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dicated leader graduates

Staff Writer

"To be a politician, you have to have a tough hide and short memory," is one her favorite quotes and one she learned from president Paul Trible. After living through and learning from the ups and downs of being a public servant, one graduating senior is leaving her mark on CNU. In less than two weeks, Pomp and CF cumstance will play, she will wear the long awaited can and wear the long awaited can gown, and Brooke McKerwill graduate a leader.

McKee is counting the days until she walks across the stage and receives her degree in his-tory. As CNU's outgoing student government president, AcKee has spent the last couple of weeks paving the way for her successor. It has been a bumpy road as this spring's elections turned controversial. The week before her senior final exams, McKee co muted to and from her home Chesapeake to meet and supervise special SGA executive board meetings through difficult decisions. As the board made the decision to reopen candidate applications after forgery charges disqualified a candidate. McKee received criticism form three SGA

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Being president is difficult. estrating and it is very good ence. McKee said.

Being a Fresley fan, McKee remembered another one of her favorite quotes, "Elvis once said. on can't criticize a man until ou've walked a mile in his shoe

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You have to hope that you ve learned and that you have taught those coming after you," McKee said. "I hope that I have passed along the torch I've carried and that others are prepared to keep running with it.'

Editor's Note

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Sigma Pi speaks

Melanie L. Stokes

By Melanie L. Stokes

Sigma Pi keeps turning out campus leaders. Leadership and dedication to their school are qualities each of the fraternity's brothers work to achieve.

It makes perfect since to the fraternity's members that a Sigma Pi would hold leadership positions in the student government year after year. So when some SGA members called the brothers "ballot box stuffers," the men were outraged.

"We just put up good leaders and good candidates for elections," freshman Chris Eichelperger said. "We get a lot of support from other Greeks."

"If we were stuffing ballot boxes then we would have all Sigma Pi SGA officers every year and a Sigma Pi homecoming king every year," little sister Kimberly Hall said. "I've been involved with Sigma Pi for four years and I have never even heard a rumor that any such thing was going on," Hall said.

'Contrary to popular belief we are dedicated to scholarship and support moral values," Dave Edwards said.

No formal accusations have ever been brought against the fraternity for tampering with elections.

Melanie Stokes hired as Editor in Chief for '96-97



STOKES HARD AT WORK ON A STORY

Photo by Robert Harris

By Eric Pesola Staff Writer

Melanie Stokes, who had been a contributing writer for The Captain's Log since 1993, has been named Editor in Chief by the Campus Media Board.

Stokes, an English Major with a concentration in journalism, as serviced on the Captain's Log staff as Arts and Entertainment editor, News, editor, and acting co-editor in chief. She is a graduate of Tabb High School where she worked on Paw Prints, the student newspaper.

Stokes is thankful for the valuable experience she has gained in the professional news media. She was awarded the Virginia Association of Broadcaster's academic scholarship. Stokes has also been a recipient of a work grant from VAB that allowed her

to work for nearly a year at WTKR News Channel 3.

Stokes is currently interning at the Daily Press, working with the Sports Department and the Breaking News Department.

"CNU students are wonderful subjects for a writer," Stokes said. "With the school's rich diversity and continuing growth it is a very exciting place to be."

"Melanie has been an example for to the entire staff, and has consistently shown that teamwork is a crucial element to any successful endeavor," Feature editor Jessica Shumake said.

"Working with Melanie this year I've seen that she is a natural at newspaper work. She's a terrific Copy Editor Liz writer." MacGahan said.

News Briefs

Music Scholarship

Christopher Newport University is pleased to announce the establishment of the David S. Reynolds Music Scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of David S. Reynolds who died on December 11, 1995. He would have been 36 on April 4.

The scholarship initiated by David's father, Claude D. Reynolds and his sister, Claudette Reynolds Keeter, formerly of NewportNews, is in celebration of David's life and career as a singer, dancer and actor. The Reynolds say they hope to support the aspirations of performing arts students.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to Christopher Newport University music majors beginning in Fall 1996. Awards will be based on student audition, academic

performance and financial need. The scholarship may be renewed up to a maximum of three years if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA, remains active in music performances and continues in the major field of music.

David, a graduate of Menchville High School, studied theatre and dance with the Tidewater Ballet Company in Norfolk.

David was a member of the Actor's Equity Association and performed professionally for more than 15 years in musical and dinner theatre productions along the East Coast. His theatre credits included roles in A Chorus Line, Evita, GiGi, West Side Storv, The King and I, On Your Toes, Camelot and Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris.

In addition, David was the featured male singer and dancer for the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort & Towers in Miami Beach, Florida from 1993-94. He also danced as a demi-soloist in 1982-84 with the National Ballet of Venezuela, toured internationally in industrial musicals for Pepsi, Perkin Elmer, Met Life, and Cooper Industries. David was a featured singer and dancer in the Miss Virginia and Miss North Carolina beauty pageants as well.

For further information on the Reynolds Scholarship call Drumont Bowman, Director of Admissions, at 594-7015 or 1 -800-333-4CNU.

Law School News

The 1996 Law School Forums, a free law school recruitment program sponsored by the Law School Admission Council and participating law schools, is coming to Washington, DC for the first time this summer. On Saturday, July 13, more than 100 law schools from across the country will be represented at the Washington, DC forum at the Stouffer Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

Every year, thousands of prospective law students take advantage of this free program as an opportunity to do some one-stop shopping for the right law school. At the forum, students are encouraged to talk with law school representatives about what their law schools have to offer. They can ask about specific admission criteria and get firsthand advice. Students can pick up admission materials, including catalogs and application forms.

Students are encouraged to attend information sessions including live panels of experts on the admission process, financing a law school education, and issues of importance to minority applicants. Videos covering everything from what applicants need to know to start applying to law school to what they can do with a law degree will be shown throughout the forum day. Law School Admission Council publications, including LSAT preparation materials, will be available for purchase.

The Law School Forums are held every fall in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Boston, New York and LA. For more information on the forums, visit http:// www.lsac.org on the World Wide Web.

Senator Warner to give Commencement Speech

U.S. Senator John W. Warner will deliver the commencement address at Christopher Newport University on Saturday, May 11, 1996 at 10 a.m. on the Great Lawn of the campus. CNU President Paul Trible stated, "John Warner is a great speaker and will motivate and inspire our graduates as they move to the next phase of their lives. His devotion to public service and to the American people will undoubtedly shine through in his remarks and leave an unforgettable impression on everyone who attends graduation."

Senator Warner is currently the second most senior Republican member of the ArmedServices Committee, and is Chairman of the Air and Land Subcommittee. He was Vice Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Comminee in 1993-94. In addition, Warner serves in the second ranking position on the Environment and Public Works Committee, where he is chairman of Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Agriculture Committee, the Small Business Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Warner served as Undersecretary of the Navy from 1969 to 1972, and as Secretary of the Navy from 1972-1974. He earned a B.S. degree in engineering from Washington and Lee University and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

CNU will confer degrees upon 635 graduates in the class of 1996. For additional information, please contact Kathy Edwards at (804)594-7267.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor.

I want to take this opportunity to clear the record concerning last week's Captain's Log article. While I had no responsibility in the writing of that article, my name was mentioned several times. I think the way I was portrayed was exaggerated. In no way did I go into my service in SGA as Brooke McKee's "rival for power." I want to acknowledge that Brooke was responsible for every position I gained in SGA. The problems occurred when I felt the Student Government misused its power to carry out a grudge. I simp-ly could not support a decision I felt was unethical. Once I openly fought against the Student Government, I was immediately ostracized by some of its members. This conflic t ultimately led to my resignation.

I am concerned about one particular allegation that was made. The charge that Sigma Pi stuffed the ballot box is unfounded. While I cannot attest to the fact or fiction of the allegation personally, I feel that students should not jump to conclusions based on rumor and speculation alone.

I also want to explain why I have chosen not to run for SGA Presi-

dent. As you might have read last week, there was controversy surrounding my first application for President. I was so busy trying to uncover the truth that I was unable to turn in the new application in such a short amount of time. In addition, I had to prepare for exams. I simply am not willing to sacrifice my grades for a student organization. I would like to apologize to all the students who supported me in my run for President. I hope you can understand my desidine.

In closing, I would like to wish Dave Edwards godspeed as he assumes the office of President next year. I would also like to encourage everyone reading this article to become more involved in Student Government. For whatever reason, SGA participation was extremely low this past year. Your involvement can make Student Government a more effective representative of the student body.

Courtney Joyner

Dear Editor,

As an SGA Senator, I see no constructive reason in placing blame on people with respect to the "meltdown" of the SGA. As I see it, the blame lies in the structural organization of the SGA. The current structure is what allowed individuals to unintentionally let it come crumbling down. A proper structure with checks and balances and a reasonable degree of separation of powers would prevent most of the problems that are plaguing the SGA.

It was my perception that SGA President Brooke McKee and Vice President Christie Lee did not properly delegate duties and authority to those who were ready and willing to accept and carry out those duties. I have no way of judging whether their malfeasance was intentional or if they just didn't have the skills and abilities to effectively delegate. I and others felt that we were being mislead, "strung along", or otherwise left out of the loop on many occasions.

This academic year is over and there is no sense in getting stressed out over something that is basically insignificant in the lives of most students at CNU. This lack of legitimacy and significance, which I find to be unfortunate, is what we need to work on in the future. We need to build a Student Government that can withstand the egos and personalities of its members. There shouldn't be a mechanism that allows a

small group of people to usurp all the power. It should allow for the entire membership to build on each others' strengths and abilities. The leaders must effectively delegate deries and the authority to carry out those duties, even if they personally don't like each other. It is the purpose of any government to serve it's constituency regardless of egos and personalities. I admit that things don't go exactly how we would like them, but a better structure and process is clearly needed here and now.

I intend to submit a written proposal to the new SGA Executive Board, the Dean of Students and President Trible. In the proposal, I will state specific problems and my suggested solutions. In addition? I will propose a committee or commission be formed to restructure the SGA organization and rewrite the SGA Constitution.

I am optimistic about the future of the SGA. I look forward to serving with the new leaders and would hope that they are willing to honestly reform the Student Government Association in to a bigger, better organization.

Jeremy Kulm

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Corrections: Troubled senator speaks against administration" had the follow errors in issue 23: Vice president of Student Services name was incorrectly spelled. The correct spelling is Christy Lee. The article said that Brooke McKee won her presidential office by a narrow margin. She actually won by the largest margin in known SGA history. The article also said that Dave Edwards was forced out of SGA last year. Edwards actually resigned from his position because of academic and work demands.

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Editor fired over attempt at humor

By Colleen De Baise College Press Service

The annual April Fools' Day edition of Mesa State College's student newspaper is written as a spoof to make readers laugh.

But when the college's president saw this year's special edition of The Criterion, he wasn t amused.

As it has been other years, The Criterion was renamed "The Anti-Crite" and boasted that it served the community of "Menstrual State College." The paper was filled with sexual references, comments about bodily functions and slams against the faculty that some said went too far.

"Some people said it was tasteless," said Lori Rattan, a senior features. editor. "In my opinion, it was funnier than usual."

President Raymond Kieft immediately sent a letter to student editor Mark Borgard, a Mesa State senior, saying that he would "not be party to defending smut" and would "not allow the embarrassment . . . to go unnoticed."

Shortly after, Borgard was fired from his editor's post, sparking a campus protest. It also began a battle between the university and The Criterion's student staff over First Amendment rights.

Sherry Pe'a, vice president for student services, said t-e decision to fire Borgard had more to do with his mismanagement of student fees, which fund the paper, than the April Fools' edition.

"I hate to be vague," Pe'a told reporters at the time, "but I can't disclose what actually happened. We recognize fully the students' First Amendment rights and freedom of speech."

But as it would turn out, the legal staff of the college's trustees office also would cite First Amendment rights when it "strongly" advised Kieft a week later to reinstate the editor.

In a statement, Kieft said he

would follow "that legal advice" and allow Borgard to resume his position, pending a performance evaluation by the students and faculty who serve on the college's media board.

As is the tradition, the president of the college's media board is the editor. Borgard has handily postponed his evaluation until April 25, the day the last paper is published.

In a Criterion article, he said: "I believe my year as Criterion editor has been a success and Kieft's attempt to slander my ability as editor is unprofessional and unbecoming of a state college president."

Rattan, the features editor, said Borgard had in no way mishandled the student fees. "It's complete nonsense," she said. "This is the best paper we've ever had."

In fact, after the four-page Anti-Crite was published, the real newspaper—which normally runs 12 pages—came out with a 1 6-page issue. "We had so many advertisers," Rattan said.

Shortly before the April Fools' incident, The Criterion finished second in the Rocky Mountain Collegian Media Association among 17 schools in the region. Editors and staffers won 15 awards.

Although things have "quieted down," there still are some rumblings over the Anti-Crite, Rattan said.

Apparently, Pe'a has threatened to sue Borgard over an Anti-Crite ad that mentioned "Split Pe'a" soup, which she claimed was sexually offensive, Rattan

"That was probably the only thing in the paper that didn't have a sexual connotation," Rattan said.

Pe'a could not be reached for comment.

Does College Really Pay?

By Colleen DeBiase College Press Service

First as a waitress, then as the manager of an appliance repair store. Kristen Ross took some time off from college so she could earn some extra cash

"In both cases. I learned very quickly that there is no money without education," she said.

At the repair store, she made roughly \$14,400 a year. "After a few months on that salary, I couldn't wait to get back to school and finish my mechanical engineering bachelor's degree," recalls Ross, now a graduate engineering student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. "They make about \$30,000 a year shortly after £raduation."

What Ross has observed about the economic rewards of a professional degree is affirmed in a recent U.S. Census Report on the value of higher education.

While a high school drop-out could expect to make only \$508 a month, a person with a bachelor's degree averaged almost five times that amount, or \$2,269 in 1993, the study reveals. A person with an advanced degree can expect to make even more, about \$3,331 a month, the study found.

For those in pursuit of a degree, there's more good news. Compared to a similar Census Bureau report conducted in 1984, the 1993 average earnings of high school graduates have gone up 22 percent, while the salary gains of college grads were almost double that, or 47 percent.

The reports seems to confirm what teachers, parents and high school guidance counselors have always said: it pays to get a degree.

"If it weren't for my amazing undergraduate experience," said Jacqueline L. Gordon, a graduate sociology student at Princeton University and the first in her working-class Kansas family to finish college, "I would probably be back in Hays [Kan.] working at Walmart trying to support three kids."

Still, many young Americans

investing in what is increasingly a costly college degree are dubious about its value in an economy that often seems overshadowed by downsizing and cutbacks.

"I have mixed feelings about the value of education," said Melanie Smith, a graduate psychology student at Arizona State University. "I know if I can get a job I will make a lot more money than someone with less education, but lately it seems the key word is 'if.""

Although she still thinks education is valuable, "we will have to be more flexible in the future as to what kinds of jobs we will take," she added.

Flexibility is only part of the 1990s job search, said Kevin Boyer, executive director of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students.

While the statistics are encouraging, students should not be fooled by them, Boyer added. It's up to each student to make his or her degree valuable, he said.

In the last few years, "there has been a real significant change in psychology in the way people view their job prospects," he said, adding that he has witnessed "real anxiety that seems to cross every degree boundary."

Boyer, who works mostly with students who are earning advance degrees, said he hears "horror stories of people who go to interviews, and there are 15 positions opening up in the whole country for their academic discipline, and 150 people show up for the inter-

What all this means, he added, is that students can assume that simply getting a degree will assure them the job they want. "The answer to all this is for each student to do their research," he said. "Begin the job search well in advance."

Not only should students become more-Réxible about what jobs they'll accept, but they should develop what Boyer calls an "ends-result" mentality. "The purpose of this process you're going though is to get a job," he

said. Even freshman in college should "prepare as if you're looking for the job immediately."

Because of the often fierce job market, students should constantly check help-wanted ads in newspapers and job listings on the Internet to determine what the market is like for their chosen field. If there aren't many employment opportunities, then students "need to switch [their focus] in a rather short period of time," he said.

Aside from an economy in which many corporations are "downsizing," the increased competition for jobs also may stem from the fact that more people are getting college degrees. By 1993, more than one out of four adults. or 27 percent, had obtained a degree of some type beyond high school. a substantial increase over the 21 percent reported in 1984, according to the study.

Although women were less likely than men to have an advanced degree, 28 percent of men and 26 percent of women held degrees beyond high school—only a slight gap, the study revealed.

In 1984. ~3 percent of men and only 19 percent of women held degrees.

Pam Neil. a 38-year-old student at the University of Minnesota's Crookston campus, said she went back to school after a lay-off to study information networking management.

"I live in a rural area where jobs are not plentiful," she said. "I found myself unemployed and not able to compete for an adequate job because I did not have a degree."

Most students realize a degree will improve their marketability, but in the face of a pile of student loan debt and a tough economy, sometimes they "hit low points and say 'Gee, I wonder what I'm doing," said Rebecca Hoffman, a doctoral student in higher education at the University of Miami.

Hoffman has spent three years working at UM's Career Planning and Placement office, where she counsels students on resume-building, interviewing skills and professional development.

While most students realize "there's no substitute" for education, some are frustrated in the way the job market has changed. For instance, "a student getting a Ph.D in English who [eventually wants] a faculty position needs to consider other possibilities" such as working in corporate sector until that particular job market improves, she said. "Then go back and teach."

The study found a significant link between the degree's discipline area and its economic reward. As might be expected, degrees in the disciplines of law and medicine/dentistry had the highest average monthly earnings of \$4,353 and \$5,049, respectively.

For those completing bachelor's degree, monthly earnings ranged from \$3,189 in engineering to only about \$1,699 for education majors. Those with majors in the liberal art/humanities could not expect much more than education majors, or \$1,733.

Hoffman said the students she counsels generally do not pick a field with just the economic opportunity in mind. "The training is so rigorous," she said.

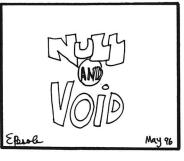
And economic rewards are seemingly not the motivating factor for those pursing fields on the low-end of the salary spectrum.

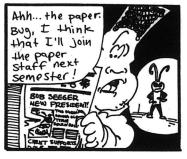
"People do not go into the humanities for job security," said Derek Larson, who is working on his third graduate degree, a Ph.D. in history, at Indiana University. "We do it because we are driven by intellectual factors and often a desire to make a difference in the world by teaching others."

Kerri Duchon, a master's student in fisheries at North Carolina State University, said she is pursuing her Ph.D. in the same subject, not for money but for enjoyment.

A post-doctoral position would probably start at \$25,000, she said.

But she added: "Do statistics really matter if you can't stand what you're doing?"



















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