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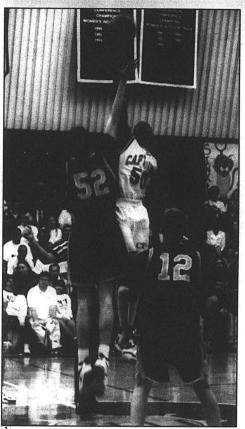
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FROM THE TIP-OFF THERE WAS NO DOUBT. Terry Thomas makes sure that his team would be victorious. Photo by Chris Perry

Captains Stomp Cougars

Men's and Women's Teams Dominate Homecoming

How sweet it is

By Chris Perry Staff Writer

The place to be last Saturday night was Ratcliffe Gym. If you were not there, you were one of few.

In front of a very excited, turn-away crowd, the CNU Men's Basketball Team destroyed Averett College 101-59. Not only was this homecoming night, it was also the last time that three seniors would take to the hardwood that they know so well.

The crowd of around 1000, was electric as seniors Terry Thomas, Andre Bolton and Tony Wood were introduced. As they came out for the tip, one could sense that the Cougars did not have a chance.

Averett came out and scored the opening basket, but that would be the only time during the game that they would lead. The Captains turned on the defensive pressure and poured on the points.

In the first half, CNU converted 19 of 33 shots, for 46 points, compared to the Cougars only making eight buckets out of 34 attempts, for 23 points. Bolton was already in double figures at halftime, hitting six of eight field goals, and sinking two of four

three-pointers, for 14 points.

The second half was no dif-

ferent. The Captains continued with the same momentum and outscored a exhausted Averett team 55-36.

"They wore us out," said Cougars Coach Kirk Chandler. "If we had Ed we would have offset a lot of their pressure." Chandler is referring to Averett's leading scorer Ed Gwynn--with 7.2 points--who was not able to play due to a severe sprain in his ankle during Friday's practice. "Not only is he our catalyst, he is our point guard, and if you lose that, you are in some trouble."

Chandler went on to say, "Not that having Gwynn would have changed the outcome, but I think it certainly would have made it a much more interesting game."

With the victory, CNU's record improves to 17-4, 8-2 in the Dixie Conference. Averett falls to 2-19, 1-9 in the conference.

Bolton was the Captains leading scorer with 19 points. Thomas pitched in 13 points with 12 rebounds and seven blocks. He only needs three more blocks to break the school record of 1193 set by James Boykins (1989-93). Jamaal

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Who was that?

By Ricardo A.Major Jr. Sports Editor

Even before tip-off, you could feel the intensity in which it was going to be a good game match up for the Lady Captains agains the Lady Cougers of Averett College. Normally we would be looking for Misty Hart to devastate her opponents with a barrage of three pointers, instead enters Dana Edwards. From opening tip-off, Edwards nailed a shot from deep in the corner, and this was just the beginning. The tempo of the game was very fast, but the Lady Captains couldn't buy a shot and found themselves trailing six to eleven with just under twelve mirutes in the first half.

Either team couldn't tale control of the game until Dolmesha Stallings (CNU) stelle a pass and turned it into a three point play to give the Lady Captains a sixten-thirteen lead with just under nine minutes to play in the first half. Averett brought in their weapon who stood 6ft-2in, Lisa Morris, this wouldn't be enough as Averett cried for help to try and stop Dana Edwards (CNU) as she showcased her outside touch with three pointers

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Mr. & Mrs. CNU

Davis and Garner grab Homecoming titles

By Robin Harris Staff Writer

It was one of the largest Homecoming Courts to date, but only two could be chosen to win the coveted crown, and Saturday night in Ratcliffe Gymnasium, the title went to Ricki-Lamar Davis and LaTessa Garner. Davis and Garner represent the Minority Student Association, the largest student organization on campus.

Davis and Garner were crowned the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen during the halftime ceremonies of the men's basketball game against Averett. The gymnasium was filled to capacity and the noise of the crowd was deafening as SGA president Brooke McKee and SGA vice president of student services Christy Lee led the court through an enormous arch of blue and silver balloons and formal arch of swords presented by members of the CNU ROTC.

The roar of approval from the capacity crowd was overwhelming as McKee announced the win-

ners. Garner threw her arms around Davis when his name was read, but had difficulty moving when hers was announced. "I was just so nervous," said Garner. "I was crying before I even walked in here."

The 1995 Homecoming Queen, Monte Harrington, also from MSA, was on hand to crown Garner just one week after giving birth to her second child. "I think I was more nervous than they were," said Harrington.

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1996 HOMECOMING ROYALTY LaTessa Garner and Ricki-Lamar Davis Photo by Robin Harris

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President and Mrs. Trible also participated in the coronation festivities by escorting Harrington to center court and helping present the winners with their awards.

Garner, a junior majoring in Business Management will represent CNU at the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival this fall. Garner said it was an exciting opportunity, "I'll be there," she smiled.

Davis, a sophomore Leisure Studies and Physical Education, major seemed to be overwhelmed by the entire event. He said it was an exciting week for him, but that he didn't think he could ever go through it again. "This was more hectic than exam week," he said.

Contestants in the Homecoming race spent the week campaigning and getting to know one another and the student body at large through a series of events that began with Monday's King and Queen Day and culminated with Saturday's coronation.



LEADING THE WAY. SGA President Brooke McKee and SGA Vice president of student services Christy Lee lead the candidates to center court at the half-time coronation ceremonies.



And the winner is ... Paul Creal, Elizabeth Lowery, Eric Pesola, and Melanie Stokes (1 - r) watch as the winners names are announced.



IT'S SHOWTIME. Members of the Homecoming court grow nervous as they wait for the announcement of the new king and queen.



IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING. Mrs. Rosemary Trible places the medal on Ricki-Lamar Davis as LaTessa Garner looks on.

PHOTOS BY ROBIN HARRIS

King and Queen for a day

First day of Homecoming festivities dedicated to members of the court

By Robin Harris Staff Writer

Nervous chatter could be heard outside the Terrace as the contestants waited in line, but when the first names were announced and the crowd inside the Campus Center hot spot crupted, everyone was in form and King and Queen Day was officially underway.

Last Monday, nineteen contestants, sponsored by various CNU student organizations, met one another for an SGA sponsored luncheon to talk about their upcoming festivities and responsibilities.

The Terrace was nearly filled to capacity with well wishers anxious to see their 1996 Homecoming Court together publicly for the first time. Christy Lee, vice presi-

dent of student services announced the contestants as they filed in and took their places at the head table.

"This is supposed to be real informal," said Brooke McKee, SGA president. "It is really just a chance for them to get together and meet one another and talk before the campaigning begins. I think it went real well."

Melanie Stokes, a member of the court liked the opportunity to get to know the other candidates.



LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN. William Russ & Janelle Lane, sponsored by Sigma Tau Gamma, pause before being introduced at the King and Queen Day luncheon held in the Terrace last Wednesday.

PHOTO BY CHRIS PERRY

"Meeting the other candidates over lunch was relaxing," said Stokes. "We broke the ice, got to know each other, and made some new friends."

After the luncheon, contestants were able to begin campaigning in earnest. Many placed posters throughout the campus as well as decorated their club show-

The added publicity of the first official King and Queen Day helped to draw nearly 250 people to the poles on the first day of voting. Totals for the entire three day event reached over 530.

"The booth stayed busy," said McKee.
"The numbers keep building each year and
we can't ask for more than that."

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Family and friends warmly received

By Jessica Shumake Features Editor

Faculty, alumni, parents, students, spirit boosters, and artists turned out on Friday evening for the Homecoming Friends and Family Reception.. Conversation and a casual buffet transformed Christopher's into a cordial collaboration of friends, fun and good food.

Homecoming gave everyone another opportunity to celebrate with honored guests Paul and Rosemary Trible, who introduced themselves to everyone. Trible said, "I am very happy to be here and look forward to meeting students."

Students and alumni were encouraged to consider the event a friendly and informal gathering. Many brought their families and friends along to take advantage of the free food and friendly atmosphere.

All who attended the reception had positive remarks about the event. Coordinator Marie Hawley was congratulated for a well planned gala.

Charlie Mason and Sheila McKie came from Washington D.C. to see their son Rusty Mason's art work displayed. Charlie enthusiastically said, "This is our first time at an event such as this, the food is great." Appetizers included a vegetable

platter, mini pork egg rolls, and cookies.

Cynthia Ellison, before winning a \$75 scholarship check, commented "this is my fourth year as a visual arts student and I brought along my friend Annie Vanhook just for the evening's entertainment, including the talent show." The turnout was quite substantial and those present mingled and enjoyed themselves.

Paige McKullen, whose daughter is a visual artist, came out for the festivities. McKullen said, "I am so proud of my daughter Paige who won an art award." Michelle Carpenter, who was personally responsible for Cynthia Ellison's award, said, "I'm so pleased that this third annual reception and this first official Friends and Family day went so nicely."

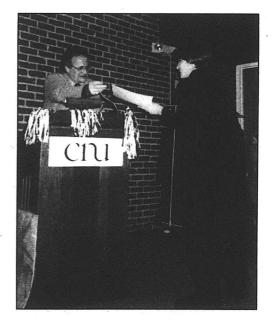
Dr. David Alexick presented certificates of achievement to Jackie Morgan, Jim Day, Edith Rind, K. Gnoffo Heilberg, Katherine Patrinely, and Courtney Darling. Professor Betty Anglin presented awards to Cindy Banish, John Traylor, Tamara Russall, Todd Jones, Christina Baker, and Kathy Wahl. Anglin and Alexick collaborated to give recognition to first through fifth place winners.



SHAKE IT UP. Captain Chris teaches his new friend, Donte Crawley the proper technique for shaking a pom-pon.



FIRST FAMILY MEETS FIRST MASCOT. President and Mrs. Trible pause for a moment with CNU's new mascot Captain Chris during the Friends and Family Reception in the Terrace.



Professor David Alexick presents student Courtney Darling with a certificate of achievement at the Friends and Family Reception. Darling was one of the many students who were recognized for their talents in the Student Art Exhibit.





Everyone loves a parade

By Robin Harris Staff Writer

It had everything parade goers love, from floats to fire engines to a brass band. Members of the CNU community had the perfect weather in which to enjoy the festivities. "The sun is smiling on us again," said President Paul Trible.

Members of SGA and Student Life arrived early to insure everything ran smoothly. Cathy Banks, director of student activities kept things under control at Todd stadium while Marie Hawley, director of Student Life, coordinated activities on campus. The pair kept in contact via walkie talkies.

"I think everything went great," said Banks. "The weather was wonderful. Last year it ws so cold everyone had to keep running to buy hot chocolate. This year was really nice."

Hawley echoed Banks sentiments. "It was a great turn out on a beautiful day," said Hawley, "for a wonderful tradition that's growing in popularity."

Members of CNU's Cheerleaders and Blue Wave Dancers carried the Christopher Newport University banner

followed by members of the ROTC color guard. Professor Barry Wood, serving as this year's Parade Marshal, led the procession of floats and units.

The Newport News Police Department closed the southbound lanes of Warwick Boulevard while people lined the sidewalks parade entrants as they marched from Todd Standium towards CNU and the judges stand at McMurran Circle.

Once contestants reached McMurran circle, they paused in front of the review stand while Christy Lee, vice president of student services read their biographies.

Many of the floats garnered audience participation by playing music, waving, and away pompoms and candy.

Judges for the annual event were Dr. Robert Spicer, dean of students, Dr. Peggy Norwood, assistant director of the Office of Career & Counseling Services, and Dr. Mario Mazzarella, professor of history.

"It was an outstanding parade," said Spicer. "There was alot of enthusiam. The spirit of this university shows everywhere."

Each of the entries were judged on the basis of originality, adherence to theme, and creativity. The winner of this year's " Best Float /Unit" was Act I. They sang the "Gilligan's Island" theme from the back

of a pick up truck decorated as a







FOR ALL STREET

Sail away into the night

Act I hosts annual semi-formal dance

By Robin Harris and Jonathan White Staff Writers

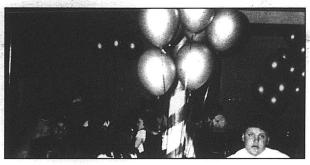
Last Friday night members of Act I transformed Christopher's from a bustling campus dining hall into a romantic cruise ship complete with eight foot candelabras. The transformation was in celebration of the annual homecoming semiformal dance, which this year was dubbed "Sail Away into the Night."

Guests entering the "ship" were surrounded by yards of draped teal tulle flowing from the ceiling down black columns and pooling on the floor. The tables bor-

dering the dance floor were adorned with teal and silver balloon bouquets, and the refreshment table was filled to overflowing with cheese, grapes and crackers.

Members of the CNU student organization BACCHUS enhanced the cruise ship atmosphere by treating guests to Caribbean mocktails such as Pina Coladas and strawberry Daiguiris

Entertainment for the evening was provided by DJ from FM 91.6. Once the crowd was warmed up it wasn't difficult to keep things moving. Shadowed by a



Students enjoy the newly transformed Christopher's while taking a break from dancing at Friday nights semi-formal dance sponsored by ACT I.

Photo by Robin Harris

backdrop of a Caribbean sunset, played a variety of music from hip-hop to country in an effort to meet everyone's tastes. "The music is a definite improvement over other CNU events," said sophomore Sharon Dalheim. "I may not have everything everybody wants," said, "but when I play it you need to dance to it."

The event drew a sizable crowd and seemed to appeal to a variety of people. Sophomore Sharon Dalheim said, "I did not think that there would be this many people" while junior Paul Creal said, he "figured there would be more." Current students as well CNU alum were present and even President and Mrs. Trible made an appearance, though they weren't

spotted taking a twirl on the floor.

10:30 the Homecoming Court was announced by Shela Sandoval, Michelle Bates, and Shawn Hutchins. The contestants walked out onto the dance floor as their names were called and then shared dance.

Shela Sandoval, president of ACT I was pleased with the over all results of the dance. "It was a lot of work," she said, "but we had a great turnout. This dance was one hundred percent better than last year."



"Its Electric." Dance goers slide into the mood at the Homecoming dance. PHOTO BY ROBIN HARRIS

Senior class gift dedication caps parade festivities

Class of '93 presents sitting area

By Robin Harris Staff Writer

Homecoming 1996 was a time of celebration for the entire campus

community both past and present. Saturday members of the Class of '93 returned to CNU to present the university with their senior class gift. Mary Lydon Guy and Donna Jenkins presented the gift, an outdoor landscaped sitting area adjacent to

Guests attending the dedication enjoyed the beautiful weather and pleasant tempratures as they raised a glass to the newly dedicated setting area.

Photo By ROBIN HARRIS

the Santoro Hall courtyard, to Mr. and Mrs. Trible.

The gift also included an engraved bronze plaque on the brick wall adjoining the sitting area that was unveiled during the ceremony.

President
Trible also
recognized
Professor Pat
Killam for his
efforts in seeing
this project
through to the end.
The CNU

Cheerleaders, Blue Wave Dancers, and the CNU Pep Band were all on hand to help commemorate the dedication.



Class of '93 graduates Mary Lydon Guy and Donna Jenkins are joined by Mrs. Trible during the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the dedication of the outdoor sitting adjacent to Santoro Hall. Photo BY ROBIN HARRIS

Thanks for the memories

Alumni Society hosts reception for alum and distinguished professors

By Robin Harris Staff Writer

In an event that seemed far removed from all the hype of that Homecoming brings, members of CNU's Alumni Society hosted a "Thanks for the Memories" reception in the Terrace Saturday evening.

The reception was attended by over 130 people including faculty, staff and alum. Reception coordinator Kitty Heffington was pleased with the turnout. "This was really nice," said Heffington. The reception was intended to give alum and faculty a chance to reminisce as well as the Society the "opportunity to recognize the outstanding professors for the Alumni Society Board."

Karen Levy, the current Alumni Society president announced the winners of the Society's Faculty Members of the Year

Award as President Trible presented the awards to Dr. Clyde Brockette and Dr. Linda Morgan for their outstanding service to the CNU community.

Levy also announced that the society will soon have an Alumni room on campus. Campus Center 150 will be transformed into a place were alum "can hang their hats," said Levy. It will be renovated in such a way that the campus community can still utilize the room for events, but will still be recognized as the alums offical place. The society still hopes to one day have an official alum house.

Class of '81 graduate Marty Gorin, traveled all the way from Newark, Delaware to attend the weekend festivities. "I'm having a grand time," said Gorin. "This is a lot of fun." Gorin and her husband attended the reception and basketball game with Steve Orlando and his wife Gerri Labrador. Gorin and Orlando were

both members of the CNU Cheerleading Squad while at CNU

The reception was also attended by Mary Jane Nomira, of Chico, California. Nomira is the daughter of CNU professor Dr. James Morris, who received one of the outstanding faculty awards. "I was visiting here with my children," said Nomira, "and it just happened to be during Homecoming, so I came."

1995 graduate
Madeline, said it felt wonderful to being coming back
as an alum. "It is so nice to
know I'll be leaving here tonight and don't have to
worry about homework."



Karen Levy, president of the Alumni Society, addresses guests at Saturday's reception. Levy announced the winners of this year's Alumni Society faculty of the year honors as well as announced the society's plans to have a Alumni Room on campus.

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Bonfire and Pep Rally Ignite School Spirit

By Jessica Shumake Features Editor

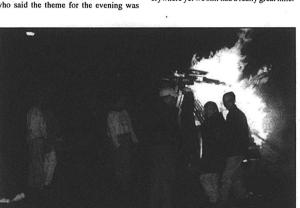
Thursday night at 7 p.m. students, coaches and faculty members turned out to fire up enthusiasm for the Homecoming basketball game, despite a bounty of mud. The Pep Band, Captain Chris, the Bluewave dancers, homecoming court members, the Cheerleaders, the track team, and the men's and women's basketball teams donned their galoshes to goad the student body into a frenzy of school spirit.

The turnout was incredible, with everyone warmed up for a weekend of celebration. Jenique Moree said, "I'm part of Act One, and we did this last year, and this year is a big improvement." The Captain's bonfire soared as sports fans chanted in unison for roasted Cougar carcass at the Saturday night Homecoming pame.

Each member of CNU athletic teams were individually announced and presented for applause. The track team's attitude was summed up by sprinter Monte, who said the theme for the evening was "running in the Olympics is a goal, but defeating out runners is a dream above and beyond." The basketball team was honored with more than ample support from the crowd of supporters.

The cheerleaders performed cheers and crowd pleasing, spirit boosting routines. The Bluewaves dance squad rocked the court with a well rehearsed performance. As CNU freshmen Jennifer Chaine said, "They got busy." The pep band played classic tunes such as "Wipe Out" while keeping the beat for the entire celebration. Student supporters shook their blue and white pom poms and jumped excitedly.

The bonfire festivities lasted approximately an hour, and some were disappointed about heading homeward after such an exciting evening. Craig Keaton, a member of the Pep Band said, "I thought we were going to play more but they stopped us when we just started getting good." The conditions of the ground were far from ideal, and as Norm Ridgeway said, "it was quite a mushy affair. There was mud everywhere yet we still had a really great time.



BONFIRE! CNU students warm their hands and spirits.

PHOTO BY MICHELL CARPENTER



The Pep Band boostes enthusiasm.

Photo by Jessica Shumake

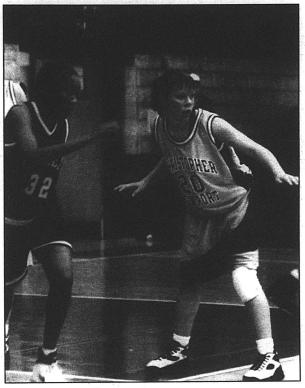


Drumming up excitement

PHOTO BY JESSICA SHUMAKE



FLAMES ROAR! Students got fired up about the homecoming game against the averett cougars. PHOTO BY JESSICA SHUMAKE



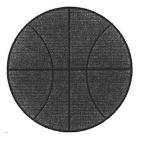
Defense is the key. Dana Edwards stepped up her level. Photo by Chris Perry

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Branch hit 12 while David Powell, Mike Holland and Matt Bryant all had 11. Wood finished up with six points.

Head Coach C.J. Woollum echoed the sentiments of his players when he said that "This was a special night. We will enjoy this (win), take tomorrow off, and come back here Monday on a mission, and try to win three games."

Those three games Woollum is referring to include Chowan College on Tuesday, Greensboro College on Friday and then Methodist College on Saturday.





Who has the ball? Hopefully Averett, as they pray for a of miracle.

Photo by Robin Harris

Lady Captains continued from page 1 ner to corner. Tamara Pool hit two back-to-back buckets as CNU extended their lead 22-18 and never looked back as they finished the first half, shooting only .303 from the field.

" We have been working on the 3-2 defense and we had to make some adjust-

ments with Misty Hart moving to the point, in which she isn't that comfortable with it yet. One of our focuses was to be in the 1 and 1 before the eleven minute mark. Dana had a big first half and stepped right in. We are a good post season team, but

sometimes we are thinking to much," said Coach Parsons.

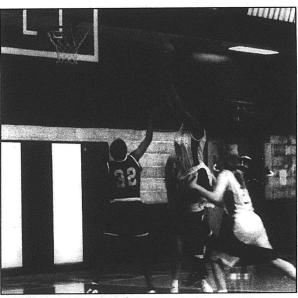
As the second half opened, CNU's Edwards picked up where she left off by firing jumpers without hesitation and scoring eight quick points.

"I felt good before the game, during our warm-ups and was really finding where I wanted to shoot the ball once I got it," was able to cut the lead to only four points as the score was 68-62 with 1:25 remaining. CNU's Keisha Joseph put the dagger in Averett as she made a power move in the paint to give the Lady Captains a 70-64 lead with only 39 seconds left in the game. Averett's Lisa Morris went to the

line after being fouled by Edwards, and Morris missed the 1 and 1. The rest was history as the Lady Captains made sure that Averett wasn't going to spoil their Homecoming as they defeated Averett with a final score of 70-64.

Not only did Edwards have a good game, but Keisha Joseph also lead all scorers with 17 points, followed by Edwards with 16 and Cynthia Allen who was my Windex player of the game with 10 rebounds for the game.

Compared to the first half, some adjustments were made. "Checking out and making good decisions. Dana Edwards



"I felt good before the

game, during warmups

and was finding where I

wanted to shoot the ball

Dana Edwards

once I got it."

Keisha Joseph taking on Averett Cougers as she drives through the hole scoring another two of her seventeen point performance.

Photo by C. Perry

said Edwards. With just under the 10 minute mark, CNU only had a slight lead over Averett, but they were on the verge of a run.

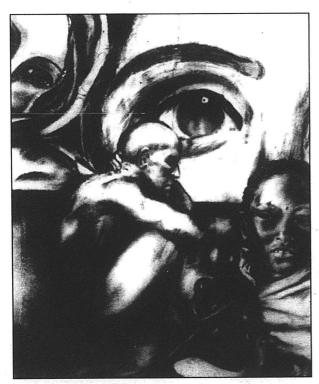
The lady Captains kept a 10 point lead many second half until Averett's Jion Wo. ...atled a three-pointer to cut the lead to 56-49 with three minutes to play. Averett

was hot and we kept feeding her the ball. We are trying to plan ahead for the Dixic Conference Championships and inside the paint is where we want to be," said Ōoach Parsons. The Dixic Championships will be in two weeks, as the Lady Captains prepare to do battle and try to bring home the big "V".

Next week . . .

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- Updates and scores of intramurals
- · A look at national sports

CNU students exhibit talent



Tamara Russel won a certificate of achievement for her untitled charcoal drawing. PHOTO BY LIZ MACGAHAN

By Liz MacGahan Staff Writer

The art exhibit held Saturday in the Campus Center offered students an opportunity to show off their talent and be recognized for hard work. Student artists displayed paintings, drawings, sculpture ceramics and a variety of

multi-media creations in the campus center from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Cynthia Ellison won the first prize of a \$75 scholarship. She was judged best in show for her body of work by juror James Warwick Jones. Ellison is a fine arts major. She has attended CNU for three years and also studied commercial art at TNCC.

Ellison used family pictures to create her construction "Family Heritage," a tribute to her family. The inspiration for "Lady Kuumba," a bust of a ritually scarred African woman, came from a "Ladies of the Ark" calendar featuring pictures of African

women. The coil of rope around the base of the sculpture was added to lend color to the monochrome piece.

Ellison's scholarship was provided by Michelle Carpenter of University Rela-

Second prize, \$50 worth of art supplies from Hungate's in Patrick Henry mall, went to Dennis Steven Pickerell for his body of work, particularly his self portrait.

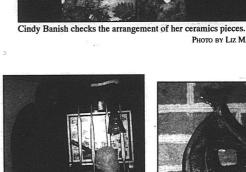
Third prize, a \$50 gift basket of art supplies from Lovona's Art Gallery in Poquoson, was presented to Jeff Grier for



Dr. Anglin and Dr. Alexick present Cynthia Ellison with her scholarship for "best in show". PHOTO BY MICHELLE CARPENTER

his body of work, including his construction titled "Saint Joan."

Richard Elliot received \$50 worth of watercolor paper from Heidy's Arts & Crafts as fourth prize for his body of work. Irene O'Neil received as fifth prize a \$25 gift certificate to Paul's Arts & Crafts for her works, including interior of a room.



Cynthia Ellison poses with her winning pieces.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE CARPENTER

Dr. David Alexick presented certificates of achievement to Jackie Morgan for "Orange", Jim Day for "Ocracoke Fishing Trip", Edith Rind for "Standing Nude", K. Gnoffo Heilberg for "Roses", Katherine

Patrinely for her untitled acrylic piece, and Courtney Darling for her untitled collage.

Dr. Betty Anglin presented her certificates of achievement to Cindy Banish for her ceramics, John Taylor for his acrylic titled "Sunflowers - Bird Food", and his "Yoder Dairy Barns" watercolor. Tamara Russell was honored for her untitled charcoal drawing, Todd Jones for his oil painting, Christina Baker for her construction titled "Rousseau's Jungle" and Kathy Wahl for her portrait title "Kris".

Anglin expressed her appreciation for Carpenter, who was responsible for

The show was a strong show, according to juror Jones, former director and current director of education of the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. Jones said he encourages all the student artists featured to bring their work over for the upcoming intercollegiate show at the PFAC.



PHOTO BY LIZ MACGAHAN

Elissa Haines's eyecatching untitled ceramic piece. PHOTO BY LIZ MACGAHAN



"Lady Kuumba," one of Cynthia Ellison's winning sculptures. PHOTO BY MICHELLE CARPENTER

organizing the show.



CNU cheerleaders and Blue Wave Dancers open the showcase with spirit.

Show highlights CNU talent

By Melanie Stokes Arts & Entertainment Editor

CNU's most talented performers celebrated Homecoming in song and dance. The second annual Showcase of Talent was held Friday night in the John W. Gaines Theatre. Performing six acts, students showcased the variety of talent at CNU. The crowd, small but energetic, enjoyed a potpourri of styles from cheerleading squad dances to gospel singing.

CNU's Pep Band performed a lively opening act. Captain Chris, the university mascot, mingled in the crowd shaking hands and boosting spirits. The CNU cheerleaders, making a spirited entrance, danced funk style as Captain Chris passed out pon-poms in the audience.

The cheerleaders' rhythmic cheerdance was the second act. The co ed squad received warm applause and cheers from the audience. Joe Klein, a student in the audience said the squad, "moved gracefully in uniform, as one."

Christy Lee's powerful gospel performance received a big round of applause as the third act. Lee's smooth voice starts lightly and builds up strongly. Lee sang of Christian faithfulness in her second song, "He'll Do It Again."

Voices of Unity harmonized as the forth act. Three members of the organization performed two selections; "Endless Love" and "Always." The performance was "smooth, with good harmony," Klein said. The audience applauded warmly.

Dr. Jennifer Barker introduced the fifth act; theatre students performing excerpts from the upcoming CNU musical, Chicago. The show's 1920's style song and dance was previewed three weeks before the musical's premiere. Cast members performed three comedic acts foreshadowing a sultry show.

CNU's Jazz Band delivered a peek finale to the showcase of talent. The ensemble performed several up tempo favorites. Stating with the lively "Get It To Go," the band had the audience toe tapping along. "The Work Song," followed. The band performed "Over The Rainbow," and though the band had some microphone difficulty, they remained persistent. "it would have made Judy Garland proud," Klein said. A bluesy "Fever" was the next selection performed. The band quickened the pace with a sizzling finale of ol' rock-n-roll tunes. The audience overwhelmed the band with



"He'LL Do IT AGAIN." Christy Lee performs a soulful gospel number.



CAPTAIN CHRIS ENJOYS THE PEP BAND PERFORMANCE. CNU's mascot mingled in the crowd giving audience members pom-pons and handshakes.



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...ooh yeah. Take it off...Hahaha! Turn around... lemme see all of you...Yess! Come sit over here...OOhhh.... I like it like that ... "

-JOSH WEBB

Deanna- thanx for everything- your advice and your craziness which keeps me laughing . . .last but not least Mr. R.L.

Roni- glad you had fun being stuck on campus. Leo- I hope six weeks becomes fifty-two weeks. Chris- no, I didn't order a pizza. Nicole- stop

Tee- I hope you're snowed-in weekend wasn't to bad even if yo weren't in Surry. I hope we have many more successful nights as the CNU dancers.

Stop working so hard and enjoy life (just a little bit). MS-C - if you lay down with dogs you are bound to get

Happy 1 year Anniversary- it was a rough and long road(ar least for me but we made it. Thank for everything. I'm out - Peace - Ms.. Thang

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