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Bush, Gore await Sunshine State recount

From News Sources

The presidential race remains unresolved as the candidates wait for results of Florida's vote recount. The Sunshine State's 25 electoral votes will likely decide the next president. Several news outlets have reported the possibility of recounts in New Hampshire, Iowa and Wisconsin, which could further muddy the Presidential picture.

George W. Bush held an 1,784-vote lead over Vice President Al Gore going in Florida going into the recount. With 29 of 67 counties reporting recount totals Wednesday night, the Associated Press reported Gore had gained 1,356 votes, compared to 362 for Bush, trimming Bush's lead to 790 votes.

State election officials have announced all recount totals must be reported by 5 p.m. Thursday. Absentee ballots from overseas, however, can arrive until next Thursday and will be counted, as long as they are post marked by Nov. 7.



Bush

The loser of the recount can request that all ballots be recounted by hand, which could further delay the final results.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Wednesday networks proclaimed Bush, then leading in Florida by 50,000 votes, as the next president. Shortly thereafter Gore placed his concession call, only to place another call recanting the concession about an hour later when Florida tallies showed Bush's lead fastly shrinking. Florida law requires such action when the margin is one half of one percent or less. About six million votes were cast in Florida.

Gore has 260 electoral votes to Bush's 246, while 270 are needed to win the presidency. The vice president also has a 200,000-vote lead over the Texas governor in the popular vote. Oregon (seven electoral votes), where Bush has a narrow lead, had yet to be decided. Election officials still had 350,000 ballots to



Gore

tabulate Wednesday night.

Networks announced early Tuesday evening that the vice president had won the state's 25 electoral votes. But a few hours later, networks removed Florida from Gore's tally and placed it in the undecided category, where it has remained too close to call.

Now, Gore and Bush have sent scores of lawyers and advisers to the Sunshine State to monitor the recount.

Besides the recount, Florida election officials have had to contend with charges the ballot used in Palm Beach County confused voters and caused as many as 3,000 to mistakenly vote for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan. Three citizens, seeking a new election in Palm Beach County, have filed a lawsuit to overturn the results. More than 19,000 ballots cast in Palm Beach County were thrown out because two candidates had been selected. Palm Beach was among the 29 jurisdictions reporting their new vote totals Wednesday night.

ALLEN OUSTS ROBB

Ex-Governor cites record as his key to victory

George Templeton
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

With footballs being handed out and thrown around — and with a promise to return Virginia to its "Jeffersonian conservative principles," George Allen on Tuesday night greeted Republican supporters as Virginia's U.S. senator-elect.

"I thank God for this election tonight," the former governor said. "I am humbled by the trust that all of you have placed in me. I will go to Washington to fight for Virginia values."

Allen quickly paid tribute to his defeated rival, incumbent Democratic Sen. Charles S. "Chuck" Robb.

"He has served our country and the state of Virginia for more than two decades as lieutenant governor, governor and senator," Allen said. "He conceded

with dignity and grace — something that isn't easy to do in a tough race — and this was a tough race. I respect Senator Robb's service, and I thank him and his family for all their years of sacrifice."

Standing with his wife, Susan, at his side, Allen identified the election as a referendum on his and his successor's tenures as governors.

"We ran our record as governor and the people of Virginia have spoken," he said. "They have seen that parole abolition is working to reduce crimes. They know that welfare reform is working and moving people to jobs. They saw that high academic standards and accountability are improving our children's education."

"They have affirmed my record and the great record of Governor (Jim) Gilmore,

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Kevin Crossett/Capital News Service

Allen stands at the podium with his wife Susan

Incumbent falls despite hard-fought campaign

Joe Rogalsky
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

MCLEAN — When GOP challenger George Allen, Virginia's governor from 1994-1998, unseated Democratic U.S. Sen. Charles S. Robb on Tuesday night, he may have ended Robb's nearly 25 years of public service, but no one can know for sure.

"I am not sad for myself," Robb said. "But if it prevents the Senate from having Democratic leadership, I will be disappointed."

The race between the two Virginia ex-governors became a national focal point as Democrats jockeyed to take control of the Senate from Republicans. Robb found himself the lone vulnerable Democratic incumbent, and some pundits say he fought the strongest campaign of his career. Allen prevailed 52 percent to 48 percent.

On Election Night, Robb, joined by his wife, Lynda, and her mother, Lady Bird Johnson, as well as the couple's three daughters, walked to the podium for his concession speech appearing upbeat and peppy. His reaction struck some in the audience as strange for a man suffering his first loss in an election — especially since it was unclear a year ago whether Robb would even defend his seat.

"At best I was ambivalent about running this time," Robb said. "It was only when it was clear to me no one was willing

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Robb stumps at VCU

U.S. Sen. Charles S. Robb, D-Va., stopped at VCU Monday afternoon, encouraging students to exercise their right to vote in Tuesday's elections.

Robb lost his bid Tuesday night for a third term to his Republican challenger, George Allen, an ex-Virginia governor and Congressman. Allen pulled in 52 percent of the vote while Robb garnered 48 percent.

The Democratic Senator had campaigned at VCU previously — he held a kickoff rally in the student commons in April.

Robert Holsworth, a political science professor and director of VCU's Center for Public Policy, said Robb's stop made political sense.

"(Richmond) is a Democratic city and this was certain to bring out a Democratic crowd," Holsworth explained. "It is normal he would stop here."

A throng of supporters greeted Robb outside the commons on Floyd Avenue. After talking with reporters and shaking hands with well-wishers, Robb walked through the first floor of the commons, introducing himself to students and encouraging them to go to the polls. One of the students Robb spoke with in the commons was computer science major Anthony Quigley, who was studying when Robb came through.

"We didn't say much," Quigley said. "Robb introduced himself and said he didn't want to interrupt me while I was doing my homework. That was nice of him."

Part of the crowd consisted of students casting votes for the first time.

"I've supported Robb for a while," said John Pagan, a criminal justice major and first-time voter. "He has done a good job as senator and I like what he is doing with trying to get young people to turnout and vote. He agrees with me on important issues like being pro-choice and fixing Social Security."

Kina Harding, vice president of the Student Government Association and also a first-time voter, echoed Pagan's support of Robb.

"Like everything about Robb," Harding said. "He cares about the middle classes and lower classes. Allen cares about the rich. I agree with Robb's views on education and the right to choose."

Robb was joined by his wife, Lynda, former Gov. Gerry Baliles, Richmond Mayor Tim Kaine and the likely 2002 Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Mark Warner.

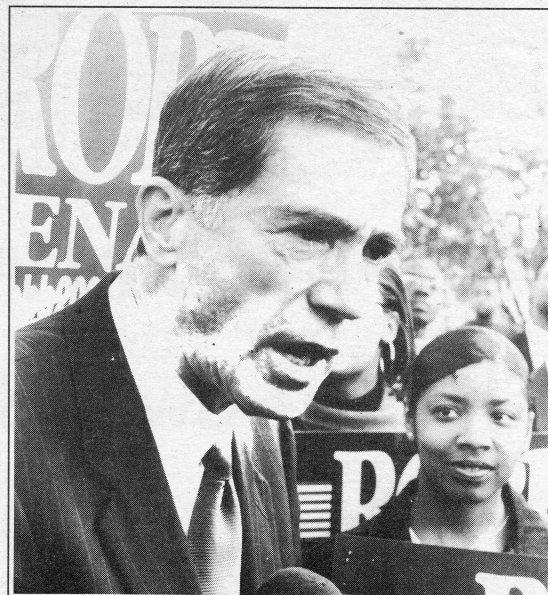
Warner, a Northern Virginia businessman, praised Robb's focus on getting students out to vote.

"Obviously VCU is one of the pillars of the community down here," Warner said during the rally. "I think it shows his commitment to the future that he started and ended his campaign by reaching out to college students."

While there were no visible Allen backers at the rally (save for Allen's hard-to-recognize press secretary standing in the background), supporters for the Green and Libertarian parties made an appearance. John Schott, the lone Libertarian representative, shouted slogans deriding Robb, only to be drowned out by boisterous Robb supporters.

"I'm here because I believe the decline of personal liberties in America is one of the greatest threats to democracy," said Schott, vice president of the Campus Libertarians. "Mr. Robb, being a Democrat, would tend to support a more powerful centralized government, which will create a greater dependence on that central government. I'm not against the federal government, but the federal government's intrusion into my personal right and personal liberties."

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Senator Chuck Robb, D, talks to supporters outside the Commons during his visit Monday to VCU, his fourth visit to a college campus in the last two weeks.

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Gov. Gilmore (far left), George and Susan Allen (center) and Sen. John Warner (right) raise their arms in victory in front of a raucous crowd at a party for state Republicans at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Richmond.

GOP completes takeover

Ty N. Bowers

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Republicans watched election coverage in the main ballroom of the Richmond Marriott Tuesday night, simultaneously biting their nails and cheering as each state returned its tallies for the presidential vote.

When George Allen, Virginia's senator-elect, made his way to the podium — more than an hour after the GOP Representative-elect Eric Cantor spoke to gleeful Republicans — the crowd went wild with obvious elation.

To many there, Allen's defeat of incumbent Democratic Sen. Chuck Robb came as no surprise, and many offered similar viewpoints on the former governor's victory.

Lt. Gov. John Hager said Allen's victory simply highlights a Virginian trend toward voting Republican that really began with Richard Nixon.

"It's the last piece of the puzzle," he said, pointing out that Virginia's solid Republican representation in the U.S. Senate with Allen and Warner "mirrors the values in

this state."

Others on the floor echoed the lieutenant governor's take on the Allen victory.

Allen campaign aide, Andrew Blair, said the tight race went Allen's way because Virginia voters decided that his stance on the issues reflected their own.

"Politically," Blair said, "Allen's values mirrors those of Virginians."

Jim Crum, an Allen supporter, said he, too, never doubted that Allen would win his bid to Washington.

"Robb went to the Senate and proved what kind of guy he was," Crum said, "and we dumped him."

Attorney General Mark Earley called Allen's victory critically important to continue Republican control in the Senate.

"This election was not so much about Chuck Robb," he said, "but about George Allen."

Earley said Allen would work with Republican Sen. John Warner to move Virginia forward, earning a higher profile than the ousted incumbent Robb.

Hager affirmed Earley's view, saying

Allen remains closer to the people.

Surrounded by family, staff, Warner, retiring Rep. Tom Bliley, R-7th District, and Gov. Jim Gilmore, the senator-elect also said as much from the podium during his victory speech.

"This is your Senate seat," he shouted to cheering supporters.

Jane Stout, another Allen supporter, referred to the Robb-Warner Senate relationship as one where "our votes won't be canceled out each time now."

Dressed in a red, white and blue suit that displayed Allen, Bush and Cantor buttons and pins, she said Robb's untruthfulness about his record hurt him.

Hager's campaign manager, Reed Boatright, had a different view. Allen mobilized his voters, he said, while Chuck Robb did not.

But when a reporter asked Warner where Robb may have gone wrong in his reelection bid, Warner said he'd "like to give it a day" before making that judgment, though he said Allen's victory bodes well for Virginians.

Allen spoke for less than a half-hour and then talked with the media before leaving the GOP headquarters with his family, while others remained at the victory night celebration to await the outcome of the presidential election.



Senator-elect Allen hands a football to Gov. James Gilmore, showing his appreciation of the governor.

Kevin Crossett/Capital News Service

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Lieutenant Governor (John) Hager and Attorney General (Mark) Earley." Allen, a former quarterback for the University of Virginia's football team, handed footballs to Gilmore and to U.S. Sen. John Warner in following the tradition of football coaches who award players performing feats of excellence in games.

"I want to give this to the great governor of this state and to my partner up in Washington," he said as he tossed footballs to Gilmore and Warner.

Allen proclaimed Election Day 2000 as a bad day for big government and for death taxes, but a good day for the nation's schools and for its military defense system.

Other party leaders, Earley and Hager, later both hailed the day as a great one for Virginia and a momentum push for next year's statewide elections.

"We are a united party in Virginia and tonight shows that," Earley said. "This election sets the stage for us next year. It shows that people of Virginia like what Republicans are doing."

Meanwhile Hager called Allen's victory a completion of what the senator-elect started.

"George Allen started the Republican revolution in this state," Hager said. "It's exciting to be here tonight to see the culmination of a Republican trend in this state. I think people have rediscovered their traditional conservative principles in this state."

"Virginia sent a message to the nation tonight with how quickly Allen won this election."

Robb, Democrats looking to future

Olympia Meola

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

"Go, Al, Go!" could be heard about 9 p.m. Tuesday through the halls of the Richmond Holiday Inn where the Democratic Party of Virginia's stationed its headquarters for its victory party. Loud cheers and high spirits set the general mood even when the Democratic candidates trailed behind the Republican candidates.

Those positive attitudes sustained through most of the night until U.S. Sen. Charles S. "Chuck" Robb's concession speech.

"I'm sad because I know he's doing a good job and he's doing well," said Daytriell McQuinn, the 17-year-old daughter of Delores McQuinn, a member of Richmond's City Council.

The mother focused on Virginia's future.

"I'm hopeful," she said, "that as Robb has been a senator for all Virginians we will find that our incoming senator is needed to work with the people of Virginia."

The estimated 125 people appeared even-tempered even though their disappointment was evident.

"We're deeply saddened. A significant number of gay and lesbian Richmonders have been politically active through Robb's campaign," said David Perry, with the Virginia Partisans, a gay and lesbian club. "But this will make us even more devoted."

Following Robb's speech, state Sen. Henry Marsh and Delegate A. Donald McEachin of Richmond along with Richmond Mayor Timothy Kaine spoke to the group about Robb's record in office and the future of the Democratic Party in Virginia, which once again raised the crowd's spirits.

"He has never changed from being a

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to challenge George Allen, in either party, I wanted to give the voters a choice. I was not going to shrink from the challenge."

Allen attacked Robb for being out of touch with Virginia voters throughout the campaign. Allen, the son of a former Washington Redskins head coach, pointed to Robb's support of gay rights and his opposition to a constitutional amendment banning flag burning as evidence of Robb not representing the Old Dominion's viewpoints.

Speaking to reporters following his concession speech, Robb did not back down from his stances.

"I am proud to have stood up for a number of causes that weren't always popular," the ex-Marine said. "I did not retreat on my positions."

Delegate Alan Diamondstein, D-Newport News, said Robb's flag-burning stance likely hurt him the most. Diamondstein, a close friend of the senator's, plans next fall to seek the 2002 Democratic lieutenant governor seat.

"He didn't change his views because they weren't popular," Diamondstein said. "He knew what was right and stood behind it. The flag issue hurt him a lot, but he was a good senator by standing for what he believed in."

Robb earlier spent the evening watching the election returns with his family before entering to his Election Night fete at the McLean Hilton in Tyson's Corner. As he walked into the ballroom to concede the race, supporters cheered while hearing music to the classic song "Stars and Stripes Forever."

After his concession speech, Robb spent about an hour talking with partygoers.

Robb, first elected to the Senate in 1988 after his 1982-86 gubernatorial term, not only threw his hat in the ring late but lost campaign time because the Senate didn't adjourn at the usual time in the fall. Supporters Tuesday night pinned the loss on Allen's time advantage.

"If we had two more weeks, I think we would have won this thing," said Kenneth Plum, who resigned as state party chairman earlier in the day.

"No one is better one-on-one than Chuck Robb. I am not blaming Chuck Robb, I am blaming the Senate for not having its act together. Chuck Robb did his job as a United States Senator even at the expense of defending his incumbency."

Plum pointed out that his resignation as Virginia's Democratic Party leader was unrelated to Robb's defeat.

Although a successor has not been named, Plum said Mark Warner, the Democrats' next likely gubernatorial candidate, has become the de facto party leader.

"I made the decision to resign a year ago, but Chuck wanted me to stay on through his campaign," said Plum, who represents the Reston area in Virginia's House of Delegates.

Robb, who placed his concession phone call to Allen about 8 p.m., termed their talk a "good conversation." Robb pledged to work with his successor to facilitate an easy move into office for Allen.

"It is to the benefit of the people of Virginia to have a smooth transition," Robb explained.

Eyes now turn toward the fall 2001

elections when the top three state offices – governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general – are up for grabs.

Republicans now head all three offices and could have a leg up on the Democrats, who have seen their political clout drastically decline since Allen's 1993 gubernatorial victory.

Democratic Party faithful, however, began looking ahead Tuesday night, insisting the races can be won.

"The Republicans were down before, and we are not as bad off as they were," Diamondstein said. "We have strong candidates that will appeal to the people."

Robb offered no clues as to what he would do next, other than saying he wanted to spend time with his wife and daughters. Still, network and Richmond media predicted Robb would become an ambassador if Al Gore were to become president.

"I don't see myself in any official position," Robb said. "I'll work with people to advance the causes I have always supported, but there are things going on with my daughters that I want to be involved with."

Mourning Robb's loss:

Jay-Anne Casuga

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

MCLEAN – U.S. Sen. Charles S. "Chuck" Robb's victory party ended before it even started.

Roughly 30 minutes after polls closed in Virginia, anxious supporters of the Democratic incumbent encountered the first signs of defeat Tuesday evening when CBS and NBC called the Senate race in GOP challenger George Allen's favor.

Despite the dire prediction for the Democratic incumbent, the campaign staff remained tense but positive.

"We knew it was going to be a tight race and it's turning out so," said Robb spokesman Mo Ellefthee. "It's going to be a very long night, but we're optimistic."

Disappointment soon replaced optimism when the race's official results declared Allen, former governor of the commonwealth from 1994 to 1998, the victor 52 percent to 48 percent.

After the announcement of the results,

supporters welcomed Robb with applause and fanfare. Despite the cheerful reception, a note of sadness hung in the air as attendees listened to the former governor's concession speech with tears in their eyes.

"We lost a good senator," said 20-year-old Greg Wool, a junior at American University in Washington, D.C. "I hope Robb helps Allen to stay moderate because Allen seems to be a product of the NRA and the pro-life and the Christian Coalition."

Bruce Gilson, 40, of Alexandria said the election of Allen came as no surprise.

"It confirmed what we already knew," he said. "Even a good man like Robb couldn't stem the Republican tide of this state."

Expressing his gratitude, Robb thanked everyone who attended and shared support.

"I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this great commonwealth for the better part of the last quarter century," he said. "I congratulate George Allen. I (stand) prepared to work with him



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Lady Bird Johnson, Robb's mother-in-law, looks at Robb during his concession speech Tuesday night.

Robb gives concession, Democrats feel sorrow

Laura K. Davis

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

In a room at the Richmond Holiday Inn, a crowd of assembled Democrats watched U.S. Sen. Charles S. "Chuck" Robb deliver his concession speech on television Tuesday evening.

"I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this great commonwealth for the better part of this last quarter century," Robb said, congratulating his opponent, former Gov. George Allen.

Robb, who lost 52 to 48 percent, said that he would work with Allen to make the change in the Senate a smooth one, and thanked his family for their support saying, "I am as lucky a man that ever lived."

Members of the Democratic Party of Virginia in Richmond said they were disappointed to learn of Robb's loss.

"He has been a great friend to Richmond," said Richmond Mayor Tim Kaine. "It's a tough night. We all love Chuck."

Robb's loss shows that Democrats in Virginia have to focus more on energizing voters in the future, Kaine said, adding that Robb acted first as a public servant.

"They don't make them much like that

anymore," he said. "We'll owe Chuck Robb for a long time."

Delegate A. Donald McEachin of Richmond, also in attendance at the gathering, described Robb as a man of principle. A great leader was lost when Robb lost the election, he said, but Virginia Democrats will win next year's elections.

"I think we have a very good chance of sweeping (the elections)," said McEachin, a possible candidate for attorney general.

Presumptive Democratic nominee in the upcoming 2001 gubernatorial race, Mark Warner addressed his party faithful in the Capital city by phone and agreed with McEachin.

"We're going to win the top three positions next year," he said, adding that Virginians, regardless of whether they voted for Robb, know he did the commonwealth a great service.

The gathered Democrats, though disappointed with Robb's loss, continued to cheer as they watched Gore gain more votes than Bush in some states in the presidential race.

"Clearly this is going to be a long night, but I think as the night goes on and the sun

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Rita Botts/Commonwealth Times

Chuck Robb (left foreground) talks to students Monday at the McDonald's in the Commons.

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to effect the kind of transition that would make it possible for Virginia to benefit from the best handoff that we can make."

Many of Robb's Democratic colleagues stood with him, lending support as he spoke to the audience.

"Chuck wanted it and we wanted it for him," said Delegate Alan A. Diamondstein, D-Newport News. "We have to start with a new senator, and George has got to prove himself."

Cathleen Harrington, a 29-year-old campaign volunteer from Washington, D.C., said Robb's loss would have a great impact on the state's minorities.

"I think the African-Americans in Virginia will lose someone who is fighting for civil rights. Homosexuals will lose someone who is for ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act), and women will lose someone who is going to protect a their right to choose," she said. "We're

going to lose a progressive senator, and we're getting someone who will take us back a decade."

Richard K. Homquist, a 30-year-old oceanographer from Reston, agreed.

"I think Virginia's going to be voting far more conservatively," he said. "What I fear most is George Allen's stand on environmental issues. He was the worst governor on those issues nationwide."

Although disappointment reigned after Robb's loss, supporters still remained hopeful about the presidential race, giving loud cheers for Vice President Al Gore as he and Texas Gov. George W. Bush ran neck and neck.

"We're optimistic about the presidential election but discouraged by the results of the Senate election," Homquist said.

Even though Robb lost his seat to Allen, the loss could be temporary for the Democratic Party of Virginia.

"Virginia goes in cycles," said Rep. Bobby Scott, D-3rd District. "If you lose one or two (elections), it looks like you

lost everything, but we have elections every year in Virginia. Next year, we could win one or two."

During his concession speech Robb also voiced his confidence about the Democratic Party's future in Virginia.

"I am very optimistic about what's going to happen next year," he told the crowd. "We're going to return to the point where we have a Democratic governor and Democratic lieutenant governor. In three years, we're going to take back the Senate."

"I'm going to work hard with them (Democratic candidates) and you to make that happen."

Mark Warner, the presumptive Democratic nominee for the 2001 gubernatorial race, echoed Robb's sentiment while congratulating him for a job well done.

"Tonight, we owe Chuck Robb a good wealth of gratitude for his (20-plus) years of service to the Commonwealth," he said. "Tomorrow, we start the race to take back the governor's mansion."

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comes up, we will have Al Gore and Joe Lieberman in the White House," said Gary Agisim, Henrico County Democrat Committee member.

Mark Warner, he said, also will be on his way to becoming governor of Virginia. Agisim also said the arrival of the two Democrats in the White House would continue the Clinton/Gore era.

Marjorie Clark, chair of the 7th District Democrat Committee, described the wait to hear who will become president as very tense.

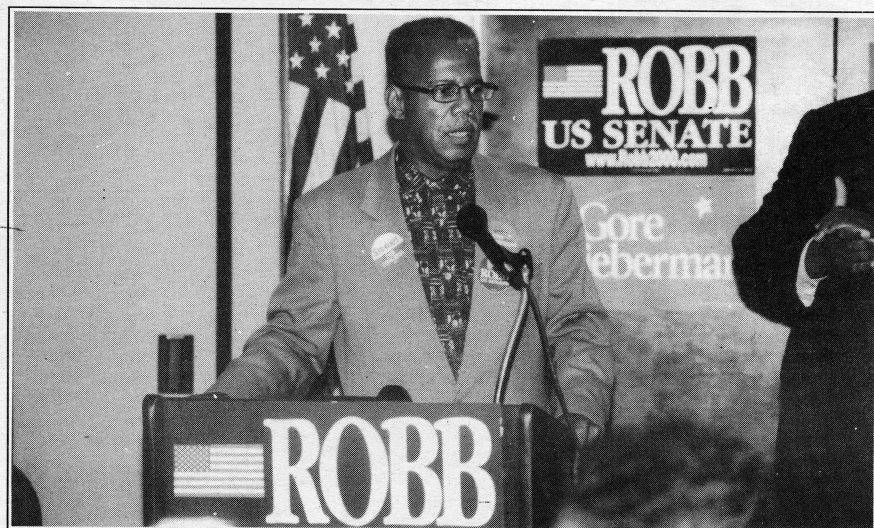
"We're all kind of just waiting and holding our breath," she said.

But the waiting was past for the Virginia U.S. Senate race.

"Robb is a class act, and I'm very proud to have supported him," said state Sen. Henry Marsh, adding that the senator was confronted with accusations opposite of his record but continued his class act.

"History will show that Chuck Robb was right," Marsh said. "That Chuck Robb was the correct choice for Virginians."

"Although we were out cold today, we were not beaten."



Nathan Hanger/Capital News Service

State Senator Henry Marsh, D-Richmond, speaks to the crowd at the local Democratic party last night. Marsh, a former mayor of Richmond, and local Democrats Tim Kaine, current mayor of Richmond, and State Senator Benjamin Lambert, walked with Robb when he visited VCU Monday.

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class act," Marsh said. "History will show that Chuck Robb was right - that Chuck Robb was the correct choice for Virginians."

McEachin, a possible candidate for Virginia attorney general next year, addressed the Democratic values.

"We put reproductive rights, civil rights and human rights first," he said, drawing one of the loudest crowd cheers of the night.

A welcomed speakerphone call at 9:45 p.m. from Mark Warner, the presumptive Democratic nominee in the upcoming 2001 gubernatorial race, pumped more excitement through the crowd as he focused on next year's race

and the gratitude owed to Robb for what he has done for Virginia. "This means the Democrats will be double in their efforts for a full sweep next year," said Gary Agisim, a Henrico County Democratic Committee member. "Our students deserve classrooms with four walls not four wheels."

A small group representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, including Sylvia Wood, the first elected woman president of the Richmond NAACP, said they were pushing for attention on issues such as affirmative action, stronger legislation on hate crimes, living wage and affordable prescription drugs.

"We did our best to energize everyone to go out and vote," Wood said.

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Wash	45%	50%	99%	11
Wva	52%	46%	100%	5
Wis	48%	48%	100%	11
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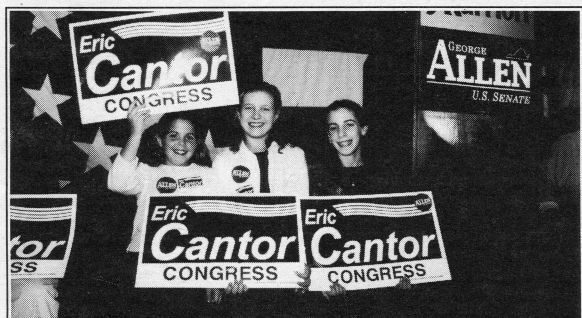
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Scenes from election night



Group of kids show their support for Delegate Eric Cantor.

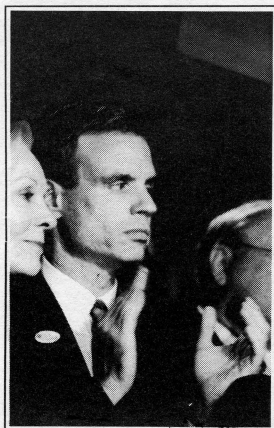
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Delegate Donald McEachin gestures to the crowd at the party for local Democrats held at the Richmond Holiday Inn.

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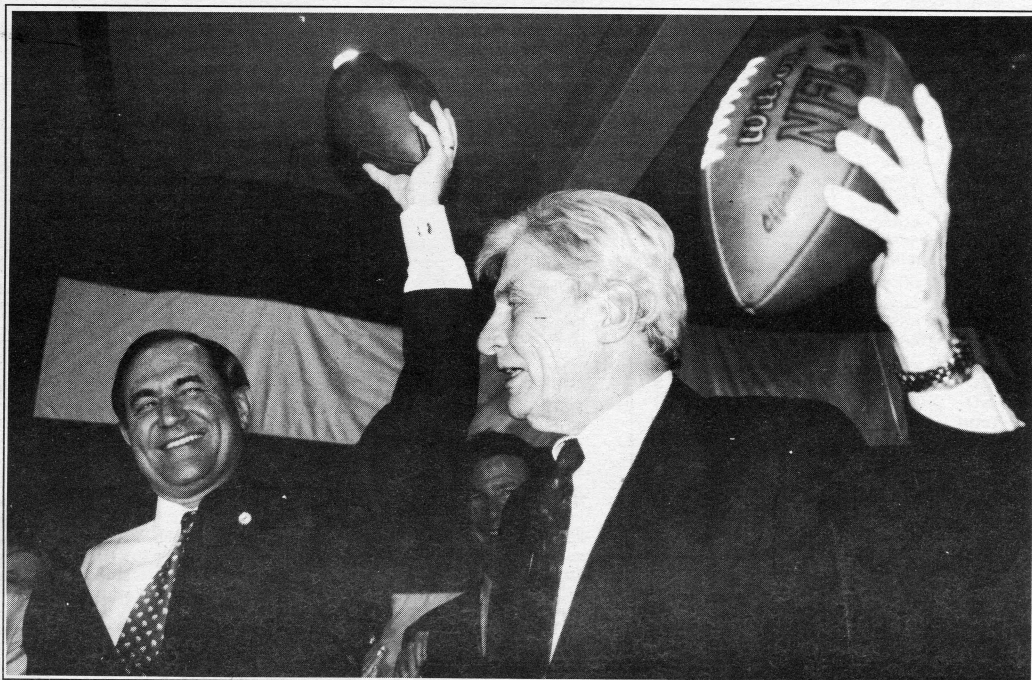
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Mark Warner, likely Democratic nominee for governor for the 2001 election.



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Delegate Eric Cantor talks with reporters after winning election to Congress.



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Governor James Gilmore (left) and Sen. John Warner, R, hold up their footballs given to them by George Allen, after he gave his victory speech at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Richmond.

Community Pride offers food, work

Christopher L. Murphy
CT STAFF WRITER

The laws of Virginia play a major role in the policies of Community Pride grocery store in its contributions to the needy and homeless.

Antonio Darnell Mitchell, the assistant director managing a division of the Community Pride store on North Harrison Street, said he observes a high sense of pride among the needy, and the store often learns of a person's needs through brushes with the law such as shoplifting.

"We would rather buy them plates of food from our own pockets than see anyone in trouble with the law," Mitchell said.

In what Mitchell called rare events, sometimes a customer goes directly to a Community Pride employee or supervisor asking for assistance. When this occurs the store documents the individual's needs and assists in whatever it can.

Chris Sims, another Community Pride director, said the Chamberlayne Avenue store helps people almost daily when they volunteer their services by doing small tasks around the store in exchange for food. These workers clean the parking lot, manage grocery carts or handle small maintenance services.

"We try best to give everyone a fair chance at employment," he said, "because we realize that, for example, not everyone is financially able to have the traditional business attire for an interview."

Many of his current employees, Sims said, were in similar financial situations when they first came to the store.

Besides the individual store manager's efforts, the company offers an in-store job fair where its corporate office employers visit the local stores. While at the fair, they meet with low-income families and those lacking transportation in the community.

Furthermore, the company through its local stores offers transportation for customers purchasing \$40 or more, taking them within a 5-mile radius of the store. The

company's impact in Richmond derives from the policy that all Community Pride stores encompass each other.

Having a four-year affiliation with Community Pride, an offspring of Market Place Holdings, Mitchell described the company's features as having benefits that cater to a community full of different tastes, needs and backgrounds.

During his first month managing the Grace Street store, Mitchell said, he has learned how the various departments provide goods and services for the mix and ethnic blend of the surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

"Age is not a key role in how this store is designed," Mitchell said.

For example, Mitchell said, people from the Dominion Place, a retirement home located situated directly across the street from the Grace Street store, visit the store as do students from the VCU campus just blocks away. With the store's salad and hot food bar designed for quick meals and a gourmet cheese and fine wine selection that includes many wines, income apparently doesn't affect the store's food selection.

People having food stamps and W.I.C., a form of financial assistance for women, infants and children, can buy groceries at the stores. In addition, Sims said, stores also give gift certificates, usually \$25, to needy customers during the holiday season.

"In some cases where an individual has a unique situation more money can be credited toward the certificate," Sims said, using as an example when people lose their homes.

Moreover, Community Pride's corporate offices sponsor events at individual stores to assist the needy.

"I would like to see more local businesses come together on a corporate level to provided assistance," Mitchell said, adding that he anticipates a successful holiday season because of the store's programs, including its holiday gift box program that helps others needing food.

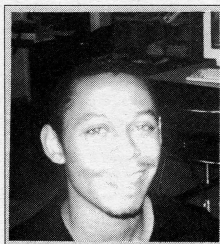
Beginning in late October, and continuing throughout the holiday season into January, the gift box program provides traditional holiday meals for people who

cannot provide for themselves or their families.

The meals, which can be delivered to the surrounding area, include traditional items such as turkey, vegetables and a popular drink.

Sims attributed much of the gift program's success to community citizens who buy the holiday meal boxes for individuals and families and to the local churches that pre-order them by the hundreds. During the holidays, Community Pride also works with individual shelters, churches and such organizations as the Sacred Heart that call to ask to set up store donations.

As for his own future goals, Sims said he would like to see larger organizations working with Community Pride so they can reach more needy and homeless people.



Christopher Murphy, 19, is a junior at VCU. Murphy went to James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg where he worked for the school newspaper and was the editor of the literary magazine. He currently works for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and is a member of the VCU Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

A Community Gives Back

This is part four in a seven-part series of stories featuring the programs and projects of local organizations that help the less fortunate.

Last week:
Job Corps

Next week:
pizza places

A list of events for VCU and elsewhere. Have a nice weekend!

"Umbilical Discord"

Theater VCU
Raymond Hodges Theatre
Nov. 9-12, 15-18
\$10 general admission, \$8 for faculty, free for students with valid ID.

"Metapsyche"

Bradford Gallery
School of the Arts
Bindu Mehra and Roland Thompson's art exhibit runs through Nov. 11

Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals and Gov't Mule at Landmark Theater
Friday Nov. 10

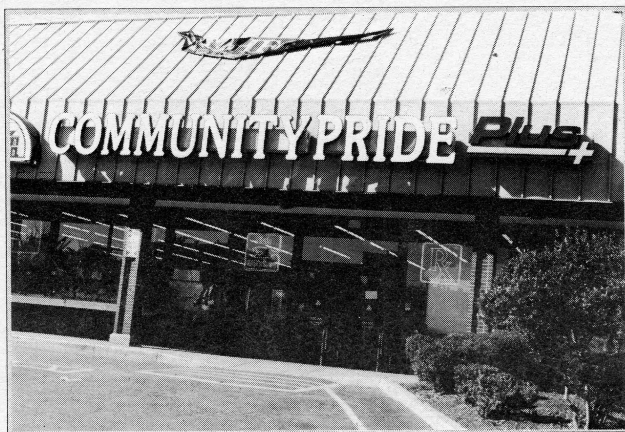
Nov. 11:

Rocket 69, Bloody Crack down and Lisachristsuperstar play Alley Katz at 9 p.m.

Citizen Fish at Twisters.

Cravin' Melon plays the Canal Club

Leon Milmore and Shawn Mullins play Mulligan's Sports Grille



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The Community Pride on Grace and Harrison streets.

Need a ride home for the holidays?

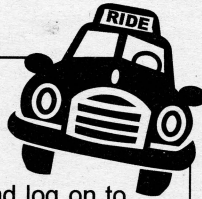
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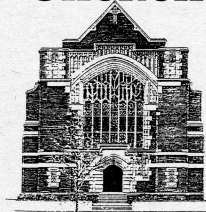
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October 23
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Robb Crocker

Exercise your right

Another Election Day has come and gone and once again, and more than a handful of my friends decided not to vote. According to CNN, only about 50 percent of America's population voted. In an election that came down to just one state, such as this year's, one or two or 300 votes would have made a big difference. Personally, I can't think of any reason not to vote but let's examine some of the excuses:

"My vote won't count."

Every vote counts — be it for a candidate or an issue. It's your right to vote and many Americans have died defending that right. There are people in other countries that will never have a chance to vote or have anything to do with the political process.

Even though the Electoral College is the deciding factor in an election, the popular vote shapes who wins a particular state as was shown in Florida in this election. Voting for a certain issue may be the difference between having to pay or not pay an additional tax.

"I don't like any of the candidates and a third party vote is a waste."

This particular excuse is one that I have had to deal with in the past three elections. I really did not care for any of the candidates in the 1992 and 1996 elections and voted for a third party. Even though my third party candidate did not win, I considered my vote a statement of discontent with the two-party system. For this year's election, I considered the issues and picked the candidate whose views were close to my own.

I think that Virginia should consider creating a ballot selection that reads "undecided" or "none of these candidates" so that some people who would normally not vote would come out and let their voice be heard.

"I didn't have time to vote" or "Voting is inconvenient."

Election Day should be a day off for everyone. That is something that should be considered by the U.S. Senate within the next few years. In the past few elections, one of the biggest issues has been voter turnout. One would think that both parties would want as many people as possible to vote, therefore increasing the odds of winning. If the government won't consider making it a day off then at least businesses and colleges should consider making it a day off, especially colleges, who are supposed to be molding us into fine upstanding citizens.

Another option that should be considered is the use of the Internet. If people could vote online, maybe turnout would be greater.

"I don't care about politics."

I've always noticed that people who have said this complain the most about the government. If you don't make yourself part of the process, then you are generally part of the problem.

Hopefully, I have raised the conscience of at least one person through this article. As this recent election showed, one vote could have made a difference. Please let your voice be heard because one voice can make a difference.

Robb Crocker

One bad apple doesn't spoil whole campus

In the next coming weeks, undoubtedly, there will be a buzz about Richmond and the VCU community about the Greek system. Without naming names or pointing any fingers, a couple of VCU's fraternities have found themselves in trouble for hazing and underage drinking.

First of all, I would like to point out that I am not involved in the Greek system nor have I ever had the desire to.

With that said, I would like to point out that in general, society has placed a bad stigma of overindulgent behavior, elitism and debauchery on the Greek system.

Here at VCU, the administration has taken that stigma to the extreme and made it difficult for some of these organizations to exist with any normalcy or peace.

I would like to point out that hazing and underage drinking goes on all over the VCU community. I live in a house with three other guys, and we have picked on each other and have been known to toss back a few adult beverages once in awhile.

Fortunately, I haven't given VCU my change of address; otherwise I'd fear that a SWAT team would be waiting outside my door to arrest me for convincing one of my roommates to drink a beer.

Don't get me wrong, I am not condoning any group of people who force someone to drink excessively or physically and mentally abuse someone as part of a rite of passage, but I do know that a lot of these people who get involved with the Greek system are well aware of what they are getting into. I think that this is a situation in which one bad apple is going to spoil the

whole bunch.

One week ago, after a hazing incident occurred at one fraternity house, another house was charged with serving alcohol to minors, courtesy of two undercover female police officers.

In the aftermath, numerous policemen were brought onto the scene because, as we all know, there is no crime in Richmond so the police have nothing better to do than harass a group of college kids blowing off some steam.

I think before the administration continues to harass other fraternities, maybe they should re-review what the school has done to prevent underage drinking (besides calling our mommies and daddies).

I'm sure that there are non-alcoholic activities on campus, but you never hear about them. In addition, I don't think that VCU has commended other fraternities for following the rules and having dry rush periods.

I also feel that maybe the administration should concentrate on other problems that plague this school like parking, the outrageous price of books, the need to get reaccreditation for the mass communications programs and building school spirit and pride.

The underage drinking is going to happen, be it at a fraternity house, dorm room, bar or even my house. For the administration to single out one particular group involved in this is, as far as I'm concerned, downright prejudice and wrong.

If the administration wants to curb these activities, then it is time for them to crack down on everyone.

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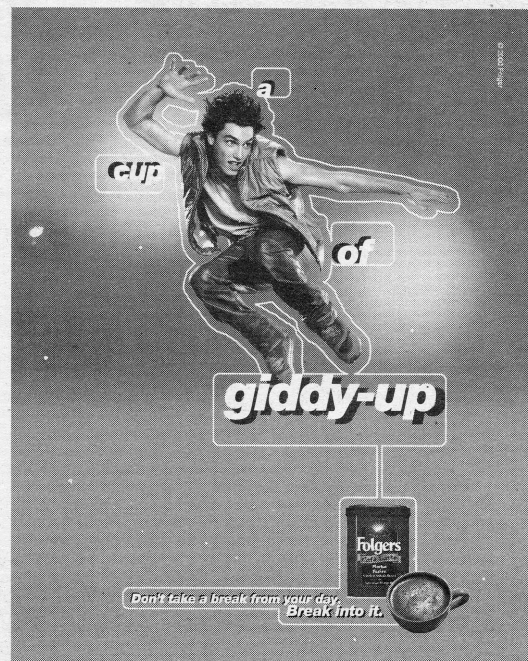
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Ram Stat

Andrea Ondrisova, of the women's tennis team, advanced to the final of the ITA East Region Championships.

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Coming next issue

Recaps of the CAA tournament for men's soccer and the final exhibition games for men's and women's basketball.

Rams rally to scalp Tribe

Shelley Sprouse and Lauren Nussman spearheaded team records for kills and assists respectively as the VCU volleyball team overcame a two games to one deficit to knock off a William and Mary 10-15, 15-12, 15-17, 15-10, 15-12 win in a Colonial Athletic Association thriller at home.

The Rams (2-8, 16-10) totaled 85 kills and 75 assists, topping marks of 83 kills and 74 assists set in a victory over Connecticut in 1993.

Sprouse recorded a match-high 30 kills along with 13 digs and five blocks. Sprouse fell two short of Nicole Bradley's record for kills and compiled an impressive .486 hitting percentage.

Nussman had 69 assists, four short of Tracey Angioli's record, as well as a team-high 26 digs and seven blocks.

The Tribe (4-6, 13-13) jumped out to a good start, threatening to put the Rams away quickly. W&M compiled their best hitting percentage of any game in the match, when they hit .415 for game one, winning that game 15-10.

The Tribe continued their good form in game two, winning the first five points. VCU began their comeback by winning

nine of the next 11 points, spurring them to a game two win.

VCU built on their momentum from game two and ran out to a 7-2 lead in game three. The Tribe stormed back to take game three 17-15, before the Rams won the final two games.

Also contributing to VCU's win was Kristen Didio, who had 19 kills and 11 digs. Rebecca Medford had 10 kills and 14 digs, while Laura Heffner added 18 digs and Julie Motluck recorded 17 digs.

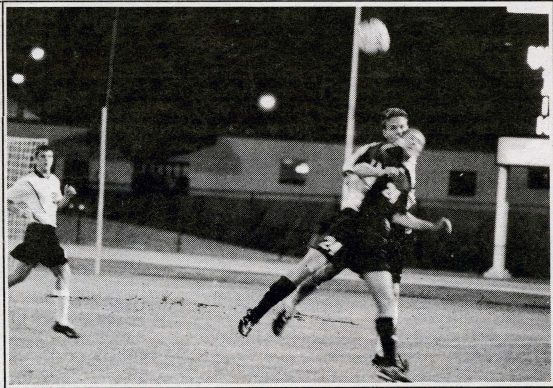
Several Tribe players rang up impressive totals in their valiant effort.

Kristin Gunderson led her team with 18 kills and 32 digs. Ellen Gazdowicz and Laurel Witt also posted double figures in both categories. Gazdowicz had 17 kills and 19 digs, while Witt had 13 digs and kills along with eight blocks.

Rani Schneider came up with 10 blocks, while Kerri-Ann Grosso had 16 digs and Stacy Woodson recorded 14 kills.

VCU will try to win back-to-back CAA games for the first time this season when they take on UNC Wilmington Friday.

— compiled from news sources



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Sven Roper, standing behind Old Dominion's Chad Benton, and the Rams will face George Mason in the CAA Tournament in Virginia Beach.

Colonial Athletic Association men's soccer tournament

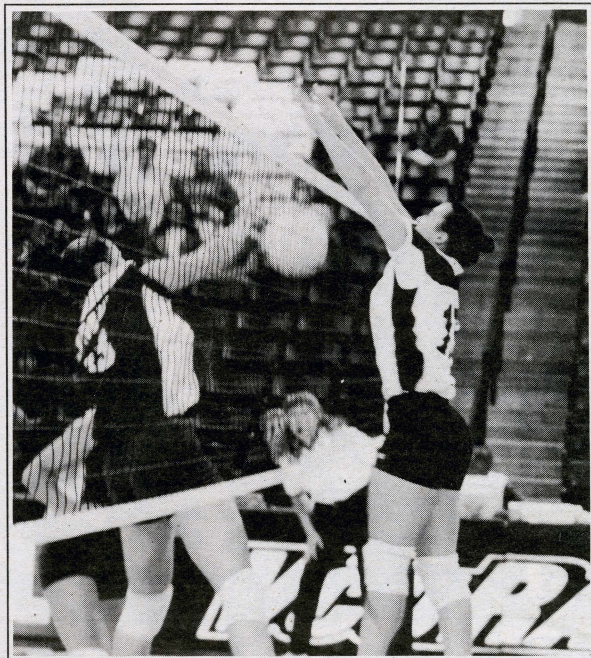
No. 4 George Mason (3-4-1, 8-9-1) vs. No. 5 VCU (2-3-3, 8-7-4)

This season: Helmis Matute scored 14 minutes into the game for the Patriots while Roman Otten scored in the 55th minute to give the Rams a 1-1 draw in Fairfax. Brian Thamm made seven saves for VCU in his second career start, replacing the injured goalie Adam Mead.

Key Players: Eduardo Lima, an all-CAA first teamer in 1997-98 and this season, leads GMU with 29 points (13G, 3A). Lima stands second in in points and goals scored in the CAA.

For VCU, Roman Otten, named second team all-CAA, is second on the team with 12 points (4G, 4A). Otten was the only Ram honored this season. Matthew Delicate leads VCU in points with 14 and goals with six.

Key stats: VCU is 0-2-4 in overtime this season while GMU is 2-1-1. Two teams that beat the Rams in CAA play, American and East Carolina, are not in the tournament.



Rita Botts/ Commonwealth Times

Lauren Nussman (right) blocks James Madison's Dana Jones. Nussman had eight blocks in the Rams five-game win over William and Mary.

Colonial Athletic Association tournament schedule

Men's Soccer (at Virginia Beach Sportsplex)

First Round

Thursday

No. 3 W&M (4-3-1, 9-8-2) vs. No. 6 UNC Wilmington (1-7-0, 4-14-1)
No. 4 GMU (3-4-1, 8-9-1) vs. No. 5 VCU (2-3-3, 8-7-4)

Semifinals

Friday

No. 2 ODU (6-1-1, 10-5-2) vs. W&M/UNCW
No. 1 George Mason (7-1-0, 16-2-1) vs. GMU/VCU

Finals

Sunday

Semifinal winners

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S SOCCER

(8-7-4, 2-3-3)

Nov. 8-12
CAA TOURNAMENT
VS. GEORGE MASON

THE RAMS' HAVEN'T LOST IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE CAA TOURNAMENT SINCE 1996.

VOLLEYBALL

(16-10, 2-8)

Nov. 10
UNCW

Nov. 11
ECU

Nov. 18-19
CAA

VCU NEEDED FIVE GAMES TO KNOCK OFF UNC WILMINGTON ON THE ROAD EARLIER THIS SEASON.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

(0-0, 0-0)

Nov. 11
VUU

Nov. 17
GARDNER-WEBB

Nov. 20
ETSU

THE RAMS' FIRST OPPONENT, GARDNER-WEBB, MADE THE DIVISION II FINAL FOUR LAST SEASON AND HAD A 25-5 RECORD.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL


(0-0, 0-0)

Nov. 11
AAU

Nov. 18
IONA

Nov. 21
SETON HALL

VCU IS TRAVELING TO IONA THIS SEASON BECAUSE THERE GAME AT IONA LAST SEASON WAS POSTPONED.

 indicates home games.