoing — regardless of whether the information is true.

The president said he understood from statements by Mrs. McDougal's lawyer that prosecutors "wanted her to say something bad about us."

Do you believe Mrs. McDougal's lawyer? Clinton was asked in a PBS interview

Monday on PBS' 'News Hour With Jim Lehrer.' "There's a lot of evidence to support that," Clinton replied.

Mrs. McDougal, one of the Clintons' former Whitewater partners, said she would not cooperate with independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation because he "was out to get the Clintons." Mrs. McDougal has been jailed for her refusal to cooperate.

Clinton said he's "given no consideration" to whether he would pardon Jim and Susan McDougal and former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. They were convicted of defrauding the McDougal's savings and loan in a trial this spring.

On Friday, federal judges in the eastern

district of Arkansas voted 4-4 on whether Starr should be required to respond to an ethics complaint against him, U.S. District Judge Henry Woods said today. The judges then decided to refer the matter to Attorney General Janet Reno.

Frank T. Mandanici, a lawyer from Bridgeport, Conn., acting as a private citizen, asked the court this month to "disbar, suspend, reprimand or take other disciplinary action" against Starr. He said Starr's longtime political involvement disqualified him.

Previously, he unsuccessfully filed complaints against Starr in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and against a judge on the panel that appointed Starr.

Dole takes president to task on taxes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole said Tuesday that if President Clinton is re-elected, he will "take every opportunity to increase the size of government" through old-fashioned tax-and-spend policies.

Dole, speaking at the Economic Club of Detroit, contended that Clinton would return to the early years of his first term, when he fought for a \$265 billion tax increase and failed to push through a \$16 billion plan to boost the economy through what Dole called "pork-barrel" government spending.

"These are not the actions of a finger-in-the-wind politician," Dole said in remarks prepared for delivery. "These are the actions of an old-style, dyed-in-the-wool, big-spending liberal committed to a government that spends and spends and taxes

and taxes.

"These are the actions of someone who, once the spotlight of the campaign has been turned off, will take every opportunity to increase the size of government even as he decreases the size of your wallet," he added.

Dole's speech Tuesday put an economic twist on his remarks Monday, when he held up the president's failed health reform plan as an example of Clinton's supposedly true big-government vision.

After that speech, the president denied he is a "closet liberal" and said his recent moves to the political center on issues such as welfare reform are similar to decisions he has made throughout his political career.

Dole also brought out some new details to buttress his claim that the economy is weaker than many people think and that manufacturing areas such as Michigan

and Ohio — both key battleground states — could lose jobs.

Dole said last week's news that the trade deficit reached a four-year high in July of \$11.7 billion is a "frightening measure" of how hollow the U.S. economy really is.

Other statistics, he said, show that bankruptcies topped the 1 million mark last year for the first time and that productivity has slowed to a crawl, leading six in 10 Americans to see their real wages decline over the past six years.

Dole said his economic plan, which couples tax cuts with a pledge to balance the budget over six years, would cut the size of government and return more money to average people to "release the potential bottled up in this economy."

"Bill Clinton wants the government to grow larger. I want the private sector to grow larger," he said.

Candidates on the issues

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ISSUE: AMERICORPS

Here are the answers of the major presidential candidates to the question: "Is AmeriCorps, the national service program, worth saving?"

Bill Clinton: "Definitely. Our challenge is to give Americans the educational opportunities they need for the 21st century and to strengthen our sense of responsibility and community. Through AmeriCorps... we are widening the doors to college and at the same time building a sense of service to our neighborhoods."

Bob Dole: "No. As a concept, this program is as American as apple pie. I am sorry to say, however, that AmeriCorps is another tragic example of a liberal program that sounds great, tugs at your heart strings, waves the flag, and steals your wallet. More money is being spent on the federal bureaucracy that manages the AmeriCorps workers than goes into the pockets of those people doing the work. On average, it costs about \$26,700 per AmeriCorps member for 10 months work. The bureaucracy and overhead uses up over \$14,500. The worker receives what's left, about \$12,000 (\$7,400 in cash and a \$4,725 tuition credit.)"

Ross Perot: "We need to evaluate its effectiveness to learn whether or not this program is really making a difference in the lives of our children. We should encourage communities to take pride in our children and teach them how to care for their fellow citizens. The federal government can not teach us to be good; only our parents, schools and communities can."

Opening closed doors, minds

Virginia Military Institute's decision to admit women marks a victory for not just females, but for everyone who has felt victim to discrimination. Over the weekend, VMI's Board of Visitors voted 9-8 to begin accepting women in the fall of 1997.

Because VMI is an institute supported with public funds, I feel that the inevitable decision was the only right one to make. How can a school known for training "model citizens" uphold a tradition that violates the foundation of this country?

By not allowing women, VMI sets a subliminal tone for all females across the country, which is that we are inferior to men. Granted, women are different in terms of physical build, the merit of a "citizen soldier" should be based on courage, moral character and integrity. To be judged on that criteria would not be dependent on gender.

While VMI worries that the school's vigorous "rat line" will be softened, I think the true test of character will come with the arrival of the newly admitted women. Just this fall, The Citadel in South Carolina welcomed its first female students. All four survived "Hell Week" and have become the school's first female cadets. Not bad for a few girls who "they" said couldn't make it.

Furthermore, the end to this long battle signifies the evolution for our country. Once again, the Supreme Court upheld

its duty to interpret the constitution and set precedence.

With new female cadets, I don't expect to see any special provisions made or special treatment given to the female students. I think the message symbolizes the opportunity in this country to pursue our dreams.

Isn't that the root of the issue? For all citizens to have equality in opportunity.

VMI could only speculate what they thought might happen with the female cadets. If they're tough enough to survive the "rat line" then, to me that would qualify them for attendance at VMI.

I can see the reasons behind VMI's desire to stay a single-sex institution, but with the use of public funds it is not only unconstitutional, but also unjustified.

The decision to accept women is a landmark decision because it encourages a new generation of young females that they can do the job and that they do have the opportunity. In addition, it demonstrates the political system of this country at work.

Without ever accepting women into its program, VMI's resistance is set merely on the basis of emotions.

While VMI is known to build strong character in future leaders, it also demonstrated that it lacks courage in times of change.

Student COMMENTARY

Tricia Nguyen

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some things in mind.

Be on time, sit in the front of the class and ask good, thought-out questions in a respectful manner were some of Moroni's suggestions.

The large number of students at the workshop was no fluke. Crowds on other days have reached up to 75 students.

"If the program expands even more, we'll have to find a new location," Bressler said, adding that they've been able to attract students in a number of ways.

The counseling services sends mailings concerning the program to incoming freshmen and returning sophomores.

They also advertise on SIT TV in the

commons. Bressler said that several professors offer extra credit to students who attend the workshops.

"We've developed some really strong relationships with professors in Humanities and Sciences," she said.

The session used the content of a history class to show students how to develop study skills.

Those students, Bressler added, have shown higher test scores than students in other history classes.

Some of the other workshops focus on topics such as "Identifying Your Learning Style," "Self-Management" and "Note Taking/Activity Listing."

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that needs only to be signed and put back in the mail.

MCI Telecommunication Corp. sponsors the Net Vote '96 site, providing another registration option for young people.

First, they complete an online registration form covering all of the pertinent information. Then a preprinted, prepaid postcard goes through the mail to them, requesting voter registration.

All these steps — including VCU students — have to do is sign it and put it back in the mail box.

"No more lines — voter registration is now just a few clicks of the mouse away," said John Donoghue, MCI's senior vice president for consumer marketing on the Net Vote '96 World Wide Web page.

"As of today, voter registration is cooler, faster and easier than ever. We're proud to be working with Rock the Vote and pleased to be expanding our Net Vote '96 program to help young people play a more active role."

After registering by one of these meth-

ods, Rock the Vote reminds the future voter via postcard to vote on Election Day, Nov. 5.

While viewing the Rock the Vote web site, students can read about censorship, motor-voter registration, education, environment and other topics that pertain to them and other young voters.

Site editors tell the viewers that one of their 1996 goals is to "educate young voters by providing young people with access to all the information they need to be responsible voters."

The Net Vote '96 pages also offer information about major issues as well as public opinion surveys, online debates and a mock election.

"This demonstrates how we can use our latest technology to remind the youth of America that one of their most important rights in this country is their right to vote," Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is quoted as saying for Net Vote '96. "I urge them to use that power to be heard."

Keeter said even though the turnout of

NOW, ACLU attack VMI plans

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROANOKE — Virginia Military Institute's decision to admit women has created so much hostility that at least one female applicant said Tuesday she has abandoned her goal of attending the school because of threats.

Kathy Kreye, a 17-year-old high school student in Christiansburg, said she decided to attend Virginia Tech instead of VMI.

"I've had people yelling at me wishing I was dead, telling me they're going to hurt me physically if I did go," Miss Kreye told WLSL-TV in Roanoke.

"I had one incidence where I was at a light where a man was cursing me and wishing I was dead because of my decision."

She plans to enter the Army and eventually wants to become an FBI criminal psychologist.

VMI's Board of Visitors voted 9-8 Saturday to end its 157-year-old male-only admission policy. VMI officials said they

would require women to meet the same harsh physical and psychological conditions as men, right down to shaved heads and living in spartan barracks.

The vice president of the National Organization for Women said Monday that VMI was creating a hostile environment for female cadets.

VMI spokesman Mike Strickler called Ms. Johnson's criticism unwarranted.

He said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, while finding it improper to exclude women from a state-supported college, also wrote in June that "some women are capable of all of the individual activities required of VMI cadets."

VMI wants female cadets to wear the same stubby "buzz cuts" as men, and perform five pull-ups, 60 sit-ups in two minutes and run 1 1/2 miles in 12 minutes, just as male cadets do.

NOW and the American Civil Liberties Union said VMI cannot be trusted to properly integrate women and needs to be closely monitored by the federal government.

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discussed during the forum.

"Only one-third of the homeless population is mentally ill," she said, explaining that this figure accounts for only 5 percent of the mental illness population.

Other stereotypical views the experts addressed included the perception poor people are lazy and don't want to be helped. Also, the fear that good homeless programs attract outsiders to the area is also untrue.

After visiting 45 cities and studying the homeless problem, Dennis said the experience has humbled.

Leginski outlined ways people can make a difference, if not on an organization level, at least on a personal level. The first concern to be addressed, he said, is the availability housing.

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The vacated spots make way for new senators. In fact, the student senate just added four new members. On Monday, three of the new members — Jennifer Mason, Kirsten Wood and Philip Horn — attended their first meeting of the full senate Monday. The fourth new senator, David Myers, wasn't on hand.

Also because of absence violations, two positions in SGA have been vacated. During the next meeting, nominations will be accepted for director of student affairs and

"Everything is harder if you don't have housing," Leginski said. He also recommended that people turn to the private sector for assistance. Furthermore, Karnas addressed the issue of discrimination.

"We need to promote inclusiveness and support systems," he said. "We all must find a way as we struggle against this horrible tragedy."

Marilyn Biggerstaff, a professor in the School of Social Work, said that VCU, along with the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, make efforts to integrate assistance for the homeless.

"We want to send out public information to give the opportunity for service providers around the state to discuss the issues," she said.

director of financial affairs.

In other SGA news, Bryan used the opening moments of the meeting to thank all the senators who helped with Wednesday's Student Organization Fair in the Commons Plaza.

More than 2,000 students showed up to find out more about various student organizations as well as enjoy free pizza and live music.

Bryan said Papa John's set a store record by delivering 400 pizzas to the event.

young voters seems to be getting worse, it is even more difficult to find an answer to the problem.

"Some people blame TV for making people passive," he said. "Also the way it (TV) deals with politics creates a negative and cynical view. The typical view is that (politicians) are motivated to deceive."

Representatives of both political parties in Virginia say they welcome Rock the Vote with open arms.

Bert Rohrer, communications director for the Virginia Democratic Party, said he thinks Rock the Vote is doing "an outstanding job" and sees the Democratic Party addressing the needs and concerns of young Americans.

"Look at the 104th (Republican) Congress," he said. "They cut back student loans, education and the environment."

Randy Forbes, chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, said he thinks of voting as an important function of everyone.

"It is important for every voter that we

can get to vote to come out to vote — whether they are 18 or 80," he said. "We (the Republican Party) don't just want to be there at election time."

Keeter said polls suggest that young people are generally a little more Republican than Democrat.

"I think (though) that it is not certain that it will happen that way," he said. "There are a lot of issues that lean toward the Democrats."

Because of the gender gap among voters, Keeter said, if more young women sign up than young men, it may help the Democrats.

"Women 18 to 29 are 3-2 for the Democrats, and men are just the opposite," he said.

As opposed to the passiveness of the TV, the political scientist said, anything that goes out and leads the voters by the hand may be a good thing but does not become the final solution.

"I think it's a good thing. But there is no magic bullet that will fix the problem."

Karen Raschke

Women: Challenge Authority: Vote!!

What if they gave an election and all the women voted? Imagine: we would probably save family planning and other good social programs. We would promote equality. We would even help bring world peace.

If you did not vote in the last election and you were eligible to vote, people you didn't elect made decisions on welfare reform, family planning, the defense budget, the arts, and the environment. All without hearing your voice. Be heard this time. Register. Vote.

U.S. Voting Trends

Women won the right to vote on Aug. 20, 1920, with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. About eight million of this newly enfranchised group went to the polls that November. Since 1964, women voters in the United States have outnumbered male voters, though actual turnout is relatively low for both sexes.

Nationally, there are 65 million citizens who are not registered to vote. Two out of three live in households with incomes below the median.

In the 1992 presidential election, more than 60 million women voted; we represented 62 percent of all women eligible to vote. (Not that great a percentage, but better than our male counterparts: only 53 million men voted.) Then came 1994.

During the 1994 federal elections, only 39 percent of registered voters exercised their right to vote. Women represented 56 percent of those citizens who did not go to the polls - we stayed away in droves. Worse still, only 22 percent of the women between the ages of 18 and 24 voted in 1994.

Virginia Voting Trends

Virginia reflects the national trends, although voter registration rates in the commonwealth have generally been lower than average for both men and women in the country. Almost 62 percent of the women, however, reported they were registered to vote in the November 1994 election, compared to less than 60 percent for men.

In 1994, only 46.4 percent of eligible women voted, a slightly higher percentage than the rest of the country. Remember, 1994 was the year the country made an abrupt right turn. A turn largely ascribed to "angry white men". Virginia seemingly bucked the national trend; we re-elected Sen. Charles S. Robb over his controversial opponent Oliver North.

Regardless, Virginia ranked 33rd among the states in the female voter turnout for both 1992 and 1994. Currently, there are about 636,000 eligible, but unregistered women in Virginia.

The big question: What do women want?

As Susan B. Anthony noted more than 100 years ago, Karen Raschke is director of legislative and political affairs for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia.

in 1884: "We cannot promise you that women won't vote as a unit when they are enfranchised. Our women won't toe a mark anywhere; they will think and act for themselves, and when they are enfranchised they will divide upon all political questions, as do intelligent, educated men."

Indeed, we don't "toe a mark anywhere." While the angry white men take credit for the 1994 Republican Party takeover of Congress, it is nonetheless the case that a majority of the white women who voted, voted for a Republican. And women under 50, regardless of race, claim Democrat, Republican or Independent party affiliation in roughly even numbers. (Actually, women under 30 claim a slight preference for the GOP.) When asked to choose between a description of themselves as "liberal" or "conservative", women choose "conservative" two to one over "liberal".

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For instance, women's views break sharply from men's on both our national leaders and on key political issues. There is a fairly constant 15-point gap in our approval rating of President Clinton, with more than half of all women approving of his job performance and more than half the men disapproving. The gap spreads to 20 percent in our assessment of Hillary Clinton.

Women's disapproval of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich also confirms a gender gap of about 15 percent. While Gingrich has not fared too well generally in the public eye, the "Dole-Gingrich" ticket we hear about, instead of "Dole-Kemp" probably seeks to exploit the gap.

Disillusionment evident

Women do express high levels of disillusionment and frustration about America's political system. A majority of us, however, still see a positive role for the government. In fact, we prefer a government that is responsive to people's problems regarding a government that puts the burden on the private sector and individuals.

There is a 10-point gap in the number of women who respond positively to the statement "government can help average working families" versus the statement men preferred, "government is the problem, not the solution."

More specifically, 51 percent of women interviewed this past January said that increasing jobs, wages and benefits should be the nation's top goal in spurring economic growth, indicating a preference for government policies that address people's everyday needs.

Only 42 percent chose the statement "creating an environment where businesses can thrive."

More than three in five of the women interviewed preferred that our elected officials adopt a gradual approach to balancing the budget "so that we don't hurt people or the economy by cutting programs too quickly."

With a majority that ought to make our state policy makers sit up and take notice, women prefer a preventive approach to reducing crime by 52 percent to 34 percent. A majority agreed that the best option is "trying to do something about the underlying social problems, like jobs and school, that are associated with crime."

The minority preferred "doing more to arrest and put away criminals who commit violent crimes." We apparently recognize that unless we address the root causes, we never will be able to build enough prisons to house a criminal and then have enough room for his younger brother and etc.

When asked about welfare, more than half (54 percent) responded that "giving people the help they need, like child care and job training in order to get off welfare permanently", was a more important goal than making sure that people don't abuse the system.

In other words, women chose to include the government in resolving important social issues instead of relegating their role to the sidelines.

Education was another important area of concern for women in the January 1996 survey. Nearly half of those surveyed said they worry "all the time" about children being able to get a quality education. The survey suggested that women see education as a way to solve the economic and moral problems confronting their families and communities. As a result, they want government to make a public commitment to improving schools and broadening educational opportunity.

Various surveys have suggested that the government's overall lack of progress in addressing issues of particular concern to women is an important factor in women's anger at the political system. The words these women most often use include "frustrated", "disgusted" and "disillusioned."

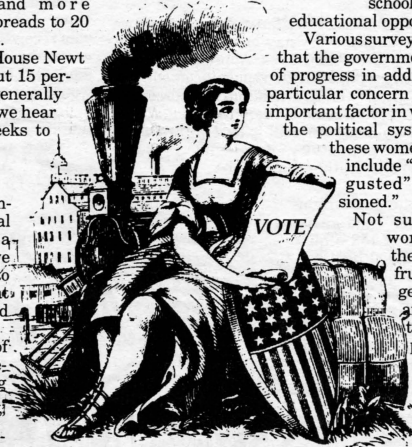
Not surprisingly, the women expressing the highest levels of frustration and anger about politics are not registered to vote. In fact, 40 percent of these unregistered women report their lack of involvement is deliberate; they either believe their vote doesn't make a difference or they feel so angry at politics and events that they simply do not want to get involved.

But the feeling is widespread. Large numbers of registered women related similar views about government and politics. In fact, the data suggests that anger itself is not a factor in a woman's decision not to vote.

So, what is it? Well, there is a strong relationship between voter registration and factors including age, education, length of residency in a community and income level. For example, 80 percent of the women who have lived in their communities more than 10 years report they are registered to vote. Other predictors of high registration are college attendance, income more than \$50,000 and women older than 45 in the work force.

And the lowest voter registration rates were among women who have lived in their communities less than two years (less than one half). Also, lower are homemakers and younger women who have not attended college.

On the VCU campus, there is a mix. Many of you have not lived in this community for 10 years, but if you are



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reading this, you probably have at least "attended" college.

The "Motor Voter" law

In 1993, Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act in order to address the problem of our nation's low - and declining - voter registration and participation. The law, nicknamed "Motor Voter" took effect in January 1995. (Though in Virginia, the governor sued to prohibit its taking effect here; he lost as did the one or two other state attempts to negate the law. A federal judge ordered that Virginia be in compliance by March 1996 and we were.)

Motor Voter works to make voter registration more accessible by requiring all states to allow citizens to register to vote at a variety of public agencies, such as the Division of Motor Vehicles and welfare and disability offices. The law also urges all "non-governmental entities" to register their clients.

One of the key reasons why Motor Voter makes registration much simpler is that the states must offer mail-in voter registration forms. Additionally, the law requires no witnesses or registrars: anyone may register herself or others to vote.

From the pill to the polls: Planned Parenthood and Maggie's Millions

In an effort to increase Virginia's electoral participation, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia launched its "Maggie's Millions" voter participation project in July. Maggie's Millions is Planned Parenthood's nationwide, non-partisan voter action campaign that specifically targets young women, women of color and low-income women - populations that make up a large part of the Planned Parenthood client base.

From health care funding to welfare reform, women see at our health centers every day need a voice in the issues that directly affect their lives. Approximately 75 percent of our contraceptive clients report income levels below the federal poverty level, and almost 90 percent of our prenatal care patients are Medicaid recipients.

With Maggie's Millions, our goal is to "empower" all of our clients and patients by encouraging them to influence policy, rather than just be affected by it.

The difference lies in the numbers. Planned Parenthood is a nationwide network of 152 affiliates and nearly 1,000 health centers. We serve more than five million women and men each year. This network represents a tremendous resource that few other women-centered organizations can match.

Maggie's Millions represents the most aggressive use yet of the Planned Parenthood's national network to facilitate voter participation. The scope of our effort goes beyond any single election. Maggie's Millions is designed as a long-term voter project. Ultimately, communities everywhere will know their local Planned Parenthood center as a place where they can find affordable, quality health care, receive confidential family planning services, and register to vote.

Voter registration is too important to stop at our clinic doors.

In Richmond, a VCU student and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia volunteer, Megan Parks, has been registering people to vote on the campus. In just three days this past week, she helped register more than 100 new voters. Megan knows how important it is that young people lend their voices to the critical public policy debates, which affect their futures. And America will be better off with their input.

More on the consequences of '94

Registration and turnout determined the 1994 elections. One side registered and got its supporters to the

polls and the other side did not. Voting was up among older white men, but way down among women and minorities. Conservatives benefitted from the growing capacity of religious political extremists to register and activate their constituents through church and other "religious" activities (remember Randall Terry of Operation Rescue telling his followers that voting for Clinton would be a sin against God?), televangelists and talk radio.

Human service agencies can help overcome the overrepresentation of the religious political extremists. To avoid the political marginalization of poorer, younger and minority people, we are offering voter registration as a non-partisan public service in such diverse locations as child welfare agencies, day care centers, Planned Parenthood clinics and VCU.

Studies show that 70 percent of the people who are registered to vote by volunteer canvassers in welfare and food stamp offices actually go to the polls in presidential elections. Why not top that number at VCU?

Elected female representatives in state government

The gender gap also plays out in the percentage of women versus men who believe that electing more women to public office will produce a government that serves people better. Fewer than half of the men believe that's true (48 percent) but 55 percent of the women agree with that statement.

A striking example of the power of the gender gap was the 1990 victory of Ann Richards for Governor of Texas. Richards, a democrat, won 61 percent of the women's vote, compared to her republican opponent, Clayton Williams who received less than 40%.

(Once retiring Congresswoman Pat Schroeder received advice not to "run as a woman". She asked, "And just what would you have me run as?")

Interestingly, several polls indicate that independents nationwide trust female **Republican** candidates more than they trust male GOP candidates. And, these independents are more likely to vote for the female.

So how do we fare in Virginia?

Representation for women increased slightly in last fall's state House and Senate elections in Virginia. We elected three new female state senators, boosting our total now to seven. Out of 40, that is a record for Virginia. In addition, we elected two new female delegates to the House of Delegates, for a record 14 out of 100.

Northern Virginia claims almost half of this total (four of seven senators and six of 14 delegates). And overall, women represent 15 percent of the General Assembly, compared to 53 percent of the commonwealth's population. Virginia ranks 36 out of the 50

states in the percentage of female representation in elected state government. As bad as that fact is, it represents an improvement from the 43rd place ranking we had before the 1995 election.

(Nationally, 20.6 percent of all state legislators are women, compared to Virginia's 15 percent.)

If women run for office and women vote, women candidates win.

Questions and answers about voter registration

Who may register for the Nov. 5 election?

- To be eligible to vote in Virginia, a person:
 1. Must be a citizen of the United States,
 2. Must live in Virginia,
 3. Must be 18 years old by Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996, be the date of this year's election. (So, if you are 17 now, but will turn 18 by Nov 5, you can register and you can vote.)
 4. Must not claim the right to vote elsewhere
 5. Must not have been convicted of a felony or judged by

a court to be mentally incompetent, unless the governor has restored your right to vote or a court has re-established competence.

How can you register?

You can apply for voter registration (eg, register for the first time) or update your voter registration (eg, change your voting address) by using an appropriate state form. You may register by mail or in person at a variety of locations, including the VCU campus and the Planned Parenthood clinic at 517 W. Grace St.

(While this article focuses on women voters in particular, our greater goal is to enfranchise everyone. You are welcomed to the Planned Parenthood clinic, whether you are male or female, liberal or conservative.)

Is it a big deal to fill out the application?

No, the application, while very important, is quick, easy and self-explanatory.

1. Just completely fill in all the requested information.
2. Sign and date the application.

If you fail to complete the form properly, you will receive notification of that fact.

Where should you send your application?

1. You may stamp it and mail it; the application is pre-addressed.

2. You can hand-deliver it to your local registrar's office
3. Anyone can deliver it in person or through the mail for you. For example, at Planned Parenthood, we deliver the collected applications to the State Board of Elections at least once a week.

What is the registration deadline?

1. For a general or primary election, the deadline is 29 days before the election. This year's November election deadline is October 7 at 5:00 p.m.

2. If you mail your application in, the application must be dated no later than the deadline.

3. If someone delivers the application in person, the application must be received by the deadline.

4. Applications postmarked or received after the deadline will be held and processed after the election.

How will you know if the registration was accepted?

1. The local registration office will determine registration eligibility. You will receive a voter registration card in the mail if you are eligible.

2. A denial letter will be mailed to any applicant determined not to be eligible.

3. If you do not receive either a voter registration card or a denial notice within three weeks, please call the local registration office. The Richmond area Registrar's offices are listed below.

How do you vote absentee?

1. Call or write your local registrar's office and request an **application** for an absentee ballot.

2. The registrar's office will mail you the absentee ballot.

3. You must get your request in to the registrar's office by the Thursday before the election.

A. For this year, the date is Thursday, Oct. 31.

B. But, don't wait until Halloween

4. Your absentee ballot must be returned, in person or by mail, to the registrar's office by election day at 7:00 p.m.

A. Again, this year, election day is Nov. 5, so you should mail your absentee ballot to allow for mail delivery on or before that Tuesday.

Richmond area registrar's office numbers:

- Chesterfield, 748-1471
- Colonial Heights, 520-9277
- Hanover, 537-6080
- Henrico, 672-4347
- Powhatan, 598-5604
- Richmond, 780-5950

For additional help, write or call the State Board of Elections at 200 N 9th St., Room 101, Richmond, Va., 23219-3497. The phone number is 786-6551 and the fax number is 371-0194



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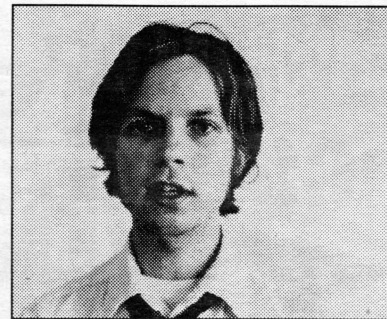
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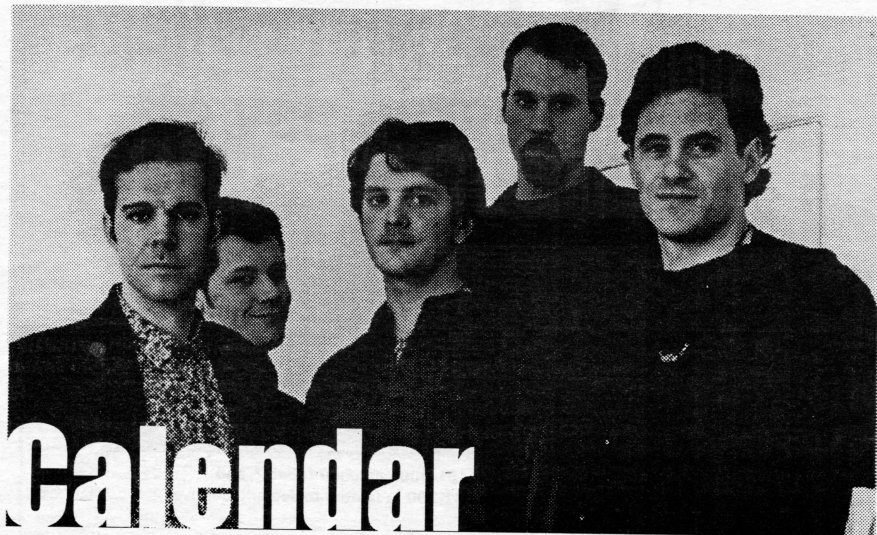
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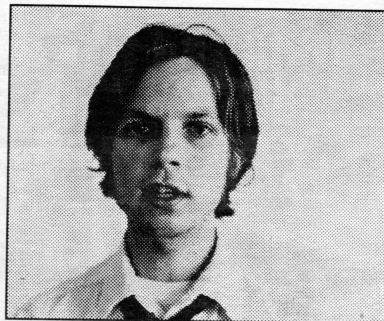
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"(Live music) gives a more accurate representation of the band," said Stewart Myers, who plays bass and does vocals for the band.

He said that their debut CD "Where'd You Get That Vibe?," released in April 1996, was recorded in a studio, and "is a more controlled and toned-down (version of a live show)."

The band consists of Myers, who attended William & Mary, Andrew Winn, who attended VCU on guitar, keyboard and

vocals; Brian Jones, who attended the University of Richmond on drums and vocals; J.C. Kuhl, who attended Towson State University on saxophone.

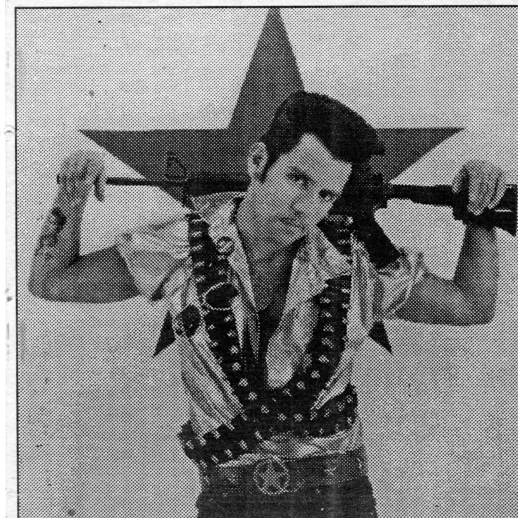
Myers, Winn and Jones began playing together three years ago, and Kuhl joined them last year.

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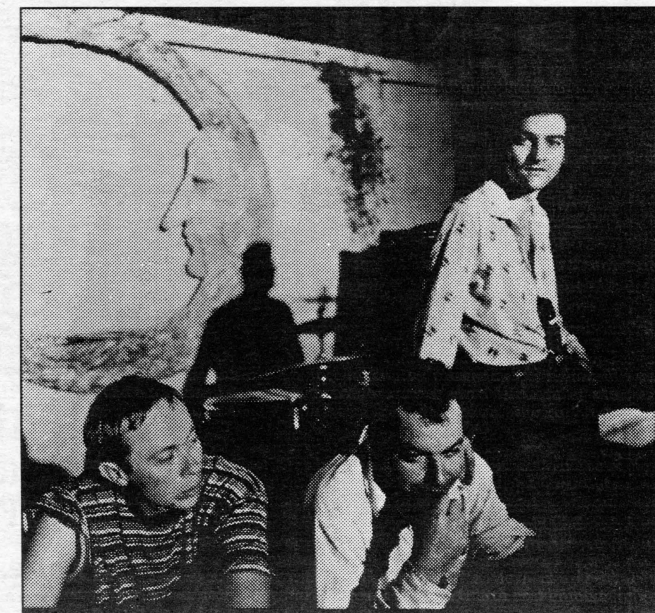
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ASSOCIATE SPECTRUM EDITOR

If you yell loud enough at the Agents of Good Roots concert at the Flood Zone tonight, you might just hear yourself on their next CD. The band plans to record the concert as part of a series to incorporate into a live album.

"(Live music) gives a more accurate representation of the band," said Stewart Myers, who plays bass and does vocals for the band.

He said that their debut CD "Where'd You Get That Vibe?," released in April 1996, was recorded in a studio, and "is a more controlled and toned-down (version of a live show)."

The band consists of Myers, who attended William & Mary, Andrew Winn, who attended VCU on guitar, keyboard and

vocals; Brian Jones, who attended the University of Richmond on drums and vocals; J.C. Kuhl, who attended Towson State University on saxophone.

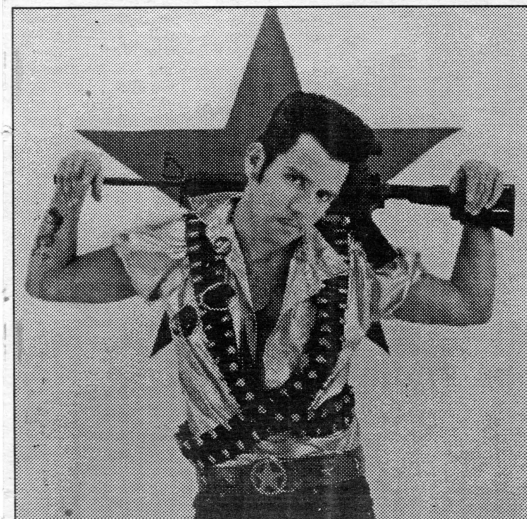
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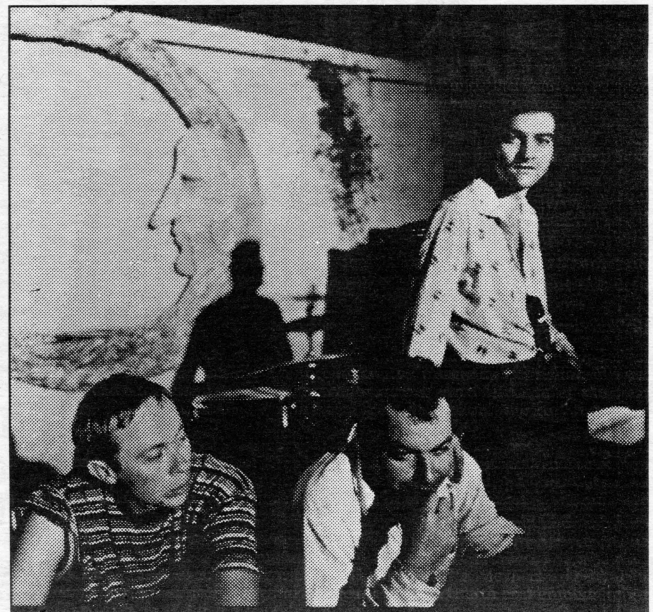
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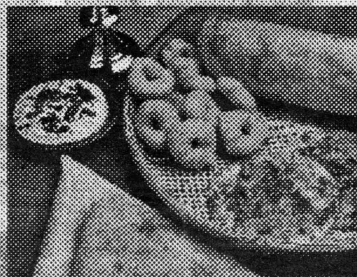


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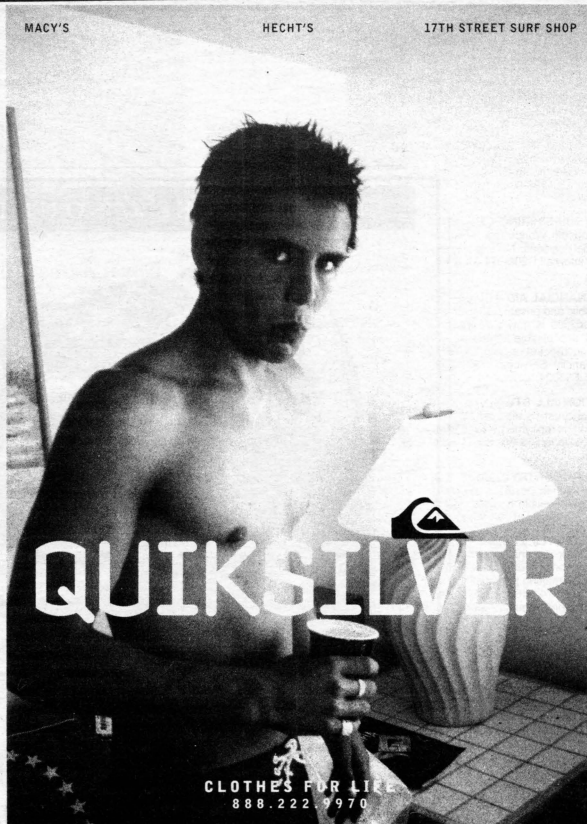
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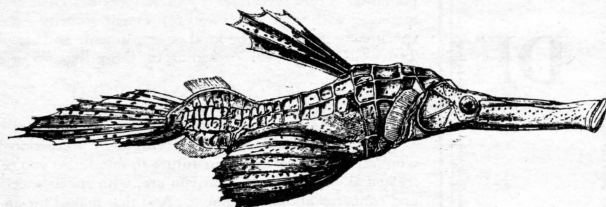
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■ Men's soccer forward Trevor Spencer has scored in three consecutive games.

SPORTS

■ See who earned CT Athlete of the Week honors.

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Golfers capture state title

There's only one undefeated team on campus this fall and, no, it's not the field hockey team.

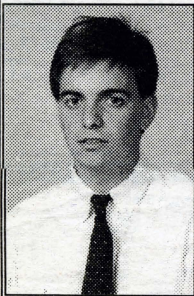
Jack Bell's golf team Tuesday claimed their second tournament title in as many events this fall.

With three VCU players posting 1-over-par 73s in yesterday's final round of the State Division I Intercollegiate Championship, VCU held off the University of Richmond to claim the title by five strokes.

Miguel Reyes, John Rollins and Reg Millage improved their first-day scoring by a combined 14 strokes to help the Rams to a 295 round and 595 total for the

two days of play at The Homestead's Lower Cascade Course.

Radford's Phil Bowers won individual medal honors over Reyes with a birdie on the first playoff hole. The two tied with a 36-hole score of 148.



Reyes

The Rams had two other players in the top seven individual scorers — sophomore Pat Shelton 150 and Rollins 151.

VCU won at Kiawah Island two weeks ago over a contingent of teams from across the Southeast including Atlantic Coast Conference schools.

Virginia Military Institute's Rich Baltimore pulled up the rear, firing a two-round total of 212.

—compiled from news sources

MEN'S GOLF

VIRGINIA STATE INTERCOLLEGIATE

(At The Homestead

Lower Cascades GC par 72)

TEAM RESULTS

1. VCU	300-295—595(+19)
2. Richmond	303-297—600(+24)
3. William & Mary	306-303—609(+33)
4. Radford	306-306—612(+36)
4. James Madison	310-302—612(+36)
6. Old Dominion	312-304—616(+40)
7. George Mason	319-310—629(+53)
8. Liberty	323-318—641(+65)
8. Hampton	325-316—641(+65)
10. VMI	378-352—730(+165)

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

PLAYER	SCORE
1. Phil Bowers, Radford*	71-77—148(+4)
1. Miguel Reyes, VCU	75-73—148(+4)
3. Chad Mosley, Richmond	77-72—149(+5)
4. Pat Shelton, VCU	74-76—150(+6)
4. Eddie Kurlpel, Radford	75-75—150(+6)
6. John Rollins, VCU	78-73—151(+7)
6. Ken MacDonald, Richmond	80-71—151(+7)
6. Bryan Jackson, JMU	76-76—152(+8)
8. Jon Kessler, ODU	79-73—152(+8)
8. William Schaffer, Hampton	77-75—152(+8)

*won on first hole of playoff

Ninth-ranked Tribe blank Lady Rams

Pete Van Vleet
CT ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Rams lost last night to nationally ranked William and Mary 3-0 at Cary Street Field. VCU (2-6, 1-2) spent most of the 90 minutes on their half of the field, never registering an official shot on goal and going without a corner kick.

VCU had a better chance of beating the Tribe in a game of tug-of-war than it did a soccer match. W&M (8-1, 4-0), ranked No. 9 by Soccer America, was faster, stronger and displayed more soccer ability, but when the buzzer sounded the Lady Rams held their heads high and talked as if they had won. And in their minds they had won, because they fought every second of the way and poured their heart at every opportunity.

"I wanted to win from the heart," senior Christina Kenney said. "This team has heart. A bigger heart than any other team I have ever played for."

W&M freshman Lindsay Nohl was the one who broke its heart. Nohl was responsible for all of the Tribe's scoring, notching her second hat trick in her young career. The Tribe kept pounding the net the rest of the half but was never able to get the ball back in net.

The Tribe hit the warpath in the second half. Nohl recorded her second goal of the night 23 seconds into the half. William and Mary raced down the right side of the field from the kickoff and sophomore Mary Totman placed the ball perfectly to the streaking Nohl. She then lined a shot just under the reach of the VCU goalie junior Nicole Baugus.

Defender Betsy Clair said despite the outcome the team and Nohl's play the team will look at this loss as a moral victory.

"I feel great about our performance," she said. "We've played our hearts out. We wanted to win."

"Overall I am very pleased," Coach Lisa Zifcak said. "We defended well. We created chances. We threatened to score on this (top 10 ranked) team. We were on the edge of an upset. It was a good boost for us."



Pete Van Vleet/Commonwealth Times

DOING IT WELL — Freshman Annie Sullivan tries to keep the ball and William & Mary's Melissa Kenny (left) from getting too close to the goal. Despite Sullivan's efforts, nationally ranked W&M won 3-0 last night.

Kenyan comes up short in Hillbilly

Terry Scanlon
CT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite the stellar performance of newcomer Francis Rono, the men's cross country team was only able to muster a third place finish this past weekend at the Hillbilly shootout in Morgantown, W.Va.

"We're going to eat some humble pie early on," said coach Julian Spooner.

Spooner said he was impressed with the Rono's performance. He was competing in only his second race in the United States. Rono ran too hard too early and took himself out of contention for the Cavalier Invitational the previous week, Spooner said, but in West Virginia he was able to hang with the leaders longer and had a shot at the lead up to the last 100 meters of the 8K race.

The rest of the team however needs to get in "race shape," Spooner said.

"When somebody passes you in a race you can't just look at them you need to

react," he said.

Spooner expects a different attitude from his runners Saturday at the Greensboro Invitational in Greensboro, N.C.

"When somebody passes them they're going to latch onto them," he said.

Spooner was even less impressed with the women's showing in the hills of West Virginia.

There was more than a three and a half minute span between the No. 1 and No. 5 runners for the Lady Rams, and the coach said that needs to change.

"The main thing we need to do is try to close that gap," Spooner said.

Ecuadorian native Marie-Elena Calle placed seventh in the 5K race despite running with pain in her hips.

The field for Saturday's Greensboro meet includes many Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference schools. Spooner said he's going to have Calle hang with the leaders, from the get go and hope for the best.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

HILLBILLY SHOOTOUT, 8,000 METERS

(Morgantown, W.Va.)

TEAM RESULTS

School	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1. Georgetown	1	4	5	6	7	23
2. West Virginia	2	10	12	13	14	51
3. VCU	3	16	18	21	22	80
4. Marshall	9	17	19	20	24	89
5. Robert Morris	25	28	29	31	32	145

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

PLAYER	TIME	SCORE
1. Ernest Churchville, GU	26:54	1
2. Mac Knapp	26:56	2
3. Francis Rono, VCU	27:08	3
4. Sam Gabr emariam, GU	27:23	4
5. Brandon Benner, GU	27:25	5
Other VCU runners:		
21. Neil Matthews, VCU	28:45	16
24. Gene Graffenstein, VCU	29:00	18
31. Andy Almarode, VCU	29:28	22
49. James Green, VCU	31:26	30