

# The Captain's Log

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## Library renovation underway, totals \$19 million

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Additions to Christopher Newport University's library promise to accommodate the growing population of the student body.

The \$19 million expansion project will double the size of the Captain John Smith library from 50,000 to 100,000 square feet.

Construction is currently underway on the new wing, which will include a modern media center, study rooms and space for more books. Einstein's Café will be relocated from the former Falk Art Gallery to the new

library. It is scheduled for completion in Spring 2006.

The media center, dubbed the "Curricular Technologies Center," will provide editing suites where students can alter audio, video and printed material. Combined with computers that are available for online resources, students will have access to all forms of media editing tools.

Captain John Smith Library was awarded a \$1.1 million grant last spring from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant will primarily support the technological additions to the building.

The additional space will make way for more books.

"Our biggest complaint from students is that they wanted us to buy more books," said Catherine Doyle, the university's head librarian. The number of new books is dependent on the budget, which varies from year to year. Most of the books will be purchased with university funds. The Class of 2003 also contributed to the funds used to purchase books by donating \$2,500.

Compact shelving now houses all books that previously occupied the current construction site. Upon completion, the cramped books will be relocated and spread out. Faculty members are able to make recommendations of books that should be purchased. Members of the faculty also donate a

significant number of the books that the library houses.

While a rare books room is no longer in the plans, the library will maintain an archive consisting of university archives, master's theses and a collection of Virginia authors. The archives will be housed in an un-renovated portion of the building for the time being and will be modified at a later date.

In an effort to make the library a comfortable place for students to study, more quiet areas will be available to students. A quiet reading room and soundproofed group and individual study rooms will be added.

Einstein's Café will offer increased seating and a larger selection of beverages

and pastries from what is now offered, according to Einstein's employees. The exact dimensions have not yet been released.

Many students recognize the benefits of this transitional phase of the library.

"It's worth it," said Josh Young, a senior. "If we can just get through the pain of the noise and the set up of the books, the work will be worth it in the end."

To ease the transition, the library is making more online information accessible.

Several new databases have been

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## Student researches indigenous culture in Latin America

### Project in Guatemala supported by CNU

By CHANELLE LAYMAN  
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Two hours to get to the airport. One hour spent standing in line at check-in and passing through security. Six hours to fly across the United States and the Caribbean Sea to Guatemala. Five more hours to take a bus to a tiny tourist town and cross a lake. Finally, a walk up a mountain to arrive at what will be "home" for the next week and a half in the small village of Santiago, Atitlan, Guatemala.

Nestled in the heart of the Mayan Highlands of Guatemala, Santiago is a small fishing and farming community with a growing tourism industry. Within the town is a mixture of indigenous Mayan people and Spanish-speaking ladinos. Also, the town became the site of senior Brandon Stuver's summer research project. Given a research grant by the Office of the Dean, Stuver spent a week and a half studying the local culture. The grant awarded him \$750 minus taxes, roughly \$550 total. Stuver said, "It wasn't enough to go, but it provided a substantial base. The expenses probably totaled close to double the amount I received."

Stuver, a Spanish major, said he wanted to go to Santiago because, "traveling to Spanish-speaking countries is my passion. I take any opportunities to indulge in that passion."

Upon arriving, Stuver learned he would be involved with a local multilingual school, Santiaguito. The school's purpose is to allow the locals, a mixture of Spanish and Mayan descendants, to learn cultures of outside countries.

At the school, Stuver played an active role in the school's purpose

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A third-grade student looks up from taking her yearly exam at Santiaguito, a multilingual school. Santiaguito is located in Santiago, Atitlan, Guatemala, and is dedicated to teaching local students about Mayan and Spanish cultures, in addition to other cultural influences. The students spent three days taking exams in Tzutujil, the local Mayan dialect. Students study languages, number systems, arithmetic, and much more in Tzutujil, Spanish, and at times, even English.

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## GSSU awaits BOV decision

By JANELLE ESPOSITO  
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A record amount of students piled into the meeting of the Faculty Senate last spring, addressing a standing issue on campus: should sexual orientation be included in CNU's non-discrimination policy?

"It was a monumental occasion, as there were not even enough seats for the students," said Gay-Straight Student Union President senior Lauren Giannini.

Giannini said it was the largest student attendance she had ever seen at a Faculty Senate meeting.

The Senate did vote to pass the proposal that day in the spring of 2004, a year after the policy was first proposed and had been tabled twice.

In Spring 2003, it was proposed by Derek Austin of the GSSU to the Student Government Association where it was passed 103-1.

"I feel it is important to include [the policy] because the student body has clearly stated their desire to have it included," said SGA President Melissa Bell on passing the policy.

"Not only by their strong vote in support, but in their overwhelming attendance at the faculty senate meeting."

The proposal moved to the Board of Visitors, where it was placed on the agenda over the summer. It was tabled, however, due to their need to discuss the budget for this year.

The resolutions have not been touched since then, but the SGA is hoping that the issue will be revisited with the new rector.

The GSSU's goal is to draw the attention of the students and members of the BOV to the issue. The Faculty Senate and GSSU are talking to members of the board, hoping to keep in contact with

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## Campus network stabilized, temp workers help transition

By KRISTEN WILLET  
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While the network seems to be more reliable two weeks into the semester, there will still be periods of isolated downtime.

"The network has been essentially stable," said Director of IT Services George Webb. "Students who stop by the IT services office seem very vocal about the increased services and uptime."

Although progress has been made, one of the problems still facing IT Services is the worms and viruses in the network. Similar problems plagued the network last year causing prolonged downtime.

"Worms and viruses continue to be an issue, and all students on and off campus are encouraged to keep their operating systems patched and up to date," said Webb.

Protecting students' computers requires some work on the students' part as well. IT Services recommends that students run security scans on their computers about once a week. The Symantec Anti-virus Corporate Edition, which all students are required to put on their computers "is setting stuff up to run [virus scans] automatically," said Webb.

Students who do not have the anti-virus software on their computers should "call the help desk and let us know that you need that service and at least some hours that you are available, the wider the range would be great," said Andrew Crawford, an IT Services employee.

Since the university recently transitioned to a new server and the incoming freshman class brought many new computers (that if not configured correctly could cause major disruptions in the network), additional help was needed.

Currently, Webb said, IT Services has two temporary agencies, A-Temp and ESI, working for them. "We have six full-time staff members on the IT Services help desk," Webb said. "The move-in of about 2,440 students and the helping of students to update their Operating Systems and install anti-virus software could not be managed by six people."

"Even with student volunteers, members of student groups like the Association of Computing Machines (ACM), and part-time student staff members involved, this number as simply not enough staffing to accommodate the needs of the residential student population."

As virus outbreaks and worms rid-

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## Students adjust to nearly completed residence hall; fourth wettest summer in 140 years delayed construction

By CHRYSAL TRAPANI  
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Two weeks into the semester, construction of the newest residence hall has yet to be completed.

Work on Potomac River Hall began in June 2003 and was slated to be finished before the start of classes this fall. The \$23 million residence hall provided 482 additional beds and is similar in style and layout to York River Hall.

Potomac is intended to be an upperclassmen facility, since the policy requiring freshmen and sophomores to live on campus is effective this fall.

"Some freshmen will be housed in Potomac as well."

W.M. Jordan, the project's contractor, is also the contractor for several other campus construction projects.

"I have been assured by W.M. Jordan that the lawn and sidewalks will be completed in about three weeks," said Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Steve Pappas during Friday's meeting in Potomac South.

Construction fell behind due to the heavy rains in the area.

"We experienced the fourth wettest summer in 140 years," said



Students pause outside Potomac River Hall to talk. The walkways around Potomac are still being laid.

Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log

Thomas ShROUT, director of public affairs.

"The incomplete construction, however, has left many frustrated residents."

"When I came to move in day I brought my grandmother. She had never been to CNU and all she saw were bulldozers," said Jessica Bowman, a freshman resident of Potomac South.

The newest members of the CNU community are disappointed with the incomplete building, but that has not

tarnished their first living on campus experience.

Freshman Danielle Sammler stated "[Potomac] will be cool when it's done. It should look really nice outside."

Many students experienced problems with their air conditioning units leaking either through a small metal pipe in their bathroom or through ceiling tiles.

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## Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday:  
Isolated  
T-storms

High: 85° Low: 72°



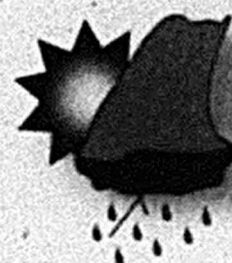
Friday:  
Isolated  
T-storms

High: 85° Low: 69°



Saturday:  
Isolated  
T-storms

High: 86° Low: 67°



Sunday:  
Isolated  
T-storms

High: 84° Low: 66°



## Classifieds

**Exchange:** Will swap 42" octagonal dining table with 3 cushioned chairs for one-half-day-only yardwork. Leave message at 594-8769.

**Gateway Notebook:** two years old, new harddrive, call Melissa at 703-307-4687. \$500/obo.

### Want to place a classified ad?

The Captain's Log is now offering a classified section to CNU associates and affiliates. Post roommate needs, items for sale, wanted, personals, etc. For more information, contact the Captain's Log at 594-7196 or email submission to [clog@cnu.edu](mailto:clog@cnu.edu).

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## Around town State/Local News

### Governor reviewing DNA proposal

Following the exoneration of man who had served 22 years in prison for two rapes he did not commit, Governor Mark Warner is reviewing a proposal that will seek a random sampling of DNA evidence from thousands of crime scenes dating back within the past two decades, according to the Daily Press.

Though Virginia exists as the nation's leader in using DNA evidence in criminal prosecutions, and has one of the nation's largest DNA databases with more than 100,000 samples, it is only within the past three years that the Virginia General Assembly changed a law that had restricted inmates' ability to submit DNA evidence to prove their innocence, the Daily Press reported.

For groups such as the Innocence Project, an organization that successfully used DNA evidence to exonerate a Virginia death row inmate, Warner is merely trying to help those incarcerated whom are uninformed about this new law.

Vanessa Potkin, a staff attorney for the Innocence Project, was quoted in the Daily Press having said, "You have people in prison who are illiterate and may not be aware of the DNA law in Virginia. You have people who suffer from mental illness. There's great potential out there to leave out those people who are not contesting their conviction."

### Dissecting animals in Va. public schools now optional

Starting this academic year, all Virginia students must be told they may decline from dissecting animals without penalty and must be provided with alternative learning tools including computer programs, Internet tutorials and plastic models, according to the Daily Press.

### Gaston relief for Richmond

To help victims of Tropical Storm Gaston, Richmond opened a disaster recovery center on Monday. The center is located at 730 E. Broad St.

Last Thursday, Sept. 2, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that President Bush had authorized the use of federal disaster funds to help families and businesses affected by Tropical Depression Gaston, according to a news release from FEMA.

Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond are cities listed in the FEMA release as eligible for federal aid.

Residents suffering damages from Gaston should first call 1-800-621-3362. The disaster recovery center is intended to help residents answer any additional questions about receiving aid.

Right: Senior Dareck Jones reaches to pet his six and a half week old kitten. Because he has only had the kitten for three days, Jones decided to bring the kitten onto campus and allowed student passers-by to stop and admire it. As of yet, the kitten is unnamed.

Below: Trying their hand at Nintendo GameCube, sophomore Amy Dalton and senior Julie Hagy play sample games during Club Fair. Store manager Nancy Chowder, from GameCrazy and Hollywood Video, demonstrates the basic techniques of the system to the Alpha Sigma Alpha girls. In addition to local businesses, Club Fair features tables from the recognized clubs and organizations on campus.

## Your life Campus News

### Spirit Day Banner stolen

On Thursday, Sept. 2 one of the Spirit Day banners was stolen. Report of the missing banner was posted on the campus announcement board feature of the new e-mail system. As of Monday, Dean of Students Donna Eddleman had not heard that it had been returned.

### Parking

Starting last week, commuter students purchasing decals were told they were restricted to parking only in the new deck. East Campus residents were also offered reduced rates to park on the main campus to lessen the impact of limited parking near Barclay and CNU Apartments.

"Ongoing construction has temporarily reduced the number of available parking by 50-60 spaces," said Director of Public Affairs Tom Shrout. "To try to accommodate everyone who wants to park on campus, students were asked to volunteer to park on the main campus and the reduced decal price was an incentive."

Although many students have had complaints about having to park in the deck, Shrout said it was constructed to handle overflow parking.

"Too many students are searching the parking lots waiting for spaces to open up causing traffic congestion during peak periods," Shrout said. "Faculty report that many students are late for class because they cannot find a parking space. Assigning specific students to the parking deck helps to eliminate these problems."

### Undergraduate Research

The Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science is hosting "Research Opportunities for Undergrads" this week.

Faculty members will present three-minute overviews of research opportunities on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. during "Parade of Profs" in Science Building room 131.

Students will have the chance to meet one-on-one with the faculty member of their choice on Friday during "Details Day." Meetings can be held in the Science Building Atrium or in faculty offices all afternoon.

## supershots

**Name the kitten:** Send suggestions to [clog@cnu.edu](mailto:clog@cnu.edu) with "kitten" in the subject line.

## On the record Police Blotter

Threatening remarks were left on an online journal Aug. 24 and the remarks were reported to police on Aug. 30. The individual has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

There was a hit and run incident in Lot I between the dates of Aug. 26 and Aug. 28. It was reported on Aug. 28. Since there were no witnesses, the case is currently inactive.

An underage student was found in possession of alcohol on Aug. 27 in Barclay Apartments. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

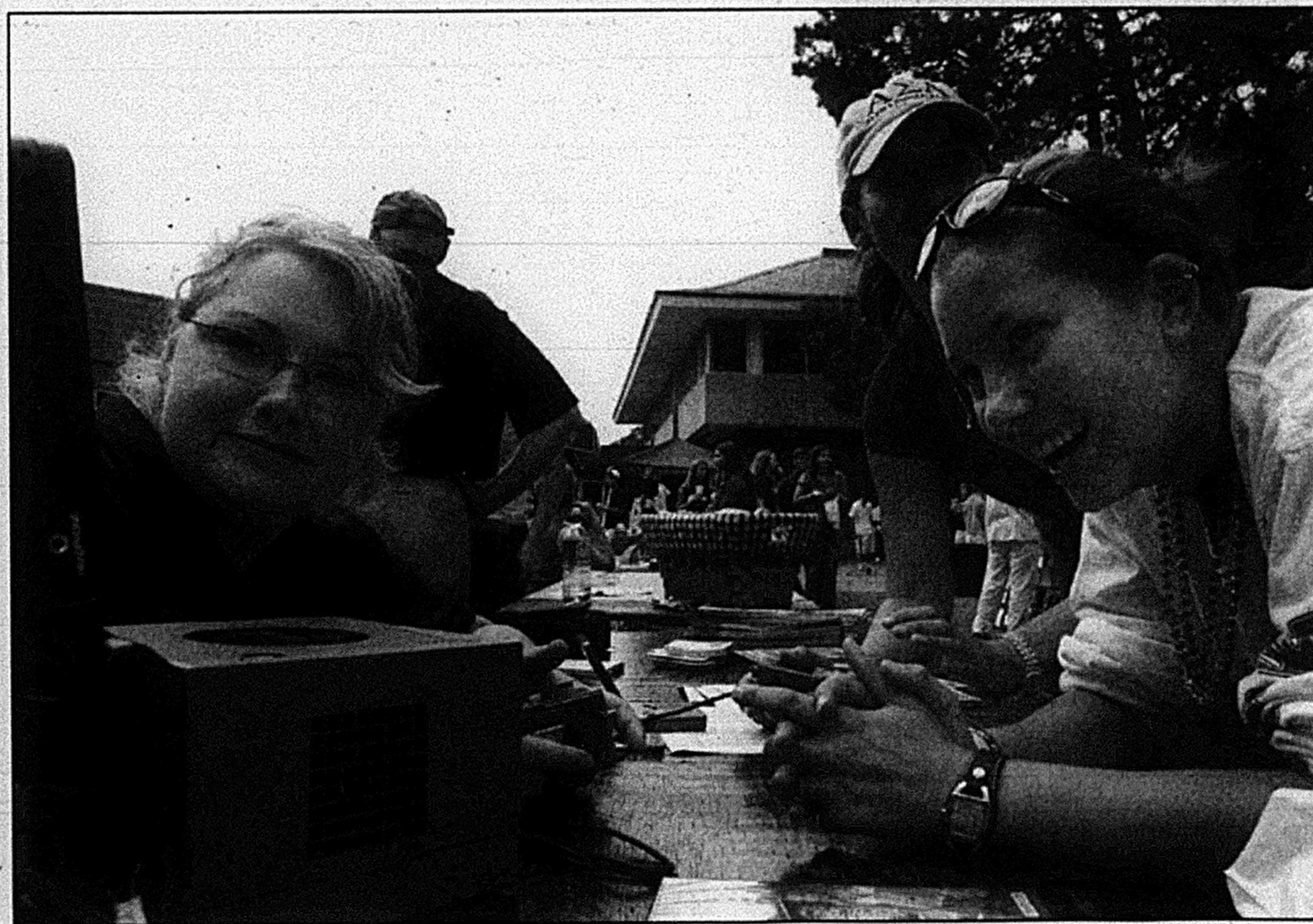
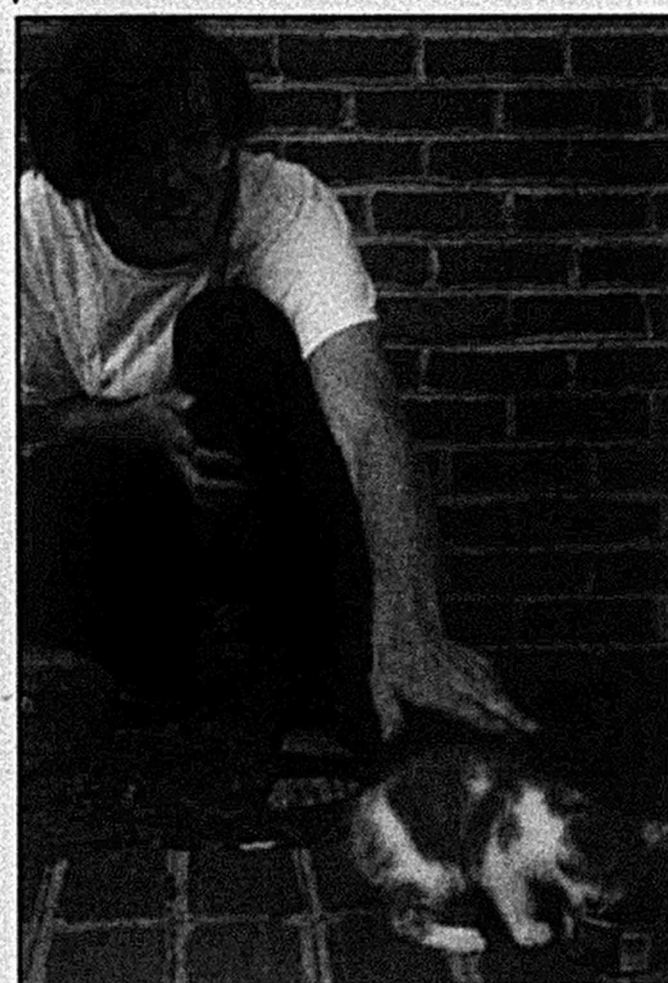
On Saturday, Aug. 28, there was an alcohol violation in Madison building (CNU Apartments) for underage possession. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

One student was arrested for underage possession of alcohol in Santoro Hall on Aug. 29. After being arrested, the student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

A bike was stolen from York River East on either Aug. 30 or 31, and was reported Aug. 31. The case is currently inactive.

A vehicle window was broken in Lot O between the dates of Aug. 31 and Sept. 2. It was reported on Sept. 2. The case is currently inactive.

An underage student was arrested for possession of alcohol and being drunk in public at University North on Sept. 3. After being arrested, the student was referred to Judicial Affairs.



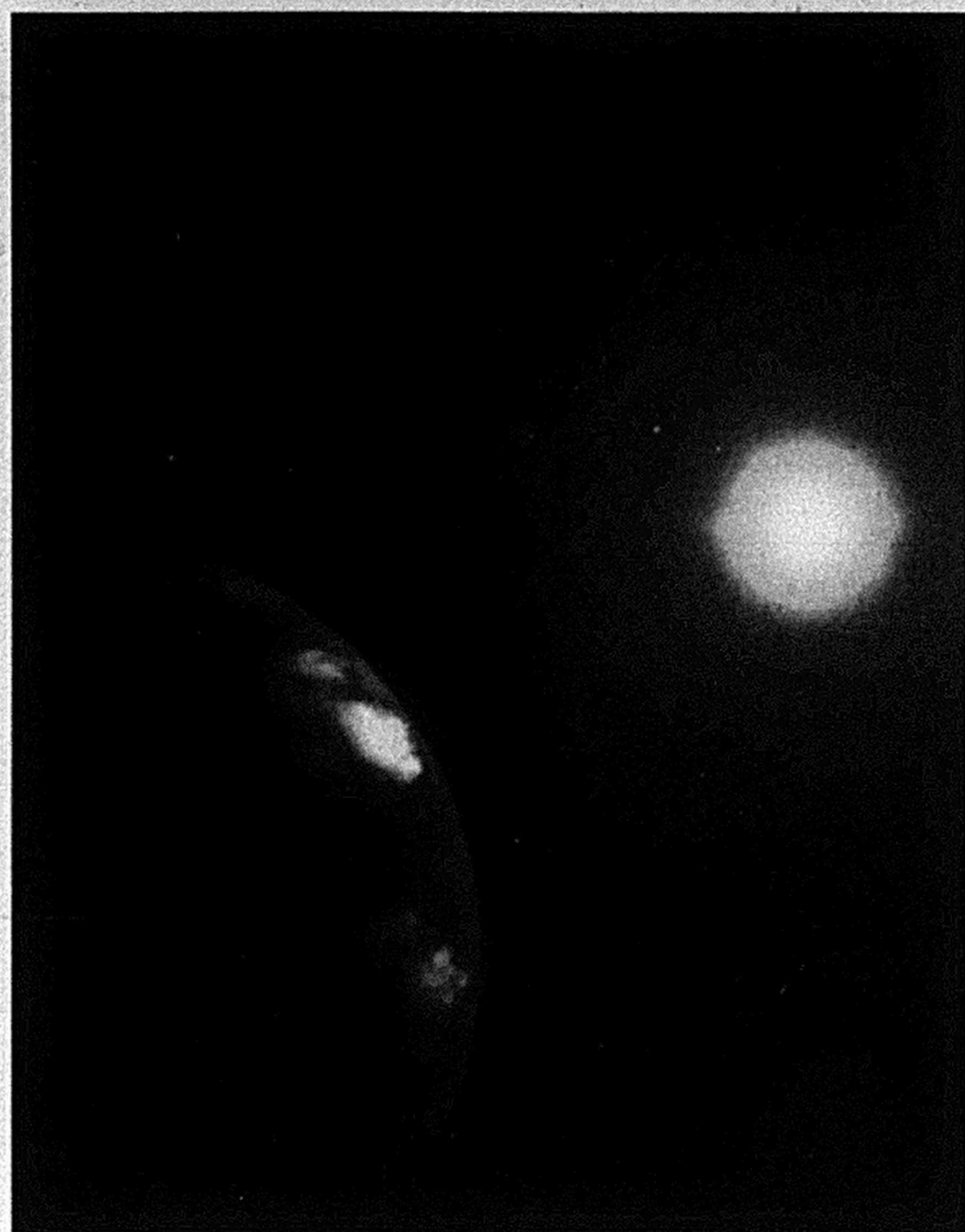
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## Campus Calendar

## September 8 - 14

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
All Day - Writing Center Open House; through Friday	12:15 p.m. - MSA Meeting; SC 150	All-Day - Family Weekend	1:00 p.m. - Football vs. McDaniel; Pomoco Stadium	All-day - Family Weekend	12:00 p.m. - Baptist Student Union Meeting; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Guest Speakers Omar and Janeen Barlow; SC Alumni Room
12:00 p.m. - GSSU Meeting; SC 233	12:20 p.m. - Inter-Club Association; SC 233	3:00 p.m. - Magic the Gathering Tournament; SC couches	4:00 p.m. - CAB Movie "Shrek 2"; Anderson	12:00 p.m. - Family Picnic; Great Lawn	5:30 p.m. - SGA Meeting; SC Alumni Room	7:00 p.m. - Young Life; York River East Multipurpose Room
1:00 p.m. - Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Guest speaker Michael Green; Ferguson Arts Center	6:00 p.m. - CAB movie "Shrek 2"; Anderson	5:00 p.m. - Game show; Gaines Theater	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
7:00 p.m. - Anime Club; Admin 105	7:30 p.m. - CNU Roleplaying Guild; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Coffee House; Ferguson Arts Center	7:00 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Messiah; Captain's Field	5:00 p.m. - Captain's Log staff meeting; SC 233		
7:00 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. VA Wesleyan; Captain's Field	9:00 p.m. - CAB movie "Shrek 2"; Anderson	9:00 p.m. - Comedian Eric O'Shea; Ferguson Arts Center	9:00 p.m. - "Me the People" by Second City; Ferguson Arts Center			





This artist's concept shows the newly discovered Neptune-sized extrasolar planet circling the star Gliese 436. Gliese 436 is a slightly reddish type of low-mass star called an M dwarf, about four-tenths the size of our Sun.

# Astronomers discover smallest planets

By ROBERT S. BOYD  
Knight Ridder Newspaper

WASHINGTON — Rival teams of European and American astronomers have detected the three smallest planets ever seen outside the solar system — possible “super-Earths” about the size of Neptune and Uranus that are orbiting nearby stars.

Two to three times bigger and 14 to 21 times heavier than our own Earth, the planets are major milestones on the quest to find Earthlike bodies that might support life.

“These discoveries are going to bring us closer to answering the question: Are we alone in the universe?” Anne McKinney, the director of NASA’s Universe Division, said at a Washington news conference Tuesday.

In addition, a fourth new planet — a so-called “gas giant” about the size of Jupiter — was reported Aug. 24 by another American group, making the week an extraordinarily successful one for planet hunters.

Until now, all 125 extrasolar planets discovered in the last nine years have been blazing hot balls of gas, jocularly known as “roasters,” where life couldn’t possibly exist. The new smaller, lighter planets are a long-hoped-for advance.

“We are now poised for the next step: finding truly Earth-mass plan-

ets,” said Geoffrey Marcy, an astronomer at the University of California, Berkeley.

“We can’t quite see Earth-like planets yet, but we are seeing their big brothers,” added Marcy’s partner, astronomer Paul Butler of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The competition between the European and American astronomers has been going on since 1995, when Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz of the Geneva Observatory in Switzerland reported the first planet orbiting a sunlike star.

Within months, Marcy and Butler followed with more discoveries, and now hold the world title for bagging the greatest number of distant planets.

Last Wednesday, however, the European team announced it had found what it called the first “super-Earth,” a planet 14 times as massive as Earth. Named mu Arae, it orbits a star 50 light-years away in the southern constellation Ara (the Altar).

(One light-year is about 6 trillion miles. The Milky Way is about 50,000 light-years across.)

“The object is likely to be a planet with a rocky core surrounded by a small gaseous envelope and would therefore qualify as a ‘super earth,’” the Europeans declared in a news release.

The American team hastily scheduled Tuesday’s news conference to announce that it had discovered not one but two possible super-Earths, one-upping the Europeans.

Marcy and Butler’s latest planet

is 21 times heavier than Earth, a bit bulkier than Neptune. It orbits the star Gliese 436, 30 light-years away in the constellation Leo (the Lion).

The other new American find, 18 times more massive than Earth, was made by Barbara McArthur, an astronomer at the University of Texas in Austin. It’s the fourth planet to be found in a miniature solar system circling the star 55 Cancri, 41 light-years away in the constellation Cancer (the Crab). The other three are Jupiter-sized gas giants.

McArthur’s planets make up the first quadruple planetary system yet found, outside our own. It will be “a premier laboratory for the study of the formation and evolution of planetary systems,” she said.

Because the three new super-Earths are 10 or so times smaller than Jupiter, astronomers think they’re more likely to be composed of rock, like Earth, than of gas.

“These may be the first of a new class of super-Earths,” said Alan Boss, a theoretical astrophysicist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

These three planets, however, are so hot and so close to their mother stars that life on them is extremely unlikely. The only remote possibility would be in a narrow band between the bright side and the dark side of the planet around Gliese 436, where the temperature might be “lukewarm,” Marcy said.

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# Students’ success validates professor’s work

Love of theater brings Lloyd, former adjunct, to full-time status

By ERIN EUDY  
Staff Writer

There are many people who laugh at the expression “don’t poke your eye out,” but for the lucky students enrolled in Professor Gregg Lloyd’s combat class this semester, it is not a joke, but a reality.

Lloyd has been an adjunct professor here for the past four years, but this year he has come on board full-time. He will be teaching “Beginning Acting” and “Advanced Combat” this semester.

He earned his undergraduate degree in communication/theatre at North Central College, where he originally started as a biology major. But, as he said, “theatre just kept calling and I couldn’t say no.” He then went on to earn his Master of Fine Arts in acting, specializing in stage combat from Western Illinois University.

He has many years of experience in various regional theatres. He has

worked at Busch Gardens as a stage manager, performer and fight director. At Medieval Times, in Chicago, he fought as a knight and he also taught a few classes at Tarrant County College in Texas. For years he spent four months out of the year here, working at Busch Gardens, and the rest of his time would be spent in Texas. Professor Lloyd said that eventually the moving got tiring and when the opportunity to work here arose, he took it.

Lloyd has a different set of goals in mind for his students in both his acting and his combat classes. In his acting class, he says, “I want my students to learn to open up and achieve the courage actors need to not fear failure and to be able to put it all on the line. On the more intellectual side, I want them to learn to analyze scripts and learn what makes a character tick, what they want and what drives them.”

Another goal Professor Lloyd has in mind for those students is to help them learn to enjoy the process of theatre, not just the final production. He hopes that they will learn to do this without living in the fear that they will be told that they are wrong.

“There are no wrong choices,” he said, “but some choices are better than others.”

For his combat class, Lloyd is more concerned that his students learn about safety and the historical aspects, the techniques, the sense of style and the

uses of the weapons.

“The first rule is safety and to protect each other, always protect your partner,” he said. “Swords are not toys.”

This talented addition to our rapidly growing theatre department has several goals for himself this year as well.

“Most of all,” he said, “I would like to become a member of the campus community. As an adjunct, you drive to the university, teach your class, and attend the occasional meeting and then you leave again. This year I have an opportunity to really become more involved and I plan to do so.”

Professor Lloyd has already begun to achieve this goal by working on the upcoming production of “Romeo and Juliet.” Not only will he be the fight director, but will also appear in the production, performing the role of Capulet, Juliet’s father.

Like all theatre professors, Lloyd loves the professional theatre, so its decline over time concerns him.

“That’s one of the great things about teaching; it is where you can get students excited about live theatre while they are still young.”

His wife, Laura Lloyd, shares his viewpoint; she is a drama teacher at Heritage High School.

“It’s great because she can get them started even earlier,” Lloyd said.

The desire to spread the love of

theatre is so important to them for several reasons. “The bottom line,” Lloyd began, “is that there is something special about live theatre that can’t be duplicated on screen. The audience is not a vital part of the creative process. It’s already in the can and it cannot be changed.”

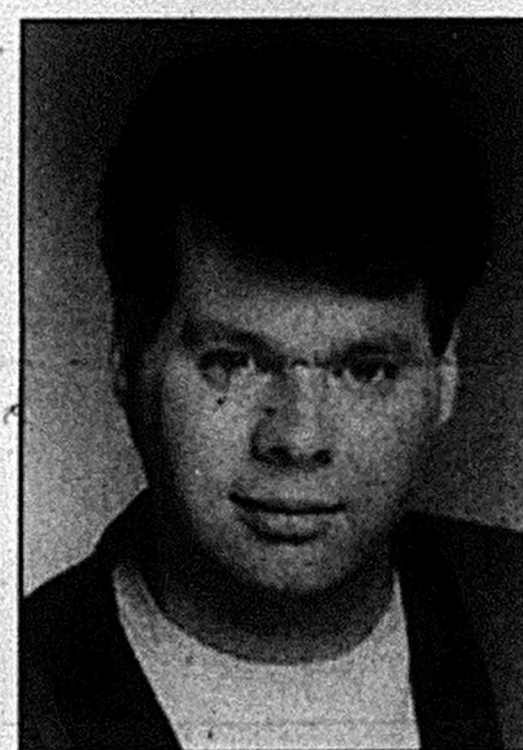
Another reason for the love of teaching is the element of success, Professor Lloyd said. “When I’m successful on stage it’s wonderful, but if I’m able to share that with a class, I have multiplied the possibility of that magical experience. I get a real bang out of my students’ successes.”

Professor Lloyd is especially happy to be able to teach here at CNU for several reasons. He is quite fond of the faculty and is quick to note that all of the different professors have their strengths and by sharing them, they are making the department stronger. “CNU is such a supportive community,” he said. “In the theatre department, we are competitive, especially at auditions, but it’s a very healthy competition. We all get along and encourage each other.” He also added that the administration has been very supportive and that he appreciates that.

As far as the new growth and expansion on campus, Professor Lloyd is thrilled about it. “The growth is exciting,” he said. “It’s a great time to get in on the ground floor.”

Professor Lloyd advises all stu-

dents to “dare to fail.” “I don’t mean your classes,” he quickly added. “I mean that if you aren’t taking risks, it means you might not be trying or you might not be open enough and that you are just playing it safe. It’s important to try new things. If you think you know the answer, raise your hand, even if you don’t absolutely without-a-doubt know it. Just try.”



Professor Greg Lloyd is a full-time staff member in the theater department. This semester he will teach Beginning Acting and Advanced Combat.

# Student government restructures, new constitution implemented for the fall semester

By JENN ROWELL  
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After budget and election problems during the 2002-2003 academic year, the Student Government spent that summer and all of last year preparing for this fall when the new structure would be implemented.

During the summer of 2003, student members of the SGA and members of the administration met several times to devise a new budget policy, constitution, and elections procedure. These changes were made at the request of President Paul Trible. As a result, a 10-page document was created to act as a procedure guideline in the allocation of Student Activity Fee Funds (SAFF). The organizations entire structure also had to be altered, reducing the number of Senators significantly.

Previously, the Student Govern-

ment consisted of an executive board and the student senate. Only certain executive board members were elected, some of them were appointed, and students could simply fill out applications to become members of the Senate.

The organization is now broken into three branches, and the Inter-Club Association (ICA) as a new addition to the organization.

## Executive Branch

The executive branch consists of the President and Vice President, both of which are elected offices.

Melissa Bell, senior, serves as this year’s president and Thomas Welch, senior, serves as the vice president.

According to the new constitution, the president and vice president must be degree seeking and rising third year students. Both are required to have a 2.5 GPA at the time of election and maintain that GPA

throughout their term.

The president will, as is stated in the constitution, “be accessible to the student body, be a liaison to off-campus organizations, serve as a student representative to the Board of Visitors, attend Senate meetings, review and sign or veto any legislation passed by the Senate, make appointments as necessary, make confirmations as required, create any additional cabinet positions as necessary, hold Executive Cabinet meetings, be a liaison to the administration, report to the student Senate at least bi-monthly, and meet with the SGA advisor.”

The vice president, in accordance with the new constitution, will perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president and will “be accessible to the student body and perform all other relevant details.”

Included in the executive branch is the executive cabinet that is made up of four secretaries. Each position is appointed by the president and approved by the senate with a simple majority vote.

Senior Christina Eggenberger will serve as Secretary of University Affairs; Junior Abbie Tang will serve as the Media Secretary; Senior Ashley Boyd will serve as the Secretary of Legislative Action; and Junior Eric Creasman will serve Secretary of Budget.

Each member of the cabinet must be degree seeking and have and maintain a GPA of 2.0, with the exception of the Secretary of Budget who must have at least a 2.5 GPA.

A Chief of Staff also acts as a member of the executive branch and will be an office manager by scheduling meetings for the executive branch, acting as a point of contact for individuals outside of the execu-

tive branch. The Chief of Staff will make reports to the president as necessary and perform any other tasks requested by the president.

Molly Buckley, sophomore, will serve as the Chief of Staff. Although she is a part of the executive branch, she does not sit within the cabinet.

## Inter-Club Association

The chairman of ICA will not be appointed by the president, but elected by the ICA.

The ICA has not yet voted on who the official chairperson will be, but in order to get the group up and running, Stacey Vande Linde volunteered to coordinate the organization efforts until the chairperson is elected.

According to the new constitution, the chairperson will “act as a liaison between the ICA and the executive branch by serving as a member of the cabinet, voice concerns and address the issues that affect clubs and organizations on campus, work in cooperation with the Coordinator of Student Activities, and perform all other relevant duties as assigned by the president.”

In a statement prepared by the SGA, the purpose of the ICA is to “act as a venue for discussion of problems and/or concerns of clubs among its members, assisting the development of new organizations to meet students needs, work in cooperation with all organizations to carry out its purpose.”

Consisting of one representative from each recognized organization, the ICA will make proposals to the senate concerning requirements each club has to meet in order to be allocated SAFF monies. The proposal must be approved with a majority vote in the Senate. If a club or organization fails to send a representative, they will not receive any SAFF monies, or office space.

According to the SGA, the forma-

tion of ICA will allow clubs and organizations to govern themselves, but are still eligible for funding through the SGA.

Since ICA is relatively new, the organization didn’t fall into this year’s budget. As a result, they will be requesting a small grant.

## Legislative Branch

Elected student representatives will make up the legislative branch of the new structure.

The student senate will consist of 20 students according to the new constitution, but currently there are only 16 members. The senate is composed of three representatives from each class, one for graduate students and seven at-large representatives.

Run by the vice president of the senate, this branch has the ability to propose legislation and vote on it. Senators are required to have a cumulative 2.0 GPA at the time of election and maintain this standard during their term.

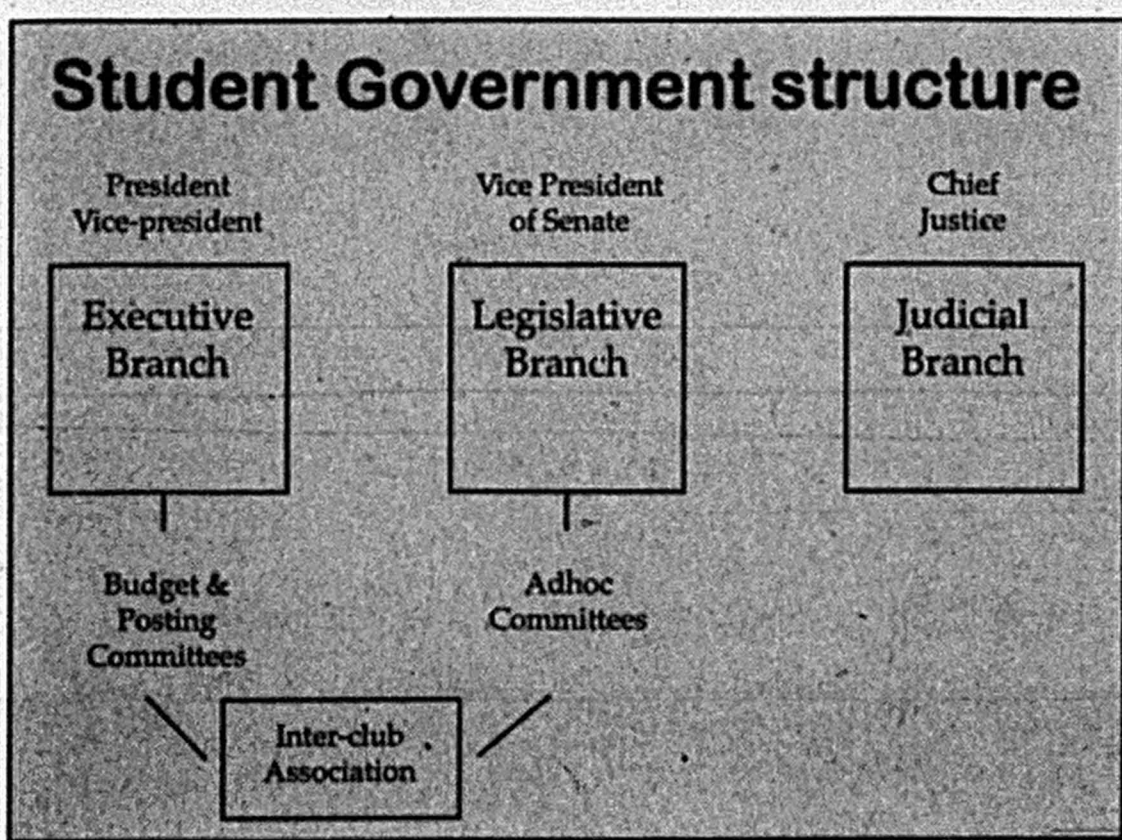
This structure was implemented by the former SGA after a directive from Trible, which required the organization to restructure.

“This model will more accurately reflect and address the concerns and opinions and student body by direct election of senators,” the SGA said in a prepared statement.

Essentially beginning the year as a brand new organization, there is little precedent. While the new constitution has been ratified, the implementation process will take some time.

“Being the first year there are loopholes being discovered. For such a broad overhaul of a system, small loopholes are to be expected,” said Media Secretary Abbie Tang.

Judicial Branch featured next week.





# All the world's a stage: International Players

## Sudan

**Location:** North Africa, bordering Red Sea, between Egypt and Eritrea

**Bordered by:** Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Uganda

**Population:** 39,148,162  
**Life expectancy:** 58.13  
**HIV/AIDS:** 450,000

**Nationality:** Sudanese

**Climate:** Tropical in the south, arid desert in north, rainy season varies

### Background:

- Gained independence from the UK in 1956
- Military regimes that favor Islamic-oriented government have dominated national politics since 1956
- Civil wars erupted during this entire period, except for 1972-82
- Since 1983, there have been two million deaths and four million displaced due to war and war related problems
- The ruling regime is a mixture of military elite and Islamist party that came to power in 1989
- Peace talks increased in 2002-03 with the signing of several accords including cease-fire agreements

**Natural resources:** petroleum, small reserves of iron ore, copper, zinc, chromium ore, tungsten, mica, hydropower, gold, silver

**Natural hazards:** dust storms, periodic drought

**Environmental issues:** inadequate supplies of potable water, wildlife population threatened by excessive hunting, soil erosion, desertification, periodic drought

**Ethnic groups:** Black, Arab, Beja, foreigners

**Languages:** Arabic, Nubian, English, Ta Bedawir, dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages

**Religions:** Sunni Muslim, indigenous beliefs, Christian

**Government type:** Authoritarian regime, government run by alliance of military and National Congress Party

**Capital:** Khartoum

**Administrative divisions:** 26 states

**GDP per capita:** \$1,900  
**Agriculture:** 39 percent  
**Industry:** 18 percent  
**Services:** 43 percent

**Agricultural products:** cotton, groundnuts, sorghum, millet, wheat, sugar cane, cassava, mangoes, papaya, bananas, sweet potatoes, sesame, sheep, livestock

**Industries:** oil, cotton ginning, textiles, cement, edible oils, sugar, soap distilling, shoes, petroleum refining, pharmaceuticals, armaments, automobiles

**Military:** Sudanese People's Armed Forces-Navy, Air Force, Popular Defense Forces



Photo courtesy of Olivier Douliery/Ansa Press

## Iraq

**WASHINGTON, DC** -The new flag of Iraq flies over the reopened Iraqi Embassy in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, June 30, 2004. The Embassy had been closed since 1990. (nk) 2004

**Location:** Middle East, bordered by the Persian Gulf, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan

**Population:** 25,374,691 (July 2004)  
**Growth rate:** 2.74 percent  
**Life expectancy:** 68.26 years  
**Infant mortality rate:** 52.71 deaths / 1,000 live births  
**HIV/AIDS:** less than 1,000

**Nationality:** Iraqi

### Background:

- Occupied by Britain during WWI
- 1932 attained independence as a kingdom
- 1958: "republic" proclaimed but actually ruled by military "strongmen" - i.e. Saddam Hussein
- 1980-88: territory war with Iran
- 1990: seized Kuwait; expelled by U.S. and UN during Gulf War in 1991
- UN Security Council required Iraq to get rid of weapons of mass destruction and long range missiles and required UN inspections; did not comply
- US led invasion in March 2003 to get Saddam Hussein regime out of power
- Handed over government in 2004 but forces still remain

**Natural Resources:** petroleum, natural gas, phosphates, sulfur

**Natural Hazards:** dust storms, sandstorms, floods

**Environmental issues:** Government water control projects drained much of the inhabited marsh area, marsh Arab population has been displaced, destruction to natural habitat has decreased the wildlife population, air and water pollution, soil degradation and erosion, decreased supplies of potable water

**Religions:** Muslim 97 percent (Shi'a 60-65 percent, Sunni 32-37 percent), Christian and others 3 percent

**Languages:** Arabic, Kurdish, Assyrian, Armenian

**Literacy:** 40.4 percent over age 15 can read and write

**National Holiday:** Revolution

**Day:** July 15, 1968

**Currency:** New Iraqi Dinar

**GDP per capita:** \$1,600 (2003)  
**\*Agriculture:** 6 percent  
**\*Industry:** 13 percent  
**\*Services:** 81 percent  
**\*as of 1993**

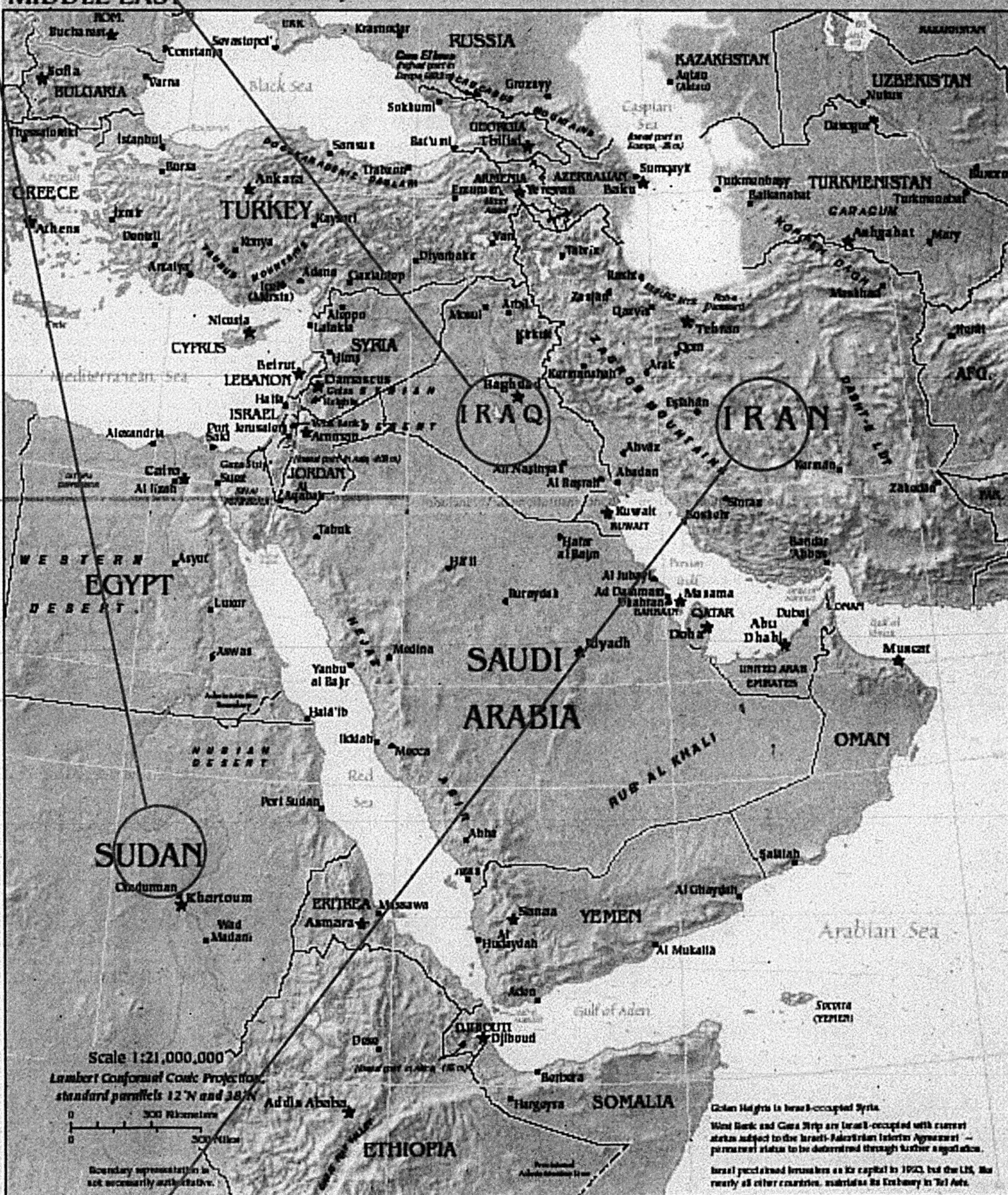
**Agricultural products:** wheat, barley, rice, vegetables, dates, cotton, cattle, sheep

**Industries:** petroleum, chemicals, textiles, construction materials, food processing

**Oil production:** 2.2 million bbl/day

**Military:** US and UK coalition dissolved former Iraqi government; Armed Forces working on creating defensive Iraqi Army

## MIDDLE EAST



## Iran

**Location:** Middle East, bordering Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea between Iraq and Pakistan

**Bordered by:** Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan

**Population:** 69,018,924  
**Growth rate:** 1.07 percent  
**Life expectancy:** 69.66 years  
**HIV/AIDS:** 20,000

**Nationality:** Iranian

### Background:

- Known as Persia until 1935
- Became the Islamic Republic in 1979 when ruling Shah was forced into exile
- Conservative clerical forces established theocratic system of government with ultimate political authority
- A group of Iranian students seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on November 4, 1979 and held it until January 20, 1981
- Fought a war with Iraq over territory from 1980-1988
- Over the past decade, popular dissatisfaction with the government driven by demographic changes, restrictive social policies and poor

economic conditions have created pressure for political reform

**Natural Resources:** petroleum, natural gas, coal, chromium, copper, iron ore, lead, manganese, zinc, sulfur

**Natural Hazards:** Periodic droughts, floods, dust storms, sand storms, earthquakes

**Environment-current issues:** air pollution, deforestation, overgrazing, desertification, oil pollution, wetland losses, soil degradation, inadequate supplies of potable water, water pollution, industrial waste, urbanization

**Languages:** Persian, Turkic, Kurdish, Luri, Balochi, Arabic, Turkish

**Military branches:** Islamic Republic or Iran Regular Forces, Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps, Law Enforcement Forces

**Ethnicities:** Persian, Azeri, Gilaki, Mazandarani, Kurd, Arab, Lur, Baloch, Turkmen

**Religions:** Shi'a Muslim, Sunni Muslim, Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, Baha'i

**Government type:** Theocratic republic; 28 provinces (Administrative divisions)

**Legal system:** Constitution codifies Islamic principles of government

**GDP per capita:** \$7,000  
**Agriculture:** 19 percent  
**Industry:** 26 percent  
**Services:** 55 percent

**Agricultural products:** wheat, rice, sugar, beets, fruits, nuts, cotton, dairy products, wool, caviar

**Industries:** petroleum, petrochemicals, textiles, cement and construction materials, food processing, metal fabricating armaments

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by assisting with multicultural projects. Most of his time was spent translating the school's Ecology Museum from Spanish to English. Also, Stuver spent time teaching the school's headmaster how to speak English. Altogether Stuver said his time "was spent doing various tasks around the school."

In addition to Stuver's involvement with the school, CNU has been associated with the school and Santiago for almost 15 years. Dr. Lea Pellett, of the Anthropology Department, said, "The development sponsors field school experiences twice each year in Santiago, Aititlani in the Mayan Highlands of Guatemala. Our first visit was in 1990 and we have conducted one trip per year since that time."

What began as a project concerned with health and community betterment has now be-

come an ideal site for field study, according to Pellett.

Currently, there are two ongoing projects in Santiago.

The first involves two women's co-ops begun and supported by CNU. The women hand-make crafts, which are then sold at CNU functions and in the local community.

"The proceeds of the co-ops are used to give the Mayan children bilingual and bicultural experiences so they could succeed in the Spanish language and ladino culture," said Pellett.

The other project involves "promoting schools that are trilingual or tricultural," said Pellett.

By sending students like Stuver to assist and tutor in the schools, CNU attempts to better the local living conditions.

"There are a lot things to be learned. It is a good experience for students interested in Latin culture," Stuver said.

Pellett said, "Students prob-

ably gain more from the experience than does the local community. It's one reason why we try to focus on serving the community."

According to Pellett, the experience has helped students in the past to gain a better understanding of Spanish, other cultures, American culture and even themselves.

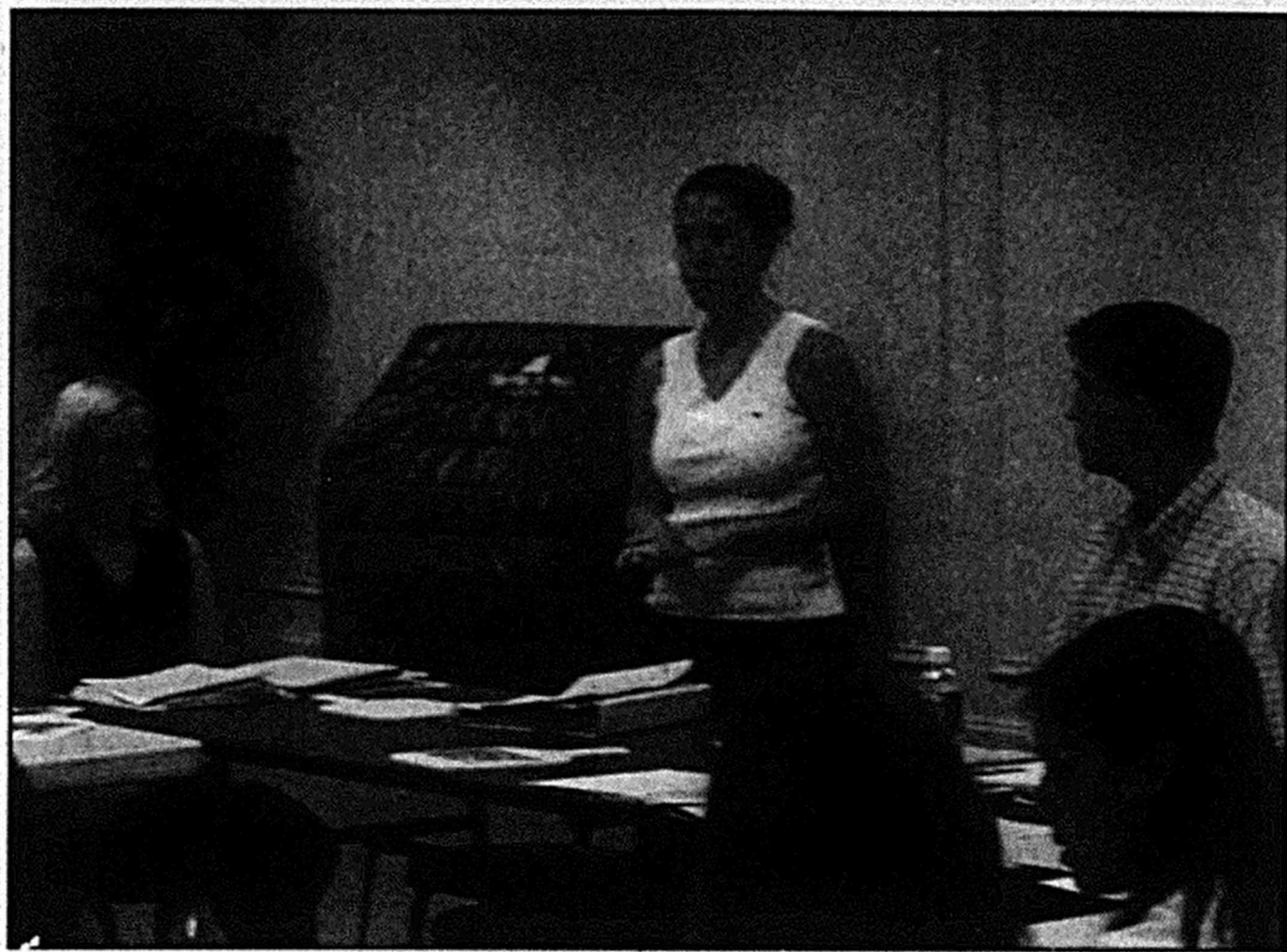
CNU alumnus Tenibac Harvey used the experience to learn Spanish and Quiche, a Mayan language, fluently. He "went on to achieve his Ph.D. in anthropology from UVA and is now considered one of the academic authorities on Maya language," said Pellett.

For Stuver, the experience "gave him very good insight into the indigenous culture of Guatemala. There are so many different sub-cultures functioning in one place. It's not simply 'one lump culture'."



Students of the third through sixth grades practice traditional Mayan music for an upcoming performance for a local church group.

Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log



Student Government Association President, senior Melissa Bell, addresses members during this week's meeting. Under the new constitution and structure of the SGA, Bell will preside over the executive branch with vice-president Thomas Welch, also a senior. The first meetings of the SGA will involve regular business in addition to implementing the changes that the organization underwent.

Jordan Smith/The Captain's Log

## LIBRARY, FROM PAGE 1

purchased and will be accessible through the library's Web site. Among these new databases

are BioOne, which includes 69 full text electronic journals, and ArtStore, a database containing 300,000 images. Both databases come from scholarly societies.

"We need to just deal with it. The changes are necessary and will be over soon enough," said Joseph Simmons, a senior history major.

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them since several new members were elected. They have written several letters and anticipate garnering the attention of the board.

The proposal to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination policy has generated much discussion.

"The policy covers everything else from race, creed to religion, why not sexual orientation?" Giannini said.

Provost Richard Summerville, who urged the board to keep the current policy at the June meeting, said that it is unnecessary to add sexual orientation to the policy.

Currently, the policy states, "Christopher Newport University does not discriminate in admissions, employment or any other activity on the bases of race, sex, color, age, religion, veteran status, national origin, disability or political affiliation."

Summerville said that the same document is "equally specific and comprehensive regarding the related offense of hazing."

The policy states, "Hazing is a criminal offense in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Hazing

is a serious violation of a university policy and is prohibited in all forms."

"Any belief which holds that present CNU policies or regulations on harassment and/or hazing protect some individuals while leaving others unprotected is erroneous," Summerville said.

On the distinct matter of harassment, the 2004-2005 Student Handbook states, "Harassment of all kinds that is directed at an individual is reprehensible and will not be tolerated by the University." Summerville said that this is the university's policy, which is "pretty hard to misunderstand."

A gray area has been distinguishing here as the harassment policy covers all students while the anti-discrimination policy does not. Under policy, harassment of anyone, including homosexuals, is prohibited. There are no legal protections, however, for them being discriminated against in any other form.

Because CNU is a state-funded school, the board does not want any discrepancies with the state legislature because there are no legal protections for homosexuals in the state of Va. Still, a number of educa-

tional institutions in Va. include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies. The only four public colleges that do not have it included are Longwood University, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia State University and CNU.

Based on the attendance at the faculty senate meeting, the SGA feels like the policy being instituted would make for a better social outcome for the students on campus.

"I believe the students will feel empowered and some sense of ownership within their own university community," said Bell.

The topic, however, remains uncomfortable for many students and professors on campus to speak up about.

As president of the SGA, Bell wants to ensure that the voice of the students is implemented in the school's policies at all times, not just when it is easy.

"I have faith in our school and leadership," said Bell. "No matter how long it takes it will happen. It may end up being 30 years from now when my kids go here, but it will happen. We just hope more sooner than later."

## INTERNET, FROM PAGE 1

dled the university network last year, upgrades had to be made. Last winter, a \$90 telecommunications fee that allowed the university to upgrade firewalls, purchase new routers and bandwidth was assessed to students.

"The network changes in addition to the increased staff, servers and services will cost over \$300,000," said Webb.

Potomac North resident

Aaron Page said, "I think it is a lot better than last year, but there is room for improvement."

Webb agrees.

"From my point of view we're not where we want to be but we're not in bad shape and I think we're a lot better than last year."

Along with the changes to the network, student e-mail accounts were switched.

"We wanted to have a commercial grade e-mail system

plus a calendar function in place before students returned as well as making available course tools for the fall semester in all classes," says Webb. "Senders to the old e-mail are getting the it returned to them, just like the postal service."

For help accessing old e-mail accounts or to address any other Internet concerns, students can visit the help desk in McMullan Hall.

"There are big scuffs all over our floor that were there when we moved in," said Sophomore Illysa Schrage.

"Reasonable wear and tear is expected, and we understand that the floors were damaged to some extent before students moved in," Pappas stated. "We will be taking that into consideration when the residents move out; however, blatant destruction that occurred after move in will not be tolerated."

dust and dirt. The pipes in the bathrooms are meant to leak so you know that the other pipes are blocked and need clearing," said Giles.

There have been approximately 75 work orders submitted and about 50 percent of them concerned air conditioning problems. Any residents with problems are encouraged to submit work orders.

An example is the appearance of scuffs on most resident's vinyl floors.

## POTOMAC, FROM PAGE 1

"The A/C condensation drain [the small metal pipe in your bathroom] should have been over the shower, but it is not so it drips into your bathroom floor," said Jeff Giles, a representative from W.M. Jordan who participated in Friday's meeting. "The pipes [in the bathrooms] should only leak if the other air conditioning drainage pipes are backed up which happens over time due to

## Necessary and Proper clause passes unanimously in the senate

Plans to improve communication of new SGA business

By JESSE KNIPLING  
Captain's Log Intern

The SGA senate unanimously passed two resolutions Monday night, one adding a "Necessary and Proper Clause" to the new SGA constitution, and the other invoking this clause to allow for the creation of an Elections Board for upcoming freshman elections.

The clause, proposed by Senators Erin Ireland, junior, and Jason Scheel, sophomore, grants one year of temporary power to the senate, ending on June 1, 2005.

"This resolution allows us to adjust to situations that weren't allowed for in our constitution," said Ireland.

Concern was expressed by several members of the senate that the clause could weaken the new constitution, but Ireland argued that, "We couldn't have

known what could have come up or what kind of loopholes we could have left in there."

Following an amendment to the new clause by seniors Jim Deeley and Josh Dermer, the resolution was passed unanimously.

This is the first year that the new constitution has been in effect, and according to the proposal that appeared before the senate, "Situations have already risen where the CNU SGA constitution does not provide information for dealing with necessary actions."

One such situation concerns the upcoming freshman elections.

"We need an Elections Board to make and set rules for the upcoming freshman elections," said Deeley. "It's supposed to be made up of at least 5 non-SGA members with no vested interest in the election, but we don't have the time to find people to fill these spots."

Citing a need to fill the spots on the elections board immediately, Deeley proposed a resolution invoking the new clause to

grant power to SGA President senior Melissa Bell and Vice President senior Thomas Welch to form and appoint members to an Elections Board.

The senate also spent time addressing efforts to keep the student body well informed of the work being done by the SGA.

"We've taken concerns about communication with students seriously," said senate Vice President sophomore Ryan Chandler. "We intend to publicize SGA meetings to students via email."

Bell also announced plans to release a newsletter to students concerning the status of resolutions currently under consideration by the senate.

"The newsletter will allow students to look at issues being considered by the CNU senate," said Bell. "It allows them to find out about resolutions that they might previously have only heard about if and when they were passed."

Bell said that it is undecided at this point how often the newsletter will be sent out.

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# Opinions

## Where We Stand

### Students have voiced their opinions, Board of Visitors should listen

The students have spoken.

After being tabled twice, the resolution to add sexual orientation to CNU's nondiscriminatory policy was passed in the spring of 2004 by the Faculty Senate. At this time, the Board of Visitors has not passed any amendment to CNU's policy.

The Gay-Straight Student Union (GSSU) initially proposed the amendment to the Student Government Association in the spring of 2003, and was passed by student representatives with a vote of 103-1. The amendment then moved into the Faculty Senate where it was tabled for over a year.

Melissa Bell has said that this school holds itself to a higher standard than state legislation, a notion that is illustrated by CNU's ban on alcohol, even though those of age are free to drink in Virginia.

This higher standard suggests that although state legislation does not include nondiscriminatory policies on sexual orientation, this school's policy should, and could, include this option. Although legally unenforceable at the state level, this amendment would serve as a symbol to students across the state; a symbol that states CNU not only keeps up with the times, but that we do not discriminate on any basis.

Currently, CNU stands in the minority on this issue, surrounded by three other schools that do not have this clause. Ten schools stand opposite, appearing more open and advanced to any casual observer.

Should CNU be aligned with the minority or the majority? In this case, the minority includes a school with an obvious reason for its actions: Virginia Military Institute has a military obligation to "don't ask, don't tell."

CNU does not have that obligation. Although this resolution may be currently unenforceable, that hasn't stopped the ten other state schools from accepting this amendment into their nondiscriminatory policies. At these schools, their students voiced their opinion, and their voices were heard.

CNU students need to be heard too.

The BOV now has the opportunity to show the CNU student body that they not only understand the importance of the issue at hand, but they recognize the hard work and dedication of those who put this in motion.

The tabling of this resolution by the board's summer session was disappointing, but understandable. A decision of such implications should be thought over and discussed as much as possible.

Unfortunately, the Faculty Senate took over a year to pass the resolution, which means the CNU students have waited over a year to be heard by the board.

The GSSU and SGA dedicated time and effort to making this resolution a reality for their community. If the board decides this resolution is futile, the hard work and dedication of the SGA will be wasted.

A vote of 103-1 in the SGA senate is amazing; so many people with so many backgrounds put aside personal or religious beliefs about a specific lifestyle in favor of recognizing the need for this resolution that would serve as a statement not only to CNU, but to any and all outsiders questioning to which sort of standards this university holds itself.

Our highest standard is "Students First." We trust the Board of Visitors to uphold that standard.

## Fresh Perspectives

It will be glorious when it's done ...

Remember that phrase — it's going to help you get through the next year and a half.

Construction has started on the new addition and renovation of the Smith Library and we've needed to make extensive changes to accommodate the process.

The Multimedia Center has moved to McMurran 126 in a much smaller form. The computer lab in that area doesn't exist anymore, but the collection and the Macintosh computers are still available for use. We've developed a small area of computers by the Circulation Desk, which have Microsoft Office for students who need to incorporate library materials into their presentations and coursework and print out the results. These computers are not connected to the Internet, however.

Einstein's has also moved to the Falk Gallery in Gosnold Hall.

The second floor of the library now houses the library's technical services (the people who purchase and catalog books and maintain our periodical collection), our systems administrator and my office. There are no books or study space on this floor anymore.

We've installed a new section of compact shelving in the periodicals area. Books with call numbers from PL-Z (literature, mathematics, the sciences, medicine, military and naval affairs) plus our special collections in children's literature, school textbooks and nautical books are all housed in this area. If you need help with this new shelving, please ask at the Circulation Desk.

There's some good news as well. In the survey last year many of you asked for access to more online services. I'm happy to tell you that we've started to add new resources and will continue to do so throughout the semester. We've purchased two new JSTOR collections, which will add 220 new online journals in such areas as language and literature, music, art, film studies, psychology, and public policy. VIVA, which received a 26 percent increase in its budget thanks to lobbying by students all over the Commonwealth, has added BioOne, a collection on 69 journals published by scholarly societies in biology. VIVA will be adding new collections as well this year. Watch for the announcements.

Another new addition is ArtStor. ArtStor has over 300,000 images that can be used not only for art projects but also for illustration in other fields such as history, sociology or religion. Books are being purchased again as well. The books ordered this summer are starting to come in and are being added to the shelves. Look for new browsing books shortly.

We're working on some new projects as well. To improve our interlibrary loan service we've purchased a program called ILLiad, which will allow you to submit requests electronically. We're installing the program now and should start to test it shortly. We're also looking at improved methods to display our holdings of electronic periodicals.

The one thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to serving the CNU community. Our staff will be there to help you find what you need to be successful this semester. To keep the university community informed of changes, the library staff has started a new blog called the Lookout. It's available from the library's homepage or this address: <http://www.cnu.edu/library/weblog>. And remember: it will be glorious when it's done!

Cathy Doyle  
University Librarian

## Voting for 'the lesser of two evils?' Not me...

### RUSS ROLES

In his article, "Regardless of political ideology, students encouraged to vote..." in the September 1 edition of The Captain's Log, Craig Whisenhunt said that many Americans will vote for whom they feel is the "lesser of two evils."

I share this belief. From my personal experiences with others on this campus, I have heard several students express serious discontent with both George W. Bush and John Kerry.

If this is how students feel, then why should they vote? After all, isn't the "lesser of two evils" still evil regardless of how less evil it may be from its counterpart?

I believe there is a serious distortion in our democratic mindset, shaped by the American media, peer pressure and by institutions here on our campus.

Let's face it, we are told there are two political parties, Democrat and Republican. This idea is reinforced through our high schools, through the media, through our parents, and in other ways.

This year is the presidential election, we are told to vote for either President Bush, John Ker-

ry, or if you're a true rebel, Ralph Nader. If you take five minutes to search on the web, you'll find that there are many more options for American voters. According to Project Vote Smart (<http://www.vote-smart.org>) there are many candidates of various political parties running for President.

Let's stop right here. A conclusion many reach is "If I vote for anyone other than the two major party candidates, I waste my vote." This conclusion is utter nonsense.

A candidate's loss in an election does not equal a wasted vote. If current president George W. Bush loses the election, will all Republican voters have wasted their votes?

But why shouldn't we feel compelled to vote for one of the two major candidates? There is virtually no advertised information on third party candidates; the news media gives them no attention.

Our SGA encourages us to exercise our Constitutional right to vote, and then freely passes out information on only the two major party candidates at the "Rock 101" event.

My fellow students, the only way for us to exercise our

full democratic privilege is to become aware of all our options as voters, and to place our vote where our heart and head direct us.

That was the original concept behind the democratic system — to vote for the candidate you believe is best suited for the job.

We should not be intimidated to vote for the "lesser evil," nor vote to deliberately keep someone out of an office, nor vote on a candidate solely because (s)he has a "realistic" chance of victory; these factors are irrelevant.

If voters for what they truly believe, we will make a difference in our nation's democratic ideology.

This November, I will be voting for Michael Anthony Peroutka of the Constitution Party. Will he win? Out of all likelihood, no, but that is not the point.

Many have told me that I am wasting my vote. They are wrong. The only wasted vote is a vote for a candidate you do not fully support.

A vote for Peroutka is where my heart and head direct me. America has more than two options in November.

## Corrections and Clarifications

Clarification: In reference to last week's Where We Stand, the SGA Senate, not the board, is responsible for publicizing meetings.

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# World and Nation

## Bush casts himself as a strong leader in times of peril

RON HUTCHESON  
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NEW YORK: Invoking powerful memories of Sept. 11, President Bush launched his final drive to the November election Thursday by presenting himself as a battle-tested leader who can guide the nation through dangerous times.

Acknowledging his flaws as well as his strengths, Bush asked Americans to give him four more years to make the country safer, stronger and more prosperous. He assured cheering delegates at the Republican convention that he would never falter in his "solemn duty to protect the American people."

Bush accepted his party's presidential nomination in Madison Square Garden, a few miles from the site of the terrorist attacks that shook the nation and altered the course of his presidency. The aftershocks from that tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001, set the tone for his acceptance speech, but Bush also sketched out a second-term agenda that includes initiatives on health care, education and an effort to simplify federal tax laws.

Declaring that "freedom is on the march," he expressed his determination to finish the job in Iraq, defeat global terrorism and spread democracy throughout the Middle East.

"I wake up every morning thinking about how to better protect our country. I will never relent in defending America, whatever it takes," he said. "We have fought the terrorists across the Earth, not for pride, not for power, but because the lives of our citizens are at stake."

But Bush brushed lightly over two issues that could sink his hopes for a second term: the continuing problems in Iraq and the uneven economy. He made no mention of Osama bin Laden,

the terror chief who remains at large three years after overseeing the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bush's remarks to cheering Republican delegates — and an expected television audience of about 30 million viewers — signaled the start of the final push to the Nov. 2 election, and he drove home the themes of his campaign.

In an indication of just how bitter and hard-fought the campaign is likely to be, Democrat John Kerry fired off his response before the balloons and confetti hit the floor of the convention hall.

"I'm not going to have my commitment to defend this country questioned by those who refused to serve when they could have and by those who have misled the nation into Iraq," Kerry, a Vietnam veteran, said in remarks prepared for a midnight rally in Springfield, Ohio, near Dayton.

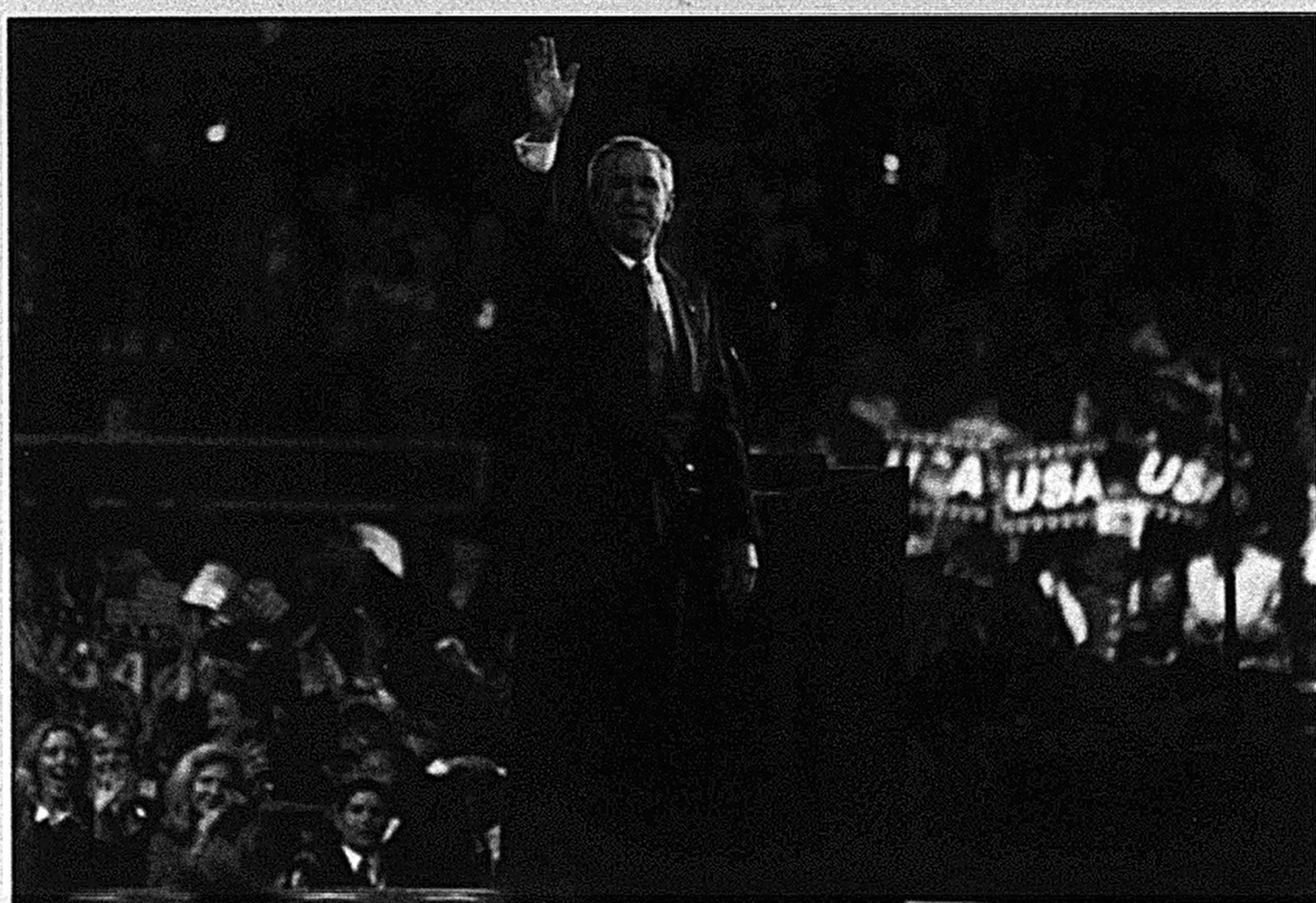
Kerry took direct aim at Vice President Dick Cheney, who suggested in his convention speech Wednesday that the Democratic candidate is unfit to serve as commander in chief.

"I guess I'll leave it up to the voters whether five deferments makes someone more qualified to defend this nation than two tours of duty," Kerry said of Cheney.

After a four-day celebration that sought to put Bush in the pantheon of the nation's greatest presidents, Bush acknowledged that some voters are put off by his personal traits.

"You may have noticed a few flaws," he said. "People sometimes have to correct my English. I knew I had a problem when Arnold Schwarzenegger started doing it."

"Some folks look at me and see a certain swagger, which in Texas is called walking. Now and then I come across as a little too blunt — and for that we can all thank that white-haired lady sitting



United States President George W. Bush waves to the delegates as he takes the stage on the final day of the 2004 Republican National Convention at Madison Square Garden in New York, on Thursday, September 2, 2004.

right up there," he said, referring to his mother, former first lady Barbara Bush.

Turning to domestic issues, he outlined several new initiatives, including:

**Tax simplification.** Calling the tax code "a complicated mess," Bush said he would appoint a bipartisan panel to recommend ways to improve the tax code next year. He said any simplification that emerges from the effort would be "revenue-neutral," meaning that it wouldn't result in any net tax cut or hike.

**Low-income housing.** He called for a new tax credit for developers who build low-income housing and set a goal of 7 million new low-income units over the next 10 years.

**Performance tests for high school students.** He said he wants to provide \$250 million a year to help high schools pay for testing to determine whether students are ready for graduation.

**Opportunity zones.** His plan

would give selected low-income neighborhoods priority for job training, community development grants and other forms of assistance.

Bush also took a few potshots at Kerry. He noted that his opponent has called for higher taxes, although he didn't mention that Kerry has said that he would raise taxes only on Americans earning more than \$200,000.

"His policies of tax and spend, of expanding government rather than expanding opportunity, are the policies of the past," he said.

In four nights of speeches and campaign videos, Republicans portrayed Bush as a courageous, principled and resolute leader while questioning Kerry's character and his fitness to serve as commander in chief.

Retired Gen. Tommy Franks, who directed the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, endorsed Bush from the convention stage before the president's speech.

"I have looked into his eyes and I have seen his character. I have seen courage and consistency, the courage to stand up to terrorists and the consistency necessary to beat them," said Franks, who attended high school with Bush's wife, Laura, in Midland, Texas.

Bush and many of the Republican delegates blinked back tears as he talked about the difficulty of dealing with the deaths of young Americans that he sent into battle.

"I've held the children of the fallen, who are told their mom or dad is a hero, but would rather just have their mom or dad. And I have met with parents and wives and husbands who have received a folded flag, and said a final goodbye to a soldier they loved," he said. "I am awed that so many have used those meetings to say that I am in their prayers."

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## Scientist quantifies national buzzwords with 'PQ Index'

Lisa Vorderbrueggen  
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WALNUT CREEK, Calif.: Girlie-men. Flip-flopers. Liars, both President Bush and challenger John Kerry. Blue states. Red states. Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11." Vulgarly among politicians.

Politically charged phrases and themes such as these spread faster than mold on a ripe Florida orange in today's fast-paced, Internet-driven news cycle.

Curiosity about the phenomenon recently prompted Paul J.J. Payack, a Danville, Calif., software engineer and fiction author, to devise an algorithm that tracks the rise and fall of common words and phrases used in newspapers, TV and the Internet.

Payack releases a monthly top 20 list called the Political Sensitivity Quotient, or PQ Index. It's gotten so hot that that it might soon appear in its own ranking.

The index has aired on CNN, CBS Sunday Morning, KGO Radio and appeared in newspapers around the world since its April debut.

Earlier this month, Reuters staffers covering the Athens Olympics asked Payack to fire up his software to determine whether journalists began using more classical Greek metaphors and allusions in their coverage after the games started. (On a single recent

morning, Payack found 3,000 references to Greek history and mythology compared to virtually none a month ago.)

"I'm impressed with the cleverness of this," said John Horrigan, senior researcher at the Washington-based Pew Internet and American Life Project, which studies how the Internet affects people's lives. "It appears that he has a tool that measures the viral capabilities of modern, interactive communication technology."

"I've not seen anything quite like it. I'm going to bookmark it right away."

A Harvard-educated writer who studied six languages, 54-year-old Payack has held a lasting relationship with linguistics. He says he has read the New York Times every day since he was a teenager.

He combined his polyglot background with his news junkie side two years ago after he noticed the sudden and widespread use of the term, "rush to war."

"I read the term on the Washington Post's site, and then I saw it appear in news story after news story — it took on a life of its own," Payack said. "I started tracking it, and that's how this all started."

He formed a company called The Global Language Monitor, enlisted the help of eight colleagues around the globe and tested his software for nine months before he released his first set of results in April.

The month before, he produced the "Hollywood list," which named "wardrobe malfunction" and "bootylicious" as the top two Hollywood terms most likely to become household phrases.

The company hasn't made a profit yet, but demand for new forms of research data usually comes with "the potential to make money," Payack said.

Here's how the PQ Index works: Payack, his colleagues and online participants nominate politically charged phrases or issues for analysis.

The automated software searches for the items in primarily the online content of newspaper and wire services, Google, Factiva, Internet blogs, television and radio scripts.

In addition to frequency, the system weights the score based on the media outlets' circulation or market size. In other words, appearance in the New York Times rates higher than the Contra Costa Times.

The month-to-month rankings allow Payack to measure how long an issue remains hot and note when it begins to fade from the public eye.

The economy, for example, is no longer a story, he said. It dropped to No. 14 in August, down from No. 6 in July. The Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal in Iraq also plunged.

In September, look for swift boats to make the Top 10, Payack predicted. This relates to the controversy over whether Kerry deserved medals he received as a Vietnam War swift boat commander.

"I would think that the campaigns would want to look at the index because it measures what's being said," Payack said.

Neither side should interpret the PQ Index as political, he cautions.

He says he reports the numbers, notes the trends and lets the statistics fall where they may.

Payack initially worried about political balance after he released his debut findings in April, when the word "incurious" to describe President Bush rated the top spot.

But since that time, the fickle No. 1 title has flitted from Abu Ghraib to former President Ronald Reagan to controversial filmmaker Michael Moore.

"Everyone gets slammed equally hard at one time or another," Payack said. (c) 2004, Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek, Calif.)

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## Traces of toxic chemicals found in supermarket food, study says

Fish, pork, turkey, duck, cheese, butter and milk are all found contaminated by toxic manmade chemical flame retardants

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WASHINGTON: A wide variety of food in American supermarkets is contaminated with tiny doses of toxic manmade chemical flame retardants, according to a new study of everyday groceries released last Wednesday.

Samples of grocery stores' fish, pork, duck, turkey, cheese, butter, milk, chicken, ice cream and eggs were tainted with polybrominated diphenyl ethers, known as PBDEs, according to a peer-reviewed article in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*.

Because this is a relatively new health concern, no one has studied yet if PBDEs are harmful to humans and at what levels, the Environmental Protection Agency's top toxicologist said.

However, in animal tests they've harmed the nervous system, altered hormonal function and changed the development of reproductive organs. The federal government has ruled that one PBDE in large doses is a possible human carcinogen.

Wednesday's finding indicates that the group of chemicals — used in carpeting, electronics and furniture — is getting into people through their food and remains in the body for several years.

Industry officials said the amounts were too small to worry about.

In the study, scientists found the chemicals in 31 of 32 common and name-brand groceries in three Dallas stores, which they said should be typical of most American supermarkets.

Only nonfat milk came up clean. Scientists said animal fat was a big factor.

"It's the first documentation that PBDEs are widespread in food that the American population would eat and that the concentrations in food are high enough for a chemical like this that it is going to persist in our bodies," study co-author Linda Birnbaum said.

Birnbaum is the EPA's director of experimental toxicology and the president of the Society of Toxicology, a professional organization of scientists.

The amounts of PBDEs in U.S. groceries were nine to 20 times higher than those in foods in grocery stores in Spain and Japan, where not as many PBDEs are used, the study reported.

This matched earlier studies of elevated PBDE levels in human breast milk, which found American amounts 10 to 100 times higher than elsewhere, said Arnold Schecter, a University of Texas environmental sciences professor who co-wrote the most recent study.

Because health officials don't know what levels of PBDEs are safe, Birnbaum recommends that people follow "heart-healthy" diets

"We're documenting it at the highest levels in the world in the United States, everywhere we look," Schecter said.

He said there were no PBDEs in the human body 40 years ago, before use of the chemicals began.

Birnbaum said, "The fattier the foods, the more PBDEs you'll get."

Because health officials don't know what levels of PBDEs are safe, Birnbaum recommends that people follow "heart-healthy" diets, which cut down on fats that store PBDEs and other toxins.

The amounts of PBDEs found in food ranged from 1 part per trillion for margarine to 3,078 parts per trillion for salmon.

Those levels are "millions of times below acceptable limits," said Peter O'Toole, the U.S. director of the Bromine Science and Environment Forum, which represents the three chemical companies that produce these types of flame retardants.

A person would have to eat 80 tons of cheese a day to ingest enough of one certain type of PBDE to be harmful, he said, basing his analysis on a National Academy of Sciences risk assessment in 2000 for that type of PBDE in the textile industry.

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### POLITICAL SENSITIVITY QUOTIENT: TOP 10

According to the Danville, Calif.-based Global Language Monitor, here are the top hot-button words, topics or phrases of August:

1. Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" film
2. Girlie-men comment by Gov. Schwarzenegger
3. Vice President Dick Cheney's vulgarity
4. Bush or Kerry as liars
5. "Shove it" comment by Teresa Heinz Kerry
6. Red states versus blue states
7. Kerry as a flip-flopper
8. Behead or beheading
9. Clinton's autobiography, "My Life"
10. Robert Kennedy Jr.'s characterization of the Bush administration as fascists.

For more details and the full list, visit [www.LanguageMonitor.com](http://www.LanguageMonitor.com)



# Comics and Crosswords

## Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope  
For September 6-12

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**Aries** (March 21-April 20) Late Monday, loved ones may present ideas for home improvement or relocation. Long-term housing agreements will work to your advantage during the next five weeks, but ask for final details and make meaningful decisions. After Thursday, security and financial resources are also on the rise. Pay special attention to written promises made about two months ago; renewed contracts and payment increases are accented. Late Sunday romance is delightful: offer sincere invitations.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20) Romantic relationships will now begin a brief but intense phase of emotional negotiations. Areas strongly affected are family obligations, home planning and shared daily duties. Before midweek, single Taureans can expect a steady wave of intriguing but poorly defined flirtations. Be patient in the coming weeks, as long-term intentions will become obvious. Late Saturday, a trusted friend may propose unique travel plans. Promises, however, are unreliable, so expect sudden reversals.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Listen closely to your own first impressions during the three days: before Thursday. Gemini born after 1972 will learn unusual social or business information — fast tracks to success, private romantic proposals and rare social alliances may be involved. Don't hesitate to join controversial discussions; your observations are valid. Later this week, family relations may be temporarily strained by financial negotiations or revised home routines. Stay balanced, because tempers may be high.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Reputation is now a strong concern. Before midweek, pay special attention to new work place instructions or last minute demands from authority figures. Key officials will soon rely heavily on your group management skills. Remain dedicated to equality and fair play and colleagues will respond positively to your direction. After Saturday, social and romantic relationships need to be redefined. Ask loved ones for clear indications of their feelings; your expectations are valid.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) Age-appropriate relationships or unexpected invitations may be compelling during the next few days. Some Leos will now experience a brief but intense social triangle. Avoid public commitment and minor romantic jealousies, if possible, as emotional reactions are now unpredictable. Thursday through Sunday, business decisions will not work to your advantage. Authority figures may cancel key projects or reassign duties. Don't hesitate to show enthusiasm.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Loved ones may soon provide a rare glimpse into their private values or long-term expectations. Areas affected are group identity, emotional insecurities and repeated family patterns. Silently gather new insights. After Tuesday, subtle revelations may reveal future social or romantic plans. Thursday through Sunday also highlight career negotiations, new assignments and unusual workplace triangles. Co-workers will offer criticism: remain dedicated to short-term goals.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Long-term relationships may be disrupted this week by misinformation or bold social comments. After Tuesday, expect close friends to express strong opinions. Romantic promises and daily loyalties may be at issue. Over the next two weeks, group expectations and private obligations will be confusing. Avoid quick decisions, if possible, and wait for clarity. On Friday through Sunday, home relationships may also be affected. If so, examine outdated promises; past ideals will prove vital.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial decisions may require caution during the next nine days. After Monday, expect family members to introduce revised plans or new budgets. Security agreements will eventually work to your advantage. At present, however, serious discussions will provide only vague details. Go slow. Later this week, a close friend may wish to explore an unusual romantic relationship. Social triangles, distant travel or complex family dynamics may be involved. Wait for new information.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Early this week, quick mood swings and fast social revelations may require diplomacy. After Monday, a previously reluctant friend or lover will offer their participation, support or approval. Clearly outline all options before asking for new commitments — private doubts may still be keenly felt. Thursday through Sunday, work place advancement may be temporarily delayed. Corporate funding, loans or legal permissions will demand further negotiation. Don't avoid verbal disputes.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Sensuality is now a strong influence in all key relationships. Early this week, potential lovers and long-term friends may actively seek physical affirmation. Love affairs, sudden proposals and social decisions are highlighted. After midweek, private attractions will no longer remain hidden: stay alert. Wednesday through Sunday, older relatives or close friends may be unusually silent or withdrawn. Don't confront: loved ones need extra time to resolve personal family issues.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Someone close may soon wish to become more actively involved in your personal life. Brief romantic encounters and short-term social commitments will work best. Remain quietly detached and avoid serious discussions or complex family triangles, if possible. After midweek, a long-term colleague or trusted friend may announce a controversial decision. Relocation, home expansion or fast romantic commitments may be accented. Try to remain cheerful, since passions are high.

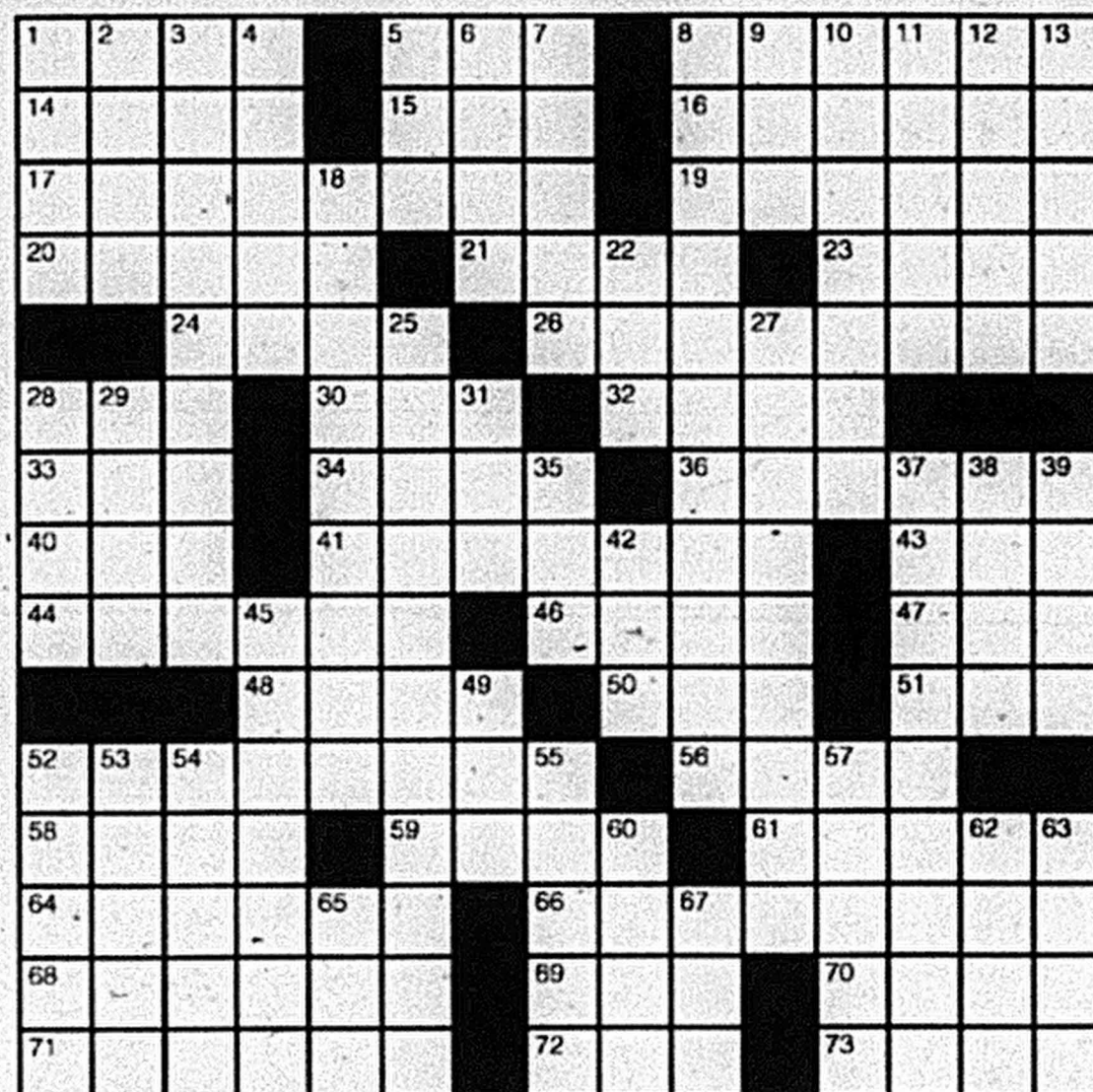
**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20) Minor joint pain, back strain or muscle spasms may be bothersome during the next four days. Deeper issues of emotional security or family support are an underlying influence. Respond quickly to all emerging memories, as this is a powerful time for newfound wisdom. Later this week, loved ones may expect bold public statements and valid romantic promises. Stay open to uniquely creative home decisions: at present, a key relationship may need to evolve to a new level of trust.

**If your birthday is this week:** Key officials will postpone long-term projects, challenge ongoing assignments or revise job titles during the next few weeks. Career promises made five to six months ago will soon need to be renegotiated. If progress is not made by late October, seek new employment or set new goals: in the coming weeks, bosses and managers will slowly reveal their long-term agendas. December through mid-February also highlight dramatic romantic changes and newly explored passion. In early 2005, key relationships will expand. Watch for loved ones to push for added commitments, new family planning or bold public promises. Finalize all decisions by early March: powerful emotional choices will soon be necessary.

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Jagged cut
  - Hot tub
  - Going astray
  - Regarding
  - Rower
  - Starlike object
  - Likely
  - Strike caller
  - Sea or way follower
  - Dress for Indira
  - Mental spark
  - Follow furtively
  - Firmest
  - L. Michaels' show
  - Disseminate
  - Grow less
  - Hawaiian dish
  - Weeders' tools
  - Corner tower
  - Place for the night
  - Pesky critter
  - Marie Saint
  - Cancel out
  - Was dressed in
  - Tell Laura I Love
  - Make over
  - Tasty tuber
  - Ernie of the links
  - Cable car systems
  - Mother of Castor and Pollux
  - In good health
  - Tent entrance
  - Socially inept losers
  - Consume
  - Animated Disney classic
  - Smolder
  - Freudian concept
  - Long, straight and limp
  - More succinct
  - In position
  - Gin flavor

- DOWN**
- Barbed spear
  - On the briny
  - Unexpected
  - Book before Joel



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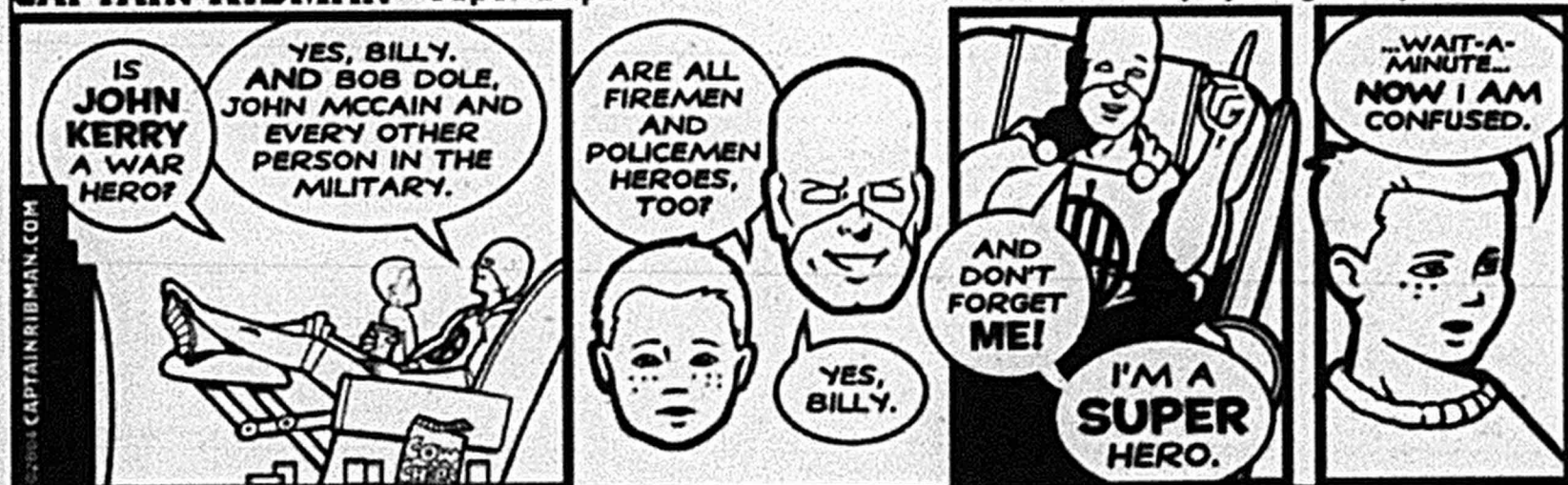
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- 5 Kind of sister or story  
6 Good buddies  
7 Quarters  
8 Like pentagons and squares  
9 Daiquiri ingredient  
10 Faster  
11 Comment to the audience  
12 Nostrils  
13 Buy a round  
18 Dublin dinner?  
22 Spat  
25 Tended to  
27 Habituation  
28 Cause to revolve  
29 of the above  
31 Diminutive  
35 Stitch up  
37 Practice  
38 Daredevil  
Knievel  
39 Old sailors  
42 Trifle  
45 I.D. bands  
49 Popeye's Olive
- 52 Checker's dance  
53 Taylor or Adoree  
54 "Ragged Dick" author  
55 Vaults  
57 Transactions
- 60 Knight's assistant  
62 The Flintstones' pet  
63 Rice wine  
65 That lady  
67 In no way

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# Arts & Entertainment

Songs like 'They Can't Take That Away From Me,' 'I Left My Heart in San Francisco' and 'Cold, Cold Heart' remind young and old alike that this is one classy crooner

By AMBER LESTER  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

He may not sing like Britney Spears and certainly doesn't resemble the buxom blonde, but Tony Bennett thinks he has quite a bit in common with the pop star.

During his concert to inaugurate the Ferguson Center for the Arts last Wednesday, Bennett compared himself to Spears, a name possibly more recognizable to the students on the Christopher Newport University campus where the concert was held.

"I had so many hits when I was a boy, I sold millions," Bennett said. "I tell you, I was the Britney Spears of my day."

With a seductive whisper, 78-year-old Bennett wooed his audience from the stage of the completed music and theater hall. His sold-out performance filled every one of the hall's 500 seats, with audience members paying \$125 each to hear the classic pop standards Bennett is known for.

In his opening statements, Executive Director Bill Biddle acknowledged the long wait for this special night.

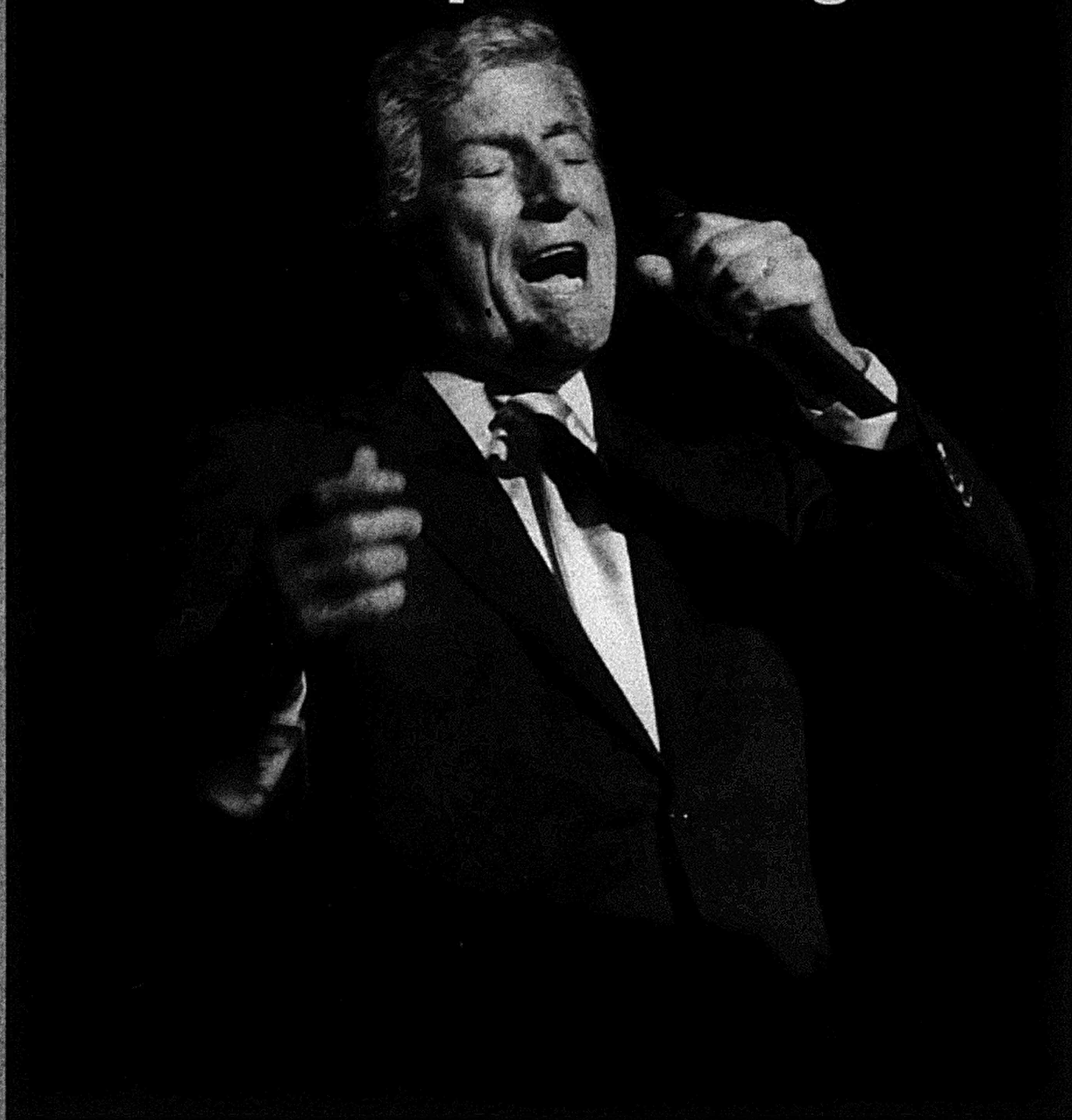
"Welcome to the Ferguson Center for the Arts," he said. "I've been waiting six months to say that. Showing up tonight means a lot to our students and the city of Newport News."

Earlier that night, before the lobby was full of anxious concert-goers, the excitement of the staff was palpable.

The students and alumni that volunteered to serve as ushers nervously went over the rules, reminding each other of the seating arrangements and double-checking the placement of their name tags on their shiny burgundy vests.

Nancy Healy, who attended Christopher Newport University from 1972 to 1978, was happy to volunteer since she and her husband originally discussed ordering tickets.

## Bennett opens Ferguson



Bennett opened with 'An Evening Such as This' last Wednesday. During his performance, Bennett commented on the beauty and intimacy of the Ferguson Center for the Arts. Bennett is the first of many performances scheduled for this semester as the Center's first season kicks into high gear.

"For those of us who went to CNU when it was a small college, it's quite a statement," she said of the arts center.

"It's wonderful for the school and the community. That's why we wanted to help out."

Around 6:30 p.m., people were steadily arriving and mingling in the impressive lobby, admiring the Italian marble floor and brand new grand piano. Selma McCardell and her husband, Frank, were excited to see Bennett croon the songs of their youth in the state-of-the-art facility.

McCardell, who taught Spanish at CNU for six years before retiring in 2000, noted the important role of the arts center for both the community and the school.

"It's been quite a hurdle," she said, "but it's a gorgeous, beautiful building. It will help people who live on this side of the river so that we don't have to go through the tunnel to Chrysler Hall."

Tickets for the event were in high demand, with purchasers trying repeatedly to obtain their seats when the ticket sales began in August.

"I re-dialed 167 times and finally got through a half-hour after they went on sale," said John Hightower, the president and chief executive officer of The Mariners' Museum, where Bennett donated his own watercolor painting of the U.S.S. Monitor earlier that day.

Bennett had been approached to paint the Monitor through Hightower's friend Harold Holzer, the vice president of communications for The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Holzer was also attending the concert that night.



Craig Whisenand/THE CAPITAL'S LOG

Once the doors were opened to the auditorium, the CNU Jazz Combo, under direction from Bill Brown, treated guests to some jazz. Playing a tribute to John Coltrane, each member had a solo, receiving rousing applause from the audience after each.

After the combo's impressive set, Bennett came out to the first of three standing ovations

ken anecdotes about the good old days when he was starting out in the business.

About the Hank Williams tune "Cold, Cold Heart," Bennett told the audience his apprehension over recording a country song.

"But then it sold millions of records and I loved the song after that," he said. "Not long after, Hank called and asked why I ruined his song. And that's a true story!"

Bennett had nothing but praise for the theater, raving about its intimacy and incredible acoustics.

"This theater is so beautiful to play in," he said. "Whoever built this, boy, I tell you, make sure this never becomes an insurance company. This is a true concert hall that's magnificent and intimate."

To show off the capabilities of sound in the theater, Bennett requested that all the microphones be turned off before launching into a stirring rendition of "Fly Me to the Moon."

With perfect elocution, his voice could be heard clearly in every section of the theater.

In total, Bennett sang 23 songs over an hour and a half before leaving the stage to a final standing ovation, bringing the very first performance in the Ferguson Center for the Arts to a close.

"Bennett had nothing but praise for the theater, raving about its intimacy and incredible acoustics."

that night.

"Tough act to follow, wasn't it?" he praised. "That was modern, intelligent, serious jazz. I think it's magnificent and I want to thank you for building this school for them."

Singing hits like "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," and "Luck Be a Lady," Bennett shared soft-spo-

Why must there be so much stuff?

By JON PAGE  
Staff Columnist

The other night I was trying to watch President Bush give a speech at the Republican National Convention. That's all I wanted to do. See a speech, become enlightened ... or just see the speech. So I started off with ABC. Then George Stephanopoulos' cell phone went off, and the unprofessionalism of this moment made me change the channel.

Where to go next? How about MSNBC - they're cable, they won't hold back, right? It's too bad Chris Matthews too closely resembles the symbol of the Democratic Party; otherwise their coverage might be manageable. Moving on down the line, C-SPAN ... nah. How about Fox News? Bill O'Reilly is on the cutting edge of everything, so they should have great coverage! Oh wait, half the screen is taken up by unimportant nonsense, which leads to my point. Why must there be so much stuff?

It doesn't matter where, what, who, how, when or any other descriptive question. There is always too much stuff! Fox News isn't alone in having a cluttered screen. The worst network is Headline News. You start off with the basic shot of the anchor delivering the news. Great, that is all I want. But Headline News says, "NO! MORE STUFF!"

So they add in a sports ticker on the bottom. Ok, cool. I like sports; I want to know if the Yankees lost. Good. MORE STUFF! You must know the weather of Billings, Mont! What? I've never been to Billings. Besides, Newport News is never "featured" on the weather bar, so why should I care?

BECAUSE IT'S STUFF! MORE STUFF! In case you are deaf, they give all the news stories in an even thicker bar above the weather. That's real nice. By this point, half of the screen is the news anchor, and the other half consists of all these bars of information. Want more? No.

WHO CARES? MORE STUFF! So whenever the anchor has a new topic to discuss, a graphic pops up beside his head. These graphics are supposed to help you know what the story is about. Great, like I need to see a cartoon outline of a body on cement to figure out that the anchor is talking about a murder. What a waste of space! I, nor any other non-blind deaf mute, do not need all of that junk! Just give me the news, I have a brain, I can figure it out.

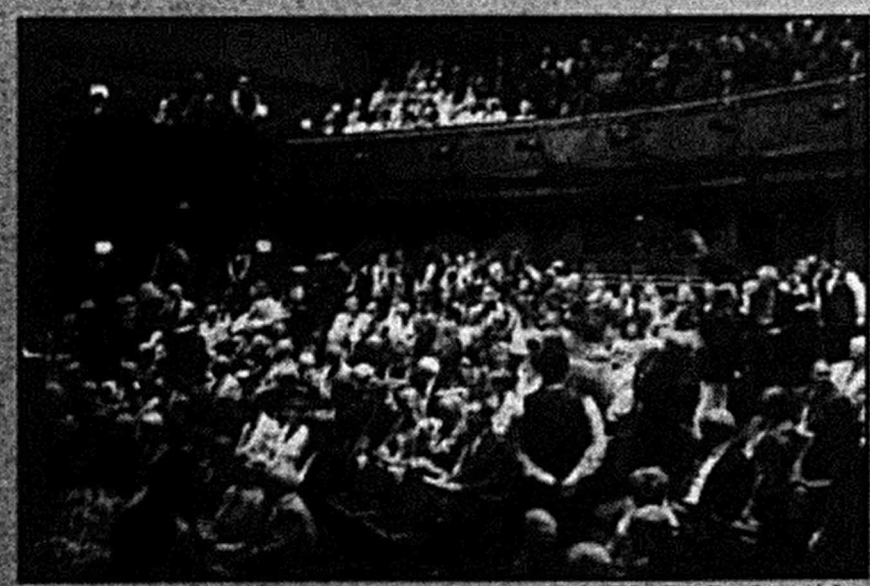
Another great example of this phenomenon of putting too much stuff in one place is the basic t-shirt. T-shirts are simple, like this sentence. One color, maybe a word or two of advertisement and a nice small design on the back. That is my ideal t-shirt. But no, this is not enough stuff for a t-shirt! We must put twenty colors and all of the text from "War and Peace" on the shirt as well! Maybe that is overdoing it, but there are some really cluttered shirts. The worst ones are from events that you volunteer at.

You know, the ones that have some crazy design on the front saying what the event was, and then a back filled with every company, business and homeless guy who gave five cents to the event? I have maybe three or four shirts like this. Sure I have volunteered in more events than that, but do I need to advertise for the homeless guy? No! He's homeless!

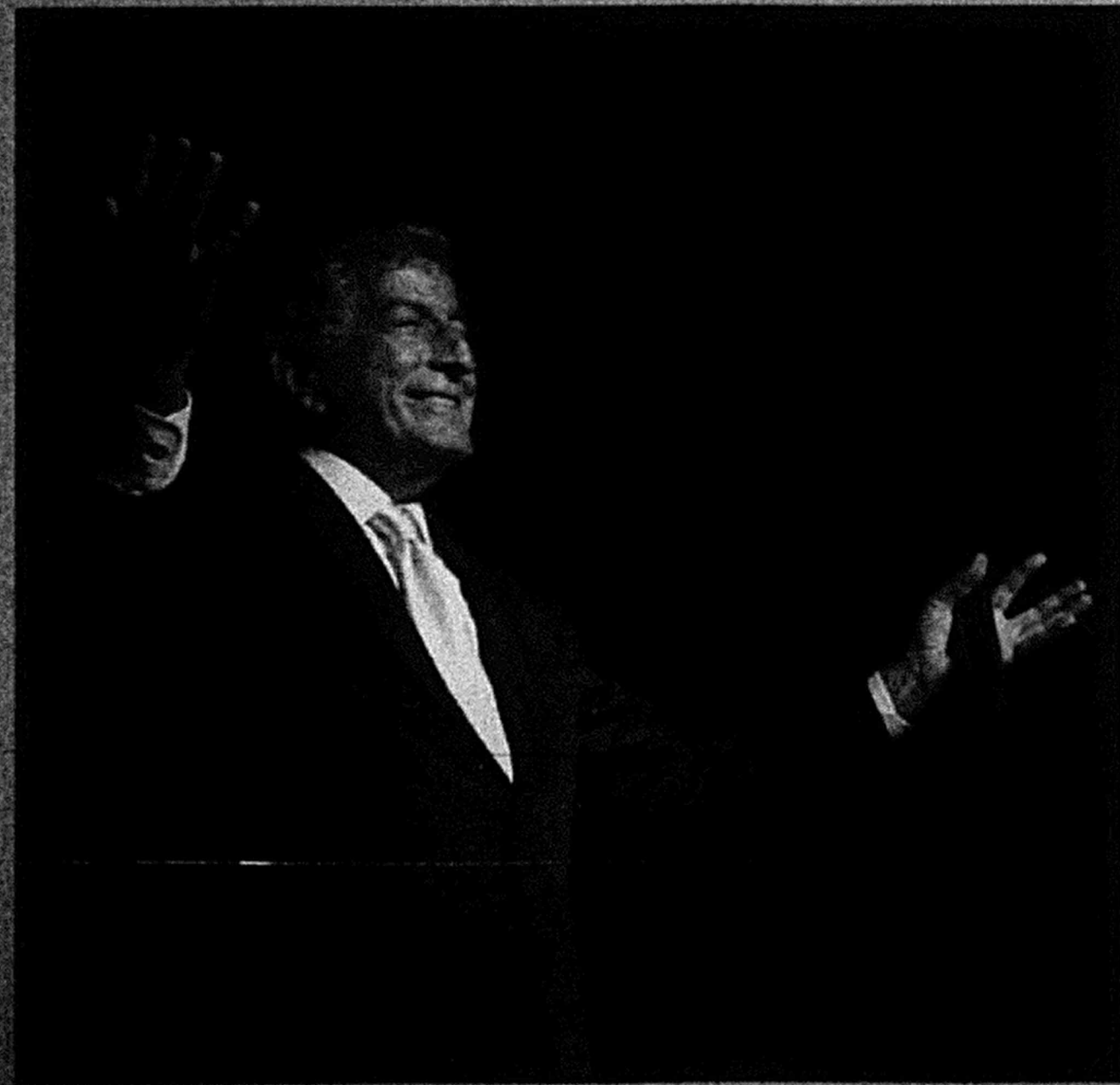
What about shirts from concerts? Do I really need to know every city the (fill in the blank) band has been to/is going to on their tour? No! I came to see the band, give me a shirt with the band on it.

I don't need to see their picture. Especially when it covers the entire shirt!

Forget it. Everyone wants stuff everywhere. I don't want the stuff, but everyone else wants the stuff, so the stuff comes. It ruins the show for me, but not for everyone else. Good job stuff. I don't like you. I'm not an "economic girly man" so go bother someone else.



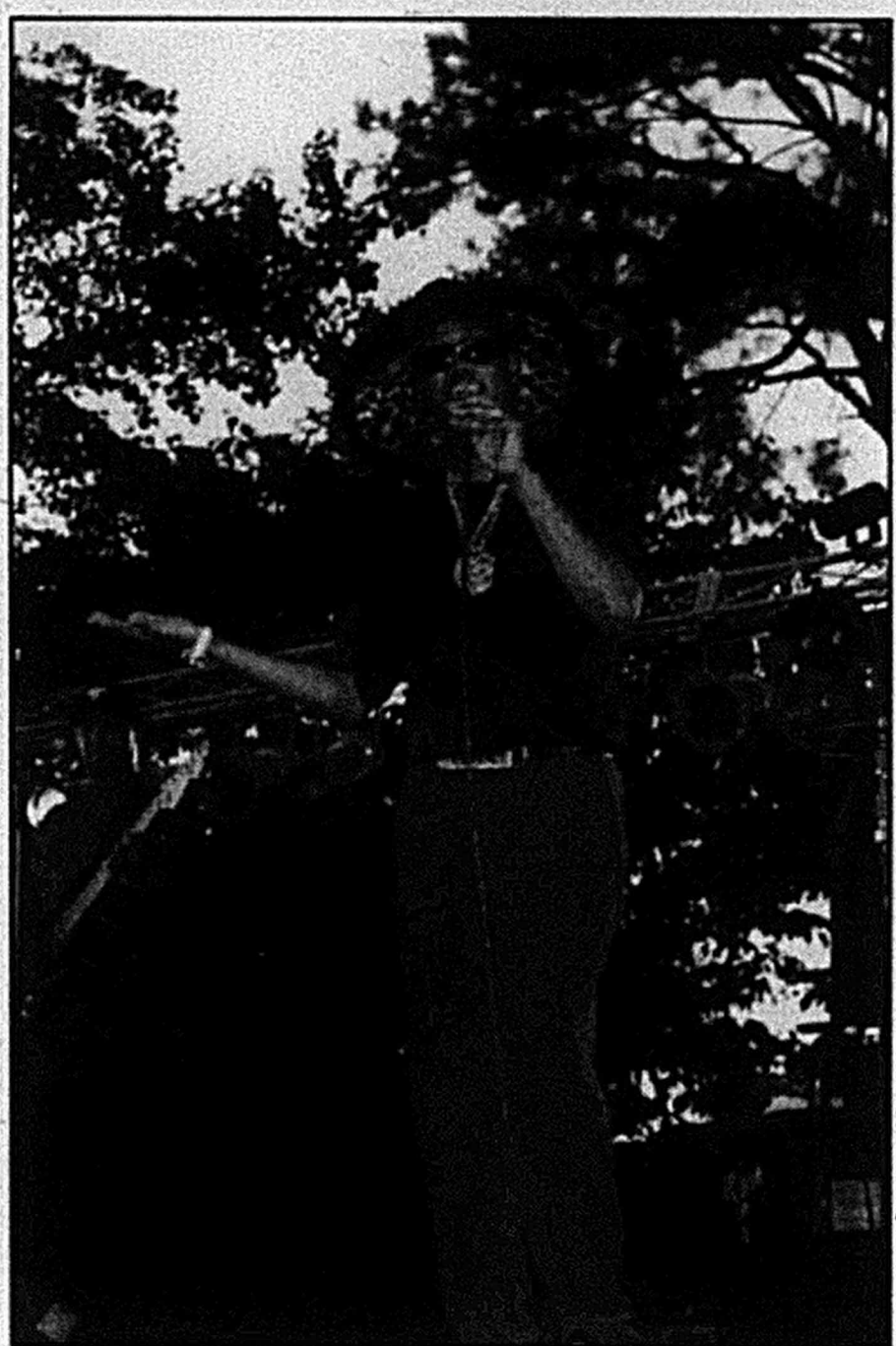
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Ushers herd the audience into their seats minutes before the Tony Bennett performance. Bottom: Tony Bennett crooned to a sold out audience last Wednesday night at the newly opened Ferguson Center for the Arts.





Romeo Styles, lead singer of Right On, embodies the style reminiscent of the 1970's.

## Great Lawn Gets Funky

### A mix of funk, disco and dance music defines this group

By MIKE HILLEARY  
Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

Still wearing sunglasses at 8:30 p.m., and dressed in what can only be described as the remnant clothing layers and gold chains of a pimp outfit, Romeo Styles doesn't look like he could be taken seriously about anything.

To the average college student, the lead vocalist of the 1970's style show band Right On would seem to present himself as some sad musical artist vainly trying to rekindle a past cultural generation in which he had never taken part.

Yet for Styles, "This is my livelihood. Once people hear us play, they know we're serious."

Though decades behind in their timing, Right On has become one of the nation's most popular show bands, specializing in Motown, funk, disco and dance music.

Backed by Nigel Holland (keyboards), Arline Burton and Zulu (vocals), Dexter Whitaker (bass), Cary Greco (drums),

Michael Latham (guitar), Jonovan Cooper (sax), Matt Echols (trombone) and Steve Ruckle (trumpet), the band has been performing since 1997.

"We wanted to play, but wanted to make money playing, while we were developing originals," Holland said of the earlier trials.

"And if you just want to do originals no one is going to pay to hear your originals. You gotta play a lot of bars for free or for twenty dollars a night."

"By the time you're paying your bar tab you're not making any money. So we developed a product that could make money while we developed originals."

Currently, the group's most recent performance coincided with the events of CNU's Spirit Day festival and the newly established Friday's at Four, a program designed by CAB to promote unknown musicians.

Though delayed by the possibility of rain, the group played a four hour set that lasted into the night, performing songs by such well-known artists as The Bee Gees, KC & the Sunshine

Band, The Jackson 5, The Commodores and many others.

For Holland, this is precisely one of the reasons why he loves being the particular type of performer that he is.

"Professional music artists are all great, but most only have eight or nine songs that everyone knows," he said.

"They can only play for an hour or so. What are they going to do after that? We have seven hours worth of material."

Though the size of the crowd varied depending on the time, the band never seemed to falter, even when their audience dwindled to the single digits by the end of the day.

At one point late into the show, Zulu, the band's appointed spiritual advisor, could be seen leading a conga line around the Great Lawn during a performance of "Soul Train."

"See the thing with us is that we don't care if it's three or three thousand people, we're going to still give you the same show, cause what people think about us is very important," said Styles.

"That's part of the appeal. We're the kind of band you can get comfortable with. I mean we're all down to earth."

"You can come up and talk to us just like you would talk to your brother, your sister, your mom. Nobody's trying to get over anyone. Our main objective is to please everybody in that audience and to have fun."

Despite the fact that CNU did not prove to be the most committed of audiences, Right On is not hurting for business elsewhere.

Somehow within the time the band has been together they have naturally developed a fan base that earns them gigs nearly 150 days out of the year.

"I know it looks kind of comical, but people pay big money for this," said Holland. "They fly us to Florida, we play up in Vermont and Wyoming. I mean rich people hire us to go all the way to Wyoming instead of any other band they could have gotten and they pay us tons of money. There must be a reason."

## County Grill cheap, delicious

With more CNU students venturing out into the community, one student braves the journey to the closest smokehouse

By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH  
Contributing Writer

Imagine that you have just walked into a restaurant in the Midwest.

The thick smell of coals burning and freshly made barbecue sauce drifts through the air.

That's what it feels like when you step inside the County Grill and Smokehouse.

The overpowering aroma of barbecue, not to mention the Southern décor, would make anyone feel like they just stepped off a plane in Dallas, Texas.

The walls are decorated with all sorts of western-style paraphernalia including pictures, instruments, beer bottles and more.

The ambiance is extremely

friendly and welcoming, like you've entered an old-fashioned country kitchen.

The warm staff greets you the moment you walk in the door and, depending on your mood, you can sit in a booth or a table and they even have high tops.

Outdoor seating is also available depending on the weather.

The wait staff at "The Grill" is efficient, helpful and very college-friendly.

In fact, many CNU students are employed there. The service is fun as well as flawless and perfect if you're in the mood for a casual dining experience.

After your server writes their name upside down on the table, your drinks and appetizers come out in no time. Try not to fill up on the free cornbread and honey butter!

County Grill salads are huge and delicious, and you'll pay only a fraction of the cost than at any other well-known chain restaurant.

While you're waiting for your meal, you can keep yourself entertained by watching the cooks in the open kitchen.

Keep an eye on the cook bar-

becuing ribs; the grill goes up in flames every now and then.

The Grill's food is outstanding. The salads are crisp and refreshing, the thick barbecue sauce is flavorful and the meat is tender and juicy. For an appetizer, I recommend the potato skins.

The menu is extremely affordable and you get a lot of food for your buck.

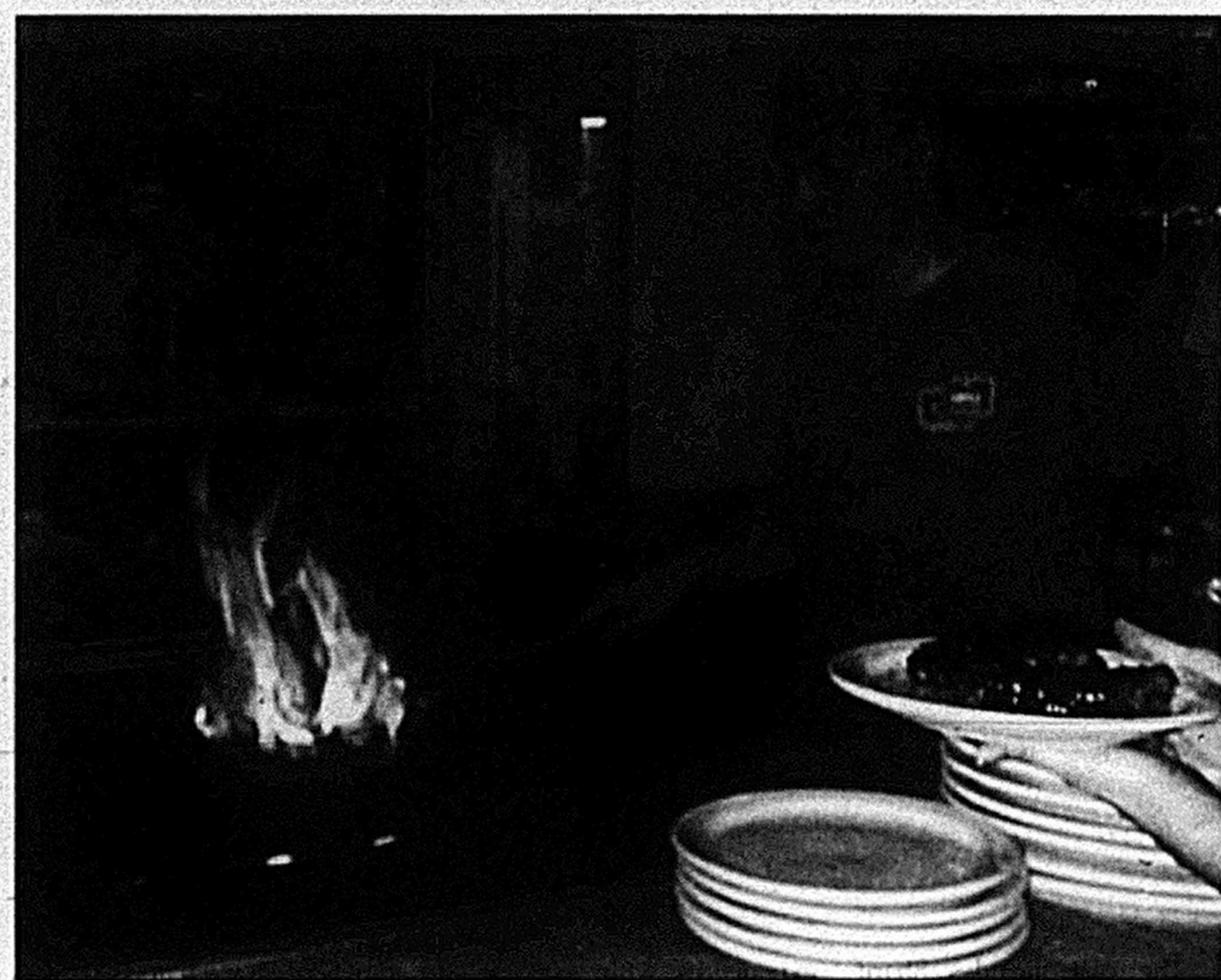
Two can easily dine at The Grill - that's including an appetizer, salad and main course - for less than \$25.

Prices range between \$4.75 for a hamburger and up to \$16.95 for the full rack of ribs combo.

One of the best things about The Grill is their nightly specials. Each night of the week is a different deal, from "penny dessert" (dessert for a penny!) to \$14.95 for a prime rib.

Join them for wing nights on Tuesdays or, on Thursdays, head on over to The Grill for All-You-Can-Eat Open Pit. They also have open-deck parties every Wednesday night.

No matter which night of the week it is, when you check out this All-American dining you're sure to get a great deal



The County Grill and Smokehouse utilizes flame grills to cook food to order. County Grill offers ribs, barbecue and other specialties.

and a great meal.

If you're interested in dining at The County Grill and Smokehouse, it's located at 1215 A George Washington Memorial Highway (what J. Clyde Morris is called in York County). The

restaurant is only about four miles from the CNU campus.

If you don't feel like going out, The County Grill will gladly pack your meal to go.

The Grill is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week

from 11 to 2 a.m. and, with two locations in Hampton and Yorktown, every student should try to dine there at least once.

For take-out orders, reservations or to reach The County Grill, call 591-0600. Enjoy!

## White tells students to follow their passion

By ERIN EUDY  
Contributing Writer

Nearly all of us can say that we have seen at least one of the movies "Air Bud," "Bring it On," "One Hour Photo" or "Die Hard With a Vengeance."

This year, many music students will be able to say that they got to know a man who played an integral part in the production of all of those films.

Dr. Joseph White conducted the orchestra music for those popular movies and now he is working for the music department.

Dr. White is a well-known conductor and viola player and is also very interested in film music. He attended the Eastman School of Music through the University of Rochester where he received his undergraduate degree.

He continued his education at Indiana University and earned his masters degree. White then earned his doctorate at the University of Washington.

He will be conducting two ensembles this semester including the orchestra and the chorale group.

He will also be teaching an orchestration class and conducting individual lessons for viola and violin students, a string quartet and a conducting student.

White moved to Newport News from Seattle, Wash., a city that had been home to him for more than 20 years. According to White, the move here was quite sudden.

"I got the job here in July," he said. "But prior engagements in Seattle kept me from moving out here until just two weeks ago."

Because Dr. White did not get the job here until so late in the summer, it was impossible

for his wife, Lauren Daugherty, to put in proper notice at her job, so she will be forced to remain in Seattle for the fall semester.

She is an orchestra teacher in a middle school and hopes to take a leave of absence next semester so she will be able to join her husband here for the spring semester.

Consequently, the move is quite an adjustment for him.

"I like this area and eventually I think I'll learn to like the weather," he said. The hurricane-like conditions that White faced shortly after his arrival to Newport News left quite an impression on him.

"We have earthquakes and drizzly rain in Washington," he said. "But never hurricanes."

The last few weeks have been quite chaotic, but also very exciting.

"My colleagues are great and I'm so excited about working with them," he said. "They have gone out of their way to make me feel at home."

Although White said he has been to the south before, he has never stayed for an extended period of time.

"It will be interesting," he said. "But my colleagues have already taught me that there really is such a thing as southern hospitality."

Dr. White comes from a family of teachers and he says that being a professional musician and a teacher is great because he is given the opportunity to work with students who operate on a high level and learn quickly.

White also enjoys teaching because he is able to work with students in digging deeply into various pieces of music.

"In the real world, time is money, and you don't always have the time to look into the music," he said.

"But academics are about finding the truth, taking the time to dig deep into the music and

study the history and the aesthetics of a piece. Knowing the *what* and the *why* about a piece is half the fun of playing it."

Although Dr. White has no immediate plans of taking over or starting any clubs this year, he is very interested in film and cinema.

Eventually, he hopes to add a class about music in the movies to the curriculum.

White has many goals in mind for his students this year and perhaps the biggest involves the orchestra.

"I want to build the orchestra up this year," he said.

"We have this brand new seventeen hundred seat facility, and we need an orchestra to fill it."

He also hopes to increase the size of the orchestra to enhance the music they play.

"With a small group, it is difficult to do anything other than small repertoires, but with a large group, we could conquer superior and more exciting repertoires, even film scores," he said enthusiastically, with a big smile of anticipation.

"I know this is a big goal," he said. "But big goals are the only goals worth having."

One of Dr. White's favorite mottos that he wants all his students to always remember is to follow your passion.

"If you're not sure about the field you want to go in to," he said.

"Then just follow your heart, follow your passion. Whether it be music, theater, or even history, whatever, just go for it."

"There will always be time to go back and do the boring and not so exciting things if your dreams don't pan out exactly the way you want them to. But most of these crazy dreams will not be there later, you have to do them now, when you're young."

## WCNU to broadcast in October

With new DJs, leadership, and technology, WCNU is getting ready for a big year of changes.

By LANA BORGIE  
Contributing Writer

If you haven't listened to WCNU before, this semester is a great time to start.

With the launch party scheduled for October, Lauren Koteski, president of WCNU, is working hard to set up new DJ's and plan events for the year.

About 30 people showed up at the WCNU interest meeting last Thursday excited about doing their own shows or helping out.

There are a lot of new things going on with WCNU that are boosting the enthusiasm for the station.

According to Koteski, the station is using new software that is used by many Internet stations around the world and is compatible with WINamp, Real Player and Windows Media Player.

This is unlike the previous software that only allowed listeners to tune in through WINamp.

WCNU also has a new hotline that will allow DJ's to take phone calls during their shows.

Koteski is incorporating a more detailed application for potential DJ's to ensure better shows and try to represent a wider variety of music.

She hopes to fill time slots of two to four hours at a time.

The students who attended the interest meeting were all ready to get started.

Sophomore Nick Huber, who worked with WCNU last year on the Retro Radio Show, said that he is "so eager to get started, it's ridiculous."

Suzanne Medici, who has worked on WCNU in previous years hosting a country talk show, is hopeful that this year, under the new leadership of Lauren Koteski, the station will be successful.

Lauren Koteski became President of WCNU this year after serving as treasurer last year.

"This year is all about making our campus a little cooler, a little more exciting, a little more in touch, and listening to good music while we do it"

- Lauren Koteski,  
WCNU President

She also had a Thursday night show that inspired her to learn more about radio broadcasting.

"I've always had a passion for good music and there couldn't be a better way for me to share my likes (and dislikes) with the entire campus," she said.

This year she has some "real music enthusiasts" working with her to reach her goals.

One of Koteski's biggest objectives is to get the WCNU

name out around campus.

"We want to see people typing on Instant Messenger and listening to WCNU at the same time," she said.

To do that, she plans on hosting more events with the Campus Activity Board and the Office of Student Life like Rock 101, which was held Friday, Aug. 27.

Rock 101 was successful according to Koteski, with several different bands drawing crowds to the Great Lawn throughout the day.

During the event, WCNU gave away a pair of Incubus tickets worth almost \$80, along with a pair to see The Killers at The NorVa.

More contests are to come when the shows go on the air in October.

Students will be eligible to win concert tickets, T-shirts, gift certificates and more.

WCNU's next big event will be the launch party, which will probably be during Fall Fest.

Koteski's optimism is high for the station despite past problems.

The station has had problems throughout its tenure with complaints over content and misbehavior by DJs.

To prevent possibly offending audiences this year, all shows will be required to have a specific plan before every broadcast.

Also, shows that risk being more controversial will air later in the evenings.

The final schedule of shows is not available yet, but WCNU plans to have something for the whole CNU community.

"This year is all about making our campus a little cooler, a little more exciting, a little more in touch, and listening to good music while we do it," said Koteski.



# Despite small crowd, Fuzz Band jams

Local band mixes music, genres into eclectic mix while having a great time and making some interesting music

By CATHY EVANS  
Contributing Writer

"Saturday night, let's party," said K'Bana Blag, one of The Fuzz Band's three lead vocalists at their concert on Saturday night.

Eight of the nine-member group was on stage to entertain the crowd in Regattas.

Despite a low turnout, many people felt that it was a good show and are excited to see them again.

The Fuzz Band has been performing together since 1997. Their sound is a fusion of various genres that allows them to showcase a sound different than ever heard before; hence the name "fuzz."

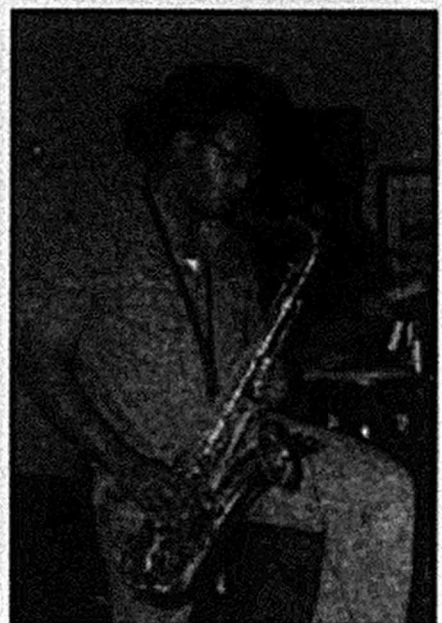
Their band has a variety of instruments that helped add to their eclectic sound: a trumpet player that also played a flugelhorn, which is an instrument similar to a coronet.

Also included were a bass guitar, keyboards, drums, auxiliary percussion and a cowbell. They have performed before on campus in 2001 and they also have opened for various famous artists such as Outkast and Alicia Keys.

The Fuzz Band played songs from their first studio album entitled "Without Boundaries," which was released last year.

The songs the group performed showed why it is placed in so many different genres.

"Their sound is very eclectic, a mix of soul and R&B. I



Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log  
Alex Myers played the saxophone at the Fuzz Band's performance.

really like that they use a trumpet," said senior Chris Ward. "The singers are very energetic and harmonize very well."

People drifted in and out of Regatta's for the first hour, but many people passing by on their way somewhere else were enticed by the sounds of the band.

The band started off their set with "Time," a song with a bluesy feel.

The singers then took a break to get dressed while the band continued to warm-up.

The band played three instrumental songs, including one Latin-flavored song that inspired a few girls to stand up and dance the merengue.

Their next song was a Miles Davis cover that allowed for two trumpet solos, a saxophone solo, and a number of different solos in the percussion section that showcased the conga drums, tambourine, cowbell and drum kit.

The two percussionists, Boo Brit and Jason Jenifer, took turns alternating between the various types of percussion equipment for different songs.

The band took a short intermission during which they signed autographs and talked with audience.

After the break, the three lead vocalists invited everyone



Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log  
Duane Smith played trumpet in the Fuzz Band last Saturday night. The Fuzz Band was invited to perform at CNU by the Office of Student Life. Although the band did not sell CD's at the show, some students were interested in finding them after.

to come closer to the stage for a more intimate setting.

K'Bana Blag asked what everyone's major was and the two other vocalists, Nakia Madry and Michón Dewid, sang "Crossroads," a song from their new CD.

The song is about a girl who is in a relationship but is fed up with the roller coaster

of emotions the boy has put her through.

"I think they should come again and next time it should be better advertised," said senior Kamilah Quash. "[They should] come for Fall Fest or something like that."

This opinion seemed to be echoed throughout the night: "I think they did well, I

wish that more people were here," said junior Rhea Weber.

They played more songs from their CD throughout the night until they wrapped up their set at one in the morning. Although they did not sell any CDs at the event, many intend to purchase them.

"I think they are good," said Quash. "I want their CD."

## Networks launch new fall line-up

By LANA BORGIE  
Contributing Writer

After losing such popular series as "Sex and the City," "Friends" and "Frasier," TV networks are preparing several new line-ups in hopes of keeping viewers glued to their TV sets.

According to NBC.com, NBC is beginning its new fall season with such dramas as, "Hawaii," an action-packed show about the ordeals of the Honolulu Police Department.

The exotic setting provides the department with not only many unique crimes, but also unusual crime-solving techniques.

The cast includes Sharif Atkins ("ER") and Eric Balfour ("The Texas Chainsaw Massacre") and action-star Michael Biehn ("Aliens," "The Terminator").

You can catch "Hawaii" on NBC, Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Another new drama for NBC, "LAX," premieres Monday, Sept. 13 at 10 p.m.

The show features actress Heather Locklear ("Spin City") as part of the Los Angeles International Airport Security.

The plot lines include everything from stopping illegal immigrants to handling drunken pilots.

On NBC's lighter side, "Father of the Pride" features an inside look within the off-stage life of Siegfried and Roy's circus lions and other animals.

This animated comedy, from the producers of "Shrek," will be the first primetime television show using three dimensional animation.

"Father of the Pride" features the voices of stars such as

John Goodman, Carl Reiner and Orlando Jones. "Father of the Pride" premiered last Tuesday but will also be showing in the 9:30 p.m. time slot on NBC's "Must See TV" Thursday night line-up.

Also coming to Thursdays, beginning September 9, one of your favorite friends is back.

The lovable Joey Tribiani (Matt LeBlanc) returns in his "Friends" spin off show, "Joey." The show follows Joey to Hollywood where he moves in with his sister and her genius son to see if he can make it as an actor. The show airs at 8 p.m.

According to ABC.com ABC will be featuring the drama, "Life As We Know It" a show about three teenagers and their experiences with relationships and school.

"Life As We Know It," which features Kelly Osbourne, comes on Thursdays at 9 p.m.

Coming in October to ABC is a drama about the lives of Boston lawyers.

Called "Boston Legal," this show will explore the priorities of social and moral issues. "Boston Legal" premieres Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10 p.m.

According to CBS.com, CBS premieres new shows the week of Sept. 20, beginning with "Listen Up" at 8:30 Monday night.

Jason Alexander ("Seinfeld") stars in this comedy as a sports talk show host and columnist who tends to accidentally reveal too much of his family's private life on his show. He is constantly striving to regain the respect of his family.

"Listen Up" is not the only new family comedy for CBS. John Goodman returns to primetime television as a father who must put up with his eccentric parents and therapist sister in

"Center of the Universe."

The show premieres Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 p.m.

In the drama category, the danger of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" moves to New York in this third version of the popular series. "CSI:NY" begins Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 10 p.m.

Also new to CBS is "Dr. Vegas." In this show, a doctor, played by Rob Lowe, decides to leave practicing emergency medicine to become an in-house doctor for a Las Vegas casino.

In his job, he often must attend to the snobby requests of high rollers but also encounters some unique medical cases. "Dr. Vegas" premieres Friday, Sept. 24 at 10 p.m.

Finally, premiering Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9 p.m., is a drama about Pete Young, played by Jeremy Sumpter ("Peter Pan"), who is a batboy for a professional team, the New York Empires.

The show is called "Clubhouse" and also includes Christopher Lloyd ("Back to the Future") playing the part of Pete's boss.

Coming to Fox in 2005, from the creators of "Family Guy," is a show called "American Dad." The main character, Stan, is a CIA agent who is always on the lookout for terrorist activity.

Stan will do anything to protect America. Living with Stan is the extraterrestrial, Roger, who was discovered in the midst of a previous CIA assignment. Roger, who cannot leave the house for fear of being seen, conveys his cabin fever through sarcastic humor.

Against the seemingly endless number of reality television shows, programs such as these will most likely receive a warm welcome.

## 'Dogville:' Long, confusing

By ANNIE FERENBACH  
Contributing Writer

Usually when I sit down to watch a film that I plan to review, some observations, comments, and points I'd like to make come in my head as I watch the movie and usually make it into the review.

By the end of the film, I usually have at least a basic grasp of how I feel about it, what I want to say and how my review should be structured.

Not so with "Dogville."

This is one of the most confusing movies I've ever seen. You can sit down, watch it and understand basically what is happening and who the characters are, but when the film ends, it's almost impossible to know how you feel about it.

Honestly, if I didn't have to watch this film to review it, I would have turned it off after the first half-hour, as I'm sure many of its viewers will — especially with the knowledge that it's a three-hour long film.

It takes time to adjust to the odd theatre staging. Homes and certain things (such as a family dog and gooseberry bushes) are outlined in chalk.

There are no doors — the actors knock on air and turn pretend doorknobs — and no walls.

In addition, there is steady narration (provided by John Hurt) throughout the film (although I have to say I actually really enjoyed the narration — it made it seem like a novel being acted out).

While I'm glad that I stuck out the whole three hours, I'm still left with the frustration of having no idea what to say about it.

I suppose I'll start with familiarizing you with the plot.

In Colorado in the 1930's, there is a very, very small town called Dogville. One spring night, Grace (Nicole Kidman, who gives what is possibly her best performance ever) arrives shortly after gunfire is heard in the distance.

Thomas Edison Jr. (Paul Bettany), who is basically the town's stand-in for a religious leader, and the rest of the town agree to help Grace, who tells them she is being pursued by gangsters.

In exchange for the town's asylum, Grace agrees to help out all of the families in whatever they need done — garden work, companionship or baby-sitting children.

It all seems well and good until the stakes surrounding Grace's outside situation become more dangerous and the citizens of Dogville demand far, far more of Grace.

The first hour I spent trying to adjust myself to the extremely odd set, which is unlike anything I've seen in film before, and making sure I knew who all the characters were. The second, it seemed that the film was really starting. All of the introduction was finished, we knew who everyone was, and the exposition gave way to the action, which changes the film dramatically.

It's difficult sitting through "Dogville" for several reasons. One is that usually when a film is three hours long, there is much more action, a much more complex plot and a much more epic scale. "Dogville" keeps you in the same place with the same people in the same situation.

There are times it gets plain boring. Another reason is

that about halfway through the movie, the disturbing cruelty and sexual content begins. Because the film doesn't attempt to be an exercise in realism, the violent sections seem very sudden and all the more disturbing. A third reason may not be true for all viewers, but for me, I felt like at the beginning of the third hour, the plot no longer made sense. I can't describe it without revealing plot spoilers, but I felt like the logic of the story was tossed out the window so writer/director Lars von Trier could simply make whatever point he wanted to make about human nature, the cruelty of people and the corruption of small towns. I felt he did a disservice to the character of Grace — then again, by the last 20 minutes of the film, I was on the edge of my seat, praising von Trier's brilliance and fascinated by his thoughts on forgiveness, arrogance and punishment.

"Dogville" is available on DVD, though its only special feature is the theatrical trailer. It is the first in von Trier's trilogy. The second, "Manderlay," is currently being filmed, and will star "The Village" actress Bryce Dallas Howard as Grace, as Kidman had to pull out due to scheduling conflicts. Though Kidman was unforgettable as Grace, I have confidence Howard will pick up the reigns and do Kidman and Grace justice.

Directed by Lars von Trier  
Starring Nicole Kidman,  
John Hurt, Paul Bettany, Philip Baker Hall, Patricia Clarkson,  
Stellan Skarsgard, Chloe Sevigny,  
Siobhan Fallon Hogan and James Caan

Rated R for violence and sexual content  
Rating 3 out of 5 stars

## Upcoming Television Premieres

### NBC:

Joey: Thursday 8  
Medical Investigation: Thursday 10  
Hawaii: Monday and Wednesday: 8

### CBS:

Listen Up: Monday 8.30  
Clubhouse: Tuesday: 9  
CSI: NY: Wednesday 10  
Dr. Vegas: Friday 10

### ABC:

Lost: Wednesday 8  
Life as we know it: Thursday 9  
Boston Legal: Sunday 10

### The WB

Jack & Bobby: Sunday 9  
The Mountain: Sept. 22

## Hampton Roads

## Happenings

Sept. 8 Snow Patrol and Eisley at The NorVa  
Sept. 9 Game Riot at The NorVa  
Sept. 10-11 Blues at the Beach Festival at VA Beach Oceanfront  
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 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. 18 Deftones at The NorVa

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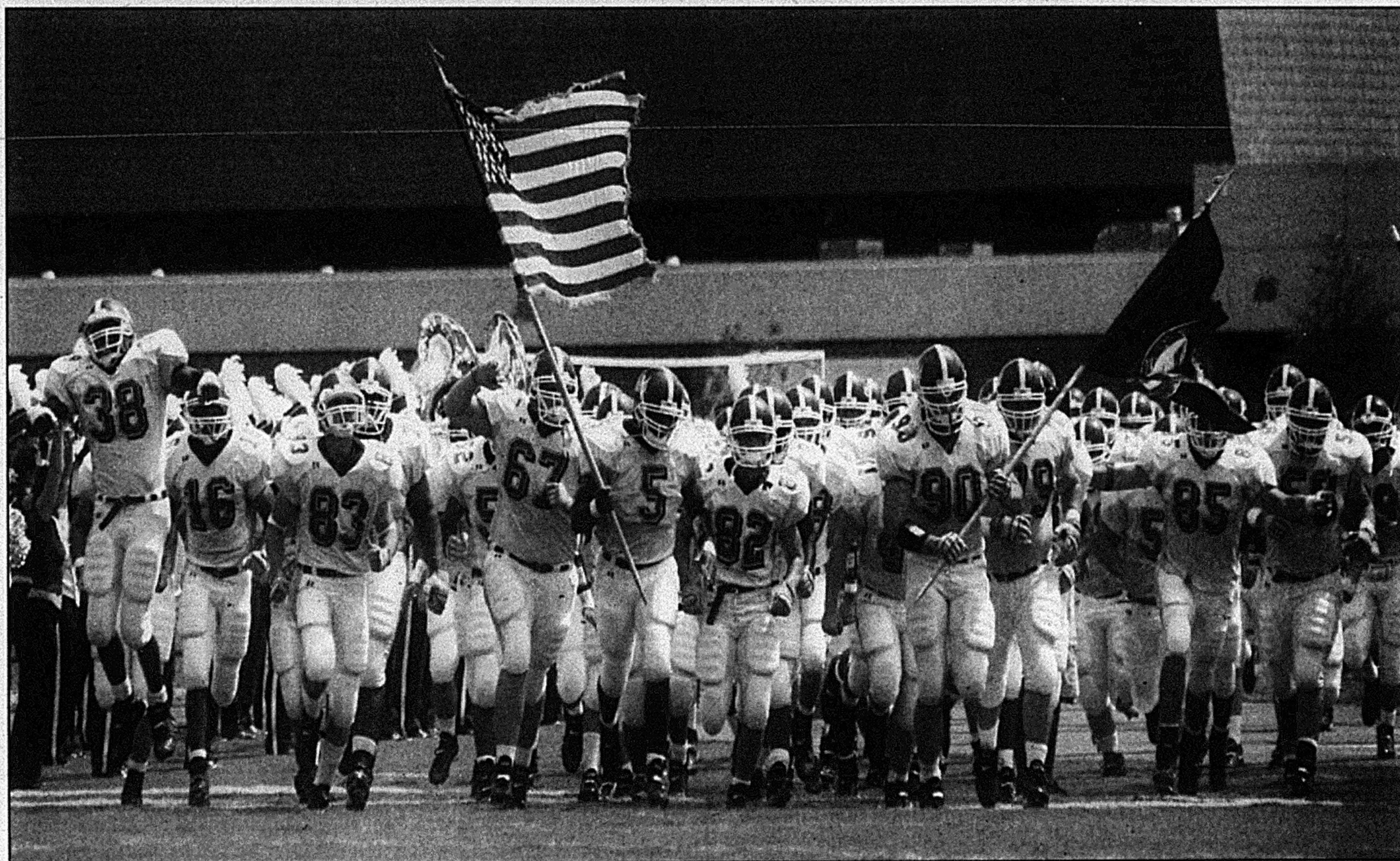
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# Sports



The Captains come running onto the field with junior linebacker Gary Freeman (5) and senior defensive tackle Jesse Thorpe (90) leading the way. Both spent last season serving their country and away from the football field.

Craig Whisenand/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

## Captains open with a loss to Rowan

When starting QB Phillip Jones went down with a leg injury; backup QB Hudson Bryant stepped in and gave the team a chance to win the game

By Sean Kennedy  
Sports Editor

The Captains football team fell to the Rowan Profs 33-32 on Saturday, dropping to 0-1 for the fourth straight time.

The game came down to the final minute of play when sophomore backup quarterback Hudson Bryant threw an interception with 21 seconds remaining on the clock.

Ultimately, The Profs defeated the Captains with their passing game and a lackluster kicking effort by CNU.

Sophomore Rowan QB Mike Orihel dissected the Captain's defense on his way to 372 yards through the air to go with five touchdown passes.

CNU's kicking game also looked suspect, to say the least.

Sophomore Kicker Jonathan Hill missed one point after attempt and junior kicker Jason Broskie missed two of his PATs.

That (coupled with a blocked field goal in the first quarter) almost led to Coach Matt Kelchner turning to his offense after a touchdown instead of his Special Teams.

"I tell you my patience is running very, very thin. I was very, very close to saying 'to heck with it we're going for two' but I took a shot, rolled the dice, and went home with nothing in my pocket," said Kelchner.

The Profs jumped out to an early lead, 13-0; scoring on their first two drives.

Their spread offense, expertly run by Orihel, was running on high octane for the first quarter as the Profs ran up 106 yards of offense.

Orihel hit senior wide receiver Jon Berry for touchdown passes of five and 15 yards for two of his three touchdown receptions.

"With the pace of our offense and what we do, we catch teams off guard very quickly and very early. Then teams have a tendency to catch up to our pace and our offense. That's kind of been the natural occurrence in our spread offense," said Profs Head Coach Jay Accorsi.

Berry, who caught his third touchdown reception in the third quarter, finished the day with eight receptions for 121 yards.

After falling behind 13-0, The Captains defense finally seemed to "catch up" to Rowan's atypical offense.

The Captain's offense also seemed to come alive in the second quarter. After moving from starting wide receiver to running back, sophomore George Jones proved to be the Captains best weapon. The shifty running

back scored on touchdown runs of nine and 17 yards on his way to CNU's single game rushing record with 175 yards on 20 carries. The previous record was 170 yards by Kaveh Conaway in 2001.

Jones also contributed heavily in the passing game with five receptions for 39 yards and one touchdown reception. Jones doesn't seem bothered by his increased workload.

"It's just my job, just like the linemen that block, my job is to get the ball. I'm just doing my job," he said.

Starting senior QB Phillip Jones was injured while attempting to deliver a pass in the fourth quarter and Bryant had little chance to prepare before he entered the game on the next play.

"It was probably better that I got thrown in there ... When I got in, things were moving fast and I just tried to make plays and get the ball to the people who can get up the field," said Bryant.

Bryant did an excellent job considering he had little time to prepare.

He completed 6 of 10 passes for 66 yards and one INT.

His biggest contributions might have been on the ground.

He rushed for a total of 13 yards (including sacks) and scored a touchdown on a beautiful eight yard run in which he faked handing off, then faked the pass, then took off running up field to the end zone.

The final CNU drive started with 2:06 left in the fourth quarter with the Captains down 33-32 and on their own 20-yard line.

George Jones ran twice for 5 and 6 yards in succession, giving the Captains a first down at the 31-yard line.

A sack forced the team back four yards, giving the Captains a second and 14.

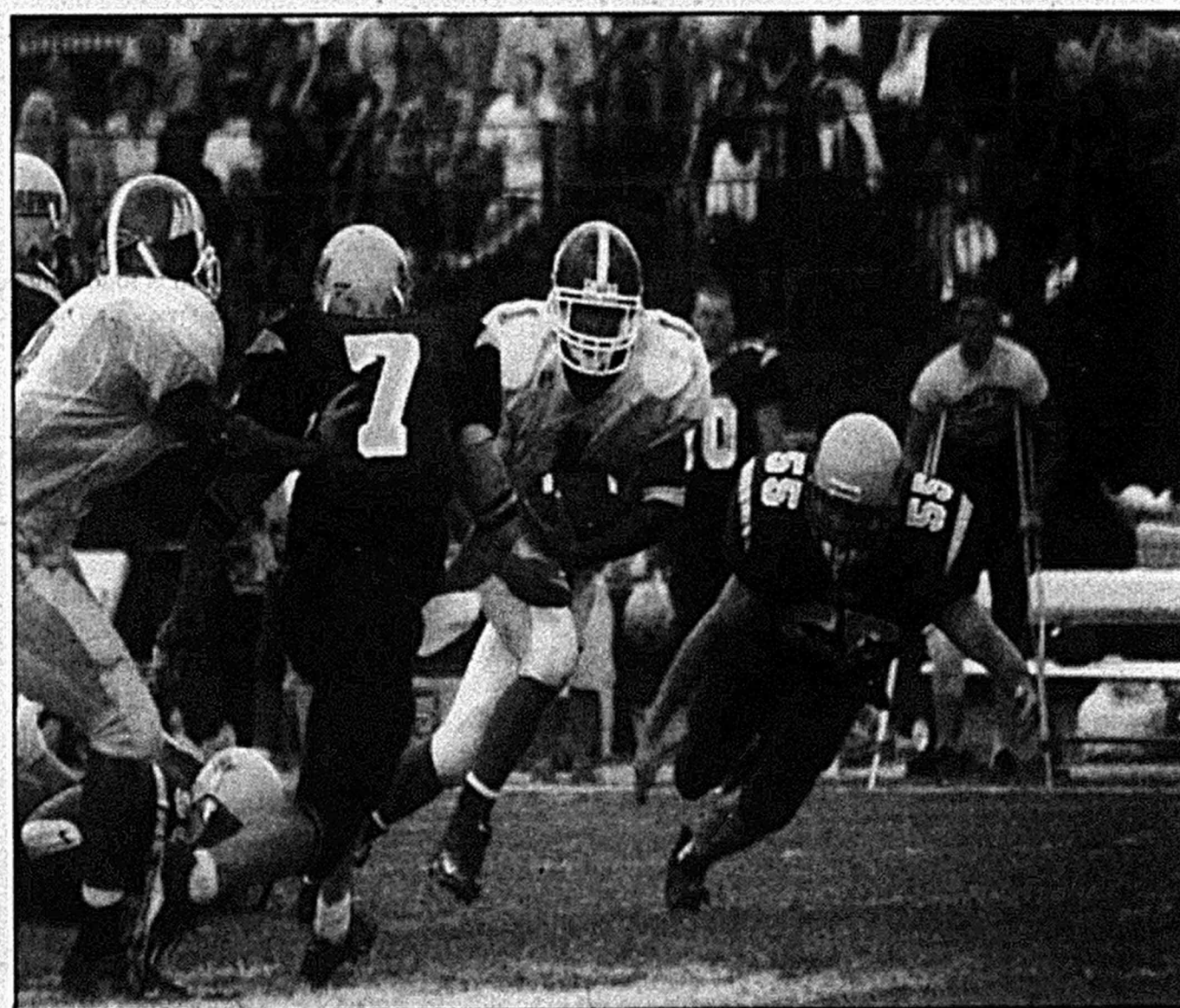
Bryant then hit junior receiver Nathan Davis for a completion of 7 yards, and on third down Bryant threw an incomplete pass, leaving the team in a fourth down situation.

The coaches decided to go for it on fourth down and Bryant dropped back to pass, but finding no one open and defenders moving all around him, he decided to take off and run for the first down.

12 yards later he slid to the ground after getting the first down.

Thanks to a personal foul called on the tackle, the ball was moved 16 yards up field to the Rowan 38-yard line. Rowan then called a timeout with 32 seconds remaining on the clock.

On first down, Bryant threw an incomplete pass, but because



Sophomore George Jones (1) tries to elude Rowan defenders. He finished the day with a school-record 175 yards and three

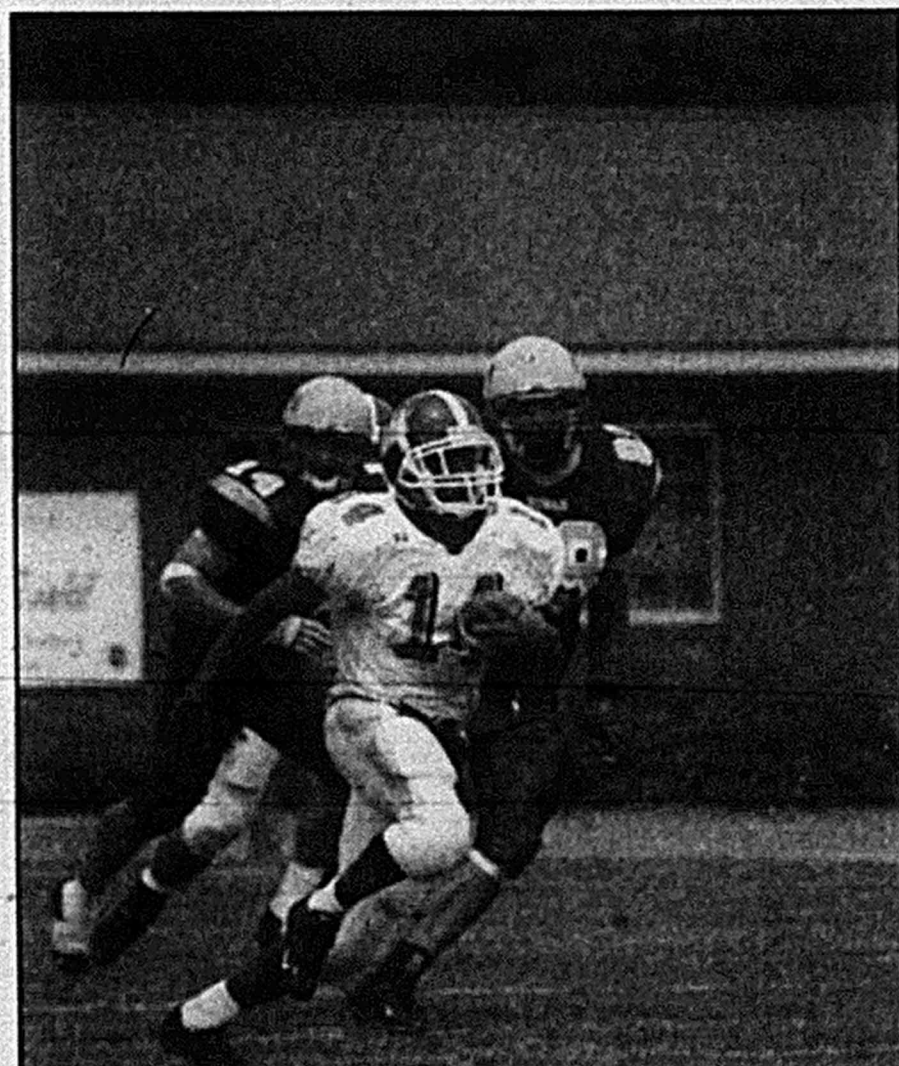
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### FOOTBALL TEAM STATS

	Rowan	CNU
First Downs	18	25
Rushes-yards (NET)	26-86	43-238
Passing yards (NET)	372	176
Passes Att-Comp-Int	40-29-0	46-23-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-458	89-414
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-yards	2-9	3-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-105	6-153
Interception Return-yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-34.9	6-36.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-89	6-48
Possession Time	22:21	37:39

### LEADING INDIVIDUAL CNU STATS

Rushing	No	Yds	TD	Lg
George Jones	20	175	2	81
Passing	Att-Comp-Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Phillip Jones	36-17-0	110	1	30
Hudson Bryant	10-6-1	66	1	15
Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Nathan Davis	7	63	1	16
George Jones	5	39	1	30
Punt Returns	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
George Jones	1	12	0	12
Nathan Davis	1	13	0	13
Kick returns	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Rob Rodriguez	5	134	0	71
George Jones	1	19	0	19



Sophomore kick returner Rob Rodriguez moves the ball upfield against Rowan.

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## NFL Notes

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Well, football fans, as preseason slowly comes to an end what seems to be in store for the NFL during the next few months?

Whatever the outcome, this season is bound to be exciting as well as unpredictable: with injuries, trades and rookie players, the intensity this year has reached an all time high that many football enthusiasts are excitedly anticipating.

The NFC East in particular has a lot to deal with since preseason injuries have marred handfuls of key players.

Sadly for us Washington fans, the 'Skins were forced to sideline right tackle Jon Jansen after he ruptured his Achilles tendon in early August.

Last season marked the third year in a row that the Philadelphia Eagles barely missed the Super Bowl.

Although Philly fans remain hopeful, it doesn't look like this year's team is stronger than last years.

In fact, the Eagles are starting off to a pretty rough start, losing two key players to knee injuries. Defensive end Ndukwe Kalu, and running back Cornell Buckhalter will both be out for the season.

When Miami Dolphins wide receiver David Boston suffered a knee injury during a Friday afternoon practice, they thought they were in trouble.

However, they weren't really in trouble until their star running back Ricky Williams announced his early retirement the night before training camp started.

Unfortunately for the Dolphins, they're also not receiving the \$8 million from Williams for penalty clauses inserted into his contract two years ago.

This loss of Williams will weaken their offense, although their defense is still remaining pretty good, especially with corner back Sam Madison and linebacker Junior Seau.

The Dallas Cowboys had a few issues during preseason, cutting their starting quarterback Quincy Carter after he failed his second drug test.

Veteran QB Vinny Testaverde will be taking Carter's spot on the Dallas roster this fall.

Testaverde should have no problem adjusting to head coach Bill Parcells, having already played under him with the New York Jets.

Nevertheless, this is Testaverde's 18<sup>th</sup> year on the football field.

If Dallas is expecting perfection from him after so many years, they are going to be disappointed.

Not to mention, Dallas' schedule this year is a lot more demanding it was last year.

In addition to Testaverde, Dallas acquired running back Eddie George after he left the Tennessee Titans.

Regardless of all of that, Parcells better be getting some rest because he has a long season ahead of him.

The Cowboys aren't the only ones switching up QB's this year.

When New York Giants QB Kerry Collins left to join the Oakland Raiders, head coach Tom Coughlin decided to take some pressure off of number one pick Eli Manning.

He did this by replacing his position on the starting line up with Kurt Warner. So far in the preseason, Warner has been doing pretty well, and I'm sure that Giants fans are anticipating a comeback this year. Ha.

Deion Sanders is returning to the field this year, (unfortunately), this time in Baltimore.

The 37-year-old defensive back has decided to come out of retirement and join the Ravens after realizing CBS wasn't going to pay him the \$2 million dollars a year he wanted to sit in the booth and look pretty.

Sanders will play his first game in Cleveland against the Browns on Sept. 12. The Atlanta Falcons can breathe a sigh of relief this fall when Michael Vick returns to the Georgia Dome.

Originally from Newport News and a graduate of Warwick High School, the star quarterback was injured after straining his hamstring last summer and taking it easy but no doubt itching to throw the ball.

Given that Vick is still somewhat in a recovery period due to his injury, his performance will be questionable in these upcoming weeks.

However, since he's such a strong and powerful player, there's hope that he'll be up and running in no time. No worries, Falcon fans; your games will no longer be boring.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers lost two vital members of their team this summer: defensive tackle Warren Sapp left in order to join Super Bowl rival team Oakland Raiders, while safety John Lynch signed for the Denver Broncos.

The loss of Sapp will somewhat weaken the strong defensive line that the Bucs were known for but head coach Jon Gruden seems confident that despite their losses, the team will again be victorious this season.

A lot is going on in the locker rooms and on the field so keep your eyes open, football addicts! If you blink ... you might miss something.

## Men's Soccer records two shutouts over the weekend; goes 2-0

Senior Nick Yanitello provides more than enough spark for veteran Captains

By Michael Oden  
Contributing Writer

The CNU men's soccer team kicked off its season with a 1-0 overtime victory over Denison (Ohio) in the second game of the 2004 Joe Pombriant/CNU Soccer Classic on Saturday.

Senior forward Nick Yanitello scored CNU's only goal with about six minutes to go in overtime.

Beautiful weather brought out enough fans to nearly fill the stands, although not all were pulling for the Captains.

A small but vocal group of Denison fans made itself known throughout the game, often protesting calls by the referees and cheering for the Denison players.

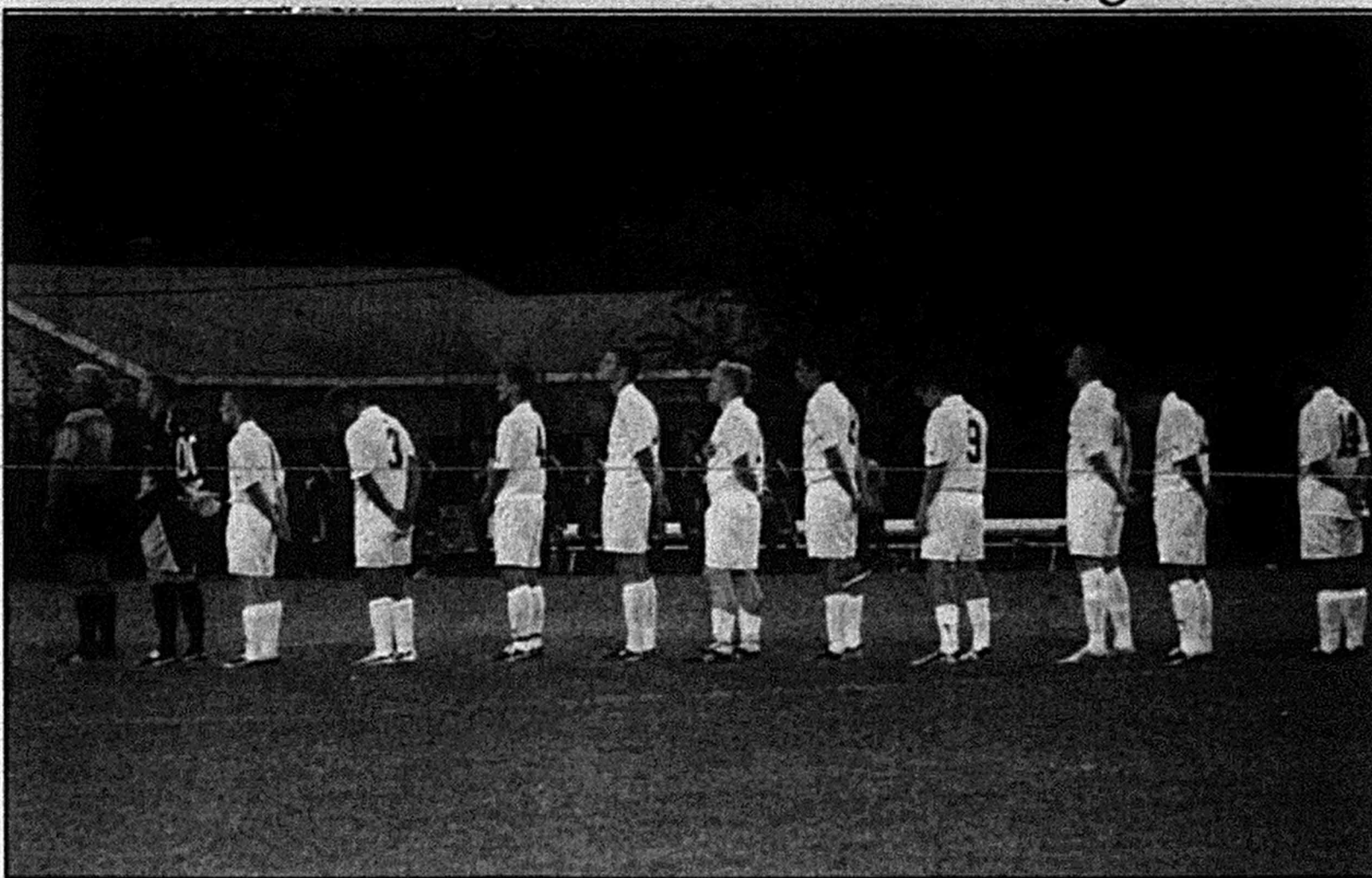
CNU, coming off a 12-5-3 season, started this year off well, dominating 22<sup>nd</sup> ranked Denison throughout most of the game.

Although the Captains out shot Denison 7-4 in the first half and 15-8 overall, but were unable to score in regulation.

CNU's best chance to score in the first half came at the 33:30 mark, but a nice save by the Denison goalie prevented the goal.

CNU stayed on Denison's side of the field throughout much of the first half, but few scoring opportunities arose for the Captains.

A scary moment for Denison occurred at the 27:00 mark in the second



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The men's soccer team listens to the National Anthem before the start of a game over the weekend. The team went undefeated.

half, when senior forward/midfielder Scott Vallee went down with an injury.

It was later revealed that he had broken his leg. On Sunday in the final game of the Joe Pombriant/CNU Soccer Classic, CNU beat York (Pa.) College 1-0. York, a 1-0 winner over Va. Wesleyan on Saturday, was outplayed all night by the Captains, who improved to 2-0 on the season.

Not as many fans attended this game as the first one, probably due to the weather.

Periods of heavy rain preceded the game, but cleared up as the game started on time at 7:30.

The play on the field suffered as a result of the rain, as the field was wet and slippery.

Players had trouble keeping their balance at times, which made for a rather sloppy game.

Yanitello provided all the scoring that CNU would need with a goal at the 9:23 mark in the first half.

Sophomore midfielder Daniel Fogarty was credited with an assist on the play. The Captains out shot York 6-4 in the first half (15-11 overall) and had numerous scoring chances early on.

Yanitello had two breakaways at 37:30 and 36:00 in the first half, but

nice saves by York's goalie prevented the scores.

York had a couple of chances to score early on in the second half, but saves by senior goalie Brian Shumate kept them from tying it up.

York didn't get many more opportunities to score until a corner kick with 7:44 left in the game, which was broken up nicely by CNU.

Another shot with 6:32 left was wide of the goal.

Yanitello had a couple more breakaways with 2:00 and 1:00 left in the game, but neither shot went in.

## Women's soccer team off to a hot start as they remain unbeaten

Win in double overtime and tie against No. 4 in the nation College of New Jersey has team morale high

By Ashley Dooley  
Captain's Log Intern

The CNU women's soccer team kicked off the 2004 season this past weekend against Elizabethtown at the Blue Jay Classic tournament in Pennsylvania.

The tournament consisted of two games, one on Sunday against Elizabethtown (Elizabethtown finished last season 10-6-2) and one on Sunday against the College of New Jersey.

The women triumphed over Elizabethtown in the first game 2-1 by going into double overtime and scoring with seven seconds left in the game.

The winning goal was scored by freshman Emily Renkin.

The other goal was scored by freshman Michelle Brockman during the 78<sup>th</sup> minute of the game. Attending goal was senior Carola Riegner, who made eight saves during the game.

"The teams were very evenly matched," said Team Manager Ben Ward. "They were both evenly-skilled."

The Ladies tied the second game against the College of New Jersey 1-1.

"We got off on a good foot from the start," said Ward.

Junior Ashleigh Dota made an assist to sophomore Nikki Greenberg just 15 seconds into the game. By half-time the score was 1-1 with the tying goal scored by New Jersey's player #15 in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute of the game.

"After their first goal, the ladies were fired up," said Ward.

Attending goal for the game was senior Lindsay Naill who made 11 saves.

"She played excellent, she really held the other team off," said Ward.

"The turnout of this game would have been different if she hadn't played as well as she did."

The College of New Jersey is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation this season and did not take this closely matched game easily.

"They got rough with us towards the end, but we wanted this," said Ward. "They (Lady Captains) played their hearts out."

With such an electric start to the season, it looks like the Women's soccer team is following up on the success of last season. The 2003 season saw many firsts for the team.

They secured the most wins in CNU history at 15 as well as the most goals in a season with 56. The Lady Captains captured their first ever wins in CNU history against Eastern Mennonite College, Guilford College, Lynchburg College and Meredith College.

They successfully closed out the season 15-5-1 and 7-1 in the USA South Conference.

Five players made the USA South All Conference Team: Dota, junior Melissa Davis, sophomore Paniz Asgari and freshman Kasey Davenport. Dota and Asgari were chosen as All-Region. Four players made the USA South All Tournament Team: junior Liz Thuma, Davenport, Dota and sophomore Heidi Taylor. Dota and Davis also made the Virginia College Sports Information Director's State team. Dota will be one to watch out for this year.

"She's our speed and has great footwork-she's very skilled and technical," said Ward.

Leading the Lady Captains for the 2004 season are Coach Kwame Lloyd and Assistant Coach Sean Holleran. Coach Lloyd, returning for his fourth season, is looking for a third consecu-



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Sophomore Nicki Greenberg (left) attacks while sophomore Paniz Asgari defends during warm-ups.

tive winning season as well as their first trip to the NCAA tournament. Lloyd led the ladies to capture the past two regular season conference championships.

When asked how he felt he has evolved over his past four seasons Coach Lloyd said, "I'm more organized this year and have learned to set goals."

This year Coach Lloyd says his motto for the team is Dedication, Determination and Discipline. The team of 25 consists of 18 upperclassmen and five freshmen.

With 15 returning from last year's fiery season, this year looks like it's going to be hot.

Voted to rank first in the 2004 USA South Women's Soccer pre-season coach's poll, the team is shooting to make that a reality. Coach Lloyd be-

lieves they have what it takes to make this happen.

"We're returning with experience and are hungry for the championship," said Lloyd. "They returned in incredible shape and we have many returning starters and juniors with previous experience." According to Lloyd, this year is different from last year because of the "maturity of the team."

"They've stepped up and they want it (the championship)."

"In the past seasons they (Lady Captains) had questions, but this year they're answering them," said Lloyd.

The Lady Captains are set to square off against Virginia Wesleyan for their first home game Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. at Captain's Field. When asked to comment on the upcoming match Lloyd replied with certainty, "We'll be ready for them."

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