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Virginia football player critical after fight

CHARLOTTESVILLE (AP) — A University of Virginia football player remained in critical condition Tuesday after a fight at a fraternity party, police said.

Cowan Wells, a 19-year-old freshman fullback, got in an argument after he and friends tried to enter an invitation-only party at the Sigma Chi fraternity house about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Charlottesville police Capt. J.E. Harding said in a statement.

Stuck in the head, Wells fell to the pavement and was found unconscious in the street, Harding said. The athlete was taken to the University of Virginia Medical Center, where he was listed as being in critical but stable condition, suffering from trauma to the head.

Two Sigma Chi members, he was listed as being in critical

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Tickets: Fakes also found last year

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45,000 people are cramming in, it's difficult to keep track of every ticket," he said.

Officials do not know which gates the people with counterfeit tickets entered through, Gabbard said.

"If they come in the student seats, we all know it's every day there," he said. "There's a flood of people every year, 30 tickets in the same place, but we are not put out," said Town of Blacksburg engineer Randy Formica.

"Because of traffic accidents, the noose has come up again." Formica told the town council approved the project, allowing construction to begin this week. However, ground has not yet been broken because of contract negotiations.

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Binge: Last Tech survey showed decline

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Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center at Tech is working hard to reduce high-blood alcohol and alcohol-related consequences.

The mission of the CAANP is to provide leadership in the development and evaluation of alcohol abuse prevention programs on the Tech campus and throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The CAANP collaborates and reports to the university community, on an annual basis, the alcohol abuse behaviors of Tech students.

According to an annual survey of 2,000 Tech students in February 2003, the undergraduate student body has experienced a decline in binge drinking.

Last year’s survey shows 40 percent of Tech students have eight or fewer drinks of alcohol on a typical day of drinking, while 77 percent of Tech students drink two times or less each week or not at all.
In Hokie Country, Tech football is placed on a pedestal normally reserved for people who risk their own lives in order to save babies from burning houses.
CBS cancels Reagan miniseries

• Pressure from various political factions has put a halt to CBS’s controversial portrayal of the Reagans.

by David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK— Capping an extraordinary controversy that has raged over a movie about Ronald Reagan, CBS announced Tuesday that it will not air “The Reagans” and shift it to the Showtime cable network instead.

Based on excerpts of the script that had leaked out in recent weeks, conservatives, including some of the former president’s friends, accused CBS of distorting the legacy of Ronald Reagan. While CBS said it was not bowing to political pressure, critics said that was exactly the case and worried about the effects of such preemptive strikes on future work.

CBS believed it had ordered a love story about Ronald and Nancy Reagan with politics as a backdrop, but instead got a film that crossed the line into advocacy, said a network executive who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The film had been scheduled to air Nov. 16 and 18, in the heart of the 1980s decade that CBS execs believed would draw a small but devoted audience. CBS attempted to edit the film to remove offending passages, but gave up.

“The show does not present a balanced portrayal of the Reagans,” CBS said in a statement Tuesday. “Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but not to make one that is false.”


“CBS, in pulling this film, did incredible harm, much more harm than they could ever have done in making the film,” Gabler said. “What’s killing us now is that a very small group of people have censor ship power over the broadcast networks.”

Sen. Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said CBS didn’t have “a shred of evidence to accuse CBS of anything.”

But conservatives said it was a question of accuracy.

The miniseries became a hot topic on talk radio and the TV news networks. The chairman of the Republican National Committee wrote to CBS President Les Moonves asking for historians to review the movie, and the conservative Media Research Center asked advertisers to consider boycotting the film.

“This was a left-wing smear of one of the nation’s most beloved presidents and CBS got caught,” said Brent Bozell, founder of the Media Research Center. Many college students experience high stress, especially when classes become more difficult, work and social obligations pile up and all tools seem to fail in a 36-hour period.

Stress is actually caused by chemical changes in the body like the release of adrenaline, changes in steroid hormone levels and changes in serotonin. All of these are chemical related to mood.

If one learns to recognize the signs of stress and its triggers, managing stress doesn’t have to be any harder than managing stress in a job. Regular exercise and a healthy diet too can cut down on smoking and stress. As a lifestyle, eating a healthy diet free of cigarettes, alcohol and drugs and getting enough sleep is essential to dealing with stress full force.

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Big East adds five Conference USA teams

by Jim O'Connel
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Big East’s expansion returns the conference to its roots as a premier basketball league. Football is another story. Five members of Conference USA moved to the Big East on Tuesday, more than making up for the recent defection of three schools to the Atlantic Coast Conference when it comes to basketball, but not even coming close to matching its luster in football.

‘Not going to be loaded right now in basketball,’ Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said. ‘I think we’re going to get better in football and we’ll have to.’

Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida joined the Big East just months after the 25-year-old league lost Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College to the ACC. The new members will begin competing in the 2005-06 academic year.

Cincinnati, Louisville and South Florida replace these three in football to keep the Big East at eight members for that sport.

DePaul and Marquette join for all sports, giving the Big East 16 members, several of which are the country’s premier basketball programs.

But in the current financial climate of college sports, it’s football that matters, and the Bowl Championship Series bids that come with it.

‘We’re going to have to step up in football,’ Syracuse athletic director Jim Coughlan said. ‘Maybe we relied a little too much on Miami in recent years. We’re all going to have to step up.’

The remaining football schools in the Big East are Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and West Virginia, with Connecticut becoming a full-time member next season. The other members are St. John’s, Villanova, Providence, Georgetown, Notre Dame and Seton Hall.

‘In 1990, when Miami joined the Big East, we were measured by what that expectation was created, we were measured by the Big East football climate of college sports, it’s football programs,’ Harrison said.

While we clearly would have preferred that no Big East expansion occur, that expectation was unrealistic given the actions of the ACC,’ Conference USA commissioner Britton Banowsky said.

Tranghese was forthright in his criticism of the ACC during his criticism of the ACC during the 2005-06 academic year. ‘We’re going to be loaded right up in football,’ Syracuse athletic director Jim Coughlan said. ‘Maybe we relied a little too much on Miami in recent years. We’re all going to have to step up.’

The Big East officials hope the new league will be attractive enough to keep its automatic berth in the BCS. The current BCS contract expires after the 2006 bowls, and negotiations for the new contract will begin in a few months.

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Virginia Tech volleyball players Melissa Markowski and Colette Ramirez were named Big East Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week, respectively, after helping the team secure second place in the league.

Senior Mertins led the Hokie defense in both league matches and scored her second goal of the season against the Panthers. The goal was Mertins’ second in her career with the Hokies.

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Men’s soccer: Hokies finish second in Big East, two players honored

Virginia Tech men’s soccer players Lance Martineau and Chase Harrison honored Big East honors this week after helping the team secure second place in the league.

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