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Cuts Become Non-Personal

From No Longer Accepting Credit Cards To Limiting The Library Acquisitions, CNU Feels The Crunch

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

The English professor can't seem to begin his class on time.

The students in the class wait patiently as the professor paces up and down the length of the chalkboard, his fingers feeling along the dusty chalk trays.

It appears there are no fragments of chalk long enough to write with.

From the back of the classroom, Emily Anderson sighs, then dryly speaks the two words on all the students' minds: "Budget cuts."

Although the University will not see the departure of its eliminated programs until next fall, the student body is already feeling the effects of many non-personal cuts, which put the squeeze on the purchase of goods like paper, pencils, chalk, computers, maps and equipment, among other things.

One of the facilities most noticeably hit by the recent cuts is the Computer Center, where students are outraged by the lack of paper provided for printing.

Said one student, junior Mary Evans, "I



Top: Senior Julius Smith a psychology major, is researching information in the library. Above: A group of CNU students is waiting in line at the library to check out their books. The non-personal cuts will affect the number of books and academic resources that Captain John Smith library will be able to purchase.

don't understand why you can't supply us with paper. We pay a lot of money to come here. How much does paper cost? Five dollars a pack?"

According to Com-

puter Center Director John Savage, however, the cost of paper is quickly beginning to exceed the slim budget now allotted for the facility.

"You're talking

many thousands of dollars a year that just go into paper," he said. "There was one week we were going through over a thousand reams of paper. It takes a lot of money to support the

computer lab for people to just walk in and print on a whim."

The two labs in the Computer Center have seen an unusually large

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A Dramatic First Semester For Freshman Class

Freshman Class Elections Cancelled For The Time Being

BY ASHLEY HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

When this year's freshman class came to CNU, they entered with excitement and confidence. After half a semester, many of those students are losing their excitement and finding a lack of confidence in their fellow peers.

They were confident that they had chosen a school that would satisfy them on an academic level, as well as on an extracurricular level. Whether it is the elimination of departments or the election drama, many students are questioning their tenure here.

Shannon Hunt, first-year student, is undecided about her major, but is considering leaving next year, partially because of the choice to cut the education program, an area she was considering studying. There is also the fear that future cuts will directly affect her.

"My choice to probably leave was because of the lack of choices in majors. If I said that I wanted to be this or that, it might not be here," Hunt said.

Another predicament that has many students in frenzy is the cancellation of the freshman class elections.

The decision was

made after countless electoral posters were ripped down and not reported, but that was just the tip of the iceberg.

The fact, thus far, that members of the class of 2006 have had more honor code violations than any other class in the history of CNU caused some people to lose trust in the freshman class.

After the motion that failed to forbid the first-year students to have the ability to be represented as the "freshmen class" or "the class of 2006" was made at an SGA meeting, students felt like they were being penalized and represented poorly for no good reason.

Twenty-seven senators voted for the motion; there were 18 abstentions, and the majority voted against it. Freshman class elections were also recently put back on. Despite the overall decisions, the mere debate over whether the class was worthy of being represented in any way just added coal to the fire.

Hunt said, "I feel like I shouldn't be paying money to attend CNU because some of the fund-raisers, like ice skating and homecoming, aren't even going to provide us with any of the money earned."

Hunt makes a point that might hit home with many first-year students. Both the eligibility requirements and tuition costs are being raised every year, causing students to feel like they quite possibly worked harder and paid more to attend CNU than the members of any

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SGA Sponsors Mini Bond Rally

Free Pizza Attracted Students, SGA Encourages Them To Vote

BY STEPHANIE HEINATZ
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The empty pizza boxes, from the 40 free pizzas that were given away, stacked up underneath the tables.

A red, white and blue balloon arch stretched across the entrance

to the Student Center.

Music blasted from the stage set up on the Great Lawn, courtesy of Ora.

What better way to attract as many students as possible to one spot?

This was not a party, nor was it a casual gathering of friends. Rather, it was a political rally organized by the Political Involvement Committee of the SGA.

The goal was to remind as many people as possible that Tuesday was election day and that there was a general obligation bond on the ballot that would benefit higher education to the tune of \$900 million.

SGA senators passed out pamphlets, printed by University Ad-

vancement, that answered the frequently asked questions about the bond.

Several weeks ago, the committee set up tables all over campus to get as many students registered to vote as possible.

President Anna Williams set a goal of getting 1000 registrations, but the end count was 250. 250 is better than none, said Williams.

After soliciting registrations, the next step was to advertise about what was going to be on the ballot. Thus, the rally.

The committee waited to host the rally until the day before the elections so that people would have the information fresh in their minds.



Jo Rodgers, Katie Maurer, Heidi Taylor and Allison Kerestes talk to Hailey Estes about Tuesday's election. SGA hosted a small rally featuring the band Ora, free pizza and free information about the higher education bond referendum.

The Right Stuff



The Blood, Guts And Glory Of A CNU Athlete

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It's All For Show



The Quirky, The Cool And The Showstopping. CAB's Talent Show Remains A Campus 'Must-See.'

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Campus In Brief

'When I Look At You I See Myself'

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be hosting a domestic violence and self esteem program on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium.

The event is titled, "When I look at you I see myself."

Starving Artists Sale

At Fall Fest, the Fine Arts Society is hosting an art sale outside of the Student Center.

All art will be priced at \$30 and under and there will be paintings, jewelry and notecards.

Eighty percent of the proceeds will benefit the artist and the remainder will go to the Fine Arts Society.

Who's Da Man

The Multicultural Student Association will be hosting their Annual GQ Pageant on Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in Gaines Theatre.

MSA is looking for clubs to seek refreshments at the event. If you are interested, contact Melissa Suggs at speed_day@yahoo.com.

According to KT Peterlin, they have already begun practicing and they, the men that is, are doing a pretty great job.

Homecoming Party

Phi Lambda Phi is having a Homecoming Party on Nov. 9 at 10 p.m. at the American Legion off of Denbigh Blvd.

There will be dancing, a band, and a DJ.

Homecoming Court

Don't forget to vote for Homecoming King and Queen on Friday in the Student Center Breezeway from 12 to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. at Fall Fest.

SGA Meetings

For all those who are currently or want to be SGA senators, the meetings will be moved to a new time next semester.

They will now be at 5:30 p.m. every Monday in the Alumni Room in the Student Center.

New RHA President

The Residence Hall Association has elected a new president, Christine Warner, and is encouraging all residents to utilize them.

Warner wants students to bring the association, and the individual hall councils, their complaints, compliments and ideas for improvement.

She encourages SGA senators to tell fellow students that is what RHA is there for.

The Face Of An Eliminated Department

Education Department May Have Lasting Effect On Community As There Is A Statewide Teacher Shortage

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

Remember that teacher who was your inspiration in high school?

No more of those inspirational teachers will come from CNU as the Department of Education has been eliminated due to budget cuts.

About 150 students are enrolled in some sort of education course this semester.

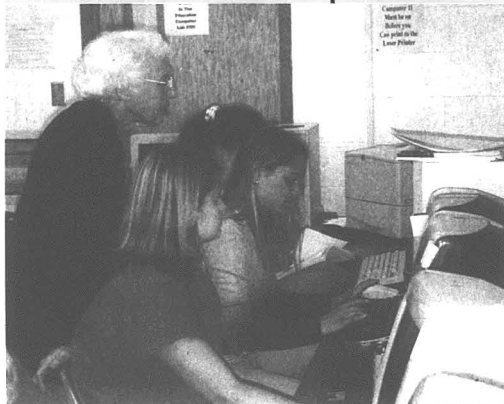
The program graduated 60 students last year.

According to Dr. Adriane E. Dorrington, Chair of the department, the program supplies Newport News Public Schools with 20 percent of their teachers.

NNPS usually has 150 education students in their classrooms observing and assisting teachers.

"Given the severe teacher shortage, our students serve as a blessing in disguise to many understaffed school systems," said Dorrington.

In order to pursue the education requirements, stu-



Dr. Lora R. Friedman teaches an education class to students Lindsey Lozan and Amy Stout.

dents must first have a major.

The English, History and Psychology Departments will be affected as a large number of education students were completing their bachelor degrees in these departments.

The department offers a five-year Bachelor of Arts and Masters of the Arts in Teaching program.

It consists of a BA in the content field and a MAT for students majoring in English, Biology, History or Mathematics.

These programs also include a license to teach elementary, middle or secondary school.

In addition to licensure and certification, the department also offers add-on teaching endorsements for algebra I, applied physics, computer science, driver edu-

cation, gifted education, journalism, speech communication and theater arts.

For students with earned liberal arts and science degrees, and experience in the field, the program offers the Accelerated Licensure Program.

The elimination of the program will take its toll on CNU students and the surrounding community.

Kim Griffin, a first-year student majoring in musical theater with an education minor said, "I think it's kind of ridiculous that they cut education because there is already a lack of teachers, and it's going to be hard to educate younger generations if there are no teachers to educate them."

Virginia will need 20,000 teachers over the next 10

years and the United States will need two million teachers, according to Dorrington.

This year education was the second most selected career by the freshman class (approximately 120 students). The education program is well known in the Hampton Roads area as well as across the state.

It was renamed the Mary V. Bicouvaris Teacher Education Program in May 2002 after Bicouvaris, selected as the United States Teacher of the Year in 1989, passed away in May 2001.

President Paul Tribble said that CNU has "a very excellent program and turn[s] out outstanding teachers."

"I am saddened that our university has chosen to remove one of its jewels from its crown," said Dorrington.

What Can We Do To Help? Biology Department Trying To Help Library

cling program.

For example, the library has been forced to reduce their acquisitions by \$100 thousand and will have to cut further in the years to come.

"The CNU library has taken cuts that supply most of our equipment and supplies," said Catherine Doyle, librarian. "Students that use the library regularly will have to get used to the new changes that lie ahead."

For junior Catherine Hicks, a student who claims to use the library two to five times a week, the library is an essential resource provider.

Hicks said she would be eager to help the library in its financial crunch just given the chance.

The Biology Department wants to give the campus the chance by organizing a campus wide aluminum can recycling program.

The cans will go to recycling centers that give money

for aluminum.

Dr. Harold Grau is organizing it to help the library keep most, if not all of its funding, although the plans are not final yet.

"The library has been forced to reduce their acquisitions by \$100 thousand."

"I hope that I can help generate funds for the library in light that they are taking hits from the budget cuts," he said. "Because of its universal appeal, it should not be too hard to get students involved in the recycling fund."

"Recycling is something

that has already been done. It provides a ready source of money," said Dr. Grau. "It is the right thing to do for the environment. Anything to encourage recycling we should be doing."

Not to mention, the money will go to buy books and support the library.

To get the student population involved, Grau plans to talk to vendors to get donations for the project.

According to Grau, he is hoping they will donate the recycling containers.

He hopes to have the containers available by the vending machines so those places attract the attention of students buying drinks in between classes.

While there are no immediate plans for advertisement, Grau hopes to have flyers and posters up soon.

Grau also plans to set up containers in the residence halls.

World In Brief

A New Turkish Government

Turkey voted its incumbents out on Sunday, choosing instead a party led by a former Islamicist. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, 46, leader of the Justice and Development Party, quickly calmed fears by emphasizing his support for a moderate, secular Turkey.

The party was elected by a sound margin, and said that it was firmly committed to joining Europe and to continuing strong relations with the United States. Erdogan is barred from taking a formal role in the government, and told American reporters that "secularism is the protector of all beliefs and religions."

Erdogan opposed joining the European Union at one time, but Sunday night he said his first priority was to begin formal talks to become a member.

After 99 percent of the ballots had been counted, the party had won 34.2 percent of the vote. Under Turkey's election law, that was enough for it to form a new government without a coalition partner. Its closest rival is the center-left Republican People's Party, who won 19.4 percent and is expected to become the sole opposition party.

Of the other 16 parties, none appeared likely to cross the 10 percent threshold needed to gain seats in Parliament.

While Justice and Development looks set to dominate Parliament, Erdogan's role remains unclear. He is not allowed to serve as prime minister, or to hold any government position, due to a 1998 conviction for reading a poem that a court had said provoked religious hatred. The ban on his holding office runs out early next year, but he could still not become prime minister because that position must be held by an elected member of Parliament.

The victory gave the party a clear majority of approximately 364 seats in the 550-seat Parliament, as well as the highest percentage for any single party in Turkey in at least 20 years. In Turkey, voting is mandatory, and turnout is usually at least 80 percent.

Volcano Erupts

The Reventador volcano began erupting at 7 a.m. EDT in Alaska on Sunday, covering the nearby capital city with thick ash that has sparked health warnings and closed the airport indefinitely. There are no known fatalities, but officials warned the city's 1.4 million inhabitants to stay indoors due to the danger of inhaling ash and cautioned that other eruptions could come soon.

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Compiled by Jenn Rowell

Residence Life Requiring Resident Students Sign Internet Agreement Form

BY DORIAN WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Do you download music and movies from the Internet? If you do, you may be breaking the law and CNU is now requiring students to

sign a contract saying that they don't break the law.

Recently resident students had to sign an Internet Agreement Form and if they don't, their Internet connection will be terminated.

According to Jerry Roeder, Director of Resident Life, this was the most recent of many reminders and warnings from the computer center, judicial affairs and residence life encouraging students not to violate copyright laws by downloading information off of the Internet.

The signed letter is an agreement that students are aware of the warning and their responsibility not to violate CNU policy or the law.

Roeder said that the letter was sent to every resident with access to CNU computing resources through their residence halls.

The letters had to be turned in by Oct. 31. Students who fail to turn in a signed contract will have their connection turned off.

To get it hooked back up again, Roeder said students will have to deal directly with the computer center.

Roeder explained that the need to have the new rule was brought by the fact that music and movie companies are contacting CNU because students are violating copyright infringement laws.

It wasn't long before the Internet Agreement that the policy was made that all students in every residence hall have to show their students

ID's when they enter the building.

Roeder explained that there was always the expectation that residents didn't have to sign in and everyone else did.

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Native Americans Saluted In November

Native American Culture Rich In Storytelling, Music, Art, Dance And Diversity

BY ADAM NAIDU AND
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Pocahontas and Sacajawea may be two of the most famous Native Americans in American history. But the woman who saved John Smith's life and the guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition do not even scratch the surface of the importance of Native Americans and what they have contributed to our culture and history.

In recognition of Native Americans, November has been dubbed Native American Heritage Month.

Although many people may know general facts about North American history before British colonization, not as many people know about the cultures that existed before European settlement.

In order to recognize the many cultures indigenous to the North American continent, the United States recognizes November as Native

American Heritage Month. During November, special attention is directed toward knowing more about Native American history, culture and practices.

For many years, Native American tribes pleaded with the American government to reserve one day to recognize the pivotal roles Native Americans have played throughout United States history.

After many years of debate and protest, the U.S. government responded by moving to reserve up to one entire month for Native American History.

Since 1976, the presidents of the United States, along with Congress-sponsored resolutions have recognized different days or weeks during the month of November to encourage a celebration of Native American life.

Over the past few years, the entire month of November has been designated for celebrating this part of American heritage.

Across the nation, many communities celebrate Native American History by organizing festivals and programs that seek to enhance cultural awareness among the American public.

There is a great amount of diversity in the Native American tribes across the continent, thus these programs can vary greatly from region to region.

Since this is the case, the activities or issues are centered on the distinct cultures of the Native American tribes local to the area.

Storytelling, music, art, dance, lectures, speeches and tours of reservations are not uncommon to Native American heritage programs.

Colleges and universities

are especially active in organizing community activities for Native American Heritage Month.

In states that have relatively high Native American populations (like Alaska, New Mexico and Oklahoma), celebrations can be very large and elaborate affairs, especially in areas near reservations.

Here at CNU, the Multicultural Student Association, along with other faculty members and community organizations has taken an active role in raising awareness in terms of Native American Heritage Month.

This November, MSA will be inviting students to attend a powwow on the ninth and tenth, as well as a speech on the eighteenth.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of The Captain's Log.

To the right, a Native American of Wisconsin, of the Ojibwa Tribe, is depicted.



Illustration by Jeremiah Santiago The Captain's Log

CNU Webmail Becomes Debate Central After Budget Cuts

University E-Mail System Was Full Of Students, Faculty And Staff Voicing Their Concerns About The State Mandated Budget Reductions And How CNU Responded To Them

BY EMILY USEEM
Staff Writer

Since the October budget cuts, the e-mail service has also taken on a new role: a conduit for student debates.

With allegations that the school's administration is "turning their backs" on stu-

dents, Webmail has been hit with a flurry of controversy and strong arguments.

"In one night, CNU managed to change the lives of hundreds of students and faculty by closing these programs without warning," wrote one student.

The e-mails began circulating immediately after President Brite's announcement on Oct. 16.

Challenges to the administration, the state government, and other students ensued, as people from the eliminated programs grappled with their future plans.

One student defended the administration's decision to cut the academic programs.

"It makes sense to cut the largest programs, the ones offered by every other school in the state. That allowed us to preserve the most programs offered," he said.

This statement sparked many responses.

"It seems stupid to me that these people are sending e-mails to the people that already know what the problem is. They should be writing to someone who can do something about it," sophomore Lauren Mead said.

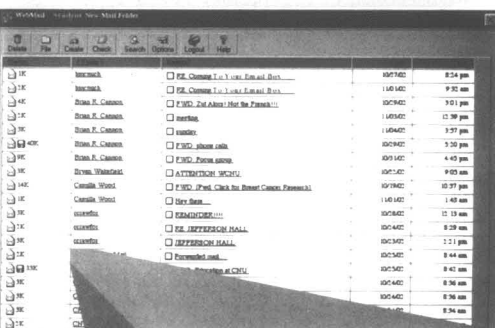
Of the programs that were cut, the Education Department got the most vocal responses from students and faculty. The SVEA chapter at CNU sent out multiple e-mails, calling for student action and admonishing administrators and lawmakers alike for their "lack of vision."

"We are not abandoning CNU. We came to this school for a reason. They just happen to be abandoning us!" wrote one education student.

Statements such as these prompted an e-mail from Provost Richard Summerville, detailing the finality of the cuts made at CNU.

"The action taken by the Board of Visitors on this matter is final, and CNU will not incorporate into its undergraduate curriculum in the future any program that will lead simultaneously to a baccalaureate degree and teacher certification. CNU will, however, continue to welcome into its student body prospective teachers," he wrote.

The Career and Counseling Office is offering special walk-in hours and seminars to help students in the Nurs-



ing, Education, and Recreation, Sport, and Wellness Management departments over the next week.

Any students with questions about the effects of the cuts on their futures at CNU should contact them.

- ☐ Forwarded mail...
- ☐ FWD: Education at CNU
- ☐ FWD: Apology
- ☐ RE: FWD: RESPONSE TO Confused No More
- ☐ FWD: Nursing
- ☐ FWD: Head count of students affected by cuts
- ☐ FWD: RESPONSE TO Confused No More

Baptist Student Union Pursues Spiritual Renewal And Growth

Retreat Brought Statewide BSUs Together

BY ASHLEY RICH
Staff Writer

As weekends approach, many students anticipate a time for relaxation or visiting family.

But for members of the Baptist Student Union, weekends are a time of spiritual growth and renewal.

BSU expanded on this idea last weekend when they traveled to Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg for the annual fall collegiate conference.

The theme of this year's fall conference was "Come to the Water."

According to the online conference information, it was designed to deepen stu-

dents' faith by describing six traditions of Christian spirituality: prayer, holiness, spirit-fulfillment, social justice, sacrament and evangelism.

BSUs from colleges and universities throughout Virginia came together for the message of James Bryan Smith, Chaplain and Assistant Professor in the Religion/Philosophy Department at Friends University.

Members from every represented BSU joined to form

a large group setting in which Smith explored the meaning of the six traditions of Christian spirituality, examined the characteristics of each, and explained how those characteristics could be practiced in an individual's life.

At the conclusion of his remarks, students broke out into 21 smaller groups to further discuss each tradition. Each small group was led by a campus minister and provided participants a chance to share their opinions of, and

experiences with, each tradition.

On Friday and Saturday nights, students had time to relax with BSU members from other schools. On Friday night, there were dances, movies, information booths and raffles. On Saturday night, everyone took part in a human scavenger hunt in which students had to search the entire Eagle Eyrie location to find members of the State BSU Council.

The final session gave

students a chance to respond to the "Come to the Water" invitation. They could become a Christian, acknowledge a decision to pursue a career in ministry, or demonstrate "Christ-like" humility by washing the hands of their friends.

Stephanie Rosado, CNU's BSU President, said, "There were many things I learned [that] weekend, but the most important thing I realized was how good God's blessings are."

Academic Departments Face Up To 25 Percent Reductions Due To State Mandated Budget Cuts

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number of students attempt to make printouts, since other labs, like the one in Ratcliffe Hall, stopped providing paper entirely.

Many students have been unable to make printouts because, as Savage says, "When it's out, it's out. The long and short of it is, regular budget money is not something we can count on. It's definitely an inconvenience."

Savage says that the cuts limit not only funds for paper, but also funds for upgrading computers.

"Does that mean we'll be holding onto older PCs a little longer? Probably so."

Another facility that is suffering heavy loss to the recent cut is the Captain John Smith Library.

University Librarian Cathy Doyle reports a loss of \$30,000 from the library's non-personal budget and an additional loss of \$100,000 a year from the library budget used to procure new academic materials.

"The major impact it's had on us is we're not buying things that students and faculty need to become educated human beings," said Doyle.

"We've had cuts in the number of books we can buy. We had cuts in the databases we subscribe to. One example is the Newsweek database. When our subscription is up, it's not going to be renewed."

Although Doyle promises that "we're still here to provide the same great service," she encourages students that "they might want to do their research earlier. It

might take them a little longer to get the same effect."

The non-personal cuts have affected not only university facilities, but also individual academic departments.

One such department, the Department of Biology, has seen its non-personal budget cut by 25 percent, according to department head Dr. Harold Cones.

Said Cones, "It's a very challenging situation right now. Our equipment budget is a big budget, but when you need \$100,000 worth of equipment, you can't do much."

Like many departments, the Biology Department will resign itself to smaller purchases in the near future.

Despite the difficulties presented by the cuts, Cones is one faculty member who is doing his best to remain positive.

"We have a great department," he says. "We'll make it no matter what."



Student-worker Beth Heath is talking on the phone in a library office. Voice mail under the non-personal budget cuts will be eliminated.

Execution Scheduled Today For A 1994 Strangulation

James Calburn To Die After 15 Suicide Attempts

BY JENN ROWEL
Staff Writer

James Calburn will be executed today for the 1994

strangulation and stabbing death of Peggy Murphy.

He admits to committing the murder, while the prosecutors admit the other significant point in the case: that Calburn is severely mentally ill.

Psychiatrists first detected Calburn's condition, which was later diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenia, at the age of 14.

When he was 17, he was raped.

Soon after, he began hearing voices and suffering from delusions.

According to his medical records, the voices often told him to kill himself or his family.

He tried to commit suicide at least 15 times.

Calburn's life hangs on the unsettled question of whether it matters that he slept through is own murder trial because he was so heavily medicated with antipsychotic drugs.

His lawyers are arguing that the trial was unconstitutional, because he was rendered incompetent to stand trial due to his condition.

So far, federal appeals courts have disagreed, and the issue now stands before the Supreme Court.

Gail McConnell, the Montgomery County assistant district attorney who is handling the appeal, agreed that Mr. Calburn had a painful psychiatric history.

She noted, however, that two psychologists had concluded that he was sane at the time of the murder and competent to stand trial.

Calburn has been treated in mental health programs, halfway houses and support

groups since childhood.

His family attempted to have him put in a psychiatric hospital.

His records show that, as an adult, he tried to check himself into public health crisis units due to suicidal thoughts or the inability to cope.

He was often discharged with a bottle of pills, and one support group voted him out because he had attempted suicide.

Calburn has served sentences for burglary, robbery, arson and a federal handgun

violation. He began to feel more secure in prison according to his family, because his medication is monitored and his freedoms are limited.

He told investigators that one of the reasons he murdered Murphy was so he could return to his cell. He has regularly been shuttled to the psychiatric ward, including a stay from June to September, while on death row.

In October, an expert declared that Calburn was competent to be put to death.

Fazio's serves up Italian Favorites Fast

HOMESTYLE PASTA

	Small	Regular
Chicken Sampler	4.99	5.19
Ultimate Sampler		
Spaghetti		
with Marinara Sauce	3.69	4.19
with Meat Sauce	3.99	4.29
with Meatballs	4.29	4.59
Fettuccine Alfredo	4.29	4.79
with Broccoli	4.59	4.99
with Peppery Chicken	4.59	
with Shrimp & Scallop	5.29	
Ravioli		
with Marinara Sauce	4.29	
with Meat Sauce	4.59	
Homestyle Lasagna	4.79	
with Broccoli	4.99	
Baked Spaghetti Parmesan	4.49	
Baked Chicken Parmesan	4.99	
Baked Ziti	4.29	
Baked Duo	4.49	
1/2 portions of Lasagna & Baked Ziti		
Double Slice		
Cheese Pizza	2.59	
Pepperoni Pizza	2.59	
Double Slice	10.99	
Pepperoni Pizza	12.99	
Four-Cheese & Tomato	3.59	
Ham & Swiss	3.99	
Chicken Caesar Club	4.79	
Chicken Pesto	4.79	
Smoked Turkey	4.29	
Italian Deli	4.29	
	Half	Whole
Original	4.99	9.99
Club	4.99	9.99
Meatball	4.99	9.99
Turkey	4.79	9.49
Ham n' Swiss	4.59	9.59
Pepperoni Pizza	4.79	9.49
Double the meat	1.29	2.59
(excluding Meatball)		

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Side Pasta Salad	.79
Pasta Salad	3.99
Italian Chef Salad	4.29
Masterpiece Chef Salad	5.99
Chicken & Pasta Caesar Salad	4.49
Minestrone Soup & Breadstick	1.69
Spaghetti, Fettuccine or Pizza	2.69
Kid's Lasagna or Baked Ziti	2.69
Spaghetti	
Marinara Sauce for 4	13.99
Meat Sauce for 4	14.99
Meatballs for 4	16.49
Fettuccine Alfredo for 4	16.99
Garden Salad for 4 choice of dressings	4.69
Dozen Breadsticks	4.29
2 Breadsticks	.99
5 Meatballs	1.29
Onion	.49
Side Sauce	.39
Alfredo, Garlic Butter, Marinara or Meat	
Soft Drink	1.19/1.59
Bottled Water	1.19
Fresh-squeezed Iced Tea	1.19/1.59
Coffee	.59
Lemon Italian Ice	1.19/1.69
Fruit Topping	.39
Choco-choco	1.19
Turtle Cheesecake	1.49
Chocolate Chunk Cookie	1.09

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of the other classes.

Ashley Lieb and Abbie Tang, both first-year students at CNU, bring their opinions of these happenings from candidates' perspectives.

Lieb, who was running for class vice-president, said, "I understand there was a lot of stuff that went on, and that there was a lot of stress on the election committee. However, everyone deserves the right to be represented, and to try to take that away from us is absolutely ridiculous.

The decision was not thought through rationally."

Lieb, when asked if she will re-enter elections, said, "I will definitely run again ... for president this time."

Having said that, a question arises: in spite of all of the drama that followed elections the first time around, why run again?

"I wanted to run because there's a lot that needs to be changed, and I have a lot of great ways to change them. Just because I stumble across a road block doesn't mean I'm going to give up," Lieb answered.

Abbie Tang, who was running for class secretary, said, "I thought that when they took the elections away, the officers had no idea what they were getting themselves into. I understand that things went wrong, but that's no reason to punish 1600 people. Representation is extremely important to a lot of people, and no one is going to pay vast amounts of money and not get represented."

So, will Tang run again? "Yeah, definitely. I've gone this far, why not finish it off ... the right way."

confidence, pride, [grit]

and plenty of time to shower before calculus.

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Opinions

Where We Stand

Budget Brings Discussion, But Sometimes Misses Big Picture

Now, three weeks after the Governor's budget revelations, the reductions at CNU have begun to hit home. As the dust has begun to settle, the faculty and staff affected by the cuts are making plans for their futures. Still the number one topic of conversation, the rationale behind the program cuts, is being discussed in every office, dining hall and residential hall.

For the most part, the discussion has been positive. Colleges and universities are the place in which ideas and beliefs are discussed and debated most thoroughly, contributing to our marketplace of ideas.

There are, however, times when the conversation has taken a bitter tone. The complaints and objections about many of the non-personal are truly misguided. Complaints about not having enough paper for the computer labs and the like miss the larger picture of the University's situation.

The sky really is falling. Our budgetary situation truly is as bad as it has been made out to be. In our current situation, every dollar that is spent from the Education and General Fund on paper or computers is another dollar that cannot go to a professor's salary.

Much has been said about how members of the University community should react to these painful losses. By far the best reaction is to cogently and thoughtfully offer alternative solutions.

This can be done in many ways, several of which include pointing out alternative areas of cuts and alternative funding sources, or asking the General Assembly to better fund higher education.

Cuts Affect Teaching Community

Last Year, 61 CNU Graduates Found Work In Newport News Public Schools; Superintendent Impressed With New Teacher Performances

BY WAYNE D. LETT, E.D.D.
Superintendent
Newport News Public Schools

These are unusually difficult times for all of us. Virginia's financial condition

has placed organizations around the state in the unenviable position of having to cut valuable programs.

Universities, in particular, are feeling the direct effects of revenue shortfalls.

Faced with budget reductions of up to 13 percent, colleges and universities were forced to make dramatic cuts to their programs.

The impact of the loss, however, is not limited to the higher education campus.

These reductions affect more than the college community alone; consider what the elimination of just one program at CNU, the Department of Education, will mean to the children of Newport News Public Schools.

For the 2002-03 school year, the Newport News school division hired 61 graduates of the Christopher Newport University teacher education program, nearly 20 percent of the newly hired teachers in Newport News Public Schools.

The quality of the CNU graduates, highly valued be-

cause of the excellent preparation they have received, intensifies the loss.

- CNU education stu-

"A good education, from kindergarten through college, is the foundation of a strong economy."

dents play a vital role in working with K-12 students in the community as mentors and tutors.

Faculty members from the Department of Education have been instrumental in an ongoing effort to improve K-12 teacher performance and are participating in key

projects in the public schools.

I provide these facts to illustrate how state budget cuts affect far more than the intended target.

I recognize the dilemma that colleges and universities throughout Virginia are facing when confronted with these difficult decisions.

The education department at CNU has contributed greatly to the students of this region and the community as a whole.

Its loss, likewise, will radiate throughout.

As the General Assembly prepares to meet in January, I encourage the university community to ask legislators to give education the highest priority during the 2002-03 session.

A good education, from kindergarten through college, is the foundation of a strong economy.

Continuing to chip away at education funding weakens our students, our community and our Commonwealth.

Contrary To Popular Belief, Riverside Is Not Trying To Save The Nursing Dept.

Riverside Will Accelerate Plans To Expand Its Own Nursing School

BY BUD RAMEY
Vice President Corporate Communications, Riverside Health System

This is in response to the closure of the CNU nursing program:

The state government has failed higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The recent announcement of the closure of the CNU nursing program, as a result of the budget cuts imposed by Richmond, was a disappointment to the health care community, as it was to members of the faculty and student body.

Riverside respects the tough decisions made by the CNU Board of Visitors and will be working closely with CNU in finding ways to assist the nursing students, especially the juniors who will need to revise their plans on the completion of their cur-

riculum.

Our plans to expand our own diploma nursing school will be accelerated.

Ultimately, the burden for assuring that there are excellent, compassionate, well-trained nurses in this community rests with the hospitals.

These are rough waters for Christopher Newport University.

The loss of the programs involved, is just that - a loss. Every state-supported college in Virginia is facing tough choices.

Your university will emerge from these rough waters with the vision of your President and the Board of Visitors intact.

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This difficult time is not of his making. The state government has failed higher education in the Commonwealth.

Cell Phones Attached To Your Hip

Portable Devices Common To People Of Any Income

BY MICHAEL RUFF
Staff Writer

What is the common thread among attorneys, day traders, politicians, neurosurgeons, college stu-

dents and every Wal-Mart shopper on the face of the Earth?

Other than having the same basic anatomical construction and human needs, it is interesting that each group would not be caught dead without their cell phones.

The cell phone is a great invention that has visibly changed American society.

They can be used almost anywhere, at almost any time, for almost any reason.

However, contrary to most people's beliefs, they

should not be used anywhere, at any time, for any reason.

If space aliens were to land on Earth and observe Americans for a week, they would probably come to the conclusion that humans operate via a control device made by AT&T, Sprint and a few other companies. This is the overriding problem with cell phones - people cannot bear to turn them off. Maybe they have no idea their cell phones have off buttons?

I cannot begin to count

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Budget Dilemma, Education

It astounds me the amount of activism I am seeing from students, professors and even the individuals across the Commonwealth. All of this, of course, is in response to Gov. Warner's attempts to balance the state budget.

He is doing what every one of us does every month. We balance our checkbook. And if the income and the spending don't line up, then we do one or more of the following: (1) quit spending (2) get more money and (3) use our credit cards.

In the case of the state budget, our elected representatives have chosen to do all of the following.

We saw how hard the first choice hurt the residents of the Commonwealth.

I read in this publication "Vote No For Higher Education Bond Referendum" that the writer's opinion was to vote against taking out capital improve-

ment bonds to bolster our universities.

This was said on the grounds that our primary and secondary education systems are also in even more dire need of capital improvements.

While it is true that such is the case, it is also true that the immediate need is for universities. This is because of a burgeoning population of middle and high school students who currently have facilities to hold them, and who will be moving up the ranks to a university system that hasn't even the room to accommodate them.

If we want schools for the primary and secondary systems of education, a hefty proportion of that cost will be laid on the shoulders of our municipalities. It is, in part, their responsibility to provide facilities to educate their children. This, of course, takes more spending.

The fact is, the municipalities can't raise the money. Why? Because their hands are tied, for they don't have the right to tax vehicles.

That vehicle tax was a major way that municipalities raised money to cover their operating budgets. So now they have taken money that they could have allotted for capital improvements and have reallocated it to operating costs.

The simple way to fix the state budget is to cut both spending and raise taxes.

How many CNU students lined up on the football field to get a picture of a human car?

The fact is we all have to take one for the team. Where do you want it to come from?

James K. Ord
Alumnus 2001

Monet Atkins
Philanthropy Chair,
MSA

Thank you,
Dana M. Caudle

honest and I probably wouldn't have noticed my missing belongings until later in the day.

I don't feel that the frustration of some of the candidates is understood by the class council.

Some of the candidates, including myself, did everything they could without breaking rules, to make sure that it would be a fair, honest, and ethical process, but then our integrity was attacked because of our class members behavior.

I feel this is wrong, especially because the majority of these offenses were committed by students who are not even running for office.

I think it is time for some other people to grow up and watch their mouths.

You don't insult 1200 other people because of the actions of 10.

Instead of attacking the entire freshman class, due to the actions of a few members, I feel that the upperclassmen of this university should be striving to help

Sincerely,
Billy Boulden
Class of 2006

Does The Senate Have A Say?

Today I went to the SGA meeting and saw something very disturbing. The President of SGA would not let a student bring up an issue that affects the students of the class of 2006.

This was a senator who wanted to bring up a motion that would make the SGA elections committee run the freshman class elections.

When the President was questioned about the issue at the end of the meeting, she said that we did not know what the topic was.

Some senator then responded that she did give him a chance. The President appeared rather upset. The

President said that "the proposal needed to be presented to the E-board for approval first."

Well I would like to note that nowhere in the constitution does it say that the E-board has the authority to do that.

If they do not allow proposals to be introduced to the senate, they are censoring the senate.

If the SGA Executive Board does not want the responsibility to do the election, what do they want to do?

They seem to be giving up activities that they have been responsible for in the past, such as Homecoming.

Personally I would like to know when the senate became just a group of yes-men and women and was there to hear what the President wants them to know what she and her E-board are doing.

The senate that I saw today was just a group of yes-men and women and was there to hear what the President wants them to know what she and her E-board are doing.

Sincerely,
Anonymous

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how many times I have been dining in a restaurant and heard the Nokia tune. Can you not just sit down and enjoy your dinner? Do you really need to hear the story of your friend's week-end right now? Apparently you forgot that you are eating dinner with your date. I would lay odds that they do not want to hear your conversation.

There are many people who have trouble focusing in class; I am one of them. All I need is to hear the Mexican hat dance, and I lose out on 10 to 20 minutes of notes. Your co-worker calling to complain about your boss is not that impor-

tant.

The most shameful time to have your rude alarm go off is in the middle of church. What would possess you to bring your cell phone into a house of worship in the first place? I suppose a friend who is upset about the buy-one-get-one-free toilet paper sale at Dollar General is more important than God.

If I were to be asked what the most annoying thing about cell phones is, it would not be the fact that people have them ringing all the time.

That would be fine if the conversations were actually important. I will go out on a limb and say that 99 percent of the phone calls are not life-or-death situations. By not

answering the phone, most people are not going to lose millions of dollars and usually the caller is not reporting the death of your parents.

Moving back to reality, I am sure that annoying others will not make most people turn off their cell phones at inappropriate times. In fact, I am sure some people are investigating surgery that would permanently attach a phone to their ears, allowing use of both arms while talking bad about their "baby's mama."

Fine, then think about this: the signal for your cell phone involves radio waves.

I hope I did not interrupt your conversation.

Bank Gets 357 Pounds of Cans

The Multicultural Student Association would like to thank everyone in the community for donating canned foods for the "Trick-or-Treat" for cans fundraiser.

Because of all of the donations, MSA had 357 pounds of cans to donate to the food bank. Thank you very much.

Monet Atkins
Philanthropy Chair,
MSA

Belongings Found Before Lost

Last Friday, as I was walking to class, my driver's license, student ID, and credit card fell out of my purse. Fortunately, some very nice people picked them up and turned them

in. I was wondering if in the next issue you could maybe put a little "thank you" in the paper to let whoever picked them up know that I really appreciate his kindness. Not everyone is that

honest and I probably wouldn't have noticed my missing belongings until later in the day.

Thank you,
Dana M. Caudle

Class of 2006: We Are Grown Up

When I first came to CNU this year, I did not know what to expect.

I did not know what clubs I was going to join or what kind of people I was going to meet.

All I knew was that President Paul Tribble was trying to make CNU the best liberal arts school that it could be.

I wanted to be a part of this.

I wanted to make a difference.

I thought what better way to make a difference than to be a member of the Freshman Class Council.

So, I decided to run for office.

The first time the elections were held, an application was stolen, so the elections were postponed. The entire process was started over, only this time several students ruined it for everyone. I understand the frustration of the class council.

I don't feel that the frustration of some of the candidates is understood by the class council.

Some of the candidates, including myself, did everything they could without breaking rules, to make sure that it would be a fair, honest, and ethical process, but then our integrity was attacked because of our class members behavior.

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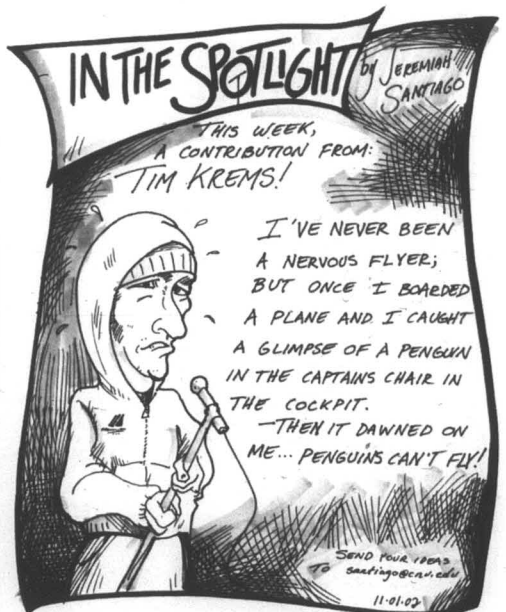
Instead of attacking the entire freshman class, due to the actions of a few members, I feel that the upperclassmen of this university should be striving to help

the freshman class in order to ensure that the individuals who ruined these elections, or similar individuals, do not become the officers of a class that will one day rule this school.

I would like to thank the members of the SGA who voted for the Class of 2006 and giving us an opportunity to work through our problems and develop leaders that will be good representations of this university, this community, and this state.

And I hope that students here at CNU will learn to stop complaining about problems and learn how to fix them.

Sincerely,
Billy Boulden
Class of 2006



ArTs & EnTertaiNment

CNU Band Helps Rock The Vote

ORA Performs During SGA's Bond On Eve Of Election Day

BY JEST OWENS
A&E EDITOR

ORA, a band including CNU football player Jason Davis performed at Monday's voter rally on the Great Lawn.

The rally was organized by the SGA to provide information about the upcoming bond referendum and student voting rights. Playing on the eve



ORA performs their original song, "Oceans" to help raise voter support.

of Election Day, ORA was in favor of students participating in the vote. Their music

was alternative rock, in the likes of something off of FM99. ORA will also be per-

forming on Saturday, November 9th's Homecoming Dance in Regatta's.

Three Tales In One: Shreve's New Book Reverses Time With Interesting Results

"The Last Time They Met" Is A Story Of Love And Adventure ... In Reverse

BY EMILY USEEM
Staff Writer

"The Last Time They Met," by Anna Shreve, is the hypnotic tale of Thomas and Linda and their three encounters with each other over a lifetime.

The story is broken up into three parts, each part dedicated to one meeting between the two.

The story is told in backward chronology so the characters get younger in each section.

In the first part, Thomas and Linda are in their 50s and they met at a writer's tour in which they were both participating.

Linda is just finishing up her tour on a new book of poetry, while Thomas, after a long period of artistic drought, had just completed his first anthology of poetry.

The source of Thomas' drought is the recent death of his young daughter, which was an accident that he blames himself for.

I found this part to be the most confusing because there were references to characters and events from their mutual past, but the characters nor the author indulged the reader with much information about what had gone on between them previously.

I felt that Thomas and Linda were very lifelike char-

acters in that they experienced a whole range of emotions. While many of them were mundane, they were still important.

Linda is embarrassed at how much older she looks now and Thomas feels very guilty over the death of his young daughter. These feelings were, fortunately, not overplayed.

In the second part of the tale, remembering that it is moving backward in time, Linda and Thomas are both in Africa. Thomas is there to accompany his wife who is in the middle of research. He is beginning his literary career and also becomes briefly politically active. One day, while Thomas is in the market, he spots Linda and eventually they begin having an affair.

I loved the author's description of Africa through Thomas' eyes. He loves the beautiful and untamed country but feels that he will never fully understand it.

The final part of the story takes place in the United States, specifically the northeast. Linda and Thomas are now 17 and, much to the dismay of their parents (in Linda's case, her aunt), fall in love.

Linda is living with her very religious aunt in a tiny apartment at the poor end of town while Thomas' parents are very wealthy. Thomas and Linda are eventually separated through various circumstances and believe they will never see each other again.

When I finished this novel I got that special kind of glow that a reader gets at the end of a very good book. It's a mixture of sadness and joy, of having finished such a fantastic novel and knowing there was no more to read.

Tricks and Treats weren't just for Halloween last week, especially at CAB's Talent Show on October 30, where prizes were awarded and were even better than candy.



The CNU Breakdancing Club Gets Acrobatic During Last Week's Talent Show.

India.Arie's Sophomore Album Provides A Fantastic Voyage

R&B Star Provides Some Fierce Competition For Alicia Keys And The Like On Her Second Record

BY DANIEL BANKS
Staff Writer

India Arie is a musician at heart, as well as beautiful. She took listeners by storm with her debut album, "Acoustic Soul," a year and a half ago.

With stiff competition from R&B powerhouse Alicia Keys, Arie, only 26 at the time, burst onto the airwaves with the girl power hit, "Video," and the sulky smooth ballad "Brown Skin."

Now she returns in a year that has been dominated by rap artists such as Nelly and Eminem.

Arie, with well-sea-

soned vocals, has a follow-up album, "Voyage To India."

It showcases the work of an artist with the ability to be a living legend in her own right.

Her sounds are unique, original and fresh. With each musical note on the 15-plus-track disc, Arie's signature guitar and vocals have not lost any magic.

While many artists suffer from second-disc slump, Arie is not afraid to take her music to the next level.

She finishes on a note that promises great things in the future. People can breathe with a sigh of relief to know that R&B has not died yet.

Arie's first track, "Little Things," is one of the best R&B songs that the listener can treasure in the years to come. It captures Arie's grace as she plucks her guitar strings with perfection.

She sings beautifully with a sweet lyrical charm, taking her vocal range into new and risky territory that pays off, making "Little Things" a sure classic.

She wishes for life only to bestow upon her the simple things, and forsaking riches for life's simple pleasures as she croons the gracious lyrics: "give me my guitar, give me a bright star, give me some good shoes,

give me Atlanta ... I don't need no Hollywood."

On the songs that follow, she takes the best-friend route, giving the advice that has brought her humility, love and happiness.

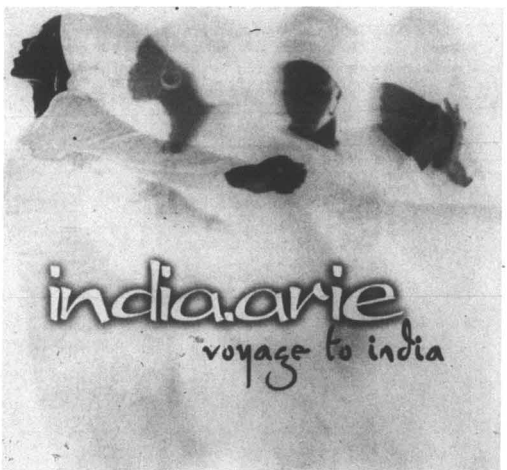
With the track, "Talk To Her," Arie speaks to men, urging them to grow up and treat the ladies with the same love as a sister, mother, auntie and grandmother.

Then she urges others to live life one step at a time on the track, "Slow Down." Perhaps her best advice lyrics are found in the track "Can I Walk With You." This song has India Arie approaching, begging at a fresh level, believe it or not.

Rather than singing about how her body is longing to be with her lover, as most R&B artists have done in the past, Arie takes her desires and expresses them in a mature light free of carnality. She simply asks: "Can I Walk with you through your life?/ Can I Be Your Friend Till the End/ Can I Walk with you through your life?"

Arie does not mistake lust for love, and as a result, paints love in a rare precious light, preserving her creativity.

She sums up the disc



perfectly with the thoughtful "God Is Real."

Throughout the album, "Voyage To India," she takes listeners on a journey of unsurpassed adventure, serenading the listener with a talent that is only found among the most unique mu-

sicians.

To encompass this amount of greatness in a short, but expanding career, India Arie's voyage will have the listener asking for more.

The patron will forget that there are 15 tracks (with

one bonus track that is also sure to please).

Arie is poised to take the world by storm, and perhaps capture the Grammy award that she rightfully deserves (with respect to Alicia Keys).

Gentlemen ... Start Your Engines...Vroom!

CNU
Motorsports
Grows In
Popularity, As
Well As Profit

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

They love the smell of gasoline. The sound of eight cylinders revving is a turn-on they can't resist. For them, the sight of sheet metal in sleek, aerodynamic curves spells pure excitement.

Although their tastes are diverse, the members of the CNU Motorsports Club share a passion for automobiles, from convertibles to coupes, from classics to concepts, and from the quarter-mile import to the quarter-million-dollar exotic.

"When you start talking about cars, it naturally brings people together," said Brian Smith, the club's Vice President and a sophomore at the university. Just about anyone would agree that the Motorsports Club has done

just that.

One of the youngest and fastest-growing clubs on campus, the organization was founded in the spring of 2002 by Rice, currently the executive chair.

It now flourishes with over 20 members and over \$2000 raised in the past four weeks. "It's amazing," said Chris.

Chris can remember when the club's main event was their spring car show, which featured about 30 registered cars.

As Smith explained, the club members decided to host the show on a whim and "threw it together to see what we could do."

Surprised at their success and rave reviews, they knew they had started a tradition. Their second show, held on Oct. 20, tripled the number of entries to 90.

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, the show's 250 visitors saw CNU's parking spaces populated by an unusually rare set of rides, sporting ground effects and colossal spoilers and gleaming with custom chameleon paint schemes.

The cars competed in



This 1994 Infiniti G20T, shown by CNU Motorsports President Chris Rice, is one of many flashy rides available to see at this club's events, which include not only new cars, but classic automobiles as well.

several classes and for several honors. A flashy yellow 300ZX twin turbo put out the most output for a six-cylinder, while a white Acura Integra GSR managed to show off the most horsepower for a front wheel drive vehicle.

Classic autos also made an appearance, including, according to Rice, a '55 Chevy BelAir, one of the nicest cars I've ever seen."

Another main attraction was a "dyno," an apparatus that tests a car's capabilities. The machine, provided by

Abacus Racing, attracted a huge crowd.

"It's one of those things where guys say, 'My car's faster; I have more horsepower,'" explained Smith. "It brought everybody together; people were joking back and forth."

"Atmosphere was great," Rice said. "We had a couple hip-hop groups come out who rapped. We had a doejay who actually scratched. It was really successful."

Their show is only just the beginning.

Aside from car washes to raise money for the organization, the club plans to hold an audio installation class on Nov. 16 and a possible detailing session in spring.

Perhaps most exciting, "We're going to go to local strips and legally race. We have a lot of people into racing," said Rice.

Now, the club's executive board sees a vast future for what was once a little-known organization.

"Now that everyone knows about us, we're only

going to get bigger," Rice said.

After all, for those students who feel downright passionate over anything with four wheels that moves fast, the Motorsports Club is an ideal outlet for their automobile adoration.

"The more you surround yourself with cars, the more you love it," Smith said. "Once you get involved, you only want to be better, do more."

Accelerator addicts take note: this is love at first drive.

Halloween's Over, But The Fright Is Just Beginning: 'The Ring' Will Wrap Its Thrills Around You And Not Let Up

BY PAUL FROMMELT
Staff Writer

Much like the disclaimers that roller coasters have before you board, "The Ring" really needs to have a disclaimer on your ticket.

"Pregnant women or persons with heart defects should not view this movie."

If you are a person who scares easily, enter at your own risk. You'll notice a bathroom on your left, please make sure to empty your bladder before you enter. Thank you and enjoy the show."

The plot of "The Ring" grabs onto you and squeezes throughout the 109-minute

film. It begins with the mysterious death of a young girl named Katie. Katie's aunt, reporter Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts), is asked to find out what happened.

By talking to Katie's friends, Rachel learns that Katie and three other friends viewed a videotape during a weekend getaway in the mountains one week ago.

Katie's friends are sure that the videotape is what killed Katie. Very skeptical, Rachel finds the tape and watches it. After the tape ends, she receives a phone call from an eerie voice telling her that she has seven days to live. Rachel uses those seven days to try to uncover the mystery of the videotape.

Although the given plot line seems vague and somewhat cheesy, this movie is filled with many other details and plot twists that, if discussed, would ruin the total effect of the film.

I'm not the kind of guy who likes going to scary movies. I'm the guy who's hiding behind my hat or breaking my date's hand. I went to see "The Ring" strictly because of the tremendous positive word of mouth that it was generating, and I was glad that I went to check it out.

The whole movie revolves around the interesting mystery of the videotape. We don't watch a helpless Rachel being chased by a faceless monster for the entire movie.

We see an intelligent reporter try to uncover the mystery of the tape before her seven days are up. It's a breath of fresh air to see a scary movie with an interesting plot.

I have never heard of the director, Gore Verbinski, before I saw this film, but I give total credit to him for making this movie so chilling. "The Ring" isn't a slasher film, it's "atmospheric scary." The camera angles that follow Rachel through dark houses and barns or the quick cuts to pieces of the grainy tape provide for the chilling atmosphere of the film that sets us up for the more shocking moments.

Without the atmosphere that the Verbinski sets up for

the viewer, the film would have little impact on the audience. Verbinski also shows a knack for directing young children. Young David Dorfman's character, Aidan, steals every scene that he is in, while 12-year-old Davedge Chase's character rivals Linda Blair's character in "The Exorcist" for the most terrifying pre-pubescent character ever.

As for the adult actors, Naomi Watts carries the movie well for being relatively new to the lead actress world. Throughout all that is happening to her character, Watts is able to show strength in her character and makes it believable. Rachel's strength is key to differentiating this

film from the girl-in-trouble slasher films.

Veteran actor Brian Cox also lends his talents for a brief part of the film. Cox does a great, and even scary, job of playing a tortured father. With such a talented cast, Verbinski is allowed to use them in ways a lesser cast would not have been able to handle.

This film does feel like a roller coaster, there is a brief uphill beginning (the title sequence), then it drops you with a hair-raising first drop and keeps the twists and loops until the very end. I can't recommend this movie enough, but just make sure you strap yourself in.

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What It Takes: The Blood, Guts, And Glory Of A CNU Athlete

CNU Athletes Juggle Studies And Athletics

BY VIRGINIA MILLER
Staff Writer

After one becomes a CNU student-athlete, one must become a "superior student." Athletes are expected to uphold the university's academic standards, be strong role models and also make commitments to their sport.

Once at CNU, the Athletic Department has an academic support program to aid its athletes. The purpose of this program is designed to prevent and respond to academic difficulties, and to ensure progress toward a degree.

The program sends out progress reports three times during the semester, which are evaluated by the coaches and used to inform the athletes of their progress.

The program also offers academic advising and career counseling.

"Because of the amount of success the Athletic Department has had, coaches are able to recruit players from high schools," C.J. Woolloom, CNU Athletic Director and coach of the men's basketball team, said.

Possible athletes are monitored in their academics and athletic abilities during their senior year of high school. Once selected, incoming students and designated first-semester transfers must attend a 90-minute study hall twice a week.

"We look for those who are very good athletes in high school," Woolloom said. "Talent level is an important thing when looking for future CNU athletes."

They must attend the study halls until they obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.3. Those who are in the study hall programs must attend seminars that teach basic study skills.

The student-athletes who are on academic probation will meet with a mentor in the study hall times and will be required to attend the semi-



CNU football players are just some of the many athletes who are expected to uphold the values of the "superior student." Some of these values include displaying role model behavior at all times and holding a 2.3 GPA.

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The Athletic Department also has a class/study hall attendance policy for all athletes. The athletes are expected to attend every class unless they are on a trip. They are responsible at the beginning of each semester for giving their professors a letter outlining their game schedule for the upcoming semester.

The players are responsible for making up missed work or doing it in advance by the deadlines their professors give. The academic support program encourages attending another section of a missed class.

If a class is missed because of illness, both the coach and the academic support director should be notified. When a class or study hall is missed for reasons other than a game or reported illness, the athlete must meet with the coach.

If a class is missed again after the meeting, the student again meets with the coach and the academic support director. This can lead to a 6 a.m. study hall on Friday and/or parent notification.

If a third offense occurs, the student has a meeting with the coach, academic support and the director of athletics.

Consequences can include suspension from practice or competition to dismissal from the athletic program.

"My players know that [their] athletics go along with their academics," tennis coach Jenny Nuttycombe said. "They know they need to stay focused on achieving in the classroom and on the courts."

Student athletes are also encouraged to be strong role models for others. Characteristics that Woolloom looks for

include caring about appearance when going somewhere, being respectful to others and showing interest in classes.

The Athletic Department has an Athletic Outreach Program coordinated by Roland Ross for its athletes. This program encourages athletes to go into schools and mentor the students.

They also visit children in children hospitals or teach their sports to children at birthday parties.

CNU past year CNU's athletic teams participated in "Operation Kids First" on opening day of public school. They held up signs on corners and crosswalks, reminding drivers that school was back in, and to be careful driving.

"I tell my team to remember that they are not only representing themselves and their family but also their school," baseball coach John Harvell said.

On Nov. 12 at 4 p.m., the baseball team will also participate in the 21st Annual Turkey Trot, an event that lasts for two miles.

Each team member is responsible for the registration fee, which is a canned good.

The Athletic Department also has a Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, which includes keeping a positive attitude and behavior.

During any time a student-athlete interacts with coaches and fellow team members to represent a certain team, he or she cannot use any alcohol or tobacco product. Students-athletes are also to dress without offensive slogans, pictures and pants worn below the hip for class and team events.

Hair should also be combed and cannot be dyed any extreme colors for any occasion, according to the handbook.

Being an athlete also requires a long-time commitment to the sport. Nuttycombe estimates that with practices, workouts and team meetings, her tennis players can spend up to 22 hours a week committed to their sport.

Head women's basketball coach Carolyn Hunter estimates the team spends 12 to 17 hours a week in all preparing.

This does not include actual game time for the teams. The amount of games in a week and progress of practices also tend to affect the amount of time a team spends in practice a week.

The baseball team just started its winter training. It consists of weightlifting and running for 90 minutes, four times a week for five weeks. Practice can last for two to three hours a day for six days a week.

Woolloom says it is rare that his team spends more than two hours a day in practice, and there are times he realizes that his team needs an extra day off.

The NCAA limits practices to six days a week. They do not limit the amount of hours a day spent in practices. The NCAA also decides when a sport season begins and when athletes can begin practice.

Besides having to attend practices and games, an athlete must also be able to make hours to work out, as required by their coach.

Coaches also hold strategy sessions to plan and improve playing. Strategy sessions can include watching videotapes from previous games.

Additionally, if an athlete gets injured, he must also make arrangements in his schedule to receive treatment from a trainer in the training room.

"Athletes are regular students and need to be a part of the student body," said Woolloom.

"The department does not want to overwhelm their lives with athletics. We want them to find honor in being an athlete."

"We as coaches do everything in our power to help our athletes to graduate and be successful in life."

Dixie Schmixie...It's Time To Move On!!!

Editorial

BY ROB SILSBEE
Staff Writer

Is it really fair?

I mean, c'mon, we're like Goliath and the teams in the Dixie conference are a bunch of Davids. Sure, these teams have a chance, but is a win feasible?

They may win every once in awhile, but is it all that common of an experience?

The question here is whether or not CNU is too good to be playing in the Dixie conference.

The answer can be found in this fall's athletic season.

All teams other than football are ranked No. 1 in conference play (football is ranked second).

Men and women's soccer, men and women's cross country, and volleyball are all No. 1.

In fact, not only are the cross country teams ranked No. 1 in the conference, at the conference championship they rolled over the competition.

In men's competition, 13

of the top 16 finishers were from CNU. In the women's race, eight of the top 10 were Captains.

Like cross country, volleyball literally blew away the competition this year. After a 16 game winning streak, they finally lost. With a 13-1 record going into the conference championship, the Captains are heavily favored.

The women's soccer team is also undefeated in the conference.

The guy's soccer team has lost only once. Both are ranked number one in the conference.

This all excludes the biggest fall sport there is.

The thundering Captains of Pomoco stadium have only two games left in the football season and CNU is 4-1 in the conference. They've only lost to Shenandoah.

By four points.

At the launch of the fall season, both football and the cross country teams were picked to win the conference.

Well, the cross country teams have, and the football team certainly has a chance.

The most impressive stat, however, is the Player of the

Week award.

Each week, the conference awards 14 total players honors. Seven are regular players and seven are rookie players.

This season, there has been only one week that CNU was not represented. Every other week, there have been multiple representations of the blue and white.

In fact, Captains were picked for as many as seven of the 14 players weekly, and held six positions twice this year.

In cross country, CNU holds runner of the year positions for both the men's and women's teams.

Coach Keith Maurer is Women's Coach of the Year. First team All-Conference consisted of five CNU runners.

Only two positions were not filled by CNU runners.

A total of 20 CNU runners were named to the All-Conference Squad, and there were only 28 positions available!

As each season ends, more and more student-athletes from CNU will be named to All-Conference

teams. Last year, during the fall, 44 CNU athletes earned All-Conference honors. This year, with 20 representatives from cross country alone, we will probably shatter that number.

At the end of the year last year, CNU was awarded the conference's President's Cup for the fifth consecutive year. The President's Cup is determined by the total winning percentage of each and every sport the school plays.

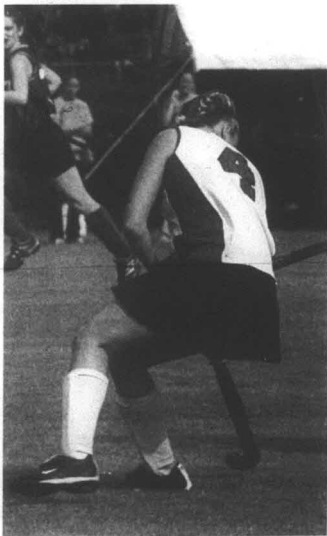
CNU didn't have a problem winning this award, grabbing it by a landslide.

After five straight years of winning this award, CNU is becoming restless for competition. Athletes are heard groaning about seven hour bus ride they have to take to annihilate a team that they have to play because they are in the conference.

Students are heard moaning about the games lack of intensity.

After all this moaning and groaning, shouldn't Goliath be allowed to play with the big dogs? Should CNU be forced to stay under the porch?

It's time to move!



Field hockey is one of the few sports at CNU that is not in the Dixie Conference. Records at CNU have consistently shown that CNU should move conferences.



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