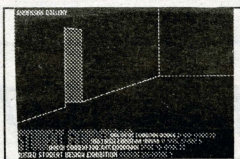


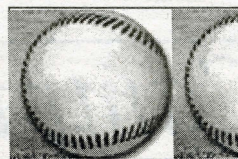
FORECAST
Tuesday: cloudy, high 48,
low 25.
Wednesday: cloudy, high
57, low 26.



NEWS: One of the Broad Street apartments is finished, page 3.



SPECTRUM: A review on the Anderson Gallery's art show, see page 4.



SPORTS: Did the baseball team keep its winning streak alive? See page 8.



Our editorial writer reflects on her spring break trip, page 5.

COMMONWEALTH TIMES

The Student Press of Virginia Commonwealth University

Monday, March 26, 2001

Vol. 33, No. 44

One in a hundred: education among the masses

Academic success seminar focuses on achievement in spite of complacency, isolation in large classes

Marlene Obado-Dolla
CT STAFF WRITER

Students attending the recent seminar sponsored by the Academic Success Center concerning ways to succeed in large classrooms heard about taking responsibility for themselves if they want to earn their degree.

"Complacency is one of the major problems, and the source of the solution to complacency has to come from you because you want to succeed," Rhoda Perozzi, an assistant professor of biology, told the participants.

"You have to become an adult and say that you will commit yourself to do your work on a consistent basis without any feedback. In some ways, maybe you are not convinced yet that there are problems in large classrooms. There isn't a professor on this campus who teaches large classes who is not absolutely convinced that large classes are deadly — they kill you."

Beyond complacency, Perozzi called alienation and isolation major problems affecting students in large classrooms.

She attributed this to the difficulty of

being part of something when there are hundreds of other individuals in a close-knit space.

"Students are isolated from each other and also from their professors," she said.

"Most professors teaching large classes would like to see more students going to

"There isn't a professor on this campus who teaches large classes who is not absolutely convinced that large classes are deadly — they kill you."

—Rhoda Perozzi
teaching assistant professor, biology

them for help."

Because professors need feedback, Perozzi reminded the students that when students don't participate in class their professors don't know if the teacher's points are getting across to the class.

Most of the students said they agreed with the speaker that treating large classes as if they were smaller classes could be a

viable solution in ending isolation.

In concluding her talk, Perozzi urged students to act appropriately and recommended they

- go to class every day,
- process information properly and take careful notes,
- learn to ask important questions,
- get to know professors personally and
- study outside class.

"If you do all these things, we can take care of the problems encountered in large classes," she told them.

"That's the end of those problems. These are not really profound problems and the solutions do work — if you want them to."

Afterward, sophomore advertising major J.D. Humphrey met with the students to reinforce some of Perozzi's suggestions, especially telling them to avoid sitting near friends when in a large classroom filled with students.

"Do not maintain feedback with distractions — ask your classmates to stop distracting you," Humphrey said.

"Maintain eye contact with your professors. If you are lost, ask questions. Don't wait until it's too late."



Rhoda E. Perozzi

Title: Teaching assistant professor, VCU's Department of Biology
Study area: Plant ecology
Education: B.A. Harding University 1969, M.S. University of Illinois 1973, Ph.D. University of Illinois 1976

The seminar, one of 10 targeted for students' academic success, drew 37 students, mostly freshmen and sophomores.

VCU joins Holocaust museum for educational partnership

Stuart Squier
CT STAFF WRITER

Members of the VCU community now have greater access to resources at the Virginia Holocaust Museum through a partnership between the school and the museum.

With the partnership, formalized in January, students and faculty can gain full access to the museum's library of print and photographic records.

These can benefit students for research and for internship programs.

Jay Ipson, executive director of the museum, said VCU students can use a library containing more than 1,000 books, photographic

records, computer-assisted search programs and video resources.

"You'll come in here and we'll say, 'Here it is, here's the computer,'" Ipson said. "If you come up right now the room is available for you, the computer is available, and the books are available. We'll give you full access to it."

The partnership, however, not only will provide learning opportunities for VCU's students but also will serve as a memorial to those affected by the Holocaust.

"A university is the most appropriate vehicle I can imagine for keeping the memory alive through all the educational resources and research tools available to an institution of higher learning," said Jack Spiro, director of VCU's Center for Judaic Studies.

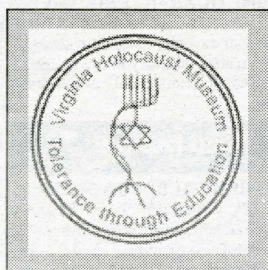
In addition, the museum provides research possibilities through student access to a large video library.

"We have a few hundred videos ... of Holocaust survivors, liberators and witnesses to the Holocaust," Ipson said, adding that the museum is in the process of expanding its resources to offer more material to those researching the Holocaust. For instance, Ipson said, the museum is ordering 500 more books related strictly to the library.

"We are hoping to get a grant eventually to make our library accessible through the Internet," he said.



Jay Ipson, executive director of the Virginia Holocaust Museum.



Campus Crime Log

Crimes reported by VCU police from March 17-23.

MCV

Arrests

401 N. 12th St., Main Hospital: A man was arrested at 10:52 p.m. on March 15 for possession of marijuana.

1201 E. Marshall St.: A man was arrested at 5:50 a.m. on March 16 for trespassing.

401 N. 12th St., Main Hospital: A man was arrested at 8:49 p.m. on March 19 for disorderly conduct.

659 N. 8th St.: A man was arrested at 2:52 a.m. on March 22 for possession of marijuana.

Petit Larceny

401 N. 12th St., Main Hospital: A female patient advised that at 4:48 p.m. on March 16 an unknown person(s) removed personal property from its unsecured location. Total value unknown.

401 N. 12th St., Main Hospital: A male visitor advised that on March 17 between 7 a.m. and 7:33 a.m. an unknown person(s) removed personal property from its unsecured location. Total value: \$18.

401 N. 11th St.: A male employee advised that on March 19 between 3:15 p.m.

and 4:03 p.m. an unknown person(s) removed personal property from its unsecured location. Total value: \$80.

520 N. 12th St.: A female employee advised that on March 19 at approximately 8:35 a.m. an unknown person(s) removed property from its secured location. Total value: \$90.

Damage to State Property

401 N. 12th St., Main Hospital: At 1:44 p.m. on March 18 a male visitor damaged state property.

North Hospital: On March 18 between 5 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. a male patient damaged state property.

Grand Larceny

1300 E. Marshall St.: A female patient advised that on March 22 at approximately 6:30 a.m. an unknown person(s) removed personal property from its unsecured location.

VCU

Arrests

000 block of S. Harrison St.: A man was arrested at 2:52 a.m. on March 16 for driving under the influence and possession of a concealed weapon.

920 W. Franklin St.: A man was arrested at 11:35 p.m. on March 16 for possession of an open container of alcohol.

900 block of W. Grace St.: A man was arrested at 4:23 p.m. on March 18 for possession of a controlled substance.

1 Monroe Park: A man was arrested at 9:24 p.m. on March 22 for trespassing after being forbidden to do so.

600 W. Grace St.: Two men were arrested at 11:28 p.m. on March 17 for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school.

Goshen and Marshall streets: A man was arrested at 8:51 p.m. on March 19 for possession of cocaine.

100 S. Harrison St.: A man was arrested for being drunk in public.

000 block of N. Morris St.: A man was arrested at 11:59 p.m. on March 22 for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of ecstasy.

700 block of W. Broad St.: A man was

arrested at 7:17 p.m. on March 22 for possession of an open container of alcohol.

700 block of W. Broad St.: A man was arrested at 7:32 a.m. on March 22 for possession of an open container of alcohol.

900 W. Grace St.: A man was arrested at 2:48 a.m. on March 22 for forging a public document, possession of marijuana and driving as a habitual offender. Another man was arrested at this time for possession of marijuana.

500 N. Harrison St.: A man was arrested at 10:25 p.m. on March 21 for depositing injurious materials onto a highway and driving on a suspended license. Another man was arrested at this time for possession of marijuana.

Grand Larceny Auto

130 S. Cherry St.: A male visitor advised that on March 17 between 8 p.m. and 8:35 p.m. an unknown person(s) removed their vehicle. Total value: \$4,500.

Physical & Occupational Therapy Your Career Choice!

Information Session in Charlottesville Saturday, March 31

Join us to learn first hand about the programs offered by the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, including entry-level degrees (MPT and MOT), advanced studies degrees (transitional DPT, MHS, and DHSc), and Continuing Professional Education. Our physical and occupational therapy programs are innovative and provide an excellent avenue to enter or advance within the professions. Interviews will be conducted with prospective master's degree applicants. **Call for schedule details.** To reserve your space or schedule an interview, contact Sue in the Office of Enrollment Services toll-free at 877-245-4312 or register online at www.usa.edu.

Reception Site: Charlottesville Omni Hotel, 235 West Main Street, Charlottesville, VA • (804) 971-5500



UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE
FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

1 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32086

CLASSIFIED ADS

help wanted

CAMP COUNSELOR --- YMCA
Camp Thunderbird is seeking professional role models for summer employment. Positions are full time with overtime available. Great experience working with kids. Competitive pay and YMCA membership benefits, call 276-9622, ext. 111 for application and interview dates.

LIFEGUARDS/SUPERVISORS
Now hiring for summer! All positions in No. Va. Training available! Full/Part Time! **Top Pay!** Call 1-800-3692.

ILLUSTRATOR WANTED for small project (can be done in spare time). If interested, write me at firgurean@aol.com or P.O. Box 4577, Richmond, VA 23220.

CAMP COUNSELORS AND SPECIALISTS Leading summer day camp in Chester is seeking energetic role models for camp counselors and activity specialists, including arts and crafts, boating, music and games, and nature/outdoor education.

Positions are full-time summer seasonal with overtime pay. Great experience working with children in a real summer camp.

Prior experience welcomed but not required. Competitive pay and YMCA membership pre-camp training is required and provided. EOE. Drug-free workplace. Call the YMCA today 748-9622 ext. 20.

\$10/hour GUARANTEED Work on campus F/T or P/T for as little as 5-10 hours/week or as many as 40 hours/week. Be your own boss. Create your own schedule. Limited positions. Call 1-800-808-7442 x 80.

fund raising

FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, STUDENT GROUPS Earn \$1,000-\$2,000 this semester with the easy campusfundraiser.com three-hour fundraising event.

No sales required. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact campusfundraiser.com at (888) 923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com.

HOW TO REACH US

The Commonwealth Times publishes Mondays and Thursdays for distribution around VCU's Academic and Medical campuses and the Fan. Our offices are in Room 1149 of the T. Edward Temple Building, 901 W. Main St. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 842010, Richmond, Va. 23284-2010. Address comments, complaints or suggestions regarding the content of the news, sports and Spectrum sections to George Templeton. Address comments, complaints or suggestions regarding any other aspect of the CT to J. Edward Rogalsky. PHONE: 828-1058 or 828-1059

FAX: 828-9201

E-MAIL: CTVCU@hotmail.com

Administration

J. Edward Rogalsky, executive editor
George Templeton, managing editor
vacant, business manager

Advertising Department

J. Michael Fisher, director

Production

George Tautkus, production assistant

News Department

Jessica Brown, editor

Sports Department

Bobby Parks, writer

Spectrum Department

Kelly Gerow, editor

Olympia Meola, associate editor

Photography Department

Josh Taylor, photographer

Circulation

Stacy Reed, director

Voice Mail

Executive and managing editors: 278-2005

Business Office, Advertising Department and Spectrum Department: 278-2008

News Department: 278-2249

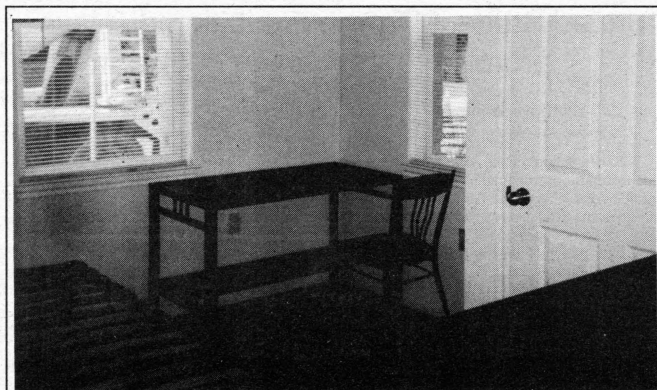
Sports Department: 278-2229

The Commonwealth Times doesn't endorse the advertising that runs in the newspaper.

Open house at Broad Street apartments

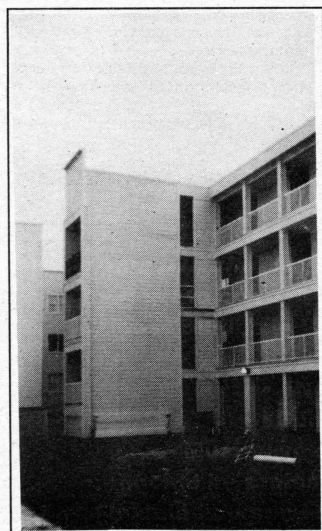
Photos: Jessica Brown, CT News Editor

As students adjust to school in the fall, some will settle down in new homes at the Broad Street apartments. The apartments, VCU's latest student housing option, are equipped with a kitchen, which includes a washer, dryer and dishwasher. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. until March 30, students may tour a furnished model apartment for a closer look at the new accommodations.



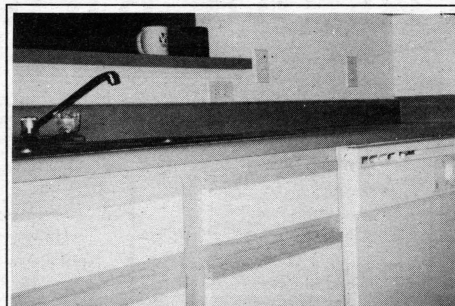
A room with a view

Each apartment is furnished with couches, chairs and a dining table. In addition to a bed, each bedroom provides a dresser, desk and closet. The two-bedroom apartments have one bathroom with a shower; the four-bedroom apartments have two bathrooms — one, however, lacks a sink.



This view won't last forever. Balconies shape the rear side of an apartment building at Broad and Harrison streets that will house 396 students this fall. Students will pay \$445 per month to live in a four-bedroom apartment or \$495 per month to live in a two-bedroom unit. This amount includes utilities — except phone service — and parking privileges in the West Broad Street Parking Deck. Amenities include carpet and ceiling fans as well as central heat and air conditioning.

Don't worry about the dishes. Each unit is equipped with a kitchen that includes a microwave, stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, and, in a small closet, a washer and dryer.



VCU

Recreational Sports

Division of Student Affairs

Want to learn how to play racquetball?

Recreational Sports is now offering beginning racquetball lessons. Learn the basics of play, including serving techniques, positioning of the body for accuracy and scoring, general rules and safety.

You get 3 lessons with a 1:6 ratio and equipment is provided

Registration begins **March 19** and ends on **March 28**

Register at the Cary Street Recreation Complex service desk

Classes meet on **Wednesdays (April 4, 11 & 18)** at 6 - 7 pm or 7 - 8 pm in the Cary Street Recreation Complex

Cost: Students and Recreational Sports Members - \$25 (includes a can of racquetballs)
Faculty/Staff Non-Members - \$50 (includes a can of racquetballs)

Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution providing access to education and employment without regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, veteran's status, political affiliation or disability. For more information and if you feel you may need special accommodation for participation in these programs because of a disability, please call Jennifer Chapman at 827-0318.

Ukrop's Pharmacy
TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE

Just Around The Corner!

Conveniently located inside Community Pride Plus at the corner of Harrison & Grace.

Open Mon. - Sat., 9-9
(804) 358-4999

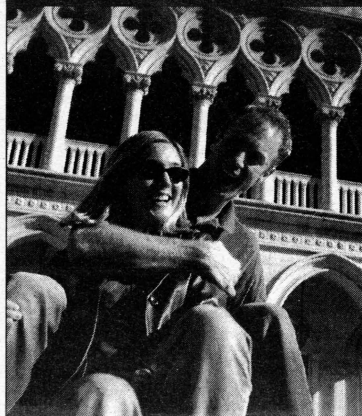
Pharmacists George Holzbach and Bevin Murchie will be happy to answer any questions that you may have about your prescriptions, over the counter drugs or other health topics. We look forward to serving you!

- Most Insurance Plans Accepted
- Adult Vaccinations
- Insulin and Other Diabetic Supplies
- Much More!

Visit Ukrop's anytime at www.ukrops.com

travel free

with other 18 to 35 year olds



- >free of hassles
- >free of rip offs
- >free for you with 10 friends!

Looking for a trip of a lifetime with other 18-35 year olds without the lifetime payment plan? If you want to meet new friends, have lots of exciting, unforgettable adventures, then Contiki is your answer!

...Get 10 friends to go and you'll go free!

- >European Discovery from \$975
14 days including Amsterdam, Paris, and Rome
- >Beaches and Reefs from \$905
14 day tour of Australia's East coast from Sydney to the Barrier Reef
- >Greek Island Hopping from \$899
14 days featuring Santorini, Paros and Mykonos

\$25 off any tour for AAA members*

Contiki
worldwide vacations
for 18 to 35 year olds

AAA Travel
Travel with someone you trust.
Join your AAA Travel Agency
or call 888-AAA-TRIP

*Savings available when purchased by AAA members through AAA Travel Agencies only. Some restrictions apply. Prices are based only and do not include airfare. Experience Contiki with a group of friends booked on the same trip at the same time and the 11th person travels free or everyone in your group gets 10% off.

Historic Richmond Spring 2001

Walking Tours Begin

Olympia Meola

CT ASSOCIATE SPECTRUM EDITOR

Need a way to spend a beautiful spring Sunday?

Starting April 1, The Valentine Museum/Richmond History Center has the fix, offering historic Richmond walking tours beginning at 2 p.m.

Guides lead groups through the seasonal tours, which focus on a different area or neighborhood in the city.

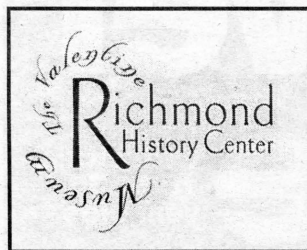
Previously run by the Historic Richmond Foundation, The Valentine Museum/Richmond History Center took control of the program last Aug. 1 when the foundation stopped the tours.

"It adds a new dimension to the museum to give people the opportunity to learn about history on site and it reinforces what they learn in the museum," said Brooke Gates, director of public relations and marketing for The Valentine Museum/Richmond History Center.

Tour guides are either teachers, historians or people interested in area history who complete a course offered at the museum.

All tours are held weather permitting and cost \$6 per person with advance registration or \$7 without reservations. Children 7 years old and younger are free.

The following lists the spring tour schedule. For more information including specific dates for the neighborhood tours, call (804) 649-0711.



Hollywood Cemetery

April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8,
Aug. 12, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14

The History and Architecture of Civil War Richmond

July 1

Historic Court End's Architectural

Treasures

Sept. 2

Neighborhood Tours:

Rotating schedule of Monument

Avenue, the Fan District, the

Museum District, Church Hill,

Oregon Hill, Monroe Ward,

Shockoe Bottom and Jackson Ward

April 1, April 29, May 6, May 20,

June 3, June 17, July 29, Aug. 5,

Aug. 29, Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 7
and Oct. 21

Richmond's Wall Street

April 15

The Floodwall

July 15

Canal Boats and Cobblestones:

Shockoe Slip and the canal

April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22,

Aug. 26, Sept. 23 and Oct. 28

2001 Student Exhibition Series Starts With a Bang

Juried Student Design Exhibition displays
promise for remaining shows

Olympia Meola

CT ASSOCIATE SPECTRUM EDITOR

VCU's School of the Arts 2001

Student Exhibitions opened Friday night at the Anderson Gallery with the first in a three-part series, the Student Design Exhibition. A steady crowd of approximately 100 people perused the student's interior design, communication arts and design, fashion design and photography work.

Most of the show's pieces exude creativity and innovation, challenging the ordinary design often proposed in these media.

Fashion design pieces are imaginative,

featuring different fabrics and combinations. Claire Sopp breaks away from the conventional media with her chess board accented in natural materials, such as various leaves, and pieces modeled as snails and insects with a mystical twist.

Metzy Martinez, a senior information systems major at VCU, attended the opening and said she enjoyed the show's paintings most because of the colors used.

Her favorite pieces were both of student Rob Choi's works. One, a representational self portrait painting, features a series of paint brushes in different shades of green, with the middle brush accented in red.

"It looks very refined," Martinez said. Choi's second submission, titled "The Tiger Helped a Good Son" and made of gouache, is a series of paintings of a young boy's interaction with a tiger.



"It seems like it's a dream and he's trying to escape from (the tiger)," Martinez said.

Senior illustration major Patrick Godfrey has two works in the show, both pen and ink drawings of street scenes.

The first depicts the scene of a fire in which a firefighter is trying to rescue a child from a tall building. To create this piece, Godfrey had to work from various real scenes, combining them to create his desired effect, which he said became utterly frustrating.

In line with his preferred subject, figure-related works, his second piece, titled "Warmth," shows two men sitting by a fire in a trash can, both seemingly homeless.

Though both of his submitted drawings are made using pen and ink, Godfrey does not limit himself to those two elements.

"There isn't much I don't like to do," he said.

Margaret Doyle, a big arts supporter who also attended the show's opening, said the collection that stood out most to her was a group of 17 bus designs.

Each bus is designed by one of 17 students who decorated the vehicle's exterior in a different fashion.

"It's really interesting. I like the variety. It's really diverse," she said of the show in general.

"There is a lot of talent here," said Doyle.

The show closes April 1 at the Anderson Gallery, 907 1/2 W. Franklin St.

Ladyfest helps promote women artists

Jackie Roberts
DAILY COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- Move over Lilith Fair. A new music festival consisting entirely of women's work is scheduled to take place this summer following the release of a two-disc compilation album.

The compact disc and festival support Ladyfest, a nonprofit group dedicated to helping promote the talents of female artists.

The CD is the debut from Ladyfest East.

One of four Ladyfest festivals around the world, Ladyfest East represents the work of East Coast-based bands and musicians.

The CD will be released on April 10 through the organization's Web site,

www.ladyfesteast.org.

The two-disc compilation will consist of up-and-coming artists such as MOXIestarpark, Catfight and the Hissyfits. The members of MOXIestarpark, an all-female pop-punk band, produced the Ladyfest East album.

Several benefit concerts are scheduled, including a CD release party that will take place on April 18 at New York's famous Meow Mix.

"We were overwhelmed by the amount of music we received," said Nancy Scibilia, organizer of the CD's release.

"We could have gone further, but unfortunately we had to exclude a lot of artists."

Following the CD's release, there will be a festival from Aug. 2 to 5 in

Northampton and Easthampton, Mass. A number of the artists featured on the CD will perform. Other activities such as workshops, panels and dance parties will also take place.

"Ladyfest showcases a lot of different women artists," said Nan Turner, whose band Bionic Finger will perform at the festival.

"That is really important, especially in today's music industry," Turner said.

Proceeds from both the CD and release party will go to Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), and will help with the cost of the festival.

"This event speaks volumes about nonprofit charity organizations," said Wendy Tremayne, a promoter for Ladyfest East. "It is an example of what can be done with the determination of a few people with a passion for music."

**travel
free** with other
18 to 35
year olds

- >free of hassles
- >free of rip offs
- >free for you with 10 friends!

**...Get 10 friends to go
and you'll go free!**

European Discovery
from **\$975**

14 days including Amsterdam,
Paris, and Rome

Corkin
worldwide vacations
for 18 to 35 year olds

Council Travel
www.counciltravel.com
1-800-2COUNCIL

Experience Corkin with a group of friends booked on the same trip at the same time and the 11th person travels free or everyone in your group gets 10% off. Prices are land only and do not include airfare.

Mary Beth Thomsen

Sand, sun, fun: spring break in Florida

My condolences go out to those of you who did not go away on vacation over spring break.

I had the opportunity to travel to Panama City Beach, Florida. Nine friends and I drove three cars down Interstate 95 and never looked back.

We left at 10:15 p.m. and drove 13 hours plus stops, a total of 905 miles. Our first stop was at a Denny's around 2 a.m. in Fayetteville, N.C. We grubbed on some greasy food and then trucked on to South of the Border.

I'd say we saw at least 50 "Pedro" billboards leading up to the border.

Over our citizens band radios (CBs - the radios that truckers use to talk to one another) we started a contest. The car that saw a sign first yelled "Pedro."

After the activity that had kept us occupied for a good hour ended, we traveled through South Carolina and on to Georgia. We eventually watched the sunrise, which was beautiful.

Every few hours, we rotated drivers and the excitement built up as we began to hear radio stations announce club events that were happening that night.

The palm trees and bright sunshine were our clues that we would be arriving at our destination shortly.

As we checked into our 15-story hotel, the staff told us 400,000 people were arriving in Panama City that day!

It wasn't until the third day that I realized we were staying on the VIP floor. How that happened, I have no idea.

I'd have to say the strangest story is how Rolling Stone magazine followed us around the entire week.

It kind of fell into our laps and we just went with it. Luckily, we rarely paid the \$20-\$25 cover charge in clubs because we had the Rolling Stone guys with us.

Jamie Seiberlich (Badger Herald)

Title IX equals reverse racism

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — These days, there is a major problem with common sense. Its absence in American society is disturbing; it seems as if people have dispensed with common sense in order to avoid offending anybody.

In the arena of sexual politics, the Title IX debate, specifically, is no exception.

Title IX had good intentions. The regulations were meant to ensure that everyone, male or female, at public universities has the opportunity to participate in programs.

The opening paragraph reads, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

But even programs with the best of intentions can be soured by interpretations by narrow-minded politicians.

In October of last year, the University of Wisconsin was found to be in noncompliance with Title IX specifications.

Let's take a quick look at the numbers

We swore we were all rock stars! The entire hotel ended up knowing us as the "1412 girls."

Fortunately, I did not burn (except on my ears and feet) because I faked and baked for a few sessions before we left to Florida. My pale skin would have fried otherwise.

For some apparent reason, boys down there thought it was Mardi Gras. I could not walk along the sidewalk in daylight without a guy yelling, "Show your stuff." We stomped them when we yelled the same thing right back.

Of course, they didn't drop their shorts, so they got the point: If you don't want to do it, don't expect us to!

Unfortunately, MTV was not in Panama City, but in Cancun, Mexico. Although, Steve from MTV's show "Jackass" was there.

He did a few pointless stunts as we watched from our balcony. He cannonballed in his leopard-print G-string about 12 feet onto a hotel lounge chair and broke it in half.

Of course, if some random person did that, they would have been kicked out of the hotel.

At 9 a.m. every day, our short 70-year-old maid knocked on our door and every morning we told her to go away. She just didn't get it. The re-occurring event became a joke.

Of course with 10 girls you're going to have some drama, from a few cat fights, to breaking a foot from stumbling out of a van, to running into ex-boyfriends. Drama all the way, baby.

But that didn't stop us from having fun. I'd love to share the memorable stories we created, but I'd be breaking our vow: "What happens in Florida stays in Florida."

If you ever have a chance to travel over spring break, do it while you still can! You'll have the time of your life.

from the 1998-99 school year:

- At that point, there were 12 sports on campus for men, and 11 for women. Of all athletes on campus, 55.5 percent were men and 45.5 percent were women.

- The recruiting budget for men's sports was \$473,862, or 70 percent of the university's total recruiting budget; women's sports came in at \$203,129, or 30 percent of the recruiting budget.

- The total revenue from men's programs was \$42,884,237. The total revenue from women's programs was \$2,829,099.

- The entire sports program at UW-Madison pulled in \$42,614,237. The program's expenses ran in at \$43,707,509. In other words, the university is losing money on sports.

So there are still more male athletes than female, even though women make up slightly more than half of the undergraduate population.

I'd argue, though, that men are simply more interested in sports, and the university may have gone too far in trying to appease the fanatical equality proponents.

It's a fact: on attending major sporting

Robb Crocker

Millionaire buys space travel, what's next?

Tensions are running high between NASA and a Russian space company, RKK Energia, over millionaire Dennis Tito's \$20 million contract with the Russians to allow him to ride into space with a Russian crew. U.S. officials have vowed to convince the Russian agency to not allow Tito to come along for the joy ride, citing a lack of training.

The four Russian cosmonauts who will be launched to the jointly operated space station (Russia, Canada, Japan and the United States) on April 30 have recently ended a protest in favor of the eccentric U.S. businessman.

The Russian company claims that if Tito is being launched in their ship, they can do whatever they want.

I have a few opinions on this matter. First, why would someone want to be launched into space?

I know it can be a thrill for some people to fly (I personally don't like to), but this is a spaceship, not a DC-10. In addition, why would any sane person want to spend \$20 million to go into space?

If one were going to spend this kind of money, wouldn't it be wiser to spend the money on your own country? How ironic is

it that an American is funneling \$20 million to our former Cold War rivals?

If Tito is insistent on being launched into space, maybe the United States should offer to send him up there for \$15 million so that the money can go back to NASA's space program.

If Tito can afford to spend \$20 million on a space joy ride, why doesn't he just buy his own country, create his own space program and launch himself into space?

I can't really say that I wouldn't want to use my riches (if I had any) to buy outlandish things and do whatever I wanted to, but I think that launching myself into space would not be one of them.

If the Russians hold their stance and send Tito into space, it will create a bidding war for other crazy ideas like this. Next thing you know, the rich will be bidding to pilot nuclear subs, Air Force One and space shuttles.

Realize that money is power, but this is ridiculous. Tito shouldn't be launched into space and he definitely shouldn't be paying the Russians to do so.

If the Russians do this for about 15 or 20 more rich people, they'll soon be a superpower again.

CommonwealthTimes

EDITORIAL BOARD

Robb Crocker — Editorial Editor
J. Edward Rogalsky — Executive Editor
Stacey Reed — Circulation Director
Mary Beth Thomsen — Writer

The opinion section of the Commonwealth Times is a forum open to the public. Virginia Commonwealth University students, faculty and administrators are encouraged to submit letters and columns expressing their opinions and concerns. The opinions expressed are those of individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Commonwealth Times or VCU. Editorials represent the institutional opinion of the Commonwealth Times.

We reserve the right to edit all letters for grammar, style and space. Letters should not exceed one single-spaced typed page. Letters must be signed and must include daytime and evening phone numbers.

CFE-mail: CTVCU@hotmail.com. Mailing address: P.O. Box 842010, Richmond, VA 23284-2010. Drop box location: Room 1149, T. Edward Temple Building.

events, one finds more men, more excited men and more men who aren't there just because their girlfriends dragged them there. Men are just more interested in athletics, whether participating or being spectators.

In fact, to draw in even this same female athletes for UW, "sports" like sailing and precision ice-skating for women have been added.

I'm not denying that these activities require skill, but to add these programs in exchange for men's programs, such as the notably absent men's baseball, seems unfair.

Next, the recruiting budget: this is clearly related to vast difference in the revenues brought in by men's and women's sports.

I don't find it unreasonable that the university is more willing to spend money to bring in athletes who will, in turn, bring money back to the university. Sorry, precision ice-skaters, but the football program

brings in more than you ever will.

The fact is that men's sports bring in more money than any women's sports because men, in general, are more athletic than women. I speak from experience.

I played rugby in high school, and while I loved to play, it is about a million times more fun to watch the men. As a general rule, men are stronger, faster and more aggressive than women.

And for this reason, UW shouldn't be stigmatized for spending more money on sports that will bring prestige to the school while giving women all reasonable (note, reasonable) opportunities to participate in athletics.

Maybe it's about time that the government stopped blindly following public outcry and begin to think logically about the ramifications of the laws it makes.

Clearly, the ramifications of this law are unfair and should be re-thought, so that opportunities are equal to demand in the sports arena for both women and men.

Do you WANT IT?



Do you NEED IT?

Extra cash, that is...

The *Commonwealth Times* is looking for a few good Advertising Sales Reps to contact local businesses about advertising possibilities in VCU's student-run newspaper.

- No limit on income
- Generous commission
- Must have dependable transportation
- Should be professional in appearance & attitude
- Flexible hours; make your own schedule every week

For more information, or to fill out an application, drop by our offices in room 1149 of the Temple Building, OR contact Michael at 828-1058 (e-mail: AVCUAdGuy@aol.com)

**TOYOTA**

CALL IT START UP MONEY.

TOYOTA'S ^{New} COLLEGE GRADUATE FINANCE PLAN INCLUDES \$500 TO GET YOU GOING!

There's sure to be a Toyota that's just right for you.....

And now there's a Toyota College Graduate Finance Program that's just right, too. Here are some of the advantages:

- No Down Payment
- No Payment for 90 days
- Finance up to 72 months
- Get \$500 Cash Back From Toyota...
in addition to any other current Toyota customer incentives!

So if you're within 4 months of graduation —
or if you graduated within the past 2 years —
Ask your Toyota dealer for all the details.

www.gettoyota.com

Toyota College Graduate Finance Program available to qualified applicants thru Toyota Financial Services. Not all applicants will qualify. Some restrictions and limitations apply. Cash back offer subject to geographic limitations and offer expires 6/30/01. See dealer for details.



MR2

Celica

Echo

Solara

Corolla

Camry

Tacoma

RAV4

Highlander

Tundra

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
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate workers	April 4
Seniors	April 4
Juniors	April 9
Sophomores	April 16
Freshmen	April 23
Special Students (non-degree seeking)	April 30

Telephone registration hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Telephone registration number: (804)828-1495

If you have any questions, please call Records and Registration at 828-1349.
Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution providing access to education and employment without regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, veteran's status, political affiliation or disability. If special accommodations are required, please contact Henri-Etta Burke at 828-2021.

Ram Stat

Led by a 12th-place finish by Ryan Zylstra, the VCU golf team tied for sixth at the Furman Intercollegiate in Greenville, S.C.

Monday, March 26, 2001

Sports

Commonwealth Times • 8

Coming next issue

Find out if the VCU baseball team will start a new winning streak against Virginia Tech, plus stats and standings.

Weatherby stops VCU from breaking record

WILMINGTON, N.C.—Sooner or later the VCU baseball team was going to lose. In 1998 VCU had an 18-game winning streak and lost, but that winning run was part of a 33-3 stretch.

Somewhere the Rams would run into a pitcher that they couldn't hit or get opportunities and not take advantage of them or something else. Sunday was that day.

Charlie Weatherby held VCU scoreless after the first inning, and UNC Wilmington broke open a close Colonial Athletic Association game with a seven-run eighth inning as the Seahawks won 9-1 to snap VCU's 17-game winning streak, one short of the school record set in 1998.

After the Rams scored in the first inning Weatherby was dominant. VCU managed only six hits and Weatherby (5-3) struck out seven batters in a complete-game victory. Matt Davis had half of the Rams' hits and the only run.

Jamie Hemingway was the big gun for the Seahawks (3-3 CAA, 19-10) with a three-run double during the eighth-inning explosion.

Down 1-0, UNCW scored in the bottom of the first to tie the game, the Seahawks went ahead on a Marcus Pilegard RBI single in the fourth inning. From there

Marc Fisher (3-2) matched Weatherby pitch for pitch. Fisher pitched well despite taking the loss, holding the Seahawks to seven hits and two runs in 6 1/3 innings of work and striking out eight.

In the eighth inning the Rams' bullpen - excellent in a win Friday against the Seahawks - came apart, killing off any chance of a comeback.

Two bunt singles and a walk loaded the bases with no outs. Pilegard hit a grounder to third base and the Rams forced out the runner at home. Then David Ange walked and Matt Wright was hit by a pitch, bringing in two runs.

After a pitching change Pat Massey hit a ground ball to shortstop and another Seahawk runner was forced at home. With two outs, the Rams had a chance to escape the eighth inning, down only 4-1.

Instead Joe Dekker walked in another run, setting the stage for Hemingway's game-clinching double.

In the second game of the series Sean Marshall shut down the Seahawks for eight innings and the Rams scored five unearned runs to win 8-1, their 17th straight triumph. In improving to 4-0 this season, Marshall held the Seahawks to eight hits and one unearned run, while striking out

nine batters.

Brian Gillespie led VCU's offensive attack with three hits, two runs scored and one RBI. Davis was the only other Ram to have a multi-hit game, with two hits and two runs scored. Kevin Elrod added two RBI sacrifice flies.

Three Seahawk errors helped the Rams (2-1, 21-6) grab control of the game with a three-run first inning.

After UNCW scored its only run in the fourth inning, Cory Bauswell restored VCU's three-run cushion by hitting his third home run of the season.

The Rams put the game away by scoring four times in the eighth inning. Gillespie had an RBI single, Elrod knocked in another run with a sacrifice fly, and a throwing error by Seahawk reliever Bryan Meadows scored two more runs for VCU.

VCU opened the series by gutting out a 6-3 victory.

UNC Wilmington broke out on top with a Pilegard RBI single in the bottom of the first inning. The Seahawks could have done a lot more damage, but VCU starter Bo Acors (5-0) worked out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam by striking Ange and Dekker.

Acors picked up the win by holding

UNCW to eight hits and three runs in 5 1/3 innings of work. The most important thing for Acors was striking out nine Seahawks while walking only one.

Matt McDonnell (4-1) shut VCU down early, retiring the first 10 batters he faced. McDonnell started to struggle in the fourth and that's when the Rams pounced.

After McDonnell retired Davis to start the fourth, he walked the next four Rams, tying the game up at one. Bauswell then delivered the big blow with a two-run single that put VCU up for good. Robbie Gragnani capped the inning with an RBI groundout, and the Rams had a 4-1 lead.

UNCW cut the deficit with a pair of runs in the sixth, chasing Rams' starter Acors. VCU's bullpen came in and shut the door on the Seahawks.

Chad Baumann and Davy Martin combined to work 3 2/3 innings of relief, allowing only two baserunners and no runs. Martin got the final five outs to record his second save of the season.

Jose Pabon gave Martin some breathing room in the top of the ninth with a two-run homer that capped the scoring.

The Rams begin a nine-game homestand with a game against Virginia Tech Tuesday at 7 p.m.

VCU snaps losing streak

Straight-set victories at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches propelled the VCU women's tennis team to a 4-3 victory over Boston University.

The Rams started off well by grabbing the doubles point, keyed by a tight win at the No. 1 doubles match.

Raluca Ciulei and Anca Dumitrescu easily won the No. 2 doubles 8-1 over Elena de Mendoza and Lindsey Dynof.

Yana Carollo and Sylvia Urickova fought a close battle with Christina Causway and Carrie Rose in the difficult blustery conditions at the Thalimer Tennis Center.

Carollo and Urickova prevailed 8-6 to hand the Rams (7-4) the first point of the match.

In singles VCU won three of the five matches competed to squeeze out the victory.

Dumitrescu swept Rose 6-4, 6-3 and Urickova fought off a second-set challenge to win 6-1, 6-4 over Dynof.

Carollo had no trouble with de Mendoza

winning 6-0, 6-1.

The Terriers grabbed two singles wins with Causway slipping past Ciulei in No. 1 singles 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (11-8) and Alana Marcu shutting out Wendy Hsu 6-0, 6-0 in No. 5 singles.

The Rams head to the Northeast next weekend to face two Ivy League teams, the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton University.

Men

NORFOLK — Despite its recent struggles outside of the Colonial Athletic Association, the 25th-ranked VCU men's tennis team showed once again that they are the dominant team of the CAA.

The Rams, six-time defending CAA champions, kept their six-year conference winning streak alive with an easy 5-0 victory over Old Dominion University.

— compiled from news sources

Women dominate sprint events at Ram Invitational

The VCU women's track team won four events, three in the sprints, at the Ram Invitational at Sports Backers Stadium.

In the 100-meter dash, the Rams grabbed the top three places. Monica Hawkins won the event followed LaShay Garland and Andrea Etheridge. That trio and life Imhotep won the 4 x 100-meter relay in 49.38 seconds.

Katrina Cromwell won VCU's third sprint title by taking the 200 meters.

The Rams' fourth winner was Maria Elena-Calle, who won the 1,500 meters in

a time of 4:41.19.

The men's track team picked up four victories as well. VCU picked up two wins in relays, the 4 x 100 and the 4 x 400.

Daniel Ndungu and Joe Reid were the Rams' individual winners in the 5,000 and 1,500 meters respectively.

The men's track team will compete at the University of Richmond next weekend while the women travel down Interstate 64 to the College of William & Mary.

— compiled from news sources

Three Rams pick up CAA honors

NORFOLK — Rochelle Luckett of the VCU women's basketball team, second in the nation in steals this season with a 4.3 average, was named Colonial Athletic Association defensive player of the year for the second straight season.

Luckett, the CAA's scoring champ with a 14.9 average per game, also was named to the CAA first team. Liz Remus also grabbed one of the conference's most prestigious honors when she won the Dean Ehlers Leadership Award for 2001.

The honor is given to the player who "embodies the highest standards of leadership, integrity and sportsmanship through her academic and athletic achievement." Remus also was named to the all-academic team.

Kristine Austgulen picked up two honors, joining Remus on the all-academic team and gaining recognition as a member of the all-CAA second team.

Field Hockey

VCU's field hockey team is well represented on the 2000 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I Academic Squad. Seven Rams were named to the squad, tying Old Dominion University for the most members from a Colonial Athletic Association school.

Masha Sonina received this honor for the third straight year; all the other players are first-time honorees.

Becky Spangler, Marilyn Batan, Nikki Cappetta, Emily Smith, Nicole Sullivan and Laura Thompson joined Sonina on the team.

Out of the 72 Division I schools that compete in field hockey, only eight placed more players on the squad than VCU did.

— compiled from news sources

Rams in Action				
TEAM	UPCOMING EVENTS			Notes
MEN'S TENNIS (13-7, 3-0)	MARCH 30 DUKE	APRIL 1 CLEMSON	APRIL 4 VIRGINIA	VCU'S MATCH WITH DUKE IS THE FIRST OF FOUR STRAIGHT MATCHES AGAINST ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE TEAMS.
WOMEN'S TENNIS (7-5, 2-1)	MARCH 31 PENN	APRIL 1 PRINCETON	APRIL 6 VA. TECH	THE RAMS, PLAYING WITH ONLY FIVE PLAYERS, FELL 5-2 AT VIRGINIA SUNDAY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE.
BASEBALL (21-6, 2-1)	MARCH 27 VA. TECH	MARCH 30 GMU	MARCH 31 GMU	VCU WILL FINISH THIS SEASON WITH 16 OF ITS LAST 23 GAMES AT HOME, WHERE THE RAMS ARE 13-0.
<input type="checkbox"/> INDICATES HOME GAME <input type="checkbox"/> INDICATES AWAY GAME				

Cover VCU's exciting bowling team!

Become a sports writer today.

Contact George Templeton @828-1058 for more information.