



# THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

For the past 16 years, members of the Christopher Newport University community have had no yearbook. The last issue of The Captain, CNU's yearbook, said the yearbook was no longer considered a viable project due to the lack of student interest and cost of publishing. As the record of history at CNU, The Captain's Log takes on the task of creating a special "Year in Review" issue to give the community a memento of the previous fall and spring semesters. This issue is composed of articles, photographs, statistics and recaps of the events of the past year.

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# 'Sexual orientation' added, protected

**BQ MEETS** | At the Feb. 23 meeting of the BOV, an inclusive policy CNU was enacted.

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Significant legislative change was made this year as the university's Board of Visitors voted unanimously in February to add "sexual orientation" to CNU's non-discrimination policy.

The legislation, originally tabled by the BOV in 2003 for lacking student support, moved to the forefront this year after a "Non-Discrimination Inclusion Act" was passed by the Student Government Association this past October.

The 250-plus concerned student in attendance included representatives of the Student Government Association, the Gay/Straight Student Union, the agan and Earth-based Spirituality Organization and Citizens of the World, among other organizations. The DSU Ballroom was set up to accommodate 250 people.

Supporters held posters with such mottos as "Straight But Not Narrow," "Stop Discrimination, Add Sexual Orientation," and "Equality." The SGA also displayed a banner with the message "Inclusive not Exclusive," which they had encouraged students to sign in support for several weeks beforehand.

SGA President, senior Molly Buckley, led much of the initiative this year in gaining support for the legislation and petitioning the BOV members for their vote.

In addition to the SGA support, legislation supporting the initiative was passed by the Faculty Senate, and a letter of support was submitted to "The Captain's Log" with signatures by over 80 members of CNU faculty backing the bill.

Letters from several public officials also marked the February BOV meeting, including Virginia's Attorney General, and the Governor's Office.

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A diverse group of students collect to protest the Board of Visitors' tabling of SGA efforts to change the discrimination policy.

## Student Union: Opens, gets name

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The David Student Union, which first opened in August of the academic year, has served numerous university functions, housing office spaces for clubs and organizations, the University Bookstore, several dining venues and a significant number of other university facilities.

With the opening of the \$36 million, 116,000 sq. ft. building, also came its dedication and naming in the honor of William R. and Golda R. David.

This year, the Student Union Board, chaired by Director of Student Activities Kim Roeder, explored whether the CNU community would benefit from extending the building's hours of operations. Auxiliary Services, under the direction of Doug Shipley, enacted a trial period of extended hours for the DSU through Spring Break and later extended the period through the end of this year.

Auxiliary Services has monitored the number of people in the building throughout this period. Shipley reported in previous SUB meetings that the numbers were the lowest during hours later than 10:30 p.m. He said that all numbers gathered were essentially "raw data," and that further

evaluation would be needed to determine any permanent changes in building hours. Auxiliary Services, said Shaun McCready, director of the student union, will evaluate the DSU's hours of operations this summer, though no dramatic changes are planned.

The SUB also made efforts this year to obtain specific funding information for the completion of the interior of the DSU, calling for the administration to account for furniture, artwork, lamps and other accessories in the building. CNU administration responded to this request after a month of SUB submitting a formal statement of request, with both Tribble and Executive Vice President Bill Brauer attending a SUB meeting. There, Tribble and Brauer provided detailed figures for the purchases of DSU furnishings.

CNU President, Paul Tribble Jr. announced in a SUB meeting this year that revolving doors would be installed in the DSU, as a way to alleviate problems with maintaining desired temperature levels in the buildings. These updates, Tribble said, will occur over the summer when there will be the least activity on campus.

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## SUPERSHOT OF THE YEAR



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The Student Union became a playground on Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, when classes were canceled due to Tropical Storm Ernesto; many students found amusement in staying outside despite the significant amount of rain throughout the day.

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## Corrections

In last week's article, "All-student one acts abound":

Freshman Chris Withers will be performing in the One-Act festival.

In the play "Bay at Nice" the character Valentina is a Russian painter, whose decision is whether the painting in the gallery's possession is a forgery.

The play "The Yellow Wall" has been performed live before.



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# Va. Tech's tragedy felt throughout the nation

**UNITED** | The CNU community joined the state to honor the victims on April 20.

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The events of Monday, April 16 will be remembered across college campuses for years to come. It will be the day when college students remember the friends, family members and professors lost in the tragic shootings; the day when the idea of being safe in an academic setting was shattered.

In response to the shootings, several students voiced their emotions and concerns. The emotions ranged from anger to fear to utter disbelief. "My friend called me and told me my friend I went to high school with was shot," sophomore Jessica Proffitt said in an earlier story. "I was really shocked and worried that something like that could happen on a college campus. I've been hearing everyone talking about it all day so it's really affected our day."

CNU responded to the shootings, offering counseling to anyone affected by the tragedy. The campus also held two significant vigils in remembrance of the victims. The first vigil took place on Thursday, April 19 at 9 p.m. Students gathered on the great lawn and held a candlelight vigil for those

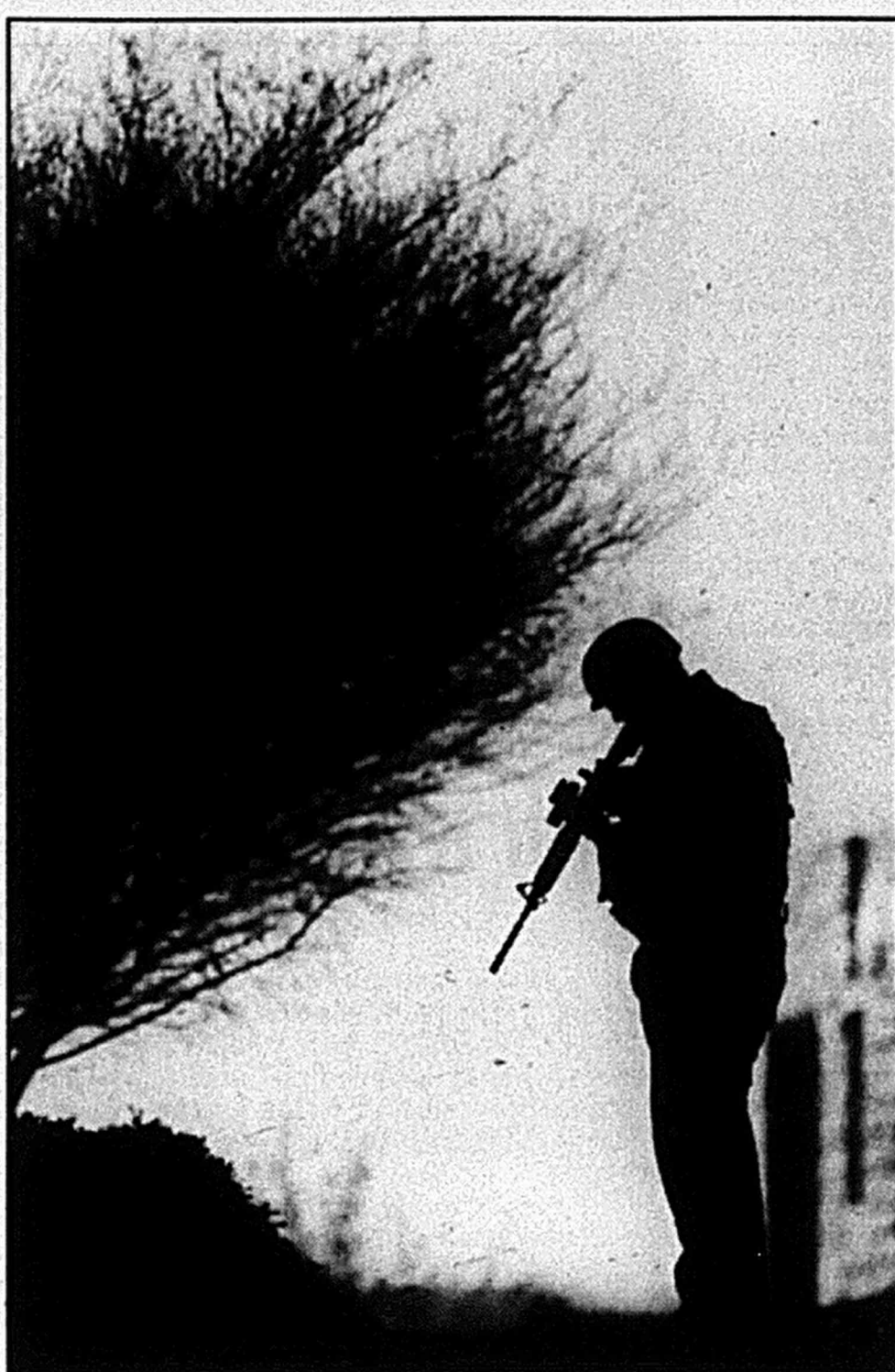
lost in the shootings. CNU's candlelight vigil was part of a statewide vigil held for the victims.

The second ceremony of remembrance was held on Friday, April 20 in response to Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine's declaration of a statewide day of remembrance. Students and faculty gathered in a flood of maroon and orange, to hear the 32 names of the victims read followed by the toll of a bell for each.

The ceremony concluded with a student playing taps, followed by a closing word of hope from President Paul Tribble Jr. Several other vigils and services were held by various organizations on campus.

In response to the outpouring of support from the CNU community, former 2003 graduate, Michael Maher said in an e-mail to The Captain's Log,

"I am very appreciative to see that CNU has responded to the events at Virginia Tech in an uplifting, respectful manner. Attending the candlelight vigil at one of the two places I've called home helped greatly to reflect on this week and the losses we've suffered. It makes me very proud to be both a Hokie and a Captain." ■



A police officer stands guard near Norris Hall on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, where 32 people were killed and more were injured on Monday, April 16.

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## Dry campus gets a little moisture

A new policy allows for clubs to have alcohol at school events.

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At the request of President Paul Tribble Jr., an Alcohol Task Force convened to analyze and adjust the university's alcohol policy to best suit an evolving campus. The new policy was passed by Tribble and went into effect on April 1.

The new policy grants student clubs and organizations permission to hold events on campus with alcoholic beverages provided by CNU Catering. Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity was the first to hold a "wet" event, a formal dance on April 7.

"I can tell you that the Sig Ep event, from the accounts of my staff who were present and campus police, everything went fine," said Roeder. "There were no issues and we will discuss the procedures this summer to see if there are any tweaks needed after this one event."

According to the new policy, every event with alcohol must also provide food and non-alcoholic beverages. These events must be run exclusively through CNU Catering and CNU Police must provide security. The person in charge of an organization's event must also go

through a training program for risk management.

Starting next year, a risk-management training course will be given at the beginning of each semester. One class will cover a club or organization for only one year. An alcoholic event must also be proposed 30 days in advance.

"Clubs really have to be on the ball," Roeder said in a previous article about the changes. Four or five events, she predicted, will have alcohol next semester.

The Sig Ep formal, said Roeder, was a test for all future alcohol events. "Sig Ep is our trial run. They might just come in and have a drink with dinner," Roeder said before the event took place. "I don't anticipate any difficulties."

In a previous article discussing the recently passed changes, Junior Aaron Martin said he only knew a little bit about the ATF meetings. Aside from The Captain's Log's reporters, there was only one meeting where non-ATF personnel attended.

"It really didn't change that much," said Martin. He said he might attend an event at which alcohol is served. "I don't think it's a big difference, but it is a good change," he said, regarding the allowance of alcohol at sanctioned club events.

The ATF, which met 10 times this semester, was comprised of students, faculty and staff chosen by Tribble. ■

# Top efforts awarded scholarships, honors

**ESTEEM** | Faculty and students were honored for their scholarship, academic efforts.

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## DR. KIDD, STUDENTS PUBLISHED ARTICLE

Dr. Quentin Kidd, associate professor of Government and Political Affairs, and three CNU students compiled a study, which appeared in the Social Science Quarterly journal. Kidd, with senior political science majors Megan Murray and Mehreen Farooq and senior psychology major Gus Diggs, sought to determine the weight of the black vote in the 2004 election. The article, entitled, "Black Voters, Black Candidates, and Social Issues: Does Party Identification Matter?" was published in the March 2007 issue of the journal.

## NICOLE JUSTICE PRESENTS PAPER

Nicole Justice, a sophomore history and linguistics major, presented her research paper, "The Malleus Maleficarum's Dissemination of Misogyny

throughout European Society," at numerous conferences this year. Her paper focuses on a medieval church text, "The Malleus Maleficarum," which defines the role of women as witches and how that text has translated into the way women are viewed today. Next, Justice will present the paper at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 10-13, at Western Michigan University.

## DR. ROWLEY AWARDED TOP HONORS

Dr. Sharon Rowley, Assistant Professor of English, was awarded a \$40,000 fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities this December.

Rowley, the first CNU professor to win the award, received the grant to complete her book, "Reading the Old English Bede in Its Manuscript Contexts."

Rowley will be in Europe next year to study Old English and Latin in order to discover

more about five manuscripts dealing with the ecclesiastical history of England.

## PHIL LECLERC WINS ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

Phil Leclerc, a junior in Christopher Newport University's Honors Program, received a \$23,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Leclerc will travel to Tanzania to study at the University of Dar Es Salaam. Once there, Leclerc will study sociology and economics. He will also act as a goodwill ambassador to the people of that region, giving presentations to their Rotary clubs and working to identify charity projects that need to be created.

## DR. TRACEY SCHWARZE RECEIVES NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

One of only 12 selected professors in the Commonwealth, Dr. Tracey Schwarze, associ-

ate professor of English, was awarded the 2007 Outstanding Faculty Award. Schwarze is just the third faculty member from CNU to receive this award. A faculty member since 1999, Schwarze currently serves as president of the Faculty Senate and chair of the English department. She is working on her second book, "Dirty Linen: James Joyce, Victorian Scandal, and Identity in the Modern Moment."

## ENGINEERING STUDENTS WRITE CHAPTERS FOR WINDOWS VISTA MANUAL

Seniors Brent Thal and Everette Beatley, both computer engineering majors at CNU, contributed chapters to "Special Edition Using Microsoft Windows Vista," the guide for the latest edition of the Windows operating system. Beatley wrote two chapters - Chapter 8: Windows Media Player and Chapter 22: Connecting Your Network to the Internet.

Thal wrote instructions for Chapter 29: Keeping Windows and Other Software Up to Date

and Chapter 41: Tablet PC Features. Beatley and Thal both plan to graduate in December.

## FAROOQ WINS FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP TO EGYPT

Mehreen Farooq, a senior political science major with a leadership minor, received a research grant from the Fulbright Program to travel to Egypt. Farooq will conduct interviews with voters and government officials to study the inclusion of an opposition party in the 2005 elections. Established in 1946 and sponsored by the U.S. government, the Fulbright Program seeks to increase understanding between the U.S. and others around the world.

## ASHLEIGH STACY TO REACH OUT AND TEACH FOR AMERICA

Ashleigh Stacy, a senior majoring in political science with minors in leadership and Spanish, will be traveling to Houston this summer to train for Teach For America (TFA) after she graduates in May. For the next two years she will be living and working in Texas, teaching in under-

funded schools for a program that puts college graduates in contact with low-income students in Title I schools, who often have little money and fewer options. Starting in June, Stacy will attend a five-week summer institute learning how to teach elementary school students in kindergarten through the fourth grade.

## DIERBERGER AWARDED THREE RESEARCH GRANTS

Jennifer Dierberger, senior sociology major, recently received \$1,500 in grant money from CNU's Honors Department, the President's Leadership Program, and the Lea B. Pellett Scholarship travel award to do research on gang leadership in El Salvador. Dierberger, who plans to graduate in December, will focus her studies on a particular juvenile detention facility in El Salvador where she will interview 20 youth gang members of the 18th Street gang over a five-day period this June. Dierberger has also applied to present her findings at an International Leadership Association conference in November. ■

# Plethora of student action hits CNU with speakers, panels, volunteering

**ACTIVISM** | Whether it was religion, AIDS or politics, students provided perspectives.

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Throughout the academic year, many student-led organizations were busy organizing socially charged events for Christopher Newport University students.

A representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation visited campus to speak about various ecological problems the Bay area has faced, as well as remedies in effect and action that has been taken. He detailed both successes and failures and called students to action at the behest of CNU's chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy.

"You really have more influence than you realize," said Chris Moore on behalf of the CBF.

"I'm proud of the students that have come out," said Katy Wingfield, president of AID.

The College Republicans recognized the five-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with 3,000 miniature American flags placed on the

great lawn. A brief ceremony featured Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan and a discussion of the importance of unity and patriotism.

"After the attacks, we were all united. Now, five years later, we're all at each other's throats," said Morgan. The morning concluded with an open discussion among students sharing their personal memories.

To address many of the religious issues that arose after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the department of philosophy and religious studies sponsored its first CNU Values Forum. A three-member panel represented the three Abrahamic religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - in a presentation entitled "Who Speaks for People of Faith? Fundamentalism and Western Religions." Differences between moderate and fundamentalist sects within each religion were discussed.

"I thought this was very constructive," said freshman Mike Wagner, one of about 50 students in attendance at the event. "We've been focusing

way too much on the differences between Abrahamic faiths rather than finding out what we have in common."

United Campus Ministries arranged to display an eight-panel quilt representing eight people who have died of AIDS. In coordination with the quilt, Senior Ashleigh Howard set up a display board that exhibited her research on AIDS in Africa, illuminating the global significance.

"I know that those who did stop by will remember the quilt and it will stay with them," said Howard.

The Center for Counseling, Consulting, and Coaching, as part of Sexual Health Awareness Week, displayed a CNU PostSecret exhibit consisting of postcards submitted anonymously by students featuring sexually themed secrets.

"Anonymity is, I think, a big draw for it," said Dr. Juliana Mills, personal counselor and assistant director of CCCC. The exhibit was revealed at the play Equality: One Night.

In another event aimed to promote equality for all, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the sociology and anthropology department hosted a forum about

interracial relationships. After a screening of the film Something New, three interracial couples discussed their relationships and certain hardships they had faced due to the effects of racism.

CNU students also branched out into the local community this year. On select dates from February to April, business students helped Hampton Roads residents with low to moderate incomes file basic tax returns. The voluntary participation by eight CNU students was part of a national organization, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement, CNU organized a series called "Points of Contact and Culture: Jamestown 1607-2007." The series featured a multitude of unique performances, from a Thomas Jefferson personality to presentations by Pulitzer Prize-winning historians to an original historical fiction theatrical performance written and directed by CNU's own Steven Brees.

A political discussion, sponsored jointly by the Honors Program, the Department of Government and Public

Affairs, and Citizens of the World, examined the Nigerian Delta, an incredibly corrupt area in a country with a multi-billion dollar economy. Activist Chris Albin-Lackey of Human Rights Watch said he hopes to help bring reform to the promising country.

"All we have to do is let our government know that we care," said Albin-Lackey. "It's through us that our government can make a difference."

COW has also been making a difference closer to home. The club teamed up with the Lost Boys of Sudan to help tutor and mentor refugees from the Sudan genocide now living in Newport News.

"It's a big brother kind of thing. If he needs me, I'll be here," said freshman Andrew Schecker, who mentors a young boy named Desmond.

CNU was teeming with activity all year, thanks in large part to student organizations on campus and individual students stepping up to organize events. The 2006-2007 academic year was an eventful one, providing numerous opportunities for students to get involved and educate themselves on a variety of topics. ■

Be sure to keep an eye out for The Captain's Log's summer edition!



# Rebuilding Madison post fire

On Aug. 4 lightning set fire to the apartments, residents were displaced.

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Before the majority of students arrived at CNU, lightning struck the roof of CNU Apartments' Madison Hall on Aug. 4 at around 4:50 p.m., rendering the building unlivable and displacing 80 students.

The university was alerted to the actual fire through phone calls made by CNU Police officers who happened to be patrolling the area during the lightning strike, said Cuthrell.

Affected students were relocated to alternative housing, ranging from open university-owned spaces, as well as off-campus living situations.

After the building suffered extensive roof damage in the fire this

August, the original plan was to dry the building out and reuse the existing structure. Rainfall from Tropical Storm Ernesto entered through the hole in the roof and caused irreparable water damage. Inspectors determined the building could not be repaired, and Madison Hall was demolished in late October.

Madison Hall was included in this spring's housing lottery, which took place this March. Director of Housing, Dr. Andy Sheston has said that he expects little complications with the reconstruction of the building and is confident that those students assigned to Madison will be able to move-in at the expected time.

Reconstruction of the building began in December, and early expectations planned for the building to be completed by Aug. 1.

The CNU Real Estate Foundation financed the construction of the Madison, and no financing has come out of student fees, Sheston said. ■



On Aug. 4, the Madison building of CNU Apartments caught fire.

# Hungry students flock to Regatta's

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Last June, after a year's worth of debate as to whether food services on campus would be outsourced, it was decided that CNU Dining Services would remain independently run. While this dining dynamic did not change, other aspects of how students eat on campus evolved. Regatta's moved into a spacious new David Student Union space, providing an eatery central to campus. However, patronage at Hiden-Hussey Commons has noticeably dropped off since then.

These shifts in student turnout led to the much-asked Regatta's Commons question: How will Dining Services balance the numbers of Regatta's serving 1,100 a day, while the Commons serves just 400?

Newly hired Executive Director of Dining and Culinary Services, Nancy Williams, proffered several suggestions for increasing student turnout. Williams' aim was to begin implementing specialty items, which would only be offered at the Commons, as the main way to boost numbers. Among those specialty items mentioned, were: sub sandwiches, a potato bar with all the fixings, a Mongolian barbecue bar and Thai food.

"We need to reevaluate what the different palates want and choose new and innovative ways to bundle the products," said Williams.

As part of this effort, the Commons has begun experimenting with different products, as well as offering familiar products in new and different ways. The sub sandwiches and potato bar are examples of what Williams intends for the Commons. Concerning student input, Wil-

iams announced plans to form a student dining committee. The committee was formed in early April, holding its first meeting in the second week of April.

The new ideas and changes resulting from the first meeting will be tested throughout the summer months before being implemented in Fall 2007. Director of Dining Services, Kevin Ososkie gave some of his own ideas for CNU dining, as well. Ososkie talked about the new and exciting items coming from the manager of the Commons, Barry Whitehead. Six-foot subs are among those specialty items being offered exclusively at the Commons. Ososkie also articulated some of the possible reasons behind the students' choices.

"Most students like going to Regatta's in the David Student Union because that's where all the activity is." Also weighing in the students' dining decisions is the novelty of Regatta's. "It's the new building with many choices for their dining pleasure, and at this point they know they will probably run into their friends there as well," said Ososkie. The main tool for tweaking the Commons has been an abundance of student feedback. Overall, students cited the newness and cleanliness of Regatta's as their main reasons for dining there. Students also seemed to prefer the service and location of Regatta's.

The main plans in place for the Commons at this point aim to balance the numbers between the two dining facilities. New food items and the renovation of the facility are the ways forward. Next year's dining numbers will reveal whether steps towards a new and improved Commons paid off. ■

# Summerville says goodbye

BY MATTHEW MULLIN  
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After twenty-seven years of dedicated service to Christopher Newport University's academic community, Dr. Richard Summerville will retire from the position of Provost this June. In his role as Provost, Summerville has served as the chief academic officer at CNU, managing institutional organization, leading faculty in governance issues, and serving as the Dean of the Faculty. Succeeding him will be Dr. Mark W. Padilla, the Provost-on-Leave from University of North Carolina-Asheville.

An active involvement with the student body consistently marked Summerville's tenure at CNU. Many of CNU's top students have had face-to-face meetings with Summerville to discuss their future plans. His breadth of knowledge and invit-

ing personality has consistently impressed those who have had occasion to discuss their awards, accolades, and scholastic trips with Summerville. "I found his enthusiasm for discussion and skepticism about his own discipline, mathematics, both refreshing and insightful," says Phil Leclerc, a senior double major in psychology and political science, who met with Summerville when he received the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship.

One of Summerville's last initiatives involves the Vision 2010 program and Christopher Newport University's Restructuring Plan. Summerville proposed several models to reduce the course load of faculty in the 2007-8 academic year so that professors may have greater time to foster a community of undergraduate research and scholarship. Under Summerville's encouragement, the

faculty senate passed a resolution in support of this plan. According to a memo on February 1 to the Faculty Senate from President Paul Tribble, the plan was recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee and accepted by Tribble.

Since many of the nation's top schools already offer seven-course schedules for professors, this plan will help CNU compete with its peer schools in attracting the finest talent. Currently, faculty members teach four courses per semester during an academic year. Vision 2010 promises a reduction in course load for faculty members by one class per year, but will not come into effect until 2008-2010.

Summerville's last act as Provost will occur at this year's commencement exercises. He will present the graduating seniors for the conferring of degrees on May 13th. ■

# Big bucks, Yoder Barn donated by NN community members

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Members of the community this year donated generous monetary gifts, even a local landmark to Christopher Newport University.

Dr. Sarah Forbes, a local obstetrician and gynecologist, gave \$1 million to the Christopher Newport University Endowed Merit Scholarship Challenge Campaign. The Campaign allows donors to see their money matched, dollar-for-dollar, over the course of 5 years. The program not only benefits current students, but also helps recruit future students as well as allows the community to contribute to CNU as a whole. Forbes chose CNU because she wanted to give something back to this community, which has helped her "to be a successful female physician in a time when no women became doctors."

In response to the fire that destroyed the Madison Residence Hall on August 4, 2006,

CNU established a special monetary fund. This fund, created through community donations in cooperation with Towne Bank and the Virginia Educators Credit Union, helped to aid those most affected by the accident. The fund will continue to be used for future emergency situations.

Coinciding with the renaming of the library as the Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library, a \$500,000 endowed scholarship was announced last December in honor of the Tribbles. The Vice Rector of the CNU Board of Visitors James R. "Jay" Joseph announced that the endowed merit scholarship would be created through a scholarship challenge grant from Lewis and M.E. McMurren III and matched by other donors, including proceeds from the CNU Alumni Society and CNU Educational Foundation's Inaugural CNU Scholarship Golf Classic and Auction.

Over the course the academic year, communication

studies majors have been fundraising for a scholarship for the Communication Studies department. The class, COMM 295, was taught by Dr. Michaela Meyer and set up a scholarship for students majoring in communications that they hope to endow. A fundraising goal of \$5,000 was established for the spring semester and communications students organized various activities to meet their goal, including raffling off bicycles and holding an open house at Coastal Wine in Port Warwick.

Finally, the Yoder Barn Theatre, a renovated performance facility which has won recognition as a highlight of Hampton Roads area history and culture, was donated to the university by the Yoder family and Yoder Preservation Trust, Inc. The facility, worth an estimated \$4.1 million, will provide substitute space for student events that were previously held in Gaines Theatre for free. ■

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MAN ON THE STREET | What will you remember most about this academic year at CNU?

By Shannon Humphrey and Jesse Hutcheson

"Probably just the transition from high school to college, and the experience with the professors."

AARON STEIN  
FRESHMAN



"Curfew Speight's performance and the last football game."

JOSH SIMMONS  
JUNIOR



"Doing Mainstages with TheatreCNU. It was a really great experience."

CAROLINE RIGBY  
FRESHMAN



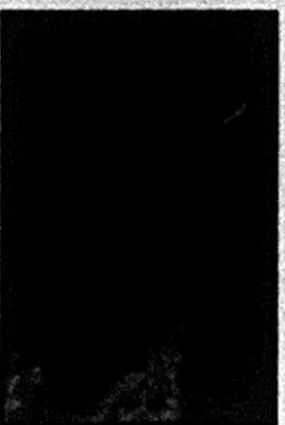
"Graduation. It hasn't happened yet, but it's going to."

MIKE THOMAS  
SENIOR



"I'm going to remember the flood, it was a crazy time."

WHITNEY MCKINNEY  
JUNIOR



# OPINIONS

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W H E R E   W E   S T A N D

## The last stand: Tech trauma transforms perspective on year

In this special edition of The Captain's Log, you will find the stories and images that made our year. This week's Opinions page is no exception, as three of the year's most-talked-about submissions have been reprinted.

And now it's time for this Editor-in-Chief's last hoorah.

Whether his exit is much to your excitement or your dismay, thank you so much for your readership.

Events taking place in Blacksburg during the final weeks of our year bring the whole into a decidedly altered perspective.

What transpired that Monday was the stuff of nightmares. People all over the Commonwealth, the country, whether — affected directly or in spirit, awoke the next day battered and disenchanted — it was not a terrible dream, after all, but a jarring and woeful reminder that there are days when tragic stories arrive on the doorstep for which newspaper cannot be rendered black enough.

The public outpouring of concern for Virginia Tech at CNU and throughout the country has been incredible. The Captain's Log sends along its deepest sympathies and sincerest prayers to the friends and families of those who were lost, and hopes they might find some comfort in the solemn promise that our community will never forget them.

We really lucked out back in August when Madison Hall was struck by

lightning. Given what happened at Tech, one would be hard pressed at this point to describe the fire as a "tragedy."

No one was hurt. Our only losses were material — clothes, furniture, DVDs, a building. A new Madison is almost complete, and east campus will soon look no different than it did before last August. But unfortunately for our friends in Blacksburg, shattered lives are not as easily rebuilt as residence halls. When you look at things that way, it's hard not to recognize how amazing a year we've had. A lot of great things have happened to feel thankful for, and more still lay on the horizon. An inclusive non-discrimination policy was passed, the David Student Union opened and revolutionized campus, a new library is on the way, student organizations are flourishing, CNU faculty and students are being nationally recognized left and right. CNU is asserting itself more and more as a collegiate powerhouse in the Commonwealth. And what's more, you are safe, and still around to contribute to this phenomenon. As we move forward into

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exam week, keep some of these positive notions in mind. Positivity is what sustains us when our hearts are heavy, and what elevates us to greatness when we haven't anything else to weigh us down. Start figuring out what kind of news you'll be making for The Captain's Log to report next year, CNU — just so long as it doesn't involve cookies. ■

IAN SASS-BASEDOW, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

O T H E R   V O I C E S

## Dear Board of Visitors,

We strongly urge the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors to approve the inclusion of sexual orientation in the university non-discrimination policy. The students' representative body has now twice endorsed inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination policy. The faculty's representative body did so two years ago. Although the law of Virginia may not offer protection from discrimination based upon sexual orientation, the law does not prohibit us from taking a moral position against discrimination. Therefore, we believe this is a question of moral leadership. Most public universities in Virginia have done so. During the civil rights movement the law of Virginia also failed to prohibit discrimination based upon race or ethnicity, but many institutions chose to lead by example. Eventually, the state law also changed. We hope the same thing happens here, and ask the Board of Visitors to follow the lead of the students and faculty and approve the inclusion of sexual orientation in the university's non-discrimination policy.

Sincerely and Respectfully

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## Alums disagree with SGA

BY ROBERT PERESICH AND JOSHUA DERMER  
SGA SENATORS EMERITI

As concerned alumni, we would like to address last week's decision by the CNU Student Government Association to endorse adding the phrase "sexual orientation" into the non-discrimination policy. There is definitely cause for concern about the civil liberties of the student body, faculty, and staff. The SGA's resolution represents a radical departure from the common-sense legislation we typically saw during our time at CNU.

The arguments in favor of this policy change have incredibly weak standing. Proponents engage in the typical approach of the bandwagon fallacy, pointing to other universities in the Commonwealth which have already added "sexual orientation" into their respective policies. The popularity of a particular policy does not automatically make it correct. The proponents of the policy change failed to point out that in recent years Va. Tech has considered removing "sexual ori-

entation" from its policy.

To further promote the policy change, proponents have also used the Red Herring fallacy of arguing from the standpoint of the harassment issue. They argue that adding "sexual orientation" into the non-discrimination policy will somehow curtail instances of harassment against certain students. However, such an addition to the policy will do nothing to alleviate the problem of harassment.

The argument that certain students may not feel comfortable applying to CNU is a relatively moot point. People choose to go to a university based upon numerous factors. Some people may attend a college because it has one political leaning or another. Still others may choose a single-gender college or a private religious institution. Students must choose an environment that will best fit them, not force an environment to conform.

Far from bringing unity and peace to CNU, amending the non-discrimination policy to include "sexual orientation" will only bring division and even legal

conflict. The end result of such a policy change would be certain students losing their constitutional rights to free speech and religious liberty. It's already happened on numerous college campuses around the nation where this exact same policy has been enacted. Some religious organizations have been discriminated against simply because of their opposition to the homosexual lifestyle, which their members consider sinful. In nearly every case, the universities in question used the "sexual orientation" clause within their non-discrimination policies to trample the constitutional rights of those religious students.

Moreover, it is questionable whether CNU even has the authority to make such a policy change.

Looking back on what's happened, it appears that this recent resolution passed by the SGA has more to do with political grandstanding than actually dealing with the problems it purports to solve. It is unfortunate that the SGA has put political correctness above the civil liberties of the student body. ■

## A Note of Thanks:

Miss Linda would like to thank all of her supporters for helping her to win the OSA Staff of the Year Award. She would not have received it without their love and encouragement.

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## Some dissatisfied by State of the University address

BY PATRICK ALLEN MCBRIDE  
CNU CLASS OF 2009

It has come to my attention after President Tribble's State of the University Address that approaching topics of concern with him in person will not bring me the results I am looking for.

I was quite offended and disappointed with the sarcasm I was greeted with when asking him questions that have been asked of me as a student leader. Further, I was highly disappointed with the sarcasm and belittling responses many of my fellow peers received in response to the questions they asked him as well. It is a seldom occurrence that students have the opportunity to ask the president of THEIR university for the answers to their questions in a public forum. The treatment I

received as a student of this university and the treatment many other students received during the Q&A portion of the State of the University was inappropriate and uncalled for. I believe the students who asked the questions and were treated in this manner not only deserve a public apology from President Tribble, but they deserve the answers to the questions they asked that were quite frankly dodged.

As for the questions, every student in attendance of this university has a right to the answers. Firstly, how much money was spent on decoration and furniture for the student union? Where is the price list for these items? Student fees will be/have been paying for these items. We have a right to know how much every carpet, every couch, and every table and wardrobe cost.

As for President Tribble's sarcastic reply to me to "go to a furniture store" to find my answer, this was highly offensive and out of line.

**"I was quite offended and disappointed with the sarcasm I was greeted with when asking him [President Tribble] questions that have been asked of me as a student leader."**

Secondly, I asked why there are no plans to build a new Gaines Theatre if the current one has the possibility of being torn down. Gaines Theatre has had over 500 uses in the last two and a half semesters, and is the

ONLY venue of its kind for students to use free of charge.

Tribble's reply was that CNU has more venues than ever before. This does not matter to those who use Gaines, because none of those venues have a full stage, with backstage space, lighting, sound, curtains, and 400+ seats. The Ferguson Music and Theatre Hall is the only venue that comes close, and this venue costs hundreds of dollars for students to use.

There needs to be a plan in place to create a new Gaines Theatre in a timely fashion to address students' needs, so student organizations can program for students, so this school does not lose a space that allows for great campus student life while gaining a ballroom with an inadequately sized removable dance floor that will not even

accommodate the smallest dance party possible... what a ball! The new ballroom is beautiful and extremely expensive, but it does not accommodate campus programming and will not suffice for HALF the student programs that Gaines has and currently does.

There were many more questions asked by other students during the Q&A portion that were not answered or were not answered properly. Quite frankly, it would be easy to be intimidated by President Tribble and stop asking the questions I want answered, but I refuse to take the easy way out. I value my education, I value my campus, I value my right to information, and I value my peers' right to information. I will not be intimidated nor have my questions ignored. ■



# Construction encompasses the Library

BY REGINA CERIMELE  
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With such buildings as the Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library and the reconstructed Madison Hall Apartments expected to open sometime this fall, construction projects at Christopher Newport University are still expected to continue into future years, as announced by President Paul Tribble Jr. and Executive Vice President Brauer this academic year.

Having received appropriation from the Virginia Legislature, university officials have announced plans for the construction of a new academic buildings to house many depart-

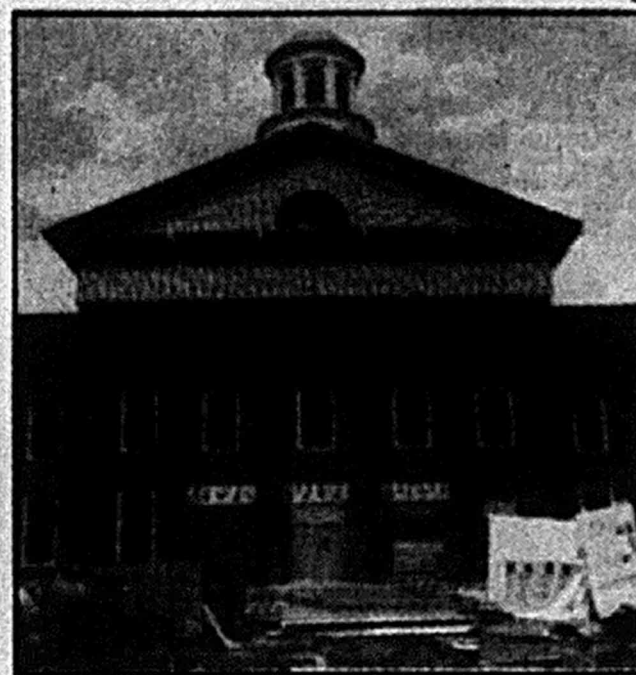
ments within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The site for the building will be the current location of the old Student Center, now housing Library Services, which is scheduled for demolition this summer.

Brauer discussed in brief several other construction endeavors being undertaken. The new academic building, which he called the "new McMullan," will begin this summer and will take one or two years to complete. It will be roughly the same size and scale as the DSU.

The erection of this structure does indeed mean that Gaines Theatre will be torn down. However, the university's recent acquisition of Yoder Barn The-

atre on Oyster Point Road will weather the loss for organizations that have regular events in Gaines, as a \$300,000 renovation of that venue's light, stage, sound and seating will begin over the summer. It will be ready for use in the fall, he said.

A new building for the sciences has also been approved by the legislature and will also have a size comparable to DSU, he said. He also mentioned CNU's six-year capital plan, which accounts for an expanded Freeman Center, which will include a free theater for student organizations, a new, apartment-style residence hall on main campus, a renovation of the Commons, and a new business building. ■



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The library is expected to open in the fall.

## IT Services updates CNU bandwidth

BY CHRIS MCCrackEN  
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Christopher Newport University's IT Services has made many updates this year in order to fix connection and bandwidth problems with residential Internet access. The updates and upgrades were made in order to appease student complaints about Internet speed.

IT services has recently increased bandwidth in March 2007 with an update to the OC-3. This update increased the previous bandwidth capacity from 45 megabits to 110 megabits per second.

This update allowed for 130 percent more dedicated Internet bandwidth on the student residential network according to the IT Services Web site.

IT services also updated the Odyssey wireless client in April 2007. Students needed to update their wireless software from the IT services Web site by April 22 to continue their wireless service. The new update features a redesigned interface and status indicators said an IT services e-mail.

The bandwidth was originally planned to be updated by Jan. 2007 when IT services was approved to purchase 110 megabits of additional bandwidth for the campus.

"If you want the layman's terms of what you're talking about with speed," said Brian Foran IT services network engineer in a previous article about the Jan. 2007 update. "It's probably like going from a two-lane highway to an eight-lane highway."

This update and upgrade was delayed however due to equipment issues and difficulties with network provider Network Virginia.

"The Internet bandwidth upgrade did occur on schedule, however equipment problems unrelated to the upgrade prevented IT Services from making the announcement," said Andrew Crawford, the assistant director of IT Services in a previous article.

Crawford stated during an SGA meeting on Oct. 4, 2006 that the main reason for the Internet delays came from constant streaming and downloading of music and videos from a small group of students.

The annual service fee for the current upgrade is estimated to cost around \$130,000 said Foran.

The last update occurred in 2004. IT Services increased bandwidth at that time from 30 to 45 megabits. ■

## Shakespeare, lost Iraqi artifacts, Jamestown discussed by experts

**COLLOQUIUM SPEAKERS** | The CNU campus welcomed informative speakers throughout the year.

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Various speakers from many disciplines came to campus this year to enrich the academic life on campus. This year's Dean William Parks Colloquium contributed to the University's commemoration of Jamestown 2007 with the theme "Exploration and Discovery: Crossing Cultures." Speakers discussed the interaction of Native American and African-American cultures with Euro-American cultures from the 17th to the 21st centuries.

As well, several other speakers were brought on to discuss issues ranging from Shakespeare to the theft of artifacts from Iraqi museums.

The Colloquium series began Sept. 13, 2006, with a presentation by journalist and best-selling author Michael D'Orso, who gave a lecture on his book, "Eagle Blue: A Team, a Tribe, and a High School," and showed slides about his experiences working with a Native American youth basketball

team in Arctic, Alaska. With personal anecdotes and detailed photographs, D'Orso easily introduced his audience to the quaint town of which he grew quite fond.

Alina Fernandez, the daughter of Fidel Castro, spoke Sept. 21, 2006. Fernandez, a Cuban dissident and author of the autobiography "Castro's Daughter: An Exile's Memoir of Cuba," shared her story of growing up in the shadow of Fidel Castro and about life in Cuba under his dictatorship. For the CAB sponsored event, Fernandez voiced personal memories from the beginning of Cuba's transition into a communist nation, giving students her view of the Cuban revolution.

Next, three historians of 16th and 17th-century America, Karen Ordahl Kupperman of New York University, Helen Rountree of Old Dominion University and James Horn of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, held a roundtable called "Virginia Indians of the Chesapeake Region: Historian's Discussion" on Oct. 4, 2006. The

discussion explored the contributions of the Virginia Indian tribes to the colonization efforts of English settlers in the early 1600s. The three panelists discussed some of the most prominent figures of Jamestown's history, including Powhatan, Pocahontas, and Captain John Smith, as real people - products of their age and societies - and not simply one-dimensional and stereotypical figures.

Dr. David Bevington, world-renowned Shakespeare scholar, came to campus for a lecture sponsored by the English department and the Dean's Office of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences on Nov. 13, 2006. Bevington, professor at the University of Chicago, spoke to students, faculty, and community members about "The Perils of Courtship in Midsummer Night's Dream, the Merchant of Venice and 12th Night."

Jamaica Kincaid came to campus Feb. 1 to screen her documentary film, "Life & Debt," which is based on her book, "A Small Place." With an articulate, yet soft-spoken presentation, Kincaid captivated her audience with descriptions of her experience growing up as a female in a colonial society and how that

experience shaped her life. Kincaid also held a workshop earlier that day for a select number of students on what drives a writer. She also discussed what has personally inspired her.

Matthew Bogdanos, the lead investigator into the looting of Baghdad's Iraq Museum, lectured on and signed copies of his book on March 30. Bogdanos, a colonel in the Marine Reserves and author of "Thieves of Baghdad: One Marine's Passion to Recover the World's Greatest Stolen Treasures," lectured on the widespread looting immediately following the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime and the mission to recover lost artifacts.

The Colloquium series finished out the year March 31 with a presentation by Pauline Strong on "Hollywood Plays Indian," an analysis of how Hollywood has viewed Native Americans. Strong screened film clips from recent and historic films, including Disney's "Pocahontas" and other depictions of Native Americans in cinema. She then discussed the real and fictional lives of Native Americans as they were portrayed in popular media. ■

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## 06-07: A PHOTO TRAIL

**June 8** - Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie give birth to Shiloh, and sell her photos for \$4.1 million



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**August 25** - CAB sponsors a drive-in double feature, showing "Mission Impossible III" and "Risky Business."

**August 18** - "Snakes on a Plane" takes hold of the box office in true cult classic fashion

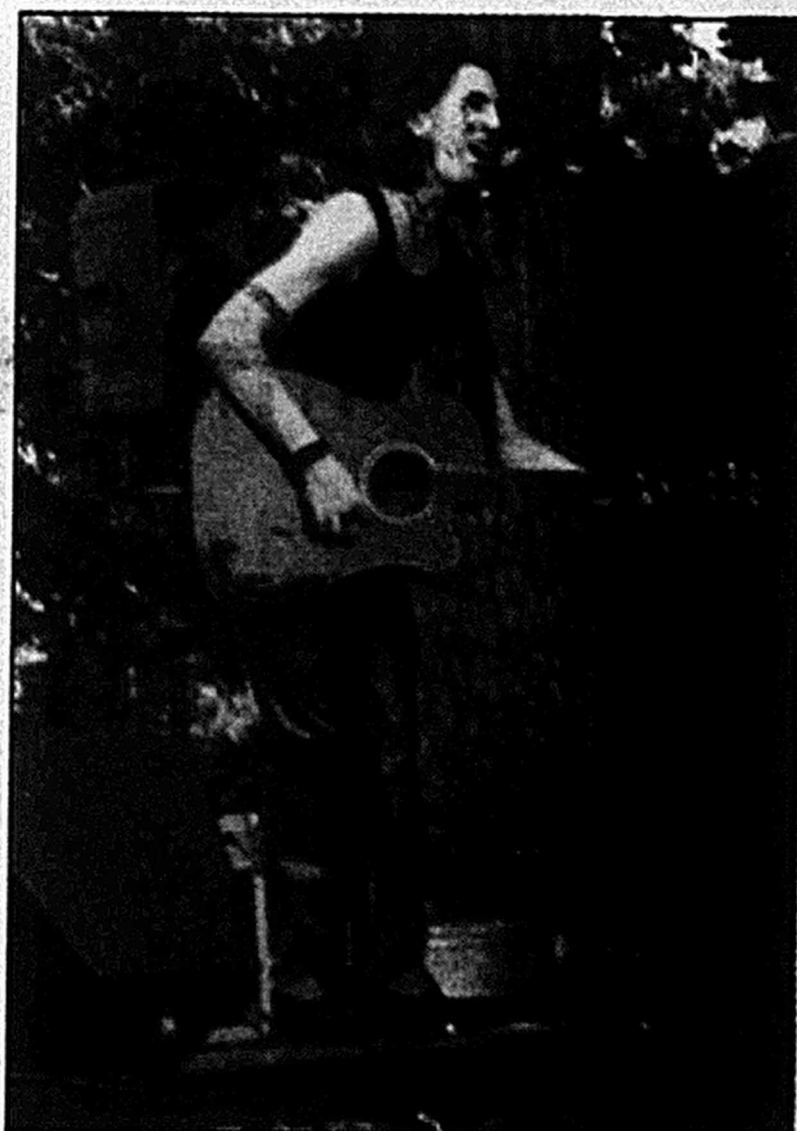
**Fall 06** - Leggings return



**September 5** - Facebook introduces the news feed and minifeed features to users' accounts. Within a few weeks, they add more security options.

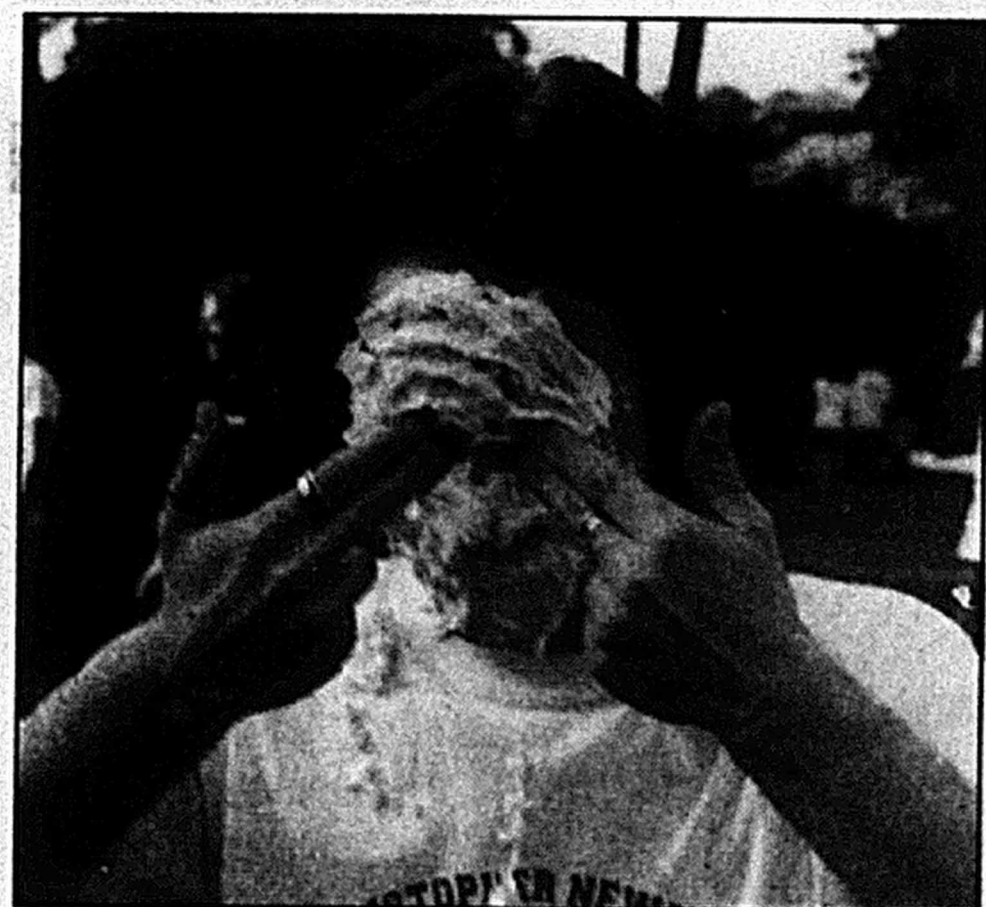
**September 5** - Katie Couric debuts on the CBS Evening News. Rosie O'Donnell takes her old job and debuts on The View.

**September 6** - Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes give birth to Suri.



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**September 8** - Junior Zach Briggs performs at Friday's @ Five, a CAB-sponsored event.



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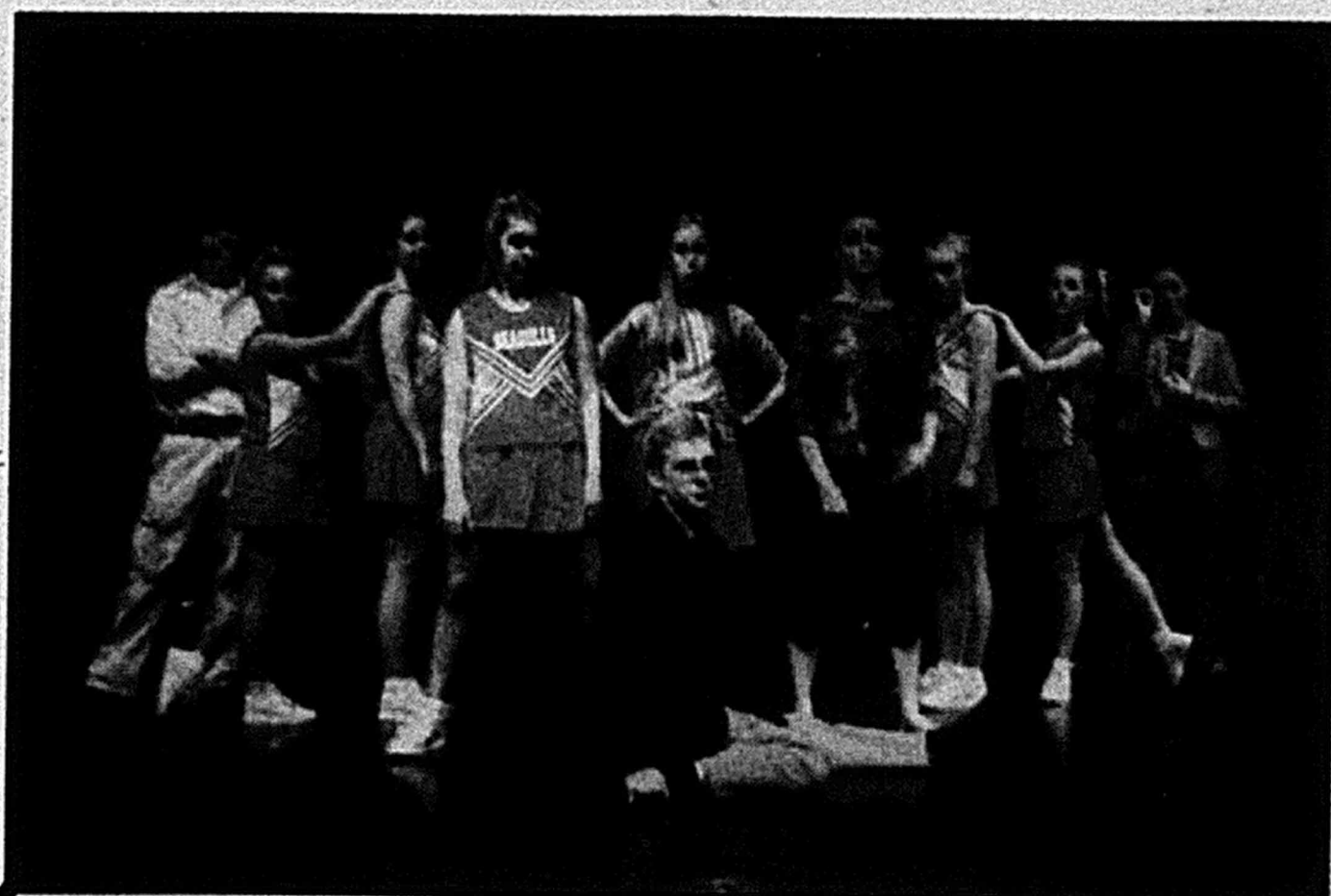
**September 22** - Freshman Andrew Schecker takes a pie to the face at the pie booth.

**September 13** - lonelygirl115 revealed.

**September 12** - Justin brings Sexyback.



**October 8** - Paris and Nicole are BFFs... again.



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**October 6** - TheatreCNU premieres "Be Aggressive," its first performance of the year.

Goo Tube

**October 9** - Google and YouTube merge.

### TOP PICKS

2006-2007's top 30 playlist

"This Is Why I'm Hot" - Mims  
"Lost Without You" - Robin Thicke  
"Poppin'" - Chris Brown, featuring Jay-Z  
"London Bridge" - Fergie  
"Before He Cheats" - Carrie Underwood  
"Déjà vu" - Beyoncé featuring Jay-Z  
"Promiscuous" - Nelly Furtado  
"Tell Me Baby" - Red Hot Chili Peppers  
"How Can a Poor Man Stand Such Times and Live" - Bruce Springsteen  
"Ticks" - Brad Paisley  
"It's Not Over" - Daughtry  
"Face Down" - The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus  
"Smile" - Lily Allen  
"Crazy" - Gnarls Barkley  
"Providence" - TV on the Radio  
"Sexy Back" - Justin Timberlake  
"Doin' Somethin' Right" - Billy Currington  
"Keep the Car Running" - Arcade Fire  
"Beautiful Liar" - Beyoncé & Shakira  
"What I've Done" - Linkin Park  
"The Sweet Escape" - Gwen Stefani  
"Original Fire" - Audioslave  
"Promise" - Ciara  
"Say Goodbye" - Chris Brown  
"If Everyone Cared" - Nickelback  
"It Ends Tonight" - The All American Rejects  
"Steady as She Goes" - The Raconteurs  
"Ridin'" - Chamillionaire  
"Thunder on the Mountain" - Bob Dylan  
"Ooh La La" - Goldfrapp

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10 movies to add to your collection

**10. Casino Royale:** No collection is complete without a James Bond film. And since this is by far the best Bond film since "Goldeneye," Casino Royale is a must.  
**9. Smokin' Aces:** This was the best action movie that came out this year. It brings nothing new to the table, but it is extremely entertaining.  
**8. The Descant:** The most original horror movie I have seen in awhile. A must see for any fan of the genre.  
**7. Clerks 2:** One of the funniest movies I have seen in awhile. This sequel also lives up to and adds to the original "Clerks" film.  
**6. Grindhouse:** Any film fan enjoys the work of Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino. "Grindhouse" is a must for fans of either director. We have awhile before it is released, but I just hope and pray that they keep the movies a double feature on DVD.  
**5. The Prestige:** Enthralling from start to finish. Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale shine in this magical mystery thriller.  
**4. Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan:** Another hilarious film that is a must have for all college students.  
**3. Little Miss Sunshine:** A dark and depressing film that breaks down the ideal of the American family.  
**2. The Departed:** Won the Oscar for Best Picture, but it was only the second best film of the year.  
**1. Children of Men:** By far the best film I saw during this school year. Not only should it have been nominated for Best Picture, but it should have won.

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**October 20** - "The Prestige" with Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale premieres.



LINDSAY SIMPSON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**October 21** - Better Than Ezra performs for CNU Homecoming.



RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**October 18** - Ryan Burke exhibits his photograph "Twilight Traipse" in the Student Gallery along with Shaun Whiteside.



MARK NEWTON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**October 28** - CAB hosts the haunted "Tribble Manor."



**November 3** - "Borat" hits the box office -- "Is niilice!"



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**November 2-3** - Relief artist Barry Moser visits CNU, showcasing several works including "The Mad Hatter," pictured above.

**October 30** - Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe divorce after seven years of marriage and two children.

**November 1** - Nicole Richie announces she wants to gain weight.

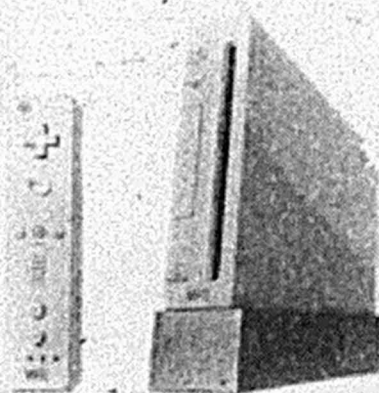


RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**November 8** - TheatreCNU debuts its second performance, "Arcadia."

**December 8** - CNU Wind Ensemble visits three German cities -- Pfaffenhofen, Stuttgart and Griesswald.

**November 19** - Nintendo launches the Wii.



**November 17** - Sony releases the PlayStation 3 in stores throughout the United States.



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**February 11** - The Police reunite for the Grammy's, after being unofficially split up for more than 20 years.

**February 8** - Anna Nicole Smith dies of overdose at 39.



**February 16** - Britney Spears shaves her head.

**February 4** - Prince rocks at the Superbowl. Or maybe he doesn't rock.



RYAN BUIRKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**February 23** - TheatreCNU premieres "Urinetown," a story of young love in a urine-taxed town.

**February 3** - CAB hosts a sold-out Captain's Ball in the David Student Union Ballroom.



LINDSAY SIMPSON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**January 29** - Saxophonists Jason Hammers, junior, and Brian Robinson, senior, performed at the Composers Forum Recital.



KAREN HYMES/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**February 22** - The Falk Gallery hosts the "2nd Annual ArtCNU Majors Juried Exhibition."

**January 29** - The Peninsula Fine Arts Center hosts "Las Artes de Mexico."

**January 29** - Windows Vista launches.



**Spring 2007** - Major networks offer online viewing of TV. shows.



HEIDI PANIKRATZ/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**January 18** - The Falk Gallery hosts "The Art of the Theater," a behind-the-scenes look at the nature of theater design artwork. Kathleen M. Jaremski's "Trojan Women" is pictured.

**January 15** - "Dreamgirls" wins "Best Motion Picture/Musical or Comedy" at the Golden Globes.

**2007** - Jamestown turns 400; celebrations continue all year long.



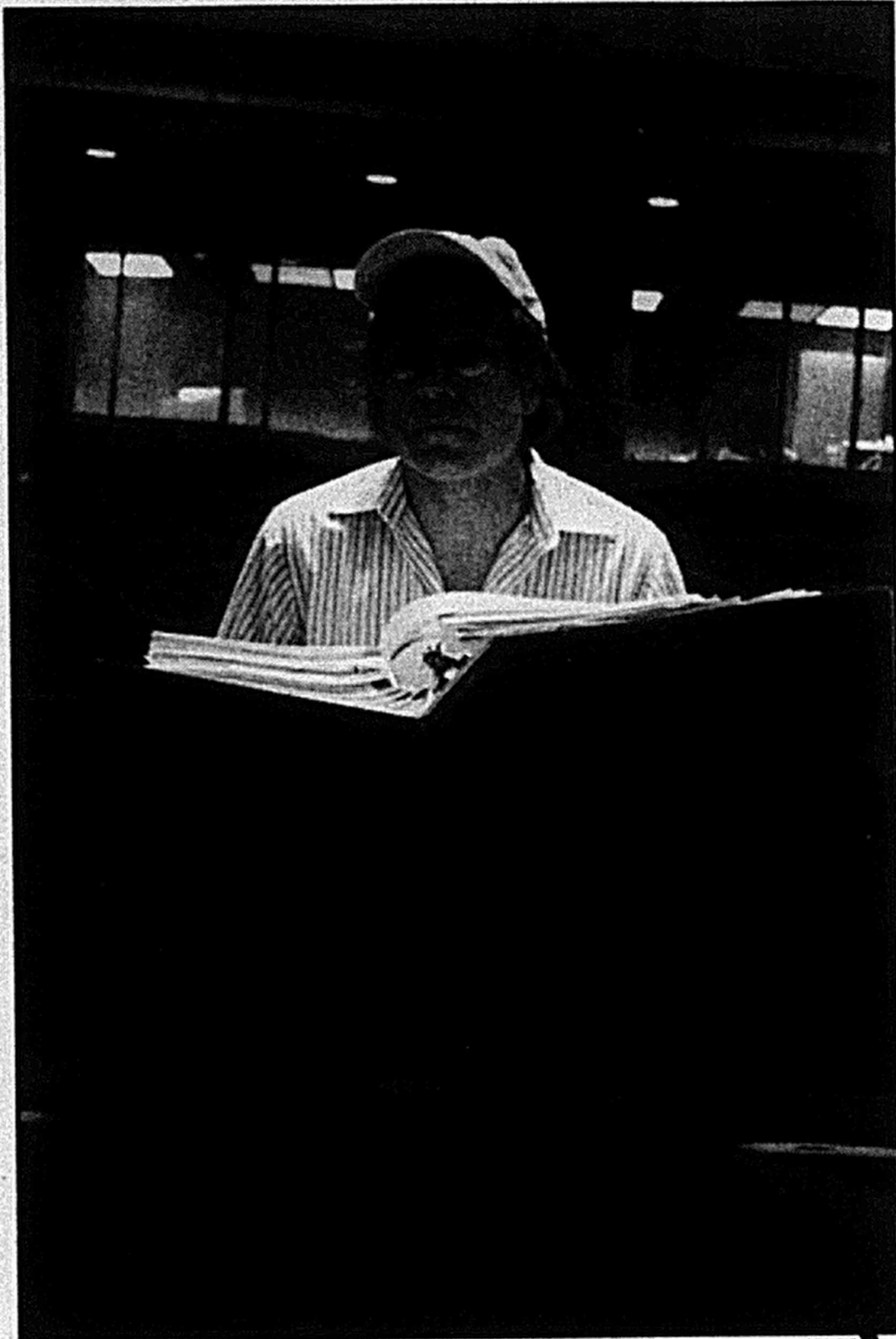
**Spring 2007** - Local Chris Richardson from Virginia Beach makes the cut for American Idol.

**January 10** - Apple debuts the iPhone, set to release in June 2007.



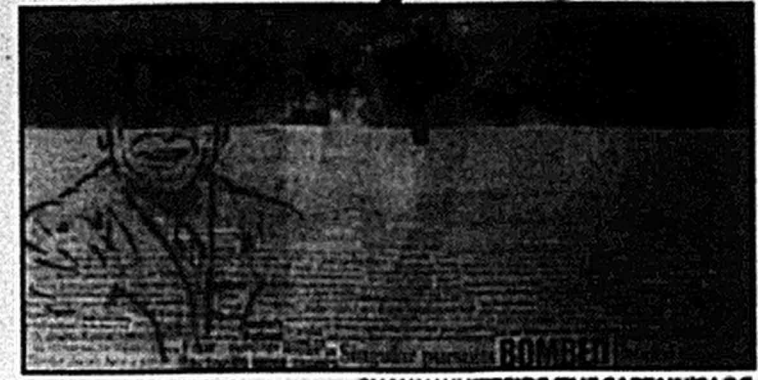


**February 25** - "The Departed" wins "Best Motion Picture of the Year" at the Academy Awards.



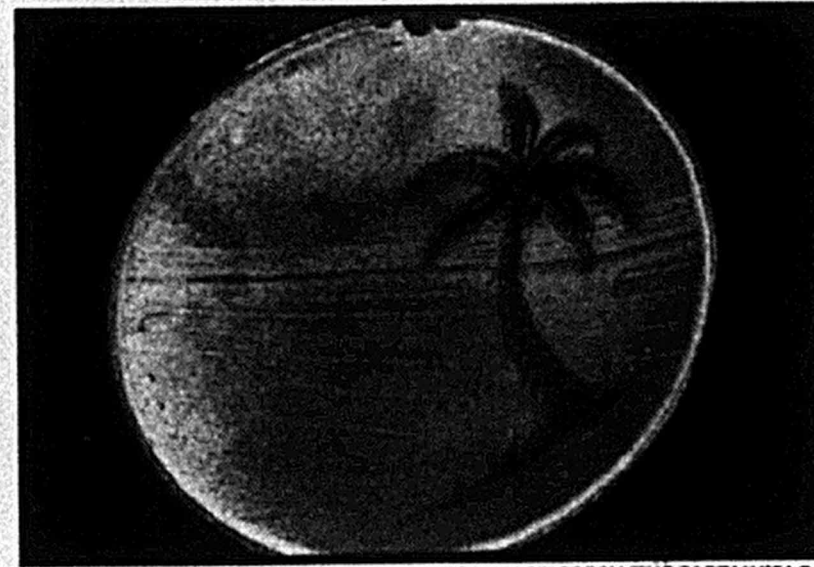
RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**March 30** - Steven Breese premieres his play "Actus Fidei."



SHAUN WHITESIDE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**March 12** - ArtCNU opens "ArtCNU Senior Thesis Exhibition 2007." Shaun Whiteside's "Bushscape IV."



MEGAN MCELFRESH/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**March** - ArtCNU features student artwork by junior Cole Hogan and sophomore Megan McElfresh on the Cnu CyberGallery.



KAREN HYMES/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**March 30** - CAB and Pi Kappa Phi host a "Guitar Hero 2" competition. Junior Victoria Liaros joined the competition.

## Student Leadership Awards

2007

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The Office of Student Activities would like congratulate the recipients of the following leadership awards:

### Dean's Service Award

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Caitlyn Spanka

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### Outstanding Diversity Program Award

Festival of Nations - Campus Activities Board

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**April 9** - ArtCNU hosts the "CNU Junior Art Major Exhibition" in the Student Gallery.

**July 21** - "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" releases.



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**April 7** - Peninsula Fine Arts Center hosts "Genesis 2007," where Sanna Khan won the "Betty Anglin Award" for a wood-block print entitled "The Man Who-Track 7"

**April 11** - Kurt Vonnegut, Jr, author of "Slaughterhouse Five," dies at 84.

**April 27** - TheatreCNU hosts student-directed One-Act Play Festival.



# SPORTS

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## SPORTS SCORES

### baseball

(6-6, 23-15)

**April 17 Finals:**  
CNU 9, Randolph-Macon 2  
**April 18 Finals:**  
CNU 3, Lynchburg 2 (10 Innings)  
**April 23 Finals:**  
CNU 5, Dickinson 0

#### Rankings

1. Methodist	7-5	28-11
2. N.C. Wesleyan	7-5	27-15
3. Ferrum	7-5	22-16
4. Averett	6-6	31-12
5. CNU	6-6	23-15
6. Shenandoah	5-7	22-14
7. Greensboro	4-8	20-20

#### Upcoming games:

4/26: CNU vs. Mary Washington  
4/28: CNU at Salisbury  
4/29: CNU at York

### softball

(12-1, 33-8)

#### Rankings

1. CNU	12-1	33-8
2. Methodist	11-3	32-8
3. Greensboro	9-5	32-10
4. N.C. Wesleyan	7-7	22-13
5. Peace	7-7	25-15
6. Shenandoah	4-10	19-21
7. Averett	3-11	10-25
8. Ferrum	2-11	17-24

### women's tennis

(7-0, 21-1)

#### Rankings

1. CNU	7-0	21-1
2. Methodist	6-1	18-4
3. Shenandoah	4-1	12-4
4. Greensboro	4-3	6-9
5. Peace	3-4	7-12
6. N.C. Wesleyan	2-5	6-11
7. Ferrum	1-5	3-10
8. Averett	0-7	1-9

### men's tennis

(5-1, 13-8)

**April 4 Finals:**  
CNU 5, VA Wesleyan 4  
**April 6 Finals:**  
CNU 9, N.C. Wesleyan 0  
CNU 5, Oglethorpe 4  
**April 7 Finals:**  
Methodist 6, CNU 3

#### Rankings

1. CNU	5-1	13-8
2. Averett	5-1	10-7
3. Methodist	5-1	11-8
4. N.C. Wesleyan	3-3	6-9
5. Greensboro	2-4	2-11
6. Ferrum	1-5	5-16
7. Shenandoah	0-5	3-13

### women's lacrosse

(6-0, 11-4)

**April 14 Finals:**  
CNU 21, Shenandoah 3

#### Rankings

1. CNU	6-0	11-4
2. Greensboro	5-1	10-7
3. Methodist	4-2	6-11
4. Shenandoah	2-4	5-11
5. Averett	2-4	3-10
6. Ferrum	1-5	5-9
7. N.C. Wesleyan	1-5	3-13

**Upcoming games:**  
4/28: CNU at Frostburg St.

### men's lacrosse

(4-8)

**April 16 Finals:**  
Eastern 11, CNU 8

**April 21 Finals:**  
Guilford 12, CNU 6

**Upcoming games:**  
4/27: CNU at Virginia Wesleyan

### track & field

**Upcoming Events:**  
4/26-28: Penn Relays  
5/4-5: Mason-Dixon Conference Championships

### football

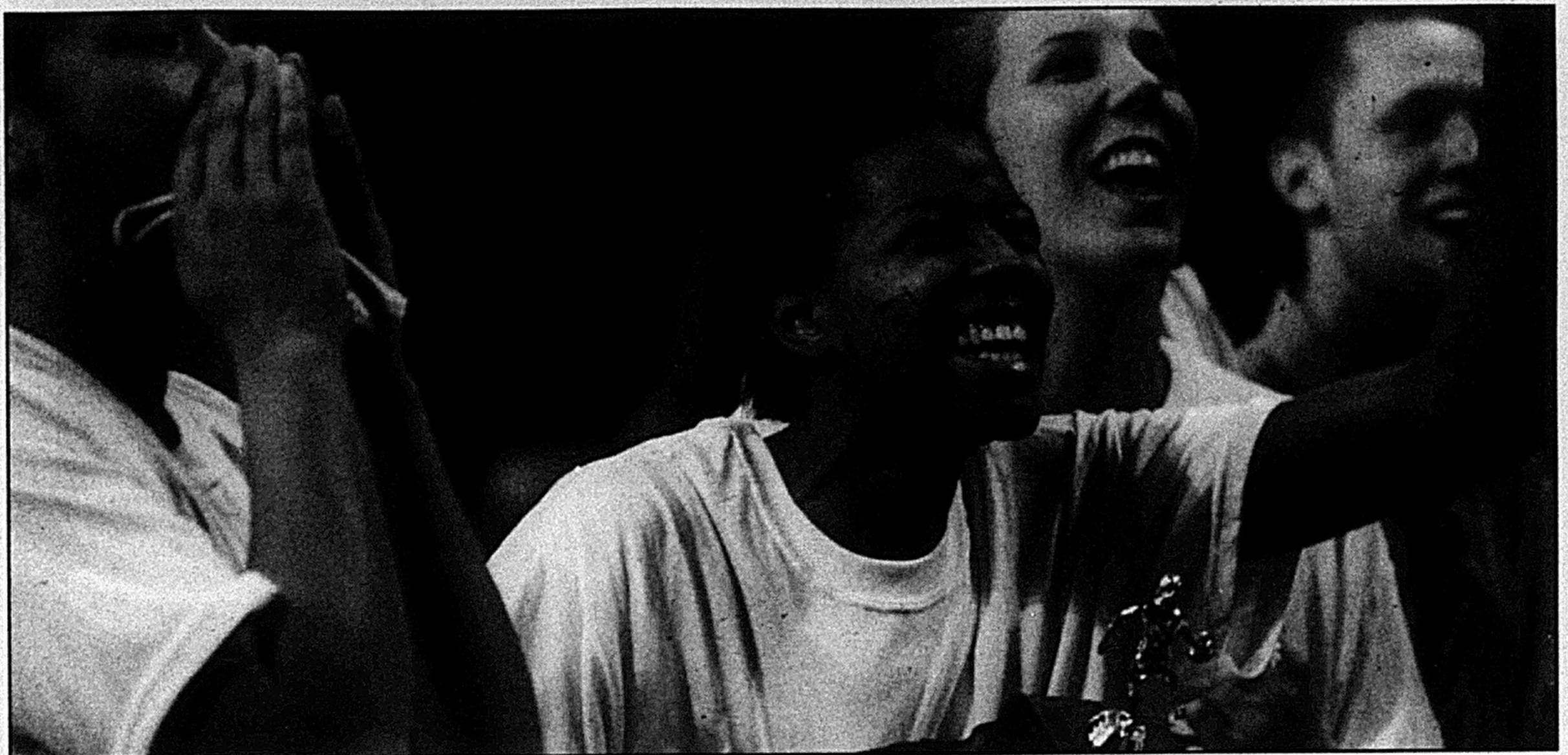
(6-1, 8-3)

### men's basketball

(7-5, 15-11)

### women's basketball

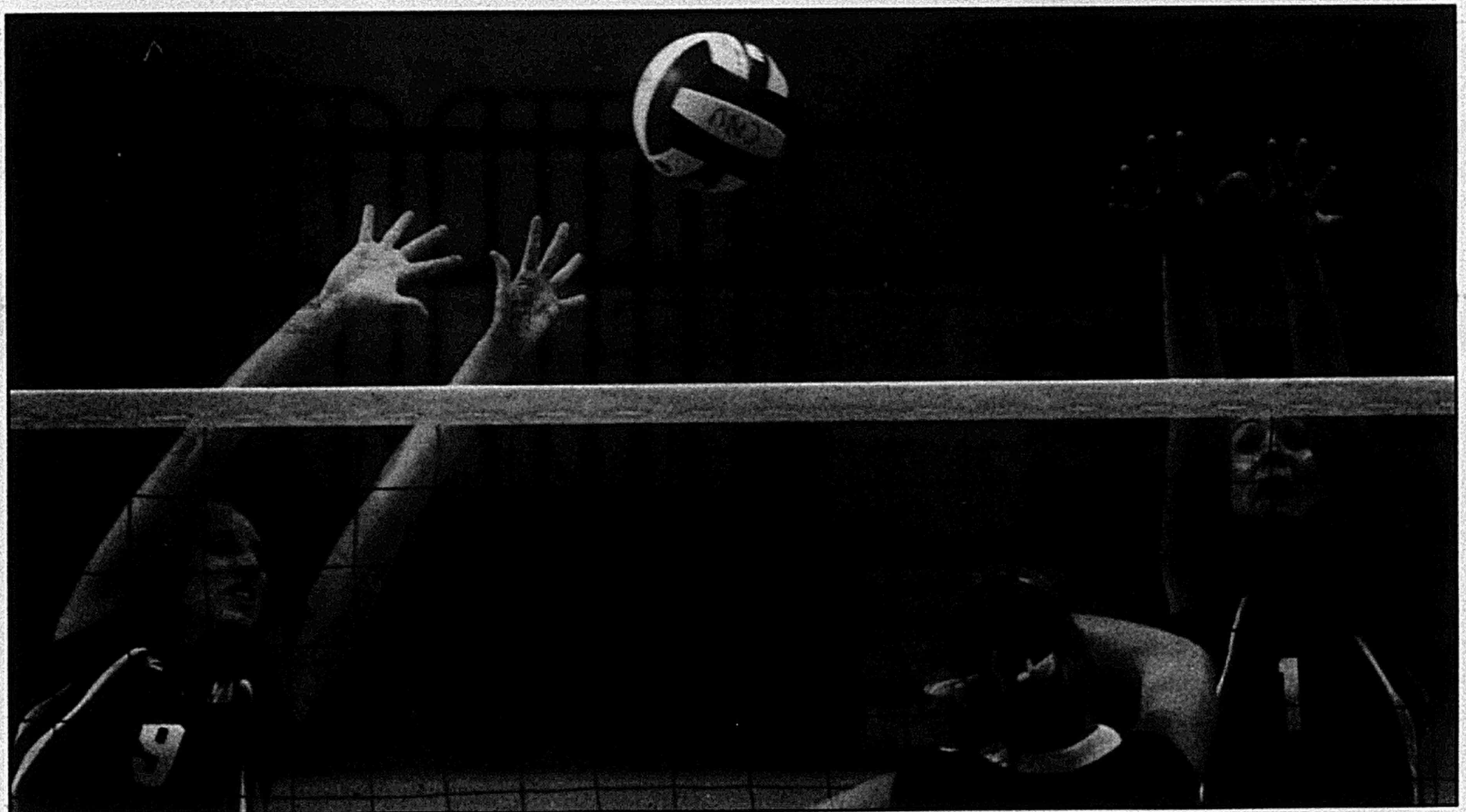
(11-3, 21-9)



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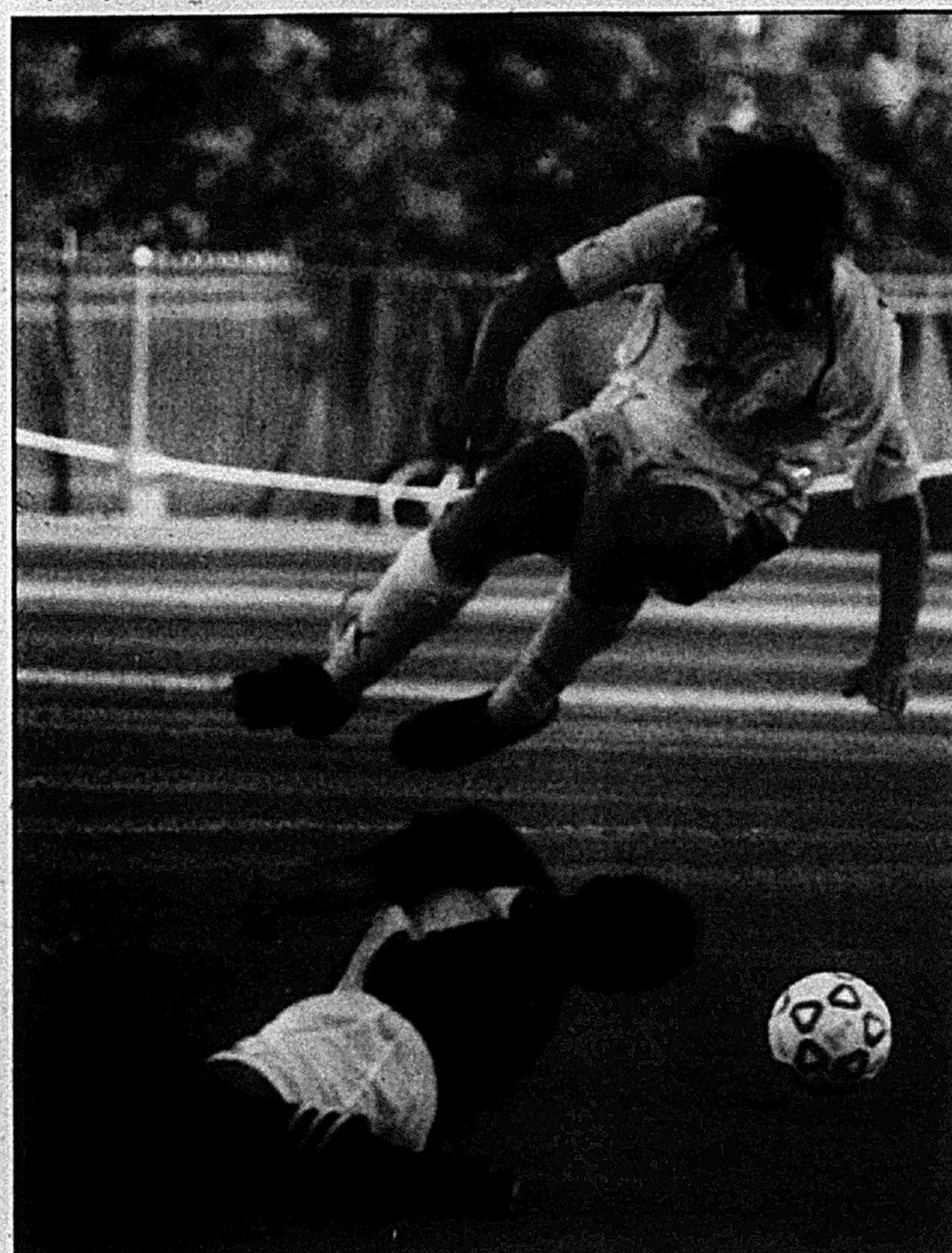
(From left to right) Junior Jessica Carmon, senior Shantel Burwell and junior Alicia Bessey celebrate while their head coach Carolyn Hunter cuts down the net.

# Year of ups, upsets



JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

(Top) Sophomore Sarah Brown (left) and freshman Sarah Hunkele (right) reach up to block a kill in a game against Averett.



(Left) Senior Derek Shaw jumps over an opposing player while going after the ball in the team's opener. (Right bottom) Senior runningback Roland Hillard dives into the endzone for a touchdown en route to the Captains 21-0 shut out over Methodist College during the Homecoming game.



JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Two cross country teammates team keep pace in the JMU invitational.



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MEN'S LACROSSE

(4-8 Overall, with one game reamining)

Key Players:

Ryan Merrell (26 goals, 63 ground balls)  
Logan Keyser (19 goals, 10 assists)  
Michael Turk (471 face-off percentage)  
Ray Ralph (134 saves)



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Freshman Michael Turk takes a hit in the Men's Lacrosse inaugural game against Marymount. The team won 9-8.

Lacrosse finishes inaugural season

BY JASON COMO  
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The Lacrosse team's inaugural season can be broken down into two separate ones.

There was the stretch of Feb 25 through March 14, when the Captains started 4-0, and outscored their opponents 47-28.

Then, there was the remainder of the year, when they finished 0-8.

"We started out better than we expected but we experienced some pains that come with being a new program," said coach Chris Swanenburg.

But the Captain's don't want you to feel sorry for them. Instead, they want to show how much they've learned this season.

"We had to play a lot of pretty good teams, but it's a good thing to play nationally recognized teams from

**"We beat teams with more talent than us but we also played teams that were flat out better than us."**

HEAD COACH CHRIS SWANENBURG

nationally recognized conferences. We beat teams with more talent than us but we also played teams that were flat out better than us," said Swanenburg.

Because this was the team's first season and because they did not have a full year to recruit, their roster looked like this: one senior, five sophomores, and eighteen freshmen.

"We were definitely not the most experienced team this year," said sophomore Ryan Merrell.

This inexperience showed at times, as the team struggled to adjust to the style of play at the collegiate level.

"[Collegiate lacrosse] is a whole different game and it's so much more physically challenging," said freshman Logan Keyser.

Still, after a three game stretch in the middle of the season where they were outscored by an average of 13 goals per game, the Captains hung tough for the remainder of the season, giving them confidence to build on.

"Next year, we're going to take a tremendous step forward. It will not be an incremental process. We will be shockingly better because we will have had a full year to recruit, which we didn't have this year. Despite that we were pretty good. We return 23 players and will have more than that coming in, many of whom will start," said Swanenburg.

Next year is what the Captain's are focused on. This doesn't mean that they will forget this year, but they won't dwell on it either.

"This season was not what we expected or wanted, but we kept working hard. Next year, we'll definitely be a lot better," said Merrell.

And if everything goes according to plan, the Captains will shock a lot of teams in the process. ■



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sophomore Courtney Russ grapples with an opposing Lynchburg player for the ball during their season.

FIELD HOCKEY

(14-4 overall)

Key Players:

Ashley Traylor (20 goals, 6 assists)  
Haylie Black (10 goals, 13 assists)  
Diana Golden (10 goals, 10 assists)  
Ashley Whipple (58 saves, 1.29 GAA)

Key Victories:

10/28/06: CNU 4, Juniata 2  
11/8/06: CNU 5, Alvernia 1  
11/11/06: CNU 2, Salisbury 1

VOLLEYBALL

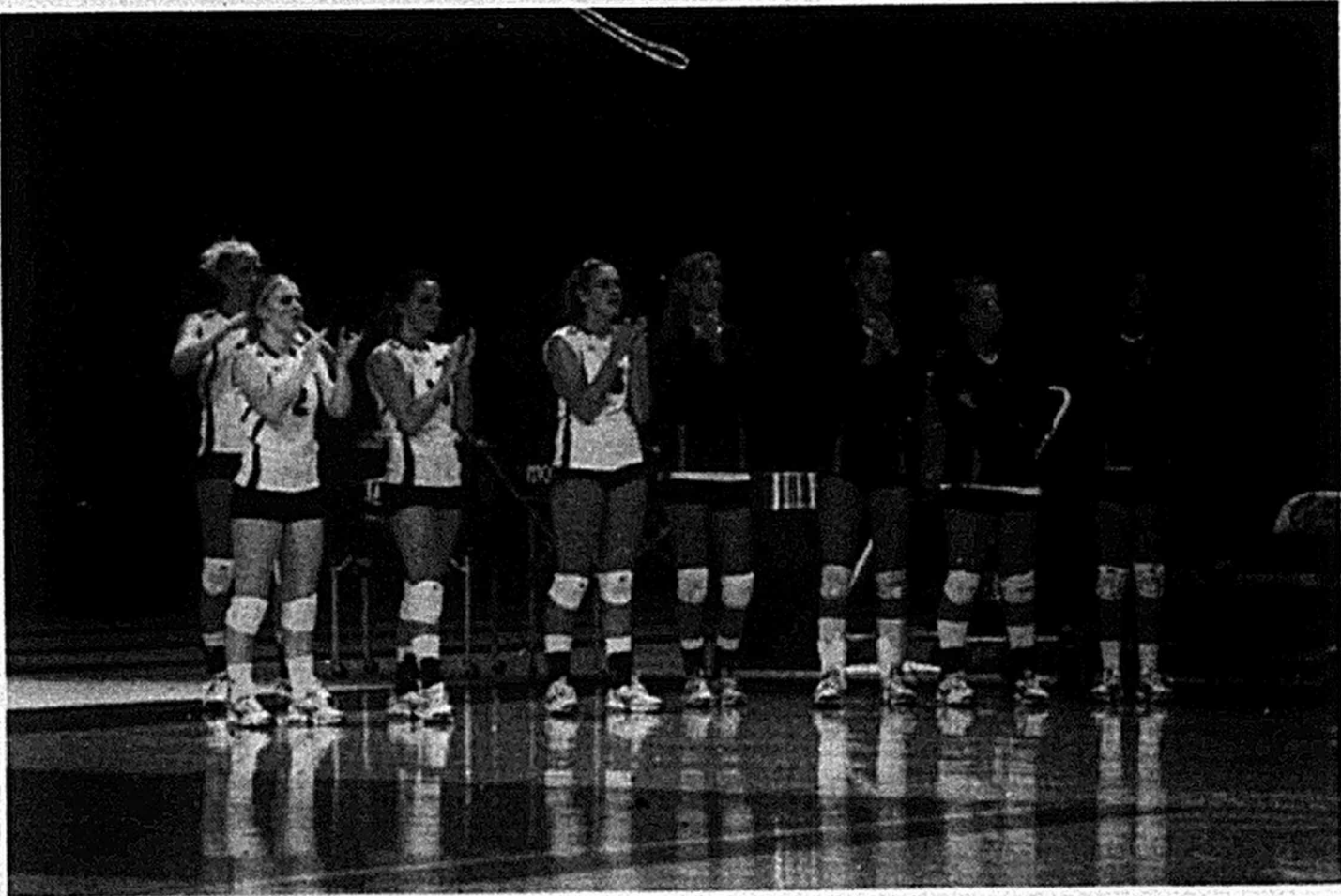
(27-10 overall, 13-1 USA South)  
USA South Regular Season Co-Champions

Key Players:

Brittany Collins (1,210 assists)  
Jenna Williams (577 digs)  
Liz Bush (414 points, 342 kills)

Key Victories:

9/5/06: CNU 3, VA Wesleyan 2  
9/15/06: CNU 3, Wash Lee 1  
10/14/06: CNU 3, Piedmont 0  
10/20/06: CNU 3, Salisbury 1  
10/25/06: CNU 3, VA Wesleyan 0  
10/28/05: CNU 3, Averetto 0



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Members of the Volleyball program cheer on their teammates in a home game.

SOFTBALL

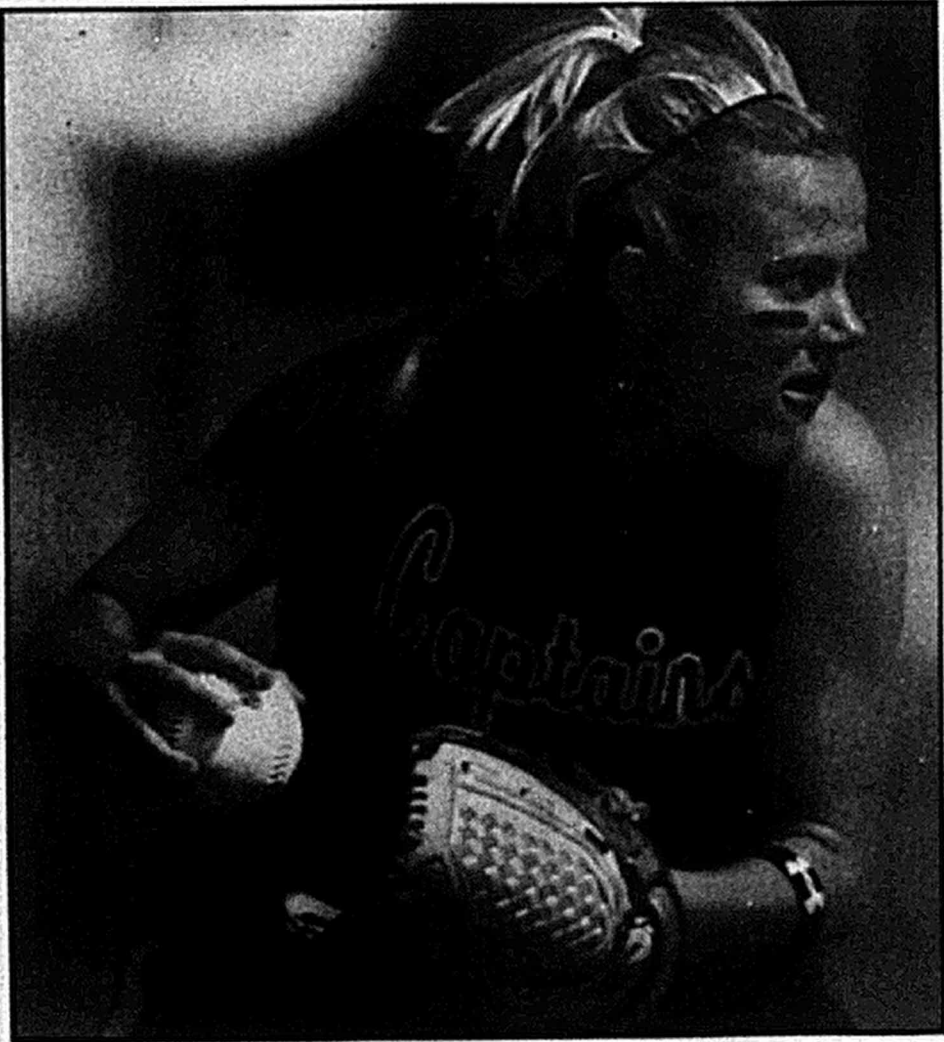
(33-8 overall, 13-1 USA South)  
USA South Regular Season Champions

Key Members:

Margit Severin (430 BA, 42 RBI)  
Katie Moyers (420 BA, 37 R)  
Mary Kennedy (42 R, 27 SB)  
Janet Fairchild (14-1, 1.51 ERA)  
Kristen Rowe (14 SV, 1.60 ERA)

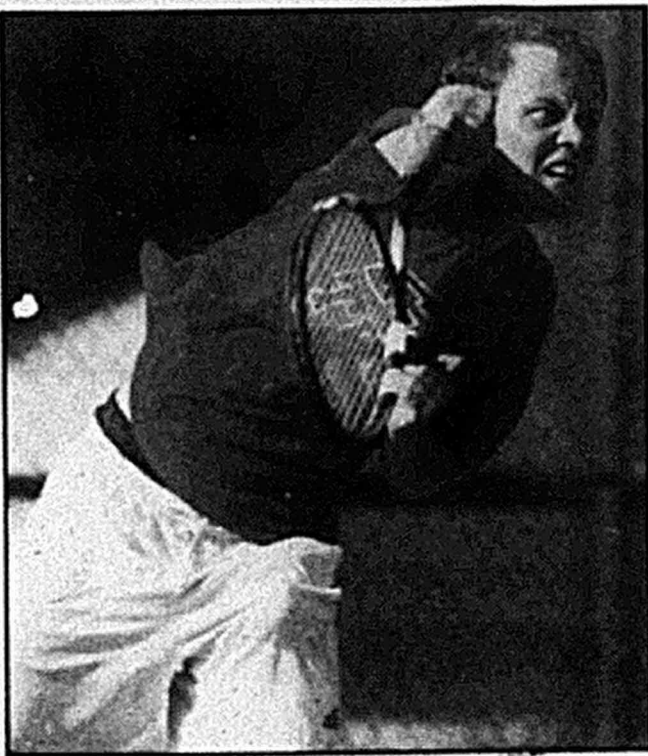
Key Victories:

2/27/07: CNU 4, Methodist 3  
3/7/07: CNU 9, VA Wesleyan 6  
3/24/07: CNU 2, Greensboro 0  
3/24/07: CNU 8, Greensboro 4



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Senior Katie Moyers fields a ground ball and fires to first.



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Junior Eddie Glidewell offers up a serve.

MEN'S TENNIS

(13-8 overall, 5-1 USA South)  
USA South Regular Season Champions

Key Members:

Eddie Glidewell, John Mook, John Braig, Dylan Young, Steve Meyers, David Weiner

SAILING

Members:

Mark Newman, Johanna Faroe, Amy Polhemus, Patrick McCabe-Marcell, Jerrica Nichols

Key Finishes:

Colony Cup Regatta: 1st-of-9

ICE HOCKEY

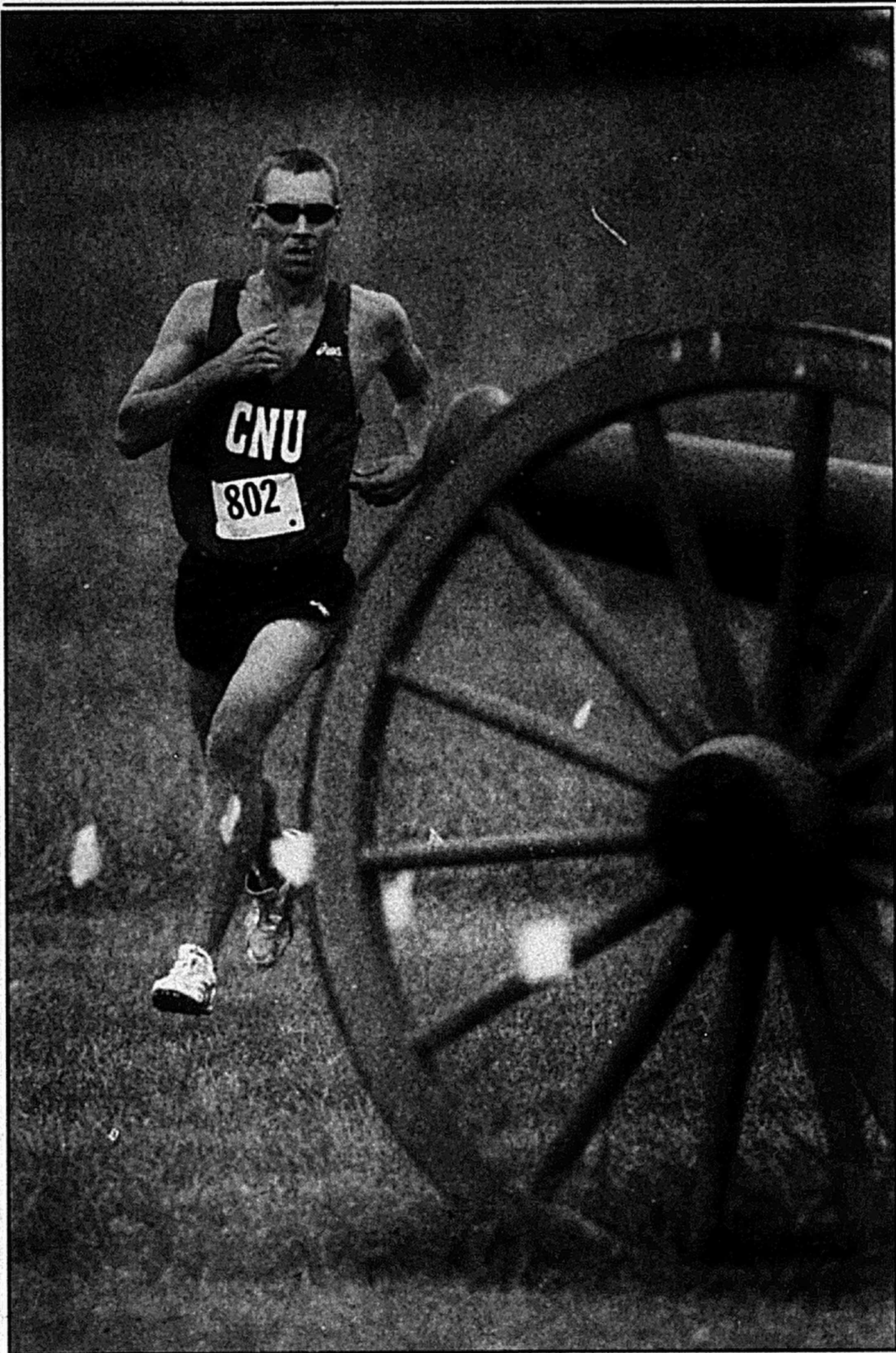
Key Members:

Mark Wilkinson  
Colin McCarthy

Key Victory:

1/20/07: CNU 3, Richmond 2 (Shootout)





JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAINS LOG

Senior Tim Scott rounds a cannon at the JMU Invitational for the Cross Country team.

CROSS COUNTRY + TRACK

Cross Country: USA South Conference Champions  
Indoor Track: Mason-Dixon Conference Champions

Key Members:

**CC:** Jon Bunker, Nate Huffman, Kyle Oakes, Daniel Swale, Daniel Berry, Tim Scott, David Woodson; **Track:** Ryan Gordon, Leroy Harper, Roland Hilliard, Rob Rodriguez, Charles Washington

**CC:** Beth Bartelmes, Ashley Ezell, Amanda Fitzhugh, Megan Roberts, Amy Wampler, Brooke Rowe; **Track:** Devon Alston, Rachael Clark, Tiffany Jones

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(13-6-1 overall, 5-2 USA South)  
USA South Conference Tournament Champions

Key Members:

Jackie Trono (13 goals, 7 assists), Hillary Carney (11 goals, 6 assists), Erin Wotjkun (52 saves, 96 GAA)

Best regular season ever

BY JASON COMO  
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The Lady Captains won 21 straight matches, had the best regular season in program history, and still weren't satisfied.

Those 21 consecutive wins were reason for celebration, but even though they finished ranked 13th in the Atlantic South Region, the season ended on a sour note.

In the USA South Tournament Final, the Lady Captains lost 5-3 to Methodist, failed to reach the NCAA Tournament, and finished their season abruptly at 21-1.

On Saturday, March 31, the Lady Captains beat the same Methodist team 5-4 at home, earning coach Jenny Nuttycombe her first ever regular season win against the Monarchs.

This win set the tone for the rest of the regular season, and gave the team confidence that they could beat Methodist again in the USA South Tournament.

However, for a variety of reasons, the second time around was different.

"We were ready, but the circumstances were not in our favor. We were not prepared to be moved inside to clay courts. When you're playing in a championship you're already tense, uptight, and nervous: we had to refocus," said Nuttycombe.

"[The move inside] upped the nerves, especially when some of us had never played on clay before," added sophomore Lindsey Pantele.

**"We played well, we went in confident, but it wasn't our day. We're looking forward to getting them back next year though."**

SOPHOMORE LINDSEY PANTELE

The team could easily and understandably use this as an excuse, but they took a different route.

"We played well, we went in confident, but it wasn't our day. We're looking forward to getting them back next year though," said Pantele.

And next year is shaping up to be a good one for the Lady Captains.

Six freshmen came in this year and three saw extensive game action as starters.

It was freshman Liz Thedford who sealed the regular season win against Methodist with a come from behind victory in the deciding match.

With a full season behind them, these freshmen will take another step forward next year.

"Now they know how to prepare for a full season," said junior Frannie Shivar.

Next year can't come soon enough for the Lady Captains, but right now they are able to reflect on how special this season was.

"To go undefeated into your last match is tough. To be able to stay focused through 21 matches is tough. To continue to step on the court and strive to get that 'W' is tough. To not have any injuries is tough. But the toughest thing is to come day in and day out and continue to want to win," said Nuttycombe.

"We had a great season, and even though it wasn't our day, 21-1 is something to be proud of. Not winning has just made us want it that much more next year," said Pantele.

Look out, Methodist. ■



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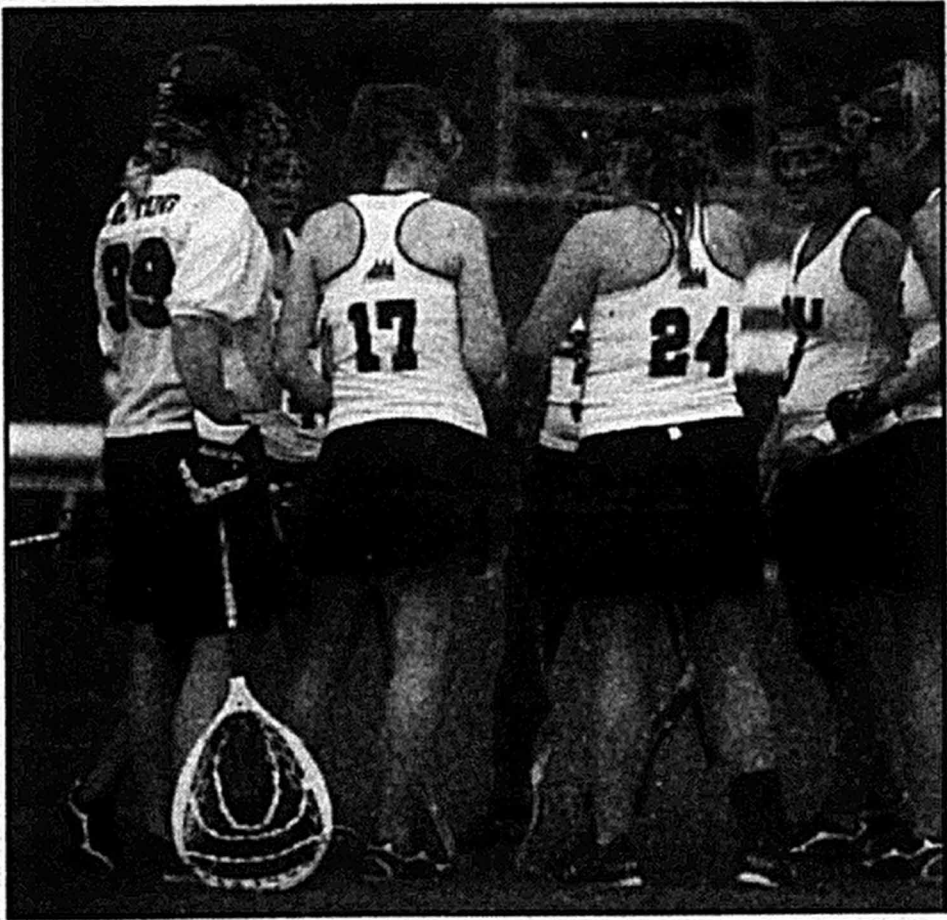
Coach Kwame Lloyd congratulates senior Hillary Carney.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

(11-4 overall, 6-0 USA South)  
USA South Conference Tournament Champions

Key Players:

Kristen Conques (46 goals, 27 assists)  
Kristyn Hankins (35 goals, 23 assists)  
Bonnie Hansen (36 goals, 15 assists)  
Katie Doherty (18 goals, 22 assists)  
Shayna Sargent (25 goals, 10 assists)



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The Women's Lacrosse team huddles up during a game.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

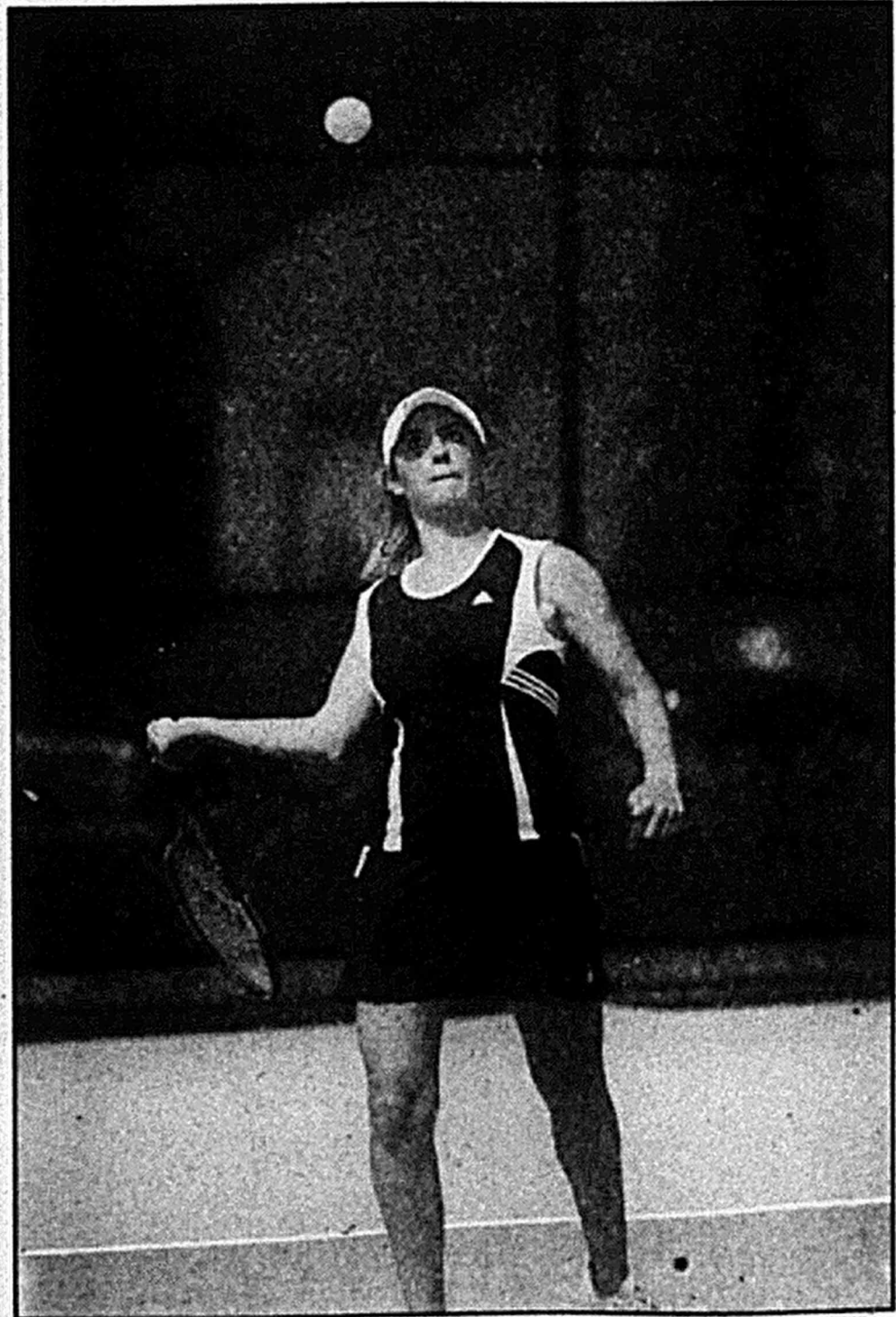
(21-1 overall, 7-0 USA South)  
USA South Regular Season Champions

Key Members:

Lindsey Pantele, Stefanie Leblang, Frannie Shivar, Brittany Stevens, Liz Thedford, Chandler Long

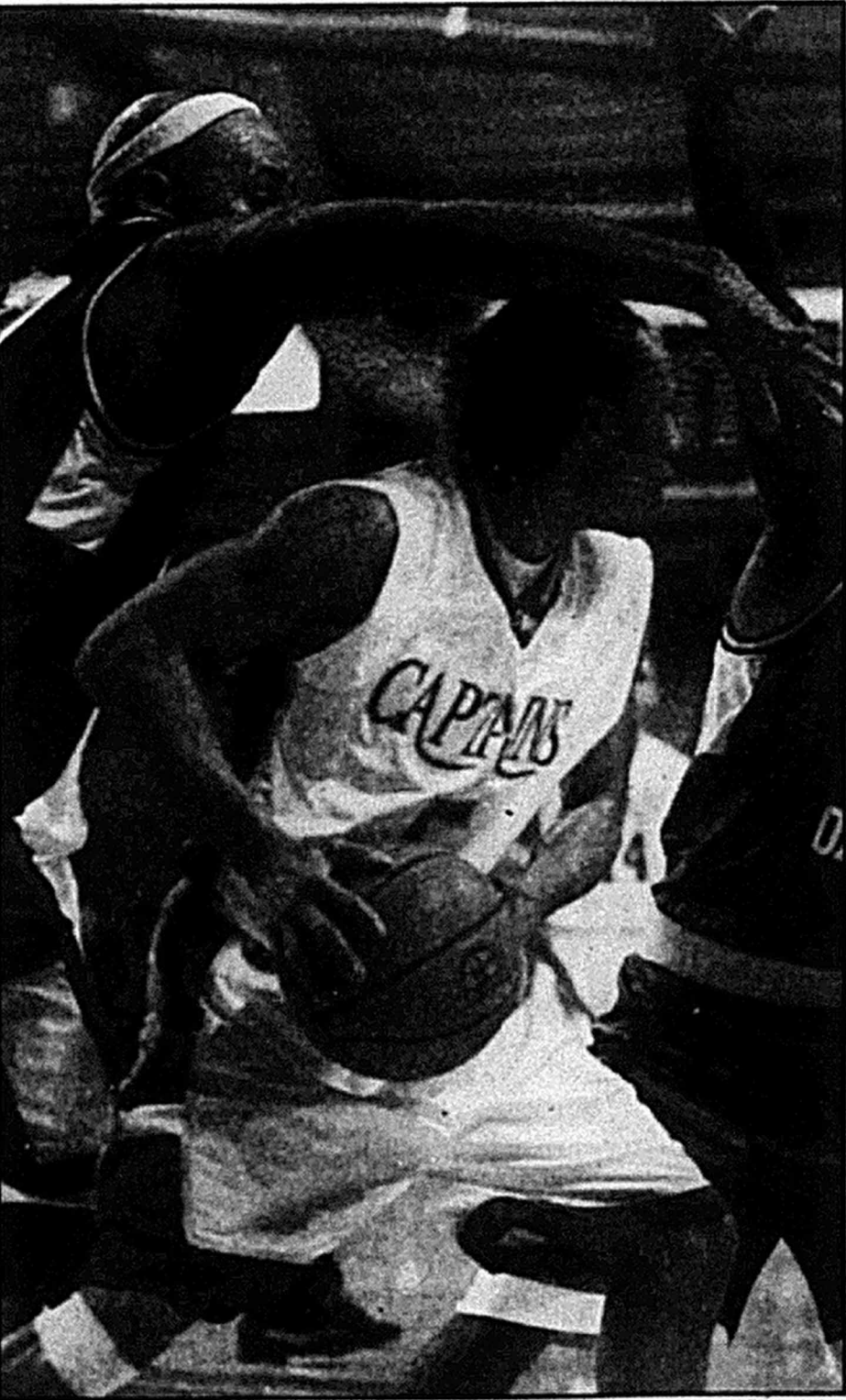
Key Victories:

3/31/07: CNU 5, Methodist 4  
4/10/07: CNU 5, Meredith 4



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sophomore Lindsey Pantele prepares to return a volley.



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Senior Donta Selden looks to escape a double team.

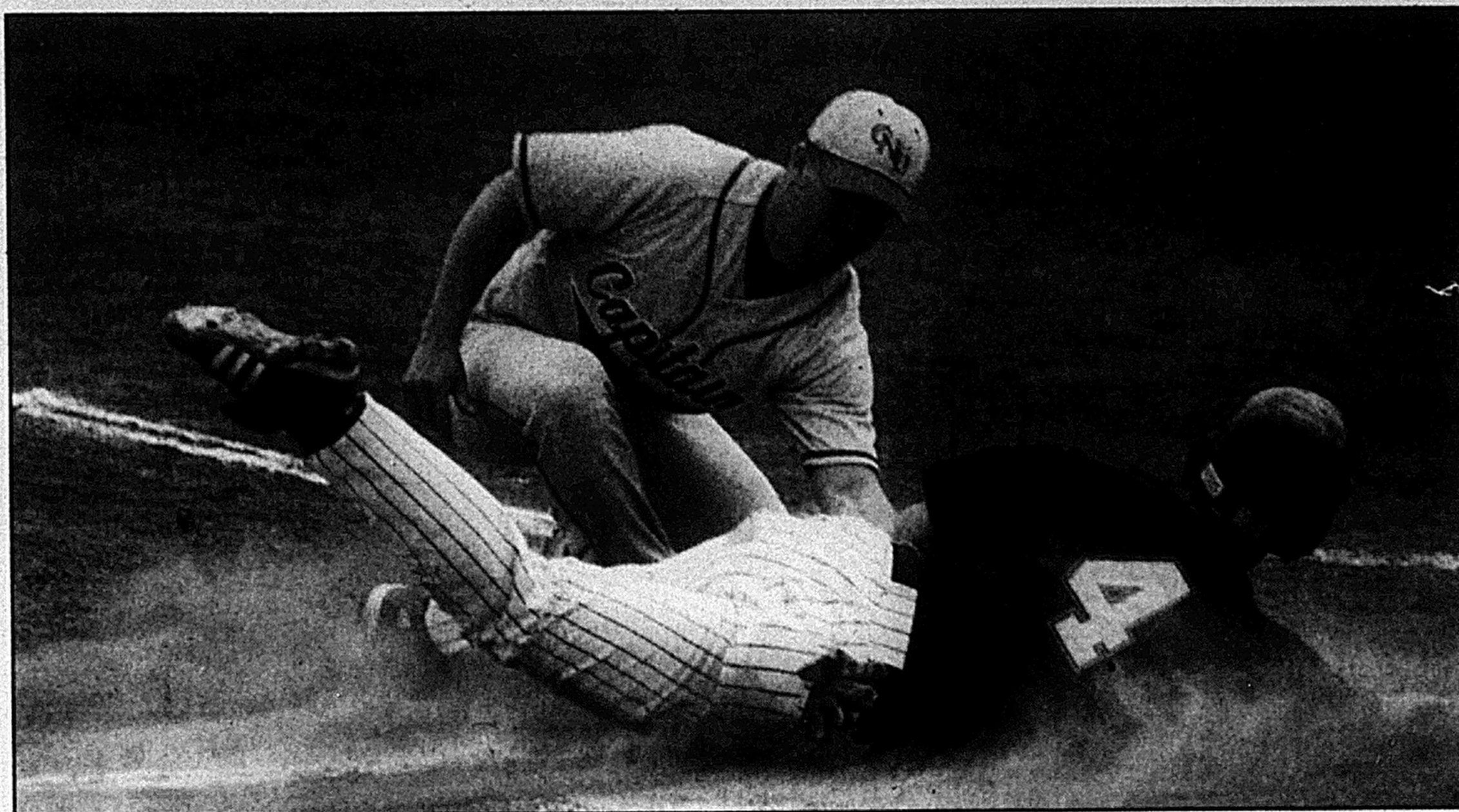
MEN'S BASKETBALL

(15-11 overall, 7-5 USA South)

Key Players:

Davon Barton (16.5 ppg, 8.3 apg)  
Korey Lewis (15.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg)  
Donta Selden (15.5 ppg, 4.1 apg)  
Mark Blasingame (10.6 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 3.7 bpg)  
Ed Riley (11.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg)





JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Junior Ryan McDougal makes the out at home after a throw from catcher senior Michael Kurbjewit. The Captains finished fifth in the conference.

## BASEBALL

(23-15 overall with three games remaining, 6-6 USA South)  
5th in USA South Conference

### Key Players:

Trae Bailey (324 BA, 36 RBI)  
Kenny Moreland (251 ERA, 84 SO)  
Ryan McDougal (23 RBI, 25 R)  
Mike Giarrizzi (313 BA, 414 OBP)

## FOOTBALL

(8-3 overall, 6-1 USA South)  
USA South Regular Season Champions

### Key Players:

Roland Hilliard (16 TDs)  
George Jones (8 TDs)  
Rob Rodriguez (3 INT, 36 tackles)  
Maynard Henry (86 tackles)  
Justin Long (76 tackles)  
Nathan Williams (4.5 sacks)

### Key Graduating Seniors:

RB George Jones  
RB Roland Hilliard  
WR Curfew Speight  
DB Justin Long  
QB Hudson Bryant  
DB Rob Rodriguez  
OL Larry Broach

### Key Victories:

9/9/06: CNU 15, Hardin-Baylor 10  
9/16/06: CNU 23, Salisbury 17  
11/4/06: CNU 41, Averett 31  
11/11/06: CNU 55, Ferrum 7

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(21-9 overall, 11-3 USA South)  
Second Place in USA South

### Key Players:

Nikki Rowland (14.5 ppg)  
Candace Bryant (12.7 ppg, 8.4 rpg)  
Alicia Bessey (10.8 ppg)  
Samantha Davis (9.7 ppg, 3.6 apg)  
Dee Luck (6.9 rpg, 3.5 bpg)

### Key Victories:

12/18/06: CNU 65, Lake Forest 62  
1/27/07: CNU 84, Methodist 82 (2OT)  
2/24/07: CNU 77, Ferrum 53  
3/2/07: CNU 52, Dickinson 49



JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Senior Nikki Rowland struggles for possession as a VA Wesleyan player falls to the hardwood.



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Senior Matt Boykin kisses his new fiancée Kristi Johnson after the Greensboro game.

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