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Conference examines government's link to universities

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University leaders, policy makers and elected officials from across the country explore ties between government and public universities during the eighth annual LINKS Conference hosted by VCU last week.

"We share ideas from all around the country. (LINKS Conferences) allow you to understand what people are doing elsewhere," said Robert Holsworth, director of VCU's Center for Public Policy.

VCU President Eugene P. Trani addressed this year's theme, "Serving the Public in the 21st Century," in his keynote speech.

"The 21st century university is the one that sees its mission as providing not only education and research but also integrating education and research within the larger dynamics of their communities and regions - joining with their cities to seize the opportunity of the new millennium,"

he said.

Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, another keynote speaker, said universities must reach out into the community.

"There has to be outreach," he said. "The university has the responsibility to educate those (in the community around it), not just the students."

Trani said excited communities want to collaborate with their local colleges and universities.

"It is a partnership that requires greater recognition and support from local and state governments," he added.

Key areas of university impact in the 21st century, he said, will include: policy research and assistance, economic and workforce development in the technology age, public service and health-care delivery.

For example, health care delivery has changed the reach of the mission of aca-

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Student Health Services help students stay healthy during travel

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With summer quickly approaching, students now have time to trek across the globe, but traveling often means more than just hopping into a plane and taking off.

Travelers leaving the United States risk exposure to dangers, so they need to prepare themselves for their trips.

Beth Mertz, immunization coordinator for VCU Student Health Services, recommends they visit the health ser-

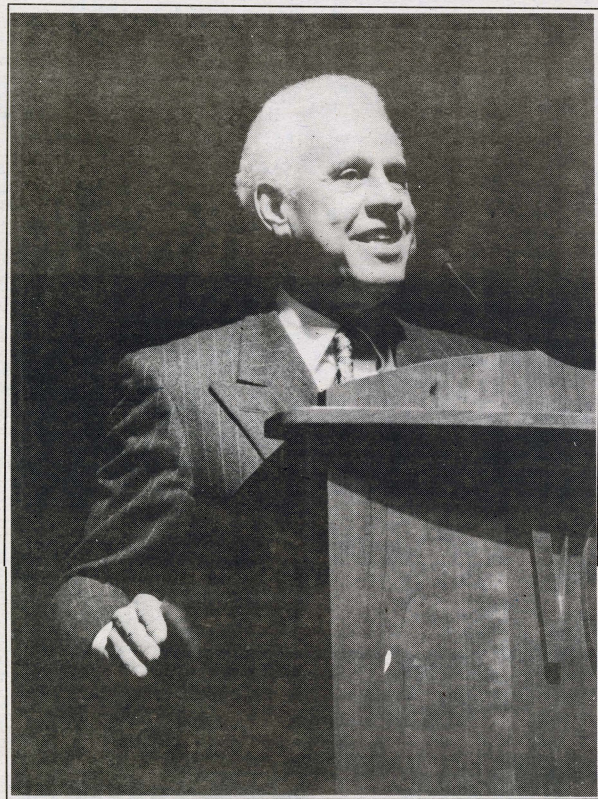
vices' travel clinic, which provides vaccines, medicines and other personal safety information for students making a voyage.

"The earlier you start getting your education about where you're going, the better," Mertz said.

Chris Charboneau, the travel clinic coordinator, said travelers must prepare for all aspects of a new location: insects, climate, food, water, culture, altitude, crime and local sicknesses.

Vaccinations and medicines available

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CT File Photo

Douglas Wilder

Drop in default rates don't stop need for debt management

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If you have a student loan, you should repay it on time or suffer the consequences of default.

"My sister defaulted on her student loans because of financial difficulties and she didn't do anything about it," said a sophomore majoring in business administration who wished to remain anonymous. "She's regretting it now because her credit rating is horrendous."

This student's sister, identified as Judy, is not alone in defaulting loans that helped pay for her college expenses.

The U.S. Department of Education report shows that 8.8 percent of students defaulted in 1997, a 1.6 percent drop since 1995.

This means they started repaying their loans in 1996 but stopped before the end of 1997.

At that time, VCU's default rate stood

at 5.9 percent and dropped to 5.1 percent in 1998, the latest available figure.

Despite the falling rates, many students, said Janel M. Schaefer, director of financial aid, still need more education on debt management.

"They need to know what they're getting into before they get in over their heads," she said.

Students have many options to help them manage their debts and avoid default.

"Our focus is on default prevention," said Douglas L. Hendrickson, director of default prevention at the Educational Credit Management Corp., a guaranty agency in Virginia. "We're trying to assist student borrowers so they don't fall into the pitfalls of default."

The first step, he said, involves students keeping open lines of communica-

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* JMU student may be charged with murder

The charges against JMU freshman nursing student Abigail Caliboso may be upgraded to second-degree murder, Delaware state police said.

Police arrested Caliboso and her boyfriend, Jose Ocampo, April 7 on charges of manslaughter and second-degree conspiracy after her newborn baby was found on the floor of a portable toilet at a construction site in Bear, Del.

Delaware Chief Medical Examiner Richard T. Callery who performed the autopsy ruled the death a homicide, determining that the baby was still alive when it was abandoned and that the child died as a result of neglect and abandonment.

Officials are considering upgrading the charges because of the findings, said Cpl. Walter Newton of the Delaware state police.

Caliboso reportedly told investigators she had delivered a baby girl in a hotel room March 26 and that she and Ocampo decided to drop the baby off because they didn't want to tell their parents about the pregnancy.

Caliboso is being held without bail in Rockingham County Jail, where she is fighting extradition to Delaware. Ocampo was released from Fairfax Adult Detention Center last Monday on \$75,000 bail.

Harrisonburg investigator Christopher Rush said the Delaware Attorney General's

Office intends to bring Caliboso to the state where she allegedly left her baby.

Court proceedings will begin within the next month to determine where Caliboso will be held.

• Ex-Prsidents Ford, Carter speak at U. Texas

Former Presidents Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter reflected last Thursday at the University of Texas-Austin on the civility or lack thereof in the current political atmosphere of Washington, D.C.

"I blame the whole thing on soft money," Carter said, explaining that the money was often the source of negative campaigning. "It cannot be used under the law to promote a candidate; it can be used to tear down an opponent."

Campaign finance laws prohibit corporations from contributing money to a candidate. Instead, corporations use "soft money" to transfer funds to a candidate's party, thereby financing a candidate.

Ford agreed with Carter but insisted that the use of soft money would be difficult to eliminate in campaigns because both the television industry and professional campaign managers have a "proprietary interest" in soft money.

• Heavy metal group files suit against universities

Metallica, a popular heavy metal band, E/M Ventures and Creeping Death Music,

filed a copyright infringement lawsuit Thursday against Indiana University, Yale University, the University of Southern California and Napster Inc.

The band is suing the universities for allowing students to use Napster, a popular software program for downloading MP3s.

Howard King, Metallica's attorney, said they may seek out students who have downloaded the band's songs, and confiscate the music.

"This lawsuit leaves open the potential for students who have participated in copyright infringement to be found, and there is a desire to find them," he said.

Gayle Fine from Q Prime, a New York-based company that manages Metallica, said she believes they should be compensated for their work.

"Metallica owns these rights, and their songs are on this site without their permission and they have a right to derive income from them," she said.

Sophomore Chad Paulson from Indiana University said he was shocked by the lawsuit.

"This is just unbelievable; I can't believe they have to or would sue their fans," Paulson said.

"I think it is a big hypocrisy on their part, because Metallica allows fans to record their live concerts and freely distribute their recordings like Dave Matthews and Phish."

Napster is also being sued by the Recording Industry Association Of America.

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• U. Michigan president defends gay culture course

President Lee Bollinger of the University of Michigan defended a future course, titled "How to be Gay: Male Homosexuality and Initiation," at the university's Board of Regents meeting last week.

The course, which drew controversy from across the state and the nation, will focus on the role of initiation in the formation of gay identity by studying drag and gay literature.

Bollinger said the class had a legitimate role in the university's environment.

"It is the role of the university to think about what it means to be human. This course is a facet of the study of what it means to be human," he said. "It's one of intellectual interest. We believe this course has academic value."

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of Michigan, condemned the class.

"It is wrong to force taxpayers to foot the bill for a class whose express purpose is to 'experiment' in 'initiating' teenagers into a lifestyle of homosexual behavior," he said.

Regent Andrea Fischer Newman said she supported academic freedom.

"I don't pass judgment. I support the freedom of the faculty," she said.

The course will be taught in the Fall 2000 semester.

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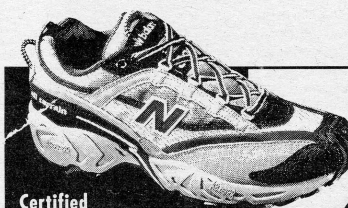
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TRAVEL: Vaccines take time to take effect

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through the health services pharmacy can protect travelers from illnesses that come from water or food and from such disease carriers as malaria-carrying mosquitoes, Charboneau said. But, people should visit the clinic four weeks before departing because some vaccines and medicines have to be special ordered.

Also, vaccinations are administered in a certain order, especially if a person has to receive more than one injection or vaccination.

"Folks who are traveling don't always realize their immunizations and medicines have to be timed. So, they cannot wait for the last minute," Charboneau said.

Vaccinations can cause reactions, another reason to get the shots early to fend off sickness during their journey.

"(People who receive vaccinations late) will feel protected but won't be as

protected as they could have been," Charboneau said, noting that it sometimes takes awhile for a vaccination to start protecting the body from illness.

Meguewell Childs, a radiation science major who once served in the military, said that he lived in Germany and went to Spain, France, Holland and Switzerland and never became ill because vaccinations were a military standard.

"I adjusted pretty well. One thing we definitely didn't do was drink the water. (We) didn't venture out into trying exotic kinds of things," Childs said, referring to the local foods.

All travel vaccinations are available at student health, except for the yellow fever vaccine, because its live state requires a special license for administration, though Charboneau said the clinic is trying to obtain the license.

High and low altitudes can introduce another problem for some travelers, especially those with asthma. For example, low depths during scuba diving can bother asthmatics.

"We would send them to a pulmonary specialist to do pulmonary testing to as-

sure they won't have an asthma attack 100 feet down," she said.

Not only should travelers think about vaccines, medicines and altitudes, but Mertz said they also should prepare for the different cultures they will visit.

"You really have to be conscious of transportation safety in a lot of countries. There's not necessarily going to be a policeman running radar," Mertz said, explaining one cultural difference between the United States and lesser developed countries like Mexico where hospitals go without air conditioning even on the hottest of days.

Sometimes cultural differences involve sanitary issues.

"I got mono in Scotland from a fork," Austin Leach, a former exchange student said. He also described Scotland as a very unsanitary place where people clean off utensils with paper towels.

Travelers should think about what they will do if they get sick in a foreign country, particularly one that reuses needles or has an infected blood supply.

LINKS: Virginia lags behind in helping schools, Trani says.

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demographic health centers and created new types of organizations.

Wilder, a distinguished professor in VCU's Center for Public Policy, said programs (like this one) allow universities to work with surrounding communities.

Universities should be the center of a community, he said, comparing their location to that of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

But, Trani said that Virginia's state government is not yet helping its universities fully achieve their potential.

"State governments are getting more active in helping universities generate high-tech hubs and transform scientific discoveries into new business," he said. "Virginia is lagging behind in this trend."

The General Assembly recently authorized the creation of the \$13 million Commonwealth Technology Fund, added Trani.

"But, to have even a modest impact on the potential in Virginia, much more needs to be done," he said.

Other LINKS speakers and panelists this year addressed topics such as "Higher Education's Involvement in the Community: Service Learning and Outreach Initiatives," "The Controversy Over the Standards of Learning Curriculum" and "Government-University Collaborations and Partnerships: Possibilities and Pitfalls."

Not only did Wilder address ties between communities and universities in his speech, but he also shared his views on government, emphasizing his belief in the American people.

"No problem is unsolvable, especially by the American people. When they come to grips with dealing with a problem, they can do it," he said.

Elected officials, Wilder said, must be continually reminded that they work for the people who elected them.

"Government has the responsibility to be sure those who are left out should be given a chance," he said. "I've always felt that government should be of, for and by the people."

DEFAULT: Wages, tax refunds can be withheld because of default

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tion between themselves and lenders. They should always notify their lender if they fall below half-time status in enrollment, withdraw, transfer, graduate or extend their graduation dates. Students also must keep lenders informed of their current addresses at all times.

Most financial aid experts suggest that students like Judy, who face difficulties repaying their loans, apply for a deferment, forbearance or loan consolidation.

Once deferred, lenders suspend regular loan payments based on certain conditions such as enrollment in school, study in a graduate fellowship program, participation in a rehabilitation training program for disabled individuals, unemployment or economic hardship.

Lenders bestow forbearance, meaning a reduction or suspension of loan payments or a lengthening of the repayment period, when a student faces financial hardships but does not qualify for deferment. The consolidation process allows students to combine multiple loans into one they can pay monthly.

"No one wants to see a student default on their loans," Hendrickson said. "There are people that can and are willing to help students with their loans. Students need to take advantage of that."

Susan, not her real name, said her sister would have been better off had she

known the options available to her before she defaulted.

"She wouldn't be in the trouble she's in now if she had looked for help earlier," she said, because when Judy first entered default she could no longer receive deferments or forbearances on her student loans and could not qualify for any personal loans to purchase a car.

Once a student stops payment, lenders repeat efforts to contact the student for repayment.

But when a lender fails, the company can accelerate a defaulted loan, meaning that the entire balance plus interest will be due in a single payment, or submit the loan to a guaranty agency or the U.S. Department of Education for repayment.

In Judy's case, her lender used a guaranty agency that can take several actions to acquire a former student's payment.

These actions, Hendrickson said, have negative consequences for people like Judy.

For instance, the agency handling Judy's loan reported her default status and loan balance to credit bureaus. The damaged credit rating affected her ability to buy a vehicle or own a future home.

But now, Judy arranged a satisfactory repayment plan with her guaranty agency so she can buy a car. The arrangement, however, cannot remove Judy's default

status cited on her credit report.

"Things may not be perfect, but at least she's moving in the right direction," her sister said.

Nonetheless, Judy faced fewer negative consequences because she sought help. Harsher consequences could have awaited her if she hadn't. Her guaranty agency could have used collection contractors to force repayment, causing Judy to be financially responsible for the contractor's commission as well as for her loan.

In addition, the IRS could have withheld Judy's federal income tax refunds, or an administrative wage garnishment could have been implemented to collect compensation.

Such an administrative wage garnishment would require her employer to remove 10 percent to 15 percent of her net income from each paycheck.

In the most extreme case, Judy's guaranty agency could sue her in state or federal district court for the total loan plus attorney fees and court costs.

Defaulting can have serious repercussions on a student's future, Hendrickson said, so they should get help with their debts while they can.

"Ignoring your student loan is not a means for addressing your problems," he said. "It will only get you deeper into trouble."

Consequences of Default:

- Damaged credit rating
- Withheld tax refunds
- Administrative wage garnishment: 10 to 15 percent deducted from each paycheck to satisfy repayment of a loan.
- Involvement of collection contractors: students pay the commission of the contractors.
- Lawsuit from a guaranty agency or the Department of Education.

Avoiding Default:

- Always notify your lender about address changes or status changes in enrollment.
- Ask lenders about the following repayment options:
 - Deference: suspension of regular loan payments
 - Forbearance: suspension or reduction of loan payments or lengthening the repayment period.
 - Loan Consolidation: repaying multiple loans by combining them into one loan that will be repaid monthly.

Sources: U.S. Department of Education
Educational Credit Management Corp.

Campus Calendar

4/17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., APO Blood Drive, Commons Plaza

4/17, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., academic success program "How to Prepare for Finals," Commons Forum Room

4/18, 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m., PBS Community Leadership Training Videoconference: End of Life Issues, Sanger Hall 4-026

4/18, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., lecture "The Engaged Campus: Exercising the Civic Responsibility of Higher Education," School of Engineering auditorium

4/19, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Multicultural Achievement Awards Ceremony, Commonwealth Ballroom

4/20, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., academic success program "How to Prepare for Finals," Commons Forum Room

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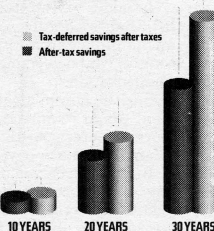
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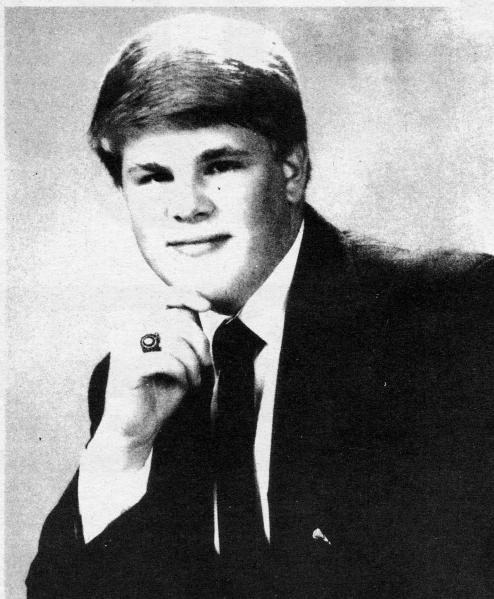
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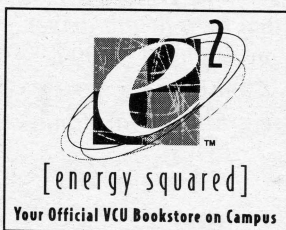
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Many people seem to use "romantic comedy" as the catch phrase to describe High Fidelity. What saves the film from falling into the trite associations involved with being in the "romantic comedy" category is music store owner Rob Gordon's (John Cusack) narrations of his pop philosophy and eclectic music collection. Those narrations succeed in overshadowing the romantic angle in this movie.

In this adaptation of Nick Hornby's novel "High Fidelity," Rob, approaching 30, is disconcerted when his long-time lawyer girlfriend, Laura (Iben Hjejle), walks out on him in search of someone more mature. By examining his failed attempts at romance and happiness with comedic visits to his ex-

girlfriends, he finds that he has come closer to maturity than he previously thought.

Cusack is the backbone of this film, intimating his life's difficulties straight into the camera with an admirable amount of levity. The other characters, while undeveloped, serve their purpose by supporting the lightheartedness of the movie. This simple characterization prevents Rob from turning into a romantic tragic figure.

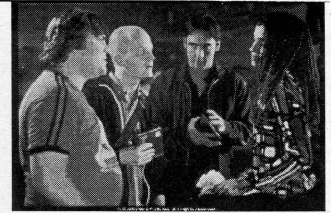
The audience is given a choice - High Fidelity can be about love and rock-and-roll only, or hints of deeper meanings can be explored.

Most Richmonders won't have any trouble relating to the setting of High Fidelity. It begins in Rob's Chicago music store, Championship Vinyl, which is similar to Carytown's Plan 9, with its minimalistic, local atmosphere. Rob's store lackeys, the pop culture T-shirt-adorned employees, Dick

(Todd Louiso) and Barry (Jack Black), find gratification in feeling superior to and distanced from others by hiding behind their obscure musical tastes. Openly condemning their customers' more mainstream music choices, you don't wonder why Championship Vinyl is practically empty for the entire movie.

High Fidelity's high-energy soundtrack features The Kinks, The Velvet Underground, Stevie Wonder and the film's own Jack Black with a surprisingly soulful version of "Let's Get it On."

The cast is intertwined like a good game of Six Degrees of ... Tim Robbins. John Cusack, his sister Joan Cusack, who plays a friend of the estranged Rob and Laura, Lili Taylor and Black have worked with the movie veteran at least once before. Robbins plays Ian, the ponytailed guru with whom Laura finds the solace of maturity.



Barry (Jack Black), Dick (Todd Louiso) and Rob (John Cusack) hang with Lisa Bonet.

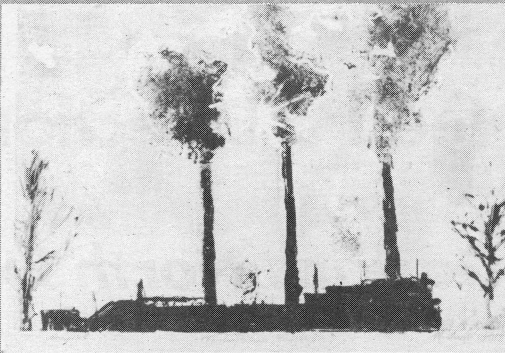
Lisa Bonet and Sara Gilbert add to the cast's talent along with a pleasing cameo by Bruce Springsteen.

Rob, by studying his past, finally falls into the knowledge that at some point in the journey to adulthood, if you are forced to stop and look around, chances are, you probably have arrived at your destination in one way or another.

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Rollins Band's 'Get Some Go again'

Justin Seit
DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN. STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — I really thought Henry Rollins had hit rock bottom when I saw him host an episode of VH1's The List.

Twenty years ago, Rollins was spitting out venomous attacks on television, police and binge drinking with hardcore pioneers Black Flag, and now he's on VH1.

Admittedly, times change and Henry's

demise seemed inevitable.

The last two Rollins Band efforts lacked the passion and anger of the Black Flag days and often digressed into pointless, self-righteous tirades.

However, Rollins traded the atonal complexity of his former band for the visceral, straightforward attack of L.A. trio Mother Superior on his new album, Get Some Go Again, and the change did him good. Rollins' notorious rants are now backed by the furious pounding they deserve.

The album's first track, "Illumination," kicks in the door pre-MTV style with classic staccato rhythms and Rollins' trademark barking.

The album rarely falters with tracks like "I Go Day Glo," which wins points on attitude alone, and "On the Day," a slow, unstoppable charge against "normal" society, the type of subject Rollins is famous for.

Rollins drives his point home with a full-throttle cover of Thin Lizzy's "Are You Ready?" featuring a guest appearance by

Lizzy's Scott Gorham.

Unfortunately, Rollins occasionally falls in the trap of lecturing his listeners on tracks like "Thinking Cap" and the unbearable, quarter-of-an-hour, L.A.-bashing sprawl called "L.A. Money Train."

It's a hidden track and should stay that way. However, those are the only real weaknesses of an otherwise outstanding album.

Rollins Band is back in a big way, and that's no lie.

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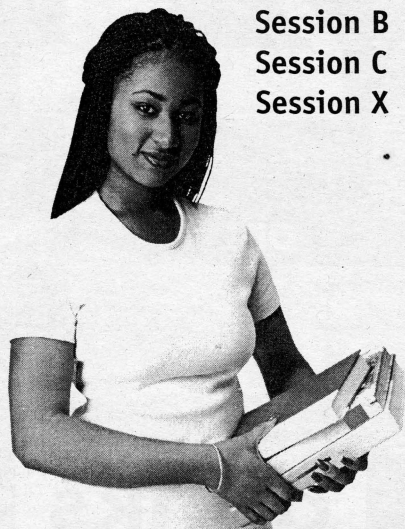
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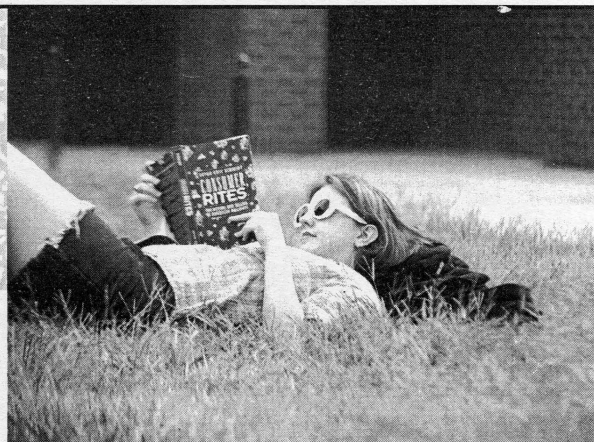
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Matthew Dalton Brown (Brown U.)

Prospective interns: You've been warned

(U-Wire)—It's that time of the year when most people have decided what they'll be doing for the summer. I am not one of those people. Right now I am in the thick of figuring out something to do that'll keep me off the streets during those long hot summer days. And I've accumulated some wisdom about the matter that'll be off no use to anyone since most of you already know what you're doing.

One of the first things I've discovered is that the mass of college folk seeking summer activities is a veritable gold mine for employers. Imagine having a huge mass of relatively educated workers who are willing to work for free.

Why? Because of the "experience," the "experience you will gain in this amazing summer opportunity," is clearly worth much more than any sum of money less than ten thousand American dollars but if you have to decide between ten grand and "experience" and you choose the latter, may your God help you.

Perhaps I'm being a cynic about these things. For example, my father continually reminds me that one of the best summer experiences he had was paying a certain amount of money to go rebuild a Shaker village in the sweltering Pennsylvania heat. This first struck me as an ingenious scam. A scam I hope I'd be clever enough to think up, but one that I assumed was far below the cleaning psyche of the Shaker mind.

But for the sake of argument, I'll treat this as a borderline case. After-all, perhaps it is worth paying money to go build something for the Shakers as long as it's the essentials—a house, a barn, and an irrigation system, etc. . .

However, be wary of the Shaker asking you to pay him money for the experience of building a "genuine Shaker casino." (You might want to question whether this fellow is a Shaker in the first place.)

Similarly, think twice before you listen to the guy who asks you to pay for a summer of building condos in Fort Lauderdale for retirees from the Northeast.

There are several ways to tell if you've been duped in your choice of summer building activity. First, if you get to the project site and find out that your colleagues in labor are several hundred migrant workers from Mexico, you might want to hit the road and take that summer job at Wendy's.

Second, you should raise an eyebrow if you notice that, in general, you are more cheerful than your fellow workers — perhaps you are the only one whistling; this is probably an indicator that your comrades in labor are working more from dire economic necessity than from the character building benefits of a hard day's work.

Third, and this is the surefire test, make a run for it if the accommodations that your employer has provided for you and your migrant worker colleagues are several hundred tents pitched in a shanty town.

While the above examples are clearly scams, most of the average Brown student's summer opportunities fall somewhere in between outright scam and clearly legitimate.

Some of us might pay an institution to help a professor do scientific research, others might accept a "stipend" to intern at some company or other. And there is one thing that we should all accept about these sorts of opportunities — we are definitely a source of cheap labor.

Our bosses are paying us with "experience," which will not pay off a college loan or fill up a gas tank. But there seems to be a general consensus that experience is good for us mentally.

There are several kinds of internships to

be had, however, some of which can have no claim to be paying you in experience. The worst kind is what I will call the "menial-task" internship, where you spend your days doing menial tasks for your employer for free or a measly stipend.

You make copies and coffee, and you deliver things for people to spare your poor, impoverished corporation the Fed-Ex fees. You might get a reference from your employer that gives the vague impression you actually did something having to do with the business of the company, but most future employers will not be fooled.

In short, if you have a menial-task internship, you either feel a bizarre sense of compassion for the welfare of your local profit-making enterprise, or you are a sucker. Either way, avoid the menial task internship at all cost. Then there is the internship where you actually do interesting things having to do with the business of your employer. This internship has no name, but don't forget it, because it's the best kind.

I had an internship at a magazine two years ago. I worked long hard hours for a boss who would have been a fine drill sergeant in the marines if he hadn't made it as a journalist. By the end of the summer I had learned a whole lot about journalism; also after having worked for a direct descendant of Attila the Hun, any other job will be a piece of cake. And yes, I didn't get paid. Stop laughing.

Then finally there is the "sit-on-your-butt" internship, and the even better "sit-on-your-butt-and-get-paid," internship. You should be commended for landing one of these internships, because they offer a certain amount of revenge for all of us potential interns.

You will find out you have this kind of internship when, after a few weeks of you sitting around the office and sending e-mails, everyone comes to realize that there really isn't anything for you to do, and your presence becomes the joke of the office but they can't get rid of you, or at least it sure is rude.

Your boss has to give you some sort of reference unless you nearly burnt the place down by not fully putting out that joint you threw in the trash after smoking on your lunch break. The deal is obviously even sweeter if you're getting paid. All of us college interns can exact our revenge viciously on the world of intern employers through the lives of these lucky few.

Robb Crocker

Coach Knight: one bad man

The NCAA Final Four has been over for a couple of weeks now. Our attention should be focused on the opening weeks of baseball or the winding down of the hockey and pro basketball seasons or the NFL draft and yet the media seems to still be focused on college basketball — University of Indiana coach Bob Knight in particular.

For those of you who are out of the hoop loop, here's a brief summary: A former Indiana University player, Neil Reed, has publicly accused Knight of physical and verbal abuse.

Knight denied the reports and popular opinion was that Reed, who transferred from the school, was just bitter about his stay at IU. As it turns out, Indiana videotapes its practices and CNN acquired a tape of a practice where Knight is shown choking Reed.

In addition, other allegations against Knight include displaying soiled toilet paper to his players as a reference to how their performance rated in his eyes and throwing Myles Brand, IU President, out of a practice.

My question is whether or not Knight's actions are common motivational tactics or just ignorant behavior.

Knight's coaching record is one of the best in the college ranks — 23 20-win seasons, three national titles, a high graduation rate and not a single recruiting violation in nearly three decades.

In contrast, Knight's off-the-court behavior warrants questioning. He was convicted in absentia in Puerto Rico for punching a policeman in 1979, he threw a chair onto the court during a 1985 game, kicked a player in 1993, accidentally head-butted a player in 1994 and accidentally shot a friend while hunting last year.

Mack McCarthy, VCU men's basketball coach, said, "It would appear to me that he crossed the line. (There is a) difference between motivation and abuse.

"I don't know how you judge that incident based on his career. I don't think the public is in any position to weigh that."

I definitely agree that Knight crossed the line between coaching and being abusive. Before this incident occurred, I admired Bob Knight. I thought his tirades on the sidelines were entertaining, his comments refreshingly honest and his actions motivational.

My view of him now is that he is an ignorant, angry man who is out of touch with today. If I were a parent, I would not want to send my son to play basketball for Bob Knight.

The Reed allegations have opened the floodgates for other former players to speak for and against Knight. Butch Carter, coach for the NBA Toronto Raptors, has accused Knight of using racial slurs towards him when he played for IU in the late 70's.

In the past 10 years, 11 players have transferred from IU. Some refuse to comment on why.

It's easy to think that some people just can't cut it, but in my opinion, although not everyone is going to work out in a program, 11 is a large number to leave a top basketball program.

Knight claims his actions against Reed were coaching methods. I've played quite a few sports in my days and a coach never choked me. In fact, I can hardly remember a coach putting his hands on me.

In order to spare further embarrassment, Knight should either step down from his post as head coach at IU, get some anger management, return to West Point and coach Army's basketball team (those guys are used to verbal and physical abuse.)

Either way, Knight should do himself and college basketball a favor — get out of the game or get some help.

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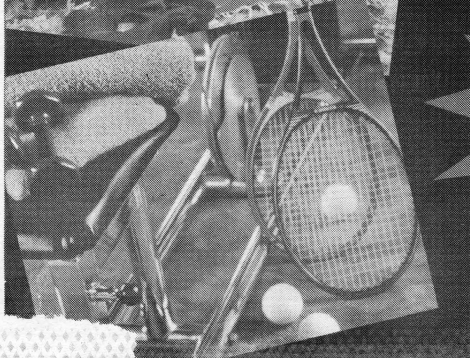
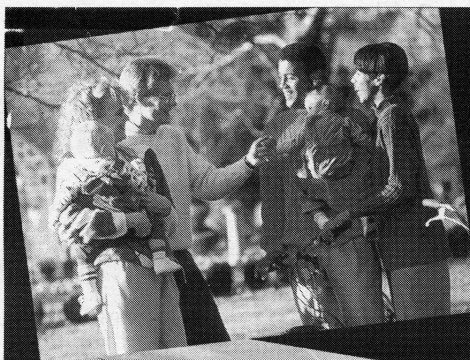
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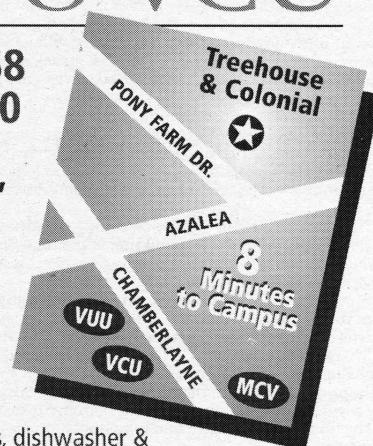
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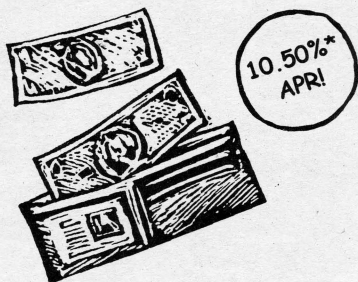


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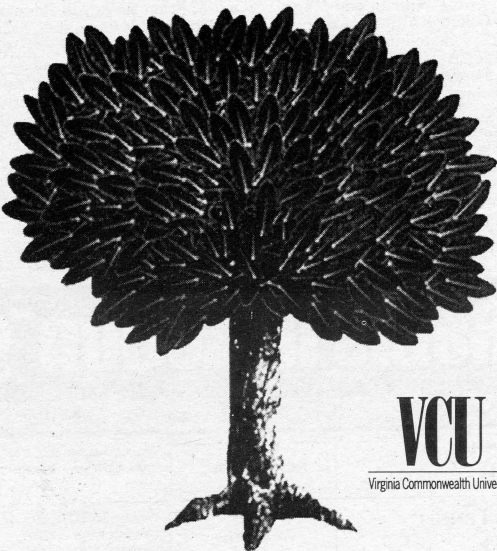
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VCU golf is heading to the NCAA tournament for the third time. There best finish was 12th in the East Regional Qualifier.

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VCU at the CAA Spring Sports Festival

Rams win two titles, and grab a runner-up finish

Men's tennis takes fifth title in as many tries

George Templeton
CT MANAGING EDITOR

Jose and Fernando Sanchez each won their singles matches and teamed up for a key victory in doubles to spur the VCU men's tennis team to its fifth straight Colonial Athletic Association tournament championship.

"It feels good to win it again," said coach Paul Kostin. "The best thing about winning it this year is that Olle (Lundberg) and Daniel (Andersson) are the first players ever to win conference titles all four years."

As the Sanchez's were engaged in a seesaw matchup, the Tribe and the 17th-ranked Rams split the first two matches. The team of Andersson and Frank Moser defeated Brian Lubin and Jody Strik 8-5. Pat Brown and Alex Soeters evened the doubles point with an 8-3 triumph over Olle Lundberg and Mats Norin.

The match between the Sanchez's and the Tribe team of Tim Csontos and Mehdy Karbid fought a tough match from start to finish. The Sanchez's seem to have things in hand when they took a 6-3 lead. Csontos/Karbid took the next four games to grab a chance to win the match and the point.

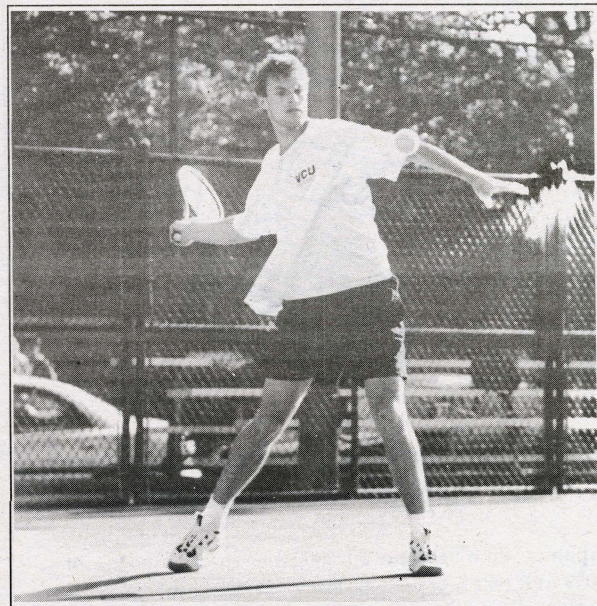
"Our guys played a couple of sloppy games and let them back in the match," Kostin said. "One of the games we were up 40-love and we just hit some terrible shots."

W&M didn't take advantage of VCU's struggles. Twice, at 7-6 and 8-7, the Tribe served for the match but didn't hold either time, setting up a decisive tiebreaker.

"They had the chance, and they got nervous a bit," Jose Sanchez said. "We played our best when they served, but they double-faulted and gave up some easy points."

The Sanchez's grabbed the opportu-

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Rita Botts/Commonwealth Times

RECORD BREAKING. Frank Moser and the rest of the Rams entered the national record books with their fifth straight CAA championship, the longest current streak in men's tennis.

Rams overcome 13-stroke deficit

Ted Brown catapulted VCU (873) into its fifth consecutive Colonial Athletic Association title with a three-stroke victory over James Madison (876). Brown tied JMU's Scott Polen for first with 213, but lost in the playoff against Polen, who shot a tournament record 64 in the final round.

Reg Millage fired a three-under-par 69 while teammate Erik Knudsen hit five-under par 71. Millage placed seventh while Knudsen tied for fourth. Brock Kelley hit 75 to tie for fourth.

Brown led VCU into first place with a 4-under-par 68 during the second day of golf in the CAA championship. Brown's total of 140 (-4) topped James Madison's Ben Keefer by one shot.

Brown was one of three Rams to shoot par or better as the team totaled a cumulative score of 285, 3-under-par, the second best single round by a team in the tournament's history, VCU's 6-under round in 1997 being the best.

"I chipped in on three and made a nice birdie putt on four," said Brown. "I just kept it going after that. Coach [Matt Ball] said that today was moving day and we tried to step it up as a team."

Kelley tied with two others for fifth, shooting a 2-under-par 70. Millage shot an even par 72 and tied for 12th, five shots behind Kelley.

VCU was fourth with a score of 300 after the first day in the CAA tournament. VCU was 13 strokes behind leaders, Old Dominion. Brown was the Rams' top finisher, placing fifth with a round of 72 for par.

Kelley joined Brown in the top 15 with a round of 74 to finish in a tie for 12th. Millage and Knudsen, who joined Millage on the all-CAA first team, shot a 77 for 22nd place.

Millage was named the 2000 Colonial Athletic Association player of the year for the second year in a row by the conference's nine head golf coaches.

Millage joins John Rollins, who won the award in 1996 and 1997, in VCU's history as being the only players to repeat as winners.

He has also received first team all-conference honors each of the past four seasons. Millage was also named CAA rookie of the year in 1997.

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Rams can't stem Tribe dominance

George Templeton
CT MANAGING EDITOR

While the VCU women's tennis team succeeded in giving William and Mary its toughest Colonial Athletic Association tournament match since going to the best-of-nine format in 1995, the Rams didn't succeed in ending the Tribe's long CAA reign, losing 5-2 in the title match.

"We competed in every match," said coach Eva Bard. "That is something we have done the last two days that we didn't do the last three weeks."

Keying the victory for the Tribe, who have won 15 straight CAA titles, was senior Carolijn van Rossum. One of the important points in a match of lost opportunity for the Rams (14-6) was van

Rossum's stunning comeback in her match with Raluca Ciulei.

The first set was a back-and-forth battle and Ciulei was able to come from behind to win 7-5. From there van Rossum dominated the rest of the match, losing only two games in winning 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

"I couldn't concentrate and she started to play much better," Ciulei said. "She didn't make as many unforced errors, and I tried a lot of different things. She was stronger mentally than I was, she wanted to win more."

Bard pointed to van Rossum's experience as the difference in the match.

"Raluca is a young player and she was going up against someone who knew what

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TEAM	UPCOMING EVENTS			Notes
MEN'S TENNIS (22-4, 8-0)	MAY 12-14 NCAA REGIONAL			VCU ARE HEADING TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT FOR THE EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR
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WOMEN'S TENNIS: Missed opportunities sabotage Rams upset bid, leaving NCAA bid in question

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to do out there," she said. "Raluca was a little nervous and that's understandable. She will learn from this experience. Carlijn has had a wonderful year this year, and she knows that any match could be her last one."

VCU picked up both points in singles. Andrea Ondrisova scored an impressive 6-3, 6-2 victory over Delphine Troch.

Yana Sokolenko won in nearly identical fashion to van Rossum, dropping only two games in the final two sets to beat Lindsay Sullivan 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

In the other three Tribe singles wins, the 40th-ranked Rams had players with chances to turn the match in their favor.

In the No. 1 singles match, Martina Nedelkova struggled early against CAA player of the year Carlijn Buis. Nedelkova lost the first three games and stared a 6-3, 3-0 deficit in the face.

Nedelkova battled back to down 6-5 with a chance to serve into a tiebreaker. Buis turned up her play and broke Nedelkova to win the match 6-3, 7-5.

"Martina had tough start, breaking two rakets in two games," Bard said. "Then she got frustrated and Buis played beautifully. The second set was some beautiful tennis, it just didn't go Martina's way."

Kate Vasylyeva's opportunity to take control of her match with Jessyca Arthur came in the first set.

Vasylyeva was serving with a chance to win the set, up 5-4, instead she was broken and had to go to a tiebreak. She lost the tiebreak and Arthur took control from there, winning 7-6, 6-1.

Andrea Coulter didn't give Lyudmyla Teterina that many chances to get into the match, but Teterina had one in the second set.

Down one set and 4-3, Teterina quickly won the first three points to give herself three break points. Coulter threw her racket in disgust after falling to 0-40, but fought back to win the game and then close the match out 6-3, 6-3.

"One thing you can't forget is that they are good," Bard said. "They can take a few hits and come back."

Fittingly van Rossum was part of the clinching point when she teamed with Coulter to defeat Ciulei and Vasylyeva 8-4.

In spite of the loss, Bard felt the Rams, who will wait to find out if they are going to the NCAA tournament, showed how good a team they were.

"We are definitely not No. 40," she said. "I think we showed that we're one of the top 25 teams in the country. This rankings system is specious."

"It's a mystery to me and many other people. I'm not sure what the NCAA committee will do with us, I think we should be in."

Kostin and Andersson sweep top CAA honors

Tennis coach Paul Kostin received his fourth Colonial Athletic Association coach of the year award after leading 17th-ranked VCU to its 10th straight winning season with an overall record of 19-4, 8-0 in the conference.

Under Kostin, the Rams posted a 9-4 mark against nationally-ranked teams, including a win over No. 9 Tennessee.

Daniel Andersson received the player of the year award for the second time in his career after becoming VCU's first ever No. 1 ranked player.

He was the first player to capture a grand slam title in VCU's tennis history. Andersson is the school's all-time leader in singles victories with 141.

VCU grabbed both men and women's rookie of the year as newcomers Fernando Sanchez and Raluca Ciulei took the awards respectively.

Sanchez also compiled a record of 23-1 on the all-conference second team. Ciulei also received second team all-conference honors, with a record of 15-6.

Also joining Andersson on the first team were 16th-ranked Frank Moser, No. 56 Jose Sanchez, and Mattias Hoglund. As the Rams' number two player,

Moser recorded a 30-9 mark, including a second place finish at the T. Rowe Price national clay court championship. Sanchez grabbed 28 wins while Hoglund recorded 24 victories on the season.

In doubles, the 20th-ranked team of Andersson and Moser grabbed first team all-CAA honors, while J. Sanchez and F. Sanchez earned second team all-conference honors.

For the women, No. 52 Martina Nedelkova and 64th-ranked Andrea Ondrisova represented 40th-ranked VCU on the all-CAA first team. Nedelkova enters the tournament with a 20-10 record, while Ondrisova is 21-10. The 41st-ranked pair also earned first team all-CAA honors in doubles.

—compiled from new sources

Smithson scores a first and second

WILLIAMSBURG — Jolinda Smithson led VCU in the women's track and field at the Tribe Invitational with four top-five finishes.

Smithson grabbed on victory, in the discus with an effort of 123-11.

She placed second in the hammer throw, tossing the hammer 153-0, finishing fourth in the shot put and fifth in the javelin.

Katrina Cromwell also had two top-five finishes. She took second in the 100 meters with a time of 55.86 and fourth in the 200-meter dash, with a time of 26.55.

Chris Tuck, on the men's side, finished first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.86.

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ODU pitching carries Monarchs to sweep

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After a Saturday rainout, Old Dominion's pitchers dominated the Sunday doubleheader, quieting the bats of the VCU baseball team in picking up two wins to complete the sweep.

The Rams finished up its series with a narrow 3-1 loss to the Monarchs. Both teams were scoreless until the third inning. Bo Acors (2-4) hit two batters and then an error by Davy Martin loaded the bases.

Another error by Martin proved fatal as the Monarchs scored two runs on the next hit. ODU increased its lead when Jared Musolf hit a line drive down the first base line, knocking in another run.

The Monarchs held the Rams scoreless until the bottom of the seventh when Cory Bauswell hit his fifth homerun of the season.

"I was looking for something good to hit, get on base somehow, and it just happened," said Bauswell.

VCU put four more runners on base over the next two innings, but did not score another run.

"We didn't do anything," said coach Paul Keyes. "We didn't pitch, we didn't hit. They took it to us and deserved to win all three."

In VCU's eighth straight one-run game, the Rams lost to the Monarchs 2-1 in the first game of the Sunday doubleheader.

ODU led off the scoring in the first when Tim Hummel, who singled and then moved to third on two passed balls, was driven in by a Musolf sacrifice fly. The Rams tied it up in the bottom of the second when Chris Gerrity singled to knock in Kevin Elrod.

Both teams kept each other scoreless until the top of the seventh inning when ODU's Jeff Eure doubled to send in

Musolf to break the tie. VCU rallied in the bottom of the seventh, getting one man on base with only one out, but did not get a run across.

Jason Dubois (5-3) struck out four and allowed only one earned run.

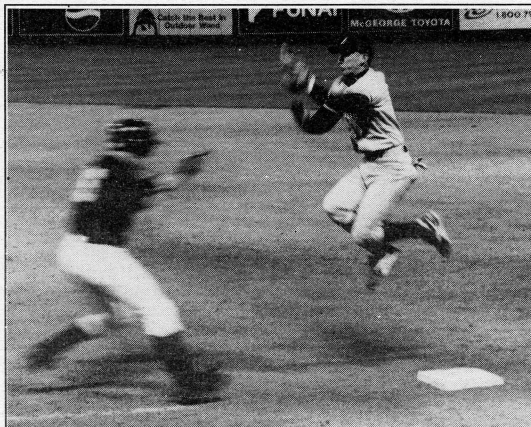
VCU lost narrowly to ODU (9-6, 23-16) in the Friday night matchup. The Rams came from behind three times, but did not topple the Monarchs, losing 9-8 in 11 innings.

The teams matched each other in the first inning with one run, before ODU jumped ahead after scoring four runs in the top of the fifth. VCU rallied in the seventh, with the help of a Monarch error, a wild pitch, and a triple by Danny Lopaze to score four runs and tie the score at five.

The Monarchs regained the lead after scoring two runs in the eighth and one in the ninth, but the Rams were not finished.

With two men on, Brian Mohr singled to

DUCKING OUT. A VCU baserunner gets ready to duck the leaping ODU first basemen. The Rams didn't duck the sweep, losing two of three games by one run.



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some inexperience on our part."

Robbie Gragnani went out in the seventh due to an injury. "He went to get stitches," said Keyes. "He split his thumb open pretty wide and I'd assume he's out for a while."

VCU drops to 27-16 and 4-8 in the Colonial Athletic Association.

"We're trying to play game to game," said Keyes. "Getting healthier as we go."

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