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## Students respond to potential stipend cut



KT Peterlin and Nate Riddle, president and vice president of CAB, discuss programming at their weekly meeting. Their positions are among several student leader positions that would be affected by adjustments in stipends.

### How would a 100 percent stipend cut affect student leaders?

By Jenn Rowell  
Managing Editor

As the SGA drafts proposals to President Tribble about what should be done to compensate student leaders for their services, students and student leaders have been weighing the costs of not having stipends next year. Some see them as necessary; others do not.

For instance, not compensating students for their services could affect the community as a whole, according to Vice President of University Relations Melissa Bell.

"If you are going to ask to cut out all leaders' stipends, the university community needs to realize that we are putting ourselves in a situation where only the few

students who come from financial backgrounds that enable them to work long hours for free will be able to serve," said Bell. "This severely shrinks the pool of capable leaders the students have to choose from, in turn hurting the success of the large CNU organizations."

But third-year student Chris Tennes doesn't feel that the positions should be paid.

"I believe that the money attracts people that wouldn't necessarily take the position unpaid," he said. "But I do understand that, in some cases, the students work very hard and don't have time to get another job."

Over the summer, the SGA budget committee met several times to adjust the previously allocated budget for the 2003-2004 academic year. In doing so, stipends were cut by 25 percent from their original amounts.

There are currently 23 students receiving stipends. The amount spent on student stipends this year is \$59,876.04, according to figures from the Office of Student Life and the SGA. That amount goes toward four organizations on campus. MSA receives 13.5 percent of that amount; 15.5 percent of that amount goes toward CAB's stipends; 26 percent of that amount goes toward SGA's stipends; and 46 percent of that amount goes toward Captain's Log stipends. (Please see table on page 2.)

As of now, "there will be no stipends for the next year," said

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## Clubs allowed use of Presidential Suite

By Quinton Sheppard  
Staff Writer

Senators were told on Monday's SGA meeting that clubs would no longer have to go through the Office of the President to schedule events in the Freeman Center's Presidential Suite because student fees pay for the Freeman Center.

Now, clubs and organizations will be able to use the facility by reporting to Doug Shipley, director of the Freeman Center.

"Doug Shipley was great in helping us," said Vice President of University Relations Melissa Bell. "He's been working with students very well." Bell said that he immediately responded to their inquiry about students using the room.

Bell said that she began looking into why student clubs were unable to use the suite since the Freeman Center is fully supported through student fees.

She originally contacted Shipley's office about two months ago concerning the issue, but the office decided to consider the issue and returned with an answer in about a week's time.

"This room is going to have strict criteria," said Bell. Several rules and regulations were presented at the meeting directly from Shipley. The first rule is that only clubs officially recognized by the Office of Student Life are eligible to reserve the room.

Reservations for the room must be made at least 48 hours prior to the event that is to be scheduled.

This includes communication of details about how the room is to be set up, such as additional chairs and tables and rearrangement of any furniture.

All reservations need to be scheduled through Brenda Giles, Freeman Center administrative assistant, according to Shipley. She can be reached at 594-8823.

In addition, Shipley's rules clarified that the capacity for the room stood at 50 people in a theater-style seating setup and 75 people in a standing room only setup.

As for catering, Shipley's memo said that CNU's catering staff must handle all catering needs for the room.

The rules also said that, during the actual event in the room, the dining room table chairs are the only pieces of furniture acceptable to be moved or rearranged. Everything else must remain the same.

"The student group responsible for the event also accepts responsibility for any and all damages incurred in the room during the event," according to Shipley.

Senators are satisfied that the room is now available for student organizations.

Senator Kearnst Ruid said, "I think it's good that they're letting us use the [room] for students since it is on campus." As for the rules, she said, they should all be implemented on a trial basis and see how things work out.

"I think it's fine," said Senator Jonathan Judkins. "I always thought we should be able to use the room since student fees paid for it."

## UC student instructors, tutors could strike during crucial weeks

By Matt Krupnick  
Knight Rider Newspaper

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.—A strike by as many as 10,000 student instructors, readers and tutors could disrupt final exams at the University of California next month.

The protest, scheduled to begin this week, comes as contract talks have broken down over the university's refusal to allow union members to strike on behalf of other labor groups.

After working without a contract since it expired Sept. 30, graduate students say they're

ready to walk out during the schools' most crucial weeks.

Most graduate-student workers are represented by the United Auto Workers union.

Negotiations are "just not happening," said union spokesman Rajan Mehta, a math doctoral student at UC Berkeley. "It's really up to the university."

University officials said the "sympathy-strike" restriction was never included in past contracts because it hadn't occurred to university officials that employees would need to be told not to strike out of sympathy with other

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## AIDS Quilt Comes To CNU



Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log

Dec. 1 was World AIDS Day. CNU Plant Operations worker Ivette Sabater views one section of the AIDS Quilt that was put on display on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the Freeman Center. This event was sponsored by CNU's Gay-Straight Student Union for AIDS awareness.

### Gay-Straight Student Union brings renowned quilt on campus for World AIDS Day

By Lindsay Simpson  
Staff Writer

Many programs this semester have vied to raise awareness for everything from hunger to political issues, but on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, the Gay-Straight Student Union (GSSU) worked to raise and spread awareness about the world's number one epidemic:

AIDS.

GSSU worked with various peoples and organizations to bring panels from the AIDS Quilt to campus. Eight of the approximately 44,000 panels of the AIDS Quilt were brought to the Freeman Center where they were hung, stored and viewed for both days.

Junior Lauren Giannini, one of the students in charge of

GSSU's participation in World AIDS Day, said, "The AIDS Quilt is all over the United States. It is housed in Georgia, and it is an organization, so you get in contact with them and then you can have so many panels sent to you, and there is a certain way to hang it and how to store it, because it is so large the whole quilt cannot fit

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## Virginia budget to be released Dec. 19

### Meanwhile, CNU operates on \$8.3 million funding shortfall

By Jenn Rowell  
Managing Editor

CNU has received \$21,050,010 from the state of Virginia this year. That figure includes student financial aid, which is about \$2 million and the instructional and educational money, which is about \$19 million, according to Cynthia Perry, chief of staff.

As for next year, the Governor's budget will be released on Dec. 19, which will "give us the first real number," said Perry. "We haven't seen those numbers yet; we don't see them until the Governor releases his budget."

CNU's funding shortfall is about \$8.3 million, according to Perry.

"So you make choices as to what is most critical," she said.

"We have to protect our core services and do the things that are essential."

As the state endures a budget crisis, higher education takes a hit with it.

"The state has a bottom line. There are certain programs that they are required to fund. They've not been able to do as much for

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## Parking Refunds

Nineteen freshmen, who were exempt from the "No Car Policy," receive refunds for parking violations acquired while they were required to park behind Subway.

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## World & Nation

U.S. military and Iraqi officials give conflicting accounts on firefight in Samarra; U.S. military announces 54 kills instead of 46.

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## A&E

Two-hundred people gather at Discovery Cafe for another successful Open-Mic Night.

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## Sports

Captains defeat Muhlenberg but fall to Bridgewater in round two.

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## Campus In Brief

### Video Game Tournament

The association for Computing Machinery (ACM) will be having its final Video Game Tournament of the semester Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium.

The tournament will be held on the Nintendo Gamecube Console.

There is an early entry fee of \$5 per tournament and \$7 the day of the tournament. If you would like to register, or need more information, contact Dennis Diones at [ddiones@cmu.edu](mailto:ddiones@cmu.edu), or call 757-218-2227. Spectators are welcome.

### Angel Tree

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is still hosting their annual Angel Tree sign up.

The drive has been extended until Dec. 12. The tree is located in the Student Center lobby in front of the Delta bulletin board. If you are interested, please take a name off the tree and sign the master list to buy a gift. Once the gift has been purchased and wrapped, place it in the box next to the tree.

For information, contact Demetrius Collins at [DSTheta@cmu.edu](mailto:DSTheta@cmu.edu).

### Stuffed Animals Needed

The Children's Hospital of King's Daughters needs stuffed animals donated for the children staying in the hospital over the holidays.

The Biology Club is setting up boxes in the Science Building where you can donate animals.

The boxes will be in the Science Building underneath the rotating tree until Dec. 19.

### Drinking Speaker

The Office of Career and Counseling Services presents Tammy Sterling on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center room 150.

She will speak about drinking and hazing on college campuses and sharing her personal experience.

Sponsored by GOCN, Panhellenic, Delta Sigma Theta, and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

### United Nations Association Dinner Meeting

There will be a meeting held on Dec. 4 in celebration of Human Rights Day. Dr. Buck Miller, a CNU professor, will speak about key features of Chuk's island (Micronesia Islands, formerly Truk) culture over the past century.

The meeting will be held in the Unifan Fellowship Center, which is located at 415 Youngs Mill Lane in Newport News, VA.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$11.50. The speaker will begin at 7:15 p.m.

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## How Much Do You Pay Your Student Leaders?

Student leaders, for their service to the university, are compensated with stipends. Student fees pay for their stipends. During the summer budgetary revision process, the SGA took 25 percent of the 2003-2004 stipends for officers who serve in the following clubs and organizations.

	2002-2003	2003-2004	With 25% Cut
<b>Multicultural Student Association</b>			
President	1,500	2,880	2,160
Vice President	1,500	2,880	2,160
Treasurer	1,000		
Secretary	1,000	1,760	1,320
Public Relations	1,000	1,760	1,320
Parliamentarian	1,000	1,500	1,125
	7,000	10,780	8,085
<b>Campus Activity Board</b>			
Executive Chair	5,000	5,000	3,750
Vice Executive Chair	3,840	3,840	2,880
Public Relations	2,640	2,640	1,980
Movie Chair	880	880	660
	12,360	12,360	9,270
<b>Student Government Association</b>			
President	5,760	5,760	4,320
Vice President of Student Services*	3,960	3,960	2,970
Vice President of University Relations	3,960	3,960	2,970
Secretary	2,400	2,400	1,800
Treasurer*	2,400	2,400	1,800
Parliamentarian*	2,400	2,400	1,800
	18,480	20,880	15,660
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>37,840</b>	<b>44,020</b>	<b>33,015</b>
<b>Student Media Board</b>			
Captain's Log			
Editor in Chief	6,000	7,200	5,400
Managing Editor	4,800	4,800	4,400
Layout and Design Manager	4,800	4,800	4,400
Business/Advertising Manager	2,400	2,400	2,200
Arts/Entertainment Editor	2,400	2,400	1,800
Copy Editor	2,400	2,400	2,400
Online Editor*	2,400	2,400	1,071.44
Sports Editor	2,400	2,400	1,800
Computer Systems Analyst	1,200	1,200	-
Courier	720	1,200	-
Faculty Advisor**	3,800	3,800	3,800
	33,320	35,000	27,271.44
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,160</b>	<b>\$79,020</b>	<b>\$59,876.04</b>

\*Provided for late appointment

\*\*The university uses student fee money to pay adjunct faculty for the two-course releases per year that go to the newspaper's editors.

#### With Cut Positions

### Student leaders review their stipends

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SGA Secretary Erin Ireland. "We have an arrangement with him [Tribble] that we can bring a proposal to him about what we would like to see happen about stipends," she said. "He is starting at zero but said that he is willing to compromise a little with us."

For about two weeks, the Captain's Log requested an interview with Tribble about stipends but was sent to Chief of Staff Cynthia Perry. Perry acknowledged the fact that the SGA is working on proposals for the president concerning stipends.

**Sophomore Lynanne Hodges is the public relations chair for CAB. She puts in approximately 17 hours per week by posting flyers, holding office hours, attending e-board meetings and running events. Her hourly wage, when calculated from her total stipend, is approximately \$3.64.**

**If stipends were fully cut next year, would she still be able to serve?**

**"No, I won't. Although I enjoy serving the school and participating in the organization, the time that I would have to put into it would be overbearing, and I couldn't afford to do it."**

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workers.

Most union contracts include no-strike clauses that prohibit employees from picketing, but until recently employees were not explicitly banned from sympathy strikes, said Paul Schwartz, a spokesman for the university system.

Finals at the system's nine undergraduate campuses start the week of Dec. 8, and university administrators have warned professors they might need to adapt if a strike occurs. The union includes graduate students who teach classes and grade tests and papers.

"It's the last week of classes, and students will be trying to get ready for finals," said UC Berkeley spokeswoman Janet Gilmore. "Obviously we have to be concerned because of the timing involved."

About 30 state legislators signed a letter to university administrators last

week, asking them not to change the no-strike policy.

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, said she wants the matter resolved before the Legislature has to intervene. Lawmakers stepped in during a similar strike in 1998.

"We're just hoping at this point that the university administrators will go ahead and reach a settlement," said Hancock, one of the letter's authors. "We want them to know we don't think they have to pick this fight."

University and union spokespeople said a strike could delay some tests and the grading process, but several UC Berkeley professors said Wednesday they were not worried.

Teaching assistants don't control enough of Sarajoy Govindan's classes to cause a problem, but the civil-engineering professor said he would rather have them around during the last weeks of the semester.

"I'd just rather not see people strike," he said.

Meanwhile, the SGA has held two meetings to gather ideas for proposals. "The proposals have not been finalized yet, but the ideas that have been gathered are to allow certain positions to be like an internship, meaning that the student elected into the office would receive credits for holding the position," said Nikki Wenzel, vice president of student services. "Another suggestion is to provide incentives like a parking pass, flex points or dining points."

The last idea that we have come up with is having tuition of the individual paid for. If we adopt this plan, then the number of positions would be limited severely."

Some leaders feel that such a compromise is necessary.

"Personally, I think that President Tribble should either leave stipends alone or compensate student workers in an-

other way, such as tuition assistance, free books, etc.," said CAB Vice Executive Chair Nate Riddle. "I don't think it is fair, knowing how much work has to be done for these organizations to serve students in the capacity they are meant to, for President Tribble to ask students to give that much time, effort and stress into an organization, the school, and students for free."

Jonathan Janis, interim coordinator of student activities and former SGA president from 2000-2002, remembers how stipends allowed him to serve at the capacity he did.

"Having received the stipend, I can tell you how essential it was for me," said Janis. "Had he not received a stipend, I would have been more selective with my time. The product I produced would not be as good."

Most of the students who receive stipends put in over 10 hours a week. Some, depending on the position, put in more than that. SGA President Ashley Boyd, for instance, works about 30 hours a week, she said.

Although some student leaders didn't take their positions for the sole purpose of receiving stipends, they recognize that compensation for their time makes their jobs easier.

"This is something I really enjoy doing. I did not take the position for the stipend," said Ingham. "But when I asked myself if I could devote enough time to my position, I factored in that I would have that extra income and I would not have to work as much [outside of SGA]."

Meanwhile, Boyd would find working without a stipend to "be much more difficult." But still, "If I did not receive a stipend this year, I would still be president," she said.

Other students, such as CAB's Public Relations Chair Lynanne Hodges, would find it more difficult to continue serving without stipends.

"I understand President Tribble's reasons for considering the cutting of stipends," she said. But, "I cannot afford to work for free. Being able to work on campus gave me an opportunity to earn money without having to worry about working for an employer who does not take into account exams and needed study time."

Students at large also recognize the work that their leaders perform.

Sophomore Andy Doye said, "Most of these positions are as much work as, if not more than, any normal part-time job. We should be paying them more, not cutting their pay entirely."

Sophomore Patrick Rhodes agrees.

"I think they deserve some kind of compensation because they are providing a service for the school and the positions are so time consuming that it makes it hard for them to get a part-time job."

## Virginia In Brief

### Girl Hit By Deer

A nine-year-old girl was playing in her friend's back yard in Salem, Va. when they saw a deer coming down the hill, according to an article in the *Virginian-Pilot*.

The deer was spooked by one of the girls and then ran into the other because of that, according to the article.

She now has a busted lip and broken arm.

### First Amendment Rights Back Clothing

A federal appeals court Monday barred a Virginia school district, Albemarle County, from enforcing a dress code that prohibited students from wearing clothing that shows weapons, according to the *Daily Press*.

Administrators had made a student turn a National Rifle Association shirt inside out while at school.

With the backing of the NRA, the student challenged the school division's decision and won based on his First Amendment Rights, said the *Daily Press* article.

The court made their decision based on the fact that the shirt did not present any danger.

### TCC Joins UVA

Starting in the fall of 2004, University of Virginia professors will travel to Tidewater Community College to offer UVA classes.

This will open the door to many Eastern Virginia students. It will allow them to graduate from UVA with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary studies, not just an associate's degree from TCC, according to the *Virginian-Pilot*.

The students must have graduated from high school and have at least 60 credit hours from TCC and a 2.0 GPA, according to the article.

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# Freshmen estimated to bring 600 vehicles

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Of the 64 freshmen permitted to bring their cars to campus for the fall semester, 19 of them were ticketed for parking on the main campus because they were only permitted to park across Warwick in the lot behind Subway, according to Margaret Yancy, director of development.

Now, they are receiving refunds.

"That policy no longer exists," said Yancy in response to the decision made to grant students refunds.

When the students paid their fines, she said, the money went into an account, and now the refunded money will come back out of that same fund.

Some students question this decision.

"That is going to cause problems later on, because every time a rule or something is changed people will remember this," said senior Greg Hawkins, a commuter.

Freshmen who have earned at least a 2.4 GPA are permitted to bring vehicles to campus in the spring, bringing in an estimated 600 additional cars, Yancy said.

Students, specifically commuters, are curious about how next semester's parking availability will be affected.

"Right now I think it works well," said junior Matt Martin, a commuter. "When freshmen bring their cars I'm wondering what is going to happen."

Martin said that it is helpful for freshmen to have cars, however.

"It was one of the reasons I was able to go out and not be confined to campus," he said, though he feels limits should be put on where freshmen will be allowed to park.

To compensate for the incoming cars, Yancy said, 250 spaces

have been added along Shoe Lane, and 200 spaces, which are next to the parking deck, are slated for completion in the spring.

The parking deck was originally scheduled for a January completion date. It is now set to be completed in March or April and will add 500 spaces, Yancy said.

The ratio of cars to spaces should not shift, she said.

Right now, the ratio is approximately one-to-one, said Student Center Operations Manager Andy Mansfield in a previous interview with the Captain's Log.

"There should be ample parking for everyone," Yancy said.

Five hundred spaces are also planned along Warwick where buildings have been demolished, said Yancy. But there is "no completion date indicated."

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with driving and get a monorail on campus and around Newport News like at Disney World," said Hawkins.

Freshman Katie Ross does not plan on bringing a car next semester

but has friends who will bring their cars.

"It makes going out a little easier and getting home ... plus we can visit other colleges easier," Ross said.

## Gay marriage vaults to forefront of politically charged issues

By Ron Hutchinson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Nov. 19—With the bang of a courtroom gavel, gay marriage has become the new hot-button issue in American politics, taking its place alongside abortion, gun control and flag-burning as a topic that inflames passions and divides the nation.

Monday's ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in support of same-sex marriage forced the topic to center stage in next year's presidential election, as well as congressional and legislative races and other court cases across the country.

The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, denied federal recognition of same-sex marriages and gave states the right to refuse to recognize gay marriages licensed in other states. The law is almost certain to face new legal challenges as a result of the Massachusetts case.

To gay-rights supporters, the Massachusetts decision affirmed bedrock American values of liberty and equal treatment under the law. To critics, it was an assault on traditional families, an affront to the concept of majority rule and an abomination in the eyes of God.

No issue has so energized Christian conservatives since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the landmark 1973 decision *Roe v. Wade*. Some veterans of the anti-abortion movement have turned their energy to the new cause of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages and define marriage as "the union of a man and a woman."

Leaders behind the proposed amendment say they're optimistic that they can get a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress, as well as ratification by at least 38 states.

"Traditional marriage is one of the last obstacles to the complete normalization of homosexuality in America," said Roberta Combs, the president of the Christian Coalition. "Congress and the state legislatures need to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities and stop these runaway liberal judges."

Gay-rights groups are equally fired up. Mary Bonauto, an attorney in the Massachusetts case, called the ruling "a momentous legal and cultural milestone" on the path to full equality for gays and lesbians.

For now though, gay-rights

groups would rather make their arguments in a court of law than in the court of public opinion.

"This is a new concept to most Americans," said Winnie Stachelberg, the political director for the Human Rights Campaign, a gay-rights advocacy group. "It's going to take a long time for the American public to become comfortable with this."

Recent polls by Gallup and the Pew Research Center found that most Americans oppose gay marriage, and that opposition is growing. In the Gallup poll, 61 percent expressed opposition, up from 55 percent in the summer. Pew put the opposition at 59 percent, up from 51 percent.

"There may be more backlash. More Americans, particularly conservative Americans, may come together in opposition to the idea of legalized same-sex marriage," said Frank Newport, Gallup's editor in chief. "It's a very divisive and emotional, deeply felt issue."

That's bad news for Democrats, who tend to be far more supportive of gay rights. While President Bush denounced the Massachusetts ruling, his Democratic rivals offered varying degrees of praise.

The difference of opinion reflects realities within the two parties. Evangelical Christians and social conservatives are a core element of Bush's Republican base. Gays and gay-rights advocates are a key part of the Democratic Party. Nearly all Democratic presidential candidates have links to "LGBT"—lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender—issues on their campaign Web sites.

Some conservative Republicans, including Vice President Dick Cheney, whose daughter Mary is a lesbian, and former Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, are sympathetic to the idea of gay marriage.

"People should be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to enter into. It's really no one else's business," Cheney said at a vice presidential candidates' debate during the 2000 campaign. "I think different states are likely to come to different conclusions, and that's appropriate. I don't think there should necessarily be a federal policy in this area."

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean—the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination—boasts that he signed his state's law giving gay couples the option of civil unions, the legal equivalent of marriage.

## CNU Vision 2010 addresses future of academic environment

Project focuses on curriculum, students, faculty, campus and community

By Lindsay Simpson  
Staff Writer

Though flyers, emails, and even songs were made about "Vision 2010," many people still do not have a complete understanding of what the project is.

"Vision 2010," said Linda Gordon, a professor of English at CNU and director of university strategic planning, "is a strategic planning project that builds on CNU's aspiration to be a preeminent public liberal arts and sciences university.

It provides an opportunity for the entire CNU community to participate in how CNU can accomplish that vision."

The vision specifically addresses five different aspects of campus life: curriculum, students, faculty, campus, and community.

According to the Vision 2010 website, the curriculum will "prepare students to lead lives of significance and responsibility in a free, democratic society," as well as, "create independent learners prepared intellectually and practically to understand the world of civil unions, the legal equivalent of marriage."

The main goal is to produce productive citizens that the university can take great pride in, both while the students are at the university and after they leave.

The goals state that "Our students will achieve academic excellence in a liberal learning curriculum," and "CNU alumni will be

responsible citizens."

The students are not, however, the only ones to have high standards set for them: the faculty must raise the bar as well. "The faculty will be a respected body of teacher-scholars, committed to the values of Christopher Newport University," according to the Vision 2010 site.

The most obvious and most renowned part of Vision 2010 is the physical additions to the campus, including the new buildings which, in turn, will create "A campus of function and beauty, that 'will affirm the intrinsic value of the university's mission and provide the facilities to carry out that mission.'"

As for the community's role in Vision 2010, the local, state, and national communities will be the groups to benefit most from the project.

"They will benefit from the 'outreach to the community' by

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## Giving The Gift Of Life



Nov. 19: Collection technician Lynette Harris walks Jones through the process of donating blood by applying smelling salts to revive donors when needed. "I got too relaxed, and then, this is interesting, I am seeing double," said Jones. Jones has given blood five times but this was the first time he became light-headed. "Every other time I've eaten, this time I didn't eat," said Jones. After he had finished, "I can still smell the smelling salt," he said.

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## AIDS Quilt spreads awareness

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Each panel remembers multiple lives that were lost due to HIV or AIDS, and each part of the panel was made by the deceased's loved ones.

All of this was an effort to participate in World AIDS Day, which was on Dec. 1. The goal of World AIDS Day is to spread the awareness of AIDS and the epidemic globally, not just at the university.

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## The Captain's Log

## PLP commits to raise \$16,250 for Habitat House

By Mike Colms  
Staff Writer

Recently, the President's Leadership Program (PLP) of Christopher Newport University has decided to participate in a local Habitat for Humanity project to create a CNU Habitat House.

PLP has wanted to participate in a large service project for years, but had not found one until the CNU Habitat House. The idea started with Dr. Anne Perkins, Associate Provost; Jeremy Jordan, a member of PLP; and his friend, Everett Jordan, who is a board member of the Peninsula Habitat for Humanity organization. Perkins previously worked for another university that did a similar project.

CNU has formed a partnership with other local organizations to help raise the \$55,000 it will take to erect the CNU Habitat House.

The CNU partnership includes: Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, the Daily Press, Howmet/Alcoa, Wal-mart, and Habitat ReStore.

While the partnership has already raised \$38,750, the PLP has committed to raising the other \$16,250 from the local community and the CNU campus.

The deadline to raise the money is May 1, 2004, but construction of the house can begin after Peninsula Habitat has at least 75 percent of the funds.

The house, scheduled to begin in May 2004 and end in July 2004, will be constructed in southeastern Newport News for a local family in need. The family will have to spend at least 400 hours working with the others to construct the house.

PLP hopes that most of the volunteers will comprise of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to volunteer with the construction and fund

raising. Allen Clare Elkins, the Coordinator of the Presidents Leadership Program, said, "I think this project will be a great thing for the University. It's a great way to give back to the Newport News community and help a hardworking citizen to help themselves."

On Nov. 15, those interested in building the CNU Habitat House received first hand practice in the constructing of a Peninsula Habitat House that is being built.

The Saturday project went well. We had four students, one and two CNU staff, Cristin Tost and I, both administrators of PLP," said Elkins.

Justin Gaydos, a sophomore who will work on Habitat for Humanity houses before, said "Habitat is a rewarding experience for students because we are helping those in need. The great thing about building a house is that you

can see a finished product of your work and the expressions on the faces of those that you've helped."

A goal that the PLP and CNU are looking forward to after the completion of a CNU Habitat House is an established Habitat for Humanity chapter at CNU.

"We hope that if this project goes well that we can develop our own Habitat for Humanity chapter at CNU and eventually raise enough money to build a house completely sponsored by CNU," Elkins said.

"I think that the CNU Habitat House is a good idea that will help bring students together with the community," said sophomore Natalie Schoenbrun.

While the idea was formulated through the PLP, Elkins said, "we want to emphasize that this is a campus-wide effort that includes the whole University, not just PLP."

## State budget

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higher education due to the budget cuts," said Perry.

The Governor has proposed a new tax structure to the General Assembly, which, if passed, would help increase revenue.

Perry said the Governor has made a promise to higher education to help it improve.

Each state university is given the opportunity to submit budget requests. The president of each university meets with the Governor to tell him about the priorities and needs of the university.

"There are numerous opportunities to participate in that process," Perry said.

The Budget Advisory Committee comes up with the initial recommendations which are then presented to President Trible. He will present the budget to the Board of Visitors in June, which will pass it for the following year, according to Perry.

## Winning idea: Drop beer ads in college sports

By Bob Conder  
Chicago Tribune

Football coaches talk so much about "game plans" that the term is part of our everyday language. But the most successful coaches will tell you that winning often requires making the proper adjustments to your plans at halftime. It factors in the latest and most relevant information about your opponent.

George Hacker is no football coach, but he understands making real-time adjustments to his master plan.

More than a decade ago, he was running a campaign called Coaches Take Action. It included big-name coaches, such as football coach Tom Osborne at the University of Nebraska and basketball coach Dean Smith at the University of North Carolina, to create awareness about drinking and driving on college campuses.

About four years ago, Hacker

directed a campaign named Time to End Alcohol Marketing in Sports or TEAMS. It called attention to the staggering number of alcohol messages reaching sports fans.

This month Hacker updated and sharpened his focus on alcohol marketing in sports and its influence among college students. He is taking on the beer advertisers on college sports telecasts, which involve mostly football and basketball games.

Hacker's revised game plan is formidable and worthy of support.

Hacker, who works for the consumer advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest, or CSPI, once again has asked Osborne (who is now a U.S. representative from Nebraska) and Smith (retired but revered) to act as celebrity endorsers. He has lined up more than 80 grass-roots organizations to lobby politicians and local university presidents and athletic directors.

One of Hacker's main goals is to win over university officials to

remove beer and other alcohol ads from local telecasts as a first step. The second step is to advocate alcohol-free policies at athletic conference meetings. ("Lots of decisions are made at the Big 10 or Big 12 level," he said.)

The campaign is just sending out its letters of appeal to university decision makers, but one school already has signed up. Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger has announced the school will not allow any beer or alcohol advertising sponsors for the 2004-05 TV season. That's impressive news from the defending national football champion, which has another powerhouse team this fall.

Alcohol producers will spend about \$600 million on sports TV advertisements this year. Roughly \$58 million of that is ticketed for college games—more than 6,200 commercial spots. Industry officials contend sports TV commercials are viewed mostly by legal-drinking-age adults who can make their own responsible

decisions about alcohol use.

"Young people themselves consistently rank advertising last when asked what influences them to drink," said Jeff Becker, president of the Institute, a trade association, during a recent AdWeek interview.

Hacker said that student age statistics drop when only four-year universities are considered, instead of including in graduate schools and community colleges with older student bodies.

CSPI commissioned a new survey to gauge Americans' opinions about alcohol advertisers in college sports. The survey shows that 7 of every 10 U.S. adults say that beer companies that advertise on television sporting events know their ads appeal to underage people. More than half of those adults said they believed the ads made it "OK" to be an underage drinker and that other, more altering, techniques to see gods, the underworld, the meaning of life.

Not surprisingly, 71 percent of

the adults surveyed would support a ban on alcohol ads during college sports telecasts and, at the very least, 87 percent favor adult public-service time for anti-underage drinking ads.

"College officials say they want to deter underage and binge drinking," said Hacker. "They want to stop campus riots. They face alcohol-related lawsuits. But too often, they still let the other hand taking money from marketers pitching beer to their students and young fans."

Ad dollars can be found elsewhere. Hacker, for instance, said, "Kentucky and North Carolina—perennial contenders for the national basketball championship—have eliminated alcohol ads from local broadcast and dropped any dollars from the bottom line."

"The University of Minnesota replaced its beer sponsorship with milk (advertisers), said Hacker. "It can do even more. We need a grass-roots effort in every state and at every big school."

## Experts debate benefits, risks of hallucinogenic drugs

By Faye Flann  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Long before Timothy Leary and Ken Kesey and the counter-culture generation discovered hallucinogenic drugs, the Indians of western Mexico were using peyote to commune with their gods.

Anthropologist Peter T. Furst spent 30 years among the Huichol people, says that Indian shamans have been using hallucinogenic plants as a doorway to the divine for thousands of years, likely following a tradition carried by their ancestors over the Bering Strait.

And now, some U.S. scientists are exploring how these substances might be used by doctors to battle anxiety, mental illness and alcoholism.

"These compounds hold tremendous potential for helping us understand how the brain functions, and they have untapped potential for healing," said Charles Grob, a psychiatrist professor at UCLA Medical School.

Some early studies suggest that LSD can ease the sense of dread that people feel when they are dying. There were some very interesting and promising results," said Grob. He recently secured approval from the Food

and Drug Administration to continue this line of inquiry using the milder drug psilocybin, the active ingredient in hallucinogenic mushrooms.

In Philadelphia, a new show on peyote-inspired Huichol art opened this month at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology. Furst, curator of the exhibition, said these are religious rituals, created with the ritual use of the cactus plant.

"There's a difference in nature between people who use it for religion and those who are part of our counterculture," said Furst. 81. A German-born Jew, he moved to England and

then the United States in the 1930s. A vaguely European accent gave him a serious, professorial air.

After writing for Stars and Stripes during World War II, Furst worked as a journalist for United Press before studying cultural anthropology. He made a specialty of studying shamanistic peoples and wrote numerous books, including "Hallucinogenic Culture."

He maintains that nearly all hunter-gatherer societies practiced shamanistic religions, which often used hallucinogens to alter-altering techniques to see gods, the underworld, the meaning of life.

Though he left the Penn museum a few years ago to live in Santa Fe, Furst returned this month for the opening of the exhibit, "Mythic Visions," a display of a Huichol artform known as yarn painting. It depicts complex arrays of dancing deer, snakes and other figures, the artist tries to evoke the visions he experiences with peyote.

Small bands of Huichol travel for 300 miles to a desolate spot deep in the Chihuahuan desert to hunt for the squat, round peyote cactus. Furst said he participated in Huichol peyote hunts and ceremonies and found the plant extraordinarily unpalatable.

Archaeological finds in Texas show remnants of peyote that date back around 7,000 years. Even earlier finds show a hallucinogenic seed associated with ancient giant mastodons and other Pleistocene animals that go back at least 10,000 years.

Furst said he believed it was likely the Huichol and other tribes used a traditional hallucinogen from Siberia before they entered the Americas more than 15,000 years ago.

Others see evidence for shamanism in early Europe. "Shamanism emerged at least 40,000 years ago and is reflected in Paleolithic rock art," said Michael Winkelman, an anthropologist from Arizona State University. "Not all societies depended on hallucinogenic plants but where they found them, people built up institutions around these substances," he said. "They are seen as a source of divine inspi-

ration." On Good Friday 1962, some researchers at Harvard gave a small group of divinity students either psilocybin or a placebo. Psilocybin, then legal, works much like peyote. One of the tiny seeds, which got the drug, reported they had the most profound spiritual experiences of their lives," Winkelman said.

People use the term hallucinogenic to apply to many mind-altering drugs, but peyote belongs to a small family that shares similar modes of action on the brain. They include psilocybin, LSD and morning glory seeds.

The chemical structure of these resembles a critical messenger molecule in the brain known as serotonin, said David Nichols, professor of medicinal chemistry and pharmacology at Purdue University. When serotonin is created, the brain works by attaching, lock-and-key fashion, to molecules called serotonin receptors.

Hallucinogens act on receptors in the frontal cortex, sometimes called the executive part of the brain because it's used for higher reasoning, he said. They also act on a part of the brain called the thalamus. Nichols said, which works to help us distinguish what's novel and important. That may explain why people on LSD can become mesmerized by a flower or by their own hand.

John Halpern, associate director of substance abuse research at Harvard University's McLean Hospital, is investigating the possibility that peyote prevents alcoholism in American Indians.

Halpern said he can't reveal his study's results yet, but he will say he sees no evidence that peyote damages the brain. "There's no history of it being addictive, or more serious risk," he said. Peyote can be dangerous if people use it to get stoned and then do stupid things, he said, but that's not what happens in religious ceremonies.

Others, such as David Murray of the Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, see more serious risk. Working among the Navajo, he



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# World and Nation

## Conflicting accounts emerge of Iraqi firefight

By Sudarsan Raghavan  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Dec. 1—The U.S. military and Iraqi officials gave sharply conflicting accounts Monday of a firefight on Sunday in the Iraqi town of Samarra, where the U.S. military Monday said it killed 54 Iraqis, not the 46 reported earlier.

The ambush, the conflicting accounts and the evidence that guerrillas were able to plan an ambitious operation in a populated area without anyone alerting the Americans all underscored the problem U.S. troops face in eradicating the guerrillas without alienating more Iraqis.

U.S. officials said Sunday's failed ambush on U.S. troops was bigger and better coordinated than other recent attacks on U.S. troops, which have been isolated ambushes using homemade roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and rifles. U.S. military officials said the battle in Samarra began Sunday afternoon when dozens of guerrillas simultaneously ambushed two U.S. military convoys delivering bags of Iraqi currency to two banks east and west of the city.

The attackers appeared to know the precise routes of both convoys, planting guns on rooftops and alleyways along the way. They had also positioned armed groups of 30 to 40 fighters at the banks and other ambush points. They erected a makeshift barricade to block one of the convoys.

Others were dispatched with Kalashnikov rifles and rocket-propelled grenades in cars to chase and attack U.S. troops, said U.S. military officials. The guerrillas used mortars and roadside bombs in addition to small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.

The attack, however, failed, despite its scale and high level of coordination. U.S. troops returned fire with small arms, 120 mm tank rounds and 25 mm cannon fire from Bradley fighting vehicles, said U.S. military officials. Iraqis in the town say the death toll was much lower than reported by the U.S. military, although they also complained that U.S. troops were excessive.

At the main hospital, Iraqi officials said there were eight dead, including an Iraqi woman and a 75-year-old Iranian man. Among the 55 injured, they said, were elderly men, two women and at least 10 children.

All the people injured and killed were innocent

people," said Said Hassan Ali al Janabi, an information officer for the Samarra hospital. U.S. officials said all the casualties were guerrillas. There were 18 wounded and 11 captured. Five U.S. soldiers received non-life-threatening injuries.

"We understand there is a discrepancy," said Maj. Gordon Tate, a spokesman for the Army's 4th Infantry Division. "We're confident of our assessment."

He said that individual commanders had counted the bodies of the guerrillas on the streets. Their bodies, he said, were likely recovered and buried quickly according to Muslim tradition. He added that he had no information on any civilians who were wounded.

At the hospital, they included a 7-year-old boy named Ali Abdullah Amin who was lying on a bed with a bloodstained bandage on his leg. He was walking with his father and older brother into a nearby mosque for the traditional sunset prayers when one of the many firefights broke out, said relatives. His father was killed instantly, his brother seriously injured.

"I'm feeling pain," Ali moaned, his face contorting. "My leg hurts me." In recent days, the guerrillas have been targeting more vulnerable targets in order to undermine international support for the U.S.-led coalition. Over the weekend, they killed 12 people from four countries: seven Spanish military intelligence officers, two Japanese diplomats, two South Korean electricians and a Colombian contractor. Small clusters of U.S. soldiers also have been targeted. U.S. military officials said many of those killed in Samarra were dressed in uniforms worn by the Fedayeen, Saddam's most loyal militia.

Many of the attackers had Fedayeen-style black longhairs, face cloths, and head dress or some combination of each, said Tate. "Several of the captives are being questioned to determine if they belong to a faction."

"These are just lies," said Khaled Abbas Bada 38, an Iraqi policeman. "Everyone who was wearing a kafiyeh (a commonly worn headress) was in a Fedayeen. This is ridiculous."



Amber Alford rubs the arm of her husband, Sgt. James Alford, as he lays in bed wrapped in the patriotic colors of the American flag at their home in Karnack, Tex., in October 2003. Sgt. Alford served in Iraq where he probably caught a brain disease, which destroyed his mind and nervous system.

## A soldier's tale: Military misdiagnosis

By Nancy Barr Canon  
Dallas Morning News

Dec. 1—Staff Sgt. James Alford can't talk. He doesn't recognize his wife. His head shakes, his hands tremble. He is agitated, restless, diapered and helpless, requiring round-the-clock care from his family. Unable to coordinate his fingers and hands, the former marathon runner can still walk, with assistance, and his daily ritual is to unsteadily "walk the floor" as his wife, Army Spec. Amber Alford, describes it.

In April, the Green Beret and Bronze Star recipient was sent home from Iraq by Army. But it wasn't because he badly needed medical care.

"They sent him home to be court-martialed," said his mother, Gail Alford, a former Army nurse.

"They wanted to strip him of his special forces tab. They wanted him out of the Army," Gail said.

Army officials say they did not realize the 24-year-old soldier's increasingly erratic behavior was an early symptom of the difficult-to-diagnose Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

CJD is a fatal, degenerative brain disorder that attacks the human brain in the same way that "mad cow" disease attacks cattle.

Alford was disciplined and demoted. Although the Army has restored his rank

and corrected what it admits was a mistake, the Alford—a family in which many members have served in the armed forces—question how this could have happened.

"I don't blame the Army for this disease," said his father, retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Alford, who was in the service 34 years. "I blame them for how they treated my son. They treated him like yesterday's garbage. They reduced his rank. They called him an idiot, called him stupid—this is a wounded soldier. It's no different than if he had taken a bullet to the brain."

The family has asked for and received acknowledgment that commanders in the 5th Special Forces Group erred.

"It's a terrible thing that happened," said Maj. Robert E. Gowan, public affairs officer for the special forces. "Everyone is deeply sorry for Sergeant Alford and his family. I think personal apologies, apologies that really mean something, will happen in time."

During his first six years in the Army, Alford was ranked an "excellent" soldier in every evaluation.

He was awarded two Army Commendation medals, five Army Achievement medals, an Army Good Conduct Medal, numerous division ribbons and in May 2002, the Bronze Star for "peerless expertise" in Afghanistan.

But four months later,

changes in his behavior were noted.

He went from being lauded for his "exceptionally meritorious service," "gallant conduct" and "incisive competence" to being called an irresponsible failure.

In September 2002, he was disciplined for losing his assault vest and other military items.

He was AWOL for several days from his post in Fort Campbell, Ky., and later



Sgt. James Alford, 24.

demoted from staff sergeant to sergeant.

"In retrospect, when he got back from Afghanistan, there were signs," his mother said. "But we thought it was combat stress. We didn't know what it was."

No one knew that the changes in Alford's personality—forgetfulness and impaired judgment—were early symptoms of CJD.

In Kuwait, as his condition worsened, his conduct became more erratic. He

received a written order to carry a note pad "to write instructions down to ensure they are not forgotten." His records show he was placed on probation, accused of "delinquency of duty" and "larceny" of losing his protective mask, stealing another soldier's mask, failing to report for duty four times and lying to superiors.

His commander wrote on April 10 that he would initiate action to revoke Alford's special forces designation.

The Alford were later told that Alford had been seen by a doctor in Kuwait, who reportedly said nothing was wrong with him. A psychiatrist in Kuwait reportedly said that he was "faking it."

"Jamie was a good soldier," said his mother, who has left her job to care for her son. "When all this started happening, anyone should have known he was sick."

The cause of Alford's disease, diagnosed as "sporadic" CJD, is unknown.

Now, in the final months of his illness, Jamie is fed intravenously and sedated to help him sleep. He stares blankly and doesn't recognize his family. His wife, brother, parents and grandparents help him in his walking ritual.

The family knows it is only a matter of days or weeks before he may go blind and lapse into a coma. He is expected to die before Christmas.

## Michael Jackson surrenders to cops on child molestation charges

By Jerry Confield  
and Tracy Connor  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Nov. 21—Michael Jackson went to jail in handcuffs—and came out blowing kisses.

In an atmosphere of high drama and bizarre spectacle, the so-called King of Pop jetted to California and surrendered to cops on child molestation charges Thursday.

Sheriff's deputies booked him, took his fingerprints and snapped a mug shot that showed him wearing more makeup than a prom queen.

During his hour in custody, the wacky star's camp went on the offensive, denouncing claims he had preyed on a 12-year-old boy at his Neverland Ranch.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos called the accusations "a big lie," and Michael's brother Jermaine ranted on television about a "modern-day lynching."

Alford, 45, never said a

word. But as he emerged from the Santa Barbara County Jail after posting \$3 million bail, he flashed a V sign and blew kisses into the air.

He did not return to Neverland, the scene of his alleged crimes, but flew back to Las Vegas, where he is shooting a music video.

In a surreal scene, children and tourists swarmed Jackson's SUV while it was stuck in Vegas traffic, grasping the hand he thrust through a crack in the window.

His spokesman, Stuart Bakerman, said Jackson would be staying at a secret location. He would not comment on where the singer's three children are.

"Michael is going to defend himself with the force of his spirit," said Bakerman, who issued a terse written statement from Jackson. "Las Vegas prints, but the truth runs marathons," it said. "The truth will win this marathon in court."

Alford—who admits

he takes children into his bed but denies having sexual contact with them—has faced kiddie-sex allegations before.

In 1993, a 13-year-old accused him of abuse, but the case never made it to a courtroom because Jackson paid off the youngster and his family.

This time, authorities say they have a "cooperative victim," reportedly a brave cancer survivor who told cops a sickening tale of being lured into Jackson's bed and doped with wine and pills.

Police have been investigating the sordid allegations for a month and staged a surprise raid on Neverland on Tuesday, seizing boxes of evidence.

The next day, they revealed Jackson was wanted on multiple felonies, each carrying a penalty of up to eight years in prison, and demanding he turn himself in.

If Jackson, one of the most famous men in the world, was hoping for a low-key surrender, he was



Michael Jackson leaves a birthday party thrown for him by his fan club at the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles, California, on Aug. 30.

out of luck. But if the public wanted to see the moment he was placed under arrest, they also were disappointed.

With news helicopters hovering in the air, Jackson's leased Gulfstream IV plane landed at Santa Barbara Airport at 11:55 a.m. California time.

Officials allowed the six-seater to taxi into a hangar so Jackson could disembark and be taken into custody out of sight.

A convoy of police cars and other vehicles then snaked through the streets of Santa Barbara, vaguely reminiscent of the slow-speed chase that preceded O.J. Simpson's arrest on murder charges in 1994.

At the jail, the black sedan carrying Jackson pulled up to a back door, away from the dozens of television cameras staked out at the main entrance.

Nevertheless, as he climbed out and was walked inside, his handcuffed wrists—shackled behind his 120-pound frame—could clearly be seen.

It took about 40 minutes to process and release him, again through a back door. He was ordered to appear in court for an arraignment on Jan. 9, and prosecutors said charges will not be filed in court before Thanksgiving.

Geragos told reporters

the singer is furious about being branded a pedophile.

"He is rightly outraged by the bringing of these charges. He considers this to be a big lie," he said.

"Michael has given me the authority to say on his behalf, these charges are categorically untrue. He looks forward to getting into a courtroom and confronting these accusations head-on."

Jermaine Jackson, 48, meanwhile, vented his anger on CNN.

"I am sick and f---ing tired of people ...," he railed. "We will fight and we will stand up. At the end of the day, this is nothing but a modern-day lynching."

A handful of Jackson fans and critics came out to see the start of what could be the next "trial of the century."

"I love his music, but I don't know if I can support him now," said college student Cesar Mendoza, 22, holding a sign that read "Moonwalk 2 Jail."

# Opinions

## Where We Stand

### Can CNU's student leadership persist without compensation?

Student programmers have been succeeding.

CAB's Open Mic Nights have grown significantly popular over the last couple years. Last week, for example, over 200 students came to the most recent mic night in Discovery Café.

The SGA just restructured its constitution, tirelessly working for months to have the Senate pass it and send it to the President for approval.

The MSA regularly holds events such as the GQ Pageant; it also held a party a couple weeks ago in the Freeman Center.

The Captain's Log prints 12-page issues on a weekly basis. It provides readers with six sections from which to choose—campus news, world news, opinions, arts, comics and sports.

But these are only a few of the many services that these organizations provide. One reason why these organizations are able to provide these services is because they each have a core group of students that put large quantities of time into the duties they perform. Because of this, the backbones of these organizations receive stipends.

And now, as the SGA and President Tribble are in the process of negotiating for stipends, student leaders are not expecting stipends next year. So, let's take a step back and look at what the university is facing.

Last year, over \$70,000 of student fees went toward stipends for 25 students. That's approximately one-third of the total amount of available funds for campus-wide programming. Seems like a lot, right? But really, how much is \$70,000 when compared to the total comprehensive fee paid by students?

Try 1 percent. That's right, the total comprehensive fee is approximately \$7 million, according to Chief of Staff Cynthia Perry. If we look at it that way, \$70,000 is not as much as it may usually seem when paired up with a figure of \$240,000 (the available amount of funding for programming that was allotted to the SGA).

Putting that aside, the SGA during the summer had to cut 25 percent of this year's allocations for stipends, putting the total to a little below \$60,000. The Captain's Log received approximately half of this amount for its stipends. (See chart on page 2 for details.)

And now, the President no longer wants student fees to pay for student salaries. That would be a 100 percent cut, which leaves a large amount of money floating around for campus programs.

The only questions now are: how exactly will the money be spent? Where will the money go? Perhaps more importantly, who will be around to put in the time for programming? Will student leaders, without any compensation, still be able to commit the same amount of time that they have been devoting to the university over the last several years? These are big questions.

Granted, maybe less money should be spent on salaries for student leaders. But to deprive them of any compensation for their work would be absurd. Some leaders at other statewide colleges, for example, are in some way rewarded for their services. Student Assembly President Brian Cantor, for example, attends the College of William and Mary. The university funds any conferences or leadership retreats that he wishes to attend, according to VPSS Nikki Wenzel. Some leaders at other statewide colleges receive credits for their service; and others may not have to pay partial or full tuition.

There are options that CNU should consider for its students. There's a difference between (1) getting involved with campus activities and (2) having a job that requires hours of dedication each week. Right now, we have a small amount of students doing an enormous amount of work. Students do not come to CNU with everything paid for; they need some assistance, be it financial or academic. Stipends help leaders pay for their education; they even help students put food in their stomachs. It's a simple survival mechanism.

But there's a bigger issue than just not getting paid. Those who need to earn money can just go elsewhere, no questions asked. The bigger issue is how this decision will affect the quality of leadership and how it will affect student leadership as a whole.

Now, there is another side to this story. Leadership positions, to some people, bring just as much, if not more, experience and education than do classrooms. And if that's the case, then what's the point in getting paid, right? The reward can be seen as the experience itself, right?

Unfortunately, this campus is not large enough to bring in the expected number of qualified, financially independent students to produce a qualitative and quantitative set of campus-wide programs—which changes the entire nature of a leadership experience at CNU.

## Freedom Vs. Government

By Stefan Valduvis  
Contributing Writer

When asked to describe the ideal government, people's inclination is to portray a Utopia in which all human problems are negated by the reasoning and action of the administration. This political utopia would present a world devoid of corruption, deficient in decadence, and that is poignantly perfect. Realistically, however, this arcadia cannot exist on earth, outside of people's illusory perception. Mankind is imperfect, and therefore, any system in which he is engaged will be innately flawed. Since the absence of government has proven throughout history to lead to anarchy and chaos, man is faced with the query of what system should be the best to govern the people.

The most prevalent utopian ideals that exist in the political realm today lie in the mountains of fallaciousness, where politicians hide behind the integument of their rhetoric. This feigned nirvana is created to encode citizens to believe that government means better governance. Unfortunately, major party politicians continue to operate on the utopian premise that the next government program will work better than the last. Another implausible political hope lies in the minds of those who believe that having an all-powerful government won't attract greed, dishonest and manipulative people within its precincts.

Yet historically and intrinsically, kingdoms and governments have grown more and more corrupt as they have gained an increase in power and influence over their citizen's lives, finances and properties. If all human beings were indeed honest, benevolent and efficient, it would certainly be safer to let committed politicians run the lives of all citizens. Yet, incompetence, manipulation and fraud are all too often characteristics of men and

women in public office. So, why should Americans continue to make the mistake of conferring vastly imperfect persons with control over their lives? The only answer to the quandary of corrupt, ineffective government is to vote along a different line, one that is eons away from the pedantic two-party system. Voting for a Libertarian opens up the proverbial floodgates of freedom, thus creating potential for the rise of oppressive government and the rise of individual freedom.

Libertarian philosophy is best recapitulated in the words of political trailblazer, Leonard E. Read who

“If all human beings were indeed honest, benevolent and efficient, it would certainly be safer to let committed politicians run the lives of all citizens.”

founded the Chamber of Commerce: “Let anyone do anything he pleases that is peaceful or creative, let there be no organized restraint against anything but fraud, violence, misrepresentation, and predation. Limit society's agency of organized force, government, to judicial and policing functions and prescribing penalties against unpeaceful actions.”

Read, like modern Libertarians, realized the significance of retaining individual liberty, coupled with the importance of limiting government to its Constitutionally intended size and magnitude.

Libertarian government offers a society where citizens are permitted and, in fact encouraged to keep the lion's share of the money they earn and spend it as they see fit. Libertarians offer the plausible real-

ity of having a government that spends the money it has on keeping the peace, not stirring up controversy and squelching individual freedoms. Instead of spending precious tax dollars on fighting the ludicrous “War on Drugs,” money can be spent on stopping the types of violent crimes and fiscal exploitations that cause legitimate damage to persons within society. Libertarians yearn to endow the citizens of America with the freedom to raise children by their values, and not by those of faraway bureaucrats who see children merely as little soldiers in the artificial crusade to a create better world. Libertarians believe that privacy should be alright and regarded with respect and political reverence. This freedom seeking party wants to keep citizens from being exposed to politicians who feel their idea of the greater good gives them the right to look into people's bank accounts, read people's e-mails and monitor what one does in the privacy of his/her own home. Libertarians desperately hope for safer neighborhoods, which would be allowed through the elimination of the criminal black market in drugs, currently fostered by the government. With the prohibition of marijuana over the tax burden drastically reduced, Social Security eliminated, and the government condensed to its Constitutional size, America citizens will be able to experience the freedom they were intended to by the forefathers of this great land. Libertarian leadership will allow for greater individual liberty, increased personal responsibility and freedom from government on all issues and at all times.

The only encumbrance to the Libertarian society is the current two party system, run by “Republi-Crats” whose best political exercise comes from treading in the waters of homogeneity in which Americans will inevitably drown, devoid of a drastic and timely change.

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Editorial from the Philadelphia Inquirer

Cell-phone customers in the nation's 100 largest markets are seeing progress occur this week. For the first time, they can keep phone numbers when switching wireless carriers.

Wireless consumers should be winners in this switch, since phone companies already are offering discounts to attract or retain their business.

Phone customers just need to watch out for those hefty fees levied for breaking a contract early. And they need to understand that their old phone number won't work with their new carrier—a problem that phone companies ought to resolve one day.

In time, wireless phone service should improve as well. Companies whose customers are more mobile need to focus more on fixing those areas that lead to complaints and maintaining a clear signal.

Upgrading wireless networks will serve a wider purpose because it will improve the nation's communications infrastructure. That would bring spin-off pluses for businesses and the economy as a whole.

There are societal implications to swapping phones, as well. Only two weeks ahead of this change, the Federal Communications Commission dropped a mini-bombshell: It mandated that,

along with wireless switching, consumers now have the right to convert a landline, home phone number to a wireless service.

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What happens when millions more Americans can get all their calls on the run? No telling, but it will be fascinating to track how technological changes are reflected in lifestyles.

However, great changes ahead, the pace of bringing about phone number portability sure wasn't slow.

It took nearly seven years from the time Congress mandated making portability—and countless legal skirmishes with the phone companies.

Other countries enjoyed this benefit for years, but American phone companies invented the idea. How well they deliver this important new service—with as few hassles for consumers—will tell whether Ma Bell and friends are true believers.

But portability was the right way to go, especially with businesses relying more and more on cell phone calls.

In the coming weeks, it may appear from the flurry of ads that phone companies invented the idea. How well they deliver this important new service—with as few hassles for consumers—will tell whether Ma Bell and friends are true believers.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Fashion Update: Bargain Shopping

*Consignment shops offer basics and haute couture for low prices*

By Amber Lester  
Contributing Writer

Every college student can appreciate a bargain. College students are notorious for sniffing out a good deal, whether it is a clearance sale at Express or the generic brand of tacos at the grocery store.

Imagine a clothing store that always has bargain prices for items from mall staples such as The Limited, American Eagle and Ann Taylor. Such a place exists in Act II, found in the historic Hilton Village in downtown Newport News.

Act II is a 33-year-old consignment shop that carries women's clothing in many different styles, sizes and price ranges. Though the clothing may have been worn once or twice, Act II is not the same as a regular thrift shop.

Thrift shops take donations, while consignment shops give the contributor a percentage of the profits from their items. Karen Gray, Act II's manager, sees it as a great deal.

"Patrons consign their piece for 60 days. If the item sells, they get 50 percent of the profit. If it doesn't, they are able to count the donation as a tax deduction. Either way, the contributor has some-

thing to gain," she said.

The prices at Act II vary from item to item. Most of the clothing is under \$20, but they have a designer rack in the front room that features clothing from haute couture houses such as Escada. The clothes on that rack tend to be in the \$500 range. That may sound steep, but is really an amazing discount for such brand name clothing.

The price range is right and the location is excellent, but the actual clothes are not always great for college students. They are more professional and mature than hip and trendy.

For job interviews, however, Act II's stock is ideal. They have everything from skirts and suits to shoes and handbags that are perfect for jobs or internships that require more professional attire. While some clothes do look a little worn, other items seem to have never been used.

Act II is worth a visit to shop for a good closet staple, such as a blazer or a nice blazer. It is not the best store to go to for trendy clothes, however.

Like thrift shops, the stock will always be changing and will vary from visit to visit. In cases like that, one might find a treasure one day and nothing the next.

Also, donating discarded clothes could prove to be lucrative. Any poor college student can agree that a little extra cash can go a long way. Act II is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. To donate or consign clothing, simply drop by or call 1-804-382-2748.



Josh Neighbors and Sean Mowen performed Guster's "Demons" and "Airport Song" at Open Mic Night.

## Discovery hosts Open Mic Night

By Channele Layman  
Act, Layout and Design Manager

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, Discovery played host to CAB's Open Mic Night, drawing a large crowd on the cold evening. With about 200 people filling the room, and acoustic guitar music capturing center stage, open mic night was a successful source of entertainment for CNU students.

Compared to last year, Open Mic Night has increased in popularity. The jump from 50 to 75 people last year to an average of 200 this year came unexpected to CAB officers. Senior Allen Brooks, public relations chair, said, "They are far more popular than we ever thought they would be."

Because of the events

popularity, there are always a few performers who don't have time to play. In the future, CAB plans to limit performances to five minutes in order to allow the most people possible to perform.

The secret to their new success may be unknown, but the atmosphere of Open Mic Night certainly plays a part.

"Discovery is a really great venue for the event. It's pretty ideal," said Brooks.

To maximize the environment in Discovery, CAB aims to keep Open Mic Night simple. In order to do this, only two mics are offered for performers.

"We try to keep it low-key," said Brooks. It creates more of an intimate kind of experience."

As a result of this low-key emphasis, most students

played covers (renditions) of acoustic guitar songs during the most recent Open Mic Night. Among the featured artists were Copeland, Guster, Sister Hazel, Pink Floyd and many others. Some musicians chose to perform original songs as well.

For some the decision of what to play was carefully planned, but most seemed to perform impromptu. Junior Dan McCleese (performing for his second time) said, "I decided five minutes before I came what I was going to play." This last-minute decision-making is also part of the atmosphere CAB desires to create.

"We don't screen any performers," said Brooks. "We want to encourage freedom of expression." That expression is not

limited to acoustic guitar; students may also perform a capella, stand-up comedy, poetry readings and generally whatever can be performed using two mics.

Perhaps this freedom explains Open Mic Night's success. For some attendees, coming to hear a friend play is the sole reason for coming out.

"I just knew some people playing and I came out to see them," said freshman Kendra Cox.

Others appreciate listening to what other CNU students have to offer. "I think that there's a lot of talent at the school," said McCleese.

Because there is talent and a growing interest, CAB plans to host more Open Mic Nights next semester.

## CD Review: 'a few things to hear before we all blow up'

By Megan Tucker  
Act, Arts & Entertainment Editor

If any CD has ever had the effect of slowing your heart rate and making its listener give a comforting sigh, it would definitely be this one.

Williamson's "a few things to hear before we all blow up," is an instrumental electronic album that promises its listener that they will be ultimately "chilled out" after they're finished.

San Francisco-based Wade Williamson is the driving force behind Williamson. Williamson produced this record himself with no corporate affiliations of any kind. While there are no vocals on the entire LP, Williamson blends electronic music with indie rock and creates a style all his own.

"Williamson's compositions not only instill, but also demand, a zen-like stillness in the listener in order to really hear the depth of the music," said Jonathan Galt, reviewer for "The Outsider E-zine," located at [www.theoutsidermag.com](http://www.theoutsidermag.com).

The CD's title suggests some deep political or social message; but really, it's not that complicated. Williamson attempts to make mellowed out music, and I believe that he achieved his goal.

This album doesn't follow the "indie" style. Instead, it adds rocking guitars and mellow beats without harsh snare drums or recurring drum machines.

"A few things to hear before we all blow up" is a 12-track LP with a vast contingent of memorable beats.

A few songs to pay attention to are "21sec," "Time you'll never get back," and "A."

I never considered myself a fan of electronic music, but this CD has stayed in my CD-player for over a week now and I still play it before bed every night.

If you are a fan of techno, then I highly recommend this CD to add to your collection. Either way, Williamson appeals to both types of listeners.

One word of caution: Don't expect to go clubbing with this album. Instead, lay back, grab a cappuccino and drift off into wonderland.

For more information on Williamson and "A few things to hear before we all blow up," log on to his official website: [www.williamsonmusic.com](http://www.williamsonmusic.com).

## Video Game Review: 'Amped 2' better than original

By Megan Tucker  
Act, Arts & Entertainment Editor

While there are many sports-related games out now for PlayStation 2, Xbox and Gamecube, few deliver as much punch as snowboarding game "Amped 2."

Released this past month, "Amped 2" bears an uncanny resemblance to the first "Amped," though closer inspection will reveal a few refinements that make the game an overall more enjoyable experience.

Xbox's "Amped 2" has a more realistic feel than its predecessor. The gamer will no longer be able to perform quadruple flips a hundred feet high. Now if the player's landing is a little off, they're

bound to crash into a mound of snow and ice. As depressing as this may get, it makes the game more entertaining and challenging.

Also, the game is more lenient when it comes to landing tricks. Gamers now do not have to land tricks perfectly straight as in the first "Amped." There are still times when the gamer will feel like they should've landed a trick, but overall, there is a big improvement between the two games.

Game players will have to get the idea that more is better out of their head, because performing more flips and grabs (while still good) will not score as many points as performing a single flip with a great deal of style. Performing flips and turns more slowly and accurately accumulates style points.

Another great addition to the game is a "snow-skating" style, which means that the snowboarder is not attached to the boarders feet, therefore allowing more tricks.

While some buttons have changed as well as the type of slopes, some options have remained the same. There are also more career options to choose from, as well as characters to practice with.

IGN.com, an online gaming Web site, rated Xbox's "Amped 2" a 9.0 on a 10-point scale. Consumers of the game rated it a 9.2, calling it one of the best new games of the year.

"Amped 2" is available now on Xbox for \$49.99 at all gaming and electronic stores. For more information or photos, log onto [www.ign.com/xbox](http://www.ign.com/xbox).

## Restaurant Review: Cold Stone Creamery

*Growing franchise blends ice cream to serve customer's tastes*

By Channele Layman  
Act, Layout and Design Manager

New to the area is the premium restaurant for ice cream lovers, Cold Stone Creamery. A growing franchise, Cold Stone Creamery offers some of the best blends of ice cream. Even more unique than the blends of ice cream is the way in which each dish is served.

Cold Stone Creamery distinguishes itself from all other ice cream stores by serving its own creations. For example, instead of

just strawberry ice cream, Cold Stone serves its own touch. The result is "Our Strawberry Blonde™," a mixture of strawberry ice cream, graham cracker pie crust, strawberries, caramel and whipped topping. This gives just one example of the style of ice cream, but the options are nearly limitless.

Customers can choose among Cold Stone's pre-created blends, such as "Mint Chocolate Chip™" or "Fruit Stand Rendezvous™" or they can create their own mixture of ice cream and their choice of toppings. Also, Cold Stone offers shakes, malts, and other ice cream novelties.

Once you've decided on your blend for the night, the mixing begins. The ice cream and toppings are all placed on a cold slab of stone (hence the name) where they

are chopped and mixed into one final lump. Then the mixture is either placed into a giant waffle cone or into a bowl. Bowl sizes are like it, Love it, or Gotta Have it, smallest to largest respectively. Waffle cones are offered plain, with sprinkles, or chocolate-dipped.

One word of warning – ice cream this good causes quite a line. Don't worry though: the staff of Cold Stone provides a little entertainment as you wait. For each tip they receive, a well-known tune, modified to include ice cream content, follows.

In addition, the staff is more than willing to tell you about the great deals they offer. Whether you're persuaded by their words or not, you will definitely leave with a smile on your face after interacting with the staff.

It is said that some things are too good to be true. Well, in the case of Cold Stone, the saying applies. While service, atmosphere, and product receive an A+, price makes Cold Stone less attractive. One small cup of ice cream will cost \$4; if you add any embellishments, the price increases to between \$5 and \$6 per person. Some would argue the treats aren't worth the price, but for the ice cream lover, no price is too great.

Overall, Cold Stone does for ice cream what Starbucks does for coffee. Whether you like it, love it, or gotta have it, Cold Stone is the place to go for ice cream. A little hint-on your first visit, let the employee know and have a free sample of Cold Stone's original cake batter ice cream.

Give Cold Stone a try



At Cold Stone Creamery, waffle cones are offered plain, chocolate-dipped or covered in sprinkles.

at 550-E Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23606. It is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday. They can be

reached at 757-269-0550. On the "finger-lickin'" good scale, Cold Stone Creamery receives a 4 1/2 out of 5 fingers.

# Ghent? What's in Ghent?

Located in Norfolk, Ghent offers dining and shopping alternatives for those sick of the same old thing

By Lacey Millburn  
Staff Writer

With elevated feet and a vibrating pulse moving up and down my back, the steady hum soothed my mind as I slowly, comfortably slipped into sleep.

"I could sit in this every day," said my friend to my right, jolting me back to reality: I was not at home. I was in a massage chair at a store. But it was not just any store. This was Decorum, a modern furniture dream world with velvety suede, overstuffed couches and coffee tables with moveable sections. Trendy bar tables and stools stood next to day beds, and black and white photos were sold for \$25.

When I walked into this store I felt like the street I came from should have been 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but it isn't. People should have been walking around with their Prada bags and Versace jeans, but they weren't. This store was in Ghent.

Ghent is located in Norfolk, about 35 minutes from CNU. It is historic, a part of the city's history.

But, I wasn't worried about that. I did not want to explore the old historic

side of our area; I wanted to see what Ghent had to offer me now.

So, on Nov. 22, I hopped in my car with two friends to see what Ghent had to offer. The day was ideal for fall, cool and sunny. We drove down 64 East, and got off at the I-564 exit/US-460 Grassy Street.

Starving, our first stop had to be somewhere for lunch. Off of 21<sup>st</sup> street, Palace Shops appeared to be a good place to try to find food.

We went into Baker's Crust, a well-lit, airy café. Marble table tops were highly noticeable with enticing sandwiches oozing cheese, vegetables, and various meats sitting on top of them.

A wine bar sat in a shadowy corner, and free bread samples attracted customers to come in and dine.

I ordered the "Mesquite Chicken Grinder," a bistro sandwich. It had melted provolone cheese, chicken, lettuce, tomato and onion on a French baguette with oil and vinegar drizzled on top. I struggled eating my complimentary chips and pickle because I was so stuffed with food.

Baker's Crust prides itself in its 25 types of bread, including Asiago Cheese, Roasted Garlic, Fruit and Nut, and Country Loaf bread.

When lunch is over, Baker's Crust brings out more sophisticated meals, such as Linguini Amatriciano and Paella for the dinner guests. These meals range from \$10-18, more expensive than the lunch sandwiches that are only \$6-8.

Smoked mozzarella and portobello mushrooms and BBQ chicken pizza are only some of the appetizers, and the restaurant also boasts trendy salads such as the Thai Noodle salad.

If a loaf of bread or dessert is all one wants, just

stop by and get it to go from the front bakery.

We next spent an hour getting lost in the furniture of Decorum, and then moved into art galleries and shops. These were eccentric, trendy and the epitome of the word artsy.

5602 Glass and Fine Art Gallery had been open for 6 months and carried works such as paintings, handmade jewelry and sculptures from forty artists.

The woman sitting at the desk told me that "people from all walks of life" visit, but their main clients are between 30-60 years of age and mid-level professionals. Decorum and 5602 Glass and Fine Art Gallery are both located on West 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

Moving over to Colonial Ave., we visited a store that was called HomeWorks.

Shot glasses with clever sayings, quirky clocks, magnets and frames graced the few pieces of modern furniture. A wall lamp that highlighted with the word SEX was also for sale.

Next to this store stood Cogan's and Up Dog Yoga. Up Dog Yoga offered yoga classes and Cogan's offered a pizza bar for lunch. At that time, I wished I had room for a second lunch.

I was there for a simple Saturday afternoon, but it was enjoyable enough to make me want to go back again.

Next time, I might try more restaurants and perhaps the nightlife when I turn 21 this spring (when I will be able to buy a drink while I listen to live music).

Ghent is a place confused between trendy and "ghetto," but it was nice for a change of pace from Newport News and the well-known spots in Norfolk such as the McCarther Center or Waterside.

In Ghent, buyers remorse was not a factor, simply because everything I wanted I could not afford, but the looking sure was fun.



Reese Witherspoon produces and stars in "Legally Blonde 2," which proves it's hard for a sequel to live up to it's predecessor's original glory.

## DVD Review: 'Legally Blonde 2'

Fans of the original 'Legally Blonde' should give the DVD a try, but other viewers shouldn't waste their money

By Annie Ferenbach  
Staff Writer

Watching "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde" (there should be a law against sequels having colors leading to name cheesier than the original title...) was an odd experience. I wanted to like the movie, but I was expecting it to be terrible.

There were times during the movie that I enjoyed in spite of myself, and there were times I was literally holding my head in my hands, unable to watch for feeling such embarrassment for Reese Witherspoon and the rest of the cast and crew—some moments are just unforgivably cheesy and unrealistic.

I proudly confess, I'm a huge fan of the original "Legally Blonde." Being an idealist, a sap and a girl very easily caught up in movies with optimistic messages and happy endings, it was the perfect movie for me.

I loved the character of Elle Woods. She's a girl underestimated by everyone she meets, but she (of course) throws the odds and expectations and truly makes a difference for herself and the world.

Witherspoon tries to recreate the comedy, idealism and intelligence (yes, intelligence) of the original in this flawed sequel. On paper, it seems perfect and perfectly Elle Woods. Outraged that her beloved Chi-

huhua Bruiser's mother is being kept in a facility that tests cosmetic products on animals, Elle resolves to go to Washington to pass a law that forbids it and thus frees Bruiser's mother and all the other animals.

Director Charles Herman-Wurmfeld (director of "Kissing Jessica Stein") and Witherspoon (who stars and executive produces) are equipped with a great cast of some new characters, as well as Luke Wilson, arguably one of the strongest cast members of the original, but woefully underused here. Sally Field as Representative Victoria Rudd and Bob Newhart as kind and surprisingly knowledgeable doorman Sid are simply charming, in character and performance.

They're truly inspired pieces of casting that I wish could have done more for the overall quality of the film.

Some other new cast members include the fabulous Dana Ivey ("Two Weeks Notice") and Bruce McGill ("The Runaway Jury"). They're good actors trapped in exceedingly silly roles. For example, Ivey is hardened and cynical Congresswoman Libby Hauser. However, as soon as Elle discovers she belongs to the sorority Delta Xi, Hauser turns into a giggling sorority girl.

Jennifer Coolidge reappears as dippy manicurist (and now hairstylist) Paulette, as do Jessica Cauffiel and Alanna Ubach (Margot and Serena, respectively). While Jennifer Coolidge is a genuinely funny actress, and Paulette was a funny character in the first, she's reduced to sheer incoherent idiocy in this film. Her lines are nothing more than nonsensical one liners to appear in the trailers. The handling of her character is nothing short of tragic for a funny actress and a character with at least a little bit of potential.

Cauffiel and Ubach,

grating and annoying but minimally funny, are overused and simply embarrassing in this film.

This is not a terrible movie. It's simply a disappointment after the unlikely success of the first.

To see the trailer, you immediately think that it's simply about a dumb blonde, but Elle turns out to be more than that. She's kind, she's smart, and she's determined.

"Legally Blonde 2" flirts with that kind of quality, but Elle's aim the first, are overwhelmed by the fact that she's written as more of a ditz; and really, the entire movie is written that way too. Witherspoon earned a bad talent and appeal can't save a film this misguided, even if moments do give you the warm and fuzzy feeling of the first.

Fortunately, the DVD provides some good special features that help you sit back, put the criticism away for a moment and enjoy the good things about the film.

The gag reel is actually funny because some deleted scenes would have actually made the film a bit better if had they been left in, and the featurette "Blonde Ambition" really makes you want to like the film more than you might have.

If you were a fan of the first movie or of Witherspoon, give "Legally Blonde 2" a rent, but my advice is to not waste your money on buying it. You likely won't watch it more than once.

"Legally Blonde 2" was released November 4, 2003 on DVD and VHS and is available at local stores.

Directed by Charles Herman-Wurmfeld

Starring Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field, Bob Newhart, Bruce McGill, Dana Ivey, Jennifer Coolidge, and Luke Wilson

Rated PG-13 for some language and sex related humor

Rating: 2 out of 5 stars

## currents

A journal of art and literature at CNU

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One month closer to the real world, and pans are falling on my head

By Taryn Cornelius  
Staff Columnist

Coming home for Thanksgiving Break meant two things to me: I could forego my diet for another week, and now I have less than a month to write 100 pages worth of research papers.

It also meant realizing that I'm one month closer to the real world. Maybe this is just my own stupidity, but every Thanksgiving Break I drag home all the books I'll need to spend the entire break doing homework. I figure with a week off from partying, late night movies and 3 a.m. trips to IHOP, that I'd be able to get at least an ulcer's worth of paper writing done. It never happens though.

Somewhere between putting up Christmas deco-

rations, trying to sleep in, and this year cleaning up the kitchen after I pulled down an entire rack of pots, I have managed to do no additional work on my papers.

Unless it counts that I sorted all 30 articles and trailers. The handling of her character is nothing short of tragic for a funny actress and a character with at least a little bit of potential.

A big part of going home for break is supposed to be catching up on sleep. Every time I come home I threaten the life of anyone who wakes me up before noon on my first day back. And every time I come home there's either something for me to do at 8 a.m. the next morning, or my mom wakes me up by 10.

The holidays almost always involve seeing the relatives and catching up on all the family gossip. For some people this might only take an hour.

For me, it'll take at least a day ... what with my 33 cousins (whose names I can remember, plus the 50 some can't), three aunts, one uncle, grandmother, parents, and my brother flying in from out-of-state.

Of course, every time I come home I get to meet a

new cousin and am reminded yet again that I am related to my entire town ... all 5,000 people.

My mom always gets out the ancient china to eat on for the holiday meals, which sometimes and nervously-racking that it's worth.

When the entire rack of pots decided to fall on my head Thanksgiving dinner, I felt really loved when my mom didn't yell, "Are you OK?" but instead screamed, "Did the china break?"

I spent more time this week trying to find a post-grad paycheck than trying to get my pre-grad class work completed. Of course, I spent more time shopping than doing both of those combined.

This week is the last time I'll ever come home from college for Thanksgiving, which feels weird. Of course, next year I know that I still won't get to sleep in, the china will still be breakable, and I'm sure that something else in the kitchen ... maybe the whole ceiling this time, will decide to fall on my head. Good luck to everyone else who didn't, of course, or her homework over break too!





# Carl and Ruby and Crosswords

## Mystic Stars

### Weekly Horoscope For December 1-7

By Lasha Seniek  
Knight Rider/Tribune News Service

**Aries (March 21-April 20).** Family restrictions and home tensions are lifted this week. Early Wednesday, expect loved ones to adopt an attitude of acceptance for older relatives, long-term obligations or group planning. Offer encouragement and fresh ideas. New suggestions will be welcomed and appreciated. Friday through Sunday, romance intensifies. Expect potential lovers or long-term friends to ask probing questions or demand public promises. Remain distant, if possible. Passions will be high.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Before midweek, workplace promises may be overly enthusiastic. Monday through Wednesday expect older colleagues to introduce revised documents, new payment schedules or joint assignments. Wait, however, for reliable or consistent information. At present, sudden business reversals and financial restrictions are continuing themes. After Thursday, loved ones may be moody or unresponsive. Don't confront. Private moments are needed and enjoyable.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Ownership, long-term rental contracts and passionate discussions between loved ones are accentuated over the next six days. Pay attention to new legal agreements, property payments or financial promises. Rely on diplomacy and expect rare complications. Outstanding details will be settled in the coming weeks. Thursday through Sunday, controversial social invitations may create conflict. Avoid gossip or misinformation. Someone close may wish to trigger a dispute.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Monday through Wednesday are strong for finalizing permissions, securing contracts or increasing salaries. Ask authority figures or older relatives for special favors. After midweek, loved ones may offer powerful indications of their love, affection or long-term intentions. Stay open to rekindled romance but wait for obvious signals. Over the next 12 days, lovers or close friends may need to gain public support or test the limits of trust, loyalty and emotional intimacy.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Yesterday's love affairs or friendships are accentuated over the next three days. Late Monday, expect unique information to captivate your attention. Use this time to settle unresolved disputes or challenge the ideas of distant friends. A new era of social involvement will arrive soon. Watch for subtle invitations. Thursday through Sunday also highlight financial freedom, new projects and revised job titles. Complex decisions are needed. Discuss all proposals with loved ones.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Close friends or colleagues may require extra patience over the next four days. After Monday, watch for playful comments or unusual attitudes from loved ones. Areas strongly affected are career gains, job proposals or public reputation. Agreement will be reached if, and only if, honesty prevails. Refuse to avoid difficult realizations concerning skill development or financial limitation. Late this weekend, energy may be low. Rest and avoid key family discussions, if possible.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Business ventures begun approximately five weeks ago may be temporarily postponed. No permanent or lasting affects can be expected, but do watch for brief financial delays. Remain determined. Revised deadlines will eventually work in your favor. Later this week, loved ones may outline new career hopes. Be receptive. Your attitude is important. Friday through Sunday, romantic proposals may arrive without warning. Quick love affairs are accentuated. Stay balanced.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22).** Previously withheld opinions or observations may be freely expressed. Monday through Wednesday expect minor outbursts from friends or relatives. Areas affected are family obligations, age-appropriate relationships and long-term commitment. Someone close may need to feel validated. Remain flexible and watch for new progress. After Thursday, workplace assignments may dramatically increase. Make sure authority figures understand your limitations.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21).** Money decisions may be fast and scattered this week. Late Tuesday, expect a brief but intense flurry of financial details or outstanding requests. Stay focused and carefully complete all assignments. Before next week, accuracy and dedication will be vital to the success of short-term projects. Thursday through Sunday also accent deepening romantic commitments, bold home discussions and sensuality. Remain alert. Friends and lovers will expect renewed passion.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Romantic invitations will be intriguing but purposefully vague this week. Watch for potential lovers to offer coy flirtations and undefined promises. Enjoy seductive moments but avoid strong expectations. New relationships, although highly promising, may be temporarily delayed. Later this week, a rare disagreement with authority may be bothersome. Take none of it personally. Older officials or colleagues may need to end a phase of social withdrawal.

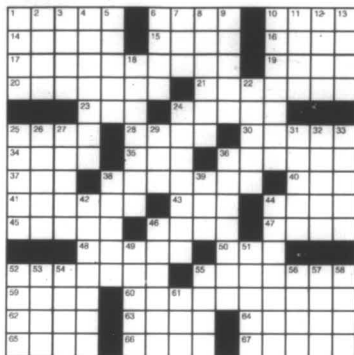
**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** New employment assignments may be unusually complex over the next nine days. Wait for officials to resolve outstanding office disputes before taking action. At present, competing sources of information may be misleading. After midweek, a social invitation may demand a quick response. Be honest. Your need to define emotional boundaries and bring balance to strained relationships is valid. Friday through Sunday ask family members for financial favors. Success is possible.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Short-term romance may be highly distracting over the next few days. New friends or colleagues may wish to become more intimately involved in your life. Fast proposals are unrealistic. Boldly discuss your long-term expectations and wait for deeper personality traits to emerge. Thursday through Sunday, a business plan requires detailed research. New career options are available. Carefully evaluate all suggestions or new partnerships.

**If your birthday is this week ...** Family relations may be mildly straining over the next two weeks. Short-term travel or complex social plans are accentuated. After mid-month, however, a powerful wave of compassion and group enjoyment arrives. Some Sagittarians, especially those born after 1964, will also experience a sharp increase in romantic promises and family invitations. Early in 2004, changing roles in the workplace may be bothersome. Before mid-March, authority figures may abandon key projects. Face yourself and watch for new assignments throughout April. Financial improvement and quick career changes are continuing themes for most of the coming year. Respond to all opportunities. Educational programs, planned expansions and newly developed skills will demand constant attention.

## Crossword

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28 Hood's heaters  
30 Moisture a torn  
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35 "Telephone Line" grp.  
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47 Written part  
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### Solutions



### CAPTAIN RIBMAN is Falling In Love



by John Sprengelmeyer & Rich Davis



## Carl and Ruby

By Juli Allred  
Cartoonists Contracted



# Sports



Mario Marin (31) runs for additional yardage during the Nov. 22 game against Muhlenberg. The Captains defeated the Mules 24-20. In the second round, CNU lost to Bridgewater 26-3, ending the season 8-3.

## Captains defeat Muhlenberg 24-20 but lose to Bridgewater in round 2

CNU defeats Muhlenberg and advances to round two in NCAA tournament

By Rob Silabee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Nov. 22—On paper the Mules of Muhlenberg and the Captains of Christopher Newport were very similar teams. Each entered last Saturday's game with a 7-2 overall record and a 5-1 conference record. The Mules topped CNU's 205 points with 225, but CNU's 88 points allowed easily beat Muhlenberg's 113.

The Captains were better at rushing the ball into the endzone, but the Mules had more passing TD's. The Captains had lost more fumbles, but the Mules had thrown more interceptions. The most remarkable similarity was the total yards per game mark; 340.1 for the Captains and 340.2 for the Mules.

It was safe to say that CNU's third NCAA tournament game in history was going to be a battle against Muhlenberg. The Mules had going for them was a 7-game win streak as the Captains were coming off their first loss of the season since game one at Rowan.

At noon on an unusually warm November afternoon, the Captains took the first kick. George Jones received

the kick and returned it 20 yards before being stopped at the 24-yard line. However, the good return did not spark anything on the Captains' first drive ending in a three-and-out situation after two incomplete passes. Philip Jones, star quarterback and punter for the Captains, booted a 45-yard gem to the 29-yard line.

The Mules didn't find any more success as the Captains proved why they are the number two defensive team in D-III football, allowing just three yards on their first drive.

The Joe Getz punt from the Muhlenberg special teams was downed at the 36-yard line. The Mules, however, stepped up with their defense as well, and didn't allow a first down to the Captains the entire first quarter.

With eight minutes left in the first, Philip Jones miscalculated on an option play fumbling right into the hands of the defensive end, Ryan Peer.

After the defense took the field just one play of rest later, they still stopped the Mules offense on two consecutive plays. However, Kodi Shay, wide receiver for Muhlenberg, came up with a big 21-yard catch to the 2-

yard line. Star running back Matt Bernardo rushed the 2-yards for the first score of the game. The point-after-attempt by Brian Hendershot was good and put the score at 7-0.

The next drive continued the Captains' struggles on offense adding two more incompletions.

Jones was 0-6 at the end of the first quarter. With the balls in Muhlenberg's possession again, the team drove to a fourth and 14 from the CNU 19-yard line. Hendershot stepped up and made the 36-yard field goal and put the score at 10-0.

Looking for momentum somewhere the first drive of the second quarter found some in freshman Roland Hilliard. On a third and 13 pressed against their own goalpost, Philip Jones connected with Hilliard for a record-breaking 85-yard catch and a touchdown.

"He's a baller," was all that Hosh Weekes could say about Hilliard's big catch.

Jason Brooker's PAT was good and brought the crowd back into it with a 10-7 score in the second quarter.

Both defenses continued to thrive in the second half and held each other to small yardage. However, the air attack of both teams

found some room to breathe and each added another field goal before the half, putting the score at 13-10.

At halftime, the Captains had just 2 first downs and were just two of eight on third-down. Both teams were squandering on the ground as the Mules only had 39 yards on 17 plays and the Captains only amounted 26 yards on 15 plays.

Through the air, Muhlenberg had 96 yards and CNU had 101, mostly thanks to Hilliard's big play. Mario Marin led the Captains with 20 yards on 6 carried and Matt Bernardo led the Mules with 43 yards on 14 carries. Both teams new something different was going to be needed for the second half.

Right as the second half began it was clearly more intense. The first play of the half found Jovonn Quillen intercepting the ball from Ryan Newman.

Philip Jones then completed two passes to Nathan Davis and Roland Hilliard, but then threw one right into the hands of Joe Getz. Muhlenberg then rushed the ball one before throwing the ball to CNU defensive

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## Aimee Gibbs qualifies for nationals taking third place

Brandon Miles leads the Men's team taking 13th in regionals- Low grabs 11th in the women's competition

By Brittany Lambert  
Captain's Log Intern

Nov. 15—The CNU Cross Country Team had the most outstanding team finish in years at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championships. The team took regional runner-up honors to host, Emory University. In addition, Aimee Gibbs qualified for nationals for the fourth year in a row.

The team traveled to Panthersville, Ga. for the 2003 NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championships on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003. The team came home victorious with many successful runners placing high in the rankings. The men's runner-up finish was the highest team finish in nearly 10 years and they were the top finishing Virginia school.

The men were led by freshman Brandon Miles, who placed 13th with a time of 27:02, junior Jimi Highsmith in 14th with a time of 27:10 and freshman Cary Chaffee in 15th with the time of 27:12. With hopes for the future, Miles and Chaffee were the top finishing freshmen in the region.

"Mens season over all

was highlighted by our very young yet talented team. There were four freshmen within my top runners and we are very pleased about looking ahead to the future. We were very successful this season even though we fell a little short of some team goals," said Coach Maurer.

"The women, without a doubt had their most successful year ever and the team accomplished all of their goals," said Coach Maurer.

"This is Aimee's fourth trip to nationals and that has never been done by any athlete in CNU history. I am very proud of her, she is a very special individual. She is by far the best distance runner that CNU has ever seen," said Coach Maurer.

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The women came out

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Sophomore Emily Low competes in a cross country meet in Blacksburg, Va., earlier this semester. The Cross Country team had several runners that qualified for nationals. Low took 11th place in regionals.

## Intramural program provides exercise and fun for students

Students interact through basketball intramurals

By Erick Hellwig  
Contributing Writer

A common occurrence at big universities is when collegiate athletes get in some sort of trouble and are disciplined by their teams.

Penalties can range from public criticism to extra workloads to suspensions,

but in the serious cases, players can be removed from the team completely, sometimes missing entire seasons.

In these cases, there is one lasting effect from that players inability to follow team rules...somebody's intramural team gets a heck of a lot better that it was before.

Basketball intramurals are now in full swing since the recent conclusion of football, and with so many teams vying for the treasured intramural title, people outside of intramural sports wonder...why are these people playing intramurals? What are they getting out of it?

Ben Francisco, a freshman playing for the Knickerbockers, plays knowing his team, in professional terms, is in a "rebuilding" year.

"Every week we lose," says Francisco, "but we have fun when we do it". Zach Crump, a star player on Santoro Hall, plays because "[Crump] played in high school, and it's just a way to stay competitive". Crump says he plays basketball because "you get to meet a lot of people, make friends, and do something you like

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## Lady Captains open the season with a loss to Goucher

Women's basketball team falls to Goucher; defeats Randolph-Macon 88-85 in weekend tournament

By Brittany Lambert  
Captain's Log Intern

Nov. 21—The CNU women's basketball team traveled to Ashland, Va. on Friday.

Nov. 21 for the Randolph-Macon/Coca-Cola Tip-Off Classic. The Captains opened the season with a loss but

redeemed themselves with a win on day two.

The Captains began the weekend with a loss against Goucher College. CNU was just 26-of-73 (36%) from the floor while just shooting 3-of-17 (18%) on three point attempts while Goucher shot 45% for the win.

Amber Hallman held the game with 20 points and eight rebounds while freshman Candace Bryant

contributed 17 points and 12 rebounds.

This left CNU 0-1 but the Captains fought back for a win the following day against Randolph-Macon with a final score of 88-85. CNU was trailing at half time 35-26 but came to redeem themselves with an impressive shot percentage of 19-of-40 (48%) from the

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# Weekly Sports Wrap-Up

## Men's Basketball

CNU dropped their first game of the season to Union 68-63. Ohio Hampton led with 23 points and seven rebounds. Blake Brookman and Marcus Carter added 10 points apiece. The Captains led by seven points with 14 minutes remaining. Union came back on hot streak hitting several three-pointers. The Captains are now 2-1 on the season.

## Women's Basketball

The Lady Captains lost at Marymount Saturday evening 70-63. Freshman guard Jess Hutt led the way for CNU with 16 points. Tomorrow Lofton finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Amber Hallman had 14 points and eight rebounds. The Lady Captains shot 45 percent from the field. CNU was 25-of-56 from the floor, 2-of-6 on three-pointers, and 11-of-16 from the free throw line. The Lady Captains are 1-3 and they take on Mary Baldwin on Saturday.

## Football

In the second round of the NCAA playoffs, CNU fell to Bridgewater 26-33. On the first drive Bridgewater had an 89 yard drive with 10 plays. Brandon Wakefield finished it off with a 1-yard touchdown run. Thomas Thornton led CNU with 34 yards on seven carries. Phillip Jones was 10-of-32 with two interceptions for 85 yards. The Eagles had 323 yards of offense on 76 plays. The Captains had 124 yards on 59 plays. CNU finishes its season with a record of 8-3.

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just as strong with best ever finish in school history. Once again the women were led by senior Aimee Gibbs who qualified for the national championships for the fourth year in a row. Aimee had a third place finish with a time of 23:01.

Close behind was sophomore Emily Low placing 11th with a time of 23:50, sophomore Megan Fogarty took 13th with a time of 24:00, and freshman Ashley Ezell placing 17th with a time of 24:24. These ladies were also awarded with All-Region honors for Christopher Newport University.

In addition to qualifying for nationals, Aimee holds the women's fastest runner record with a time of 22:17. The record had not been broken since 1988 till Aimee came aboard and soared high above with the outstanding record in 2001.

Coach Mauter has been successfully working with CNU cross country and track since the past eight years.

He has built a very strong and successful team. Since Mauter has been with CNU, the cross country team has won the Dixie Conference Championship every year since 1993.

Assistant coaches George Seward and Cassie Stille are also a vital part to the teams success. Seward is the top assistant coach and has also

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to do."

Although these freshmen players play for their love of the game, older players play for the sweet taste of victory. Jeff Bicip, a sharp shooting guard for 4-0 Rutgers Park, plays the game to get some exercise and be with his friends, but come game time, he enters another dimension of competitiveness. Asking to be put on record, Jeff confidently "guaranteed a win" in this battle Royal between Rutgers Park and Sickwitt, a team rumored to be the best team in the division.

Michelle James and Leigh Leavitt are two sophomore roommates who play on Ladies' Night Out, one of the newly created women's intramural teams.

Both James and Leavitt played their freshman years on a boy's team, but since the women's league creation, this year, they are happy to be where they are. "I never got playing time," says James, "but now the games are more fun."

Leavitt expressed similar emotions, saying that all she wanted "was to play and have fun, and now we're doing that."

So why do college stu-

been with CNU for eight years. He is also a CNU alumni. Stille joined the CNU staff in 2001.

With the hard work and dedication put in daily by these coaches, CNU has the honor of holding their heads up for yet another impressive season with men and women's teams recording their best regional team finishes in recent years, both men's and women's squads taking regional runner-up

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Keith Mauter  
Head Coach

honors at NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championships and a qualification for nationals.

This very successful season has now come to a close for all expect Aimee Gibbs who will be traveling to Hanover, IN on Nov. 23 for NCAA Nationals.

dents take time to play these games when it's not covered in the media.

They aren't recorded, there aren't crowds, and there's no real outside appreciation. The only real appreciation you have playing intramural bas-

**"...you get to meet a lot of people, make friends and do something you like to do."**

Zach Crump

ketball is that which you give yourself knowing that you're doing something you love with your friends.

For the sheer thrill of being in competition or for the feeling of being part of a team effort, these players give their all on the CNU courts. For someone outside of intramural basketball, it sounds well worth it to me.

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floor after half time. The game then continued into overtime and CNU out scored Randolph-Macon 11-8 for the win leaving the final score 88-85.

The Lady Captains were led by Tomorrow Lofton who scores 23 points and had nine rebounds.

Four other team members scored in the double figures bringing CNU to victory.

Amber Hallman had 19 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

Candace Bryant added 14 points and 10 rebounds coming off the bench. Sam Davis added 12 points and six rebounds and Jenna Reese contributed 11 points.

Hallman and Lofton

were each named to the All-Classic Team.

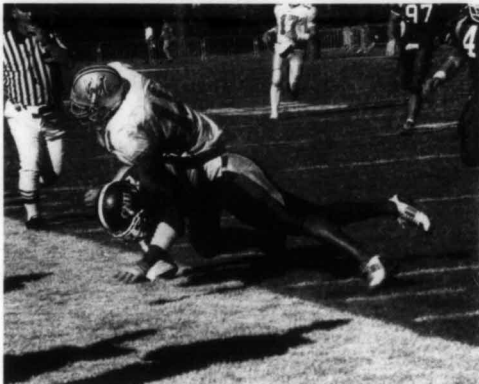
This was an impressive and successful game for the Captains having redeemed themselves nine points in the second half of the game, five players scoring in the double digits and two players.

Tomorrow Lofton and Amber Hallman being named to the All-Classic Team.

The Lady Captains played their first home game Tuesday, Nov. 25 against Salisbury in the Freeman Center at 5:30p.m.

After Thanksgiving break the Lady Captains are 1-3 on the season, falling to Union, Salisbury and Marymount.

They take on Mary Baldwin on Saturday at 6 traveling to Staunton, Va.



Donny Burdett/The Captain's Log

Thomas Thornton gets tackled during the Nov. 22 game against Muhlenberg. The Captains won the game off a diving catch by George Jones, but quarterback Phillip Jones used a number of resources, throwing to seven different receivers.

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back Hosh Weekes. Weekes returned the interception 23 yards for the touchdown.

The Captains had their first lead of the day at 17-13. Right as the second half began, three picks were thrown within 2 minutes and 15 seconds. The intensity had clearly risen.

The Captains drove down the field much to the compliment of Mario Marin and a 30-yard rush. Marin broke at least 2 tackles on the run before finally being brought down on the 10 yard line.

However, the Captains couldn't put it in and had to settle for the field goal. Broskie lined up and an unknown player from the Mules got vertical and blocked the attempt.

Muhlenberg tried to work the ground game again to no avail and had to go to the air.

Tom Kelleher's pass was intercepted by Jason Harrell and became the fourth interception of the quarter. Like much of the game, however, they got the ball back quickly as CNU was not able to capitalize on the mistake.

The Mules came up with a few huge plays on the way to a touchdown.

Kodi Shay had a third down catch for 25 yards and Matt Bernardo broke a 13-yard run, the longest of the game.

The third quarter expired with the Mules 19 yards from regaining the lead. After another 13-yard catch and a 4 yard rush by Bernardo, the score was 20-17. Mules.

The next two possessions ended in punts, followed by a fumble and another Muhlenberg punt. With 6:44 left in the game, CNU was running out of time.

With the season on the line Phillip Jones stepped up. After he kept the ball for an 8-yard run, he connected with Junior Nathan Davis

on a 26-yard pass that Davis brought down on the sideline, but dragging his feet, made the catch. Jones then threw two perfect strikes only to be dropped and finding the Captains in a 4<sup>th</sup> and seven bind with just 5:10 to go.

Coach Kelleher had to make a decision, punt and hope the defense gets a stop or go for it. After a timeout, Phillip Jones connected with freshman rookie of the year, George Jones. George had been silenced all game but came up with a 31-yard one handed diving grab when he needed it most.

"I saw what I saw, I thought it was incomplete. But we didn't shut down the other receivers all game. They were pretty good," said safety Thanas Petrakis.

About going for it on fourth down, Coach Kelleher just said you have to "have the guts to do it." And another Jones' catch he said, "big time players make big time plays."

Coach of the Mules, Mike Donnelly gave credit: "They're outstanding. It was gonna come down to who threw the ball better."

The Mules, however, refused to let that easily. There is no four-point play in football so they had to go for a touchdown.

After the kickoff, Tom Kelleher threw a 36-yard pass to star Kodi Shay for a first down. Kelleher went back to Shay for another 12-yard pass complete to the CNU 28.

Within striking distance, the crowd got louder and the defense had to make a big stop. After three incomplete passes Kelleher had to get a first down.

However, Olando Holmes had another idea as he sacked the scrambling quarterback to seal the game for the Captains.

CNU kneeled to run out the clock and give the Captains their first NCAA tournament victory! Neither

team had a great game on paper.

Big plays proved huge in the first round of the playoffs, but the Captains were victorious and set to play Bridgewater at home next Saturday.

Phillip Jones went 17 for 33 spreading around the passing game to seven different receivers for 261 yards and 2 touchdowns and just 1 interception.

Justin Wood led the defense again with nine unassisted tackles and three assisted, for a total of 10.5.

"You love a game like this, blow-for-blow. You love that as a football player," Weekes commented, "every game you play isn't gonna be a blowout."

The Captains came into the game as the second-ranked total defense in the nation and fourth in the country in scoring defense.

CNU allowed just six second-half points since the Rowan game, and added just 7 to that total.

In the last nine games, CNU has outscored the opposition in the second half 122-21.

"They're a good defense," said Muhlenberg running back Matt Bernardo, "they were fast, they were aggressive, and they were athletic."

Kelleher seemed pleased that two Virginia teams (CNU and Bridgewater) were advancing over two Pennsylvania teams (Muhlenberg and Waynesburg). VA versus PA was the theme of the week on the practice field, mentioned Weekes.

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