

WEATHER



TUESDAY — Mostly sunny and cool. Highs in the mid-40s. Lows in the mid-20s.



WEDNESDAY — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s. Lows in the upper 20s.

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Job fair participants find real-world opportunities

Angela Williams
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Approximately 500 VCU students and alumni, professionally dressed and with resumes in hand, attended Prospects '96 — the annual job fair sponsored by the University Career Center in the student commons — on Wednesday.

Representatives from 50 business, industry, government and nonprofit organizations from around the state participated in the career fair.

Marcia Shown, a senior business major, said the event gave her a chance to submit her resume in a non-threatening environment.

Shown met with representatives from Crestar Financial Corporation and Circuit City Stores Inc. Everyone was upbeat, and career counselors were available to assist students, Shown said. Representatives discussed the companies as well as the students' qualifications.

"I think it's a good process no matter where you are in your career," Shown said.

Shown said it was an opportunity to ask representatives how they obtained their jobs and what they liked about their employers.

"Don't be shy. Take the opportunity and get the business cards," Shown advised future attendees.

Shown said she arrived at noon for the event — which advertised an 11 a.m. starting time — and was disappointed that there were several unmanned booths.

"Get there early, (and) definitely dress professionally," Shown advised.

A sales manager in the retention department at Capital One Financial Corp., Shown said she's learned from experience that, "you don't know where your job's going to come from."



James McMahan/Commonwealth Times

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS — A student talks to a prospective employer at the Prospects '96 job fair Wednesday at the student commons.

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New position focuses on commuter student needs

Hans Strapec
CT STAFF WRITER

With approximately 17,000 commuter students at VCU, the Division of Student Affairs has created the new position of commuter student services specialist.

Kirsten Hirsch, also a marketing specialist for the University Student Commons, has begun working to find better ways to serve the commuter population at VCU.

Presently there are no commuter services or programs established. Hirsch said she hopes to change that.

Defining who commuter students are, Hirsch said, and finding out what type of programs they need and want is a top priority.

Results of a project intended to do just that, she added, will ideally be ready by May.

"We think there is probably a population that just wants to come here, take their classes and go home," Hirsch said, "and then there is another population that wants more out of the university — we need to find out who those people are."

A service, just begun this semester, is

the commuter coffee-break table in the commuter lounge located in the student commons. Each table, Hirsch said, is sponsored by a local merchant and a VCU department, and roughly 85 commuter students typically show up for free coffee and doughnuts.

While there, students filled out surveys on what types of programs and activities they would like to see for commuter students.

In addition, Hirsch talked with students about the idea of a commuter student association, utilized by many universities with a large commuter population. The association, she said, would be an advocate for commuter interests and programs on campus and would have some sort of representative in the Student Government Association.

Other things being done for commuter students include additional lockers in the commons and a new microwave being purchased by the commons for commuter student use.

Hirsch said she is looking into purchasing more lockers for the commuter lounge

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VCU's Alcohol Awareness Week to begin Feb. 19

Paige Cash
CT STAFF WRITER

VCU will sponsor its annual Alcohol Awareness Week Feb. 19 to Mar. 6 with the hopes of informing students about a growing problem on college and university campuses across the country.

Maureen Earley, assistant director of health promotion at VCU, and Marigal Sexton, coordinator of the substance abuse/sexual assault program for VCU, are coordinators of this year's events. They want students to see that they can have fun without having to drink alcohol.

Students, Sexton said, feel as though the job of the alcohol educators is to take all the fun away and tell them that they are bad people doing bad things.

"That's not what we're about," Sexton said. "We are really about wanting people to be safe and healthy. Alcohol Awareness Week is for everyone, regardless of whether you drink or not, and there are events applicable for everyone including faculty."

A survey conducted by the Office of Health Promotion in the spring 1994 showed that 22 percent of the 600 students surveyed reported they had not used alco-

hol in the past year.

The survey did show a considerable difference between 46% of men and 33% of women that reported they drank at least once a week. There has always been a gap, Sexton said, with men drinking more on average than women. But women are catching up.

Sexton said the data showing 22 percent of students having no alcohol in the past year was a good sign.

"Most people think that there are just one or two people walking around that don't drink, but we have a high rate, which is good news to us," she said.

Events scheduled include the popular "Midnight Madness" at the Cary Street Gym from 8 p.m. to midnight (date to be announced). Students will compete in relays, sack races and a new addition called the wheelchair relay. The purpose of the relay, Earley said, will be to gain awareness of how difficult it is to maneuver with a physical handicap.

"Much like a wheelchair, alcohol impairs mobility, slowing someone down considerably," she said.

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Health

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News from the medical community



• New test detects bladder cancer

Bladder cancer, a killer disease that is notoriously difficult to diagnose, can be detected with 95-percent accuracy by a new test that finds abnormal genetic material in the urine. The test could mean early treatment for thousands of patients, researchers say.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine said the urine samples can be analyzed for the presence of abnormal DNA that signifies cancer. This DNA abnormality appears at a very early stage of the disease when there is a high likelihood of cure, they said.

A pilot study using the new test detected 19 of 20 patients with bladder cancer, the researchers report in the journal *Science*. The current bladder cancer tests detected fewer than half of the patients with the disease.

Dr. Carlos Cordon-Cardo, a bladder cancer expert at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said development of the urine test for bladder research is very important in saving lives.

Microscopic examination of cells from the bladder is now the only way to confirm the presence of cancer, he said, but the technique "is quite faulty and this is a major problem."

Laboratories, he added, are often only able to detect only 20 to 30 percent of

bladder cancers in the early stages.

About 51,000 new cases of bladder cancer were diagnosed in 1994, according to the American Cancer Society. There were about 10,600 deaths from the disease.

In addition, men are four times more likely to have the disease than women, and bladder cancer is the fifth-leading cancer killer among American men aged 75 and older.

With early detection, the five-year survival rate for bladder cancer is 91 percent. Survival rate for advanced bladder cancer is 9 percent.

• Appetite suppressant fine for mice, not men

Obesity researcher Jose F. Caro has deflated much of the hope and hype behind leptin — the appetite-suppressing substance discovered last year that miraculously melted away excess fat in obese laboratory mice.

News flash — mice are not men.

People and mice both produce the hormone leptin, but obese mice have a shortage of the stuff, while overweight people have a surplus.

In fact their blood carries an average of four times the amount of leptin found in thin people, according to a study by Caro and Robert Considine, both of Philadelphia's Jefferson Medical Hospi-

tal.

Therefore, getting extra leptin is not likely to help most overweight people to get thin.

This new research is adding to a growing body of evidence that science won't easily overrule Mother Nature, who gave humans the propensity to store fat as a protection against famine.

But Caro argues that his study points to another line of attack.

The fact that his obese subjects made so much leptin is a sign that they probably suffer from a defect in the way the body produces it. He speculates that a treatment aimed at reversing an obese person's resistance to leptin would help people shed excess pounds.

• They may block AIDS

Whey, the watery dairy product best known from the tale of Little Miss Muffet, might provide a new way to keep the virus that causes AIDS from infecting people during sex.

A modified version of a protein extracted from whey blocked the HIV virus from infecting cells in the test tube, researchers report.

If further tests go well, the modified protein might be put in a cream or foam that could be used with condoms, said researcher Robert Neurath.

Neurath is head of the Laboratory of Biochemical Virology at the Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute of the New York Blood Center.

He and colleagues reported the test-tube result in the February issue of *Nature Medicine*.

Whey is produced when milk is made into cheese. Most of it is then used in other products, including ice cream, bread, pie crust and canned soups.

In the study, scientists modified a whey protein called beta-lactoglobulin to produce a substance they named B69.

They found that B69 latched onto a protein structure called CD4 on the surface of the cells. That kept the AIDS virus from using CD4 as an entryway into the cells.

In the test tube, B69 blocked the infection by free-floating HIV and by HIV traveling in infected cells, Neurath said. Someday, he said, B69 might be put into an over-the-counter product, perhaps in combination with a virus-killing compound.

B69 will have to be tested to see if it will harm the tissues it is applied to.

Tests in rabbits and rats, however, suggest side effects are unlikely to be a problem.

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Med student excels, earns national award

Angela Williams
CT STAFF WRITER

Diane DeVita is living up to the expectations of the MCV professor and alumnus who predicted she'd be a leader in medicine.

DeVita won the 1995 William and Charlotte Cadbury Scholar award for academic achievement, leadership abilities, community service work and potential for contributing to medicine. National Medical Fellowships Inc. bestowed the award on her in October.

"When you get there," DeVita advised those attending medical school, "work hard (and) study a lot, because it gives you the opportunity to do whatever you want."

DeVita said the privately funded award will provide her with contacts and networking opportunities.

"These people do great things," she said. "My intent is to participate financially or (in) any way I can to provide money for scholarships. That's the legacy."

In October, DeVita left MCV to study at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo.

"In your fourth year of medical school, you have the option of doing an elective year to revisit specialties," DeVita said, who is completing a rheumatology and dermatology rotation.

She completes her medical degree in May, followed by a one-year internship and three years of residency.

Hugo Seibel, the associate dean of MCV's School of Medicine who recommended her for the award, described DeVita as "one of the most delightful individuals we've ever had at this college."

Seibel said after he interviewed DeVita for acceptance to the medical school, he predicted she would be a star.

"MCV doctors in Texas recruited her for us," he said. "She utilized commitment and personal features to get where she is, and she'll go far."

While working as a nurse at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, DeVita learned about MCV from an alumnus completing his residency. She said the physician encouraged her to apply to MCV, and he, too, recommended her for acceptance.

In 1992, at 30, DeVita entered MCV, where the age of first-year students averages 23.5.

DeVita called MCV conducive to the success of non-traditional students, where the faculty and staff appreciate "what I know and what I've done."

During her studies at MCV, she said she thought she could approach her professors on a different level than a traditional student could.

"They listened to me differently and gave me a courtesy — perhaps because I was older."

A former U.S. Army captain, the honor student said she participates in its health profession scholarship program and will re-enter the Army as a captain following graduation in May.

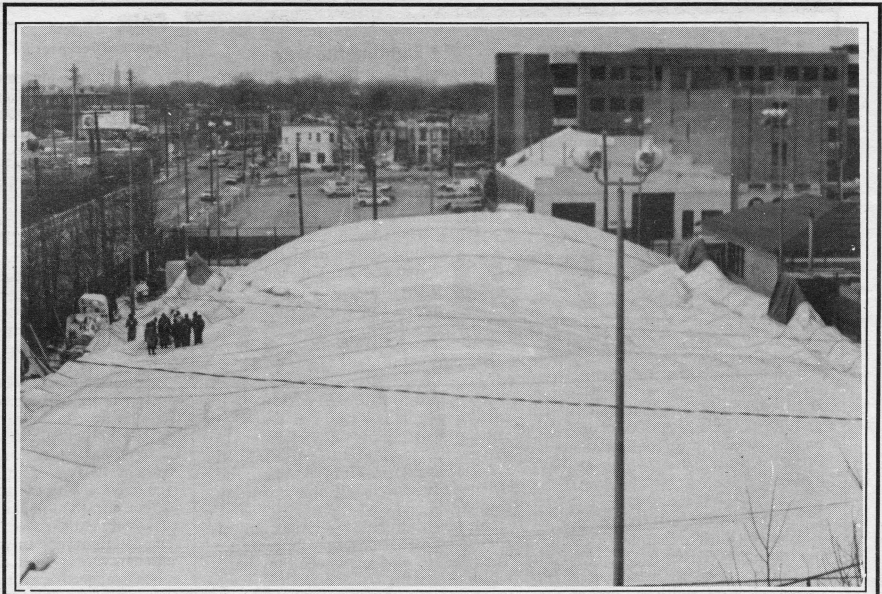
"In the summers, I'm back on active duty," she said. "It's required 45 days out of a calendar year."

DeVita earned a bachelor's of art degree in nursing from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J., and a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from Rush University in Chicago. She is certified in emergency nursing by the Emergency Nurses Association.

"I'll be going back as a doctor," DeVita said, "not a nurse."

National Fellowships Inc., sponsor of the Cadbury award, encourages minority students to participate in health professions.

"It's the overall that's important," said David See, the company's program development and management associate. "It's through people like Diane that that's represented."



Melanie Irvin/Commonwealth Times

GOING UP (AGAIN) — The bubble covering the Thalheimer Tennis Center was reinflated late Saturday afternoon. Heavy snow from January's blizzard of '96 collapsed the dome.

Richmond to give Confederate ball

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

RICHMOND — The White House of the Confederacy, where Jefferson Davis plotted to save the South, was a hilltop landmark in one of this city's most aristocratic neighborhoods.

Now, the Victorian mansion hunkers behind a 12-story hospital, out of sight and out of mind for most Richmond residents.

STATE FOCUS

Seeking to win a new generation of devotees, officials of the White House plan to hold a Confederate ball featuring hoop skirts, Rebel uniforms and a color guard's presentation of the Stars and Bars.

Black leaders expressed astonishment and outrage, asserting that the event would resurrect ghosts of a shameful era. The ball, organized by young professionals, is scheduled for Feb. 24 at a restored gun foundry in Downtown Richmond, a city that is 55 percent black.

"This peels the scab off a sore that is trying to heal," said L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, who grew up in segregated Richmond and became the country's first black elected governor. "That era is gone. You want it to regrow? It's history, sure. But it's a history of denying basic human rights."

Wilder said he had not received an invitation.

Backers of the ball said their intentions were innocent and honorable. They said the Confederate White House and its companion, the Museum of the Confederacy, were designed not to celebrate the era of slavery but to tell the story.

"We're looking to our future," said Brooke E. Fillmore, 27, chairwoman of the ball committee and the museum's assistant director of development. "If we don't get young people involved now, the older people will die out, and we won't have that young support."

The ball is the latest front in a clash of cultures for a city in which some leaders are scrambling to modernize even as others argue for revering, and promoting, the past.

The Museum of the Confederacy, which calls itself Richmond's oldest museum and is the area's fifth most-visited attraction, sits next to the White House, six blocks from the state Capitol.

Davis, the only president of the Confederacy, lived in the mansion from 1861 until Richmond, the Confederate capital, fell to Union troops in 1865.

About a year ago, the museum discussed, but rejected,

adopting a less divisive name, such as the Museum of Southern Culture.

"Our members would not appreciate that," said Janene E. Charbeneau, the museum's marketing director. "How do you appease the people that have been supporting you over the last 100 years, and yet also open it up to other groups?"

Having elected to keep a title synonymous with racial and national division, officials now have a complicated marketing problem.

"Some people won't walk in the door, because of the word 'Confederacy,'" Charbeneau said.

The museum, which has received small amounts of state and federal money, has responded with frank, well-reviewed programs highlighting the roles of women and blacks during and after the Civil War. One current exhibit shows a poster from a raffle of a slave girl, as a hidden boom box plays spirituals.

Although some visitors ask why the museum does not refer to "the War of Northern Aggression," officials stress their role as a research institution and say they do not take sides.

Their collection includes 320 swords but also a female admirer's faded blue silk ribbon tied to a buttonhole of a Louisiana soldier killed in battle.

Another relic is a doll with a hollow head that was used to smuggle medicine through blockades.

Descendants of Confederate veterans can call the museum for appointments to view the flags of an ancestor's unit, and two or three people a year write to the museum to try to redeem Confederate currency.

After the South surrendered, the White House was used as a headquarters by the federal troops who occupied Richmond until 1870. The city used the mansion for a school until 1889, then planned to raze it.

The building was saved by a group of women who formed the nonprofit Confederate Memorial Literary Society, which to this day is the legal name of the parent of the museum and White House. The museum, originally in the White House basement, opened in 1896.

The society's incorporation papers, refilled four years ago, ring with the yearning of the Lost Cause, the era after the war when disciples of Dixie built shrines and decorated graves with what a museum display calls "some of the characteristics of organized religion."

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• Helping keep America green

Green Corps, the Field School for Environmental Organizing, is interviewing hundreds of graduating seniors this fall for 25 full-time paid positions in its unique one-year training program. The organization is accepting applications until March 1. Green Corps volunteers are inviting some applicants to participate in weekend-long interviews in Boston, Washington, D.C., Chicago and San Francisco in March and April.

Applicants accepted to the program begin with a month of classroom instruction in Boston. For the remaining 11 months, participants work on a series of campaigns with leading environmental groups that are designed to address the most pressing environmental problems. To request an application, contact Ellen Zahren at (617) 426-8506.

• Keep 'em flying

Walter Ohlrich, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association Warbirds, is giving a lecture on the preservation of military combat aircraft at the Virginia Aviation Museum Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Warbirds began in 1965 as a clearinghouse to keep members abreast of solutions found by people restoring World War II combat aircraft. A warbird is any aircraft that saw foreign or U.S. military service or represents an aircraft that saw military service. Ohlrich's lecture at the museum is free. For more information, call 236-3622.

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for your information

• Lighting the way

A special Black History Month program, "Follow the Drinking Gourd," is being presented at the Science Museum of Virginia's Ethyl UNIVERSE Planetarium and Space Theater Friday at 7 p.m.

Virginia Union University assistant professor James E. Wright Jr. and Science Museum Program Director David Hagan will tell and illustrate how slaves used the stars and the drinking gourd, or the Big Dipper, to guide their way to freedom. Admission is \$2.

Call 367-6552 for more details.

• Life in Eastern Africa

"Life as a Masai Child" is a special one-day show giving visitors a chance to experience the daily routine of the Masai tribe of East Africa. It is coming to the Science Museum of Virginia Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Masai children do not have many of the conveniences most take for granted. They live in villages where they herd cattle.

Much of what tribe members need, they make from their limited resources. See a tabletop hut that shows how Masai homes are built. Play a game patterned after one way young Masai boys pass the time while they are watching the family cattle.

"Life as a Masai Child" is free with museum admission of \$4.75 for non-museum members. For more information, call 367-6552.

FAIR

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Shown attends training sessions at the University Career Center and said that, although she hasn't found a job, she continues to pursue a career.

Susan Gunn, director of the University Career Center, said the career fair has been very positive and usually attracts 350-600 students.

She said the employers have always been complimentary about the event and VCU students.

Throughout the past couple of weeks, Gunn said, the career center offered 24 drop-in hours per week on the academic campus and four per week on the medical campus to help students prepare for the fair.

Gunn said much of this activity has included "critiquing resumes (and) discussing how to approach employers in a career-fair setting.

"Preparing for a career fair is different from preparing for an interview, because you have a shorter time frame (at the career fair)," Gunn said.

Giving students access to a large number of employers in a timely and cost-efficient way is a goal of the event.

"It's a good way to start building a network of professional contacts," Gunn

said.

Meeting with representatives makes writing companies easier, she said, because letters can be personalized.

The principal goal is for students to make contacts, Gunn said, but another goal is for employers to notice the professionalism of VCU graduates.

If employers leave with a good impression of interviewees, they'll contact VCU students and alumni when positions open, Gunn said. Freshmen and sophomores can find out about internships and cooperative education employers.

Dick Meador, a recruiter for Sherman Williams and a VCU alumnus, said he found his first job using career planning services.

Meador said that, as a student, the process was beneficial to him in making contacts. He said he spoke to approximately 15 students at this year's event, and the company had two other recruiters present.

Eight of 35 full-time employees at the company are VCU alumni, Meador said.

Sherman Williams will return to VCU next month to conduct interviews, Meador said, and seek management trainees with bachelor's degrees.

COMMUTERS

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that students can reserve for a semester.

"I found it surprising that the majority of commuter students are traditional-age students, which means they are under the age of 25 and full-time students," Hirsch said.

"And because most commuter students are here during the day and work at night, evening programs aren't really beneficial

to them."

She is trying to encourage groups such as the Activities Program Board and others around campus to keep the commuter students in consideration when planning their events.

Hirsch added that she is looking for feedback or suggestions from commuter students on any issue that concerns them.

BALL

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The papers refer to "the late war between the States" and the "Struggle," and describe the mansion as the former home of "the Honorable Jefferson Davis, late President of the Confederate States of America."

About 400 people are expected at this month's soiree, called the Bonnie Blue Centennial Ball, after a flag of secession. Organizers said they did not know whether any blacks would attend, but said they did not expect many.

Neil A. Chiappa, 45, a member of the ball committee, said, "We realize that there's always going to be an aspect of the population that we're not going to appeal to under any under circumstance."

Roger H.W. Kirby, 30, a member of the ball committee and a museum trustee, said everyone was welcome.

"At the same time, you can't totally obscure what your greatest asset is," Kirby said.

"Our asset is the Confederacy. When you do that, I think you start to blur your niche."

The organizers said they had not considered the delicate question of whether black people will be among those serving.

"That's probably an issue that the caterer would have to deal with," Fillmore said.

The caterer, Suzanne Wolstenholme, said blacks and whites would be among the night's managers, bartenders, carvers and servers.

Tickets, available from the museum, are \$75 for each couple. In addition, the committee mailed invitations, which say, "black or white tie or period dress preferred."

Annette C. Price, a historic costumer in Varina, Va., said over two dozen guests had hired her to create hoop-skirt outfits for \$100 to \$500. Gray wool uniforms are popular with the men.

"I don't expect any Yankees," Price said. When guests arrive, tents will be pitched and campfires will be blazing outside the Tredegar Iron Works, which produced the armor plate for the frigate Merrimack.

Inside, a fife and drum corps will play as guests mingle before beginning a menu that includes smoked turkey, pickled watermelon rind, sweet potato biscuits, black-eyed pea salsa, and oysters simmering in cast iron chafers.

Guests will waltz to ante bellum music, then a Confederate re-enactment group will present five flags. The American flag is not among them. Finally, guests will jam to a popular local band.

Jack W. Gravely, a former Virginia president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the gala sent a chilling message.

"To put on a ball in this day and time, with all the regalia of yesteryear, creates a feeling of acceptability, of apology, of excuse for one of the most racist and repressive epochs in our history," Gravely said. "By participating, you are acquiescing."

ALCOHOL

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In addition to "Midnight Madness," coordinators have rescheduled "Let's Be Frank Day," where students involved in promotions will be passing out T-shirts, buttons and current information on blood-alcohol levels.

There also will be a spring dance scheduled for March 6.

A display titled "The Wall", where paper shaped as brick will be passed out with

space to write how alcohol has played a part in someone's life, will also be erected during the awareness week. The goal, Earley said, is to show that many people are affected and no one is alone.

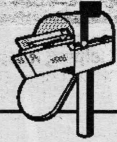
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Letters

TO THE EDITOR



The High Cost of Consent

DEAR EDITOR, COMMONWEALTH TIMES:

In the coming days, the General Assembly will be faced with the issue of requiring parental consent for those minors seeking an abortion. I am concerned about this bill and the welfare of all pregnant minors if this bill passes. By passing this bill, legislators hope to decrease the rate of abortions by minors and place more responsibility on parents, thus reducing the already decreased rights of children. Requiring parental consent will give rise to more problems such as subjecting minors to dangerous health conditions and risking abuse by a nonconsenting parent.

Research shows that teen pregnancy occurs because of several major factors including lack of parental support and communication, lack of knowledge regarding contraception, and high-risk behaviors by parents who may serve as poor role models. The most recent statistics indicate that 16,813 teen pregnancies occur per

year in Virginia. One would conclude that attention needs to be given to the above factors rather than requiring parental consent, which may be ineffectual.

If the parental consent bill is passed and signed by Gov. Allen, minors seeking abortions will be forced to choose alternative methods such as traveling out of state or facing dangerous back-alley abortions. Both options pose hazardous health risks, which subsequently raise health care costs.

Teen pregnancy is a family dynamics problem; the parental consent bill does not address the lack of support and communication among family members which is a contributing factor of teen pregnancy. In fact, the bill may enhance the problem and give rise to unnecessary physical and/or mental abuse on the pregnant minor.

Sincerely,
Matthew Moore,
graduate student

The War On The Poor

DEAR EDITOR, COMMONWEALTH TIMES:

A serious attempt is being made to hoodwink the American people! The current debate in Washington, D.C. has little to do with balancing the budget. The Republicans wouldn't be proposing a large tax cut for the wealthy if it did.

What is occurring here is what once was called class warfare before the media made it a dirty phrase. It is about an upward redistribution of wealth from the poor and middle class to the rich. This is the reverse Robin Hood strategy — steal from children, old people, the disabled and anyone who can't fight back and give to the rich.

Notice that the Republicans are not talking about cutting the military budget (now at Cold War levels) to balance the budget, nor are they talking about cutting the numerous corporate welfare programs, which amount to hundreds of billions of dollars.

In addition, if the old corporate tax rate of 70 percent were still in existence (former President Ronald Reagan cut it to 30 per-

cent, and it was increased only slightly by President Clinton), there would be no budget deficit. It would disappear completely!

This war against the poor is a worldwide phenomenon. The policies of the IMF and World Bank have caused a great increase in inequality, poverty, starvation and disease in Third World nations, resulting in tragedies like those that occurred in Somalia and Rwanda.

Right-wing parties in Europe are even attempting to impose this corporate agenda there. However, the French are fighting back against the Contract with France. Evidently, they realize if France has money to conduct nuclear tests in the Pacific, they also have money for their budget deficit without cutting social programs.

It is past time for the American people to protest. Otherwise, there will be even more homeless children on our streets!

Sincerely,
Gary Sudborough,
Bellflower, Calif.

“Marriage, to women as to men, must be a luxury, not a necessity; an incident of life, not all of it. And the only possible way to accomplish this great change is to accord to women equal power in the making, shaping and controlling of the circumstances of life.”

— Susan B. Anthony, Speech on Social Purity (spring 1875)

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— Zhores Aleksandrovich Medvedev, The Medvedev Papers (1970), preface

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No Trial For Nixon

DEAR EDITOR, COMMONWEALTH TIMES:

The current media controversy about Richard Nixon caused by Oliver Stone's film is certain to ignore some very important things.

Nixon in his campaign speeches promised to end the Vietnam War. Instead, he escalated that war, and it continued for four more years.

Nixon secretly bombed Cambodia. This massive carpet-bombing of the Cambodian countryside caused hundreds of thousands of deaths and increased peasant support for the murderous PolPot. It helped facilitate the genocide that occurred later in Cambodia.

Nixon and Kissinger made no secret of their dislike of the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende in Chile.

Through economic pressure and CIA activities, this government was overthrown, and the right-wing dictator Pinochet was brought to power. Thousands of students, intellectuals, union organizers and people who tried to help the poor were arrested, tortured and killed.

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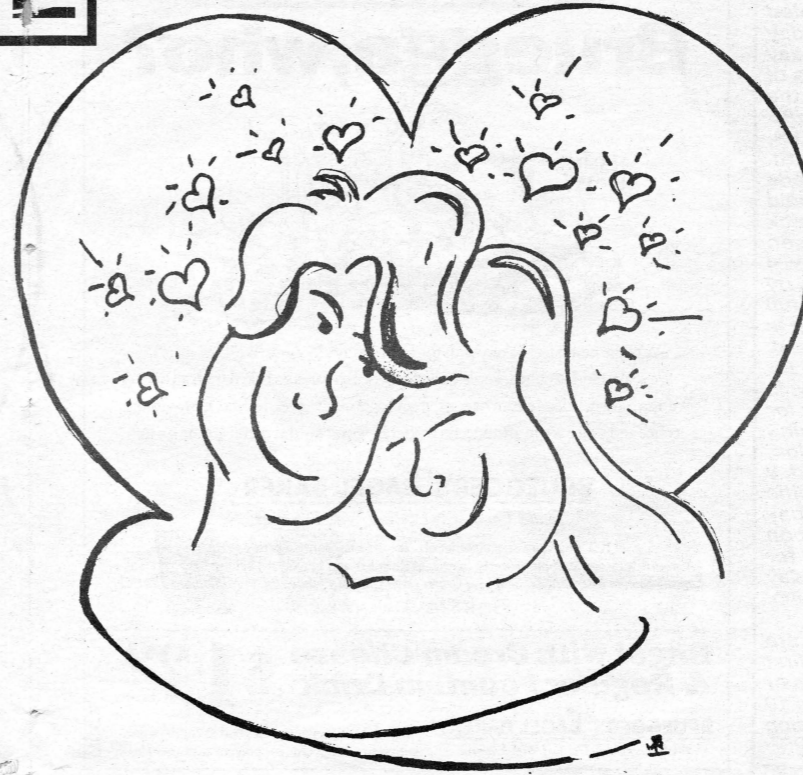


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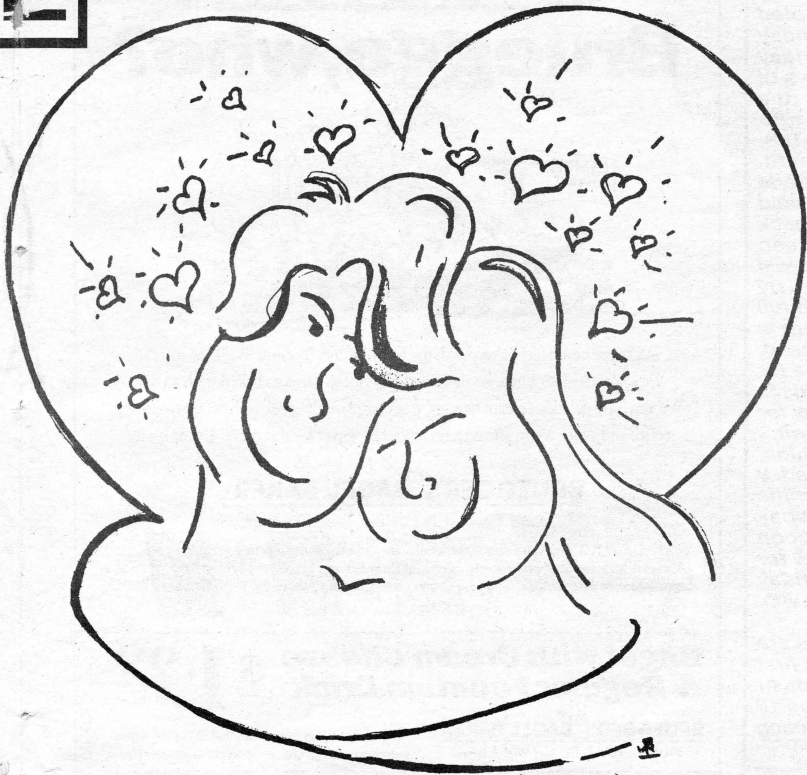


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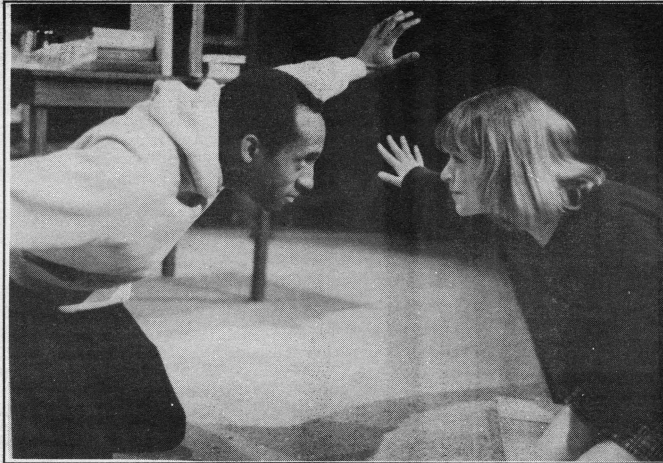


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SPEAK OUT — Thami (D.L. Hopkins) and Isabel (Jill Bari Johnson) prepare to debate in "My Children! My Africa!"

'My Children! My Africa!' tackles the touchy subject of apartheid

Angela D. Hill
CT STAFF WRITER

"My Children! My Africa!" received a standing ovation from the packed Little Theatre of Theatre IV Friday night as several audience members were moved to tears.

Written by Athol Fugard, it is described as one of the playwright's most personal works and delves deeply into the painful issue of apartheid in South Africa. The play takes the audience into the tragedy of a people raising arms against one another.

The production concluded Feb. 11 as part of the agenda for Theatre Gym, brought to Richmond by Theatre IV's Helping Hands Program. Theatre Gym, which started a year ago, concentrates on independent artists.

"They tend to do a lot of contemporary avant-garde that Theatre IV won't do because it's not commercial," said Tony Cobb, a Theatre IV actor involved in the production of "Buffalo Soldiers."

Starring in "My Children! My Africa!" are actors Taalib-Deen as "Mr. M," D.L. Hopkins as "Thami Mbikwana" and Jill Bari Johnson as "Isabel Dyson."

Johnson, who attended VCU from 1986 to 1991, gave

director Anna Senechal the script after seeing the show at the Arena Theatre in Washington, D.C.

"It's a great show for this space and I love Anna's work as a director," Johnson said. "I also think it's an important show for Richmond to see."

Saying that they are excited about the production, Hopkins and Johnson both agree that they complement each other on stage and look forward to working each evening.

"We build up our own little world up there," Hopkins said. "The play is very emotional, and it's easy to get sucked in very quickly."

Hopkins, a native of Richmond, abandoned stand-up comedy for acting. A founding member of Jazz Actor's Theatre, Johnson also is the director of the Southern Revolution Literary Guild, a group of area poets and jazz musicians known as Jazz Poetry.

Taalib-Deen delivered an especially powerful monologue crucial to the conflict that unfolds in "My Children! My Africa." Educated at the University of Delaware, Taalib-Deen has performed with the internationally renowned group Poetry Alive and currently is working on the Theatre Virginia production of "The Piano Lesson."

Anderson Gallery: An artistic diamond in the rough

John Caperton
CT STAFF WRITER

Many members of the VCU community are unaware that one of the region's few contemporary art museums is here on campus.

The Anderson Gallery provides a dynamic forum for the visual arts in Richmond. Through exhibitions, publications, educational programs and the expansion and study of the permanent collection, the Anderson Gallery explores how art both questions and redefines itself and contemporary culture.

Said Loretta Cooper, the Anderson Gallery's director of development, "By bringing the work of many important artists to the museum, the Anderson Gallery is creating a dialogue between the national and international art world and the people in Richmond."

The Anderson Gallery is organizing many events for the members of the university community. On Wednesday there will be a free Valentine's Day tour that will feature Lorenzo Pace's installation "Honor Thy Father

and Mother" and paintings from Juan Logan's exhibition "Effective Sight." The tour is part of the Anderson Gallery's Brownbag Lecture/Tour series and will provide a good introduction to the exhibitions.

"These talks provide a great opportunity to meet other people who are interested in contemporary art," Ms. Cooper said.

The Anderson Gallery always is looking for volunteers and, because of the small size of the gallery, volunteers receive hands-on experience in museum work.

On Feb. 21, noted sculptor and VCU faculty member Paul DiPasquale will lecture on the role of public art. DiPasquale is the sculptor of the proposed Arthur Ashe Memorial statue that has become one of the most discussed and controversial works of art in Richmond.



Call the Anderson Gallery for more information or to receive a full schedule of future tours and lectures.

Lady Rams pillage Lady Pirates, 71-51

Terry Scanlon

CT ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

From day one, Peggy Sells, VCU women's basketball coach, has focused on stopping the opponent. In fact, the team has adopted a motto synonymous with defense: 60 points or less.

	VCU	71
	ECU	51

VCU's (4-5, 11-9) 71-51 win Friday night against East Carolina (3-8, 7-13) was the Lady Rams fourth win in their last six outings. And in each triumph they met their goal.

"That's the motto of our program," Sells said. "When we do it we're successful."

The Lady Rams are 8-0 when holding their opponents to 60 points or less.

Sells has said repeatedly she believes if the Lady Rams can take the other team out of its offense and keep it off the scoreboard then it will create scoring opportunities for her squad. And scoring more than 60, she said, should not be a problem.

But early in the season, against tough nonconference opponents, the Lady Rams were able to accomplish the feat against only Morgan State, UNC Charlotte and Virginia Tech.

The Lady Rams controlled the pace of play for most of the first half and posted a 14-point halftime lead. The Rams extended the lead to 20 early in the second half before ECU fought back.

ECU took the Lady Rams out of their offense and cut the margin to 10 before losing their spark plug and floor leader Danielle Charlesworth. Charlesworth sprained an ankle with less than eight minutes remaining in the game and did not return.

"Defensively I thought we played well all night," Sells said. "I thought we got a little stagnant offensively (during the ECU run)."

A trio of Swedes led the Rams in scoring: Gabrielle Kyhlstedt posted 18 points, Mona Karlsson 16 and Maria Albertsson added 11.

Kyhlstedt, who was 3-5 from behind the arc, said afterward it's not important how many she scores.

"Twenty points," she said pointing to the margin of victory on the scoreboard, "that's what counts."

The Lady Rams bomb squad, which was less than spectacular, shooting 6-21, had enough success to help open things up for the post players.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the performance of junior Allyn Lewis, who grabbed a team-high seven rebounds and scored six points in 22 minutes of action. A transfer from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, she has seen limited playing time this season.

Kyhlstedt said Lewis works hard in practice and deserved this opportunity to shine.

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CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

ALLYN LEWIS
VCU CENTER

■ Coming off the bench she had six points and posted a team-high seven rebounds.



■ **QUOTE OF NOTE** — "Allyn plays hard in practice, now she's taking advantage of it and playing the way she should."

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Karlsson, who pulled down five rebounds in addition to her 16 points, gradually has become a force to be reckoned with in the low post, Sells said.

"I've seen a lot of improvement in Mona," she said.

Revenge is on the minds of the Lady Rams now as they focus on avenging their 68-62 loss to Richmond on Jan. 24. In that loss VCU blew a 19-point first-half lead to their cross-town rivals.

Sells said she doesn't think motivation should be a problem for her players.

"We ran 55 suicides the morning after the Richmond loss," she said, one for each turnover plus the rebounding margin.

"I think that was motivation enough."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

VCU 71 East Carolina 51
(At Richmond)


East Carolina 51		fg	ft	rb	a	pf	t
min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	t	
Ashenfelder	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	
Blackmon	26	5-11	0-2	1-3	0	3	
Kelley	31	3-6	2-2	3-8	0	4	
Allpress	35	4-9	8-8	2-6	4	3	
Charlesworth	32	0-5	0-1	0-4	6	1	
James	14	0-5	1-3	2-3	0	0	
Sutton	28	3-6	0-0	1-2	0	2	
Hayes	11	0-1	2-2	1-2	0	1	
Jaynes	12	0-2	3-4	1-2	1	1	
Thorn	8	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	
TOTALS	200	16-47	16-22	13-33	14	16	

Percentages: FG-.340, FT-.727, 3-point goals:3-7, .429 (Charlesworth 2-5, Thorn 1-2) **Team rebounds:**3. **Blocked shots:**3. **Turnovers:**27. **Steals:**11. **VCU (71)**

VCU 71		fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	t	
Albertsson	32	5-17	0-0	1-5	4	2	
Coleman	15	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	
Karlsson	28	5-8	6-7	2-5	0	2	
Kyhlstedt	32	6-10	3-3	3-5	3	1	
Trayers	19	2-4	2-2	0-2	3	5	
Blackmon	15	1-3	4-4	3-6	0	1	
Miller	14	1-7	0-0	0-1	1	2	
Thelander	24	2-6	0-0	0-1	3	4	
Lewis	21	3-4	0-0	3-7	1	6	
TOTALS	200	25-61	15-16	15-39	15	20	

Percentages: FG-.410, FT-.938, 3-point goals:6-21, .286 (Albertsson 1-8, Kyhlstedt 3-5, Miller 1-4, Thelander 1-4). **Team rebounds:**5. **Blocked shots:**4. **Turnovers:**15. **Steals:**16. **East Carolina** 19 32 — 51. **VCU** 33 38 — 71. **Technical fouls:**none. **A:** 445.

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third consecutive game in which Byrd shut down the other team's main inside threat. First, there was ODU's Odell Hodge, then W&M's David Cully and now Kerner.

"This was a week for me to redeem myself," Byrd said. "Odell fouled out, I was able to keep Cully off the boards and tonight I was able to keep Kerner off the boards."

Not to be outdone by the frontcourt, the guards did their part, too. In fact, Smith used a three-guard rotation in the final minutes of the contest with Patrick Lee, Ben Peabody and Sherman Hamilton all on the court.

Lee led the team in assists with eight, and Smith sang the praises of Peabody for the job he did on ECU's main outside threat, Tim Basham. Peabody limited the Pirates' forward to 3-11 from the field in the second half.

"That was one of the things that probably turned it for us," Smith said.

As was the play of Hamilton. The leader of the Rams continued his recent string of strong performances with 17 points and four assists.

"He brings confidence and chemistry to the team," Hopkins said. "When Sherman is going well the team does well."

Evident by VCU's eight-game winning streak.

Death casts pall over college basketball

Brian J. French
CT STAFF WRITER

On the evening of Feb. 7, Dayton center Chris Daniels was at his home nursing a sprained ankle, questionable for the home game against LaSalle.

On the morning of Feb. 8, Dayton center Chris Daniels was dead.

The death of the senior center, who was second in Division I in field-goal percentage (69.2 percent) and well on his way to earning a second degree from University of Dayton, again shines a dark, unbearable light on the unthinkable possibility that someone that young can die for reasons that, as of press time, still are unknown to all but God.

We saw it with Hank Gathers. We saw it with Len Bias. We even saw it at VCU in the mid-1980s with Mike Brown.

As a coach, the pain grew exponentially as he has to call the kid's parents with the call all parents fear but few ever can imagine.

I'm sorry, Mr. Smith, but I'm afraid your son is in the hospital. No, we're not sure why, but you need to get here as soon as possible ...

Joe Dooley can tell you about the pain. The first-year East Carolina coach was an assistant last season when Jim Calhoun, a basketball manager with the Pirates, was paralyzed in an accident. Calhoun suffered a stroke while in the hospital and died last September.

In fact, Dooley could tell you volumes. Four others close to the program have passed away in recent years, which have likely conspired to age Dooley, the youngest Division I coach, past his 30 years.

"It's demoralizing, and it's frustrating," Dooley said following Saturday night's 80-

SCOUTING REPORT: VCU at American

■ **Records:** VCU 18-7 (11-1 CAA); AU 10-10 (6-5)

■ **When/where:** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the Bender Arena.

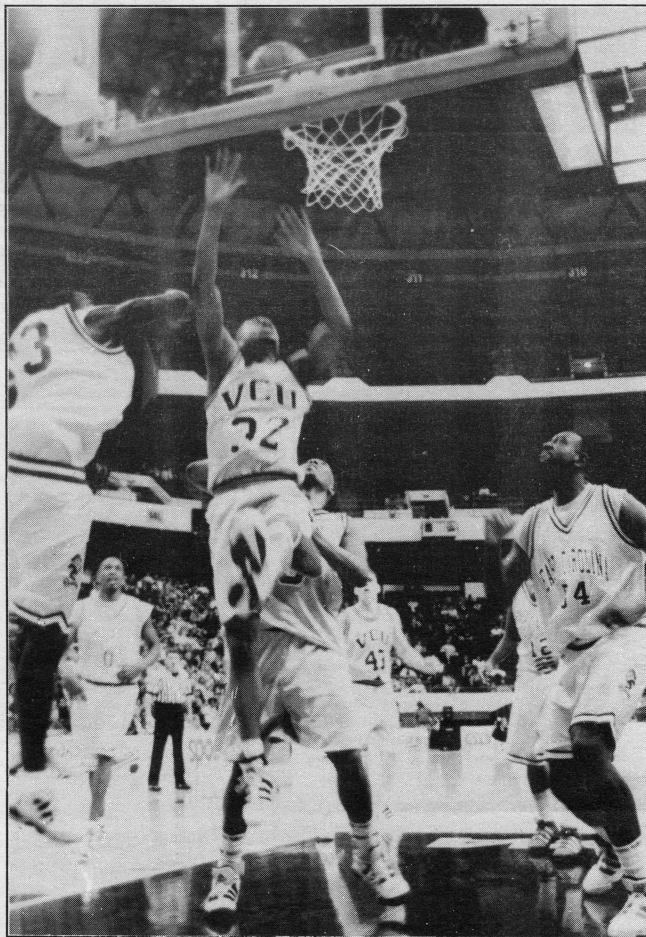
■ **Last meeting:** VCU 73, AU 68, on Jan. 24.

■ **AU capsule:** Playing without forward Tim Fudd because of a five-game suspension he received for elbowing an East Carolina player, the Eagles rallied around freshman David Small's 22 points to rout William and Mary 100-66 Saturday. AU currently is in fifth place in the CAA and need this game to pick up ground.

■ **Player to watch:** Darryl Franklin, senior guard. With Fudd's absence, Franklin is the go-to guy for the Eagles. The AU guard currently is sixth in the conference in scoring.



Franklin



Eric Slaven/Commonwealth Times

ON HIS HEELS — VCU guard Marcus Reed goes up for a layup as Bernard Hopkins and several other players look on.

He was a close friend of Tommy Joe Eagles, his successor at Auburn. Eagles was fired as the Tigers coach in 1994 and landed a job heading the New Orleans program.

Days after taking the job, he was working with a couple of rookies trying to latch on to a spot in the NBA.

He threw a pass to one of the prospects and collapsed, dead of a heart attack, despite showing no indications of heart disease or any disease for that matter.

He also knew Dayton coach Oliver Purnell from when he coached Old Dominion and can empathize with him. Ironically, Purnell was a Maryland assistant when Bias died.

"I think it (losing someone unexpectedly) is something we're all aware of," Smith said. "Most of our players are examined and re-examined to the point that we don't have to worry about that, but we still do."

"When it happens again and again, it sticks in the back of your mind, and your worried about your team. Things like what happened to Daniels and Tommy Joe Eagles makes it stay in the front of your mind instead of the back."

An autopsy will show the cause of death but cannot explain why Daniels died.

"It's something you don't want to dwell on with your players," Smith said, "but it stays in the back of your mind."



SCOUTING REPORT: Richmond at Lady Rams

■ **Records:** VCU 11-9 (4-5 CAA); UR 8-10 (3-6)

■ **When/where:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; Franklin Street Gym

■ **Last meeting:** UR won 68-62 on Jan. 24; UR leads series 23-14

■ **UR capsule:** The Spiders were rude hostesses when the Lady Rams visited the Robbins Center last month by spoiling VCU's 19-point lead en route to the upset.

■ **Player to watch:** Jennifer Meade, the 5-8 forward led the Spiders comeback last month scoring 18 points and helped seal the victory connecting on 6-of-8 free throws.

■ **Coach's corner:** "We ran 55 suicides the morning after the Richmond loss," said VCU coach Peggy Sells. "I think that was motivation enough."



Meade

ASPECT Men's basketball



71 loss to Colonial kingpin VCU. "But I figure you've got two choices: you can stand there and put about it and not move on, or rally and move on and that's what we had to do."

George Byrd can tell you about the pain.

The VCU center lost a close friend while in middle school, and the sudden death of Daniels struck a familiar chord.

"It's a terrible thing to happen, especially to someone so young," Byrd reflected. "You think everything's all right with them, and suddenly they pass away. Personally, if something like that were to happen to me, I probably wouldn't be able to play again for a while."

"It's something that hits hard. As a team, you know it must hit them hard. We'll have to see how they react when they play again."

They reacted hard. Dayton canceled that gamewith LaSalle but did play against Fordham, losing to a far inferior team 68-58, doubtless still shattered from Daniels' passing. Daniels' funeral is today, and the Flyers don't play again until this Saturday.

"You hope you can rebound," Byrd said, "because if you can't, your whole season can go down the tubes."

That type of thing, even if you don't know the kid personally, still can weigh heavy on your mind, as you think, *What if that's me?*

"You pray to God that never happens to your team," Byrd said. "And I think about it sometimes. They said that he (Daniels) had an enlarged heart, and I was wondering if I had an enlarged heart."

"But things must go on."

Sonny Smith can tell you about the pain.

■ Anna Pavlikhina holds the VCU women's basketball record for most points scored in a season with 598 in 1991-92.

■ See how the Lady Rams did against East Carolina Friday.

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Sweet revenge

Defense, Hopkins propel Rams to eighth straight win

Coveh Solaimani
CT SPORTS EDITOR

When VCU elected to join the Colonial Athletic Association the idea of building rivalries with other conference schools factored into the decision.

Only, the schools on VCU coach Sonny Smith's mind were James Madison, Old Dominion, George Mason and William and Mary. Absent from the list is the East Carolina, which after Saturday's game, is starting to build a reputation in Richmond as VCU's arch rival.

The only team to beat VCU in CAA competition once again gave the Rams all they could handle before losing 80-71 in front of 8,734 people at the Coliseum.

With 9:26 remaining in the game, ECU (7-5, 14-7) led 54-52 and had a chance to defeat VCU (11-1, 18-7) for the second time this season. But, then the Rams turned up the defensive pressure and went on a 18-7 run, holding the Pirates without a field goal for 7:41 in grabbing a 70-61 advantage.

"We know we have to play defense for 40 minutes," said VCU forward Bernard Hopkins. "Defense wins games for me no matter what level you are playing on."

While VCU's defense was putting the clamps on ECU, Hopkins was taking over the game inside. The senior scored 13 of his career-high 26 points in the final 10 minutes of the game, including eight straight for VCU at one point.

"When I get the ball anywhere around the basket I know I can put the ball in the hole," Hopkins said. "I take pride in that and I try to dominate."

Smith said the win was very gratifying for him and his team.

"This is a game we all wanted to win," he said. "It wasn't necessarily a revenge thing either. We just felt that if we are going to be a very good team then we have to be able to beat the team that beat us."

And they did in entertaining fashion. The largest crowd to see VCU play this year was greeted with a back-and-forth game in the first half, with the largest advantage for either team being four. Through seven ties and nine lead changes, the Rams led 35-32 at the break.

Even though VCU led at the half the Pirates were playing their type of game. ECU was outrebounding the Rams 17-15 at halftime and had held Hopkins to just eight points.

In the second half, however, the Rams

CT PLAYER OF THE GAME

BERNARD HOPKINS
VCU FORWARD

■ Career-high 26 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Eighteen points in the second half.



■ QUOTE OF NOTE—

"I think what you saw tonight was the best team in the league make the plays when you need to and most of the plays were made by the best player in the league (Hopkins)."

— Joe Dooley, ECU coach

MEN'S BASKETBALL

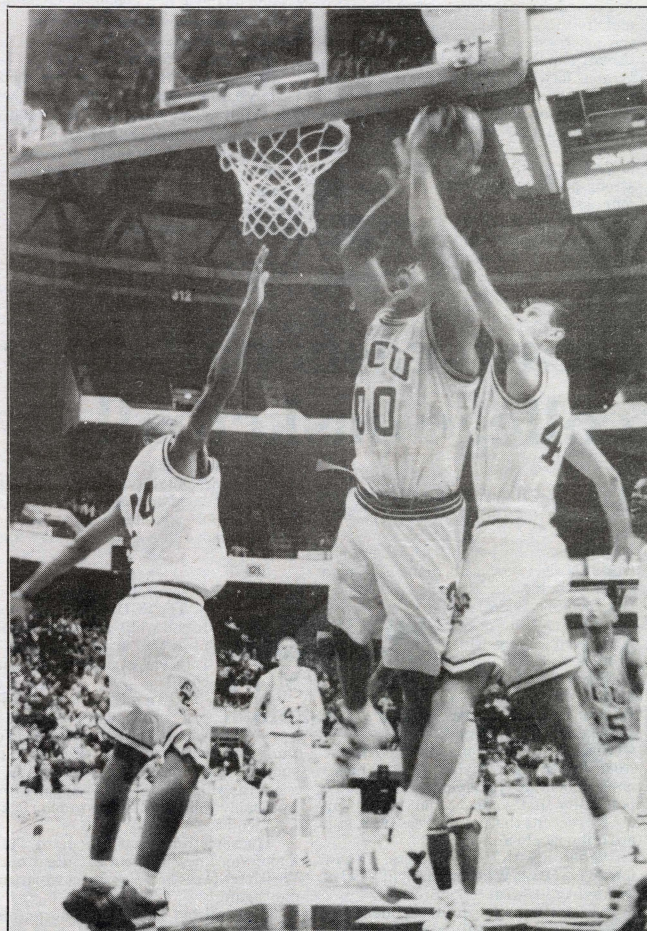
COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
VCU 80, EAST CAROLINA 71
(At Richmond)

	VCU (80)		EAST CAROLINA (71)		a	pf	tp
	fg	ft	fg	ft			
Basham	33	6-16	4-4	4-5	1	1	17
Bryant	29	2-5	1-1	1-4	0	4	5
Kerner	35	5-12	3-4	0-5	3	4	14
Meadows	30	5-9	0-0	2-4	1	4	12
Parham	28	1-9	1-2	2-4	3	1	3
Riphey	21	3-6	2-2	0-4	2	2	8
Vanweerdhuize	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hamilton	15	5-6	0-1	1-4	2	4	10
Jones	8	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	2
TOTALS	200	28-64	11-14	13-35	13	20	71

Percentages: FG-.438, FT-.786. 3-point goals: 4-17, 235 (Basham 1-6, Kerner 1-2, Meadows 2-6, Parham 0-3).
Team rebounds: 3. Blocked shots: 3. Turnovers: 15.
Steals: 9.
VCU (80)

	VCU (80)		EAST CAROLINA (71)		a	pf	tp
	fg	ft	fg	ft			
Chappell	23	3-8	1-1	2-4	2	2	7
Hopkins	34	10-18	6-10	5-12	2	2	26
Byrd	34	4-4	3-5	5-14	0	2	11
Hamilton	31	6-11	2-3	0-1	4	1	17
Lee	23	0-4	2-4	1-1	8	4	2
Peabody	24	3-6	1-1	0-2	0	2	8
Reed	9	2-4	0-1	1-1	0	0	5
Talley	12	2-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	4
Marston	10	0-4	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
TOTALS	200	30-62	15-25	16-41	19	15	80

Percentages: FG-.484, FT-.603. 3-point goals: 5-19, 263 (Chappell 0-1, Hamilton 3-6, Lee 0-4, Peabody 1-1, Reed 1-3, Marston 0-4). Team rebounds: 3. Blocked shots: 7. Turnovers: 16. Steals: 5.
East Carolina 32 39 — 71
VCU 35 45 — 80
A: 8,734.



Eric Slaven/Commonwealth Times

CORE OF SUCCESS — VCU center George Byrd attempts a shot as ECU center Jonathan Kerner tries for the block. VCU knocked off the Pirates 80-71 Saturday.

picked up the tempo, and ECU couldn't keep VCU off the glass or Hopkins from filling the basket. VCU outrebounded the Pirates 26-18 in the final 20 minutes.

"I thought things changed in the second

half because, first of all we got the ball inside to Bernard Hopkins," Smith said, "and secondly, Bernard and George (Byrd) took control of the boards inside."

Byrd grabbed 10 rebounds and scored

six of his 11 points in the second half, while keeping ECU's 6-11 center Jonathan Kerner from being a factor. This was the

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VCU
at home



7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13,
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