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VCU president speaks on tech jobs

By PHILIP LECLERC
News Editor

Richmond's daunting urban sprawl swallows Virginia Commonwealth University in a way that might make it seem difficult to compare to Christopher Newport University's distinct suburban slice of Newport News. CNU's graduates should begin looking to Richmond for their next academic step, though, according to VCU President Gene Trani.

"What I want to talk about today is, in fact, the role of higher education," Trani said, "in terms of economic development and leadership." Colleges and universities have taken on a new task in the world, said Trani — a task making them engines for high-technology and job development rather than just sources of academics.

Trani used developments in Cambridge University, England to demonstrate his point. "Cambridge is a town that is devoted to science. [It is] a very old university, but a very modern university, that works with the business community," he said. "In fact, the most recent thing that has happened at Cambridge is Bill Gates' love affair with Cambridge."

Gates tried to hire the Chair of the Computer Science Department at Cambridge, Professor Roger Needham, said Trani, but Needham said he would not leave Cambridge. "Gates said, 'Fine. If I build a laboratory in Cambridge will you lead it?'" Trani said. "Gates got so excited with what was going on in Cambridge that he has put enough money into Cambridge to create the Gates [Cambridge] Scholars."

The Gates Cambridge Scholarships are equal monetarily to the Rhodes Scholarships which provide competitive financial support for qualifying scholars to study at Oxford University, Trani said.

"Wherever you look around the world, you are seeing universities now becoming major economic and cultural engines for their community," he said. That is where Trani sees VCU and CNU going.

For example, Trani said Richmond's business community approached him about creating a new School of Engineering in Richmond and then helped to fund it. "I said [to the businesses], 'I'd be happy to look at a School of Engineering but it's going to cost you a lot of money,'" said Trani.

Trani also spoke about the specific partnerships that entered into funding the school, particularly VCU's partnership with Infineon Technologies. Normally, businesses offering donations like those Infineon offered VCU to create its new school allow those businesses to receive tax breaks, said Trani, but Infineon chose a different path.

"What Infineon wanted was endowed shares of engineering created by the state in lieu of tax breaks," he said. "Five \$1 million dollar Chairs in Engineering at Virginia Commonwealth University — now, that is five-million dollars they could have taken and put in their pocket."

They chose to form a closer relationship with VCU's School of Engineering and its graduates, though, said Trani.

"So, what you see is the universities playing their role," he said. Higher education in the state of Virginia should continue to build its ties not only between the business community and universities, but also between universities themselves, said Trani.

"If you can have Route 128 in Massachusetts feeding off of its great universities, what is to

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ALL IN FOR CHARITY

Fluorescent lights shined over the lobby as music pumped and poker chips clattered. Many people were heard cheering, hoping to get lucky and win big. **Page 7**

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Two leaders in the congressional debate on immigration said Sunday that they don't want to turn "good samaritans" into criminals for offering food and shelter to illegal immigrants. **Page 4**

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Tapping on ladders, tapping upside down on makeshift ceilings, tapping on scaffolding. These are just a few of the amazing things "Tap Dogs" has to offer. **Page 7**

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With both teams shutting out Greensboro this past weekend, the men's and women's tennis teams are establishing themselves as dominant powers in the USA South. **Page 11**

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After the 2004-2005 NBA season, the Phoenix Suns were on the verge of breaking into the NBA elite. **Page 12**

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"It's important [to win your final home game] because you're finishing with a positive note. It's nice for our senior, Natalie Pitts too. [Our success] is there, and it's still growing. We've got some nice recruits coming up. We've always got to compete against Methodist who has their own tennis program so they're always ahead of us."

— Coach Nuttycombe, Women's Tennis **Page 12**

NO VACANCY

Upperclassmen did not receive priority in the housing lottery; 330 are left without rooms.

By ERIN ROLL
Asst. Copy Editor

At least 330 rising juniors and seniors are without on-campus housing for the 2006-2007 academic year. The housing lottery permitted a certain number of upperclassmen to apply for housing before the Housing office closed off the residence halls to let the rising sophomores choose spaces. Because of the large numbers of students applying, many upperclassmen might have to find their own housing off campus.

For this year's lottery, the Housing office decided not to schedule students for lottery times by number of credit hours, which was the case in previous years, housing director Andy Sheston said. Instead, the office decided to let a certain number of upperclassmen register before closing off all of the spaces to all except the rising sophomores. The department would then try to fit as many rising juniors and seniors into whatever spaces remained. "It's like a true lottery. You're not guaranteed to win," he said.

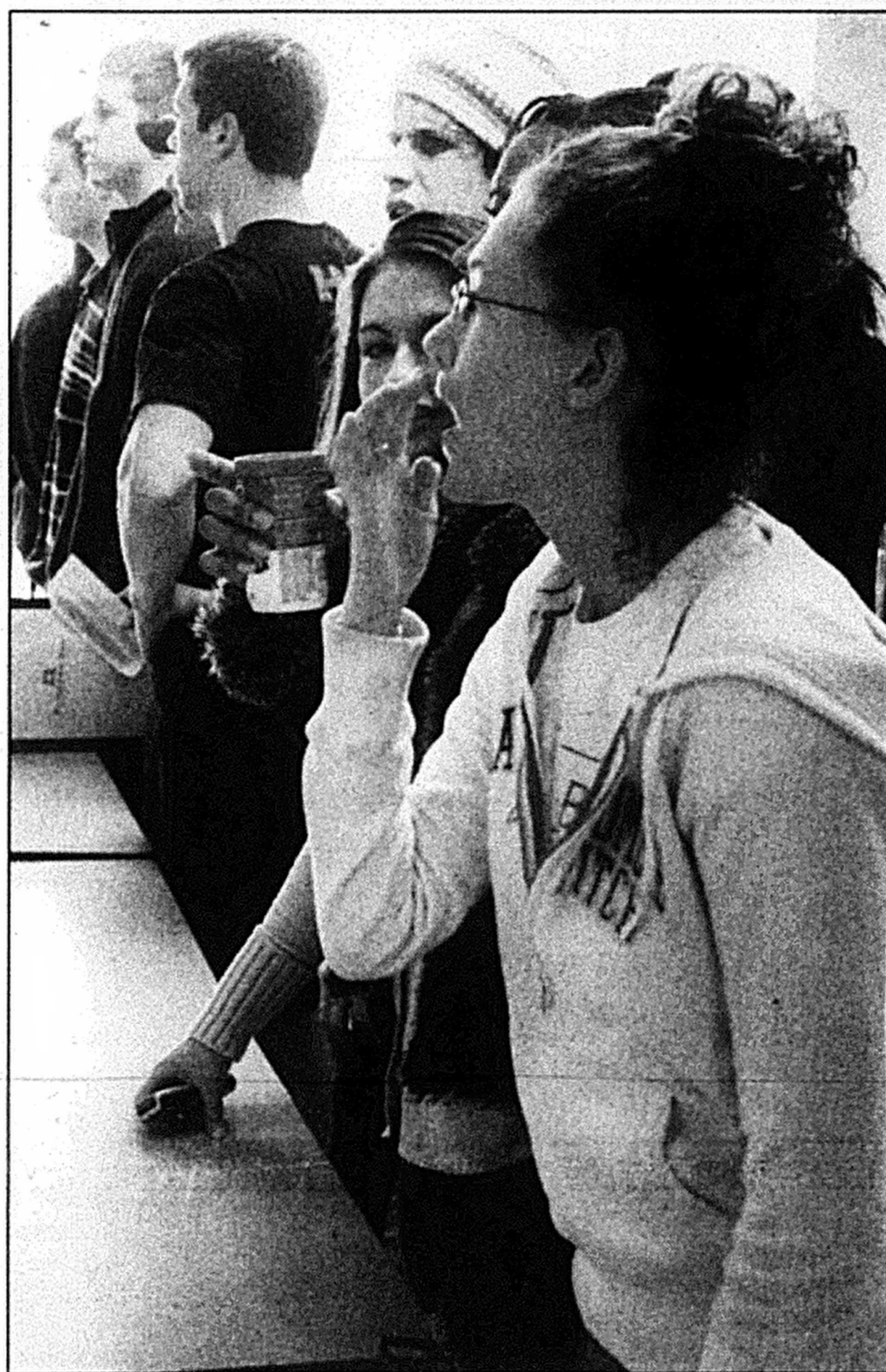
More juniors and seniors applying to stay on campus this year than expected, said CNU Housing Director Andy Sheston. Usually, Sheston said, the campus loses a lot of those students to Port Warwick and other areas. The process has put up to 332 students on a wait list for rooms, with the possibility that those students would have to find off-campus housing.

The lottery's outcome upset some rising juniors and seniors, like sophomore Chris Ball. Ball feels CNU has forgotten about them and concentrated more on the incoming freshmen.

"I'm feeling fairly betrayed and disillusioned with CNU, or the administration," Ball said. "I feel like they've just basically ditched the upper classes — I guess that might not be the best word for it — or abandoned us."

Ball and two of his brothers planned to room together during their time at CNU, but the recent issues with housing have halted their plans. "Now it seems like I'm not going to be able to room with one of my brothers, which is a part of the reason why we came here, so we could all be at college together," said freshman Matthew Ball, one of Chris's brothers.

Some students believe CNU Housing knew about the overcrowding problem in advance but did not inform the students who might be affected. "They had the opportunity



Jesse Hutcherson/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Students stare at the options that are left to choose from in the Student Center Housing Lottery location.

to tell everyone that [there was a chance that several students might not get housing]," said sophomore Josh Hopkins.

Sheston said the office did not know the exact numbers until the night before the lottery when they finished computing their figures. "We were not aware of the magnitude of the number of people to be displaced until Monday night," he said.

On Tuesday night, senior roommates Randall Munroe and Donny Donovan launched a Web site — CNUHousingSucks.com. Munroe said the site allows students to share their stories and vent whatever frustrations they might have. Several students have already posted their own stories and fliers.

There will be a peaceful demonstration on April 8, Freshman Admittance Day, when would-be students and their families come to visit the campus, according to Munroe and Donovan's Web site.

On Friday morning, President Paul Tribble released a statement concerning the university's response to the housing shortage. The uni-

versity secured 90 additional spaces for the waitlisted students to be assigned beginning on Wednesday, according to Tribble's e-mail.

For the remaining students, the university compiled a list of college-friendly apartments and housing units in the area, which will be posted on the CNU Housing Web site on Monday, Sheston said. The office will also keep informing students of whatever vacancies there are on campus.

"I understand [the students'] frustrations. From what I've been told, they've been told that they can live on campus all four years," Sheston said.

Taryn McVey, a sophomore who "would be a rising junior," said that she would not return to CNU next year because of housing.

"I honestly don't think it's fair to the students, and I think once the parents get involved it's going to get a lot worse because of all the money they've put into the school," she said. "It's just getting ridiculous."

— Additional reporting by Phil Leclerc, News Editor

Housing numbers

Total beds:

2,781

Beds reserved for freshmen:

1,140

Beds reserved for sophomores:

926

Beds retained by students:

342

Beds available for lottery:

373

Upperclassmen waitlisted:

330

SGA Senate pushes for housing reallocation

By PHILIP LECLERC
News Editor

With the first week of CNU's Housing lottery over and university residence halls filling up, the student senate found itself face with a new issue to discuss: 332 upperclassmen without on-campus housing stuck on a waiting list.

In response to the situation, the senate resolved that sophomores living on east campus but not with upperclassmen should be moved to main campus.

SGA President Mehreen Farooq began discussion of housing when delivering her executive report to the senate. Prior to the meeting, she spoke with Director of Housing Andy Sheston about the housing issue.

She asked Sheston why CNU Housing did not anticipate the difference between students wanting housing and students receiving.

Sheston knew there would be a housing shortage, but did not know how large it would be until the night before the lottery.

Prior to that, 200 rising sophomores had not turned in their contracts and 50 potential Resident Advisors' contracts were unaccounted for. Sheston and CNU Housing did not finalize their equations. Disability Services was also submitting housing requests until that last day, according to Sheston, said Farooq.

Farooq and the senate discussed possible fixes for the problem in the future.

"He [Sheston] said we will definitely be looking into spacing out the timeline [for the housing lottery] next year,"

said Farooq. "He doesn't want to push it too late because of students' busy schedules when they begin to get into exam time."

After Farooq finished her report, the senate discussed Senate Resolution 12.06, or the Emergency Housing Reallocation Act and the final form it should take.

In addition to the senate, Farooq, students in the audience and Dean of Students Donna Eddleman took part in the discussion.

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Weekend Forecast

Courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday:
Sunny

High: 66° Low: 49°

Friday:
Mostly Sunny

High: 73° Low: 57°

Saturday:
Scattered
Thunderstorms

High: 69° Low: 53°

Sunday:
Mostly Sunny

High: 66° Low: 50°

Monday:
Partly Cloudy

High: 66° Low: 51°

On the record Police Blotter

CNU Police Blotter

According to the CNU Police Web site:
March 21: There was a violation in Commonwealth Hall for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
March 22: Someone stole an iPod and money from a room in Madison Apartments.
March 25: There was a violation issued on Moore's Lane for underage possession of alcohol.
A restricted student trespassed onto campus in Santoro Hall.

Newport News Police Blotter

Property damage occurred on Deep Creek Road.
Someone inflicted a malicious wounding on an individual at Jefferson Avenue resulting in minor injury.
March 21: There was an account of intimidation on Sunset Road.
A case of simple assault occurred on Warwick Boulevard.
Clothes stolen from a business on Jefferson Avenue were later recovered.
March 22: A damaged vehicle was witnessed leaving the scene on Jefferson Avenue.
A vehicle was broken into and parts were stolen from it on Turner Boulevard.
Someone vandalized a vehicle on Parkway Drive.
March 23: A vehicle was vandalized on Nettles and Winterhaven.
Items were stolen from a vehicle located on Peters Lane.
There was a kidnapping of an individual on Heathland Drive.
March 24: A case of simple assault resulting in minor injury occurred on Palmer Lane.
A residence on Pennington Avenue reported a runaway.
March 25: There was a drug seizure, which occurred on Jefferson Avenue.
A burglary happened at a business on Kiln Creek Parkway.
March 26: A car was stolen while on Jefferson Avenue.
There was a case of simple assault on Tuckahoe Drive.
Another case of assault occurred on Marrow Drive resulting in minor injury.

Around town State/Local News

Howell calls for end to sponsored radio ads and phone calls

Last Friday, House Speaker William J. Howell called on Governor Timothy Kaine to end radio advertisements and automated phone calls sponsored by Moving Virginia Forward PAC, the Governor's political action committee. Howell criticized these actions as being deliberately misinformative.
The radio and phone advertisements were created to promote citizens to support transportation proposals, which are supported by the governor and members of the Virginia Senate.

Web site provides for student needs

CyberLab at Purdue University in Indiana has created a new Web site (epsilen.com) that offers students, faculty and researchers a package of software tools to maintain a wide range of specific needs.
Epsilen.com provides the software Epsilen Environment Version 6. It is available to any college students or faculty who open accounts with the site. Students are able to create ePortfolios with resumes that can be shared with likely employers or graduate schools. Faculty members can exchange information and work together with other researchers on a global Epsilen network. For additional information contact CyberLab founder and Epsilen architect, All Jafari at (317) 274-4565 or visit his site at <http://jafari.iupui.epsilen.com>.

Kaine announces agreement to finish Metrorail Project

This Monday Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority signed the Memorandum of Agreement to complete the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. The project will serve to extend Metrorail through Tysons Corner, Dulles International Airport and to Loudoun County. U. S. Senators John Warner and George Allen as well as Congressmen Frank Wolf, Tom Davis and Jim Moran joined the governor at the announcement in Richmond along with nine members of the Virginia General Assembly from the Dulles Corridor.

Your life Campus News

Trible becomes Bay Days Commodore

President Paul Tribble Jr. has been chosen to be the 2006 Commodore for the Hampton Bay Days festival in September.
The Bay Days Board of Directors selected Tribble in light of his dedication to the Virginia and Hampton Roads community and more than 30 years of public service, according to a recent news release.
The Bay Days Festival is a three-day celebration to educate the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay.

Hanson will sign his latest book at CNU

Author, historian and journalist Victor Hanson will be delivering a lecture at 3 p.m. on April 7 at the Music and Theatre Hall in the Ferguson Center, where he will sign his latest book "A War Like No Other."
Copies of the book will be available for purchase in the lobby after the program.
The event is free and open to the public.

Orson Scott Card to appear at CNU

The author of "Ender's Game" and "Ender's Shadow," two best-selling sci-fi novels, will be the keynote speaker for the 25th Annual Writers' Conference.
The conference will take place between April 7 and April 8 in the Ferguson Center for the Arts.
It will feature workshops on various types of writing and is open to the public.
All participants must register.
For more information, check <http://lifelonglearning.cnu.edu> or call (757) 594-7568.

RAD self-defense class on campus

RAD, a self-defense class intended for women, will be hosted on campus in a series of sessions.
Session 1 took place on Feb. 22, March 1, 15 and 22. Session 2 will meet on March 29, April 5, 12 and 19. Classes will take place between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. in the Freeman Center Multipurpose Room.
Sessions are free, but restricted to 16 women per session. More information is available at (757) 594-7053 or cnupd@cnu.edu.

Corrections

"May06: How to Graduate"

Graduation fees must be paid by April 14th. Class of 2006 t-shirts are on sale in the bookstore for \$15. \$5 of this goes towards a clock that will be in the center of the campus by the Science Building and McMurrin Hall. The Senior Class Party will be held in the Chesapeake Ball Room at the Point Plaza Hotel from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets will be \$5 for seniors and \$10 for undergraduates.

There is no senior class trip, but a senior day is planned for during the week of May 8.

From 9-9:45 a.m. on May 13, a continental breakfast will be served in the Freeman Center, followed by graduation. Graduation takes place in Pomoco Stadium. Breakfast with families begins at 7:30 a.m. in Regattas. The Alumni continental breakfast starts at 9 a.m.

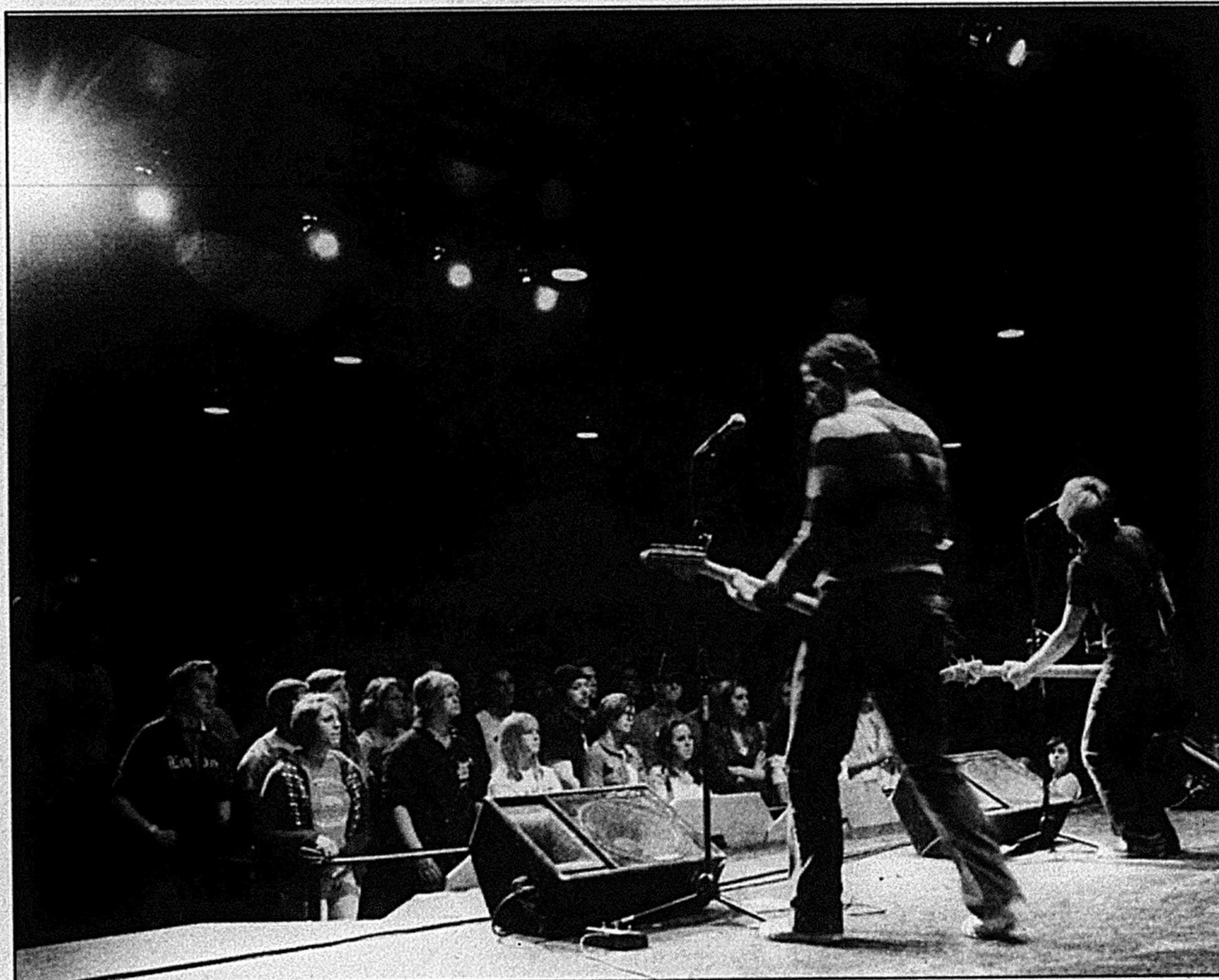
"A History of Violence"

Last week's review of "A History of Violence" was by Daniel Settle.

supershot

One of the highlighted bands of the CAB-sponsored concert, "Just Surrender Your Booty" performs for students in Gaines Theatre on Saturday, March 25.

Jamie Seagraves/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



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Campus Calendar

March 29-April 4

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>11 a.m. — Student Research Seminars; Science Building Room 109</p> <p>11 to 3 p.m. — Career Fair; Ferguson Center Concert Hall</p> <p>6:30 to 9 p.m. — Rape Aggression Defense (RAD); Freeman Center Multi-Purpose Room</p> <p>7 p.m. — Young Democrats Meeting; SC 205</p> <p>7 to 8:30 p.m. — Ender's Shadow Discussion Group; Second floor atrium in Ratcliffe.</p>	<p>12:15 p.m. — Religion Honor Society; Einstein's Café</p> <p>4 p.m. — Greek Leadership Series; SC 150</p> <p>7 p.m. — Roleplaying Guild Meeting; SC 205</p> <p>7 to 9 p.m. — Alpha Sigma Alpha Fundraiser; Cold Stone Creamery</p> <p>9 p.m. — N64 Mario Kart Tournament; McMurrin 102</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Virginia Symphony: Appalachian Spring; Ferguson Center Music and Theater Hall</p> <p>7 p.m. — Chamber Ensemble Series; Studio Theatre</p> <p>7 p.m. — King Kong; Gaines Theatre</p>	<p>7 p.m. — Annual Miss Essence Pageant; Gaines Theatre</p>	<p>4 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass; SC 150</p> <p>7 p.m. — The Captain's Log; SC 233</p>	<p>5 to 6 p.m. — Italian Discussion Hour; Einstein's Café</p> <p>5:30 p.m. — SGA Senate Meeting; SC 150, Alumni Room</p> <p>7 p.m. — Hawaiian Luau with Circle K; SC 214</p>	<p>12:15 to 1 p.m. — Islam Discussion Hour; Einstein's Café</p>

EXTREME MAKEOVER: Sig Ep frat house edition

Spring break for CNU's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members involved slathering on layers of paint instead of sunscreen.

By IAN SASS-BASEDOW
Editorial Assistant

Sigma Phi Epsilon members sophomore Jimmy Hostetler and junior Mark Dystert resolved to fix up their outdated, rundown fraternity house.

They gathered Sig Ep's brothers together to make it a more comfortable and inviting place for them to live and entertain, repainting it over spring break between March 9 and March 12.

"We have really high standards in our fraternity about how we live our lives and we wanted our house to better reflect that," Dystert said.

The house, which is located right next to the CNU Police Department, is the only recognized fraternity residence on campus and had fallen into considerable disrepair, Dystert and Hostetler said.

"Sig Ep has had the house for three years, and really nothing had been done to it since the previous owner. The walls and borders were really banged up," said Dystert.

In addition to the home's signs of age, its outdated interior decorating gave the pair even

more desire to paint.

"It was really out of touch with the fact that it has four college guys living in it—floral patterns and things like that," Dystert said.

Just before spring break, Dystert and Hostetler approached Director of Housing Andy Shoston to discuss the possibility of repainting the house.

Dystert prepared his full interior-facelift plan, providing color schemes for the CNU Housing Department's approval.

For the greater portion of the house, Dystert chose a cream-and-light blue combination for the walls and borders. He hoped it would present an informal, comfortable look similar to a beach house.

For their Executive Board meeting room, however, he envisioned a contrast from the rest of the house.

"We really wanted to make it a place where people would feel the need to get things done, so we went with dark red paint for the walls and black trim," he said.

CNU Housing liked the ideas so much they actually provided the paint for the undertaking, Dystert said.

Starting March 9, Hostetler

and Dystert began 13-hour days of brushes, cans, pans and rollers.

Together with an on-and-off collection of 15 Sig Ep fraternity brothers, Alpha Phi sisters and CNU Cheerleading members, they completed the job by the end of the weekend. Dystert and Hostetler were amazed at the final product, they said.

"We've heard nothing but positive things from everyone. It was just such a drastic change," Dystert said.

"Representatives from the national branch of Sig Ep visited two days after it was done. They were in awe."

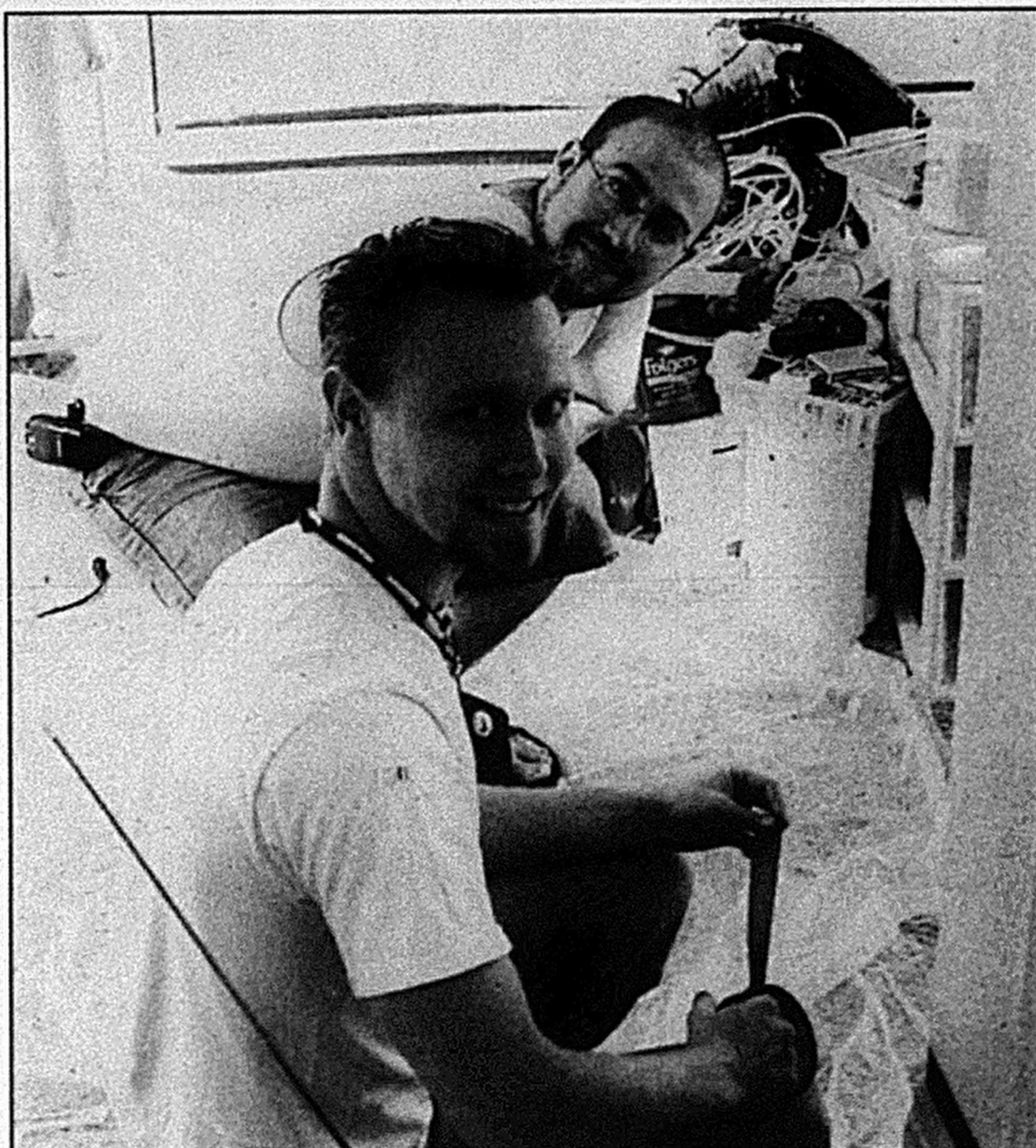
Hostetler said the new environment will be great for Sig Ep's brotherhood, recruiting and social life in general.

"People are a lot more willing to spend more time in the house. It really offers people that homey feel," he said.

The roommates shared a renewed sense of community after being helped by so many of their fellow students.

"This truly showed me what our fraternity is all about. It really impressed upon me the sense of brotherly love with everyone coming," Dystert said.

"We could not have done it without them." ■



Courtesy of Sigma Phi Epsilon/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sig Ep fraternity brothers work on modernizing their old frat house.

2006-2007 SGA electoral candidates



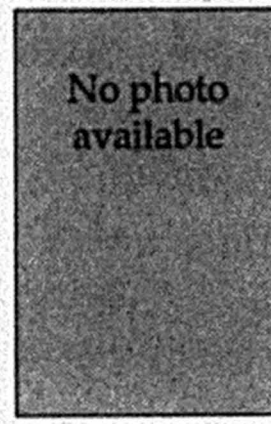
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for SGA President



Candace Mascia
for SGA Vice President



Patrick Horan
for Class of '08 Senator



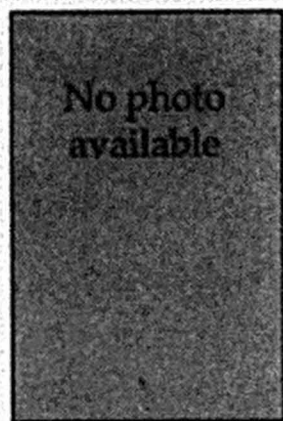
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for Class of '08 Senator



Katie Wilson
for Class of '09 Senator



Joseph Hamm
Class of '09 Senator



David Donais
Class of '09 Senator



Jared Moore
for Class of '09 Senator



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World and Nation



U.S. President George W. Bush speaks to new U.S. citizens at the swearing-in ceremony of immigrants during a naturalization ceremony at the Daughters of the American Revolution Administration Building March 27.

Lawmakers debate illegal alien aid

Relief workers protest the House bill that would punish 'good samaritans' with prison time.

By DAVE MONTGOMERY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Two leaders in the congressional debate on immigration said Sunday that they don't want to turn "good samaritans" into criminals for offering food and shelter to illegal immigrants.

Thousands of immigrants protested in major cities last week, denouncing a House-passed bill that would make illegal immigration a felony.

Those found guilty of aiding and abetting illegal immigrants would also face felony sentences.

Outraged relief workers say they

could face up to five years in prison for providing immigrants with humanitarian assistance.

"This bill would literally criminalize the good samaritan — and probably even Jesus himself," Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., said last week.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Rep. Thomas Tancredo, R-Colo., interviewed Sunday on ABC's "This Week," said they would work to make sure that a final immigration bill would not inadvertently punish those offering humanitarian help.

"Nobody is talking about prosecuting anyone for providing ... soup at soup kitchens or a place of rest for somebody who turns out to be an il-

legal alien," said Tancredo, leader of a coalition of conservative House Republicans calling for rigorous enforcement of existing immigration laws.

Specter, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that the House provision "is too broadly stated" and said he would press for changes "to be sure we're not criminalizing people who are providing humanitarian assistance."

"If there is a need to do that, I'm more than willing to work at it," said Tancredo.

The lawmakers said the aiding and abetting provision is aimed at criminals such as traffickers.

Tancredo said the House measure is similar to a long existing federal law regarding the issue.

The Senate faces a volatile debate on its version of an immigration bill this

week, with senators divided amid competing plans.

Both would toughen enforcement measures; only one calls for a guest worker program and eventual legalization of millions of undocumented residents now in the country. To both features the House is opposed.

Assuming a bill passes the Senate, differences between it and the House bill would have to be worked out.

Specter's bill makes illegal immigration a criminal misdemeanor, subject to six months in jail. Illegal immigration is currently a civil offense, punishable by deportation.

Specter's committee meets Monday in an attempt to write a comprehensive measure that would put millions of illegal immigrants on track to obtaining green cards and eventual U.S. citizenship.

They would be required to pay fines, learn English and pass background checks over a six-year period.

Foreign participants in a guest worker program could also apply for permanent residency after six years under the bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. Kennedy, interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation," dismissed opponents' charges that the bill gives "amnesty" to illegal immigrants.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., plans to present a more limited bill focusing on border security and enforcement if Specter's committee fails to complete its work by the start of debate on Tuesday. Specter said he plans to keep the committee working late into the night Monday and expressed confidence that the panel would have a bill ready for the full Senate. ■

Students use breaks for Katrina aid

By TANIA DELUZURAGA
The Orlando Sentinel

NEW ORLEANS—The message sinks in almost immediately for the thousands of college students spending their spring break helping victims of Hurricane Katrina.

They're not here to rebuild.

They're here to demolish.

More than six months after the storm, homes still sit haphazardly in the middle of streets, rusted cars rest at strange angles in yards and personal belongings litter sidewalks.

A white and blue wingtip pump here, a pair of men's bifocals there,

An orange flower vase, miraculously unbroken, lies at the foot of a house in pieces.

"I brought tools to build 'stuff,'" said Zach Loftus, a Stetson University sophomore who volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

"I had no idea that nothing had been done for six months. It was in the same state, like frozen in time where everything needed to be torn down. That was quite a shock."

Volunteers have been coming to the city by the hundreds during the past few months, but this month, they are here by the thousands.

While their friends spend spring break partying and having the time of their lives, college students from across the nation have come to change lives.

This is a trip where "sleeping in" means getting up at 7 a.m. and hot showers are a luxury.

What gets the students sleeping on the floor with dozens of strangers, not bathing for days or smashing cockroaches the size of beignets?

What gets them is how much recent images of progress and Mardi Gras parades belie the fact that so much destruction remains.

"It's incredible what's still left to be done," said University of Florida freshman Emily Vuxton, a Tallahassee, Fla., native who has family in New Orleans who lost everything.

"Considering it's been six months

and considering all the people that come down here to help ... It's taken us three days start to finish on this house, and that's just 10 people. It's going to take forever to do all this."

With the influx of college students, the relief effort is picking up.

In St. Bernard Parish, where just one of more than 26,000 homes escaped flood damage, volunteers were able to gut 105 homes in January and February combined.

Halfway through March, 323 homes were finished.

"I think people see the need here and recognize that they can be part of the change," said Kerul Dyer, an organizer with the Common Ground Collective, a relief organization based in the Ninth Ward.

The group had 300 volunteers Thanksgiving week. Last week, they expected to top 1,000.

"When you start adding up what that's doing for the community, it's fantastic," she said.

When Rollins College's 13 students, staff and faculty arrived at their assignment on Oak Drive in St. Bernard Parish, the house had not been opened since search-and-rescue crews went looking for bodies in September.

After bashing in the front door with a sledgehammer, the students found a house full of black mold, fallen drywall and a 3-inch-thick layer of mud coating everything.

Looters had chopped a human-sized hole in a bedroom wall, and a bathtub was filled with 6-month-old toxic floodwater.

"What strikes me is how quickly people ran out of here," said group coordinator Steve Miller, 19, as he held up a pink curling iron.

"This thing was still plugged in. There were keys still on the hook in the kitchen."

The houses must be stripped down to the studs; everything must go.

Refrigerators full of rotting food are duct taped and carried to the curb along with waterlogged books, photographs, appliances, furniture and clothes.

Students wield crowbars and sledgehammers, knocking down drywall and pulling nails out of studs.

The debris is shoveled into wheelbarrows and dumped outside, where contractors will haul it away.

"That's 52 years of marriage going out on the curb," said 74-year-old Anna Guidry as she watched University of Central Florida students gut her Lakeview home.

Guidry's husband, who didn't believe in flood insurance, died a month before the storm, and the widow hadn't had the heart to get rid of his belongings before Katrina hit.

Last week, she sat on a wrought-iron chair in her front yard as the students piled her husband's mud-covered clothes in front of the house, along with her son's varsity football jacket.

The hope chest her brother built for her daughter and piles of albums full of indiscernible photos lay there as well.

"Once it's gone, I'll feel better," she said looking at the massive pile. "It's hard seeing it out there."

Students go through a range of emotions as they listen to survivors chronicle all they have lost.

There is rage and anger. There is silence. There are some who prefer not to think about the destruction.

"You just want to get your mind off it," said Vuxton after her third day of gutting a home in the Upper Ninth Ward with a single mother and her 11-year-old daughter.

"She doesn't need me to get sad. She needs me to get the work done."

What comforts them are the words of hope and optimism that punctuate victims' tales of destruction.

"I thought I'd be more angry on this trip than I have been," said Lance Malcolm, 23, a University of Florida senior.

"But I realize anger is more a product of not being able to do something. Anger is a child of hopelessness, I think." ■

Republicans discuss elements of abortion ban

By DICK POLMAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Republicans in Washington are always willing to weigh in on the issues that are important to their conservative base — Iraq, immigration, taxes, federal spending, the Medicare drug plan, the Dubai ports deal; you name it.

Lately, hardly anybody in the GOP camp seems anxious to address the issue surrounding an historic event that transpired this month out on the high plains which now threatens to roll eastward to the U.S. Supreme Court.

It is, of course, abortion. For the party of the elephant, the new South Dakota law — which prohibits the procedure for every woman in the state, unless she is dying — is truly the elephant in the room.

It puts Republican politicians, especially those seeking the 2008 presidential nomination, squarely on the spot.

If they side with conservatives — who tend to vote heavily in the primaries, and who generally hope that the South Dakota law will be a weapon to overturn "Roe v. Wade" — they risk alienating the independent voters who often swing November elections.

Not a single Republican with White House aspirations has declared that the South Dakota law — passed by a Republican legislature, and signed on March 6 by a Republican governor — should be the model for abortion bans nationwide.

Grassroots conservatives, weary of delay and impatient with their Republican leaders, are forcing the issue, hoping this law might ultimately find a receptive audience in Washington, where the high court is now staffed with two Bush appointees thought to be hostile to "Roe" — with perhaps a third appointee before Bush departs.

Democrats, meanwhile, are dwelling in their own cone of silence, fearing that if they crusade openly against the South Dakota action and in favor of

"Roe," they might appear to be endorsing abortions. But the main action is on the Republican side — the party in power, which therefore has more to lose.

Jack Pitney, a former national Republican official and Capitol Hill staffer who closely tracks GOP politics, said the other day: "This (abortion law) is a delicate situation for the Republicans. It makes a lot of them nervous. It's one thing to just talk about banning abortion — and they do that all the time, because it's a great way to fire up the base and raise money. But it's another thing to actually ban abortion nationwide."

The political heat on Republicans has increased because the South Dakota ban is stricter than the formula adopted by most GOP leaders.

Under state law, a dying woman would be permitted an abortion; but most GOP politicians say abortions are OK for a rape victim or an incest victim.

Alan Abramowitz, a nonpartisan analyst at Emory University in Georgia who closely tracks abortion politics, said: "The danger for Republicans is that the South Dakota story could shift the abortion debate to the question, 'Should virtually all abortions be illegal?'"

A new poll, released last Wednesday by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, confirms that the debate over the South Dakota law could split the GOP.

When Republican voters were asked whether they would like to see South Dakota's law become the national template, 51 percent said yes and 43 percent said no.

Among swing-voting independents, 28 percent said yes and 63 percent said no. A majority of conservatives, notably white evangelicals, said yes. Bell explained: "The first state on the schedule is Iowa, where conservatives dominate the caucuses. For them, supporting (a total abortion ban) is not even a close call. Anyone who wants to win there has to rally those folks. Same thing in South Carolina (the third primary). You can't hedge there, either." ■

Opinions

Where We Stand

Emotions are running high this week, and with good reason

We've confronted a number of issues this year – and even this semester – which have provoked a passionate response from our student body. Three issues in particular have taken especially central roles in campus dialogue: traffic safety, Dining Services and CNU Housing. Today, it is the last that concerns us.

The housing problem stems as much from the frustration caused by poor and untimely communication between students and administrators as by the actual homelessness of students. There is uncertainty about who should take responsibility for that breakdown. While some accuse CNU Housing's representatives of shortsighted investigation into the numbers behind the lottery process, Director of Housing Andy Sheston says the delays in their calculations can be traced to forces in large part beyond their control.

Despite this, we did know there would be a waiting list: CNU has worked to expand its residential community and succeeded. In the past few years, on-campus entertainment and student activities have increased in quantity and quality and it's commonly believed CNU has some of the best residence halls in the state.

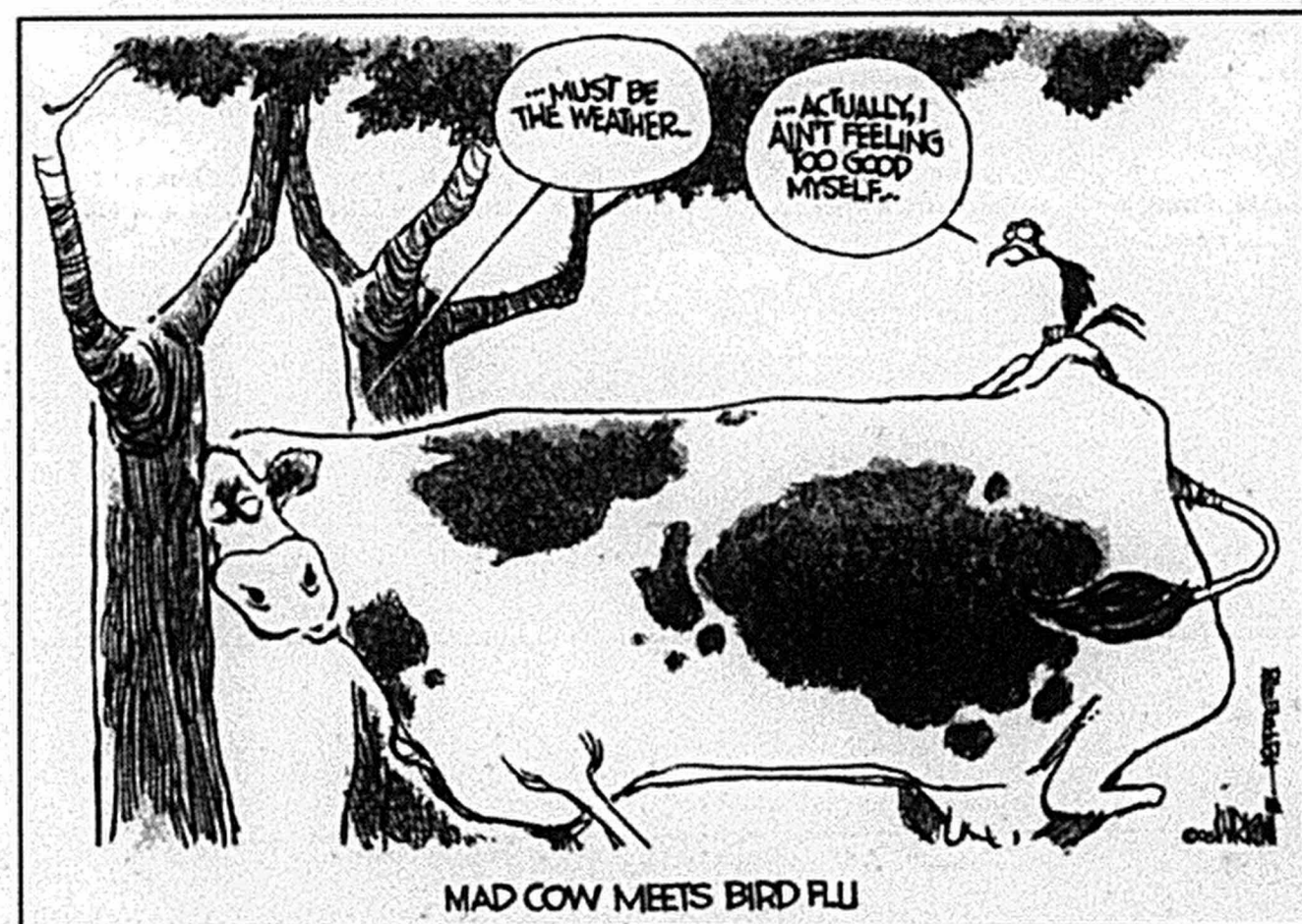
What's more, it makes sense that rising juniors and seniors might want to stay on campus, especially with the recent improvements to on-campus life. CNU Village and the CNU Apartments are not only close to university classes, but also place students just adjacent to a series of new retail shops located on the village's first floor. It is unsurprising, then, that housing waiting lists will become a staple of our lottery experience.

The issue can be improved. Perhaps the most effective solution surfaced in the March 27 SGA meeting: extend the timeline along which the CNU Housing lottery process operates. Each extra week Director of Housing Andy Sheston and his colleagues have to crunch the numbers is also one more week they have to communicate the final situation to the student body.

That communication is the real, final and fundamental solution to the issue. We must foster a university dialogue generally — because more than anything else, the issues facing our campus this semester have shown that our strength lies in our communication. With effective dialogue between students and administration, between administration and city officials and between city officials and students, change can be had.

Students have an obligation to put CNU's motto, "Students first," to the test. The CNU administration has an obligation to listen.

We only have to speak. Words are more powerful than you think.



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Meatless diet has scientific merits

By ANDREW GEARY
 Class of 2007

What does it take to have a holiday named in your honor? Our mothers and fathers certainly deserve a day. Teachers and volunteers have definitely earned a week. And the more we learn about the earth, the more worthy of a day she merits.

It seems appropriate for these to have a special time named in their honor. And who could not use a day where the main goal is to get wasted and not get pinched?

However, there are definitely some days where you wonder what they were thinking.

Boss Appreciation Day? A person who phrases a command in the form of questions should take satisfaction that we rarely tell them no. Casimir Pulaski Day?

Before Sufjan Stevens, the majority of people could not even tell you what state that took place. Sweetest Day? Is Valentine's Day now not enough?

But for all these seemingly pointless and strange days, there are some special days that sadly go by unnoticed.

The first day of spring offers many new surprises and wonderful expectations. Whether we actually wake up to a day at the beach or wake up to find snow on our cars, it is hard to tell around here. But the ushering in of spring also brings us one of

these little-known days.

Every year, since 1985, the first day of spring serves as a chance to highlight a lifestyle that is nonviolent and often misunderstood.

"Elementary school taught us that plankton is at the bottom of the food chain and we as humans are at the top."

On March 20 some may have noticed the Animal Welfare Coalition's table honoring National Meatout Day in the Student Center where they were handing out free samples of food and literature. Though as Mitch Hedberg (RIP) said, handing out free literature is kind of like saying, "Here, you throw this away."

But what is National Meatout Day? According to Meatout's web site, www.meatout.org, a meatless diet reduces our risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer, raises our energy level, lowers our food budget and even helps feed the world.

For all the "good" Catholics that decided to give up meat for Lent, it would also mean saving eleven lives during those 40 days.

It truly has never been easier than now with all the resources, and more necessary with all the available information, to examine a vegetarian lifestyle. CNU's own Harris Teeter is expanding their selection of vegetarian and vegan products weekly. Farm Fresh has dedicated an entire section to the organic and vegetarian lifestyle. Ruby Tuesday, Burger King and IHOP have a meatless burger on their menu. During the month of March, Johnny Rockets is even giving away free meatless burgers in honor of Meatout.

During the second week of April, four clubs on campus are having a film festival, entitled Point of View, where little known issues will be highlighted. On April 11, the Animal Welfare Coalition is showing the documentary "Earthlings." Joaquin Phoenix narrates this movie and sheds light on the true plight of the animals we take advantage of everyday through food, clothing, entertainment and more. There is no cost to attend or obligation to throw off your leather and stop eating Chick-fil-a, but just an opportunity to see the other side and ponder the consequences behind our ingrained habits.

Talking about food is one of the touchiest issues we have

A letter of grievances from an upperclassmen

By KURT LASKOWSKY
 Class of 2006

This is my response to President Tribble's e-mail regarding the housing problems. It is the culmination of four years of grievances I have had with the administration's decisions and an explanation on upperclassman cynicism regarding "students first." It is the voice of a graduating senior tired of putting up with the administration that appears to not listen.

Please explain how there was no anticipation for the housing shortage after making it mandatory for sophomores to live on campus. My sophomore year, this was not mandatory, and many in my class chose to move off campus. Furthermore, with larger class sizes every year being admitted, why was there a failure to anticipate this? Just so that I understand this, is the situation that students who are not graduating and have lived on campus every year have been moved to the bottom of the priority list under current freshmen?

Earlier in the year the administration wondered why upperclassmen were so cynical about "students first." This is one of the best examples in explaining it. The administration's actions have demonstrated an apathy to the concerns of the student body once they pass their freshman year. In an effort to change the overall demograph-

ics of the student body, CNU caters to prospective students. In order to further the illusion that student's matter on this campus, the freshmen appear to get special treatment, such as priority

"We now see the issue with housing. Those students who have been here for years are angry. They might protest. They might riot."

housing above those who are their senior.

During my education here, I have seen only one definitive improvement appear as the direct result of student action. The Freshman "Riot" for class registration gave results in changing the format for registration. Whether that was the actual cause, it is what the appearance is. Also, during my freshman year, majors were cut. Before the final decision was made, students begged and pleaded for them to remain. Students picketed in

protest and were ignored. In an attempt to improve the school's image, it became school policy to no longer allow students to be signed into classes that have reached an artificially low capacity regardless of a professor's acceptance of the student. This has made it more difficult for students to get into classes that are required to graduate.

Halfway through this semester, it became common gossip that Dining Services would be replaced. Most of the student body that cares enough to voice their opinion is in overwhelming opposition to this decision.

I have yet to hear, read or witness any acknowledgement of this from the administration of this University. We now see the issue with housing. Those students who have been here for years are angry. They might protest. They might riot.

What they see is an administration that has proven once again through their actions and lack of serious forethought that students past their freshman year neither come first, nor even matter.

May 13, 2006, is drawing closer and closer. I am happy that I will be leaving this institution then.

After Graduation, I will not look back; I will not spend any more money; not a single cent on this place until conditions change to the illusion of CNU that I believed existed when I first enrolled here. ■

Reorienting environmental focus

By RACHEL E. SHROEDER
 Graduate Student, BCES

In Dr. Gary Whiting's Global Change class last Tuesday, an interesting issue was raised.

We were discussing a book on the topic of global warming, and in particular, a chapter on the changing attitudes toward environmental issues and the role of science in providing the evidence that provokes public awareness.

Some of the students discussed their observations of how issues such as recycling and local ecosystem conservation were a large part of their childhoods, but had dwindled in general discussion over the years.

Have environmental concerns lost importance in society as a whole, or do these types of issues simply become less of a priority as we get older?

Or do we simply have more to think about, and less of a feel-

ing that we can actually make a difference?

It's my opinion that in recent years, American society has allowed itself to be distracted from issues of environmental significance.

We have become so detached from the natural order of things, and so obsessed with self-serving notions of recreation and patriotism that any far-reaching topics have gone by the wayside.

Whatever happened to ending global hunger, celebrating the Earth, giving peace a chance?

In reality, a very small percentage of Americans will go without food, shelter or medical attention.

Since the majority of us don't have to worry about survival, where is our attention truly being directed?

It seems that we're all working for disposable income (read: massive consumerism) rather than subsistence or to benefit a

greater good (read: charity and volunteerism).

While it is fabulous that these global concepts are still taught to children at an early age, we need to keep them as a part of our everyday lives and stay aware and involved.

Right now, America is one of the world's largest consumers of resources, largest polluters and smallest contributors to global cooperation efforts.

Because we, as the student body at this university, are approaching the time when we take our place as active members of American society, we need to recognize our potential to make a difference and accept the responsibility with pride. Instead of avoiding issues that would force us into sync with the global community, let's continue to educate ourselves, get involved and spread the wealth. We have all the advantages in the world — let's make the best use of them. ■

Police Chief discusses traffic safety ideas

By **PATRICK CROW**
Contributing Writer

Newport News Police Chief Gabe A. Morgan visited CNU on March 20 to address concerns about traffic safety. Morgan spoke about the many possibilities accessed by the local government and gave his take on the matter.

He agrees that improvements should be considered, but he believes the issue is not one of road layout, but of common sense. Morgan said some ideas, like erecting a bridge over Warwick or creating a tunnel beneath it, would be very expensive. In the case of the tunnel, certain safety issues would be raised as well. "If I was a young female student here, I wouldn't want to pass through that tun-

nel unless it was well monitored or I had an escort of some kind," he said.

He also said most people wouldn't use the tunnel or a bridge for convenience's sake. "Honestly, if it's a choice between crossing the road, jaywalking and going all the way up a ramp, across and down a ramp, would you take the time to use a breezeway?" he said.

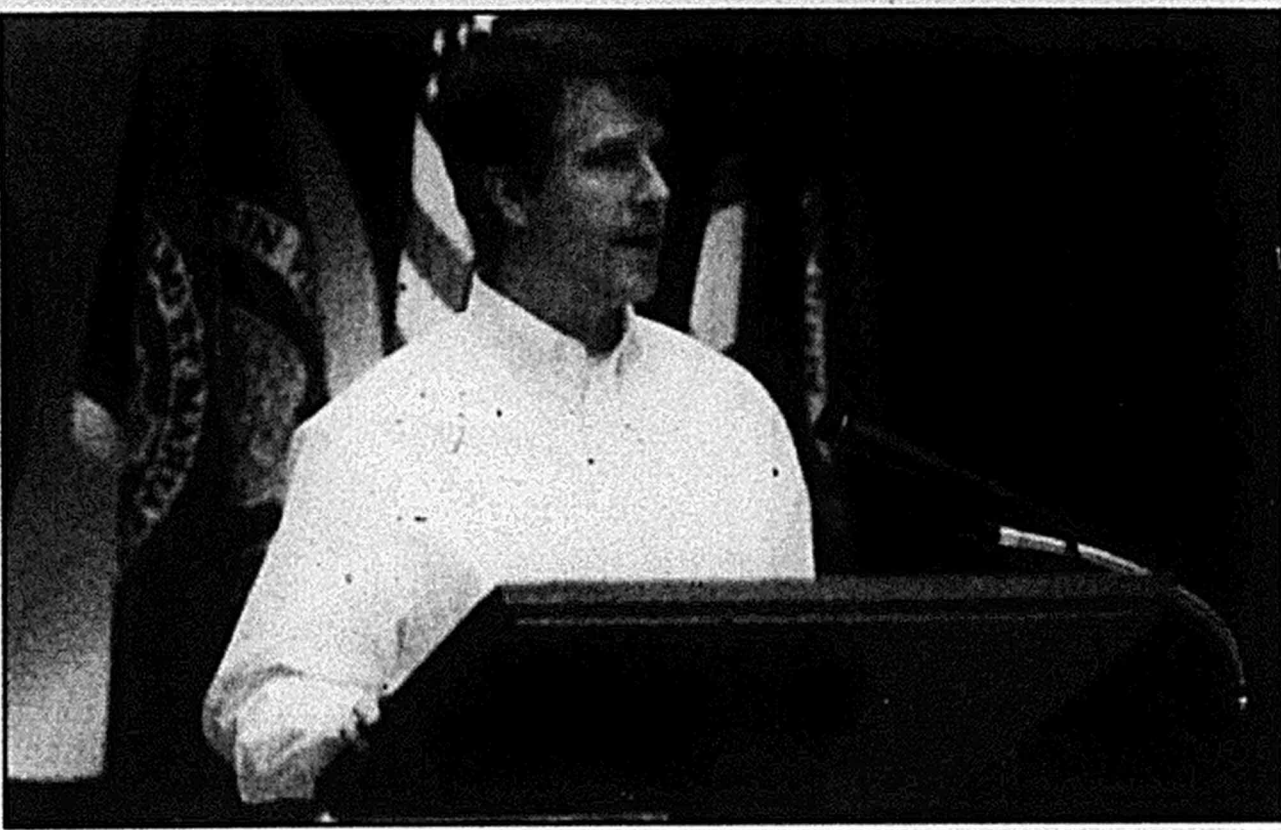
Morgan said erecting a fence along the median might prevent people from crossing at any undesignated spot and limit jaywalking. "We teach little children to cross at a crosswalk, and here we are at an institution of higher learning and we have problems with jaywalking. We are no longer our brother's keeper here in America," he said.

Still, common sense has a role in improving safety too, he

said. "Common sense says you don't play chicken with a car," he said.

The lights on Warwick Boulevard could be altered to stop the flow of all traffic for pedestrians, even turning cars. But, Morgan said it would be difficult to synchronize the lights along Warwick in such a way that they would suit proper traffic flow and safety at once.

Morgan said students could best help the problem by becoming active in the cause. "I urge students to start a safety campaign around campus. Have a contest, get different organizations to contribute and stimulate interest in traffic safety," he said. Students can raise awareness without the state spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on solutions that may not even help, he said. ■



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Chris Simcox, president of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, speaks on border patrol.

Patrolling our borders

By **SARA JORDAN**
Contributing Writer

Chris Simcox, president of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, stood before a crowd gathered at the Wren Building on the campus of the College of William and Mary on March 21. He spoke to the collected crowd about illegal immigration and border security at an event co-sponsored by the College Republicans of CNU, W&M, the University of Richmond, the Patrick Henry Center, "The Remnant" and "The William and Mary Standard."

"You couldn't get any Democrats to help sponsor? Because they should be concerned about border patrol too," Simcox said, beginning his speech. After September 11, 2001, Simcox issued a public call to arms calling for Americans to join a Citizens' Border Patrol Watch whose function would be to pressure the government into helping control the nation's border with Mexico.

Currently, there are 15 million illegal immigrants residing in the United States.

After Sept. 11, President George Bush Jr. issued a nationwide agenda as part of Home-

land Security, to be vigilant, observant, alert and to report any suspicious activity, said Simcox. As co-founder of the MCDC, Simcox and Minutemen from across the nation organized a Minuteman Border Project, which brought nationwide attention to the issue of illegal border crossings.

"There are 6800 volunteers who are courageous Americans who put their lives on the line every day," he said. The Minutemen are made up mostly of senior citizens, retired military veterans, military officers and even a "granny brigade," Simcox said. With their help, the Defense Corps has helped detain 8,000 illegal immigrants in the past three years.

After Sept. 11, Simcox took some time for himself and ended up near the Mexican border in Arizona. He witnessed hundreds of people streaming past Border Patrol, he said. He drove to the station and asked why.

The officers couldn't hide their reasons, he said. They were short-staffed and had no protection against the immigrants.

They told Simcox they felt abandoned by the government, which had turned its focus to the terrorists. Simcox and the

Minuteman volunteers have petitioned the government to no avail.

Robert Peresich, senior and secretary of the CNU College Republicans, agrees with Simcox. "This is a passionate issue. Border Patrol must be taken seriously. Some people complain about Project Minuteman defending the border. Yet, this is exactly what the Border Patrol for both the United States and Mexican governments was hired to do," he said.

"This is an issue of national security. If the United States and Mexican governments aren't doing an effective job of enforcing the border, why can't a United States-organized militia made up of citizens protect our borders?"

Simcox and his volunteers just want to help protect the United States, he said. Danielle Jeffries, a junior and chair of the CNU College Republicans, also attended Simcox's speech.

"It hurts the rest of Americans to pay for illegals to be put in our jails and put in our welfare system. I applaud all the volunteers who work with the Minuteman Project in trying to protect our country and show that our citizenship means something," she said. ■

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President Paul Trible Jr.'s administration will consider most suggestions except that the requirement for sophomores to live on campus be lifted, said Eddleman. That particular policy will not be changed.

"I think that he [Trible] really wants to hear from the Student Government Association and he wants to hear from the Residence Hall Association," she said.

After talk of building new residential buildings, holding a new lottery for all students and lifting the requirement that sophomores live on campus, the senate began to craft the final wording of the resolution.

Senior Senators Robert Peresich and Joshua Dermer,

junior Senator Danielle Jeffries and freshman Senator Joseph Hamm together sponsored Senate Resolution 12.06, which in its final form resolved:

"Space should be created in East Campus for as many waitlisted upperclassmen as possible by tripling up the necessary rooms in Santoro Hall to make room for sophomores [who are assigned to live in East Campus] to live in Potomac River Hall."

The senate also heard from sophomore Brent Beam, a member of the SGA Think Tanks.

Beam spoke to the senate about his ideas for improving academic advising, which focused on using upperclassmen to mentor incoming freshman. ■

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stop us between Richmond and Virginia Beach from looking at that as a major economic corridor for high-tech development?" he said.

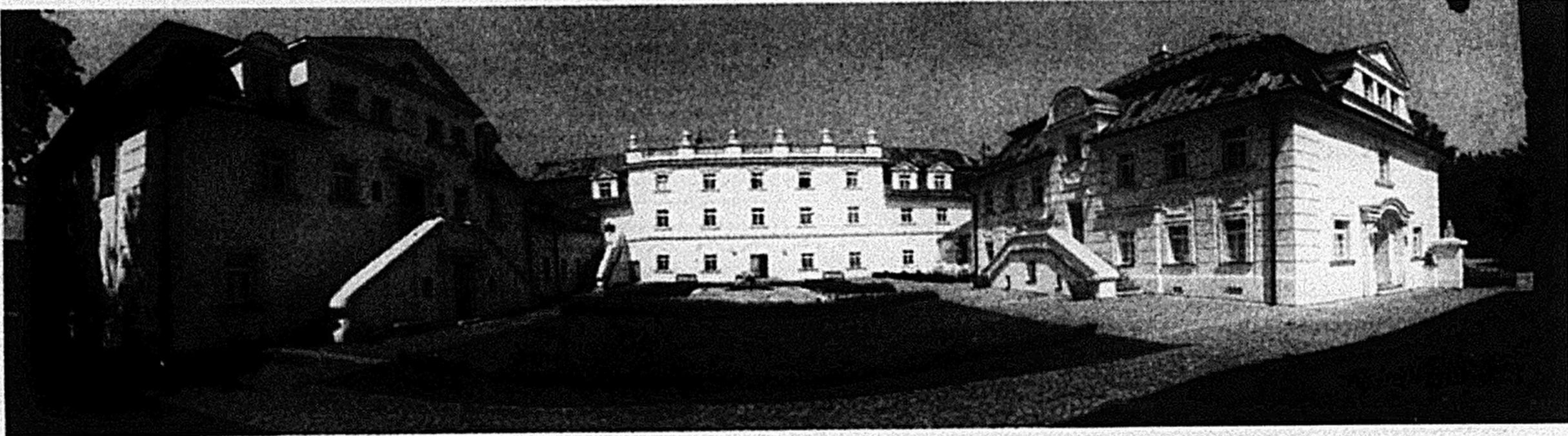
Cities around the country are recognizing the importance of universities in their economic development, said Trani, and they are looking to recruit a specific demographic: young women between the age of 25 and 35.

"Because if you can get them settled in their cities, everything else will follow," said Trani. Cities want professional young people who will not move away after becoming educated, he said, young men and women both.

"What's it going to take to take the young and restless and make them not restless?" he asked. ■

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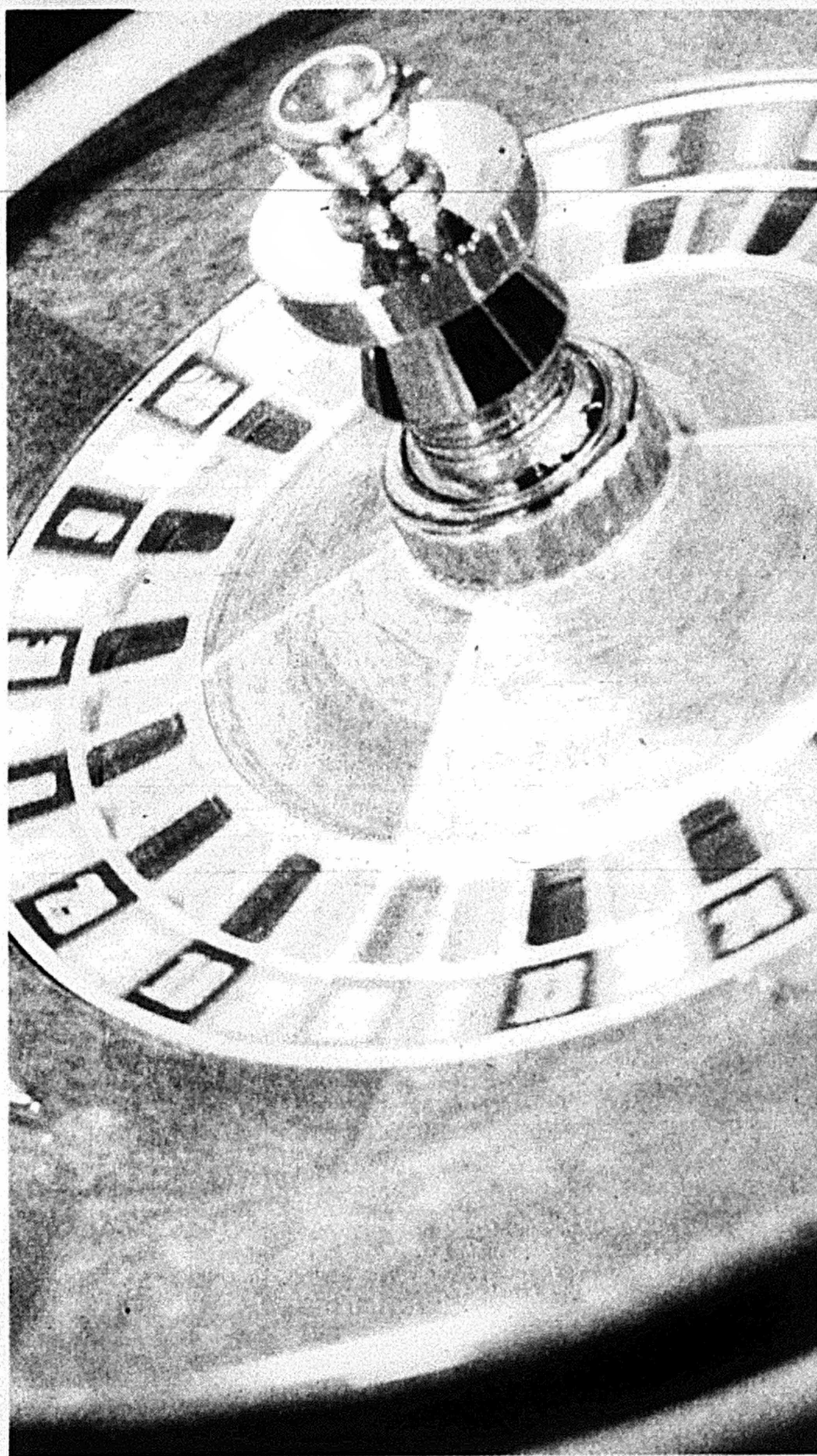
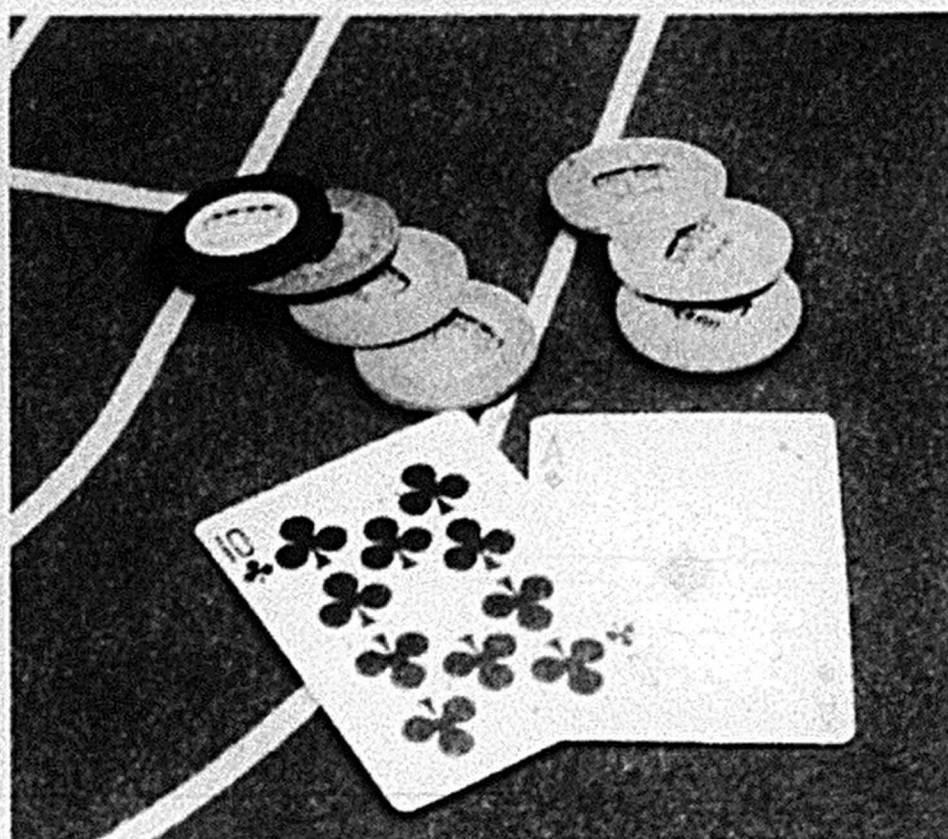
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Students play for charity, not big money
at Sigma Phi Epsilon's Casino Night



By CHRIS MCCracken
Contributing Writer

Fluorescent lights shined over the lobby as music pumped and poker chips clattered. Many people were heard cheering, hoping to get lucky and win big. The players hoping for big money weren't in Atlantic City or Las Vegas, however. They were participants in Sigma Phi Epsilon's third annual Casino Night on Saturday, March 25.

The event is held every spring in order to raise money for the YouthAIDS charity foundation.

"This is our biggest event all year round," said Sigma Phi Epsilon president and junior Rick May. "It is one of the campus' most popular events. It is just an overall good time."

I began my play by paying the \$5 donation at the door, which went to the YouthAIDS foundation. Then I received \$5,000 worth of cash stubs that I would later exchange for poker chips at each table.

The lobby was filled with all kinds of different casino games. There were five blackjack tables, two poker tables and one table each for craps and roulette.

Feeling lucky, I decided to stray from my usual poker playing and decided to take on the blackjack tables. I meandered through the tables, seeing which table I should join. Finally, I came upon a table with only three people playing, and all of them had a big stack of chips. This looked like a good spot for me. Feeling good, I bet \$1,000 with the minimum bet being \$500. From here, I started winning slowly and building

up a decent stack. Before I knew it, time was already up and the night was over.

"It was great fun," said freshman Sam Stone. "It was a good way to spend the night without the use of controlled substances."

"It was a great couple of hours," said freshman David Donais. "Everybody came out for a good time for charity." He also said this event was a great place to meet new people.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has used this event to raise money for the YouthAIDS foundation every year since the casino night began.

"YouthAIDS is all about education," said junior Mike Scott, vice president of programming for Sigma Phi Epsilon. "It also helps stop the spreading of the disease." He said the event also teaches about safe sex practices.

Sigma Phi Epsilon also got Pepsi to sponsor the event this year. The fraternity spent about \$1,400 on this year's casino night. The officers said they usually raise about \$400 to \$600 for the charity each year.

"The event was very successful," said May. "We had a good turnout and were glad to contribute towards the YouthAIDS charity."

YouthAIDS, an HIV/AIDS education and prevention initiative of Population Services International, targets at risk youth between the ages of 15-24 with messages of abstinence, consistent and correct condom use for sexually active young adults and delayed sexual activity, according to the organization's Web site.

For more information about the YouthAIDS charity, visit their Web site at www.youthaids.org.

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This Week

ON CAMPUS

March 30

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Coldstone Creamery
5 p.m.

N64 Mario Kart Tournament
McMurrin 102
8:45 p.m.

March 31

VA Symphony
"Appalachian Spring"
Ferguson Center
10:30 p.m.

"Will Rogers Follies"
Ferguson Center
8 p.m.

April 1

"Will Rogers Follies"
Ferguson Center
2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Miss Essence Pageant
Gaines Theater
8 p.m.

Safari After Party
Freeman Center
10 p.m.

April 2

"Will Rogers Follies"
Ferguson Center
2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 3

Greek God
Gaines Theater
7 p.m.

CONCERTS

March 29

Straylight Run
The NorVa

March 30

She Wants Revenge
The NorVa

March 31

Final Obsession
The NorVa

Brian Regan
Chrysler Hall Center

April 1

Days Difference
The NorVa

April 1

Stellastarr and Editors
The NorVa

MOVIE RELEASES

March 31

"Ice Age: The Meltdown"

The Ice Age is ending, and Manny, Sid and Diego find themselves on an incredible journey. When they realize the meltdown will flood their valley, they join forces to warn everyone and escape the impending disaster.

"Ice Age: The Meltdown" is rated PG.

"Slither"

Wheelys is a good old American small town with friendly neighbors and everyday rural happenings. But something dark dwells under the cheerful facade. As townspeople begin acting strangely, pets go missing, and livestock are mutilated, the Sheriff and his team set out to fight an ancient destructive force.

"Slither" is rated R.

"Basic Instinct 2"

Psychiatrist Dr. Michael Glass is assigned to novelist Catherine Tramell, yet again in trouble with the law. As before, Tramell lures an unsuspecting victim into her game.

"Basic Instinct 2" is rated PG-13.

Dancing on the ceiling with 'Tap Dogs'

By SARA JORDAN
Contributing Writer

Tapping on ladders, tapping upside down on makeshift ceilings, tapping on scaffolding. These are just a few of the amazing things "Tap Dogs" has to offer.

"Tap Dogs" stopped at the Ferguson Center for two shows over the weekend. Following the theme of "Tap Dogs," the Peninsula SPCA brought dogs for adoption to the lobby of the Center. Each dog was wearing a donation jacket where dollar bills were stuffed in their pockets.

"Tap Dogs" began in a steel town north of Sydney, Australia. Choreographer Dein Perry and designer/director Nigel Triffitt headed a team of six men to produce a hip and energetic tap show.

Perry started as an industrial machinist but soon moved to Sydney to start his dancing career. He starred in musicals, including the Sydney production of "42nd Street."

After that show closed, Perry decided to create a contempo-



The members of "Tap Dogs" perform industrial-inspired tap dancing, choreographed by former machinist and musical performer Dein Perry. "Tap Dogs" performed two shows at the Ferguson Center this weekend.

Courtesy of Ferguson Center for the Arts

rary show based on the themes of his industrial experience. He contacted old friends and, with the help of Triffitt, generated an eclectic collaboration of choreography and raw talent.

"Tap Dogs" debuted in Sydney in 1995 and has become popular in London, New York and Italy. There have been four companies touring at one time, reaching out to all corners of the world. The production has won 11 International Awards.

One thousand "Tap Dogs"

members performed at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000, which was televised to 3.4 billion viewers.

There were several surprises though the course of the show that kept the audience's attention. The men tapped on scaffolding, which reiterated the fact that the show was created by a machinist.

This added a rugged and rustic feel to the experience. The "Dogs" also used basketballs as props and tapped to the bounce

of the balls, each man performing a different way.

At one point in the show, a "Dog" strapped up to harnesses was flipped upside down and tapped on a makeshift ceiling.

To show individual talent, the men set the stage with six synthesizers that each had different beats. Each man tapped on the platform in unison, making his own music. The band made sure everyone could see that it wasn't them playing the music for the "Dogs."



Professor Phillip Morrison, who teaches photography at CNU, won "Best in Show" for two photographs in the 22nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibit in Suffolk. This photograph of mushrooms is titled, "Colony."

Courtesy of Phillip Morrison

'Inside Man' marks return of the great action film

By DANIEL SETTLE
Contributing Writer

Some of the best movies to watch are well-made action thrillers. "Die Hard," "Face/Off," "The Rock" and "True Lies" are a handful of my all-time favorites.

The premise behind these movies is simple: get a strong leading hero, a bad guy that will get what's coming to him, and some borderline unrealistic, over-the-top action sequences.

The trouble is that now, the quality leading men rarely accept these roles.

The only recent action movie that was actually well-made with noteworthy stars was 2004's "Collateral" with Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx. But I can now add "Inside Man" to my list.

Denzel Washington plays Detective Keith Frazier, a negotiator trying to work out a deal with a brilliant thief, played by Clive Owen, holding a bank hostage.

Frazier has more problems than just the robbery, because he is also under investigation over a large sum of money that was lost from a drug bust he previously made.

Along with pressure from his long-time girlfriend to finally get engaged, Frazier is in the middle of a very stressful situation, but handles it with great poise.

Dalton Russell, the bank robber, is also very poised and confident that his self-proclaimed "perfect bank robbery" will go off without a hitch.

The entire heist is very complicated, and we as an audience see enough details to understand the goal, but it is clear that there is more than meets the eye.

The robbers have one elaborate trick, where all of the hostages and robbers are dressed in blue jumpsuits, making it difficult to tell everyone in the bank apart.

Even though everyone looks the same, it is never a question where Russell is because of the authority that Clive Owen gives to his character.

An unusual wrench in the plot comes in with the bank's owner, Arthur Case, played by Christopher Plummer. His concern is typical at first, but then he quickly shows a vested interest in this particular branch because he has a personal secret inside the bank that he does not want to let out.

To ensure that this secret stays that way, he enlists Madeline White, played by Jodie Foster, and she is a woman who gets things done. She easily blackmails the mayor, threatens Detective Frazier and offers Russell a more lucrative deal than the police without even breaking a sweat.

As the opening credits role to a vibrant Indian song, viewers are enlightened to the fact that this is a Spike Lee joint.

This film is atypical of Lee's previous work, however, because it is not his script and is produced by a large studio.

This film does not possess the political undertones of a normal Spike Lee joint, but is brilliantly put together for nothing more than viewing pleasure.

Overall, this is an outstanding action film. Final Grade: A- ■

A life's passion rewarded

By BETH BECK
Contributing Writer

Professor Phillip Morrison is perfectly at home in the glow of the dim red light of the dark room. As he quickly sloshes chemicals around a tub, an image slowly fades into view on the piece of paper drifting in the liquid. This is where Morrison's passion lies, and that's obvious with his first statement.

"My life is taking pictures."

Morrison has been an Adjunct Professor of photography at CNU since fall 2004. He won Best in Show for two pieces: "Colony" and "Net" in the 22nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibit at the Suffolk Museum on March 2.

"I entered not even expecting to get in," said Morrison. "At the awards reception, the announcer had already gone through the honorable mentions, second juror's choice and first juror's choice, and my name still hadn't been called. I was getting ready to leave, and suddenly I heard them announce my name for Best in Show. I was blown away."

Connie Imboden, the show's juror and a well-known photographer, wrote in her Juror's Statement, "The two images that I awarded top prize to initially attracted me because of clean composition. Everything worked in harmony

to make a statement that spoke of quiet, solitude and meditation."

Three CNU students, junior Ryan Burke, senior Chad Hill and Nancy Sellars, also made it into the show.

"It was wonderful that so many of the students got in. They are all very gifted and have amazed me with the work that they have produced," said Morrison.

Morrison has loved photography since he was a boy. His father kept a large collection of photography books, and Morrison would spend hours exploring them.

"I loved looking at pictures, and I still do. I look at them, and then I'm inspired and my batteries are charged," he said.

When he was young, he was inspired by the work of Ansel Adams and Ed Weston, both of whom shot the natural world.

But he has always loved W. Eugene Smith, a photojournalist known for his photography in "Life" magazine during the 1940s and '50s.

"He has such a sense of humanity," says Morrison. "You look at his pictures, like the midwife series, and you really see people."

Photography for Morrison is valuable for many reasons.

"The fact that you could capture a moment on film and have it forever intrigued me," said Morrison. "At the

same time, any creative process keeps us healthy and happy because it gives us a purpose."

Morrison's purpose became to teach photography.

"All photography requires is looking, but people don't just look anymore," says Morrison. "I do very little. I show students how to look for things, and then they capture such images as I have never seen in my life."

"I never thought that I could do photography until I took the summer class with Professor Morrison," said Sellars. "It opened up a whole new world to me, and I was honored and excited to be in the show."

Morrison's teaching isn't just limited to the students in his classes.

"I've driven to a random community and started shooting. Questions are asked, and suddenly I'm talking to the residents about their own community," says Morrison. "It's a pleasure to open someone's eyes to something that they see everyday, but don't really see."

Morrison says that photography is vital to everyone, and not just to see the things you forget to see. To him, photography is a medium that can connect all humans.

"The problem with the world is that we are so regimented and self-centered," he said. "Through photography, you free yourself and learn to

appreciate people. You learn that people are by and large not so different."

Morrison teaches two sections of 30 photography students each semester. The beginner class consists of an introduction to basic photography.

Students learn to develop and print film and, of course, how to look for pictures. The intermediate class teaches new techniques along with a development of skills learned in the previous class.

Ever since his first semester, the popularity of the classes has increased.

"People have come to be signed into the class, and I really can't. We only have equipment for 15 students and I don't want people sitting around when they could be printing," said Morrison.

But students who take the classes are definitely succeeding.

"The quality of the work that I've seen the students produce is overwhelming. I mean, we had three of our students beat out a large number of talented photographers to make it into the Suffolk show," says Morrison. "It really is amazing."

The 22nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibit at the Suffolk Museum, located at 118 Bosley Avenue in Suffolk, will run through April 9.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. ■

'Willy Wonka' imaginatively adapted

By KATIE BAHR
Contributing Writer

Hundreds of children and their families filled the Ferguson Center on Friday to see a creative presentation of "Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka" on stage.

This performance was presented by The Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration, a traveling production company dedicated to bringing high-quality, family-friendly entertainment to communities around the country. Many of their plays are based on classic children's literature. This play was based on Roald Dahl's book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and included songs from the 1971 film of the same name.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is the story of Willy Wonka, an eccentric candy maker who has his own chocolate factory. The factory is constantly producing chocolate, but as town legend says, "Nobody ever goes in, and nobody ever comes out."

Willy Wonka designs a contest for consumers, planting five golden tickets inside chocolate bars. The children who find the tickets win a tour of the factory, as well as a lifetime supply of Wonka chocolate. The story guides viewers through all of the different rooms of the fantas-

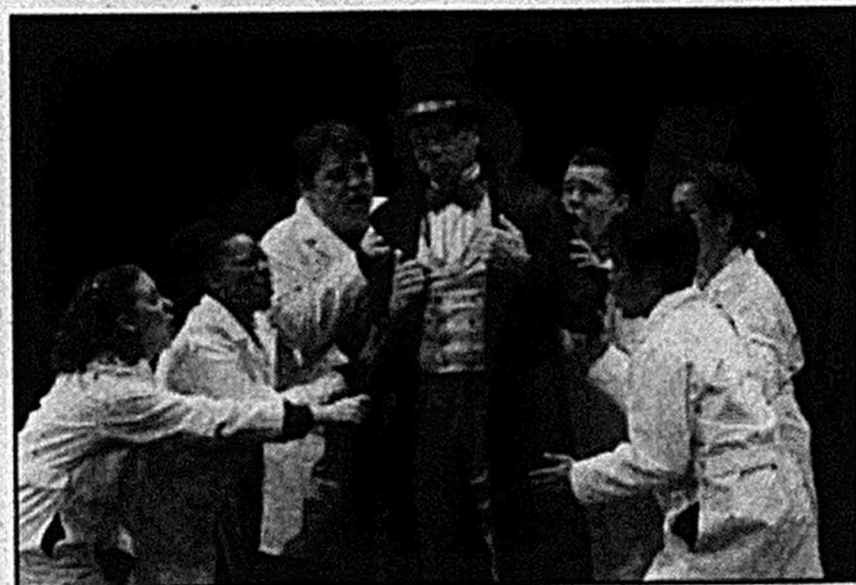


Photo courtesy of the Ferguson Center for the Arts

The Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration performs "Willy Wonka."

tic factory, and teaches valuable life lessons along the way with the aid of the factory workers, strange little people called Oompa-Loompas.

True to its name, the Imagination Celebration encourages the audience to pretend and imagine what is going on in the play. The cast includes only seven actors, each playing several different characters. For example, Chris Sizemore did an impressive job of playing the young and bratty Mike Tee-vee as well as Charlie Bucket's father.

Not only did the actors have to play several roles personally, they were also respon-

sible for bringing voices and movement to multiple wooden puppets, singing for them and even leading them through intricate choreography and dance sequences.

The play also encouraged imagination through its minimalist set. The entire set consisted of four rolling pieces, which could be rearranged to represent the different rooms in the factory, as well as the front gate. Between scenes and during songs, actors would smoothly move the set around to indicate where they were or what they were doing.

The lighting, also helped with the stage design by using different colors for different

rooms. One memorable scene involved the use of black lights and neon colors as Willy Wonka led the children in a creepy tunnel tour on a chocolate river.

The show included many different song and dance numbers, including songs from the 1971 movie, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," such as "Pure Imagination" and "Cheer Up, Charlie." An especially impressive scene was a dance sequence during which Charlie (Eric Thompson) drinks Wonka's Fizzy Lifting Drink and begins to fly.

In the play, Thompson climbs a ladder and was pushed around the stage while bubbles

fell from the ceiling. As he floated higher and higher, he got closer to spinning fan blades. He found out that the only way down was to burp, and then burst into the song, "I love to burp," which greatly entertained the young audience.

Though this play was definitely aimed at children, many CNU students came out to enjoy the fun. Junior Kendra Cox went to the show to see how the story would be set on stage. "I would have liked to see a more interesting set for the chocolate factory, but it was still fun to watch the play with all the kids there," she said. "Their reactions were precious." ■

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Food & Health

Students host wine tasting fundraiser

By ASHLEIGH TULLAR
Layout and Design Manager

Most group projects don't involve beer and wine, unless a group member has a drinking problem. But a group of students in Dr. Michael Meyer's persuasion class is working with those alcoholic beverages to help raise \$25,000 for a Communication Studies scholarship.

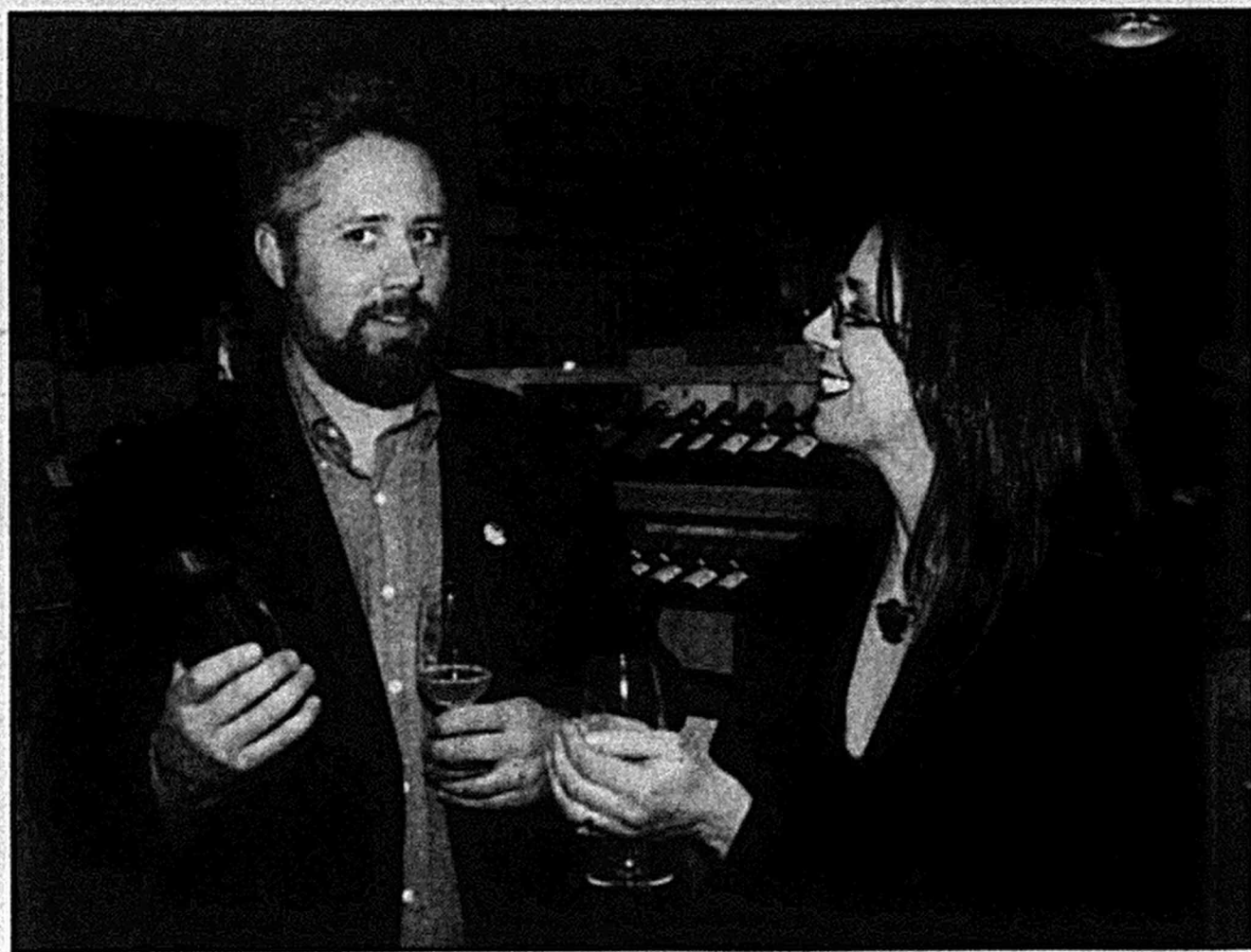
The students sponsored a beer and wine tasting event at Coastal Wine Connection in Port Warwick Friday night. The team raised over \$450, which Brian Holloway (owner of Coastal Wine Connection) is matching, to make a total of about \$900.

Holloway's brother is a graduate of CNU, and he believed that the way to give back to the school was to create a scholarship. He has been working with Meyer for three semesters, and he plans to match the money that students raise for a total scholarship of \$25,000.

This semester there are two groups that are working with Holloway to raise the money — one group sponsored the event at Coastal Wine Connection and the other group is planning to raise money at the summer concert series in Port Warwick's Styron Square, which kicks off May 3.

The group members — senior Daniel Conner, junior Abbie Edmonds, junior Hannah Seidl, junior Alex Aloise and senior Michael Adams — began planning the fundraiser before Spring Break, by sending out e-mails and putting up flyers.

Conner was impressed with the community turnout of about 70 people, who came to make donations and try the selections that Coastal Wine Connections offered. The group members not only planned the fundraiser, but they also donated their own money to the scholarship to benefit Communication Studies majors in the future.

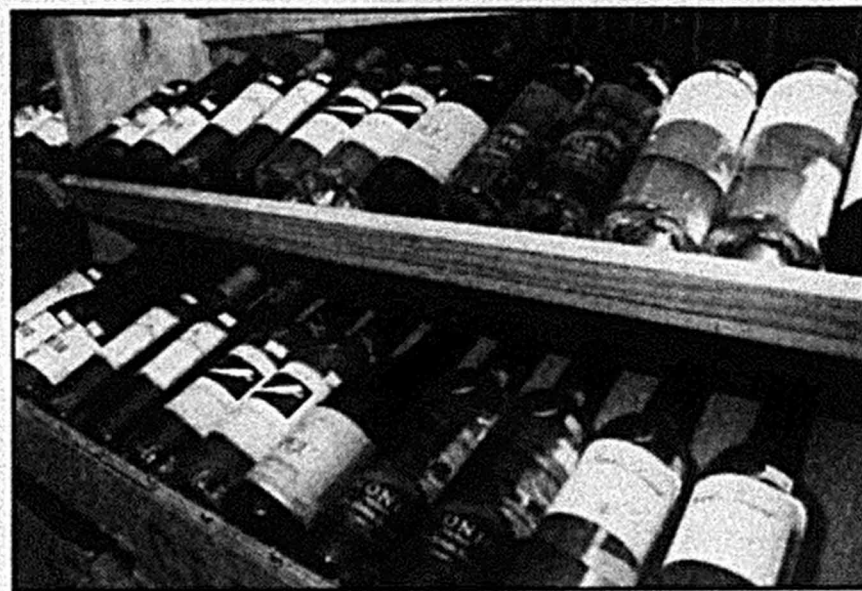


Above: Coastal Wine Connection owner Brian Holloway samples beer with recognized beer judge Diane Catanzaro. Below: A variety of wine and beer is served at Coastal Wine Connection in Port Warwick, which was the location of the fundraiser.

The students not only learned how to work with their persuasion skills from class, but they learned more than they could have ever imagined about wine and beer. Daniel Conner referred to Brian Holloway as a "wine dictionary," who taught them the basics in wine and beer.

Among the visitors at the event was CNU Psychology professor Diane Catanzaro. Having taken the test to become a certified beer judge, Catanzaro was able to offer a professional outlook on the Coastal Wine Connection's selection.

The look, smell and taste are the most important parts in tasting wine. When asked what she thought of the Coastal Wine Connection, Catanzaro replied, "They have one of the best selections in the area next to Smithfield and the selection



in Richmond."

The other fundraising group is going to raise money at the summer concert series, where Coastal Wine Connection will also serve wine and beer for customers to consume outside in Styron Square. The square is on

private property, which allows alcohol drinkers to remain legal while consuming in public.

Holloway is still accepting donations for the scholarship. To donate, or for more information, contact Holloway at (757) 591-WINE. ■

Wine characteristics

- **Acrid:** Describes a wine with overly pronounced acidity. This is often apparent in cheap red wines.
- **Assertive:** Up front, forward.
- **Attractive:** A lighter style. Fresh, easy to drink wine.
- **Balanced:** Indicates that the fruit, acid or wood flavors are in the right proportion. A wine is well balanced when none of those characteristics dominates. Wine not in balance may be "acidic," "cloying," "flat" or "harsh."
- **Big:** A wine that is full-bodied, rich and slightly alcoholic tasting.
- **Character:** A wine with top-notch distinguishing qualities.
- **Crisp:** Denotes a fresh, young wine with good acidity.
- **Cutting Edge:** Stylistic, hip.
- **Closed:** Describes wines that are concentrated and have character, but are shy in aroma or flavor.
- **Complete:** A full-bodied wine rich in extracts with a pronounced finish.
- **Complex:** Describes a wine that combines all flavor and taste components in almost miraculous harmony.
- **Delicate:** Used to describe light- to medium-weight wines with good flavors.
- **Dense:** Describes a wine that has concentrated aromas on the nose and palate; desirable in young wines.
- **Depth:** Describes the complexity and concentration of flavors in a wine. Generally refers to a quality wine with subtle layers of flavor that go "deep." Opposite of "Shallow."
- **Developed:** Refers to the maturity of a wine.
- **Elegant:** Describes a wine of grace, balance and beauty.
- **Empty:** flavorless and uninteresting.
- **Fading:** Describes a wine that is losing color, fruit or flavor, usually as a result of age.
- **Flabby:** Lacking acidity on the palate.
- **Flat:** Having low acidity; the next stage after flabby; or refers to a sparkling wine that has lost its bubbles.
- **Full-Bodied:** Fills the mouth. Opposite of "thin-bodied."
- **Graceful:** Describes a wine that is subtly harmonious and pleasing.
- **Neutral:** Describes a wine without outstanding characteristics that are good or bad.
- **Pedestrian:** Plain.
- **Potent:** Describes a strong, intense, powerful wine.
- **Robust:** Describes a full-bodied, intense and vigorous wine; possibly inflated.
- **Round:** Describes a well-balanced wine in fruit, tannins and body.
- **Seductive:** A wine that is appealing.
- **Short:** Describes a wine that does not remain on the palate after swallowing.
- **Simple:** Describes a wine with few characteristics that follow the initial impression. Not necessarily unfavorable; often describes an inexpensive, young wine.
- **Soft:** Describes a wine with low acid/tannin or alcohol content with little impact on the palate.
- **Supple:** Describes a wine with well-balanced tannins and fruit characteristics.
- **Thin:** Lacking body and depth.

Source: <http://www.tasting-wine.com/html/wine-terms.html>

'Schooners' drops anchor at CNU



By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH
Food Critic

Earlier this semester, the first of many dining establishments in the CNU Village opened its doors to waiting CNU students and Newport News locals.

In the month and a half since its opening, Schooners has already become a favorite hangout among the community, as well as an affordable place to grab a quick bite on a student budget. Decorated with university spirit, sports memorabilia and large plasma televisions, Schooners offers a seat-yourself,

relaxed and casual environment, situated among the hustle and bustle of everyday student life.

Schooners is run by the same partners that own and operate The Crab Shack by the James River Bridge. Owners Theo Gouletas, George Garofalis and Bobby Wharton said they had been thinking about opening such an establishment for quite sometime.

The menu at Schooners is simple and elegant at the same time. They offer many typical American favorites — buffalo wings, hamburgers, nachos, subs and pizza are just a few of the comfort foods that you can try.

The appetizers are affordable — anywhere from about \$3 to \$10. Originally, their "wind-jammer wings" were too small for me and, apparently, for others as well. Schooners recently began selling larger wings at the same price — so you get more for your money. I did, however,

enjoy the chicken tenders; they were a crisp golden brown and very tasty.

Schooners also has a very large sandwich menu, everything from hot reubens to vegetarian wraps. They also employ a pastry chef who hand-makes all the desserts as well as a crisp and flaky pizza crust.

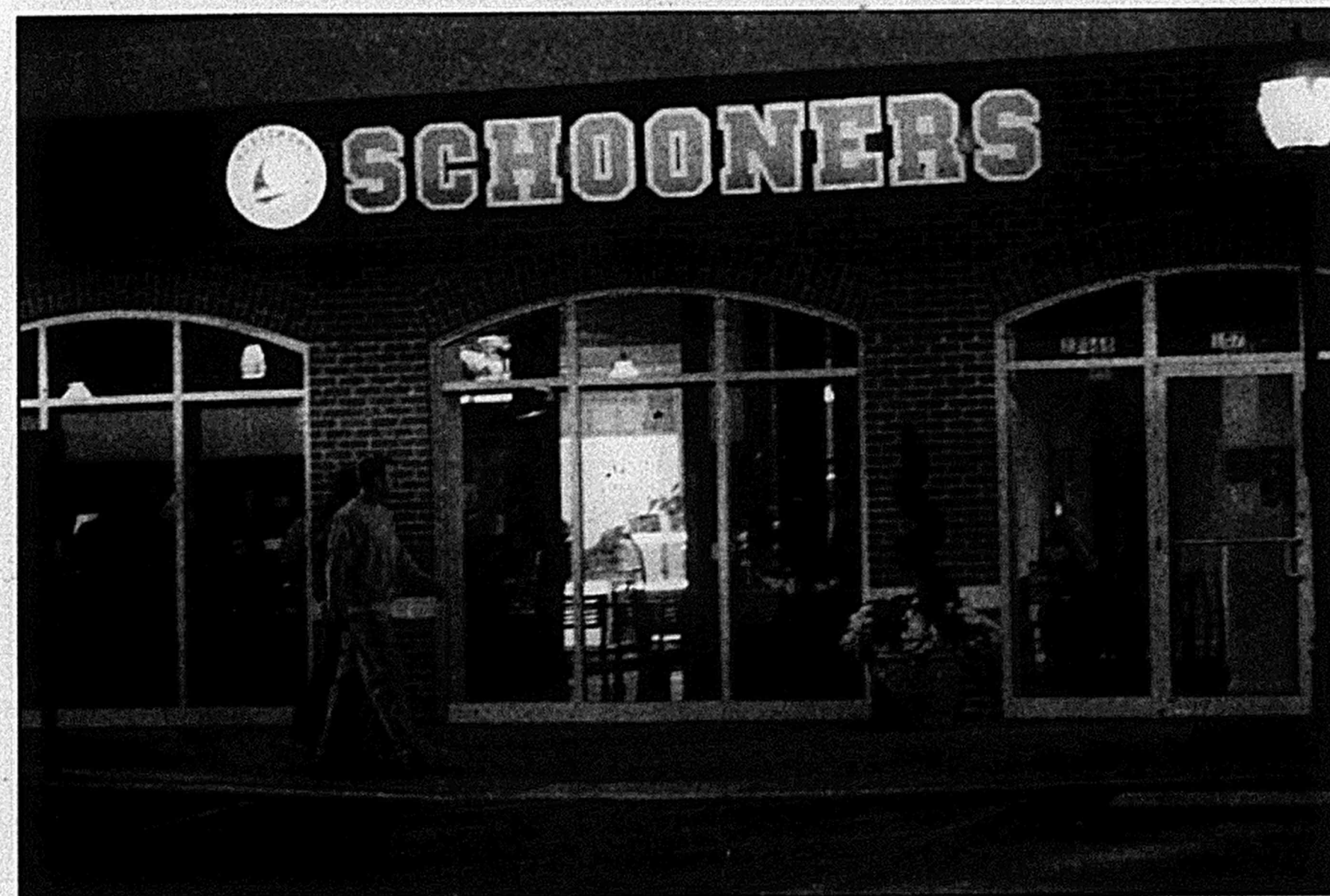
Since two of the three owners are Grecian, Schooners also specializes in a variety of Greek-inspired dishes. All of these entrees are the original creations and recipes by the owners, and you can tell by the authentic flare these items offer. Definitely don't be scared to try something on the menu, even if it has a name you can't pronounce.

Their Greek salad is fantastic, and even better with a thick slice of grilled tuna on top. Schooner's gyros are also very good — a thick slice of warm pita bread, stuffed to the brim with meat, fresh vegetables

and a thick and creamy yogurt sauce.

Although the Greek dishes are a tad pricier than the rest of the menu, you get a deal no matter what. Appetizers are anywhere from \$3 to \$10 and all the salads and sandwiches are under \$7. Schooners also has a number of different Happy Hour Specials everyday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. They offer specials on most drinks on tap, as well as pitchers and usually on a particular appetizer depending on the day. They also serve frozen drinks in two sizes: a 16 oz. glass for \$4.75 and a 20 oz. for \$6.50.

Overall, Schooners is a great place to swing by for a snack, meet up with friends to watch the big game or to hang out on a Friday night for a round of drinks. Either way, the CNU community as well as the rest of Newport News will benefit from the friendly environment they offer. ■



Students on campus take advantage of the late night hours that Schooners stays open. The new restaurant in the CNU Village serves alcoholic beverages, pizza and greek specialties.

Tanning can be a deadly beauty contest

By MARY MEEHAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Even after she learned that a mole on her thigh was cancerous, University of Kentucky student Molly Brown took one last spring break trip in the sun.

She even rescheduled a follow-up trip to the doctor — to schedule the operation to remove the mole — so she could enjoy the Caribbean fling.

Brown, 21, now a senior, always knew tanning had its dangers. But there was something about a tan that just made her feel prettier. The lives of her friends involved going to the lake or lying out in the summer. They'd have contests to see who could get the darkest, and she'd often win. It's ironic, she said, how badly she wanted to win.

Looking the darkest was far from her mind when she learned she had cancer. There was only one thing she kept thinking when her doctor told her she had a 95 percent chance of surviving because the melanoma on her thigh was caught early.

Last year, a two-hour operation removed the cancerous mole from her thigh. From now on, she will have regular visits to the oncologist and annual chest X-rays to see whether cancer has returned or spread.

The scar is fading, but the fear remains. She is coming to terms with the fact that in her life, there will be no more hours basking in the sun or spending money at the tanning beds.

There are worse things that could have happened to me than just a scar on my thigh," Brown said. "While tanning is pretty, I'm not going to die for it."

The first four moles the doctor checked came back OK. When the results came back on the fifth one, the staff at the doctor's office asked her to come back in.

That's when she learned the news.

The good news is that if skin cancer is caught early and removed correctly, there is a good chance it won't recur, said Dr. Daniel Kenady, a surgical oncologist.

But, he said, staying out of the sun is a challenge to lots of people, especially young people. "All teenagers are invincible," he said. "They think it may happen to somebody else, but it's not going to happen to them."

TANNING TIPS

- If you must tan, do it gradually. Avoid burning.
- Avoid tanning in the middle of the day, when the sun is its brightest and strongest.
- Tanning beds have been linked to skin cancer. They are not a better choice than the sun.
- Self-tanning products appear to be a reasonable alternative to sun exposure.
- The single best thing you can do? Cover up and wear sunscreen. ■

Comics and Crosswords

MYSTIC STARS

Weekly Horoscope For March 27-April 3

By LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Early this week, a close friend may reveal an important deadline or offer a rare social ultimatum. Planned celebrations, commitment to public events or financial participation may be a key source of tension. After Wednesday, a clear description of family obligations will help calm discussions. Remain cautious, however, and watch for meaningful change. Later this week, a trusted co-worker may opt out of a vital employment contract. Stay quiet: private politics may be draining.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Home rules, social agreements and daily duties now need to be improved. Over the next few days, close friends or relatives may not provide sufficient assistance or support. Group negotiations and a candid discussion of time schedules will be helpful: make sure loved ones appreciated your restrictions, emotional boundaries and short-term expectations. After Friday, a new era of physical fitness and vivid dream experiences arrives: remain open to new challenges.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Over the next 11 days, public events may be scattered or easily disrupted. Take none of it personally: at present, both loved ones and close friends are unlikely to understanding the full implications of their comments or actions. Before next week, expect late cancellations and minor power struggles. Friday through Sunday highlight private discussions with younger friends or siblings. Key issues involve lifestyle changes or serious family decisions: stay sharp.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Before mid-week, a long-term friend may require private and controversial advice. Areas of concern: addictive behaviors, emotional triangles and unproductive relationships. Listen and react with honesty: detailed observations and a sincere discussion of recent events may prove extremely useful. Later this week, a financial error may derail an important property contract or lease. Review legal agreements at a later date: revised documents will soon ensure progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Complex workplace alliances and new team assignments will this week offer a rare view of private opinions. Someone close may no longer trust the judgment of experienced colleagues or managers. Probe for unique facts or hidden social information: yesterday's business history may soon prove unexpectedly revealing. After Thursday, a powerful romantic overture may trigger social resentment. Remain quietly detached: past disappointments may be a reoccurring theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A past acquaintance may soon ask for renewed trust or a second chance. Yesterday's disappointments may have been more deeply felt than anticipated: after Tuesday, watch for old friends to offer lingering memories or surprising descriptions of past events. Go slow and wait for clear signs of progress. Thursday through Saturday, a job or financial decision may need to be briefly abandoned. Refuse to be derailed: powerful business and money luck will soon arrive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Family gatherings will require special planning over the next 11 days. Cancellations, revised schedules or minor disagreements may be problematic. Don't be dissuaded: at present, loved ones may need extra time to realize the importance of home commitments and long-term relationships. Remain patient and watch for steady improvement. After Thursday, an old friend or lover may request financial advice. Avoid acting as mediator: hidden agendas will be revealed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic and social intrigue are now on the rise. Before Thursday, expect new friends or work mates to inspire unexpected romantic triangles. Private flirtations will be quickly noticed or exposed: avoid bold affections, excessive humor or public disclosures of delicate information. Caution will eventually prove invaluable. Friday through Sunday, an older relative may demand extra dedication or added family commitment. Don't hesitate: loved ones now need your support.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Love affairs and subtle flirtations may this week demand public acknowledgement. Over the next few days, a recently shy or withdrawn friends may actively seek group approval or acceptance. Withheld passions will now tend to emerge: remain sensitive and take extra time to clarify expectations, emotional goals or social boundaries. After Friday, family announcements, home celebrations and rekindled trust between loved ones will offer new emotional rewards: stay open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Workplace negotiations may be easily derailed over the next six days. After Tuesday, older colleagues will not accept revised team information, new assignments or creative business methods. Allow authority figures to handled all disagreements or cancelled projects: by early next week, reliable goals and group harmony will again be established. Later this week, a withdrawn relative may ask probing questions. Respond honestly: home improvements demand discussion.

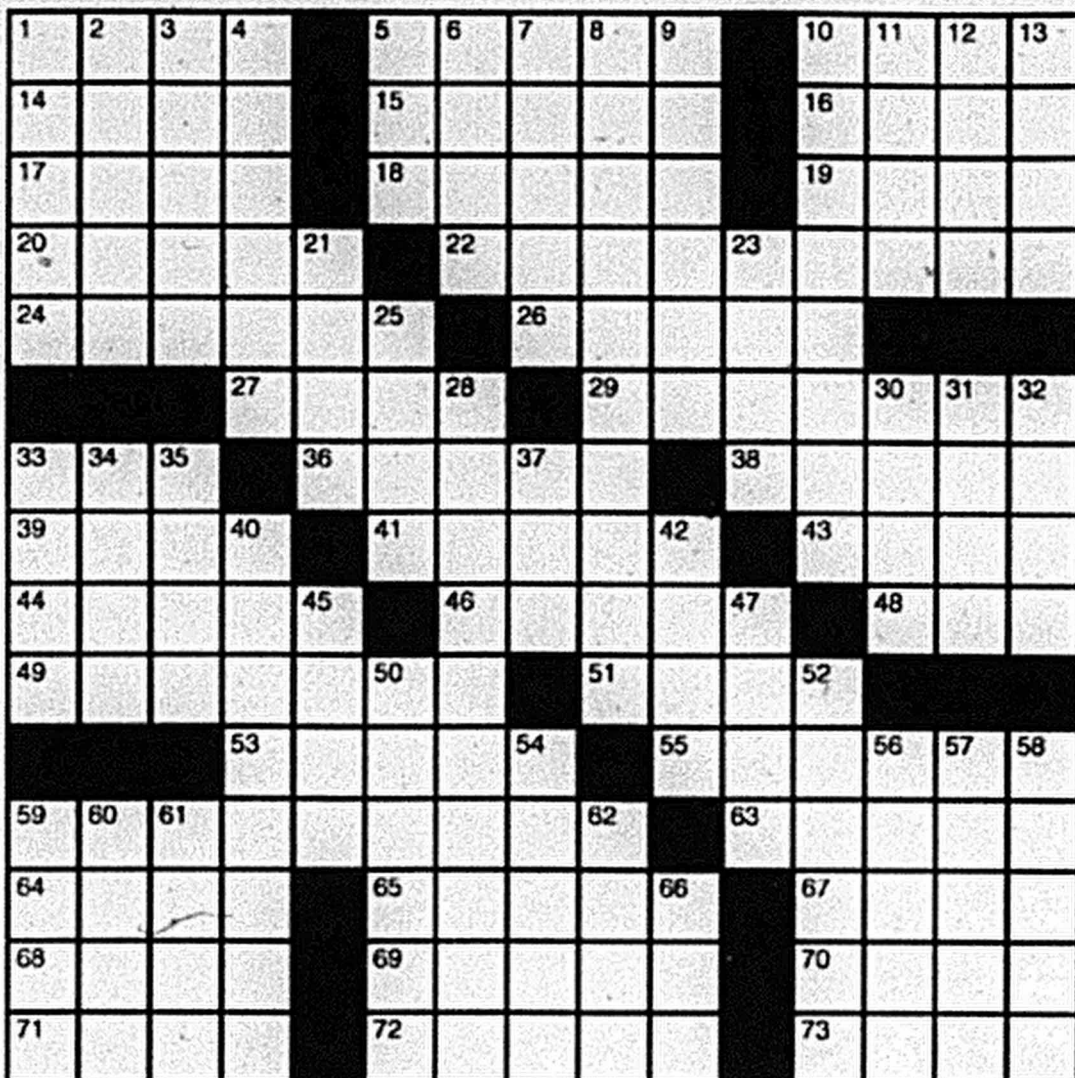
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Career and financial decisions are best avoided over the next few days. Although financial luck is high, loved ones may miscalculate long-term needs or payment schedules. Thoroughly research and finalize all documents before accepting new risk. A cautious approach to legal paperwork will ensure the desired results. Friday through Sunday, a previously silent friend or relative may request delicate family advice. Encourage new ideas: your past experience will provide guidance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Before mid-week, romantic partners or older relatives may be temperamental or distrustful of group invitations. After Monday, expect complex social triangles to be publicly debated or to briefly derail special events. Emotional outbursts are intense but short-lived: remain optimistic but watch for minor indications of lingering doubt. Wise planning is needed. Thursday through Sunday, loved ones may need to openly discuss job ethics or financial strain. Don't disappoint.

If your birthday is this week: Loved ones may rely heavily on your discretion over the next few months. Private family discussions, home changes or unique romantic proposals are all accented before mid-June. Postponed issues of emotional security will now demand your full attention. Remain determined to publicly acknowledge your needs, plans and long-term goals. After Aug. 8, watch also for a sudden disruption in business relationships. Workplace errors will soon require diplomacy and delicate public debate. Much of the coming year will bring new roles in both romantic relationships and career agreements. Don't allow your ideas and long-term goals to be ignored or dismissed by the group.

Crossword

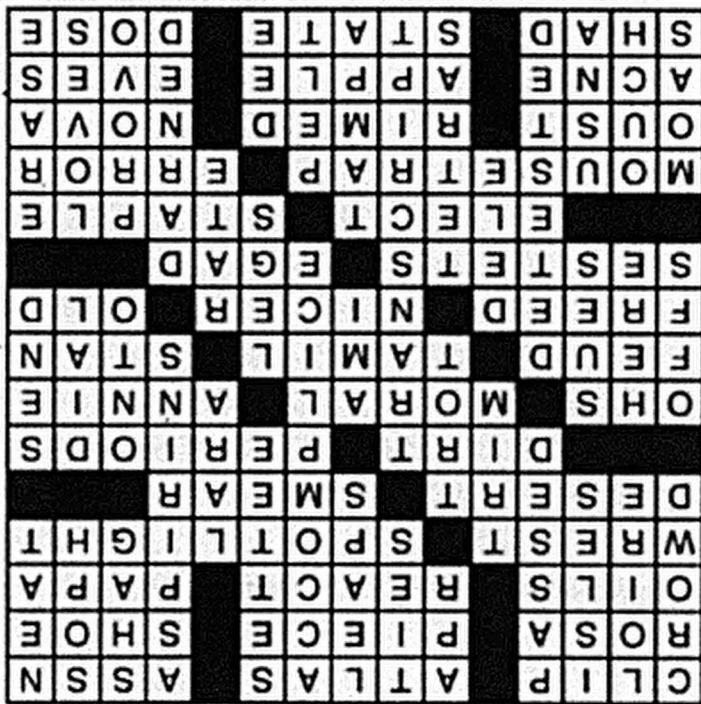
- ACROSS
- 1 Money holder
 - 5 Map holder
 - 10 NBA part
 - 14 Parks of black history
 - 15 Gangland gun
 - 16 Brogue or wingtip, e.g.
 - 17 Lubricates
 - 18 Do a double take
 - 19 "___ Don't Preach"
 - 20 Take forcibly
 - 22 Star's favorite place
 - 24 Negev or Namib
 - 26 Engage in mudslinging
 - 27 Soil
 - 29 Eras
 - 33 Exclamations of surprise
 - 36 Ethical
 - 38 Sharpshooter Oakley
 - 39 Long-running quarrel
 - 41 Sri Lankan people
 - 43 Funny Laurel
 - 44 Let loose
 - 46 More pleasant
 - 48 Over the hill
 - 49 Six-line stanzas
 - 51 Mild expletive
 - 53 Vote in
 - 55 Paper fastener
 - 59 Rodent snare
 - 63 Mistake
 - 64 Boot out
 - 65 Frost-covered
 - 67 Stellar blast
 - 68 Skin problem
 - 69 Pippin or Rome
 - 70 Holiday forerunners
 - 71 Roe source
 - 72 Assert
 - 73 Apothecary measure
- DOWN
- 1 Three?
 - 2 French river
 - 3 Wight and Skye
 - 4 Overtook
 - 5 Initials in lending
 - 6 Even scores
 - 7 Bounds
 - 8 Partner in wrongdoing
 - 9 Small sofa
 - 10 Pain pills
 - 11 Uneven haircut
 - 12 Last year's frosh
 - 13 Clean and tidy
 - 21 Cut back
 - 23 Zhivago's beloved
 - 25 Easy gait
 - 28 Copy of an interview
 - 30 Fully aware of
 - 31 Ivory rival
 - 32 E-mail button
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Sports

CNU SCOREBOARD

Baseball

(10-12 overall, 5-7 USA South)

1. NC Wesleyan	10-5	17-10
2. Greensboro	9-6	18-9
3. Ferrum	7-5	17-6-1
4. Methodist	7-5	15-11
5. Shenandoah	5-7	17-9
6. CNU	5-7	10-12
7. Averett	2-10	9-19

Finals:

3/23: Bridgewater 12, CNU 4
3/25: Methodist 7, CNU 4
3/25: Methodist 5, CNU 0
3/26: Methodist 10, CNU 9 (12)

Upcoming Games:

4/1: at Ferrum (DH)
4/2: at Ferrum
4/4: at Mary Washington

Softball

(15-13 overall, 2-6 USA South)

1. Methodist	9-1	26-6
2. Greensboro	7-1	20-8
3. Ferrum	5-1	16-10
4. NC Wesleyan	2-4	11-10
5. CNU	2-6	15-13
6. Averett	1-3	7-18
7. Shenandoah	1-5	7-13
8. Peace	1-7	15-13

Finals:

3/22: CNU 14, Guilford 0
3/22: CNU 3, Guilford 2 (8)
3/24: Greensboro 5, CNU 4
3/24: Greensboro 9, CNU 1 (6)
3/25: Averett 2, CNU 1
3/25: CNU 8, Averett 1

Upcoming Games:

4/1: vs. Ferrum
4/2 vs. Shenandoah

Women's Lacrosse

(6-4 overall, 5-0 USA South)

1. Greensboro	5-0	7-2
2. CNU	5-0	6-4
3. Methodist	3-2	9-3
4. Averett	1-3	5-4
5. Shenandoah	1-3	3-6
6. NC Wesleyan	1-3	2-9
7. Ferrum	0-5	2-6

Finals:

3/22: VA Wesleyan 15, CNU 12
3/25: CNU 13, Methodist 9

Upcoming Games:

4/1: at Greensboro
4/2: at Guilford

Women's Tennis

(10-0 overall, 5-0 USA South)

1st in USA South

Finals:

3/23: CNU 8, St. Mary's 1
3/25: CNU 9, Shenandoah 0
3/26: CNU 9, Greensboro 0

Upcoming Games:

4/1: at Methodist

Men's Tennis

(6-4 overall, 4-0 USA South)

1st in USA South

Finals:

3/24: CNU 7, Shenandoah 0
3/25: Washington C. 6, CNU 1
3/26: CNU 7, Greensboro 0

Upcoming Games:

3/31: at Hampden-Sydney
4/1: at Lynchburg
4/1: at Ferrum
4/2: at Roanoke

Golf

Finals:

3/23-26: Jekyll Island Men's Collegiate Invitational
Place: 13th of 24

Upcoming:

3/30-4/2: Marine Corps Intercollegiate

Track

Finals:

3/24-25: UNC-Wilmington Invitational
Women: 4th place
Men: 5th place

Upcoming Meets:

4/1: Captains Classic at CNU
4/7-8: Duke Invitational
4/14-15: Lou Onesty Invitational

Sailing

Finals:

3/25-26: MAISA/SAISA Intersectional
7th place

Upcoming Events:

4/1-2: OCN Central #2
4/8: Maryland 2-on-2

TENNIS



Jose Hutcherson/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sophomore Stefanie Leblang serves the ball in her No. 2 match against Caroline Rose of Greensboro. Leblang won the match 6-2, 6-0. The Lady Captains are undefeated on the year.

Undefeated Captains

Tennis teams maintain their unblemished conference records and stay on top of the USA South after a successful weekend.

By BRIAN BENISON
Assistant Sports Editor

With both teams shutting out Greensboro this past weekend, the men's and women's tennis teams are establishing themselves as dominant powers in the USA South. In a 9-0 shutout against Greensboro, the Lady Captains extended their winning streak to 10-0 while the men's team shut out Greensboro 7-0 to remain undefeated in the USA South.

The Lady Captain's performance was helped by their early doubles matches. The team swept all three matches, winning two of them on an 8-1 decision and another on an 8-0 shut out decision. The 8-0 decision came from the duo of senior Natalie Pitts and sophomore Lauren McGhee.

"Eight to nothing. We practice a lot of match play, that's why we do so well," said Pitts of the match. "It was good. We worked well together."

Pitts is one of the individual stories of the match, as this was her last home game as the sole senior on the team.

"Nat is going to be hard to replace, especially her leadership," said head coach Jenny Nuttycombe. "She was my first four-year recruit; I recruited her right out of high school. She's going to be missed."

The men's team also won all three of their doubles matches. Sophomores Eddie Glidewell and John Mook, who also were among the strongest performers in single match play, were one of the three doubles winners.

The Lady Captains were also dominant in singles match play. Not one player let their game get beyond two matches. Pitts also showed a dominating performance again, shutting out her Greensboro opponent 6-0 in both matches.

The story of the singles play matches came from sophomore Stefanie Leblang who played her three matches with her hand cut open and blood gushing out. She and her partner freshman Lindsey Pantele defeated their opponents 8-1 in their doubles match. Leblang then went on to defeat her opponents 6-2 and 6-0 in her singles match play.

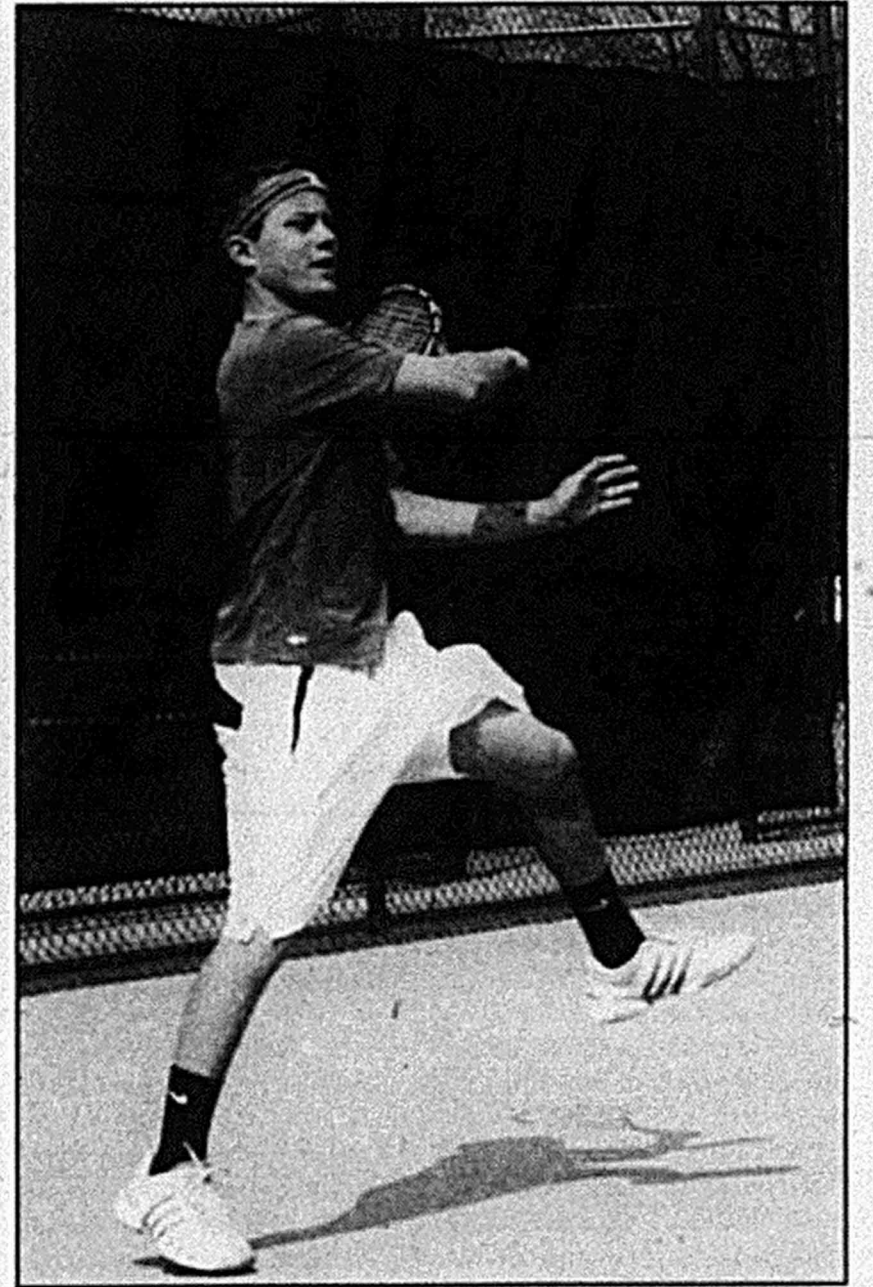
"I played three games with it bleeding. It was mostly just bloody, it didn't hurt," said Leblang. "It was simple, I was just opening up a can of tennis balls."

It was not until the injury was brought to Nuttycombe's attention by one of Leblang's teammates that it was finally bandaged.

Leblang was more focused on her individual performance.

"My matches went well, I need to work on my serves, but they went well."

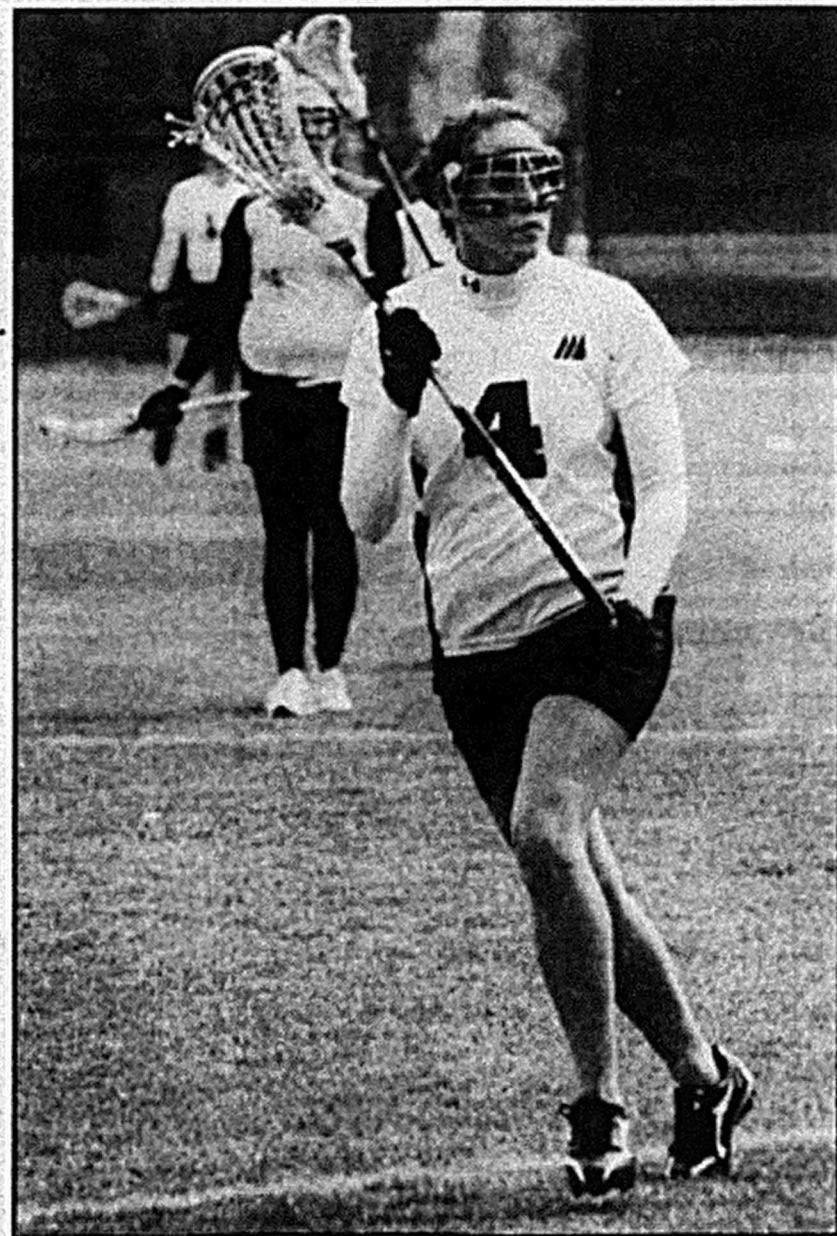
Likewise, the men's team was also dominant in singles match play. Each player kept their match down to two games to lead the team to their dominating victory. Glidewell lead the way once again, shutting out his opponent 6-0 in both matches. Mook had the second highest margin of victory, knocking his opponent out 6-0 and 6-1 in consecutive matches. Senior Steve Inge and Sophomore Matt Brueggemann also



Jose Hutcherson/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sophomore Eddie Glidewell returns a volley against Greensboro's Wayne Zurowski during last Sunday's match at CNU Courts.

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Jose Hutcherson/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Junior Kristen Conques controls the ball during the Lady Captains' game against Methodist. The Lady Captains won the game 13-9.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Lady Captains defeat Methodist

Lacrosse team stays undefeated in the USA South; looks toward Greensboro.

By SAM PELSTRING
Contributing Writer

The Lady Captains set the precedent for their game against Methodist early, when they scored against the Monarchs within the first four minutes of their game last Saturday.

Despite the threatening rain, the bleachers filled up with fans. Methodist was riding a nine-game winning streak, but this did not threaten CNU.

"It's hard to be dangerous when everyone knows about you," said head coach Kwame Lloyd.

The game was close the entire first half. Junior Kristen Conques scored the fourth goal against Methodist with 10:49 left in the half. Kristen ran the ball down the field, faked out the last defender

and went right into goal, giving the Lady Captains a three-run lead. Only a minute later, Methodist returned with a goal against CNU, making the score 4-2.

After a timeout, with seven seconds left in the half, Methodist had a burst of intensity, taking the ball down to CNU's goal.

With 5:13 left in the half, freshman Katie Doherty took control of the ball and was about to shoot, but then slipped on the wet field. The fall left her injured and she had to leave the game. With Doherty out, CNU still stayed in the lead and even scored in the last two minutes, ending the half 6-3.

During halftime, hail started to pound upon the field, clearing the stands. Despite the weather, both teams stepped onto the field and took their sides for the second half.

Two minutes into the second half, CNU scored twice, shocking Methodist. Methodist then regained their composure and started to score again.

With the score 10-5, the Lady Captains took back the momentum as Conques scored her fifth goal of the game with 21:26 on the clock.

With CNU still leading, junior Kristyn Hankins added two goals to the Lady Captains' score within minutes of each other, giving CNU 12 goals.

The Lady Captains made their last goal with only four minutes left in the game at very close range on the keeper.

With time running down, Methodist made one last attempt at the goal but was denied by senior goaltender Lindsey Naill.

CNU won the game 13-9 and now prepares for Saturday's game against Greensboro, which will decide the regular season champion in the USA South.

"We're looking forward to Greensboro and finally winning us a ring," said Conques.

PLAYER PROFILE

Women's tennis' Lindsey Pantele

By PAUL CIRILLO
Contributing Writer

Tennis is an all action sport. A tennis player must have endurance and quick reactions to be able to compete well. Freshman Lindsey Pantele has both qualities, using them on and off the court.

While most students were spending their spring break relaxing, Pantele and the women's tennis team spent it competing in a tennis tournament at Hilton Head, SC. In one game, Pantele lost her first set 5-7. But she won the second set 7-5, bringing the game into a tiebreaker. She won the tiebreaker 7-6. When she plays a close game like that, she tries not to think and just hits the ball.

"I almost enjoy those matches more. It just makes me step up more," said Pantele.

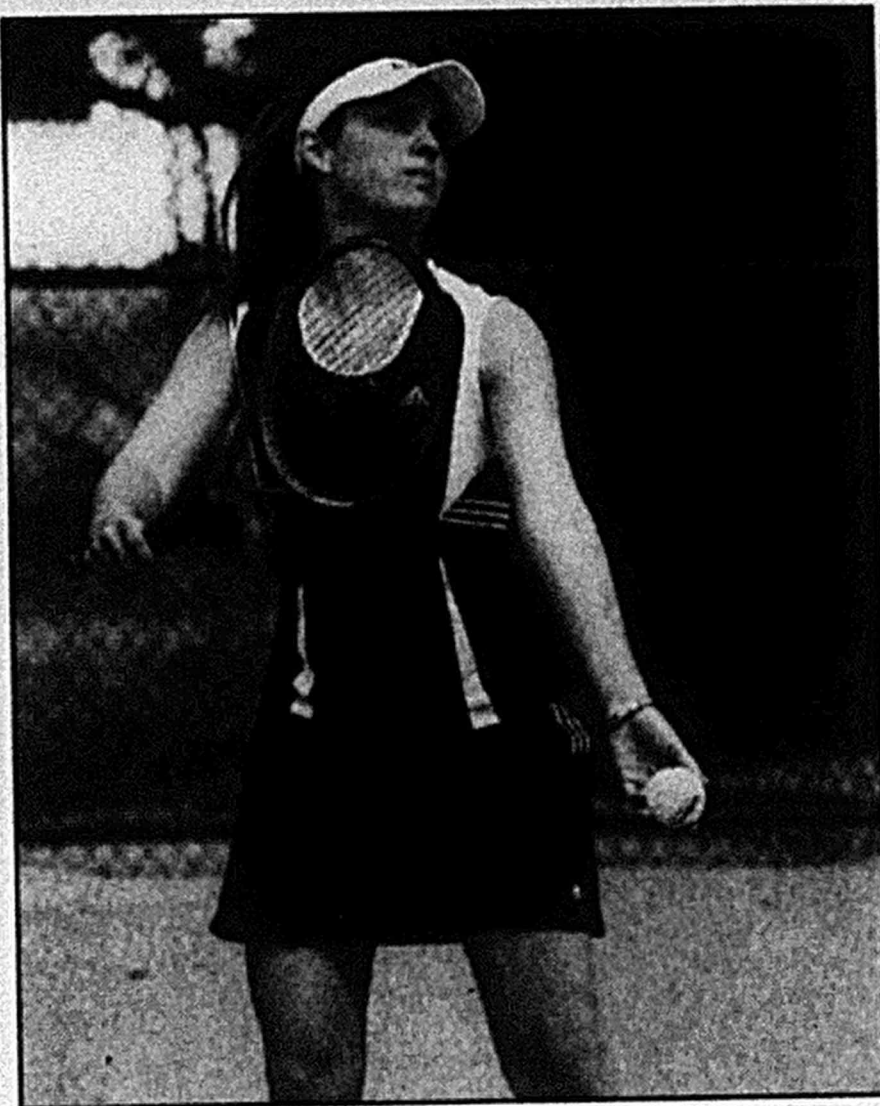
Pantele grew up in the Short Pump area of Richmond. When she was only nine-years-old, she started playing tennis.

"Both my parents were playing at the time and it was just something they wanted me to try out," she said.

She first started playing competitively when she was 10; playing in tournaments sporadically while she was learning to play the sport. But when she started high school at Mills Godwin, she started to play full-time. She played all four years of high school. She did not see a lot of playing time her freshman and sophomore year. However, she started for the team in both her junior and senior year. While Pantele played for her high school team, they won four district, four regional, and three state titles.

"We lost the state finals my senior year," she said.

CNU wasn't on Pantele's list of colleges until she was contacted by CNU head coach Jenny Nuttycombe during her senior year. Pantele came down



Jesse Hutcherson/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Freshmen Lindsey Pantele prepares to serve during her match against Greensboro. Pantele and the Lady Captains are atop the USA South.

to Newport News, took the tour of CNU and liked what she saw.

"Once I came [to CNU] and saw the college, I didn't want to go anywhere else," said Pantele.

She filled out a preferred application. And within 72 hours later, she was accepted to CNU.

"It's pretty busy," she says modestly about her weekly schedule.

Each week she is faced with a five-class workload, about two hours of practice each day, and weekly games.

Still, Pantele manages to juggle her athletics with her academics. She hopes to play tennis during her entire academic career here at CNU. On the other hand, Pantele would place tennis on the back burner if it challenged her education.

"If it [tennis] would interfere way too much with my major, my education would come first," she said.

"I would consider myself a very competitive person. I don't like to lose," said Pantele followed by brief laugh. "I am competitive person when it comes to almost anything."

Lindsey's dislike of losing is very obvious by looking at her record. In her first season playing for the CNU women's tennis team, she is 10-2 in singles and 6-1 in doubles. On top of that, she is in a four game winning streak.

"I am doing a lot better than I expected to be," said Pantele. "It's a lot of fun. I never really had this opportunity. In high school, I played, but not like I am here." ■

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball

The baseball team had a tough weekend on the road at conference-rival Methodist, dropping all three games in the weekend series. In the first game, the Captains jumped out to an early lead, scoring three runs in the first inning off singles by senior Jayson Basanes and freshman Mike Giarrizzi. The Monarchs worked their way back into the game and won with a walk-off homer in extra innings 7-4.

Methodist shut the Captains down in the nightcap and won the game 5-0. The third game in the series also went to extra innings with the Captains again coming up short 10-9. The Captains jumped out to a 6-0 lead with one run in the second inning and five runs in the third. The Monarchs battled back to tie the game and sent it into extra innings.

Methodist eventually won the game in the 12th. Giarrizzi lead the Captains on offense, going 5-for-6.

The Captains are now below .500 overall and in the USA South. They will stay on the road next weekend with a three-game series at Ferrum.

Golf

At the Jekyll Island Men's Collegiate Invitational, the golf team finished in the middle of the pack in 13th place out of a field of 24. The team finished with a three-day score of 932. Freshman Christian Freymeyer finished with a score of 75 with junior Ryan Patrick right behind with a score of 76.

Track

The track team started their spring season at the UNC-Wilmington Invitational. Junior Rob Rodriguez won the men's triple jump, junior John Hoehne won the men's 800-meter run and senior Emily Low won the women's 3000-meter steeplechase.

Also finishing well was senior Karen Simon with a second-place finish in the women's 200-meter dash, junior Michaela Morton with a second-place finish in the women's 400-meter run and sophomore Daniel Swale with a second-place finish in the men's 3000-meter steeplechase.

Sailing

The sailing team finished seventh at the MAISA/SAISA Intersectional this past weekend. The intersectional, held at Hampton University, hosted schools such as Old Dominion, Fordham, Florida and Maryland. CNU scored a total of 152 points.

Athletes of the Week

Four Captains were named Athletes of the Week by the USA South Conference last weekend. Senior Steven Inge and sophomore Stephanie Leblang were named Men's Tennis Player of the Week and Women's Tennis Player of the Week, respectively. Inge had a 4-0 week in singles play and a 1-1 record in doubles.

Leblang was also 4-0 in singles matches for the undefeated Lady Captains. Freshman Lindsey Pantele was named Women's Tennis Rookie of the Week.

Pantele also went 3-0 in singles matches for the Lady Captains. Junior Kristen Conques was named the USA South's Lacrosse Player of the Week. She had 11 goals and three assists for the week.

Information from <http://athletics.cnu.edu/> ■

NBA WEEKLY

The Return of Stoudemire



By BEN SETTLE
NBA Columnist

After the 2004-2005 NBA season, the Phoenix Suns were on the verge of breaking into the NBA elite. MVP Steve Nash and the power-combo of forwards Amare Stoudemire and Shawn Marion were able to run themselves all the way into the Western Conference finals, only to be stopped by the eventual champion San Antonio Spurs. Another year of experience with their run-and-gun offense and the continued emergence of Stoudemire as a legitimate franchise player gave Suns fans reasons to be extremely excited for the coming season.

The high expectations immediately came to a screeching halt during the off-season when Stoudemire's knee started to hurt.

After a worrisome few weeks, Stoudemire and his coaches and trainers decided

that microfracture surgery on his knee would be his best option for continuing his career. Microfracture surgery has an intimidating reputation of hobbling once outstanding players such as Jamaal Mashburn, Chris Webber, and even Jason Kidd, who has clearly lost a step since his surgery.

With Stoudemire's post-surgical future uncertain, many analysts, including me, went ahead and wrote off the Suns' 2005-2006 season as a lottery-bound journey. Big mistake. Behind Nash and Marion the Suns have continued their dominance and gained an insurmountable division lead which will guarantee them at least a 3-seed or higher in the Western Conference playoffs.

Stoudemire's timetable for a return to the Suns estimated that he would not be ready to play sooner than the All-Star break. Once it was established that the Suns' system of running, running and more running would allow them to compete without Stoudemire's presence in the middle, then the issue became whether or not Stoudemire should return at all and risk missing out on precious recovery time and do further damage to his knee. Stoudemire was fifth in the league in scoring last season and the common belief is that with his scoring added to the Suns' already powerful team,

they could possibly make the leap to championship-level this season.

Well, after weeks of anticipation, Stoudemire returned to the Suns' lineup on Friday in a rout over the Portland Trailblazers. In 19 minutes, Stoudemire poured in 20 points and pulled down 9 rebounds, leaving behind much doubt about the status of his knee and his ability to work himself into the Suns' fast-paced offense.

Stoudemire's positive return has sparked the previously mentioned debate about the possibility of a postseason run by the Suns and the outside chance to win a championship. As much as I love the way they play (the Suns are absolutely my favorite team to watch), I still don't think they have what is needed to compete with the Mavericks and the Spurs in the West.

With a healthy Stoudemire right now, I would say that the Suns are the fifth best team in the league behind the Spurs, Mavs, Heat, and Pistons, in no particular order.

The coming weeks will show whether or not Stoudemire can help lift the Suns into those top teams and compete for the title, because currently I don't think they can. Even with all the doubt, I'll still be rooting for the Suns the entire way, waiting for them to run their way right into the finals. ■

MLB-ON DECK

Power Rankings: Week two

By CHRIS INZIRILLO
MLB Columnist

Spring training gives the players a little over a month to get all the quirks out, perfect their fundamentals, and be prepared for opening day in April. While standings are kept, records don't mean too much. Having success in spring training can be crucial to some teams, since it feeds the momentum that they will enter the season with.

So here are the Power Rankings as spring training enters its last 10 days:

1. Chicago White Sox: Despite having the worst record in spring training, the defending champs remain number one because of their hot-hitting offense. Some pitching injuries set them back, but they will be ready for opening day.
2. Los Angeles Angels (+1): They managed to be one of the top teams this spring, and they did it without Bartolo Colon. They will only be better in the regular season.
3. St. Louis Cardinals (-1): Chris Carpenter hasn't skipped a beat since winning the Cy Young.
4. Boston Red Sox: Willy Mo Pena is a great addition, but where will they put him?
5. New York Yankees: The Yanks held their own this spring with a lot of starters missing. Randy Johnson is pitching well, but the rotation is still ugly.
6. Oakland Athletics (+3): As the season gets closer, their pitchers get better.
7. Cleveland Indians (+3): They have the best record in the

American League this spring. If they play to their potential, they might be at the top of the regular season standings as well.

8. LA Dodgers (-1): Brett Tomko is looking sharp.

9. New York Mets (-1): They better hope Pedro stays healthy from this point on, or they can kiss that division title goodbye.

10. Minnesota Twins (+4): The Twins are playing consistently. Now with Johan Santana back, they are ready to get moving.

11. Seattle Mariners (+1): They aren't exactly tearing it up on offense, but hitting takes time to warm up. Their pitching is performing better than expected.

12. Philadelphia Phillies (+6): Ryan Howard has 10 homers in 66 at bats. Wow.

13. Atlanta Braves (-2): Kyle Davies has been lights out. They still need a closer though.

14. Toronto Blue Jays (-8): A.J. Burnett is on the DL already — this could be a bad sign of things to come.

15. Florida Marlins: They have the best spring record in the entire league. That's pretty impressive for the youngsters, but now they have to do it when it counts.

16. Detroit Tigers: A solid spring has them primed to make some noise in the AL Central this year.

17. Houston Astros (-4): Know Clemens, know success. No Clemens, no success.

18. Baltimore Orioles (+4): Daniel Cabrera can't do it alone. The rotation needs to settle down.

19. Chicago Cubs (-2): You'll never guess who are on the DL

to start the season: Kerry Wood and Mark Prior. It's the same old story for the Cubbies.

20. Texas Rangers (+1): Kevin Mench is on fire. So is the pitching staff — except it's because they are getting lit up.

21. San Francisco Giants (-1): The rumors surrounding Bonds only make it harder for the team to focus on the game.

22. Arizona Diamondbacks (+7): This young team has been better than most people thought. In a weak NL West, they could finish second.

23. Washington Nationals (-4): Losing Brian Lawrence and Luis Ayala severely hurts both the rotation and bullpen. Plus, with Alfonso Soriano acting like a child, who knows if he will play come opening day.

24. Cincinnati Reds (+2): While Junior tore it up for Team USA, the Reds have done some tearing of their own in spring training with a respectable record.

25. Pittsburgh Pirates (-2): Zach Duke is their only hope, and his spring has been pretty hopeless.

26. San Diego Padres (-2): Mike Cameron is getting the job done.

27. Milwaukee Brewers (+1): Dave Bush could be the new ace of this squad with a 0.90 ERA.

28. Tampa Bay Devil Rays (-3): Seth McClung has been one of this spring's best pitchers.

29. Colorado Rockies (-2): Their pitchers are getting rocked, and they're not even at hitter-friendly Coors Field yet.

30. Kansas City Royals: If they could only go 13-9 when it counted. ■

TENNIS, FROM PAGE 11

defeated their opponents by the same margin.

The Lady Captains are now undefeated on the season with only five games to play before the USA South tournament.

Pitts was not surprised by her team's success.

"I think we started thinking that before we even played. We were practicing well and it seemed like we were coming together," said Pitts.

Leblang also echoed her teammate's sentiments.

"[Being undefeated thus far] is good, it gives us all a lot of confidence," said Leblang.

Nuttycombe, however, still felt that her team had some challenges ahead, especially against division rival Methodist.

"Well, our next big challenge is next Saturday when we play Methodist. I don't want to overlook our Friday match, but Methodist is the next big one in conference play," said Nuttycombe.

The game against Greensboro was also significant as the last home game of the season.

"It's important [to win your final home game] because you're finishing with a positive note," said Nuttycombe. "It's nice for our senior, Natalie Pitts too."

Pitts is the only senior on the team as well, which indicates that this success could be far from limited to this season.

"[Our success] is there, and it's still growing. We've got some nice recruits coming up. We've always got to compete against Methodist who has their own tennis program so they're always ahead of us," said Nuttycombe. ■

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