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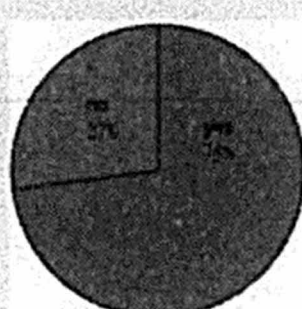
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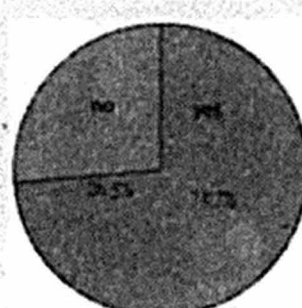
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Campus poll reveals political views

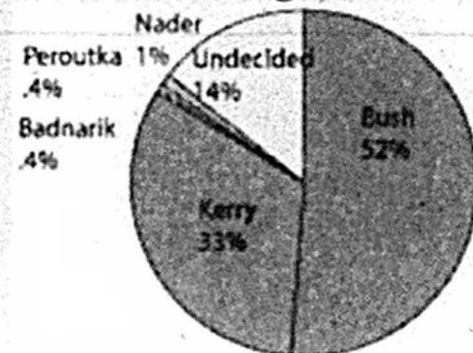
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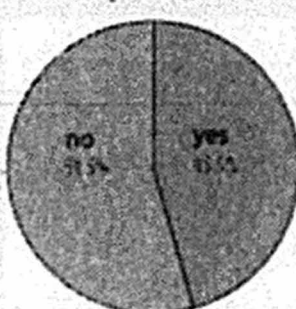
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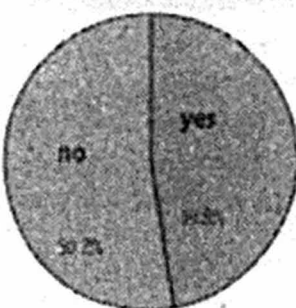
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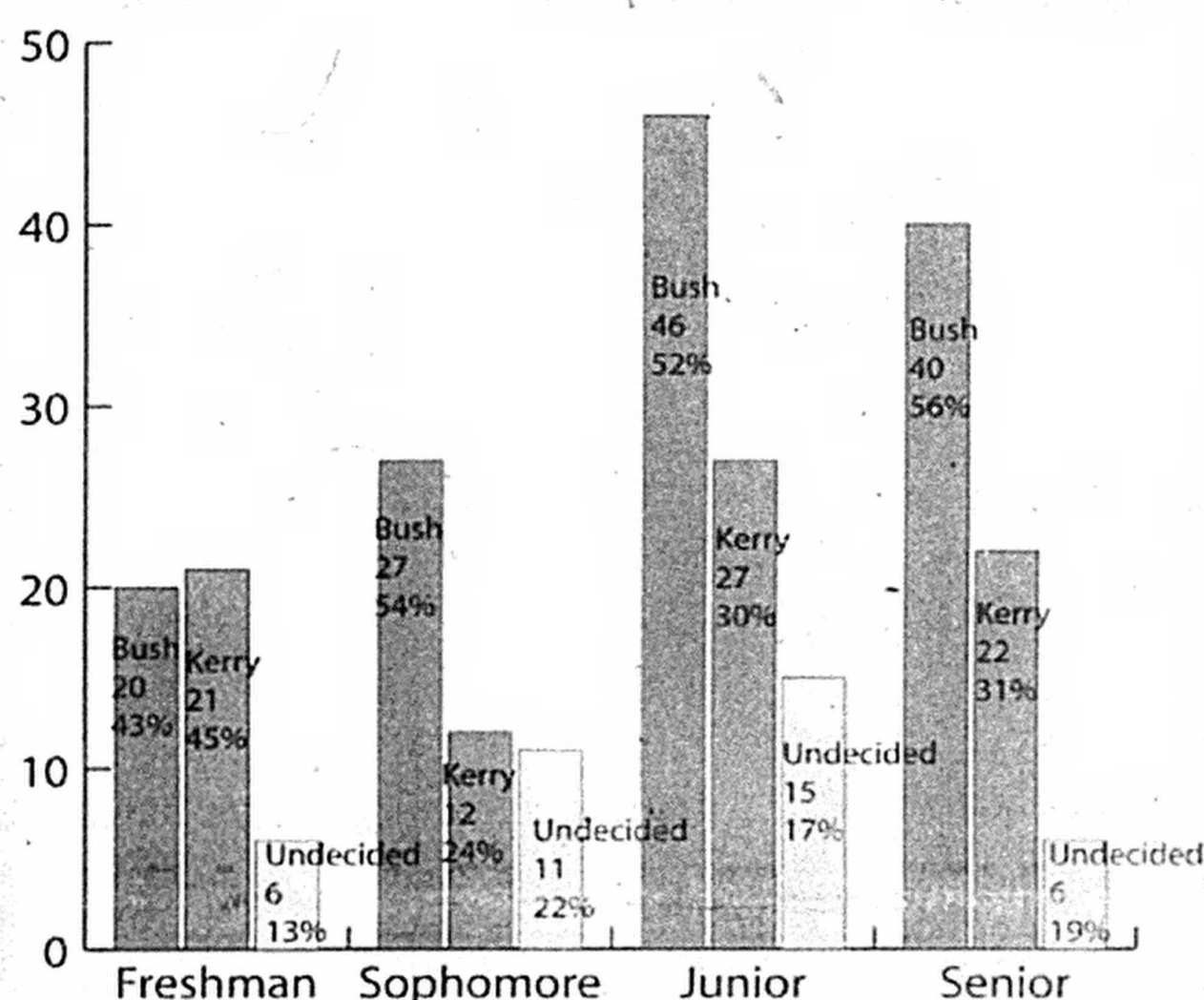
Do you support gay marriage?



Do you support abortion?



Presidential Candidate Percentages by Class Standing



Over a one week period, 282 students in Government, English and Communications classes were surveyed anonymously.

The survey was voluntary, and students were asked to complete the survey only once.

The survey asked for the student's age, class status, and where he or she was from. The questions on the survey included who the student was voting for on Nov. 2, and whether he or she supported the war on terror, abortion, gay marriage, and stem cell research.

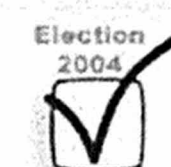
Forty-two surveys were discarded, leaving a total dataset of 324.

Some students, however, did not complete all the information fields on the survey and the results reflect those numbers.

Election 2004



Look for this image for information pertaining to the 2004 Presidential Elections



Political tension escalates

By JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

What started out as little more than missing stickers and posters quickly escalated into political warfare on campus.

Members of the Young Democrats were feeling harassed during the semester on the basis of their political affiliation and decided to take action.

A letter to the editor was submitted by the YDs to The Captain's Log last week and, according to Hilliary Turner, "The only reason we wrote the article in The Captain's Log was to say that it was going on and that it needed to stop."

In their letter, they did not specifically name any group or organization as being involved in the incidents.

Turner said the YDs weren't even sure if the people engaging in such behavior were members of the College Republicans, but "regardless of what you believe, this just shouldn't be happening."

The College Republicans issued a statement to The Captain's Log on Monday expressing that they have no knowledge of the incidents.

"We, the College Republicans, do not condone this type of behavior, alleged or otherwise, and would not permit any of our members to participate in these activities," the statement read.

The situation took on a life of its own, Turner said.

An article that appeared in Sunday's Daily Press cited instances where members of the YDs had met with hostilities on campus. Although the YDs did

publish a letter in the student newspaper requesting that any behavior that targeted them for their political beliefs should stop, they didn't expect it to go further than that.

"We were really upset because so much of it was taken out of context," Turner said of the Daily Press article.

On Monday, members of the group met with Dean of Students Donna Eddleman.

According to Turner, the meeting centered on if the stories were true and if the group wanted to pursue any further action such as taking it to Judicial Affairs.

The group rejected that notion.

"We don't expect it to come to that. We know neither club would do anything like that," Turner said.

TVs bought to serve as bulletin boards

By ERIN ROLL
Contributing Writer

Most CNU students are by now familiar with the flat-screen TVs that are on the walls in various campus buildings.

The silver Gateway TVs have been put into place over the last month in the Student Center, the Discovery Café, Harbor Lights, Regatta's and the Freeman Center.

These TVs are used by the university to broadcast announcements of upcoming events on campus.

Dean of Students Donna Eddleman said the decision to install the system was made over the summer, based on recommendations from the student ambassadors.

Their intent was to improve the spread of publicity for on-campus events.

Events that are advertised on the screens are events that are happening on campus and are open to all students according to Coordinator of Student Activities Jen Moylan.

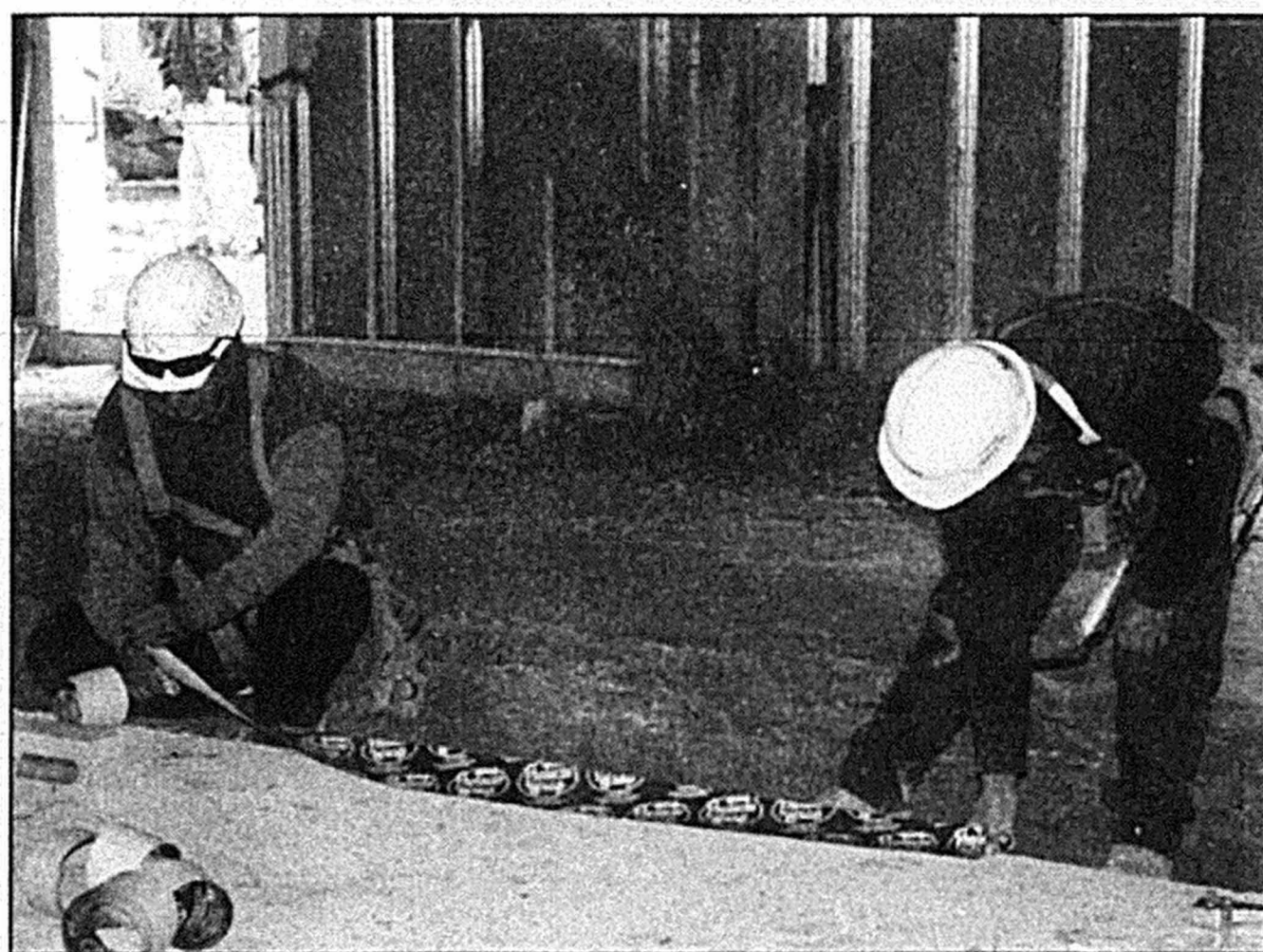
These events are sponsored by the Office of Student Life, as well as clubs and organizations, though OSU occasionally gets requests for postings from the professors and the academic departments.

Sporting events are also advertised on the screens.

The system is controlled from the IT Services machine room in McMurrin Hall.

Jared Benoit, the Student Life graphics artist, designs the

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Workers from W. M. Jordan work in the unfinished CNU Village shops, where rumors say a bar would be if CNU were a wet campus.

University officials consider wet campus

By JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

Amid rumors of the campus going wet in the near future, no official policy change has been made.

"Right now it's just being talked about," Carrie Muoio, coordinator of Greek affairs, said.

"The President made it clear that it was just talk and he was just trying to get ideas."

In December, a Greek life event will be hosted that could have a cash bar.

It's a possibility, Muoio said.

Students will have to be 21 and the bar will be monitored.

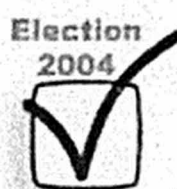
"It won't be just a free-for-all," she said.

The event could serve as a test-run for how the campus would function should it go wet.

Alcohol would not be permitted in the residence halls, Muoio said, but would be for special occasions.

Dean of Students Donna Eddleman said the President asked her to bring together a group of faculty, staff and students to review the alcohol policy to determine if changes should be made.

There will be more meetings concerning this topic over the next week and more definite decisions are expected soon.



Faith and Politics discussed

By JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

Religious leaders from the community gathered Monday night to address the role of faith and politics in today's society and especially next week's presidential election.

The event, sponsored by United Campus Ministries, allowed a panel to answer prepared questions and then take questions from the audience.

Melanie Reuter, the university's new campus minister, moderated the discussion. "Religion, if you take it seriously, affects every part of our lives," she said.

Panelists represented the Jewish faith and the Greek Orthodox, Unitarian Universal-

ist, Roman Catholic and United Methodist sects of Christianity.

The panelists stated that they encouraged their members to participate in the political process.

Rabbi Gilah Dror of Rodef Sholom, representing the Jewish church, said that politics are a tool for shaping reality.

"We shouldn't let that tool go unused," she said.

Reuter asked the panelists if their respective religious institutions endorsed a particular candidate and each panelist told the audience that they do not.

"We are a religious institution, not a political one," said Reverend Mark Reuter of the Foundry United Methodist Church.

The war in Iraq weighed heavy on the minds of the panelists as they pondered their an-

swers to questions about their institutions' stance on war.

"War should be a last resort," said Dror. "We must ask ourselves - at this moment, are we doing everything to resolve this in another way?"

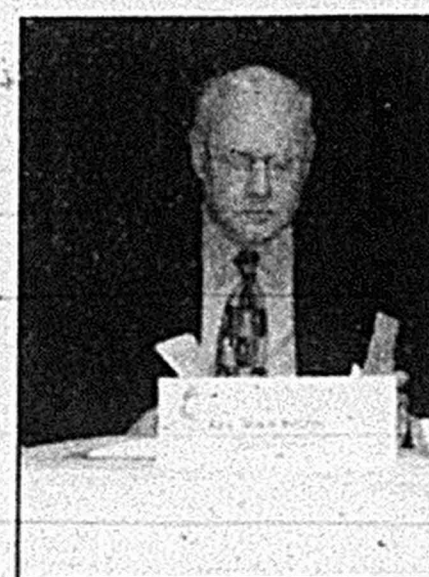
Abortion and reproductive rights came into question as well. The Greek Orthodox Church prohibits abortion except in the following cases: rape, incest and if the pregnancy jeopardizes the health of the mother.

This is not because the mother's life has more intrinsic value than the unborn child, but because she has already established relationships, Reverend George Chirolos, of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, said.

Reverend Paul Boothby

of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship said the decision should be left up to the individual woman.

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Reverend Mark Reuter comments on the relationship between faith and politics.

Retention rate falling

By CATHY EVANS
Contributing Writer

The Faculty Senate recently made a Committee on Retention to address the number of students leaving the university.

Most students - if they leave - traditionally do so after freshman year, but the faculty has noticed that a significant number of students are leaving after their sophomore or junior years.

"Students here are leaving out of pattern," said Dr. Virginia Purtle.

"Our goal is to get students

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Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday:
Partly Cloudy

High: 69° Low: 54°

Friday:
Partly Cloudy

High: 76° Low: 58°

Saturday:
Few Showers

High: 78° Low: 51°

Sunday:
Mostly Sunny

High: 70° Low: 50°

Correction

The Entrepreneur-in-Residence mentioned in last week's campus briefs is Robert Aston, not Robert Ashton.

The SGA Senate photo caption should say "Molly Buckley, chief of staff, and Senators Mehreen Farooq and Ashleigh Stacy voice their concerns about the SGA's publicity."

The byline for last week's article "ThinkFast game show returns to Freeman Center" should say "By Kristin Brickley, Contributing Writer."

supershots

Dressed up as a lion, two-year-old Aidan Sherwin pauses for a picture while collecting candy with his parents, Rick and Shauna, during the Residence Hall's Trick-or-Treating.

Classifieds

Want to place a classified ad?

The Captain's Log is now offering a classified section. Post roommate needs, items for sale, wanted, personals, etc. For more information, contact the Captain's Log at 594-7196.

"DISCLAIMER" The Captain's Log is not responsible for business dealings regarding classified ads. Personal ads will be screened for appropriate content.

On the record Police Blotter

An unsecured bicycle was stolen from Ferguson on Oct. 8. The case is inactive.

There was a reckless driving offense on Oct. 8 at Barclay Apartments. The driver was speeding and ran over orange cones. The driver has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

A hit and run occurred in Lot L on Oct. 13. A pedestrian was hit. The case is inactive.

There was an alcohol violation in the Harrison building of CNU Apartments on Oct. 15. The student was arrested and referred to Judicial Affairs.

A trespass incident occurred on Oct. 15 at Barclay Apartments. Objects were being thrown out of a moving vehicle. University Police located the vehicle and the occupants were issued a trespass notice.

There was an alcohol violation in York River East on Oct. 15. An underage student was found with alcohol. The student was arrested and sent to Judicial Affairs.

A toolbox was stolen from the Great Lawn on Oct. 16. It was recovered and returned to the owner. The individual who took it was referred to Judicial Affairs.

There were two alcohol violations in Potomac River North on Oct. 17. Underage students were found with alcohol and both were referred to Judicial Affairs.

An underage student was found with alcohol in the Harrison building of CNU Apartments on Oct. 17. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

On Oct. 18, a York River East resident had an intoxicated visitor. The visitor was issued a trespass notice.

Annoying phone calls were reported in the Monroe building of CNU Apartments on Oct. 18. The caller was dialing the wrong number.

NNPD — The campus and surrounding area falls under the Central Precinct and in beat 22. The following information is from that precinct.

There was a weapons offense at the 700 block of J. Clyde Morris Blvd. on Oct. 20. Firearms were seized from the scene. Dangerous drugs were seized from the same location.

A simple assault with minor injuries occurred on Oct. 20 at the 500 block of Almond Drive.

A deceased person was found at the 100 block of Woods Road on Oct. 22.

Around town State/Local News

Nation's first felony spam trial begins

The nation's first felony spam trial began Oct. 25 in Leesburg Circuit Court.

Commonwealth vs. Jaynes, Rutkowski and DeGroot will employ Virginia's anti-spam law, which was authorized by Attorney General Jerry Kilgore. The Attorney General's Computer Crimes Unit will prosecute the case.

In August, a Loudoun County Circuit Court judge upheld the state's anti-spam law as constitutional.

Jeremy Jaynes was arrested in December 2003 and has been listed as the eighth-most prolific spammer by the Register of Known Spam Operations, according to a release from Kilgore's office.

The law prohibits the sending of unsolicited bulk e-mail by fraudulent means, such as changing the header or routing information to prevent recipients from contacting or knowing the sender. Violations of the law can be punishable as a class 1 misdemeanor or a class 6 felony if any of the following conditions apply: the volume of spam exceeds 10,000 in any 24-hour period, 100,000 in any 30-day period, or one million in any one-year period; revenue generated from specific spam exceeds \$1,000 or total revenue exceeds \$50,000; or the defendant knowingly hires, employs, uses or permits any minor to assist in the operation. A class 6 felony is punishable by a one to five-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

Warner to speak in series of public forums on higher education

Governor Mark Warner joined Senator John Chichester, Delegate Vince Callahan and leaders from the state's higher education community for the first in a series of public forums on the future of higher education. The forum took place at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond on Monday.

"We need to not take these issues on an isolated basis, but we need to look at higher education goals as a whole and what we do want from higher education over the next decade and what should we expect as taxpayers and as Virginians from our colleges and universities," Warner said.

Five more regional meetings are scheduled to discuss other critical issues facing higher education in the state.

Nationwide poker games against Bush

On Oct. 27, thousands of Americans will host "Texas Hold 'Em"-style poker games using Bush Cards, according to a press release from Ken Sunshine Consultants. The cards are casino quality, poker-sized professionally printed cards with Bush administration photos, quotes, facts and figures. The creators have sold over 190,000 decks nationwide to date.

"It's a way of using humor and pop-culture to rally voters in the crucial days before the election," said Bush Cards creator Zach Levy in the release. "Never before have the stakes been this high. Now's clearly the time to do what the President once suggested — 'show your cards.'"

Your life Campus News

Commencement speakers announced

On Friday, President Tribble's office announced the speakers for the upcoming winter and spring commencements. Senator John H. Chichester, President pro tempore of the Virginia Senate and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee will speak at Winter Commencement on Dec. 18. Reverend Dr. Ralph Waller, Principal of Harris Manchester College of the University of Oxford, will speak at Spring Commencement on May 7.

Students participate in Virginia21 effort

Virginia21 launched a voter registration drive this year and has helped 24,000 students vote in the 2004 election. At CNU, the "Students Voting" campaign had 787 absentee ballots requested and 159 voter registrations assisted.

The release also stated that 156,187 absentee ballots had been requested as of Oct. 19 according to the State Board of Elections.

In Newport News, there had been 2,500 absentee ballots requested as of Oct. 22 according to the NN Voter Registrar. Requests for absentee ballots will be accepted until Oct. 28 in NN.

Senate attempts policy changes

The student senate discussed concerns about early registration privileges, resident assistant (RA) compensation and filling a vacant seat at its Monday meeting.

"The main concern is that PLP (President's Leadership Program) as a whole gets to register earlier than everybody who is non-PLP," senator Mehreen Farooq said. "The problem is that you'll have maybe a freshman or a sophomore registering for a class before a senior or junior, who really needs that class to graduate."

Despite these problems, Farooq said that PLP students do not have to worry about losing their early registration privileges.

"The reality is that you can't just take away that right, because it's used as an admissions perk," Farooq said. "What can be changed though, is that PLP freshmen only register before freshmen, and PLP sophomores only register before sophomores and so it's only done by class. That way you don't have the freshmen registering before seniors."

While no official changes have been made, Farooq has met with Associate Provost Anne Perkins, a director of the PLP, as well as with the Registrar. If approved, changes to the system could be implemented as early as Fall 2005.

Farooq also presented to the senate a petition that students can sign indicating their need for a course that is either full or not offered for a particular semester. The form will be available to students after the committee meets again.

A proposal entitled "Preventing Further RA Compensation Losses" was submitted by Farooq and senator Katie Grace. The proposal resolves "that there be no further compensation reductions than what the RAs received as of the Fall 2004 term."

The senate does not have the power to enforce this resolution, but SGA President Melissa Bell said, "It is our job to express the interests of

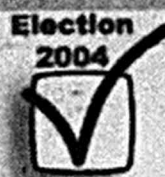


Kimberly Wade/The Captain's Log

Campus Calendar

October 27 - November 2

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
All Day - Health Fair	4:30 p.m. - Young Democrats; SC 233	All Day - VA College Journalism Conference	All Day - VA College Journalism Conference	All Day - VA College Journalism Conference	12:00 p.m. - Baptist Student Union Meeting; SC 233	All Day - Election Day
12:00 p.m. - GSSU Meeting; SC 233	5:30 p.m. - Career Paths in Psych Workshop; Anderson	6:00 p.m. - CAB movie "The Village"; Anderson Auditorium	All Day - Equestrian Team Horse Show; Goucher College	4:00 p.m. - Catholic Campus Ministries Mass	5:30 p.m. - SGA Meeting; SC Alumni Room	12:15 p.m. - College Republicans; SC 150
1:00 p.m. - Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233	7:30 p.m. - CNU Roleplaying Guild; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Young Democrats "Fahrenheit 911"; Gaines	All Day - Goodman Accounting Pre-qualifying Challenge	5:00 p.m. - Captain's Log staff meeting; SC 233	7:30 p.m. - CNU Rowing Club Meeting; SC 233	12:25 p.m. - Biology Club meeting; Sci. Bldg. 131
2:00 p.m. - CAB general meeting; SC 205	8:30 p.m. - Altered Xpressionz Meeting; Freeman Multipurpose Room	8:00 p.m. - Line dancing; Freeman Center	7:00 p.m. - Greek Halloween Carnival; Great Lawn		8:00 p.m. - Joel 2:28; Barclay #48	6:30 p.m. - Volleyball vs. VA Wesleyan; Freeman Center
8:00 p.m. - Open Mic Night; Discovery Cafe	9:00 p.m. - CAB movie "The Village"; Anderson Auditorium					7:00 p.m. - Diversity Scholar Series Speaker; SC 150



Presidential Candidates and Constitutional Amendments on the Virginia Ballot

Presidential Candidates:

President George W. Bush
(Republican)
Senator John Kerry
(Democrat)
Michael Peroutka
(Constitutionalist)
Michael Badnarik
(Libertarian)

Proposed constitutional amendments

#1

Ballot Question:

Shall Section 6 of Article II of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to provide that members of the United States House of Representatives, Virginia Senate, and House of Delegates who are serving in the year following a new United States Census, when decennial redistricting is required, shall complete their terms of office and continue to represent the district from which they were elected for that term of office and that

any vacancy during the term shall be filled from the same district that elected the member whose term is being filled?

Explanation:

The proposed amendment would clarify provisions concerning the effective date and implementation of redistricting laws that occur every 10 years.

The amendment, if passed, would continue the requirement that the General Assembly must reapportion state and congressional districts every 10 years in the year following a new federal census.

The redistricting is done to keep the populations of the districts as equal as possible.

The proposed amendment states that members in office when a decennial redistricting law is enacted will complete the terms of their office and continue to represent the districts from which they were elected for the duration of those terms of office.

Should a vacancy occur, it must be filled from the district as it existed when the member who

vacated the office was elected, according to the proposed amendment.

#2

Ballot Question:

Shall Section 16 of Article V of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to provide for additional possible successors to fill the office of the Governor in the event of an emergency or enemy attack and until the House of Delegates is able to meet and elect a Governor?

Explanation:

The constitution currently provides for successors to the office of the Governor only in the event of the Governor's death, resignation or incapacitation.

The list of successors is the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, in that order.

If these officials cannot fill the office of the Governor, then the House of Delegates meets to elect a person to fill the vacancy. The proposed amendment

would expand the list of persons who can serve as acting Governor in the event of an emergency or enemy attack that prevents the House of Delegates from meeting to elect a person to fill the vacancy.

Under the proposed amendment, the following people would be added to the list of succession: the person designated by the Rules of the House of Delegates to succeed the Speaker, the President pro tempore of the Senate, and the majority leader of the Senate, in that order.

The successor would serve as acting governor until the House of Delegates could meet to elect a person to fill the vacancy.

The amendment would also allow the General Assembly to waive certain eligibility requirements from the Attorney General, Speaker, or acting Speaker to serve as governor or acting governor in the event of an emergency or enemy attack.

*Information from the Virginia State Board of Elections

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While the Jewish faith does not condone abortion, "there should not be legislation concerning women's reproductive rights, but it should be left up to the woman," Dror said. In the Jewish tradition, an embryo is potential life and not complete human life, Dror said.

Roman Catholics, on the other hand, believe human life begins at conception, according to Mary Lynn Murphy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Catholic Campus Ministries. She said that while the church does not approve of abortion, many women have undergone the procedure and it is the practice of the church to "hate the sin, not the sinner."

In the United Methodist faith, "the beginning of life and ending of life are the god-given boundaries," Reverend Reuter said. In his faith, he said they always believe life should have the chance, but "we also believe we live in a fallen world."

The legal right to abortion, he said, should be maintained, whether the church supports it or not.

The issues of homosexuality and gay marriage were addressed.

Chioros said homosexuality is a "sinful failure" and gay marriage is not allowed in the Greek Orthodox Church. The Unitarian Universalist Church, on the other hand, has been conducting gay marriages since the 1960s.

"No authority, no matter how great, can legislate who one will love," Boothby said. "The yearnings of the heart are universal."

Whether the definition of marriage should be adjusted was handled by Murphy.

"Marriage did not originate from the church or state. It is ordained by God to be between a man and a woman and should remain so under the law," she said.

In light of the presidential election that will take place next week, the panelists were asked what they considered to be the most important issue. Peace was the over arching theme in the panelists' answers, but Dror elaborated by saying the relationship between the issues was important.

"It's not such a simple thing as here's the issue and the others aren't issues," she said.

Reverend Reuter said, "The thing that disturbs me most is how divided our nation is. Public discourse has been in the gutter," he said. "It has not lifted this nation to greatness and I'm saddened by that."

Bank founder has meager beginnings

Aston leaves
\$500,000 job to
create community
bank in
Hampton Roads

By JENN ROWELL
Contributing Writer

Starting out on \$1.15 an hour at Citizens Trust Co., Robert Aston, Jr. and a co-worker played tricks on the switchboard operator and never dreamed he'd create his own bank.

Laughing, he reminisced about the switchboard operator who was "very particular about

not working one second past 5 p.m."

"If you were on the phone with her, too bad," he said. "She'd cut you off."

One day they decided to turn her clock back an hour.

When she figured out what they had done, she didn't speak to them for three months.

Now, with more than 38 years of banking experience, he is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of TowneBank, a Portsmouth based community bank.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world to be where I am today from where I started," Aston told the students packed into the Alumni Room on Thursday.

"I'd like to tell you I had this bold business plan and had all this mapped out."

In 1995, Aston was head of BB&T's Virginia operations and had a ten-year contract with the company that couldn't be cut.

Despite making \$500,000 a year "I was bored to tears," he said.

If that figure didn't shock the students, what he did next certainly did.

He quit.

Then he began a project with far more meager beginnings than his job at BB&T.

Aston and two friends decided to start their own bank in 1999.

Working out of his garage, they raised \$50 million, far exceeding the \$24 million needed to become a chartered bank in Virginia.

In deciding where to start the bank, they looked at markets

and tried to find the ones that could support another bank.

The plan was to get investors from those communities to invest so that they had a connection with the bank and would bring their friends to invest as well.

In a short time, they had accumulated about 1,000 investors in each community.

Aston dreamed of creating a family atmosphere in his bank.

"We didn't want to just duplicate what everybody else had been doing," he said.

He illustrated the community feeling of his bank by telling the students about his marketing director who wore a batman cape when she signed the last stockholder in a \$50,000 deal.

One student asked how he chose the name of his bank,

which Aston said he wanted to call Hometown Bank at first.

But, as the name was tossed around, his marketing people became concerned.

Would it fit on the sign?

New ideas surfaced, but Aston came up with the one that stuck. Cut 'home' and make it TowneBank.

Although TowneBank is one bank under one charter, Aston said each branch is operated like an independent bank to help the community feel connected to their bank.

Another strategy Aston employed to foster the community feel of his bank was to require investors to do their banking with TowneBank.

"We wanted to leverage those shareholder relations into customer relations," he said.

This strategy, Aston said, wouldn't work for Bank of America because it's too big.

The bank that didn't exist five years ago now has seven branch offices on the Southside and nine on the Peninsula.

Aston is a member of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, director of the Hampton Roads Partnership, director and chairman of the Board of the Commerce Bank Foundation and president and director of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

He also serves as director of the Eastern Virginia Medical School Foundation, past president and director of the Portsmouth Partnership and a director of the Bon Secours Health System, Inc.



Are you feeling a draft?

Army recruiters can't fill their quotas. Re-enlistments are plummeting. Soldiers are being forced to stay past their contracted time.

Meanwhile, Iraq is a quagmire that's only going to get worse.

With America's armed forces already stretched to the breaking point in Iraq and Afghanistan, where are tomorrow's troops going to come from?

As college students today, we ought to seriously consider that question.

Oh yes, President Bush insists he won't bring back the draft. But remember: this is the same

president who swore that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. That Saddam was linked to 9/11. And that Iraqis would welcome us with open arms. He was dead wrong every time.

With George Bush stubbornly determined to go it alone, our allies won't join us. American troops will still be 90 percent of the "coalition." And 90 percent of its dead and wounded.

And the volunteer military will be a casualty of war.

So unless you like the idea of graduate school in Fallujah, we need to pay careful attention to what our president is saying, versus what it really means.

Now do you feel that draft?

Visit www.moveonstudentaction.org MoveOn Student Action is a project of the MoveOn.org Voter Fund and Click Back America.

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Gore, Dole debate current issues

By JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

Although delayed since Al Gore's plane encountered bad weather in New England, he and opponent Bob Dole wasted no time getting the sparks flying.

While the audience waited for the pair to walk on stage, Dr. Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice discussed the importance of this year's presidential election and the role of the courts.

"It looks like right now that there are 35 lawsuits across the country concerning elections," he told the packed theater at Regent University's Communication and Performing Arts Center.

Each party has recruited about 10,000 lawyers in preparation from the cases that are expected to result from the close race.

Sekulow said that by Election Day there could be at least 100 cases litigated involving election issues and some of those are sure to make it to the Supreme Court. With so many election issues already being contested, Sekulow said it's a possibility "we might not know who the president is until inauguration day."

With several justices expected to retire over the next four years, he said who wins the election is crucial.

"What's at stake is probably the future of the Supreme Court," Sekulow said.

Although there's been a lack of consistency in the decisions of the court, it has been a consistent body.

"The current Supreme Court has served together longer than any other court in history," he said. "I told somebody that if you ever get nominated to the Supreme Court, take it because you'll live to be 130."

Just as the election is important to the court, the court is important to the election.

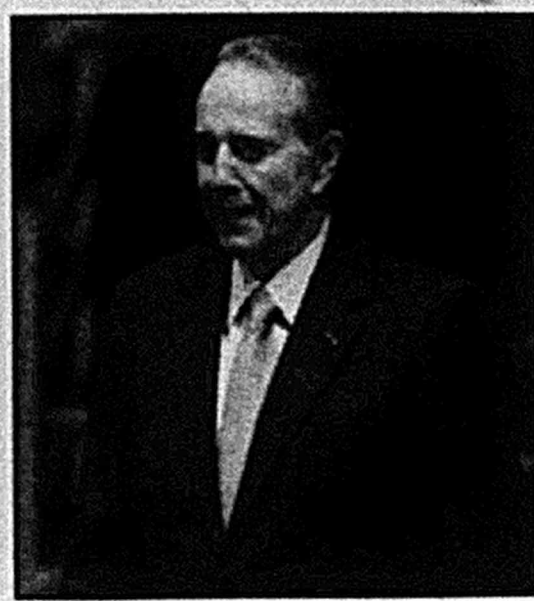
"Did they decide who would be president last time? Yeah. Could they decide who will be president this time? Yes," Sekulow said.

After encouraging the audience to vote, he drew laughter from the crowd when he said, "What we learned from this [2000 election] is every vote counts. The question is will it count once or will it count twice?"

Pat Robertson, the university's president, welcomed the crowd and introduced special guests like Tipper



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Former Vice President Al Gore, left, and former Senator Bob Dole debated the presidential candidates.

Gore, Senator John Warner, Attorney General Jerry Kilgore, Congressman Bobby Scott and Thelma Drake, one of the contenders for the 2nd Congressional district.

Since there wasn't time to flip a coin, Court TV's Catherine Crier had the men pick a number. Gore was closest so he gave his introduction first. He spoke highly of Dole, but quickly jumped into why he didn't like President Bush.

"I'm biased against George W. Bush. I didn't vote for the guy," he said, drawing laughter from the crowd.

Gore said that after four years of President Bush's leadership the country was worse off, referring to the poor economy and net loss of jobs.

In Dole's opening remarks, he said Gore would have a place in history.

"He got more votes than anybody else, but he didn't get to be president. Same thing happened to me, except I got less votes than anybody else and I didn't get to be president," he joked.

Telling the audience that he had met Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi, who told Dole he gave up his weapons programs because of President Bush, Dole said he didn't think Senator John Kerry was qualified for the office.

Although the two disagreed on nearly every policy issue, they played off each other in friendly jests.

"I'm concerned about the economy," Gore said. "I was the first one laid off."

"It's permanent, too," Dole added.

"We have had a four-year test of the economic policy of this administration and it has failed," Gore said. "I truly believe that if Bob Dole had been president these last four years, we would have a better economy and I'd have been better off."

Dole said he wouldn't disagree, "but if I was president these last four years, then you couldn't be president."

The President's handling of the war in Iraq came under heavy criticism from Gore, who said there was no exit strategy.

"We don't want to be in Iraq one day longer than we have to, but we don't need to announce ahead of time that we're going to leave," Dole said.

Quoting a 2002 speech Gore made in San Francisco, Dole asked him about his position on weapons of mass destruction.

"I never thought that Iraq had nuclear weapons," Gore said. "I think that our country, under the President's leadership and guidance, made a bad call."

When questioned by a media panel, both candidates agreed health care needed to be improved and Dole said it needed to be taken out of the political arena in order for that to happen.

On the issue of abortion, Gore said he doesn't think the federal government should have the power to order a woman to do something. He said it should be left up to the woman to make the decision since she knows the circumstances and she would be most affected by her decision.

In his closing remarks, Dole echoed the sentiment of nearly every political and celebrity figure in America.

"I think everybody ought to vote," he said.

He drew a burst of laughter from the audience when he said, "I prefer George Bush. If you don't prefer Bush, then you should take a day off. We have a motor service; we'll drive you around until the polls close. It's called voter outreach."

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slides for the postings and uploads them to the system via CNU satellite channel 73, the "bulletin board" channel.

The flat-screen system has an advantage over e-mail, Moylan said, because the graphics and photos in the postings are much more eye-catching than plain text.

"Visually, they look better," she said.

The screens would also continue functioning in case the e-mail went out of service, but if the satellite signal were to die, the screens would stop functioning.

A number of students welcome the system.

Senior Ashley Boyd, Secretary of Legislative Action for SGA, sees the televisions as a good way to spread information about the clubs.

"I think they're good advertising," she said. "We just have the paper, flyers and e-mail."

Such a system, she said, gives CNU parity with other universities that have similar systems.

Though some students approve of the flat-screen TVs, others object to them for a number of reasons, the main one being that the screens appear to be much too expensive.

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to stay here at the university instead of dropping or transferring elsewhere."

Purtle is president of the Faculty Senate and is on several of the committees.

In 2002, CNU announced it was cutting three major programs due to budget cuts, forcing many students to either overload on classes or find other places to attend school.

Former student Mary Whiting believes the reason a lot of students have left was because of that.

"I was happy with CNU until they cut the nursing program," she said. "I probably would have stayed otherwise."

Whiting left after her freshman year to attend Radford University in the fall of 2003.

Another former CNU student, Erin Pollack, echoed Whiting's opinion.

She left when the education program was cut.

"I think a big part of the reason students left was when the majors and different departments were cut," Pollack said.

"I just think they look too expensive," said sophomore Molly Buckley, Chief of Staff for SGA. "I think they should have spent the money on more important things."

The screens were bid out and purchased from Circuit City, who offered the lowest bid, according to university spokesman Tom Shrout.

No student fees were used to purchase the screens, according to Shrout, although the cost of the screens was unavailable Monday.

Another objection is that the televisions have appeared on campus around the time of the new residence hall posting policy.

"We're taking down posters and putting up big-screen TVs," freshman Jill Smetts said. "We're saving paper, but wasting electricity."

Students have also pointed out that the system is used only to broadcast campus announcements, and nothing else.

Some, like junior Ashley Miles, have suggested that the university get more for its money by using the system to air newscasts and popular shows along with the announcements.

"Maybe have CNN play while we eat," Miles said.

The screens can be used as either TVs or computer screens, according to Shrout.

Pollack left after the fall 2003 semester of her sophomore year.

The Faculty Senate will be finding ways to keep the retention rate high through programs like CNU Connect to help join faculty with the students in a new way. With CNU Connect, students would be mentored by a faculty or staff member of the university.

"CNU Connect is a good idea," said junior Holly Sin. "It is great for when you need a faculty recommendation and it would give students a chance to communicate more with different professors."

Although many faculty and staff signed up, not many students did. Purtle believes better publicity would bring in more students.

The committee may also look into hiring a Retention Consultant to analyze the university for other possible reasons.

The committee wants to work towards solving these issues.

"We want to improve services offered on campus, establish closer connections with students," Purtle said.

"With a better curriculum and more career counseling, we want students to feel a sense of community, because community leads to commitment."

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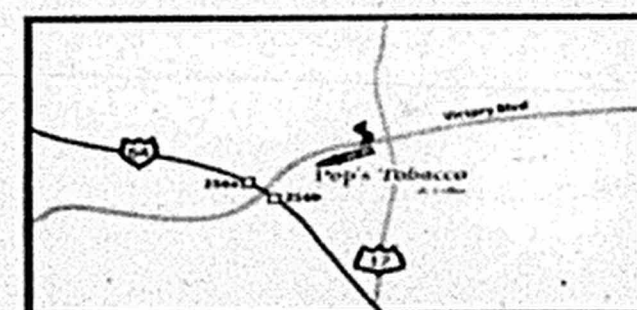
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University of Kentucky police must release victims' names to paper

By LINDA B. BLACKFORD
Knight Rider Newspapers

The University of Kentucky Police Department broke the state's Open Records Law by refusing to release victims' names on crime reports, the Kentucky attorney general's office ruled Monday.

A strongly worded opinion written by Amye L. Bensenhaver found that UK had not proved it was in the public interest to allow victims to choose whether they wanted their names released.

"Contrary to the views expressed by UKPD, the disputed incident reports are matters of public interest and are public records," the opinion said.

The information on crime reports represents a "significant public interest that has been, and will continue to be, treated as superior" to privacy interests.

"We were expecting it to come out in our favor because it went so blatantly against the Open Records Law, but we're very happy," said Emily Hagedorn, editor of the Kentucky Kernel, the campus newspaper that challenged UK's decision.

Last month, UK lead counsel Barbara Jones decided to implement a new rule for crime reports, which allowed victims to withhold their names. She said it stemmed from the assault of a UK employee who'd asked police not to release his name.

The Kernel then sent an open-records request asking for several complete police reports.

When it was turned down, the Kernel appealed to the attorney general's office.

The opinion relied on several past opinions, including one that found police departments could redact the

names of sexual assault victims, but had to report all other names.

But the ruling consistently said that UK had tried to put the burden of proof on the Kernel, when in law it rests on the public agency resisting open-records requests.

In addition, the opinion accepted the Kernel's argument that complete police reports helped monitor crime on campus, and monitor the police department itself. Through a spokesperson, Jones said she was away from the office and had not yet read the opinion.

Louisville attorney Jon Fleischaker, a free-speech expert who represented the Kernel called the decision "a very good opinion, very strong, a reaffirmation that all this stuff is public."

But Jones' open-records wrangling may not be over yet.

According to a Kernel editorial published yesterday, Jones recently

turned down part of a request from a student government leader asking for all documents held by UK officials regarding a controversial amendment.

She said personal notes and e-mails did not have to be released, a position that Fleischaker has already opposed.

Those records would have to contain personal information like medical records to be withheld, he said.

Hagedorn said the issue had provided good article and column fodder for the Kernel, and informed students about the state's Open Records laws.

"The one good thing about this was it opens a dialogue about open records," she said. "It allowed us to say why open records are important."



Polling Places

The following polling places were selected from the information on the Virginia State Board of Elections Web site.

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73 Maxwell Lane

Knights of Columbus
12742 Nettles Drive

Peninsula Fine Arts Center
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Virginia War Museum
9285 Warwick Blvd.

Huntington Middle School
3401 Orcutt Avenue

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853 Harpersville Road

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930 George Washington Memorial Highway

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200 Owens Davis Boulevard

York Country Library-Tabb
100 Long Green Boulevard

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410 Lakeside Drive

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300 Dare Road

Tabb High School
4431 Big Bethel Road

Tabb Elementary School
3711 Big Bethel Road

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Meet the Candidate: Michael Peroutka on the issues

Why the Young Constitutionalists think Americans should vote for their party's candidate

By JOSH DERMER
Contributing Writer

Iraq War/Foreign Policy/Homeland Security/Defense

As President, Michael Peroutka would move immediately to withdraw all our troops from Iraq in a way that would provide for the safety of those Iraqis who worked with us during this undeclared, unconstitutional war.

Peroutka believes that America should only go to war for the purpose of vital national interests and that Congress must officially declare war according to Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. He opposes America's military being used as a global police force. Peroutka also supports American withdrawal from the United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Peroutka believes that proper border security is essential for homeland security. Many illegal aliens come

from nations which sponsor terrorism. Peroutka is the only candidate who is against amnesty for illegal aliens. If he were president, Peroutka would deport all illegal aliens and truly secure our borders.

Peroutka and the Constitution Party call for the maintenance of a strong, state-of-the-art military on land, sea, in the air and in space. We urge the executive and legislative branches to continue to provide for the modernization of our armed forces, in keeping with advancing technologies and a constantly changing world situation. We call for the deployment of a fully-operational strategic defense system as soon as possible.

Economy

Peroutka seeks to end all unconstitutional federal meddling in the economy by opposing the minimum wage, price controls and programs which are antithetical to the property rights of Americans. He also opposes high taxes and burdensome regulations.

Peroutka supports American withdrawal from North American Free Trade Association, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the World Trade Organization as these trade deals promote the exporting of American jobs overseas.

He wants an America-first trade policy that protects against predatory foreign trade practices.

Gay Marriage

Peroutka opposes same-sex marriage and civil unions. At the same time, Peroutka does not support the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment because it would give the federal government unnecessary jurisdiction over the family. Peroutka recognizes the Constitutional authority of state governments to define marriage as being between one man and one woman.

Stem Cell Research

Peroutka believes that embryonic stem-cell research is the destruction of human life. He opposes all federal funds for embryonic stem-cell research.

Faith Based Initiatives/Prayer In Schools

Peroutka opposes so-called "faith-based initiatives" because it entices churches and other religious organizations to become welfare recipients. This plan undermines the principles of charity and is unconstitutional. Religious organizations which accept federal funds are forbidden to proselytize and practice their faith. Peroutka supports voluntary prayer in public schools and will appoint federal judges and justices who recognize the right of the people to acknowledge God in the public square.

Healthcare

Peroutka and the Constitution Party oppose the socialization and bureaucratization of American medicine. Government regulation and subsidy

constitutes a threat to both the quality and availability of patient-oriented healthcare and treatment. Peroutka believes that the federal government has no Constitutional authority over healthcare. All federal healthcare programs are unconstitutional and should be gradually phased-out over time.

Education

Peroutka opposes all federal involvement in education. The Constitution provides no authority for the federal Department of Education, or any of its programs, including the "No Child Left Behind" Act. If he were president, Peroutka would shut down the unconstitutional Department of Education and end all federal meddling in public schools.

Abortion

Peroutka is 100 percent pro-life, no exceptions. If he were president, Peroutka would immediately declare the legal personhood of unborn children and do everything in his power to challenge the Roe vs. Wade decision. In doing so, Peroutka would uphold both the 5th and 14th amendments which state that the right to life shall not be deprived without due process of law. He would also eliminate all federal funding of abortion and appoint only pro-life justices to the Supreme Court.

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Where We Stand

In the world of journalism, there is an ongoing effort to maintain credibility and trust in a society that has over time become less and less comfortable with it.

As the student newspaper at Christopher Newport University, our goal is to provide the campus community with the most extensive coverage possible while training young, aspiring journalists.

To achieve this credibility and trust, we aim to be transparent about how we cover the news, how we make editorial decisions and how our newspaper functions.

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion on campus as to how we operate, and we thought it necessary to take this opportunity to answer some of those questions.

Over the summer, The Captain's Log underwent a number of policy and structural changes. A new staff manual, which will include a code of ethics, is currently being compiled. Once it is completed it will be available on our Web site along with other information about our organization.

Due to the budget cuts that plagued every state funded agency, our budget was reorganized, with a heavier reliance on our profits. The paper is funded partially through student fees and partially through revenue generated from advertising and subscriptions.

Although a substantial amount of our funding comes from advertising, we do not in any way allow our business ties to cloud our news coverage. It is a misconception among the public that the media will report on their advertisers more favorably to ensure a continued business relationship. In the case of newspapers, at least, this is not so.

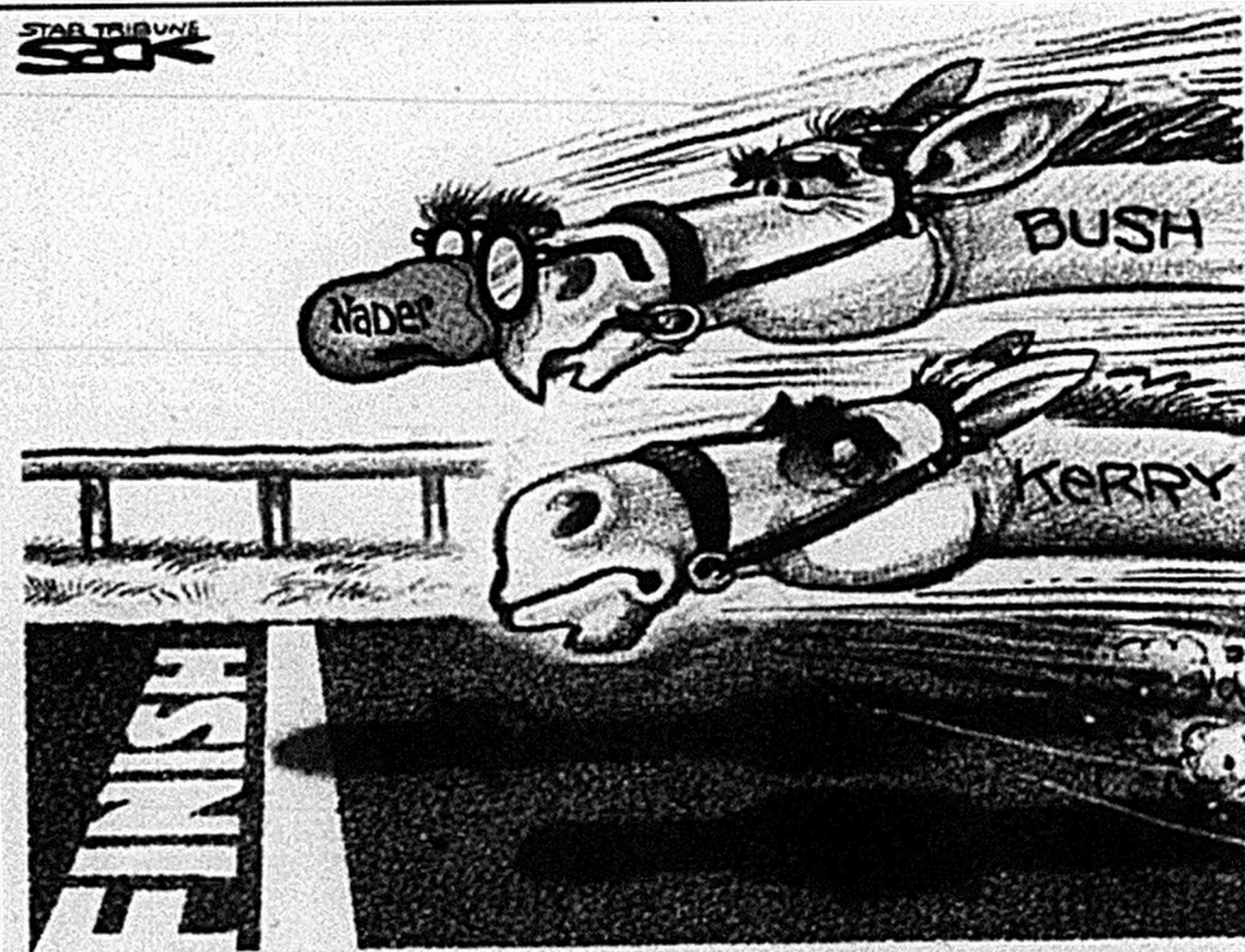
As a media outlet, we publish material relevant to our readership. We do not serve as a soapbox for individuals and organizations to simply print information about themselves.

In that regard, we also do not allow any of our staff who might be a member of a campus organization or club to report on that group. It creates a situation in which a conflict of interest could be perceived, whether it is real or not.

News is a compilation of facts and quotes from sources relevant to the subject material. In our news coverage we strive for accuracy, clarity and fairness. When we fail to do so, we are held accountable to our readers and our sources. While there are no governmental enforced sanctions for such occurrences, for a media outlet to lose credibility is essentially when it ceases to exist. To a journalist, credibility is sacred and taken very seriously. News, however, must be differentiated from opinion, which is not necessarily based on fact. An opinion article will always be clearly labeled as such and is generally based on the author's personal feelings and observations.

The student newspaper serves as a learning opportunity for young journalists and they will make mistakes. When that happens, let us know. It will not hurt our feelings. We will run corrections or clarifications when warranted and we will ensure that the mistake does not happen again. We cannot do this, however, if we do not know that a mistake has been made.

Journalism, though not without its imperfections, is an entity that is essential to public discourse and democracy. We are here to inform the campus community about what is happening in their world and hopefully spark discussion. The newspaper is a forum for that discussion and all parties should take part in the American conversation.



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The Bambino's curse is broken

After researching the Red Sox's portrayal by the media, it appears the Yankees are at the end of their winning streak

By ALLISON BURR-MILLER
Contributing Writer

I've been an avid Red Sox fan since before I can remember. Fortunately for me, before I can remember is after 1986.

Most sports savvy people are aware of the event I am referring to, game six of the 1986 World Series, Red Sox versus Mets.

The Sox were about to win their first World Series since 1918 and well, to make a long story short, the ball went through Buckner's legs and the Sox lost.

That is not the whole story of Game 6 of the '86 World Series, but that doesn't matter anymore.

All Red Sox related tragedies will soon be forgotten because of an influential suggestion for a research project.

A few months ago, I wrote an essay about the Red Sox.

I showed it to Dr. Linda Baughman, my current professor for Communication Research.

She suggested that I take this idea and use it as the starting point for my research project.

My research would focus on how the media portrays the Red Sox as losers through their constant reinforcement of "The Curse of the Bambino" narrative.

For those of you not familiar with this story, the Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees before the 1920 season, and have not won a World Championship since.

The Yankees have won 26 championships since this trade.

As I compiled my research, I noticed an interesting trend in the American League East standings.

The gap between the Yankees and the Red Sox was closing — fast.

Unfortunately, the regular season ended and the familiar finish of Yankees first, Red Sox second was upheld; but the Sox managed to win the Wild Card to secure a playoff spot.

The first round of the playoffs went smoothly for the Sox, a three game sweep of the Angels. The Yankees also emerged victorious in four games over the Twins.

A rematch of last year's ALCS was in order. The first game of this series was during fall break.

I'd been working the entire semester on my research, so I took a break: bad idea!

Before anyone could fathom it, the Sox were down three games to none to the Yankees.

I had a lot in common with most other Red Sox fans at this time; I was curled up in my bed, face in my pillow, asking why I had let them do this to me again.

With one inevitable loss looming over my head, I continued my research, questioning whether all these rational reasons I was accumulating for the Red Sox past failure, really outweighed the plausibility of a curse.

Of course, as I was researching, I had the game on. The Sox

won game four, "Alright, no sweep!"

Game five was a long, extra-inning affair that almost killed me on numerous occasions; and somehow, in a very non-Red Sox fashion, they won.

If there's one game of this series that disproves the existence of a curse, it's game six. Curt Schilling's ankle tendons were disconnected and sewn together by team doctors, and he won.

He didn't just win, he pitched brilliantly!

Maybe this situation was too obvious for the curse to make its anticipated appearance; maybe the Babe wanted a challenge.

I don't know, but unless I'm dreaming, the curse never showed.

The Sox were victorious in game seven without any bizarre blunder and they won the AL Pennant.

The Yankees are now the team that will live in infamy as the biggest chokers, not just in baseball history, but sports history.

They are the ones who could not get that last out or clutch hit.

It's easy to pick out the Sox fans on campus now. They aren't necessarily the ones wearing the Red Sox gear.

Rather, they're the ones wearing the huge, ridiculous smiles on their faces.

For all the years of coming up just short, this could finally be the year, and in a way, it already is.

Kerry is not the answer for me

Peroutka opposes free trade agreements and wants to restore authority to Congress.

By JOSH DERMER
Contributing Writer

No one can doubt that the exporting of jobs overseas is a serious issue in the 2004 presidential campaign.

In his Oct. 20 editorial in The Captain's Log, Peter Mains mounted a well-crafted defense of former President Bill Clinton while countering the rhetoric of John Kerry concerning the outsourcing problem.

Mains's column makes two important points. First, he claims that John Kerry isn't a globalist and that the Democratic Party is significantly different from the Republicans.

Second, he attempts to say that free trade is beneficial for America.

However, he is wrong on both points.

Reading his column, one can see that it would behoove Mains to study this issue more carefully. He mislabeled the acronym of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), referring to the last letter as "Act" when in fact it says "Agreement."

It wouldn't be worth pointing out this mislabeling if there wasn't some significance to it. NAFTA is not just a mere act of Congress, but also an agreement among nations.

In other words, it's a treaty.

According to Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, all treaties require 2/3 approval of the Senate.

NAFTA never got a 2/3 majority in the Senate, making it unconstitutional.

NAFTA, among other trade agreements, is responsible for the exporting of jobs to foreign countries.

John Kerry voted for NAFTA and supported America's entry into the World Trade Organization. Kerry even supports the proposal to extend NAFTA into South America, known as the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

It's dubious for Mains to suggest that Kerry will distance himself from Clinton by doing something significant to stop the outsourcing of jobs.

Kerry's current strategy won't even put a dent in America's ever-increasing trade deficit which has ballooned to over

\$500 billion per year.

By far, the manufacturing sector has been hit hardest by these free trade agreements.

Contrary to what Mains said, these jobs are not "anti-qualified."

When the industrial revolution swept America, we didn't stop producing agricultural products.

Likewise, the information age was never meant to eliminate manufacturing in America.

True, advances in technology may have resulted in some of the job losses in manufacturing.

However, that doesn't account for why there is a massive amount of factories moving production overseas.

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Clearly, technological advances are not the primary cause of job losses in the manufacturing sector.

To sugarcoat free trade and make it sound beneficial, Mains goes on to list a few examples of foreign companies who have built production facilities in America.

But foreign investment is not all it's cracked up to be. In 1997, the State of Alabama approved huge grants of money to Mercedes in return for a production facility that would employ about 1,500 people.

This deal included \$300 million in tax breaks to Mercedes, \$253 million in other incentives, and \$60 million in tax dollars to be used for the purpose of training new employees.

Added to this was a guarantee to purchase 2,500 Mercedes SUVs. When it was all said and done, this foreign investment package ended up costing

Alabama taxpayers \$200,000 per employee.

Needless to say, then-Governor Jim Folsom lost his re-election bid after the ensuing economic backlash.

Economist Paul Craig Roberts, who helped craft Ronald Reagan's tax cuts, expresses alarm at the negative effects of this trend. He stated, "We are not only losing our industrial jobs, we are losing ownership of our companies."

In 2000, for example, 97 percent of direct investment by foreign companies was for the purchase of American assets. The U.S. Commerce Department reported that of the \$282 billion of foreign investment in 1999, only 3 percent was used to establish new operations.

Moreover, in the process of glorifying foreign investment, Mains fails to realize that capital is still leaving the United States. Sure, those foreign companies may be employing American workers, but their profits are going overseas.

Karl Marx supported free trade, in part because he knew that it would destroy the nation-state by undermining national sovereignty.

Recent history has shown this to be true. Our commitment to free trade has resulted in American membership into the WTO, an international organization that usurps the Constitutional authority of Congress to regulate trade.

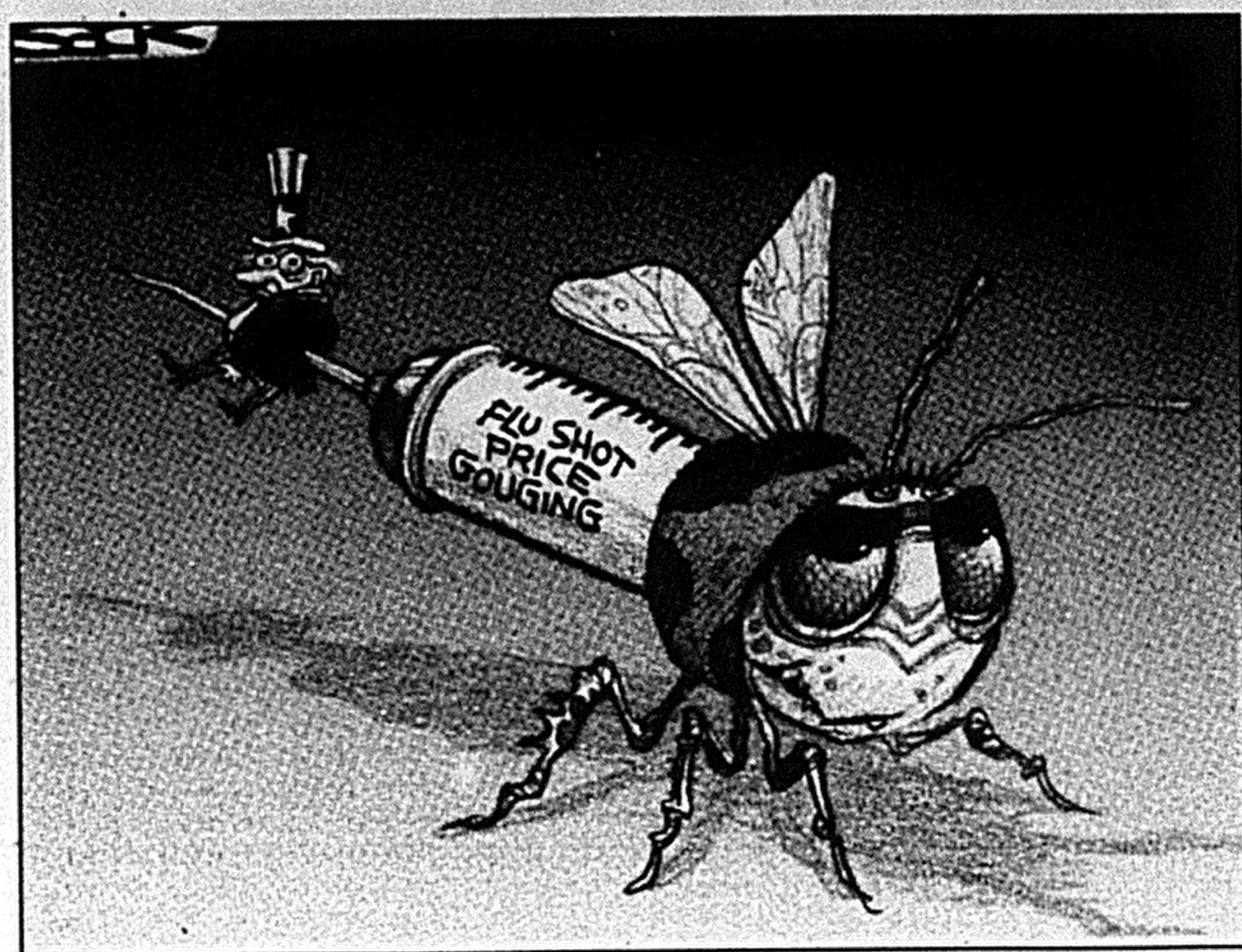
Both President Bush and Sen. Kerry have made it obvious that they are committed to NAFTA, WTO, and the proposed FTAA. It should be no surprise that many Americans are disenchanted with such choices for president.

Instead of staying home on Election Day, these disappointed Americans should take a stand for economic patriotism and sovereignty by voting for Constitution Party candidate Michael Peroutka. He opposes these free trade agreements and wants to restore the authority of Congress.

A vote for Peroutka is a vote to restore our republic.

Josh Dermer is chairman of the CNU Young Constitutionalists.

Editor's note: Due to the elections coming, 'Fresh Perspectives' will not appear in this week's issue. 'Fresh Perspectives' will return next week.



War is a reality of the world

With elections inching closer, voters need to pay attention to issues like foreign policy and pre-emptive strikes

By Mike Hall
Contributing Writer

War remains a reality of the world. Nonetheless, for five centuries at least, states within the modern world-system have been struggling to create "rules of war" that would somehow limit, even eliminate, the most brutal, least justified methods of engaging in warfare.

These rules have been increasingly formalized and codified in international treaties.

In 1945, the United Nations Charter made a distinction between starting wars, and defending one's country against wars that others started.

The Charter accepts the legitimacy of "self-defense" and even of "collective self-defense" — that is, agreements between countries that if one is attacked, the others would rise to its defense.

During the long Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, there was said to be a "balance of terror."

This meant that both sides knew that, if one side started a war using nuclear weapons, the other side was in a position to respond; therefore the result would be mutual assured destruction.

Nevertheless, there was constant discussion within the U.S. government (and perhaps within the Soviet government as well) about whether or not it was desirable and/or possible to launch such a war with so much surprise that the other side would be unable to respond effectively.

This was called the issue of a "first strike" which would be "pre-emptive."

This obviously never occurred, or we would not have the luxury of having this discussion.

We cannot be sure whether the decisions were made primarily on technical grounds (the surprise would never be sufficient to avoid a devastating response) or on political/moral grounds (a first strike would violate the U.N. Charter, and the tenuous peace).

What can be said is that no U.S. administration ever definitively ruled out the possibility of a first strike.

Many people believed that this merely was in order to keep the other side on its toes, and

not because of any intent to ever carry one out.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, it was argued that there was less need to worry about a pre-emptive strike because the Cold War was over.

But since Sept. 11, the subject has been revived.

In his West Point speech in June 2002, Pres. George W. Bush said: "If we wait for threats to fully materialize, we will have waited too long."

This language is very clear. It says that a first strike is legitimate.

Later, Condoleezza Rice elaborated on the speech by saying "It means forestalling certain destructive acts against you by an adversary."

A pre-emptive war is an irrevocable action. It is not a minor misdemeanor, which can be rectified by, say, financial restitution.

It seems very clear to most law enforcement professionals that "forestalling" is not defense for one simple reason: the only way the law recognizes defense is after an act occurs.

Intent to engage in an act does not constitute the act itself, since one never knows if the intent will be carried through.

In addition, the forestaller is interpreting this intent, and he can (and quite often does) interpret it incorrectly (through inaccurate information, for example).

In criminal law, I am not legally authorized to shoot someone because I have heard him say nasty things about me and think that on day soon he may try to shoot me.

If, however, this other person points a gun at me, I may shoot him in self-defense. Without this elementary distinction, we are in a lawless world.

A pre-emptive war is an irrevocable action. It is not a minor misdemeanor, which can be rectified by, say, financial restitution.

People die, in most cases by the thousands, including innocent women and children.

The pre-emptor may say he wishes to prevent others (his friends and family, his fellow citizens) from dying from the expected aggression of the other.

But the fact is, nonetheless, that the pre-emptor shoots first and kills first.

An error in law of this magnitude undermines the very possibility of having a credible law.

And an error in morality of this magnitude (which some may choose to call a "sin") is one that transforms us, and not for the better.

As of Election Day, the War in Iraq will have lasted over one year and a half.

The current U.S. injured are over 7,000, U.S. killed are over 1,000 and Iraqi civilian casualties, including women and children, stand somewhere between 13,000 and 16,000.

Although the justifications for the war have been shown to be erroneous, there seems to be little indication that anyone in the administration is worrying about the fact that we might possibly have been mistaken in any way.

Had presidents John F. Kennedy or Ronald Reagan chosen to execute pre-emptive strikes in either the Cuban Missile Crisis or the Cold War, the result would have been global thermonuclear war. Every credible official strategic study ever conducted shows that "limited nuclear exchange" is a myth.

If, in the future, the United States pre-emptively strikes a country that has a nuclear capability unknown to us, and that country retaliates against us with a nuclear weapon, the result will be global thermonuclear war.

This administration's new policy of pre-emptive strike as a means of solving foreign policy issues could lead to rapid global destabilization and possible nuclear holocaust, and should be the single most important issue on every voter's mind as they go to the polls in November.

Help me Re-Defeat Bush!

Time to 'oust the shrub' and kick the current Chief Executive out of office

By Jim Deeley
Class of 2005

It's an election year again, and an important one, because this year we get to pass a referendum on how we feel about the Chief Executive of our great nation.

And this year, the younger President Bush is up for re-election, and it's up to the voters to decide if he gets it. (Unless it's a narrow margin in a key state, in which case both parties will sue and the Supreme Court will decide just like last time, but I hope we don't have that circus again. ...) Or, as I like to think of it, time to oust the Shrub.

Do I want him out? You bet I do! As a student of international relations, I can fully appreciate the vast amount of damage Bush's foreign policy has done to the goal of peace upon the Earth.

Furthermore, his loose cannon tactics have done tremendous damage to the power and prestige of what (in my opinion) is the most inspiring and promising organization mankind has ever put together: the United Nations.

The world as a whole is re-

ally starting to despise America, we're making enemies faster than we can kill them, and we're running out of allies because of his administration's arrogant and high-handed way of dealing with them.

That, and with our forces stretched so thin by the war on terrorism (mostly a war on Iraq at this point, with ten times as many men busy pacifying the conquered territory as actually in Afghanistan hunting the real threat!), I also don't put it past this administration to reinstate the draft!

And who will get hit up for manpower when they do so? US! Yes, our generation will be sent to war, to fight and die for what we don't believe in.

Bush has promised we won't have a draft. His party ordered the defeat of that legislation in Congress because it was hurting him in the polls.

But don't be fooled into thinking that's the end of it. If he is re-elected and finds himself hurting for the manpower to pursue his next campaign of conquest, he'll be putting another draft bill in front of Congress and pushing it through, you had better believe it.

So yes, I want him gone before he can do any more damage.

And I plan on fighting him with the most powerful expression of my political will I have available to me — my vote.

But my vote will not be enough to stop him. I need your help.

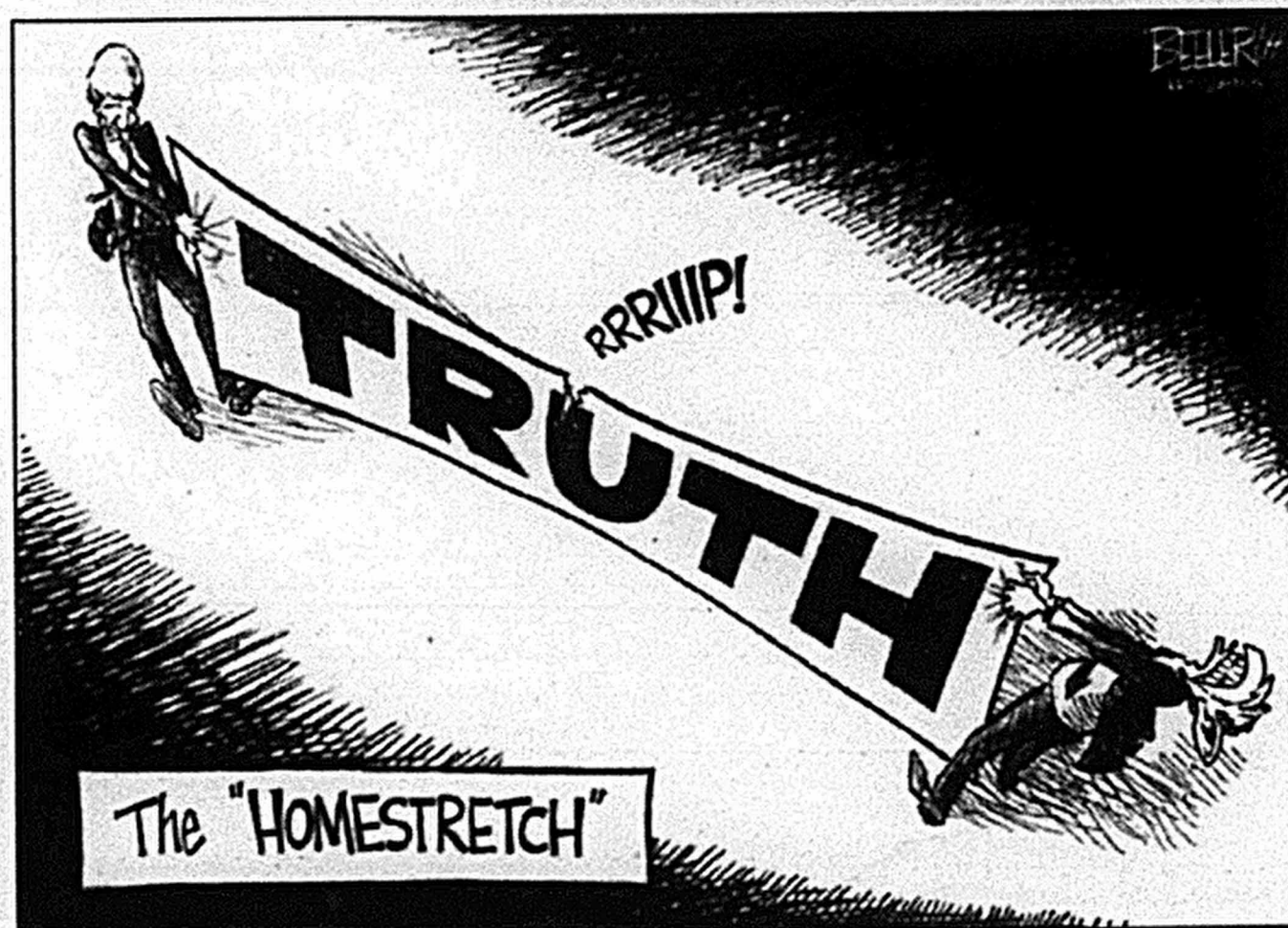
All of you who read this: Vote for John Kerry! No matter how stiff, uncharismatic, overly intellectual, wishy washy, flip flopping (which, btw, is unfair because Bush flip flops as much as Kerry if not more so), poll chasing and outright foolish he can be, he's much, much better than the ignoramus currently in office.

I'm reassured by the fact that he's a poll chaser, frankly, it means he'll think twice before doing anything big and dumb, which Bush will do because he doesn't care what people think about him!

Since I can't reach the Bush lovers, my appeal goes out to all those who have not decided on this issue, or, in some cases, have not even thought about it.

It is you that I must convince to help me put Kerry in the office, because however bad Kerry might become, Bush is already much, much worse.

So please, join me in preventing the actual, legitimate election of George W. Bush.



Bush Won't Kerry Me

Don't vote for one candidate just because you don't like the other

By Stefan Veldhuis
Contributing Writer

Too many of America's young people today have resigned themselves to the monotony of the two party system.

Many young people have expressed their discontent for George W. Bush, but are still not truly resonating with John Kerry's platform.

Young people have become disenfranchised because the government continues to confiscate Constitutional freedoms, has allowed more and more young lives to be lost in a war that began on false pretenses and has consistently ignored the rights of individuals and states to make their own laws on such personal issues as marijuana use and gay marriage.

Young adults have had their autonomy replaced with apathy through the inconsistent, unjust and pernicious partisan politics that have swept through the nation.

Contrary to the media's skewed coverage, Bush and Kerry do not represent a dichotomy of political vision; instead both have become blinded by staring into the sun of big government, abnegating their ability to see outside their partisan boxes.

What our country desperately needs is a man with unfettered vision for America, someone who yearns to give power back to the people and out of the hands of the lesser of the two evils.

Only one man deserves a vote from the youngest, most progressive generation of American voters — his name is Michael Badnarik.

Badnarik is the only viable solution for the venomous homogeneity that is the two party system.

Consistent with the Libertarian ideology, Badnarik

holds that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives — and have the right to live in whatever manner they so choose — as long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

The Libertarian ideology is far more consistent, both in theory and in practice, than that of the two major parties and does not succumb to arbitrary political whims.

Republican and Democratic presidents have had the historic and intrinsic propensity to engage in and encourage un-

no one should be able to drive; in fact, we should all drive in the government bus, even as it careens dangerously along the edge of a cliff.

When run by a Republican or Democratic president, the government will continue to grow, and with that growth comes the assumption that the government knows how to run your life better than you do.

Yet, the reality is that if the government has enough power to give you everything you want, it also has the power to take it all away.

Thus, the best way to tell John Kerry and George W. that you want a change from the current trend of intrusive government is to vote Libertarian.

Michael Badnarik, the paradigm Libertarian, is a constitutional scholar, a man who is deeply committed to keeping American citizens safe from outside threats, and safe from our own government.

The tentacles of the federal government, which have crept subtly through the tenebrous halls of Congress, have begun to reach the state level, suffocating the local autonomy and freedom that was granted by the Constitution.

Michael Badnarik plans to end the war on drugs, which has funded terrorists, endangered our neighborhoods with violence and gangs and developed a flourishing black market.

Badnarik also wants to take the government out of issues such as health care and social security, allowing the unfettered free market to spawn capitalism while creating a stronger economy by putting money back in the pocket of taxpayers.

Indeed, Badnarik is not likely to win the 2004 election, but you will only waste your vote if you continue to compromise and vote for a person whom you do not fully support, a person you know will not grant you the freedom that you desire and deserve.

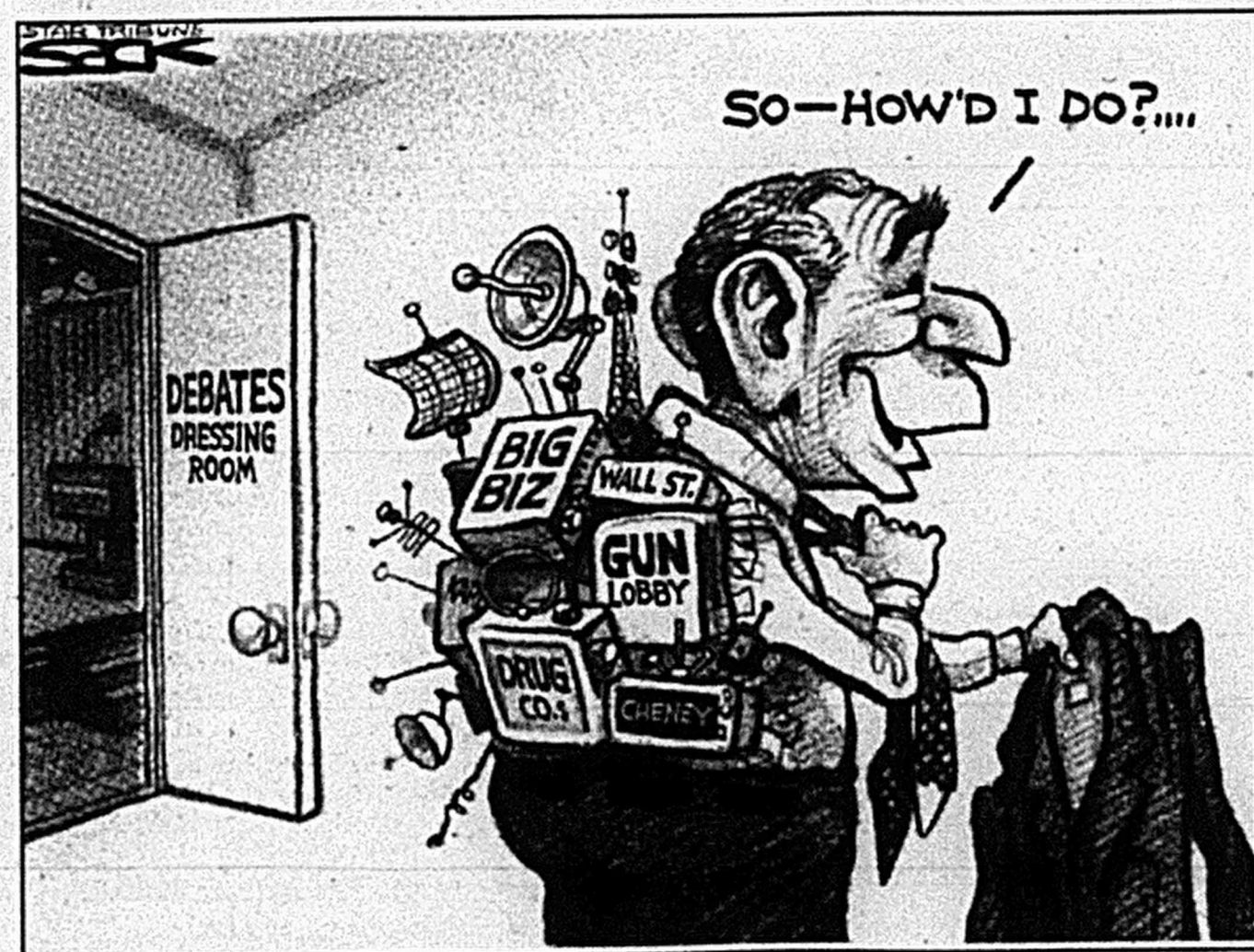
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restrained government spending with federal funds that are, after all, a bequest of taxpayer's money.

Badnarik seeks to eliminate the income tax, which is an unconstitutional monetary levy that insidiously, but undoubtedly, represents taxation without representation.

The federal government currently takes in hundreds of billions in taxpayer dollars for programs such as social security and welfare, from which the average citizen does not benefit, and may never end up benefiting.

The government seems to feel, analogously, that because a few people aren't good drivers,



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All About All Hallow's Eve

- The first jack o' lantern was made out of a turnip.

-82% of children take part in Halloween festivities as well as 67% of adults.

-In France between 1520-1630 there were over 30,000 werewolf cases tried.

-Black cats were believed to be a witch's companion and protector from evil forces.

-In 1996, Americans consumed 20 million pounds of Candy Corn.

-In New York it is illegal to sell a haunted house without informing the potential buyers first.

-Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween

-Since ghosts were believed to have roam the land the ancient Celts wore masks and costumes to avoid detection from these ghosts.

-The word witch is derived from the Saxon word "Wicca" which means wise one.

-Vampire bats regurgitate the blood they sucked to other bats in the herd who can't find food.

-compiled by Kimberly Wade and Emily Sommerfeldt

Pick a perfect pumpkin to avoid early rot

By DAN FILLER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Nothing can spoil the October charm of Halloween faster than a pumpkin that rots within a day or two of its carving, well before the spooky night.

A spoiled pumpkin will turn even the most skillful carving into a hideous caricature.

Northerners, whose October pumpkins usually come with frost attached, don't have a problem.

But in warmer climates, pumpkins must face an October when the weather can still be warm, the chief cause of pumpkin rot.

Here are a few tips to fight pumpkin rot:

- Begin with the stem. According to the

University of Illinois extension service, a too-short stem - defined as less than an inch - indicates that the pumpkin already has begun to decay or will begin the process sooner than you'd like.

- Blemishes and soft spots are another warning sign. Lopsidedness, while aesthetically troubling, doesn't indicate potential rot.

- Make sure the pumpkin is heavy.

- Try to avoid pumpkins that have a powdery mildew on the surface. That, too, indicates a short-term problem.

- If you're sure about your choice of pumpkin, go ahead and carve it immediately. After carving, put some petroleum jelly on the cuts. Pumpkins

are sensitive, too. The cuts will heal better.

- Place the pumpkin in a cool, dark place. Avoid room temperatures and sunlight. A common mistake is to carve the pumpkin and then put it out on the front steps. Exposure to daylight warmth and sunlight can cause quick rot.

- If pumpkin rot does set in, you might achieve a quick revival by setting the pumpkin in a bucket of cold water.

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Retailers try to conjure up new ways to say 'boo!'

By BEVERLY FORTUNE
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LEXINGTON, Ky. - Welcome to my parlor, love. May I offer you a chalice of blood? Be careful not to step on any scurrying rats. They bite, you know.

It's the season for menacing black ravens and bloody-foot-print decals.

Retailers have stocked their shelves with the spookiest merchandise as we creep toward Halloween, the second-largest decorating holiday of the year.

Linda Brooks at The Party Store in Lexington predicted tombstones and crawly spiders will add a scary touch to many Halloween decors this year. "Spiders were good for us last year, and it looks like they're going to be good again," said Chris Koziol, an employee at Lexington's Halloween Express.

He has a 6-foot spider with blinking red eyes, plus smaller, black-and-green evil-looking furry spiders.

Colorful, but not so forbidding, is a purple-and-black tinsel spider curtain to hang in a doorway.

Halloween Express is a chain of 150 retail outlets that focuses on this single holiday.

Between coming up with new ideas for decorations and costumes, the manufacturing, plus the hectic month of sales, "We work Halloween 10 months out of the year," Koziol said.

The company was started in North Carolina in the early 1990s, he said, and moved its headquarters to Owenton, Ky., in 1996.

New at several retailers including Halloween Express are Flore Gore decals of rats escaping from a metal register - great to stick on a floor in a dark corner.

Continuing a trend started a few years ago, "There's tons of animated stuff out now. Everything moves and talks and makes noises," said Hunter Sherwood, chief display designer at The Party Store.

Look for motion-activated candy bowls that talk or a skeleton hand that clatters across a table when a guest walks by.

There's also a creepy character who pops out of the top of a tombstone, demanding to know, "Who goes there?"

Outdoor lights used to be

used only for Christmas. "Now you drive around, and people's yards are lit up with big inflatable pumpkins and Scooby Doo's," said Jonnie Soards, an employee at Halloween Express.

A survey by the National Retail Federation found that Halloween spending this year is estimated to reach \$3.12 billion, up from \$2.96 billion last year.

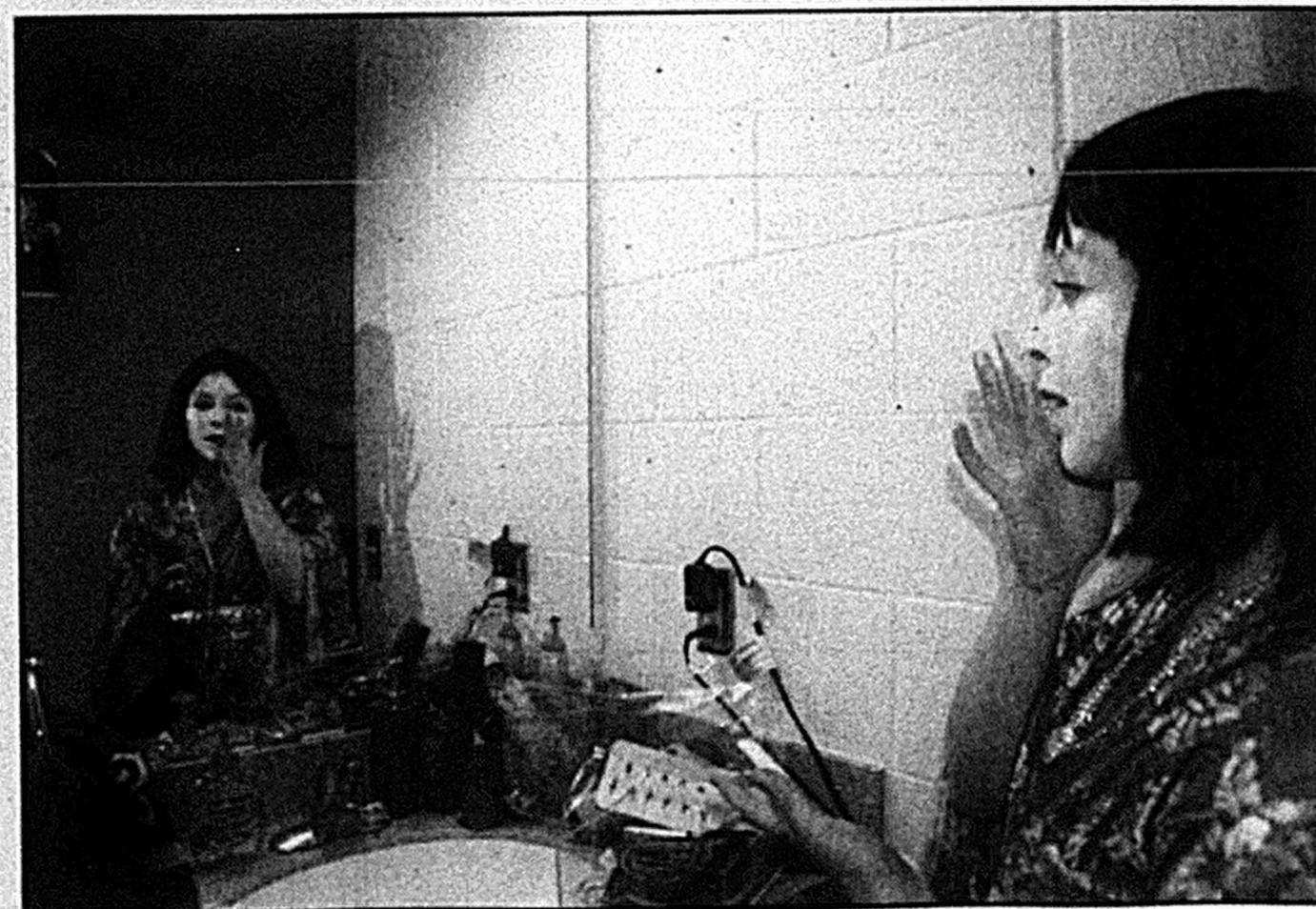
In terms of overall spending, Halloween ranks sixth after the winter holidays, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day because it is not a gift-giving or apparel holiday.

However, at The Party Store, "It's very big for us, bigger than Christmas," said Brooks, who owns the store with her husband, Les.

Youngsters like to get dressed up for parties and trick-or-treating, but for adults, "It's fun to pretend and be a little kid again."

Black-and-orange - martini glasses and themed paper plates and napkins were being snatched up last recently at The Front Porch in Lexington.

The Paperweight, a stationery and card store on Clay Avenue, had an early rush on



In preparation for Residence Hall trick-or-treating, freshman Katie Smith applies white facial makeup to complete her Asian motif.

Halloween invitations.

"Halloween is hot this year," said Wanda Criggall, a sales associate at The Paperweight.

When Halloween is on a weeknight, "adults don't get re-

ally involved that much because you have to get up and go to work the next day," she said.

This year, because it comes on the weekend, "adults can dress up and really have fun."

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tions of Halloween

Residence Halls decorate early for Halloween

By EMILY SOMMERFELDT
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Lions and tigers and bears. And princesses and fire fighters and Hershey kisses. These and others showed up in the residence halls on Sunday night for Halloween trick-or-treating - a week early.

Professors with their children and local families walked through Santoro, Potomac, and York Halls and the Science Building filling their bags with candy and admiring the decorations put up by the students.

It was up to each hall to decide if they were going to participate in the decorating and, if so, what theme the hall was going to have.

"We wanted to be scary, but not scary enough that little kids couldn't come by," said freshman Adam Shadis.

The halls held meetings to decide

on decorations and a majority chose a frightening approach.

The decorating started around 2 p.m. and had to be completed by 5 when the judges came through.

A couple halls started decorating as early as 1pm to make sure that they allowed for plenty of time to finish.

While some decorated with plastic spiders, colored cobwebs, and friendly ghosts, others substituted all of the above for fake blood and masks.

Kids and parents trick-or-treating through the 4th floor of York West came across a hall covered in white paper and glowing with blacklights.

While walking through the dark passage, freshman Todd Chewning, dressed as Freddy Kruger from the horror flicks, stepped out from a doorway displaying his razor-sharp hands in front of the visitors. After stalking a trick-or-treater down the hall, the young boy began to cry.

"Mission accomplished," said Chewning. "He just started crying."

Planned or not, crying was a usual occurrence during the trick-or-treating hours of 6-8.

"We consistently sent kids to the next floor crying," said freshman Philip Leclerc of York West 2nd B.

His hall brought on tears with their monsters under the bed theme, but this time the element of surprise was on their side and not frightening costumes and face paint.

The students on the hall had a skit that they ran through each time a group of kids would wander through the hall.

A bed had been brought into the hallway and a girl from the hall appeared to be sleeping on it.

As the visitors walked closer, a monster would jump from a room and chase the girl down the hall as she jumped off the bed and ran away.

Then arms would extend from under the bed and grab at the people walking past. Actors such as this were a popular addition to many of the themes.

"Other halls have scary decorations," said Chewning.

"We wanted to be what scared [the kids] more than the decorations."

A hall in Potomac decorated with a Jack the Ripper theme and a few of the murders were acted out. Also, a girl's hall in Santoro chose to base their decorating around the death of Katherine Susan Clark.

A sign to the entrance of their hall read, "Ten years ago someone tragically died on this hall...her spirit still haunts it today...beware!" One entering the hall would be greeted by a shrieking girl dressed all in white with white face paint - the ghost of Katherine Clark.

"My throat hurts from screaming," said freshman Jen Young who played Clark.

Both actors and supplies brought creativity to the halls. Just to briefly mention some of the other themes, a Santoro hall had an under the sea and pirate ship theme with treasure chests and singing pirates.

A Potomac hall had a "Nightmare Before Christmas" theme while another featured Hansel and Gretel.

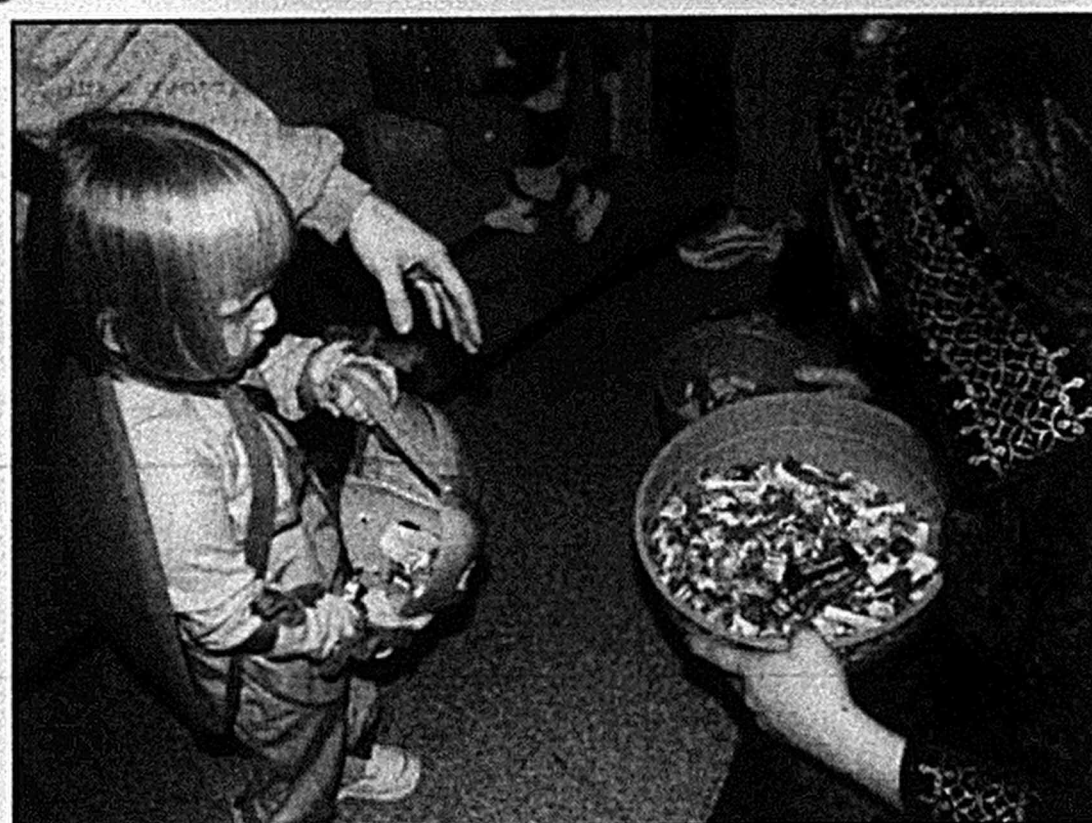
In addition to the decorated dorms, the Science Building also decorated for Halloween. There was a series of areas to walk through. First, a beach scene with shells and grass skirts and leis. Next came a jungle with the Captain Planet gang.

Then there was the hands-on science lab where visitors could feel human eyeballs and intestines. Then for the scary part of the tour there was a graveyard; a dark room, tombstones, and a woman dressed

in black who jumped toward passerbys.

When 8 p.m. rolled around, the trick-or-treating had just about come to an end. And due to the Halloween decorating guidelines, many of the decorations have already been removed. One Halloween event is over, but with five days to spare until the real holiday, students have time to perfect their own costumes and make their own plans for activities on and off campus.

Top: Seven-year-old Sarah Scott collects her "treat" from freshman Jessica Dull in York River. Bottom: Renaté Garrity gets candy from freshman Stephanie Romelt.



Photos by Chanelle Layman/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Halloween Happenings

ON CAMPUS:

All Night Movie Scare-a-thon: This movie-watching marathon is located in Santoro in the fourth floor south lounge on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 10pm to whenever you fall asleep. Free food and drinks are provided. Attendees can also look forward to a free movie giveaway.

CAB Movie Night: M. Night Shyamalan's new flick, "The Village," is being shown in Anderson Auditorium on Thursday Oct. 28 at 9 and Friday Oct. 29 at 6.

Pumpkin Carving: Great Lawn.

Greek Halloween Carnival: Great Lawn at 5pm. Free.

OFF CAMPUS:

Screech Street USA: On Saturday, October 30 at Virginia Beach Beachstreet Seaside Palladium on 24th street from 2-5pm. There will be a costume parade, carnival games, broom toss, pumpkin rolling, trick-o-treating, storytelling, doughnut decorating, scavenger hunt, storytelling and a costume contest with prizes. Admission is free.

Rocky Horror Picture Show: Located at the Naro Expanded Cinema all of Halloween weekend with shows at 11:30pm on Friday and Saturday and a 9:30 showing Sunday night. Come dressed up in your "Rocky" attire; prizes will be given to the person with the best costume.

28th Great Pumpkin Party: Located at the Historic Shockoe Slip Plaza on October 28th from 4-8 pm. There will be live entertainment, food and Richmond's largest costume contest. A \$10 donation is requested.

Howl-o-scream: Busch Gardens in Williamsburg is hosting their annual Halloween party on every weekend Sept. 24 through Oct. 31. All activities are included in admission, which is \$46.95 with a parking of \$8. The park will be open from 10am to 10pm for Howl-o-scream activities. Visit www.howl-o-scream.com for more details.

Top 10 costumes for 2004:

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| 1. Spiderman | 7. Shrek 2 |
| 2. Power Rangers | Characters |
| 3. Bratz | 8. Tom Arma |
| 4. Fairies | costumes |
| 5. Pop Stars | 9. Harry Potter |
| 6. Everyday Heroes (Firemen/Police.) | 10. Care Bears |

Top Ten Scariest Movies:

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| 1. Silence of the Lambs | 6. A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) |
| 2. Psycho (1960) | 7. Jacob's Ladder |
| 3. The Exorcist (1973) | 8. The Mummy (1932) |
| 4. Alien (1979) | 9. Seven |
| 5. The Shining (1980) | 10. Nosferatu (1922) |

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World and Nation

Ignoring weapons report, Bush blasts Kerry on security

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
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GREELEY, Colo. — President Bush accused Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry on Monday of being "consistently and dangerously wrong" on national security issues and suggested that Kerry would employ a "cut and run" policy if elected.

Bush used a morning rally in Colorado and stops in Council Bluffs and Davenport, Iowa, to sustain his increasingly harsh attack on Kerry as a weak-willed politician who would return the United States to a pre-Sept. 11 mindset of playing defense rather than offense on terrorism. Kerry denies it.

"During the last 20 years, in key moments of challenge and decisions for America, Senator Kerry has chosen the positions of weakness and inaction," Bush told a rally in a heavily Republican district in northern Colorado. Quoting signature phrases from President John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address, Bush said, "Senator Kerry has turned his back on 'pay any price' and 'bear any burden,' and he has replaced those commitments with 'wait and see' and 'cut and run.'"

A Bush campaign spokesman said the heated rhetoric was part of an effort in the campaign's closing days to draw sharp distinctions between the president and Kerry on major issues.

Bush's comments came as Kerry hammered Bush in New Hampshire over a report that the administration failed to secure nearly 380 tons of conventional

explosives at a huge facility in Iraq.

"Today we learn that these explosives are missing, unaccounted for and potentially in the hands of terrorists — terrorists who could use these explosives to kill our troops, blow up planes and level buildings," Kerry said. "The unbelievable blindness, stubbornness, arrogance of this administration to do the basics has now allowed this president to once again fail the test of being a commander in chief."

Bush didn't address the missing explosives. Instead, White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters aboard Air Force One that the interim Iraqi government informed the International Atomic Energy Agency about the missing cache on Oct. 10 and that the IAEA passed the information on to national security adviser Condoleezza Rice five days later. She informed Bush.

"And the president wants to make sure we get to the bottom of this," McClellan said. "Now the Pentagon, upon learning this, directed the multinational forces to look into this matter, and that's what they currently are doing."

The missing explosives didn't deter Bush from giving a positive assessment of events in Iraq. He said that despite terrorist acts in Iraq — including beheadings and the weekend massacre of Iraqi security forces — the U.S.-led coalition forces are winning the war.

"The terrorist insurgents hate our progress, and they fight our progress," Bush said. "But they will not stop our progress. We will stay on the offense

against these terrorists and we will prevail."

Bush also chided Kerry for criticizing President Ronald Reagan's handling of the Cold War and for voting against the use of force in the first Gulf War in 1991. He said Kerry's approach to defense betrays the philosophies of Democratic presidents so much that "many Democrats in this country do not recognize their party anymore."

Meanwhile, Vice President Dick Cheney also neglected to mention the missing weapons cache in Iraq while campaigning in western Minnesota, a conservative part of a key swing state.

Instead, Cheney questioned Kerry's truthfulness, citing a report that cast doubt on Kerry's assertion that he had met independently with members of the United Nations Security Council before the war in Iraq.

Kerry spokesman Bill Burton accused Cheney of trying to change the subject from the missing weapons in Iraq. Burton said Kerry had a "closed meeting and a private discussion" with "a group of representatives of countries sitting on the Security Council." The meeting occurred on Sept. 30, 2002, Burton said.

In a nod toward local interests, Cheney said the Bush administration supported snowmobiles in national parks and promised to protect the sugar industry, an important part of the agricultural sector in this region, where sugar beets are a big crop.

(Douglas, with Bush, reported from Colorado. Stearns, with Cheney, reported from Minnesota.)

Clinton joins Kerry on campaign trail

By JAMES KUHNHENN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — The ruddy face has paled and thinned. The hands seem longer and waxen.

But Bill Clinton, with his telltale voice, eager grin and pensive overbite, emerged from his post-surgery convalescence Monday to put his shoulder to Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign.

It was the first campaign appearance for the former president since his quadruple-bypass heart surgery left Democrats without one of their most potent political weapons.

Notoriously garrulous, Clinton spoke for only eight and a half minutes in an appearance meant to sway undecided voters and energize core Democrats.

"In Pennsylvania alone you've lost 70,000 jobs," he told a crowd in Philadelphia. "This compared with the 219,000 you gained by this time when that last fella was president: me."

The Kerry camp was eager to present Clinton as the embodiment of Democratic good

times, a reminder of the economic boom of the 1990s. The embrace from Kerry was a stark contrast to the 2000 campaign, when Vice President Al Gore, worried that Clinton's sexual scandals could taint him, held the president at arm's length.

The joint appearance came as Kerry leveled one of his harshest denunciations of President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq.

A day after accusing Bush of trying to scare Americans into voting for the Republican ticket, Kerry used news accounts of a looted stockpile of Iraqi explosives to warn that Bush's re-election would pose a menace to American troops and U.S. security.

"The incredible incompetence of this president and this administration has put our troops at risk and put this country at greater risk than we ought to be," Kerry said at a rally in Dover, N.H.

The New York Times reported Monday that nearly 380 tons of powerful explosives had disappeared from a former Iraqi military installation that's now abandoned and unsecured, despite warnings from the

International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Bush campaign dismissed Kerry's critique as "Monday morning quarterbacking and armchair-general-ing."

"The entire country of Iraq was a weapons stockpile," Bush spokesman Steve Schmidt said. "So far, 243,000 tons of weapons and explosives have been secured and destroyed. In addition, 163,000 tons of weapons and explosives have been secured and are awaiting destruction."

Clinton made little reference to Iraq, focusing on the economic conditions that he said Kerry would improve.

The added star power came as Kerry increased his campaign tempo to four states a day in a frenetic dash to Nov. 2.

On Monday, in addition to rallies in Dover, N.H., and Philadelphia, the campaign stopped in Warren, Mich., and ended the day in Green Bay, Wis.

On Tuesday, the campaign planned events in Wisconsin, Nevada and New Mexico before bedding down in Sioux City, Iowa.

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Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope
For October 25-31

By LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Health issues affecting the head, jaw and throat may this week require attention. No serious or long-term consequences are likely, so not to worry. Do, however, get added rest: Before next week vitality may be low. After Wednesday, last-minute social cancellations demand diplomacy: Thoroughly check dates, times or locations. Late Sunday revised financial plans or postponed work assignments are also unavoidable. Stay alert. Loved ones expect concrete promises.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Over the next six days, love relationships and social priorities may be confusing. This week romantic partners are more serious about short-term promises than anticipated. After Tuesday passions will be high. Wait for an atmosphere of acceptance before challenging expectations. Thursday through Saturday, authority figures may provide misinformation, poor advice or faulty instructions. Remain diplomatic: Workplace power struggles will soon prove politically important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Early this week, unexpected social messages may lead to a last-minute invitation. Some Geminis, especially those born between May 29 and June 10, will also encounter a passionate romantic proposal. Unusual attractions and sudden love affairs are accented. Respond honestly to all probing questions. Thursday through Saturday, an older colleague or friend may announce a rare family improvement: relocation, marital status and job expansion are highlighted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Before mid-week, past romantic comments or lingering social tensions may cause unusual delays. Over the next few days, group activities and planned events, although worthwhile, may prove difficult to initiate. Take your time. At present, the emotional needs of loved ones will require extra diplomacy. Thursday through Sunday, business routines may be disrupted by cancelled assignments or moody power struggles. Don't confront. Progress will be limited.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Potential lovers will this week express affection through private disapproval, odd comments or unexpected mood swings. Ironically, all emotional outbursts should be taken as a sign of loyalty and respect. Remain patient: Before mid-November, social and romantic passions will be deeply felt and unpredictable. Later this week a workplace triangle may be easily resolved. Competing values, personality differences and low self-esteem will soon be revealed. Stay balanced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Older relatives will this week ask for more attention than is necessary. Monday through Thursday, restlessness and a new appreciation of group events may be an ongoing theme. Allow others extra time to resolve conflicted schedules. Family members may now wish to re-evaluate their social priorities. After mid-week, last-minute property contracts are best avoided: Remain cautious and thoroughly examine all legal or financial paperwork. Revised calculations are needed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Messages from past lovers will this week provide distraction. Over the next six days, gossip, complex romantic triangles, and rare social events may reveal unusual private promises between friends. After Thursday expect added news concerning old alliances or repeated behaviors to help resolve lingering doubts. Remain open. Before mid-November your reaction to controversy will be closely studied. Late Saturday vitality may be low: Avoid physical or emotional strain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) New assignments or revised duties may arrive without warning over the next six days. Key officials will now ask for extra time and dedication. Avoid isolation and accept all last-minute schedule changes: This is an excellent time to begin proving your skills. Thursday through Saturday, someone close may demand a detailed explanation of your priorities or long-term goals. Be consistent: Romantic ideals, family planning and yesterday's promises are vital to success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Late Tuesday expect loved ones to challenge your ideas and probe for concrete answers. Passionate encounters will now be intense and extremely meaningful. Some Sagittarians will this week begin almost eight months of social adjustments and romantic decisions: Stay strong and refuse to delay serious decisions. Wednesday through Saturday, workplace and financial partnerships may need to be re-negotiated. Public mistakes will prove costly: Remain cautious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Wisdom, social advice and unexpected requests for guidance are accented before mid-week. A long-term friend or colleague may now reveal a complicated romantic or family triangle. Key issues are past loyalties, social ethics and competing emotional values: Gather accurate information. Late Friday an unusual invitation may challenge established relationships. Brief love affairs and disrupted social schedules are highlighted: Carefully consider all consequences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Sensuality, physical vitality and renewed emotional health are now an ongoing theme. Loved ones will soon comment on your optimism and returning confidence. Use this time to plan enjoyable home events or create new trust between relatives and romantic partners. After Wednesday a business official may assign new duties or encourage career expansion. Don't delay: At present, minor opportunities will quickly lead to revised roles and lasting success.

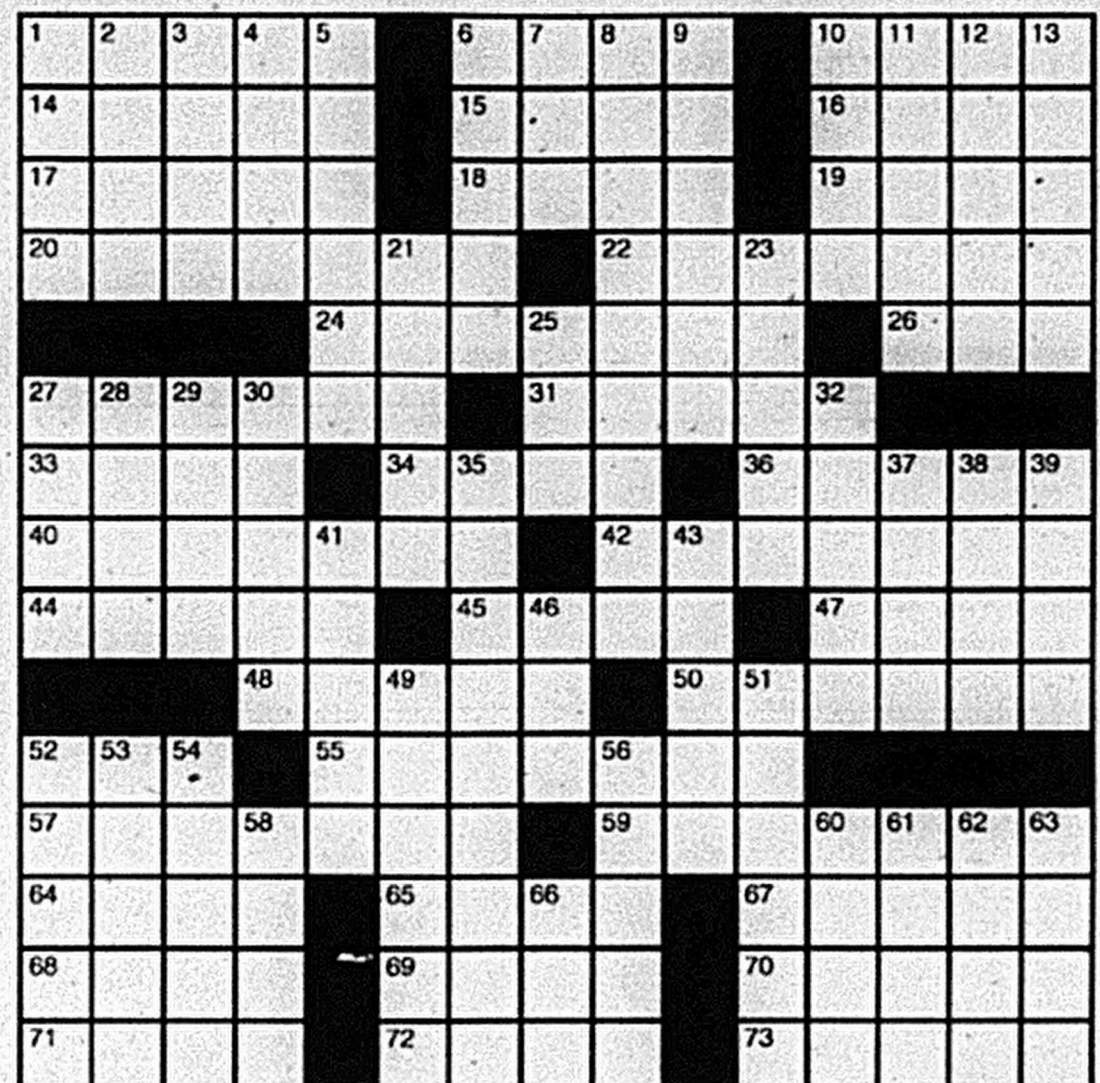
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Long-term friends or relatives may this week openly discuss delicate social decisions. Romantic promises, deepening commitments or revised priorities may be key. Find positive ways to speak your mind: Over the next six days loved ones will benefit from your past experience. Thursday through Sunday, workplace advancements or new job contracts may be postponed. Remain optimistic: In the coming weeks improved procedures and revised policies will take top priority.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: Controversial family decisions and bold social discussions are accented over the next eight weeks. For many Scorpios, the coming months will bring dramatic changes to their home expectations and long-term friendships. Loved ones will respond positively to concrete dates and lasting promises: Offer an honest description of your ideals, needs and goals. After mid-December business routines will intensify. Over the next four to five months, expect complicated workplace adjustments, rare job offers and quickly cancelled projects: By mid-May a new career path will demand serious consideration. Opt for financial progress over security: You won't be disappointed.

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 - Avid
 - Type of pear
 - Sora of Virginia
 - Bridge framework
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 - "Six Feet Under" character
 - Trial by fire
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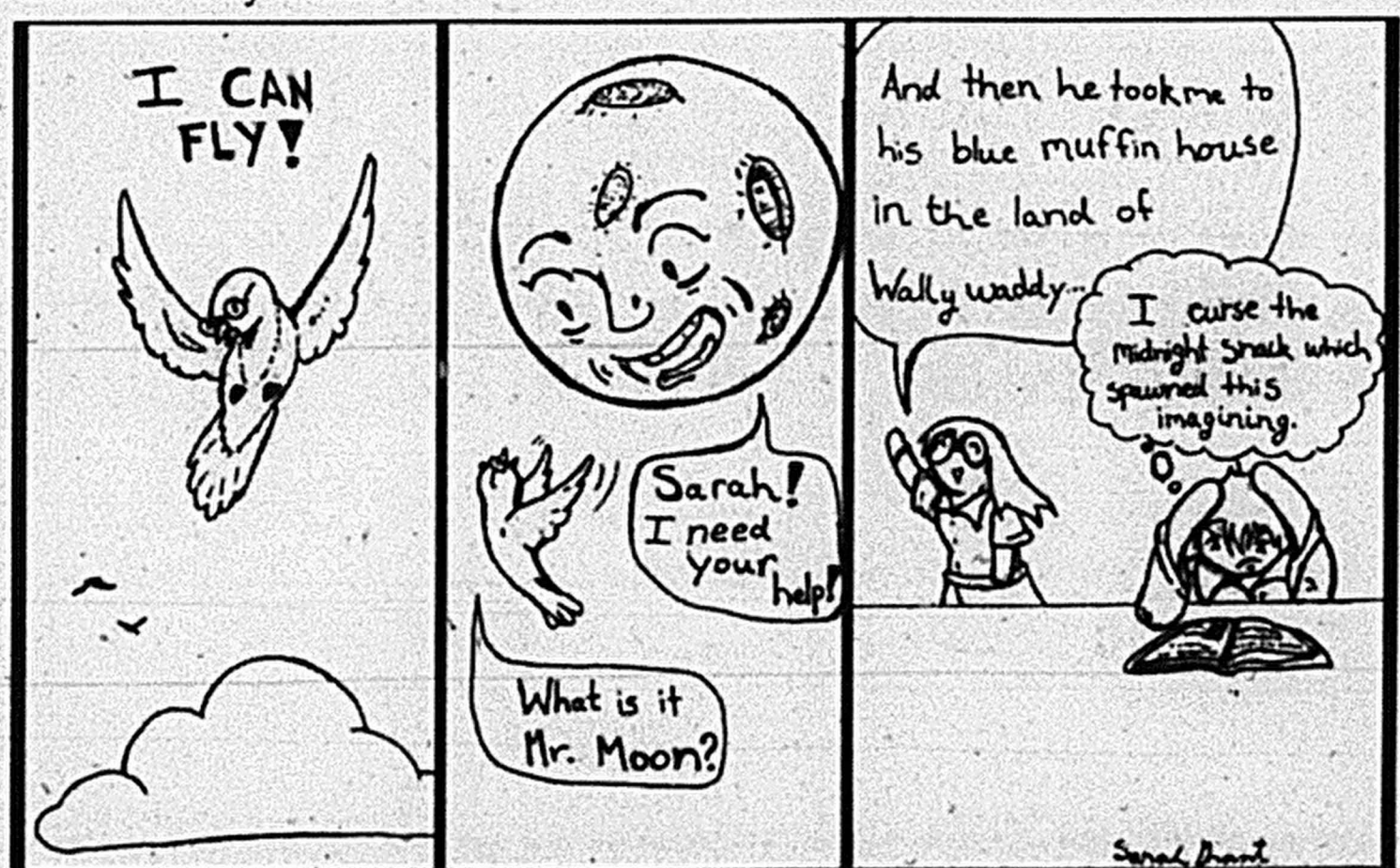
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Arts & Entertainment

Nickel Creek: Not your grandpa's bluegrass

Unique band brings their own special hybrid of music to the Freeman Center

By AMBER LESTER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

A bow flew across a fiddle, fingers raced over mandolin strings and steady hands strummed an acoustic guitar as Nickel Creek came to share their own breed of "newgrass" music in the Freeman Center Saturday night.

The three-person band, which includes guitarist Sean Watkins, sister fiddle player Sara Watkins and mandolin-extraordinaire Chris Thile, is currently co-headlining a tour with one-man band Howie Day. Saturday night marked their first stop in Newport News, where they found an impressive fan base in an audience of over 700 people.

With a sound described as "newgrass," the band takes influences from traditional bluegrass, jazz, blues, indie rock and classical, fusing all the sounds together into an entirely unique sound. Their self-titled debut album earned them a Grammy for Best Contemporary Folk Album and their second album, "This Side," is certified gold.

The trio, joined by their bass player Mark Schatz, opened their set with a rousing instrumental bluegrass jam, the first of many throughout the show.

Sara and Thile feed off each other, leaning towards each other in a call and response between their rapid-fire fiddle and mandolin playing.

All three play their instruments with their full bodies rather than just strum with their hands. Anyone who has seen traditional bluegrass played knows that often, the bands are made up of older men who play quickly and tap their feet, but generally stand still or sit.

Not so with Nickel Creek. Sara would sway with her fiddle, rocking her body back and forth as her bow traveled



Nickel Creek performed several of their hits, including "The Lighthouse," "The Fox," and "This Side." The three-member band was joined by a bassist for their set. Above, mandolin-player Chris Thile, bassist Mark Schatz and guitarist Sean Watkins play at Saturday's show. Not pictured is Sara Watkins, the sole female member of the group.

across the strings. At one point she played so fast and so hard that her bow string broke and she cut it off with her teeth. Thile played his mandolin the way John Mayer plays his guitar, contorting his face with each wail of the instrument and played it with incredible gusto. Sean Watkins was the most reserved of the group, stepping back to observe the fire of Thile while he played his acoustic guitar.

Several of the band's jam sessions got the audience clapping and toe-tapping. The only thing that could have made the scene better would be a good flat footer or two.

With each song, the band showed off their many influences, from the bluesy, soulful "Reasons Why" to the danceable "This Side." The set was filled with plenty of instrumental breaks, with the band displaying more and more of their enviable musicianship.

Nickel Creek even performed two songs from Thile's recent solo album, "Deceiver," which was released Oct. 14. His band mates were happy to back him up on "Empire Falls," a song that takes its

name from a Pulitzer-prize winning novel. Later, Thile sang another solo song, a "sort of sweeping broad statement sort of dissing on people who make sweeping broad statements," he said.

Sara was able to showcase her angelic voice on "I Should've Known Better," a soulful song. Her voice is high, sweet and childlike, but full of attitude and seduction.

Thile's soft, clear voice was best utilized with "The Lighthouse," a song about lost love told from the perspective of a lighthouse whose operator watches his lover die on the stormy sea.

"This is a seafarin' song," said Thile, which led the band to crack each other up with their best pirate accents.

The inherently sweet and tender song was only made better when Thile went into a soft cover of Wilco's "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" in the middle of the song, then transitioned back with a rising, thumping passionate jam session.

As the show went on, the band became more comfortable and chatty, bantering

back and forth with each other. When introducing a comical, plucky song about young love, sung to a boy named "Anthony," Sara said it was a personal song.

"Deeply personal?" asked Thile.

"You might say so," she said, before launching into the song, which sounded like a first-grade playground romance. Strumming a ukulele, she sang about a little boy who ran away from her. Thile stayed comically poker-faced, contrasting a serious expression with a silly song.

The group finished up with an incredible finale, singing their get-down-and-dance bluegrass anthem "The Fox," to which the audience responded with great energy and steady clapping.

Their passionate playing was funky and hyped and the crowd roared when the bassist traded his tall bass for a banjo. With speed-delivery, Thile performed the first verse of Bob Dylan's "Subterranean Home-Sick Blues," before concluding with a few jumps in the air.

The band was called back for an encore by the audience,

who stomped their feet in the bleachers and cheered until the members came hopping, literally, back on stage, clearly high from the audience's energy.

Gathering around a single microphone as though they were on an old-fashioned radio show, the band sang "Sweethearts on Parade" before launching into a song about life on the road.

Thile yodeled on the song, eliciting screams from the audience as if he were the sexiest mandolin player on earth. He sang a few bars of the Soggy Bottom Boys' "I Am the Man of Constant Sorrow," before saying, "Whoops, wrong song."

The group finished triumphantly, amidst cheers and whistles, before leaving the stage to go to a meet and greet for several lucky students.

Friends Deshae Diehl, Keirsten Rudd, Brandon Bangle and Laura Dattilio, all juniors, gushed about the concert afterwards. Long-time fan Dattilio praised their performance of "The Fox," while Bangle enjoyed the first encore.

"I just think they're amazing," said Diehl. "I wish I had a 100th of their talent."

'Manchurian Candidate' a five-star performance

By ANNIE FERENBACH
Contributing Writer

Director Jonathan Demme of "Silence of the Lambs" fame brings out even more terrifying tricks in "The Manchurian Candidate" than dreamed of in "Lambs." "The Manchurian Candidate" is as frightening as it is political and as thrilling as it is thought-provoking.

The film begins in 1991 in the midst of the Gulf War. Major Ben Marco (Denzel Washington) and his men are victims of an ambush, where it is later reported that Sergeant Raymond Shaw (Liev Schreiber) bravely (and seemingly single-handedly) defended and saved his unit, with the exception of two soldiers who died under fire.

Flash forward to present day, where it's clear that Ben is suffering from a particularly frightening form of post-traumatic stress disorder — and that perhaps that mission did not happen the way everyone remembers it.

Sergeant Shaw is now Congressman Shaw, and a candidate for Vice President whose campaign is being directed by his fiercely driven mother, Senator Eleanor Prentiss Shaw (Meryl Streep). As soon as he is named the candidate over previous favorite Senator Tom Jordan (Jon Voight), Ben's search for truth finally yields results.

The visual images in this film are stunning. Ben's dreams are his main clues as to the truth of what happened that night in 1991, and the imagery and cinematography of those dreams demand the audience's attention and fear.

Demme skillfully avoids typical horror or thriller movie clichés and instead focuses on the plot and characters, which by themselves are terrifying enough. The dream sequences are utterly unique.

If there is anything wrong with "The Manchurian Candidate," it is simply that there is not enough of it. Meryl Streep is absolute perfection as Senator Eleanor Shaw, and I found myself wanting more and more of her diabolical character.

She is manipulative to everyone around her and has no sense of shame in whatever she does — she is the absolute definition of a Machiavellian leader. Jeffrey Wright had all too brief a role as Al Melvin, a soldier who served with Raymond in Kuwait.

Al is plagued by the same dream as Ben, but it has driven him far more mad. Wright, of recent "Angels in America" Golden Globe and Emmy wins, proves he is one of the most versatile and underrated actors today with his small but memorable role.

As amazing as Washington is in his role as Ben Marco, I think it's Liev Schreiber who steals the show, even from the magnificent Streep. He portrays Raymond as a desperately lost, lonely and empty man who must make the world think he has all the answers and confidence in the world to help lead the nation. Raymond is an enigmatic character — he is a charismatic man with no sense of self. He is who he is — good and bad — solely because of his mother.

Some of the film's most unforgettable scenes are between Ben and Raymond — the dialogue is always top notch and Washington and Schreiber have an easy, natural chemistry together that makes their scenes pop when the drama and tension begins.

"The Manchurian Candidate" was shown by the Campus Activity Board last Thursday and Friday. It was released in theatres over the summer on July 30 and will be available everywhere on DVD December 21, 2004.

Directed by Jonathan Demme
Starring Denzel Washington, Liev Schreiber, Meryl Streep, Kimberly Elise, Jon Voight, Kimberly Elise, Jeffrey Wright, Simon McBurney, Vera Farmiga and Miguel Ferrer

Rated R for violence and language
Rating 5 out of 5 stars

One is the loneliest number for bandless Howie Day

By MICHAEL HILLEARY
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Standing within the Freeman Center Saturday night, a friend and I found ourselves having a discussion about the movie "I Heart Huckabees."

Apparently, as she went on to tell me, the film had left something of an emotional impression on her after recently seeing it in theaters.

But she also told me how she didn't necessarily know what exactly that impression was. The only thing worse than not understanding a piece's action or intent, she said, is not knowing how you as an audience member feel about it afterwards.

Howie Day had just finished his performance, and I think I understood what she meant.

Touring as a co-headliner alongside Nickel Creek in support of his latest album, "Stop All the World Now," Day had walked onstage an hour earlier wearing jeans and an orange t-shirt with the words "Toxic Rock" printed on it.

With a brown, spiked mess of hair, the 23-year-old singer/songwriter had a glazed ambivalence about him as he worked through a number of songs that included such singles as "Perfect Time of Day," "Collide" and "She Says."

As Day progressed through this particular performance however, the one thing I had failed to anticipate was not whether the young musician would be wholly competent at playing the acoustic

guitar he had before him, but how he was going to play his music without any additional instrumentation.

Unlike any artist I had seen before, Day used the effects of a loop machine.

Standing alone, he would spend a great deal of time creating 15 to 20 second sound bites of music, repeating and combining them in a complex array of melodies, bass lines and choral harmonies.

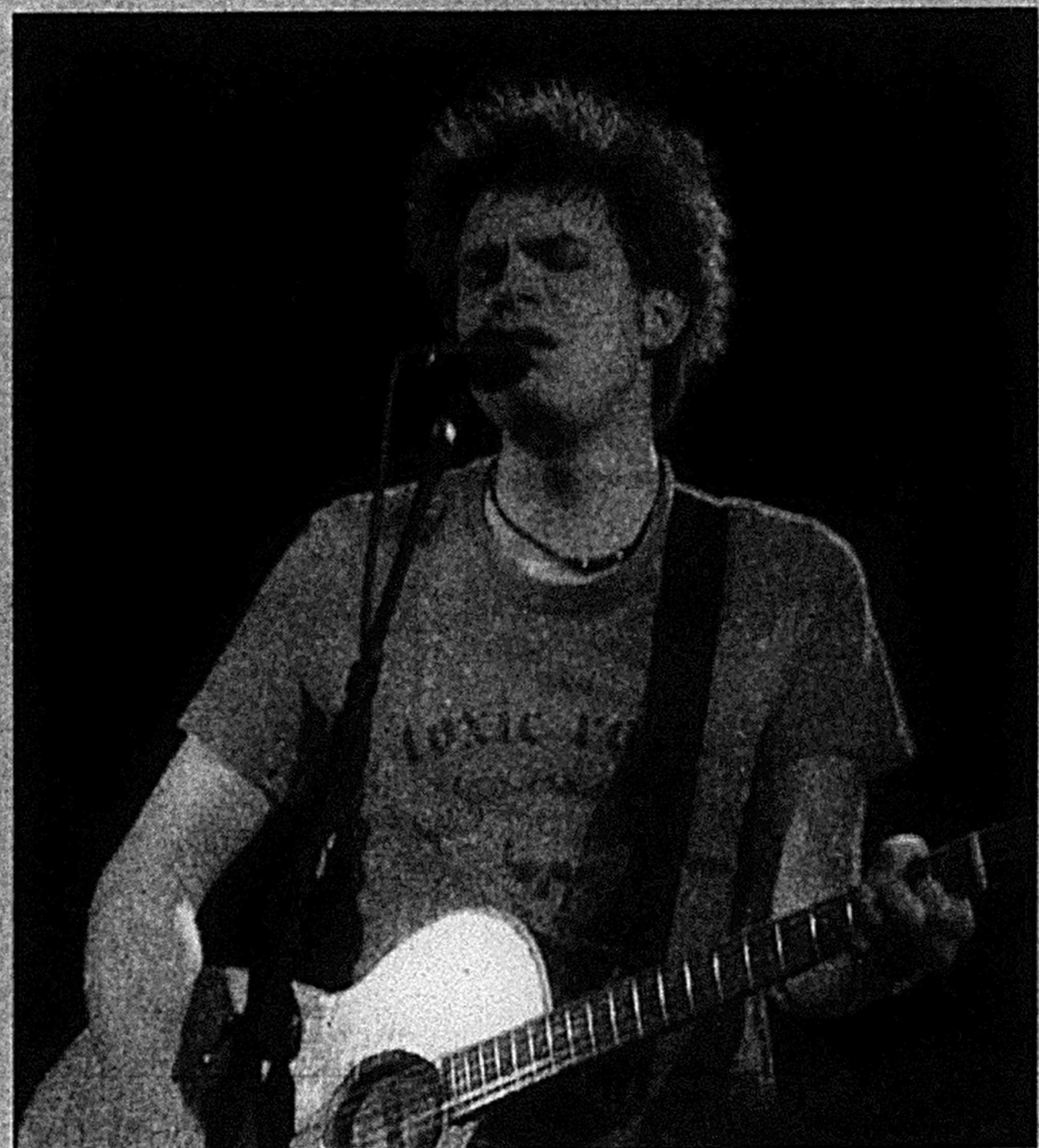
While certainly demonstrating a distinct creativity and complexity in his arrangements, this style of performance ultimately became too much of a good thing.

By the fourth and fifth 10-minute song, this formulaic pattern of orchestration forced a loss of realism to Day's set.

Without the accompanied energy brought on by a drummer's improvisational beat or a bassist's thumping boom, Day just seemed as if he couldn't concentrate on being himself and develop his own interaction with the crowd. He was too busy trying to be other members of a band that did not exist. The result of this behavior ultimately forced Day into a state of preoccupied multitasking.

Like a DJ waiting to transition into the next record, the young songwriter would occasionally seem to just stand there and monitor his machines, leaving the crowd waiting for something to happen.

Though Day did supply a sense of originality to his set — particularly when he went on to play several well-incorporated covers of Coldplay's "Don't Panic" and U2's "One



One-man band Howie Day made use of a loop machine, recording sound bites of music that helped simulate a full group of musicians. Day performed his hits "Perfect Time of Day," "Collide," and "She Says," along with covering songs by U2 and Coldplay.

Love" — by the end of the show, Day had unfortunately become a great deal like the silhouettes on walls created by the stage lighting, a shadow of a musician sounding too much like a recording.

By the time I had left the makeshift venue, I was still

rather unsure of how I wanted to feel.

As a person Day had come off as a rather likeable individual, someone willing to do anything for a cheap laugh. From holding a discussion about the language of R2-D2 to ad-libbing musical loops

with farm animal sounds, Day had the comic humility to poke fun at his own stage presence.

To me, Day simply presented himself as a work-in-progress. There is a potential there in his music. He just shouldn't have to carry the burden alone.

446 Band rocks University Suites

Beginning of a two-part series about the trials and tribulations of a student rock band

By MICHAEL HILLEARY
Asst. Arts and Entertainment Editor

It's quarter to 11 on a Friday night, and by now the small number of rooms within University Suite 446 have overcrowded to the point of becoming a fire hazard.

With mere inches separating the space between any physical movement, the air is left thick and weighted, much of it choked off by a mixture of college conversation and alcohol.

Ironically, the attendance tonight is considered small in comparison to those in weeks past.

From what I'm told, this is supposed to be an invite-only performance.

Ascending a narrow staircase that leads to a small side bedroom, guitarist Mike Reda, 20, reflects the physical strain of the apartment with some of his own visible tension.

"My hands keep cramping up," said Reda, slightly embarrassed as I watch him shake about his arms in the unlit room.

Thoughtful and dry-witted, Reda is a young man whose presence is never fully lost in a busy crowd, and is somehow always found by members of the opposite sex.

Tonight he is wearing a blue striped, button-up shirt that curiously looks as if it were bought for two dollars in the children's section of a thrift store.

Around his waist a car seat buckle is cleverly used as a pants belt.

On the other side of the bedroom, twenty-one-year-old Marcus Mancini appears a bit more relaxed.

Clear and articulate, the drummer talks casually with a small group of guests who have come to watch the show.

Even if he doesn't like them, Mancini is the type of guy who will ramble in conversation with anyone for hours.

Almost contrasting Reda's more cost-conscious style, Mancini is wearing a designer green polo shirt and dark jeans.

For the most part, this scene has turned into something of a weekly routine for the local

acoustic rock band aptly known as The 446 Band.

Within the past few months, the pair of musicians have been making a successfully steady stream of performances out of their small, leased residence located just off Warwick Boulevard.

As word of mouth has spread, they have ultimately come to earn a loyal following within the college music circuit of Christopher Newport University, just a short distance away from the apartment.

But just as Reda and Mancini have come to form a unique local sound out of their joint musical ambitions, in no way do the two friends see a bedroom remaining as the permanent green room for their performances.

Like so many willing, young musicians, Reda and Mancini are a pair of dreamers looking to be acknowledged by a larger audience.

Though what can be thought of by many as nothing more than a ridiculous, quixotic charge against the windmills of the music industry, these two young men nonetheless display a genuine charisma and light-heartedness that has somehow been converting one listener after another to their music.



Photo courtesy of The 446 Band
Marcus Mancini, a fourth-year student, is the drummer for The 446 Band, who recently played during Fall Fest on the Great Lawn. The band specializes in covers of songs by John Mayer, Incubus and Bob Marley. Mancini is joined in the band by guitarist, Mike Reda.

With each performance as just another anticipated step on the road of their own better development, Reda and Mancini are making even the doubtful have faith in their ability to find some form of success.

As the clock inches closer to 11 — tonight's scheduled show-

time — the two cohorts eventually find themselves together, meeting in the middle of the bedroom.

For a while talking about nothing in particular, it is Mancini who finally addresses the matter at hand:

"Alright," he said, as he

most likely has done so many times before. "You ready to do this thing?"

With nothing more than a casual confirmation from Reda, the two exit the room, and for the next hour they try their hardest to convince yet another crowd that they are.

University Orchestra to hold first concert tonight

By ERIN EUDY
Contributing Writer

The University Orchestra will perform for the first time in the new Ferguson Center tonight at 8 p.m.

Not only is this the orchestra's first performance, it is the first classical concert ever given by students in the new state-of-the-art facility.

This free concert is open to CNU students as well as the general public and is expected to last about an hour.

The orchestra will play several well-known pieces under the direction of Dr. Joseph White, including "The Unanswered Question" by Charles Ives, a

piece by Antonin Dvorak, and also a piece by Ernest Bloch.

The soloist for the concert will be piano professor Dr. Jeffrey Brown. He will be playing a piano concerto by Franz Joseph Haydn.

Brown will be playing this piece on a new Bosendorfer piano that the music department recently bought. This expensive piano is capable of producing a phenomenal sound.

When Brown recently performed his piece in front of the orchestra, everyone was over- come, not just by the sound of the piano, but also by Brown's amazing talent.

"He's fantastic," White said. "He knocked everyone's socks off; he was better than the piano.

The orchestra is so excited at the opportunity to perform with him."

"The Unanswered Question" is an exceptionally interesting piece for a variety of reasons.

First of all, the string instruments are the only ones on stage and they are playing one musical idea.

At the same time, the trumpets are offstage to one side playing a different musical idea.

Meanwhile, the woodwinds are also offstage in a different area playing yet another different musical idea. This makes for an exceptional piece of music.

"It will be amazing," said White. "It will really give us a chance to take advantage of the

wonderful acoustics of the new building."

Charles Ives was an important influence on the history of music because he was the first to compose true American pieces.

Before his time, Americans copied the style of European composers, but Ives created his own style.

Composers after him mimicked his style, thus creating the distinct American style of classical music.

"He was a trailblazer of sorts," White said. "He wanted to create something totally crazy and different, and he did."

Amy Mallory will help White in conducting this piece. Mallory is in the MAT program and a student violinist.

White was hired by the music department this year to organize the orchestra and he has been quite successful thus far.

Before this year, the orchestra lacked the guidance and organization needed to excel.

"This is the orchestra's chance to show that they are as talented as the other groups," said White.

"They have responded well to me and they have worked hard to get to where they are. This year is the first time they have had the opportunity to really dig into the music and it's been tough," he said.

"But now, they're about to perform some serious repertoires and they sound really good."

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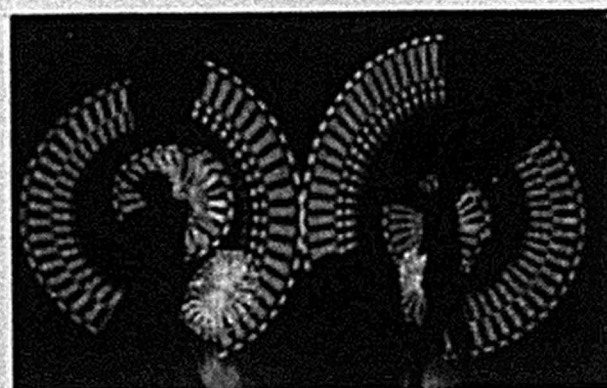
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Sports

Sailing team is unique among CNU athletics

By Chad Godwin
Captain's Log Intern

What Christopher Newport athletic program competes year round and is not associated with the NCAA?

The Sailing team is one of CNU's most tactic-based teams, and barely receives recognition. Men and women both compete in the events — gender does not pose as an advantage in sailing as it does other sports.

The team practices only twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and practice begins at 2:30 and goes until sundown. The practices consist of strategy tactics and a lot of drills. These tactics are extremely important, since the sailing team competes in all conditions, whether it's snowing or sunny outside.

"Except for thunderstorms and lightning, we do it all," said senior Paula Davis, a team captain.

The team is under the leadership of Coach Dan Winters. Winters is no stranger to the sailing world, in that he has been sailing competitively for 44 years.

Not only does he enjoy sailing, but he is experienced in yacht design and rating rules. Winters has been coaching the CNU sailing team since 1991.

The sailing team has two competitive seasons: fall and spring.

The fall season lasts from August to November, while the spring season begins in March and carries on through May. They race in 24 Regattas throughout both seasons.

A Regatta is basically a race in which schools compete. Anywhere from eight to 18 schools participate in a Regatta.

CNU competes in the Mid-Atlantic conference, one of six in the U.S. for sailing. The other conferences are New England, South Atlantic, Midwest, North-west and Pacific.

Some teams that CNU has raced against include Georgetown, St. Mary's, Hampton University, Ohio and the University of Pennsylvania. Christopher Newport is ranked 18th in the conference of about 32 schools.

"It makes no difference how big the school is. The real factor that gets involved is where you are located, to some degree. What matters is how committed the school is (to sailing) ... it's like Major League Baseball. There is no salary cap. We can't get any more wharf rats in here with the academic standards," said Winters.

Each school places two teams into a Regatta. Each team has two members on board who carefully try to outwit their opponents.

The team consists of a skipper and a crew.

The skipper is the captain and steers the boat and controls the main sail, while the crew controls the jib, which is a set of sails, and keeps the boat leveled properly.

This two-person team is capable of moving heavy equipment and can contain both male and female. "I feel that sailing is a unique opportunity to compete against other genders in college sports," said junior Peter Foytik, a member of the CNU sail team. "It gives women a chance to prove themselves against the stereotypes of sex."

Brawn does not lead a boat to victory; instead, the brain is the only thing capable of conquering everything that surrounds it.

Skills and knowledge are what gain the upper hand in sailing, not physical attributes. It is this vast knowledge, and not might, that will allow one to restrain Mother Nature. "It's you versus nature out there," said Foytik. "And with everything it throws at you, the only thing that can protect you is know-how and instinct."

Indeed, it is survival of the fittest out there in the water, and sheer cunning is the most dangerous weapon.

Seniors play final game as Lady Captains



Freshman Kelly Broadhurst, left, senior Megan McCreedy, middle, and freshman Samantha Howard, right, prepare to receive a pass during Friday's game vs. Mary Baldwin.

Freshmen show talent as field hockey ends year

By Sean Kennedy
Sports Editor

Freshman Brittany Touchard had a hat trick to lead CNU's field hockey team over Mary Baldwin 7-1 on Friday, and then on Sunday, freshman Rhiannon Thomasson had the only goal in a 1-0 victory over Washington & Lee.

Friday's game was the final home game for the five seniors on the team: Ashley Roberson, Jonelle Hanson, Jennifer Byrum, Megan McCreedy and Lauren Anderson.

The Lady Captains, wearing blue on Friday, got off to another slow start that has plagued the team all season long. Mary Baldwin scored the first goal very early in the first half.

The Mary Baldwin lead wouldn't last long. McCreedy, with an assist from freshman Samantha Howard, tied the game at one apiece in the 24th minute.

From that point on, it was all CNU.

Touchard scored the next three goals to complete her hat trick and give the Lady Captains a commanding 4-1 lead.

Two other freshmen scored, Thomasson and Katie Baker. Baker was able to pick up two goals, both in the second half.

Howard recorded three assists on the day. On Sunday, Thomasson's goal came very early in the second half.

McCreedy's assist on that goal put her into the record books, tying the school record for assists in a career with 19.

For the seniors, this year has been a great success despite barely missing the NCAA playoffs.

"We've never won this many games," McCreedy said. "We're now 11-3 [before Sunday's game at Washington & Lee]. We keep winning and it's good to win, we've never won like this and it feels good. It's like we have such trust out there with each other."

The seniors' jersey numbers were painted at the south end of the field for Friday's Senior Day.

Their leadership will be missed next season, especially by the younger players who have grown with the seniors.

"They've kept us together through tough games and overtimes; they've motivated us and supported us, they gave us gifts ... they're awesome," said freshman sparkplug Ashley Hay, one of the many freshmen who have contributed heavily throughout the season.

Although the team is now forced to look to "next year" instead of looking forward to the NCAA playoffs this year, head coach Carrie Moura is excited about the youth movement that the team has made.

"We normally start seven freshmen," Moura said. "They

don't play like they're freshmen, they've just added so much to this program. I want to watch this same class of 11 come all the way through until they're seniors. I don't know any other program that has the record that we have that's starting seven freshmen. They've been doing a great job," said Moura.

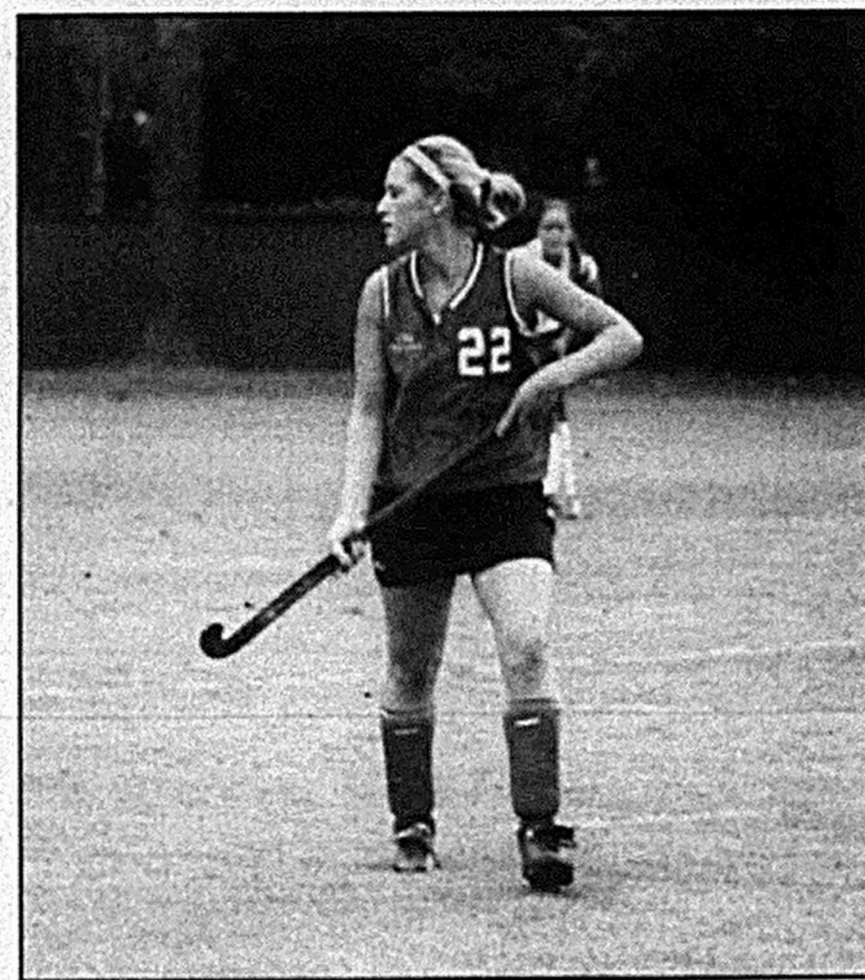
The Lady Captains have finished their season. Their 12-3 record was easily the best in school history. In 2001, the Lady Captain's second season ever, finished with a record of 9-5, their previous season best.

The play of young players

such as Touchard and Hay have given hope that next years season could lead to bigger glory for the Lady Captains. For this year's seniors, these last few games have been difficult, both physically and emotionally.

McCreedy, the senior who led the team in goals this season, and who is second in school history with 19 goals, summed up how she felt after her last home game in a CNU uniform.

"It's exciting ... and it's bittersweet, that's what it is."



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Freshman Brittany Touchard is one of the young players who stepped up this year.

Men's soccer looks forward to USA South tournament

By Kimberly Wade
Contributing Writer

The last two home games for the Men's soccer team were bittersweet with a loss and a win under the belt for the Captains last week. The first game was on Oct. 20 at home. They hosted the third ranked team in the nation, Salisbury, to whom they lost, 3-1.

The second game was on Saturday, also at home, at 7 p.m. against St. Mary's. The Captains came away with a 5-0 victory.

The game against the Salisbury Seagulls proved to be a tough one as sheets of rain came down on the field, making the grass slippery and unmanageable. That didn't stop freshman Shawn Trueblood from scoring his first goal of the season with an assist from sophomore Steve Keller. Senior goalie Brian Shumate had nine saves in goal for the Captains.

The Seagulls unfortunately then scored three straight goals. Salisbury out-shot the Captains 20-10.

Salisbury rose to 12-0-2 while the Captains fell to 8-5-2. Salisbury is ranked number one in the NSCAA South Region poll and ranked third on NSCAA top 25 poll, while Christopher Newport is ranked eighth on the same list.

The game on Saturday was significant because it was the last home game of the season for seniors Rob Leadbetter, Stefan Veldhuis, Tony Basso, Nick Yannitello, Billy Lucas, Justin Shezem and Shumate.

The fans showed their support with balloons adorning the stands and handmade signs hanging from the sideline fences.

The support was very appreciated and not in vain as the Captains beat the St. Mary Seagulls.

The game started on the right foot as sophomore Galen Small scored within the first 15

seconds of the game with an assist from Yannitello.

Eight minutes before the end of the first half, Yannitello scored a goal with an assist from Lucas.

The game then heated up with an amazing goal within the last four seconds of the first half delivered by freshman Matt Page with an assist from Keller.

The second half proved dramatic with a fourth goal from Lucas with an assist from sophomore Derek Shaw.

The fifth goal was provided by Yannitello, his second of the night, with an assist from Lucas, his second.

The win was to be just what

the Captains needed to make the most memorable last home game. When asked what game he loved playing in the most, Small said, "This game [against St. Mary's], because it was the last game of the season."

Love of soccer wasn't the only thing that the players liked about the season. Many forget the teamwork involved with the sport of soccer but not Veldhuis, who said his favorite part of the season was "being with the guys ... the camaraderie with the guys."

The fan support was also an important factor in the game. They proved loyal while sitting in freezing weather to watch the Captains play. Head coach Steve Shaw said of the fans, "We can't do anything without them because they're great and they have traveled to games with us."

Veldhuis showed his love to the fans by saying, "We have the best fans in soccer history."

The Captains out-shot St. Mary's 16-2 with Shumate having one save while recording his eighth shutout of the season.

The Captains are now 9-5-2 so far in the season with an away game at Mary Washington today at 4 p.m.

Women's soccer wins; will host USA South tourney

By Ashley Dooley
Captain's Log Intern

The CNU women's soccer team dominated the Averett Cougars 7-0 this past Friday night in their last home game of the season. CNU boasted 31 shots on goal versus Averett's zero.

Senior Shannon Crane scored twice to lead CNU. Freshmen Emily Renkin and Melanie Brown, juniors Kathleen McCormack and Heather Dennee, and senior Meg French each had one goal. Assists were made by Renkin, junior Liz Thuma and sophomore Nikki Greenberg, who each had one.

Senior Carola Riegner tended goal for the first half and senior Lindsay Naill took over for the second half.

Neither had any saves, but with the way the Captains held this game by maintaining control of the ball, that's no surprise.

One word to describe this game would be "slaughter." CNU quickly gained control of the ball in the first few minutes of the game and maintained that control throughout the remainder of the match.

From the start, it was clear which team was more skilled. The Lady Captains kept the ball on the opponent's side the majority of the game.

The team expected a victory from the outset.

They knew that Averett would have a difficult time competing against them because they are in a transition period with coaches and their numbers are down. Paired against CNU, they had little chance of a victory.

At the end of the first half, CNU had already won the game. Instead of continuing to amp up the goal count, Head coach Kwame Lloyd challenged the team to a more strategic second half.

He had the women employ a strategy called "Captain" where the ball is served from the flanks (the sides of the field) and every player (except for those on the flanks) can only touch the ball twice before scoring. This made the second half more challenging for the Captains and saved Averett some face.

"I try to have class in my program," said Lloyd.

Lloyd doesn't believe in "beating up" teams by continuing to rack up points after they have obviously already won the game.

This does not challenge the players' skills according to Lloyd. This strategy also helps the other team to practice as well.

"We try to be humble and gracious to our opponents," said Lloyd.

This was a significant win for the team because they now have the right to host the USA South Conference Tournament that will take place Nov. 5-6, with times to be announced.

They are 11-3-3 overall and 6-0 in the USA South.

The game was also significant because it was the last game the seniors will play on the CNU home field.

Dubbed "Senior Night" for this reason, Riegner, Naill, Shannon Crane, Melissa Davis and French said goodbye to the Captain's Field.

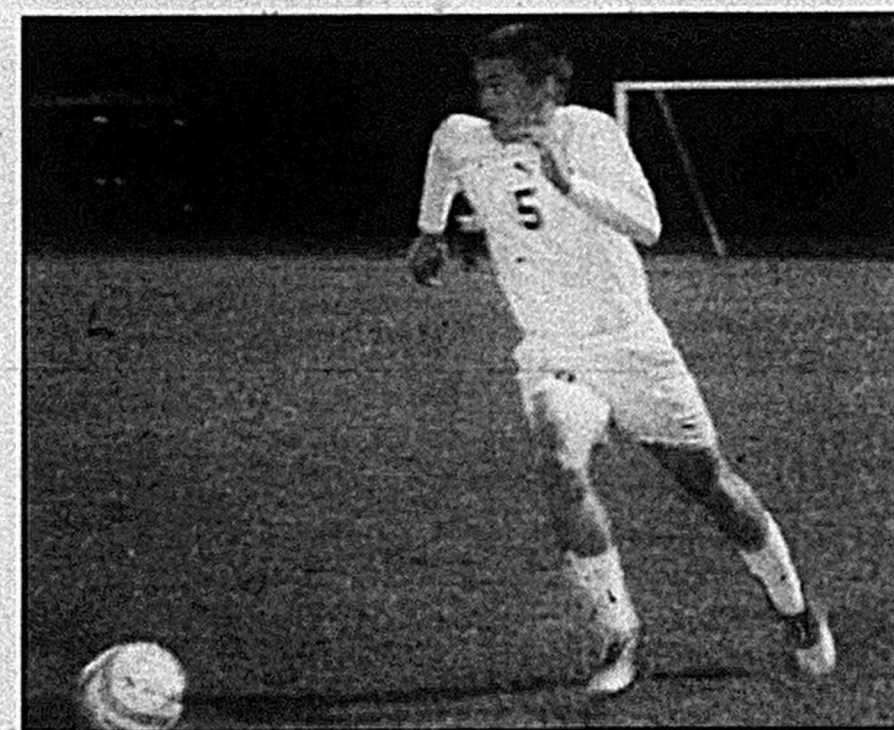
Riegner, Crane, and French have played for the Captains all four years of their college careers under Coach Lloyd.

The team will end its regular season this Saturday in Winchester, heading off against Shenandoah with kick-off set for 2 p.m.

This will be CNU women's soccer's first undefeated season in conference if they win. This is the motivating factor for the team who wants to enter the conference undefeated.

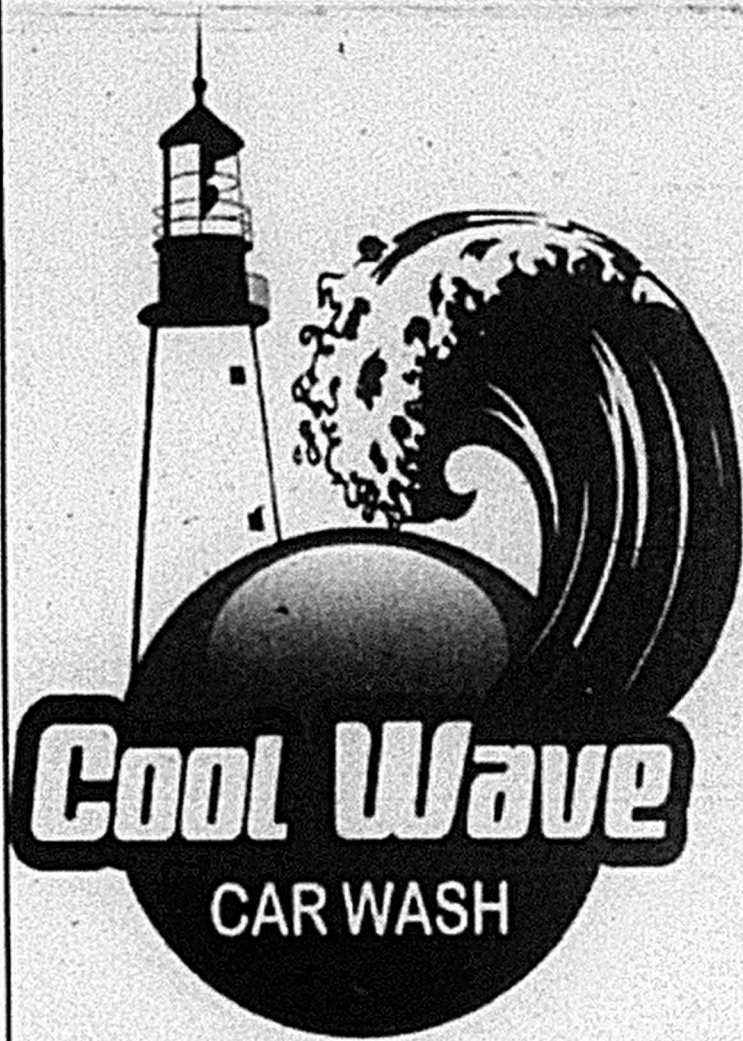
"The game will be more mental vs. talent," said Lloyd.

"We don't expect Shenandoah to be a challenge," he added.



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Sophomore Steve Keller contributed an assist in the Captains' loss against Salisbury.



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Red Sox make fans love baseball again

By Mitch Albom
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT — I hadn't watched a baseball game on a small, handheld TV set since 1986, when I was stuck in a cab in New York City.

That game — complete with snowy fuzz — was an American League championship affair, featuring an unlikely comeback by the star-crossed Boston Red Sox against the California Angels that saw the Bosox one strike away from elimination yet led them, ultimately, to the World Series.

I remember that game so well, because I couldn't tear myself away from it, not as we crossed the Triborough Bridge, not as we entered Queens, not as a sad-faced guy named Dave Henderson hit that ninth inning, two-out, two-strike home run.

All night long, it was just the little one-inch screen and my bleary eyes, mesmerized by the national pastime. Since then, baseball has soured for me.

• Too much money. Too many drug rumors. Too few teams that actually compete. Oh. And the

countless losing seasons for the Tigers. That hasn't helped.

Yet there I was, Wednesday night, 18 years after that October cab ride, and the Red Sox were once again ensnared in a classic, and I was once again stuck far away from the action, in North Carolina, at a benefit for breast cancer. As causes go, it was well worth it. As sports go, the timing couldn't have been worse.

But thanks again to AA batteries, I was able to see the biggest of games on the smallest of screens, bouncing around in a car.

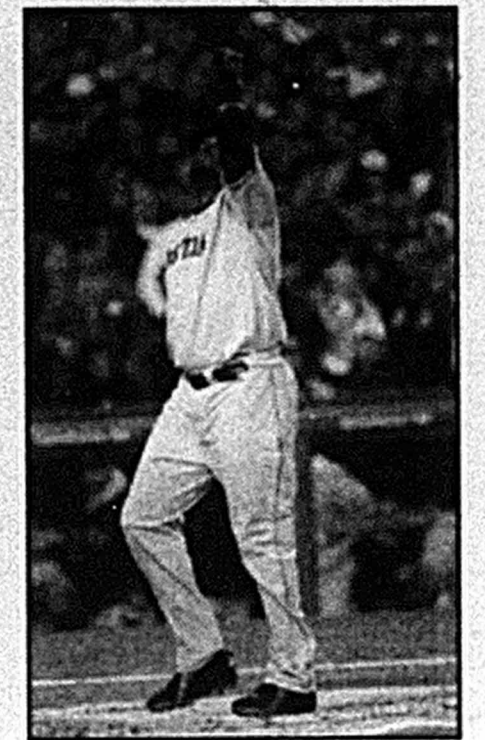
What I saw was this: Boston's Johnny Damon hammering a grand slam and a two-run homer after six games in which his bat was as useless as a twig.

Derek Lowe shutting down the mighty Yankees, after not even knowing he would pitch in the playoffs. Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield and the rest of the modern day Murderers' Row locked up, bars closed, keys tossed. A comeback to end all comebacks, to end the cliché "nobody ever comes back from a 3-0 deficit."

It was not just the most amazing baseball series ever.

It was also fine medicine for a sport that had grown fat and disconnected. This was a series about hearts and ghosts, and how the former can overcome the latter.

It was enough to make you love baseball again. When the game is great, everything falls away, even the ice around former fans' hearts.



David Ortiz has been instrumental to the Red Sox for the whole year.

Weekly Sports round-up

By Sean Kennedy
Sports Editor

Cross Country

Both the men's and women's teams won the Mason Dixon Conference Championship over the weekend.

Junior Emily Low was named the MVP by the coaches after her record-setting performance in the race.

Her time of 21:51 in the 6k race set a new school record.

Ten runners earned all-conference honors for their performance: Low, sophomore Ashley Ezell, junior Megan Fogarty, freshman Bridgett Dryer, sophomore Cary Chaffee, freshman Jay Wyss, sophomore David Barham, freshman Daniel Swale, senior Jim Highsmith and senior Nate Wallace.

This weekend, the teams will be traveling down to Greensboro, N.C. for the USA South Conference Championship meet.

Football

Defeated USA South opponent Methodist, 24-10, over the weekend.

Sophomore Roland Hilliard carried the ball 40 times for 184 yards in the victory, setting a new school record for carries in a game by one player.

This performance comes one week after Hilliard set a school record for rushing yards in a game with 215.

Sophomore Hudson Bryant threw three touchdowns, but was also intercepted three times.

He finished with 203 passing yards. Junior wide-out

Nathan Davis finished with three catches for 68 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore George Jones, back at wide receiver after starting the season as a running back, had four receptions for 50 yards. The Captains are now 5-2 and will play at N.C. Wesleyan this weekend in another USA South opponent.

Volleyball

Lost its first USA South match this year, as Greensboro was able to beat the Lady Captains 3-0 on Saturday in a USA South Tri-match that was held at Greensboro.

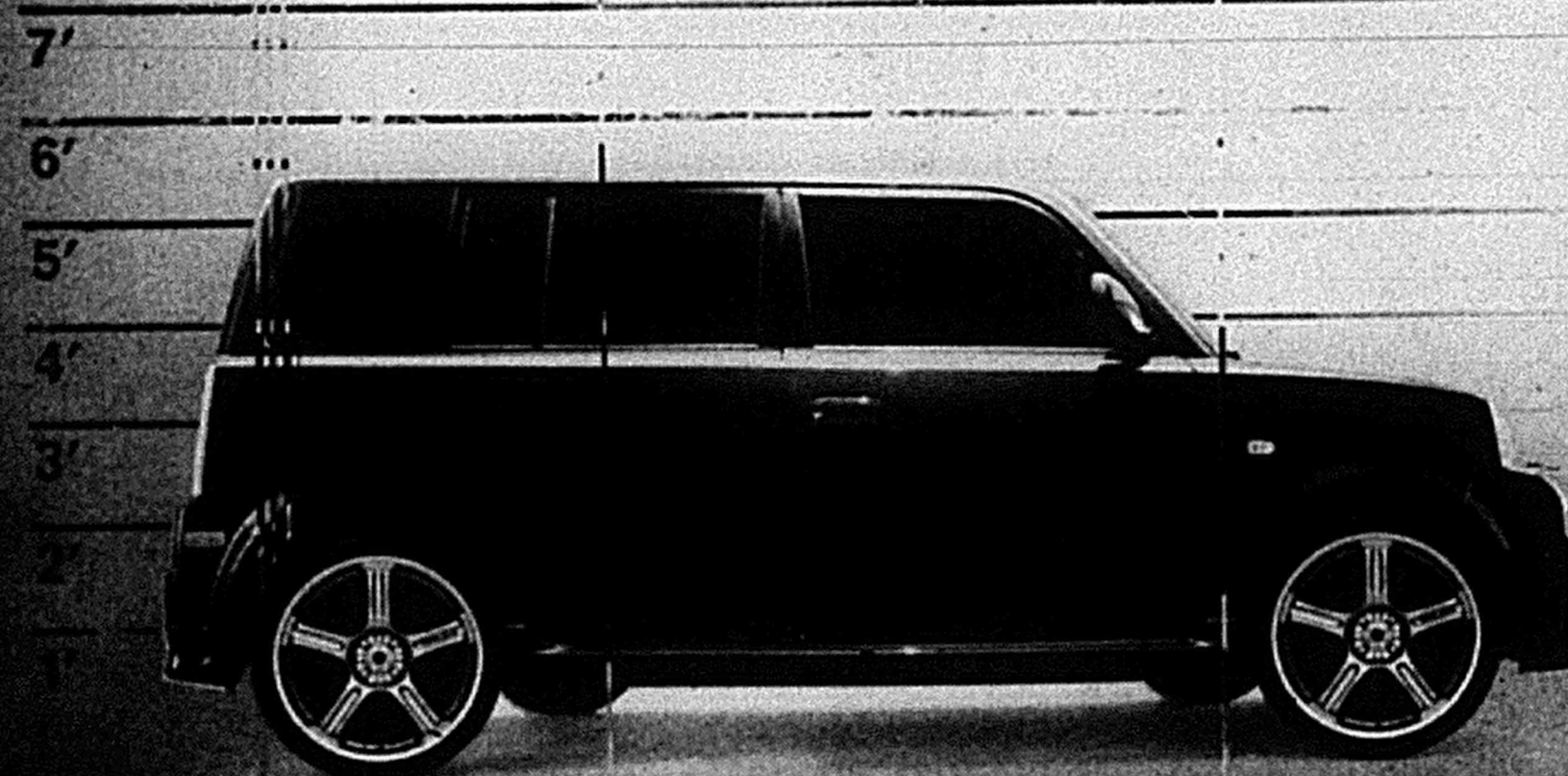
CNU bounced back later that day against Ferrum, beating them 3-0. The Lady Captains are now 26-6 overall and 10-1 within the USA South.

They play today at Shenandoah with game time at 6:30.

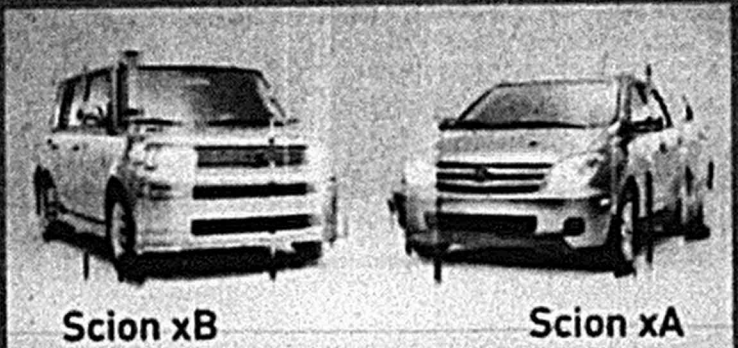
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