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Five Issues On Nov. Ballot

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

Nov. 5 could bring many changes to Virginia. Alongside candidates running for seats in the House and Senate, the ballot will contain five referenda, two requesting money for capital projects, one asking to raise sales tax, and two asking for amendments to the state constitution.

The first referendum, commonly known as the higher education bond, deals with educational facilities.

Specifically, it asks voters if the General Assembly should grant \$900 million to fund capital projects for educational facilities.

According to Gov. Mark Warner, the bonds will be paid back over the course of 10 years and will make up less than one percent of the state's annual budget.

A bond is a loan the state takes out.

The second bond will benefit parks and recreational facilities.

It will be the second question on the ballot and just like the higher education bond, it asks voters to allow the Assembly to grant \$119 million for capital projects for parks, recreational, and cultural facilities.

Perhaps the most controversial is the transportation referendum. It is divided into two regions, Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia and proposes a raise in sales tax in certain localities.

In Hampton Roads, if passed, sales tax will go from 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent.

The increase would not apply to food or drugs.

In Northern Virginia, voters will be asked to raise the sales tax by 0.5 percent, from 4.5 percent to 5 percent. This increase also would not apply to food or drugs.

Two other referenda are proposed on constitutional amendments.

One will ask voters to approve or reject an amendment that would allow "local governing bodies to grant tax ex-

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CNU Budget Slashed

Nursing, Education And Recreation, Sport And Wellness Get Axed

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

CNU has eliminated three departments, 50 staff positions and various other non-personal items from CNU's budget due to an 8.3 percent budget reduction ordered by Gov. Mark Warner. This cut was made to help

offset the state's \$1.5 billion deficit.

In 2003-2004, the nursing, education, recreation, sport and wellness management and the Master of Arts in Teaching will be cut. Combined, the three departments graduated 59 students last spring. They made up 13 percent of the graduating class.

There will also be the termination of multiple administrative staff positions and a 25 percent reduction in student employment.

In all, "approximately 10 percent of the total work force of the University will be lost," said Tribble.

In Wednesday's faculty and staff meeting, Tribble said further budget cuts are coming.

"I would like to think

that higher education would be spared additional cuts, but is that realistic? Probably not," said Tribble.

Tribble said that members of the Academic Advising Office and faculty and staff will "move heaven and earth," to assist students whose programs are cut so that they are able to graduate "in a timely manner in their chosen field of study."

The President, the Budget Advisory Committee and others reported that most seniors whose programs have been cut would be able to complete their coursework before the end of the summer semester.

Juniors may fulfill requirements through local universities such as William and Mary, Hampton University,

Norfolk State, Old Dominion and VCU. Tribble said that the university plans to solicit the help from these sister institutions.

"Even if a first choice of a major field is no longer offered, CNU will continue to offer an impressive array of baccalaureate programs from which to choose," said Tribble about first year students and sophomores.

Tribble challenged approximately 900 students that came to the information session that same night to find another school with the same teacher ratio as CNU. He wants as many students to remain at CNU as possible.

Provost Richard Summerville said that had CNU been ordered to cut 15 percent, like they were expecting, classes would have increased in size by about 15 percent.

Students expressed a variety of emotions in response to the budget cuts.

"I'm furious," said Erin Keough, a sophomore deciding between the education and nursing fields and just one of many students angered at the results of the cuts. "We're being asked to change our careers, our lives. Everyone is stuck between a rock and a hard place. I never in my wildest dreams thought they'd cut education."

"I've always wanted to come to CNU. All my friends are here with me, and all of them are affected by this. I don't know what they're going to do. Why stay here? What's the point," Keough said.

While many are frustrated, there were others who had a positive outlook.

Carrie Winters, a junior in the nursing department, said "I'm upset, but I know it's not his [Tribble's] fault. It's mistakes made in the past. I'm saddened by the possibility of leaving CNU, but I understand that this had to happen."

Amid the tearful hugs of her friends, she shrugged. "This too shall pass."

Budget Advisory Committee's Priorities for Program Elimination

- 1) VECTEC
- 2) Department of Nursing
- 3) Department of Education and undergraduate teacher education program
- 4) Department Recreation, Sport and Wellness Management
- 5) Remaining teacher education programs, including the MAT
- 6) Public Management in Department of Government and Public Affairs
- 7) Legal Studies in Department of Government and Public Affairs
- 8) Criminal Justice in Department of Government and Public Affairs
- 9) Social Work
- 10) Computer Engineering
- 11) Applied Music - Bachelor Music
- 12) School of Business

The Board of Visitors cut the programs numbered one through five last Tuesday evening. Programs six through twelve would only be eliminated if further budget reductions are mandated by the VA General Assembly.

Criteria Used to Make Program Cuts

- Centrality to University mission as a liberal arts university
- Availability of program at another regional institution
- Cost of the program (will cutting the program help make budget reductions)
- Number of affected students
- Other considerations



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Above: Junior nursing students, Erin Harr and Carrie Winters, voice their concerns to Anita Tieman during the question / answer session featuring President Paul Tribble.



Right: President Paul Tribble, Dr. Jay Paul, Joanne Paul and Dr. Suzanne St. Onge discuss budget concerns after the faculty and staff meeting last Wednesday.

Jane Berry-Bloomington/The Captain's Log

Faculty, Staff Campaign For Funds

Donations Benefit Student, Faculty Recruitment And Retention

BY EMILY USEEM
Staff Writer

"The CNU Faculty / Staff Campaign is the annual fund raising effort in which members of the faculty and staff make charitable gifts to the university," said Amy Geabhart, the Director of the Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund kicked off on Sept. 10 and will run until Oct. 29. The fund is run by and promoted to faculty and staff members.

The team captains promote the fund-raisers to the faculty and staff in their assigned departments while the co-chairs supervise the captains and keep them organized.

"Campaign Captains will personally solicit each faculty and staff member at CNU," said Geabhart.

According to Geabhart, gifts are accepted in the form of cash, credit card or payroll deductions and pledges in such forms are also accepted.

"Every gift to the Annual Fund provides crucial assistance for important initiatives - including scholarships, faculty recruitment and retention, classroom resources, technology improvements and essential library services. Faculty and staff may gift to a specific program, department or scholarship of their choosing," said Geabhart.

"We want to contribute to the financial well-being of the University," said faculty member, Linda Gordon, one of the team captains. "This is something worth investing in. This allows us to give back, to support the programs an initiatives as well as support the University so it stays strong."

Quentin Kidd, faculty member in the government department, is one of the four co-chairs.

"As a co chair our job is to help the organization of the group of captains who try to persuade the people in their areas, Kidd said."

The Trials Of Drama



"The Trial of Hamlet" has its world premiere at Gaines Theatre.

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Midnight Madness



Men's and Women's Basketball rally together at their first tip-off.

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Campus In Brief

Swing-a-Thon

Phi Mu is hosting their annual Swing-a-Thon, Oct. 23-24, where they raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

For 24 hours, sisters in the fraternity will be swinging, on a swing set, on the Great Lawn.

Homecoming Dance

The Classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005 are hosting a Homecoming Dance on Nov. 9 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in Regatta's.

Tickets are now on sale in the Gaines Theatre and are \$12 for singles, \$20 for couples.

Freshman Class

In the SGA meeting on Monday, the Senate voted to allow the Freshman Class to use the name "Class of 2006" or "Freshman Class" to describe themselves.

The election committee, composed of one member from the other classes, proposed to the Senate to not allow the freshman to hold elections due to negative campaigning and other honor code violations during the elections.

The Freshman Class now have the choice to either form a club or petition the Senate to host another election.

Tickets

Students have complained about the amount of ticketing of vehicles that is occurring at the Suntrust building as well as the bowling alley. Students with CNU parking decals have received tickets when they were using the bank facilities and the bowling alley because they were not parked in CNU designated spots.

If this happens, talk to Andy Mansfield, Manager of Student Center Operations, and file an appeal to the ticket.

Call Boxes

Campus Police will be installing new call boxes at Ferguson beside the construction wall, Barclay Apartments, and on the pathway from the main campus to the Suntrust and Classical Languages buildings.

CNU Motorsports

In a car show this past weekend, CNU Motorsports raised more than \$1,000 and registered about 90 cars for the show.

According to President Chris Rice, over 200 people came out to see the cars as well as hear the bands hosted by the Campus Activity Board.

Classic Cruisers, a community car club, also came out to the campus to support the student car club.

Department Cuts Hit Close To Home

Affected Students Prepare For A Possible Transfer

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

Up until Wednesday morning, Washington 404 was the comfortable home of four fun-loving upperclassmen: Alison, Tara, Katie and Jessica. The beautiful new apartment is usually bustling with life as the roommates rush to class or ready themselves for a night on the town. All four of them expected Wednesday to be just like any other day.

The sun was barely up when Tara Thomas, a junior studying to become a language arts teacher, was suddenly awoken from a deep sleep by a knock on her door. It was her roommate Katie, who had six abrupt words to say: "The department of education's been cut."

Tara laughed, "Katie, are you joking?" Katie stared at her for a minute before replying simply, "No."

It was then that Tara began to panic. It was 2 p.m. when Alison Rank, a junior in the nursing department, was preparing to head back to the apartment after a long, relax-

ing fall break. She was interrupted by a phone call from their fourth roommate, Jessica. "I have something to tell you," Jessica said. "Are you sitting down?"

"No," said Alison. "Why?"

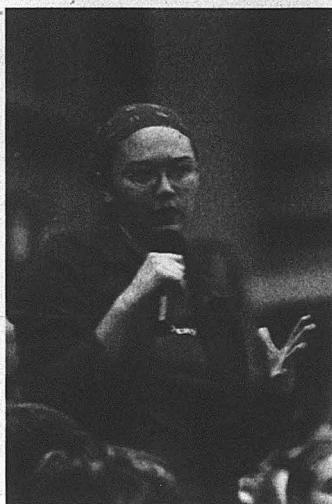
"You need to sit down," Jessica said. She paused before continuing, "Education's been cut."

Alison was stunned to hear that their roommate Tara's department had been eliminated. She knew how Tara would be unable to graduate with her teaching certificate, Jessica explained, but they were just beginning to explore the possibilities of her getting her licensure elsewhere. Jessica also told her that the department of Leisure, Sports and Wellness Management would be gone by the end of the year.

"But Alison," Jessica said after her roommate had had a chance to take in the news, "they cut one more department." There was a brief silence over the line. "They cut nursing."

Speechless, Alison began to cry.

At 8 p.m., the roommates and their fellow students walked to the Freeman Center to hear President Tribble's address about the state budget cuts that had eradicated their programs. Students from the upperclassman apartments were crossing Warwick Boulevard in scores. Some of them linked arm-in-arm as they walked. The lights from the athletic center



Katie Brackett/The Captain's Log

Junior nursing student, Jennifer Amit, speaks at the student question / answer session.

were blazing, but this time, it wasn't in anticipation of a rowdy basketball game. Instead of cheering the Captains on to a victory or heckling the opposing team, the approximate 900 students who crowded into Freeman Center that night were there to make sense of what was left of their college careers.

"We were all there," Alison said. "It was a time

when we all came together, and that was good. We're all in the same position. Everyone was upset that night."

Tara and Alison sat side-by-side near the front row, listening to the president to encourage the students, who expressed emotions ranging from fury to sorrow. Some of Alison and Tara's classmates, who sat nearby, exchanged angry words, while others hugged each other tearfully. By the time the girls headed out that night, the last thing they wanted to think about was school.

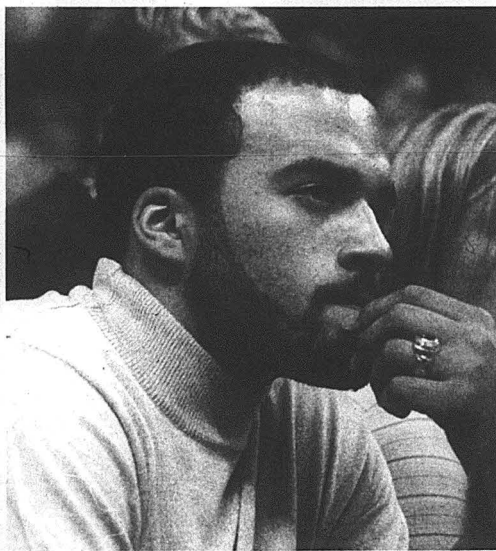
Even now, after the two roommates and their friends have had time to think about how these changes will impact their lives, the emotions are still fresh. "I cried to my dad for an hour," Alison recalls. "Everyone I know has cried."

"I'm sad," agreed Tara. "But I'm not angry. I blame the highest powers, not Tribble, not the committee. They had to make a decision and that is what happened. What's done is done."

Tara is planning on finishing out her coursework in the language arts, but she will probably have to return to her hometown in Maryland to pursue a separate teaching licensure at Salisbury State. Like many students who may be forced to leave the university earlier than expected, she is filled with regret.

"All these friends that I've made, I can't leave them. They're people we spent three or four years of our lives getting to know. The kindness I was shown when I first came here, the people, the faculty, this incredible apart-

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Katie Brackett/The Captain's Log

Sophomore Aubrey El listens to the questions students posed to President Paul Tribble at the question / answer session for students last Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Residence Life Improves With Programs

Resident Assistants And Residence Life Host Programs Throughout The Semester For Campus Community

BY BECCA RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

The flyers were everywhere, advertising a program on safety and the services of

the University Police. More flyers have been put up about programs on personality types, cleaning, doing laundry and tattoos. So what could all of these things possibly have in common?

Members of Residence Life put them all together. Programs, by definition, are anything that brings residents together and helps them improve as people. Residence Assistants are required to host three programs per semester based on the six aspects of the wellness model.

"Programming is a big slice of being an RA," said sophomore RA, Emily Anderson.

The wellness model incorporates the civic, living

skills, emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual aspects of the students and caters to them to help with anything from college adjustment to campus safety to taking care of fish in the residence halls.

Programming is not limited to RAs, though.

East Area Hall Director Tara Hazzard-Patterson hosted a program with the help of University Police and Barclay RA Chazzy Morris.

It taught safe habits and ways to prevent crimes against students and others around them. Chief of Campus Police Jeffrey Brown presented a power point show and discussed the importance of being careful.

Patterson has been

closely involved in programming since she came to CNU two years ago.

"When something happens in the community, we program to facilitate a need. We're constantly doing programs," she said.

Some Front Desk Assistants are getting involved with programming as well. They are now brainstorming ideas for an upcoming program. FDAs are students who work the front desks of the residence halls.

"A lot of the FDA's plan to become RAs, and doing a program will give us a taste of what being an RA is all about. Plus, we want to do something fun with our resi-

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World In Brief

Cell Phones: A Hazard To The Environment

Cell phone use in the United States has increased to 128 million users last year compared to 340,000 in 1985.

A phone is typically discarded every 18 months for a new model.

This is starting to create a large amount of waste, according to a study done by Inform, an environmental agency.

Their report estimates that by 2005, 130 million cell phones will be thrown away each year. Including the phone, batteries and chargers, that makes a total of 65,000 tons a year.

These chemicals accumulate and persist in the environment. They get in the plants, soil, water, and then move up the stream to humans," said Eric Most, Director of the Solid Waste Prevention Program at Inform.

This threat from cell phone waste is also a problem in Japan and several European countries that have started to put pressure on manufacturers to eliminate the toxic chemicals.

Cell phone batteries can be recycled at your local recycling center. For more information, talk to your service provider.

Pepsi Shares Now Worth 56 Cents

Pepsi's third-quarter profit rose as well as its shares. Pepsi is the maker of Pepsi-Cola, drinks, Tropicana orange juice, Quaker Oats, and Gatorade.

They announced that they earned \$996 million, or 56 cents a share, for the quarter, compared to \$890 million, or 49 cents a share from the previous year.

Pepsi-Cola is a sponsor to CNU and annually gives money to this institution.

Sniper Strikes Closer To Home

On Saturday, a 37 year old man was shot coming out of a restaurant in Ashland, Virginia.

Ashland is located roughly ten miles north of Richmond.

In a press conference on Monday, it was announced that the sniper task force had two people in custody but no charges had been filed.

Notre Dame Soars Over The Air Force

In a game that lasted well into the morning, Notre Dame defeated the Air Force in a 21-14 victory on Saturday.

This is the first time in many years that Notre Dame played in a prime time Saturday evening game.

CNU's ROTC Believes In Army Slogan: 'Be All You Can Be'

Soldiers Are Enrolled In Diverse Academic Programs

DANIEL BANKS
Staff Writer

"Be all you can be."

That catch phrase is used in Army commercials. In the background, soldiers are training. The clip suddenly changes and now those men and women are in uniform, working in aircraft carriers and building bridges.

For those in CNU's Army ROTC program, that is more than just a sixty-second recruiting campaign; it is their future.

The ROTC office is located in Ferguson Hall. It houses a mere section of the Department of Defense's future.

Master Sergeant Joe Jackson feels that the ROTC, even though he is a bit biased, is the best place for students. The experience, he said, that his pupils receive, is the most rewarding.

"Since an early age, I knew that I wanted to lead a life of service," said Jackson.

His students receive a blended curriculum of military training twice a week and military science three times a week.

"We train soldiers in proper military customs, courtesy and history of the U.S. Army."

The characteristics of a good and proper soldier have specific criteria.

"The individual must successfully complete the process of soldierization. He must know his weaponry," said Jackson. "He must have

proper survival skills in chemical warfare and enemy recognition. A soldier must have good marksmanship."

Students participating in ROTC seem to recognize the benefits Jackson speaks of.

"I wanted what the military offered. I wanted to give back what my country has given to me," senior Austin Hayes, a history major, said.

While being in ROTC is time consuming, Hayes welcomes the added responsibility of military classes with his history studies.

In fact, Hayes has military training under his belt.

"Two summers ago, I attended airborne school. I jumped out of airplanes with Army personnel."

Senior Tracy Frink, a business major, knew the Army was for her.

"There are more opportunities as a younger citizen in the military than on the outside world," she said.

She was in the military for five years before joining CNU's ROTC.

"They [business classes and ROTC training] go hand-in-hand," she said.

For her, the training she receives at the ROTC is beneficial in that they are stepping-stones to a bright future.

The training "helps me build on skills I already know. They help me advance."

Like Master Sergeant Jackson, Frink believes that a soldier must not only be good, but they must be perfect.

To Frink, she must "defend the nation's beliefs, defend the Constitution, uphold army values, and be above the highest of standards."



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The Man Behind The Building, Part Two: McMurren Hall

BY TYRONE ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Christopher Newport Hall was the oldest building at CNU. The hall, consisting of two buildings, was built in 1964. It would have held, among other things, a lecture hall, the computer center, classrooms, and the History Department but Christopher Newport Hall no longer exists.

It is now McMurren Hall. Who is McMurren?

The short answer: the reason we have CNU.

The long answer: Lewis Archer McMurren, Jr. was born in Newport News on April 11, 1914, the oldest of six children. His mother, Agnes, was the daughter of Horace Epes, the first principal of Newport News High School.

His father was a prominent attorney who died when he was 16, leaving him to help take care of his family. He also became very interested in the Democratic Party at this time, an act that would aide him in the future.

McMurren attended

Washington and Lee University and became a land developer and builder. He also helped found the bank of Warwick (now part of First Union) where he served on its executive board until he retired at 70.

In addition, he helped acquire the Peninsula's bus system, now part of Hampton Roads Transit, and established what became the Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development.

Along with his ties to commerce, McMurren volunteered in the navy during World War Two, becoming a Lieutenant Commander. He received the Bronze Star and the Navy Commendation Medal for his actions.

In 1947, his Democratic ties helped him to be elected to the newly created Newport News-Warwick seat in the General Assembly, a seat he kept for thirty years.

During this tenure, he married Edith Lea, in 1953, and had two children, Lewis III and Edith McMurren Mausteller. In Richmond, McMurren sponsored crucial legislation in this area that

included the construction of I-64 and the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, I-664, and the creation of the Yorktown Victory Center.

Above all, he sponsored the legislation in 1960 and 1975 that established Christopher Newport College as a branch of the College of William and Mary and then made CNC an independent college.

In 1978, CNC first honored McMurren, dubbed the father of the college, with its first honorary degree, a Doctorate of Law. He was further honored on Dec. 14, 1985 when the Board of Visitors officially decided to rename Christopher Newport Hall, the Lewis Archer McMurren Jr. Hall.

After a long illness, McMurren died on July 17, 1989.

Without McMurren, CNU may not have existed at all. That act alone wasn't all he did to warrant having a building renamed after him; he lived a lifetime of work not only for what would become CNU but also the entire Hampton Roads area.

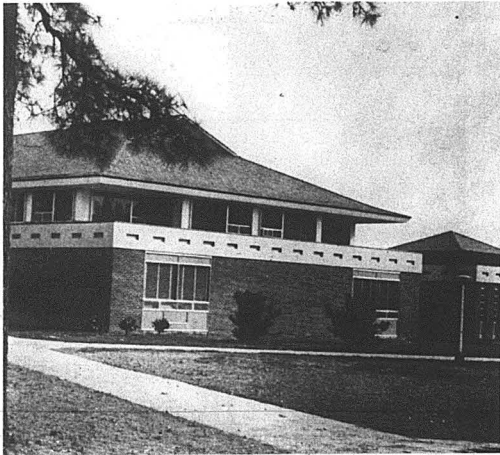


Photo Courtesy Trident 966

McMurren Hall started its life as Christopher Newport Hall, pictured above. This photograph was taken after the building's completion in 1964. The building was renamed to honor McMurren's contributions to the University.

Department Cuts Become Personal To Students, Friends, Faculty, Staff

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ment ... it would be impossible to forget," Tara said.

Although she knows that she will be able to gain her teaching license at many schools both inside and out of Virginia, she wishes those schools were CNU.

"I will regret not being able to know I got a teaching license from one of the best teaching programs in the en-

tire state, and not having gotten more of my education from those teachers who are all incredibly giving in what they do," Tara said.

Alison is exploring a range of options, including taking classes at another university or lobbying to have classes brought into the university from sister schools. She expresses a desire to stay in the area if at all possible.

Since Wednesday, both roommates have received encouragement from many

sides.

Tara spent Thursday afternoon with her faculty advisor, arranging her schedule for the next year.

"My situation isn't as bad," she said. "I can still graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English. They will give us the BA, but that's all. The faculty is trying their best to see us get out with something. It's a lot of extra time and energy on their part. They're doing all they can, Lord bless them." In many

ways, it is from the faculty that Tara has been drawing the strength to get through the day. "Just today Professor Wheeler stopped and asked how I was doing. She said this isn't the end, that it's not over for me. That's all it took."

Alison spent her Thursday afternoon at Old Dominion University, where she learned more about the nursing classes they offered. After talking to her other nursing majors, she decided to be

more proactive.

"We're trying to get out and make the community aware, fundraising," Alison explained.

She is still in hopes that the nursing department will be able to find non-state funding to support the program for the next few years, perhaps from Riverside Hospital or private donors.

"I'm sure the community does not want to see these future nurses go to waste or change their majors. They

should at least get us through," she said. "That's all I'm asking."

The challenge now is to remain hopeful but realistic.

"I feel like I'm going to wake up tomorrow to find my life back to normal again," said Tara, "but that's just not reality. As Dr. Gordon told us in class, it's like Shakespeare. You're looking for a logical answer in an illogical world."

United Nations Day Celebrated



Photo Courtesy of Lea Pellette

Sociology Professor, Dr. Lea Pellette, sits with the Maasai tribe. On Oct. 24, the Forum for Sociological Thought and the Maasai American Organization will celebrate United Nations Day on CNU's Great Lawn.

BY JENN ROWELL
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United Nations Day was established by a Presidential Proclamation to commemorate the establishment of the United Nations in 1945.

On Oct. 24, the Forum for Sociological Thought and the Maasai American Organization will work together to celebrate UN Day on the Great Lawn.

The day is celebrated as

part of United Nations Week, Oct. 20-26.

Franklin D. Roosevelt first used the name "United Nations Day" in the "Declaration by United Nations" of Jan. 1, 1942. The United Nations became an official organization on Oct. 24, 1945, when the United States, the Soviet Union, China Union, France and others ratified the charter. United Nations Day is always celebrated on Oct. 24.

In 1947, the General As-

sembly of the UN passed a resolution to stress the charter's importance. It stated that "Oct. 24 shall hereafter be officially called United Nations Day, and shall be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations, and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations."

The American Association for the UN promotes the celebration of United Nations

Day, and in 1956 sent out information and suggestions for the week's programs. They said, "This is United Nations Week. The success of the United Nations in building world peace depends on all of us - on our own understanding and support; know how it works, and what it is doing. Help the United Nations help all of us to a peaceful future."

Please see The Captain's Log online edition for updates on UN Day events.

Ballot Focuses To Amend Education, Transportation, And Recreation

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emptions for property used for charitable and certain other purposes by local ordinance subject to restrictions and conditions provided by general law enacted by the General Assembly.

Currently, the Constitution allows the General Assembly to grant tax exemptions to property by classification or by designation requiring a three-fourths vote in each house. In simple terms, if ratified, the referendum will allow individual localities to permit the tax-exempt status.

The second constitutional amendment will ask for approval or rejection of an amendment to "permit the Supreme Court to consider, as part of its original jurisdiction, claims of actual innocence presented by convicted felons in the cases and manner provided by the General Assembly."

As of now, the legislation requires new evidence claiming innocence of a convict to begin a new trial.

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dents, to kind of give back to them and get to know them better," said sophomore FDA Devin Ralph. Ralph works in York River West.

Anderson stressed the importance of programming in helping students develop and achieve.

"Learning in the classroom is important, but we don't become complete without learning about things that take place in life, and programming allows and RA to share and help their residents become better people," she said.

Residence Life has held a wide variety of programs that cater to all aspects of the students and their lives. This has included movie nights, study groups, hall-decorating contests, birthday parties, trips to the children's hospital, and many, many more.

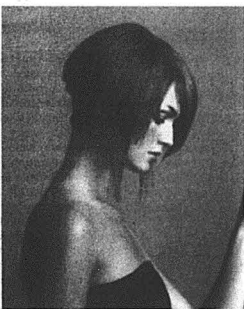
"It's anything that will help students get to know each other better. The whole wall of my office is covered with flyers from the programs that we have done," said Patterson.

The members of Residence Life will continue to program for the students' many needs. From dirty laundry to college life, there is bound to be a program available that will answer all the questions and give some insight into living on your own.

Commuter students are allowed to attend any of the programs offered.

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Where We Stand

CNU's Reaction To Budget Reductions

The elimination of the Nursing, Education, Recreation, Sport and Wellness Management and the Masters in Teaching from the Christopher Newport curriculum is a tragic solution to the state's budget woes.

The University's Budget Advisory Committee, formed last year in the face of previous state budget reductions, is a group of faculty and administrators appointed by the President to advise him on how the budget could be trimmed.

Last year's reductions,

"A distinct lack of education ... has been counterproductive to our ability to have a constructive discussion about these reductions."

which included reducing library purchasing and eliminating four faculty positions, looks in retrospect to have been a walk in the park.

This year, the BAC was given the unhappy task of making drastic and painful reductions. Since the beginning of the semester they were given a situation similar to having to choose which limb one could do without.

The elimination of the Education Department in particular will be torturous.

The BAC created a list of professional degree, conferring departments to form the basis for eliminations, presumably under the logic that professional degrees serve the University's liberal arts mission less than other departments.

While the elimination of the education programs certainly fits the letter of this mission, it corrupts the spirit of that mission.

The mission of CNU is, and should remain, the creation of broadly and fully educated men and women for our fine republic, but the continuation of that learning through the educating of Virginia's children can well be inferred from that mission. The spinoff effects of education's elimination will be broad and deep. Student organizations, especially sports and athletics, are going to lose members who have devoted years of time and effort to their respective groups, and will have to leave to maintain their education track.

CNU is unique in its handling of this current budget crisis. It is the only public college or university that had a committee in place before the budget cuts, and in that respect, the University was much better prepared than any other school.

The BAC worked long and difficult hours over a period of months to compose their recommendations, and did so under a great deal of pressure.

With this being said, it is quite possible that the makeup of the committee should be augmented for the next round of reductions. The BAC was a committee made

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Supporting Bonds On November Ballot Will Alleviate Some Pain

BY THE HONORABLE
JOE FRANK
Mayor of Newport News

We have to face the fact that for some time now, Virginia's antiquated tax structure has been on a collision course with the needs of a growing state, and the potential of our citizens.

The system is crippled by billions of dollars worth of tax credits and tax exemptions, and the car tax reimbursement takes almost a billion dollars a year off the top of the general fund, before the

first penny is spent on education, transportation or mental health services.

The sales and use tax is applied erratically to products depending on how they are used because services are not taxed, and annual additions to tax-exempt properties place more and more of a burden on fewer taxpayers to fund the services everyone expects as an entitlement.

The system reflects an economy driven by farming and manufacturing, but the revenues today come from technology, communications and services.

This means that an economic slowdown, like the one we are experiencing now, will have an even greater impact on the state's general fund, which is what pays for the things we expect from government.

What's left over is what we have to invest in our colleges and universities, our public schools, our public employees, like firefighters,

policeman and teachers, in our infrastructure and in protecting our natural resources and our most vulnerable citizens.

"Whether it's higher tuition, lower quality in nursing homes ... we will all pay a price for budget cuts."

Local governments are going to lose millions of dollars, too, as a result of this budget situation. We are not going to be able to fill the gap created by state funding cuts.

I believe people should think about two things.

First, it's even more important that people vote for the higher education and parks bond packages, and the transportation referendum, or we will fall even further behind than we are from these state budget cuts.

Second, people must begin to become more aware of the real costs of providing public services and supporting educational institutions. Tax cut proponents are easy to find.

The irony, of course, is that we all pay a higher price in the end for disinvestments in our community resources and the institutions that offer us and our children choices and opportunities for the future.

Whether it's higher tuition, lower quality in nursing homes, longer lines for public services, deferred maintenance of public facilities, or fewer inspections for health and codes standards, we will all pay a price for budget cuts.

Virginia's General Assembly Failed To See Ramifications Of Tax Relief

Historical Analysis Helps Explain Budget Crisis

BY MICHAEL MULLIN
Editor In Chief

Virginia is in the midst of a revenue shortfall of over \$1.5 billion dollars, a staggering number. This means plainly and simply that Virginia cannot afford to pay for the basic services that its citizens expect from their government. Roads, mental health protections and education all have taken reductions to off set the Commonwealth's deficits.

Virginia's current financial problems are a disgrace.

The budget problems of today are the fruit of yesterday's government. The current financial escapade that we find ourselves in has occurred because of the unrealistic budget estimations of the last decades General Assemblies.

The economic boom of the 1990s has ended with Virginia experiencing the sharpest decline in state revenues since the Department of Taxation began keeping records. If one wished to assign blame for the current budget shortfalls, look no further than Virginia's previous Governors and General Assemblies.

It is the primary objective of American governments to provide for the education of their people. Unlike in other states, education has just not been a priority in Virginia over the last decade. As far back as two years ago, a full year before the current budget problems came into view, Virginia's Higher Education system was underfunded by \$206 million dollars, according to the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding Policies.

Two years and two rounds of budget reductions later, it is safe to assume that public colleges and universities underfunded by twice as much.

That same study found Christopher Newport to be underfunded in 2000 by al-

most \$3 million dollars. That year the General Assembly set a goal of 80 percent full-time faculty at every Virginia college and university. Three schools missed that funding goal: George Mason, Virginia Commonwealth U. and CNU. The only way CNU could have met that goal was if the General Assembly had allocated the school \$380,000 dollars more.

The General Assembly was unwilling to meet even its own funding goals. During times of plenty, education was not a priority, and it remains so now during times of famine.

Gov. Mark Warner now finds himself in a difficult position. The visions and goals with which he entered into his administration have been forced to the sideline as he mops up the messes of his predecessors. This current problem cannot be blamed upon his administration, but it will be up to his administration to find the solutions.

Balancing the state budget is very similar to balancing ones own checkbook. When one spends more money than he has, he can either spend less or make more. It is that simple.

The current round of budget cuts, done with a dull edged knife demonstrates that Virginia's budget cannot be balanced with decreased spending alone.

In 1998, 9.8 percent of Virginia's personal income

was paid in taxation, this according to the state Senate Finance Committee's Subcommittee on Tax Policy. That is the fourth lowest figure in the country. If Virginians hope to ever have state government for which they can be provided, that number is going to have to change.

Taxes of any kind are the bogyman of this fiscally conservative Commonwealth, but they shouldn't be. Each member of this university learned hard last week the suffering that a fiscally irresponsible General Assembly can bring to the lives and futures of us all.

There is a moral indignation growing across this campus, in the departments that have been eliminated, in the students, faculty and staff who want to remain and in those who fear they will be next.

Let this indignation boil. Boil from frustration to response, from tears to letters, from anger to action. Each member of our university community must pick up their phone and call their legislator. Tell them that education must be their priority, or they will never be sent to Richmond again. Tell them that budgets can be cut no more, and that more funds must be found. Tell them that when they convene Jan. 8 that they will make educating Virginia their top priority, or face the consequences of an incensed electorate.



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■ In issue 5, the story titled "The Last Days Of Hampton Roads Transportation On Campus," contained several inaccuracies. The Captain's Log offers it apologies to those who were misquoted, or affected, and has taken corrective action to insure that this does not occur again.

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Department Cuts Will Affect All Education In Community

It Could Have Been Worse

BY MARGO SCHEINHAUS
Copy Desk Assistant

I stood in the Gaines Theater as the budget cuts were explained to the faculty and staff of CNU.

I watched President Paul Tribble, and math professor/Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, Dr. Bobbye Bartels, try to console a community.

I watched English professor Dr. Kara Keeling cry, not for loss of a job, but loss of opportunity for her students.

I watched Dr. Mazzarella express his frustration over the appointment, rather than the election, of members to the budget advisory committee.

"We may have come to the same conclusions, but at least we would have owned this decision as a university."

As I stood, and listened, and absorbed, one thing was abundantly clear: It could have been a lot worse.

Yet it is still bad.

Once again, education has taken a kick in the teeth. Teachers who have gone two years without a salary increase see their colleagues get laid off, departments cut, and a general sense of unease fall across the CNU campus.

There is an overall feeling of helplessness spreading, not just over our campus, but all over the Peninsula.

There are questions that must be asked:

How will the cut of CNU programs affect the city of Newport News? What caused the need for these cuts? How can we prevent future cuts?

Let's take a look at the answers.

It is myopic thinking to believe that CNU is in a bubble. In truth, many state agencies have been hurt by the need for these cuts. Public libraries, disability services, correctional facilities, and mental health services are just a few of the services

that we take for granted.

In a time when a woman can be raped, during the day light hours, right across the street from one of the safest campuses in Virginia, can you imagine the fall out to cuts in law enforcement and corrections?

Not a pretty thought is it? Oh but it gets worse.

It is common knowledge that there is a shortage of certified teachers and nurses in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It's on the lips of everyone who is outraged at the cuts in CNU's programs. It is on the priority list of Riverside, who desperately wants to keep our nursing program alive.

It is no secret that the administration has been gunning for the nursing program for a while now. He and the Budgetary Advisory Committee believe that nursing and other "trade" programs do not fit into a liberal arts mission.

I say that they are shortsighted in their beliefs. There is critical thinking, compassion and a sense of well roundedness that nursing students will get from CNU and not anywhere else locally. Riverside knows this.

The last time nursing could have been eliminated, Riverside stepped in with scholarships to help fund the program.

The tug of war over this program proves to me that those within the medical community understand that there is a great benefit in having well-educated nurses with a foundation in liberal arts. Riverside also knows other nursing schools are due to close.

But where privatized industry can step in to help salvage the nursing program, the education program is not so lucky. State and local governments fund the public schools.

According to Michelle Morgan, Media & Community Relations Coordinator for Newport News Public Schools, they employed 61 educators out of CNU for the 2002-2003 school year.

Further, they are hosting 25 student teachers from CNU and many of their ex-

isting teachers come here for certification and continuing onto their master's degree.

With the elimination of our education program comes a very vicious cycle where everyone loses. Try to follow along with me here:

There are not enough teachers to educate Virginians students. Not enough teachers equal bigger classrooms. Bigger classrooms equal less personalized attention, which is critical to learning, especially at the K-12 level.

When the ability to learn is compromised, education standards step backward. More people slip through the cracks, grades are inflated to push people along through the system. We take steps backward instead of forward.

Eventually, I feel this will trickle down to the quality of student that comes to CNU.

Of course, I am a pessimist and this is just a theory. However, I firmly believe that it is a lack of education that got us to this place to begin with.

What else could explain Virginians' willingness to give up the car tax without replacing the revenue in conjunction with the expectation that no programs will be cut as a result? The logic train derailed on this one.

But the abolishment of the car tax is only one piece of the puzzle. An antiquated system of taxation is another.

"The system reflects an economy driven by farming and manufacturing, but the revenues today come from technology, communications and services," says Newport News Mayor, Joe Frank.

I don't like the "I" word. No one does. But if we do not start paying now, what will be the next to be cut?

The costs of getting out of this budgetary mess are so much greater than what could have been done to prevent it. Yet people are more worried about saving than investing in their lives.

Maybe we should come up with a better euphemism for taxes. Call them "Quality of Life Investments."

After all, isn't the quality of life of a people reflected in the population's education?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a problem, concern or issue, The Captain's Log can give you a voice.

Comment on a story you've seen here in the paper, or bring up something entirely new. Anything on campus, on the peninsula or around the world are topics open to our pages.

Just send your letters to clog@cnu.edu or drop them by our newsroom on the second floor of the Student Center, Room 223.

The Captain's Log also accepts longer editorials, so don't feel like you need to keep it short.

Students Really Are Put First

The recent budgetary issues that CNU has been faced with is difficult for many to discuss. This statewide budget crisis has not crept from behind and surprised us. It has been looming for quite some time.

I would like to personally thank both the Budget Advisory Committee and President Tribble for their hard work and long nights that they have committed to helping our school through this turbulent time. The Budget Advisory Committee was trying to make the most rational decision, and I believe they did that.

Many students were quick to criticize the decision of the administration, but were their solutions to the problem? Sure, there were the suggestions to cut everything equally across the departments, but that

would have jeopardized everyone's education at every level.

Only a few students, 10 or less, raised their hands Wednesday, Oct. 16 during the 8 p.m. meeting when asked who had written their representative. That is far too few.

The Virginia General Assembly along with the Governor is the elected body for our state that makes these budgetary decisions for our schools. It is every citizen's responsibility and civic duty to be informed, to vote and to write his representative.

I can agree with the many students who were upset Wednesday night because I would feel the same frustration if my department were cut. The decisions that have been criticized and picked apart have been made. We as a university must figure out what to do next with helping

these students who are faced with uncertainty that have already been made.

Not every president or faculty member at most universities and colleges would have met for over two hours with students to address their concerns. Not every school extends its hours for academic advising to help students through this weekend! That does not mean the administration does not care about those students affected, it shows they do CARE. That is what makes CNU a unique environment that I will always be proud to have been a part of in years to come.

Michael Maher
Class of 2003

All Gov. Gilmore's Fault

My name is Christina Wheeler, and until this week I was so proud to be a part of the CNU family.

I love this school. True, I'm a first-year student, but what was there not to love.

Tribble put it out there to all first-year students (and our parents) how wonderful this school is. Yet people are taking away some of the very things that makes me not want to leave.

Yet what other choice is there?

What I would like everyone to consider is giving a very big thank you to

our former governor, and presidential candidate, Jim Gilmore for his aftermath in office.

Gilmore made the tax cuts that everyone loved. However, did he ever take into account where they were going to replace this money?

No. We all just jumped on the idea of lower taxes. So on behalf of every Virginia student in state schools, thank you. Thank you for taking away our education. Thank you for helping destroy some great schools. Thank you for raising our tuitions. Thank you for forcing good people to make some unbelievably tough decisions.

But most of all, Mr. Gilmore, thank you for leaving us to rot in the aftermath of your "wonderful" tax cuts.

So tell me, of all the politicians, where are we (the so called "little people" that are always represented) supposed to go from here? A lot of us will be leaving. Yet again, what other choice is there? I thought this was a great school. But I won't be a part of it next year.

Indeed these are sad and trying times.

Christina Wheeler
Class of 2006

What Will Happen To The Physical Education Requirement?

Regional Universities May Be Used To Fulfill General Education Requirements

BY MIKE RUFF
Staff Writer

One of the departments disappearing at the end of the current academic year is the Recreation, Sports and Wellness Management Department.

Students need physical education, or health credit, to graduate with a CNU diploma. Those students who have not fulfilled this requirement are probably wondering how they are going to graduate.

According to CNU Provost Richard Summerville, the Board of Visitors has taken no action on this issue. This means the graduation requirements have not

changed. Students may be wondering how to receive credit for a health or physical education class.

Dr. Summerville's answer: "Sign up and take the class."

This answer will work for next semester.

But what about next year?

Which department will be offering physical education classes?

The Mathematics Department?

Will health classes be offered by the Computer Science Department?

Apparently this issue has been overlooked.

Another question that students may have thought about: "Does CNU really need a physical education or health requirement for a diploma?"

Every other university that one can think of has a similar requirement. When considering the high rate of obesity in this country and the presence of frightening diseases such as AIDS, one can see the importance of this requirement for a liberal arts diploma.

Not to mention the reduced value of a CNU diploma by not completing a standard liberal arts curriculum.

Funding is the problem with maintaining the program. Since the department responsible for these courses will vanish next year, how will CNU students fulfill this requirement?

President Tribble, in his Oct. 16 meeting in the Freeman Center, mentioned using other area universities to complete courses no longer offered by CNU, yet still required to graduate.

If this is the case for physical education or health, then it would mean that every CNU student would have to find another school to grant their two credits. This is not realistic.

It is important that everyone has patience as the administration reacts to these budget cuts. After listening to Tribble on Oct. 16, many are convinced that the administration will do everything possible to help each student with the problems caused by the budget cuts.

A few weeks should provide them with enough time to address most budget problems.

While waiting, why not use the time wisely and write your representatives in Richmond?

Don't Cut Lucrative Programs

I am writing in response to CNU's budget crisis.

I know we are not the only school that is suffering, but because I attend this school I feel that we are suffering very badly. To know that they are cutting the education department is kind of irritating because that means I will have to transfer to another school. CNU is convenient for me, and this is an excellent school.

I chose to major in education because I heard from others that CNU had the best education department, and for them to cut it is a mistake.

In tough times, proper measures have to be taken, and the committee probably thought this through before making these decisions.

However, just in case they didn't, I have a suggestion.

If they are going to cut programs, they should cut those that are not beneficial and profitable. Nursing and education are definitely benefits to students.

Why? Simply because when I would have gotten my degree from CNU, that would make me an alumna, in which I could have donated money to CNU in the future.

When future nurses and

teachers are working in their fields, dealing with students and parents and just having conversation, they could mention how they graduated from CNU. They could rave how the education and nursing programs benefited, which could inspire someone to attend and therefore, generate revenue.

Word of mouth is one of the best ways for something to grow. It seems to me that the best programs are being cut and in the long run could be detrimental.

Fatimah Reynolds

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up of the best minds that the University has to offer, but it was an appointed committee.

By allowing for democratic principles of elections and consultation with the faculty and student body, the administration would be able to create greater ownership of the reduction process. This could involve election of some or all of the members of the BAC by the Faculty

Senate, and the inclusion of a nonvoting student member.

The only way that the tremendous feelings of anger and frustration currently being felt by the campus will abate is if action is taken to foster a greater feeling of ownership in the reduction process.

Beyond the elimination of the specific departments, the atmosphere that followed the announcement of the budget reductions was less than productive.

A distinct lack of educa-

tion on the parts of many members of the student body has been counterproductive to our ability to have a constructive discussion about these reductions. Before the next meeting, gathering or discussion about the budget cuts that every student has, it is his obligation to educate himself about the budget reduction process.

Emotional responses are fine and have their place, but without education they are sterile.

ArTs & EnTertaiNment

To Be Or Not To Be Modern; A New Take On Hamlet Premieres



In this scene, Hamlet (Justin Sease) stabs Polonius (Chad Wagner), as Gertrude (Emily Glass) and Horatio (Bryan Wakefield) struggle. Shayla (Angela Hamilton) looks on.



Angela Hamilton's (left) acting credits include her role in "A Little Night Music."

CNU Actress Heads For New York After Starring In Hamlet

Angela Hamilton's Acting Roots Take Hold

BY REBECCA RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Angela Hamilton walks like an actress. She carries herself like someone who's used to being front and center: shoulders back and head high. Her voice carries like an actress, and she enunciates so that everyone can understand her. So it's little surprise that this senior CNU performer is going to New York to become the next big thing.

Hamilton started act-

ing when she was seven years old at the Peninsula Community Theater. With the encouragement of her parents, she continued working with it, but has only begun thinking of drama as a career in recent years.

"My dad was an off-Broadway actor in the '50s, and he did a few things with Robert Preston and Joey Orback and people like that, and I hear all those stories. Plus my grandmother was an actress too, so it's kind of a family thing. I definitely got into [acting] because of that. But it's been in the past few years that I really got serious and realized it was something that you can actually make yourself in," she said.

Though Hamilton was considering other schools prior to coming to CNU, her trip to see the production of "The Mikado" set her mind.

"When I came to see 'The Mikado,' I began talking to

the man who was then the director, Jeffery Huffman, and my would-be boyfriend Fred Arsenault. Talking to the two of them really made me realize what a good program we have here at CNU," she said.

She began participating in drama almost immediately, working in "A Little Night Music," "A Doll's House," "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Where's Charley," and now "The Trial of Hamlet," along with other productions in the Showbox Theater. Though she has enjoyed all of the parts she played, the role of Nora in "A Doll's House" was her most challenging.

"The way Jeffery [Huffman] staged it, he basically condensed it into one act, so that all three of the conflicts happen one right after the other, so I was on stage for about an hour and a half. I basically never left the stage

BY JULI ALLRED
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 18, "The Trial of Hamlet" made its world premiere on the John W. Gaines theater stage. This play, written by our own director of theater, Steven Breese, combined the languages and sword-carrying ways of Shakespeare's plays with the justice system we use today. It explored what might have happened if events had taken a different turn in Hamlet's life. Every aspect of this show was brilliantly done, from direction and writing to the actors' interpretations of Shakespeare's characters.

The play opens in the middle of Shakespeare's original "Hamlet," with all the royalty watching the play. Hamlet puts on for his evil uncle Claudius, who previously murdered the king (Hamlet's father), and married Hamlet's mother for the crown.

In the next scene, he hears a man behind the curtains of his mother's bed, and stabs him, thinking it was

except for one scene, so that was really hard, physically. But also, that part is crazy! It's one of the best parts in drama, period, so it was really hard trying to approach that. He kept telling me, 'You have such a mountain to climb.' I would love to be able to go back and do it again," Hamilton said.

Hamilton's love of reading is something that helps her prepare for all of her roles.

"It helps to do research. Steven [Breese] always preaches to read all the playwright's other works, so you can figure out what they stand for. I like to do a lot of reading. I basically tear the

Claudius. Unfortunately, it turned out to be Polonius, his girlfriend, Ophelia's father.

This is where Breese throws in the twist: what if Claudius put Hamlet on trial for this crime? Would events turn out differently than they did in Shakespeare's "Hamlet?"

To make the trial happen, Breese introduces a new character to act as Hamlet's defense attorney, Shayla Spire, played exquisitely by Angela Hamilton.

Spire wants to prove Hamlet (outstanding newcomer Justin Sease) was insane when he stabbed Polonius. Therefore, he is not stable to stand trial. As other events reveal themselves, Spire finds herself fighting for much more than Hamlet's justice.

Every character in the play, with the exception of Shayla, is dressed completely in black throughout. The set is surreal and dark, and the intermittent music throughout is quite appropriate to the rest of the shadowed themes.

Video cameras were used wonderfully by the media.

script apart. I just do this thing called scoring, where you take the script and divide it into three parts, and you write down all your actions and all your backstory, and then you put your blocking down there too. I tend to be very heady, which Steven is always yelling at me about, but I like to do a lot of writing to prepare for the part."

Since she is graduating in December, Hamilton and her fiancé, Fred Arsenault, a 2002 CNU graduate who was also involved in theater, have begun making plans for life after college. Primary among these arrangements is a move to New York.

For the scenes showed on the screen looked like actual courtroom footage, reminiscent of what the world watched when figures such as O.J. Simpson and Charles Manson were put on trial.

In this "trial of the century," the media is covering every moment and letting us know how the rest of the world feels about this turn of events.

Overall, this play was a great time. If you are in any way familiar with Shakespeare, as college students undoubtedly you are, you will find it absolutely brilliant how Breese writes. Following Shakespeare's style, Breese is also able to throw in references to "Hamlet" that are more than clever. The show will be continuing on into the weekend of Oct. 24-26. My advice is to take your friends, so afterward, you can discuss how well done this play was, and point out to one another the hidden jokes and references, as there are several.

However, even if you go by yourself, it will still manage to take your breath away.

"[We] are moving up there in December, right after I graduate. I might audition for graduate schools, but basically we're just going to go to all the big conferences, knock on everybody's door that we can, talk to casting directors, all that stuff. Actually, we're pretty lucky in that we know a lot of people who are already in New York and working in acting, so we already have a lot of contacts up there."

Hamilton has proven her acting prowess in the roles she has played on the CNU stage, and will continue to light up stages for years to come.

"Student Body Shots" Laughs At Lessons, Liquor, All In Between

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Scenario: You're sitting in your dorm room with a paper due the next day. You have a roommate who won't stop blasting the latest Nelly song directly across from a suitemate who's equally

loud speakers are blaring. System of a Down. You'd like to eat something, but your choices are Harbor Lights, which will ultimately take up time because you'll have to wait in line when you get there, take the time to pick through the edible choices, eat them, and race home to spend an equal amount of time in your bathroom. Remember, this bathroom is located directly between the two screaming stereos, and you're thinking about how you still haven't started that paper. Or you could order pizza and spend the time waiting IMing your

hallmates and friends from more academically oriented things to do, but find your time dilemma far more interesting than their homework.

Does this sound familiar? Well, the next time you're looking for something to keep you from your homework, here's a book for you. Based on his humorous writings on

www.collegehumor.com, Columbia University grad Steve Hofstetter has recently published "Student Body Shots." And it'll also come in as handy reading when

you're on the toilet after that dorm dinner (c'mon guys, Chanelle's isn't really gonna keep you from the bathroom any quicker than Harbor Lights, now is it?)

This book is perfect for any college student. As a quote from a student from Drexel University states on the book's back jacket, "I can't think of a better way to waste my evening."

Evening! Ha! I've spent many mornings at my job reading Hofstetter's stuff online rather than working! He covers the full span of college, from moving in the first week freshman year all the

way to graduation night. And he writes about it all!

One chapter covers the ongoing campus version of battle of the sexes. "Men and Women" talks about all avenues of this subject, from shopping, to hooking up, to how we react with our friends and friends of the opposite sex. Even style is discussed.

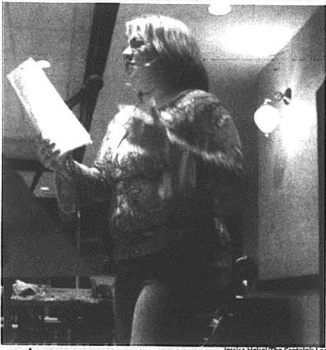
The chapter, titled "Academics," is also very true and very funny. Example: "I was upset at my bookstore for saying me so little for my used books. I'd hardly call anything still shrink-wrapped in cellophane

'used.'"

Discussing the attitude typical students give to health and the gym, Hofstetter says, "You're not healthy just because you work out. You eat Ramen for lunch, pizza for dinner, and you've never been awake for breakfast."

"You drink all weekend, spend your free time IMing your roommate, and have to smoke a cigarette in order to go to sleep—at 4 a.m. on a Tuesday. But those three sets of bicep curls—man, they're keeping you healthy."

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A poet slams her stuff during Family Weekend.

You Don't Need The World Series To See A Grand Slam

Vibes Of The Vernacular Poetry Club Puts Sizzle In Their Similes

BY DANIEL BANKS
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Amid a week of awaiting the results of budget reduction proposals, CNU students expressed thoughts of love, hope and joy through a relatively new forum of poetry, the grand slam.

CNU's poetry club, Vibes of Our Vernacular, held their second poetry grand slam Oct. 9. The two-hour event, sponsored by CAB, took place in Einstein's Café.

Joyce Bryan, president of Vibes, chose to adopt the rising form of poetry to encourage free style, the most of grand slam.

Traditional poetry enforces structure where the grand slam is thought to be more relaxed and comfortable.

"Slam allows the content to vary from one style to the next," Bryan said.

Performers that kicked off the event included vice president of Vibes, Josh Neighbors, Kamala Hill, John Doye and Daniel Rolling.

Neighbors read his untitled work, which described life's consequences of negative actions.

The poem challenged readers to ponder: who is really the drain on society, and

are we going down with it?

Rolling read three pieces: a nature poem, followed by a poem titled "Hurdle" and another untitled work. Rolling's poetry challenged the listener to do some soul searching.

Hill read three pieces of poetry that dealt with the challenges of broken promises, love and healing. Neighbors then opened up the remainder of the grand slam to others who wanted to perform.

People came prepared with guitars, notebooks, pencil and pens. Some sang songs that ranged in themes from love to hope to rebirth to faith.

Bryan was pleased with the event and credited alumnus Azila Ranjbar, who inspired Bryan to start Vibes.

"Azila helped begin the club last year," Bryan said.

Bryan referred to her early days of high school and how they played an important role on beginning the foundation of Vibes.

As a high school student, Bryan was fond of the hip-hop group WATTS. Their rap styles were filled with their experiences "living in a white world." Bryan said WATTS' teachings were thoughtful and provoking.

Right now, there are no plans to write professionally for Bryan. She is a young woman with the hope of successfully completing her biology major.

She has already been published, but for right now, she just wants to have fun with the spoken word, slam style.

Red Dragon Proves To Be A Prequel Worthy Of Praise; Hannibal's Baaacck!

Just In Time For Halloween, A Third Installment Of Hannibal Lector Arrives

BY PAUL FROMMELT
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While coming out of the theatres after seeing "Red Dragon," the talk that I was hearing was not about if the movie was good or bad. The talk focused on if this new Hannibal Lector flick was better than its predecessor and physiological thriller template, "The Silence of the Lambs." "Red Dragon" is the prequel to "Silence" and the underated "Hannibal." All three of the movies are based on Thomas Harris' best-selling novels. Let me just clear things up right now: "Red Dragon" is not better than "The Silence of the Lambs," though it does come very close to capturing the same magic.

The plot of "Red Dragon" follows former FBI agent Will Graham (Edward Norton) as he is enjoying his retired life. Immediately after capturing the notorious Dr. Hannibal Lector (Anthony Hopkins), Graham retires. His job has left him with physical and emotional scars. He wants to enjoy the rest of his life with his wife and son without visiting any more crime scenes or tracking down serial killers. However, the FBI needs Graham back, and more importantly, they need him to convince his former ally to help track the serial killer dubbed by the media as "The Tooth Fairy." Graham needs to go visit the person who he put behind bars, the only person who can truly delve into the mind of a serial killer, Lector. Simultaneously, the movie follows Francis Dolarhyde (Ralph Fiennes), as he fights to keep his sanity while committing crimes as the "Tooth Fairy" and starting an odd relationship with a blind coworker (Emily Watson).

One of the biggest strengths of "Red Dragon" is its script. Ted Tally, who also adapted "The Silence of the Lambs," again does a top-notch job of translating Thomas Harris' words onto the screen, while adding original bits to pump up Lector's role



Anthony Hopkins reprises his role as serial killer Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lector.

in the film. While any adapted movie relies on the source material, many books cannot translate into films without minor tweaks. The source material for "Red Dragon" is very strong, and Tally does Harris' vision justice, more so than Michael Mann did in his adaptation of the book "Manhunter," of 1986. While "Manhunter" is a great film, I feel that "Red Dragon" captures the book's spirit better.

In order to even attempt to challenge "The Silence of the Lambs" as the dominant Harris adaptation, the cast must be on par with "Silence." This is where "Red Dragon" comes its closest to matching "Silence." Norton continues to prove that he can

play any character written. Graham is a character that needs to be strong and courageous while being incredibly frightened. Norton accomplishes this and still seems bored, as if he were wishing that Graham were more complex. It seems like Norton wanted Graham to be as complex as Jodie Foster's character in "The Silence of the Lambs." The script calls for Graham to be more of a straight man surrounded by physiological monsters, though Norton milks every little nuance of his character.

The juicier role of Francis Dolarhyde, aka "The Tooth Fairy," is given to Fiennes, and he runs with it. Fiennes does a great job making you feel sorry for the deeply

scared character he plays.

Finally, what would be a Hannibal Lector movie without Anthony Hopkins? This being his third portrayal of Lector, Hopkins could play this role in his sleep. Although he does not capture the creepiness of Lector from "The Silence of the Lambs," Hopkins does a memorable job in Lector's (most likely) curtain call.

It is unfair to compare any movie to the status of "The Silence of the Lambs." I recommend that you see this movie without going in expecting "The Silence of the Lambs." It would do this movie a disservice. Go see "Red Dragon" to get entertained, scared and fulfilled. Because that's what you will get.

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Besides all of its humor, "Student Body Shots" also offers a realistic look at college from the perspective of someone in it. It's not cheesy and unrealistic like something you'd see on the WB. It's got some sags at times—mostly editorial mistakes in spelling, but it's also got some good advice disguised within the jokes. Example: "Some people still use the line 'We're too close of friends.'"

But think about what you're saying. "Sorry, I only date guys that repulse me so much that I wouldn't even want to be friends with them." Now that's class.

So, if you're sitting in your dorm reading this right now instead of reading your homework, this book is perfect for you! And if I pass the time nicely the next time your friends aren't on IM, and you need some company. Reading it made me laugh out loud several times.

Many of you have prob-

ably already read parts of "Student Body Shots" online during your own procrastinating (I know, I did when I still lived in a dorm with ethernet). So give it a look-see before purchasing if you don't trust my expert opinion. It's located under "Observational Humor" on www.collegehumor.com, and that's also where you can purchase your own copy.

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Field Hockey Isn't Just A Game, It's A Way Of Life

Editorial

Field Hockey Not Just A Sport, But A Way Of Life

BY VIRGINIA MILLER
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Waiching Katherine Swisher making a strong defensive play and raising the spirits of the CNU field hockey team was only one of the reasons I stayed on my feet during CNU's game against the Mary Washington College Eagles on their home turf Sunday.

Well, that and not wanting to be the only one sitting.

At the end of the game I was saddened of our 3-2 loss in overtime. But at the same time felt a sense of pride. That our three-year-old field hockey team can hold off a team ranked tenth in the nation and put the game into overtime is a feat in itself.

I also have to agree with the coach, Sue Mancha, that this was one of the best games they've played so far. But even this isn't the most

impressive thing about the Captains.

The team itself is. Arriving early on my tag-along I sat and chatted to Yvonne Ohnberger about the upcoming game. She didn't seem nervous, only hopeful for "a decent field." When she got up I watched the ladies begin to get their supplies ready. Everyone seemed to have a pillowcase with a pillow and a towel stuffed in it as well as their gym bags. Ohnberger told me that most of the girls would sleep or do homework on the way up and back.

My next move was to meet a slew of people I never knew had anything to do with field hockey. Trainers, statistics keepers, who knew all of these people were involved in the process of going to a field hockey game?

The first person I met was Jennifer Fischer, the women's trainer. She had prepared herself the day before by packing her athletic kit.

Clyde Whitehead, who works for the Athletic department, was the second person I came across. He took being the only male on the bus with humor and joked with "his girls."

The last person I met not on the team was the statistics keeper. She had played field



Ashley Roberson, a forward for the Lady Captains, takes charge of the ball.

hockey before, and looked knowledgeable of field hockey.

I took a seat up close to the front near the coach and noticed a pile of chips, Granola bars, fruit roll-ups and other snack foods for the ride. The food had been

brought by the Captains for the ride.

After some teasing of the late arrivals and comments from the bus driver, we were on our way. A vote was held on which movie to watch and while it was being redone Mancha slipped one in (it hap-

pened to be the one that would win the vote). The ride up was easy going, with only a few worried comments.

As movie ended and we arrived at Fredericksburg everyone began to move around some more and emotions about the up coming game be-

gan to take hold. We were met by the Eagle's coach Dana Hall at the entrance and was shown to the training room and lockers that CNU would use. Fischer set herself up in the training room to wrap and tape those that needed it while other went to get changed. Fischer kept the atmosphere light in the locker room with kidding and joking with the team.

After the game Mancha gave the girls 20 minutes to shower and get back on the bus. Fischer went down with the girls to check on injuries and arrange ice for those who needed it. Mancha then called in the scores back at CNU and talked to the assistant coach Darcy Chiappazzi about the game.

Next stop was at Ashley Crickener's house for dinner. After away games the team normally goes to a restaurant. It was there while eating tacos that I still saw a team.

This was when I realized what I learned most about the team was not learned on the field but off. These were women who shared personal stories and jokes. An away game is not just another game: it's a day spent together.

CNU Cross-Country Team Making Strides To Championship

BY ROB SILSBEE
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Everyone knows the names of Babe Ruth, Joe Montana, and Michael Jordan. They are the best, the well known in each of their respective sports.

But do you know the names Haile Gebrselassie or Jinxia Wang?

These are the names of the man and woman who hold the World Record for

Cross Country Running.

CNU's runners may not hold the world records, but have distinguished themselves amongst the best in the south over the years.

Placing themselves in the top five teams in Regional competition over the past five years has given the cross-country runners deserved respect.

This year the teams have been nothing short of exceptional, especially due to the fact that 8 of 12 women runners are freshman and 10 of 13 men are

underclassmen. The team is young, but still able to pull through with top five honors in each of their Division III races this year, and place respectively in higher matches.

A race for the men consists of an 8,000 meters, equivalent to 4.96 miles, and a race for the women is 6,000 meters, about 3.74 miles.

Both the men and women's squad placed second in the most recent

event, the Mason-Dixon Cross Country Championship.

Matt Sinclair, the only senior runner for the men's was named Most Outstanding Male Runner as he repeated as champion in 2002 with a time of 26:09.

Aimee Gibbs, a respected junior runner for the women, finished conference runner-up in the recent event with a time of 22:52 and was named to the All Mason-Dixon team.

In addition to Sinclair and Gibbs, the cross-country team

had seven others named to the All Conference Teams. The teams travel to Greensboro, NC this weekend to compete for the conference Championship.

"Not only is CNU a heavy favorite to repeat as team champions, both Gibbs and Sinclair are favored to repeat as individual conference champions," says coach Keith Maurer.

Beyond the conference, the Captains squads will be competing for the NCAA South

Region Cross Country Championship on November 16th. The team will also be racing against all Division III schools.

The meet is the only meet from which to qualify for the National Championship meet.

There might not be a Michael Jordan or a Nancy Lopez of the cross-country world, but the CNU cross-country team is doing what they love, and they're doing it well.

No Ghosts And Goblins, But Basketball At Midnight Madness

Student Turnout Better Than Last Year

BY TOM GEARY
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In what has become a CNU tradition, the men's and women's basketball teams took the court for the first time this season to the pep-rally atmosphere of Midnight Madness.

Midnight Madness, a college hoops tradition that was started by legendary Maryland coach Lefty Driesell in 1970, is an ultimate pep rally of sorts.

It was began as an attention-getting play, but starting practice at the earliest possible time allowed under NCAA rules has become a fan-filled yearly spectacle nowadays.

On Friday, Oct. 18, both the men's and women's teams were introduced and competed in intrasquad scrimmages in front of the packed crowd.

In addition, festivities were held to celebrate the beginning of the basketball season. This included giveaways, routines by the CNU cheerleaders and Silver Storm dance team, and a Tution Shot.

"I thought it was a good atmosphere. I liked the

crowd," senior men's basketball starter Carlos Heard said. "It's a better turnout than last year, so that's already a positive start for this season."

In the first of two scrimmages, senior Tia Moore wowed fans by hitting several three-pointers.

Moore, entering her final season, is currently tenth on the CNU career scoring list with 1138 points.

Coach Carolyn Hunter, entering her fifth season as head coach, also gave the team's rookies plenty of playing time.

The men's scrimmage, which lasted twice as long as the women's, was a high-scoring affair. It featured the team's three seniors and leading scorers from last season, namely guard Jermaine Woods, forward Carlos Heard, and center Terry Gray. The team's freshmen also got in on the action.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams finished last season just outside of the d3hoops.com National Top 25, receiving 20 and 19 votes, respectively.

The Lady Captains will look to repeat last year's successes, as the team finished 24-5 (12-2 in the Conference) and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament before losing 77-62 at Maryland.

Moore and senior Jen Harrell will look to provide leadership to Lady Captains, who are the preseason favor-

ite to repeat as Conference champions.

Juniors Tomorrow Lofton and Amber Hallman are also expected to be impact players. Lofton, the only Lady Captain to start all 29 games last season, averaged 13.3 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Hallman, who is currently dealing with a recurring injury, had 93 blocked shots in 29 games last season, tying her with Alice Streetman (1990-1995) for seventh best all-time blocker.

Lofton was delighted with the support of the team at Midnight Madness and is optimistic that the team will continue to improve this season.

"I'm glad that all the fans could support us tonight. Just keep it up at the games, not just at Midnight Madness. We need the support. We need the love," Lofton said. "We've got a lot of work to do, but we're still going to come out on top. Guaranteed ring this year, baby."

Entering his 19th season as men's basketball head coach, CJ Woollum will attempt to rebound from last year's disappointing season. The Captains finished 23-5 (11-3 Dixie) after a 77-75 loss to N.C. Wesleyan in the Conference championship.



CNU basketball players high-five each other at Midnight Madness on Friday. Midnight Madness kicks off the beginning of the basketball season at CNU and other colleges.

It was the first time that CNU had missed the NCAA tournament since the 1991-1992 season.

The Captains, picked to finish second in the Conference preseason poll, are led by Woods, Heard, and Gray.

Woods, who averaged 19.1 points per game, was the team's high-scorer in 15 of its 28 games.

Heard, a first team All-Dixie Conference selection in

the 2000-2001 season, averaged 13.4 points per game.

Gray, who averaged 14.1 points per game, needs 57 blocked shots to break Terry Thomas' school-record 271 career blocked shots.

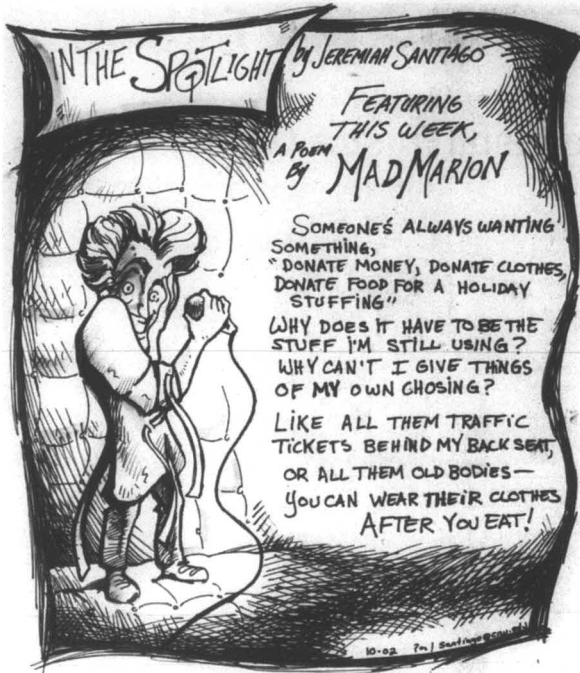
"We've got a lot of growing to do. It's no problem," Heard said. "It's going to be the season to remember."

The men's and women's teams readiness to take the court as what Midnight Mad-

ness a success.

Trevia Lee, sophomore, agrees that Midnight Madness has become an important event for the fans, although she wishes it was more hyped.

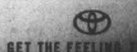
"Being a student here at CNU, I really enjoyed the Midnight Madness. The atmosphere was alive," Lee said. "Overall, I would rate it a B plus. I really enjoyed the games."



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