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Students complain of construction harassment



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Beginning this past summer, construction workers from W.M. Jordan have been working on CNU Village

By JENN ROWELL
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While the campus is being brought into the 21st century, for the time being it will resemble nothing of the sort.

Piles of rubble, mud puddles, expansive stretches of dirt and the green fences in the center of campus have detracted from the homey atmosphere some were hoping for.

Dirt and noise aside, a few other problems have resulted from the construction. Some students have had complaints about construction workers.

"I can't walk to and from my [residence hall] without being called to at least twice," said Jennifer Minchak, a sophomore in Potomac. "You would

think that CNU could employ honorable people who can be respectful of students trying to get an education. It's just rude. It's not like they are working on the side of the road somewhere. People are trying to live here."

Ron Lauster, project manager for the CNU projects of W.M. Jordan said the company's policy complies with that of the university.

"CNU has a zero tolerance policy," said Lauster. "We support that all the way. Student safety is first."

Each week the contractor, W.M. Jordan, meets with the subcontractors and each week that policy is reviewed, Lauster said. It is then the responsibility of each foreman to pass down the information to each employee on site.

Female students have not been the only ones to notice the disrespectful

comments that come from the construction workers.

Wes Hudson, a sophomore Potomac South resident, said, "I have noticed the construction workers cat calling girls and staring at them as they walk by."

Workers are not, however, allowed outside the area they are working.

"Workers are not allowed in any building unless it is the building they are working on," said Tom Shrout, executive director of public affairs and government relations.

The catcalls and staring from many construction workers has created a sense of apprehension amongst many female residents.

"When you walk by them and they

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Curriculum will affect freshmen class of 2006

By CHRYSTAL TRAPANI
Contributing Writer

The General Curriculum is in the process of undergoing a major change, beginning with the freshman class of fall 2006. The new program will have a more liberal arts focus.

The structure of this new curriculum was created by a task force that was made up of 27 members of the CNU faculty. Many factors were considered during the process of creating the new curriculum. "We looked at programs that other universities had while we were working," said Dr. Bobby Bartels, Associate Professor of Mathematics.

"This is a very exciting time for the University. The curriculum has not changed much from when CNU was a magnet school for William and Mary," Bartels said. The First Year Seminar will be created and taught by faculty from across campus which is intended to help students "make the transition from high school learning to college learning" Bartels said.

Additionally, the General Education Requirements, which are in use today, will be replaced by a Liberal Learning Core. This program is made up of three different focuses which forces the students to take classes from different disciplines. The three focuses are Liberal Learning Foundations, Liberal Learning Areas of Inquiry and Liberal Learning Emphasis.

The Liberal Learning Foundations includes Language Literacy which consists of the First Year Seminar, Communication Literacy, Second Language Literacy, and Mathematical Literacy.

Communication Literacy will consist of two writing courses, one of which will be taught by the English Department during a student's freshman year. It will introduce them to academic writing and the usage and assessment of sources. The second class will be topic driven and will be focused around a research paper and presentation.

Second Language Literacy will require students to take a foreign language at CNU even if they took classes in high school. Students who took three years of a foreign language while in high school will be required to take a 200 level course where students with four years will be required to take a 300 level course. Students who have not taken more than three years will have to complete a foreign language sequence that takes them through a 200 level course.

The Mathematical Literacy will require students to take two math courses. Advanced Placement credits and IB credits will be considered for incoming freshman.

The Liberal Learning Areas of Inquiry focus will be composed of 22 credits which encourage students to explore the past, present and future through six different areas: Western Traditions; Global and Multicultural Perspectives; Investigating the Natural World; Identity, Institutions and Societies; Creative Expression; and Informal and Formal Reasoning.

The Western Traditions includes an examination of history, philosophy, and

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Members of the Newport News Fire Department present the colors at the football game during Family Weekend. A special presentation and time of silence was dedicated to those lost on September 11, 2001.

Remembering September 11th

By JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

Celebration.
Fanfare.
Laughter.

Sept. 11, 2004 marked the height of Family Weekend festivities and was a stark contrast to the Sept. 11 three years ago.

*Looking back I clearly see
What it is that's killing me.
Through the eyes of one I know
I see a vision once let go
I had it all.*

While over the past weekend families came together to cheer on the football team and the new marching band, it was just three years ago that families were torn apart and lives were lost.

On that day, America was caught at what some consider its weakest moment.

"We had the world of terror brought to our shores and cost us the lives of hundreds of friends, relatives and fellow citizens," said Dr. Peter Carlson of the Department of Government and Public Affairs. "The shameful and cowardly acts associated with the hijacking of three airliners put fear and hate in our hearts - and has led to many erosions of our personal liberties."

That weakest moment, however, brought out the best in many Americans as people scrambled to get to safety that morning.

"I was in my apartment at 200 Water St. approximately four blocks from the World Trade Center," said York River Hall Director Erin Donahue. "I was an RA in a 32-story high rise for New York University."

During that day, I was responsible for evacuating 1,900 students in to the streets of Manhattan to seek a shelter that was established at the school's fitness facility."

Many remember where they were the morning of the attacks and what they felt at that moment.

"I was in room 324 of Santoro Hall, my mom called and woke me up. She told me to turn on the TV and when I did, it was shocking and brought on a flood of emotion," said Ashley Boyd, Secretary of Legislative Action for the student government.

Dr. Quentin Kidd of the Department of Government and Public Affairs had just come out of class and was checking his e-mail when a news flash about the attacks popped onto his screen.

Three years have since passed, and "unfortunately for those that were not directly affected in some way, I feel as

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Alumni Society's 5K race attracts over 300 runners

Runners race for restaurant passes, museum and sporting tickets

By MICHAEL COMBS
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Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, the CNU Alumni Society and the Oyster Pointer held its largest 5K Fall Classic.

With 383 runners, the race attracted well over last year's 253 runners.

The morning began with third

year staff member Erin Donahue, York River Hall Resident Hall Director, singing the National Anthem.

"[I am] truly honored; it was such a nice gesture for them to think of me," said Donahue in regard to her invitation to sing.

Donahue was living four blocks away from Ground Zero on 9-11.

The 5K started at the new Parking Garage to Shoe Lane then through South Moores Lane to Selden Road and then Country Club Road to Central Parkway.

The runners then turned down Riverside Drive, then back to Selden Road to backtrack to the finish line at the Parking Garage.

Mark Tompkins, a Social Studies and Special Education teacher at Menchville High School, came in first

place overall.

While he ran a 16:16 time he was hoping to break 15 minutes.

Linda Sawbell took the women's overall first with a time of 19:09.

Runners who pre-registered paid \$15 and those who did not paid \$18.

The entry fee was \$8 for students and military.

"The race is to earn money that is then used 100 percent by the Alumni Society for the express purpose of contributing funds towards endowment of scholarships identified by the Alumni Society," said Race Director Kelly Peck.

Runners came across the finish line with times ranging from 16 minutes to over 30 minutes.

The runners could enter age categories from 14 and below to 65 and older.

The race attracted runners from Texas and Pennsylvania to local Newport News residents and students.

"It is a fabulous turnout, to see students, alumni and residents of Newport News gather in support of CNU and this day of remembrance," said Donahue.

Runners were rewarded for the top 3 finishers in each age category.

The runners also had chances to win door prizes such as restaurant certificates, museum tickets, and CNU sporting events season passes.

The race's major sponsor, the Oyster Pointer, is a publication centered on businesses in the Oyster Point area.

"It was nice, they put on a good race from the National Anthem to the end," said Yorktown resident Bill Bustin.

Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday: Few Showers

High: 82° Low: 69°

Friday: Rain

High: 83° Low: 71°

Saturday: Few Showers

High: 83° Low: 67°

Sunday: Few Showers

High: 82° Low: 66°

On the record Police Blotter

An underage student in University Suites was found with alcohol on Friday, Sept. 3, and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

In the Jefferson building of CNU Apartments, a student was found to be drunk in public on Sept. 4 and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

An underage student in Barclay Apartments was found with alcohol on Sept. 4 and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

There was a hit and run in Lot 1 on Sept. 4 with minor damage. The case is currently inactive.

At Pomoco Stadium two students were found to be drunk in public and an underage student was found with alcohol on Sept. 4. The violations have been referred to Judicial Affairs.

On Sept. 6 the theft of a specimen from the Science Building was reported. It was later decided the incident was unfounded. The complainant called back and told police that the specimen had been located.

A bike was stolen from Santoro Hall on Sept. 6. The case is currently inactive.

On Sept. 7, a bike was stolen from the Madison building of CNU Apartments. The suspect was arrested and referred to judicial affairs.

A bookbag was stolen from Barclay Apartments on Sept. 8. The case is inactive.

An underage student was found with alcohol in Potomac River North on Sept. 8. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

On Sept. 8, an underage student was found with alcohol on North Moores Lane. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

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Doing her best to keep her burlap sack up, eight-year-old Amy Wells, of Strausbury, Virginia, competes in the children's heat of the potato sack race during the family picnic. In addition to lunch, the family picnic featured games appropriate for all ages, including three-legged races and a water balloon toss. Families brought lawn chairs and blankets and relaxed on the Great Lawn.

Around town State/Local News

In an effort to reach voters, the Republican Party of Virginia is opening 13 "Victory 2004" offices across the state, including Chesapeake and Yorktown. The Newport News Republican Headquarters is located on Warwick Blvd, across from Nettles Drive.

Gov. Mark Warner will be a featured guest tonight on "It's Your Call," on WHRO-TV, Channel 15. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., viewers can call in with questions for the governor at 489-8424 or toll-free 1-800-966-9106.

Though weakened by 142 years of seawater and silt exposure, two Dahlgren cannons were successfully rescued from the submerged turret of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor last Thursday, according to the Daily Press. Stored in two individual 92,000-gallon conservation tanks, scientist at The Mariners' Museum hope to restore these pieces of naval history that traded blows with the Confederate ironclad USS Merrimack in 1862.

Last week, over 800 volunteers contributed in helping the communities of Hampton, Newport News, Gloucester and Williamsburg as part of the Peninsula United Way's Day of Caring, according to the Daily Press. From weeding and planting, to cleaning waterways and the Noland Trail, over 50 projects were coordinated in improving the area's health and wellness.

Virginia has been making reforms in education over the past year, and Gov. Mark Warner is continuing his initiative today by signing a new compact that will allow high school seniors in Va. to earn a full semester of college credit before graduation, according to a release from Warner's office.

The compact is part of Warner's Education for a Lifetime Senior Year Plus reforms.

Meeting at 1:30 p.m. today at Virginia Union University in Richmond. President Paul Tribble attended to represent CNU.

In most cases, university presidents from across the state attended.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Marilyn MacKenzie represented George Mason University and Provost Gene Block represented the University of Virginia. Robert Lambeth represented 24 independent universities.

Your life Campus News

BOV meeting

Anthony Meredith, the new General Counsel was introduced during the Sept. 8 meeting of the Board of Visitors. His predecessor, Bill Thro, is now the solicitor general for the Commonwealth.

President Paul Tribble gave his report to the board discussing the construction projects, enrollment and finances.

Once CNU Village is completed he said there would be 3,000 residential students. The incoming freshman class includes 1,178 students with an average GPA of 3.31 and minority enrollment is up 12.3 percent from last year.

This year, faculty salaries, as well as those of administrators and classified employees, will increase. Most of these employees have not received raises in recent years due to budget cuts.

"This impact has been felt by everyone on campus, but this year will be different," said Tribble.

The next board meeting will be in November.

LSAT Prep

TestSherpa has released a free Web site, www.testsherpa.com, which offers LSAT preparation materials.

The Web site features the entire TestSherpa preparation course, which is over 500 pages and a free newsletter with practice exercises, advice and news concerning the LSAT and law schools.

Conversation with the President

Parents had the chance to get up close and personal with President Paul Tribble on Saturday during Family Weekend. About 250 parents and students gathered in the newly opened Ferguson Arts Center to hear him speak. He told parents that small class sizes were something the university continues to strive for.

"We don't think big is beautiful," Tribble said. "We want to know our students by name."

New construction was also a topic of discussion. When CNU Village is completed it will house upperclassmen. The apartments will allow greater freedom to the older students on campus, offering larger bedrooms, private bathrooms, kitchens and living rooms.

"You know - the kind of things we had in college," Tribble joked, drawing laughter from the crowd.

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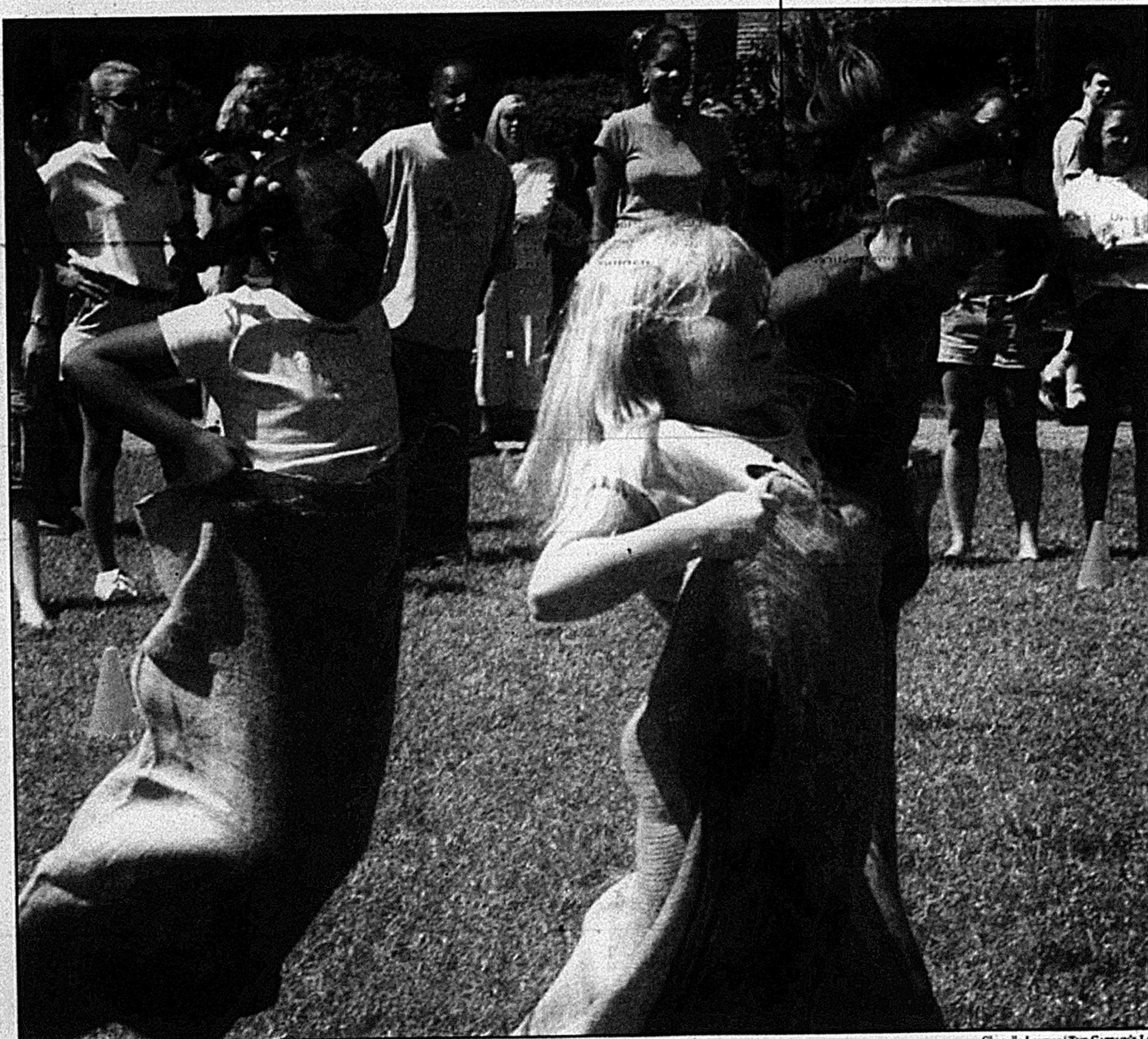
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Campus Calendar

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12:00 p.m. - GSSU Meeting; SC 233	12:15 p.m. - MSA Meeting; SC 150	6:00 p.m. - CAB movie "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"; Anderson Theatre	12:00 p.m. - Super Farmer Games \$5 per person; Great Lawn	12:00 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Sweet Briar; Captain's Field	All day - Intramural Tennis Tournament	5:30 p.m. - Intramural flag football; Field 1 & 2
1:00 p.m. - Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233	4:30 p.m. - Young Democrats; SC 233	8:00 p.m. - Comedian David Kinney; Gaines Theatre	12:00 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Ferrum; Freeman Center	2:00 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Peace; Captain's Field	12:00 p.m. - Baptist Student Union Meeting; SC 233	6:30 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Randolph Macon; Freeman Center
2:00 p.m. - Pi Kappa Phi Luau; Great Lawn	7:00 p.m. - Gamma Phi Bring Your Own Banana; Great Lawn		1:00 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Frostburg St.; Captain's Field	3:00 p.m. - Residence Life Campus-wide Event	5:30 p.m. - SGA Meeting; SC Alumni Room	7:00 p.m. - Young Life; York River East Multipurpose Room
7:00 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Randolph Macon; Captain's Field	7:30 p.m. - CNU Role-playing Guild; SC 233		6:00 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Lynchburg; Captain's Field	4:00 p.m. - Catholic Campus Ministries Mass	7:30 p.m. - CNU Rowing Club Meeting; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Campus Girl Scouts Meeting; SC 205
8:00 p.m. - Open Mic Night; Discovery Cafe	9:00 p.m. - CAB movie "Harry Potter: Azkaban"; Anderson Auditorium		9:00 p.m. - Video Foam Dance Party; Great Lawn	5:00 p.m. - Captain's Log staff meeting; SC 233	8:00 p.m. - Joel 2:28	



WASHINGTON, DC — On the third anniversary, President George W. Bush, from left, first Lady Laura Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne join members of the military and White House staff on the South Lawn of the White House, Thursday, September 11, 2003, for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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though they have forgotten what happened," said Donahue.

*Constantly it burdens me
Hard to trust and can't believe
Lost the faith and lost the love
When the day is done*

But in front of the second, largest crown at Pomoco Stadium, the sacrifices made that day and the troops serving in Iraq were not forgotten. As the color guard marched onto the field and just before the band played the national anthem, the announcer told the crowd to remember that day "by building a stronger, more perfect union."

Just before the game, at the remembrance service held in Gaines Theatre, about 100 people joined to observe the anniversary.

Rosemary Tribble read Cheryl Sawyer's poem "One" and lit the unity candle. Pictures of the attacks, ground zero memorials and rescue workers were projected onto the screen, as "Fire and Rain" by James Taylor played in the background. The second half of the pictures were of babies born after 9/11 whose fathers had died on 9/11.

During the poem and the slide show, parents and children alike had tears in their eyes and sat comforting each other.

*Will they open their eyes
And realize we are one
On and on we stand alone
Until our day has come
When they open their eyes and
realize we are one*

While the events of 9/11 stopped Americans in their tracks, they should also serve as a call to action.

"I think America and Americans have a greater responsibility to the world post-9/11. We need to engage the world more, but also engage the world in a more responsible way than maybe we were doing before 9/11," said Kidd.

"It's funny, Americans are from all over the world yet we tend to ignore the rest of the world. Being American post-9/11 means being more aware of the world."

Closing the ceremony, Melanie Reuter of United Cam-

pus Ministries said, "Let us leave this place today not with our heads down in defeat. Let us not be afraid to embrace the challenges that come our way at critical moments."

*I love the way I feel today
But how I know the sun
will fade
Darker days seem to be
What will always live in me
But still I run*

Students remember that day three years ago as a day of terror and fear, and the destruction that ensued has created a whole new world for generations to come.

"I look at September 11, 2001 as a time when jealous people attempted to settle their differences through violent means; it was a time when small and morally bankrupt individuals sought to pull a country, and indeed a world apart at the fragile seams of humanity," said Ryan Chandler, vice president of the student senate.

While the terrorist aimed to place fear in the hearts of every American, many believe they were unsuccessful.

"I am proud to be an American after 9/11, we are all able to stand up and say we made it through this, our country is strong and together we can survive anything," Boyd said. "I think it made us all a little more cautious and it made us more aware that 'hey-we are not invincible.' Things can change in a matter of seconds."

*It's hard to walk this path
alone
Hard to know which way to go
Will I ever save this day
Will it ever change
Will they open their eyes
And realize we are one*

Although the somber reminder that America is not as safe as it once thought it was, the anniversary was cause for many to count their blessings.

"I believe it is a time of reflection for everyone, we all can remember where we were and how it affected us, our family, friends and every American," said Boyd, "It reminds me how lucky and truly blessed I am to have such an amazing family and great friends."

Earlier Saturday morning, Donahue sang the National An-

them at the start of the 5K Fall Classic race sponsored by the Alumni Society and the Oyster Pointer. She said being asked to sing made this anniversary more meaningful, but the memory of that day lives with her every day.

"I remember where I was throughout the day as the day passes and also recall the feelings of having to let someone know that I was alive after the towers fell," Donahue said. "This day has hit me hard each year and as time moves on and things get better, the day always brings me back to where I was that fateful day."

While there were moments of silence and services to observe the anniversary, students across campus recognized the anniversary as well. Flags hung in the windows of residence halls, and on more than one away message "9/11 ... We will never forget" was posted.

"We took the patchwork quilt of American experience and carefully, lovingly cleaned the dirt and blood from it," Chandler said. "We patched the scorch marks and stitched up the gaping holes. In the end, 9/11 did nothing but bring us closer as a nation, yes, but moreover, it brought us together as citizens of the world."

At the end of the remembrance service, the unity candle was extinguished and the crowd exited to Bruce Springsteen's "The Rising."

Immediately following the ceremony, Mrs. Tribble spoke with several students and parents, exchanging hugs.

"I was greatly inspired by the heroism displays by so many three years ago. I continue to have a profound respect for those in military and public safety positions that serve each of us on a day-to-day basis at great danger to themselves," said Carlson.

"Let us remember to honor our soldiers, police, fire and emergency medical public servants for their exceptional work on our behalf."

*Still today we carry on
I know our day will come
When they open their eyes
And realize we are one*

(Lyrics: Alter Bridge "Open Your Eyes" — was played during the ceremony)

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culture perspectives and how these ideas and events helped the development of the Western World. The Global and Multicultural Perspectives study the social and cultural differences between different societies with an emphasis on conflict. The Investigation of the Natural World covers the scientific approach and experimentation that is used to understand the physical world. It will require students to take two lecture courses and one laboratory. Identity, Institutions and Societies will examine the role of human society and an individual's role within it. Creative Expression will require students to develop their ability to respond imaginatively. Informal and Formal Reasoning will develop a student's ability to reason and strategize with mathematical analysis, formal logic or informal logic.

The Liberal Learning Emphasis will be composed of six credit hours within one of the Areas of Inquiry. The courses will have to be at least at the 300 level. This focus allows students to continue taking classes that are not part of their major

all the way through their four years at CNU. The students can take a multidisciplinary approach which includes classes from many Areas of Inquiry or they may take classes from one area; however, the classes cannot come from a major's department requirements.

"I am excited about the possibility of this kind of change," Dr. William Connell, a first year Assistant Professor of the History Department said, "We will be taking a hard look at our curriculum and try to optimize the way we teach through an evaluation of our program."

However, not everyone is as optimistic about the new curriculum which cuts back on the number of history credits a student must have by not requiring students to take the World Civilization sequence.

"I don't think it's a good idea because you have to have a history basis for many of your classes. Look at literature classes," sophomore Kathryn Daniels said.

"The faculty will be receiving more information on the curriculum as the semester progresses," Bartels said.

This information will allow them to begin work on creating course material. A trial course is in the works to test out the curriculum.

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just stare it makes you uncomfortable. They have no respect for the fact that you are just a college kid," sophomore Lauren Strack said.

Although the company policy calls for no interaction between construction workers and students, saying hello is okay, Lauster said, as long as the interaction doesn't make the student feel uncomfortable.

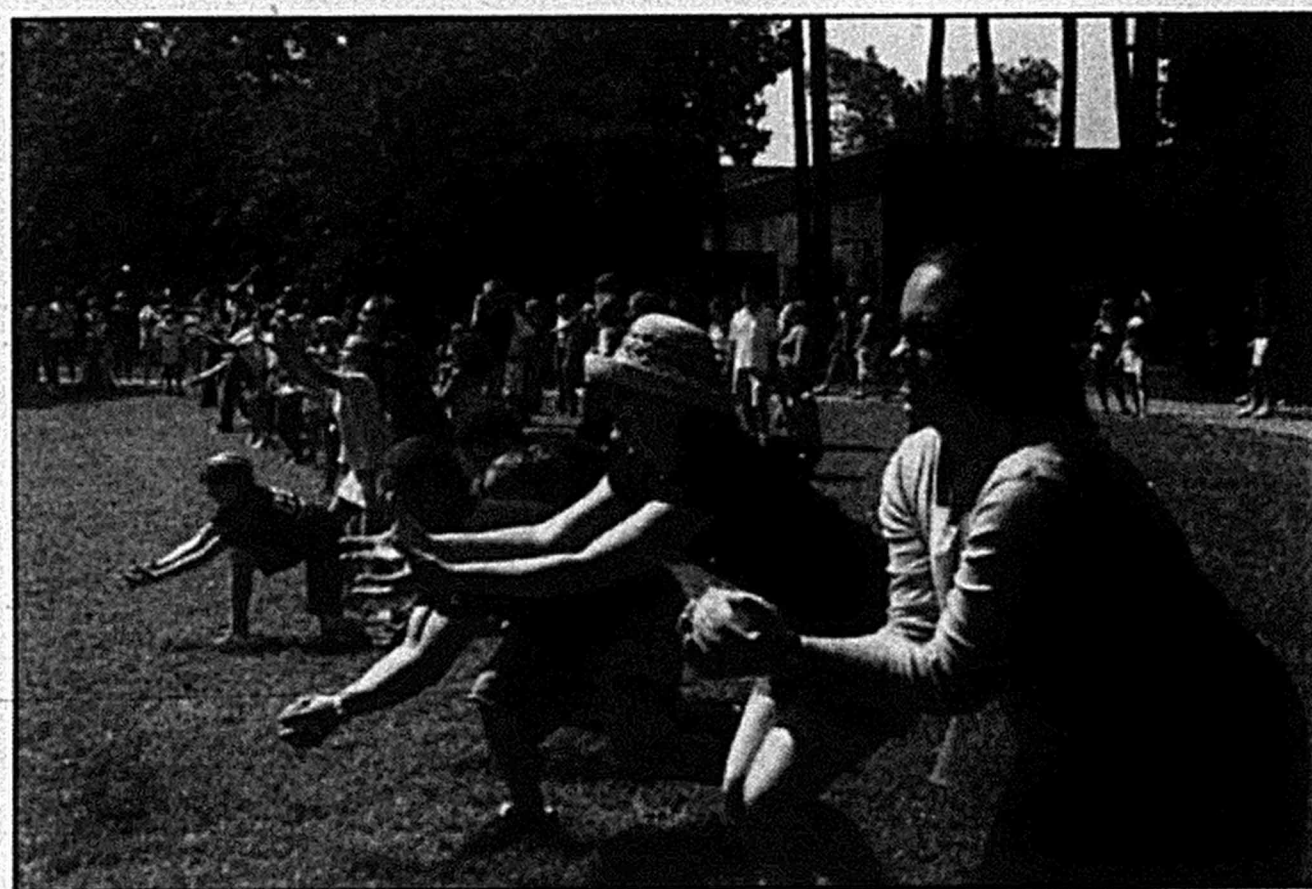
"There's still going to be the occasional situation where someone says something they shouldn't," said Lauster.

If a student has a problem, he or she should report the incident immediately. Lauster recommends getting a detailed physical description of the construction worker and the location of where the incident occurred.

"We typically respond within 30 minutes of getting that phone call," Lauster said.

The company and the university will deal with the situation.

Shrout said, "If a complaint is received against a worker and he can be identified, the worker is permanently barred from campus."



Family members line up on the Great Lawn to participate in a mass balloon toss game. Teams took turns throwing a balloon to one another at increasing distances. Teams had to throw a balloon over their head. If the balloon popped, the team was disqualified.

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Student government adds judicial branch

By JULIE HAGY
Contributing Writer

Construction is everywhere on campus. Perhaps not as visually evident as the framework of the CNU Village or the green walls surrounding the library, the SGA is building too.

The SGA's new structure has made the student governing body resemble the United States' federal governing body. This new system is complete with an executive, legislative and judicial branch.

The Judicial body meets separately from the two other bodies. The body is made up of five total justices: Angela Brooks, Casey Swain, Greg Cutler, Tim Krems and Chief Student Justice, Kelley Word.

Because the SGA is no longer meeting as a whole, the

judicial body will have a weekly meeting, separate from the other branches. In addition, they will meet as necessary.

As Chief Justice, Word will serve as a non-voting member of the Senate.

Word, an active participant in the SGA since her freshman year, is excited about the changes in the SGA. She is optimistic about her position and the positive influence that the judicial branch could have within the CNU community. "We believe it can do some really good things for the Student Government," she said.

According to Word, the justices will be accountable for a number of duties. Among the most important of these duties will be the branch's responsibility to rule on all decisions made by the senate. Word says that she and the other justices will rule based

on whether they abide by the SGA's constitution.

Additionally, the justices will be providing another resource to the student body.

"We will step in and rule if a club asks us to step in with a concern they're having," Word says. This service has never been offered by the SGA before.

"It's got kinks," Word says of the new SGA structure, "but it's a strong system with lots of checks and balances. It makes it easier to run as a student government, not a student club."

President Melissa Bell and the justices went through judicial training held by the Office of Student Life last semester. Bell and Word worked with Kevin Hughes of Judicial Affairs over the summer "to establish a role for the student justices within judicial hearings at CNU," said SGA Media Secretary Abbie Tang.

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Hurricanes attack in full force

Hurricane Season wreaks havoc

By ERIN EUDY
Contributing Writer

1635 - First historical reference to a major hurricane that could have affected the VA coast

1933 - 18 died. Established record high tide of 9.8 feet above Mean Low Water

1944 - Fastest one-minute wind speed was 134 mph at Cape Henry; Gusts were estimated at 150 mph

1960 - DONNA. Killed three. Lowest pressure of 28.65 inches holds the area record for a tropical storm

1964 - CLEO. 11.40 inches in 24 hours is the heaviest in the coastal area since records began in 1871

1979 - DAVID. Spawned two severe tornadoes with a over \$2.5 million in damages.

1998 - BONNIE. Northern Outer Banks. 4-7 inches of rain combined with near hurricane force winds knocked out power to 320,000 customers

1999 - DENNIS. Produced substantial rain and flooding in VA and NC. Spawned a F2 tornado in Hampton

1999 - FLOYD. Moved across extreme Northeast NC and Southeast VA. Sustained wind at Norfolk Airport was 31 mph with gusts to 46 mph.

2003 - ISABEL. Originally category five, category two at landfall. Sustained winds at 47 mph with gusts up to 74 mph at Norfolk Airport. Over 2 million were without power after the storm.

The months of June and July made for an unusually quiet start of the 2004 hurricane season. Any hurricane expert, however, will tell you that there is little relationship between early season activity and overall seasonal activity.

June was the first month of the hurricane season, but produced no storms. During the last week of July, a tropical depression formed and, during the first week of August, it was upgraded to a tropical storm. That storm was Alex and it was the first of many to form during the long month of August.

Eight hurricanes formed during August, which is a new record according to the National Weather Service. The previous record, set in 1933 and tied in 1995, was seven storms formed in one month.

The first of the current season's storms, Hurricane Alex, brushed the Outer Banks of North Carolina as a Category 2 storm with winds of about 100 mph.

It then accelerated north-eastward, reaching Category 3 status, with winds of 120 mph as it was passing the Canadian Maritimes.

No deaths were reported, and the most serious damage to the U.S. occurred in the Outer Banks.

The same day the Outer Banks was suffering the effects of Alex, a tropical wave was upgraded to Tropical Depression 3.

Six days later, the storm strengthened and was named Tropical Storm Bonnie. Formed in the Gulf of Mexico, Bonnie came ashore near Appalachicola, Fla., on Aug. 11 with sustained winds of nearly 65 mph.

From there it moved northward, dumping massive amounts of rain as far north as Pennsylvania.

On Aug. 13, Hurricane Charley made landfall on the southwest coast of Florida, near Cayo Costa.

Charley slammed Cuba earlier that day as a Category 3 storm, with winds of approximately 120 mph. It quickly intensified, however, before coming ashore in Florida.

When the residents of Cayo Costa faced the storm, its maximum sustained winds had increased to more than 145 mph, making it a solid Category 4

hurricane. Charley moved eastward across the state of Florida; the eye passed almost directly over Orlando. It exited Florida in the Daytona Beach area, with maintained winds still of hurricane strength.

Charley made landfall for the second time in Cape Romain, S. C. It lingered there for a short period of time before it drifted back out to sea. It then moved westward again, making landfall for a third time, this time in North Myrtle Beach, S. C. Charley finally weakened to a tropical storm over North Carolina. The remnants of the storm moved quickly northward, drenching the entire east coast and causing massive flooding as far north as Massachusetts.

Charley was directly responsible for nine deaths in Florida and one in Rhode Island. Sixteen more deaths in the US were attributed to

Institute predict that the final number will be between 13 and 15 billion dollars.

Hurricane Danielle formed on Aug. 13 south of the Cape Verde Islands.

It moved northwestward and increased in intensity to a Category 3 storm before dissipating on the 21st, without ever having come ashore.

Tropical Storm Earl formed the same day as Danielle, but it lasted only two days before it dissipated as well.

It dumped heavy rain on the Caribbean Windward Islands and brought 45 mph winds, but it never touched the US.

A mere two weeks after the people Florida suffered the devastation of Charley, they warily began to watch a new and very powerful

tropical storm. From there, Frances moved in a north-east direction, into Georgia and then up the east coast. Frances brought more rain to an already saturated area, causing massive amounts of damage and more flooding as far north as New York.

On the morning of Aug. 29, the residents of McClellanville, S. C. were faced with Tropical Storm Gaston. This powerful tropical storm had maximum winds of 70 mph when it came ashore and brought massive amounts of rain. As the storm moved northward, it weakened to a tropical depression.

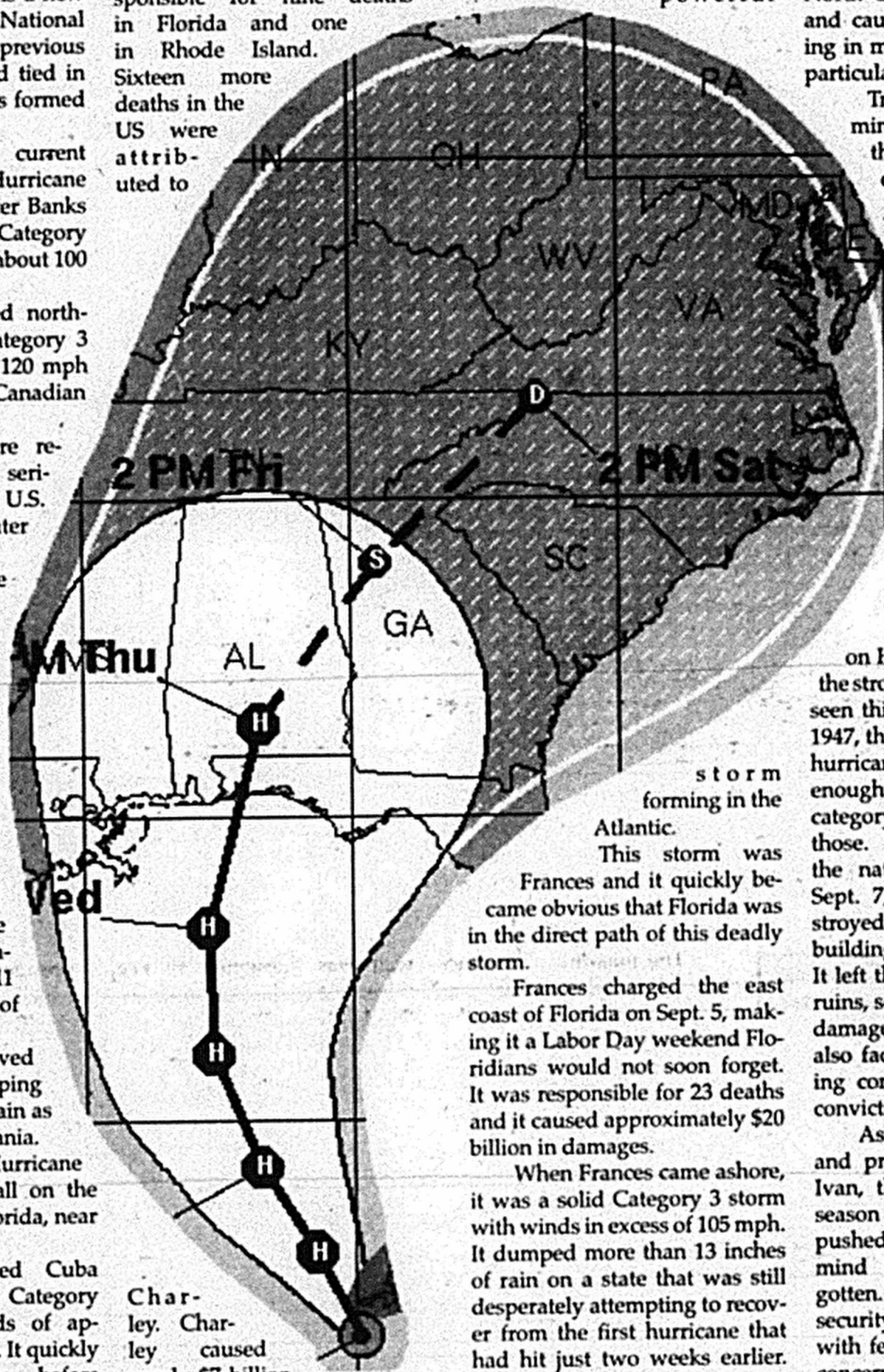
The storm dumped more than 12 inches of rain in portions of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia and caused extensive flooding in many low-lying areas, particularly in Richmond, Va.

Tropical Storm Hermine then formed over the western portion of the North Atlantic. At its peak, Hermine packed winds of about 50 mph, but it quickly weakened and was downgraded to a tropical depression. When it came ashore in Massachusetts, it had sustained winds of only 35 mph and caused minimal damage.

Now, all eyes are on Hurricane Ivan, by far the strongest of all the storms seen this year. In fact, since 1947, there have only been 22 hurricanes that were strong enough to be classified as a category 5 and Ivan is one of those. When Ivan slammed the nation of Grenada on Sept. 7, it damaged or destroyed more than 90% of the buildings on the main island. It left the prison in complete ruins, so in addition to all the damage, the authorities are also faced with the impending consequences of all the convicts running free.

As the country watches and prepares for Hurricane Ivan, the quiet start of the season has long since been pushed out of everyone's mind and completely forgotten. The false sense of security has been replaced with fear, apprehension, and concern for what the rest of the season is going to bring.

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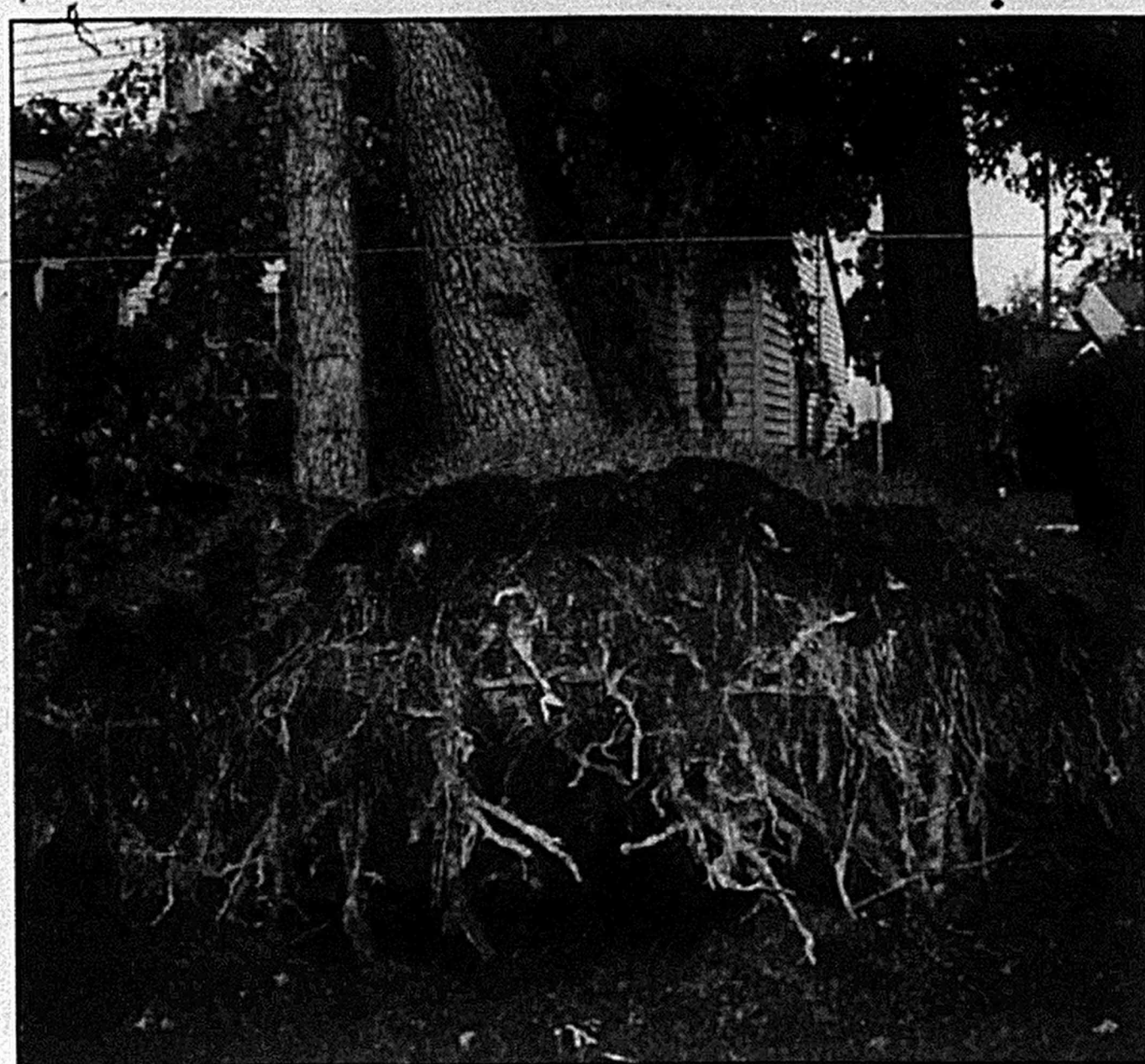
Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

Hurricane	Wind Speed	Air Pressure	Storm Surge	Damage Expected
Category 1	74-95 mph	980+ Millibars	4-5 feet	Minimal
Category 2	96-110 mph	965 - 979 Millibars	6-8 feet	Moderate
Category 3	111-130 mph	945 - 964 Millibars	9-12 feet	Extensive
Category 4	131-155 mph	920 - 944 Millibars	13-18 feet	Extreme
Category 5	156+ mph	<920 Millibars	18+ feet	Catastrophic

Tropical Cyclone Classifications

Name	Wind Speeds
Tropical Depression	20-34
Tropical Storm	35-64
Hurricane	65+

2004-2005 season strikes hard



Completed uprooted, this tree crashed into the house behind it, breaking through the roof and second floor. The house, located in Kiln Creek, was unable to be lived in for the three weeks after Hurricane Isabel. Hurricane Isabel caused \$3.37 billion in damages.

Hurricane Isabel's damage recap

Isabel's total damages \$3.37 billion; help from community

By ERIN EUDY
Contributing Writer

Hurricane Isabel made landfall near Drum Inlet on the Outer Banks of North Carolina on Sept. 18, 2003. This powerful storm was directly responsible for 16 deaths and indirectly responsible for 34 deaths along the east coast.

Isabel caused approximately \$3.37 billion in damages. The worst of the damages were in northeast North Carolina and eastern Virginia, particularly along the Chesapeake Bay. Wind damage was also significant from Virginia all the way to New York.

Hurricane experts said that Isabel was considered to be one of the most significant tropical cyclones to affect portions of

northeastern North Carolina and east-central Virginia since Hurricane Hazel in 1954 and the Chesapeake-Potomac Hurricane of 1933.

Isabel made landfall as a Category 2 storm in North Carolina, but it quickly weakened to tropical storm status as it moved into southeast Virginia. Despite the fact that Isabel had lost much of its strength by the time it moved into Virginia, most will agree it was a storm they will not soon forget.

Gilliam and Shirley Hall of Northumberland County reside on Kent Cove of Jarvis Creek, just off the Chesapeake Bay and the storm surge from Isabel flooded their home during the storm. Since then, the couple has moved to another part of Northumberland County, much farther inland.

"It was awful," junior Carrie Ewers said. "I live in Chesapeake and we didn't get hit as hard as some people did, but we still just spent days cleaning up from it. And power? Yeah, we didn't have it for two weeks."

Ewers was one of the 3.3 million Virginian who lost pow-

er in the storm. Many people, particularly in rural areas, went as long as four weeks without power.

Many students from Northern Virginia remember Isabel not just from being evacuated from school and losing power, but for the water contamination. The region's largest water authority lost power and more than 1.2 million people were advised to boil their water for nearly three days.

"Having no water and no power was the worst," junior Chris Tanner said. "I couldn't wait to get back to school. I just really hope that doesn't happen again this year."

As for the campus of CNU, students were forced into evacuation from Sept. 17 and could not return to until Sept. 23. This ultimately resulted in cutting the school's fall break short, and extending the scheduled semester by one week.

In the wake of Isabel's impact, many members of the CNU community, at the request of the City of Newport News, spent several days volunteering, cleaning debris and distributing ice.

Storm Names 2004 Hurricane Names:

- ALEX
- BONNIE
- CHARLEY
- DANIELLE
- EARL
- FRANCES
- GASTON
- HERMINE
- IVAN
- JEANNE
- KARL
- LISA
- MATTHEW
- NICOLE
- OTTO
- PAULA
- RICHARD
- SHARY
- TOMAS
- VIRGINIE
- WALTER

Retired Hurricane Names:

- CELIA- 1970
- AGNES- 1974
- CARMEN- 1974
- ELOISE- 1975
- ANITA- 1977
- DAVID- 1979
- FREDERIC- 1979
- ALLEN- 1980
- ALICIA- 1983
- ELENA- 1985
- GLORIA- 1985
- GILBERT- 1988
- JOAN- 1988
- HUGO- 1989
- DIANA- 1990
- KLAUS- 1990
- BOB- 1991
- ANDREW- 1992
- OPAL- 1995
- ROXANNE- 1995
- FRAN- 1996
- MITCH- 1998
- FLOYD- 1999
- KEITH- 2000
- ALLISON- 2001
- IRIS- 2001
- MICHELLE- 2001
- ISIDORE- 2002
- LILI- 2002
- FABIAN- 2003
- ISABEL- 2003
- JUAN- 2003

Gaston surprises many; flash floods sweep Richmond Nine killed; more damage than Isabel

By ERIN EUDY
Contributing Writer

Tropical Storm Gaston slammed Richmond late last Monday afternoon, causing at least nine deaths and torrential downpours that flooded roads, yards, homes and businesses.

The majority of the victims died when their cars were swept away by the flooding roads.

According to the Richmond Times Dispatch, Tropical Storm Gaston caused more than \$80 million in damages to Richmond and the surrounding area.

This is more than double the amount of damage Hurricane Isabel caused to that same area last fall.

Like Isabel, Gaston came ashore in the northern part of South Carolina and moved up the coast.

Isabel was a stronger storm when it came ashore and it stayed much farther east than Gaston did. Consequently, Isabel caused substantial damage to the Hampton Roads area.

Gaston moved farther inland so Richmond suffered most of the damage.

Shockoe Bottom, part of downtown Richmond, suffered some of the worst

flooding. Some buildings were submerged under more than ten feet of water.

Monday's flooding has sparked controversy over the floodwall that was constructed at the cost of \$134 million just ten years ago.

Matthew Phillips, writer for Richmond.com, said that the big problem is that the floodwall was "designed to keep water out of the Bottom from a flooded James River."

With 14 inches of rain falling within the city Monday, the water was already inside.

"The floodwall wasn't designed for this type of event," said floodwall supervisor John Hay in the same article. "It's designed to keep the river out, to keep the protected area from flooding from the exterior, not from the interior."

Hay admits that in some respects, the floodwall impeded the water from escaping on Monday night.

Rain water leaves Richmond through sewer pipes and is processed by the City's wastewater treatment plant before being pumped into the James River.

According to Richmond.com, more rain fell than could be treated.

Richmond and the surrounding area were forced to declare a state of emergency because of all the damage. By

doing so, they will be eligible for federal and state money to aid in recovery.

Kevin Hall, Deputy Press Secretary for Governor Mark Warner, praised Warner's hard work after the storm.

"I can tell you that Governor Warner worked quickly to get the appropriate documentation to FEMA in Washington to secure a presidential disaster declaration, which opens the pipeline for significant assistance to residents and business owners."

In the aftermath, two Disaster Recovery Centers have opened in the city of Richmond.

Additionally, a Disaster Field Office opened Sept. 6, in Henrico County.

This office is headquarters for the disaster recovery operation in which federal and state workers from FEMA, VDEM, SBA and other state and federal agencies work to assist people who were severely affected by the storm.

As the city of Richmond continues to work hard at recovery after the disastrous effects of Tropical Storm Gaston, they also begin preparations for a possible repeat performance from Hurricane Ivan.

"As far as Ivan," Hall said, "we are monitoring the situation. The storm is several days out, and, as you can imagine, the weather forecasts are not especially precise at this point."

Hurricane Safety

Preparations for a storm:

- Listen to weather reports to stay informed of hurricane watches and warnings.
- Determine your evacuation route and where you will go in the case of evacuations.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Prepare a hurricane kit with food and water for several days, flashlights, a radio and batteries.
- Place valuables in waterproof containers in the highest point in your home.
- Clear your yard of things that could become hazards in high winds.
- Brace your garage door and lower antennas.
- Make sure pets have identification tags attached to their collars.

Precautions to take during storm:

- Stay tuned to local radio stations for updated weather reports.
- If advised to evacuate, turn off water, gas and electricity and lock all doors and windows.
- If not advised to evacuate, stay inside away from windows, if necessary seek shelter under mattress in a windowless interior room.
- Stay calm and reassuring.
- Use phones only for emergencies.
- Without taking unnecessary risks, protect property such as moving furniture away from exposed windows.
- If there is a lull in the storm as the eye passes over, do not go outside, it will not last long and the wind will quickly pick back up.

(Information is provided by Hampton Roads Emergency Management Committee, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)

Frances devastates Floridians

By ERIN EUDY
Contributing Writer

Hurricane Frances came ashore on the east coast of Florida on Sept. 5, dumping more than a foot of water in many areas. Combined with winds in excess of 105 mph left much of Florida in a state of devastation. Frances was responsible for 23 deaths and caused approximately \$20 billion in damages.

After Hurricane Charley snuck up and caught many Floridians off guard, most were not willing to take any chances with Frances, the new and very strong and dangerous storm that followed just two weeks later. The largest evacuation order in U.S. history was issued and most people abided, the majority of the population had learned their lesson with Charley. Not only was this new storm larger and stronger, but it was also moving considerably slower, which could only mean more disastrous affects, for a state that

was already in ruins.

Now, 10 days after the storm, people are desperately trying to restore some order to their chaotic lives. All major interstate highways were reopened on Sunday, but most tolls remain suspended. Webber International University and Florida Atlantic University were both closed all of last week, but classes resumed Monday. At least 21 public schools in the area were closed last week and remained closed the beginning of this week. Depending on the restoration of power, they plan to reopen this week.

Nearly 300,000 homes and businesses are still without power and power company officials predict that some areas will be without power until as late as Sept. 19. As of Sunday, 1,848 people were in Florida shelters. Some shelters were still housing victims of Hurricane Charley.

Parts of Florida that were hit harder than others are much slower getting back on their feet.

The Key West International Airport is still closed and parts

of Charlotte County are still under an evacuation order from Hurricane Charley. Parts of Key West also remain under the evacuation order put into effect just before Frances struck.

Relief workers have been an incredible help to victims of this storm. Together they have served more than 5.3 million meals and delivered 2.6 million gallons of water and 16 million pounds of ice to Floridians.

As time goes by, these victims will continue to work hard to rebuild what was destroyed by Hurricane Frances.

(Information compiled from http://www.palmbeachpost.com/storm/content/gen/ap/FL_Hurricanes_Developments.html)

The tidal surge caused by Hurricane Frances took away part of this home in Melbourne Beach, Florida. Frances was responsible for approximately \$20 billion in damages. Photograph by Red Huber.

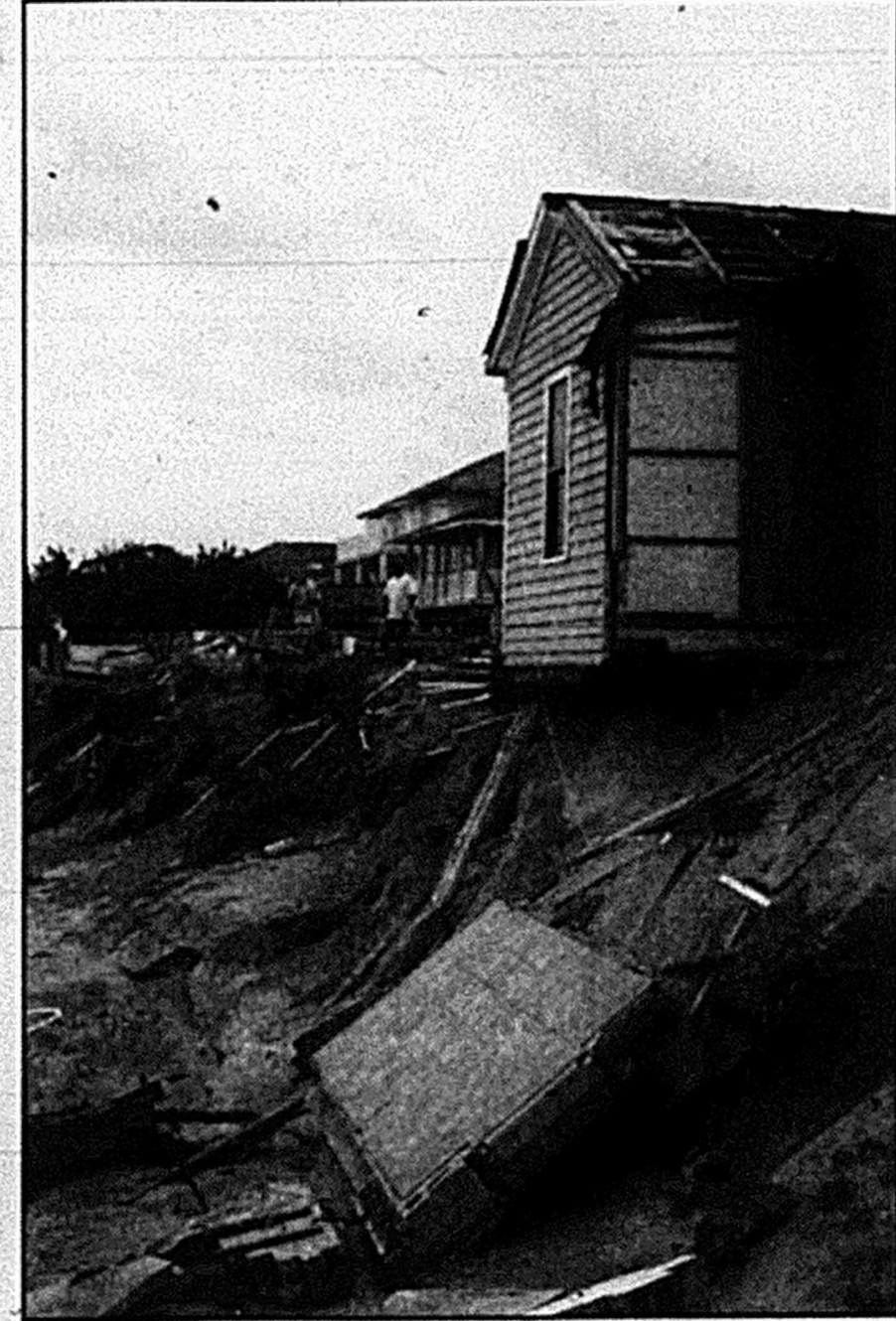


Photo courtesy of www.artscape.com

Opinions

Where We Stand

Family Picnic a success because of hard work by CNU staff

Hundreds of families flooded the campus over the weekend under blue skies and to the tune of the CNU Fight Song.

After last year's festivities were postponed for a visit from Hurricane Isabel, Family Weekend 2004 went perfectly.

Parents, siblings and grandparents arrived Friday ready for the many activities planned by the Office of Student Life. The staff of OSL could be seen all over campus in matching yellow polos, greeting every family member with a grin. With seemingly boundless energy, they cheered on families as they competed in the "Family or Not" Game Show and the field day contests of the Family Picnic.

Families were provided plenty of entertainment throughout the weekend. They laughed to the jokes of comedian Eric O'Shea and the political satire of the Second City comedy troupe. People of all ages enjoyed "Shrek 2," which was shown three times throughout the weekend.

The football team and marching band packed Pomoco Stadium for Saturday's game against McDaniel College, making the crowd the second largest in CNU history. The bleachers were also full for the men's soccer team, who played Messiah College the same day.

Though the weekend was meant to entertain families, organizers did not forget to pay respects to the victims of Sept. 11. During a remembrance service in Gaines Theatre, families gathered to remember the anniversary and offer support to each other.

During the pre-game show at the football game a moment of silence was observed before the Newport News Fire Department Color Guard took the field, as did ROTC students who presented the American flag on the 30-yard line. After the band played the national anthem, there was thunderous applause in a heartwarming display of patriotism.

President Paul Tribble took time to meet with parents and Rosemary Tribble participated in the 9/11 service.

The staff of the scheduling office hauled tables and chairs across campus numerous times to prepare for each event. Every time, the stage was set on time and without interruption. The catering staff prepared thousands of meals and left everyone well-fed and happy.

Overall, the weekend was a success as families could be heard laughing as they meandered across campus and could be seen in casual conversation with staff members throughout the weekend. Someone was always on hand to answer those pesky questions and give directions around the green fence at the heart of the campus.

All members of the CNU staff made a tremendous effort over the weekend and it was not unnoticed.

A dead ballot, or a lazy people?

By STEFAN VELDHIJS
Contributing Writer

American's views on politics are as inimitable as a fingerprint, as variant as individual snowflakes and as innumerable as the stars in the sky. Every warm-blooded American, it seems, has an opinion on the laws that affect them, and most are quite candid in communicating those views to friends, family and even strangers.

Every day the news is filled with information and opinions on political happenings, while daily life in America revolves around the structures that government has set up and the luxury that democracy affords all who reside under her wings. While one may be indifferent to parts of the political realm, there are always certain issues that are particularly salient and relevant in people's minds. Yet, with over 200 million individuals over the age of 18 in the 2000 election, only 105 million persons actually turned out on Election Day, according to the Federal Elections Commission. With a little over half of eligible voters taking part in one of the closest, most controversial elections in American history, George W. Bush won the presidency with one quarter of the eligible population's vote. Thus, three-fourths of the country did not vote our current president into office, and sadly, half of those who could have cast their ballots did not. Most non-voting Americans not only ignored their civic responsibility, but in so doing, spit on the graves of those who died to obtain the very freedom that they flagrantly disregarded. For any citizen to repudiate the privilege and luxury of voting is to take for granted the freedom that has cost so many lives to secure. - From

women's suffrage, to the civil rights movement, many people have bled, sweated, cried, died and still others have persevered through social, political, sexual and racial prejudice and harassment to procure the right to vote for all adults; regardless of the individual's religion, race, creed or sexual orientation. It is this freedom that sets America apart from numerous nations around the world, where tyrannical leaders in many countries have disregarded or even absconded citizen's right to vote. Democracy, the stone upon which this nation's mansion of international power has been built, can only come to its full fruition if and when people within society fulfill the responsibility and privilege to elect their representatives.

From abortion to taxes, from social security to gay marriage, from the war on terror to the war on drugs, there are a plethora of critical political, social and moral issues that concern not only all Americans, but the most of the international community as well.

The president of the United States has the intrinsic power and historic propensity to affect the entire world with his policies, decisions, adjudications and pecuniary disseminations. Yet, this individual, who is arguably the most powerful person in the world, cannot be said to fully represent the public at large if only half of persons who are eligible to vote have expressed their views on Election Day. Not only do non-voters ignore their civic duty, and discount the importance of a representative democracy by not voting, they too abnegate their right to be heard and subsequently represented by the government. It is an unfortunate, but undeniable reality that scores of Americans do not share a sense

of political efficacy; indeed, all too many people feel that their vote does not matter.

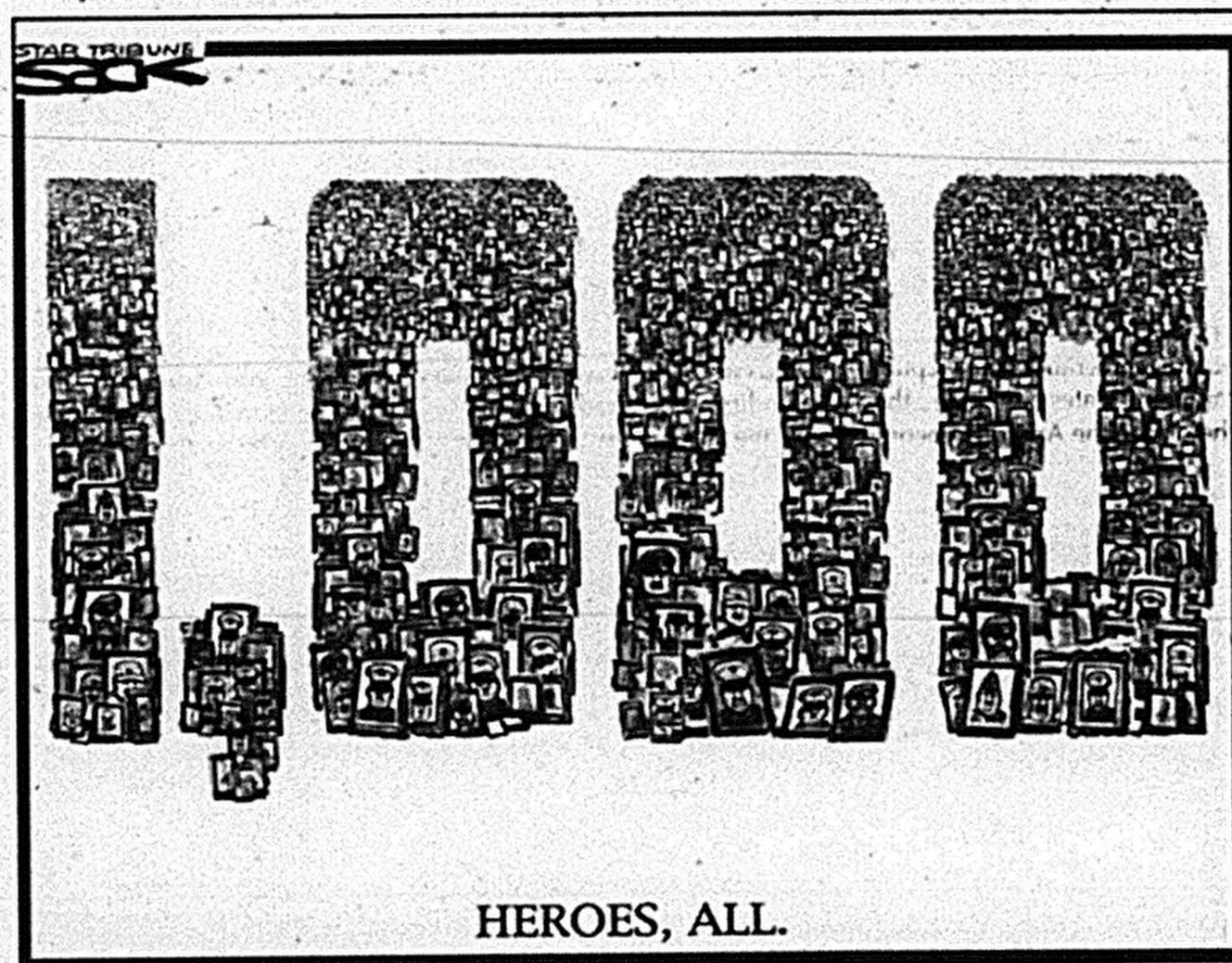
Yet, the remedy for such unmerited feelings, the evidence that every vote truly counts was unequivocally displayed the 2000 election, where President Bush won by a pittance of the vote, proving that every cast ballot actually matters. Citizens must realize that not only does their vote count, but it is needed in order to procure and maintain a government of the people, for the people, as the forefathers intended. As the saying by author Andrew Lack goes, "bad politicians are effectively elected by otherwise good citizens who do not vote."

When one does not vote, he or she should not complain about the state of the union, or moan about the laws which govern them, having had a chance to redress the ostensible grievances by voting.

When citizens do not vote, they effectively prevent the heart of democracy from beating, thus restricting the vital flow of citizen's opinions to their representatives, a course of action that a healthy nation necessitates.

Americans who do not regularly vote need to realize the importance of voting, and those who are politically active must mobilize in an effort to reach others in society that do not retain a sense of political efficacy.

Everyone over the age of 18 should register to vote and take the time to get educated on the candidates running and the issues at hand, because until voting turnout substantially increases, the proclivity of politicians to abuse power and frame the agenda of the election will remain. And viable change will remain far from tangible.



Changing times call for tolerance

By JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

It was the Spring of 1996. I was in the sixth grade at Becker Middle School in Las Vegas, Nev.

My English teacher, Mr. Santoro, assigned another essay for homework one week, and like usual, I forgot about it until the morning it was due.

Frantically, I dragged out the typewriter - I couldn't tell my parent's that I hadn't done my homework, so the computer was out - and planted myself at my desk before dawn that morning.

A few hours later, I packed it up and headed to school. Handing my essay to Mr. Santoro, I was quite satisfied with myself for not only finishing in under three hours but also for coming up with that I thought was a quality essay.

I walked out of class that day and didn't give the essay another thought - until a few weeks later.

Turns out Mr. Santoro had entered our essays into a local contest. We were excited because we got a field trip to the University of Las Vegas out of the deal.

The theme was centered around Earth Day and the environment, but it was another issue that caught my attention that day.

As we were sitting in a courtyard with awards being passed out, I noticed a banner that hung over the side of their student center.

Rainbow color letters, while I can't remember the exact words, expressed support for the gay students on campus.

My first reaction was, "Are they allowed to do that?" Growing up Catholic and

the daughter of an Air Force Lt. Colonel, homosexuality wasn't a topic of conversation at the dinner table.

Awards were distributed, congratulations exchanged, but all I could think about was that banner.

How many of those students were there on campus? How were they treated? Why wasn't the topic on that banner something I knew how to discuss?

Over the years, I've learned more and more about the issue, although much of the battle has been fought off my radar.

But when celebrities started coming out as gay, and cases were being brought to court over gays in the military, I reeled in once more.

My thoughts turned back to that banner and new questions were added to my unanswered sixth grade list:

Why couldn't gays be in the military? Why couldn't gay couples adopt a baby? What made it okay to beat someone because they were gay?

Matthew Shepard. His name can stand alone and remind us of a time in this country when it was not OK to be gay.

Has that time passed?

Sheppard's case forced me to ask how my country could claim to be a safe haven from repression and tyranny in other countries and yet it could not protect its own.

Virginia has always been slow to change. I suppose in terms of tax increases, that's a good thing. In terms of others, however, it's not.

The Old Dominion State lags behind nearly every other in terms of transportation projects,

legislation and in terms of integration. Ask anyone who has driven Eastbound I-64 or anyone who attended school in Prince Edward County in the 50s and 60s. The Virginia General Assembly is now paying the individuals who were denied the opportunity to attend public school there.

Hundreds of years ago, people much like ourselves left their homes and their families. While their reasons for leaving vary, all can be said in just a word: change.

They were seeking change in religious tolerance, business practices and political activities.

Issues such as sexual orientation could not have been anticipated at that time to become such a hot topic, but then again neither could women's suffrage or the Emancipation Proclamation.

Needless to say, by the time I left the campus of UNLV that day, I looked at that banner and I felt proud.

Proud of those individuals who stood up for themselves and for those who couldn't speak for themselves.

Proud of those, who like Susan B. Anthony and Dred Scott, took steps to correct the injustices of their time.

But more importantly, I left that day full of hope. Hope that things would change.

Hope that America could learn to accept all of its citizens.

That's a lot for a little sixth grader's mind to process in a day.

By the way, I also walked away with a second place award in the essay contest.

The topic was: "The Power of One."

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Fresh Perspectives

I was recently asked what my first political memory was by a fellow student. I really wasn't sure what my answer was, but I knew that I remembered two instances from my elementary school years. My first political memories surrounded the 1992 Presidential Election between President George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. I remember that my class had a mock election in order to determine who the class would have elected if we were given the chance. I remember casting my vote for the candidate I knew my parents were supporting, as most students did. Unfortunately, as in the real election returns, Bill Clinton, not George Bush, won the election.

This would become the first time I would realize what I like to call the "Plight of the conservative." I have known since the very beginning that I was a conservative. I have never questioned that for one second. However, the society we live in today has seemed to move away from the conservative views that I hold.

While my family was not a church going one, we did and still do live our lives as is dictated by Christian beliefs. I have tried to live up to the standards of my parents and grandparents, who were responsible for shaping my beliefs up to the point when I was able to understand things for myself. Since that time I feel as though I may have moved beyond my parents and become even more conservative than they are. When liberals use the term "neo-con" to describe the Republicans they hate, I can't help but sit up straight in my chair proudly. I enjoy that fact that people like me and President George W. Bush annoy them so much. This means that we are doing what we are meant to.

The world around us is changing every day. Why it is such a crime for some of us to try and hang on to what we think were the better aspects of the past is beyond me. I believe that the country we live in is a great place and I am thankful that I will be able to raise children who will become its future leaders.

Unfortunately, some children will not have this same opportunity. These days we are told that a woman has the right to abort a child that she does not want. Well we say that a woman does have a right to choose. She has a right to choose what type of birth control she wishes to use. It is not the fault of the unborn child that mommy had too many drinks and went home with someone she met at a bar or frat party.

If someone is willing to take the life of an innocent human being before they have a chance to even speak for themselves, there had better be an excellent reason. No longer should a woman or anyone else have the option to terminate the life of another human being because you don't want to deal with the hassle of having a child or you don't want mom and dad to find out what you are really doing at college.

The unborn child inside you has just as much of a right to life as you or I. If an abortion is to take place let it be for a life threatening reason. If the birth of this child will cause serious injury to the mother or the child itself then perhaps abortion may be the humane thing to do. If a woman is raped and becomes impregnated, then perhaps this is a time an abortion is better for the mother's psychological well-being. In the case of incest, there is most definitely legitimacy for the talk of abortion.

However, if you do not fit any of these situations I call on you to do the responsible thing. Have this child and give them the chance of a long a meaningful life. There are many people in this world that cannot have a child of their own and would love to adopt yours. So next time you find yourself in the waiting room of a planned parenthood clinic, please remember that these are the most precious gifts that anyone can give to the world. Don't let your own fears determine the fate of an innocent!

Thomas Welch
College Republicans

Meet Michael Peroutka, Constitutionalist

By JOSH DERMER
Contributing Writer

In this presidential election year, we see a familiar sight: both Democratic and Republican candidates pitching their rhetoric to the American people, trying to set themselves apart from each other. Pollsters will ask you the typical question, "Do you prefer Bush or Kerry?" If your answer is "neither," then you may consider voting for Michael Peroutka of the Constitution Party.

This summer, I had the honor of being a delegate to the 2004 Constitution Party National Convention where I met Michael Peroutka. He is a down-to-earth Maryland attorney who loves to sing and play the guitar. He is married and has three children. Over the years, he has devoted his time and resources to educating the public about the Constitution and the presuppositions of American government. Peroutka is the co-founder of the Institute on the Constitution, an educational foundation that strives toward that goal.

You may be asking, "Where does Peroutka stand on the issues?" Foremost, Peroutka believes that the purpose of government is to secure and defend our God-given rights. He also realizes that in order to defend those rights, the government must adhere to the Constitution. In contrast, both Bush and Kerry believe that the purpose of government is to redistribute wealth — your wealth. The fact that the federal government is \$7 trillion in debt is a symptom of our

situation today where we have a plague of unconstitutional programs.

In other words, Peroutka believes in finite government. He wants to end all unconstitutional spending and gradually phase out the income tax by replacing it with a revenue tariff.

Keeping in line with his belief about the purpose of government, Peroutka wants to defend the right to life of all Americans. He is totally opposed to abortion and euthanasia, and believes that the first duty of government is to protect innocent life. Peroutka is the only candidate on the ballot who promises to appoint pro-life justices to the Supreme Court and cut off federal subsidies to abortion providers. In contrast, President Bush has stated that he has no litmus test for judicial appointments and continues to approve federal funds for abortion providers.

Seeing the institution of the family being attacked on numerous fronts, one of Peroutka's campaign themes is defending the family. He rejects both same-sex "marriage" and civil unions just as he also opposes federal programs that underwrite the infrastructure of the homosexual movement.

Michael Peroutka believes that securing our borders is essential for our national security. Both Bush and Kerry have promised to give amnesty to millions of illegal aliens, many of whom come from nations that are known to sponsor terrorism. Such amnesty is nothing more than a massive reward for criminal behavior.

Recognizing that prosperity is linked to economic independence, Peroutka wants to stop the export of American jobs by ending burdensome regulations and removing America from unfair trade agreements. He supports withdrawal from the NAFTA and GATT agreements, and wants to restore the Constitutional authority of Congress to regulate trade by getting America out of the WTO.

Peroutka has two excellent campaign assistants who are telling the American people why they should vote for him. These two men have great media access and they have large staffs with lots of money. They work tirelessly to make the case over and over again that America must elect Michael Peroutka. Who are these two men? Their names are George Bush and John Kerry.

When you hear both Bush and Kerry on the campaign trail proposing all sorts of unconstitutional programs, they are telling you exactly why you cannot in good conscience give them the precious franchise of your vote — because they have already admitted they will break their oath of office, even before they take it.

Ultimately, Michael Peroutka's campaign is about building up a new movement to restore our constitutional republic. A vote for Peroutka is a vote to take America back from the two-party Establishment. His campaign is only the beginning, and our movement grows one election at a time.

—Josh Dermer is the chairman of the CNU Young Constitutionals.

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A third party candidate; vote Zack Morris?

Political Satire

By DANNY DEVLIN
Contributing Writer

In light of the upcoming election, and the ridiculously close race of Kerry and Bush, and due to the fact that we are a democracy, I have decided to vote for a third party candidate, because neither current candidate is pleasing me.

I know what you're thinking: voting for a third party candidate is just throwing your vote out ... not so. Because for this candidate, everybody would vote.

I would like to offer a new candidate for the 2004 Election: Zack Morris.

Not only would it mark the first time we had a truly, honestly attractive president, it would mark the first time a fictional character won the office. And he would win, because, c'mon, my generation is now voting approved. We grew up with Saved by the Bell ... everybody I know has seen every single episode, like, four or five times apiece. Zack Morris ... he got things done. He could even have Mr. Belding be his running mate. And Kelly Kapowski-Morris would be first lady. Any idiot that turned down Kelly Kapowski-Morris as their first lady doesn't deserve to vote. It's high time this country had an attractive couple in the white house.

Screach could be the Secretary of State — he was pretty smart. Slater could head up the President's Physical Fitness

Program. Jesse would be special advisor to the President on Woman's Issues. (C'mon, ladies, you know you'd love to have a true feminist like Jesse Spano in the office.) Lisa would be Secretary of Fashion — that's all her one-dimensional character ever did.

Heck, if we wanted to go really crazy, we could have the RA from the college years, Mike Rogers, be the Secretary of Defense. Did you ever see that guy? He was huge! No way would any country mess with us if that guy was protecting us.

With Aaron Spelling backing up the Presidency as the Special Interest Group, there's no way they could lose!

Zack got things done.

Remember the episode where Bayside High was found to be sitting atop a giant oil well? The first time we see Zack in that episode, he's afraid he's hurt a duck with a baseball. This kid gets around with carrying a duck in the halls of his high school. This duck turns out to be a close personal friend of Mr. Belding. No kidding, the Duck's name is Becky. So when the school discovers they're going to be rich from the oil, there is an oil spill and Becky dies. What does Zack do?

In two minutes, he convinces a hundred some odd students and faculty school board members that having millions and millions of dollars is disgracing to the honor of a lost friend — Becky the duck.

No, I'm not kidding you. I mean, think about the economic impacts of this money, first of

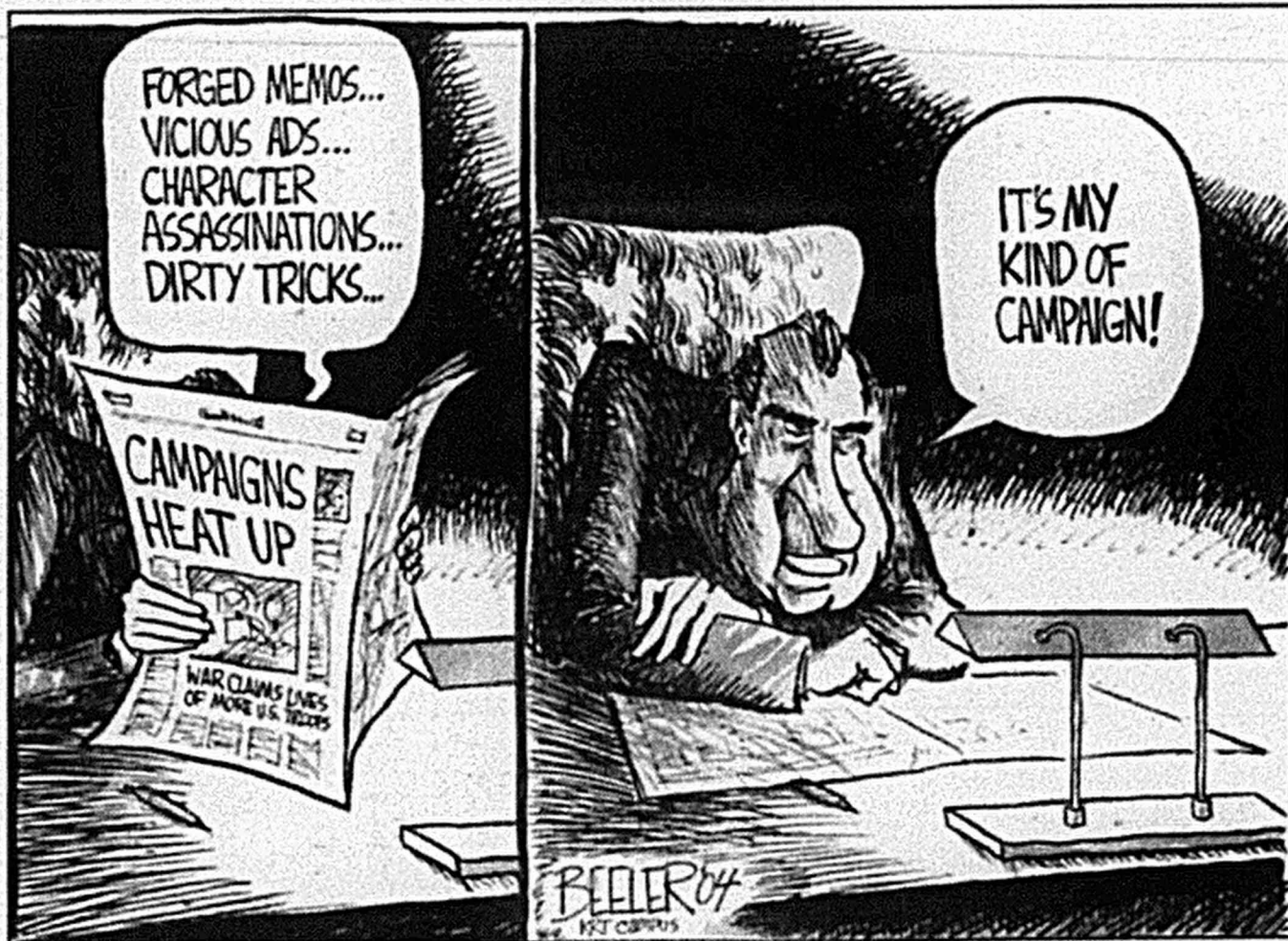
all. It would easily make Bayside the richest school in the entire nation, and, indeed, the entire world. Maybe then, they could have afforded to put some additions onto the school, instead of cramming the principals office, classrooms, bathrooms, lockers and stairs that lead to nowhere in a single hallway. And just because a duck died — which had already been hit with a baseball mind you — in the span of two minutes, Zack manages to overcome the avarice of the entire state of California. Clearly, Zack is concerned about our environment.

We also never have to worry about this president abusing drugs or drink. Remember that episode when Johnny Dakota came to the school to shoot a "Say no to Drugs" commercial, and took Zack and the kids to a big Hollywood party? Zack said no to Johnny Dakota in that episode. Finally! A President with some true values! Remember, "There's No Hope in Dope."

As for alcohol, Zack learned his lesson at the infamous toga party, when he had approximately two sips of beer and then crashed Lisa's mom's BMW into a light pole. See? Zack learned his lesson. Never again, says he. Not even at the rave he threw in college, when they partied in a classroom.

How this guy isn't our president, I don't even know. But help to make a difference. This election, write in Zack Morris.

Morris in '04.
The Zack Attack Is Back, Jack.



Smart flip-flop by Bush, forced by Congress

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

The following editorial appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Sept. 10:

Forced by congressional Republicans, mainly, to make a significant shift in his position, President Bush now says he supports the creation of a national intelligence director with "full budgetary authority." Bush's shift removes any excuse for not promptly enacting and signing a law making meaningful changes in the way this country collects and uses intelligence.

The latest move for legislative reform of intelligence began in July, with the release of a report by the commission that investigated the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The 9-11 commission made some 40 recommendations, the most notable of which was the creation of a national intelligence director to supervise the 15-odd intelligence agencies now dispersed throughout the federal government. Given post-9-11 disclosures that these agencies have

often failed to communicate — and sometimes even fought — with one another, this administrative consolidation makes eminent sense.

The commission noted that, to be effective, the new intelligence chief would have to have full control over the estimated \$40 billion this country spends on intelligence every year. Absent full budgetary authority, the new intelligence chief would be a toothless tiger in Washington.

Bush has resisted intelligence reform. He opposed the creation of the 9-11 commission; he was non-committal in his initial response to its recommendations, and it was not until early August that — again, bowing to congressional pressure — he reluctantly and belatedly endorsed the creation of a national intelligence director.

But the White House stopped short of ceding budget control. Chief of Staff Andrew Card saying only that the new director would have "significant input" — a vague and highly elastic term — over the money. In now supporting "full

budgetary authority," Bush has shifted again.

Congressional support for intelligence reform has generated at least two bills in the Senate. One, introduced earlier this week by a bipartisan group of members including John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., would codify virtually all the 9-11 commission's proposals. An even more sweeping bill was proposed in late August by Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

There is no reason for Congress to sit on its hands any longer. The 9-11 commission's recommendations were only the most recent calls for change; intelligence reform has been scrutinized and debated by lawmakers, academic researchers and others for years. Thus, any action by Congress can hardly be dismissed as hasty or not thought through. The risks are too great. Congress should enact a reform bill before it adjourns as scheduled on Oct. 8.

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World and Nation

Japanese baseball faces possible strike

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TOKYO — As Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners tries to break George Sisler's record for most hits in a single season, Ichiro's old team and Japan's professional baseball leagues are now confronted by an unprecedented crisis.

Japanese professional ballparks could be dark and silent this weekend, after the players union threatened a walkout to protect Ichiro's old team, the Orix BlueWave of Kobe, from being merged with another team from nearby Osaka.

"If the team's owners decided to reduce the number of baseball teams, we will strike," said Atsuya Furuta, a catcher for the Yakult Swallow and head of the Japan players association, before the owners approved a plan on Wednesday to shrink the number of teams.

The strike would be the first in the 70-year history of Japanese baseball, which suspended games only during World War II. The union says it will refuse to play Saturday and Sunday games throughout September unless the owners back down.

Japanese professional baseball has two leagues, Pacific and Central, and each has six teams. The merger of the BlueWave and the Kintetsu Buffalo teams would not only eliminate more than 100 jobs, but also would trigger renewed debate over whether the Japanese sport can continue to sustain two leagues in a sluggish economy as the sport loses popularity.

Professional soccer has attracted hordes of young fans, and some of Japan's best baseball players, including Seattle's Ichiro, who leads the American League in hitting, and Hideki Matsui of the New York Yankees, defected to play on American shores. Many U.S. games are now broadcast on Japanese television.

Players from all twelve teams agreed on Monday to walk off the job unless owners agreed by 5 p.m. Friday to a one-year freeze on the proposed merger and a reduction in the \$54 million fee required for a new team to join the leagues.

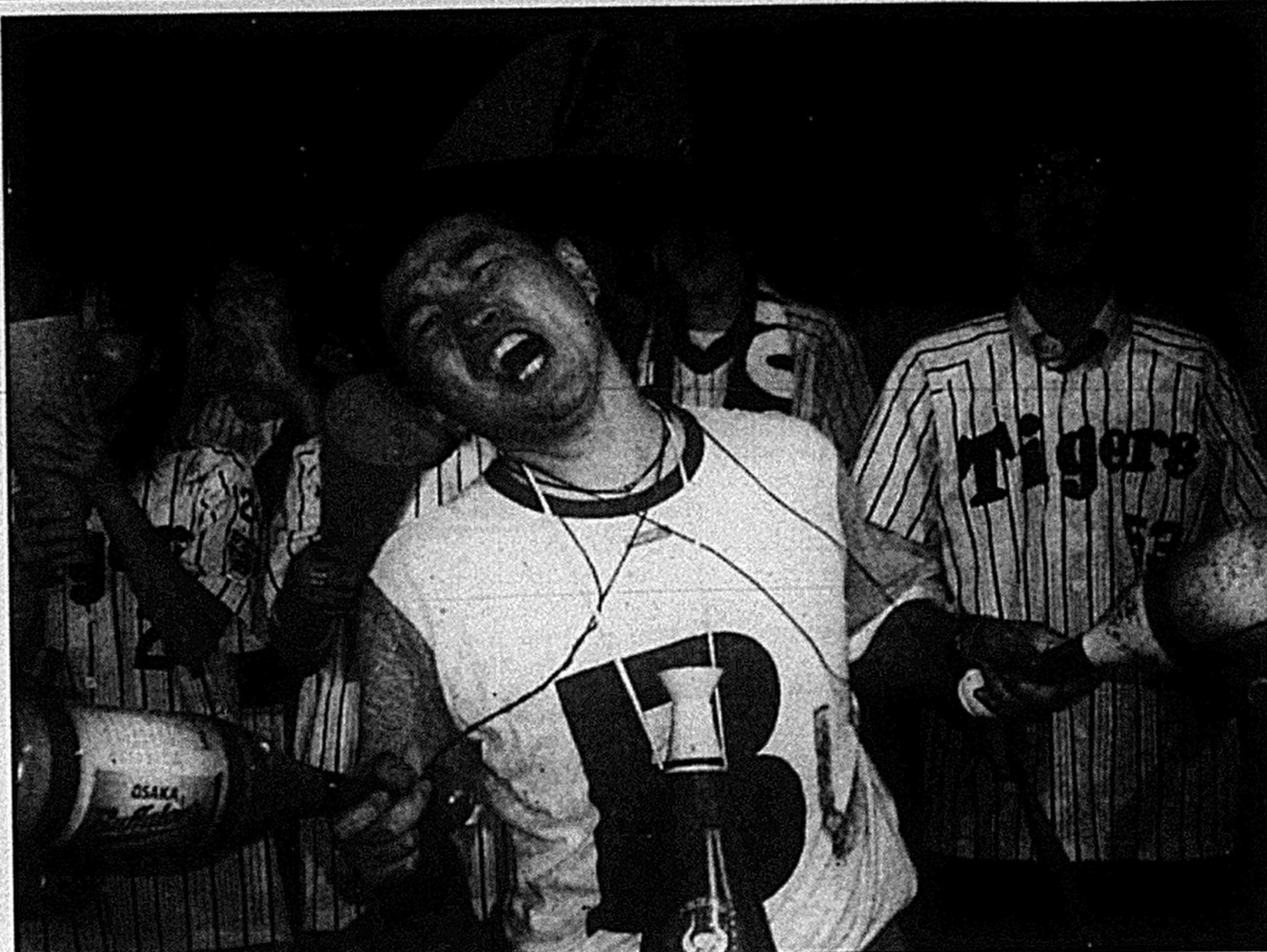
The strike threat has galvanized fans, who fear that economic concerns are tainting their love of the game. On Tuesday evening, more than 1,000 fans from different teams gathered in a light rain in a downtown Tokyo park to support the players and protest against the owners.

"I understand the economic hardship for owners, but without fans, baseball can't exist," entrepreneur Yusuke Hasegawa, 30, shouted during the gathering of fans, who came with megaphones, drums and whistles that echoed through the nearby grounds of the Imperial Palace. "This is the 70th anniversary of Japanese baseball. It's supposed to expand, not shrink," he said. "Owners do not listen to the players or to the fans at all. I want them to listen to us!"

Hasegawa said he was impressed by the spirited nature of the fans. "This is the first kind of real fans' gathering. There has not been such unity among fans before," he said with a smile. "Because of the baseball crisis in Japan, we are getting together for the first time."

The merger conversation began in June. But fans grew irate when the owner of Tokyo's Yomiuri Giants, the league's most powerful and profitable team, dismissed the players' union's calls to discuss the merger by saying of union leader Furuta, "You rude fellow. You don't know your own place. You are just a player."

The owner, Tsuneo Watanabe, 78, was later forced to resign his post after the team made an illegal payment to a high school star it wanted to recruit. Watanabe is also chairman of Japan's



Japanese professional baseball fans gather at Hibiya Park, at the center of Tokyo, to protest the merger of Buffaloes and Orix. The reduction in teams would lead to a strike, the first in the 70-year history Japanese baseball, which suspended games only during World War II.

largest daily newspaper, the Yomiuri.

The Kintetsu Buffalo team, which is owned by a railway line, has been in debt since it joined the league 54 years ago.

Last year, the team said it lost \$36 million, and the parent company said it could no longer shoulder the losses. An Internet company, Livedoor, offered to buy the Buffaloes from the railway, but the league refused to entertain the offer and refused to explain why.

Now the players want the ownership committee to offer clear and objective criteria for allowing new companies to bid for professional teams.

The "hollowing out" of Japanese baseball, which began when whirlybird pitcher Hideo Nomo joined the Los Angeles Dodgers, has caused attendance

and ratings to fall in Japan. In July, the TV ratings for the Giants, by far Japan's most popular team, fell 11 percent from their previous low.

"It is true that level of play of the (U.S.) major leagues is higher," Furuta said. "You can't prevent some players from going."

But the departure of some players shouldn't affect Japanese play, he insisted, since the exploits of Ichiro and Matsui inspire young Japanese to play baseball.

"This is a very important thing, to give dreams to baseball fans," he said.

Infielder Hirokazu Iba of the league-leading Chunichi Dragons complained that the owners don't even want to consult with the players. "In truth, they are asking us to sign off on

the whole package without even listening to a word we say."

"We have been willing to talk about this all along, but so far management has just acted alone and does not listen to us," Furuta said.

The confrontation has provoked more than one fan to wonder what's gone wrong with sports in Japan. At the fans' rally, Chiho Saito, wearing a pin-striped Hanshin Tigers uniform, was nearly in tears.

"There are so many unreasonable things happening in the world. I at least want baseball to be the world where people can have lots of dreams and justice will prevail."

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U.S. death toll in Iraq passes 1,000

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — The death toll for U.S. troops in Iraq passed 1,000 on Tuesday, a milestone marking the continuing high cost of the war 16 months after President Bush declared an end to major combat and more than two months since the nominal return of sovereignty to Iraq.

The total, which reached 1,001, included 756 combat deaths, according to icasualties.org, a Web site that tallies U.S. military casualties in Iraq mainly from U.S. military news releases.

Including combat and noncombat causes, 855 U.S. troops have died since May 1 last year, and 140 have died since the return of sovereignty on June 28.

The daily casualty toll has been slowly rising since major combat operations ended — it now averages more than two deaths each day.

April was the deadliest month of the war, with 135 U.S. soldiers losing their lives during a broad uprising in central and southern Iraq. Fifty-four U.S. troops died in July, 66 in August, and 23 so far in September.

A total of 6,916 were wounded as of the end of August, of which 3,076 returned to duty within 72 hours.

Pitched battles such as last month's three-week showdown with a militia in Najaf, during which seven Marines and two soldiers died, have grabbed headlines.

But months of attacks on or by U.S. forces elsewhere have added to the toll, even as fledgling Iraqi forces shoulder more of the burden of quelling the tenacious insurgency.

On Tuesday, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said of those who died in Iraq and Afghanistan: "We remember, honor and mourn the loss of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom."

Army Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said the rising death toll should be kept in perspective. Each death is regrettable, he said, but the overall toll is relatively small compared with how long U.S. forces have been in Iraq and how many service members have served in the country.

"I'm not sure it is a large number when you look at it in the big scheme of things," Boylan said.

"The thing that concerns me is people equating success or failure with the number. The first casualty to the last casualty, whenever that will be, is just as important and shouldn't be pegged to numbers."

The latest deaths include four soldiers killed Tuesday in Baghdad and a soldier who died Tuesday from injuries

received from a roadside bomb attack Monday on a convoy in Baghdad.

On Monday, the deadliest day for U.S. forces in four months, seven Marines were killed in a massive car bombing on the outskirts of Fallujah, a notorious hotspot of anti-U.S. sentiment about 40 miles west of Baghdad. Three soldiers also were killed in Baghdad and elsewhere.

The approximately 140,000 U.S. service members in Iraq are deployed across a vast region stretching from Iraq's northern border with Turkey, Syria and Iran, through the country's middle and into its southern provinces. The rest of southern Iraq is the responsibility of coalition forces led by Britain and Poland.

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—Scott McClellan, White House
Press Secretary

The coalition's mission is to support the fledgling interim Iraqi government's efforts to prepare the country for nationwide parliamentary elections by Jan. 31, including establishing law and order, Boylan said. U.S. military leaders have acknowledged that the insurgency is making their job difficult.

"It may not happen as fast as everybody would like," Boylan said. "It's hard work, especially when there are groups of people who don't want you in their area, for whatever reason."

Multinational soldiers were attacked about 2,000 times in August, or an average of 67 times daily, a record since the April 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, a military spokesman said this week.

In July, the coalition was attacked about 1,000 times, or an average of 37 times daily.

Mortar rounds rain on military bases. Improvised explosive devices and car bombs blow apart military convoys. Gunmen armed with assault rifles, sniper rifles and rocket-propelled grenades prey on Marines and

soldiers patrolling in armored vehicles or on foot.

"It kind of runs the whole gamut," Boylan said of the perils facing U.S. forces. "There's still an active threat. We have to guard against that every day."

Soldiers such as Army Staff Sgt. Mathew Barker, whose 1st Cavalry company is stationed in an Iraqi National Guard building in northern Baghdad barricaded behind razor wire and earthen barriers, remain alert to the threats but try not to let the danger impede their mission.

"If you spend every waking moment worrying about what's going to happen, it isn't going to do you any good," Barker said. "Unfortunately, due to the nature of the operation — guerrilla-style tactics — you're going to have casualties. But we have a mission to accomplish."

The number of organized, "full-time" insurgents is hard to quantify but is believed to be between 4,000 and 6,000, Boylan said. Also, there are an unknown number of individuals occasionally participating in insurgent activities, sometimes for money, he said.

Other reported estimates, including from U.S. military sources speaking on condition of anonymity, have put the insurgency's size as high as 20,000.

Much of the danger to U.S. forces continues to be within, and emanate from, the so-called Sunni Triangle. The region north and west of Baghdad and bounded by the predominantly Sunni Muslim cities of Tikrit, Ramadi and Baqouba is an insurgent stronghold.

So hostile are certain areas that the military has designated some cities — including Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra in the Sunni Triangle and the southern cities of Kufa and Latifiya — "no-go zones." Yet, Army Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz said this week that U.S. forces might seek to gain control of Fallujah before next year's parliamentary election.

Such a move could add significantly to the number of U.S. casualties.

Barker, the 1st Cavalry soldier in Baghdad, looks on the casualty count with a certain degree of stoicism. "We're Army. This is our job. This is what we signed up to do," he said.

Yet he and his fellow soldiers also are keenly aware of the mounting death toll. Reading the Army's newspaper, Stars and Stripes, they can't ignore the rising number and the names of their fallen comrades-in-arms.

"Yes, it's a low figure compared to how many people have been here," Barker said. "But one death is more than enough."

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Ralph Nader vows legal fight to appear on Florida ballot

Many argue the Reform Party is a 'skeleton of its former self'

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WASHINGTON: Independent candidate Ralph Nader's efforts to mount a credible national campaign hit another snag Thursday as he was engaged in a fierce legal battle to get back on the Florida ballot a day after a state judge there threw him off.

Nader, bitter about Democratic-led efforts to neutralize him, said he would appeal the decision denying him a ballot slot as the nominee of the Reform Party and complained to reporters Thursday about "Jim Crow ballot access laws that have absorbed our time and resources in state after state."

Nader is safely on the ballot so far in 23 states, but Democrats have succeeded in keeping him off the ballot in four key battleground states — Florida, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Arizona. The consumer activist has legal challenges around the country and still hopes to get on ballots in a total of 40 states.

But nowhere is the symbolism more important than Florida.

Nader, the Green Party nominee in the 2000 presidential race, was branded "the spoiler" by angry Democrats for siphoning votes from Democratic nominee Al Gore in Florida, which George W. Bush won by 537 votes.

Nader, whose pro-environment, pro-consumer views are closer to Gore's, received 97,488 votes.

Nader rejects the notion that he was the spoiler in the last election and predicted Thursday that "the Democrats are probably going to lose" this year's election.

He blamed Democratic nominee John Kerry's unwillingness to tackle corporate crime and promote domestic issues.

"The Kerry campaign has taken the corporate poison pill," Nader said. But Democratic activists aren't taking any chances with a Nader factor, even with the most recent national polls giving him 3 percent or less in popular support.

"Florida is huge — huge," said Toby Moffett, a former Democratic congressman from Connecticut and one-time Nader associate who co-founded the Ballot Access Project that's trying to stop Nader nation-

wide. "Florida is not only important for the obvious reasons but also as a symbolic victory."

In a Miami Herald/St. Petersburg Times poll conducted from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, Bush had 48 percent to Kerry's 46 percent in Florida with Nader at 2 percent. Four percent of those responding were undecided.

In two suits brought by the state Democratic Party and voters represented by the Ballot Access Project, Nader opponents argued that Nader's effort to get on the ballot on the Reform Party line was a sham.

They argued that the Reform Party was not a "national" party as called for by Florida law.

In May, Nader was endorsed by the Reform Party in a teleconference call with 27 party officials.

Then, to satisfy a Florida law that requires a national convention to secure a place on the ballot, the Reform Party met in a convention in Irving, Texas, to ratify its earlier endorsement. Some 60 members attended the August convention in Texas.

But Leon County Circuit Judge Kevin Davey decided against recognizing the Reform Party, which was founded by Dallas billionaire Ross Perot who ran for president in 1992 and 1996.

On Wednesday, Davey issued a temporary restraining order to keep the Florida secretary of state from certifying ballots that must be printed in time for the Sept. 18 mailings to absentee voters.

"The Reform Party is a skeleton of its former self," said Davey. "It appears that the Reform Party is no longer a national party."

However, Nader sympathizers say that five other minor parties, such as the Socialist Workers Party, qualified for the ballot in Florida, and are running presidential candidates.

"It's hard for me to understand how they can claim the Reform Party isn't a party and these parties are," said Richard Winger, the editor of Ballot Access News, a newsletter on ballot issues.

Meanwhile, in Pennsylvania, a state Commonwealth Court refused to alter its order keeping Nader off the ballot.

But in Oregon, where election officials had kept Nader off the ballot, a judge Thursday ordered him on it. The Oregon secretary of state is considering an appeal of that order.

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Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope
For September 13-19

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) Early this week, friends and lovers may propose expanded family activities or group commitments. Over the next few days, an intense mood of restlessness, romantic interest and social curiosity will arrive. Remain open and respond honestly to highly creative ideas. Loved ones will expect your full devotion. After Thursday, job promotions are accented. Watch for authority figures to offer unique educational programs or extended team assignments.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Late Tuesday, a close friend may reveal unusual social information or request delicate advice. Private love affairs, past history between friends, or romantic power struggles may be accented. Go slow and encourage serious decisions. Loved ones may soon need to abandon yesterday's expectations. Later this week financial opportunities arrive in the form of career partnerships or shared investments. Take time to finalize all outstanding paperwork. Small details are important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Public reputation and workplace confidence will soon lead to valuable job opportunities. Over the next 2 days, bosses and managers may rely heavily on your leadership skills, creativity or social charisma. Remain focused on minor details, however, and expect colleagues to be temporarily silent. At present, co-workers may feel misunderstood or isolated. Wednesday through Sunday, romantic proposals are delightful and serious. Expect long-term invitations and rare promises.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Emotional outbursts from loved ones may be an ongoing theme for the next few days. Early Tuesday, expect romantic partners or close friends to ask for clarity concerning housing issues, family roles and long-term commitments. Respond with honesty and calm reassurance. Before mid-week, tempers may be high. Thursday through Sunday, authority figures may provide misinformation or vague instructions. If so, take the initiative. Private creativity will prove helpful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Delayed financial or business requests will this week work to your advantage. Loan applications, job inquiries and legal compensation may be key issues. Study small details for faulty agreements. Before October, fast career progress may arrive through unusual mistakes. Wednesday through Sunday, a unique romantic and social introduction may bring a new relationship into your life. Short-term love affairs and distant travel are accented. Stay balanced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Group events and team assignments may soon bring surprising business contacts. Before mid-week, respond quickly to promising leads, ventures or social invitations. Outdated loyalties now need to fade. Remain open to sudden advancement or complex workplace solutions. After Thursday, minor throat irritations or headaches may be bothersome. Study new dietary or exercise regimes. A revised daily routine will help increase energy and build confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Loved ones may this week press for sudden decisions or fast home changes. Late Tuesday, a recent power struggle between relatives will fade. Expect positive proposals and reaffirmed affections to be an ongoing theme soon. Stay alert, however. Revised romantic or family roles will soon bring vital breakthroughs. After mid-week, a previously silent colleague may announce controversial plans. Ask for detailed explanations. Private information will soon be revealed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Monday through Wednesday, an older colleague will rely heavily on your wisdom and past experience. Workplace triangles and social power struggles will soon require constant attention. Expect escalating tensions concerning seniority or public responsibility. After mid-week, respond quickly to the needs of a close relative. Loved ones may now feel misunderstood or doubtful of their recent social decisions. Emotional support is needed. Stay focused and offer precise words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before mid-week, workplace assignments may be derailed by financial limitations or failed agreements. Business confusion, however, will be temporary. In the coming weeks, corporate revisions will create new team alliances. Stay alert and wait for bold announcements. Thursday through Sunday, long-term relationships may begin a complex phase of emotional negotiations. Family promises, traditional roles and home expansion may be a key theme. Remain attentive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Business partnerships may soon reveal important opportunities. Joint financial ventures, unique investments or late-arriving team assignments will all work to your advantage. Don't avoid complex money discussions with colleagues. There's much to be gained. Wednesday through Saturday, a friend or lover may be moody or unresponsive. Gently press for private details. A recent series of family or romantic disagreements will soon need to be actively debated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Minor health irritations are highlighted over the next six days. Some Aquarians, especially those born later in January, may also experience mild infections or blood disorders. Serious consequences are highly unlikely, so not to worry. Do, however, pamper the body and avoid disrupted sleep patterns. Physical vitality is now changing. After mid-week, yesterday's family or romantic promises may require public discussion. Loved ones expect honesty. Don't disappoint.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Home planning may soon trigger rare family difficulties. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to introduce revised daily schedules or new social obligations. Accommodate all as best as possible. In the coming weeks, changing home routines will demand almost constant attention. Thursday through Sunday, minor financial restrictions will fade. A close friend or relative may now offer loans, detailed advice or unique budget solutions. Stay focused. New ideas will be complex.

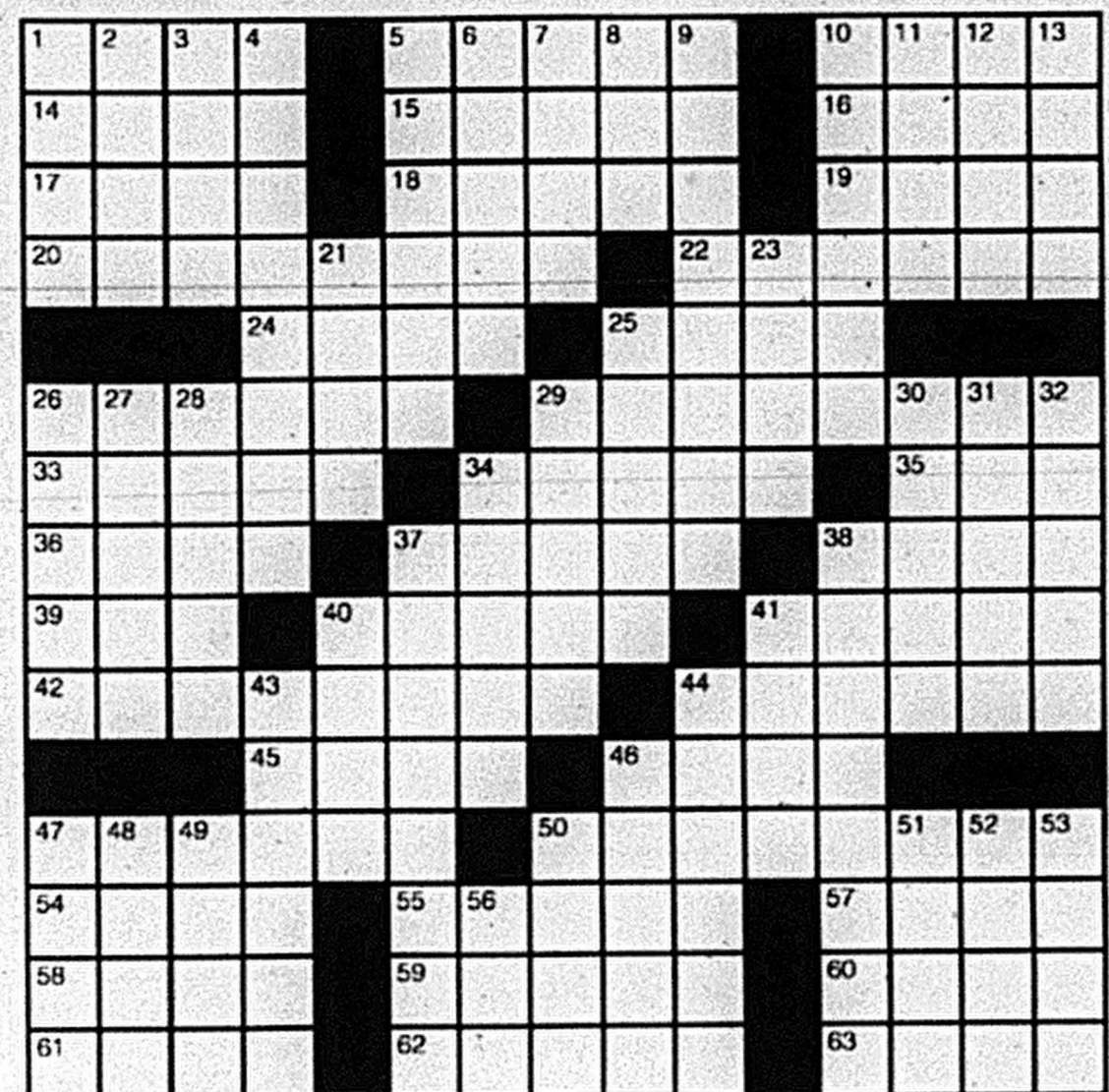
If your birthday is this week: Older colleagues or mentors will likely ask for vital career decisions over the next eight to nine weeks. A recent phase of slow career progress and sluggish job advancement is now ending. Watch for new partnerships and creative alliances to take the place of stalled projects soon. Some Virgos, especially those born after 1974, may also experience the dramatic arrival of a new love affair or workplace attraction. If so, expect passions to be brief and unreliable. Wait for detailed promises before taking emotional risks. After mid-November, a seven-month period of fast social advancement and new invitations begins. Use this time to expand family commitments, press for serious romantic promises or realign group loyalties. A complex and changeable few months. Pace yourself and trust your first impressions.

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- ACROSS**
- Paper quantity
 - One of The Three Stooges
 - Largest continent
 - Egg on
 - Tithing fraction
 - Speech imperfection
 - Young woman
 - Showering
 - Swiss artist
 - Sheath
 - Slithered
 - Find a perch
 - German port
 - Insist
 - Pueblo spirits
 - Cutting down
 - City near Anchorage
 - End of pay?
 - Brass component
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 - Court document
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 - Zigzag
 - Peacefully
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 - Writer Krantz
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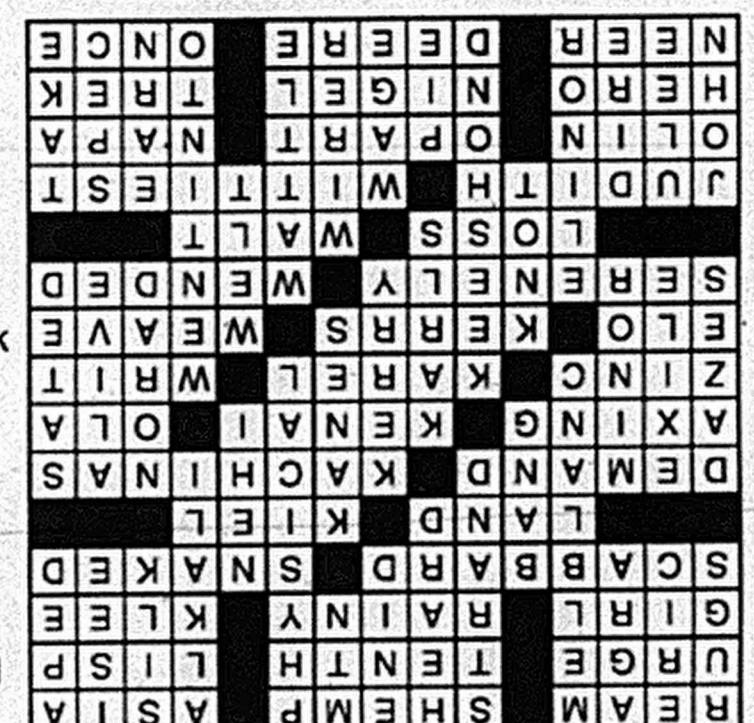
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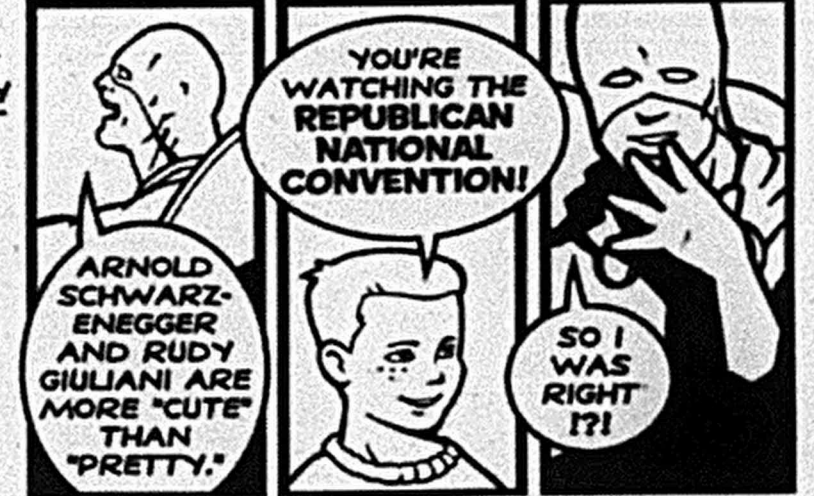
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CAPTAIN RIBMAN in "Gimme An 'R'!"



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Arts & Entertainment



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Focusing on the funny side of politics, members of the Second City comedy troupe performed one of several song and dance numbers during their show at the Ferguson Center for the Arts on Saturday night.

Second City Troupe Satirizes Politics

By ASHLEY DOOLEY
Captain's Log Intern

Claiming to "expose lies from the left and right," the Second City Communications touring troupe put on a well-received (and sold out) show Saturday Sept. 11, at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

The show had a vaudeville feel to it, complete with a live piano player who accompanied the skits. In perfect timing for the upcoming presidential election in November, the act aimed to take a "usually fair and somewhat balanced" look at our country's government and politics.

Guests awaited the start of the show in the spacious lobby of the Ferguson Center where coffee, fresh fruit and an array of desserts were served for "Setting Sail Revisited."

The majority of those in attendance

were students and parents enjoying Family Weekend. Around 9 p.m., guests began milling into the theater. Only a few familiar with Second City knew what was about to unfold onstage.

The Second City touring troupe is based in Chicago, Ill. and has a 45-year history. The ensemble travels throughout the year to numerous theatres, universities and performing arts centers.

Many of Second City's cast has gone on to perform on the popular comedy show "Saturday Night Live."

Comedic talents such as Jim Belushi, Chris Farley, Dan Ackroyd, Martin Short, John Candy and Gilda Radner are all "graduates" of Second City.

Arriving two hours before show time to rehearse, the group was "very professional and easy to work with," said Carrie Mouio, director of Greek Affairs, who assisted in ensuring family weekend was a success.

At seven minutes after nine, the

lights dimmed and the piano man began playing a loud, high-energy number. With that, the show began, with the audience laughing from start to finish.

The upbeat and modern show tackled contemporary issues, such as gay rights and terrorism.

Featuring political sketches and even an improvisational skit, the show offered an unbiased and humorous approach to politics.

The show moved from skit to skit in a rapid fashion. One of the more memorable skits was one in which Bill Clinton's less-than-monogamous relationship with Hillary Clinton was jokingly portrayed.

In another particularly funny skit, the cast broke out into a song-parody about the terrorism color warnings, dubbed "the terrorism color wheel of fear."

"The show was very energetic,"

said freshman Timothy Bartlett. "It was a lot like Saturday Night Live."

The cast dramatically played up the stereotypical differences between the Republican and Democratic parties throughout the show. Both parties were parodied equally. Neither was spared.

"The show was very well balanced — it showed the human side of politics," said Kenneth Gathman, who came with his daughter, freshman Jennifer Gathman. "You were able to laugh at politics for a change."

"My family and I were laughing throughout the whole show," said junior Andrew Almand.

For those that saw the show, they'll be keeping their eyes peeled to see if any from the troupe make it onto future seasons of Saturday Night Live.

"In true Second City tradition, it was excellent," said Frank Pecqueux, a Second City fan and visitor for family weekend.

Campus Confusion: The top six things that make no sense from fences to mysterious stains

By JON PAGE
Staff Columnist

Although I may not be "hip," I am down with the times. I know what's in and what's out. I know the difference between MTV and VH1. I can even tie my own shoes. That being said, there are a couple of things I don't understand. Therefore, this week I give you my top 6 things on campus that make no sense to me.

#6 — Green Walls. I know we are doing construction. My guess is there are about 5,000 other students who know we are doing construction. The faculty, I bet they know. How about the administration? They don't know much, but I guarantee that they know they are paying someone to do something.

Even the visitors to campus might be able to take a wild guess that we have some construction going on. So why do we need green walls to hide it? My tuition probably went to putting up those walls. What do they do, make us look like we have Fenway Park in the middle of campus? They don't hide the construction. Trust me, I have class in Wingfield. Smith Hall is still a pile of rubble, and the construction workers do about as much work behind those walls as they do in front of them. The green walls ate my tuition for dinner. I will burn them.

#5 — Sliding Down Rails. Old people are on our campus on a regular basis. They don't swarm the campus like the black plague, but they are around. When people are old, they sometimes need assistance walking. So we have rails that act as a guide along every stairwell on campus. They are there for the old people. Not for you and your punk rebel friends to slide down on. Here is a good story. Walking into the student center, I saw someone sliding down the rail in front of the middle entrance to the breezeway of the student center. There are four stairs there. Yes, four stairs. Why are you sliding down that rail? Do you really enjoy underpants "creeping up," because I'm sure the football team can help you to enjoy that even more. Leave it for the old people; they don't swarm.

#4 — Cell Phones. Get off the phone. Seriously. You do not need to be on the phone. I bet at least three people will read this while on the phone and realize they have no life. I have a cell phone. Unfortunately, I haven't been by the store to pick up glue to stick it to my face. I know everyone has one, and its the way to stay in touch, but that doesn't mean you need to have it every second of every day. I seriously saw someone cry because their cell got disconnected. Suck it up. It's a call. Unless your dog is dead, wipe away the tears and go to class. Oh yeah, stop playing with your fingers. I can manage hearing your ringer once. If I hear someone going through their "catalog" of rings ever again in my presence, I will make your rings stop. Your phone will go on Gemille's grill, and I will cut it up like a Philly Cheese Steak. Turn it off.

#3 — Odd Stains in McMurrin. Anyone who has class in the upstairs portion of McMurrin, probably knows what I am talking about. Almost every classroom in McMurrin has a stain in the carpet. Now I'm sure that building, being one of the oldest on campus, has had its share of leaks. But in every room? A large, round stain that looks like some form of liquid has been spilled onto the floor? I know Newport News is dangerous, and homeless people have been known to stay in the lobbies of the residence halls ... but stains in the carpet?

#2 — Not Cheering at Football Games. Why are you at the game if you aren't going to cheer? I know it isn't for the comfort of the bleachers. I know from experience that if you sit on the bleachers the whole game, your hindquarters will ache for a week. So stand up. Cheer on CNU. This isn't high school, you aren't a loser if you are happy we get a touchdown, or mad that we miss the extra point. Stand up and cheer. A football game is not a social event. You do not go see the game to see what your friends are doing that night. You have your cell phone glued to your face for that. Cheer dam it.

#1 — Trucker Hats. You do not drive an 18-wheeler. Take off the hat. Don't cock it to the side. In fact don't wear it. Take it off. Here is a solution for people wearing those hats. From now on, if you wear a trucker hat, you have to drive a semi. No questions asked. You have to deliver the shipment, and if you don't you are expelled. Simple as that. Or you can take off the hat, and save yourself the gas money. Do it for the kids. Take off the hat.

Game show challenges family knowledge

By BECCA HOWARD
Contributing Writer

When asked how well you know your family, most would respond, "Pretty well." At least that's what you think.

But in Gaines Theatre on Saturday at 5 p.m., a few families who thought they knew each other well were surprised to find out that they didn't.

The "Family or Not" Game Show, part of Family Weekend, was based on "The Newlywed Game."

One student and one parent made up each team and there were four teams in each of the two rounds.

In each round, the two teams with the top scores moved on to the final round, where the top four teams competed against each other for the prize.

According to Kevin Hughes, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, the game show idea was that of the Planning Committee, which is made up of students and the Student Life Staff.

Hughes stood at the doors of Gaines Theatre before the show and encouraged people to sign up if they wanted to participate.

Hughes said that this show was fairly typical compared to past shows.

"There's always a few surprises," said Hughes, whose favorite aspect of the show was seeing the surprise on people's faces when they realize things about their family member. "It's also nice to see the shared relationships

between sons and daughters and their parents."

At last year's show, the entire prize wasn't given away because of Hurricane Isabel, said Coordinator of Student Life Katey Morlino Howerton.

The winners were supposed to attend a Phil Vassar concert in a limousine, but it was canceled.

This year, the prize was a limousine ride to a complimentary dinner at a local restaurant, Cities Grill.

The winners of Saturday night's show were freshman Michelle Riffe and her mother Robin.

They both enjoyed participating and were surprised at how much they knew. "It was weird how well we knew each other," said Michelle.

"It was tough competition," said Robin Riffe.

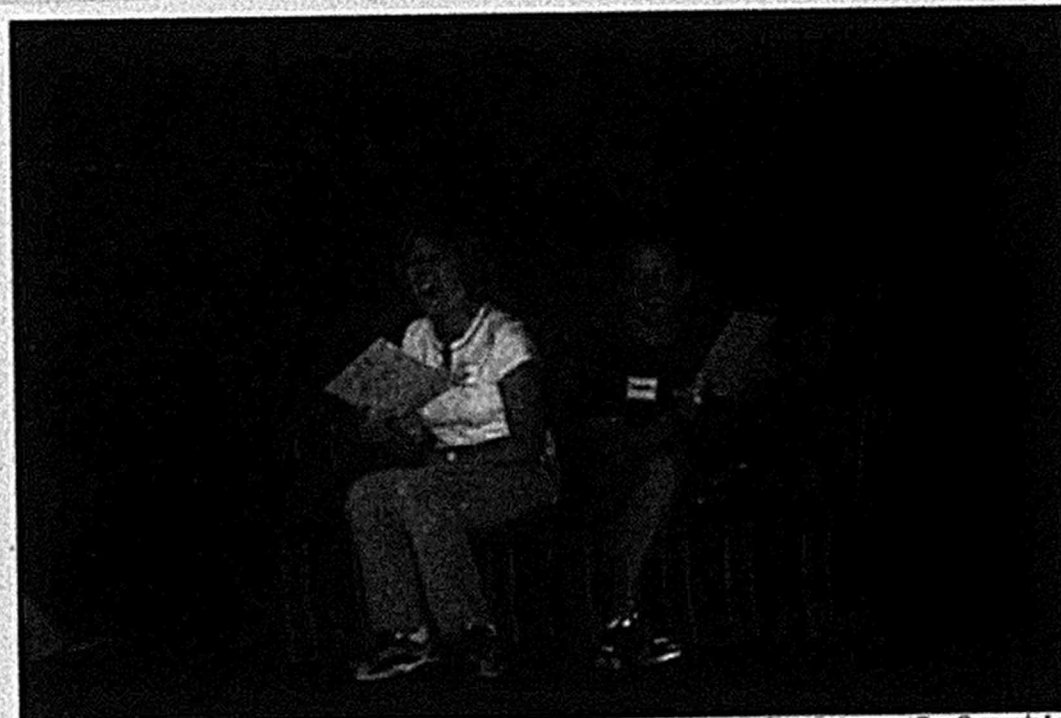
According to her, what "sealed the deal" were the last two questions, "What is your parent's favorite song?" and "What is your parent's favorite TV show?" They both wrote down "Forever Young" and "Big Brother," winning them the prize.

"The show was validation that we knew each other well," said Robin.

Her favorite part was the suspense. "It was also interesting to see how well the other families knew each other," she said.

The competition was tough, but there were a couple families who didn't seem to know each other at all.

Both Hughes and Howerton said



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Freshman Charles Fairbanks and mother Sharon Fairbanks played the "Family or Not" Game Show.

that they enjoyed the fact that some students didn't seem to know anything about each other.

Along with Michelle and Robin, Michelle's younger brother, Chris Riffe, was able to ride to the restaurant in the limousine. Chris said he thought he knew his mom and sister well and wished he could have been the one to answer some of the questions.

"It's my dream to be on a game show!" said Chris. "But, I didn't know the favorite song, first kiss and first boyfriend questions."

Other questions asked included "How many times has your child

snuck out of the house?" and "Who does your child look up to the most?"

A couple answers to certain questions brought about laughter from the audience.

When asked what item of her mother's she would throw away, Michelle answered that she would throw away her mother's cat, while Robin thought that Michelle would want to throw away her brother, Chris.

According to Kevin Hughes, the show can be expected at next year's Family Weekend.

"Families get to spend time together and there's a nice prize," he said.

'Cellular' more than your average action movie

Screenwriter of
'Phone Booth' puts
Kim Basinger, Chris
Evans on the line

By ANNIE FERENBACH
Contributing Writer

I didn't have high expectations for "Cellular."

The trailer is engaging and the premise sounds fun, but I didn't expect this film to have a lot of brains or anything unique.

I was mostly right — there are

some moments that go beyond unrealistic to just absurd — but it certainly did have its winning points.

Beautiful and inexplicably well-off Jessica Martin (Kim Basinger) expects another average day with her husband (Richard Burgi) and 11-year-old son (a good and all-too-brief performance by Adam Taylor Gordon).

After she gets him off to school, however, five armed men murder her, housekeeper, kidnap her and lock her in the attic of a house.

She has no idea where she is, and the only phone she might be able to use has been smashed by her main kidnapper (Jason Statham, who is both wasted and oddly cast in this role).

But wait! By bonding and twisting several wires of said phone together, she is able to dial into outside lines.

Enter young Ryan, played by Chris Evans. He is a self-absorbed (as described by his ex-girlfriend) young man who simply answers his phone while driving along the Santa Monica Pier.

When he becomes convinced that Jessica, on the other end, really needs his help, the thrills and laughs begin.

To be perfectly honest, I was fully expecting to be disappointed and irritated with Kim Basinger's performance — she's never done too much for me in the past, and I wasn't expecting much from her at all.

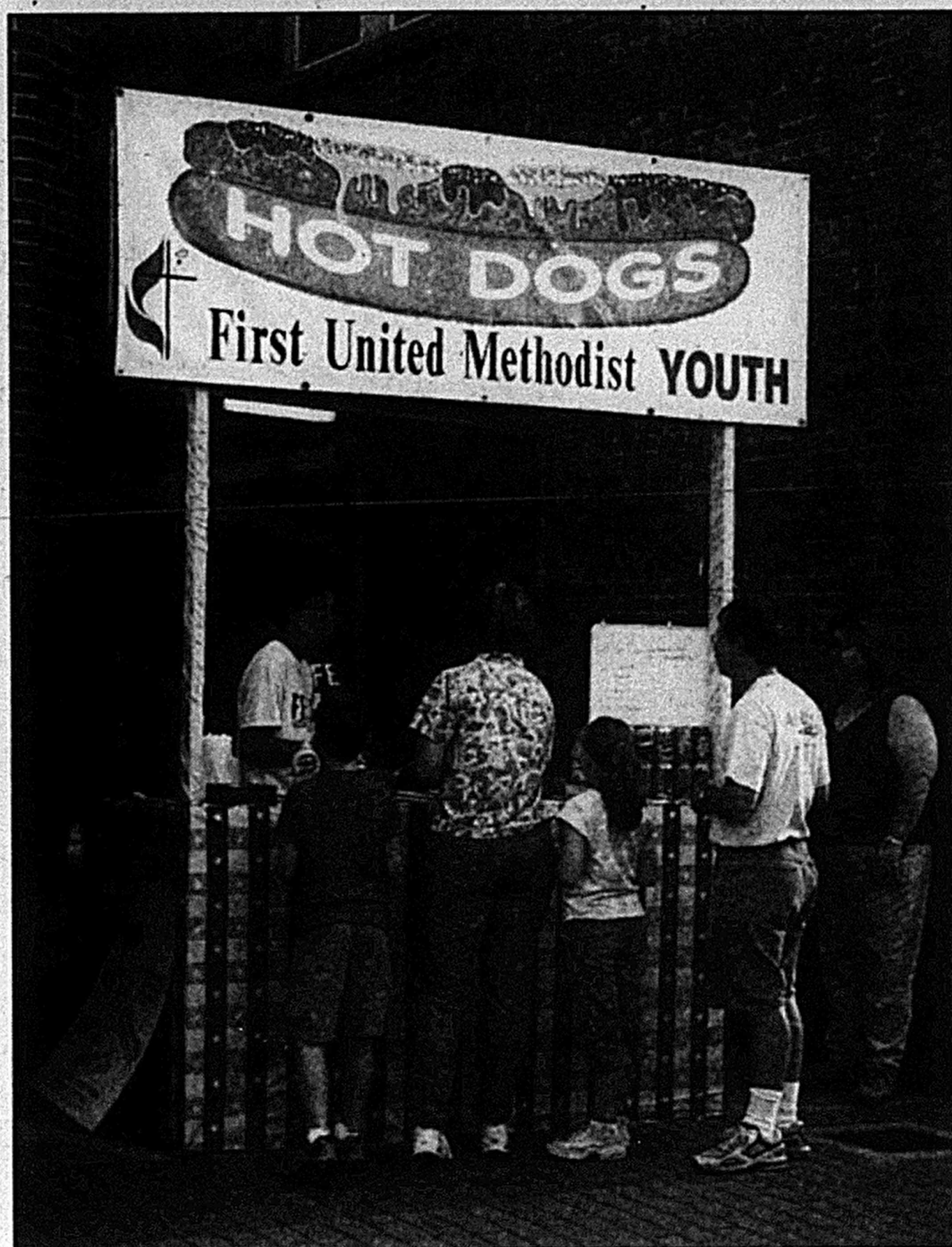
But I must admit, aside from the first five minutes of the film, she really did impress me.

Aside from the two leads, the cast has very little acting required of them, but in nearly all of Basinger's scenes she had to be panicked, tearful, terrified and brave, all at the same time.

Newcomer Evans impressed me as well, especially considering his résumé before this mostly consists of teen movies.

The whole film follows Ryan's journey as he struggles to save this woman he has never met, so if we don't like Ryan and aren't convinced by his

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Hampton's annual Bay Days festival was host to several different food vendors, selling classic all-American food, such as french fries, hot dogs, cheese steaks and funnel cakes. Bay Days was held in downtown Hampton from Sept. 10 through 12.

Bays Days offers something for everyone

By BECCA HOWARD
Captain's Log Intern

I am a Bay Days virgin. This being my fourth year at CNU, I have never made it to the annual event in downtown Hampton. So, with the start of the fall semester, I cleared my calendar for the weekend of Sept. 10 through the 12 to be sure I'd make an appearance and see what the hoopla was all about. For those of you who still have future Bay Days ahead of you, here are some of my favorite happenings that made up the festival this year.

Starting on Friday and ending on Sunday, Bay Days proved to be a typical all-day festival geared toward all ages. The scene was complete with crafts, handmade jewelry, hippie clothing and purses, gourmet foods and even furniture.

Juxtaposed with these stands were festival food stands inviting customers with smoky aromas. French fries, ribbon fries, hot dogs, cheese steaks and funnel cakes all drenched in grease made up some of the options.

The blocked-off streets were swarming with a diverse group from the community, and the craft stands equaled in diversity. What caught my attention most were strangely crafted metal tubes, spray painted a variety of colors. And the sign next to them caught my attention even more. These were marshmallow shooters. They appeared to be a smaller form of a potato gun

that somewhat took the shape of a horn. When placed onto the mouth of the blower, marshmallows could shoot out of them and go great distances. Well, great distances for marshmallows. I was not so sure about these so-called marshmallow shooters and required a demonstration to become a supporter.

Those who say, "seeing is believing" speak the truth. Randy Ulrich loaded up one of his marshmallow shooters with miniature marshmallows, placed it up to his mouth and shot them out into the afternoon sky. Ulrich sells these at various fairs and festivals around the area.

The shooters were \$6 each, and later on in the evening we were attacked with marshmallows hitting our behinds by a sniper, who really turned out to be a little boy and his dad. I did not buy a marshmallow shooter, and I do regret it.

The purchases I did make of the day included a new watch and some gourmet spices. The watch was one of many that were on sale that day. Every jewelry stand offered more colors and deciding was impossible. Eventually I chose a green and white material band and slid onto it a round, silver face. A selection of bands and faces were displayed and one could put together any combination they wanted to for \$15.

The gourmet spices, although powerful in scent, will be an appetizing addition to my kitchen. Mixing a packet with sour cream or cream cheese creates an immediate dip. We bought Down East Mix (Lobster

Bisque), Dill and Herb Mix and Roasted Onion; three packets for \$8.

Hampton Bay Days also offered an array of T-shirts. The best part of the T-shirt stand was T-shirt seller, Ross Clements. He proudly told me how he has been selling Bay Days T-shirts for 20 years and amused me when he picked up a white T-shirt screen-printed with "got crabs?" on the front and showed it off.

Other than purchasing food, drinks and crafts, people can come and listen to bands put on free shows at the various stage areas. Virginia Coalition played at 8 p.m. on Saturday on the Mill Point Stage. Before them were local band Jack's House, singer Dave Dunn and Rainmarket. The latter impressed me the most with a good blend of original songs and covers. The band is comprised of a lead singer who also plays the guitar, two other guitar players who sing occasionally and a drummer. They sounded professional and worked well together on stage to give off a playful vibe for the audience, and they weren't bad to look at either.

Rainmarket plans on releasing their album in January 2005. To get news on the band or to catch a live show, check out their website at www.rainmarket.com.

For those of you who are 21, Bay Days does not end after the fireworks have gone off and the stands have closed down. The nightlife in downtown Hampton is a strip of restaurants and bars, including Goodfellas, Network Café and Marker 20.

Joe and Mimma's isn't authentic

By ALIYA ALTAFULAH
Contributing Writer

The small brown building looks welcoming enough and is decorated to depict an Italian villa overlooking the Adriatic Sea. A loud sign on the side of the road displays "Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant."

Every CNU student, without a doubt, has passed it a number of times but chances are that hardly anyone has stopped to eat there. If you are one of those people, you aren't missing much.

Opened in 1973, Joe & Mimma's is an Italian restaurant owned and operated by the Bussa family. It's convenient, so I went there with an open mind despite the things that I'd heard about it. When I walked inside, I couldn't help but notice the pathetic attempt at making it look authentically Italian. The wall murals were pretty and well done, but the windows were accentuated with old wine bottles and out-of-place knickknacks that didn't fit

the décor as well as they should have. The booths are separated by tall dividers so it seems as though everyone is trapped in their own section. The staff greeted us at the door, and within a few minutes we were seated and our drinks had arrived.

The menu at Joe & Mimma's is pretty extensive, but also a little confusing at first since you only receive free bread and salad when you order certain meals. Subs start at \$5.75 and pasta dishes range anywhere from \$10 to \$16.95. Joe & Mimma's also serves pizza (whole or by the slice), veal, chicken and seafood. Keep in mind that they don't have a lunch menu, so prices are for dinner entrées only.

The bread was cold when it came out and served with packaged butter that was warm and far from appetizing. The salads were served with fresh tomatoes and olives but the lettuce was shredded and looked like something you'd see at Taco Bell. The food came out soon after our orders were taken but didn't meet my expectations. The

filling for the cheese ravioli was creamy and flavorful but the ravioli pasta itself was chalky and tasted overcooked. The mushrooms on the pizza were definitely canned and looked like they'd been added after the pizza came out of the oven. The tomato sauce tasted homemade and was the one good thing about the meal. If you like parmesan on your pasta like I do, don't get too excited because it's bottled, not fresh.

Although the food was hot and timely, it wasn't the greatest of dining experiences. The service was mediocre, not as warm and hospitable as you'd expect from a family-owned restaurant. The menu is overpriced for the portion sizes and although the building may look quaint and authentic, don't be fooled... it's not. If you'd like to check out Joe & Mimma's for yourself, it's located at 694 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard (toward the onramp for Interstate 64). They're open Tuesday through Thursday, 11-9:30 and Friday/Saturday from 11-10. For carryout orders, comments or questions, call 757-596-6664.



With lackluster service and overpriced food, Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant, located at 694 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., doesn't live up to expectations.

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struggle, there is no movie.

He gives a ridiculously implausible story urgency, humor and sympathy.

"Cellular" was written by Larry Cohen, the same man who wrote last year's "Phone Booth," with Colin Farrell.

The premises are undeniably similar, but what made "Phone Booth" work is that the focus was on the characters, with an anti-hero instead of mindless good guys vs. bad guys.

There's nothing wrong with a shoot'em up, car-chasing action movie, but there are so many of them out there in the world that you need more of a gimmick to make a good one.

Not just a monetarily successful one — you don't need much for that — but a good one. There are very few genuine surprises, no well-rounded characters and so little realism that it boggles my mind.

What "Cellular" does have, however, is a sympathetic and well-played heroine, a hero we don't mind spending 90 minutes with, a few crazy car chase scenes and some moments of genuine comic relief.

If that's what you're after, this is absolutely the film for you. Otherwise, wait till it comes out on DVD or forget it.

Directed by David R. Ellis
Starring Kim Basinger, Chris Evans, Jason Statham, and William H. Macy
Rated PG-13 for action, violence, and language
Rating 2 out of 5 stars

Hampton Roads

Happenings

Sept. 26 Toby Keith at Verizon Wireless Center
Sept. 26 Angie Stone and Anthony Hamilton at Chrysler Hall
Sept. 17 Robert Randolph Family Band at The NorVa
Sept. 19 Soulfly at The NorVa
Sept. 24 40 Below Summer at The NorVa
Sept. 25 Flogging Molly at The NorVa
Sept. 27 Wilco at The NorVa
Sept. 29 Authority Zero at The NorVa
Sept. 30 Reverend Horton Heat at The NorVa
Oct. 1 The Killers at NorVa

Oct. 1 Dave Chappelle at Constant Convocation Center
Oct. 2 The Violent Femmes at The NorVa
Oct. 3 Home Grown at The NorVa
Oct. 8 Incubus at VA Beach Amphitheater
Oct. 12 Insane Clown Posse at The NorVa
Oct. 14 Gretchen Wilson at The NorVa
Oct. 17 Bill Cosby at Chrysler Center
Oct. 18 Deftones at The NorVa
Oct. 14-19 Swing Dance Contest at Waterside Festival Marketplace
Oct. 23 G. Love and Special Sauce at The NorVa

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Sports

With backups at the controls, Captains come away with victory over McDaniel

Starting players, senior QB Phillip Jones and sophomore RB George Jones go down with injuries, forcing sophomore backups Hudson Bryant and Roland Hilliard into play with little chance to prepare.

By Sean Kennedy
Sports Editor

CNU's football team defeated McDaniel 18-15 over the weekend to even their record at 1-1.

The Captains were able to win despite the loss of their starting quarterback and starting running back.

Senior starting QB Phillip Jones left in the second quarter with a knee injury, forcing sophomore backup Hudson Bryant to step in for Jones for the second time in as many weeks with a little over six minutes to play in the first half.

"When I came in (on Saturday), we had some kind of lead, it was a different kind of game (than the game against Rowan).

Against Rowan, both teams were scoring a lot. This game, defenses both played well ... It was just a different kind of game for us," said Bryant.

Bryant completed all seven of his pass attempts and added a 41-yard run in the third quarter to keep the Captains in the game without Jones.

The defense generated more pressure this week than last, registering its first sacks of the season, three in total.

Senior Orlando Holmes recorded one of his two sacks on McDaniel's first drive.

"I think we did real well. We had more opportunities to, if I can speak for the defensive line, to get more penetration and run around and have fun than we did against Rowan because the tempo of the game is slower and they did a lot more running," said senior defensive end Ian Vincent.

Sophomore running back George Jones started off the scoring with a two-yard touchdown run on the Captain's first possession of the game.

McDaniel blocked the poor extra-point attempt by sophomore Jonathan Hill, who kicked the ball very low for the second straight week.

George Jones was injured in the third quarter after he caught a pass and was taken down roughly by a McDaniel defender.

He said that his toe got caught in the grass while he was being tackled.

The 6-0 CNU lead held up until the third quarter when Green Terror fullback Jason Hartman scored on a two-yard run to put McDaniel ahead 7-6.

The Captains answered back on the ensuing drive with a 41-yard scramble by Bryant.

The run came on what appeared to be a broken play, with Bryant running to his left before turning and running back toward the other side of the field and then turning up field and outrunning the remaining defensive players to get to the end zone.

McDaniel again went ahead on the next possession.

Running back Broderick Maybank scored on a 14-yard run with a little over 11 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

McDaniel tried a two-point conversion pass but it was incomplete, leaving McDaniel ahead by only one point, 13-12.

On the next possession, Captains sophomore running back Roland Hilliard scored on a one-yard run to yet again put CNU ahead, this time for good, 18-13.

To set up the score, Bryant threw a 25-yard pass to junior Greg Bolton, a converted defensive back who made the first catch of his college career.

The pass went to the one-yard line and Hilliard was able to get the ball over the goal line and score on the next play.

After McDaniel was stopped on third down on the next possession, they were forced to punt to CNU, hoping that they could stop the Captains for a three and out and get the ball back with enough time to score.

The punt went 29 yards and out of bounds at the 15-yard line with about four minutes left, leaving the Captains deep in their territory.

Hilliard came alive on this drive to carry the Captains to victory on his small frame.

He carried the ball six times for 22 yards to help take nearly all of the remaining time off the clock.

"I had to make every opportunity to go all out on every time ... I just came in there and



Sophomore backup running back Roland Hilliard prepares for a hit by a McDaniel defender. Hilliard was forced into action because of an injury to sophomore starter George Jones.

did what the coaches tell me to do," said Hilliard.

With only 10 seconds remaining in the game and on their own 30 yard line facing a fourth and 22, the Captains faced a problem.

If they punted the ball, it could give the Green Terror a chance to run the ball back for a touchdown or simply give the McDaniel offense a chance to win the game.

Head Coach Kelchner pulled a rabbit out of his hat when, instead of punting the ball on fourth down, he told Bryant to simply run backwards 30 yards and take a safety.

The safety gave the Green Terror two points but it also took seven seconds off the clock, leaving McDaniel with only three seconds with which to score.

"I've seen a state championship game lost when you took a punt on fourth-down in that situation, had the punt mishandled, the (opposing) team picked it up and went in and scored ... I wasn't going to make that mistake," said Kelchner.

After the ensuing free kick that gave McDaniel the ball at their 41-yard line, QB Brad Baer had one more play to score.

The Captains defense was able to force him out of the pocket because of pressure, and he tried to scramble his way to

the end zone but was stopped after 28 yards, about 31 yards short of the end zone.

CNU takes this Saturday off, giving the team another week to rest up and get healthy.

The Captains return to play Sept. 25 at the Oyster Bowl in Hampton against Bridgewater.

Notes/Shorts: Phillip Jones was X-rayed on Saturday after the game.

The X-rays came up negative and the official word on his injury is a "sprained knee".

Coach Kelchner said that he will begin rehabbing and is "questionable" for the Sept. 25 game against Bridgewater.

Kelchner didn't know exactly what the injury to George Jones is, but it looks like he'll be ready to play against Bridgewater.

The Captains were out-gained 323-247, including 211 yards given up to McDaniel on the ground.

The attendance at the game was 5,173, second largest in school history.

The school record for attendance is 6,135, set at the first home opener in team history.

Bryant's 7-for-7 passing day would have been the best completion percentage in school history, but will not count because Bryant did not throw at least 10 passes.

TEAM STATS

	MCD	CNU
First Downs-	19	13
Rushes-Yards-	40-211	43-110
Passing Yards-	112	137
Passing Att.-Comp.-Int.-	21-10-0	20-16-0
Total Offense-	61-323	63-247
Kickoff Return Yards-	4-41	3-49
Punts-Avg-	7-36.3	6-34.3
Penalties-Yards-	12-86	9-74
Possession Time-	26:31	33:29
Third-Down Conversions-	3-of-12	6-of-16
Fourth-Down Conversions-	1 of 1	3 of 4
Sacks By: Number-Yards-	3-17	4-12

INDIVIDUAL STATS FOR CNU

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg.
Roland Hilliard	14	40	1	9	2.9
George Jones	14	29	1	5	2.1
Hudson Bryant	9	21	1	41	2.3

Passing	Att-Comp-Int	Yds	TD	Lng	Sack
Phillip Jones	13-9-0	64	0	25	1
Hudson Bryant	7-7-0	73	0	25	2

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
George Jones	6	37	0	11
Curfew Speight	3	29	0	18
Roland Hilliard	3	9	0	4

Lady Captains watch early lead crumble; game ends in tie

By SHANNON McMURRAY
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During a grueling match, spectators and fans held their breath as they watched the Christopher Newport women's soccer team tie our neighboring rivals at Virginia Wesleyan College, 2-2 in double overtime.

Things were looking up for the Lady Captain's as they secured two consecutive goals within the last five minutes of the first half.

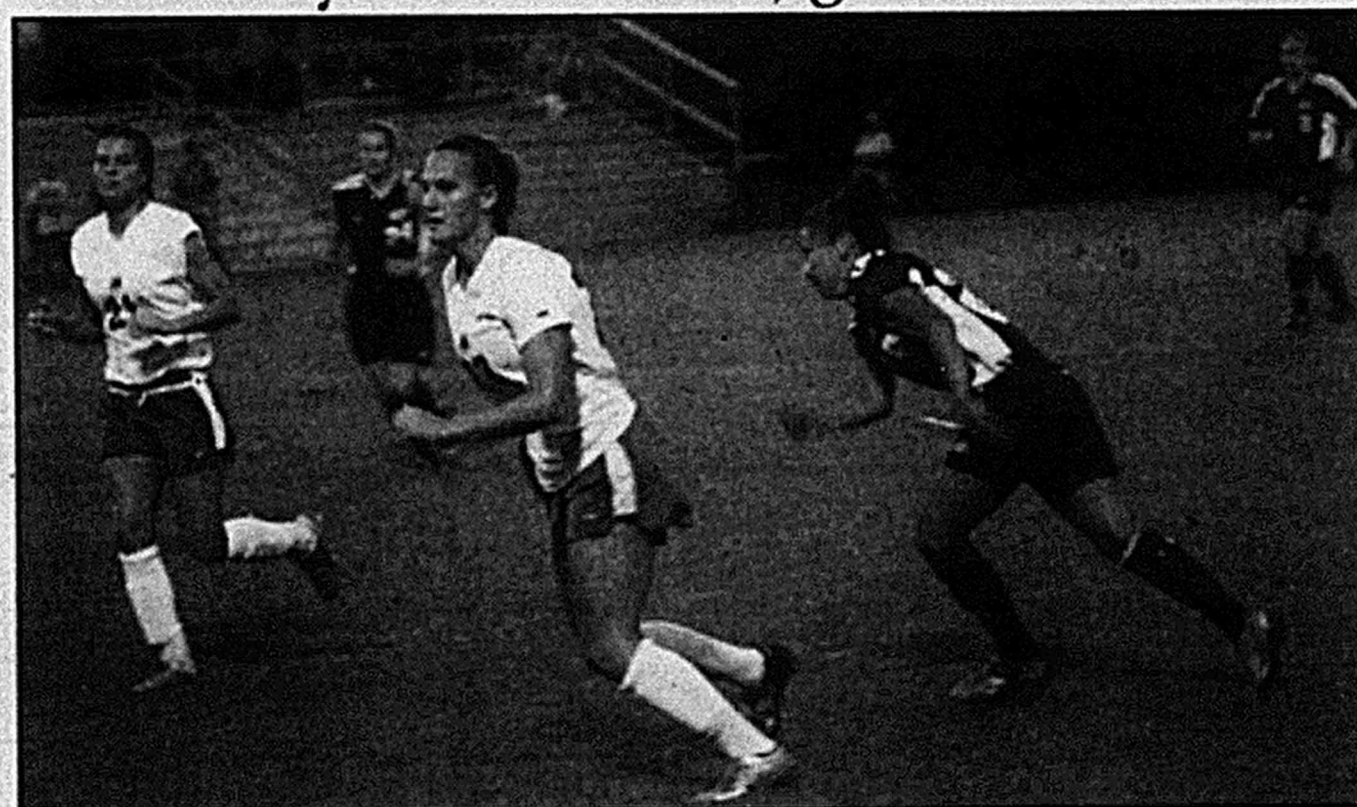
The first goal was scored when forward Leah Leavitt, a sophomore from Virginia Beach, Va. broke loose of a Wesleyan defender, allowing her to cross the ball from the right side goalpost, directly to teammate, Morgan Young.

Young, a freshman midfielder from South Boston, Va. scored by chipping the ball directly over the Wesleyan goalies head, and into the back of the net, making the score 1-0.

The second goal scored by the Lady Captain's came just two minutes after Young had scored the first.

Sophomore Kristen Ortiz, a defender for the Captains took a free kick after an obstruction was called on a player from the Wesleyan team.

Senior Shannon Crane, a forward for CNU, followed Ortiz's kick, launching the ball into the Marlins net, raising the score 2-0, with just three minutes remaining in the first half. Things looked promising for the Lady Captain's as they took the field for the second half of the game.



Junior Terri Kaminsky watches play during the game against VA Wesleyan as junior Ashleigh Dota moves toward the play.

Throughout the duration of the two-hour match, the Lady Captain's, who are led by head coach Kwame Lloyd, played a relatively defensive game against their opponents, who are ranked fifth within the conference.

While CNU's defense proved they were strong, they just weren't strong enough.

An unfortunate foul was called against the Lady Captain's in their own penalty box.

Sharon Hay, a player for the Lady Marlins went one on one against Captain's goalie, Lindsay Naill, scoring the first of two goals for the Wesleyan team, making the score 2-1.

Looking a bit discouraged, but still in the lead, the Lady Captain's pushed on as they

fought to defend their goal. Not long after Hay had scored Wesleyan's first goal, did she go on to score a second.

In the 61st minute, Wesleyan teammate, Kristen Byrnes successfully assisted the ball to Hay, as she launched it into the Captain's net, tying the score up, 2-2.

As the game continued, spectators and fans watched as the two teams fought for control of the ball.

"This is so unfair," said Eric Updegrove, a junior, "We were up two to nothing at the half. We deserve to win this game."

Many shared in Updegrove's sentiments, including Taylor Smart, a junior.

"I thought we had this one. They're playing a tough game.

Both teams are pretty evenly matched."

Apparently, Smart was right. Neither team prevailed during either of the two fifteen minute overtimes. The Captain's tied the Marlin's in a final score of 2-2.

Naill, the Captain's goalie, held her own against the Lady Marlins, having saved seven goals. It was only Naill's second time starting in the goal.

As it stands, the Lady Captains currently hold a 1-0-2 record for the season.

The next home game will be on Saturday September 18, at 8 p.m. as they take on the team from Salisbury.

The game will be played at Captain's Field, which is behind James River Hall.

Sports Editor's NFL Picks

By SEAN KENNEDY

Carolina at Kansas City - I'll take Carolina. Running game will overpower KC.

Chicago at Green Bay - Green Bay. I think Farve could beat the Bears at age 40.

Denver at Jacksonville - Denver. Quintin Griffin looks like Barry Sanders-lite.

Houston at Detroit - Detroit. Harrington has to improve though.

Indianapolis at Tennessee - Indy. Manning is the man.

Pittsburgh at Baltimore - Pittsburg. Baltimore has no offense and Pittsburg has a pretty darn good defense. I smell blowout.

San Francisco at New Orleans - San Francisco. My upset of the week.

St. Louis at Atlanta - Atlanta. Vick must make some plays with his feet to win.

Washington at N.Y. Giants - Washington. Kurt Warner, meet LaVar Arrington, again.

Seattle at Tampa Bay - Seattle. It was a toughie. Best game of the week.

Buffalo at Oakland - Buffalo. Shrug. I don't know why.

Cleveland at Dallas - Dallas. As much as it pains me ...

New England at Arizona - New England. Easy as pie.

N.Y. Jets at San Diego - San Diego. It all depends on Brees, really.

Miami at Cincinnati - Cincinnati. Boy, Miami really is bad this season.

Minnesota at Philadelphia - Minnesota. Philly? Tell them I hate them!

Rugby team members competing in relative obscurity

By MICHAEL ODEN
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If you've ever walked through campus and seen someone playing with an oval-shaped ball (that looked like a football but wasn't) and wondered what it was, then wonder no longer.

That, my friend, was a rugby ball, and chances are the person with the ball was a member of CNU's very own rugby team.

That's right: CNU has a rugby team and has had one for a while.

The CNU Rugby Football Club was founded in 2000 by then-advisor and coach Ashby Kinch and Brant Carnwath.

This semester, there are 32 CNU players who are registered with USA Rugby and are eligible to play matches.

Rugby is an exciting sport, too. Just ask anyone who plays it.

Many say that it is more physical, even than football, and is played at a much faster pace.

When asked to describe it, junior Greg Farquhar said it was like "a cross between football and soccer."

"The scoring is basically the same (as in football)," said Farquhar, "but the game is in constant motion, like soccer."

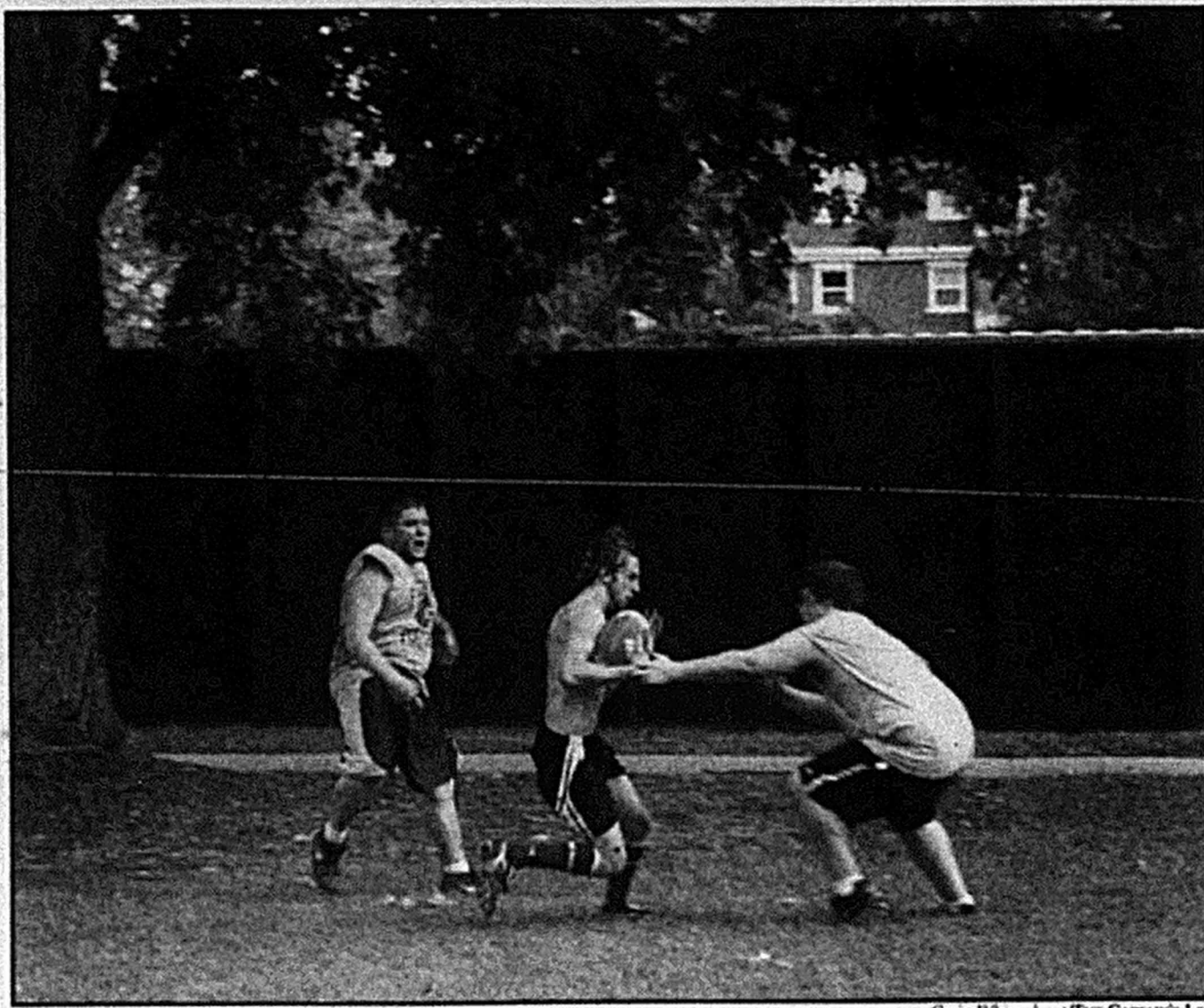
A little background on the sport of rugby: it was invented in the early 1800s in England, and supposedly came about when a high-school soccer player caught a soccer ball and ran with it.

It is also widely recognized as the precursor to American football.

So, it would make sense that it is seen as "a cross between football and soccer."

While similar to both soccer and football, rugby is a truly distinct sport.

There are 15 players on the field for each team, and they are divided into groups of seven forwards and seven backs, with a "scrumhalf," who is neither a



The Rugby team has been on campus since 2000. They now play against teams from William & Mary and Old Dominion University.

forward nor a back.

Unlike football, any player on the field may score. Scoring is done by taking the ball and touching it to the ground in the opponent's "in-goal."

This is called a "try" and is worth five points, with the opportunity for a kick worth two points.

Also, a team can score by kicking it through the opposing team's goalpost, which is worth three points.

The ball can be advanced by carrying, kicking and passing, although only backward passes are allowed.

Did I mention that this game is fast-paced?

The game is divided into two halves, which are no longer than 40 minutes, and the clock does not stop until someone scores, or a rule is broken.

Scores are followed by a kick-off to the team that just scored; anything else is fol-

lowed by a "scrum," in which the ball is dropped in the middle of a bunch of players, who kick it until it comes out.

Because the sport is so fast-paced and seemingly frantic, it may take a while to get to understand it.

Those who do understand it, though, often love it.

Members of CNU's rugby club play it for different reasons.

Sophomore Dustin Enlow sees rugby as "the ultimate team sport."

Junior Bryant Dungey says he sees rugby as a "stress reliever," but also enjoys the close-knit relationship he has with his teammates.

"It's almost like a frat," said Dungey.

So why is so little known about an exciting campus sports team with over 30 members that has been around a year longer than the football team? Probably because, in NCAA terms,

rugby isn't actually a "sport."

The NCAA doesn't recognize rugby as a sport, so it has to be set up by individual clubs.

These clubs can register with USA Rugby to compete for national collegiate championships. Other nearby rugby clubs (and CNU opponents) include William & Mary, Old Dominion and Virginia Commonwealth.

The CNU Rugby Club practices every Monday on the IM field from 4-5:30, and at the same time Tuesday-Friday on the Great Lawn.

Their games are on Saturdays.

Although all the games are undoubtedly attended by the team's "mascot," a dachshund named Zulu, the members of the rugby team could probably use the support of anyone who is willing to see them play.

So, if you're not doing anything one Saturday, check out a rugby match; you'll probably enjoy it.

Weekly Round-up

By SEAN KENNEDY
Sports Editor

Cross-Country

CNU's men's cross country finished first while the women's team placed third at the Lebanon Valley Invitational on Saturday.

Sophomore Cary Chaffee finished second overall in the meet with a time of 26:42.92 (about 35 seconds behind the leader).

Freshman Jay Weiss finished eighth overall with a time of 27:16.48.

The men's team had five runners in the top 25 finishers.

On the women's side, junior Emily Low finished in seventh place with a time of 20:10.77 (about 54 seconds behind the leader) and freshman Bridgett Dryer finished 14th with a time of 20:38.62.

The women's team had three runners in the top 25.

Field hockey

The Lady Captains dropped a 1-0 game against defending national champion Salisbury last Wednesday.

The Lady Captains were out shot 26-10 by Salisbury but sophomore goalkeeper Samantha Pelstring made nine saves to keep CNU in the game.

The Lady Captains return to action on the home field today at 4:30.

Men's soccer

The men's team was defeated on Saturday 3-0 by 10th ranked Messiah. Messiah out shot the Captains 16-7 while CNU goalkeeper had seven saves in goal.

The Captains are now 2-1 and return to action today as they travel to Salem to play Roanoke at 4 p.m.

Last Tuesday, the Captains were ranked 5th by a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) South Region Poll.

Women's soccer

The Lady Captains fell twice last week, once to 22nd ranked Wheaton (Ill.), 6-1, and once to Johns Hopkins, 3-1. They also tied fifth ranked Va. Wesleyan last Wednesday.

The tie last Wednesday was their third straight double overtime game.

Freshman Morgan Young scored in the 40th minute and senior Shannon Crane scored just two minutes later to finish off the scoring for CNU.

Both the Wheaton game and the Johns Hopkins game were part of the SAS tournament in Cary, N. C. Against Wheaton, CNU was out-shot 26-10. Junior Ashleigh Dota scored the only goal for the Lady Captains.

Against Johns Hopkins, CNU was again out-shot, this time 7-4. Senior goalkeeper Lindsay Naill made four saves. CNU's goal was scored by Young and was assisted by sophomore Leah Leavitt.

The Lady Captains, who were ranked 6th by the NSCAA South Region Poll before the two losses, are now 1-2-2 with the next game on Thursday at Chowan. Game time is 4 p.m.

Volleyball

The team played in five matches last week, winning their home opener on Wednesday against USA South rival N. C. Wesleyan and then traveling to Lexington to compete in the Washington and Lee invitational over the weekend.

The Lady Captains finished second at the tournament, losing in the championship match to Frostburg State. Freshman Tricia Nelsen was named the tournament's most valuable player. The team beat Catholic and Washington and Lee on Friday, 3-0 and 3-1, respectively. On Saturday, Averett fell to the Lady Captains 3-0 in the semi-finals. The Lady Captains are now 6-3 overall and 1-0 in the USA South. They return to action today at Chowan at 7 p.m.

A different perspective on a football game

CNU's game
against McDaniel
from the view of a
the casual fan

By EMILY SOMMERFELDT
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With 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter, a timeout was called by the Captains.

As the clock started, the Captains, having possession of the ball, ran a safety, gaining a free kick.

Down to three seconds remaining on the clock, McDaniel's players received the kickoff from the Captains, but were unable to reach the goal line, ending with a final score of 18-15, a victory for the Captains.

I didn't write that. My name is the one in the byline, but those first three sentences I owe to the collaboration of a few

football fans present during the writing of this commentary.

Sports are not my forte, but I enjoy going to the occasional sporting event decked out in blue, silver, and white.

I was particularly over-

If I were one of
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joyed by my family's selection of seats.

My seat was near the back, meaning considerably less peo-

ple could see the confusion on my face or hear me repeatedly ask, "What just happened?"

Perhaps you are thinking, "What right does this girl have to write a story about the Captain's win, especially with her lack of understanding of football?"

"This girl" would have to agree with you. If I were one of the Spice Girls, I wouldn't be Sporty Spice, but I go to sporting events to have a good time.

Your definition of a good time might be analyzing the plays or yelling at the refs, but mine is sitting with friends who join me in clapping, singing and cheering.

And that's exactly what I did at CNU's most recent win. Do I understand why I suddenly stood up and shook my pom-pom or started singing the CNU fight song? Yes - because everyone else was doing it.

Why does it matter if I understand the game? Comprehending a play or sipping on a Pepsi, I'm supporting the team either way.

During the first quarter, the



CNU's cheerleaders try to pump up the crowd in the game against McDaniel. The crowd was the second largest in CNU history.

Captains made the first touchdown, but missed the field goal.

McDaniel moved ahead in the beginning of the third quarter with a touchdown and field goal, but the Captains scored a second time.

CNU and McDaniel alike tackled left and right to prevent the other team's players from reaching the end zone.

The end zone, I learned, is where a touchdown is made. See? Baby steps. There are still several aspects of the game that puzzle me.

"Illegal use of the hands" sounds more like something I'd say on a date. Off sides, face masking and touchbacks - are those terms in English?

I must have heard the name "Jones" a thousand times in 3 hours, but ask me to explain his importance and I couldn't do it, until he was injured. Or should I say, until they were injured.

I saw Phillip Jones's (#7) leg get hurt in the first quarter,

and then something happened with George Jones's (#1) knee in the third. I actually watched the entire game and not only the half time show. I suppose that's one of the benefits of understanding something; it becomes more interesting.

I can't say that I will ever fully understand the sport or become football's greatest fan, but I will continue to support the Captains with my attendance and team spirit.

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