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Parliamentarian walks out of SGA meeting

Due to misunderstood elections procedure, senators extend application process after heated debate

By Jenn Rowell
Managing Editor

Parliamentarian Brian Herrin walked out of Monday's SGA meeting as senators debated a proposal to suspend the rules concerning pe-

titions for class council candidates.

The constitution says all candidates are required to obtain 50 signatures from their constituents, or the class they intend to represent.

This stipulation, however, was not made clear in the elections packets distributed to candidates.

Herrin, in response to the misunderstanding, proposed an amendment that would allow signatures from all classes to be included in the petitions for class council candidates.

This motion would have only been in effect for one year, but it

was struck down by a 35-20 vote. It needed a two-thirds majority to pass.

Senator Thomas Welch IV moved for a proposal that the Elections Committee formulate a solution in a committee meeting, but the motion was later withdrawn.

Secretary Erin Ireland was "very offended" that they considered changing the rules at all.

"We spent hours in meetings coming up with these rules and we've already passed them," she

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WCNU Broadcasts



Freshman Ryan Curran and junior Adam Acampora discuss the new WCNU Web page during Curran's show, titled "Punk Extravaganza." "The Web site has a new format and is still currently changing to connect WCNU listeners to the staff," said Acampora, the technical director and disc jockey of the show "The Underground," which plays hardrock music, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Bill may ban colleges' morning-after pill distribution

By Mike Combs
Staff Writer

The Virginia House of Delegates passed a bill on Feb. 17 that bans Virginia colleges from giving out the morning-after pill to their students.

Bill HB 1414 passed 52 to 47 and was introduced by Delegate Robert G. Marshall (R-13th District).

The bill still has to pass Senate committee and then the Senate floor before it becomes state law.

"No public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall in any way make available Plan B or any other form of the morning-after pill in its delivery of health care services to students," read Marshall's bill.

Plan B is the most common form of the morning-after pill, especially on college campuses. The difference between Plan B and the other morning-after pill, Preven, is that Plan B contains only progesterin while Preven has both progesterin and estrogen.

While this affects many colleges throughout Virginia, the effect is not as strong on CNU, whose health care services never offered the morning-after pill for administrative reasons.

"We stress self-responsibility," said Rita Cenname from her office in James River Hall. "The morning-after pill is not a substitute for birth control or taking responsibility for having safe sex."

According to Cenname, CNU's Health and Wellness Center has received about 50 requests this academic year for the morning-after pill. Most of

these requests are attributed to unprotected sex or, more commonly, a condom that broke. The large amount of broken condom-related requests has led Cenname to conclude that more education for condom use is necessary.

According to the nurse practitioner at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Nancy Harris, the bill does not make sense.

The bill says that college health centers cannot distribute the morning-after pill, but may still be able to prescribe it.

"If the pill is so bad, why can't you dispense it if you can write for it," said Harris.

Harris does not understand why they may dispense antibiotics and antihistamines and not the morning after pill that is equally as legal.

In reaction to comments of safe sex and pill abuse, Harris believes that is always good to have the morning-after pill as an emergency. Harris argued that nobody is perfect and that there is no contraceptive that is 100 percent fool proof, therefore, there needs to be an emergency contraceptive.

Harris also believes that there is not much abuse of the morning-after pill, and that the little amount of abuse is always going to be present. Harris also argued that a VCU student could get a pack of birth control pills for \$15 that lasts a month while one morning after pill is \$13.

Also on Feb. 17, Delegate Kathy Byron's (R-22nd District) bill HB 1403 passed 59 to 41 and said that minors must have parents' consent before a physician may give them the morning-after pill. A doctor may, however, give the pill if he thinks that the girl could have been abused.

Civil War artifact to neighbor CNU

Mariner's Museum will unveil USS Monitor's Propeller on March 5

By Ashley Rich
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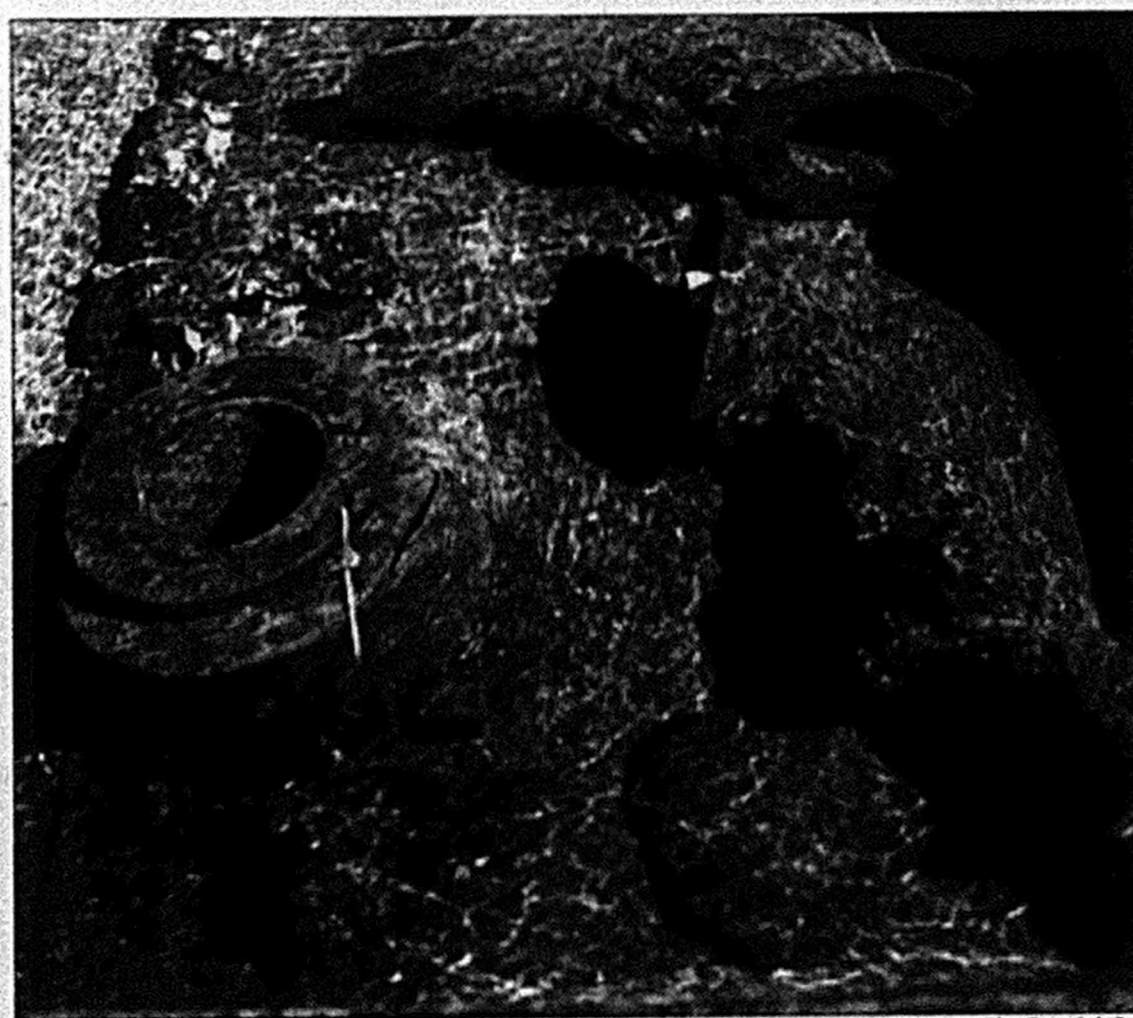
In less than two weeks, the result of five years of labor will be revealed.

On March 5, The Mariner's Museum will unveil the 9-foot wide, 1,800-pound propeller from the Civil War ironclad ship, the USS Monitor.

The Monitor's propeller is one of the artifacts recovered during the first year of a five-year excavation plan in which the U.S. Navy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) joined together to oversee the recovery of significant components of and artifacts from the ship's wreckage.

Since March 9, 1987, when The Mariner's Museum was designated as the custodian of the artifacts and archives of the USS Monitor, the museum has been responsible for housing those artifacts and providing conservation, interpretation and education about the ship. The plan

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These are deck supports, beams from the engine, angle rods, cast-iron pipes and a crushed lantern that have been recovered from the USS Monitor. They are being preserved in chemicals at the museum.

Ticketers Hit Bowling Alley

By Jenn Rowell
Managing Editor

Parking in the AMF bowling alley lot on Hidden Blvd. conducted campus-wide debate in recent weeks, mostly via WebMail.

The bowling alley is privately owned, and student parking is prohibited, according to Parking

Services policy.

Newport News City Attorney Stuart Katz said, "Private property owners can post a sign regarding the limitations on who can park at the site. If the sign says customers only, then the student is illegally parked."

There is a sign posted at the

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Contagious Virus Outbreak Strikes Retirement Home

By Jon Allegretto
Captain's Log Intern

An outbreak of a contagious stomach virus occurred at Magnolia Manor, an assisted living facility in Smithfield on Feb. 5, according to Martha Hunt, director of the facility.

The virus is similar to the Norwalk virus frequently reported on cruise ships in the last several

years.

The gastroenteritis virus, which has been contained at this facility, was most likely brought in by an outside source or through inadequate hand sterilization. It is possible that the virus could have been spread through feces, touching and/or contaminated food, said Sara Jordan, receptionist, at

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Kazaa takes 43 percent of incoming network information, IT Services says

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Columnist

The university's network is like a traffic intersection, said Gregg Gustafson, who met with residents on Feb. 17 to discuss the recent problems with Internet connections on campus. The network previously had stop signs, he said, but now it has stoplights.

"We're sharing that intersection now," said Gustafson, the

director of Information Technology Services.

Although Internet connections have still not returned to the level of reliability experienced in previous years, the inconveniences that many residents faced with the network last semester have begun to dwindle.

Gustafson opened with a discussion of why the Internet was slow last semester, citing the ways which file sharing negatively affected students trying to get on-

line.

"If stuff is coming in, it makes it difficult for stuff to go out," said Gustafson, after explaining that 43 percent of the information coming into CNU's network last semester was from Kazaa, a music downloading program.

The top three programs monopolizing the network were Kazaa, BitTorrent and eDonkey, all of which allow users to down-

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Campus In Brief

Help Habitat for Humanity

Habitat will be fundraising at UNO's Pizzeria Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

There will be a competition for the organization that can raise the most money.

Prizes include up to \$50 of bookstore merchandise and \$50 of catering service. Greeks can also earn points toward "5-star" status.

Crew Leader applications

Applications for crew leaders are due to the Office of Student Life by Feb. 27 at 5 p.m.

Applications are available online or in OSL.

Contact Katey Morlino Howerton at 594-7049 or kmorlino@cnu.edu for more information.

Religion Club

The Religion Club will meet Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department Lounge, on the third floor of the Administration building.

The discussion will focus on an article from Christianity Today, "We're not in Kansas anymore: Why secular science and media can't admit that Darwinism might be wrong."

Dr. Kenneth Rose will lead the discussion.

Handouts are available in the department lounge.

Keith McLoughland Great Books Series

The Keith McLoughland Great Books Series will continue on Feb. 25 with a discussion of John Locke's "Letter Concerning Toleration."

Professor Richard Beauchamp will lead the discussion.

The series will be held in Gosnold Hall 110 at 5:30 p.m.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

National Eating Disorders Awareness week is Feb. 23-27. Wear a purple ribbon each day in support of the week or place a purple ribbon on a wreath to support someone you know with an eating disorder. Ribbons are available in the Office of Career and Counseling Services, the Freeman Center, the Health Center and the Information Desk. Wreaths are available in OCCS, the Health Center, and the Freeman Center.

An eating disorder panel discussion will be held Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Room. At the MSA meeting on Feb. 26, the OCCS staff will present information on the warning signs of disordered eating and how to help a friend with an eating disorder.

Eating Disorder Screenings will be held from 2-4 p.m. in Student Center 146. They will be private, confidential screenings administered by a counselor from OCCS.

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Senate debates over election process

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said. "We're already starting out on the wrong foot by bending the rules."

Senator Ryan Chandler thought the changes should be made just for this year to encourage more people to participate.

"I was shocked to see how few people are running this year," he said.

Senators Karl Hedlund and Ashleigh Stacy supported the temporary amending of the rules as well, since changing them this late in the process might deter students from running.

Others were opposed to any changes.

Senator Stacey Vande Linde said, "If someone is going to run for office, they should have done their research and know the rules."

Since the constitution was revamped over the summer, it was questioned whether or not everyone knew the rules. Herrin said copies of the constitution were readily available in the SGA office.

"I would urge senators to follow the constitution which they swore to uphold," said Welch.

Senator Jim Deeley motioned to extend the deadlines for all offices until Friday after Spring Break.

A majority vote could not be

reached, and President Ashley Boyd threatened to invoke the "necessary and proper" clause, which, according to Vice President of University Relations Me-

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SGA Senator

lissa Bell, overrules the constitution.

"Something had to be done," said Bell.

A motion was made to push back the application deadline to March 9 at 5 p.m. The motion passed 41-1 in a roll call vote.

Virus affects local retirement community

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Magnolia Manor and junior at CNU.

The affects and symptoms include nausea, diarrhea, low-grade fever, chills and vomiting, she said. In most cases, the symptoms usually last around two to four days.

In order to contain the virus, the staff at Magnolia Manor took extensive sanitary precautions and kept all residents quarantined at the facility. Jordan said that workers practiced thorough hand washing, wore gowns, gloves and masks and disinfected using bleach and other germ-fighting agents. Instructions were also given to the staff and residents concerning the proper method of washing hands effectively.

"It was very important to throw away the gloves that you had just used before you left the rooms," said Jordan. "The residents were quarantined to their rooms and were served their meals on plastic ware."

The outbreak lasted for approximately one week, and affected about

15 residents. Some employees were also exposed and showed symptoms of the virus, including both Hunt and Jordan.

Although officials are not yet certain of the exact strain of the virus that infected Magnolia Manor, it is suspected to be similar to the Norwalk, a type of norovirus.

The virus was first discovered in Norwalk, Ohio in 1968 and affects humans by attaching to cells lining the human intestine. To reproduce, the virus transfers its genetic material into human cells, killing the cells as it grows inside the intestine, according to www.about-norwalk.com, a Web site that details the virus and its characteristics.

The virus houses its genetic material inside a coating of protein and under extreme magnification appears as a round blue ball.

It has also been reported that is it possible for those who have recovered from the illness to continue to spread the virus. There are currently no drugs to combat or prevent the virus.

In 2002, the virus outbreak was one of the highest in history, as the Centers of Disease Control investigated 17 luxury cruise ships reported to have outbreaks of the virus, affecting millions throughout mainly the United States that year.

Dr. Richard Cheney of the CNU

Downloading slows network

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load and share files via the Internet. CNU's planned high-speed connection made it an ideal situation for students to rapidly download songs and other material.

Gustafson later explained the legality of downloading music from a CNU connection.

While residents are still left with the choice to attempt downloading music through programs like Kazaa, they are banned from uploading files to other people. Kazaa allows users to choose this option by checking or unchecking a box under preferences.

"By me staying within the law, I am removing you from exposure," said Gustafson when answering a resident's question in reference to the legality of file sharing and the option of being able to make that decision personally, not at the will of CNU.

By banning uploading, IT Services is able to prevent students from being subpoenaed by outside music companies, such as when Sony subpoenaed a student a couple years ago. By halting uploading, the university is complying with both state and federal laws involving file sharing.

"No distribution is coming off of CNU campus," said Gustafson.

IT Services has also stepped up their ban on allowing virus-infected computers to connect via Internet on-campus.

A campus-wide e-mail was sent out on Feb. 16 listing residents with computers infected by MyDoom and Blaster viruses. The residents were listed by IP address, with the e-mail ending in a request that any students on the list disconnect their computers from the Internet, scan their computers with Virus Detection software, and then reconnect to the network.

The e-mail did not contain any warning of what would happen to students who did not comply with this request.

Eastside resident Sarah McElwee was one of the students whose computer had been infected by a virus.

At the beginning of last week she

entered her apartment where her roommate said, "I tried to stop them, they're in your room."

McElwee discovered two men using her computer who, she said, did not have identification badges, lacked a police or resident advisor escort, and would not give her their names.

McElwee, who did not read the e-mail listing the IP addresses which were infected, was outraged at the lack of notice she was given.

"You have a virus. We've worked on your computer and we're shutting you down from the network," McElwee said she was told by the two men.

“The viruses have been such a plague on campus because virus protection software is not mandatory as it is on some other universities.”

Gustafson touched on this during the meeting and said that when the network jumped to 20 megabytes being used by a single person last weekend for output, campus police were immediately contacted to stop that student from continuing from shutting down the network.

Campus-wide e-mails have detailed the importance of students having up-to-date virus protection information installed on their computers.

Administrators and offices on campus are all equipped with virus protection software, preventing those computers from being attacked. Because so many residents do not have current virus protection on their computers, incoming viruses constantly bombard the network connection. The university spokeswoman answered earlier questions on behalf of IT Services involving network downtime and its cause.

"All CNU e-mail is scanned before letting it in and allowing it out," she said. "In the last two weeks we have

Before the motion came to a final vote, Herrin walked out of the meeting. According to Boyd, he turned in his keys and made a verbal resignation, but no formal letter has been placed on her desk.

Candidates will be required to submit their grade printouts from CNU Live with their applications. An informational meeting will be held March 9 at 7 p.m.

Campaigning will begin March 10 as originally scheduled and the rest of the dates remain the same, according to Boyd.

Other business addressed in the meeting was the lobbying trip that four members—Boyd, Bell, Molly Buckley and Christine Warner—took to Richmond last week.

They were the first group from CNU to lobby in Richmond and met with six delegates and one senator, according to Boyd. She and the other three students encouraged others to lobby in Richmond or write letters to their legislators.

Vice President of Student Services Nikki Wenzel told senators that online voting would be available soon through e-net voting services. She also announced that IT Services representatives would be at the next SGA meeting March 8.

Bell asked senators to look over the new handbook changes being made by the Faculty Senate. She said the Faculty Senate has also put together a resolution calling for a committee on IT Services.

Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science was included in that number.

"My wife and I were supposed to take a cruise a year ago last November," he said, whose son was working aboard the Amsterdam cruise ship departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to the Caribbean at the time of the outbreak. "While they were in port, all the crew had to stay on board and scrub, no matter what their job was on the ship. He was not very thrilled," he said.

Cheney displays a picture of his son while on the ship, alone, with the bottles of liquor the family was to drink while vacationing, holding a sign that says, "I hate Norwalk, but I love you." The picture was sent to Cheney during the quarantine.

The Smithfield facility dealt with the virus in the same way as many of the cruise liners by containing those potentially exposed and sanitizing as thoroughly as possible.

"The Isle of Wight Health Department was very impressed by the way the outbreak was handled and contained," said Jordan.

Several weeks after the initial outbreak at Magnolia Manor, there have been no new cases reported at the facility.

caught and removed over 80,000 virus-related files."

The viruses have been such a plague on campus because virus protection software is not mandatory as it is on some other universities.

Gustafson mentioned that the University of North Carolina also does not require the software, and as a result, the network was completely shut down when the MyDoom virus first hit their campus.

While it does not concern the network working quickly, students have also recently been questioning the way which the CNU e-mail system functions.

Over the last two weeks, controversial e-mails about parking tickets have flooded WebMail while another e-mail about the closing of the Falk Gallery disappeared.

Both instances raised questions as to how WebMail is monitored, and whether or not e-mails are private at all.

"E-mail accounts are not private. One should not put anything in an e-mail that they do not want known by the public," said the university spokeswoman. "It is not standard practice to look at student e-mail unless required to do so."

The second e-mail sent out in response to parking several weeks ago contained language which was both offensive, and as others said in their e-mail responses, uncalled for.

That e-mail did not go to all students, even though it was addressed to do so.

"An individual exploited a hole in the system to send that e-mail to everyone without it being reviewed," said the university spokeswoman on behalf of IT Services.

IT Services reserves the right to stop any e-mails from going through which they feel are inappropriate.

To explain why the e-mail did not go to all the students, she said that the list was not "standard," having been "compromised" as a result of whatever the writer did to send it originally.

Issues concerning the course of action taken against students with infected computers can be prevented by students keeping up-to-date virus protection software, as well as having an updated WebMail account so that e-mails such as the Feb. 16 infected IP address listing, are read by everyone.

Virginia In Brief

Virginia state budgets vary greatly

In addition to the Virginia House and Senate proposed budgets for 2004-2006, the governor's plan varies greatly, according to the summary provided on the General Assembly's Web site.

The summary stated that unlike the House's proposal, there would be a nine percent increase in "direct aid to public education" during the next two years. In addition to the nine percent increase in funding for education there would be an increase of 7.9 percent for Medicaid.

One of the goals, according to the governor's summary of the budget, is to address the shortfall of the budget as well as "to fund selected contingent appropriations." The tax package for 2004-2006 would generate \$1,184.4 million in total revenue during the course of the next two years.

According to a spokesperson from Delegate Vincent Callahan's office, the House budget proposes \$57.9 million for transportation, but unlike the Senate bill and governor's bill, does not provide any additional salary increases for Virginia's teachers.

Virginia Beach suspect apprehended

On Feb. 18, Virginia Beach Police apprehended James Anthony Rosemond, according to a news release sent to the Captain's Log by Virginia Beach Police Department's spokesperson, Don Rimer.

The 42-year-old suspect is from the 3800 block of Danville Court, according to Rimer. He was taken into the department's custody at 4:15 p.m. in the Virginia Beach's Larkspur area.

According to Rimer, Rosemond was charged with four counts of robbery, one count of attempted robbery, and five counts of use of a firearm. The Virginia Beach Correctional Center is holding Rosemond without bond.

Rosemond is accused of the robbery of Sally's Beauty Shop in the Chimney Hill Shopping Center, the second robbery on Feb. 15 at an Exxon gas station at the 3500 block of Holland Road, and the most recent robbery was on Feb. 17 at approximately 4:15 p.m. at One Price Cleaners, according to Rimer's release.

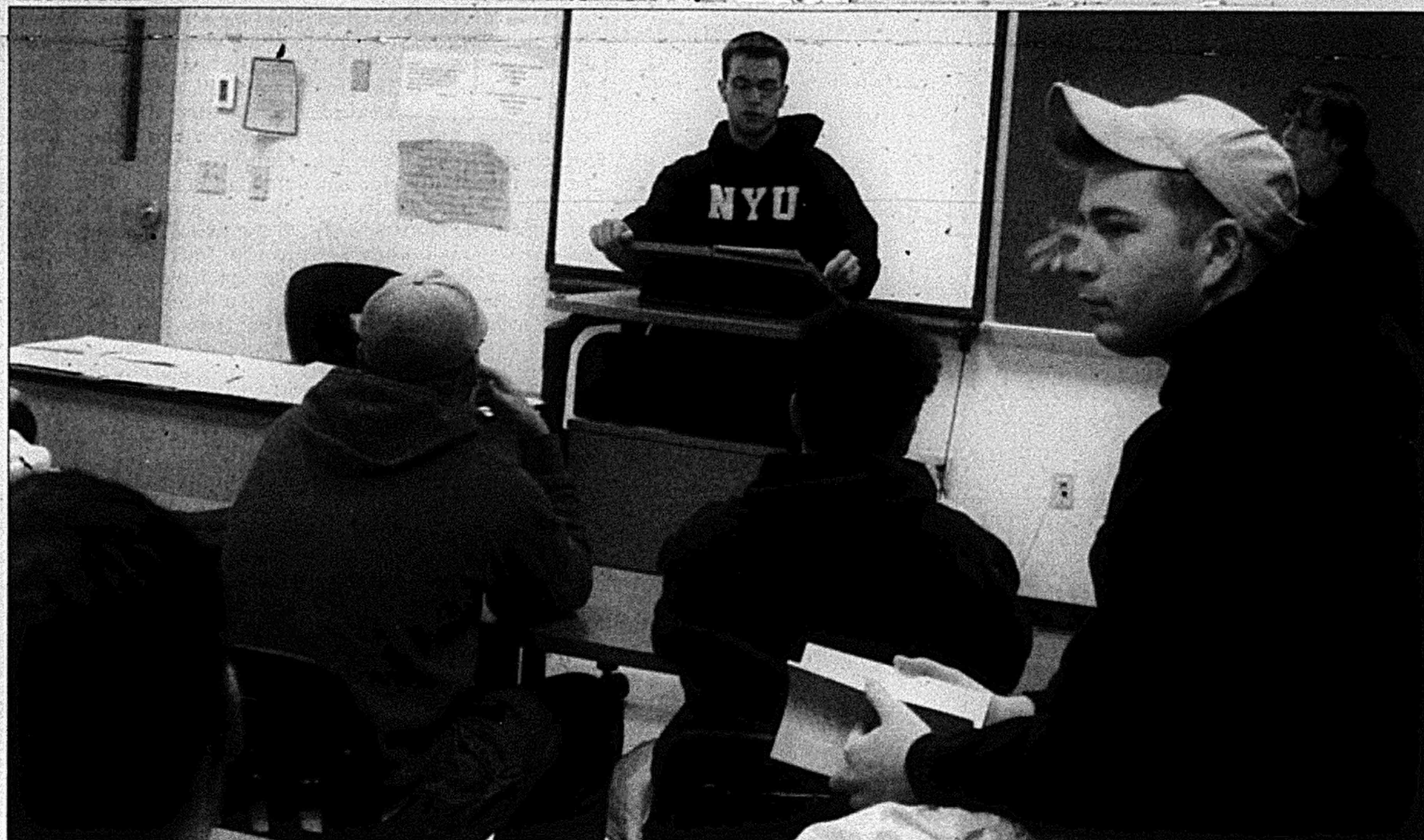
Feticide bill passed

On Feb. 23, the Virginia State Senate passed a bill making it a Class 2 Felony to willingly kill the fetus of another person, according to Senate bill number 319. A person convicted of a Class 2 Felony may spend 20 years to life in a state penitentiary.

The bill specifically stated, "Any person who unlawfully, willfully, deliberately, maliciously and with premeditation kills the fetus of another is guilty of a Class 2 felony."

The bill passed in the House with a vote of 76-23. Senate bill number 319 is currently awaiting review by Governor Warner.

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Senior Greg Hawkins, former president of the provisional chapter of Kappa Delta Rho at CNU, addresses the chapter's founding members about the election process for the executive board at a meeting held Sunday.

Greek life expands at CNU

Kappa Delta Rho gains campus recognition, begins to participate in Greek events and fundraisers

By Lacey Milburn
Staff Writer

As our campus grows due to construction, it is growing in other ways as well. No longer the small community college, CNU has become a university and universities have large Greek organizations.

CNU's small Greek society has grown significantly in the past few years, and continues to grow as three new organizations take their place alongside their fellow fraternity brothers and sorority sisters.

The most recent of these additions was Kappa Delta Rho.

"There's something out there for everyone and I found it in KDR," said senior and current KDR President Greg Hawkins.

Hawkins, along with others, started the new chapter at CNU after a visit to James Madison University last year. He knew members of the fraternity at the JMU chapter and they suggested he start a chapter at CNU.

"We did it a little unorthodox. The National organization gave us the opportunity to recruit ourselves and develop KDR from here at CNU," said Hawkins.

Before they were permitted to do this however, the group of

10 students sent a petition to the national organization to gain their provisional status.

The other recent Greek organizations new to campus have been sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha and fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Both of these Greek organizations started after members of the national groups visited campus and helped in the recruiting process, unlike Kappa Delta Rho, which sought out their national organization.

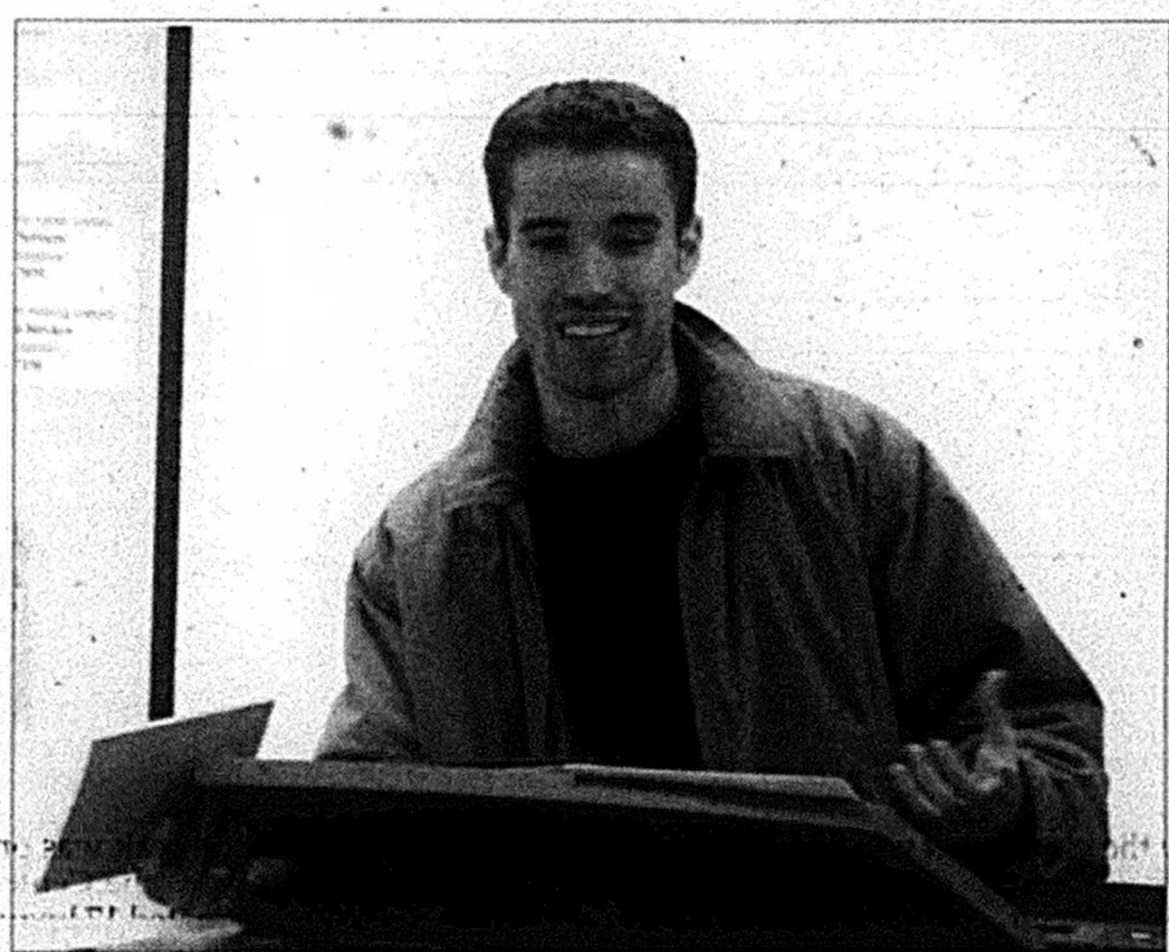
"It's really good that CNU's Greek life is expanding so much and more and more people are being involved in it," said junior ASA member Natalie Musashe.

Musashe was not sure about being involved with Greek life until she started attending ASA events last fall and decided to join.

According to Greek Advisor Carrie Muoio, "Kappa Delta Rho, men's fraternity, was just accepted and recognized by campus this semester. They did not participate in the formal recruitment process but have been recruiting since the process ended."

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon both participated in the formal recruitment this spring instead of independent recruiting.

"We have the rest of the semes-



Adam Neely, Pledge Educator from the William and Mary chapter of Kappa Delta Rho, educates Kappa Delta Rho members at CNU on Chartering requirements from their national organization at a meeting held Sunday.

ter to recruit gentlemen on campus. Maybe what they want can be found in KDR," said junior and Vice President Tom Alexander.

The original members will be initiated prior to fall 2004 so that KDR can be a part of formal recruitment.

Currently there are five officers in Kappa Delta Rho.

"As we build there will be more

officers appointed," Hawkins said.

Kappa Delta Rho will be hosting and participating in Greek events and fundraisers throughout the spring semester. Information will be posted for those events as well as for interest meetings.

Before May commencement, Hawkins hopes to "have a well established Greek organization here at CNU."

Students ticketed

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bowling alley stating parking is for customers only and unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Towing costs \$85 and storage costs \$20.

Sherry Bodie, administrative assistant to the district manager of AMF, said that the bowling alley reached an agreement last year in which the University Police would patrol the parking lot and ticket student vehicles. If any particular vehicle is continuously parked in the lot, it will be towed.

"We don't want the kids to have to pay to get their cars towed and stored," Bodie said.

Student Center Operations Manager Andy Mansfield addressed this and other parking concerns at the Feb. 23 SGA meeting.

Students cannot park at the BTC, AMF, Food Lion or any other of the neighboring areas, he said.

"They have the right to tow you," he said, "but they are letting us ticket you instead."

Several senators at the meeting asked why they had just started ticketing recently. Mansfield said they did not start ticketing these areas recently, but have been doing so for several years.

"We have aggressively enforced parking regulations the last two months," he said.

One senator asked why there were no signs in the lots that said they could not park there. Since the bowling alley is private, CNU cannot post university parking signs, but the bowling alley has their own signs informing people that parking there is for customers only.

East side residents were concerned with why they had to pay for a decal if they could not park on main campus.

"There is a logistical problem with that," Mansfield said. Freshmen have to have their cars on main campus, "that's why east side can't park on main campus during the day."

Mansfield was asked where commuter students should park, and he said that the gravel lots were not usually full.

"They hear the word gravel, and they don't want to park there," he said. Some students have told him they don't want to park in the gravel because it ruins their shoes, he said.

Peak times are between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. when students must park in their designated lots. After that, main campus lots open for all students. Students may not, however, park in visitor's spaces at any time.

"If you are a student, faculty or staff member, you are not a visitor," Mansfield said. "You will get a ticket for parking there."

According to Mansfield, parking services is available to work with students on individual concerns if there is advance notice and a legitimate reason.

When the parking garage opens, it will alleviate many of the parking problems that currently face students, Mansfield said.

Although the deck is scheduled to open this spring, road construction may prevent access to it.

"You'll definitely be able to park in the garage by next fall," Mansfield said.

The parking garage, however, will be primarily for commuters, faculty and staff, according to Mansfield.

Several senators asked where the money from parking decal sales goes.

Mansfield told the SGA that it costs "\$11,000 to build one space in the parking garage, so your \$150 is going to buy a brick essentially."

Public universities get no state funding from the General Assembly to cover parking. All of the monies needed to maintain parking lots, lights, repairs and more come from revenue made by parking services in the form of decal sales and fines.

Currently, the decal-to-space ratio is about two to one, according to Office Services Assistant Mike Hott. That means for "every one space we have, there's about two decals out," he said.

The industry average, according to Mansfield, is about four to one.

"If we can survive 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., I've done my job," Mansfield said.

Police Aide Program earns STEPS award

By Brandon Hasky
Captain's Log Intern

"We take pride in you," reads an anonymous quote on a banner in the building that houses University Police.

The banner, made by residents at James River Hall, hangs along with others in the office of the student police aides.

Recently, it's not just the students who have seen the effectiveness of the police aides.

The Virginia Community Policing Institute (VCPI) has awarded CNU's Police Aide Program (PAP) the STEPS (Safety Through Effective Problem Solving) Community Policing Award.

PAP is a fairly new program that was implemented in 2002.

"CNU was going to open addi-

tional residence halls, which is why we decided to start this program," said Police Chief Jeffrey Brown.

Previously, security guards were hired to watch over the front desks of residence halls, but it was decided that it would be more effective to hire students to do this task, along with others.

"We wanted to empower members of our community," said Brown. "So far, the results have been positive."

Kristen Vincent, a junior, is a police aide who watches over the front desks of the residence halls.

"I'm a night owl; I tend to stay up late," said Vincent, who often works overnight. "I'm proud of our department. The students feel more secure."

Currently, there are 25 police aides, and more are to be hired soon.

"Most of them are government and criminal justice majors, and this acts as a stepping stone for getting a career later," said Brown.

One of these criminal justice majors is junior John Gibson, who plans on going into law enforcement. Gibson is one of three police aide supervisors, and he is in charge of aides who lock down campus buildings in the evenings and building checks.

"This was definitely needed," said Gibson of PAP. "It's better than having hired security guards. It also keeps the officers on patrol, where they are needed."

Along with building lockdown and watching the front desks of residence halls, the police aides have other tasks which include preventing loss in the bookstore, acting as crowd and traffic control at events and as student escorts at night.

CNU's PAP won the STEPS

award for communities of less than 20,000. The award "honors those who have taken necessary 'steps' towards achieving a safer future through the commitment of resources, time and innovation," said VCPI Executive Director Linda O'Connell.

There were five categories in all, and they go to those departments in Virginia that have "successfully reduced or eliminated repeat crimes, disorder and general public safety problems," according to a memo released the university spokeswoman.

This March, CNU police officers and police aides will be attending the Community Policing Conference in Virginia Beach to present their plan.

"We've had some universities inquiring about a copy of our training manual," said Brown. He also said that some universities, such as ODU, have started their own program, modeled after CNU's

CNU admits first group of students to new MAT Program

By Carrie Phipps
Contributing Writer

Students admitted to CNU's new MAT program and those planning to apply attended an orientation tea on Jan. 28.

Dean Douglas Gordon and Susan Piland from Newport News Public Schools welcomed the group to the new graduate program that will prepare them to be teachers. Students had the opportunity to meet classmates and ask questions about the program.

The program has attracted a diverse group of students who have experience in the Navy, working as AVID tutors in the Newport News School District, and interpreting for Colonial Williamsburg.

Some are making career changes and hope to use their previous work experience to their advantage in the classroom, like Carrie Phipps and Becky Ketter, who previously worked as an environmental engineer and an audiologist, respectively.

"Teaching is the most rewarding career to which anyone can en-

deavor," said Kenneth Bell, one of 14 students who have already been accepted to the program.

Over 80 CNU students have declared their intent to remain at CNU for the advanced degree.

The new program will allow students who are currently undergraduate students to stay at CNU and complete one extra year, which will earn them both a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree as well as a license to teach.

Students who already hold a bachelor's degree may enter the program to earn the MAT degree

with licensure or just the licensure. Options available for the license include elementary school (PK-6); art, music, theater, Spanish or French (PK-12); or secondary subjects including biology, computer science, history, history and social science, mathematics, and physics.

A partnership with Newport News Public Schools will provide students the chance to engage in many field experiences, including internships.

-Carrie Phipps is an MAT graduate assistant.

Virginia Senate and House Budget Proposals for Upcoming Biennium

SENATE

1. Eliminates a sales-tax exemption on certain industries.
2. Spends \$57.9 million in new money for transportation.
3. No money to improve public school teacher's pay.
4. Adds an additional \$15 million to the rainy day fund on top of the \$128.5 million deposit this fiscal year and \$87 million in 2006.
5. Allocates \$739.4 million towards closing the gap in funding shortfalls in public education, adds another \$110.7 million to compensate localities.
6. Recommends \$9.1 million for student financial aid and would increase tuition assistance grants (TAG) to \$2500 in 2006.
7. Calls for a three percent raise, effective December 2005, for state employees, deputy sheriffs, state-supported local employees and college faculty, and also provides a 9.3 percent raise for the Capitol Police. No funding is allocated for raises for public school teachers.
8. Funds allow 160 mentally retarded people to receive community based care, and another 25 people with developmental disabilities to receive the same care.

HOUSE

1. Raises the overall state revenues by increasing the sales tax.
2. Raise income taxes on wealthier Virginians.
3. Spend \$1.6 billion in new money for transportation.
4. Adds an additional \$200 million on top of the \$128.5 million deposit this fiscal year and \$87 million in 2006 to the rainy day fund.
5. Provides routine updating funds for public education and another \$983.4 million to compensate localities.
6. Recommends \$15.6 million for student financial aid and adds the same as the House to the TAG grants for undergraduates and increases the grant to \$2000 for graduate students.
7. Calls for a three percent raise, effective December 2004 for classified and state-supported local employees and effective November 2004 for faculty, and also provides \$60 million to increase salaries of Capitol Police, State Police and sheriff's deputies. No funding is allocated for raises for public school teachers.
8. Funds allow 880 mentally retarded and 150 developmentally disabled people to receive community based care.

-Information compiled from the Virginian Pilot and the Daily Press

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Monitor comes to Mariner's Museum

MONITOR, from page 1

to recover the Monitor's propeller was included in those responsibilities.

According to Justin Lyons, public relations director at The Mariner's Museum, the museum was chosen for this honor after an in-depth selection process.

"NOAA came up with a plan to recover the Monitor's artifacts, but they needed somewhere for the artifacts to be conserved because they belong to the people," he said. "So they put out a request for proposal, and we stepped up to the plate. We were one of only four that responded."

When making the decision about who would become custodian, NOAA took into consideration a number of factors, including the available facilities, the history of the institution and how important a role the Monitor played in the area.

"We ended up having the facilities best capable of exhibiting the artifacts, and we felt confident that we could hold up our end of the bargain. Then we started working to recover the artifacts," Lyons said.

In 1998, the museum began the five-year Monitor excavation plan and, according to The Daily Press, the propeller is the most important artifact to complete the conservation process "since the Navy, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, and the Mariner's Museum embarked upon a \$22 million campaign to save the ship's hallmark features."

"This is a real milestone for us," Lyons said, "because the propeller is the first artifact from that project to be recovered, conserved, and displayed. And it's been done in front of the public every step of the way."

Museum worker Jane Frazer shares Lyons' opinion.

"I think it's a wonderful thing that we can be a national repository for the Monitor, and I think it's wonderful that they can recover the artifacts and make them displayable. It's really great that we are able to do all this."

The Monitor's propeller and shaft were recovered in June of 1998, and then began an extensive four-year conservation process, which included the removal of the propeller's shaft in 2000. If the shaft and propeller had not been separated, dissolved salts would have crystallized between the two parts, increasing the amount of corrosion.

The propeller has been submerged in a tank filled with a caustic acid for three years. It has also undergone a process called electrolytic reduction, in which an electrical current forces potentially damaging iron chloride salts inside to move outside and mix with surrounding solution, saving the artifact.

Currently, the cast-iron propeller is in its final stages of conservation — coating and waxing — in order to protect it from the elements.

Though the Monitor's propeller will remain on display inside the museum for some time, Lyons said eventually The Mariner's Museum will be able to put all the recovered Monitor artifacts on display in one location: the \$30 million Monitor Center, which is set to open March 9, 2007.

"We're hoping to break ground for construction this fall," Lyons said. When completed, the new building will be home to approximately 400 Monitor artifacts, including the turret, the Dahlgren cannon and the steam engine in addition to the Monitor's anchor and recently conserved propeller.

In the meantime, when viewing the propeller in the museum, Lyons says there are a few interesting things to look for. The first and most obvious thing to notice is that there are three chunks missing from the propeller.

"That happened before it was recovered," Lyons said. "Curtis Peterson (lead conservationist) believes that probably happened while the ship was in Hampton Roads. He thinks the ship probably got caught in an oyster reef and damaged the propeller when trying to reverse."

But there's no way to know for sure how the chunks were removed because the event was never recorded in the captain's log.

Another interesting thing to look for on the propeller are initials.

"The initials W.K. are carved into the propeller," Lyons said. "The theory is that when the ship went to Washington Navy Yard, someone working there put their initials on it, but we don't know how or why. Still, it's something neat to look for."

Why all the fuss over a propeller?

According to The Mariner's Museum Web site (www.mariner.org), "The Monitor's unique four-blade propeller is the only known example in the United States of the screw propeller designed and built by naval architect John Ericsson."

But the Monitor is famous for more than just its propeller.

On March 9, 1862, the CSS Virginia and the USS Monitor met in the wa-

ters near Newport News in the Battle of Hampton Roads. According to The Mariner's Museum's exhibits, the CSS Virginia had crushed the USS Cumberland the day before (March 8). When the Monitor arrived on March 9, the two ships fought for nearly four hours before parting in a draw.

It's thanks to the Monitor's arrival in Hampton Roads that any further destruction of the blockading Union squadron was prevented.

And if that wasn't enough, the battle between the CSS Virginia and the USS Monitor carried naval warfare in an entirely new direction: the use of ironclad ships instead of wooden ones.

According to an article in the March 11, 1862 issue of The New York Herald, the "late sea fight in Hampton Roads, is one of the most remarkable and instructive events in the history of modern warfare. It establishes the utter uselessness of wooden ships with their old fashioned popguns, against iron-plated battering rams."

But approximately nine months later, on Dec. 31, 1862, the Monitor sank during a storm and came to rest upside down 16 miles off the shores of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

The wreck of the Monitor was discovered in 1973, 20 years after the ship had been decommissioned. Two years later, in 1975, the U.S. Government designated the wreck site as the first National Marine Sanctuary.

The site was then placed under the protection of the U.S. Coast Guard and under the management of NOAA.

The unveiling of the Monitor's propeller coincides with The Mariner's Museum's 2004 Battle of Hampton Roads weekend. The event begins on Friday, March 5, with various tours, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the USS Monitor Conservation Area. Friday evening, there will be a Civil War costume party and a chance to tour the new USS Monitor temporary exhibition.

Saturday's activities include several lectures covering different aspects of the Civil War: from the children who fought to the revolutionary ironclad ships. There will also be an opportunity for people to participate in a re-enactment of a Civil War encampment.

On Sunday, there will be additional lectures, including one on the Battle of Hampton Roads, and at 1:30 p.m., there will be a Battle of Hampton Roads war-gaming demonstration.

Interested individuals can call the museum to register.



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World and Nation



An Israeli crime scene investigator walks past a bus destroyed by a Palestinian suicide bomb attack in Jerusalem, Israel, on Feb. 22.

Photographer covering suicide blast learns brother was on bus in Jerusalem

By Joel Greenberg
Chicago Tribune

Feb. 22—The bodies lay contorted in and around the blasted bus.

A young man in a blue coat with a mop of brown hair, his face ashen, was splayed out on the bus floor. A woman lay on the sidewalk, near the rear passenger door.

Near a wheel of the bus, a man in a jacket and sneakers was face down on the street. Next to him were the mangled remains of another passenger. Shards of glass and pieces of flesh littered the asphalt.

Shortly after the bombing of the No. 14 bus in Jerusalem, Oren Cohen, 28, an Israeli news photographer, raced to the scene on his motorcycle to document the carnage.

When he arrived, his parents called to tell him that his 17-year-old brother, Nir, had been on the bus on his

way to school.

Cohen approached the bus, snapping pictures and at the same time searching for his brother.

"I was looking through the viewfinder, praying that I wouldn't see anything," Cohen recalled. "It was a nightmare."

"The police pushed me back, thinking I was just a photographer trying to get into the bus, but I was trying to find out what happened to my brother," he said.

After snapping a couple of pictures, Cohen was too distraught to keep working, and he rode off on his motorcycle to search city hospitals for Nir. On the way, he received a call from a social worker, telling him that his brother was in Hadasah Hospital and wanted to speak to him.

"My fear went down a notch," Cohen recalled later, standing near his brother's hospital bed.

"The first thing that goes through my mind at a bomb scene is whether there's

anyone there that I know," Cohen said. "Unfortunately this time it was Nir."

At the hospital, Nir lay surrounded by relatives, his bloodied lips swollen and some of his teeth broken by the blast. He had been sitting in the back row of the bus, talking to a friend in the army about military service when the bomb went off, he recalled.

"I was thrown to the floor, and I felt someone stepping on me," he said. "I saw bodies, parts of bodies and a lot of blood. I moved my arms and legs and realized I was OK."

"Someone shouted, 'Anyone who isn't dead get up or move.' There was someone on top of me. I was sure he was dead. They lifted him up, and someone gave me a hand."

In a bed across the aisle, Nir's schoolmate, Leon Montelio, 16, wounded by shrapnel, said he had been standing with his sister and a friend in the middle of the bus when the suicide bomber

struck.

"I felt sharp pains in my side and had difficulty breathing," he recalled. "I turned around and saw a hand hanging from a handgrip. I looked around for my sister, and saw a man who had been cut in two. I almost went crazy. Someone helped me climb out through a window."

Leon's sister was wounded and treated at another hospital.

A few beds down Abed Issa, 42, a Palestinian from East Jerusalem, lay on his back, his face and hands speckled with blood. A cleaning worker at an Israeli clinic, he had been riding the bus on the way to the bank to cash a check.

"It doesn't matter whether it is Jews or Arabs" who are targeted by the bomber, he said. "We were born here, we will die here, we are all the same. My only war is to work and bring bread to my children."

Date for transfer of power in Iraq will not change, U.S. says

By Tom Lasseter
and Hannah Allam
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Feb. 19—The top American civilian in Iraq promised Thursday that the U.S.-led administration would return sovereignty to the country by June 30 as planned, but said blueprints for an interim Iraqi government remained in flux.

L. Paul Bremer said dozens of plans to return Iraq to independence have emerged, indirectly acknowledging that U.S. efforts to organize an interim government on the basis of nationwide caucuses have collapsed.

At the United Nations, Secretary General Kofi Annan said Iraq wouldn't be ready for direct elections before the June 30 hand-over date.

With the United States retreating once again from earlier plans, Bremer was unable to say how the United States would extricate itself from its role as the occupying power in Iraq.

"It is a very complicated task to do it if you don't do it with elections," Bremer said. "We put forward a proposal to do it by these caucuses. But there are literally dozens of ways to carry out this very complicated task. There are caucuses that cascade downward, upward-cascading caucuses and various other kinds of selection—partial elections—on all of these matters."

Bremer, typically a polished diplomat who favors dark suits and pocket-handkerchiefs, appeared flustered when asked to discuss the U.S.-led coalition's next move.

Although the Bush administration continues to insist that the hand-over be done by June 30—before the U.S. presidential election campaign moves into high gear—a growing number of American officials are worried that the arm-wrestling among Iraq's Shiite Muslims, Sunni Muslims and Kurds could escalate into factional conflict or even civil war.

As recently as Monday, Bremer's top spokesman, Dan Senor, said, "We are

moving forward on the implementation of the caucus plan." But that changed Tuesday, when top Bush officials in Washington said they were scrapping the complex system of caucuses that would have culminated in a national assembly. The idea had come under attack from a wide range of Iraqis.

Expectations have grown in Baghdad that the U.S.-appointed Governing Council, originally meant to be dissolved by June 30, may continue, perhaps in an expanded form, until elections are possible.

"For the U.S., there is no better alternative. What's the alternative? Partial elections? Put Iraq under the rule of the U.N.?" said Sadoun al Dulame, the director of the Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies, an Iraqi independent research center and polling agency.

It's unclear whether that would be acceptable to the religious leader of Iraq's Shiite majority, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, who has demanded direct elections. The council lacks legitimacy among average Iraqis, a concern that some of its members openly acknowledge.

"We are not credible in front of Iraqi people and we haven't achieved much, really," said Mahmoud Othman, a council member who advocates forming a national congress. "The people need a change. The majority of Governing Council members are in favor of continuing the Governing Council. The Iraqi people are the ones who would benefit from a congress."

Samir Shakir Mahmoud, an independent Sunni council member, said incorporating new members would only bring more divisions. He advocates keeping the current council in place until Iraq is deemed ready for general elections.

"Ideally, the next best thing is an expanded Governing Council, but the practicalities of this would be difficult," he said.

The council is wrangling over an interim constitution, which is due by the end of this month.

Russia's new weapons evade defense missiles

By Alex Rodriguez
Chicago Tribune

Feb. 19—Russia is developing a new generation of warheads that can elude any kind of missile defense, though a Russian general stressed Thursday that the technology was not aimed at thwarting U.S. deployment of a new missile defense system.

Missiles equipped with the new warheads would be able to evade sophisticated defense systems by changing trajectory to avoid the range of interceptor missiles, said Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky, first deputy chief of the Russian armed forces' General Staff.

A prototype was tested during military exercises this week, Russia's biggest since the Soviet era. Baluyevsky said the warhead technology would be ready for deployment no later than 2010.

Baluyevsky's remarks shed light on cryptic comments made by Russian President Vladimir Putin Wednesday, after he observed a second day of exercises aimed at testing Russia's strategic missile capabilities. Submarine-launched missile failures Tuesday and Wednesday marred the exercises.

Putin mentioned Russia's development of new strategic weapon technology, but he did not say what that technology was, in what way it was advanced or when it might be deployed.

"The trick is very simple," Baluyevsky said. "The missile can skirt zones of a regional missile defense, bypass areas where a defense system has the capacity and range to intercept it and thus penetrate a future anti-missile defense system."

Alexander Golts, a military analyst with the Russian publication Yezhenedelny Zhurnal, called the warhead technology a formidable achievement in defense research. "If it can change trajectory, it's absolutely revolutionary," he said.

Later this year, Washington is planning to deploy its new missile defense system, designed to thwart ballistic missiles aimed at the continental U.S. Six interceptor missiles will be stationed in Alaska and four in California. Another 10 will be deployed in Alaska next year.

In late 2002, when President Bush announced his plans for a new missile defense system, the Kremlin reacted angrily by warning that the move would sidetrack the war on terrorism and restart an arms race.

Bush's move was preceded by the U.S. withdrawal from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which prohibited the testing or deployment of missile defense systems like the one Bush envisions.

The Bush administration has said a new missile defense system would focus on rogue states such as North Korea, which according to intelligence officials is working to develop long-range missile technology.

Washington is also concerned that states like North Korea could provide such missile technology to other hostile countries.

Right now, only China and Russia have the ability to strike the continental U.S. with intercontinental ballistic missiles. Russia was especially concerned that interceptor missiles were being placed across the Bering Strait in Alaska.

However, Baluyevsky stressed that Russia does not have the U.S. in mind as it continues work on the warheads.

"The experiment conducted by us must not be interpreted as a warning to the Americans not to build their missile defense because we designed this thing," Baluyevsky said.

Golts said Russia's new warhead technology isn't likely to pose a threat to the U.S., since Russia can already overcome the new U.S. missile defense system because of the sheer number of intercontinental ballistic missiles it has in its arsenal.

What is driving the Kremlin to forge ahead with the new technology and discuss it publicly is its desire to appear to the Russian public as if it is working hard to restore the country's military parity with the U.S., especially three weeks before Putin's bid for re-election.

"We have an election campaign coming up," Golts said, "and it's important to Putin to send a signal that Russia is still on par with the U.S. At least militarily."

Scholars question theory of quilts as part of Underground Railroad

By Anastasia Ustinova
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Feb. 23—A book that asserts that escaped and freed slaves used quilts as message pads to guide themselves north on the Underground Railroad is under attack by scholars, who say its basic thesis is unproven.

Raymond Dobard, co-author of "Hidden in Plain View: A Secret History of Quilts," defended his book, assuring devoted quilters and critics that quilts made by black families and their allies sometimes carried encrypted messages. Their quilt-code theory has become popular among teachers, especially during Black History Month in February.

Dobard, a Howard University art history professor, and Jacqueline Tobin, a University of Denver women's writing professor, published their account in 1999. It's based on the recollections of Ozella Williams, a Charleston, S.C., quilt seller who said her grandmother had told her about 12 quilt patterns that helped guide Southern blacks to the North before and during the Civil War. Williams died shortly before Dobard's book published.

Williams told the authors that quilters in her family passed along secret codes that,

when displayed on quilts hung on windowsills or porch rails, told viewers what to do. A "monkey wrench" pattern, for example, told viewers to get ready to depart, according to Dobard. A "tumbling blocks" pattern told Underground Railroad travelers that conditions were right for their escape, and a "bear's paw" pattern, he said, told them to follow the footprints of bears north into the Appalachian Mountains and on to the free states west of them.

Other scholars have asserted that supporters of escaped and freed slaves hung quilts bearing a so-called "Jacob's Ladder" pattern to signal their offers of safe havens. Critics contend that the ladder pattern and Dobard's wrench pattern weren't in widespread use until after the 1861-65 Civil War.

Neither original quilts nor records of their use to help fugitive slaves exist, Dobard said, raising doubts among some black scholars and quilt historians. Giles R. Wright, the director of the Afro-American History Program at the state Historical Commission in Trenton, N.J., contends that Dobard and Tobin distorted folklore into a historical truth. Wright calls their book "sheer conjecture and speculation" that "misrepresents" black history. He argues that documented migration patterns show Southern blacks moving to the East Coast and not over the Appalachians into Ohio, as the book says.

Opinions

Where We Stand

Why Limit Emergency Contraceptives from Those Who May Need Them?

The morning-after pill is classified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a contraceptive that "can be taken up to 72 hours after intercourse" and "inhibits ovulation, implantation and fertilization of a female's egg," according to the Associated Press. Some critics, however, see it as another form of abortion.

"This is an abortion done early on," said Delegate Robert G. Marshall in an article published in the Daily Press. "Even if it weren't, we have no business passing this garbage out." A very educated remark, one might say ...

Marshall's bill to ban Virginia colleges from distributing emergency contraceptives passed the House of Delegates on Feb. 17, but in order to fall into effect, it must first pass the Senate. And if that happens, Gov. Mark Warner has to approve it — which is highly unlikely considering he appointed five new members of James Madison University's Board of Visitors last year who chose to continue releasing the morning-after pills at the university's health center.

But let's hope it doesn't even come to that. Let's hope that the Senate doesn't pass this bill, because if it does, it undercuts the availability of health care at public universities. A health clinic at a university should be able to serve those who don't have the necessary means of transportation to a nearby physician.

While CNU has an excellent health and wellness staff, it chooses not to offer morning-after pills because it stresses "self-responsibility," according to Rita Cennane of the Health and Wellness Center. And that's a noble mentality to uphold.

But if it's legal for adults in Virginia to attain these pills, shouldn't college students have the same accessibility to such health care rights? Shouldn't the Health and Wellness Center have the ability to prescribe and distribute emergency contraceptives to the nearly 50 requests it has received this academic year? Most of those requests, according to Cennane, are attributed to broken condoms, which clearly suggests that accidents happen.

People may take necessary precautions and still face unwanted consequences. About 50 individuals could probably speak for that. Just because schools like JMU are offering preventative treatments for pregnancy doesn't mean they are advocating any form of abortion or irresponsible action.

So unless self-responsibility signifies abstinence, withholding morning-after pills from college students would only be a disservice for those unfortunate students who take responsibility for their actions yet still end up with undesired consequences due to bad luck.

Keeping order in Iraq

By Thomas Welch IV
Guest Commentary

The United States has been a strong and active member of the United Nations since its inception Oct. 24, 1945. The people and government of the United States have consistently supported the initiatives of the United Nations. We have provided funding for many of the United Nations' endeavors, troops to serve as the peacekeepers in areas of conflict, and even a meeting place for the United Nations in New York City. And for all of our hard work and generosity toward our less fortunate counterparts, we have received little appreciation and now the Security Council wishes to reprimand the United States for working to ensure the safety and prosperity of our own citizens.

Following the horrible attacks on the United States Sept. 11, 2001 we came to the United Nations to ask for assistance in locating and apprehending those parties responsible for the unprovoked attack. The United Nations graciously supported our efforts to bring these cowardly criminals to justice. For this support the United States will be forever grateful to the members of the United Nations.

In continued efforts, however, to wage our war on terror, the U.S. government came to the United Nations once again in hopes to receive the same support in taking action against one of the world's most oppressive and malicious rulers. Our intelligence told us that Saddam Hussein of Iraq had

continued to be a sponsor of terrorist activities, a perpetrator of countless humanitarian violations against his own people, an aggressor toward his neighbors, and one of the biggest obstacles to reaching peace in the explosive region of the Middle East. The intelligence community and President Bush saw Saddam Hussein as such a serious threat that they approached the United Nations to ask for assistance in toppling this evil regime for the security of the United States and all other nations Hussein sought to intimidate and/or assault.

In response to our request the United Nations took a stance that would not provide for the security and safety of either the United States or its fellow member states. Some members of the United Nations allowed their judgment to be skewed by their economic ties to this evil regime.

There is some evidence to show that the politics of oil, once again, may have taken priority over the security and freedoms of the people in this region. The financial instability caused by the temporary disruption of the oil flow from Iraq was too much of a risk for some European powers to trade for liberating an oppressed people. The United States and its people, on the other hand, were not willing to sit by and wait for another attack to occur on United States' soil before they would take action. The United States refused to adopt the reactionary policy that the United Nations seemed to have been promoting.

Some members of the international community have accused the United

States of taking unilateral action against Iraq against the wishes of the United Nations. This accusation is simply untrue.

As of Jan. 9, 2004 there were 35 states other than the United States participating in the Coalition Forces. This coalition has contributed approximately 22,000 troops to ongoing stability operations in Iraq.

The United States and the other members of the coalition are dedicated to the success of the new Iraqi government.

Currently, the United States and others have placed troops throughout Iraq to protect the Iraqi civilians until the time when the newly trained Iraqi police are capable of maintaining the peace and guarantee the safety of all Iraqis. Until this is achieved, a military presence is required to keep a chaotic power struggle from erupting in this potentially explosive region. If order is not maintained, a new dictator could emerge who uses fear to rule these great people as Hussein once did.

It is important to remember that the liberation of the Iraqi people has not come without great losses to the coalition members. Many Americans and other coalition members' soldiers and civil servants have lost their lives in order to deliver the gift of freedom to these once oppressed people.

Their sacrifices will not be forgotten. As President Bush has said, "We will not fail, we will not fail."

—Thomas Welch IV is Director General of Special Topics for International Relations Organization.

Colleges are costly

Higher education not as cost effective as it once was

By Chester E. Finn, Jr.
Hoover Institution

In 1988, I wrote that "consumers need a 'no-frills university' to turn the higher-education marketplace upside down." I lamented that "the \$80,000 bachelor's degree is upon us, and the \$100,000 edition cannot be far away."

Today you can double those numbers. We are headed toward the quarter-million-dollar B.A.

In 1987, touring colleges with my kids, I was shaken by two realities: first, the absence of any sort of productivity gains in higher education, amid an economy whose principal engine of growth was (and remains) improved output per unit of worker input; second, the tendency of U.S. colleges to compete for desirable students by adding upscale amenities, what a Mount Holyoke dean once termed the "Chivas Regal strategy." (During our campus visits, my daughter remarked that it was like comparing resort hotels.)

My own children are fortunately finished with all that, but the idea of creating some stripped-down, no-frills college — models seems even more apt today. What would such places look like?

Key features would include a lean administration, few non-teaching employees, and most campus jobs performed by students or outsourced; amenities (en-

tertainment, food courts, fancy gyms, etc.) left to entrepreneurs — and paid for by those who use them; a year-round calendar with facilities in constant use, steady work for employees, and the opportunity for energetic students to finish faster; faculty that are paid well but worked hard; a trimmed-down curriculum with a solid core and strong majors in a dozen fields but no pretense of teaching ev-

“The academic week and year grow ever shorter as amenities grow yet more lavish (indoor climbing walls?).”

everything; and rigorous exit standards with diplomas equivalent to an intellectual "warranty."

This model could serve as a plausible formula for containing the cost and price of higher education and eking some productivity gains from this enterprise.

What's happened since 1988, however, seems noteworthy on four fronts.

First, yesterday's troubling trends have intensified. Students take ever longer to complete their degrees. The academic week and year

grow ever shorter as amenities grow yet more lavish (indoor climbing walls?).

Second, whereas the price pain then was felt primarily by those at private campuses, today the public university price tag is soaring, too.

Third, higher education has developed a fast-growing sector that follows the no-frills formula: the for-profit sector, characterized by the University of Phoenix and kindred vendors of reasonably efficient and relatively inexpensive postsecondary schooling.

Fourth, technology enables students to avail themselves of higher education without ever showing up on campus. The for-profit sector manes expert use of this delivery system, but traditional universities are working at it, too.

Because distance learning makes it possible not only to slash campus expenses but also to extend a professor's "reach" to far more students, it serves willy-nilly to boost academic productivity.

As Congress and state legislatures seek to contain the cost of college, they may want to encourage more no-frills institutions and nudge more students toward the efficient providers.

The starting point is to cease treating traditional college economics as immutable and instead to recognize that society has an obligation to reward efficiency and productivity here just like it does everywhere else.

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Correction

In last week's edition, the photograph of Sigma Pi fraternity playing football [page 3] featured junior Brad Sisson, not Matt Sisson.

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Arts and Entertainment

'Vagina Monologues' discusses taboo subjects

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Columnist

Was I worried? You better believe it. I was worried that I would feel awkward, that my face would turn so red that you could see it glowing in the dark of the theater. I was worried that I would hear things so unimaginable that I would never be able to view my vagina as a source of non-evil ever again. I was worried that I would cry in front of my date because the monologues would be so touching, so heart-wrenching. Most of all, though, I think I was worried that I would enjoy the show.

Last year, I missed seeing "The Vagina Monologues" for some reason or another. This year I vowed that I had to attend a performance of the controversial play, even though it meant leaving a meeting early to get a seat.

I have spent my whole life sitting in the audience at plays, speeches, concerts and fund-raisers. Never, and I do mean NEVER, have I been so affected by the material presented as I was during and after "The Vagina Monologues." I had tears in my eyes before the first line was even read. The power of the content was just that strong.

Eve Ensler's award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," was performed by over 600 colleges and universities in conjunction with the seventh annual recognition of V-Day, celebrated on and around Valentine's Day, according to the official V-Day Web site. According to the Web site, V-Day is a global movement to inform and educate people about women's issues such as rape, incest and abuse.

I expected that content to be so serious that not a whimper of laughter would escape anyone's lips during the show. What I discovered though was that the material, though often serious in content, had been given a funny twist. The six actresses were not making fun of the horrors the women had endured, but they were making their stories available in an audience-friendly way.

I have always been that viewer who gets a little red in the face

when watching a movie where there is a sex scene. Tuesday night cured me of that though, as I sat through 10 minutes of hearing every orgasm the six actresses could moan. I had tears in my eyes then too, but that time it was because I was laughing so hard that I thought I would hyperventilate.

One of the women performed a monologue based on an old woman's story about "down there." The way that it illustrated how society has changed amazed me, because surely the woman was correct in explaining that they didn't talk about "down there." Without having explanations or education on the subject, the woman's story about "flooding" saddened me for what she had gone through and made me laugh (until it hurt) by saying that if her vagina got dressed, it would wear a sign stating, "Closed due to flooding." I will never be able to drive through a flood-prone area again. ...

The entire performance wasn't full of laughter though. When the monologue discussing rape on Native American reservations was read, you could feel the tension creep into the room. It wasn't sudden, but I thought it would suffocate us all before the piece ended.

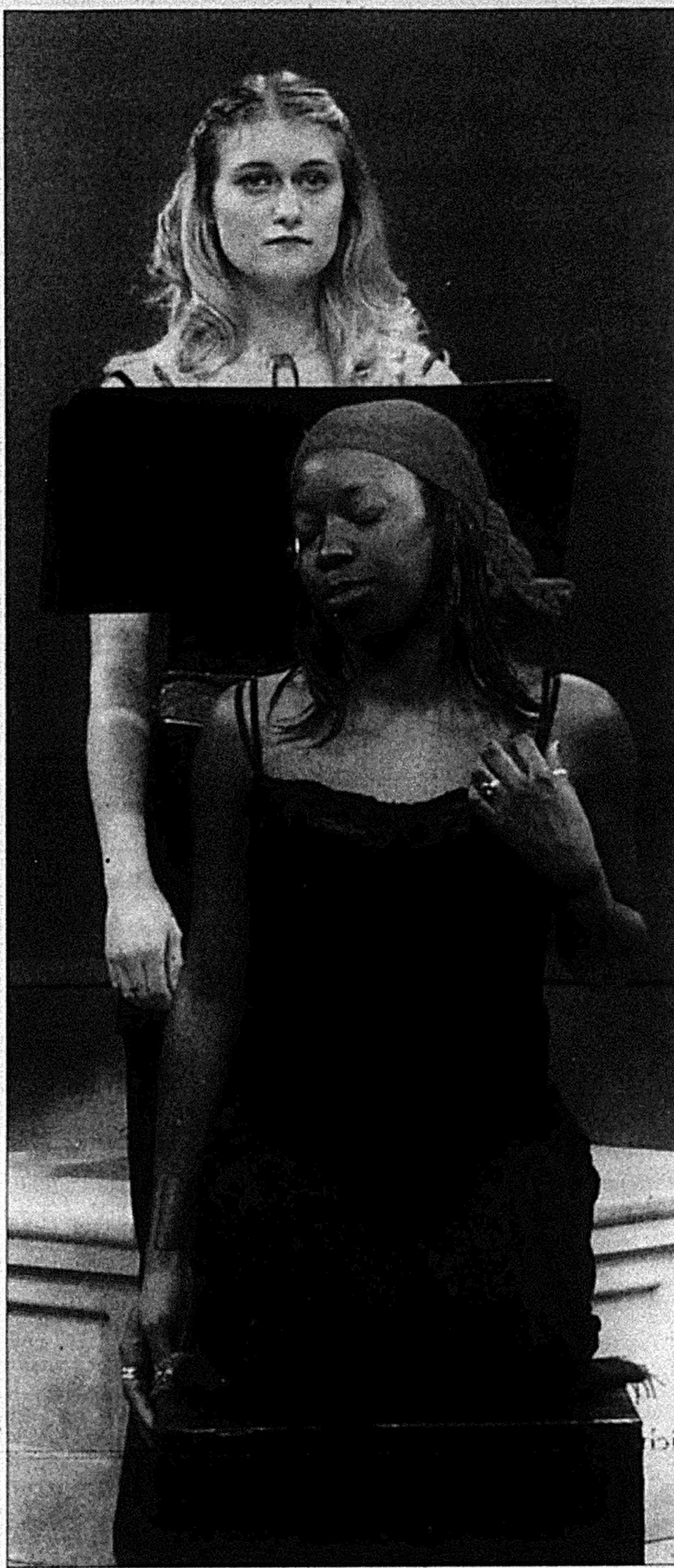
The content of the monologues then became so tangible, and so real, that there was no way anyone in the audience couldn't have somehow been affected.

"This show is brutally honest. You're presenting people with an undeniable truth, that these things are really happening" said sophomore Daniel Devlin during the opening night's post-performance talkback.

"The Vagine Monologues" gave the participating actors and crew a chance to be part of something larger than CNU itself.

"It's amazing we can do what we what we love- art, perform it, and help the community at the same time" said senior Rian Kerfoot during the talkback.

According to Steven Breese, Director of Theater Arts, this year's performance of "The Vagina Monologues" raised over \$5400, which went directly to Transitions, a local women's shelter.



From top to bottom: Seniors Rian Kerfoot and Stephanie Shipp were involved in the CNU production of "The Vagina Monologues," which was presented to raise money for a local women's shelter.

Snow, ice... they don't care it's winter

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Columnist

Last Sunday it started snowing. I was hoping that it would be enough to let me sleep in Monday morning.

Sure enough, by the time I went to sleep that night (err ... morning), around 3 a.m. like most of the people I know, Hampton University had already announced their Monday closing. Virginia Wesleyan and Regent University both popped up with delays.

At the least, I was hoping for a delay, and by the time I went to sleep, I was fairly certain that the guys across the hall would need at least that to sober up from their "pre-cancellation party." I went to work at 8 a.m.; they missed every single class.

My only big problem with having school Monday, on time, was the ice. Walking out to my car that morning, the ice was at least an inch thick on the parking lot. I felt bad enough for the students having to walk on it, but I felt even worse for the people having to drive on it. I guess making it to that 8 a.m. class is important enough to risk several hundred people's lives just to make a statement about a barely wavering attendance policy.

I guess I should have gone elsewhere if I wanted the school to care about my emotional and physical safety. I might not be a number here, but it seems like I'm just another body slipping on the ice when every other school gets to sleep in.

It's like a wave around CNU every time that something class-canceling-worthy occurs. You can sit there and listen to every other school close for the day, but when it gets to CNU, the breaker wall goes up to stop the wave and we all go to our next classes.

Enough about not getting time off though, because if I survive this week, then I'll have seven glorious days to recover ... before another round of midterms of course.

This will be my last Spring Break of college, which I am definitely going to miss out there in the real world. When else is someone going to say to me "Congrats for surviving the first two months of the year, now take a whole week off?"

I liked "Spring Break" in grade school a little more for one reason ... IT WASN'T IN FEBRUARY! I realize that Break falls basically in the middle of the semester, but I can't believe that I'm the only one having trouble feeling springy when it's 30 degrees and overcast.

Except that one day last week when everyone put on shorts, miniskirts and flip-flops (and then there were all the guys on the Great Lawn who took clothes off- it's amazing we don't have a dress code for there too!).

That weather was amazing, especially when the weather forecast for my Spring Break beach trip is predicting snow. Thank goodness it's already on the calendar, otherwise we'd probably just have to watch as everyone else was allowed the time off and we'd still have to be in classes.

Vibes of Our Vernacular hosts Slam at Einstein's

By Lindsay Simpson
Staff Writer

The Vibes of Our Vernacular's first poetry slam of the semester was held on Feb. 19.

The evening at first seemed like it would drag on with only a few people in attendance and approaching the microphone, but the club quickly drew a crowd to Einstein's Café.

The Vibes of Our Vernacular was founded two and a half years ago by Azita Ranjbar, who currently attends The College of William and Mary, and Joyce Bryan, who is now a junior.

The purpose of the club, according to sophomore Jackie Hames, the current president, was to give people a creative outlet where they could express ideas and also find a voice in poetry and writing.

For this semester and beyond, Hames has "bigger and brighter visions" for the club and new places to which she would like to see them go.

"One thing I really want to see is many of the universities in the Christopher Newport area come together and have poetry slams and competitions and just be able to share new ideas with each other," she said.

The other poems at the poetry slam ranged from the subtly risqué to overwhelmingly melancholy and angst-filled.

Junior Danielle Solomon's poem playfully and humorously danced around the subject of sex in a fashion that provided for many laughs in the audience.

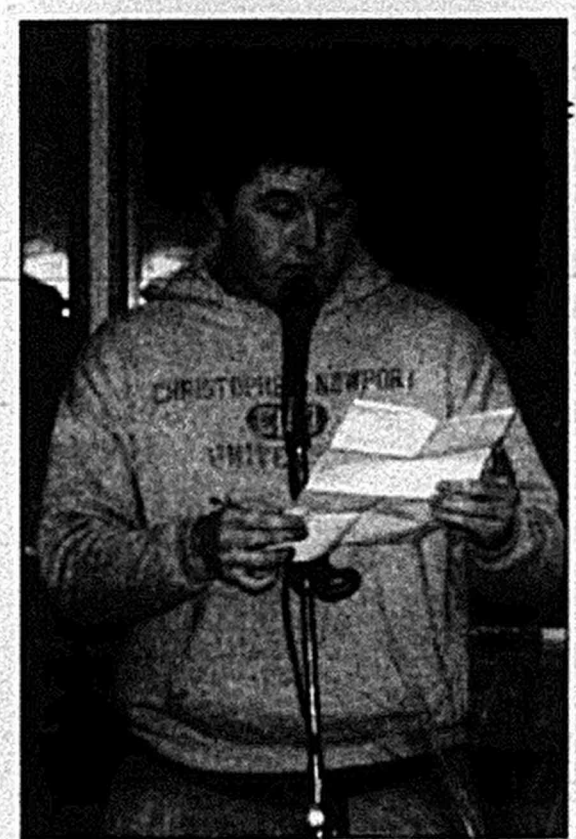
"My poems are supposed to be funny and crazy and a little sarcastic," said Solomon.

Richardson composed a poem during the course of the slam, giving it an explicit message, something she said she does not often do. The poem had a somewhat self-edifying tone that clearly stated that she was her own champion.

Like most emotion-driven poetry, junior Lauren Mead said that her works help her to get out the feelings and emotions one cannot bottle up.

"I just want to show people that poetry is not the flowery love and warm and cuddly feelings; there is pain and hurt and that is what I choose to write about."

Within the last few weeks, Vibes of Our Vernacular held a bake sale to raise money for this installment of the poetry slam and collaborated with the MSA and NAACP to create the Black is Beautiful poetry contest on Feb. 24.



Students at last Thursday's Poetry Slam were able to read and listen to original works.

Gus's New York Pizza offers slice of the big city

By Channele Layman
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There is nothing better than a deep-dish, jumbo-sized New York style pizza. Well, actually, there is one thing: getting that pizza without the drive to New York City. Fortunately, Gus's New York Pizza gives residents of Hampton Roads just that option.

Nestled in the Kiln Creek Square Shopping Center, Gus's is a simple retreat, offering the largest pizzas around. Gus's bears a sports motif - jerseys and posters adorn the walls. The restaurant also boasts three suspended televisions, tuned to various sporting events or occasionally cartoons or news.

Simple chairs and booths, bar seating and a mini-arcade offer elements to appeal to all ages. Gus's is perfect for family lunches, sports team get-togethers or just a casual

drink while watching the game. Also, Gus's is a smoke-free restaurant.

In addition to casual atmosphere, Gus's offers quality food. Included on the menu are pizzas (of course), gyros, subs and appetizers. Lunch specials include a variety of subs or meals with fries and a soda. A dessert menu and a kids' menu are also offered. The dessert menu offers classic favorites like tiramisu and cheesecake.

However, the specialty of Gus's is undoubtedly the New York style pizza. Gus's offers the classic sizes and styles of pizza, but stands above other pizzerias in the surrounding area. If you're willing to call in a day early, Gus's offers a 25-inch pizza, a pizza so large it is only served inside the restaurant. Also, Gus's has one of the largest selections of toppings, including sun-dried tomatoes, feta cheese and spinach.

In addition to providing good food, Gus's provides many ways to sample it. They offer dine-in and take-out and also deliver within

a two-mile radius of the restaurant.

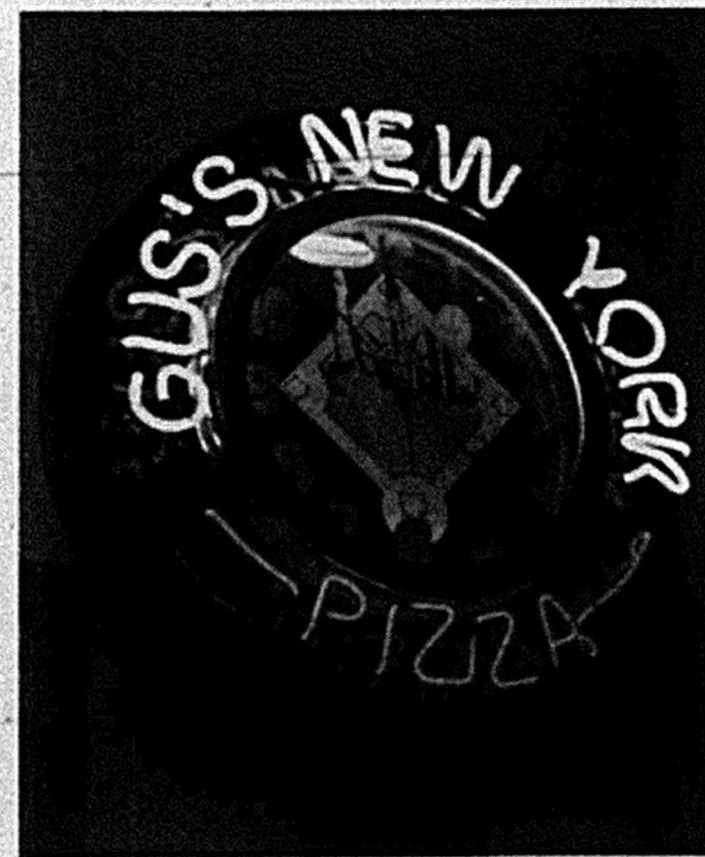
Prices are more than appealing. Most entrees can be purchased for under \$10; the most expensive items on the menu are the alcoholic beverages. The best deals are the lunch specials, at \$4.95.

Service agrees with the rest of the pleasant experience at Gus's. Prompt and polite, the waiters and waitresses are more than willing to assist you in whatever way needed.

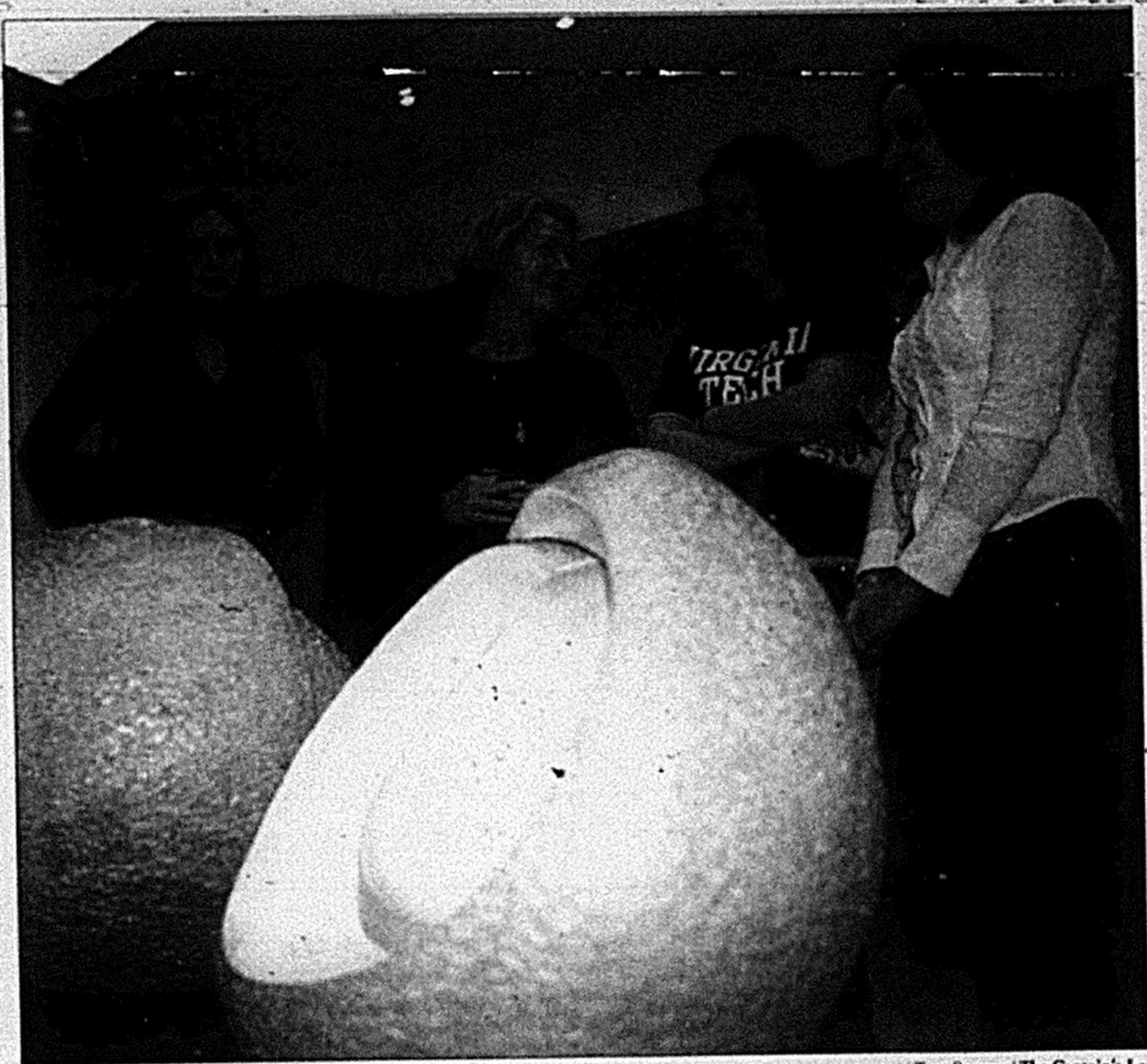
Gus's provides, as a whole, a friendly environment with excellent food. For CNU students, the change in pace from nationwide delivery pizza places is certainly worthwhile.

For those longing for the New York style, Gus's is located at 209 Village Avenue, Yorktown, Va., 23693. They maintain hours from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday through Saturday. They can be reached at 757-886-5800.

On the finger-lickin' good scale, Gus's New York Pizza receives 4 out of 5 fingers.



Gus's New York Pizza offers affordable and delicious food at a price that beats any other competitor.



From left to right: Freshman Alysse Amorosso, Art History Professor Dr. Belle Pendleton, and Sophomores Anne MacDonald and Janice Lavine discuss characteristics expressed in Kwon's ceramic series, *Inevitability*.

Falk Gallery hosts Korean artist

Ceramic art leaves viewers speechless, shows art has no language barrier.

By Amber Lester
Staff Writer

In shades of sand, yellow, muddy green and navy blue, the ceramic works of Minseok Kwon overcrowded the small space in the Falk Gallery.

The Korean artist's show officially opened with a reception held on Feb. 20 in the gallery.

Kwon, born in Seoul, South Korea, studied art at Joongang University before going on to receive his master's from Hongik University.

His work has previously been displayed at Kyung In Museum and won the prestigious Korean National Art Grand Exhibition and First Prize at the New Art Exhibition.

In May of 2002, he was invited to work at the Pottery Company in Williamsburg.

Soon after, he and his wife opened a gallery where he now teaches classes in ceramics.

The Fine Arts Department first heard of Kwon from his agent, Peter Wevack, who brought photographs of his works.

Impressed with what they saw, the Fine Arts Department called and invited him to do the show. They also invited him to return when the Ferguson Center for the Arts is completed.

Kwon's pieces were flowing and curvy while still retaining crisp lines. This delicate balance was a delight to witness.

While some pieces had functional purposes as vases or bowls, many were made for aesthetic value. Several pieces had the clay folded or molded into waves that seemed almost flowerlike.

One vase had a wavy ridge that evokes the image of a wispy daffodil, while another piece folds over in the front like a calla lily. Another set of bowls had

the daughter, because it is seemingly in bloom.

"The forms are so soft and round and even the sharp edges aren't that sharp," she said of Kwon's works. "It's very comforting."

The professors were equally impressed. "I would say more, but this is so stunning, it actually leaves me speechless," said Dr. Greg Henry of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts to the crowd.

Although Kwon did not speak much English, Henry noted that, "Art is universal, and through that, we can communicate."

Through Moonjung Won, a student serving as an interpreter, Kwon explained what he wanted to express in his art.

"His main idea is that the lines represent meeting and parting in life," said Won.

While some artists simply prefer one medium over another, Kwon works in ceramics because "it's a gift. I can only do this."

"Ceramics are difficult to work with because it's hard to pick the right clays and temperature and glaze," he told Won. "It's also very hard to hold onto inspiration."

The impressive display will be in the Falk Gallery until March 9, when the final student art exhibit will open. Kwon's work can also be seen at his gallery on 13750 Warwick Boulevard, where classes are offered in pottery and clay.

The Fine Arts Department will next present the Student Art Show in the Falk Gallery.

Following the gallery's closing later this spring, they will sponsor an exhibit for CNU alumnus Elaine Viel in the atrium of the Science Building.

"Art is universal, and through that, we can communicate."

- Dr. Greg Henry

the corners folded in like imperfect fortune cookies, managing to look artfully reckless and undeniably beautiful.

A piece entitled "Mother and Daughter" took center stage in the show, displayed prominently in the middle of the gallery facing the entrance. "Mother and Daughter" was exhibited in the Kuyong In Museum in Seoul.

The mother and daughter are represented by two large clay pieces, with curves twisting to resemble draped fabric or the voluptuous figure of women. One half of the piece has teardrop-shaped concaves, while the other has petal-like clay flowing outward.

Senior art major Stacy Stratton was particularly moved by the piece and its possibility for many interpretations. She felt that the piece with the curves flowing inward represented the mother, who in her age and wisdom is more withdrawn. The other piece represents

Goodbye, you sexy ladies, we'll miss you

By Amber Lester
Staff Writer

"I'm looking for love! Ridiculous, consuming, can't-live-without-each-other love!" cried Carrie Bradshaw in the "Sex and the City" finale that aired Sunday night, Feb. 22.

After six years of cosmopolitans, Manolo Blahniks, sex talks and relationships, the cast and crew of "Sex and the City" decided to end their incredibly successful show. With shelves full of Emmys and Golden Globes, the critically-acclaimed show is not just a television success story. It is a phenomenon, a lifestyle, a friend, a romance. It is, as actress Kim Cattrall said in the cast special, "a valentine to being single."

In groups of girlfriends, you'll find that each one relates to a certain "Sex and the City" character. There is always a Charlotte (Kristen Davis), who is proper, romantic and ever optimistic. For the more jaded girls, there's Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), who is realistic and cynical. Women with a wild streak can identify with Samantha (Kim Cattrall), who was always strong enough to play with the big boys.

Then there's Carrie, who is the perfect composite of all the ladies. Carrie is fun, silly, sweet, witty and tough. What initially set "Sex and the City" apart was its shocking candor on the topics of sex and love. In its six years, the show literally touched on every awkward sex issue imaginable. (Never did it seem ridiculous or overdone, however.)

Women really do talk about these things, and see-

ing it on television helped them to share even more with their friends. The idea that only men desire sex was completely shattered in the first season. To say that "Sex and the City" pushed the envelope is an understatement. I can still remember picking my jaw up off the floor after witnessing Samantha's first sexual escapades.

With relationships, the thirtysomething ladies were able to show the reality of dating in the big city. The show made it OK for a sexy, beautiful, smart woman to be alone and still looking. Their soulful love affairs and eventual break-ups were portrayed with so much heart that fans have cried along with the women.

Aside from the relationships with men, "Sex and the City" is a love affair with fashion. The show can be held responsible for the popularity of nameplate necklaces, Fendi baguettes, flower pins, lucky horse-shoe necklaces and strappy Manolo Blahniks. Stylist Pat Field worked to define a specific look for each of the girls.

Take away the boyfriends and the bags, however, and you will find the soul of the show: the friendships. The relationships are incredibly realistic. These women have supported each other through deaths, failed marriages, infertility, a bout with breast cancer and birth.

Although it was hard to say goodbye, the show ended perfectly. The finale allowed Carrie to be a prima ballerina, floating down the streets of Paris. But instead of dancing into the arms of Alexandr Petrovsky, played by ballet danseur Mikhail Barishnikov, Carrie found her way back to Mr. Big. Though some fans may feel



The cast of "Sex and the City" enjoyed six years of friendship, love and loss, and we were all right there with them.

like Mr. Big does not deserve Carrie, I think that he is just the jerk she needs. Maybe Aidan (played by John Corbett) was kinder, but did she belong with Big? "Absolutely not," as Big himself has said so memorably, both in the premiere and in the finale.

The finale also managed to allow each woman to have the breakthrough that she has built toward since the first season. The commitment-phobe Samantha fell in love with her younger actor/model boyfriend, Smith. The infertile Charlotte and her husband Harry found out they would indeed be adopting a baby girl. Miranda, so known for being unemotional, expressed her love by taking in her mother-in-law, now stricken with memory loss from a stroke. And Carrie, America's true sweetheart, found her "can't-live-without-each-other love" in "John" Big.

With laughter, tears, squeals and gasps, I said goodbye to the ladies, but possibly not forever. Entertainment Weekly's Web site (www.ew.com) reported on Feb. 18 that a screenplay is due in May for a movie version. HBO is expected to have financing and deals signed with the actresses by that time. In case that project never happens, the sexy ladies can be seen in syndication this summer, complete with dubbing and creative editing to clean the show up for networks.

'Loveline' educates students

Relationships, sex and love were topics of discourse at last week's talk show

By Lindsay Simpson
Staff Writer

Although MTV's "Loveline" was taken off the air nearly four years ago, the show made a comeback appearance in Anderson Auditorium on Feb. 17.

Dr. Anita Tieman and RA Adam Maurer put on the school's first ever "Loveline" program where students could come in and ask any questions related to relationships, sex, love or anything in between.

"Loveline" was based on the MTV show, which featured Dr. Drew Pinsky and Adam Carolla, where viewers would call in and ask questions having to do with every aspect of relationships and sex.

"I actually got the idea [to do Loveline] from watching 'Dawson's Creek' because they had an episode where they did that in there, and our campus could use a bit of an edge," said Maurer. "And I thought it was a good way of doing an educational program that people could really enjoy."

Before the program, Maurer spoke to Tieman and asked her if she would want to participate in "Loveline."

"He knows I am very comfortable with this situation," said Tieman.

"My master's degree is in health education and I worked for a number of years as an adjunct professor for Thomas Nelson where I taught human sexuality. I have worked as a health educator in family planning clinics, and I've worked with the health department and an AIDS organization so I've worked a lot with the topic."

After speaking to Tieman and receiving her consent in the participation of "Love-



Senior Adam Maurer sits with Director of Office of Career and Counseling Services Dr. Anita Tieman during the "Loveline" program in Anderson Auditorium.

line," Maurer sent out an e-mail to gather any questions that the student body had about relationships, sex and love, but the response was not overwhelming.

"It is very difficult to get a response from e-mail, so there wasn't that much [of a response]," said Maurer. "A lot of the questions I got came from me doing just a grass roots thing with people I knew and saying, 'Look, I really need some questions.' So I made up a questionnaire for them and then took in what they gave me and made it happen."

Questions for the program ranged from getting significant others to foot the bill for condoms and other forms of birth control to questions about cross-dressing.

There were other questions about the frequency of boys that were born to younger mothers as well as the issue of same-sex marriages.

The variety in the questions and the accuracy that they were answered with all contributed to Tieman's and Maurer's goal of educating the students about sex, love and relationships.

"The goal is to have people be educated in what sex really is and to make it OK to talk about, and take the taboo-ness off of it a little bit," said Maurer. "I feel like people are going to walk

away with knowledge about things they didn't have before. They're just educated, it's really good."

"People do have sex, but they don't have a lot of information about the consequences to it," said Tieman. "So like I said, I always believe that to a sexual act there is a physical act, there is an emotional act, there is a spiritual act and we have to consider all of those things."

The students present at the program seemed to enjoy the atmosphere and the information provided as well. "I actually did enjoy the program," said freshman Amanda Wright. "I didn't think that I would, because I don't really care much about such things, but I could see that a lot of people's questions were being answered accurately, and that's always good."

Maurer and Tieman both agreed that the program was a success. Tieman said that her educational and scientific approach teamed with tasteful humor might have helped the audience to enjoy the program more and get a lot out of it. Maurer stated that although the program was a lot of work, the turnout and the interest in the program would persuade him to do another "Loveline" program.

There are currently no plans for another "Loveline" session.

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Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope
For February 23-29

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Business contracts or financial promises are valid. Late Tuesday, expect friends and colleagues to propose new money strategies or announce elaborate career schemes. This is a strong time for advancement, revised home planning and rekindled ambition. Don't avoid delicate or complex assignments. Wednesday through Saturday accent last-minute social invitations. Group events may prove unusually rewarding. Remain open to new romantic introductions.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Home and romantic plans are accented over the next five days. Before Friday, expect loved ones to discuss long-term family aspirations, traditional roles in the home or costly renovations. Study facts, figures and paperwork for valuable clues. Restrictions of time, social responsibility or money may become bothersome. After Saturday, rest and enjoy private time. Physical and emotional vitality may be low. Pamper the body, if possible, and avoid excess social strain.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Fair play and group dynamics are accented over the next two days. Watch for friends or colleagues to disagree on planned schedules, daily obligations or social events. Emotional ownership and possessiveness may be at issue. Go slow and ask loved ones for added support. Later this week, business alliances may be temporarily delayed or strained. Limited resources or complex workplace politics may be central concerns. Don't confront; permanent change will take time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Before next week, ongoing social or romantic power struggles can be easily resolved. Expect renewed respect and added cooperation from loved ones. After Wednesday, workplace rules and regulations may dramatically increase. Watch for authority figures to set new standards, limit time schedules or demand fast results. Offer a consistent effort. Over the next eight days, key officials and trusted colleagues will rely heavily on your integrity, cheerful resolve and attention to detail.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22). Complex travel or business plans will take on a dramatic tone over the next few days. After Tuesday, expect authority figures, work partners and close friends to present controversial ideas. Short trips and creative solutions are expensive but promising. Remain patient and watch for sustained progress. Thursday through Sunday, loved ones will expect detailed explanations of recent group events, family dynamics or romantic decisions. Remain open.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before midweek, loved ones will search out emotional validation for their romantic goals or family ideas. Remain thoughtful and wait for detailed discussions. At present, friends and lovers may need to work through delicate issues of intimacy, privacy or trust. Wednesday through Saturday, accent unexpected financial duties. Late payments, missed deadlines or long-term contracts may require new rules. If so, remain consistent. Authority figures will opt for simple agreements.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Romantic and social promises are highlighted. Late Tuesday, watch for loved ones to express a need for family sharing, emotional intimacy or sensuality. Be receptive. Love and a renewed faith in long-term commitment will offer powerful rewards. Thursday through Sunday, financial information may be misleading. Governmental agencies and large corporations may announce complex revisions. Remain patient. New income sources will arrive.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Previous workplace power struggles will fade. Over the next five days, watch for colleagues and friends to adopt a more creative approach to team problems. Areas strongly affected are seniority, age versus experience and minor disputes with authority. Don't avoid difficult decisions. Your actions and guidance will be quickly followed. Late Saturday, respond honestly to probing questions or subtle comments. Short-term romantic choices may be necessary.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). An emotional or social competition now fades. After Tuesday, expect moody friends to settle differences and find common understanding. Unusual discussions or comments may also be accented. Watch for verbal power struggles to quickly evolve into silly antics. Later this week, business restrictions may temporarily delay vital projects. Key officials may limit schedules, reverse permissions or offer controversial instructions. Stay alert. Tempers may be high.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Close relatives and romantic partners are highly motivated to discuss family patterns, traditional roles or outdated decisions. Past differences will no longer create restriction. Use this time to improve harmony, understanding and group awareness in the home. Thursday through Saturday, workplace ethics and minor financial setbacks may demand special diplomacy. Reassure friends and co-workers of your loyalty. Continued devotion will be expected.

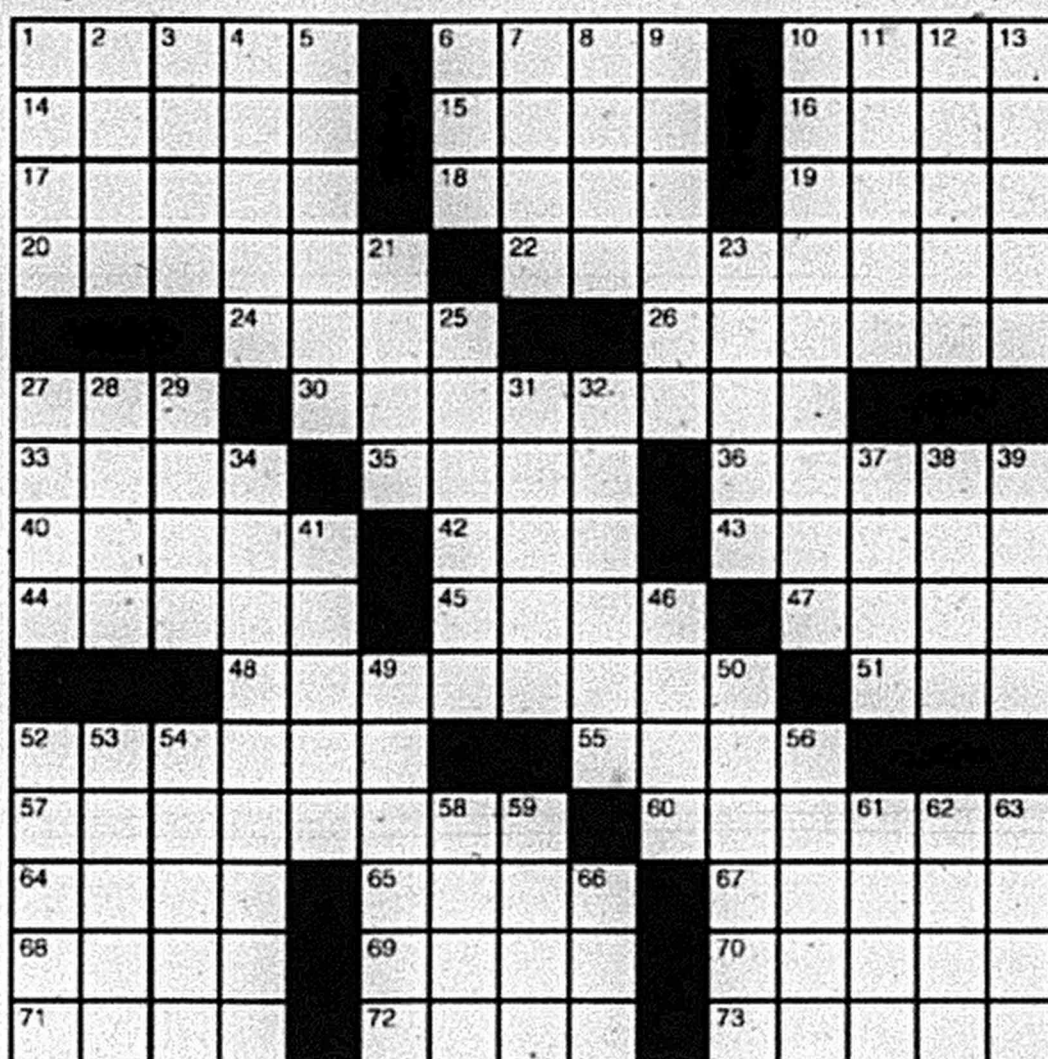
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Social relationships are unpredictable. Before Thursday, watch for sudden bursts of emotion or rare confrontations between friends. No serious or long-term affects are likely, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid detailed discussions concerning yesterday's promises or missed invitations. Friday through Sunday, a relative or romantic partner will offer unique insight into his or her private fears. Offer heartfelt advice. Long-term isolation or family disputes may be strong concerns.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Love affairs and long-term family plans may be complicated with last-minute time restrictions and outside responsibility. Monday through Thursday, loved ones may request special favors, demand added private time or advocate revised home rules. Refuse to be dissuaded from established routines. Romantic hopes and social decisions will be brought back into balance. Early this weekend, contact old friends. Your affection and loyalty are genuinely missed.

If your birthday is this week ... Business officials and older colleagues may be unusually temperamental over the next four to five weeks. Key areas of concern involve private family strain, marital discord or minor power struggles with younger co-workers. Avoid public discussions, if possible, and expect continuing complications. Before April 5, workplace changes and revised job roles may demand serious attention. Later this summer, surprising romantic and social opportunities may arrive. After mid-July, expect love relationships to quickly evolve into long-term commitments or complex lifestyle choices. Wait, however, until the end of September before taking on greater family responsibilities.

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- Model wood
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 - Teheran's location
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 - Wound marks
 - Put in order
 - Sicilian volcano
 - Cunning
 - Newborn
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 - Nuclear power sources
 - Creative work
 - Tie
 - Hazes
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 - Uno e due
 - Playful prank
 - Type of potato
 - Holiday forerunners
 - Festive
 - Blood feud
 - Craving
 - Crichton novel
 - Tallow material
 - Schemers
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 - Greek marketplace
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 - That man's
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 - Paying passenger
 - All told
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 - Of a certain arm bone
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Sports

NBA's new top match up

Tim Duncan vs. Kevin Garnett—the new talent has arrived in the NBA

By Tom Geary
Staff Columnist

Elway or Marino? Leno or Letterman? Mary Kate or Ashley? Some matchups are too good to be true. Debates like these are almost always intense and often result in ties or coin flips.

But Elway-Marino has been argued for ages. Neither Leno nor Letterman is as funny as Conan. And really, who would complain about twins?

What America needs is a stimulating, new matchup to serve as the topic of sports bar conversations and bar bets across the country. And that matchup is alive and well.

Look no further than the NBA. San Antonio's Tim Duncan and Minnesota's Kevin Garnett are so evenly matched, it makes picking a favorite CD from Outkast's Speakerboxxx/The Love Below seem easy.

Forget LeBron vs. Carmelo — neither is an All-Star and neither will win a championship any time soon.

Iverson vs. McGrady? The tattooed one doesn't believe in practice ("We talkin' 'bout practice, man. Practice!") and the lazy-eyed one is on the worst team in the league.

Shaq vs. Kobe? One's too busy in the recording studio and the other's too busy in the courtroom.

Duncan vs. Garnett is the real deal.

Duncan, a 7-0 forward/center in his seventh season out of Wake Forest, is arguably the best athlete in any sport since Michael Jordan.

It's impossible to compare him to baseball's Alex Rodriguez or football's Michael Vick, but nobody is as consistent every night and neither A-Rod or Vick has won a championship.

Garnett, a 6-11 forward in his ninth season out of Farragut Academy High School in Illinois, is unstoppable. Many argue that he is better than Duncan but doesn't get as much recognition because his Minnesota Timberwolves have not made it out of the first round of the playoffs.

Duncan holds an edge on Garnett because he has won two championships, been named NBA Finals MVP twice (1999 and 2003) and beat Garnett as the league MVP two years in a row.

And he actually attended college.

Garnett, on the other hand, is a seven-time NBA All-Star (compared to Duncan's five), has recorded 15 triple-doubles, and his statistics are arguably better than Duncan's this season.

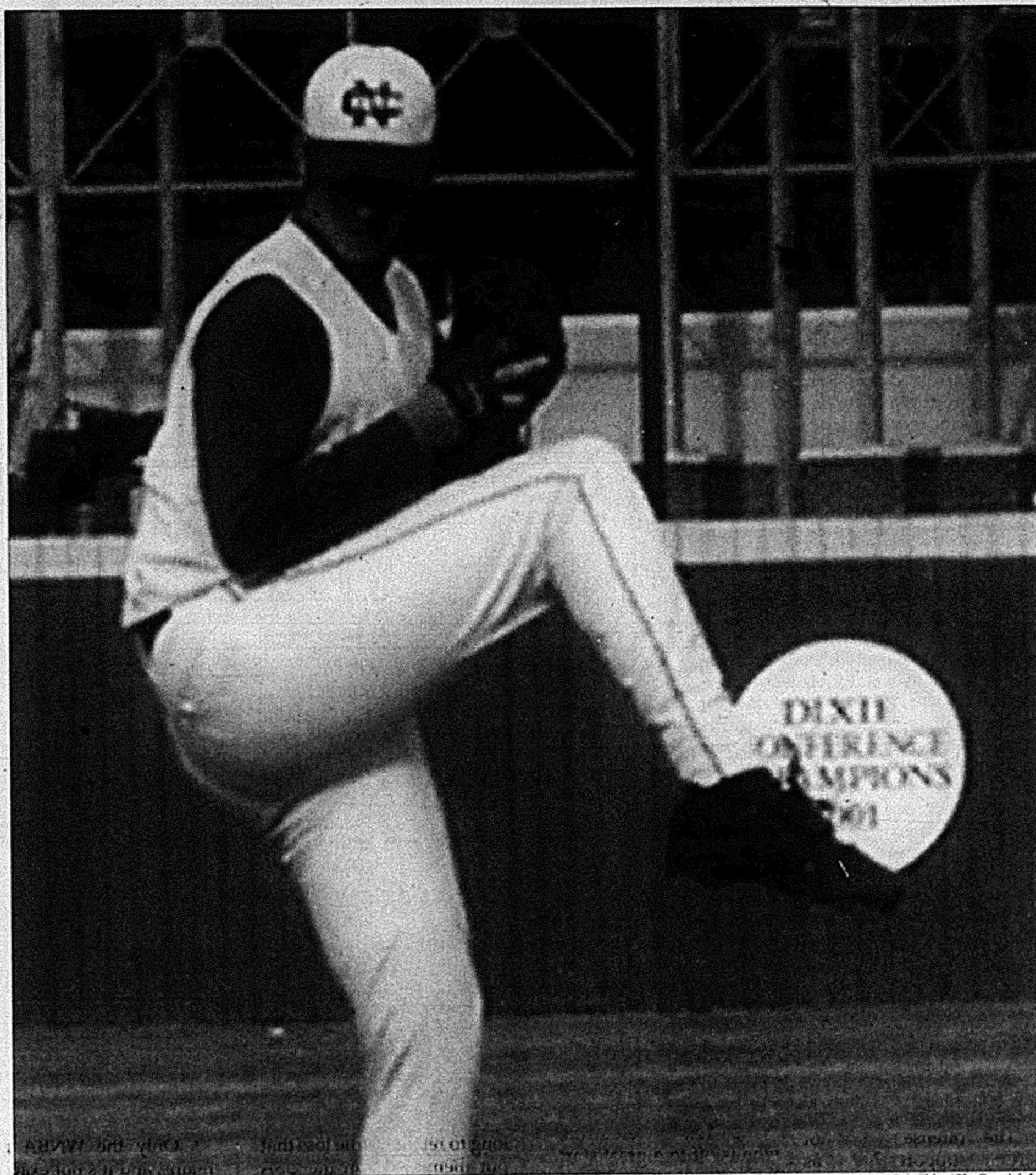
He's so good, he didn't have to attend college.

Duncan is averaging 23.1 points and 12.9 rebounds per game. He has a .491 field goal percentage, is fifth in the league in blocks, third in rebounds, and has 44 double-doubles in 52 games.

It's hard to believe, but these statistics are almost

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PLAY BALL!



Mike Cosby starts off the season at the team's new stadium, pitching the first game ever played at Captain's field. CNU entered the season seeded second in the nation with hopes to return to the World Series.

Seeded as second in the nation, Captains enter a new season

By Rob Silsbee
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Virginia State University bus pulled into the CNU parking lot last Thursday it was another dreary February day with clouds overhead. However, just before the first pitch in the first game ever in the new Captains Park, the clouds disappeared and in its place was the nicest day all winter. Were the Captains motivated by the springtime weather in their springtime game? In a team effort you might think so, as they demolished the Virginia State Trojans, 19-4.

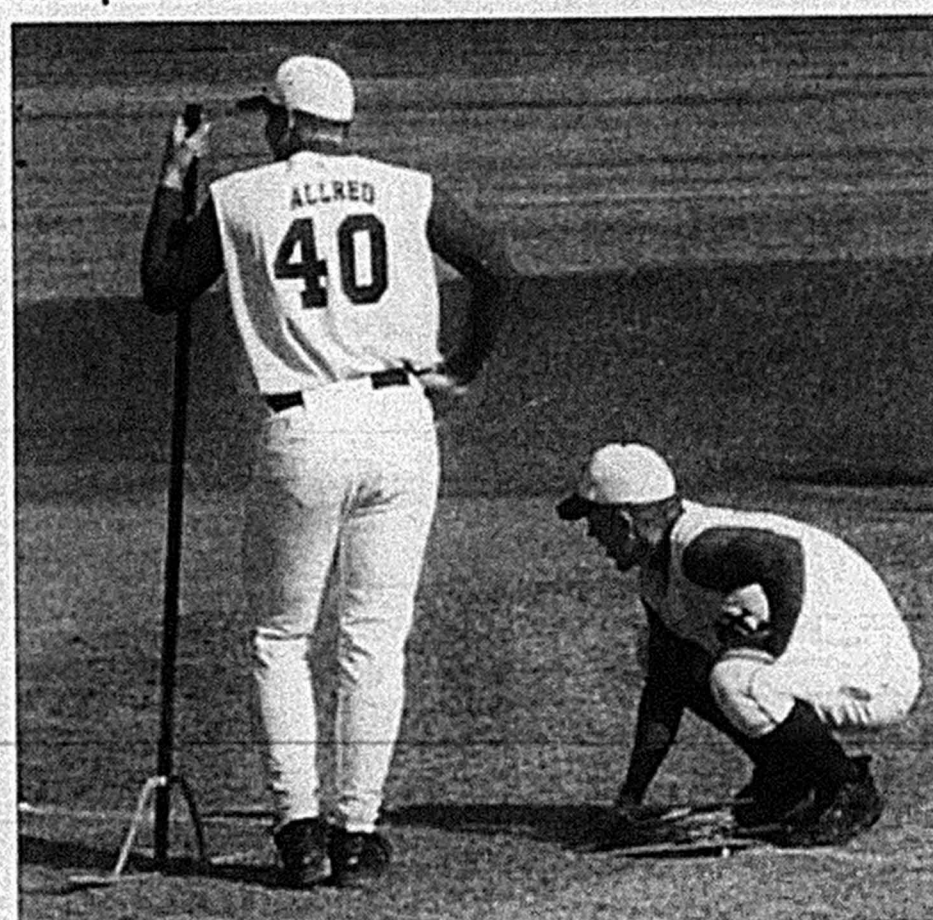
Mike Cosby earned the first ever win in new Captains park after pitching two innings working for two strikeouts and allowing just two hits. Eben Brower took the

mound for the next two innings and struck out four as he only faced the minimum six batters.

Offensively, Ricky Medina earned the Captains first ever hit in their new ballpark, a two RBI double to the gap. The Captains as a whole showed great patience at the plate, working the count for 11 walks in the 5-1/2 inning game. Garrett Robinson led off the day with a walk and two steals and earned the first run on Medina's hit. Robinson worked fort two more walks and a single before sitting down.

The first major highlight, however, came off the bat of Dave Diebler, sophomore third baseman; a two run blast over the left field fence to make the score 9-1 in the third. Diebler went 3-for-3 with two doubles and the homerun. Diebler's numbers were supported by Medina's five RBI day on 2-for-2 hitting.

The game was called



Coaches and players adjust to the new stadium located behind the school off Moore's Lane.

on account of darkness, an irony because the game began in the brightest day of 2004. The Captains then had to look ahead to the weekend series against Rowan, a perennial powerhouse in baseball. On Saturday, at 12

noon, the Captains took the field for a second time as the weather held through.

Cosby took the hill again to start the game, this time

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Lady Captains' winning streak comes to an end

CNU heads into USA South tournament

By Sean Kennedy
Contributing Writer

Last Wednesday's Senior Night couldn't have been any sweeter for the Lady Captains' two seniors as they led the CNU basketball team to victory over Averett, 72-33.

In the last home game for both ladies, Amber Hallman and Tomorrow Lofton both put on a show for the crowd.

Hallman led the team in points (20) and rebounds (a career high 20) as well as blocks with nine, adding to her record total and also going over 1,000 points in her career at CNU.

She is now 13th nationally in blocks and holds the CNU record for blocks in a career.

Lofton contributed 17 points and eight rebounds as the floor field general for the team.

Hallman started off quickly for the Lady Captains. She won the tipoff and scored the first four points of the game and never looked back.

With her first basket of the second half, she went over 1,000 for her career to join Lofton who went over 1,000 points on Feb. 1 against Greensboro.

The Lady Captains never lost the lead and in fact led by as many as 40 points while playing great defense in holding the Lady Cougars to only 12 total points in the second half.

Not only playing solid defense, the Lady Captains also shot very consistently throughout the game.

The team shot 45 percent in both the first and second halves, while holding the Lady Cougars to only 23 percent in the first half and a horrendous 9 percent in the second half to total 16 percent for the game.

The win was the 46th in a row for the Lady Captains against Averett. AU was led by Lakisha

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Captains close the season with a win

Men's basketball teams heads to USA South tournament

By Rob Silsbee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Captains finished up at home for the season and were on the bus for two very important season-closing games. CNU was just over .500 at home this year, an eerie stat because the Captains had lost just four games in the Freeman Center before nearly tripling that number this year with seven losses. With just two losses on the road, the Captains headed to

Greensboro for Saturday's game.

Greensboro won the first match-up against the Captains in Newport News 69-78. On Saturday, however, the Captains looked to change their fortunes. The Captains led for the entire first half following the scoring of Jeremy Romeo. Romeo had 15 points at the half as the Captains shot 43 percent from the field.

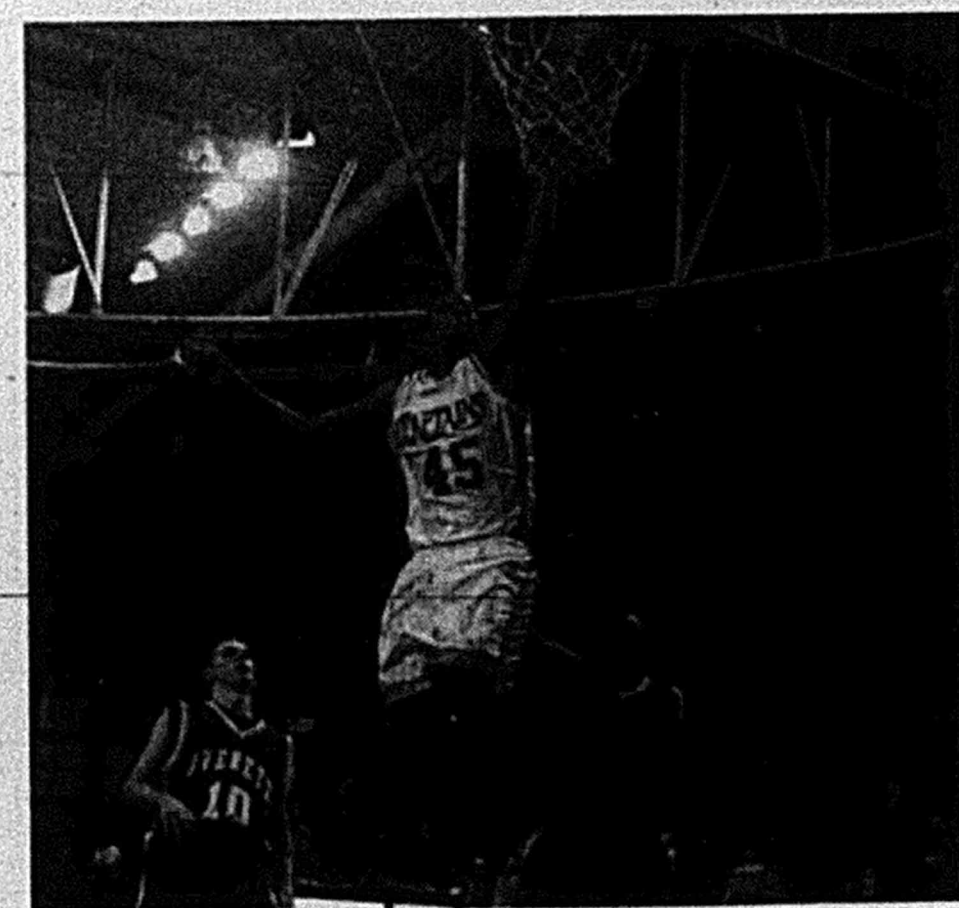
The Captains defense again proved to be a stronghold, holding the Captains to 31 percent shooting. The Pride's number one scorer, Marcellus Morgan was held

to just two points in the first half, a phenomenal feat.

The second half was much the same story from the field as the Captains held their lead for most of the way. Blake Brookman's 19 points and eight assists were added to Romeo's 22-point total and Otho Hampton's 21. However, the potent scoring proved not enough against the Pride of Greensboro.

Greensboro was led by Morgan who scored 23 sec-

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Otho Hampton puts in a dunk during last week's game against Averett. The Captains ended the season with three wins heading to the USA South tournament.

Weekly Sports Wrap-up

Indoor Track

The Mason-Dixon Conference Championships were hosted here at CNU this weekend. CNU swept both the men's and women's competitions during Saturday's competition. The men had 181 points crushing any opposition, Salisbury grabbed second place with a mere 67 points. Leading the men was Nick Robinson who took the long jump competition with a jump of 23-1 1/2 and the triple jump with a leap of 45-8.

The Lady Captains took 215 points to Trinity's 48-point finish. Megan Fogarty was named the most outstanding female athlete taking the 800-meter race in 2:29.11 and the 1500 in 4:52.33. CNU coach Vince Brown was named Coach of the Year for both the men's and women's teams.

Men's Basketball

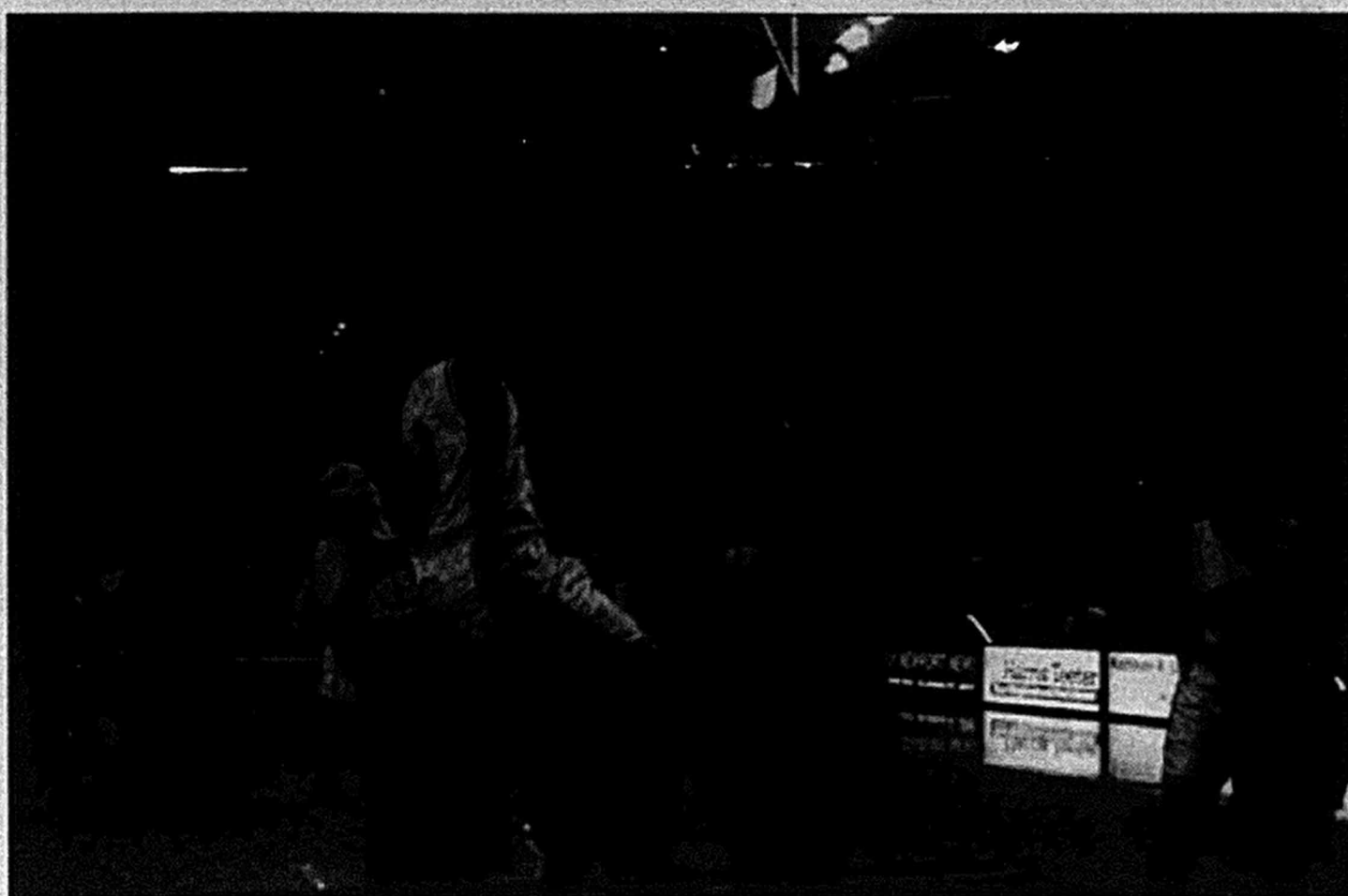
Finishing the regular season the Captains took home a convincing win defeating Methodist 72-57. CNU jumped out to an early lead in the first half jumping out to as much as a 20 point lead. CNU was 14-of-33 from the field and 36 percent from behind the arch. CNU forced 14 turnovers in the first half compared to CNU's seven. Methodist finished shooting 23-of-55 from the floor and 5-of-21 from 3-point range. Blake Brookman led the Captains with 17 points and four assists. Hampton finished with 18 points and eight assists. CNU improves to 15-10 overall and 9-5 in the USA South.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Captains dropped their second straight game losing to Methodist 55-48. The Lady Captains turned over the ball 20 times in the first half. They shot 8-of-20 from the floor and were 0-of-3 on three point attempts. Tomorrow Lofton grabbed a quick lay-up with 7:18 left in the game to give the Lady Captains the lead. The Lady Captains finished 19-of-47 (40 percent) from the field. Amber Hallman led the Lady Captains with 16 points, six rebounds and four blocks. CNU falls to 17-8 overall and 12-4 in the USA South.

Baseball

Sophomore pitcher Eben Brower took 11 strikeouts in the 11-5 victory of Rowan. The Captains had a 3-0 lead in the second inning; Charlie Hardie's two-run single put the scores in for CNU fueling the offensive run. Robinson finished 3-of-4 with a pair of homers and three RBIs. The Captains are now 2-2 overall and they return to CNU this Tuesday hosting Salisbury the game is set for 2:30 p.m.



Will Summers/The Captain's Log

Tomorrow Lofton (33) puts in a layup during last week's game against Averett. The Lady Captains ended their winning streak falling to Greensboro and Methodist.

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Jones with seven points and five rebounds while CeCe Carter had six points and six rebounds.

Later in the week, however, the Lady Captains took a hard loss to Greensboro College on Saturday, 57-54 and took another loss against Methodist on Sunday, 55-48.

The loss against Greensboro broke the 10 game winning streak the team was riding as it entered the final regular season games of the season.

The Lady Captains were up 31-17 at halftime, and it looked like another blowout victory was in the bag. As fate would have it, how-

ever, the Pride of Greensboro stormed back in the second half, and with the help of 13 second half fouls on CNU and great free throw shooting by Greensboro, they were able to overcome the deficit to win.

Greensboro outscored the Lady Captains 40-23 in the second half.

Amber Hallman again led the Lady Captains with 21 points and eight rebounds.

Tomorrow Lofton finished with 12 points and nine rebounds and Candace Bryant finished with eight points and 13 rebounds while Christina Daniels led the Pride with 12 points and April Hall added 10 points and 13 rebounds.

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going not just two innings, but six. Cosby's six innings earned him nine strikeouts and allowed just six hits. However, those hits came at key times for the Profs as they scored five times on those six hits.

The offense was not there to support Cosby as the team was shutout for the first five innings. Even then, the Captains only had five hits in the 7-inning game as they took the loss 5-3. Things started to make things interesting in the seventh when Diebler hit a leadoff double and Matt Lewellen walked. With two outs Jayson Banes hit a two RBI double to put the Captains within two. However, he got picked off at second to end the game.

On Sunday, the Captains looked to avenge the Saturday loss against the Profs as

they faced them again. Eben Brower was up to the task as he went all nine innings against the same team that won the day before. Brower struck out 11 in a win in which he only allowed five runs. The offense backed him up with four homers and 13 hits total.

Garrett Robinson, who is off to a great start this season, went 3-for-4 with two solo dingers. Jason Moody went 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Joe Lewin and Charlie Hardie each added two bombs. The potent CNU offense hit for 11 runs in the 11-5 non-conference victory against Rowan.

The Captains improved to 2-2 overall (at time of publication) as they host the first conference match-up this season against Methodist this weekend.

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identical to his career statistics.

Garnett is averaging 24.9 points, 14.1 rebounds, and five assists per game.

He is fourth in the league in points per game, leads the league in rebounds, and has 50 double-doubles, including two triple-doubles, in 56 games.

Maybe this matchup was destined.

Duncan was born in April 1976. Garnett was born one month later.

Both have played for the USA men's basketball team in the Olympics.

Both play in the Midwest Division, so they meet several times each year.

On Sunday, Garnett (28 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists) edged Duncan (25 points, eight rebounds) statistically, but Tony Parker's 26 points were the difference as the Spurs won 94-92.

Their matchups usually are this heated, if not better.

Although both players are quiet and usually well-mannered, Duncan and Garnett were both ejected in a game on Feb. 4, 2002, after a verbal exchange.

Garnett may have the bragging rights this season. His Timberwolves are 40-16 and in first place while Duncan's Spurs are 37-19.

Garnett has had six 20-20 games this season, including his monstrous 33 point, 25

rebound game against Sacramento (40-14) on Dec. 5. Duncan has had only three 20-20 games.

But for right now, many still view Duncan as the better athlete because he has the two championships.

Duncan has been graced with a strong supporting cast in San Antonio the past few years with "The Admiral" David Robinson at center and guys like Parker (14.2 ppg, 5.4 apg), Emanuel Ginobili (12.6 ppg), Bruce Bowen and Malik Rose on the team this season.

Garnett has done it all by himself. Until the alien Sam Cassell (21.1 ppg, 7.7 apg) and coach-choker Latrell Sprewell (18 ppg) came along this season, all that Garnett had for support was Wally Szczerbiak.

If Garnett is going to make a name for himself and finally out-play Duncan when it matters, this year is the year to do it.

The Timberwolves are primed for a No. 1 or 2 seed in the playoffs, and the Spurs may not be able to stop a team that has won 31 of its last 39 games.

Until then, this matchup is almost the exact same as Elway-Marino.

One has the championships, the other has the better statistics.

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ond half points on the way to a 77-74 victory over the Captains. While the Captains shot 90 percent from the line it was on just 9-of-10 shots from there; the Pride earned 23 points from the free-throw line alone.

The Captains didn't have long to reflect on the loss that put them at 8-5 in the USA South before they got back on the bus and headed to the number one USA South school, Methodist. The Monarchs were 11-2 coming into the match-up against the Captains on Sunday.

The Captains marched to a demanding lead early, leading by as much as 20 in the first half (34-14). The Captains very physical defense held the Monarchs to just 8-of-23 shooting and forced 14 turnovers in the half.

This time the Captains didn't falter in the second half. Brookman led his team to a victory as the intensity never dropped. The physical defense was capped by 22 forced turnovers and 13 steals. Brookman had 17 points, four assists and three steals in the commanding victory 72-57.

The Captains' victory builds a little momentum as they enter the USA South Tournament this Thursday, facing off against NC Wesleyan at 8 p.m.

WNBA loses money, spectators and momentum

Olympics could be last hope for women's basketball

By Tim Povtak
Knight-Ridder Campus

Sheryl Swoopes already has won an NCAA title at Texas Tech, two Olympic gold medals with USA Basketball and four WNBA titles with the Houston Comets.

She has given birth to a son, returned to form after major knee surgery and toured the world playing games.

Nothing should scare her, anymore. But it does.

The future of women's professional sports leagues in America frightens her terribly.

"From what I can see, it just doesn't seem fair," said Swoopes, 32. "But they tell me, life isn't always fair."

Swoopes was in Jacksonville this past week-end training with the USA Women's Basketball team, preparing for this summer's Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

For the USA men's team, these Games will be just another platform for the NBA's well-oiled, worldwide marketing campaign. Win or lose, very little will change.

For the USA women's team, it's about survival now, an almost circle-the-wagons, last stand for the WNBA, a league in serious need of new enthusiasm, new fans and new life. Success or failure—both on and off the court—in Athens could change everything.

Only the WNBA remains, and it's not exactly burgeoning.

Launched with fanfare after Swoopes and her teammates were hailed for their gold-medal performance in Atlanta, the WNBA has seen both highs and lows in its seven seasons.

But the momentum has failed to build. Teams folded in Miami and Portland. Teams were sold and moved from Orlando and Salt Lake City.

Attendance league-wide has slipped slightly from the first couple of seasons. Crossing gender lines has been difficult. Television ratings have been tepid.

There was no real outcry when the Orlando Miracle left for Connecticut two years ago. There was never any real attachment here.

The WNBA almost collapsed last spring, before its seventh season, when owners threatened

to cease operation unless the players agreed to a labor agreement that capped salaries at a minimal level.

Still there was an average team-operating deficit last season of almost \$1 million. Then the warning light really started flashing when the WUSA—a women's soccer league with marketable stars launched in 1999—folded in September.

"When the soccer folded, I started calling friends and said 'Guys, we're in trouble.' It's scary where we are now," Swoopes said after practice Friday. "It not only hurt women's soccer, it hurt us. It's no secret our league is struggling. I've heard too many people say, it's only a matter of time before it happens to us."

The demise of women's soccer was startling. After the USA Soccer team attracted 90,000 fans in the Rose Bowl for a World Cup match, riding big names such as Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain, the league looked primed to flourish.

Still, it failed.

"I don't waste my time being frustrated at things I can't control," said Lisa Leslie, another WNBA veteran and two-time gold medalist on the USA women's team. "We've worked hard to build the league. I know people have concerns, but there is a place for the WNBA, and it's here to stay."

The NBA is reducing its financial commitment significantly, giving the WNBA a sink-or-swim option.

"We're all ambassadors here for the women's game," said Katie Smith, who joined the WNBA after the American Basketball League folded. "You've got to be realistic. We don't fill arenas, we don't sell sneakers, and our ticket prices are low. So I'm comfortable with what we have."

The average NBA player makes \$4.5 million. The WNBA has a team salary cap of \$620,000.

The USA women are more celebrated in foreign countries, where most play in the WNBA off-season, than they are at home.

"Are there great athletes in our game? Yes there are," Smith said. "Maybe we're not as big, and our game isn't played above the rim, but we're great athletes in our own right."

The USA women's team held its final practice Sunday morning at the University of North Florida. They will reconvene next month for a week of games in Europe against top club and national teams. They will hold another training session in April.

"I'm shocked that our league (WNBA) didn't take off like I expected it to," Swoopes said. "But maybe these Olympics will help it. I think it has a future, absolutely. It's just a little scary where we are right now."

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