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Fraternity sees benefits of 'dry' housing policy

Jessica Brown
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"Animal house" parties that cater to underage drinkers are a thing of the past for VCU's Beta Nu chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda. The fraternity's brothers voted to enforce an alcohol-free housing policy that prohibits AKL from serving alcohol at its functions and from stocking or drinking alcohol in spaces used or rented by the organization.

The brothers, however, may use a third-party vendor, such as a catering company, to serve alcohol to its members who are old enough to drink, but AKL will not sponsor on-campus parties where alcohol is available to anyone regardless of age.

"We want to get back to our basic values — leadership, scholarship and self-support," said AKL's adviser, Bill Auchmoody. The decision to enact the "dry policy," he said, resulted from the combination of a back-to-basics movement, risk-management policy and the desire to change social attitudes toward fraternities.

Many students see Greeks organizations as a way to party, Auchmoody said, adding that AKL wants to change this image.

"Unfortunately, in some (Greek) organizations it's gotten to the point where alcohol is the focus — we don't want to get to that point," he said.

Now three months into the policy, Sumanth Atluri, chapter president, said everything is going well.

"Initially there was a bit of dissent — people didn't know how to take it," he said. "Everything's looking up now."

Atluri said the brothers' grades and attitudes have improved and the chapter has not had a problem with recruitment, as originally anticipated.

Auchmoody, who helps AKL adhere to local policy, said the chapter's overall grade point average rose to 3.0 last semester. The brothers, he said, focus more on academics, leadership and community service.

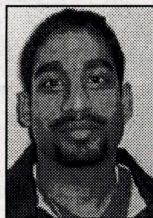
Since AKL can no longer concentrate on planning large parties, Atluri said his chapter intends to stress leadership roles and try to erase the negative stereotypes the community has placed on fraternities.

"By doing this, we're setting an example for other chapters," he said. Atluri added that other VCU fraternities have enacted a "dry policy" because their national headquarters forced them to, but AKL is the only group whose brothers approved the policy at a local level.

The AKL alcohol-free housing policy will be a nationwide rule by August, Auchmoody said. VCU's chapter is not the first to comply, and it won't be the last.

Atluri said AKL's decision will benefit Greek organizations because it has experienced many problems with the surrounding community as well as with university administration. A national movement, he said, aims to clean up the Greek system and rid it of the "animal house" image.

VCU's AKL chapter does not have a house on campus



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AKL president

and, while some brothers live together elsewhere, the group wants to acquire on-campus quarters. For Auchmoody and Atluri, this is the ultimate goal of the alcohol-free regulation.

"Mainly for AKL it means that from January first on, we hope to get a house," the adviser said, adding that he predicts landlords will be more cooperative knowing the fraternity will not consume alcohol on property designated as AKL territory.

Although grades and goals are improved and drinking problems reduced, there are still questions AKL will have to answer.

"It's a trying time for us," Auchmoody said. "We are having to try new things."

University parking permits available online 'The wave of the future'

Tamsen Heckel
CT Staff Writer

Students soon can buy parking permits with their pajamas on. VCU's Department of Parking and Transportation has recently decided to sell decals online, a change students, especially commuters, welcome.

In December, when the department sold spring 2001 semester parking decals, it conducted a survey in which students were "overwhelmingly in favor of an online sale," said Lynn Robb, the department's customer service advocate.

The online option to purchase permits, scheduled for late April or early May, will replace the former system requiring students to travel to the Franklin Street Gym early on a Saturday morning.

"We hate to make students stand in line," Robb said. "The new online option eliminates this problem."

Sophomore Maren Eapen purchased a decal for the fall 2000 semester and said she considered the previous system inconvenient.

"Arriving at the gym at 7:15 a.m. for the 8 a.m. sale was a nuisance. The line was

huge and we all waited for over an hour," she said.

If students apply for a permit online, they must provide their Social Security number as well as their VCU identification number and license plate number. As before, students without valid VCU identification cards will not be allowed to purchase parking decals.

"These are the three important pieces to the puzzle," Robb said, calling the process "relatively harmless."

The online application procedure mimics the in-person process. Students who are familiar with the old way should not have an adjustment problem, Robb said, adding that she and other members of the department do not anticipate any "kinks" in the proposed plan.

The sale of parking permits will begin

on a Saturday as usual. Unlike the former system, however, the sale will continue throughout the weekend. If students do not have access to a computer, they may purchase decals at the parking and transportation office during the week.

Students have two payment options:

β They may pay for the decals online with a credit card, or

β The department will hold the decals for two business days and students can pick them up and pay with cash or a check.

Natasha Knight, a graduate student, commutes from Richmond's Southside but does not have a parking permit. She said, however, that she will purchase a permit under the new system.

"The old plan was too troublesome and made it harder for those students who really need decals to obtain them," she said.

Robb said the plan has been well-received by students. "Most students are computer-savvy now. Online sales are the wave of the future," she said.

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VCU survey focuses on economic outlook

The Commonwealth Poll, conducted by VCU's Center for Public Policy, shows Virginians are somewhat pessimistic about national business conditions. Citizens, however, display more confidence in the state economy and in their personal finances.

The center gathered information Feb. 18-28 from 767 randomly selected adults in Virginia.

The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percent.

"Expectations on Virginia's economy are especially important right now because of the ongoing controversy over car-tax relief," Cary Funk, director of the survey, said in a news release.

Fifty percent of Virginians expect the state's economy to be good next year, while 22 percent predict bad times.

In addition, 52 percent expect job opportunities in the state to be plentiful next year, while 30 percent predict bad times for job seekers.

Republicans are more optimistic about Virginia's economic future than Democrats or Independents. The survey included controls for income, educa-

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Robb

Campus Briefs

Muslim students invite community to celebrate pilgrimage

VCU's Muslim Student Association sponsors an open house 4-6 p.m. today to celebrate the end of the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca, Hajj. The association invites people of all faiths to sample foods of Muslim cultures, to view a short film about the journey and to discuss the origins of Hajj and its importance to Muslims.

Rizwan Ahmed, MSA president, will head the discussion. The festival is free to everyone and will be held in the University Student Commons.

VCU Libraries sponsors book sale

After Spring Break, the university community will find books and records for sale at the James Branch Cabell Library. The sale runs Monday, March 19 through Sunday, March 25 on the first floor of the Cabell library.

Records cost \$1, paperback books cost 50 cents and hardback books cost \$1. Items are sold under self-serve honor system conditions.

Most of the books offered for sale are already in the VCU collection or are unnecessary for library use.

Students rank first in region, advance to national competition

Delta Epsilon Chi is the collegiate level of DECA, an organization designed to promote leadership skills. This is the first

year Virginia has formed such chapters since they dissolved more than 20 years ago. In addition to the VCU chapter, groups exist at William & Mary, Virginia Tech, James Madison University and the University of Virginia.

Four VCU students attended the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Feb. 23-25 at JMU. Out of six competition categories, the students took two first-place spots.

Joy Brown, a senior fashion student, placed first in the Design category with her dress design and trend boards.

Ebony Costain, a first-year fashion student, placed first in Apparel and Accessories.

Tony Lafaro, president of Delta Epsilon Chi, placed second in two categories: Hospitality Marketing Management and Sales Manager Meeting.

Brown, Costain and Lafaro will represent Virginia in the national competition in Anaheim, Calif., May 2-5.

Midsemester deadline approaches

The last day for students to withdraw from classes this semester with a grade of "W" is Friday, March 9. Roderick J. McDavis, provost and vice president for academic affairs, advised university faculty of this deadline in a letter last week.

University policy requires that faculty provide students with feedback regarding their academic performance so students may consult their advisers and withdraw from the course if necessary.

McDavis said that feedback in the form

of a letter grade is not required, but that students have a better understanding of their academic standing if presented with a letter grade at the time of midterm evaluation.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, March 8

Program: The Academic Success Program presents "Navigating the Student-Professor Relationship" 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater.

Friday, March 9

Forum: The Office of Research Subject Protection presents "Third Party Rights and Risks." This forum explores the ethical and scientific implications surrounding the collection of family history data on third parties in research, 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. in the Medical Sciences Building Auditorium.

Sunday, March 11

Meeting: Narcotics Anonymous meets 8-9:30 p.m. in the Hibbs Building, room 326.

Monday, March 12

Program: The Baptist Student Union sponsors an interfaith dialogue 7-8 p.m. in the University Student Commons. This program continues for seven Mondays and each week a different religion will be discussed — Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism. Location to be posted in the Commons.

Tuesday, March 13

Meeting: The Richmond Green Party meets 7-9 p.m. in the Business Building, room 1109.

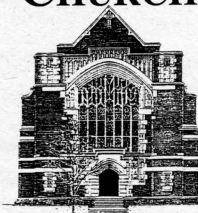
Sunday, March 18

Meeting: Narcotics Anonymous meets 8-9:30 p.m. in the Hibbs Building, room 326.

Monday, March 19

Program: The Academic Success Program presents "How to Use APA and MLA," a workshop designed to teach students to write bibliographies and document sources according to the guidelines of different writing styles, noon-1 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater.

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Princeton works on solving tangle of water's abnormal properties

David Robinson
THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — For centuries, scientists have attempted to understand the chemical properties of water, the most ubiquitous substance on earth. Now two Princeton University scientists are leading the way in this area of research in the 21st century.

Composing more than two-thirds of the earth's surface, water plays an important part in nearly every human activity. Life on earth depends on it and nearly every industrial project we undertake must take it into account.

But despite its importance, basic questions about water remain — namely the anomalies it exhibits at near-freezing temperatures. With this in mind, chemical engineers Jeffrey Errington and Pablo Debenedetti developed a new quantitative model for understanding the chemical properties of water.

Using a computer program, Errington and Debenedetti created models of water molecules interacting with each other. Each molecule was programmed to follow the basic rules of motion first discovered by Isaac Newton. Just like in the real world, however, the computers showed that simple rules did not necessarily lead to simple behavior patterns.

The goal of the research was to explain the properties that water has in specific ranges of temperature and pressure, such as the effect of temperature on the volume of water, Debenedetti said. For most liquids, a decrease in temperature causes a liquid to shrink. Water, however, expands when cooled from temperatures just above freezing.

Scientists believe that much of water's unusual character comes from its molecular structure — an oxygen atom surrounded by two hydrogen atoms. Each of these three atoms has protons and neutrons in a nucleus, with electrons spinning around it.

In a water molecule, the electrons of the

hydrogen atoms are drawn to the oxygen atom, creating a negative charge around the oxygen atom and positive charges around the hydrogen atoms. Because opposite charges attract, water molecules tend to organize in certain shapes whenever they are brought together.

The positively charged hydrogen atoms in one water molecule are attracted to the negatively charged oxygen atoms in surrounding molecules. These weak hydrogen bonds that extend throughout a large number of water molecules are called hydrogen-bond networks.

Hydrogen-bond networks give solid ice its famous crystallized structure. Scientists believe that these networks also account for the behavior of liquid water, Errington explained. "People in the past had for years predicted that there were things going on with structural changes in the hydrogen-bond networks that explain water's anomalous properties," he said.

"The significance of our work is that we were able to relate what happens on a molecular level to what one can observe macroscopically in lab," Errington said.

In a laboratory, keeping track of the exact position and velocity of each molecule in a drop of water is impossible. Errington and Debenedetti's computer simulation, however, tracks the movements of about 250 water molecules for a simulated nanosecond.

Although the scale of the computer simulations was small in comparison to those in lab experiments, performing the work on a computer meant they could extract complete, exact information about every single molecule in the experiment.

Debenedetti and Errington knew that their work was meaningful because their small amount of simulated water behaved just like real water does, Debenedetti explained. Once they saw that their model matched real processes, they were able to use the numbers the computer produced to create equations describing liquid water's behavior in numerical terms.

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The parking and transportation department cannot predict how many students will take advantage of the new system, but Robb said she predicts the num-

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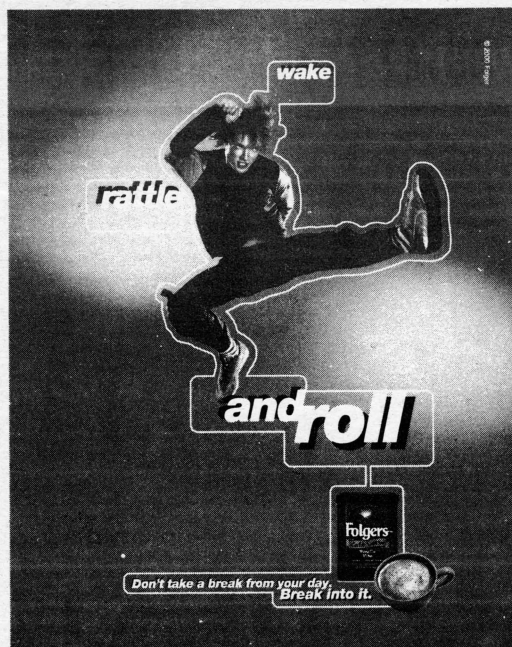
tion, race, sex and age. The majority of Virginians, 51 percent, expect no change in their personal finances. Forty-one percent, however, expect per-

ber will be significant.

"We are certainly going to be prepared. A lot of staff will be available on the day of the sale," she said.

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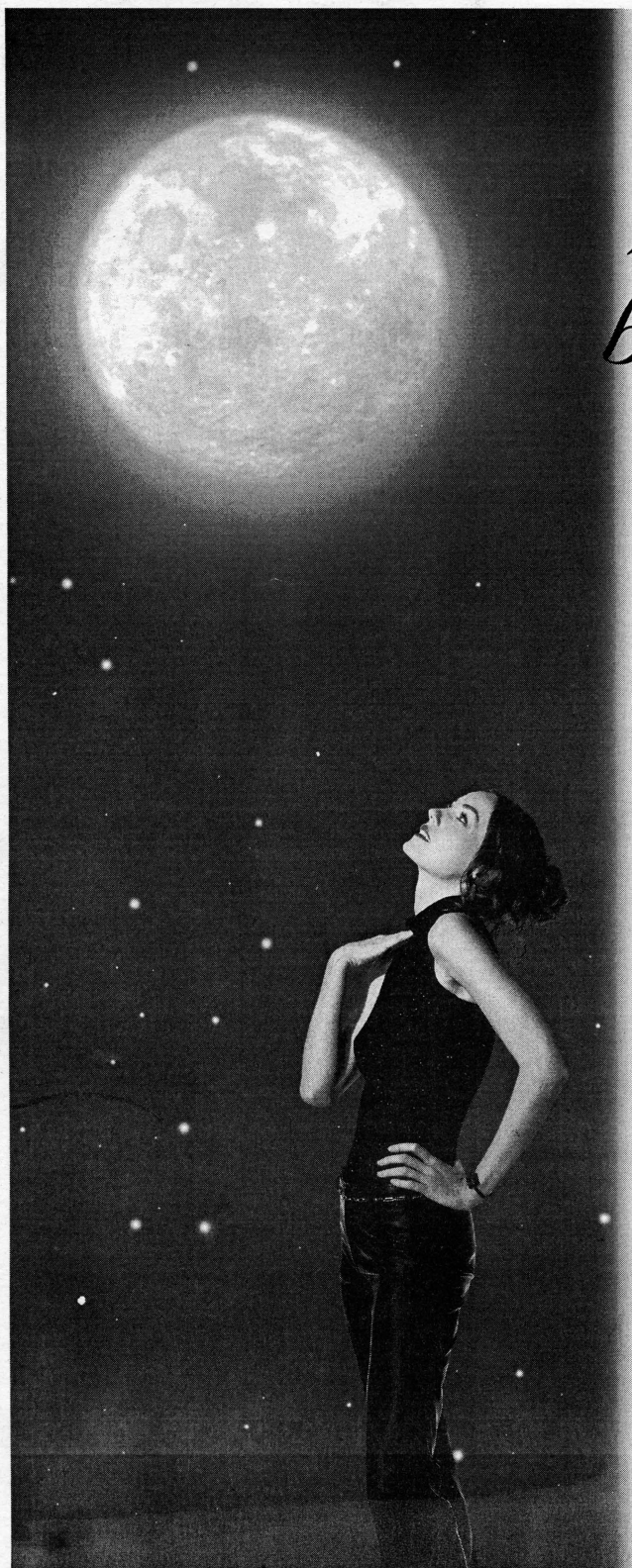
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Bush's budget to boost Pell Grants for college students

Sara Jeanblanc
CAVALIER DAIRY

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE — Congressional committees are debating several aspects of the new educational budget blueprint recently released by President Bush's administration, which included a proposal to increase Pell Grant funding by \$1 billion.

Pell Grants provide federal financial aid to needy students attending college. "We are hoping to see (the budget) on the Senate floor next week," said Matt Raymond, communications director for Sen. George Allen, R-Va.

The increase would include all Pell Grant recipients, not just freshmen, as Bush originally proposed.

White House officials could not be reached for comment.

University of Virginia officials said they are excited about the proposal.

Yvonne Hubbard, director of financial aid at UVA, said she thinks the amount of debt many students face after college is regrettable.

"There aren't ever enough grants," Hubbard said.

She also said increasing Pell Grant funding for all college students would be a

positive move.

Hubbard also said she was especially encouraged that the maximum Pell Grant amount proposed by Bush is \$3,750, which would increase grants by about \$200.

The new grant amount is almost the cost of in-state tuition at the university, Hubbard said.

"The more the federal and state government can do to help us as an institution by providing grants instead of loans, the better off everybody is," Hubbard said.

Pell Grant recipients would not be the only people affected by Bush's new educational budget. Other proposals include increasing support of historically black colleges and of institutions that have large Hispanic student enrollments, as well as expanding existing student-loan forgiveness limits from \$5,000 to \$17,500.

Also, Bush's plan would try to encourage saving by increasing the annual cap on contributions to tax-free saving accounts that families use to pay for college from \$500 to \$5,000.

The Pell Grant aspect is most important in comparison to the rest of the plans in the blueprint, said David Breneman, dean of UVA's education school.

The proposed Pell Grant increases are "a help, but (there is) still a gap," Breneman

said. "I think there is a case for putting money on the front end."

Breneman said he thought it would be beneficial to have Pell Grant increases for students in their first two years of college to help them get started. But because many people were upset about only increasing grants for first-year students, the present budget proposal is the best plan, Breneman said.

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Roving Reporters

Staff writers Stuart Squier and Jessamyn Miller hit the streets to find out what the VCU community thinks about the legislation.

1. "Do you agree or disagree with this legislation?"

2. "Why do you feel the way you do about the bill?"

3. "Would your parents have been willing to drive with you during these hours when you were a teen?"

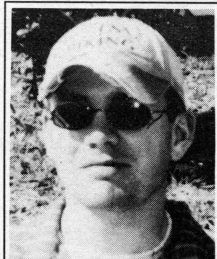


Daniel Sathiakumar
computer science

- 1: I agree.
- 2: Maybe if you're under 17 you're not old, you're not supposed to be on the roads late at night. You could be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 3: Yes, if it's very necessary — if there's an emergency, not for a party or for me to go with my friends.

Hlina Tesfa
undecided

- 1: Sounds reasonable to me.
- 2: If they are younger than 17, they are not responsible to be out that late.
- 3: I don't think so, maybe for work.

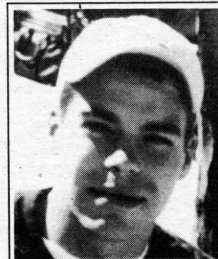


Dave Mylum
undecided

- 1: I disagree with that totally.
- 2: I think it's fine the way it is right now. If they get in trouble, they should have restrictions on those people.
- 3: No, they like their sleep.

David Wyss
music

- 1: I agree.
- 2: I lived in Toronto — they did graduated licensing until you were 18. There were exceptions; you can get a permit. It's safe — most accidents happen when you're 17 years old.
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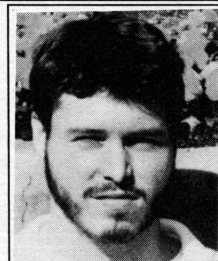


Amanda Almasy
business

- 1: I agree.
- 2: I think it's a good idea. You don't have that much experience when you're that young.
- 3: No. You should only be put out at those times if it is an emergency.

Rob Houghtaling
business management

- 1: I think it's pointless. Who's out between 12 and 4 a.m.? I disagree.
- 2: I think it's unconstitutional to put driving restrictions on a certain age group.
- 3: Yes, they would have if I had a work obligation.

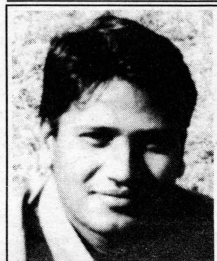
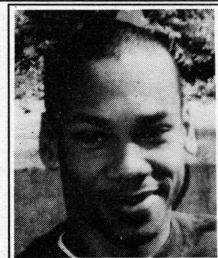


Kathryn Smalley
psychology

- 1: I agree.
- 2: I just think there's no reason to be out that late. There should be more public transportation available — there's no other way to get around.
- 3: I wouldn't have gone out between midnight and 4 a.m. — only if I had to, if it was an emergency.

Brandon Bates
computer science

- 1: It doesn't matter but, if I were in high school, I'd be in an uproar.
- 2: I think things are OK — 15-year-olds get learner's permits. I think it's been OK; I haven't had any problems (with teen drivers). It's just another way to rein-in kids.
- 3: No, not at all, I was out late a lot when I was younger. People have to work. I think it's ridiculous; I think teen drivers get it bad enough — I've been pulled over for curfew a billion times.

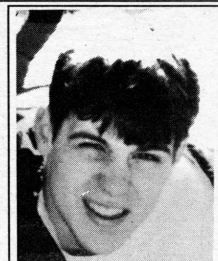


Hari Krishna
computer science

- 1: I disagree.
- 2: Because you can't take your parents with you everywhere you go.
- 3: Maybe for work or something important.

Erik Jacyshyn
political science

- 1: I disagree.
- 2: Taking young kids' rights — I think that's stupid. When I was 17, I had to work late; in high school, kids have social lives too.
- 3: No.



ADVANCE REGISTRATION for Fall 2001

The Schedule of Classes is available at this VCU website: <http://www.vcu.edu/schedule/>
Copies of the Schedule of Classes can be picked up in Founders Hall, Room 104, or in the school or college of your major, and in the University Student Commons.

Monday - March 19 --- Summer advance registration begins

Monday - Friday, March 26 - 30 --- Advising for Fall semester

Monday - April 2 --- Advance telephone registration for Fall term 2001 begins (except for Honors students).
See registration schedule below.

Honors students	March 26
Graduate Students	April 2
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Seniors	April 4
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Sophomores	April 16
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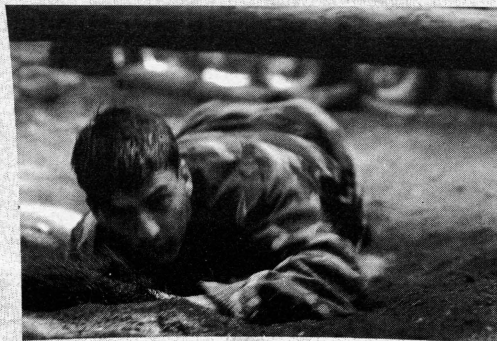
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Robb Crocker

Nation must deal with school violence

When I first matriculated at VCU, I had given up on being a writer. I had these grand ambitions to become an inspirational school teacher for our future's budding writers. Fortunately, I soon came to my senses and went back to my true calling. I would be done with school by now had I stayed in the education program. I also could be dead.

Since 1996, there have been 19 violent actions performed by disgruntled adolescents in our nation's schools, including two this week alone. The settings have ranged from rural areas to urban suburbs to inner cities. The reasons have varied — some of the children were shunned, some had affections rejected, some were just upset about a bad grade and some just had no concept of how fragile life is.

If I had continued on the path of education, I could have been the one to give someone a bad grade or maybe I could have been in the wrong place at the wrong time. I suppose I am also fortunate to have not had any kids. How can parents even protect their children these days from other children's whims besides tell them not to socialize at all?

We all know the old saying that kids can be cruel, but I think sometimes being humbled can be a great motivation to improve oneself.

I feel that having a humble nature is something that is not being taught by parents and teachers to children. In addition (because people like myself are discouraged by the recent outbreaks of violence), there is not an even ratio of educators and children.

Teachers don't have the opportunity to notice a problem child or a potential situation. And in some cases, some just don't want to for a number of reasons. For one thing, children look up to entertainers and athletes (who, incidentally, make more money than teachers) more than they look up to teachers.

As big a sports fan as I am, I will never understand how a person who can hit a baseball or shoot a basketball makes more money than the people who are left to nurture our society's future.

Of course, all of us knew that student who just didn't fit

in. Most of us have also teased someone who just wasn't the same as the rest of us. Fortunately, when I was growing up (I am older than most of the students here, but not that old), giving some kid a wedgie or a swirlie or even knocking their books out of their hands didn't warrant being shot at.

Telling someone they dressed funny or acted different didn't get a death threat. And breaking up with someone

That was usually the worst-case scenario when I was coming up, and I grew up outside of Washington D.C. If I were a teacher right now, I would seriously be considering a career change.

So where is all of this violence coming from? Can we blame drugs, alcohol, music, movies, television, the Web, sports, video games or the need for respect? Again, I don't claim to have an answer but it is my theory that it is a combination of all of these factors.

So, as a society, what do we do? Kids have to go to school and we have to protect them, so where do we go from here? I think we need to go back to the basics — "the Golden Rule," do unto others as you would want done unto you, etc.

In other words, if you have a child, little sibling, nephew, niece, cousin, godchild or whoever who is still in school, educate them and let them know that people are different and in America, that is their right. Also, children need to know that the "code of the playground" no longer exists. It is quite all right to be a tattletale if someone is threatening you.

If you are a parent, older sibling, uncle, aunt or godparent, you should spend some time with a child and get to know them. Maybe that particular child is in trouble or needs a friend or doesn't understand what is going on with their body or hormones.

Maybe some parents need to be more involved with their child's school — and don't say you are too busy because a child should be the most important thing you have in your life.

In addition, if you are a parent with a gun or know someone who has a child and a gun, let them know the dangers of this combination.

I couldn't imagine having a gun and a child in the same house, but I realize that owning a gun is one's right. Allowing the gun to fall into the wrong hands is, in my opinion, an abuse of that right. If our society does not begin to commit to stopping these senseless acts of violence, I can guarantee that there will be plenty more to come.

SCHOOL-SHOOTING EPIDEMIC

Since 1996, there have been 19 instances of gun violence. Below are some of the attacks.

March 5 -- In Santee, Calif., 15-year-old allegedly killed two students and wounded 13 others.

April 20, 1999 -- In Littleton, Colo., two students killed 15 and wounded 20.

June 15, 1998 -- In Richmond, a teacher and guidance counselor were wounded by a student.

March 24, 1998 -- In Jonesboro, Ark., four students and a teacher died, and 10 others were wounded after being shot by two students.

Oct. 1, 1997 -- In Pearl, Miss., a student killed his mother and shot nine students, killing two.

Source: abcnews.com

didn't result in getting stalked and kidnapped. Nowadays, no one knows what will happen.

I don't claim to know what goes on with teens these days and I certainly don't have an answer or a solution to stop all of these violent outbursts but I do know that if something isn't done soon, we will continue to see this happen. In some cases, some of these kids may be stable enough to resist shooting people in high school but unstable enough to shoot people in college or the in the work force.

Logically, one would have to presume that that would be the next trend. The current generation is a violent one and finds that the solution to problems or uncomfortable situations is to resort to violence.

What ever happened to a good old fashion fist fight?

Young voters need to be involved

If the 2000 presidential election proved one thing, it proved that every vote truly does count. I would take that a step further and say, it's every voter who counts.

Politics is not a spectator sport. The people who make history are those who participate. By that I mean not just the candidates but the voters, the people who study the candidates and make a choice and tell their friends about their choice.

Here in Virginia, the voters — the people who make history — are facing yet another critically important choice: the nomination and election of a new governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, as well as a new House of Delegates.

As the lieutenant governor, I have worked hard to make sure Virginia is a place where opportunity abounds and the only limit on what an individual can achieve is what he or she can dream. And, we've made great progress.

Today, Virginia boasts among the best public colleges and universities in the nation, our communities are safer and more secure than ever, and innovation and new technology have created a world of oppor-

tunity that we could not have dreamed of even five years ago.

I spent most of my career in industry, and I recognize that, with a budget of \$48 billion, state government is a big business. I can bring a businessman's perspective to the management of the state.

This is critical if we are to spend taxpayer money carefully and get the most out of each dollar as we provide our citizens with an efficient transportation system, rich educational opportunities and safe communities. My goal as the governor of Virginia would be to ensure that every citizen has the tools and the opportunity to achieve the goals of his dreams.

Having lost the use of my legs after contracting polio at the age of 37, I wondered whether I would be able to achieve my goals. But today, because of hard work, perseverance and a can-do spirit, I have lived out many of my dreams and been blessed with the opportunity to serve as

Virginia's lieutenant governor.

Now I am in the midst of an exciting statewide campaign, asking all Virginians for their support as I seek the opportunity to serve as their governor.

The most exciting thing about this election is seeing the thousands of young people who have been inspired to get involved.

I am frequently pleased to hear from people that my leadership has been an inspiration to them to achieve their own goals. One of those is a VCU student from Mecklenburg.

Recently, I was rolling down Broad Street when Diane, a young woman from Mecklenburg County, stopped me. She told me that her employer back home had urged her to go to college because he had seen in her the potential for a greater career. But she said she was hesitant until she learned about me. "When I saw you and heard about your life, I said, 'If he can do it, so can I!'" she told me.

I hope the rest of the students at VCU

will be similarly inspired.

My son, Henry, a recent graduate of Wake Forest University, has organized Youth for Hager, a statewide organization of young voters who want to be a part of history.

History is made by those who participate, and I am eager to see a new generation of young people actively participate in this history-making election.

It has been 25 or 30 years since young people as a group were politically active, and I'm proud that my campaign has been able to inspire so many people to join our team. After all, politics is not a spectator sport.

I hope thousands more college students will decide to be part of history and be Hager-for-Governor delegates to the 2001 Virginia Republican convention.

I want to see the Richmond Coliseum filled with young voters on June 2. Young voters who want to take part in the political process can call 287-2001 to find out how to participate in the locality where they are registered to vote.

**Lt. Governor
John Hager**

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Napster's demise?

The saga of Napster has officially come to an end — or has it?

After a long roller coaster ride through the legal process, Napster decided it would implement a screening technology that would effectively block more than 1 million songs from its widely popular song-swapping service.

Napster decided to do this after caving in under the threat of an injunction to shut down the entire site.

The screening technology, which takes effect immediately, will be employed on "Napster for the Mac" as well as all beta versions of the Windows software. The mere idea of the technology being applied has led to mass opposition from the millions of daily Napster users.

Some say they simply will stop using Napster if it becomes a headache and switch to using alternates such as Aimster, Audiogalaxy, Gnutella, BearShare and Toadnode.

It can be safe to say that this could be the "death" of Napster.

There is one small chance that Napster will continue running, at least in the immediate future.

That chance would be the duration of blocking more than 1 million songs on the file-swapping service.

Napster has said itself that "it won't be easy to exclude files," adding that, "It is a very complex technological solution that is very taxing to the system and degrades the operation of the service."

Napster attorney David Boies (yes, he was the same attorney for Al Gore during the Florida election trials) told a federal judge that the move to starting blocking the songs began sometime last weekend.

What exactly does this mean for those who have either forgotten about the Napster saga, use Napster on a daily basis or, like myself, think this trial has gone on too long and must end now?

It means that the popular file-swapping service is meeting its "death." How soon it shall come, though, is yet to be determined.

Even though Napster did agree to start blocking numerous songs, the service could stop working as soon as the end of this week, if not earlier.

One thing is for certain in this entire mess: Napster's rivals (Aimster, Audiogalaxy, etc.) will benefit from Napster's shutdown.

Napster's users will end up flocking to the alternative services, which in turn, will keep the MP3 user happy.

CT Editorial

Major-league brats ruin enjoyable time of year

March is one of the three great sports months of the year. There's March Madness, the playoff races for the NBA and NHL and the beginning of baseball season.

(Incidentally, October and January are the other two great sports months.)

Many sports fans usually are most excited about the beginning of baseball season.

This is the time of the year when I convince myself that the Red Sox have a legitimate chance to go all the way. Unfortunately, I can't focus on that this year because of a few spoiled and stingy ball players.

As a result of All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million contract, players who had signed lucrative, long-term deals want to re-negotiate their contracts because they feel that their market value is not being recognized.

First of all, no owner should have given this amount of money to any baseball player, but you can't blame Rodriguez; if someone offered me that kind of money, I'd take it.

Now, players like Gary Sheffield, Frank Thomas and Barry Bonds are complaining that their contracts need to be re-structured.

Too bad. If you were greedy enough to sign a long-term deal, you need to suck it up and play out the contract.

Although baseball players play the most games of all professional athletes, most of these "athletes" aren't exactly fine specimens superior athletic ability.

I've seen professional bowlers who are in better shape than some baseball players. You would think that after 162 games, some of these players would be in shape. As a fan, it would drive me insane to see a guy who is as fat as me making more than \$100 million.

Probably the most damaging factor in the contract disputes is the fact that the situation is beginning to divide the players.

Some players are all for making the most money possible while others believe that contracts should be honored.

With the impending possibility that there will be a labor lockout, now is not the time for players to be divided on issues.

After the last baseball strike, which robbed both players and fans of a World Series, it took a long time for the fan base to open up to America's pastime.

We truly believe that another strike will damage the game even worse than the last strike did.

We also have to wonder, what is someone going to do with \$252 million? To tell you the truth, we'd be happy with a fair salary to do what we love. I think that one can live a comfortable life on a \$10 million salary.

Major League Baseball (and other sports) should consider releasing revenue from merchandise sales to the players whose gear, jerseys and other items that sell the most.

This would give players the incentive to excel (and maybe show up in shape) during the season.

In addition, maybe some of these greedy players should consider getting sponsored deals. After all, Michael Jordan made more money from his sponsors than the Chicago Bulls ever paid him.

We hope the selfish acts of a few will cease and baseball can be the enjoyable summer distraction that it is.

If not, we fear that the average fan will begin to grow tired of the boorish and selfish behavior some of these players insist on displaying.

Mary Beth Thomsen

Ways to stay connected abound

First there was the radio and later came the television. Then there were tapes and later compact discs.

Answering machines were in and later came voice mail. Videotapes were a hot item, and now there are DVDs.

I have kept up to date for the most part with this ever-changing technology. However, there was one particular advancement that I never thought I would purchase.

I honestly just accepted the fact that I was a minority in this department. But the day finally came when I conformed with the "norm." I now own a cell phone.

After much research and contemplating — I gave in.

I have always thought that people were ridiculous with these portable contact devices.

The words, "I don't think I could live without my cell phone" has actually been a common statement coming from my friends' mouths.

How silly is that conviction?

I hope that the day never arrives where I feel compelled to use my cell phone as a survival tool.

Another decision I have made is this: I will not walk everywhere with my phone attached to my ear. There is no reason to dial up a phone number like a badly addicted smoker lights up a cigarette every few minutes.

I can't promise that you won't see me driving and chatting on my cell. Although, this is a huge pet peeve of mine. When someone is driving like an idiot due to their cellular conversation, I want to run them over. If I ever feel the necessity to make a call while I'm behind the wheel, I will try my best to not tick anyone off.

Don't get me wrong — I think cell phones are excellent resources for unexpected circumstances.

If you are running late, your car breaks down or you get stuck in traffic, these life-savers can be crucial.

So there you have it — I am no longer an outsider. One may wonder why I would allow myself to be tracked down anywhere, anytime... caller ID should take care of that.

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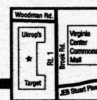
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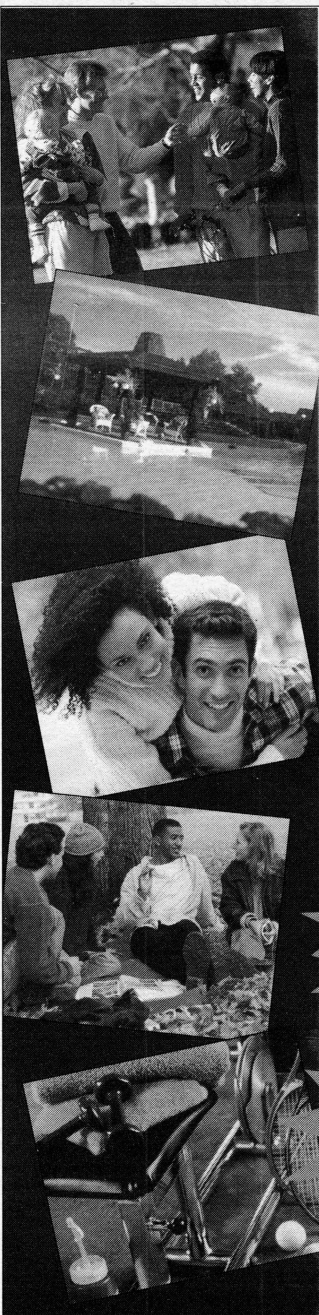


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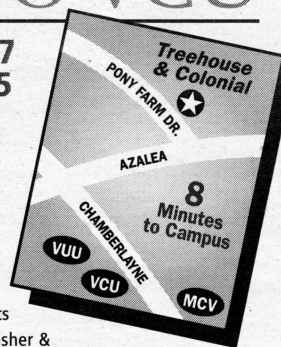
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This Pumpkin Pie Show is for the 'Kiddies'

Kelly Gerow
CT SPECTRUM EDITOR

"Kiddie Korner," the seventh version of the Pumpkin Pie Show, is an homage to children and plans to be more festive than the last Pumpkin Pie Show production "Nocturnal Emissions," which was an homage to body fluids.

"It's bedtime stories for big kids," said Clay McLeod Chapman, writer and performer of the show.

Chapman, along with actor Zach Knighton and musicians Josh Camp and Michael Hearst, have been the PPS lineup for about a year. Chapman has been writing and performing Pumpkin Pie shows for six years. He began to write the show as a student at an acting conservatory in North Carolina. Finding that the roles offered weren't to his liking, he decided to write parts for himself.

"It became a showcase for my writing," Chapman, a recent graduate from Sarah Lawrence College in New York, said.

Chapman said he considers the Pumpkin Pie Show to be a band, and every show with new stories and music is like an album.

Written by Camp and Hearst, main songwriters for One Ring Zero, the music is a vehicle to help carry the show.

"The best thing about music is that it keys emotional response," Chapman said.

After Chapman records the text for a show, he sends it to Camp and Hearst, who then write the music. Hearst and Camp play keyboard, drums, organ, toy piano, claviola and whatever else is called for.

"We throw in a lot of stuff," Camp said.

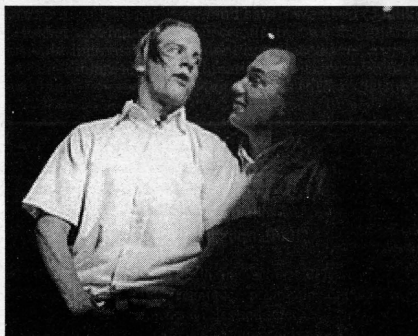
But what is the Pumpkin Pie Show? It's a "rigorous storytelling session" of "southern gothic" tales, the members say.

"It's highbrow burlesque," Camp added.

Last fall's "Nocturnal Emissions" featured four new stories from PPS, including a story about a bed wetter who fell through the crack in his floor and a tale of Bear Scouts who become cannibals after getting lost in the woods. "Kiddie Korner" includes a story of a father who takes his children to the place where their mother drowned and one about a boy whose comatose sister is his only means of contact.

Twenty-five to 30 percent of the shows have a negative response, Chapman said. "It's definitely not for everybody."

"The audience has to be open to the possibility of participating," he added.



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The Pumpkin Pie Show's Zach Knighton and Clay McLeod Chapman performing "Chatterbox" during "Nocturnal Emissions" last fall.

PPS likes to break the traditional theater barrier of the fourth wall by including the audience. They perform close the crowd, an element that feeds the performance, Chapman said. Camp said, "It always feels better when there's a little bit of response."

"Kiddie Korner" opens in Richmond, which is the hometown of the group, although everyone but Hearst, an instructor at VCU's School of Music, lives in New York. PPS performs most shows on the tour in New York, where the show is well attended. Hearst said he thinks the audience is different than in Richmond.

"Things aren't as shocking in New York," he said.

Chapman said that the New York audiences are charged to play, whereas the audience in Richmond needs a bit of coercion. Richmond performances are attended by friends and family, which gives the PPS enough support to kick start the show.

When the grandparents come, it starts to get awkward," Chapman said. He asked his grandparents not to attend "Nocturnal Emissions."

"Kiddie Korner" will tour until May. Later this year

they will perform in Romania at an art festival. PPS has performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and last year at the San Francisco Institute of Art.

Overseas, the shows are received in a different light because "there's a flavor to the pieces that really smacks of the USA," Chapman said and while performing the show internationally, "we have never felt more American."

Picking what segments to perform in Romania will be difficult because of the cultural and language barriers.

Chapman said they will pick the most universal stories and put together a show that deals with family circumstances and love - things that would be better understood than cannibalistic Cub Scouts.

When not touring and performing the spring and fall PPS shows, each member has other projects. One Ring Zero did the music for the dance production "Zinphora Doesn't Tell" in January. Hearst and Camp will write the music to Starr Foster's upcoming modern dance production of "Alice In Wonderland."

Knighton has recently played roles on television shows "Ed" and "Law and Order" as well as in the movie "Cherry Falls."

Chapman's first book, "rest area," a collection of 20 short stories, will be released next January from Hyperion books.

"I see us doing this for as long as we can," Chapman said of the Pumpkin Pie Show. "We found a formula that works. With the last show we had the opportunity to travel around the country, but with this show we have the opportunity to travel around the world." When the show becomes a plateau, that's when it will stop.

Before then comes this weekend when "Kiddie Korner" will be premiered at the Barksdale Theatre at 11 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The show is presented as part of Barksdale's Boogie Nights series of late night independent productions.

The Pumpkin Pie Show in "Kiddie Korner" at the Barksdale Theatre in Shops at Willow Lawn. March 8, 9 and 10 at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$6 for students. Call 282-2620 for information.

CD/DVD set gives a look inside mind of Tool vocalist Keenan

Andrew Parks
DAILY ORANGE

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — If there were any one person in music today into whose mind I would like to peer, who would he or she be? Since rock stars are such headcases as a whole, the question took some thought.

Eventually, I narrowed down the options to the mysterious vocalist for A Perfect Circle and Tool — Maynard James Keenan. Keenan has intrigued me for some time now, especially since I saw him completely lose himself in song while opening up for Nine Inch Nails' "Fragility Tour."

Unfortunately, portals into the minds of the twisted and famous still do not exist. It may be some time before a wall is cracked open, leaving us to play in the mind of Keenan.

Until then, curious listeners can look to Tool's limited two-disc DVD/CD release, "Salival," for insights into the winding thought processes of Keenan and his band of circus freaks.

More than four years have passed since we last heard a studio release from Tool — the creepy, but ambitious concept album "Aenima."

After seeming to fall off the face of the earth, Keenan returned to bolster the increasingly boring alternative rock scene in 2000 with his other band, A Perfect Circle. While hard-core Tool fans begged for new material, Keenan hyped up APC and toured in support of their first album, the beautiful "Mer De Noms."

While taking a break from APC for a few months last fall, the members of Tool — Keenan, Danny Carey, Justin

Chancellor and Adam Jones — finally got together, locked themselves in a studio and started hammering out new material. "Salival" is the first phase of those sessions, with a subsequent, full-fledged studio album, "Lateralus," set for a May 15 release.

Following the lead of "Aenima," the set is elaborately packaged with a clear slipcase and strange box garnished with wavy, scaly fingers. Opening the box reveals its red velvet insides, holding the two discs in place along with numerous pages of artwork and photographs.

The CD portion represents the musical bridge between early Tool and the highly anticipated next phase of their career. Nine live, unreleased and cover tracks lurk inside, clocking in at an astounding 73 minutes.

The live songs showcase the experimental, driving jam-session nature of Tool shows. "Third Eye" opens with the words, "question authority, think for yourself," and spirals into a cascade of contrasting melody and aggression; "Part of Me" grinds away in basic sludgecore fashion; the nine-minute instrumental "Merkaba" wavers between metal and jagged techno; and the Peach song "You Lied" touches on Keenan's impressive vocal range.

The live version of "Pushit" reaches a whole new level of melodrama the studio version does not even touch, leaving the listener wondering when Keenan will breach the barrier into insanity.

On the studio side, "Message to Harry Manback II" and "LAMC" are two disturbing, indecipherable tracks containing little music and confusing vocal snippets. Tool takes on Led

Zeppelin with "No Quarter," which throws out the tune's original structure and filters it through what comes off like an ocean of sound, literally. Keenan's vocals sound off like they were recorded underwater, bubbling in and out to the band's growing tense bass lines and guitar effects.

Tool shines on the live portion of the CD, but falters in the studio, which sounds rushed on the whole. They should have released an entire live album instead of wasting time on useless filler like "LAMC." And in comparison to Keenan's breakthrough work with A Perfect Circle, the studio cuts sound rather weak.

The real reason to buy "Salival" lies not in the CD, but the DVD. That key to the mind of Keenan I was hinting at before.

The disc acts as a compendium of Tool's buzzworthy music videos, including the demented funhouse of "Sober," dark stop-motion claymation of "Prison Sex" and inexplicable reptiles and sea monkey breeding of "Aenima" and "Stinkfist." This is not something to watch under the influence of psychedelics, my friends, for the disc is a darker trip than anything even Tim Burton has done.

Observant viewers can even unlock the hidden gem, "Hush," from the 1992 EP "Opiate." The grainy, black-and-white clip was never shown on MTV before.

Although it falters in some areas, "Salival" acts as a worthy transition into the next Tool album. And it only helps cement the fact that these foster fathers of modern metal will be around much longer than the Limp Bizkits they sadly helped create.

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- 3. Pay your bills first.** Pay your bills as they arrive. Stick to a budget and pay your bills on time.
- 4. Keep your paper trail.** Put it in writing and get a receipt. Put every request for service in writing. Make sure all verbal agreements between you and your landlord are documented. Keep your lease, receipts and all correspondence together in one place for easy reference. Keep copies of all your bills.
- 5. Think about your health and safety.** Many people take their health and safety for granted. Think and make smart choices about your own health and safety.
- 6. Treat your neighbors and roommates, as you'd like to be treated.** Expect the same from them. Adhere to noise restrictions. Keep your apartment clean and free of pests. Watch out for your neighbors and they will watch out for you. Respect other people's rights and privacy.
- 7. Go with your gut and enjoy it!** The most important thing is that you are happy. If you get the feeling that something isn't right for you, it probably isn't. You are the best judge of your own happiness. Listen to your gut and enjoy your apartment!

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The Week's End

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA STANDINGS

(Through March 4)

Team	W-L	%	W-L	%
Richmond	12-4	.750	21-6	.776
UNC Wilmington	11-5	.688	19-10	.655
George Mason	11-5	.688	18-11	.621
VCU	9-7	.563	16-14	.533
William & Mary	7-9	.438	11-17	.393
Old Dominion	7-9	.438	13-18	.419
James Madison	6-10	.375	12-17	.414
East Carolina	6-10	.375	14-14	.500
American	3-13	.188	7-20	.259

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(Through March 1)

DATE	VCU	GAME	OPP
Nov. 18	82	GARDNER-WEBB	67
Nov. 20	80	@ Tulane	84
Nov. 22	63	@ E. Tennessee	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	58
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*	57
Jan. 27	84	@ East Carolina (OT)*	85
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	66	@ Richmond*	70
Feb. 21	44	@ UNCW*	65
Feb. 24	74	OLD DOMINION*	53
Feb. 27	54	RICHMOND*	72
Colonial Athletic Association Championship at Richmond Coliseum			
Mar. 3	57	vs. James Madison	59

VCU STATISTICS

(Through March 1)

Player	m-a	m-a	3-pt.	ft	avg.	avg.
B. Jones	133-306	61-153	93-112	31	53	15.0
W. Taylor	117-247	29-74	82-117	42	27	12.8
L. Likholitov	109-192	0-0	52-121	71	12	9.6
D. Jones	90-209	11-32	45-67	16	36	8.4
Story	76-146	0-1	49-64	47	31	7.4
L. Taylor	67-194	28-83	49-76	34	109	7.3
Nesterov	58-131	19-41	31-47	38	22	5.7
Lilly	39-120	23-68	20-28	18	44	4.2
Graham	24-80	10-38	16-31	30	20	3.1
Treadwell	27-54	0-0	16-32	26	14	2.4

TOTALS

VCU	748-1697	184-496	455-699	38.4	371	73.6
Opponents	733-1763	157-449	483-695	38.4	364	72.6

CAA SCORING LEADERS

(Through March 4)

Player	gp	fg	3-pt.	ft	pts.	avg.
Greg Stevenson, UR	27	198	46	89	531	19.7
George Evans, GMU	29	223	0	78	524	18.1
Erik Herring, GMU	29	157	66	81	461	15.9
Georgi Mikulas, ECU	28	138	0	144	420	15.0
Bo Jones, VCU	29	137	62	93	429	14.8
Brett Blizard, UNCW	29	137	73	60	397	13.7
Jim Moran, W&M	28	135	31	81	382	13.6
Fred Primus, ECU	27	113	80	48	354	13.1
Willie Taylor, VCU	28	119	29	86	353	12.6
Andre McCullum, ODU	31	137	21	91	386	12.5

CAA REBOUNDING LEADERS

(Through March 4)

Player	g	no.	avg.
Clifton Jones, ODU	30	278	9.3
George Evans, GMU	29	227	7.8
Errolly Bing, ECU	28	218	7.8
Greg Stevenson, UR	27	209	7.7
L.F. Likholitov, VCU	28	203	7.2
Ed Williams, UNCW	29	186	6.4
Keith Gray, AU	27	168	6.2
Tim Lyle, JMU	31	179	6.2
Pat Mitchell, JMU	25	153	6.1

CAA ASSIST LEADERS

(Through March 4)

Player	g	no.	avg.
Tremaine Price, GMU	29	136	4.69
Scott Ungerer, UR	27	122	4.52

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA STANDINGS

(Through March 4)

Team	W-L	%	W-L	%
Old Dominion	15-1	.938	19-8	.704
James Madison	12-4	.750	19-8	.704
George Mason	11-5	.688	20-7	.741
Richmond	10-6	.625	16-12	.571
East Carolina	10-6	.625	16-12	.571
VCU	6-10	.375	15-12	.556
William & Mary	5-11	.312	9-18	.333
American	2-14	.125	4-23	.148
UNC Wilmington	1-15	.062	9-18	.333

CAA SCORING LEADERS

(Through March 4)

Player	gp	fg	3-pt.	ft	pts.	avg.
Rochelle Luckett, VCU	27	163	13	63	402	14.9
Okeisha Howard, ODU	27	120	34	125	399	14.8
Kristine Augstulen, VCU	27	154	5	80	393	14.6
Jen Sobota, W&M	27	125	52	85	387	14.3
Hanchetou Maiga, ODU	27	156	0	70	382	14.1
Tamara Murray, ECU	28	128	0	127	383	13.7
Nadine Morgan, JMU	27	131	1	98	361	13.4
Liz Remus, VCU	23	95	29	67	286	12.4
Jen Surfas, GMU	27	113	51	53	330	12.2
Quintina Walker, W&M	27	129	0	72	330	12.2

VCU STATISTICS

(Through March 4)

Player	m-a	m-a	3-pt.	ft	avg.	avg.
Luckett	163-320	13-43	63-103	3.5	157	14.9
Augstulen	154-320	5-25	80-111	6.2	34	14.6
Remus	95-212	29-75	67-79	4.0	88	12.4
Washington	91-186	0-4	43-70	5.3	13	8.3
McKinnon	57-143	1-6	38-61	2.0	34	5.7
Pelletier	48-119	18-49	20-27	2.4	36	5.2
Evans	41-85	15-38	14-22	1.2	19	4.4
Wilks	32-91	18-50	15-26	1.7	12	3.6
Phelps	31-68	0-0	27-49	2.8	4	3.4
TOTALS	15-55	7-33	5-11	0.9	12	1.5

TOTALS

VCU	742-1643	107-331	386-579	34.8	416	73.2
Opponents	648-1504	118-369	416-590	37.5	390	67.8

CAA ASSIST LEADERS

(Through March 4)

Player	g	no.	avg.
Michelle Koclanes, UR	28	208	7.43
Joana Fogga, ECU	28	180	6.43
Rochelle Luckett, VCU	27	157	5.81
Jess Cichowicz, JMU	27	145	5.37
Jen Sobota, W&M	27	144	5.33
Alli Spence, ODU	27	110	4.07
Liz Remus, VCU	23	88	3.83
Jen Derevanik, GMU	27	102	3.78
Sharon Francis, ODU	27	99	3.67
Okeisha Howard, ODU	27	77	2.85

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(Through March 4)

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	52	@ George Mason*	59
Feb. 22	89	RICHMOND*	93
Feb. 25	71	@ UNCW*	69
Feb. 28	93	OLD DOMINION*	82
Mar. 4	89	@ East Carolina*	82
Colonial Athletic Association Championship			
Mar. 8	William & Mary		7:30 p.m.
Mar. 9-10	semifinals/finals		TBA
* - CAA game			

Rams win; Nedelkova survives upset bid

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The top two doubles teams and top three singles players all won their matches to hand the No. 37 VCU women's tennis team a 4-1 victory against the University of Maryland at the College Park Tennis Bubble.

While Anca Dumitrescu and Raluca Ciulei picked up straight-set victories, Martina Nedelkova, the No. 6 player nationally, was pushed to the limit before winning her match. Delia Causevic battled Nedelkova all the way into a close tiebreaker, before the top-ranked Ram got the better of the battle 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (11-9).

The Rams move to 4-2 as they continue to search for a sixth person to join the team and fill out the No. 6 singles slot.

Results:

VCU 4, Maryland 1

Doubles:

Martina Nedelkova/Raluca Ciulei (VCU) d. Delia Causevic/Pam Floro 8-3
Sylvia Urickova/Jana Carroll (VCU) d. Olivia Dubovikov/Chloe Chavardes 8-3
No. 3 doubles defaulted to Catherine Valantin/Emily Marker (Maryland)

Singles:

Nedelkova (VCU) d. Causevic 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (11-9)
Anca Dumitrescu (VCU) d. Dubovikov 7-5, 7-5

Ciulei (VCU) d. Floro 6-3, 6-3

No. 4 singles did not finish
No. 5 singles did not finish
No. 6 singles was defaulted to Maryland

Men

FORT WORTH, Texas — Daniel Casquero and 73rd-ranked Florian Marquardt picked up decisive victories, but their efforts weren't enough to give the No. 14 VCU men's tennis team an upset of fourth-ranked Texas Christian University. No. 14 Esteban Carrill and No. 75 Toni Gordon won in sweeps and Scott Eddins clinched the victory for the Horned Frogs by turning back a determined Fernando Sanchez in three sets.

In the second match, the Rams (10-5) were felled by a dominant performance from Southern Methodist University. The 11th-ranked Mustangs stay undefeated by knocking off the Rams 5-1

Results:

Texas Christian 4, VCU 2

Doubles:

No. 1 Trace Fielding/Jimmy Haney (TCU) d. Frank Moser/Florian Marquardt 8-3
No. 2 Scott Eddins/Sebastian Iannariello (TCU) d. Fernando Sanchez/Daniel

Casquero 8-4

No. 3 doubles did not finish

Singles:

Esteban Carrill (TCU) d. Moser 6-3, 6-3
Marquardt (VCU) d. Fielding 6-2, 6-7, 6-3
Toni Gordon (TCU) d. Mats Norin 6-3, 6-3
Eddins (TCU) d. Sanchez 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
Casquero (VCU) d. Haney 6-4, 6-2
No. 6 singles did not finish

SMU 5, VCU 1

Doubles:

Moser/Marquardt (VCU) d. Genius Chidwike/Ryan Mauck 9-7
Jon Wallmark/Johan Brunstrom (SMU) d. Norin/Mattias Hoglund 8-6
Krystian Pfeiffer/Lukasz Sencyszyn (SMU) d. Sanchez/Casquero 8-4

Singles:

Chidwike (SMU) d. Moser 6-3, 6-1
Wallmark (SMU) d. Marquardt 6-7, 6-3, 7-6
Pfeiffer (SMU) d. Norin 6-1, 6-3
Sanchez (VCU) d. Sencyszyn 6-0, 6-2
Brunstrom (SMU) d. Casquero 7-5, 6-2
No. 6 singles did not finish

— compiled from news sources

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a 3-pointer for the Seahawks to extend the lead to four, 19-15, with 1:47 left in the half. Young would score the last points of the half at the 1:30 mark to go into halftime down by two, 19-17.

Turnovers hurt the Seahawks, committing 23 to the Patriots' 10. Brett Blizard committed six turnovers.

The Seahawks won the rebounding matchup, out-rebounding the Patriots 37-30.

"The story of the game was turnovers," Wainwright said. "We did not do a good job of taking care of the basketball tonight. We got away from the things we normally do. These are short possession games. Turnovers kill you in games like this. We never got in sync."

Joining Herring on the CAA all-Tournament team were Blizard, Callahan, Evans, Larranaga and Thelmon.

Evans said, "I am fortunate to be a part of a great team. I am looking forward to playing in the (NCAA) tournament; hopefully it will turn out better than it did two years ago."

The Patriots will find out Sunday who their first round opponent will be in the NCAA tournament.

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—love, Julia

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Ram Stat

VCU's golf team posted a score of 600 to finish sixth at the Birkdale Collegiate Classic in Huntersville, N.C.

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Suntan lotion, beach towels and lots of surf. The Commonwealth Times will be off for two weeks for Spring Break.

Patriots survive epic defensive struggle

Bobby Parks

CT STAFF WRITER

Ugly basketball can be beautiful, especially if you are the winning team and you're headed to the NCAA Men's Tournament.

The second-seeded George Mason University men's basketball team is heading there, after defeating top-seeded UNC-Wilmington in the second lowest scoring game since the NCAA introduced the shot clock in 1986, 35-33, Monday night in the Colonial Athletic Association championship game.

UNCW won the CAA tournament last year. GMU won the tournament in 1999.

The win is also the Patriots' first over the Seahawks this season, and breaks a four-game losing streak to UNCW (19-10).

"This was a tremendous basketball game tonight," Patriots' coach Jim Larranaga said. "When you play a team so many times in one season in your conference, I did not want the players to focus on their record against one team. Tonight was about one game; the winner moves on."

After a 19-17 deficit at halftime, the Patriots tied the score with a layup by Jesse Young, 19-19, with 19:21 left in the half. The Seahawks answered back with a 3-pointer from Craig Callahan, who was the game's leading scorer with 14 points.

"He has been a good player all year," Seahawks' coach Jerry Wainwright said. "He took advantage of his opportunity. We did not do a good job of getting him the ball."

Callahan said, "We got frustrated out

there. There were so many rebounds. I was boxing out but I missed some rebounds I have to get."

George Evans made a layup for the Patriots to bring them to within one point of the Seahawks, 22-21, with 16:38 left. The Seahawks then went on a 5-0 run to push their lead up to six, 27-21, with 14:29 left in the game.

The Patriots answered back with an 8-0 run to take a 29-27 lead with 8:06 left. Erik Herring had six points in the run. Herring, GMU's leading scorer with 12 points, won most valuable player honors for the CAA tournament.

"He (Herring) gets a lot of credit for his offense," Larranaga said. "I don't think he gets enough credit for how much progress he has made. His defensive improvement is why we are here tonight."

Herring said, "In the second half, I tried to make easy passes and hit shots. My teammates kept me in the game."

Callahan made a 3-pointer for the Seahawks to give them a 30-29 lead. After a free throw by Evans tied the score at 30-30, Callahan made a free throw for the Seahawks to give them a 31-30 lead. Herring sunk a free throw for the Patriots to tie the score at 31-31 with 5:26 left in the game.

Callahan scored the Seahawks' last points with a dunk with 3:48 left in the half to give them a brief 33-31 lead. The Patriots (18-11) ended the game with a 4-0 run. Herring had a 3-pointer and Tremaine Price had a free throw.

The Seahawks had a chance to tie the game with seconds left in the game, but Price deflected a Seahawk pass with 0.4

seconds left. Ed Williams had a basket waived off because time expired before the shot left Williams' hands. There was some confusion as to whether a basket had been made, so the referees reviewed the shot as Patriot fans prematurely rushed the court.

On the last shot, Larranaga said, "I was looking at (referee) Duke Edsall who waived it off the first time and I thought he made the right call. I was comfortable the tape would show the game is over."

Wainwright said, "We tried to get a shot for Craig (Callahan). We didn't inbound to the right guy. Barron (Thelmon) got through but it was too late. I wasn't watching the clock. The three veteran officials made the right call. Taking a look at the TV monitor is the right thing to do in a game like this."

The first half was a story of a few big runs.

The Seahawks went on a 9-0 run to take the lead 11-4 with 11:36 remaining in the half. The Patriots went over 7:30 without a field goal during the run.

Jon Larranaga made a jumper to cut the lead to 11-6. The Seahawks answered with a 3-pointer by Stewart Hare to give them a 14-6 lead.

The Patriots went on a 7-0 lead to cut the lead to one, 14-13, with 4:04 left in the half. Two free throws by Thelmon raised the Seahawks' lead to 16-13 with 3:32 remaining.

Rob Sullivan of the Patriots made a layup to cut the lead back to one, 16-15, with 2:26 left in the game. Callahan made



Josh Taylor/Commonwealth Times

Erik Herring (above) was named the CAA tournament MVP.

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Colonial Athletic Association Men's Basketball Tournament (at the Richmond Coliseum)

Saturday

First round
No. 5 Old Dominion 53, No. 4 William & Mary 47 (OT)
No. 6 James Madison 59, No. 3 VCU 57

Sunday

Semifinals

No. 1 UNC Wilmington 57, ODU 54
No. 2 George Mason 62, JMU 36

Monday

Finals
GMU 35, UNCW 33

Colonial Athletic Association Women's Tournament

First round

No. 4 VCU vs. No. 5 William & Mary, 7:30 p.m.

Season series: The Rams defeated the Tribe 79-68 Jan. 18 in Williamsburg. In Richmond, VCU beat W&M 66-52 Feb. 11 in its only appearance on Home Team Sports this season.

Key players for VCU: Rochelle Luckett, tops in the CAA in scoring and steals with 14.9 ppg and 4.26 spg, third in assists at 5.81 per game and sixth in field goal percentage, shooting 50.9 percent.

Kristine Austgulen, No. 3 in the CAA

averaging 14.6 ppg, and tenth in foul shooting and rebounding in the CAA, hitting 72.1 percent of her foul shots and averaging 6.2 rpg.

Key players for W&M: Jen Sobota, averages 14.3 ppg, fourth in the CAA, and sits fifth in assists with 5.33 per game.

Quintina Walker, the 1998 CAA rookie of the year, is tied for ninth in the CAA in scoring and averages 7.8 rpg, second in the conference.

Key stats: Jen Sobota averaged 22 ppg against VCU this year; Meagan Evans had a career-high, then 16 points, in the first meeting.

Colonial Athletic Association Women's Basketball Tournament (at the Old Dominion Fieldhouse)

Thursday

First round
No. 3 George Mason vs. No. 6 UNC Wilmington, 5 p.m.
No. 4 VCU vs. No. 5 William & Mary, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Semifinals

No. 2 James Madison vs. GMU/UNCW winner, 5 p.m.
No. 1 Old Dominion vs. VCU/W&M winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Finals

Semifinal winners, 2:00 p.m. (HTS)

Rams in Action				
TEAM	UPCOMING EVENTS			Notes
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (15-12, 6-10)	<div>MARCH 8 CAA TOURNAMENT VS. WILLIAM & MARY</div>			VCU WILL BE TRYING TO ADVANCE TO THE SEMIFINALS FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.
MEN'S TENNIS (10-5, 3-0)	<div>MARCH 13 USA</div>	<div>MARCH 15-18 BLUE-GRAY INVITATIONAL</div>		LAST YEAR, THE RAMS ADVANCED TO THE SEMIFINALS OF THE BLUE-GRAY INVITATIONAL.
WOMEN'S TENNIS (4-2, 2-0)	<div>MARCH 13 LMU</div>	<div>MARCH 14 UC-IRVINE</div>	<div>MARCH 17 PEPPERDINE</div>	LAST YEAR VCU NEARLY UPSET PEPPERDINE, THEN THE NO. 2 IN THE NATION, FALLING 5-4.
BASEBALL (7-5, 0-0)	<div>MARCH 9 MARYLAND</div>	<div>MARCH 10 MARYLAND</div>	<div>MARCH 11 MARYLAND</div>	VCU'S GAME WITH VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE WEDNESDAY WAS POSTPONED TILL MAY 1, TO BE PLAYED AT 3 P.M.
<div><div></div> INDICATES HOME GAME <div></div> INDICATES AWAY GAME</div>				