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Media exec reviews industry's past, future

John King
CT STAFF WRITER

As the 2001 Thalheimer Executive-in-Residence, J. Stewart Bryan III, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Media General Inc., last week told the VCU community just how his company has adapted to technology.

During his presentation sponsored by the School of Business, Bryan reviewed the history of Media General from the founding of the Daily Dispatch in 1850 to owning 25 daily newspapers, 26 network affiliate network stations and nearly 100 weekly publications.

"My experiences taught me that adapting quickly to abrupt changes in the environment is important and necessary for a capability for a life in business," he said.

"I never studied business in college but I wish I had."

He attributed the success of Media General, the parent company of the Richmond

Times-Dispatch, to two A's: ability and adaptability that helped the company progress and survive in a competing information age.



Bryan

appeared, Bryan said, Media General adapted by building a "world-class cable system" in Fairfax County, but the company soon sold that operation and another in

Fredericksburg because of competitive pressure for independent systems to consolidate.

Today, Bryan said, the Internet is the future in what is called the digital revolution. He reminded students that they, too, must be willing to adapt as technology becomes more digital.

Instead of losing millions in Internet technology, Bryan, who studied philosophy and law at the University of Virginia, said Media General has taken careful approaches in exploring new Internet innovations. Media General, he said, views the Internet as a dynamic new market place.

"In markets where we (Media General) own both a newspaper and a television station," he said, "our Web sites have become integral parts of what we call media convergence."

The goal of combining these three media sources, he said, is to make our company the major communication source in the community.

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— J. Stewart Bryan III, CEO,
Media General Inc.

"We (Media General) want to deliver high-quality content whenever and wherever people want it," Bryan told the students. "We give it to people in print first thing in the morning or television several times throughout the day or over the Internet through computers, cell phones, palm pilots or whatever wireless device that is invented next."

After Bryan's talk, Keith Latta, a junior

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African-American studies degree at VCU?

Marlene Obado-Dolla
CT STAFF WRITER

Students seeking to major in African-American studies at VCU might get to do just that by fall if the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approves the degree program now on the table.

"We haven't changed anything on the proposal and everything about it (the proposal) points to the quality of the program," said M. Njeri Jackson, director of the African-American Studies Program. "We teach between 1,400 to 1,500 students a year in over 45 courses offered through African-American studies in 14 different departments."

A bachelor of science major in African-American studies first was proposed in 1993. Shortly thereafter, VCU's Board of Visitors reviewed the proposal and approved it. In November 1997, however, the council rejected the proposal by a 5-3 vote citing the expected enrollment as too low for productivity and that such a program could "Balkanize" the inner-city campus, according to a July 27, 1997, Richmond Times-Dispatch article.



Jackson

Three new courses being offered this fall include economic development, African-American women plus one titled anthropology, archaeology and slavery. In the past, Jackson said, students continually approached her about implementing more courses related to Af-

frican-American studies, and these three courses led the list.

"There is also a new course that has become a permanent course in the political science department curriculum, which is African-American politics," Jackson said.

The biggest challenge to the African-American studies program lies in finding adequate resources to support it effectively. Unless Virginia aggressively supports with the funding needed, Jackson said, the program will have to seek such other possibilities as grants.

L. Victor Collins, multicultural student affairs director, said VCU as the fourth most diverse public university in Virginia with the most black students in attendance, needs a major in African-American studies.

"African-American studies," Collins said, "is already offered as a major by other public Virginia universities so why were we being singled out that we cannot offer it?"

"This whole thing about 'Balkanizing' ... that offering African-American studies as a major somehow would cause our students to become disunited and break into small warring factions is completely ridiculous."

Collins' statement refers to Jeff Brown, the only African-American on the state council, who told council members that is why he opposed the major in 1997.

"There are conservatives on the state council because we have a conservative governor," Collins said. "He appoints the people on the state council. However, it is interesting because the governor also appoints people onto the Board of Visitors at VCU. It is our board of visitors who have said, 'Yes, we believe that this is good for this university.'"

The major requires students to have a concentration in such areas as history, literature, art or dance of various African-related cultures to get a well-rounded perspec-

tive. The minor curriculum contains dozens of courses cross-listed with courses offered by other departments.

African-American studies, Collins said, would be an important preparatory degree for people who want to further their studies in disciplines such as sociology, political science and history. He also called it a very important major for students who want to teach.

Yasmine Madden, a sociology major and African-American studies minor, described the focus for having an African-American studies major on educating students about Africa and African-American history and culture.

"Where would anyone get the impression that having such a major would cause segregation?" she asked. "I think it's time we had this major. We want it because it will allow us (African-Americans) a sense of belonging when it comes to history."

Janel Hoffer, director of legislative issues for the Student Government Association, kept up this stand, saying the bimonthly SGA legislative meeting addresses such issues.

"I know a lot of students are supportive ... and we are trying to put this issue and others of importance to students out there so we can get public support," she said.



Campus Briefs

Chill out with stress-relieving activities

From April 19 to April 26, Stress Relief Week, several campus organizations sponsor events and activities designed to alleviate end-of-the-year pressure. Here's the schedule:

Thursday, April 19

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Information table with tips for stress relief, University Student Commons lobby.

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Academic Success Program: "Preparing for Finals," University Student Commons Theater.

9 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Coffee house sponsored by The Week's End, Common Ground at the University Student Commons.

Monday, April 23

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Information table with tips for stress relief, University Student Commons lobby.

8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Residence hall study break and "Indulge Your Senses" stress-relief program, Johnson Hall television room.

Tuesday, April 24

8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Residence hall study break and "Indulge Your Senses" stress-relief program, Cabaniss Hall piano lounge.

Wednesday, April 25

8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Residence hall study break and "Indulge Your Senses" stress-relief program, Gladding Residence Center community room.

Thursday, April 26

8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Residence hall study break and "Indulge Your Senses" stress-relief program, Rhoads Hall multipurpose room, west wing.

Poetry reading by Gary Sange at local coffee shop

Gary Sange, poet and associate professor of English at VCU, gives a public reading 7 p.m., April 25, at the Harrison Street Coffee Shop.

Sange is the author of the collection, "Sudden Around the Bend," as well as two volumes of poetry in manuscript, "Joy Boss" and "Out in the Oy."

He won the Richard Hugo Memorial Fellowship and served as the poet-in-residence at the Caribbean Writers' Conference in Nassau.

"Maud," Sange's long poem was performed as an oratorio at Carnegie Hall and is available on compact disc.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, April 19

Program: Leonard Barry, retailing expert and Charles G. Thalheimer Family Scholar-in-Residence, discusses his book, "Discovering the Soul of Service," 9:30 a.m.

to 10:45 in the Commonwealth Ballroom at the University Student Commons. Sponsored by the School of Business.

Program: "Preparing for Finals," sponsored by the Academic Success Program, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater.

Program: Golden Key National Honor Society induction ceremony, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Commonwealth Ballrooms A and B at the University Student Commons.

Friday, April 20

Film: "Legend of the Drunken Master" shows 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater. Sponsored by the APB-Film Committee.

Meeting: Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30 p.m. in the Hibbs Building, Room 403.

Film: "O Brother Where Art Thou" shows 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater. Sponsored by the APB-Film Committee.

Saturday, April 21

Program: Intercultural festival, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, noon to 5 p.m. in the University Student Commons Plaza.

Free admission to a festival of dancing, singing, presentations, food and games from different cultures.

Film: "O Brother Where Art Thou" shows 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater. Sponsored by the APB-Film Committee.

Film: "Legend of the Drunken Master" shows 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the University Student Commons Theater. Sponsored by the APB-Film Committee.

Sunday, April 22

Meeting: Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. in the Hibbs Building, Room 326.

Program: Annual University Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony, 2 p.m. in the University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom.

Tuesday, April 24

Program: VCU-MCV Campus residency fair, noon to 5 p.m. in the Larrick Student Center lobby. Sponsored by the American Medical Student Association.

Correction: In a March 26 article about the Academic Success Program, the CT quoted J.D. Humphrey. The correct spelling of his name is J.D. Humphreys.

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studying human resources, said he liked the historical part of Bryan's presentation, especially how the Richmond Times-Dispatch came together. For instance, the CEO identified Media General originating from the Daily Dispatch in 1850.

The speaker also told of how Major Lewis Ginter, the cigarette-rolling machine inventor, gave the Daily Times to his attorney Joseph Bryan, who is Bryan's great-grandfather.

Adding another historical perspective, Bryan described how the six newspapers in the Richmond area were in danger of going out of business. Because of this, his great-grandfather in 1903 combined the Daily Times and the Daily News Financial to form the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Before Bryan spoke, the business school dean, Michael Sesnowitz, provided the audience with a bird's-eye view of the CEO's professional career.

"Mr. Bryan's first full-time job in the newspaper business after studying philosophy and then law at the University of Virginia and serving in the Marine Corps was at the Burlington Free Press in Vermont," Sesnowitz said.

Bryan left the Free Press to become a reporter for the Tampa Times before joining the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He later returned to Tampa to become vice president of the Tribune Media and eventually the executive vice president and publisher of the Tampa Tribune and the Tampa Times.

Returning to Richmond in 1978, Sesnowitz said, Bryan became president and publisher for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Richmond News Leader. In 1985, Bryan

became vice chairman and executive vice president of Media General and has maintained his CEO position since 1990.

Another student listening to the CEO's speech, Kenneth Cluff, a junior studying economics, said he liked hearing about Media General's media-convergence operation.

Cincy students urge calm after race riots ravage city

Brett Runyon

THE NEWS RECORD (U. CINCINNATI)

(U-WIRE) CINCINNATI — Black and white students calling for an end to violence and police abuses gathered Thursday and Friday night outside Calhoun Hall on the University of Cincinnati campus.

Shortly after the curfew began, students from Calhoun, Siddall and other residence halls met in the courtyard between Calhoun and Siddall Dining Hall. A resident of Calhoun brought his emcee equipment, and students listened to music and rallied for peace as residents of Siddall and Calhoun gawked from above.

Several times, the more than 70 participants marched to the railing on Calhoun Street and stood on the absolute edge of campus, shouting "No justice, no peace" and "Don't shoot to kill."

Students then returned to the courtyard behind Calhoun, joined in a moment of silence, and listened to student speakers.

The primary speaker was Justin Awles, second-year arts and sciences student who urged students to "lock arms with your brothers and sisters."

Cincinnati Police officers cruised by several times, but did not stop or interfere with the demonstration. The police have no jurisdiction on campus and the university itself was not under curfew. UC Police were not in attendance Thursday night.

Angela Wilson, a fourth-year computer engineering student, helped organize the event. She said the point of the rally was to "let the community know that we understand them. We are a community."

Christopher Bridges, the resident coordinator for Calhoun Hall, attended and helped control the crowd at the demonstration. He said he supported his students in "intelligent conversation," and had no fear of the demon-

stration turning disruptive. "We have good student leaders keeping things in control."

No students were allowed outside the fence in front of Calhoun. Any student who began to cross the divide was called back by the other demonstrators. According to Bridges, there was a student representative appointed to talk to police in case of problems. When Awles asked for volunteers to speak, Brian Yates, a first-year civil engineering student, spoke to the crowd, calling for a "shift in emphasis."

Yates came from Daniels Hall to join the demonstration. A singer sang "We Shall Overcome" and the deejay played "Get Up, Stand Up" by Bob Marley.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., the rally ended and students began to disperse. After the rally, Bridges again emphasized that violence and destruction were not a part of the protests on UC's campus.

Students at the demonstration emphasized that this was a peaceful, intellectual response to the riots.

"(The residents of Over-the-Rhine) destroying their community, that won't solve anything," said first-year African-American Studies student Aryn Worthington. "As UC students, we're paying for what happens downtown too."

"We're all in this together," said Awles during the demonstration. "Black, white, Latino, whatever, we're all in this together."

Yates argued UC students have a vital stake in the events of the community.

"The fact that 15 people got shot is a problem for the whole community," he said. "This is intelligent people speaking about the issue. Out there, there is more anger. It's a different facet of the same community."

UC spokesman Greg Hand said Sunday the university did not have any problems with students throughout the weekend and said the demonstrations remained peaceful.

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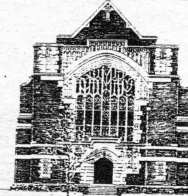
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Hokies complete climb up Argentinian mount

Katherine Stewart

THE COLLEGIATE TIMES (VIRGINIA TECH)

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG — Mount Aconcagua, which is located on the Argentina/Chile border, is nearly 23,000 feet tall and the site for the climbing club's spring break summit. Climbing Mount Aconcagua in Argentina was the culmination of months of intensive training and planning for a team of four with local roots. All members of the club have been or are still enrolled at Virginia Tech.

The team consisted of John Perry, a junior mechanical engineering major, Jake Lewis, Jack Perry — John's father — and Paul Wright, a Virginia Tech engineering alumni.

Some mountains that are comparable to Mount Aconcagua are Mount Everest in Tibet with a 29,000-foot summit, Mount Denali in Alaska with a 20,000-foot summit and Mount Ranier in Washington with a 14,000-foot summit.

Planning for a mountaineering trips such as climbing Aconcagua is very detail-oriented, John Perry said.

It begins months in advance, Perry said. "We started talking about the trip in 1999, but we didn't start planning soon enough to make it that year."

Both Jack and John Perry have climbed Mount Ranier many times and are very experience mountaineers, Perry said.

They have also climbed the Grand Tetons in Wyoming.

John and Jack Perry guided the trip up Aconcagua. The team of four left from Washington, D.C., for their destination of Mendoza, Argentina.

"Generally you will pay three to four thousand dollars for a guide to take you up the mountain," Perry said.

Eating regularly is always a main concern when scaling any mountain. With guided trips, the food is prepared for the climbers, while this group brought their own.

"With guided trips your meals are generally cooked for you, so you get to eat better tasting food. Also, a lot of the work is cut out for you," Perry said.

"This trip probably cost about \$1,500 each," Perry said.

"We packed all of the food before the trip and took it with us," he added.

"Three and a half weeks of food — every calorie counted, everything weighed, 2,500 calories a day per person, a real logistic nightmare.

"You have to have special meals for the summit day because you're not cooking," he said.

Meals consisted of dried foods, such as vegetables, chicken, tuna and fruit, Perry said.

"We dried them ourselves in my mom's oven and added things like Potassium salt to help with nutrients," Perry said.

"On long trips like this, good, tasty food is essential," Perry said.

"At such a high altitude, if the food isn't tasty, you won't eat well, so you splurge and take better, heavier foods," Perry said.

Mountaineering requires lots of safety precautions to ensure the entire group is as far away from danger as possible.

"We use ropes to connect us to protect us from crevasses and danger and to keep the group together in case of a white out" said Perry.

There is also altitude sickness that climbers have to worry about when scaling to the great heights of certain mountains.

There are three types of altitude sickness, Perry said.

"Acute mountain sickness is what you first get before the other two. AMS isn't very serious and can be prevented or cured by just descending for a bit. Most can then continue to climb," Perry said.

"The other two types are high altitude cerebral edema and high altitude pulmonary edema. Both are fatal if immediate descent of the mountain isn't done. HACE is swelling of the brain and HAPE is fluid in your lungs. You can get any of the three on mountains in Colorado or Washington state," Perry said.

The health of one member of the team, Jack Perry, was in danger. On day 17, Jack Perry suffered from serious altitude sickness.

He had also slept while wearing his contact lenses and feared his cornea was scratched.

He was flown out of the base camp into Mendoza and then later was flown into the United States. Although he was feeling better, he still had vision problems.

Along with planning a trip also comes training for the climb. Training began for the team about the same time as the planning.

John Perry said that he ran the stairs at Lane Stadium three times a week, mountain biked twice a week and went to the gym three times a week in order to train for the trip.

Perry said Jake ran marathons and was in shape for the climb, as well as Paul, who competes in triathlons.

He also said his dad had his own workout schedule, which included running stairs.

Even after all the planning and training have been accounted for, gear for the trip still needs to be arranged.

Perry said that all their gear gets quite expensive.

The sleeping bags they used protected them from negative temperatures and cost about \$400, he said.

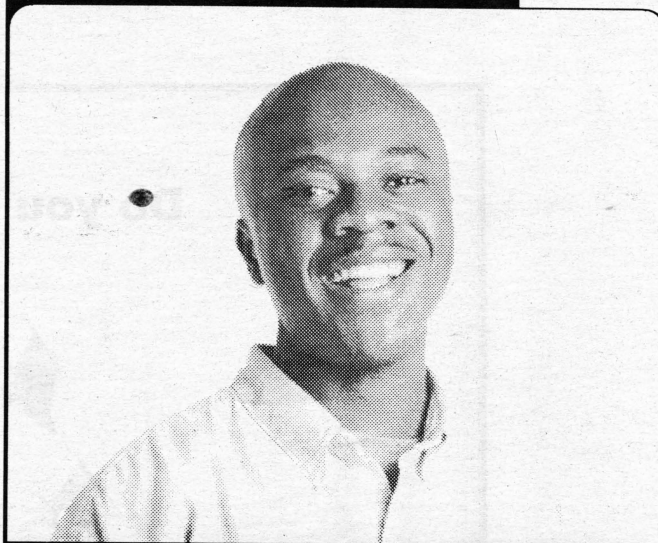
"We wear down coats and they cost about \$400 too," he said.

"Most of us had all the gear we needed, but there were still a few things that needed to be bought," he said.

"(Climbing Mount Aconcagua) is the most mentally challenging experience I have had in my life.

"It was a constant battle with my mind, to keep putting one foot in front of the other, in between breaths," Perry said.

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'80s pop star Tiffany performs VCU show

Grown-up singer mixes old, new and talks about music today

Joey Elswick
CT STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday I heard rumors. There was a quiet rumble on campus. On Thursday I confirmed it. On Friday she was here.

Tiffany had stormed the Student Commons to perform music from her new album and bring back fond memories to all of the kids who knew her when she was pop in the late '80s. Although Tiffany is not singing the same type of songs she was when she



Joey Elswick when I

was in elementary school. I had this toy radio called a Pocket Rocker (I don't know if you remember those, but they were sweet). Basically it was a radio for kids with tiny tapes about an inch long that had two songs. I remember I had the Jets, the "Miami Vice" Theme, the Fat Boys doing "Wipeout" with the Beach Boys and then Tiffany.

I listened to "I Think We're Alone Now" on my Pocket Rocker all the time. So imagine the excitement when I heard Tiffany was coming to VCU. Needless to say I was psyched, but also wondered "Where has Tiffany been?"

Tiffany has been missing in action for over a decade. In 1987, she climbed to the top of the charts at the age of 15 with her version Tommy James and the Shondells 1967 song "I Think We're Alone Now." That was by far Tiffany's biggest hit topping the US charts at number one. She also hit number one with "Could've Been," but that would be about it. Tiffany would reach number seven in the United States with "I Saw Him Standing There," a bubble-gum cover of The Beatles' "I Saw Her Standing There."

After those hits, she disappeared from the music spotlight. She released two albums, "Holding an Old Friend's Hand" (1988), another teen pop effort, and "New Inside" (1990), her "mature" album. Both were ill received.

After those albums, Tiffany moved out of her parents' home and sued her mother for emancipation. She relocated to Nashville and gave a country career a shot, but that never panned out. Tiffany also has a son, now 8, that she spent time with.

"Yeah, I spent a lot of time between the early albums and now just being a mom. Going on field trips and watching my little boy grow up. Now I am ready to get back out on the road and get my new music out there."

So now, at 29, Tiffany is back and has brought her new sound to VCU.

Roughly 150 came to the Commonwealth Ballroom to see the former pop star. The band -- two guitarists, a bassist, a keyboardist and a drummer -- came out first. Tiffany began singing off stage then walked out from the side doors and took to the stage. The crowd erupted with cheers. I thought to myself, Tiffany is rock and roll now, wearing leather pants, a chain belt and a black tank

top. She is not the pop princess of old.

She opened with several songs from her new album, "The Color of Silence." The new stuff she performed seemed to be rock with some folk and even a little country influenced. Tiffany described her new music as "A little matchbox 20, a little Paula Cole and rockin' out because that is what I like to do."

She belted out the words to her songs with power and they sounded good. The newstuff isn't something I would buy, but I give her credit where it is due, Tiffany can still sing.

Early in the set she gave the crowd a taste of what they came for, performing her hit ballad "Could've Been." The crowd sang along as Tiffany sang her old hit. A small group in the crowd even put their lighters in the air while she performed.

Tiffany did a few more new songs that few seemed to know but everyone seemed to enjoy. The crowd was dancing and having fun. Near the end of the set she gave the crowd her rendition of the Janis Joplin classic "Me and Bobby McGee." Watching Tiffany do this song was really cool. I got to see the range in her voice and hear some of the influence behind her new music.

The last song she gave the crowd was what everyone wanted to hear: "I Think We're Alone Now." When she started singing it, the crowd broke out into dancing and clapping. The new version of this song was not as poppy as before. It had more of a rock sound with a little reggae influence. It sounded strange, but was still great to hear.

"I didn't originally want to record the song again, but the band reworked the song to give it a new sound. It sounded great and we decided to do 'I Think We're Alone Now' again," Tiffany said. "I don't mind doing my old music at all. I am not ashamed of where I came from. 'Could've Been' is really fun to

sing and everyone gets into 'Alone Now' and I enjoy seeing all the different types of kids come out to the shows that used to listen to my stuff."

Tiffany also commented on how pop music today and pop music in 1987 are not the same thing. "My old songs are so different from what is being done today. Back when Debbie (Gibson) and I were making music, things were simple. Today people like Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera are really ahead of the game. Britney has an incredible body and is a great dancer. Christina's voice is absolutely amazing. With music videos and huge live shows, they have really gone beyond what was pop when I started."

The new pop wasn't why everyone came to see Tiffany. Those who came out to the Commonwealth Ballroom for the early show wanted a little piece of the past. They wanted to hear that old sound they knew and loved. This was a cool show because everyone in the audience including me remembered Tiffany from when we were young. It was really cool to see her, talk to her and find out where she had been for the last ten years.

From VCU they are off to Kentucky to do a show then wrap this small tour up with a few shows in New York and Philadelphia opening for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. This summer Tiffany is heading to Asia to tour for a while, then come back and do more stateside shows.

Overall, the show was fun. I don't really like Tiffany's new music enough to purchase it, but it was fun live. If you are into the rock and roll that is kind of folk and kind of country with emotional lyrics then I recommend the new album. If you are an old fan of Tiffany, I recommend seeing her show when she comes back on tour. If for nothing else, the nostalgia makes it worthwhile.

New Matmos album samples slices of life

Jamaal Cox
CT STAFF WRITER

Upon first listen of "A Chance to Cut is a Chance to Cure" by Matmos this album sounds like another compilation of well-mixed noises and samples. The real secret lies within the liner notes. Once you open up the booklet you realize that the boys from Matmos have dedicated their masterpiece to their fathers: Dr. Werner Felix Schmidt and Dr. Rolin Kimball Daniel. The underlying detail in this fact is that all of the sounds sampled in this artwork are sounds from plastic surgery.

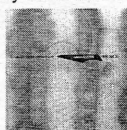
Matmos has used sounds from corrective laser eye surgery, rhinoplasty and liposuctions as the basis for their well-lain laptop magnificence. This alone makes "A chance" one of the most creative concept albums of all time. Once you realize that weird noise you hear could possibly someone getting fat removed from their buttocks, it adds a whole other dimension to this piece of work.

The most amazing thing to me is the fact that Matmos only use samples. So everything is spliced and put back together (pun intended). The sequencing and timing are impeccable and would make any computer hacker jealous. Songs meld and screech into one another at times as if the listener is traveling from the waiting room into the actual operating room.

The standout track on the album is the third track entitled "Spondee." A spondee is a word that is phonetically balanced with equal stress on both the first and second syllable. Examples of spondees would be hotdog, lunchbox and pancake. Underneath a female's utterances of spondee there are noises backing up the word said, such as a mustard bottle being squeezed after hotdog has been said. After several spondee have been spat and you've started smiling, a fun 4/4 house beat comes in underneath and funks the song up enough that you could possibly hear it at Cafeine's on a Thursday night.

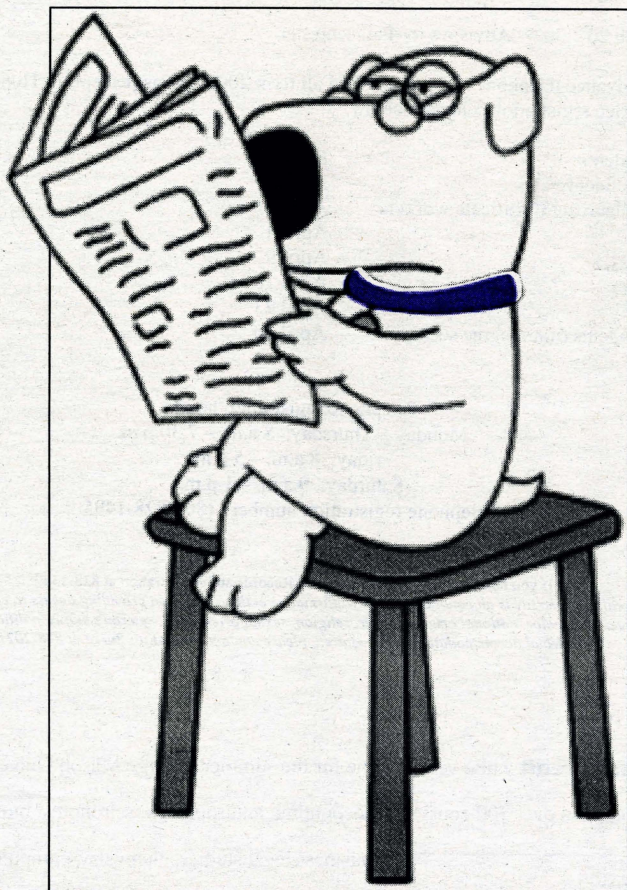
The album is definitely an exercise and a piece of art. Unfortunately it is not a disc you can listen to at anytime. I would not suggest listening to this in a coffee shop or if you have a fear of the dentist's drill. But I would suggest listening to this if you enjoy conceptual masterpieces made from sound you would hear every day in Hollywood.

Potential Matmos fans would have to be Thom Yorke, who is always talking about the "noises in his head," and Bjork, who is scheduled to have her next album produced by the California natives.



"A chance to cut is a chance to cure" is the new album out now by Matmos





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Mary Beth Thomsen

Graduation scarier than going to school

However silly this may sound, I don't want to graduate. I don't want to give up my daily routine of going to class, work, and my organization's activities. I don't want to let go of my past four years because I have been so blessed by them. My experience as a college student is in some ways very typical and in other ways very unique.

I wouldn't move my car for fear of losing my parking space. I lived on the 11th floor of Rhoads Hall during my freshman year. I often frequented the Picolla Italy and Good Taste Chinese restaurant. I went out every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the first year of college.

I argued with roommates. I let my laundry build up until I had no more clean underwear. I slept through classes, studied the day before or sometimes the day of tests and I kept in touch with many high school friends for the first year.

One experience is more unique from the typical college student is that I continued to go to church on my own will. I became president of my sorority and Greek Council. I was rarely homesick. I knew exactly what I wanted to do and never changed my major.

I enjoyed writing papers and essays. I always responded, "I love it," when someone asked me how I like VCU. I went away for more than one spring break to Cancun and Panama City Beach. I am actually

graduating in exactly four years and last, but not least, I don't want to go.

People look at me funny when I say that I don't want to leave. The majority of soon-to-be graduates can't wait to get out and often don't look back. But my life has been so much fun that I'm not ready to let go of it. Not to say that my life is over after graduation but I will miss the typical day that Mary Beth has.

A free T-shirt that I received recently pretty much sums up the depressing but funny experience of a college student: "You might be a college student if...you live in a house with five roommates, two of whom you haven't seen in months, you consider Macaroni & Cheese a balanced meal, you have ever used coupons for Ramen noodles, you've ever stayed up all night just so you wouldn't sleep through your morning class, you have ever written a check for .65 cents, you eat pizza more than four times a week."

My first interview is coming up soon and I am scared out of my mind. I know that I am fully capable of pulling it off but the fear of the unknown frightens me. I guess I'll have to get over the fact that I'm not a morning person really quick!

There is one option that could solve my problem: graduates school. Hmmm, all right, that is scarier. You'll see me at graduation May 19.

Amul Madan

Sanction China

A Chinese fighter jet recently collided with a U.S. Navy EP3 eaves-dropping plane.

Soon after, the Chinese detained 24 Americans for approximately 11 days -- during which China demanded an apology because they thought that it was the United States' fault for colliding with one of their fighter pilots when it was China's fault for flying too close to the spy plane.

Although the 24 detainees have since been flown home and arrived safely in the United States, China refuses to return the spy plane. Some might raise the question: Why is China retaining the spy plane? The standoff is over, right?

Everything should be returned and life should go on. Well, not exactly.

China's main reason for keeping the spy plane is so that the Chinese military can benefit from learning about U.S. technology.

By keeping the spy plane, the Chinese are essentially stealing U.S. technological secrets. That, in itself, is wrong and unjust. The Chinese government should return the spy plane because it is morally the right thing to do.

Aside from the issue of the Chinese keeping the spy plane, Congress is considering slapping China with sanctions be-

cause they took 11 days to return the 24 Americans that they detained.

On the issue of U.S.-Chinese relations, U.S. Sen. Robert D. Torricelli, D-New Jersey, said, "The credibility of the United States is at stake," adding that "great powers that allow their interests to be compromised with impunity do not remain great powers very long."

By sanctioning China due to the detainment of the American crew, the United States would be doing two things. First, it would essentially punish China for withholding the 24 Americans in China after the crash.

Second, the act of sanctioning would not make China look good in the eyes of the United Nations and therefore would make China return the spy plane to the United States in order to keep their respect within the United Nations.

Personally, I am for sanctioning China because I believe it will get our spy plane back. Yet, sanctioning might not work. If it doesn't work then the United States will have to figure out another, nonviolent way to get the plane back. One thing I am certain of, though -- this issue of getting our plane back will be tough to resolve and might sever our trade relations with China for good.

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Letter to the editor

Suggestions from a graduate

With only twenty-some days until graduation, I felt it was my duty as a veteran of the collegiate system to pass my knowledge on to the next generation of degree-seekers. Over the four short years I have been at VCU I have been privileged to hear a great deal of advice by my professors, parents, classmates, and random joe-shmoe on Franklin Street.

Much of what I have heard is pure drivel and creates a great sadness in me over the loss of my time and brain cells listening to it.

However, a few of those random tidbits of knowledge have made a direct impact on my life and the lives of my fellow classmates.

So, in my seniorial wisdom, I pass these kernels of trivia on to you. Learn from it, absorb it, and be amazed that I was bored enough to think of writing it down.

So grab some paper and a pen and be prepared to emboss this knowledge into your psyche. It will be your job now to pass this along to the next series of whipper-snappers who will attend our fine institution.

So here you have it, my letter to the class of 2004 or what I like to call, "Things I wish I'd known before I went out in the Real World."

1. In college you need only two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use the WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the tape.

2. Quarters are the gold bullion of the college student. You don't realize their worth until laundry day.

3. Never give yourself a haircut after three margaritas. Don't ask.

4. Learn to pick your battles; ask your-

self, will this matter one year from now? One month? Tomorrow?

5. Your classes are a series of games, each professor has his or her own rules. The earlier in the game you learn and follow these rules, the higher your score.

6. Stress is inevitable. How you handle that stress is up to you. Never give up sleep because of it. You'll never get the chance to make it up.

7. Take time out for yourself. See a movie by yourself or go for a walk. You'd be surprised to learn how much you don't know about yourself.

8. Call home.

9. When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow when it's warm.

10. Read at least one non-academic book. Your brain will thank you.

11. Respect your roommates. They've seen you at your worst and can blackmail you.

12. Save some money. Your car, pet, body and/or house will eventually break. It will come in handy.

13. Have a serious discussion with someone who's not of your ethnic background. You'd be surprised how much you'll learn just by listening to someone else's view.

14. The gratitude you feel for your education is directly proportionate to how hard you've had to work to get it.

15. Keep in touch with the people you meet in college. You'll enjoy reliving it when you're 50.

Good luck class of 2004, take good care of our school.

Erin C. Fearn
Class of 2001

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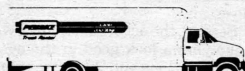
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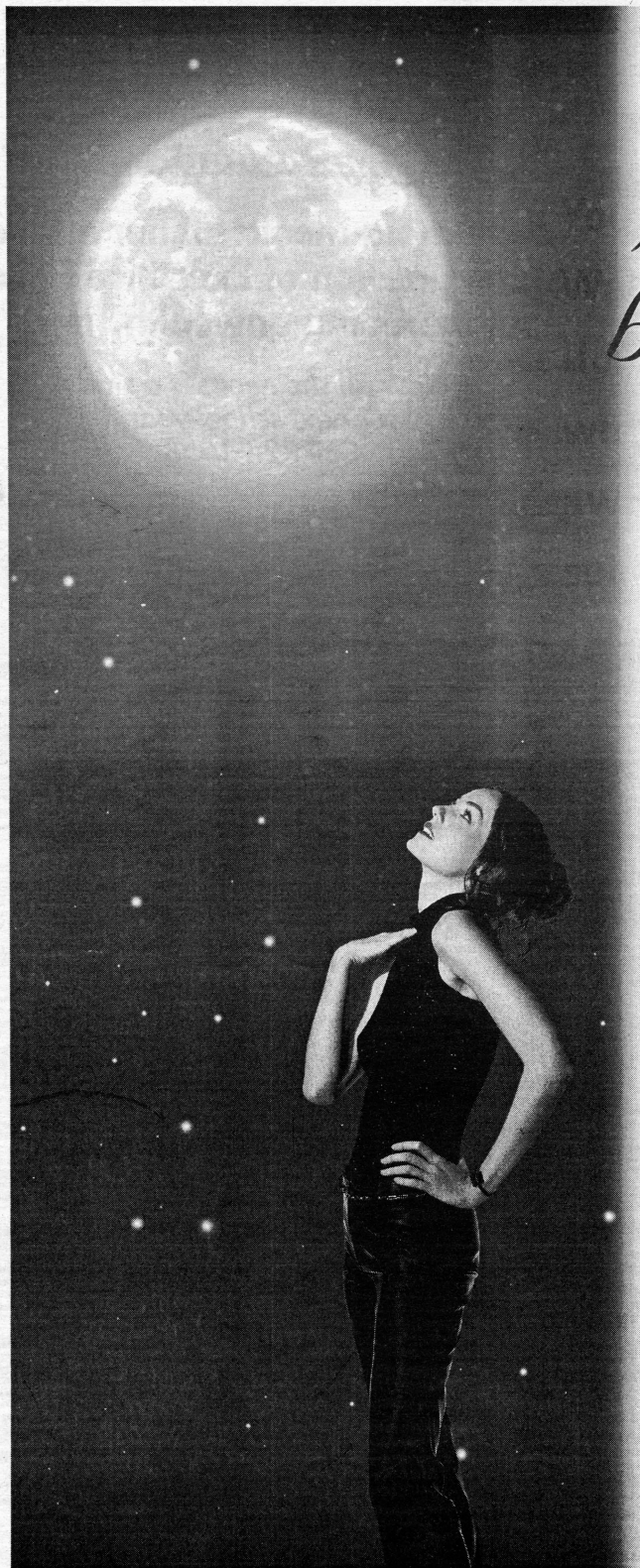
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WHO SHOULD NOT TAKE LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious cardiovascular side effects from hormonal contraceptive use. This risk increases with age and with heavy smoking (15 or more cigarettes per day) and is quite marked in women over 35 years of age. Women who use hormonal contraceptives are strongly advised not to smoke.

Some women should not use hormonal contraceptives. For example, you should not take LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection if you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant. You should also not use LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection if you have any of the following conditions:

- A history of heart attack or stroke
- Blood clots in the legs (thrombophlebitis), lungs (pulmonary embolism), or eyes
- A history of blood clots in the deep veins of your legs
- Chest pain (angina pectoris)
- Known or suspected breast cancer or cancer of the lining of the uterus, cervix or vagina
- Unexplained vaginal bleeding (until a diagnosis is reached by your doctor)
- Yellowing of the whites of the eyes or of the skin (jaundice) during pregnancy or during previous use of the pill or other hormonal contraceptives
- Liver tumor (benign or cancerous)
- Known or suspected pregnancy
- Allergy to any of the ingredients contained in LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection

• Over age 35 and smoke 15 or more cigarettes per day

Tell your health care provider if you have ever had any of these conditions. Your health care provider can recommend a safe method of birth control.

ARE THERE OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE TAKING LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

For the majority of women, hormonal contraceptives can be taken safely. But there are some women who are at a high risk of developing certain serious diseases that can be life-threatening or may cause temporary or permanent disability. Tell your health care provider if you have:

- Breast nodules, fibrocystic disease of the breast, an abnormal breast x-ray or mammogram, or a family history of breast cancer
- Diabetes
- Elevated cholesterol or triglycerides
- High blood pressure
- Migraine or other headaches or epilepsy
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

What are the risks associated with taking LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection? Blood clots and blockage of blood vessels are the most serious side effects of taking hormonal contraceptives. In particular, blood clots can occur in the legs and can travel to the lungs and can cause sudden blockage of the vessel carrying blood to the lungs. Rarely, clots occur in the blood vessels of the eye and may cause blindness, double vision, or impaired vision.

If you take hormonal contraceptives such as LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection and need elective surgery, need to stay in bed for a prolonged period, or have recently had a baby, you may be at risk of developing blood clots. You should consult your doctor about stopping hormonal contraceptives three to four weeks before surgery and not taking hormonal contraceptives for two weeks after surgery or during bed rest. You should also not take hormonal contraceptives soon after delivery of a baby. It is advisable to wait for at least four weeks after delivery before using hormonal contraceptives such as LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. (See also the section on Breast Feeding in WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED DURING THE USE OF LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?)

Hormonal contraceptives may also increase the risk of developing stroke (blockage or bleeding of blood vessels in the brain) and angina pectoris and heart attacks (blockage of blood vessels in the heart). Any of these conditions can cause death or disability.

Smoking greatly increases the possibility of developing blood clots or suffering heart attacks and strokes. Furthermore, smoking and the use of hormonal contraceptives greatly increase the chances of developing and dying of heart disease, particularly if you are over 35 years of age.

2. Gallbladder disease

Hormonal contraceptive users probably have a greater risk than non-users of having gallbladder disease.

3. Liver tumors

In rare cases, hormonal contraceptives can cause benign or dangerous liver tumors. These benign

liver tumors can rupture and cause fatal internal bleeding. In addition, a tumor, but not the bleeding, has been found with hormonal contraceptives and liver cancers in two studies, in which a few women who developed these very rare cancers were found to have used hormonal contraceptives for long periods. However, liver cancers are extremely rare. The chance of developing liver cancer from using hormonal contraceptives is thus very rare.

4. Cancer of the reproductive organs and breasts

There is, at present, no confirmed evidence that oral hormonal contraceptives increase the risk of cancer of the reproductive organs in human studies. Studies to date of women taking the pill have reported conflicting findings on whether pill use increases the risk of developing cancer of the breast. Most of the studies on breast cancer and pill use have found no overall increase in the risk of developing breast cancer, although some studies have reported an increased risk of developing breast cancer in certain groups of women.

Some studies have found an increase in the incidence of cancer of the cervix in women who use oral hormonal contraceptives. However, this finding may be related to factors other than the use of oral hormonal contraceptives.

Studies have found that women who used injectable hormonal contraceptives (Depo-Provera Contraceptive Injection) had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, or cervix. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to Depo-Provera Contraceptive Injection was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives.

Women who use hormonal contraceptives and have a strong family history of breast cancer or who have breast nodules or abnormal mammograms should be closely followed by their doctors.

5. Changes in bone mineral density

Use of injectable hormonal contraceptives containing the progestin-type hormone found in LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of use of this type of contraceptive, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

6. Allergic reactions

Severe allergic reactions have been reported in some women using injectable hormonal contraceptives containing the progestin-type hormone found in LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. Allergic reactions occurring in women using LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection have been mainly skin reactions, and not respiratory in nature. Serious allergic reactions require emergency medical attention.

ESTIMATED RISK OF DEATH FROM A BIRTH CONTROL METHOD OR PREGNANCY

All methods of birth control and pregnancy are associated with a risk of developing certain diseases that may lead to disability or death. An estimate of the number of deaths associated with different methods of birth control and pregnancy has been calculated.

The risk of death from any birth control method is less than the risk of childbirth, except for oral hormonal contraceptive users over the age of 35 who smoke and oral hormonal contraceptive users over the age of 35 who do not smoke. For women aged 15 to 39, the risk of death was highest with pregnancy (7-26 deaths per 100,000 women, depending on age). Among oral hormonal contraceptive users who do not smoke, the risk

of death is always lower than that associated with pregnancy for any age group, although over the age of 40, the risk increases to 32 deaths per 100,000 women compared to 28 associated with pregnancy at that age. However, for oral hormonal contraceptive users who smoke and are over the age of 35, the estimated number of deaths exceeds those for other methods of birth control.

If a woman is over the age of 40 and smokes, her estimated risk of death is four times higher (117/100,000 women) than the estimated risk associated with pregnancy (29/100,000 women) in that age group.

An Advisory Committee of the FDA discussed this issue in 1989 and recommended that the benefits of oral contraceptive use by healthy, non-smoking women over 40 years of age may outweigh the possible risks. However, women of all ages are cautioned to use the lowest dose oral contraceptive that is effective, and are strongly advised not to smoke.

WHAT SYMPTOMS MAY SIGNAL PROBLEMS WHILE USING LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

Call your doctor immediately if any of the following effects occur while you are taking LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection:

- Sharp chest pain, coughing of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- Pain in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- Cramping chest pain or "heaviness" in the chest (indicating a possible heart attack)
- Sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, disturbances of vision or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- Sudden partial or complete loss of vision (indicating a possible clot in the eye)
- Dark urine (indicating possible liver disease) or bloody or watery discharge of the breast, ask your doctor or health care provider to show you how to examine your breasts)

Severe pain or tenderness in the abdominal area (indicating a possibly ruptured liver tumor, ovarian cyst, or pregnancy outside the uterus)

Difficulty in sleeping, weakness, lack of appetite, or change in mood (possibly indicating severe depression)

Jaundice or a yellowing of the skin or eyeballs, accompanied frequently by fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, dark-colored urine, or light-colored bowel movements (indicating possible liver problems)

Persistent pain, or bleeding at the injection site

Unusually heavy vaginal bleeding

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

• Vaginal bleeding
Most women using LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection experience a cessation of menstrual bleeding. Bleeding patterns may vary from a single monthly bleed to no bleeding at all or slight staining between menstrual periods or irregular, prolonged, and/or unpredictable bleeding. In any given injection interval, approximately 50% of women may use LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection experience withdrawal bleeding that begins 20-25 days after the injection. Withdrawal bleeding lasts more than 7 days in 42% of women during the first month of use and in 25% of women at the end of one year of use. In any given injection interval, approximately 15% of women may have no bleeding at all and 10% may experience bleeding spontaneously at various times in the cycle. Irregular bleeding often occurs during the first few months of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection use and may persist with continued use in up to one third of women. Your menstrual blood flow may be heavier or lighter, and there may be no bleeding, lower days of bleeding, or more days of bleeding than what you have previously experienced. Such bleeding usually does not indicate any serious problems. If an altered bleeding pattern persists or the bleeding is severe, discuss it with your health care provider. There is also a small risk that (unusually) cramps may be associated with bleeding.

2. Weight change

Weight gain is a common side effect in women using LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. The average expected weight gain is 4 pounds in the first year of use. Some women gain more than 10 to 20 pounds in the first year. Women have gained as much as 48 pounds or lost as much as 48 pounds in one year of use. Clinical trials showed wide variability in individual weight change with an increasing percentage of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection users experiencing weight change in excess of 10 and 20 pounds with continued treatment.

3. Contact lenses

If you wear contact lenses and notice a change in vision or an inability to wear your lenses, contact your doctor or health care provider.

4. Fluid retention

Hormonal contraceptives may cause edema (fluid retention) with swelling of the fingers or ankles and may raise your blood pressure. If you experience fluid retention, contact your doctor or health care provider.

5. Other side effects

Other side effects may include breast pain or tenderness, acne, change in appetite, nausea, headache, nervousness, depression, mood changes, changes in sexual desire, dizziness, loss of scalp hair, rash, and vaginal infections. If any of these side effects bother you, call your health care provider.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED DURING THE USE OF LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

1. Missed periods and use of hormonal contraceptives before or during early pregnancy
You may not menstruate regularly after you receive an injection of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. If you have received your injections regularly and miss one menstrual period, be sure to inform your health care provider. If the risk of unintended pregnancy for women receiving injectable contraceptives as scheduled is less than the risk of unintended pregnancy (as scheduled) and missed a menstrual period, or if you missed two consecutive menstrual periods, you may be pregnant. Check with your health care provider immediately to determine whether you are pregnant. Do not continue the injections until you are sure you are not pregnant, but use another method of contraception.

There is no conclusive evidence that oral hormonal contraceptives are associated with an increase in birth defects, when taken inadvertently during early pregnancy. Nevertheless, hormonal contraceptives should not be used during pregnancy.

With Depo-Provera Contraceptive Injection, there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection. However, these pregnancies are uncommon. Children exposed in the womb to one of the hormones found in LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection (MPA), and followed to adolescence, showed no evidence of any adverse effects on their health including their physical, mental, sexual or social development.

If you think you may have become pregnant while using LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection, stop your injections immediately and contact your doctor or health care provider as soon as possible. You should check with your health care provider about risks to your unborn child from any medication taken during pregnancy.

2. While breast feeding
If you are breast feeding, consult your health care provider before starting hormonal contraceptives, including LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. Some of the drugs in hormonal contraceptives are passed on to the child in breast milk. A few adverse effects on the child have been reported, including yellowing of the skin (jaundice) and breast enlargement. In addition, hormonal contraceptives may decrease the amount and quality of your milk. To insure the best quality and quantity of your breast milk, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. If possible, do not use hormonal contraceptives while breast feeding.

Breast feeding provides only partial protection from becoming pregnant and this partial protection decreases significantly as you breast feed for longer periods of time. You should use another method of contraception while breast feeding and consider starting hormonal contraceptives only after you have weaned your child completely.

3. Laboratory tests

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your doctor you are taking a hormonal contraceptive. Certain blood tests may be affected by hormonal contraceptives.

4. Drug interactions

Certain drugs may interact with hormonal contraceptives to make them less effective in preventing pregnancy or cause a change in bleeding patterns. Such drugs include aminoglycoside, rifampin, drugs used for epilepsy such as barbiturates, for example, phenobarbital, carbamazepine, and phenytoin (Dilantin is one brand of this drug), phenylbutazone (Butazolidin is one brand), herbal products containing St. John's Wort (Hypericum perforatum), and possibly certain antibiotics. You may need to use an additional contraception method when you take drugs which can make hormonal contraceptives less effective. Drug interaction studies have not been conducted with LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection.

5. Sexually transmitted diseases

This product (like all hormonal contraceptives) is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

6. Weight change

LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection may cause weight gain of more than 10 pounds. When you stop using LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection, LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection may not be effective if you receive your injections at the proper times.

First injection

• Within the first 5 days of the start of your normal menstrual period.

• If you are presently using any other type of birth control, your health care provider will decide the best time for you to start LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. This will help make sure you have continued contraceptive coverage.

• If you have recently been pregnant or had a baby, discuss with your health care provider the best time for you to start LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection.

Next injections

• LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection should be given monthly, every 28 to 30 days, and no later than 33 days after your last injection.

The time for your next injection is determined by the number of days since your previous injection, and not by the timing or amount of your menstrual bleeding.

Even if you do not have any menstrual bleeding, you should still return once a month for your injection of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection.

• It is important that you receive each of your next injections at the right time. If you cannot receive your injection on time, contact your health care provider to receive an earlier injection.

• You could become pregnant if you miss your injection or wait longer than 33 days between injections. The more days you wait, the greater the risk that you could become pregnant.

• Ask your health care provider to recommend another type of birth control (such as condoms or a spermicide) for you to use.

• Talk with your health care provider to find out when you should receive your next injection of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection.

• Your health care provider may do a test to make sure you are not pregnant before giving you your next injection of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection.

What Happens if I Miss an Injection or Wait Longer than 33 Days Between Injections?

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What If I Want to Become Pregnant?

You will need to stop your monthly injections of LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection. Most women begin to produce eggs again (and could become pregnant) about two to three months after they stop injecting.

Other information

There may be some delay in becoming pregnant after you stop using hormonal contraceptives, including LUNELLE® Monthly Contraceptive Injection, especially if you had irregular menstrual cycles before you started using hormonal contraceptives. There does not appear to be any increase in birth defects in newborn babies when pregnancy occurs soon after stopping hormonal contraceptives.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT A POSSIBLE OVERDOSE OF LUNELLE® MONTHLY CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

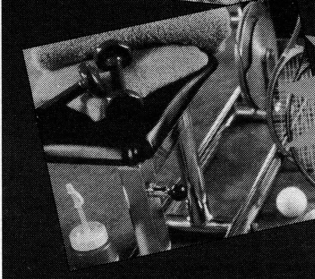
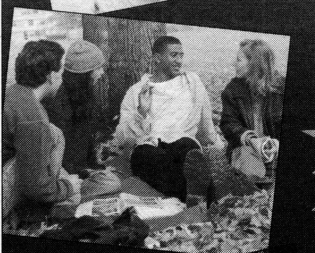
• Serious effects have not been reported following injection of large doses of oral hormonal contraceptives by young children. Overdose may cause nausea and withdrawal bleeding in females. In case of overdose, contact your health care provider or pharmacist. Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children.

OTHER INFORMATION

Your health care provider will take a medical and family history before prescribing hormonal contraceptives. You should receive yearly physical examinations by your health care provider. Be sure to inform your health care provider if there is a family history of any of the conditions listed previously in this leaflet. Be sure to keep all appointments with your health care provider, because this is a time to determine if there are early signs of side effects of hormonal contraceptive use. If you want more information about hormonal contraceptives, ask your health care provider or pharmacist for a more technical leaflet called "Prescribing Information" that you may wish to read.

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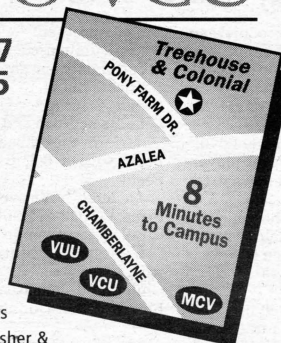
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Ram Stat

VCU's golf team took fourth at the Wofford Invitational. Steven Jenkins finished tied for seventh, the best performance by a Ram.

Thursday, April 19, 2001

Sports

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Coming next issue

Recaps of VCU at the CAA Tournament in men's and women's tennis and golf. Plus baseball against William & Mary.

Colonial Athletic Association Men's Tennis Tournament

Friday-Sunday
at Byrd Park

Schedule:

Friday:

Quarterfinals

No. 5 UNC Wilmington vs. No. 4 James Madison University

No. 6 George Mason University vs. No. 3 Old Dominion University

Saturday:

Semifinals

No. 1 VCU vs. UNCW/JMU

No. 2 William & Mary vs. GMU/ODU

Sunday:

Finals

Semifinal winners

VCU Prognosis: VCU has never lost a CAA match in the regular season or the tournament. In winning five straight titles the Rams have never dropped a point in tournament play. VCU must beware after surviving 4-3 against the Tribe in Williamsburg. The Rams' point streak may fall, but they should win the title.

Spiders bring Rams back to earth

Typically the VCU women's tennis team and the University of Richmond play lengthy entertaining matches that come down to the last point.

Last season the Rams blew out the Spiders twice, but that was when VCU was relatively healthy with six players available. This year VCU had only four players available and the match went down to the wire.

Two days after upsetting the College of William & Mary and ending their 79-match winning streak, Richmond won two out of the three three-set matches to knock off VCU 4-3.

The Rams opened the match in a fashion similar to last year's uncharacteristic easy wins. Martina Nedelkova and Raluca

Ciulei won their doubles match 8-3, and Anca Dumitrescu and Silvia Urickova dropped only one game in their match.

Richmond (4-1 Colonial Athletic Association, 8-10) received two points thanks to defaults at No. 5 and No. 6 doubles.

Urlickova grabbed the Rams' second point with a 6-1, 6-1 sweep of Monika Peets.

Nedelkova survived a second-set hiccup to put VCU (3-2, 12-6) up 3-2 with a 7-6, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Jeannette Cluskey.

Vanessa Bagnato tied the match at three with a seesaw 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Ciulei, and Jodi Kenoyer came from behind to defeat Dumitrescu 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

— compiled from news sources

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VCU Prognosis: The fate of the women's tennis team is tricky to determine. The Rams have had to play at least one player short all year because of the wrist injury to Andrea Ondrisova. Because of various injuries VCU has sometimes had to go with only four players.

The Rams shouldn't have much trouble in the first match no matter how many players they play. The potential battle with ODU is going to be the tough.

The Monarchs defeated the Rams 6-1 in Newport News, but VCU only had four players, and sixth-ranked Martina Nedelkova was not one of them. ODU boasts one of the top players in the country, No. 5 Nataly Cahana.

The key to the match may lie in the play of Yana Carollo, who has missed the last two matches with an injured ankle, but will play this weekend. The other bellwether could be the top-10 matchup between Cahana and Nedelkova.

If, and that is a big if, the Rams manage to beat the Monarchs their likely finals opponent will be the College of William & Mary, the 15-time defending CAA tournament champ.

While VCU ended the Tribe's unbeaten conference streak this past Saturday, W&M will fight tenaciously to hang on to their tournament dominance and win the only bid the CAA will probably get.

CAA BASEBALL LEADERS

BATTING

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	AB	H	AVG.
Matt Davis, VCU	135	58	.430
Brendan Harris, W&M	139	54	.388
Alan Lindsey, JMU	88	34	.386
Greg Miller, ECU	145	55	.379
Magnus Pilegard, UNCW	132	50	.379
Steve Ballowe, JMU	123	46	.374
Joseph Hastings, ECU	159	58	.365
Matt Wright, UNCW	140	51	.364
John Williamson, ECU	137	49	.358
Bryant Ward, ECU	147	52	.354

HITS

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	H
Joseph Hastings, ECU	58
Matt Davis, VCU	58
Chad Tracy, ECU	56
Greg Miller, JMU	55

DOUBLES

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	2B
Bryant Ward, ECU	14
Trey Wakefield, W&M	13
Greg Miller, JMU	12

STOLEN BASES

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	SB	ATT
Matt Davis, VCU	31	38
Stephen Booker, W&M	17	20
Bryan Pritz, UR	16	19

HOME RUNS

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	HR
Brendan Harris, W&M	12
Cliff Godwin, ECU	11
Joseph Hastings, ECU	9

STANDINGS

(Through April 15)

Team	Conference	Overall
East Carolina	11-1	917
VCU	7-4	.636
UNC Wilmington	8-6	.571
James Madison	6-6	.500
William & Mary	7-8	.467
Old Dominion	6-9	.400
Richmond	5-9	.357
George Mason	2-9	.182

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

(Through April 12)

(Min. one inning pitched per game)

PLAYER	W	L	IP	ERA
Sean Marshall, VCU	7	0	43.1	1.45
Brian Whitaker, UNCW	6	2	65.1	1.52
Sam Naron, ECU	6	1	50.1	1.61
Brian Lane, UR	4	0	49.2	1.99
Charlie Weatherby, UNCW	7	3	80.2	2.23
Jason Mandryk, ECU	3	1	42.2	2.53
Jake Mullis, UNCW	5	3	65.2	2.60
Travis Hardman, GMU	3	3	55.0	2.78
Clark Saylor, W&M	4	1	48.1	2.79
Jonathan Tinkham, ODU	3	1	41.2	3.02

STRIKEOUTS

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	IP	Ks
Whitt Farr, W&M	69.2	83
Charlie Weatherby, UNCW	80.2	73
Bobby Basham, UR	44.0	58
Jake Mullis, UNCW	65.1	54
Marc Fisher, VCU	60.0	51

RBI's

(Through April 12)

PLAYER	RBI
Brendan Harris, W&M	48
Joseph Hastings, ECU	40
Joshua Arteaga, VCU	39

Rams in Action

TEAM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Notes

MEN'S TENNIS (15-10, 5-0)

APRIL 21-22
CAA
SEMIFINALS

APRIL 28
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VCU WILL FACE EITHER JAMES MADISON OR UNC WILMINGTON IN THE SEMIFINALS OF THE TOURNAMENT.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (12-6, 3-2)

APRIL 20-22
CAA TOURNAMENT
VS. GEORGE MASON

WITH A VICTORY THE RAMS WILL FACE WILLIAM & MARY IN THE SEMIFINALS.

BASEBALL (29-10, 7-4)

APRIL 20
W&M

APRIL 21
W&M

APRIL 22
W&M

VCU IS IN THE TOP THREE OF THE CONFERENCE IN HITTING, PITCHING AND FIELDING.

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MEN'S TENNIS

TEAM RANKINGS

(Through April 11)

RANK	SCHOOL	AVG.
1	UCLA	87.22
2	Texas Christian	83.33
3	Georgia	82.05
4	Stanford	79.30
5	Duke	78.51
6	Texas A&M	69.22
7	Tennessee	64.00
8	Southern Methodist	63.42
9	South Alabama	60.82
10	Illinois	57.44
11	Mississippi	55.31
12	Pepperdine	53.38
13	Washington	50.11
14	Notre Dame	47.67
15	Texas	46.35
16	Miami (Fla.)	46.15
17	Auburn	44.30
18	Louisiana State	44.09
19	Mississippi State	43.91
20	Georgia Tech	35.97
40	VCU	15.94

WOMEN'S TENNIS

TEAM RANKINGS

(Through April 11)

RANK	SCHOOL	AVG.
1	Stanford	93.43
2	Duke	89.86
3	Florida	84.37
4	Tennessee	80.56
5	Georgia	80.42
6	Vanderbilt	76.53
7	Notre Dame	68.53
8	Fresno State	64.47
9	California	61.63
10	Northwestern	61.52
11	Texas	55.43
12	Texas A&M	51.39
13	Washington	51.19
14	Arizona State	50.00
15	South Alabama	49.53
16	Oklahoma State	48.29
17	Baylor	47.40
18	Wake Forest	46.11
19	Southern California	45.48
20	North Carolina	44.68
40	VCU	11.34