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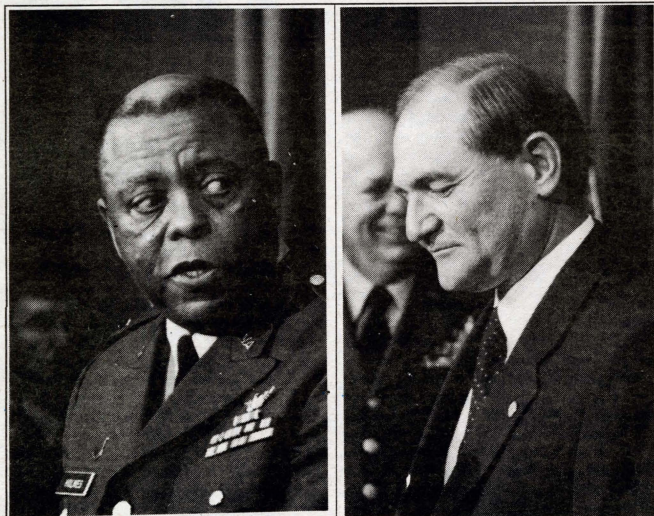
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Gov. Jim Gilmore (right) promoted Col. Earl Holmes Jr. to commander of Virginia's Army and Air national guard units Wednesday. Holmes became the first black to hold this position.

Council decries state's budget for higher education

George Templeton
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

If Virginia isn't careful the lights could go out on Virginia schools — at least that's the warning the Virginia Business Higher Education Council leadership sent yesterday to the media and to the state's lawmakers.

"The only difference between the California power crisis and the Virginia education crisis is that when the lights go out — and you can't watch 'Survivor II' — people get upset and the politicians do something about it," said John T. "Til" Hazel, chairman of the council. "When the lights go out on Virginia schools 'Survivor II' isn't affected by it, and most people don't know about it."

Hazel and five other council mem-

bers conducted a press conference at the Virginia Biotechnology Park on the Virginia Commonwealth University campus to call attention to the governor's and the legislature's lack of funding for Virginia's colleges and universities.

Hazel pointed to a General Assembly study completed in December that showed that Virginia higher education needs \$200 million more per year to be adequately funded. In its budget, the House of Delegates earmarked \$20 million for higher education while the Senate put in \$30 million.

"The most serious problem is deferred maintenance and capital improvements," Hazel said. "It is calculated by very precise methods that

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VCU's Dewey: 'It was fun to have done it all'

Tara L. Stubblefield
CT STAFF WRITER

At VCU, William L. Dewey has chaired dozens of organizations, taught for and headed several departments and served as vice president for research and graduate studies — positions that have required him to be a public speaker for more than 30 years.

But it wasn't until June of last year, at an awards ceremony for drug research in San Juan, Puerto Rico, that his wife heard him speak about his research. Pat had always been at home caring for their mentally disabled daughter.

For this occasion, Dewey's wife was in the front row when he accepted the Nathan B. Eddy Award that he described as "a culmination of a career."

"Frankly, it was better than the award, to have her there," Dewey said. Hundreds of Dewey's colleagues attended the awards ceremony, which was held during the 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD). Dewey is a founding member of the CPDD, a professional international organization of scientists whose research focuses on drug abuse and addiction.

"A friend said recently when I won the award, 'You know what's going to go on Bill's tombstone: He's a family

man.' That's the nicest thing anyone's ever said about me," Dewey said.

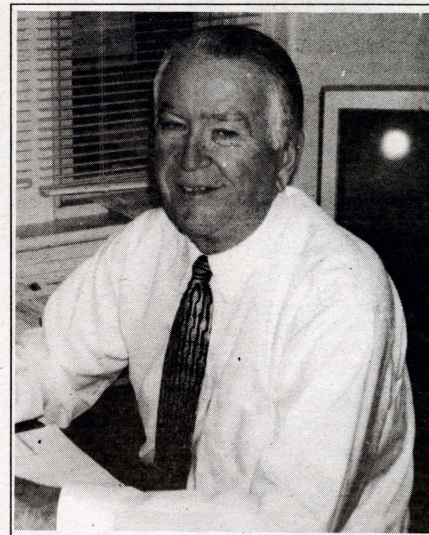
The Nathan B. Eddy Award, established in memory of a pioneer in the field of drug dependence, celebrates researchers who have made extraordinary contributions to drug dependency research.

Dewey won the award for his work with opiates and cannabinoids, which includes his study of how drugs relieve pain and how opiates and marijuana affect the brain and disease. Cannabinoids include tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and other chemical constituents of marijuana.

"To get that award is completely overwhelming," Dewey said.

The Nathan B. Eddy Award was the high point of a career that has had its ups and downs at VCU. While lauded as a researcher, Dewey last year bore the brunt of criticism for his oversight of other researchers' work at VCU. Saying the oversight was too lax, the federal government halted all research at VCU. Dewey resigned — he says he was forced out — as vice president of research. Now he is back doing what he loves best: working in the lab.

Dewey has spent 41 years doing lab work. His research with drug dependency led him and a team of researchers



Tara Stubblefield

William Dewey has been at VCU for 29 years.

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Campus Briefs

Scholarships for study abroad

Edmund Collier from the National Security Education Program will discuss more than \$400,000 in grant funds available to qualifying students for study abroad. Grants are awarded for travel to a variety of destinations including Africa and Eastern Europe. Available to undergraduate and graduate students, the funds can be applied to formal or independent study programs, but students must include a foreign language component in their study abroad.

To learn more, attend Collier's presentation 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the multicultural center, second floor, University Student Commons.

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Events honor Black History Month

In addition to being the month of cupid and pink and red hearts, February is designated as Black History Month. In upcoming weeks, many events will be held in honor of this particular topic. Here's a list of what's happening this week:

Thursday, Feb. 15

Program: A coffeehouse in Common Ground, University Student Commons, features "Too Human" as well as poetry readings. Bring your own poems. Free admission and refreshments. 9-11 p.m. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Program: A forum will discuss health issues of black women 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Forum Room, Commons. Sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho as part of their Black Women Series.

Friday, Feb. 16

Program: A Black History Month block show, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, will celebrate Founder's Day 8-11 p.m. in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Commons.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Program: A lecture on diversity 7-9 p.m. in the Commonwealth Ballroom, Commons. Sponsored by the Office of

Multicultural Student Affairs and Alpha Phi Alpha.

Campus Calendar

Friday, Feb. 16

Film: "Legend of Bagger Vance" will show 7-9 p.m. at the Commons Theater. Sponsored by APB/Film Committee.

Film: "Emperor's New Groove" will show 9:30-11:30 p.m. at the Commons Theater. Sponsored by APB/Film Committee.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Program: APB/Mosaic program on virtual reality, 8 p.m. – midnight in the University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom A-B.

Film: "Emperor's New Groove" will show 7-9 p.m. at the Commons Theater. Sponsored by APB/Film Committee.

Film: "Legend of Bagger Vance" will show 9:30-11:30 p.m. at the Commons Theater. Sponsored by APB/Film Committee.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Meeting: Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. in the Hibbs Building, room 326.

Monday, Feb. 19

Reception: SGA will sponsor a reception for election candidates 7-9 p.m. in the University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom A.

Meeting: The SGA Student Senate will meet 4-6 p.m. in the Forum Room of the Commons.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Program: The Body Fair, sponsored by University Student Health Services, provides a chance for students to pamper themselves between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the lobby of University Student Commons.

Program: "Nutrition Jeopardy," a game sponsored by housing and residence education, will test students' memories 8-9 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Rhoads Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Program: A nutritionist from Ukrops will present "Top Ten Foods," a lecture sponsored by University Student Health Services, 1-2 p.m. in the Commons, Forum Room.

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Virginia needs \$2.1 billion over the next six years."

Other council members described the major effects such low funding would have on the commonwealth.

"Companies are having a devil of a time finding technically skilled workers," said Hugh Keogh, president of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. "We need to shore up higher education or we will lose our competitive advantage."

R.J. Kirk, managing director of Third Security LLC, a venture capitalist firm, called the legislature's funding for science and technology education wholly inadequate, saying the lack of qualified people in science and technology will hurt Virginia in attracting businesses.

"You can't expect rational businessmen to remain loyal to Virginia when it counters their interest," he told the media at the press conference.

One thrust of the discussion centered on Virginia's insufficient funding contrasted to its neighbors, such as the proposed allocation for capital improvements at the University of Virginia and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to their counterparts in North Carolina.

The University of North Carolina and North Carolina State will receive \$948

million during the next seven years for capital improvements while Virginia Tech and UVA are marked for \$19.7 million this year.

"The individual that will come out of our state system today will face more competition than ever before," Hazel said. "When the competition is being funded two and three times more it makes things tough for Virginia students."

Not only will job competition be a problem, but the Educational Testing Service also projected that Virginia's colleges and universities will need to serve 43,000 more students by 2010; thereby compounding the classroom problem for all of the state's higher-education schools.

"There is no reference to what the real needs are," Hazel said, expressing the council's dissatisfaction with the state budget-writers. "The General Assembly people say there isn't any money. There is too much stonewalling and ignoring of the problem. People have a whale on the beach. It stinks and no one knows how to move it."

Hazel promised that the VBHEC would force the educational issue into the governor's race this fall.

"I have enormous confidence in the people of Virginia," he said, "that once they understand these issues they will support us."

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to find an effective treatment for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

It began in 1985 when his friend and colleague, Dr. Ed Myer, a pediatric neurologist at MCV, told Dewey about the children he was caring for who were at risk for SIDS. Every year, 7,000 babies were dying of SIDS, a mysterious respiratory repression disease.

Dewey's compassion for children and his experience researching the effects of opiates made him a perfect candidate to help. He, along with a team of researchers, studied cerebral spinal fluid and discovered that children at risk for SIDS had more endorphins than other children.

Dewey knew through his work regarding drug dependency that someone overdosing from heroin has the same symptoms as a SIDS baby: too many endorphins in the brain, which cause the person to stop breathing.

His team discovered that naltrexone, a drug used to treat heroin overdose, could be used to treat children at risk for SIDS—to protect them from the spontaneous breathing cessation that characterizes the disease.

It worked. Parents of children at risk for SIDS were finally able to sleep peacefully when they had previously spent nights monitoring the breathing of their babies. Naltrexone was used in the United States and many other countries to prevent SIDS. At about the same time, in the early 1990s, the medical world discovered that infants at risk for SIDS could markedly reduce their risk by sleeping on their backs.

"I'm glad they found something better," Dewey said, referring to the new technique that does not require medication.

The research that turned naltrexone into a medication for SIDS was an example of the collaboration provided by an academic environment.

"We (he and Myer) could have never collaborated on that research at a pharmaceutical company," he said. "To be able to take basic science and put it into the clinic right away, and then to see the results—what an amazing thing. That's what a medical center is all about."

Dewey came to VCU in 1972 when his

mentor and longtime friend Lou Harris, former chairman of the School of Pharmacology, encouraged him to move to Richmond.

Dewey had been an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill where he had followed Harris from his native upstate New York. When Harris came to VCU, he summoned Dewey to follow his lead.

"We made a great team," Dewey said. Together, in their respective administrative roles, they helped improve VCU's School of Pharmacology. They increased the size of the faculty, the graduate program and the research productivity of the department of pharmacology, which caused this department to become one of the most respected in the country.

However, Harris makes it clear that he and Dewey's personal bond outweighs their professional relationship.

"We're more like brothers than professional colleagues," said Harris, who now holds the position of associate vice president for health sciences at VCU.

Dewey ran the graduate program of pharmacology from 1972 until 1980, made changes, and decided he could implement those changes on a larger scale at a higher level.

His climb up the administrative ladder was set in motion.

He became assistant dean of the graduate school in 1981, and in 1987, he was named vice president of research and graduate studies, a position he held for 12-1/2 years. In addition to his role as vice president of research, he took on the role as dean of the school of basic sciences from 1993 to 1994.

"I wanted to affect more than just the (pharmacology) department," he explained as a reason he held so many administrative positions.

Dewey testified before Congress many times, fighting for bills that would increase research. In 1988, he spurred the establishment of the VCU Technology Transfer Office. The office commercializes intellectual property of faculty, staff and students through patents or licensing.

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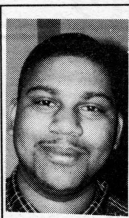
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Meet SGA's leaders

Photos and information compiled by CT Staff Writer Mike Powell



Mark A. Smith
President

Class: Junior
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Tappahannock, Va.

Goals for SGA:
Provide adequate student body representation within all university decisions.

SGA experience:
One year as director of elections, one year as president.

Favorite book:
Psalms



Kina K. Harding
Vice President

Class: Sophomore
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Hampton, Va.

Goals for SGA:
To see every voice represented.
SGA experience:
Served four senate terms.
Favorite book:
"The Color Purple" by Alice Walker
Favorite quote:
"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."



Melanie Owes
Assistant Speaker

Class: Junior
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Portsmouth, Va.

Goals for SGA:
To become more functional as a governing body, increase communication and meet established goals.
SGA experience:
Second semester member.
Favorite quote:
"Your job gives you authority; your behavior gives you respect." -Irwin Federman



Quin Lewis
Director of Elections

Class: Senior
Major: Political science
Hometown: Emporia, Va.

Goals for SGA:
To have a full senate of 50 members including representatives from each university committee.
SGA experience:
Serving second senate term.
Favorite movie:
"The Thomas Crown Affair"

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Dewey describes his most challenging role as being the bridge between the faculty and the administration.

"We're all people ... We're all working for the same thing, and we don't need the demarcations between the faculty and the administration," Dewey said.

"I think it's sad. My biggest challenge — trying to close

that gap."

Harris said Dewey has always been blind to the invisible lines separating the VCU faculty and staff.

"He talks to everyone from classified employees to administrative. He knows the dry cleaner, everyone. He has a knack for remembering names," Harris said.

Sandra Welch, a colleague and friend, tried to explain Dewey's ability to hold different roles.

"Dewey has a saying he has written in all the pharmacology research labs: 'No place you'd rather be,'" said Welch, VCU professor of pharmacology.

"I've worked with Dewey for 25 years. He's been my boss, my mentor and my colleague. If he's in the lab, that's his hat. If he's in administration, that's his hat."

Sometimes it's not so easy to do everything.

In December 1999, the U.S. Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR) suspended federally supported human-research trials at VCU's Medical College of Virginia, citing inadequate supervision and documentation of the clinical trials.

Record keeping was the major problem that spurred the halt of the clinical trials, Dewey said.

VCU's institutional review board failed to follow written procedures for describing reviews and reporting findings.

VCU hired Western IRB, an independent institutional review board to satisfy an OPRR order that an outside board take over responsibilities for overseeing existing studies, reviewing and approving new research projects, and monitoring ongoing research.

Dewey said OPRR officials were upset that they couldn't find standard operating procedures in a binder on the shelves in the classrooms.

Still, Dewey said he's proud of his work as an administrator.

Dewey now teaches for VCU's Department of Pharmacology and continues his research.

He has seven research grants. Looking ahead, his research will include figuring out how to reverse the tolerance to opiates, which happens to chronically ill patients who need morphine to numb their pain.

Also, he said he will spend more time with his family. He and Pat have six children and eight grandchildren.

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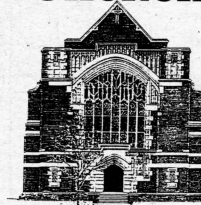
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TV review: Forget MTV, I want my M2

Kelly Gerow
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

It was a tough call. I was at the door, heading for my morning class, when my roommate shouted from upstairs that George Michael's "Faith" was on television. I looked at the door and looked upstairs. After one more glance at the front door, I ran to the television and watched the gloriously dumb video instead of getting a head start on my day's classes.

Here's another one: the other night I was flipping through my seven channels because it makes me feel productive when I came across a Travis video. I produced a noise akin to the one I make when I see a mouse - but I meant this one in a good way. It was a video for "All I Want to Do Is Rock" which I'd seen once before, three years ago. Then, because good things happen, "U16 Girls," a Travis video I hadn't seen before, came on. I almost died from happiness.

You're saying, "We don't even know this Travis band. Get back to writing about snacks." Forget about eating for a moment, and think about all the wonderful things that M2, channel 14 for non-cable subscribers, has to offer.

When channel 14 was the Box, I rarely watched it, unless there was a Destiny's Child video on (admit it - you like them, too). I didn't realize that Sisqo had so many videos, but I didn't care, either. Unexpectedly, the Box turned into M2. Only it didn't have sound, but nearly all the same R&B videos with the occasional Michael Jackson song tossed in. One night I saw an Everclear video, and had a nightmare that all they showed on M2 was Everclear. And then the next morning, something beautiful happened.

Daft Punk's "Around the World" played. I knew then that life would be a lot better. In the next few days, I saw Bjork, Radiohead, the Bangles, Portishead, Mos Def, Coldplay - artists that should be on television all the time. I would much rather think, "I didn't know Radiohead had videos for 'Kid A'" than "I didn't know there was a reason to play 'Creep' by TLC." I sit in anticipation for the next video.

So what if there are commercials for Tarot readings and phone services every 10 minutes? There is an amazing variety of music on M2. New and old hip hop, R&B, rock, indie, pop, Brit pop - nearly everything. And I haven't seen one "TRL" staple video yet, which is brilliant. There are sometimes

blocks of specific videos like rock, Amp, hip hop and new artists. And there are hours of uninterrupted videos.

I crave music in any form, and I would obsess over watching videos. I watched "Nick Rocks" as a kid, and MTV and VH1 (noting that sometimes there would be a Phil Collins song on both channels and on the radio at the same time). When I didn't have cable, I watched "Friday Night Videos" and "Music Scoop" (a late night video show hosted by a dork named Kyle and Kelly Ripa, Regis Philbin's new co-host). I'd tape MTV when I baby-sat. When I had cable again, I'd tape any video and stayed up late to watch "120 Minutes" on Sunday nights, so I could see bands that I liked instead of bands given exposure during the daytime. I would spend my days after school watching all the video channels, including TNN, CMT and BET ("Rap City" had Old School Wednesdays).

Then music disappeared for a while, especially on MTV. More time was given to television shows and specials, often with no relation to music. Even "120 Minutes" was infiltrated with mediocre daytime bands like Sugar Ray and 311, and then stopped airing. I was envious of those who had digital cable, because they received M2. Even "Much

Music" from Canada was cool.

When I didn't have cable again, I didn't really care. There is a random video show Tuesday nights on PBS, but that's hit or miss. Now that M2 is running it pains me to leave the house.

Maybe I care to watch only 15 percent of the videos, but that's 15 percent more than I'm used to. The fact that I can turn on the television and see Oasis or Badly Drawn Boy is amazing.

Then there's Jancee Dunn - the reason I wanted to be a journalist (she's an editor and writer for Rolling Stone). She's a joy to watch. Everything is right with M2. Plus, it's not even a cable channel. It's something to watch instead of the dozen judge shows on daytime television.

What's the catch?

There can't be something this nice without exceptions. I'm sure that now that I've appreciated it too much, reruns of "Undressed" and "The Tom Greene Show" will air instead of the request hour. Or maybe the bad commercials are the one catch. I can deal with that.

If you haven't seen M2 yet, then skip class immediately and do so. Something that makes you happy is bound to play eventually.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced its picks for the 73rd Annual Academy Awards hopefuls at 5:38 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The following lists only a few of the categories in which the Academy grants its overrated awards of excellence.

And the Oscar nominees are...

Best Picture

"Chocolat"
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"
"Erin Brockovich"
"Gladiator"
"Traffic"

Best Actor

Javier Bardem, "Before Night Falls"
Russell Crowe, "Gladiator"
Tom Hanks, "Cast Away"
Ed Harris, "Pollock"
Geoffrey Rush, "Quills"

Best Actress

Joan Allen, "The Contender"
Juliette Binoche, "Chocolat"
Ellen Burstyn, "Requiem for a Dream"
Laura Linney, "You Can Count on Me"
Julia Roberts, "Erin Brockovich"

Best Director

Stephen Daldry, "Billy Elliot"
Ang Lee, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"
Steven Soderbergh, "Erin Brockovich"
Ridley Scott, "Gladiator"
Steven Soderbergh, "Traffic"

Best Supporting Actor

Jeff Bridges, "The Contender"
Willem Dafoe, "Shadow of the Vampire"
Benicio Del Toro, "Traffic"
Albert Finney, "Erin Brockovich"
Joaquin Phoenix, "Gladiator"

Best Supporting Actress

Judi Dench, "Chocolat"
Marcia Gay Harden, "Pollock"
Kate Hudson, "Almost Famous"
Frances McDormand, "Almost Famous"
Julie Walters, "Billy Elliot"

-- Olympia Meola



Theatre VCU presents "The Day the Bronx Died"

The opening play for the spring season explores prejudices and class struggles in the 1960s. Written by Bronx native Michael Henry Brown, the play is part of a campus celebration of Black History Month.

"The Day the Bronx Died," directed by Gary C. Hopper, assistant chair of Theatre VCU, explores relations between social cultures, prejudices, class struggles, gang violence and the loss of innocence.

The play is not recommended for audiences under 18 due to adult content.

Feb. 15-17, 21-24 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Raymond Hodges

Theatre in VCU's Performing Arts Center, 922 Park Ave.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and VCU faculty and staff and free to VCU students with a valid ID.

Snack of the week

Baby carrots for a healthy treat

Kelly Gerow
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

The character Sheila in Judy Blume books such as "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" and "Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great" was bossy and irritating, and I could tell why Peter didn't want to be around her. Plus, her favorite food was carrots.

Carrots? Whose favorite food is carrots?

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Suggested by Lisa Brownlee

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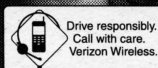
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Bits, pieces and thoughts...

XFL: xceeding ratings xtinguished. After a first week of high ratings, the XFL feel back to Earth. Unfortunately for the network and the league, the ratings fell 50 percent in the second week.

NBC's XFL ratings in the first week exceeded expectations despite criticism from mainstream media. What most of the critics don't realize is that mainstream media are not the target audience for the league.

One lesson learned from past professional leagues such as the USFL and the WFL is that the salaries will be kept under control. It still may be too early to tell, but early indications are that the league will be successful. Keep in mind that if you are a fan of the NFL, you will not see NFL caliber football but you will be entertained. In addition NBC plans to speed up the flow of the game in order to make the games shorter...

Sub sinks, Mori stays on links. A U.S. nuclear sub surfaced into a Japanese fishing boat leaving nine of the 35 passengers, including four high school students, missing at sea. Apparently, nuclear subs don't have radar. Those who were saved were soaked with diesel fuel and exposed to 77-degree water. As the Coast Guard continues to search for survivors, the U.S. now must somehow clean up this mess.

One question I have is why there was a Japanese fishing boat training outside of Pearl Harbor. Another question I have is

why Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori reportedly decided to finish his round of golf after hearing the news of the collision...

Giving caffeine a bad name. Caffeine's club owner and an employee were arrested this weekend for distributing the rave drug Ecstasy, cocaine and verve, a date-rape drug. Caffeine's is a popular downtown Richmond restaurant and dance club. And our state legislators wanted to allow concealed weapons in restaurants? Maybe they should be worried about the other concealed things in restaurants...

Pay-per-view executions? Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh wants his March 16 execution to be broadcast live on television.

I guess that would seem appropriate since the country got to witness the April 19, 1995, killing of 168 people in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

All sarcasm aside, it would be a huge mistake for this execution to be aired on television. It would send us back to the days of public hangings and may even draw attention to the cable television market.

With the way society tends to behave, it would not surprise me if a televised execution would lead to pay-per-view executions sponsored by Don King.

Thankfully, the Federal Bureau of Pris-

ons is not considering McVeigh's request...

No more Napster? Columbia House should beware! If the music industry has its way, Internet music pirate Napster may soon be out of business. A federal appeals court affirmed a lower-court ruling Monday that Napster infringes on copyrights of music.

Looks like people will have to get free music from Columbia House from now on. I hope they are ready for the floods of college-age people who will send out for their 12 compact discs for a penny deal and never pay...

Probe lands on asteroid, and yet I still can't live on Mars. The NEAR Shoemaker, the \$223 million space probe designed to circle and photograph the Eros asteroid, landed on the rock Monday. Scientists from Johns Hopkins University made this feat possible. The probe's mission was near completion and almost out of gas, so NASA took a risk in trying to land the craft.

I have one question though -- if a spacecraft has a hard landing on an asteroid in outer space, does anyone hear it...

State senator able to fit both feet in mouth. Republican floor leader Thomas K. Norment Jr. of James City recently came down on Governor Jim Gilmore's recent mandate to the public to contact their legislators and let them know that "a

tax increase is unacceptable."

Norment reportedly told The Associated Press, "I understand the governor had a gourmet dinner last night. I guess he had some hallucinogenic mushrooms. I think the governor needs to realize that the Senate is resolved in its position on the budget."

Norment, who sponsored legislation seven years ago to lower the legal intoxication level for Virginia motorists, was arrested Jan. 23 on a charge of driving under the influence on Interstate 64. In 1994, Norment was one of several lawmakers who successfully spearheaded legislation to lower the legal intoxication level for drivers from 0.10 to 0.08. With that being said, in my opinion, what we have here is a hypocrite who is accusing the governor of munching on some magic mushrooms. Maybe he was drunk when he said this...

Gas, electric, oil rates continue to skyrocket -- everyone migrates to Florida. Richmond's city council passed a measure to raise the rate of natural gas for residents who use (or in the case of renters, have no choice but to use) natural gas for heat by 17 cents per hundred cubic feet.

In my house my bill has already doubled since December, so I can only imagine what the next one will be like. Looks like I have three choices: move to Florida, ask for a raise from the Commonwealth Times or get a girlfriend who will help produce body heat. My options clearly show that I'll be moving...

Nathan Arrington (*The Daily Princetonian*)

Valentine's Day bites

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — Oh, cupid's holiday! Hearts and flowers and champagne and chocolate! Couples strolling across campus hand in hand, gazing eye into eye, smiles beaming on their faces! The sun shines and a bird twitters as they are caught in a still moment of timeless beauty! Love is in the air!

Do you feel ill yet?

I am not a fan of Valentine's Day. Today is merely an occasion for restaurants, card-makers and hotels to exploit men desperate to please while providing women an excuse for eating a lot of chocolate.

Anniversaries and birthdays should be enough official holidays for a couple to use. What is a dozen roses on the 14th of February? Meaningless. But how about on the 14th of March? Wouldn't that be a nice surprise!

Valentine's Day manages to take all the spontaneity out of a relationship. You (male or female) probably know (or realize it if you don't) that what you'll get or do and feel is all done out of a sense of obligation.

You are a victim of this miserable holiday.

As I walked through a drugstore the other day and saw the rows of frivolous cards and cheap gifts, I had a realization that caused my glum thoughts about Valentine's Day to brighten. This holiday does provide a nice opportunity for some

people: a chance to break off an unwanted relationship. Today is the ideal time to send that special message to that special someone. Whether you're on the shy side and haven't yet had the courage to call an end to it or just have an odd sense of humor, the perfect Valentine's gift could do the trick, provide a chuckle and make you look like the innocent victim.

Let's start with suggestions for the men. Here are some gift ideas for the lady, but please! Don't limit yourself to mine.

1. A heart-shaped chocolate box, emptied of chocolates, filled with carrot sticks.

2. A toolbox. A rather large toolbox. Tell her you thought she'd like to share your interests.

3. A "Buns of Steel" videotape. Of course, a Jane Fonda or other similar lose-that-fat video would probably work just as well.

4. Playboy paraphernalia. A nice baggy T-shirt or baseball cap with that cute bunny motif. Mention that you know she likes animals.

5. Deodorant. Remove the label and put on a blank one saying "Woman's Name's Deodorant: For Daily Use." Underline "Daily."

6. A copy of verses 22 through 24 from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. Explain that you've become a Southern Baptist. Not Texas or Northern style, but the real deal. Make sure you don't smile.

7. A kiss. Then tell her you have mono. Explain that you thought she wanted to share things with you.

8. A "Bride-to-Be" gift basket. Include "The Idiot's Guide to Cooking," an apron and a sewing kit.

At this point I should be politically correct and make a list for the women. But wouldn't that consist of a betrayal of my sex? And since when have I been politically correct? Some of the above suggestions could certainly be used for men. Besides,

women have always been masters of the subtlety trade, and I am sure they will not need any help from me to get rid of Bozo in an elegant yet offensive manner.

Don't interpret anything I've written here as mean or spiteful. Just think of the public service I'm doing. Somewhere out there on the Princeton campus are cowardly people unable to escape from an unwanted relationship, and I will sleep well tonight knowing that I have helped them.

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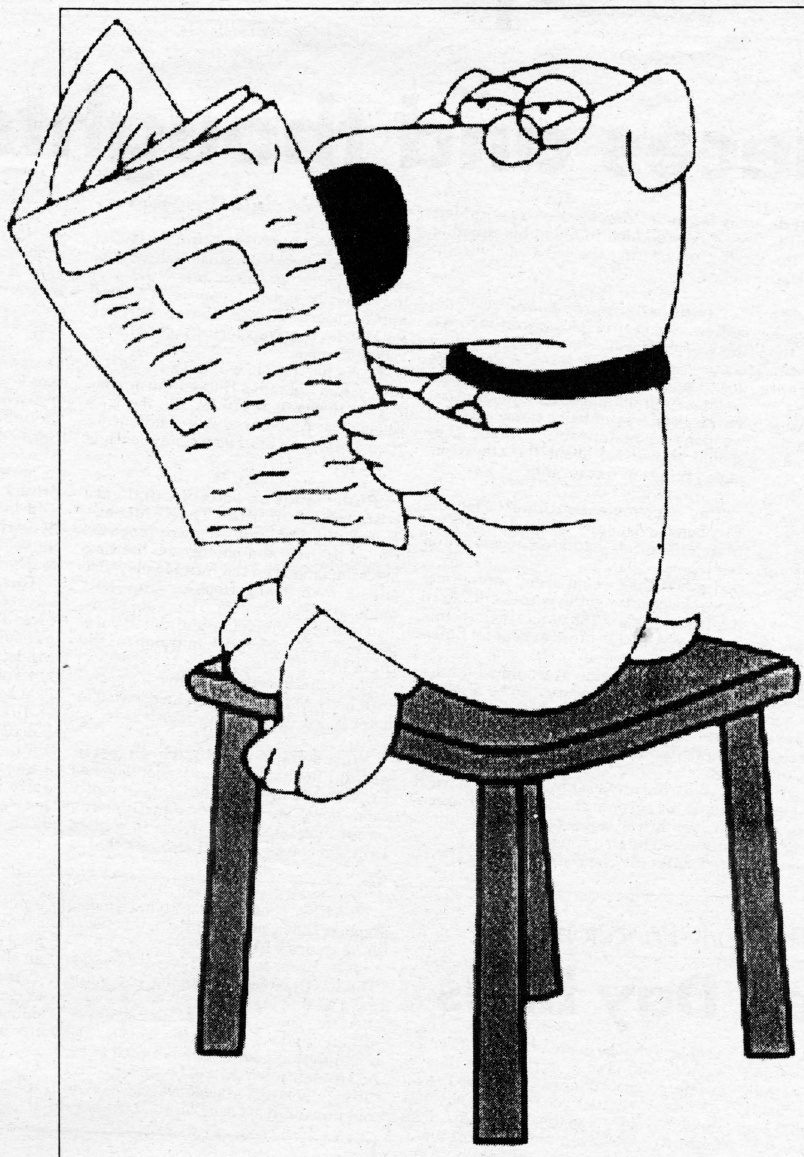
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA STANDINGS					
(Through Feb. 14)					
Team	W-L	%	W-L	%	Overall
George Mason	9-3	.750	14-9	.609	
VCU	8-3	.727	15-9	.625	
Richmond	7-4	.636	16-6	.727	
UNC Wilmington	8-5	.615	15-9	.625	
Old Dominion	6-5	.545	11-13	.458	
East Carolina	6-7	.462	14-10	.583	
William & Mary	5-8	.385	9-15	.375	
James Madison	4-8	.333	9-14	.391	
American	2-12	.143	6-19	.240	

VCU STATISTICS									
(Through Feb. 14)									
Player	m-a	m-a	3-pt	ft	avg.	avg.	pts.		
B. Jones	115-259	54-131	86-101	3.2	46	16.1			
W. Taylor	102-208	25-62	70-102	4.4	20	13.6			
Likholitov	90-159	0-0	43-102	6.7	8	9.7			
D. Jones	76-169	9-26	39-60	1.4	31	8.7			
L. Taylor	56-158	21-67	41-66	3.5	94	7.3			
Story	58-116	0-1	39-49	4.9	28	7.0			
Nesterov	51-112	18-37	24-38	4.0	19	6.0			
Lilly	39-109	23-62	20-28	1.9	36	5.0			
Graham	19-66	7-33	14-27	3.0	18	3.1			
Treadwell	23-43	0-0	10-21	2.6	14	2.3			

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(Through Feb. 14)			
DATE	VCU	GAME	OPP
Nov. 18	82	GARDNER-WEBB	67
Nov. 20	80	@Tulane	84
Nov. 22	63	@E. Tennessee St.	53
Nov. 25	84	MISSISSIPPI(OT)	88
Nov. 28	81	N. CAROLINA A&T	61
Dec. 2	107	TEXAS A&M (OT)	106
Dec. 6	82	@ Texas Christian	101
Dec. 9	70	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	57
Dec. 17	76	PITTSBURGH	73
Dec. 20	90	vs. Evansville	82
Dec. 21	88	vs. So. Methodist	94
Dec. 22	75	vs. Kent State	81
Dec. 30	61	@Ala. Birmingham	70
Jan. 3	62	@American*	58
Jan. 6	84	EAST CAROLINA (OT)*	81
Jan. 10	72	GEORGE MASON*	65
Jan. 13	63	@ William & Mary*	65
Jan. 16	65	JAMES MADISON*	52
Jan. 20	65	@Old Dominion*	77
Jan. 22	70	UNCW*	55
Jan. 27	84	@ East Carolina (OT)*	87
Jan. 31	73	@ James Madison (OT)*	70
Feb. 3	71	AMERICAN*	61
Feb. 8	70	WILLIAM & MARY*	59
Feb. 14	79	@ George Mason*	99
Feb. 17		@ Richmond*	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 21		@ UNCW*	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 24		OLD DOMINION*	4:00 P.M.
Feb. 27		RICHMOND*	7:30 P.M.

Colonial Athletic Association Championship
Mar. 3-5 Richmond TBA
* — CAA game

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA STANDINGS					
(Through Feb. 14)					
Team	W-L	%	W-L	%	Overall
Old Dominion	10-0	1.000	14-7	.667	
James Madison	7-3	.700	14-7	.667	
George Mason	7-4	.636	16-6	.727	
Richmond	7-4	.636	13-10	.565	
East Carolina	6-4	.600	11-10	.474	
VCU	5-6	.455	14-8	.636	
William & Mary	4-7	.364	8-14	.364	
American	2-9	.182	4-18	.182	
UNC Wilmington	0-11	.000	8-14	.364	

CAA ASSIST LEADERS					
(Through Feb. 14)					
Player	g	no.	avg.		
Michelle Koclanes, UR	23	172	7.48		
Joana Fogaca, ECU	21	130	6.19		
Jen Sobota, W&M	22	126	5.73		
Rochelle Luckett, VCU	22	121	5.50		
Jess Cichowicz, JMU	21	115	5.48		
Alli Spence, ODU	21	95	4.52		
Liz Remus, VCU	22	88	4.00		
Jen Derevanik, GMU	22	81	3.68		
Sharron Francis, ODU	21	74	3.52		
Okeisha Howard, ODU	21	59	2.81		

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(Through Feb. 14)			
DATE	VCU	GAME	OPP
Nov. 18	93	@Iona	76
Nov. 21	59	SETON HALL	54
Nov. 26	98	COPPIN STATE	73
Nov. 29	89	LOYOLA	56
Dec. 4	57	@ Minnesota	72
Dec. 10	76	LEHIGH	65
Dec. 16	62	LIBERTY	60
Dec. 18	83	DREXEL	70
Dec. 20	63	GEORGIA	77
Dec. 30	83	UMBC	53
Jan. 5	84	@ Richmond*	96
Jan. 7	72	@American*	56
Jan. 11	73	EAST CAROLINA*	74
Jan. 14	57	GEORGE MASON*	58
Jan. 18	79	@ William & Mary*	68
Jan. 21	62	JAMES MADISON*	64
Jan. 24	52	@Old Dominion*	80
Jan. 28	70	UNCW*	46
Jan. 31	67	@ Kentucky	57
Feb. 4	59	@ James Madison*	79
Feb. 7	97	AMERICAN*	68
Feb. 11	66	WILLIAM & MARY*	52
Feb. 18		@ George Mason*	2:00 P.M.
Feb. 22		RICHMOND*	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 25		@UNCW*	2:00 P.M.
Feb. 28		OLD DOMINION*	7:00 P.M.
Mar. 4		@ East Carolina*	2:00 P.M.

Colonial Athletic Association Championship
Mar. 8-10 Norfolk TBA
* — CAA game

TOTALS

VCU 635-1415 160-425 388-598 38.5 323 75.8
Opponents 605-1480 129-377 408-589 39.6 296 72.8

CAA SCORING LEADERS

(Through Feb. 14)									
Player	gp	fg	3-pt	ft	pts.	avg.			
Greg Stevenson, UR	22	156	33	71	416	18.9			
George Evans, GMU	23	183	0	68	434	18.9			
Bo Jones, VCU	23	115	54	86	370	16.1			
Erik Herring, GMU	23	117	50	66	350	15.2			
Gabriel Mikulas, ECU	24	116	0	131	363	15.1			
Willie Taylor, VCU	22	102	25	70	299	13.6			
Fred Primus, ECU	24	102	74	48	326	13.6			
Brett Blizzard, UNCW	24	108	56	52	324	13.5			
Jim Moran, W&M	24	113	24	70	320	13.3			
Pierre Greene, ODU	24	112	3	85	312	13.0			

CAA REBOUNDING LEADERS

(Through Feb. 14)									
Player	g	no.	avg.						
Clifton Jones, ODU	24	218	9.1						
Erroyl Bing, ECU	24	199	8.3						
George Evans, GMU	23	184	8.0						
Greg Stevenson, UR	22	173	7.9						
Mike Johnson, W&M	24	176	7.3						
L.F. Likholitov, VCU	23	153	6.7						
Ed Williams, UNCW	24	158	6.6						
Keith Gray, AU	25	153	6.1						
Tim Lyle, JMU	23	139	6.0						
Pat Mitchell, JMU	19	113	5.9						

CAA ASSIST LEADERS

(Through Feb. 14)			
Player	g	no.	avg.
Tremaine Price, GMU	23	105	4.57
Scott Ungerer, UR	22	99	4.50

CAA SCORING LEADERS

(Through Feb. 14)									
Player	gp	fg	3-pt	ft	pts.	avg.			
Kristine Austgulen, VCU	22	131	4	66	332	15.1			
Okeisha Howard, ODU	21	93	30	98	314	15.0			
Jen Sobota, W&M	22	104	43	72	323	14.7			
Rochelle Luckett, VCU	22	120	9	52	301	13.7			
Hamchetou Maiga, ODU	21	118	0	50	286	13.6			
Jen Surlas, GMU	22	98	42	49	287	13.0			
Nadine Morgan, JMU	19	87	1	68	243	12.8			
Liz Remus, VCU	22	92	29	64	277	12.6			
Tamilla Murray, ECU	21	89	0	85	263	12.5			
Quintina Walker, W&M	22	103	0	62	268	12.2			

VCU STATISTICS

(Through Feb. 14)									
Player	m-a	m-a	3-pt	ft	avg.	avg.	pts.		
Austgulen	131-256	4-21	66-89	5.9	26	15.1			
Luckett	120-240	9-32	52-87	3.5	121	13.7			
Remus	92-207	29-74	64-76	4.2	88	12.6			
Washington	75-150	0-2	36-61	5.5	11	8.5			
Pelletier	42-105	14-40	20-27	2.7	29	5.4			
McKinnon	41-102	0-4	30-48	1.8	22	5.1			
Wilks	23-64	14-33	15-22	1.2	8	3.4			
Evans	21-54	8-20	9-17	1.1	13	3.3			
Phelps	21-54	0-0	22-38	2.7	3	3.0			
McKenna	11-37	5-23	4-9	0.8	7	1.7			

TOTALS

VCU 594-1302 84-257 329-490 34.7 335 72.8
Opponents 512-1222 91-296 339-480 37.2 307 66.1



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Ram Stat

VCU's baseball team went to the Colonial Athletic Association final for the first time ever last year.

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Coming next issue

Coverage of the intracity war with the Spiders, plus baseball and women's tennis playing home matches.

Patriots trample Rams

FAIRFAX—This was supposed to be a titanic battle. VCU and George Mason University were separated by a half game heading into their Colonial Athletic Association game Wednesday night.

VCU ended a six-game losing streak by dismissing the Patriots 72-65 in its first meeting. The Rams have won five of seven games and GMU was 6-2 in its last eight.

This was supposed to be a great game. It wasn't.

VCU missed 17 of its first 22 shots, and GMU made 11 of its first 18 shots as the Patriots manhandled the Rams 99-79 at the Patriot Center.

Four Patriots (10-3 CAA, 15-9) were in double figures and a fifth was able to make a significant impact.

George Evans led the point parade with a season-high 30 and 10 rebounds. Evans, a two-time CAA player of the year, hit 15 of 20 shots from the field, contributing to 54.2 percent (39 of 72) shooting by GMU.

The surprise of the night was Jesse Young, who had his second career double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds. The 22 points was a career high and came on 9 of 10 shooting.

Adding to the Rams' woes were 17 points from Erik Herring and a career-high 14 points from Rob Sullivan. Directing the traffic was Tremaine Price who had 10 assists to just four turnovers.

While GMU sparked, the Rams sputtered.

VCU (8-4, 15-10) shot 43.3 percent, but their chances for victory evaporated with a 10 of 35 first-half performance that left them down 48-32 at the half.

While Price had 10 assists, the entire VCU squad had nine. The Patriots outrebounded the Rams 43-38, and VCU was 4 of 15 from behind the 3-point line.

Willie Taylor hit 7 of 11 shots to pace the Rams with 19 points. Bo Jones was also in double figures with 16 points, but he hit only 6 of 15 shots.

Now behind by a game in the loss column, VCU faces a critical conference clash with intracity rival University of Richmond Saturday night.

Richmond defeated East Carolina University and is tied with the Rams for second place.

— compiled from news sources

Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Team Indoor Championships

UCLA	Princeton
Duke	San Diego State
Florida	Stanford
Georgia	Tennessee
Illinois	Texas A&M
Mississippi	Texas Christian
Oklahoma State	VCU
Pepperdine	Washington

Vols gain revenge, clip Rams in final

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In the final match of the O'Charley's Tennis Classic the VCU men's tennis faced an early test of its mettle, present in the form of second-ranked Tennessee.

VCU beat the Volunteers twice last year, 4-1 in last year's tournament final and 4-3 in the NCAA national semifinal after two Volunteers retired because of exhaustion.

UT got its revenge against VCU, but not without a fight. Two Volunteers came from behind to win their matches and deliver them a 4-2 victory over the Rams.

Tennessee grabbed the doubles point, but Frank Moser and Florian Marquardt won hard-fought matches at the top two singles spots to give VCU a chance at an upset.

Simon Rea won a tight first set tiebreak and shook off Mattias Hoglund to tie the match.

Daniel Casquero and Fernando Sanchez both won their first sets against nationally ranked opponents Adam Carey (No. 60) and Paul Podbury (No. 55).

Carey and Podbury came back and won their matches to help the Volunteers gain a measure of revenge on the Rams.

In its first-round battle, VCU faced tiebreakers in every singles match. Luckily for the Rams, they won most of them.

Powered by winning six of the seven tiebreakers in the singles matches, No. 11 VCU turned a close match into a 6-1 victory over 47th-ranked University of Louisville.

"This was a good test," said VCU boss Paul Kostin. "Louisville is a very good team, but we fought hard and pulled out the victory. This was our first match this year against a really competitive team and I am really proud of my guys."

The 12th-ranked duo of Moser and Florian won their doubles match easily and the team of Fernando Sanchez and Daniel Casquero clinched the point for the Rams.

In singles Moser, No. 45 Marquardt, Casquero, Mats Norin and Hoglund won their matches.

Results
Tennessee 4, VCU 2

Doubles:
No. 1 doubles did not finish
Paul Podbury/Mario Toledo (UT) d. Mattias Hoglund/Mats Norin 8-4
Simon Rea/Wade Orr (UT) d. Fernando Sanchez/Daniel Casquero 8-5

Singles:
Frank Moser d. Mark Parsons 6-3, 5-7, 6-4
No. 45 Florian Marquardt d. Toledo 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (8-6)
No. 60 Adam Carey (UT) d. Casquero 5-7, 6-3, 6-3
No. 55 Podbury (UT) d. Sanchez 1-6, 6-1, 6-3
Rea d. Hoglund 7-6 (7-5), 6-0
No. 6 singles did not finish

VCU 6, Louisville 1
Doubles:
No. 12 Florian Marquardt/Frank Moser (VCU) d. Tvrko Kijundzic/Joachim Lien 8-2

Cody Conley/Brent McCombe (Louisville) d. Mats Norin/Mattias Hoglund 8-6

Fernando Sanchez/Daniel Casquero d. Oliver Cantrell/Jake Kirts 8-5

Singles:
Moser d. Kijundzic 7-6 (9-7), 5-7, 6-1
No. 45 Marquardt d. Lien 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5)
Paulo Carvalho (Louisville) d. Sanchez 7-6 (7-2), 6-4
Casquero d. Conley 5-7 6-3 7-6 (8-6)
Norin d. Cantrell 7-5, 3-6, 10-6 (super tiebreak)
Hoglund d. McCombe 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (8-6)

Women

No VCU player dropped a set as the women's tennis team opened its season with a 6-1 win over Colonial Athletic Association rival American University.

AU's only point came because the Rams were short-handed with only five healthy players. VCU defaulted the No. 6 doubles match. Andrea Ondrisova, No. 36 in the Fall singles rankings, will be out for the year with a wrist injury.

Ondrisova's injury means the Rams will start every match down one point, because they don't have six players. It also means that Martina Nedelkova will not pair up with her in doubles play. The duo was fourth in the nation.

VCU was able to win the doubles point by easily winning the two contested doubles matches. Because the Rams have only five players, VCU will have to win both doubles matches it contests to win the doubles point.

Results
VCU 6, American 1
Doubles:
Martina Nedelkova/Raluca Ciulei (VCU) d. Regan Campbell/Jacqueline Hagen 8-3

Silvia Urickova/Yana Carollo (VCU) d. Lourdes Riusech/Kristina Georgieva 8-2
No. 3 doubles was not played

Singles:
No. 12 Nedelkova d. Campbell 6-1, 6-1
No. 69 Anca Dumitrescu d. Hagen 6-1, 6-1
Ciulei d. Irina Bovina 6-4, 6-4
Carollo d. Riusech 6-1, 6-1
Urlickova d. Georgieva 6-1, 6-2
Lauren Martin (AU) wins by default

Ranking notes: The VCU men's tennis stayed at No. 11 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings released Wednesday.

Florian Marquardt stands 50th in the singles. Marquardt and Frank Moser stayed at No. 12 in doubles.

The women's team sits 37th in the poll. Martina Nedelkova jumped six spots to No. 6 in the singles rankings on the heels of winning the consolation title at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor championships.

Nedelkova lost in the first round of the tournament to eventual champion Laura Granville, the No. 1 player in college tennis. Anca Dumitrescu sits at 77th in the polls this week.

— compiled from news sources

Rams in Action

TEAM	UPCOMING EVENTS			Notes
MEN'S BASKETBALL (15-10, 8-4)	Feb. 17 UR	Feb. 21 UNCW	Feb. 24 ODU	SATURDAY'S MEETING WITH RICHMOND WILL BE THE FIRST OF TWO MEETINGS IN 10 DAYS.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (14-8, 5-6)	Feb. 18 GMU	Feb. 22 UR	Feb. 25 UNCW	VCU WILL BE TRYING FOR ITS FIRST WIN AT FAIRFAX SINCE 1998. THE PATRIOTS WON BY ONE IN THE FIRST MEETING.
MEN'S TENNIS (7-1, 3-0)	Feb. 15-18 ITA TEAM INDOORS			THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON WILL PLAY HOST TO THIS EVENT THAT WILL INCLUDE NATIONAL-CHAMPION STANFORD.
WOMEN'S TENNIS (1-0, 1-0)	Feb. 17 JMU	Feb. 18 DARTMOUTH	Feb. 24 WFU	AFTER THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES THE RAMS WILL PLAY SEVEN STRAIGHT MATCHES ON THE ROAD.
BASEBALL (0-3, 0-0)	Feb. 17-18 ST. JOSEPH'S (3)			VCU WILL PLAY THE HAWKS FROM THE ATLANTIC-10 IN ITS EARLIEST HOME OPENER IN THREE YEARS.

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