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## Setting sail from CNU into the waters of success

By John Bailey  
Staff Writer

### Another Weekend on the York River

Waves steadily crash against the haul of "No Excuses" throwing water over the bow of the boat. Spray bites into the faces of the racing dinghy's crew. With a white knuckled grip on the tiller, Jim Englert yells out to his partner, Thad Melton, "Ready to jibe, jibe." During a race, this turn would be made in a crowd of six to a dozen other boats grouped together like a school of fish, each fighting for the lead position. Today on the York river, Jim and Thad are up against a far more unforgiving opponent, the clock.

Tic - Englert pushes the tiller over bringing the bow of the boat through the wind. Toc - Melton shifts his weight to the weather side to keep "No Excuses" from tipping too far over. Tic - The mainsails boom swings across the cockpit, its rigging rattling from the loss of air pressure. Toc - A gust of wind grabs the fluttering sails caring the boat in the opposite direction. Tic - Englert brings the tiller back amidships steady-ing their course. Toc - The 505 class racer accelerates, slicing through the waves, set on her new course.

Time - Another flawless turn. But Jim and Thad wonder if it will be fast enough to win the big race this September in Hyannis Massachusetts.

Like brothers sweeping the half eaten remains of a house party under the couch as their parents walk in the front door, Englert and Melton have spent years working together to meet one challenge or another. In school it was physics exams and lab reports. On the water it was nationally ranked teams like ODU and Princeton. Today it is the tic and toc of a stop watch. To out pace the clock, these two CNU Alumni depend on their dexterity, their knowledge and their teamwork. But it is their friendship, which has lasted beyond even their 1992 graduation, that seems to be the basis for all their success.

were only children, and as their skills grew so did their love for being on the water. Becoming competitive sailors was a natural step for the two as they grew up. Jim was raised in Virginia and Thad in Ohio. Although they did not meet until they became students at CNC in 1987, their backgrounds made them kindred spirits of wind and sail.

"My father was a boat builder. So, I naturally got used to being around all kinds of boats when I was little," says Melton. "I went from row boats to sail boats by the time I was eleven."

Englert's father also spent a lot of time around boats as a member of the Naval Academy's sailing team. He never missed an opportunity to share the thrill of sailing with his son. "I began sailing as a toddler. My parents would put me in a car seat and take off for a regatta, Englert said in an interview with Michell Carpenter for the CNU Alumni Magazine.

### Studying and Sailing

"The year Jim and Thad started at CNU was a unique time for both the sailing team and the physics program," says Dr. George Webb, Dean of Science. "There were 15 to 20 students on the sailing team who were also students in the physics department. They were like a coed fraternity."

The desire to excel was a motivation that the students shared in and out of the classroom. As the sailing team they wanted to win top honors for then CNC in every competition. Spare time meant sailing time for the team. Their weekends were spent traveling up and down the eastern sea board racing in competitions. At school the group could either be found hunched and mumbling over their text books in Gosnold Hall or rambling about their last race, their next race or just sailing in general. By the time the group left CNU, they went from unknowns in the field of collegiate sailing to being ranked 13th in the nation.

While sailing was a major reason for being in school, struggling through the challenging course load of the physics program was also something the team took seri-



January 1998-Thad and Jim sail in the Florida Midwinters hosted by the Tampa Bay-St. Pete Yacht Club.

Photo by Dennis Kelly Photography

### Sons of Sailors

Both began sailing when they

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# Looking at nothing but the positive in CNU

By Rick Strube  
Staff Writer

Sometimes I think to myself: 'Oh, wouldn't it be nice to have a quiet, sedate column one week?' Then a voice from somewhere else says "No rest for the wicked!" 'Oh yeah....' I remember, smiling. Here's a fun tidbit from a Holy Trinity of CNU departments that makes you wistful for the days when Orwell was required reading. You might not believe it, but this letter was sent to all CNU online students. Special thanks to student John Sines for pointing this gem out.

*Hello —The Office of Assessment and Evaluation, the Office of Student Life, and CNU Online are interested in learning about positive experiences which have made the student's life at Christopher Newport University more meaningful.*

*We are only soliciting examples of positive experiences you have had while a student at CNU. We would appreciate you sharing one such experience with us.*

*Once we have received your response to this request, we will remove your name and include your example of a positive experience with others that we have received. This information will be very helpful in verifying our perceptions of what we are doing well at the University. Each student who contributes an example of something that has made their experience more positive or meaningful will receive a summary of the results of this study.*

*In order for the information to be most useful it would be helpful to know the*

*following:*

*Male or Female (indicated by typing M for Male or F for Female).*

*Age Category (indicate the number which describes your status:*

- 1. 16-21*
- 2. 22-25*
- 3. 26-30*
- 4. 31 and over*

*Thank you for your participation. You can address your response to me, or send it on to Dr. Dennis Ridley by Drake email [dridley@cnu.edu](mailto:dridley@cnu.edu).*

Ok. Let's go over this point by point. First of all, this survey was conceived and planned by three CNU departments: CNU Online, which I think does a fine job over all; the Office of Student Life, which if not great is definitely on a track of improving every year; and the Office of Assessment and Evaluation, which has never been heard of until now. What do they do? A better question might be: Is this "evaluation" typical of their work? A troubling possibility.

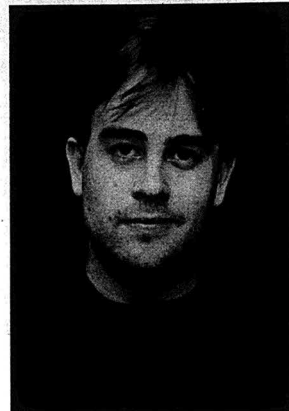
Having established the who, the first paragraph then gives a hint of the what, which is best stated via the absurdity of the second, and my favorite paragraph. Before I say anymore let me say this. I agree with the goal of making student's lives at CNU meaningful. I think that this is a vision which often gets lost in budgets, buildings, and even books. I think that CNU Online is to be praised for making this a concern. Having said that, let me now ask: Is this survey to be used as fodder for propaganda, aka the Mariner and other childrens songs, or is it simply ill conceived and an embarrassing

mistake? A logician might accuse me of begging the question. If so, I would counter: what else could a survey like this be used for?

"Only soliciting example of positive experiences... This information will be very useful in verifying our perceptions of what we are doing well..." What does this mean? How can any understanding of one's performance be derived from examining only the positive aspects of one's behavior. From that point of view Mussolini was one of Italy's greatest leaders because, hey, how about those trains?

And taking a survey to verify your perceptions of what you are doing well? That's akin to me telling CNU to only put those grades of a B or higher on my transcript so that I can verify the fact that I passed 3 out of 5 classes. Any information you get is not only redundant, it's also useless. You aren't learning anything new. So why would you do it?

I understand the human desire to avoid harsh criticism. (In the abstract at least. Personally I thrive on it. Otherwise I wouldn't write this column every week!) But words have real and definite meanings, and just as real, if not as definite, implications. The name Office of Assessment and Evaluation carries an implication of serious study and reporting of campus activity. To substitute what could have been a valuable and useful study and evaluation of CNU Online with a gathering of propaganda fodder is unprofessional and misleading. CNU Online, like every department of this University, has many strengths and some flaws. An assessment of the program



that sought to see it as it was, both the effective and the ineffective could only have made it better. But if its problems are ignored, they can never be remedied.

Perhaps this is not the sort of survey that the Office of Assessment and Evaluation intended to make. But if not, then they wasted an excellent opportunity to carry out a meaningful evaluation. It would have required no more resources than they expended for this waste of time. I hope this was simply a mistake, and not the way this department is accustomed to operating. Let's try to keep our eye out and see what else they do this year.

Are you a writer or do you play one on TV? Is it your life long wish to show off your skill with the camera or with that comic strip you know everyone would just love? Bring a sample of your work by SC 223 (That's the Captain's Log office) and maybe you can work for us.

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# Campus Life

## Surviving the information jungle Strategies for overcoming the research paper crunch

By Monisha Gill  
Staff Writer

It's crunch time! The semester is halfway over, yet there are still several hills and mountains to climb over such as midterms, tests, quizzes and term papers. If high school did not prepare you enough for writing term papers, college will definitely be an eye opening experience. If you are intimidated, have no fear, you can actually survive through term papers and research projects through proper preparation.

According to one of CNU's Research Librarians, Amy Boykins, the term paper process can be stress free if students avoid procrastination. She advises students to do the following when preparing for term papers:

- 1.) Know your deadlines and plan ahead.
- 2.) Select a topic.
- 3.) Plan to visit the library to secure any books, journals or materials that may or may not be stored in our library.
- 4.) While at the library ask questions if you have problems finding materials or if you don't know how to use the electronic indexes.
- 5.) Make sure you have a style guide such as the APA, MLA or Turabian Style book.

"The most important tips I can give students who are preparing term papers are come to the library early and ask questions," Boykins said. Boykins admits that many students wait until the last minute, giving themselves limited time to turn in their paper. The problem with waiting until the last minute is that students risk not acquiring materials that are in CNU's library.

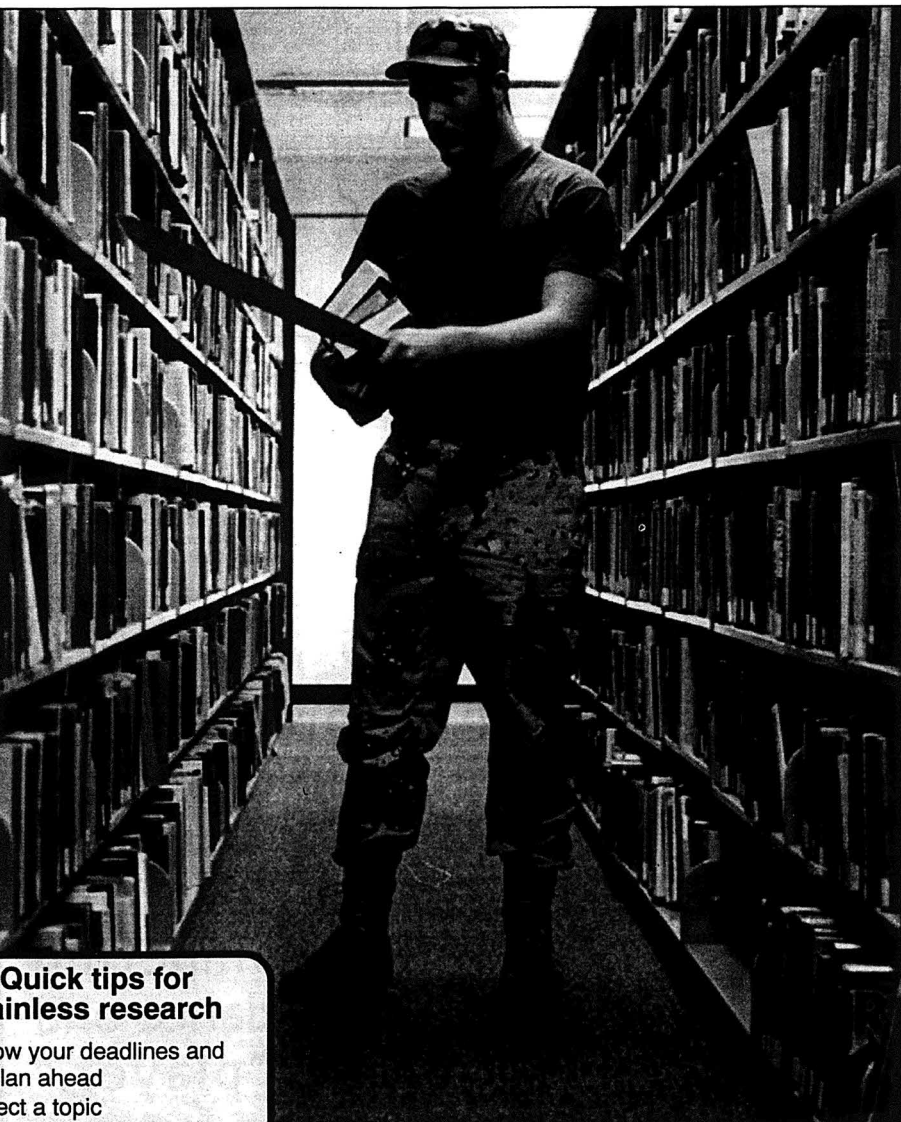
If CNU does not have a certain reference item, many other public and college libraries can forward the items needed through the Interlibrary Loan. This process can take anywhere from three days to two weeks.

According to Boykins, CNU's library offers not only a variety of reference books and magazines, but also a varied selection of computer indexes such as the ProQuest, and Newsbank, as well as many internet sources such as Viva.

Once students have selected a topic and gathered appropriate reference items, Boykins advises students to take good notes either on notecards or on the computer.

"When students are using the note taking method, they need to be sure they are documenting the source of the information for citation purposes," Boykins said.

If students are having trouble with the writing aspect of the term paper process Boykins advises students to visit the Writing Center. The Writing Center has information on how to compose research and



### Quick tips for painless research

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term papers and provides free tutoring for students who are having difficulty writing their papers.

If the research process seems like an insurmountable task and students are over-

Navigating the bookshelves of the John Smith Library can seem as complicated as fighting one's way through a battlefield when it comes time to get those research papers and projects done.

-Photo by Barbara Temple/ *The Captain's Log*

whelmed by the whole process, Boykins advises students to use a Paper Trace, a CNU student only consultation service. The service helps students that are stuck or do not know where to begin.

A form needs to be filled out to arrange a meeting that is a good time for both the

student and the Librarian. "The consultation lasts for about 30 minutes and is very helpful," Boykins added.

As November and December approaches and term papers and research projects are due, remember to come to the library early and ask questions!



# The Gay/Straight Student Union aims to promote acceptance and tolerance as a way of life

By Paul D. Powers  
Staff Writer

There is group support at Christopher Newport University for people with alternative lifestyles: The Gay/Straight Student Union (GSSU).

GSSU is an organization dedicated to helping people in the campus' gay community by providing a social and emotional network for gays and lesbians.

Each month, GSSU offers social events for members to get together. Meetings are held every other Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 233. All students and faculty are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Health related issues, such as AIDS awareness, are of a vital concern to GSSU. They are trying to take an active stand in assisting the administration in developing programs and information seminars on gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues and the prevention of homophobia and hate crimes.

Of particular interest to GSSU is the "Safe Zone" program, which will be held in the near future with the help of Campus Ministries. This will provide answers for students regarding sexuality and other related issues, and offer a place to go and talk confidentially about these things.

About her role in the group, Rev. Cheryl Harrison-Davidson of Campus Ministries comments, "while many Christians are struggling to understand homosexuality in relation to their faith and values, there are some churches attempting to meet the needs of the gay community. For example, Bishop Walter F. Sullivan, Bishop of Richmond, will celebrate a Second Annual Mass for Gay and Lesbian Catholics, Saturday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond."

Tim Morgan, President of GSSU says, "It's been quite a good response, the campus has been more accepting than previously anticipated. It is not especially a gay organization, but a fifty-fifty mixture of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and heterosexuals."

"GSSU wants to promote acceptance that people are gay." "People who express negative responses to gays may have a friend who is gay and not know it," says Morgan.

Morgan stated that there has been some harassment in the form of verbal slanders and "hey, faggot" signs being put on gay students' dorm doors.

"If you are going to put 'hey, faggot' on someone's door, you are only one step away from beating them to death," says Morgan, referring to the beating death of Matthew Shepherd, a gay student of the University of Wyoming. "Gays, lesbians

and bi-sexuals have human rights just like any other group, they just want to be left alone," says Morgan.

"In light of the recent beating death of Matthew Shepherd, it is clear that an arena is needed where gay and straight students can come together to share their dreams and fears. My prayer is that the Gay/Straight Student Union can be that safe place for open dialogue," says Davidson.

GSSU has been established to bridge the gap between gays and straights. They are hoping to show the campus community that dialogue is the answer, not violence or vigilantism.

Cheryl Mathews, from the Department of Social Services, commented: "I am glad to see this organization being successful on the campus. This represents the opportunity to learn about the homosexual lifestyle. I'm happy to be a part of it and I would like to invite straight students to be a part of it to inform them."

GSSU is in the process of establishing a confidential anonymous support group in the evenings to discuss relevant issues and problems.

For more information on the Gay/Straight Student Union, call Dr. Cheryl Mathews, The Department of Social Work, Room 318, 594-7111 or Dr. Cheryl Harrison-Davidson, Campus Ministries, Room 228 in the Student Center, 594-7604.

# InterVarsity: a long tradition of Christian fellowship

By Michelle Insley  
Contributing Writer

InterVarsity is a Christian group with a long history, starting over 100 years ago.

In 1877 students at Cambridge University in England formed a group to pray and study the Bible, against the wishes of influential men of the university. This group also witnessed to fellow students and was involved with missions worldwide.

Inspired by the group at Cambridge, students from other universities (called varsities) started holding similar meetings. Soon after, an alliance formed called "InterVarsity."

In 1946 Interservice came to the United States and became a foundation for the Christian Student Movement that swept the world.

Today, Interservice is much the same. They have a weekly Bible study and help in worldwide missions.

One may wonder what makes them different from other organizations. According to the group, Interservice is more of a family than merely a club. The group often meets off campus to spend time together and talk about everything from school to relationships. Something else that makes this organization different, are their initiation requirements -- there are none. They welcome everyone, and are excited to have new members.

InterVarsity meets every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in SC 223. After the meeting, the group often gathers to eat and fellowship at local restaurants and coffee houses. This semester their activities include a cookout and a Christian retreat. Interservice welcomes everyone to stop by and see what they're all about.



The Players and their ladies came out the evening of Oct. 16. The Multicultural Student Association held its first "Player's Ball" in Christopher's. In their funkiest 70's attire, students grooved into the night, competing for best dance and best "player." There was even an impromptu male strip-tease. Truly, an experience not to be missed!

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# Reviews

## Taste of the Towne Dining out for dummies-part 2: A beginners guide to wines

By Shelly Breitbeil  
Staff Writer

I hate to hear peoples say, "Oh, I'm just not a wine drinker." More often than not, these are people who have given up on wine because of one or two bad experiences with it. Wine drinking, like many other hobbies these days, does require a bit of background information. I doubt any one would go out and buy a set of expensive golf clubs without any research, so why pick out a bottle of wine without even knowing the basics? I venture to say that, in either case, you'll be quite disappointed.

The basics of wine can be quite simple. There are two major categories of wine, white and red. Blush wines, popular with those who like sweeter tasting wines, are in the red wine family. The flavor differences in these categories is vast, so if you haven't run across one that you like, keep on searching. A wine's title, "Chardonnay," "Cabernet," and so forth, comes from the grape that was used to make it. More often than not, a wine is a blend of several grapes, but it must be 70% of one certain grape to be called that.

### WHITE WINES

There are five general types of white wines. The first few that I'll mention are popular with "new" wine drinkers.

**Chenin Blanc** ("Shinin-Blonk")  
Described as "sweet, fruity, and luscious," Chenin Blanc is great with light foods such as fish, shell fish, some poultry dishes. It is also used to make "Vouvray" wines. My mother, who used to be one of those self-proclaimed "non-wine drinkers,"



loves "Chateau Montocour Vouvray," an inexpensive wine I highly recommend to those just starting out.

**Riesling** ("Reese-ling")

A classic grape of Germany, Riesling is often described as "floral, tart, and refreshing." Sounds like lemonade, huh? They often have a hint of apple in their flavor, and have a "clean finish" with a mild after taste. Great with seafood, poultry, and fruity sauces.

**Gewurtztraminer** ("Gawertz-tra-me-ner")

Considered "the beginner's grape," the Gewurtztraminer is both

"spicy" and "sweet" in smell and flavor, hence its popularity with those partial to Chinese cuisine. Those made in California are often sweeter than those of France which typically tend to be a bit "drier" — meaning it takes a lot of the moisture with it when you swallow.

**Sauvignon Blanc** ("Sovin-yon Blonk")

"Crisper, drier," and more "grassy" with hints of fresh cut grass on a summer day in after taste. Good with fruity dishes, light pastas, and seafood. "Frog's Leap" is a very popular wine in this category.

**Chardonnay** ("Shar-do-nay")

Probably the most popular of the white wines. A wide variety of flavors exist in these wines because of the versatility of the grape. They can be "buttery, nutty, smokey," or "oaky" with a fresh-cut-wood-like after taste — and, often, a combination of all of the above. A Chardonnay will complement many dishes depending on its character. "Acacia," my favorite wine, falls under this category.

### RED WINES

There are five general types of red wines as well.

### Movie

**"Beloved"** (Touchstone Pictures) It must have been quite an undertaking to bring to the screen Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize winning novel about a former slave haunted by her dead daughter. Surprisingly enough, Oprah's take on Morrison's story isn't that shabby. For once, the Queen of Talk drops her preachy television persona and allows Director Jonathan Demme to guide her and the rest of the film's talented cast through some fine performances.

Despite excellent acting by Oprah as Sethe, Danny Glover as Paul D., Thandie Newton as Beloved and Kimberly Elise as Denver, "Beloved" isn't an easy film to watch. Pair dense symbolism (Beloved asleep on the forest floor covered in ladybugs) and weighty emotional issues (Sethe's issues with infanticide) with a three-hour length and you'll find yourself drained by film's end. "Beloved" is a flawed, but ultimately rewarding experience.



## Rachid Bell's musical debut boasts thoughtful lyrics, diverse sound

By Steve Flemming  
Staff Writer

An interesting and engaging debut album is hard to come by these days. Rarely does an artist, based both on appearance and lyrics, combine elements of different genres so well that he cannot be placed comfortably into any category. So it is refreshing to see that on "Prototype" (Universal) singer/songwriter Rachid Bell is without question doing his own thing.

Released in late August, "Prototype" definitely shows signs of a young artist trying to carve out his own niche in the music world, much like Maxwell in his early stages. Whether or not Bell will see the success of Maxwell is still up in the air, but his approach to music is still worth a listen.

A second generation musician, Bell is the son of Ronald "Kool" Bell, founder of R&B pioneers Kool & the Gang. With that in mind, it is not surprising that R&B is such a heavy influence throughout the album, though it is not the only influence. Bell brings a hybrid of folk, pop, soul and hip-hop to a boil on his debut, using the legacies of his father and other artists such as Kate Bush and even a young Prince to great effect.

"Pride," the single that introduced Bell to audiences via MTV demonstrates Bell's broad, often odd musical range of expression. Complete with a looped country-style guitar, a mid-tempo hip-hop beat and Bell's strong but not necessarily distinct vocals,

**Beaujolais** ("Bo-ja-lay")

The Kool-aid of red wines, this wine can be served slightly chilled, and is the lightest of them all. It has "cherry" overtones in smell and flavor, and goes great with light meat and seafood dishes.

the single straddles a fence between radio friendly fodder and a cult classic — which works to his advantage.

Much in the same way as its first single, the remainder of "Prototype" places common subject matter against a backdrop of odd musical settings. While some of the songs seem too cerebral ("The One To Destroy Me" and "Zoe's World" to be specific), others can stimulate some thought without sending people into overload. Since Bell is bi-racial, it is hard to tell at some points if these struggles are his own, or the tales of others. "Charade" addresses people changing attitude and behavior to fit in ("I know all the common things to say/I can always get what I want when I play..."), while "Back to the Room" taps into the wide range of personal problems young people deal with, from their sexuality being questioned to racial classification.

Most disturbing is "Prodigal Pete," the tale of a boy who leaves the security of his home to pursue his dreams, but finds out just how tough it is in the real world. Using rather graphic lyrics such as "On these mean streets, I feel so cheap/I've had to trick for all of my treats," the song tells the story of Pete's struggles to survive. The lyrics are never really vulgar or offensive, but it still takes two rounds to believe what is heard.

Bell may not generate a buzz this time around, but it is likely "Prototype" has set the stage for Bell's rise. Comparisons to the Lenny Kravitz and Maxwell are inevitable, but Bell has clearly shown that just being Rachid is good enough.

**Pinot Noir** ("Peeno no-are")

Not often blended with others, the Pinot Noir has hints of Plums, cherries and, believe it or not, mint. It maintains a lightness that can be enjoyed by itself. Signifi-

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### Music

**Fiona Apple - "Across the Universe"** (Sony) One has to be very careful when one covers a Beatles masterpiece. "Across the Universe," one of the last songs the Beatles released, featured one of John Lennon's most elegant psychedelic melodies and some of his most stunningly poetic lyrics. Leave it to Fiona Apple to screw up a great song. Her backing band is fine, good even, but Apple's delivery is flat and tired sounding. The best thing about this cover is the video. The Fab Four deserves a little more enthusiasm than that, don't they?

### Comedy

**"Mr. Show"** (HBO) With "Saturday Night Live" getting progressively worse (was it ever THAT good anyway?) and the marginal quality of new sketch comedy shows like "The Upright Citizens Brigade," fans of good sketch comedy like "Monty

Python's Flying Circus" and "The State" have needed a good shot in the arm for quite a while.

Suddenly, just when it seemed there was no hope, a great new show comes along in the guise of two dorky looking guys named David Cross and Bob Odenkirk. "Mr. Show," which has been running on HBO for a couple of seasons now, is, dare I say, as funny, as irreverent and more blatantly racist than "Monty Python" ever was.

Cross and Odenkirk are hilarious in skits that range from the goofy (a young man overcomes the challenge of having retarded parents) to the absurd (old people take over the world and torture mean youngsters with testicular electrocution). Most episodes feature a running theme and writing that's funny and clever.

Maybe the people responsible for the miserably dumbed-down writing on "SNL" should start taking notes.



# Wes's World

By Wesley Cline

## Some hungry nuts drive Wes squirrely

By Wesley Cline  
Staff Writer

Well, children, it is pumpkin time again; and that means it is also time to share one of my most hair-raising experiences.

It all began when I was on campus one lonely Saturday. After a few hours of work, I became hungry and decided to go outside to enjoy my lunch. The clear, cool weather was the perfect backdrop for a solitary picnic behind the Student Center.

I took a peanut butter and jelly sandwich out of my bag and placed the four tiny squares on a napkin. (I still get a thrill from eating my lunch like I did as a young boy.) As I turned around to watch the trees shed their leaves, I picked up one of the squares and began to eat. I was only able to take one bite before I heard a noise behind me. I turned around and saw ... nothing.

There was no one there. When I returned to my lunch, everything looked normal. There before me were the two remaining sections of my sandwich and my bag with the rest of my lunch inside.

Then I realized ... wait a second! There should have been three sections left. I was holding the fourth and had eaten but a single bite of it. Whoever had made that noise had also stolen part of my sandwich.

As I was puzzling over who could have snuck up and made off with part of my sandwich, someone came up behind me and tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around expecting anyone from a guy in a hockey mask to a member of a sports team coming over to tell me that a certain sports editor had gotten his report wrong in some way.

What I saw was ... Still nothing.

Again, there was no one there. I carefully looked all around. I saw only leaves and nut shells.

I returned to my sandwich, but there was only one section left.

There was someone here somewhere and they were very hungry. I just couldn't figure out who or where.

At that moment, my bag began to rock and dance around the table. I jumped up and, in the process, knocked the bag over.

When I stopped running around trying to escape the killer bag, I cautiously approached the bag and nudged it with my toe. No demon grabbed my foot so I bent over, picked up the bag, and sat it back on the table.

I decided to sit down, eat the rest of my lunch, and try to calm my quickly deteriorating nerves.

After only taking two more bites of my sandwich, someone struck me on the back. If it were possible to jump out of my skin, I would have. Instead, I jumped so much that I bumped my knee on the

table. I hopped around the table but did not see anyone. That was a good thing because my knee hurt so badly that I couldn't have run away or chased anyone for more than a few feet before I would have fallen over.

I limped over to the table and thought

I might just take my lunch back to my office, where I could lock the door and

keep out anything that couldn't work the keypad.

When I reached for my bag, it fell

over away from my hand. I reached over further

to grab the fallen bag, but it got up and started to run off the table.

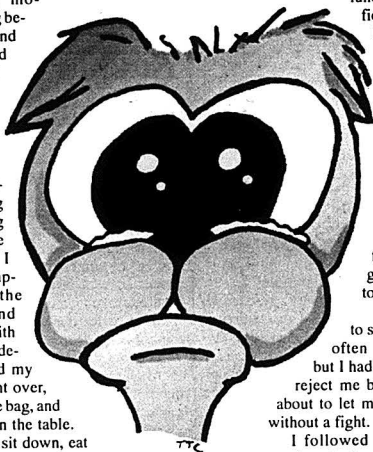
I was shocked, to say the least. I had often rejected a lunch,

but I had never had a lunch reject me before. I was not

about to let my lunch reject me without a fight.

I followed the lunch's trail around to the back side of a bush, where I saw an awful, horrible sight. There were little bits of damp brown bag all over the place. It looked like the bag had exploded after it had emptied itself of all my lunch.

I was turning around wondering how



my lunch bag had performed this feat when I noticed that the trail of lunch I had followed had mysteriously disappeared.

Slowly, I started to stalk back to the doors so I could grab my books and make my way home before anymore strange things could happen. I was almost clear of the trees when a plastic-wrapped cupcake hit me in the head. Then, as I bent down to inspect the offending dessert for signs of intelligence, a bag of potato chips fell on my back.

I looked up and there in the tree was ...

Well, I am sure that it is obvious that I had been the victim of one of the most devious and dangerous members of the campus community. I had never been tormented by this beast before, so I did not believe that it could be as malicious as everyone had said it was.

I was a victim of a ...

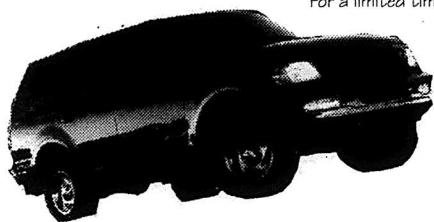
A ...

A gray squirrel.

He was hungry and my lunch was his target. He used every available resource to get me to leave his territory. He pelted me with nut shells and tree branches to get me to go so he could steal the food. He was ruthless in his quest.

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cantly heavier than the beaujolais, it has the ability to stand up to heavier dishes. It is a nice compliment to spicy sauces, richer seafood dishes, and wild game.

#### **Zinfandel (Sounds like it looks!)**

"California's own," the Zinfandel wines are dry and "spicy" with a peppery-like finish. If tried without food, one might notice a "metallic-like" aftertaste. This may sound yucky, but this wine is an excellent complement to barbecued, spicy meat dishes, peppery greens, and dishes with gravies.

#### **Merlot ("Mer-low")**

This wine seems to be the new trend. I've heard it said that it sounds sexy when you say it. If that's what gets you going, it's fine by me. Merlots, described as "Fleshy, delicate" wines, are often blended with more robust grapes to "soften" them, creating a "velvety finish" — hmm, maybe that does sound sexy. They go well with a variety of meat dishes, pasta dishes with red sauces, and game such as venison and duck.

#### **Cabernet ("Caber-nay")**

The "Mac-Daddy" of red wines, the Cabernet often requires an acquired taste. Generally speaking, the really good ones are more expensive. These wines are "full-bodied," meaning they get your juices flowing, and need to be enjoyed with food to get more out of them. Don't let this description scare you off, though. There are quite a few Cabernets that aren't the "mouth-puckering, hair-on-your-tongue" type of wines that most people think they are. They have great depth to them, add flavor to your food, and leave you with that warm, toasty feeling. I highly recommend "Mt. Veeder" if you come across it.

So there are the basics. Be sure to record all of your likes and dislikes as you begin your tasting. It really helps. I can almost guarantee that you'll find a wine that you like along the way. If you are interested in further reading, I find Clarke's "The Essential Wine Book" really helpful. Cheers!

## New professor offers first-hand view of China

By Cory Staryk  
Contributing Writer

Dr. Chang Liu is one of our new professors in the history department. Dr. Liu grew up in China during the nation's Cultural Revolution. As a child, he lived in a society in which the grade schools had "brainwashed him to believe everything was fine."

Liu was very fortunate. The Chinese universities were, at one time, only a pleasure for those who came from wealthy or well-connected families. Because of the revolution, however, the universities were open to all who could pass the tests to enter. Liu was one of those individuals.

After graduation Dr. Liu realized that he was taught correctly in grade school that everything was perfect. Working on a farm for six years after his college graduation exposed him to the hard life endured by peasants.

Liu watched peasants coming to the farm wanting to buy or trade food coupons to get more than their rationed share of food.

At Shanghai Normal University, Dr. Liu received his B.A. and M.S. in History. He moved to the U.S. in 1988 and attended UCLA, where he earned his Ph.D..

There, Liu noticed the differences between America and China. The relatively civilized and private culture of the U.S. was a stark contrast to China's, where people voiced their grievances loudly and openly.

"People fought everywhere," says Liu. Seeing Americans stand in line waiting to buy or pay for items at the stores was also a change of pace for Liu. In China, he said, there was very little order and the mob mentality often prevailed.

Weak people, he mentioned, were shoved aside and prevented from getting on buses by stronger individuals who could

more easily push through the mobs of would-be passengers. Public facilities in the U.S., he added, are very clean compared to those in China.

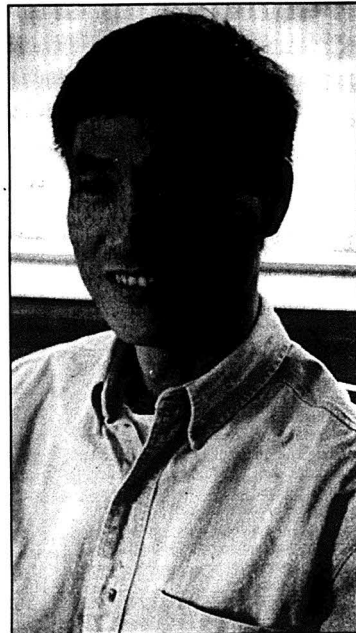
According to Liu, however, the U.S. is not without its faults. He is especially troubled by the nation's waste of resources. In UCLA, the newspaper was very bulky — numbering for 40 to 60 pages — and they had tons of newspapers sitting in the numerous newstands. The endless junk mail he receives is yet another reminder of this problem. Yet with all this useless mail, there are very few recycling bins available so that people can put that paper to better use.

"This is a global problem," said Liu. "The earth cannot support this lifestyle for long."

Regarding the conflict between China and Tibet, which wants freedom from the Chinese government, Liu believes the situation to be "exaggerated." Horrible things were done during the revolution. Temples destroyed and people were killed. However, according to Liu, things have been changing since he left China. In Tibet, he says, temples are being rebuilt and the government is making an effort to change the people's lives. Dr. Liu feels strongly that the Chinese Government has a genuine wish to help its people, although it has no wish to grant Tibet independence, wanting, instead, to keep the Chinese Empire united.

A truly interesting addition to the University faculty, Dr. Liu will

undoubtedly be welcome on the ever-changing campus community.








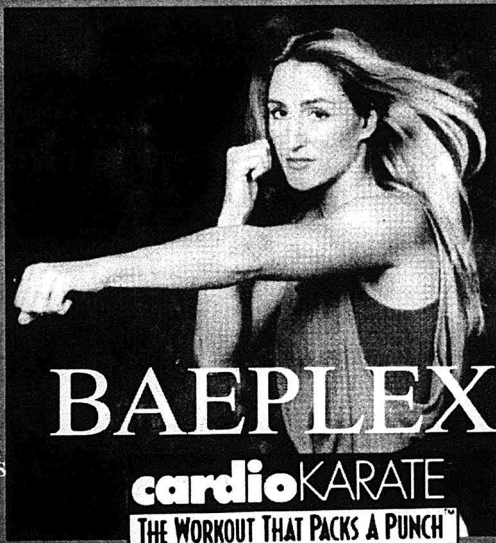
Dr. Chang Liu, a new History professor at CNU, left his homeland in China to pursue his education and career in the U.S.

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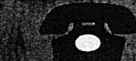
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# Possible supernatural appearances in Ferguson Hall investigated

Cory Staryk  
Contributing Writer

There's a mystery hidden on our campus -- a haunting from the past.

This is the story of a tragic death which may have resulted in ghostly occurrences for CNU. A young student lost her life in the Ferguson Gymnasium in January 1968, when the building was still a high school.

There are two conflicting stories concerning the accident.

A Daily Press article written after the incident reported that the young girl collapsed from a fatal heart attack while waiting in line for her physical fitness testing.

Another version has been confirmed by Dr. Millar, Dr. Kidd, and a campus cop who went to Ferguson when it was a high school.

Dr. Kidd stated that the student wished to be the choir but was forced by her mother to be in gymnastics. While on the balancing beam she fell and broke her neck. Dr. Millar recounted a similar tale.

The cop claimed the student wanted to have the lead in a school play, however the drama teacher didn't believe she would be right for the part. The student, also a member of the gymnastics team, fell while performing and broke her neck.

Since the accident the cop said the drama teacher had seen the young student waiting, as she always, did outside the auditorium on the steps.

Additionally, strange things happened during performances. On one instance, the stage curtains closed on cue despite there seemingly being no one around to do so. Another time, during what was probably a Christmas play, the star on the top of the prop tree fell and hit one of the main actors.

Dr. Kidd, who offers works late in Ferguson, has heard some strange sounds.

"I work late at night sometimes and hear a voice like singing," Dr. Kidd says.  
Dr. Millar sat in the auditorium one

I looked for the ghost myself.

I logged the hours I was there on the 16th, a Friday. My friend, Teddy, accompa-

of us. We switched the side.

We switched tapes at midnight. I began to believe I should have brought myself a sleeping bag for myself. A few sodas would have been a good idea, too.

12:45 We switched the sides of the second tape, and discovered flipping the tops of pens could be a new Olympic sport. I started to wonder if maybe the music festival might have scared the ghost away. The irony of the situation seemed somewhat humorous.

By 1:30 a.m. Teddy and myself wrapped it up and headed home. After falling asleep twice and smacking my head against an auditorium chair, I decided we should get out of there.

Our next stayover on Friday the ninth continued in the same vein, so both of our nights were a bust.

However, just because our two nights turned up nothing and our tapes recorded nothing but the hum of the AC/heater, our hunts have proved nothing. The mystery is not unmasked. In light of previously reported incidents and sightings, we may have only had a couple unlucky nights.

What is definite, though, is that when construction begins at Ferguson and the auditorium is torn down, it may very well leave the question of the haunting of CNU forever unanswered.



Left: Is there a phantom spirit haunting the halls of Ferguson? Above: Our fearless reporters investigate the ghostly phenomenon with little luck. Oh, well!

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nied me in the hunt.

At 10:30 that night Teddy and I set up a tape recorder on the stage in the hope that we would pick something up. We started later than we planned since some German music festival was ending and they began breaking everything down.

At 11:15 the first side of the tape shut off and the resulting click startled the both

night and feels he actually saw the ghost.



"A small sphere of light drifted down to the piano on the stage," he says.

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ously and faced together.

"Everyone had their strengths and weaknesses. So you had to learn how to pick your fights when it came to tackling problems," says Melton. "We helped each other but you had to pull your own weight as well. But when we focused on a goal we never gave up and never worried about how much time and energy it took to meet that goal."

Keeping each other sane through the stress of classes and labs was another major goal for the Jim and Thad. They spent many weekends wind surfing off of Huntington Beach in Newport News, and one year they spent an entire summer at Hatteras to recoup from the previous two semesters.

#### Racing Past Graduation

The basic ingredients of any graduation include parents crying, friends cheering, judge like gowns flowing in every direction and of course everyone promising to stay in touch. Normally, as the last notes of pomp and circumstance forever fade away into the day so do the faces of old friends. Jim and Thad chose not to take this course and continued to race as a team. At first, they started racing J24 boats locally. Then in 1991, they switched to the single design 505 class sail boats and prepared for a new challenge.

The 505 is a powerful boat that demands a great deal physically and mentally from its crew just to keep it from going out of control. It takes an experienced team with hundreds of hours on the water to be able to get a 505 to perform at its peak. So, the practice schedule that Melton and Englert kept was as exhaustive after graduation as it was in college. Also, complicating their busy lives were full time careers. Jim got a job as a production manager for Cybernetics and Thad became the general superintendent for FNC Fireproofing.

"The only time we have to practice is on the weekends," Thad says. "We usually start around 9 a.m. sail for about four hours and then spend the rest of the day working on the boat and going over strategy."

Their dedication has paid off. They have placed fifth at the 505 Midwinter Championships, tied for first place at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships and took second place at the Eastern Canadian Championship. Throughout the past few years, Jim and Thad have held their own against some of the best in their class including Macy Nelson, three time North American 505 champion and Mike Smith, 1993 East Coast Champion.

It was at last year's East Coast Championships that Jim and Thad began to lose the fast racing speed that had carried them through earlier competitions. They were having a hard time maintaining tension in their main sail. This kept them from sailing as close to the wind as everyone else. Despite taking a strong position against the other boats, their lack of speed hurt them on the second day, and they finished seventh overall.

Afterwards Jim and Thad experimented with various mast settings to change the main sail shape. They felt they recovered their speed by the time of the 1997 Midwinter race but what they really needed was a new mast. The problem was that it would cost \$1,000.

A new realization hit them. They knew if they couldn't update their equipment they couldn't maintain their speed on the water which could cost them at future competitions, especially at the North American and World Championship.

"It's expensive to stay in this sport and it means a big sacrifice of time and money to be competitive," Thad says. "We have to take unpaid vacation time from work, pay for all our travel expenses and then there are parts for the boat. A new jib, \$400. A new spinnaker, \$1200." They also bought a new 505 boat and a van to tow it.

Jim and Thad have maxed out their credit cards and taken out loans but still struggled with the finances of racing. To help them meet this challenge they have found help from an old friend.

#### And Then There Were Three

As the motorboat rises and falls through each wave, Julie Ross stares out across the bay. Her face is lost among two white walled eyes and a huge toothy smile. To get Julie to talk is usually as easy as trying to find a star on a clear country night. Today however, she is reduced to a mumbled "Wow" and when feeling truly verbose a meek, "I can't believe it."

The cause of her sudden muteness, the sight of her former CNU classmates, Jim Englert and Thad Melton, breaking through the waves and passing their opponents in the 1997 Florida Midwinter sailing race in St. Petersburg.

"I couldn't believe what they could do with that boat," Ross says. "I always knew they were good sailors even though I never actually watched them compete. But the level of competition I saw at the Florida Midwinter race was amazing."

Julie started at CNU as a nontraditional student in her thirties. She did not expect to have much in common with her younger classmates. Her first semester was filled with large freshmen classes. She went to school, took notes and went home. She never got a chance to get to know any of her fellow students and was sure this was going to be the pattern for the rest of her college career. Then she became a lab assistant in the physics department and met Thad Melton. They worked together maintaining and setting up lab equipment.

"Our friendship began when we discovered we had a lot of the same classes. When we got into the harder courses like quantum mechanics, we started studying together just to survive," Julie says. "We were thrown into this stew pot and stirred and Jim and Thad were completely unbiased towards me. They saw me not as a nontraditional student but as just another fellow student struggling to get through physics."

Jim, Thad and Julie were like the three musketeers. On campus, where there was one the other two wouldn't be far behind. They also spent time together off campus. When the sailing/physics group would go out for dinner Jim and Thad always made

sure Julie was right there with the rest of them. She even went wind surfing with Jim and Thad.

"Actually, I just watched," Julie says. "I cheered them on from shore. Wind surfing wasn't for me."

After she graduated in 1996, Julie felt their friendship would come to an end. However, Jim and Thad stayed in touch with their former classmate even remembering her birthday. So, when Julie found out her old CNU buddies were racing in her home town in Florida, she was ecstatic. She was finally going to see what the duo spent five years in college talking about, racing a sailboat.

"I was so psyched about the race," says Julie. "They finished high in the rankings and I was really impressed."

After the race they went to dinner. Julie was bubbling over with excitement.

"Where do we go from here?" she asked Jim and Thad. They wanted to compete in the 505 worlds.

"What do you need to win?"

"Money."

"I'll get it."

The musketeers were working together once again and Julie spent the next year talking to local companies and major corporations looking for sponsors. She even began a raffle with \$200 in free tutoring from her own company to help raise money. One way or another she was going to do everything she could to get her friends to Hyannis, Massachusetts.

#### The Big Race

Nantucket Sound is not as deep as the open ocean, so there is a tendency for choppy versus open swell waves of two to four feet. In September, the temperature hovers between 60 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit, and the winds are out of the southwest. Between the 505 North American and 505 World Championships, the more than 100 competitors in Hyannis are facing 14 days of racing in near perfect weather.

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The blue van with worn tires slowly rolls into the parking lot. The 505 racing dinghy, No Excuses, rocks back and forth on its rollers as the rattling trailer carrying it comes to a stop behind the van. Jim Englert and Thad Melton step down stretching out the kinks created from 16 hours of straight driving. Actually, they have been traveling for over four years to get to the 1998 North American and World 505 championships. But like anyone who has traveled an entire lifetime to reach a destination, its always those last few hours of anticipation that seem to be the most cramped.

As they prepare their boat for the first race, they watch as one of the regatta's officials approaches. He inspects the boat to make sure it meets the regulations as set for all 505 class racers. After dozens of races, Jim and Thad are used to the routine.

"There's a problem," the official says.

"A problem?" Jim asks, his face becoming flush with concern. This was not routine.

"Your mainsail is the wrong dimension," says the official. "It'll need to be cut down."

"Recut the sail, now?" Thad says shaking his head. Considering all the problems they could have faced, this was the most

devastating.

They spent every spare second they had trying to cut their sail to the proper dimensions. However, finishing in the top ten was no longer possible. Even if they could get the recut sail to work with their rigging it usually takes dozen of hours on the water to break in a new sail. During the year's biggest race was not the best time to break in anything.

This change robbed them of the asset that had gotten them to Hyannis, their speed. The new sail didn't catch the wind as well as the old one, and they were never able to get off the starting line as fast as they needed. The quicker lanes they usually captured

were shut off by other boats. Then midway through the Worlds race the pole fitting for their spinnaker sail broke. It was the only race in the series they didn't finish.

Regardless of what happens next, this CNU trio have already won a prize greater than any trophy - friendships that will last a lifetime.

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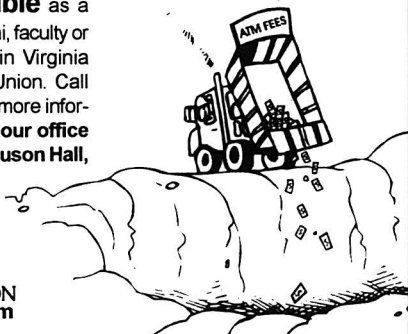
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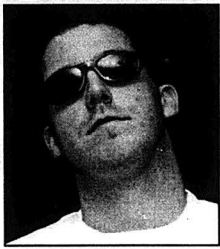
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# sports commentary



## By Kris Van Deusen Baseball Card Memories

Since my Yankees put a four game sweep butt whoopin' on the Padres to win the World Series, I'll tell you a baseball story. I came across my old baseball cards the other day. The set I had collected from a long time ago had seemed like just a pile of ordinary players from the late seventies and early eighties. They aren't worth much because I sold the valuable ones to a guy several years ago when I needed money for tuition. He was an honest dealer, I think. He told me that those players would most likely be in the hall of fame one day, which would make their rookie cards more valuable. Since I couldn't wait for them to retire, I sold. Hey, anything to stay in school, right?

As I rooted through the cards, I noticed something I had forgotten that I had done. When I was in little league and collecting these cards, I had collected, traded, and scavenged for every New York Yankee from the 1978 World Series team. I had them all, except for Roy White. He was an outfielder who hit .269, with 8 homeruns and 43 RBI's that year. Nothing special, but he was my favorite player. One day I traded ten Dodgers for his card including a Steve Garvey. I stuffed him in my pocket and forgot about him. A day and a load of laundry later, my mother presented his warped and mutilated card to me. I was crushed. While the others were not in mint condition, I could at least read their stats and see their faces. However, I still have that card, and it has become my favorite. It is absolutely worthless to anyone else, but me.

My father, several years later in 1987 before his death, bought me a factory set of baseball cards, even though I had stopped collecting. Along with that set he gave me a mint condition 1978 Roy White baseball card. He said it cost 35 cents. I will always cherish those gifts. My mother told me, after he died in 1990, that he liked the way I collected and saved the cards in my youth.

I'm not much of a collector these days, but that box was still in my closet along with my Roy White card. As I pulled the factory set out to look at the cards individually for the first time, I discovered that there were some very prominent players who made 1987 their rookie seasons. Some of the most famous are Greg Maddux, Will Clark, David Cone, Kevin Mitchell, Bo Jackson, Randy Myers, Cory Snyder, Eric Bell, Doug Drabek, Barry Bonds, Ruben Sierra and would you believe it--Mark McGwire.

For the first time in my life, an object that I own has great value to not only me, but the open market as well. I can honestly tell you that I won't be selling those cards. I'll leave that to my grandchildren. They may need it since I don't foresee a substantial inheritance going their way. Of course they won't be able to unload Roy White on anybody.

# Sports

## Women's Soccer goes 2-3 in last five

The Women's Soccer team has picked up its level of play in recent weeks winning 2 of their last five games after winning two of their previous eight. The Lady Captains have also built a .500 winning percentage at home including a 7-0 blow-out against Averett, all of their victories have been shut-outs.

The Lady Captain's lost to Shenandoah, 3-0, in a Dixie Conference match Oct. 14. Shenandoah got goals from Cheryl Besosa and Shannon Tetro in the first 14 minutes and another from Tetro in the second half to take the victory. CNU was outshot by Shenandoah just 17-13, but were unable to put a ball in the net. Goalkeeper Anne Johnson made five saves while Shenandoah keeper Shelby Berkheimer was called upon to make nine saves.

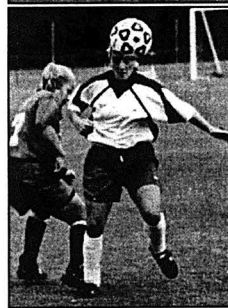
The team then travelled to Georgia Oct. 17 and fought to a 1-1 half-time tie against Centre (Ky.), but eventually fell, 3-1. Sophomore E. L. Ke Reisdorf had the Lady Captains' only goal about 35 minutes into the game. The following day, the Lady Captain's fell to Savannah A&D 1-5.

The Lady Captains returned home to face Chowan College Oct. 21. The team outshot

Chowan 28-0 en route to a 2-0 victory at Captains Field. Freshman Amanda DeLaGarza got the scoring going at the 28:31 mark of the first half, with an assist to sophomore Laura McFerrin. Less than seven minutes later freshman Heather Vance

took a long lead pass from freshman Becky Cheeley and tallied the Lady Captains second goal. CNU also took 15 corner kicks as it raised its record to 4-9. Chowan slipped to 2-12. The Lady Captains will be at home again Sunday at 3 p.m. against Greensboro. Their scheduled game Saturday at Bator may be changed.

Information provided by the sports information department.



Top left: Jennifer Callaway moves toward the goal versus Chowan Oct. 21. Top Right: Jackie Miller burns the Lady Brave goalie in the same game. Middle left: Jenn Headrick handles the ball around the Chowan defense. Middle right: Jackie Miller looks for a pass against Averett. Bottom left: A CNU player charges an Averett attacker for a steal. Bottom right: Jennifer Callaway takes the ball from a Chowan defender. CNU whipped both Averett (7-0) and Chowan (2-0).

Photos by Wes and Tim Cline/The Captain's Log

## #7 falls to CNU 1-0 Men's Cross Country runs in William and Mary Invitational

### The Captains also defeated Savannah A&D 3-2

The men's soccer team pulled off yet another major upset, defeating No. 7 ranked Emory, 1-0, in Atlanta, Saturday. Senior Brian Schwab knocked in the only, heading in a free kick from Rodney Curtis with just 56 seconds to play. It was CNU's third win over a ranked team, having defeated Keene (N.H.) St. in the season opener, 2-1, in overtime, and No. 4 ranked Roanoke, 1-0, at the end of September. Sophomore goalkeeper Kevin Huylebroeck got the first start of his career and made three saves in the shutout win. CNU outshot Emory, 10-9.

The men's soccer team completed a sweep of its weekend trip to Georgia, defeating Savannah Art & Design, 3-2, Sunday. Junior Steve Sachs scored two goals,

including the game-winner in the second half, to lead CNU to its second straight win. Saturday the Captains knocked off seventh-ranked Emory, 1-0. Sachs got the Captains on the board first, with an assist to sophomore Joey Moriarty. After SCAD tied the game sophomore Shadi Abi-Saab put CNU back in front off a pass from senior Brian Schwab. But the Bees tied it once again and the score stood deadlocked, 2-2, at halftime. But Moriarty and senior Ricky Guller set up Sachs for the game-winner, giving CNU a sweep of its first trip to Georgia. Savannah A&D is now 7-5-1 while the Captains improved to 8-5.

Information provided by the sports information department.

## Men's Cross Country runs in William and Mary Invitational

The men's cross country team competed in the mostly-Division I Tribe Invitational Saturday at William & Mary. Tim Verna was CNU's top finisher with a 28:38 clocking, followed by Jason Bowles in 91st place (29:17), C.L. George in 94th place (29:46), David Daniels in 101st place (31:48) and Mike Koontz in 108th place (35:05). Both the men and women competed in the Mason-Dixon Conference championship Saturday at Mary Washington.

Information provided by the sports information department.

### CALENDAR

No games scheduled.

No games scheduled.

Soccer at Salisbury 3p.m.

No games scheduled.

Volleyball at Averett Tourn. times TBA

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Cross Country Dixie Conference Champ.

No games scheduled.



## DIAC Standings and Polls

### Men's Soccer Standings

School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Strk
Greensboro (18) [T3]	2-0	1.000	10-3	.769	Won 1
Averett	2-1	.667	10-4	.714	Won 3
CNU	2-1	.667	8-5	.615	Won 2
Shenandoah	2-1	.667	7-5	.583	Won 2
N.C. Wesleyan	1-1-1	.500	6-4-2	.583	Won 1
Methodist	0-2-1	.167	3-10-1	.250	Won 1
Ferrum	0-3	.000	6-6	.500	Won 1

(national ranking) [regional ranking]

### Women's Soccer Standings

School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Strk
Methodist	4-0	1.000	5-7	.417	Lost 1
N.C. Wesleyan [T4]	4-0-1	.900	10-4-2	.688	Lost 1
Ferrum	2-1	.667	9-2-1	.792	Won 1
Shenandoah	2-1-1	.625	7-6-1	.577	Won 1
Greensboro	1-3	.250	9-9	.100	Lost 6
CNU	1-4	.200	3-9	.250	Lost 3
Averett	0-5	.000	1-13	.071	Lost 11

(pre-season national ranking) [regional ranking]

### Volleyball Standings

School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Strk
Averett	7-0	1.000	16-10	.615	Won 3
N.C. Wesleyan	6-3	.667	16-14	.533	Won 1
Greensboro	5-3	.625	12-10	.545	Lost 3
Ferrum	5-5	.500	11-10	.524	Lost 1
Shenandoah	4-4	.500	13-12	.500	Won 3
Methodist	1-7	.125	11-12	.478	Won 1
CNU	1-7	.125	5-18	.217	Lost 1

### DIAC Preseason Basketball Polls

- Men
1. Christopher Newport (5) 35
  2. Averett (2) 31
  3. N.C. Wesleyan 26
  4. Ferrum 16
  5. Greensboro 16
  6. Methodist 15
  7. Shenandoah 8
- Women
1. Methodist (5) 34
  2. Greensboro (2) 31
  3. Christopher Newport 26
  4. Shenandoah 20
  5. Ferrum 17
  6. Averett 12
  7. N.C. Wesleyan 7

### Dick Vitale's Division III Basketball Rankings (with last year's record)

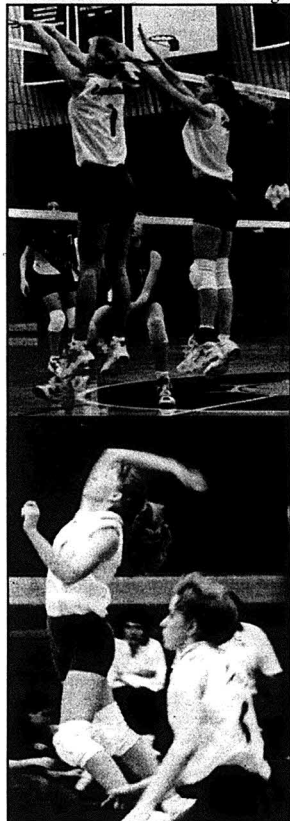
1. Wisconsin-Platteville (30-0)
2. Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) (26-4)
3. Wilkes (Pa.) (26-5)
4. Wabash (Ind.) (22-5)
5. Ohio Northern (19-6)
6. Illinois Wesleyan (22-5)
7. Hampden-Sydney (23-6)
8. St. Lawrence (N.Y.) (24-2)
9. CNU (26-2)
10. Univ. of Chicago (24-3)
11. John Carroll (Ohio) (22-7)
12. Springfield (Mass.) (26-2)
13. Catholic (D.C.) (25-4)
14. Wisconsin-Eau Claire (18-7)
15. College of New Jersey (22-5)
16. Mississippi College (24-3)
17. Lebanon Valley (Pa.) (20-8)
18. Williams (Mass.) (26-4)
19. Wooster (Ohio) (22-6)
20. Hope (Mich.) (26-5)

## Volleyball wins at home, loses on road

A well-rested volleyball team, playing at home for the first time since September, won two matches at Ratcliffe Gym Sunday. In the morning the Lady Captains won their second of the year against Sweet Briar, taking a 16-14, 15-9, 15-12 victory. In the match senior Hollie Fuller had 11 kills and 14 digs, sophomore Heather Vaden had nine kills and 13 digs, freshman Lindsay Sheppard contributed eight kills, 12 digs and five aces, while junior Heidi Jackson chipped in with 28 assists, 11 digs and four service aces. Sunday afternoon the Lady Captains rallied after dropping the first game against Meredith and took a 9-15, 15-7, 18-16, 15-7 win. This time Fuller had 13 kills and 25 digs, Vaden had eight kills and 24 digs, Sheppard 20 digs, Jackson 42 assists and six aces, while freshman Oksana Boukhina contributed 13 kills.

The team then traveled to Shenandoah last Tuesday without senior Hollie Fuller and freshman Nancy Gordon. They fell 15-10, 12-15, 7-15, 2-15. CNU took game one and took a lead in game two before falling. Sophomore Heather Vaden led the Lady Captains with 12 kills and 20 digs, freshman Oksana Boukhina had seven kills and 15 digs, freshman Kim Hammack added 11

digs, freshman Lindsay Sheppard contributed seven kills, ten digs and four block assists and junior Heidi Jackson had 31 assists. The loss dropped CNU into a tie with fellow cellar dweller Methodist College.



**Top left:** Oksana Boukhina (left) and Heather Vaden team up for a block against Meredith. **Bottom left:** Vaden swings for a kill as Kim Hammack moves to the net in the same game. **Right:** Boukhina leaps to make a kill in the same match. CNU won 9-15, 15-7, 18-16, 15-7. Even though, the Lady Captains have won 2 of their last three matches as of Oct. 20, they have fallen into a tie for last place with the Methodist Monarchs.

Photos by Barbara Temple/  
The Captain's Log

Both teams have seven Dixie losses and one win. The Lady Captains have a 5-18 overall record, which is seventh worst in team history. Information provided by the sports information department.



### Men 1st, Women 3rd in Dixie Pre-Season Basketball rankings

For the seventh time in the 1990s the men's basketball team has been chosen as the top team in the Dixie Conference Pre-Season Coaches Poll. Meanwhile, the women's team was tabbed third in the poll, its lowest selection since the 1993-94 season.

The men received five of a possible six first place votes and totaled 35 points in the poll, four ahead of second place Averett. The surprising Cougars were picked to finish last in 1997-98 and surged to second place last year.

The only seasons in the 1990s in which CNU has not been picked to finish first were 1993-94 (when the Captains were chosen third but won the title) and 1995-96 (when

CNU was tabbed to finish second and actually tied for first.) Methodist is the pick of the coaches to win the women's Dixie title. It is the first time the Monarchs have ever been the top pick in the 15-year history of the poll. Greensboro is the choice for second place.

Information provided by the sports information department

### Dick Vitale's Division III Basketball Rankings

The men's basketball team has been ranked No. 9 in the nation by Dick Vitale's College Basketball Magazine. The Captains, who finished 26-2 and No. 3 in the nation last year, were ranked 14th by Vitale in last year's publication.

### DIXIE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Oct. 12, 1998

Player of the week

Men's Cross Country

ANDY RILEY - CNU - Was the top Dixie finisher at the Virginia Division III Championship, placing 11th in 26:37, 15th fastest runner in CNU history.

Rookies of the week

Men's Cross Country

CHRIS CARTER - CNU - At the Virginia Division III Championships placed 15th in 27:08.

Women's Cross Country

LISA GARNER - CNU - placed 30th at the Virginia Division III Championships in 21:32.

## beat your DADDIE

To play, simply circle the teams you think will win and drop this coupon in the Tape-a-Quarter box located in the Student Center lounge, or from our web site at [www.cnu.edu/studlife/captains/daddie.html](http://www.cnu.edu/studlife/captains/daddie.html). If you select more winners than Sports Editor, Kris Van Deusen - as if that could ever happen - you will be entered into a random drawing for the week. The winner will receive 2 Subs, 2 Chips and 2 large drinks from the Subway Station. There is no possible way that you can win.

Arizona at Detroit	New England at Indianapolis	San Francisco at Green Bay
Denver at Cincinnati	New Orleans at Carolina	Tennessee at Pittsburgh
Jacksonville at Baltimore	New York Giants at Washington	Oakland at Seattle
Miami at Buffalo	New York Jets at Kansas City	Dallas at Philadelphia
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	St. Louis at Atlanta	

Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

## beat your DADDIE

### Your Daddie's Picks:

Dallas at Philadelphia: This should be funny.

Denver at Cincinnati: Zoinks!

New York Jets at Kansas City: Elvis is back.

Arizona at Detroit: Must be the Dome...or Sanders...or Batch.

Jacksonville at Baltimore: Could be a close game, if the Ravens were any good.

Minnesota at Tampa Bay: The 'kings are on a rampage more fierce Wes Cline's halitosis.

New England at Indianapolis: The Patriots will overrun the Colts like Trible did with the Shoe Lane neighborhood.

New Orleans at Carolina: The Saints have the Panthers QB. Who cares, he sucks anyway. Can I change my pick?

New York Giants at Washington: I hate the Redskins, and they suck. I mean they suck bad, Really bad. They might possibly be the worst team in the history of professional sports, amateur sports, pick-up games, children's sports or even women's sports...now, they could beat a chick team.

St. Louis at Atlanta: Chandler is out and Steve DeBerg is 44. He'll get osteoporosis before the game is over.

San Francisco at Green Bay: Oh, man! Game of the year. But, with Favre's passing arm up his butt, the Pack loses.

Tennessee at Pittsburgh: Kordell reeks. He can't throw, but he can't run any more either. He shoulda been a Redskin.

Oakland at Seattle: Which Raider team will show up? The winners or the pany hose, skirt wearin' sissies.

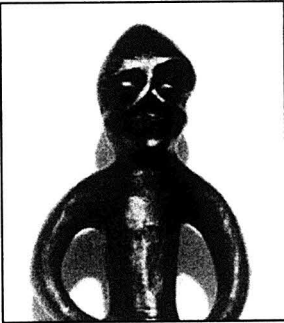


Greg Chapman beat the Daddy last week and Mike Griffith won the week before. They work together here at CNU. Hey, Larry Kamsell (he's another co-worker), that must burn your team. The Daddy is 50-27 on the season. Not too shabby.



Students and staff enjoy German Band in a rousing fall performance outside The Terrace on Friday, October 16th.

Photo by Paul D. Powers/The Captains Log



Odin, the Allfather



Dionysus, god of drink and theatre

### 3 out of 4 gods can't be wrong.

**Odin** got it from a goat in Asgard.

**Jesus** got it from water at Canna.

**Dionysus** got it anytime, anywhere.

**Brahman** wasn't interested.

**It's alcohol.** And whether you take it as mead, wine, or something else, it's a blessed drink. So when you drink, drink to enjoy it. Drink to have a good time. Drink to be a better dancer. Alcohol is for pleasure. Use it often. And of course, if you do drink, drink safely. Let someone else take the chariot reins. Or you will make Odin very angry. And no one wants that.



Jesus, the Messiah

Brahman, as best we can figure

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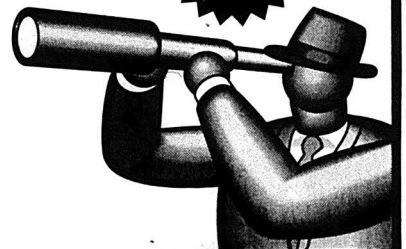
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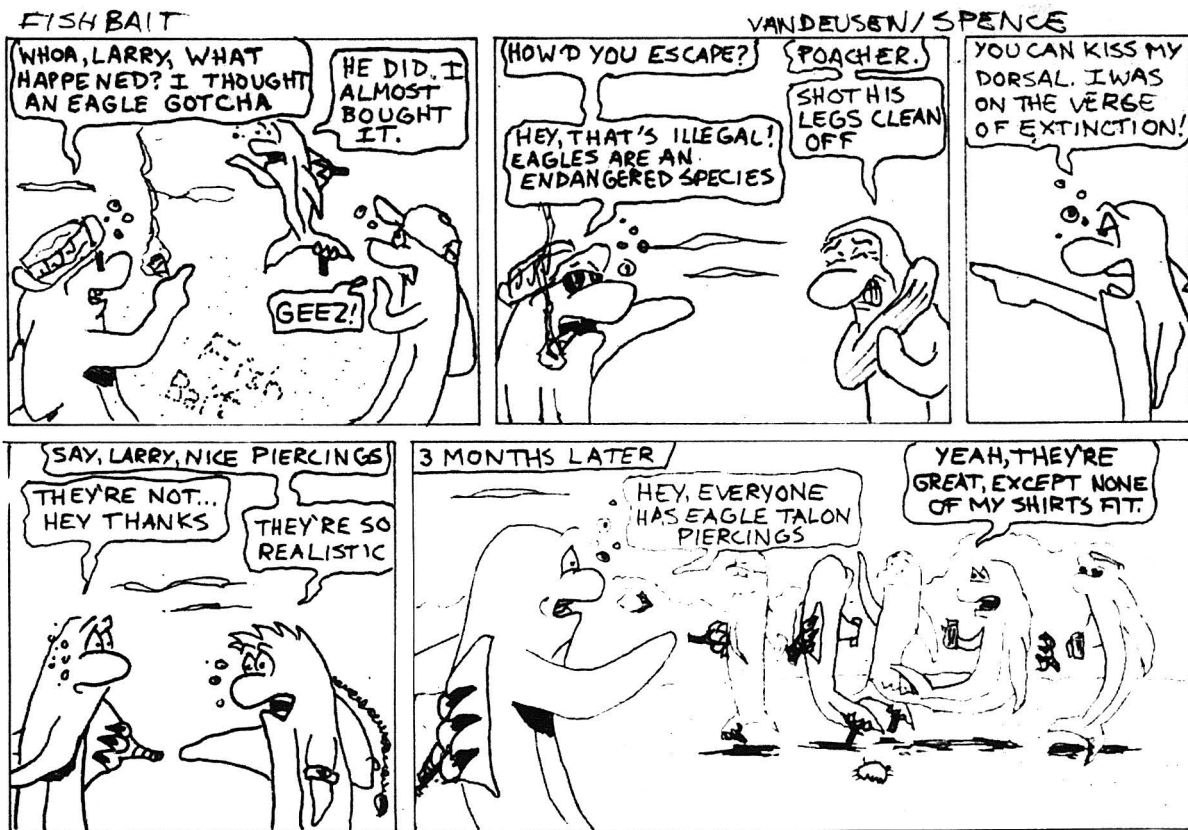


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Hope everyone had a good fall break! From: DV, Wilma, Carry Dez, Daddy Nuts, Crayfish, Peanut, Moon Man, Jackie Chan, Cisco Kid, IScream, Knockers, Gesum, Tent lovin' buff in the woods. Don't walk through campfires. Did your lake have a dinosaur? Climb a mountain, forge a stream, Go Mystic-Ryan Smith

Scarecrow- Do I know you? Only friends call me pumpkinhead-pumpkinhead

Sending a shout out to the cafe groupies... Watch out for those happy bowls. Much love Pi Lams... Pledges hang in there. Steve, be careful in those trees. Your Bambi is out there somewhere. Kris and Lindsay luv ya bunches. To my main man Tim- We need a hershey bar! Barb

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Attention all a\$\$es! Tired of being put down? Stand up for your rights. Being a minority doesn't have to mean being deprived. Call Deussen at 594-7196 to discuss forming the CNU a\$\$es club. Free girlie pics at first meeting.

Student Art Show?? Yes, it still can happen!! Contact Rebecca Duncan at rduncan@cnu.edu if you have artistic talent, organizational skill, or simply a desire for a quality student production!!

My Tyger- You're my daddy! You're my daddy! You're my daddy!! You're my daddy... Your Big, Beautiful, Black Cat

Deussen- You are the bomb baby, DA BOMB!!! Deussen

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Who wins in a fight: young Sean Connery or old Sean Connery? Send your votes to: clog@cnu.edu Winner to be announced Halloween!

Tim: WHY?- Wes

Lennier, Very soon you will see what I meant. Don't ignore the dead. Mr. Morden

Treva- When's the first meeting? Can I come too? Wes

Paul Simon Rocks. HE ROCKS!- Mr. Disco

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