

## WEATHER



**MONDAY** - Mostly cloudy.  
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40s. Lows in the 20s.



**TUESDAY** - Partly cloudy.  
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## Smith files appeal in pay-equity suit

**Scott Bass**  
CT News Editor

An appeal has been filed in U.S. District Court challenging senior U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams' denial of summary judgment to five male VCU professors, including Ted J. Smith, who have filed suit against VCU.

Their case, which claims that the university denied male faculty members \$441,791 in pay raises afforded to inequitably paid female faculty members, now is awaiting a hearing in the U. S. District Court, sometime in April.

Smith, associate professor of mass communications, said he thinks Williams' decision in August came without considering pertinent facts in the case.

"We're willing to go to the Supreme Court with it," Smith said, adding that he feels the judge misunderstood the gist of their argument.

Their case surrounds a salary equity study completed by a university committee in August 1989 that documents finding disparities in female and male salaries at VCU. Based on the study's findings, VCU implemented pay increases to 172 female faculty members to remedy the imbalance.

VCU sent memorandums to all female faculty urging them to apply for funds made available to alleviate the disparity. All female faculty members who applied received raises.

Smith and Richmond attorney Bradley B. Cavedo filed their motion citing a violation of Title VII under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Smith and Cavedo contend that because VCU gave

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## Frosty gone bad



**TALL COOL ONES** — These guys enjoy Richmond's first snowfall this winter from their Floyd Avenue home. Richmond International Airport recorded a one-inch snowfall as of yesterday afternoon. Charlottesville received four inches, while five inches fell on Roanoke.

Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

## Budget cuts spawn student protests

### SGA plans nixed again

**Melanie Irvin**  
CT News Editor

Student Government Association's plans to protest Gov. Allen's budget cuts fell short twice.

SGA President Cathleen Bryant said student leaders from Radford University had asked her and other VCU students to participate in a rally at the Capitol Tuesday.

That event, however, was cancelled.

Longwood students, who recently ended a camp-out protest on their campus, were scheduled to join VCU students Saturday for another rally.

Again, the protest was scratched.

SGA Parliamentarian Brian Wells said he went to the Capitol at Saturday's scheduled time and found no other students.

"They must have cancelled it because of the weather," Wells said.

SGA Vice President Jonathan Bartee said he was unaware of the planned demonstration.

"I didn't know about it," he said, adding that he didn't think the rally would have been successful since it was scheduled for Saturday, a time when not many politicians are around.

### Longwood students meet with Gov. Allen

**Sherry Jones**  
CT News Editor

Since the beginning of the 1995 General Assembly session, Virginia's college presidents have been out in full force lambasting Gov. George Allen's proposed budget cuts for higher education.

Recently, Longwood students joined the fight, showing their concern by camping in front of the school's student union.

### JMU students upset with president's actions

**Sherry Jones**  
CT News Editor

About 300 to 400 James Madison students gathered on campus Thursday in protest of JMU President Ronald E. Carrier's restructuring plans, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Waving signs, making speeches and signing petitions, students criticized Carrier's revamping of academic programs, which would include the elimination of the physics department and the merger of two schools.

The restructuring comes as a result

But, after a 90-minute meeting with the governor Friday night, the students called it quits, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Students were upset because Allen's proposal would cost the school \$1.2 million.

While students did get a meeting with Allen, they did not convince the governor to rescind the proposed cut.

The protest began with five students and grew to 40 in 15 tents.

of Gov. George Allen's proposed budget cuts.

Chris Klimek, co-media chairman for the Student Solutions Committee, said he was angry because the president never sought student input on these major actions.

The student demonstration followed a 305-197 no-confidence vote by the faculty on Tuesday, which illustrated their displeasure with Carrier's leadership.

The solutions committee is trying to get

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## Fate of MAC school to be resolved soon

### Reaccrediting chairman visits

**Dan Lowrey**  
CT Staff Writer

VCU has the only accredited school of journalism and mass communications in the state.

For several semesters, however, that standing has been in jeopardy. Within weeks, a final report card is due that has many administrators and students anxious.

The school was provisionally reaccredited in 1993 by the accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. At the time, a site-visit team recommended the school address areas of weakness, including alumni contact and leadership, before full accreditation would be granted.

This past week, site-visit team chairman Willard "Wick" Rowland, dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Colorado, met with administrators and students to review the school's progress.

Rowland's report, including his recommendation either for or against

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## WORLD/NATION



## • Dying woman's ring stolen

YORK, Pa. — Someone stole the engagement ring off the finger of a comatose 87-year-old woman who was near death, authorities said. Her family said someone would have had to cut the ring from Anna Sawicki's finger because her hands were swollen from illness.

"It's about the only important thing she has," granddaughter Cindy Kin said. "We'd like to get the ring back on her finger before she dies."

The ring, a copy of a 1932 West Point class ring, was taken late Wednesday or early Thursday at York Hospital.

## • Smithsonian destroys nude photos

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Smithsonian Institution Friday destroyed nude photographs taken decades ago of Yale University students who were unaware the pictures were used to advance a since-discredited science.

Under the watchful eye of a Yale representative, Smithsonian officials emptied more than 100 pounds of photos and negatives into a shredder at a museum office in Suitland, Md.

Yale lawyers wanted the photos destroyed to protect the privacy of graduates, many of whom have become leaders in culture and politics.

Posing for the photos was required of students years ago at many Ivy League colleges and other prestigious schools, including Wellesley, Mount Holyoke and Vassar colleges.

The photos were taken in the early 1900s as part of physical education classes.

Later, from the 1940s to the 1960s, researcher W.H. Sheldon took photographs to study the relationship between body shape and intelligence.

## VIRGINIA



## • Robertson to deliver address

WILLIAMSBURG — Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson and the president of the American Civil Liberties Union will speak next month at a symposium on religion in public schools at the College of William and Mary.

The two, whose organizations often represent opposite sides in legal battles over the First Amendment, will not debate the issue face to face. Robertson is scheduled to deliver the keynote address Feb. 23, while ACLU President Nadine Strossen will speak at the end of the symposium.

The symposium, organized by students at the college's Marshall-Wythe School of Law, is free and open to the public.

## • Two plead guilty to prostitution charges

ALEXANDRIA — A Springfield man and a District of Columbia woman have pleaded guilty to child prostitution charges in a scheme in which she provided him with two girls, ages 7 and 8.

John Walling, 59, an electrical engineer, expressed remorse as he was led from the federal courtroom in handcuffs Thursday, saying, "The abuse of a child is not worthy. It's something that speaks for itself."

In court papers, Walling admitted that he engaged in sexual activity with both girls and said he offered them to others for \$20 and up. But authorities said they have

turned up no evidence that anyone else had sex with the youngsters.

Donna Jones, 29, admitted providing the girls to Walling.

## RICHMOND



## • Ex-teacher charged in molestation case

A former teacher at Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield County has been charged with molesting a 16-year-old student.

Peter D. Primiano Jr., 35, of the 1800 block of Powhatan Ave. in Petersburg, was arrested last week and charged with three counts each of sodomy and taking indecent liberties with a minor, said Chesterfield police Lt. Ben Mize.

Primiano, who police said resigned his teaching post in June, is accused of sodomizing the girl on three occasions between November 1993 and June 1994, Mize said. The incidents occurred in a classroom closet, a school restroom and in a parking lot away from the school, he said.

Mize said Petersburg and Chesterfield police were continuing a joint investigation.

Primiano has been released on bond pending a hearing April 6 in Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

## • Goins' extradition ordered

Christopher C. Goins, charged with capital murder in five Gilpin Court slayings in October, probably will be returned to Richmond Feb. 7.

New York Supreme Court Judge Herbert J. Adlerberg Friday ordered Goins extradited to Virginia to face the charges,

according to a spokesman for the Manhattan district attorney's office. Adlerberg rejected Goins' contention that Virginia authorities lacked probable cause to charge him.

Goins, 21, fled Richmond after the Oct. 14 killings. He was arrested Nov. 17 in New York and has been fighting extradition.

## CAMPUS



## • Pharmacy school receives new equipment

Students at VCU's School of Pharmacy are plugged into a new technology that gives them a taste of real-world pharmacy practice.

Thanks to a gift from Compute-Rx Inc., a Richmond-based computer company, the practice laboratory at VCU's pharmacy school boasts a state-of-the-art computer system, complete with 13 color terminals, similar to those in pharmacies around Virginia. This donation from Compute-Rx updates systems that were donated by the firm in the 1980s.

## • VCU gets grant

VCU's Life Skills Center has received \$30,000 from Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. to expand the center's nationally recognized Going for the Goal program to 20 additional cities.

GOAL, a program designed to teach adolescents to be goal-oriented, is taught in 25 cities around the country. It was developed eight years ago by Steven Danish, a VCU professor of psychology and director of the Life Skills Center.

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# FYI

For Your Information

## Moons over my hammie

If you stay up late Wednesday night, you may be able to see the next space shuttle launch. Space Shuttle STS-63 is scheduled to lift off at 12:49 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Weather permitting, the latest flight of the shuttle Discovery will be visible from Virginia and much of the East Coast. The night launch combined with the angle of the orbit help make the long-distance viewing possible.

It's a good idea to be watching at least 10 minutes ahead of time. Plan to wait until at least 1:10 a.m. in case the launch is delayed.

## The Newt Deal

"Fundraising 101: The Contract With America, Boom or Gloom?" will be presented Feb. 7 at the Hyatt Richmond. Sponsored by the Professional Fundraising Corporation of Richmond, the event is designed to give instruction in all of the fund-raising basics to small and medium size nonprofit groups. Leading the seminar will be longtime fund-raising professional Bill Doyle, a 30-year development veteran with the American Fund Raising Institute. For more information, call 379-7762.

## Lions and tigers ... Oh my

Maymont Park and the Science Museum of Virginia are bringing BEARS! to Richmond. "Bears: Imagination and Reality" will open Feb. 11. This engaging exhibit examines the legend, life and true nature of the great grizzly and black bears. Explore America's most potent symbol of the wilderness in various interactive exhibits. See a re-created black bear den and 25 taxidermic mounts of the bears. The exhibition is free with museum admission. For Maymont information, call 358-7166. For Science Museum information, call 367-1013.

## Amen

Area Civitan Clubs present a Clergy Appreciation Week Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at The Downtown Club, Riverfront Plaza, 915 E. Byrd St. Lunch is \$9, and the guest speaker is James McDonald, executive director of the Virginia Council of Churches.

## Flying Vasquez Brothers

As part of Black History Month, the Virginia Aviation Museum focuses on African-American aviators at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Korean War veterans Woody Crockett and John J. Suggs will share their experiences as Tuskegee Airmen. These men faced both official and unofficial racism as they flew in the newly independent and newly integrated U.S. Air Force. For more information, call 236-3622.

# Wood takes business school to new heights

*Phillip Morris Chairman expands international program*

**Leila M. Ugincius**  
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

Van R. Wood's colleagues at VCU describe him as "dynamic" and "motivated."

Wood, who joined the School of Business as the Phillip Morris Chairman in International Business in August, worked diligently this past semester expanding VCU's international business program.

"We wanted someone who would really be special and had the credibility of his colleagues," said Howard P. Tuckman, dean of VCU's School of Business.

In addition, he said, the business school wanted someone who could relate to the business community in a way that would encourage businesses to work with the school.

"We needed someone capable of building an international program," Tuckman said. "The school needed a more international focus."

Wood, 43, has worked throughout the world, including Germany, Croatia and Chile, teaching and establishing connections with the business world abroad.

In addition to speaking Spanish, Portuguese and Italian, the marketing professor reads French and said he can "get by" linguistically in three or four other languages.

Talking about some of his experiences abroad, Wood said one of his most memorable moments was translating for an American exporting firm that was working with a beef processing plant in Chile.

The main product from the plant was not the meat, Wood explained, but the by-products. For instance, the pancreas is used to create insulin.

While observing a demonstration on

how to remove the pancreas, he said, his Chilean counterpart suggested he give it a try himself.

He said he then jumped up on the stage, but instead of successfully removing the pancreas, he ended up covered with the insides of the carcass.

Wood laughed, then leaned back in his chair and continued.

"Well, the Chileans got a big kick out of this. I was all dressed up and covered in caca," he said.

"What do you do? You can get mad, or you can laugh. I chose to laugh with them."

Wood's easygoing personality makes him a vital asset to the School of Business, Tuckman said.

"Dr. Wood is a very personable faculty member, a very glib speaker," the dean said.

E.G. Miller, associate dean of the School of Business, said anyone working in a new school and a new city has to make some adjustments, but Wood is doing well.

"In his first semester," Miller said, "he's done everything that we've asked him to do. From what I've observed, he's very student-oriented. He's very interactive with student groups."

Tuckman agreed. "(Wood) had been a visiting professor at a number of schools throughout the world," he said. "This kind of background has greatly benefited the students."

Before coming to VCU, the marketing professor taught at Texas Tech University. Tuckman said Texas Tech has developed more international programs and activities than VCU.

Wood, however, sees great possibilities for VCU's business program.

"I think VCU is an excellent university, and the business school is an excellent part of that university," he said. "It has potential to be a real major school on a

## Van R. Wood

- Phillip Morris Chairman in International Business
- Professor of marketing
- Age — 43
- Past places of employment — Germany, Croatia, Chile, Puerto Rico
- Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, reads French
- Previous employer — Texas Tech University

business basis."

Five years from now, Wood said, he would like to look back at his time here and be able to say that he gave VCU students an international experience.

Wood worked in Puerto Rico from Dec. 16 to Jan. 10 at a seminar for graduate students at the University of Puerto Rico. In the future, he said, he hopes to establish initial contacts with administrators in the hope of setting up an exchange program.

As for other future plans, VCU's international chairman is undecided.

"What can I say? I'm an American, I can be bought," Wood said with a grin. "If someone offered me a quarter of a million dollars and said 'We'd like you to join our organization and help us out,' I'd find it hard to say no."

"But I do enjoy academics, teaching and research. It would be difficult for me to leave. (VCU) is a really exciting place, (there are) enormous opportunities to increase international relations."

# Program pairs mentors with exchange students

**Jennifer L. Vancil**  
CT STAFF WRITER

If you have ever considered studying abroad and then nixed the idea out of fear or apprehension, the Center for International Programs may have an option for you.

The center initiated a new mentor program this past semester designed to help both incoming and outgoing exchange students.

Marilyn Hesser, assistant director for international admissions and study abroad coordinator, said the goals of the program include recruiting students to study abroad, giving those students an idea of what to expect during their stay and helping international students adjust to their new situations. The center officials, she said, also want to give returning students an outlet to share their experiences.

"We find that many students upon returning need to talk about it (the experience)," she said.

A mentor's job, Hesser said, includes providing guidance to international students and giving students who will travel abroad specific information and firsthand knowledge of the country. Mentors will counsel an outgoing student during the semester before his or her study abroad begins.

Although the program has not started matching students with individual mentors, she said mentors can help interna-

tional students in simple ways, like helping them become familiar with the campus.

"(Orientation) is more meaningful (to an international student) when a student is going to be with them," she said.

Juny Mendez, an assistant to Hesser, said many students studying abroad have difficulty adjusting. After arriving they find they were not prepared.

For example, Mendez, a native of Costa Rica, has traveled to several Spanish-speaking countries without problems but was not prepared for her recent trip to Indonesia.

"I thought I would be able to communicate easily," she said. "I realized it was more difficult than I thought. Language is everything."

Language was not a problem when Andrea Neff, a senior crafts major, traveled to Scotland for a summer study sponsored by VCU's English department. She said Scotland may be one of the easier places to study as far as language barriers, adding that her only problem was some of the accents of the natives.

A previous career as an international flight attendant made her travel as a student easier, Neff said, and it is that experience that makes her a good mentor.

"I'm big on international travel," she said, "and I want to encourage people to travel."

In helping international students, Neff said she can assist by having a common

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knowledge of the new student's homeland and by being able to discuss issues that are important in that culture.

Hesser said all students who receive scholarships through the university to study abroad are required to sign a service agreement with the university. Next year, she said, all students studying abroad will sign a contract to help in the program.

Mendez said the program can help both incoming and outgoing students by preparing them for any difficulties they may encounter.

"The program offers short-term training," she said. "Especially for students who haven't traveled, it might be difficult. Many

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## Panhellenic looking for funding solutions

**Jenifer L. Vancil**  
CT STAFF WRITER

Money is the main concern for VCU's Panhellenic Council.

Currently, the council is working on a budget proposal to obtain funding directly from SGA.

SGA appropriates money to Greek Council, which oversees both fraternities and sororities, but Panhellenic Council representatives see no reason why the council cannot receive funds directly.

"We are working on getting money our-

selves, so that if anything happens to Greek Council, we won't lose our money as well," said Amy Lewis, Panhellenic Council president. "We are a separate organization."

The Interfraternity Council has been working to find solutions to similar funding problems.

During Panhellenic's weekly meeting, the council again discussed how much money it will need to go to Atlanta for the South Eastern Panhellenic Conference and how to raise money for other philanthropic projects.

The idea of offering child-care services for faculty during Valentine's weekend is still on the table. Lewis told the council her sorority, Alpha Sigma Sigma, sees many problems with the idea, including ascertaining proper facilities for babies and toddlers.

"If they drop their kids off here at 6 o'clock and stay out until 10 (p.m.), the kids will probably have to go to sleep by 8 (p.m.)," she said. "If there are babies, where do we lay them down?"

Fund-raising ideas are still up in the air, but the council has decided to go ahead with its Easter egg hunt for underprivileged children.

Also, events for March's Women's

History Month, including a speaker on improving self-image and possibly a panel on eating disorders, are in the works. The program possibly will include information on sexual assault as well.

The council's adviser, Elizabeth C. Bell, assistant director for student activities who also oversees Greek affairs, supported the idea of a peer panel.

"I know that women in our organizations are eating-disorder survivors," she said. "It might be more effective if we could put together a panel of our peers."

"It is therapeutic for some people to talk about it... but we certainly want to respect people's space."

### SMITH

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raises to all 172 female faculty members who applied, the pay increases excluded performance factors.

"It's still the same case it always was," Cavedo said, explaining that the

current appeal was filed Nov. 7. "My guess is that they're going to review it and send it back to trial."

Smith said the awarded pay raises excluded merit, and that factor can't be overlooked.

"That is the only thing I'm concerned about is the principle," Smith said. "The principle by the way is equity in pay."

### MENTOR

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experience culture shock."

For those afraid of international obstacles, Neff said, adjusting adds to the experience. Even a bad international experience can be a good learning tool, she said.

"Don't let the difficulties upset you," Neff said. "Keep an open mind."

In addition, if a student wants to study outside VCU without leaving the country, the National Student Exchange allows students to participate in exchange programs with other American universities.

This plan was perfect for Joann Shaffer, a human resources management major.

When her father-in-law became ill, Shaffer's family was able to relocate closer to him without her having to take time off from school. She was able to continue her studies at Oklahoma State University.

"I don't think I could help students who are travelling internationally," she said, speaking of her involvement with the mentor program. "But it doesn't make a difference if you stay in the U.S. or not. You will still run into a different culture."

Shaffer said she was surprised at the cultural differences she found.

"Oklahoma State is not very diverse, even though there are more foreign stu-

dents," she said. "I appreciate VCU more. VCU is really more diverse as far as people's backgrounds and beliefs."

Mendez said most students are unaware of the programs that are available to them.

"Most students don't know that they have this opportunity," she said, adding that the mentor program will make opportunities more visible.

Even though Stacey Sharman took advantage of the international opportunity and studied for a year in Northern Ireland, the senior English major said she was not aware of the national program and lamented that she does not have any time left to take part in it.

"I just found out about the program this semester," she said. "I wish I would have known because now I only have one semester left."

Neff said the biggest part of her job as a mentor will be to let others know what opportunities are available.

"I applied and got a good grant (to study abroad). I don't think students know that there is money available," she said.

Neff added that she wants to be a mentor to pay back the university for providing the opportunity.

Hesser said that the program now is set up for each mentor to have three students, but she hopes the program will grow to one-on-one mentoring.

### JMU

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JMU students to sign a petition asking Carrier to rescind the restructuring action. So far, the group has ascertained about 3,000 signatures.

"We are concerned that the implementations will discredit our university and our degrees," states a press release from the solutions committee.

Committee members said they oppose the president's restructuring decision for two reasons:

- The outcome is extremely pessimistic. There are few major universities nationwide that do not have a physics program, according to the press

release.

"The elimination of this department at James Madison University discredits all other programs here because JMU will no longer be seen as a serious liberal arts university."

"This action will diminish the value of every JMU degree, especially those in which a background in science is fundamental."

- The students also were upset that the decision was made without any notice to the JMU faculty and students.

"Although we realize the necessity of restructuring, we oppose its implementation without substantive faculty and student input," the press release stated.

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reaccreditation, is due in several weeks, said Joyce Wise Dodd, interim director of VCU's School of Mass Communications.

Dodd, who talked with Rowland intermittently throughout the past year, said she felt good about his visit.

"He asked probing, searching questions," she said. "The first real step of understanding will come with Dean Rowland's report."

Greg Weatherford, editor of The Goochland Gazette and VCU alumnus, and about eight other students, spoke with Rowland Thursday.

"He asked us questions about if we use the technology that is provided to us," Weatherford said, "and if the attitude of the faculty had improved toward each other and toward their higher-ups."

"I think the main purpose was for us to tell him what we thought about things, but more to express how much things have changed."

Dodd, a candidate for permanent director of the school, spent this past semester bringing the school up to par in terms of

the reaccreditation guidelines.

November's alumni homecoming, she said, was a tremendous success, and a new computer system has been installed to help process alumni data.

More than 2,500 letters were sent to alumni informing them of the changes.

"The response was overwhelming," Dodd said.

To meet the leadership requirement, the school has been searching for a permanent director. Currently, there are four candidates who will meet with students during the next several weeks.

In March, Dodd and David R. Hiley, dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, will travel to Chicago to answer questions about Rowland's report from an accrediting committee.

"It's a review process," Dodd said, "so that the committee will have an idea of why he's making his decision."

The final decision of reaccreditation will be made by ACEJMC in May.

Regarding the possibility that the school will not be reaccredited, Dodd said: "You take it one step at a time."

—CT News Editor Melanie Irvin contributed to this article.

**CORRECTION:** SGA President Cathaleen Bryant said she never specifically mentioned a race-relations supplement during last Monday's SGA meeting. We regret the error that ran in the Jan. 25 issue of the Commonwealth Times.

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Jeff Qureshi

## Camelot Burns

I tell you, it seems like yesterday everyone was out hugging a tree. Today, things are quite different, what with Mr. Newt and the rest of Congress' Freshman Republicans seeing fit to take the Contract With America as far as it will go. Personally, I liked it when reporters termed the Republican initiative as "The Contract on America." Made it sound very Newt, very Dole.

Indeed, the President's State of the Union Address was another attempt on a Clinton revival. Hillary, flanked by a WWII veteran and Haitian-American serving in Haiti, smiled occasionally. Much of the time, however, the First Lady looked as if she was trying not to get sick. It must be strange to see her husband leaning further toward the right as the Clinton Camelot burns.

Perhaps I am being too harsh, but I was not pleased with what I saw on C-SPAN Tuesday night. (Just a side note: I hate being told what to think during these events by the mindless members of news organizations intent on ratings rather than intellect; C-SPAN excels in presenting events, not brainwashing.)

First things first. Who was that guy up on the podium in front of Vice President Al Gore and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich? It was certainly not the Bill Clinton of early 1993 who immediately followed an all-too-liberal path. Talk about slick: It seems that the President has resurfaced wearing a recycled, New Democrat life preserver.

Indeed, this past Tuesday, Mr. Clinton presented Americans with his answer to the November elections. Calling for a middle-class tax cut, the President received numerous standing ovations and cheers of agreement from Republican legislators. Scores of Democrats, who have obviously seen the writing on the wall, stood with Conservatives that evening on such issues as welfare reform, spending cuts and health care.

That's right, health care. Agreeing with critics of the debacle, Mr. Clinton admitted that, "...we bit off more than we could chew." His new proposal, in line with what Republicans have been calling for, promises to pass coverage and price reforms, "so that ... nobody loses

their coverage because they face high prices or unavailable insurance ...."

I still wonder why he refuses to go after the insurance companies — the real culprits in this debate. Remember Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Virginia's forced settlement concerning excessive charges? What scares me the most is that doctors no longer have total say in treatment plans. They are overseen by insurers, seemingly more interested in profits than patients, who decide what is necessary and what is not. In addition to charging outrageous fees, the insurance companies assume an oversight role that amounts to playing doctor. Since when did health insurers start passing out medical degrees to all job applicants?

But I digress .... Many of the points highlighted by Mr. Clinton show a strong course of correction toward the center. That upsets me because his motivating factors are solely the result of the November election. I fail to see any sincerity in this State of the Union.

For example, does the term New Covenant ring any bells? Well it ought to, because this was one of Clinton's themes during the 1992 presidential campaign. The powers-that-be, however, pushed this platform ideal to the side in favor of large government, big spending and tax increases. Therefore, this administration's commitment to the New Covenant must be questioned. Is the motivation for such a promise to the American people based on philosophical grounds or re-election fears? I think the answer is very clear.

While I am pleased that many conservative issues will be advanced, it bothers me that Mr. Clinton is so eager to compromise with the Republicans. I admire a man who stands his ground because it is what he believes, even if he is wrong. What I cannot tolerate is vacillation from one perspective to another with no real set core of convictions. I think that is what we have with Mr. Clinton. If he and Hillary believe so much in liberalism, as is well-demonstrated, they should remain consistent in their policies and not capitulate for the sole purpose of re-election.

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— Willa Sibert Cather, "O Pioneers!," pt. II, ch. 4

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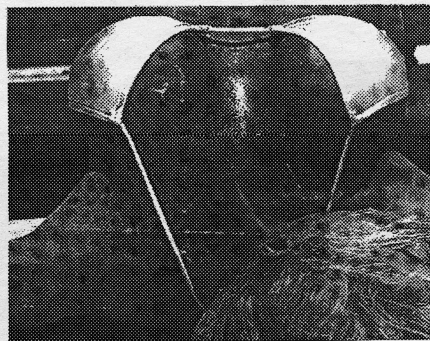
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# AKL



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### Error should not detract from message

#### Dear Editor

I would like to retract a statement I made in a letter to the Commonwealth Times printed Wednesday, Jan. 25. I intimidated in that letter to the editor that the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity received money from the university to support their organization. I have been made aware by an AKL member that this is not the case, and I apologize for having written otherwise.

But the main point of my letter has nothing to do with the financial situation of AKL; it has to do with the sexist nature of their publicity. If AKL wishes to be a respected part of the university community, perhaps their organization should respect others in turn.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer A. Gore

### AKL Brother Defends Fraternity

#### Dear Editor

After reading Jennifer Gore's letter concerning my fraternity I was deeply disheartened. I was disheartened by the fact that something created by us and disseminated through campus could outrage someone to the point that they would believe that our activities include "female conquest."

I can assure everyone that our activities are such that promote and foster brotherhood, scholarship, personal responsibility and community support. Partying and drinking do not encompass what our organization is about.

Posting flyers that contain female breasts and a slogan saying "AKL — Always Strives To Reach New Peaks," was an indiscretion on our part. Maybe more thought should have been given to something like this before it was done. It appears that something done in jest to spark interest in our organization was actually harmful and perpetuated rather than dispelled the types of stereotypes by which organizations like ourselves are commonly characterized.

I, Brian Ezell, as a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda, apologize sincerely for our actions and how they have affected the VCU community.

Sincerely,  
Brian Ezell



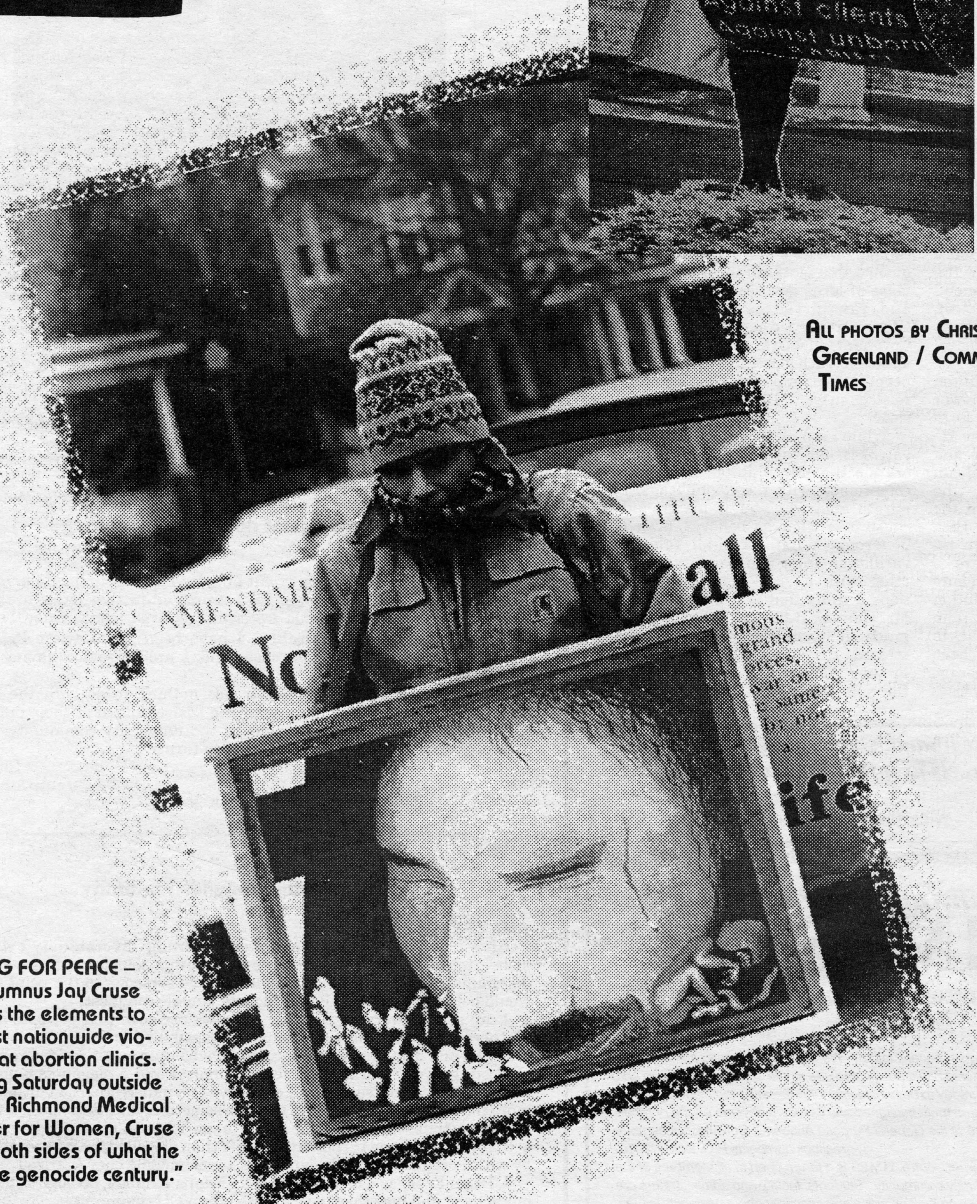


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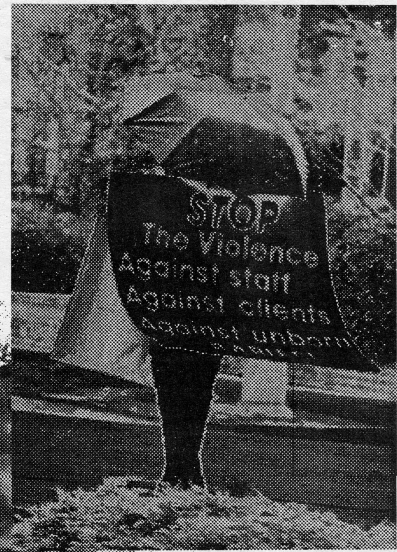
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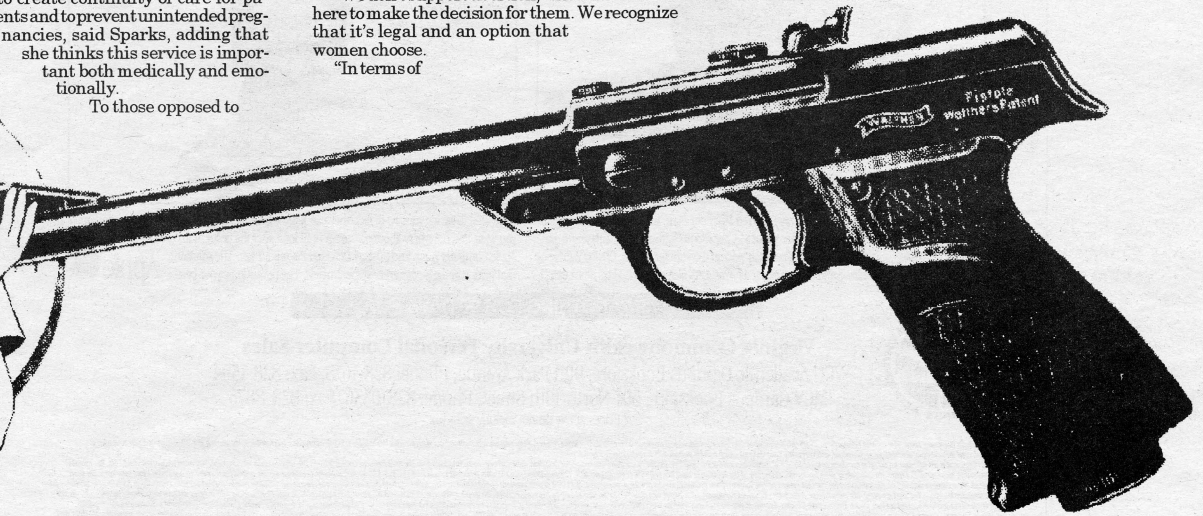
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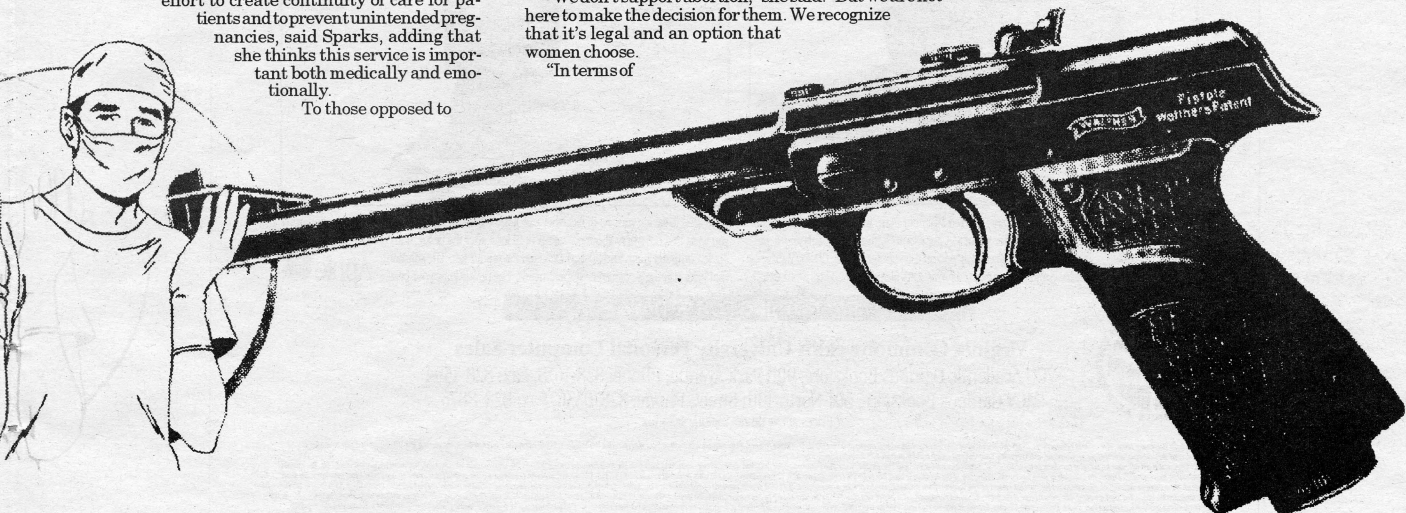
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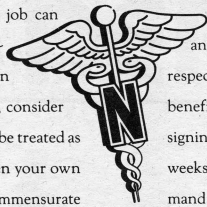
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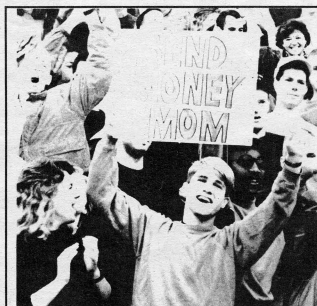


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# Bay returns for Double Exposure Concert

**Martha Shelton**  
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

It was an exotic evening.

Flaring with musical talent, pianist Robert Conway and the Richmond Chamber Symphony joined the symphony's former associate conductor, Peter Bay, for a Double Exposure concert at VCU's Performing Arts Center.

Bay began the program with Beethoven's "Rondo for Piano and Orchestra." This composition, filled with contrasting piano and symphony themes, absolutely captivated the audience.

Conway displayed remarkable facility at the keyboard in this piece, revealing his talents with eloquence and style.

The most complex piece, John Adams' "Chamber Symphony," was performed with intense vigor and concentration. The piece is deemed complex because almost each instrument has its own unique instruction. With each instrument playing in its "own little world," the sound could be compared to the compilation of activity that occurs on the busy strip of Las Vegas and that of a crowded New York Subway.

Adams' "Eros Piano," composed in 1989, was filled with tone clusters similar to those of piano composer John Cage. This romantic composition contained an intriguing music melody with harmony and rhythm in equal proportion. It reminded one of compositions by

Wagner, Stravinsky and Gershwin.

Peter Bay conducted the final piece, Beethoven's "Symphony No. 8 in F Major," without the accompaniment of a score, which is remarkable for someone so young. This could be attributed to the education he received from the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore, Md., one of the finer conservatories in the United States.

Bay's six-year tenure with the Richmond Symphony ended in 1988. Since, he has served as music adviser and conductor-in-residence of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and he now serves as music director of the Britt Festival Orchestra in Jacksonville, Ore.

(Alice Creager, former music professor, contributed to this article.)

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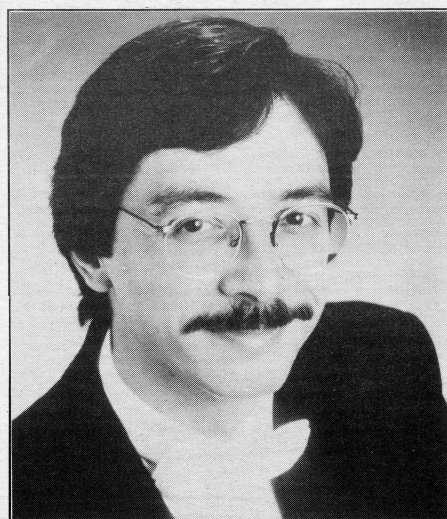


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**PERFECTION**—Peter Bay reunited with the Richmond Symphony at VCU Friday.

## Music awards honor industry's best

"Melrose Place" and "Models Inc." will have some stiff competition tonight when ABC airs the 22nd Annual "American Music Awards" live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Calif.

Queen Latifah, Tom Jones and Lorrie Morgan will serve as hosts for the evening.

Live performances scheduled for the night include Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, Boyz II Men, Time McGraw, Black Men United, Madonna, Babyface and "the artist formerly known as Prince."

"American Music Award" nominees are cho-

sen in seven categories. They include pop/rock, country, rhythm and blues, rap/hip hop, heavy metal/hard rock, adult contemporary and alternative music.

From these seven categories, 22 awards will be presented. Winners are chosen by the American public and results are kept secret until the envelopes are opened during the presentation ceremonies.

In addition to the traditional awards, a special "Award of Merit" will be presented to "the artist formerly known as Prince" for his outstanding contributions to the world of musical

entertainment. Previous recipients of this award have included Elvis Presley, James Brown, The Beach Boys, Michael Jackson and Ella Fitzgerald.

Led Zeppelin will be this year's recipient of the "International Artist Award," which recognizes those artists whose popularity and impact go far beyond national boundaries. This award is given only when there is a recipient of outstanding stature and accomplishments. The only two prior recipients of this award are Michael Jackson and Rod Stewart.

Snoop DoggyDogg, Ace of Base, Clint Black, Frankie Vallie, Alice Cooper and Mary J. Blige are just a few of the many presenters lined up for the night.

The "American Music Awards" will air at 8 p.m. tonight on ABC.

—Compiled by CT Senior Writer  
Sara Kukorlo from  
press releases.



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**ALL SMILES**—Will Robert Plant and Jimmy Page be on hand to accept a special award for Led Zeppelin?



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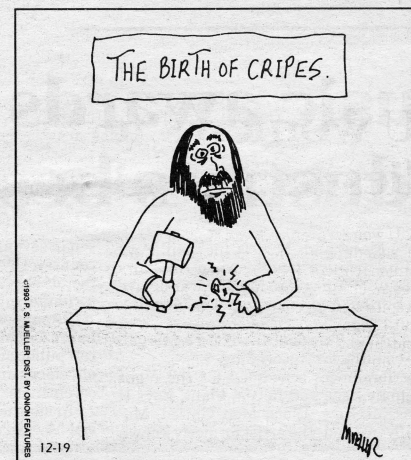
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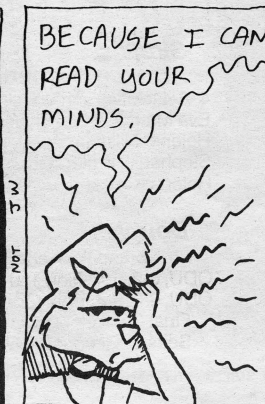
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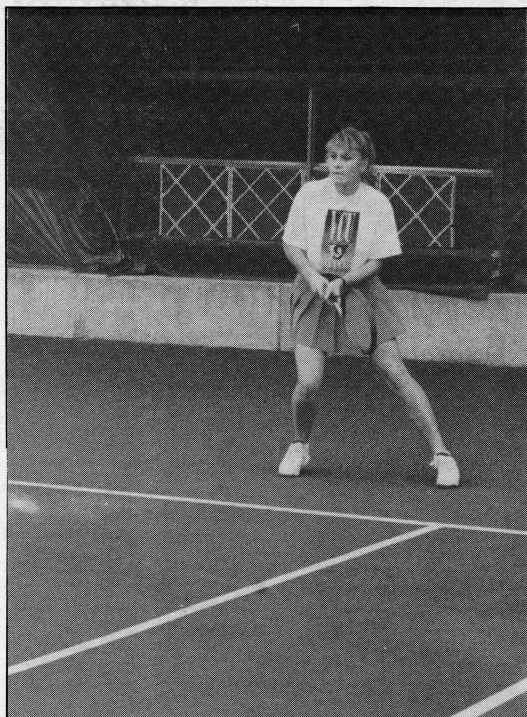
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**NEW SEASON-**  
The VCU women's tennis team defeated Old Dominion 7-2 in their first match. They did it without Ivi Moorlat (left) who is no longer with the team.

## VCU women's tennis team rallies to a good season start

The VCU women's tennis team started its home schedule against state-rival Old Dominion University on Saturday.

The team came away with a 7-2 victory despite having their player out with a soft-tissue injury and two other players battling the flu.

"In my opinion it answered some questions about the girls," said VCU head coach Eva Bard. "We didn't know

how we were gonna be. They all stepped up and did a great job."

The Rams go on the road for the month of February when they travel to the Virginia Tech Tournament Feb. 3-5, Harvard on Feb. 18 and Boston College on Feb. 19. The team doesn't return back for a home match until March 4, against North Carolina State.

— Compiled from news sources

## WOMEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

### Singles

Kris Fulton, ODU, def. Liliana Manoukian, VCU, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Sofia Hiort, VCU, def. Delphine Priest, ODU, 6-0, 6-4. Eva Marie Pehrsson, VCU, def. Angie White, ODU, 6-0, 6-1. Helene Nilsson, VCU, def. Holly Rivers, ODU, 6-2, 6-2. Stephanie Smith, ODU, def. Kristi Whitaker, VCU 7-6, 6-2. Helena Karlsson, VCU, win by default.

### Doubles

Manoukian and Karlsson, VCU, def. Fulton and Priest, ODU, 6-2, 6-4. Hiort and Nilsson, VCU, def. White and Rivers, ODU, 6-2, 6-4. Pehrsson and Whitaker, VCU, won by default.

Final Score: VCU 7 ODU 2  
Season Record (W-L): 3-1

# The Kings are royal surprise so far

**Coveh Solaimani**  
CT STAFF WRITER

With the NBA All-Star Game a little less than two weeks away, now is a good time to analyze the first half of what has been a wacky season.

**Biggest Surprise:** There are plenty of teams playing beyond expectations thus far. In the East, Milwaukee is only two games behind Atlanta for the last playoff spot and, despite being racked with injuries, the Cleveland Cavaliers are in first place in the Central Division.

The Cavs have played all season without the retired Larry Nance and the injured Brad Daugherty. Last Week, Mark Price broke his hand and will be out six to eight weeks. If Mike Fratello's team continues to win, people should wonder if the Cleveland coach can walk on water.

Out West the Lakers have shocked everyone. Los Angeles has won 25 of 38 games and has the fifth best record in the NBA. Nick Van Exel and Cedric Ceballos are bringing showtime back to the Forum.

Even with the surprising success of the Lakers, no team has improved as much as the Sacramento Kings. The longtime doormat of the West find themselves with a 23-17 record and just a game and a half behind defending champion Houston.

Head coach Garry St. Jean has got his team five wins away from reaching last season's total. As long as the Kings stay healthy, they ought to win 40 games for the first time since they were in Kansas City.

**Biggest Disappointment:** Where do we begin? How about in Washington, where the Bullets traded away their franchise in Tom Gugliotta after a 5-2 start for Chris Webber.

When Webber arrived, the reigning Rookie of the Year was to help the Bullets contend for the title right away. It didn't happen! Jim Lynam's team is 5-26 since "Oh" Webber came on board.

Since we are on the subject of Webber, let's discuss his former team, the Golden State Warriors. Before bringing in Gugliotta, the Warriors were 7-1 and looked

like championship hopefuls. Since the deal, the team has been in total disarray. Star player Latrell Sprewell wants to follow his friends out of town and Coach Nelson hasn't shown the ability to right the ship. This team has definitely disappointed the most.

**Worst Trade (in NBA History):** Webber for Gugliotta and three first round picks!

**Player of the Year:** Many players are having MVP-type seasons throughout the NBA. In Utah, the dynamic duo of Karl Malone and John Stockton have the Jazz in a 15-game winning streak on the road. Scottie Pippen leads his Bulls team in six different statistical categories. No player has accomplished that feat for his team since Dave Cowens did it in the early '70s for Boston.

No player is having as dominant a season, however, as Shaq Diesel!! Shaquille O'Neal's Orlando Magic have the league's best record and most talented team in the East. O'Neal leads the league in scoring and is among the top five in field goal percentage and rebounds. He comes to play every night and this season he has dominated the top centers in the NBA head to head.

**Rookie of the Year:** The Kidd in Dallas has already helped the Mavericks win more games than they did all of last season and, after a slow start, the "Big Dog" has helped the Bucks take a bite out of the rest of the NBA but the Rookie of the Year is a Piston.

Grant Hill is the best all-around player to come out of the draft since Michael Jordan. After a month in the league, comparisons of Hill to Jordan were heard in every arena he played in.

This month he was named to the All-Star team and was the leading vote getter for the East.

**Coach of the Year:** St. Jean edges out Fratello.

**Crappy team of the Year:** It just hurts to watch them win. My favorite team, the Minnesota Timberwolves. They stink!!!

Now that I have handed out my mid-season awards, I'd like to leave you with a prediction. Orlando will defeat Seattle in six games to win the NBA Championship.

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with a win. But no one foresaw the drubbing handed down by Charlotte.

The Rams were missing one factor Thursday night — Tyron McCoy. McCoy, a preseason All-Metro pick and the Rams leader on the court, failed to bring his game face to the Coliseum. He finished the game with four points — all from free-throws — on a 0 for 7 performance.

"McCoy was struggling a little bit tonight," Smith said, adding that everyone on the team struggled and not just the star forward.

McCoy's dismal outing was signified by the lack of his teammates getting him the ball early in the game.

In the previous game where McCoy played well, he got involved in the offense early and could develop a rhythm. When he hasn't gotten the ball early or taken one of the first couple of shots, McCoy has had trouble picking up the pace.

Some credit is due for the 49ers' defense. They shut down the inside game for the Rams behind the play of 7-footer Jermain Parker. The Charlotte center finished the game with six blocked shots — more than the entire VCU team combined.

With the ability to get the ball inside, the 49ers took away VCU's second weapon — Bernard Hopkins. The power forward has been a solid contributor for most of the season and has held his own with the other big men of the conference. Well not this night.

The Rams will have other nights to avenge this loss, but the team needs to find the chemistry they displayed earlier in the season.



## CURVE BALL

• Who set the record for most touch-down passes in a half in the Superbowl tied by Steve Young last night?

A. Doug Williams in Super Bowl. XXII

# SPORTS

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• The VCU Women's Tennis team entered the first match of the season banged up but ready to play. See page 11.

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## Ram-rodged: UNCC 49ers roll to huge win

Brian J. French  
CT SPORTS EDITOR

Splat.

That noise was brought to you courtesy of the UNC Charlotte 49ers, who pounded the VCU Rams into a bloody mess before a crowd of 5,109 Thursday night at the Richmond Coliseum.

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During the course of the 73-47 beating, the Rams (13-7, 2-3 in the Metro after Saturday's 80-71 overtime loss at South Florida) set a team record for home margin of defeat (26) and set season-

worst for the 26-point loss margin, field-goal percentage (28.6 percent) and points scored (47).

"It was a very embarrassing loss," said a very dejected VCU coach Sonny Smith after the game. "They whipped us physically, mentally and every way you can think of."

Unlike previous losses, the Rams' futility was more pronounced in the second half, rather than the first.

VCU, which was actually only down by seven (34-27) at the break, were outscored 39-20 afterwards, shot an almost-unthinkable 21.4 percent from the field, and watched the 49ers (14-3, 4-1 after losing 79-57 to Louisville Saturday) pull away to their third consecutive win in the series between the two squads.

"In the second half, they ate our half-court defense alive ... we couldn't stop them and we didn't stop them," Smith said.

The Rams had one offensive run during the game.

Down 16-5 early in the game, the Rams closed the gap on back-to-back three-pointers by Keith Davis and Sherman Hamilton, a Hamilton fast break layup and two free throws by Tyron McCoy.

That brought the score to 18-17, which was the closest the Rams would get that night.

Emblematic for the Rams: McCoy's performance, including an 0 for 7 night from the field and a 0 for 5 show from the three-point line. Final stats: four points, four rebounds and five assists.

His 4 for 4 totals from the line, however, were better than that of the rest of his teammates, who shot a combined 7 for 17 from the stripe.

Leading a balanced attack for UNCC was Jarvis Lang, who scored 13 points and pulled down nine rebounds. Jermain Parker scored 11, grabbed five rebounds and blocked six shots, and Roderick Howard added 12.

Hamilton was the only Ram to score in double digits, with 13. George Byrd showed signs of breaking his slump with eight points on 4 for 9 shooting from the field.

Bernard Hopkins scored six points and had 10 rebounds, but sat out a good portion with foul trouble.

The Rams continued their troubles by losing to South Florida 80-71 in Tampa on Saturday.

The win marks the Bulls' first Metro win of the season, while VCU drops their third Metro game in a row, and fourth overall in their last five games.

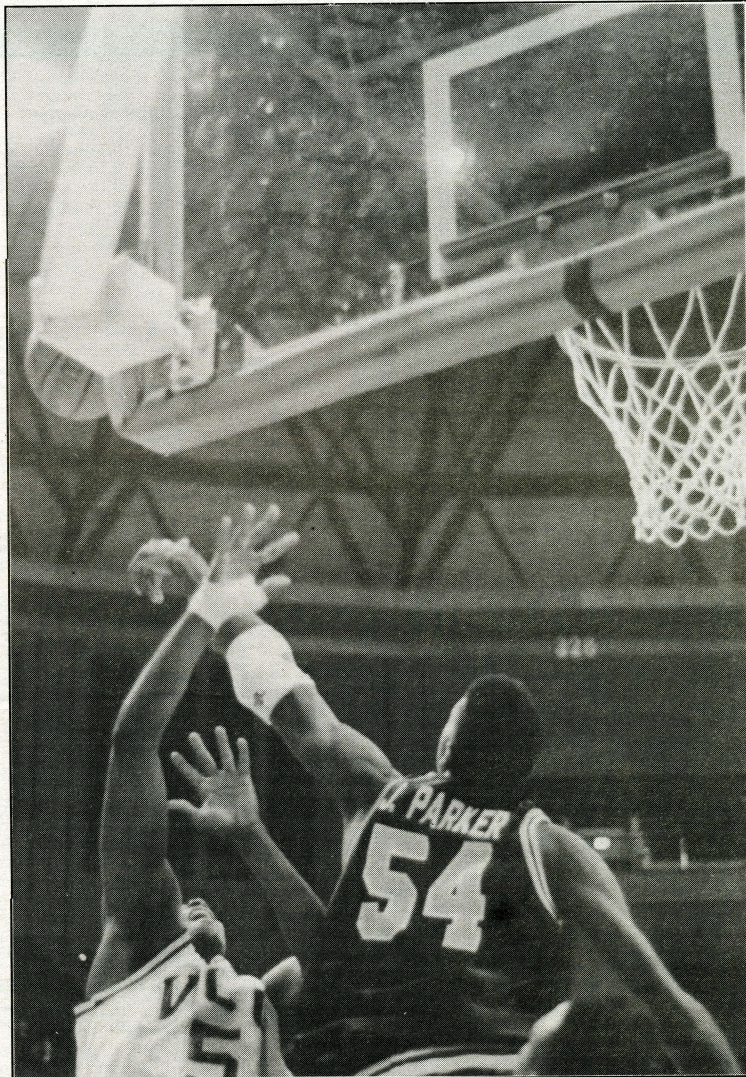
Once again, the Rams struggled early in the first half, falling behind as much as 13 points, but got the margin to four at the half.

The Rams led by four late in the second half, and by a 68-67 count with 12.5 seconds left in regulation when McCoy was called for a controversial foul, putting Jerome Robinson on the line. He hit one of two shots and the game went to overtime.

There, the Bulls rolled, outscoring the Rams 9-3. VCU never led in the extra period.

Hamilton led the team in scoring again, with 20 points. Ben Peabody scored a career-high 18.

The Rams play Radford at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday night at the Richmond Coliseum.



Gage Harter/Commonwealth Times

**NOTHIN' BUT PALM—**  
UNCC's Jermain Parker blocks Bernard Hopkins' shot, one of six for the 7-0 center.

## Slow start kills Rams again

Brian W. Whitson  
CT SPORT EDITOR

The hangover from a particular good New Year has seemed to set in on the bunch from VCU.

After winning seven straight games during the holiday break the team has come back down to earth and dropped three of the last four contests.

Fans could sense a major letdown since the Virginia Tech game, but the Rams kept the first two losses close enough to keep away the critics.

In a relatively poor showing against Division II work-horse Virginia Union, the Rams squeaked away with a tight victory.

In Thursday night's game against UNC Charlotte, there was nothing close about it. Everything that could go wrong did, and everything that could go right didn't.

As VCU head coach Sonny Smith said after the 73-47 loss, the Rams received a good old-fashioned "whipping."

In the past four games the Rams have had one thing in common—slow starts. Before VCU can make it to the first television time-out they're down by double-digit points and find themselves playing catch-up the rest of the game.

So why is VCU getting out of the gate with a three-legged horse?

"I think the confidence has been a little shook, because we've been having such poor first-halves," Smith said. "Defensively the effort has been there, but we can't get anything going offensively."

He added that VCU is having a "little confidence problem and it had been showing the last three games."

Even though VCU was only a one-point underdog before the game, the Rams weren't expected to come away

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