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## Summer News Update

For those who have spent the summer away from campus, you may have missed the following news concerning the university and surrounding community.

**Internet:** In an effort to improve internet service on campus, the university switched to a new server over the summer. E-mail accounts were also changed.

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**Sexual Orientation Discrimination:** In June, the Board of Visitors tabled a resolution that passed in the Faculty Senate and SGA last year.

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**Tuition:** In May, the Board of Visitors raised tuition, comprehensive fees, and parking fees. Two academic programs were also eliminated.

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**Summer Research:** One student's experience abroad in Santiago, Guatemala.

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**Potomac:** Students have moved in, but construction will continue over the next two to three weeks.

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**New faculty:** Thirty new faculty filled positions created by the budget, and 17 faculty are replacing last year's departures.

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## Coming Next Week

**SGA:** Over the past year, the Student Government restructured and created new policies. These policies are being implemented this fall.

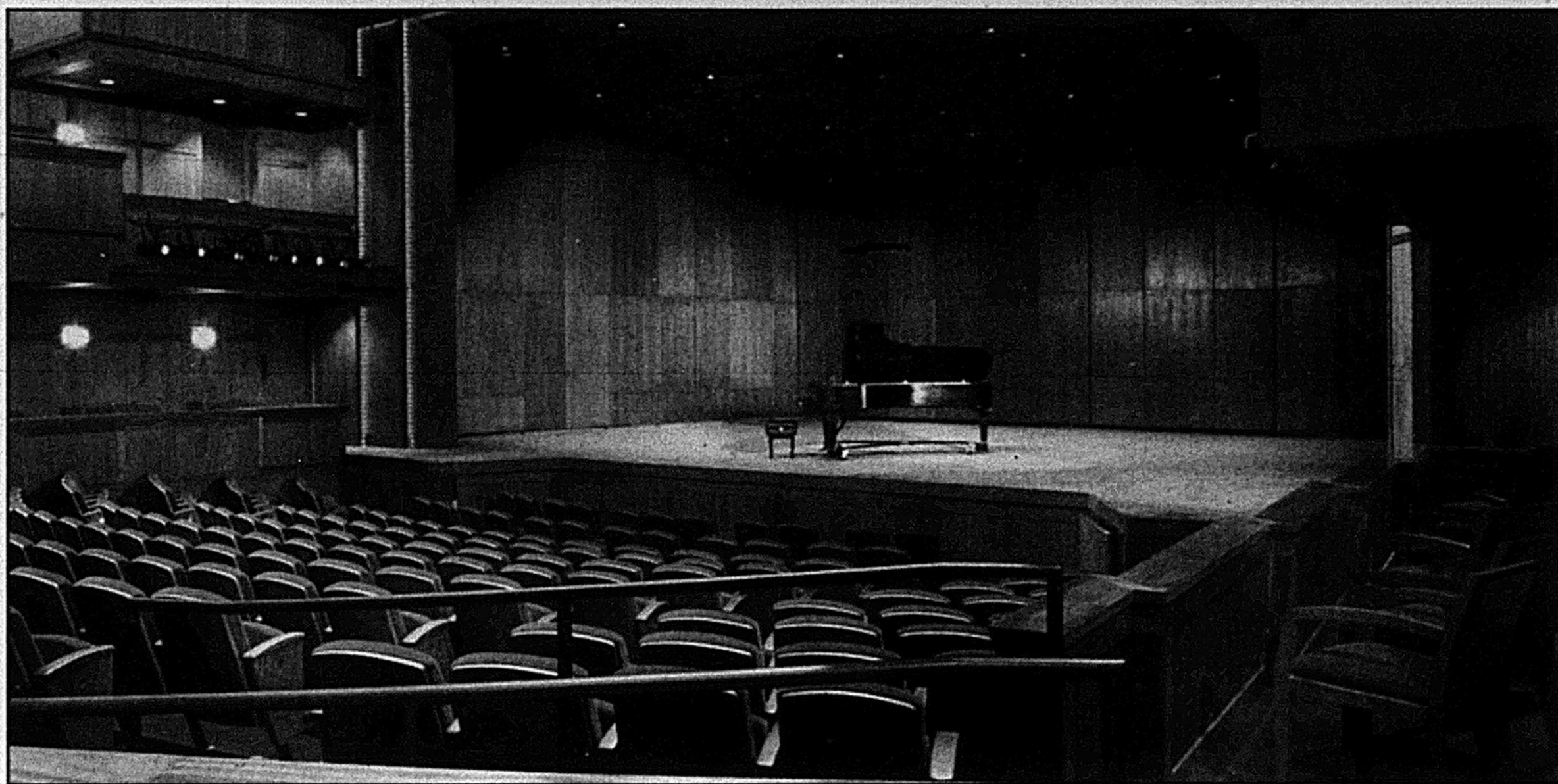


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## Ferguson open, departments settling in Arts Center

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

By walking through a five-story glass atrium into a three-story lobby floored with Italian marble and lined with mahogany, students, faculty and locals alike now have the opportunity to enter a facility that has been heralded by the university to be a beacon to the community.

While the exterior of the building has been dramatically transformed, some students can still see remnants of the old Ferguson.

"I've been here since this was the old high school," said Greg Poljak.

"It's really weird because I remember and I see the old building. I see the old hallways. You walk around and you have nice walls built up, then you

walk into an old Ferguson bathroom."

All the bathrooms in the facility are the original bathrooms. To create the walls in the hallways, construction crews plastered over the old lockers.

"You can hear them rattle when we're warming up our voices," Poljak said.

After falling behind by several years, the 200,000 square foot phase one of the Ferguson Center for the Arts is now open.

Although it will take months for the students and faculty to get settled, much of the move has been completed.

"We still have a lot of work in front of us," said Steven Breese, Director of Theatre CNU. "But a majority of the absolutely must-have equipment will be moved in within the next two weeks."

The music and theater departments have already moved their offices and classes into the new facility, but the Fine Arts Department will be moving in the spring when their section of the building is complete.

The overall management of the facility and creating a staff are two tasks resting on the shoulders of Executive Director Bill Biddle.

Last summer, the university conducted a nationwide search to fill the position of Executive Director. Three applicants were chosen out of more than 100 to come to the university to participate in the interview process.

After meeting with President Paul Tribble, Newport News Mayor Joe Frank and Bobby Freeman — his father is the man

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## Arts Center



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Top: The new theater, designed to transfer sound, will hold up to 440 people. Above Right: Various signs are posted around the Art Center regarding the construction.

## Deck compensates loss of lots

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor



Tom Storrer/The Captain's Log

After waiting in line on the first day of classes, freshman April Bailey buys her parking decal for this year. The Parking Office is now located in the new Parking Deck.

Construction and road closures have left the number of parking spaces relatively unchanged, but there have been major shifts in where students can park.

Over the summer, several lots were closed due to construction, but the spaces available in the newly opened parking garage have compensated for those spaces, according to Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services Andy Mansfield.

"It's been OK so far, but I hadn't had to park in the garage yet," said Lauren Crovato, a senior commuter student. "Today was the first day of that."

The largest loss of parking was the gravel lot near CNU Apartments, where construction of CNU Village took 100 spaces.

Construction of the parking deck behind the Ferguson Center for the Arts and the lot adjacent to it added an additional 750 spaces for faculty, staff and commuter students.

Although the garage creates additional parking spaces, students have expressed concern about its location.

"I think it kind of stinks that we have to park in the Mariner's Museum practically," said Crovato.

There are 2,846 total available spaces on campus. Parking Services is anticipating issuing 3,700 decals.

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## Rain and budget impasse delay construction

Four projects change campus landscape

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

After numerous rain delays and funding tie-ups, construction of the new student center and library expansion are now underway. All the major projects are now back on schedule.

Much of the funding needed to begin work on the student center and the library was trapped in the budget bill that took an unprecedented 115 days to pass in the General Assembly.

"When that bill was passed, we then proceeded to bid the project out and award it," Executive Vice President Bill Brauer said.

W.M. Jordan offered the winning bid for both projects and is also the contractor for the Ferguson Center for the Arts,

and CNU Village, which is being built on the East Side of campus alongside Warwick Blvd.

"It makes it kind of easy, we get to deal with the same contractor. But they've got a lot on their plate," said Brauer.

The landscape of the campus is changing, but the transition is proving painful for some students.

Barclay residents Kurt Imre and Matt Krupinski said the construction wakes them up in the morning.

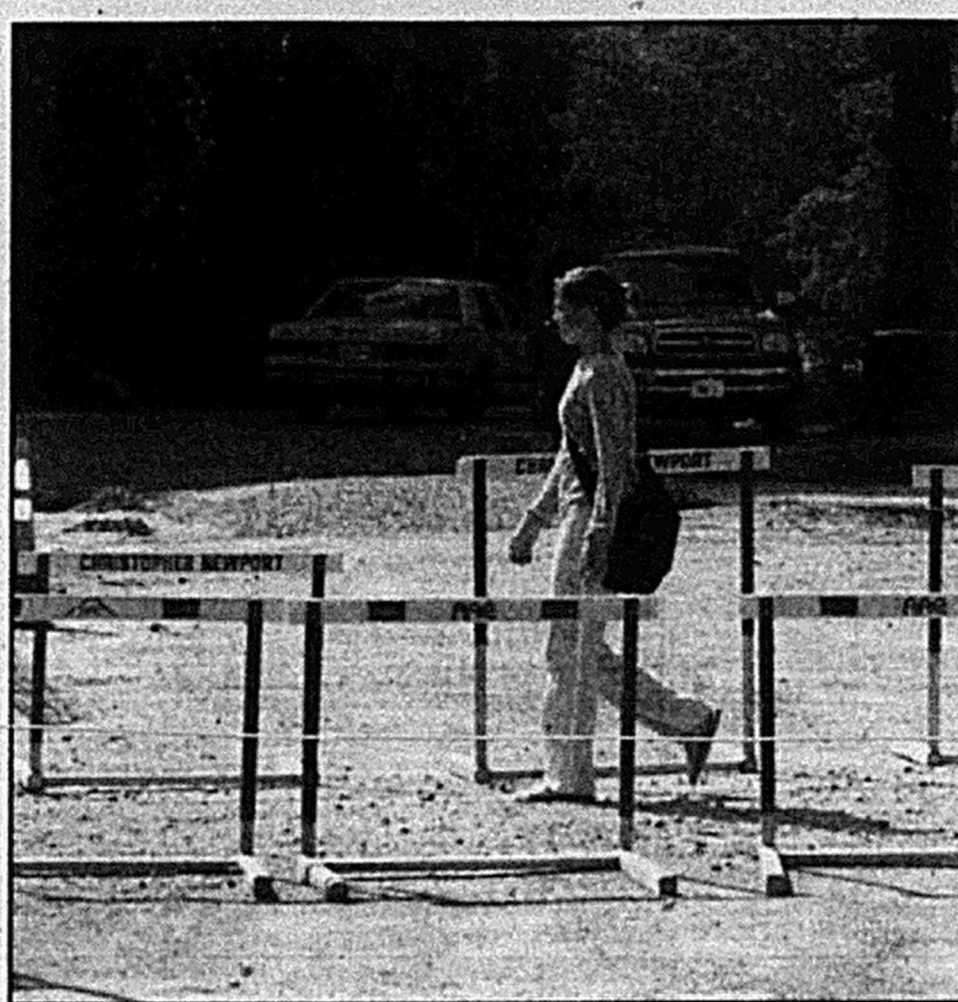
"It's kind of annoying, and you've gotta walk around it," Imre said.

Under the revised schedule, the contractor has told university officials that the student center will be completed by December 2005. Executive Vice President Bill Brauer anticipates that clubs and organizations will be able to move into their new offices over the holiday break year.

The library will be completed in Spring 2006. When

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Freshman Natasha Jackson crosses one of the many gravel roads on her way from Potomac Hall to the main campus. Although school has begun, Potomac Hall is under construction.



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## Traffic circle to replace Shoe

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

To join the Ferguson Center for the Arts to the main campus, Shoe Lane will be closed.

Originally slated to close last week, it has been delayed by two to three weeks.

Executive Vice President Bill Brauer said the Virginia Department of Transportation has been working closely with the city of Newport News and they periodically update university officials on the status of the project.

VDOT spokeswoman Tiffany Elliot said \$2.8 million project would not use the traffic pattern put forth in the Daily Press last week. The first priority now is to extend the left turn lane from Warwick Blvd. onto Shoe Lane in order to accommodate the traffic buildup on Warwick, Elliot said. The extension is scheduled to be finished on Sept. 9. After that date, there will be no access to Shoe Lane except to get to the temporary entrance into the university parking lot and work on the traffic circle will begin.

The rerouted Shoe Lane is scheduled to open in November. Currently, about 7,000 cars use the road per day.

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## Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

**Thursday:  
Partly Cloudy**

High: 81° Low: 66°

**Friday:  
Few Showers**

High: 82° Low: 68°

**Saturday:  
Scattered  
T-storms**

High: 84° Low: 69°

**Sunday:  
Scattered  
T-storms**

High: 87° Low: 68°

## Around town State/Local News

**Suspicious item found in Lake Maury,  
found to pose no safety risk**

Virginia State Police divers were performing routine training at Lake Maury on Aug. 17 when they found an item resembling a pipe at the bottom of the lake near the footbridge at the Noland Trail, according to Newport News Fire Department spokeswoman Dana Perry. The item was black and corroded and there were no identifiable markings.

The Newport News Fire Department Bomb Team arrived on scene at approximately 11 a.m. Upon inspection, the item was identified as a military flare that had found its way to Lake Maury.

"There is no way to know how it got there or how long it had been there," Perry said.

The Bomb Team found that the flare posed no safety risk and traffic on Warwick Blvd. was reopened shortly after noon.

**Virginia Board of Elections reviewing  
petitions for fraud**

Last week, Democrats made claims that petitions to get Ralph Nader's name on the presidential ballot in Virginia contained fraudulent signatures.

The State Board of Elections is currently reviewing the petitions, after originally rejecting them on the basis that they had not been sorted by congressional district. The Attorney General Jerry Kilgore said the SBE had to accept the petitions on the bases that the board had not formally adopted the rule requiring the petitions to be sorted.

In Va., 10,000 valid signatures are required for a candidate to get on the ballot, according to Laura Bland, director of communications for the Va. Democratic Party.

Should the petitions contain fraudulent signatures, "it will be up to the state board to make decisions about how to proceed if there is a problem with Mr. Nader's petitions," Bland said.

**William and Mary receives grant for  
preservation**

The College of William and Mary received a \$150,000 Campus Heritage Grant from the Getty, according to a university press release. A preservation plan for the College's Colonial Revival Campus, which is a historic area that includes the Sunken Garden and 12 buildings will be prepared using the grant money, according to the release.

The Getty awarded 25 Campus Heritage Grants this year and only three schools in Virginia were recipients.

"We are proud to join the select group of campuses included in the Getty's Heritage Grant Program," said William and Mary President Timothy J. Sullivan in the press release. "We now have a wonderful opportunity to gain a fuller appreciation for an important collection of buildings that have stood somewhat in the shadow of the Wren Building. Indeed, the grant supports the College's longstanding goal of maintaining the architectural integrity of all of our remarkable buildings, even as we adapt to changing educational, access and energy needs."

Beginning this fall, the three-year project includes historical research, building assessments and preservation planning, according to the release.

**Old exams found in sorority houses at JMU**

During a maintenance check, cabinets full of tests dating from 1951 to 1995 were found in the Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority houses at James Madison University.

Some of the tests were filed by professor, subject and date according to Maggie Burkhart Evans, Honor Council coordinator at JMU.

Since the current provision of the university's honor code prohibiting the collection of exams was not in place during the period of time the tests were collected, the members are not facing honor code charges.

JMU's Honor Code has been in place since 1909, Evans said, but the current format was not set until 1996.

While no charges were brought against the members, Evans said the Honor Council will provide education and awareness session for the two organizations.

## On the record Police Blotter

On Sunday, Aug. 22, a student was found with marijuana in Santoro. The student has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

Marijuana was found in a computer lab in McMurran Hall on Monday, Aug. 23.

Two people were arrested for underage drinking in Santoro Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 24. One was a CNU student.

A wallet was stolen from a room in York River East on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, a bike was stolen from Washington Apartments, part of CNU Apartments. The bike was recovered and the investigation is ongoing.

An underage student was found with alcohol behind Santoro Hall on Thursday, Aug. 26. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

## Your life Campus News

**Students encouraged to vote**

On Friday, during Rock 101, members of the Student Government distributed voter registration forms in an effort to get more college students to vote in this year's presidential election.

About 20 students filled out forms to obtain an absentee ballot and 15 registered to vote on site. Pre-made Virginia 21 cards directing students to a registration Web site were also handed out.

"For as many people that were at the event, proportionally we got a lot filled out," SGA President Melissa Bell said.

"My ultimate goal as SGA President is that every student at CNU is registered to vote," said Bell.

**Ferguson Evacuation**

On Monday, students were evacuated from the Ferguson Center for the Arts when a fire alarm went off late in the afternoon.

Director of Public Affairs Tom Shrout said it was a false alarm and the system was reactivated.

**Problem in parking deck corrected**

Minor problems with the turning radius into the parking deck were found last week, but have been corrected according to Shrout.

Shrout said there were no problems anywhere else in the deck.

**Public tours in Ferguson**

Ferguson Center for the Arts opens for public tours on Sept. 14 from 6-8 p.m., according to a press release from the university.

## Classifieds

**Exchange:** Will swap 42" octagonal dining table with 3 cushioned chairs for one-half-day-only yardwork. Leave message at 549-8769.

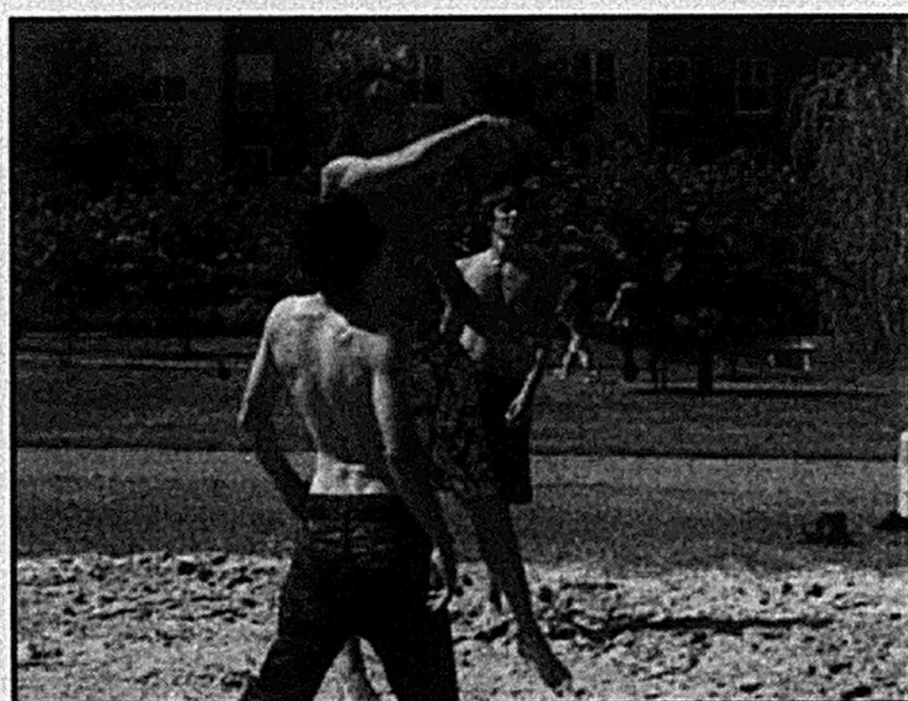
**Wanted:** Student looking for reader tutor. Must have experience w/ 391 research. \$5-\$10 an hour, neg. 757-599-6164.

### Want to place a classified ad?

The Captain's Log is now offering a classified section to CNU associates and affiliates. Post roommate needs, items for sale, wanted, personals, etc. For more information, contact the Captain's Log at 594-7196 or e-mail submissions to clog@cnu.edu.

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**Rates:** \$3 per first 10 words; \$2 each add'l 10 words; \$10 per block ad.



## supershots

Left: In an impromptu game of volleyball, junior Ryan Miller jumps for a spike and a point on the opposite team. Along with teammates Tommy Carrico, junior, and Andrew Portare, freshman, the guys were able to gain a lead on the opposing team. Downtime during the first weekend of school gave these guys the opportunity to fit in a quick game.

Below: Sophomore Steve Whelpley and junior Tommy Carrico drop a watermelon on third-year student Eric Creasman. Sig Ep sponsored Hall Brawl, a campus wide event featuring various water games on the Great Lawn. Beyond watermelon smashing, the event sported a slip 'n' slide and volleyball.



## Campus Calendar

## September 1 - 7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12:00 p.m. - GSSU Meeting; SC 233	12:15 p.m. - CNU-VATE meeting; Upstairs Ratcliffe	All Day - Club Fair; Great Lawn	11:00 a.m. - Tailgate Party; James River Lawn	11:00 a.m. - MacArthur Mall excursion	12:00 p.m. - Baptist Student Union Meeting; SC 233	All Day - Nascar Display
12:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Picnic; Great Lawn	12:15 p.m. - MSA Meeting; SC 150	All Day - CNU Spirit Day; Great Lawn	1:00 p.m. - Football vs. Rowan; Pomoco Stadium	4:00 p.m. - Catholic Campus Ministries Mass	5:30 p.m. - SGA Meeting; SC Alumni Room	7:00 p.m. - Young Life; York River East Multipurpose Room
1:00 p.m. - Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233	6:30 p.m. - CAB movie "The Passion of the Christ"; Anderson Auditorium	4:00 p.m. - Friday's at 4; Great Lawn	7:30 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Denison; Captain's Field	7:30 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. York; Captain's Field	5:30 p.m. - Senate meeting; open to public	8:00 p.m. - Karaoke Night; Discovery Café
5:30 p.m. - Keith McLoughland Great Books discussion; Gosnold 111	7:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Volleyball; James River Lawn	6:00 p.m. - CAB movie "The Passion of the Christ"; Gaines Theatre	9:00 p.m. - Fuzz Band Concert; Regatta's			
7:00 p.m. - Anime Club; Admin 105						



## Residence life eases daytime guest policy

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

In an effort to allow residential students to move more freely between buildings, the Office of Residence Life has recently made a shift in the guest policy.

Now, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., residential students can enter any residence hall on campus without having to sign in. Last year, all guests, including residents of another building, had to be signed in at the front desk and to be accompanied by the resident they were visiting.

Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., non-residents will have to sign in at the front desk. A Resident Assistant (RA) or police aid will be on duty at all times during those hours.

"We're trying to find that balance between good security and being able to move freely," said Director of Residence Life Jerry Roeder.

All residential students are issued stickers to put on their ID that distinguishes the building in which they live. Each residence hall has a different color sticker, which is also labeled with the year.

The change in policy probably will not mean as much to freshmen, Roeder said, as it will to the upperclassmen.

Juniors and even sophomores remember when they had to sign people in at anytime

during the day if their guest was not a resident of the building.

"It's a lot easier on our job," said Front Desk Assistant Laura Simpson, "because we don't have to catch people."

Simpson said she was an FDA last year and she has noticed a difference. Under the old policy, students would try to sneak into rooms to avoid the hassle of signing in, she said.

So far this year, residents have been complying with the policy.

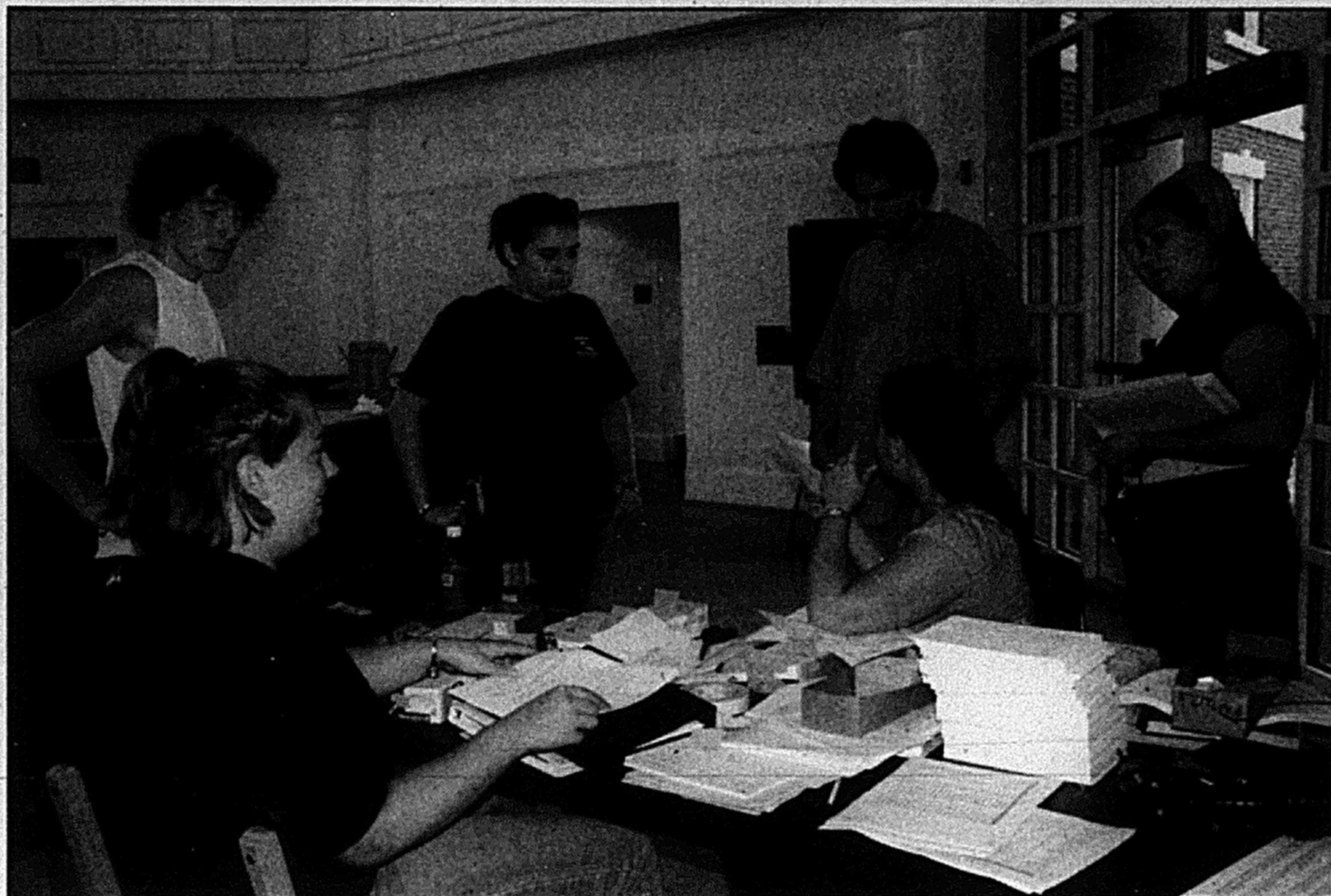
"They respect it a lot. They understand it," Simpson said.

The decision to change the policy was based on the results of a student satisfaction survey created by Roeder last October.

Results of the survey indicated that students wanted more flexibility. Roeder shared the results with the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and they began discussing how to adapt the policy to students needs.

All resident students, regardless of what building they live in, sign the same housing contract and it applies equally.

"If there are any problems or violations, they can be addressed equally," Roeder said.



In preparation for the fall semester, Resident Assistants Adam Lundquist, sophomore, Michelle Hubert, senior, Eric Trowen, sophomore, and Kim Griffen, junior, collect their hall rosters. Front Desk Assistant Jenn Clark, junior, and Hall Director Tammy Park work to organize names, door keys, rosters, and other pertinent information prior to the upperclassmen move-in.

The current Residence Life handbook reads "Residents must understand that having guests in the residence hall is a privilege, not a right. Residents are responsible for the behavior and actions of their guest(s) at all times."

While the policy of having to show an ID and sign guests in may appear to some students as an added hassle, Roeder said its an expectation set forth in their housing

contracts.

"If you want to have freedom that comes with the responsibility of not leaving home without your ID and expect to visit your friends in another building," said Roeder.

Should a resident forget his or her ID, they will have to check in with the person behind the desk to be allowed back into their own residence hall.

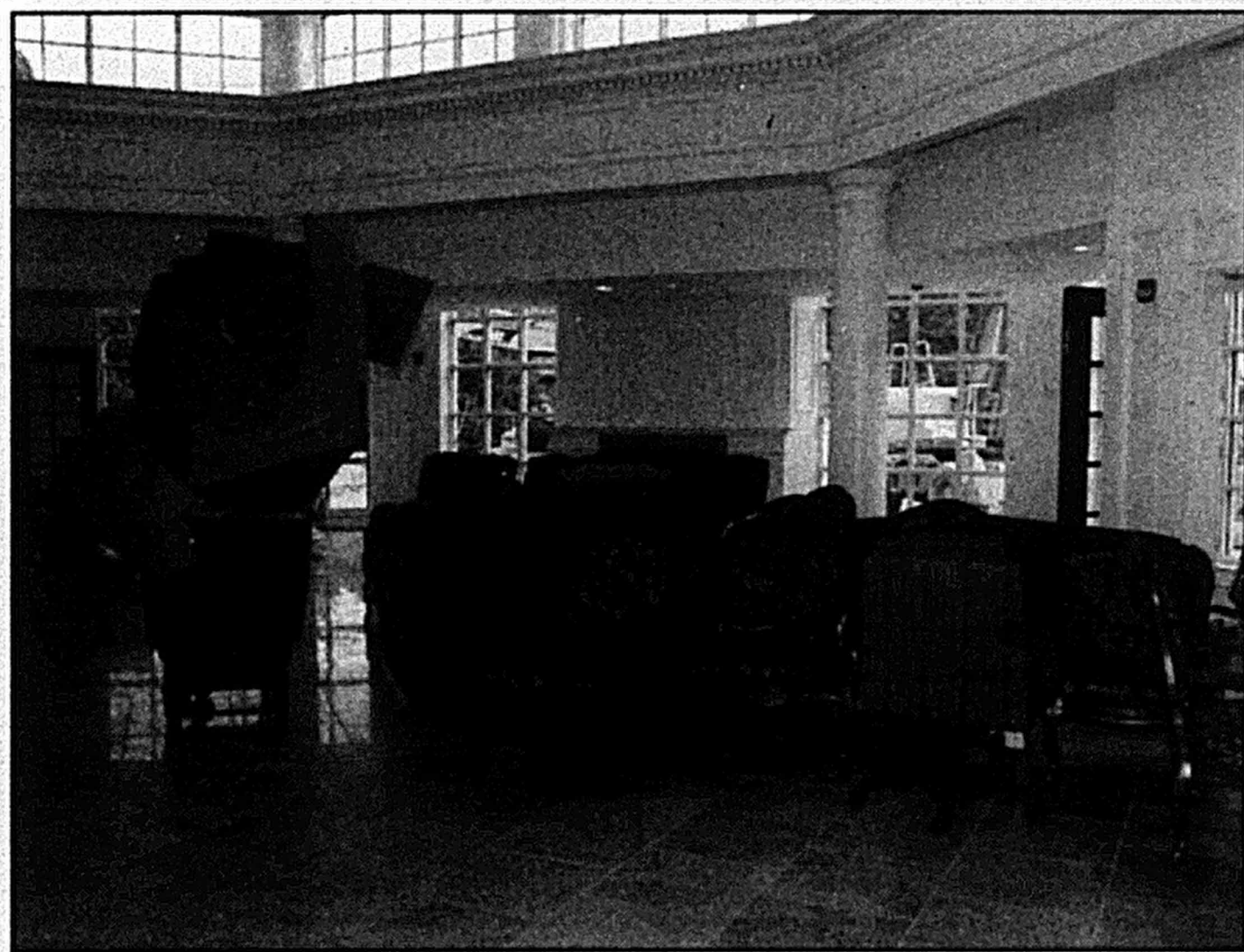
The person at the desk should check the roster to make sure the student is actually a resident, Roeder said.

Requiring ID and guest check in is meant to maintain security and not be "big brotheresque," Roeder said.

For the past two years, residents had been required to sign in when visiting a building that they themselves were not a resi-

dent. While reviewing a policy to devise a new plan, Roeder went through the sign-in logs in which there were pages and pages of guests - a majority of them were residents of another building.

"We are a very safe campus, but campuses are often targets and sometimes people try to take advantage of students and our openness," Roeder said.



Days before the first week of school, unplaced furniture fills the main lobby of Potomac River South. Though the residence hall had freshmen living there, it was not completely furnished. In the next weeks, the final touches will be added to Potomac and other residence halls.

## Potomac still incomplete

### Mud and machinery among top student concerns

By ALICHA GARRETT  
Contributing Writer

Due to summer rain delays, construction of Potomac River is not complete.

Over the next two to three weeks, work on the building's exterior as well as punch list items will continue, according to Director of Public Affairs Tom Shrout.

The \$23 million residence hall adds 482 beds and is similar in style and layout to York River.

W.M. Jordan, the building's contractor is also the contractor for the Ferguson Center for the Arts, library, student center and CNU Village.

Potomac River is intended to help accommodate the additional students living on

campus. Starting with this fall, freshmen and sophomores will be required to live on campus. Upperclassmen will primarily be living in Potomac.

Construction began in June 2003 and was scheduled for completion before students came back to campus for the start of fall classes.

Students moving in have found that Potomac doesn't feel like their home away from home yet.

The door to Sophomore Matt Martin's room doesn't lock and on move-in day the door to his shower was broken.

The delays in construction have left heavy machinery in front of the residence hall, as well as a lack of landscaping.

"Over at Santoro it's like a community, but outside over here there's just dirt," said

Martin.

No grass and heavy rains have created additional struggles for the students in Potomac.

"It's not that bad but we have a huge mud pit," said Stephen Schmitt, a sophomore.

The housing office is encouraging students to place work orders for any problems they have with their room, said Housing Coordinator Assistant Wendy Cook.

As the last minute details are being taken care of, the administration maintains that the residence hall is livable.

"The students are in and the work that is being performed at this time is typical at the completion of a project of this size and scale as we work to provide a first class residence hall for our students," Shrout said.

## Internet, interrupted

By KRISTEN WILLET  
Contributing Writer

The more things change, the more things stay the same.

Upperclassmen can remember the Internet downtime last year due to several virus outbreaks. Despite changes over the summer, some minor inconveniences and downtime remains.

Over the past few weeks, the old e-mail server, Drake, was replaced with the myCNU portal.

"The goal of IT Services continues to be to provide the CNU campus community with a reliable, safe, secure platform to facilitate electronic communication," Director of IT Services George Webb said. "This year we will implement the new myCNU portal, a new enhanced email system, antivirus software, new firewall protection, as well as integrate WebCT with the portal and CNU Live."

A team of employees has been established to help the campus community adjust to the new system.

"We are working to provide quick response to faculty in classes who may have IT problems. We also will establish a call center to serve the help desk and extend the hours that the help desk is open."

Last spring, a \$90 technology fee was assessed for residential students. The revenue the fee brings in supports network improvements for the residence halls, anti-virus software and other technology services. Switching to the new server creates new options for the university and the services it can provide to students and faculty.

"We have 12 new servers for WebCT, email, firewall, web pages and administrative functions," said Webb. "These new servers will enable us to provide faster, more reliable service."

Although the new server will provide better service according to university officials, the transition was not smooth.

"We have switched to a new system which is more user-friendly and reliable. In addition, we have switched to a new Internet service provider," said Webb. "Anytime you do something on this scale, there are compatibility issues in the transition between the new and the old equipment. We have been addressing those as soon as they occur."

The technology fee and new anti-virus software policies should help lessen the impact of network viruses, Webb said. Students have been instructed to disable their anti-virus software on their computers, as the university has instituted programs to handle the task.

"The CNU anti-virus software is updated automatically every 60 minutes. Other anti-virus products will conflict with the CNU anti-virus software," said Webb.

Although the transition was made days before classes began, preparations were underway early in the summer.

"As you can imagine, it was a major project and our staff worked diligently to get the job done under a tight deadline," said Webb. "We feel very good about this major effort."

On the first day of classes, Internet service was down to allow for the installation of the new routers and servers from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. The downtime extended throughout the day, but

the connection was restored last Wednesday.

The lack of Internet service troubled some students across campus.

Chazzy Morris, a Front Desk Assistant (FDA) in York River East said, "The reaction was not positive; the residents were very upset."

Students in Santoro had similar reactions.

"The students were irritated, some were even asking for IT Services," said FDA Amelia Harveycutler. "And then when they called the IT voice mailbox was already full so they could not leave a message."

Helping students make the transition required extra work on the part of IT Services.

"We have improved organizational structure and staffing to provide timely, courteous and professional service," Webb said. "Semester start-up support included over 1,000 hours of additional technical help to assist students with patching and virus removal during the move-in and the following week."

Members of the student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery also put in volunteer hours to assist in the transition efforts.

In order to complete the implementation of the new system, there will be more network downtime.

"These interruptions will be planned and minimal," Webb said.

The new server required a shift in e-mail accounts as well.

Kim Valentine, a Potomac North resident said, "I didn't appreciate the late notice on switching e-mail addresses with no forwarding of old mail."



During freshman move-in day, President Paul Trible assists parents and students in finding their appropriate residence halls. Move-in day requires campus-wide coordination and organization to ensure each student and family reaches their destination.

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The university worked with city officials, the Mariner's Museum and Riverside Regional Medical Center to create the design for the traffic circle, Brauer said. The plan also accommodates neighborhood concerns he said.

Once it is finished, all traffic to and from the university as well as the Riverside neighborhood behind it will use the rerouted Shoe Lane. A landscaped berm will serve as a noise buffer between the road and adjacent homes.

Brauer said the biggest reason for the choice of the

traffic circle design was to keep traffic moving. The traffic in the circle will have the right of way. Traffic going into the Riverside neighborhood will not have to stop, only veer to the right in a lane created by the circle. Likewise, traffic coming onto the campus will not have to stop to enter or exit the circle. Traffic leaving the university not generally have to stop, but will yield to the traffic already in the circle, according to Brauer.

The delays don't cost the university money, but "we're just anxious to get it done," Brauer said. "I'm a little disappointed with the delay, because I wanted it to close." Once it's

closed, old Shoe will be torn up to make way for walkways and landscape, which will in turn make it easier for students and faculty to get from the main campus to Ferguson.

Light posts were being installed last week and students and faculty are able to access the garage from Shoe Lane instead of having to use the service road.

Shifting the traffic on Shoe will minimize the need for the crosswalk patrol by CNU Police, Chief Jeffrey Brown said.

"We will just have to watch and see and respond to the change in the traffic flow," said Brown.



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cars to be issued, however, does not accurately reflect the number of cars on campus. In some cases, two decals are issued for the same price for students, faculty, or staff that have two cars. In order to be eligible for the second decal, proof of vehicle registration must be presented when purchasing a decal. Even if someone is issued two decals, only one of the cars can be on campus at a time.

Some students haven't had many problems parking, but are sure to plan ahead.

"I don't want to move my car unless I absolutely have to," said fifth year student Todd Perdue. "If you have to be some place, you better be ready to walk."

Perdue said that he doesn't mind the walk, but on rainy days like Monday, he wouldn't want to have to park in the garage.

The anticipated number of cars to spaces is 1.3:1, which is the lowest it's been in six years, since Mansfield has been involved with parking. In fall 2002, the decal to space ratio was 2.5.

At Norfolk State University, there are only about 2,000 parking spaces available, according to acting Parking Director David Williams. Commuter and resident students there pay \$75 for a decal, and faculty and staff

pay \$150 for a regular space. Their reserved parking, which is generally for deans, department heads and directors, is \$300.

The ratio of decals to spaces at NSU is 1:1.7, but the "dynamics for parking changed last week," Williams said. The university just purchased new property that came with additional parking spaces.

Freshmen are not allowed cars on campus this semester, but if they earn a 2.4 GPA may bring a car in the spring. CNU has established an agreement with Hampton Roads Transit that allows students to ride for free. Freshmen were issued a CNU/HRT ride pass in their orientation packets, according to HRT spokesman Ross A. Kearney. Upperclassmen may obtain a pass from the Parking Services office.

"It's free so it's good transportation if you want to go somewhere," said Matt Carlson, a freshman who does not have a car on campus.

To reduce confusion among students who hadn't been on campus since last spring, Parking Services posted signs and directed traffic to the garage last Monday and Tuesday.

A walkway from the garage to the main campus has been constructed for students leading them to the crosswalk on Shoe Lane, which is monitored by CNU Police.

Chief Jeffrey Brown said

that the crosswalk would be staffed primarily during special events, but for the first day of classes several unknown factors warranted monitoring.

"We didn't know how many people would be using the garage, or what the traffic would be like, so we are monitoring it to see what we would be dealing with," Brown said.

Parking regulations remain the same as last year and are available in the Parking Services office or on their Web site [www.cnu.edu/parking](http://www.cnu.edu/parking).

Between the peak hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., students, faculty and staff must park in a lot that corresponds with their decal. For example, if a student has a green parking decal that student should park in a lot where it is posted that green is a valid decal. After 3 p.m. all lots are open, with the exception of East Campus lots, but a decal is still required. Visitor, University Police, Reserved and Handicapped spaces are restricted 24 hours a day. Unauthorized individuals who park in these spaces will be ticketed.

Residential students, however, are restricted from parking in the garage. That decision was made, Mansfield said, to make it easier to



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Senior Ginger Jirk finally pulls into an empty parking slot after looking for ten minutes. Jirk says she "just got lucky finding this spot."

clear out the garage for events in the arts center. Since faculty, staff and commuter students generally leave campus by mid to late afternoon, there will be fewer cars that have to be moved to make space for those attending events.

Parking Services is monitoring decal sales for the limited spaces available to East Campus students.

"They're here 24 hours a day, so we're doing everything

we can to provide adequate parking for them," Mansfield said.

With the opening of Potomac River, many upperclassmen that were commuter students last year have converted to residential students, leaving approximately the same number of cars on campus, according to Mansfield.

"We have a large number of residential students this year, with most of them being up-

perclassmen," said Mansfield. "The number of cars hasn't changed, just the type of decal has changed."

Parking for Potomac residents is available behind the residence hall near the athletic fields. The road connecting lots L and M to Moores Lane was paved last week, which restricted access to those lots from Wednesday through Saturday. Access to Lot N remained available through the back gravel road.

## How to stay safe in parking lots

Parking lots can be dangerous places. Whether crooks are after your wallet, your car or your stereo system, it's no secret that thefts often occur in the darkness of a large parking lot or garage. But these crimes are preventable by following short and simple suggestions from Allied Security.

### PROTECTING YOUR VEHICLE AND VALUABLES

- Park near populated areas. Cars and people around you decrease the chances a crook will target you.
- Avoid dark areas. Criminals don't want to be seen and parking in a well-lit area is a safer option.
- Roll windows up and lock all doors. Leaving either open makes a criminal's job that much easier.
- Hide valuables out of sight. Criminals look in car windows and if they can't see anything valuable, they're more likely to pass your car by.

### PROTECTING YOURSELF

- Stay alert and walk with your head up and shoulders back when going to and from your car.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious-looking people. If you see someone, don't hesitate to find help.
- Walk in a group if possible.
- Avoid wearing flashy, expensive jewelry.
- Have your key in your hand and ready to enter your car as soon as you get there.
- Inspect your vehicle - both the front and rear seats - before entering it.
- Lock the vehicle doors as soon as you are inside.
- Do not roll down your window or open your door if anyone approaches. Even if they seem innocent, such as someone requesting directions, it's best not to take any chances.
- Ask security for an escort to your car if you're alone at night.

By Gavin Leshnick  
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

## ART, FROM PAGE 1

the Freeman Center is named after - Biddle was offered the job last November. He was the former director of the Miller Auditorium at West Michigan University.

"The mission of the Ferguson Center for the Arts is to enhance and enrich the cultural development and awareness of the University and its constituents in the region by offering cost-effective, diversified and superior cultural experiences, delivered with the highest level of service," according to the facility's mission statement provided by Biddle.

Since Ferguson is a highly specialized building, it will be staffed with highly qualified people.

"Most of our staffing will be gearing up over the next year," Biddle said. "It's not like most departments where they have a position that's there and you just have to post an ad. We have to create the position."

While individuals found through national searches will fill many positions, students will have ample opportunity to find employment.

"We're trying to use as many students as possible so they can have that experience working at a professional theater," Biddle said. He interviewed 30 students last week for the positions he has available.

The facility will be open until midnight everyday as well as weekends. For security reasons students wanting to use the facility after hours will have to sign in at the front desk starting right after Labor Day.

New freshmen are just as excited about the new facility as the juniors and seniors who have been waiting for the opening since they came to college.

Nicole Franklin, a freshman from Richmond, said, "It's overwhelming. It's fantastic. The building is beautiful. I've never been in anything like this before."

Although the new facility is

something new and has more to offer than Gaines Theatre or the old Ferguson, the transition has been bittersweet for the upperclassmen.

"I don't think anybody is unhappy about the move. We were all a little bit scared to lose the old Ferguson. It was built by students and we spent a lot of time in there. It was very hard to let go."

Practice rooms are open at all times the building is open and any student may use them. Theaters are for rehearsals only and must be scheduled ahead of time.

Now that the first phase of the building itself is complete, the staff is taking care of the little details.

Bike racks are being installed.

Recently delivered Smart-Carts are being configured.

Floors are being stripped and washed.

Outside companies have been contracted to undertake the task of cleaning what was handed over to the new staff as a construction site.

"The dust - six weeks later and we're still trying to get the dust out of here," said Executive Director Bill Biddle.

Members of the fine and performing arts departments have become accustomed to moving over the past year. Knowing Ferguson would open this fall, many decided not to get too settled in their space before they would have to pack it all up again.

"I got here in January, living in boxes in a little tiny office in the Administration building," Biddle said. "I felt like I was living out of a suitcase."

Moving into the building was a reality the staff was more than ready for, even though it will take time.

"There's just a lot of stuff to move. Everybody's unpacking, there's boxes everywhere," Biddle said.

But now that they are in their permanent space, the set-

ting in process can begin.

"We will not be completely comfortable for at least six months," Breese said. "This is not unusual. We expected it. We knew it was going to take a long time."

There are 15 classrooms and design studios in the facility as well as performance spaces and an art computer lab. The lab will host two classes, and contains 15 computers.

To help relieve some of the classroom shortage on the main campus, several non-arts classes have been held in the general classrooms located on the second floor of Ferguson, Biddle said.

Currently, the art studios on Warwick Blvd. are still being used for classes this fall, but will be torn down once the art studios in Ferguson have been completed, according to Betty Anglin, Director of the Fine Arts Department.

The section of the building that will soon house the Fine Arts Department is being renovated and upon completion will include studios for painting and drawing as well as a photography lab with a darkroom.

The Falk Art Gallery will be relocated to an area near the costume storage room, said Anglin.

By this spring, all 12 of the Fine Arts faculty members will have moved into the new facility.

During the State of the University address Tribble gave before classes and tours of Ferguson started, he said the Fine Arts faculty is "getting a taste of the new building and things to come," Anglin said.

To complete this renovation, there will be more demolition of the old section of the building over the next two weeks.

To help students orient themselves in the new facility, directional signs have been put up detailing where offices, classrooms, studios and theaters are located. Permanent signs will be installed within the next week.

"It's such a big building, it's very easy to get lost," Biddle said.

Having all of the arts departments located in a central building is a unique aspect to Ferguson, Breese said. Previously, departments and programs were broken up and scattered all over campus.

## BUILDING, FROM PAGE 1

completed, the library will have doubled in space and contain more study rooms and computers. A general computer lab will be located on the first floor, as well as Einstein's, which will have more computers. There will be additional computers in the reference area.

Expansion on the second floor will create a Curricular Technologies Area. It will house additional computers.

In addition to the newest technology, the library will also maintain an archive, which will contain university archives, master's theses and a Virginia authors collection.

The new library was originally going to have a rare books room, but it is not part of the current construction plan.

"We ran out of money," said Librarian Cathy Doyle.

The archives will be housed in an un-renovated space of the library and will be modified at a later date. The new space will be able to hold more computers as well as more books.

"We have lots of room for

more books here," said Doyle. The number of new books is dependent on the budget, which varies from year to year, Doyle said.

The new Student Center will also double in size over the current Student Center, which will be renovated into an academic building after construction of the new building is complete.

A full service post office with mail boxes for all students will be included in the new building, as well club and organization offices, a convenience store, meeting rooms and a ballroom. The Office of Student Life, Career and Counseling Services and the bookstore will also be relocated to the new building. The bookstore will more than double in size from 4,900 sq. feet to 11,000 sq. feet.

CNU Village, a \$31 million endeavor consisting of residential and retail space, will be completed during the summer of 2005. The residential space costs \$27 million and will be paid for by housing fees. Commercial leases will pay for the \$4 million retail space; the developer Trammel Crow is the leasing agent.

In the middle of the four-floor complex will be another parking garage that will provide parking to residents. The complex will house 400 students as well as 17 retail stores, including a restaurant and a coffee shop.

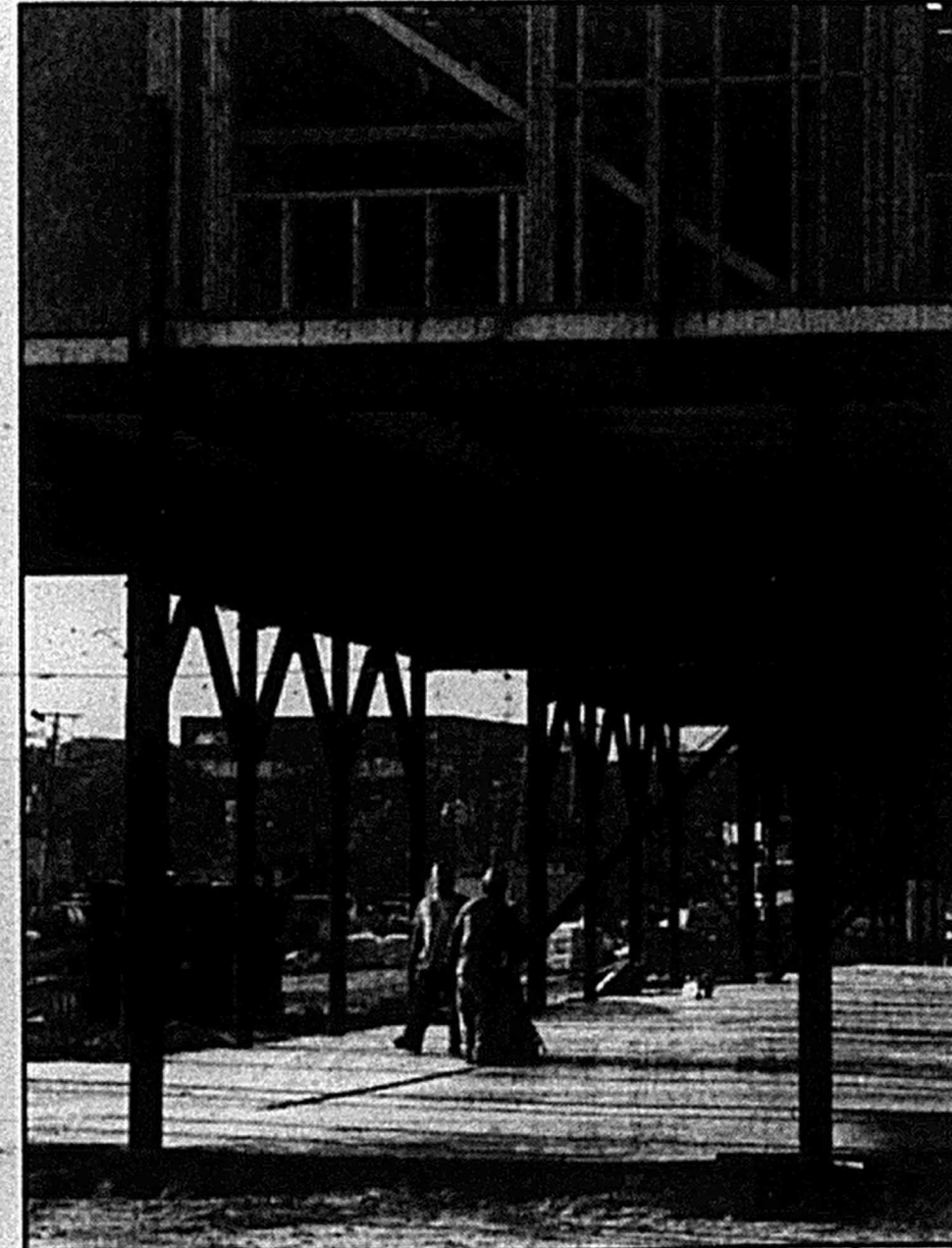
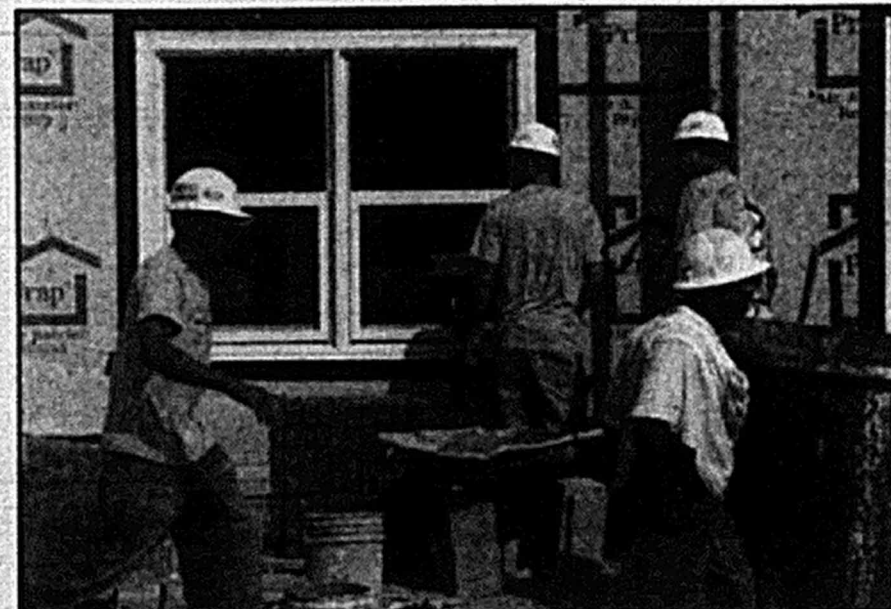
With numerous construction projects going on at one time, it makes it difficult for some members of the university community to visualize the benefits of the projects. But, others, like Dr. Rebecca Wheeler of the English Department see it as part

of the process.

"The construction surely makes it a challenge to get around, and parking is at a premium. Students and faculty alike need to allow extra time to find a spot, and any faculty or students who can walk should," said Wheeler. "The transformation of the building and grounds here at CNU is inspiring. So, I don't mind dealing with the inconvenience now for the beauty in the long run."

Construction workers from W.M. Jordan work late into the afternoon on CNU Village.

Photos by Jordan Smith/The Captain's Log





# Non-discrimination policy resolution tabled by Board of Visitors

Sexual orientation resolution passed by SGA and Faculty Senate

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

At the June Board of Visitors meeting, the board decided to table a resolution that would add sexual orientation to CNU's non-discrimination policy.

Dr. Virginia Purtle, president of the Faculty Senate, gave the board background on the resolutions.

It originated in the Student Government Association, where it was proposed by the representative from the Gay-Straight Student Union and was passed 103-1. Members of the SGA forwarded the resolution to the Faculty Senate in the spring of 2003, where it was tabled twice. Finally, in the spring of 2004, the resolution passed in the Faculty Senate.

Although there are no legal protections for homosexuals in Virginia, the Faculty Senate is in full support of the resolution.

"We feel like they should be comfortable. We see this as symbolic," Purtle told the board.

Since SGA President Melissa Bell was unable to attend the meeting, she prepared a statement that was read to the board.

She noted the patience

and persistence of the students pushing for the resolution to be passed. While arguments against the resolution include that it is merely symbolic, Bell suggested "we hold ourselves to a higher standard."

Another argument was that the resolution would put the board in conflict with the state legislation.

Countering that statement, Bell offered an example of the General Assembly making it legal for a 21-year-old to consume alcohol in the state of Virginia. On campus, however, alcohol is prohibited.

Provost Richard Summerville strongly urged the board to retain its current policy.

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

Summerville said the university has a zero tolerance policy for harassment, making it unnecessary to add sexual orientation.

The policy on harassment listed in the 2004-2005 University Handbook, however, only states "harassment that is directed at

an individual and is based on age, sex, race, disability, religion, national origin or political affiliation will not be tolerated."

A number of other institutions in Virginia have non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. Those include William and Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, The University of Mary Washington, Norfolk State College, Old Dominion University, Radford University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech.

Longwood University, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia State University and Christopher Newport University have remained silent on the issue of sexual orientation discrimination.

Board member James Joseph motioned to approve the resolution and was seconded, but was eventually unsuccessful.

The board voted to discuss the issue with the university's General Counsel, Bill Thro, in a closed session. Following that session, the resolution was tabled.

"That officially tables to motion for the next rector to deal with," said Helmut Trishmann, Rector of the board.

# In-state tuition increases \$338, two academic programs eliminated

Room and board, parking costs also raised this year

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

The Board of Visitors voted in early May to raise costs across the board.

Two academic programs were also eliminated during the meeting — the master's of science in applied psychology and the bachelor's of science in accounting.

In-state students now pay an additional \$338, or 12 percent, raising the tuition per year to \$3,152. Several mandatory fees were also raised. Tuition, plus the mandatory comprehensive fee increase of \$376, totals a \$714 increase for all in-state students.

The board voted to raise room and board costs, as well as the cost of parking on campus.

The cost of a parking decal increased to \$200 from \$150 for all students. It will also increase by \$50 for faculty and staff whose annual income is over \$50,000.

Board member James R. Joseph said students were faced with steep tuition increases because of harsh budget cuts two years ago, and that last year the rates were increased just to keep the doors open.

"This year, we're actually raising tuition to improve the quality of education," he said.

The increases allow for a 4.5 percent salary increase for faculty said Cynthia Perry, Chief of Staff.

Administrative, professional and support staff will receive a three percent increase.

Both are effective Nov. 11.

The first goal of the university, Perry told the board, is to increase the number of

full-time faculty.

This fall, there are 47 new faculty members at the university. Thirty of those are newly created positions, which are provided for by state funding and 17 are replacements for faculty members who retired or moved in the past year.

President Paul Tribble and Perry said CNU's cost would remain competitive with those of other state colleges.

A number of other Virginia colleges also raised their rates this year.

The College of William and Mary decided in late April to increase the annual rate for in-state undergraduates to \$13,162, or 7.7 percent.

Total costs for in-state undergraduate students at the University of Virginia rose nine percent to \$12,561.

Old Dominion rose by about six percent and Virginia Tech rose by nine percent.

The board also discussed the need to eliminate two academic programs — the master's of science in applied psychology and the bachelor's of science in accounting.

The board voted unanimously to eliminate both programs.

Dr. Timothy Marshall of the psychology department said enrollment in the graduate program had declined almost 50 percent and was straining resources available to the department.

Closing the graduate program, Marshall said, was in the best interest of the department and would allow faculty to focus on the undergraduate program.

The accounting degree was no longer a practical course of study at the undergraduate level, dean of the Business School Dr. Motilla, told the board.

In the past, accounting students were required to complete 130 hours of study to take the commonwealth's CPA examination. Starting in 2006, students would be required to complete 150 hours to take the exam, rendering the undergraduate program obsolete.

"This resolution is a response to the changing profession," she said.

The business school will still offer accounting classes, Motilla said.

She has reached an agreement with Old Dominion University that will allow students to enroll in classes there upon graduation if they meet the minimum entrance requirement for the master's in accountancy program.

"We're just facilitating the ability for them to be ready to take the CPA exam," Motilla said.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in discussion through open meetings held on campus. She said the students understood the situation and that the department would graduate the last student under this program in 2006.

Motilla said, based on information from the registrar, that there are 55 juniors and seniors combined enrolled in the program.

Changes to the overall curriculum were also addressed.

Dr. Susan St. Onge and Dr. Quentin Kidd, co-chairs of the task force charged with looking into changing the curriculum, presented to the board.

The way the curriculum is currently organized dates back to the 1960s, when Christopher Newport opened as a branch of William and Mary.

"This was a system that in no way, shape or form was challenging our students," said St. Onge.

She said that although W&M had changed their system three times over the last forty years, CNU has never closely examined the system.

Kidd said the curriculum proposed by the task force would require a complete overhaul of the current system, allowing the students more choice.

Dean Douglas Gordon is overseeing the effort and said, "We are not about incremental change here. We are about dramatic transformation."

## New Faculty and Staff

### Departures

#### Retirements

Colonna (Management and Economics)  
Scheidt (Modern and Classical Languages)  
Doane (Government)

#### Resignations

Morris (Accounting)  
Scovotti (Management and Economics)  
Williams (Communications)  
Wyatt (Government)  
Guerrero (Modern and Classical Languages)

#### Contract Expirations

Stiverson (Accounting)  
Cotner (Music)  
Hollingsworth (Biology, Chemistry, Env. Sci.)  
Turner (English)  
Gashue (History)  
Gerstman (Psychology)

#### Leaves of Absence

Goms (Communications)  
Cowell-Meyers (Government)

#### Move to Administration

Bartels (Mathematics)

### Additions

#### New Appointees

Lingenfelter (Accounting)  
Harris (Fine Arts)  
Herman (Fine Arts)  
Douglas (Music)  
Hulse (Music)  
Koester (Music)  
J. Brown (Music)  
White (Music)  
Hurst (Theater)  
Lloyd (Theater)  
Foss (Biology, Chemistry, Env. Science)  
Young (Biology, Chemistry, Env. Science)  
Webb (Biology, Chemistry, Env. Science)  
Sherwin (Biology, Chemistry, Env. Science)  
French (Communications)  
Meyer (Communications)  
Manning (Communications)

Barclay (English)  
Healy (English)  
Sloggie (English)  
Busch (Government)  
Dunning (Government)  
Tacos (Government)  
Xu (History)  
Connell (History)  
Greenspan (History)  
Meredith (History)  
Bryden (Library Science)  
Farina (Library Science)  
York (Library Science)  
Gibson (Management and Economics)  
Lant (Management and Economics)  
Taylor (Management and Economics)  
Caggiano (Mathematics)  
Tong (Mathematics)  
Lutz (Military Science)  
Mensch (Military Science)  
Steinpien (Military Science)  
Miller (Modern and Classical Languages)  
Pollio (Modern and Classical Languages)  
DeVries (Modern and Classical Languages)  
White (Modern and Classical Languages)  
Hutchinson (Philosophy and Rel. Studies)  
Thompson (Philosophy and Rel. Studies)  
Flores (Physics, Comp. Sci. and Engineering)  
Rizvi (Physics, Comp. Sci. and Engineering)  
Brash (Physics, Comp. Sci. and Engineering)  
Guajardo (Psychology)  
Malaspina (Psychology)  
Hart (Psychology)  
Waldron (Sociology, Social Work and Anth.)

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# Opinions

## Where We Stand

### Transitional period requires extra effort by campus leaders

The fall semester of 2004 has brought a number of changes to the CNU campus. While it remains to be seen whether all of these changes will affect the community in a positive manner, it's apparent that the transitions, whether great or small, have a lasting impact and serious reverberations throughout the community.

The implementation of the new E-mail system has left many students, faculty and organization presidents scratching their heads. While the new system is more attractive and may have more long-term benefits, the shoddy way the system was explained and implemented has caused some concerns. E-mails were sent out (to the Webmail accounts) to inform users of the change; however, those e-mails were quickly lost when the system switched over. IT Services has been inundated with questions from worried users about the retrieval of old e-mails; club and organization presidents scrambled to learn how to send campus announcements during the first week of school; unclear directions and advice rendered most students incapable of accessing their e-mail. While the necessity of the new system and server is not questioned, the methods of their implementation tend to stray on the side of ill-prepared.

The most serious of transitional problems are those of the newly reorganized Student Government Association. The SGA has failed to communicate their recent revisions of policy to the CNU community. Their new structure and constitution still remain a mystery to most of the student body, and the first SGA meeting of the semester was unannounced (possibly because they can't work their e-mail?). WCNU, Altered Xpressionz, the Young Constitutionalists, the Young Democrats, the Peer Advising Club, the Biology Club and other organizations took the time and effort to put the word out about their first meeting/session, but the SGA was either unable or unwilling to broadcast that information to the incoming students of 2004.

While it's still only the second week of school, the inaction reflects poorly on this organization that is supposed to be a role model for all student-run organizations on campus. We can assume the SGA's new board members will have a period of readjustment. Unfortunately, it seems the CNU community may be kept in the dark about the SGA's dealings until the board decides to take action.

The hiring of 47 new faculty members and the formation of a marching band slightly balances out the aforementioned problems. These new additions to the CNU community will not only make the school more prosperous for the current students, but will attract more and more upcoming students to the campus. The marching band also delivers a much-needed bolstering of school spirit to this historically apathetic school. With the first home football game this week, the Marching Captains will have a much anticipated opportunity to show off the skills they've learned, and get the attention of those who haven't yet learned the meaning of what a 'Captain' really is.

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## Snub of local students unwise for university

Relationship with community is vital to university's success

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

In a city that supported this university in its early years, and has been grateful for the graduates that enter the teaching and nursing professions, one could venture to say that alienating the locals is not wise.

Seemingly unfazed by this notion, President Paul Tribble was quoted in Saturday's Daily Press as saying that many of the best students in Virginia come from Fairfax County and the university is working hard to get them.

Fairfax County public schools had an average SAT score of 1110 in 2003. They also have about 150,000 more students than York County - a county located about 10 minutes from the university. York County had over 50 percent of graduates earn an Advanced Studies diploma, an average SAT score of 1070 and is where I went to school.

Yes, the Fairfax County scores were slightly higher, but

I ask you to consider this:

The Student Government President is a local. So were the two who came before her.

The SGA Vice President is a local.

Four of the editors of The Captain's Log are locals, myself included. As were the two Managing Editors who came before me, one of whom went on to become a top reporter at the Daily Press.

Yes, the Fairfax County students scored,

on average,

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But, staking

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The local

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university.

The Newport News Public School system works with CNU to train student teachers. Riverside Regional Medical Center trained nursing students. Locals come to CNU Theatre events in

droves and cheer just as loud as any college student at sporting events. They have lost their houses and their property to new residence halls and athletic facilities.

These people may not have ever even attended CNU, and even if they had, they might not have been the brightest or most talented. Their love for the university, however, runs deep and can sustain a university in its less than glorious days.

On a strictly business level, attracting non-locals is ideal. With millions of dollars being spent on new residence halls, someone has to live there. Empty rooms would not bode well for paying back construction costs.

Many local students commute, but not all. As a local, I lived on campus for my first two years before making the decision to commute.

Rather than choose a locality in which to recruit students, the university should strive to attract the best of the best - no matter where they are from. Although I'm a local, I can't imagine attending a school where there was not a mutual respect between the university and the community. CNU seems to be venturing away from that concept at a dangerous pace. Campus expansion or not, the university is located in the middle of a metropolitan area; contact with the community is unavoidable.

## Regardless of political ideology, students encouraged to vote in presidential election

By CRAIG WHISENHUNT  
Contributing Writer

The Presidential race between Vice-President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush in 2000 proved to be one of the closest in history. So close, in fact, that it required a Supreme Court decision to figure out who actually won the election.

As narrow as the margin of victory was within the Electoral College in 2000, this year's election between now President George W. Bush and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry could be even closer.

This year's strategy seems to be based more on the reasons why not to vote for one candidate than on why to vote for one. This inevitably leads Americans to elect a "lesser of two evils." This isn't, of course, to suggest either candidate is in fact evil at all. It simply indicates that neither candidate is really making strong efforts to find solutions to America's problems. Each is engaged in pointing out that their opponent isn't offering solutions either, and may be adding that they can't be trusted, just to get their point across.

More effort is being spent on issues like whether or not Sen. Kerry deserved the three Purple Heart medals he was awarded in Vietnam, or whether or not there ever were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. While both of these make for interesting questions, more appropriate ones might include matters such as: What is going to

happen to Social Security?

Granted, social security doesn't play too much into the minds of college students, however, what about this: With dwindling numbers of men and women enlisting into the armed forces will a draft become necessary to sustain the efforts in Iraq and around the world?

Both candidates, as well as both parties, have subtly let on that this is a real possibility without endorsing or condemning the idea.

In fact, current legislation in Congress would indicate such a move is under way. House bill HR163 and Senate bill S89 would reinstate the draft. What is even more alarming about that particular issue is that current opinion by the legislature would result in a draft without exemptions. That means that unlike during Vietnam, being a full-time college student will not prevent you from being drafted. Neither will the fact that you are female keep you out of the draft. Every single American citizen between the ages of 18 and 26 will be eligible, which is certainly cause for concern.

Another matter to keep in mind, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that last year barely 50 percent of college graduates found jobs within their fields.

While both candidates readily admit to the troubles facing our economy, little is being said about how to fix things, just plenty of reminders as to how the other candidate can't possibly make matters any better.

Regardless of political views, one thing is absolute: College students are historically apathetic about elections. While they are quick to join in political arguments

and place blame, rarely do they engage themselves in the process of fixing things. This has led to the characterization that candidates need not listen to our concerns.

The opportunity for change exists, and to make our collective voices heard. Act fast because you won't get another chance for four more years.

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# Fresh Perspectives

Why did you come to school? Was it because your parents expected you to? Everyone else seemed to be doing it, or at least wanting to do it, right? A boyfriend or girlfriend who you wanted to stay with? Let me guess, you probably heard there were great parties. At this point many of you are probably shaking your head. Obviously – you think to yourself – I came here to get an education, to improve myself and be able to participate in the real world.

OK, seems like a good enough answer, but I don't believe it. Sure, it may be true for a handful of students, but unfortunately, I'm beginning to wonder how many. See here's the thing, to grow as a person and receive a complete educational experience here at CNU, you should be out with in the university community leading a club or organization or at the least *participating*.

This past year CNU saw a disappointing growth in student apathy. No longer can CNU rely on the same handful of active students who are willing to balance multiple roles. At the same time we are seeing the students coming into CNU impress us with scores and past accomplishments. I can't help but wonder – where did they go?

This past academic year, I ran uncontested to serve as SGA president. The vice presidency was, as well, uncontested. Several Senate seats were uncontested, and, in fact, we even have an additional seat that was left open when not enough students ran (that will default to the freshman class).

The Multicultural Student Association, one of the largest organizations on campus had not one person run for an executive position, not one. The Captain's Log is always on the hunt for more staff. SGA struggles to find students who are willing to serve on committees. Political organizations hold panel discussions and invite guest speakers, only to look out in the audience and wonder where everyone is.

So again, I ask you, why did you come to school? What do you want to get out of it? There are so many opportunities available to us at Christopher Newport that most would find harder to grasp at larger schools, opportunities such as belonging to multiple clubs or holding leadership positions.

There is hope. Every new academic year brings a chance for fresh beginnings, a chance to try again. I encourage everyone reading this to go check out that flyer in their hall the next time they are out, to take a moment to read a campus E-mail, or even take an afternoon to visit a Senate meeting.

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## Draft legislation may affect your future

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I'm assuming you all have heard of the draft - where people who had no interest or intention of joining the armed forces are 'called to serve' and are obligated to join the armed forces unless they can find some way to exempt themselves.

It has happened several times in our history, usually in response to a foreign war that is draining the resources of our military - the volunteer armed forces lack for personnel, and so the government institutes a draft to fill the holes.

Observers of the situations we are involved in abroad (our rising casualties in Iraq, the fact that our armed forces are stretched razor thin due to our other involvements, and that the occupation and that the stabilization of Iraq is projected to take another decade) should see the reason why certain individuals in the House and Senate are thinking of taking this measure to bolster our armed forces.

And guess who will be selected to serve.

You got it - us. Specifically,

all young persons in America aged 18 to 26 are eligible to be called up for service under this act.

That's right - all. Under this act, females are not exempted - they will be required to serve their time just like the men. And the college loophole is being closed too - it doesn't matter if you're in college or not, you're still eligible. The only exemption made is for high school students,

and that only lasts until they graduate, then they will serve their term. The term is two years, by the way.

Oh, there is a civilian service option in the act, but don't fool yourselves - it's a draft, pure and simple, and you will go into the military first, civilian only if you don't qualify for the military.

Considering if you're breathing and relatively sane, you pretty much qualify for military service, you will be serving in the military.

If this act is implemented, you could be summarily yanked right out of your life and sent off to risk your life for your country, where you could be killed or maimed in the line of duty, and all you get for it is a medal.

You could be killed in the line of duty and your life is over, having been killed in a battle you never wanted to fight in the first place.

Even if none of these awful things happens to you, you still lose two years out of your life.

That time doesn't come back. You will be two years older, two years farther ahead in your life without being an inch closer to your goals.

But, look at it this way: at least Uncle Sam will be happy.

Fortunately, we can still stop this act from becoming law. It has not yet been voted on. And if a storm of public protest could be kicked up before it is passed, the politicians will think twice about it.

Write your congressmen! Start petitions! Our generation needs to practice some serious civil disobedience unless we want to be sent to fight and die in wars we may not even believe in!

If this isn't enough, we do have one final recourse - this act, as it is written, will never stand up to a constitutional challenge.

The 13th Amendment clearly states that slavery or involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime, shall not exist in these United States.

When it is written so clearly into the document which is the supreme law of the land, the Supreme Court will have no choice but to strike the act down if it is passed and challenged.

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GOV. MCGREEVEY



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CORRUPT POLITICIAN  
OFFICE ABUSER  
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UNETHICAL SLEAZE  
GAY AMERICAN.

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NOT-SO-STRAIGHT GUY

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## 'Lady' unfair label for womens' athletics

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There are currently two separate teams taking the fields and courts for Christopher Newport University: the Captains and the Lady Captains. Both of these teams suit up for the same school and with the same goals in mind, but they are defined in opposition to one another. The term "lady" turns the female and male sexes into rivals instead of allies. The term "lady" is present on media guides, uniforms, scoreboards and other objects used by female athletic teams.

This is an example of sexist language and is harmful to the psyche of female athletes and the attitudes of their onlookers. This labeling is sexist because of what "lady" connotes in our society and because "lady" is used to distinguish the sex of female athletes but there is no sex distinguishing term used to reference male teams.

This allows the males to appear as the "authentic" Captains and the females to appear as the team defined in contrast to the standard.

For those of you who think of "lady" Captains as simply a way to differentiate between the sexes, you are seriously underestimating the power of language.

The world we live in would have no meaning without language. If language did not exist, we would still be in caves grunting at each other as opposed to assigning generalizations and stereotypes to everyone who is different from ourselves.

Isn't that all "lady" really is, a generalization made about women which assumes that they are gentle, well-behaved and appearance obsessed? There is a dominant belief that it is not language that is responsible for the perceived "inferiorities" of women athletes, but it is a biological difference between men and women that make women the "inferior" athletes.

I argue however, that it is the work of bias within lan-

guage that makes female athletic "inferiority" appear natural.

The fact is that the expectations of behaving like a "lady" influence the way a female perceives the world and her role within it. A male athlete is never presented with the dilemma of choosing between being a good athlete or being accepted by society; they are one in the same for a male. As reflected in the term "lady," females have to do a balancing act to be accepted as a female and an athlete.

Thus, as "lady" is used by the CNU athletic program, it reminds both female athletes and their spectators that no matter how hard they are playing and how unduly like they may appear, they are in fact not just females, but ladies: gentle, decorum obsessed, well behaved ladies.

I am not against differentiating between male and female sports. I think it is important that each team gets its own equal recognition but not when it is at the expense of how one team is represented and portrayed.

It is possible that if the term "lady" were eliminated from the sporting context at CNU, everyone would assume "Captains" referred to the men.

I believe this is a problem that was created by the implementation of the term "lady" as a distinguisher.

"Captains" should always embody both sexes. It is through the use of the terms "women's" and "men's" and/or "male" and "female" that sex should be distinguished. This way both sexes are being distinguished between and one is not the standard by which the other is defined.

Another resolution to this problem would be to call men's teams the "Gentlemen

Captains." The words "ladies" and "gentlemen" are most commonly used in correlation with one another. It is through this example that I can accurately convey how ridiculous the "lady" terminology actually is.

These terms have almost identical meanings; only one is in reference to females and the other references males.

I am aware that many people find it humorous to offer this as a resolution but it is no more absurd than the labeling currently utilized at CNU. The reality of the matter is that neither ladies nor gentlemen take part in sports, or at least they are not acting in accordance with these roles when competing in a sport.

It makes no sense to refer to athletes through terminology that is irrelevant or disadvantageous to what they are attempting to accomplish.

I really believe that sex-based labeling is an important issue. CNU should no longer support the sexist terminology that contributes to the marginalization and perceived inferiority of female athletes.

This request is not taking a swing at men's athletics but is simply looking out for the best interests of female athletic programs.

Men's and women's teams can be identified by the same non-gendered term, "captains," but also each team can retain their separate identity.

The women's athletic programs can easily be differentiated from the men's programs without jeopardizing the integrity of either. We can all be the "Captains."

## Bush, Kerry need to address womens issues

Making up two-thirds of undecided voters, women could sway this year's presidential election

By SANGITA NAYAK  
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On Aug. 26, 1920, women in this country won the right to vote. If President Bush and John Kerry want to honor that watershed struggle, they need to speak to the concerns of today's working women.

Those concerns include decent wages, decent health benefits and on-the-job equality for all.

Women are a voting bloc to be reckoned with. In 2000, more than 59 million women voted in the presidential election.

This year, with women making up two out of every three undecided voters, the presidential candidates would be wise to address the needs of working women nationwide.

Diane Frye of Carrollton, Ga., has a simple request.

"I want a job that will pay for my meals and rent," she says. Frye is looking for work and needs to move from a home that has a hole in the roof and lacks heat or air conditioning. She is

a single mom, caring for her 18-year-old autistic son.

Three out of every five minimum-wage earners are women. A single parent of two children working full-time at the federal minimum wage still falls below the poverty line, according to the Economic Policy Institute. Women desperately need to see a raise in the minimum wage.

Julia Perkins of Milwaukee is working several part-time jobs, none of which offer paid sick days. "I want a workplace that allows me to take care of my children if they are sick," said Perkins, "and I'm going to the polls to make a difference for my families and families across the country." Her 10-year-old and 15-year-old children are diabetic.

According to a study by Harvard School of Public Health Professor Jody Heymann, three out of four low-wage workers receive no sick days at all. For part-timers – a growing sector of working women – five out of six workers have no paid sick days, according to the Institute on Women's Policy Research.

Virginia Chivers of Carroll County, Ohio, just wants to be treated equally. She's been passed up for promotion five times – one of the last times to a man she trained.

"I think it's wrong. I can do that job as well or better than any man can. It blows my mind that they try to get away with this," said Chivers.

The issues of fairness and equality are key. Women need tough enforcement of anti-discrimination laws. Last year, women filed tens of thousands of discrimination charges. It's clear that discrimination against women is rampant.

Eighty-four years ago, women won the right to vote. Bush and Kerry should make that vote even more meaningful by acting in the interests of today's working women.

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# World and Nation

## Al-Sadr asks supporters to lay down their weapons

By DOGEN HANNAH  
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NAJAF, Iraq — Radical Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr called on his Mahdi Army militia Monday to stop fighting U.S. and Iraqi forces, and he'll announce his movement's political future within days, a close aide said.

"We are asking the Mahdi Army all over Iraq to lay down their weapons and stop firing, except in self-defense, and to wait for this political process," said Sheikh Ali Smeisim, al-Sadr's aide and spokesman in Najaf.

Smeisim's statements on behalf of al-Sadr came the same day the cleric returned to Najaf's Imam Ali shrine for the first time since Friday's agreement to end a bloody three-week standoff around the shrine between the Mahdi Army and American and Iraqi forces.

The statements, on the face, suggest that al-Sadr, a strident critic of the U.S.-backed interim government, is on the verge of forgoing armed opposition in favor of political participation in the nation's transition to democratic self-rule.

Nonetheless, al-Sadr frequently has given conflicting signals, and his long-term game plan is unclear. His militia remains armed and ready.

The cleric called on the Iraqi government "to be patient, to be self-disciplined and to withdraw all the forces from the city centers" where fighting continues, such as in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City and the southern city of Basra, Smeisim said.

Al-Sadr's representatives are expected to provide more details of

his plans Tuesday at a Baghdad news conference.

So far, he's shunned the U.S.-supported political process and kept himself in the spotlight through other means.

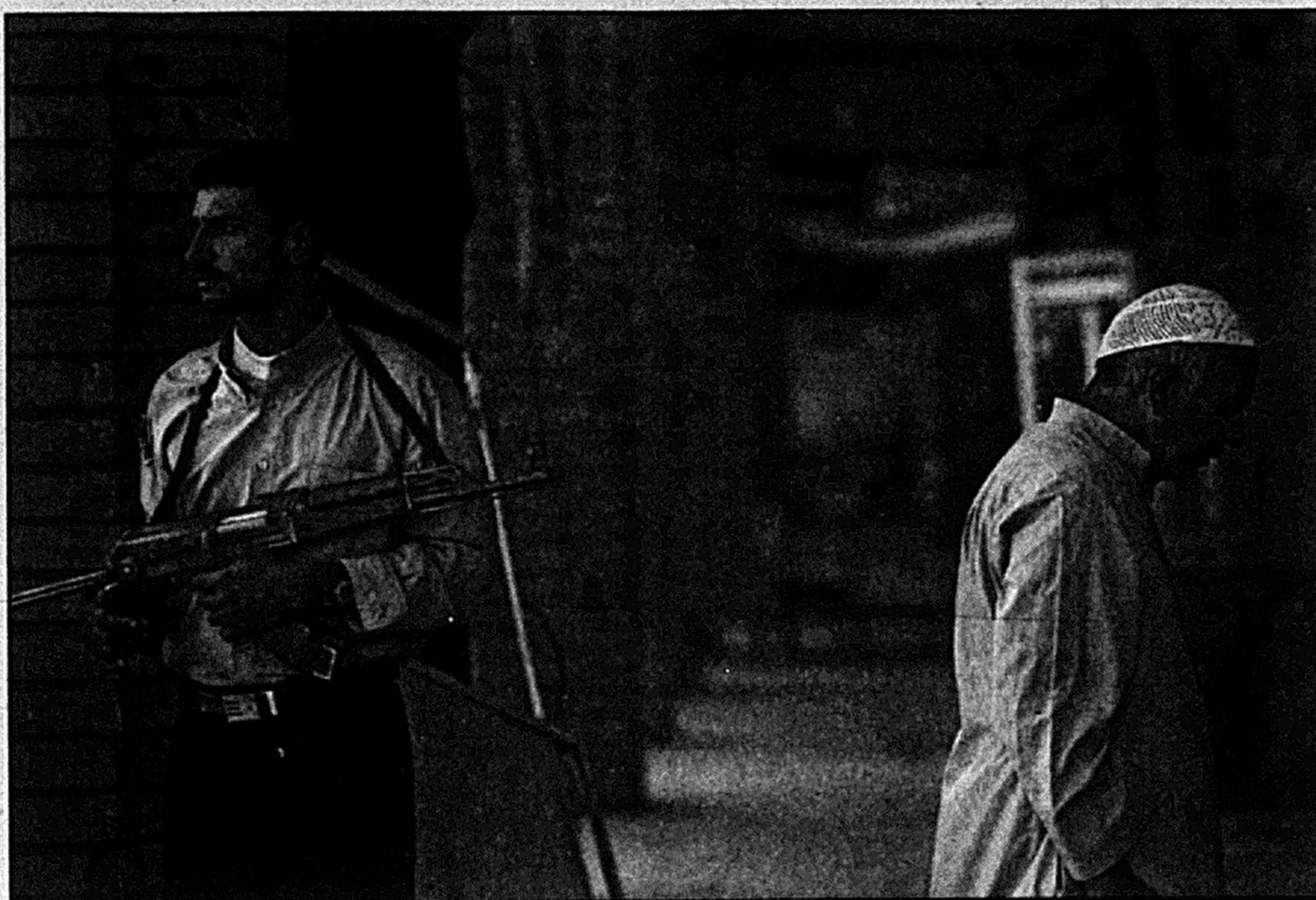
Negotiations to end the Mahdi Army's standoff with American and Iraqi forces in Najaf overshadowed a national political conference — which al-Sadr declined to attend — to elect an interim national assembly.

While Smeisim declined to elaborate on al-Sadr's political plans, he portrayed the cleric as a national leader untainted by association with the U.S.-led coalition that's shaped and supported the fledgling interim government.

"He represents a trend that never put its hand with the foreigners," Smeisim said. "He represents the will of the Iraqi people."

Al-Sadr's private visit to the shrine for noon and afternoon prayers came a few days after Iraq's highest Shiite authority, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, returned Thursday from medical treatment in London and swiftly brokered a deal to bring peace to the holy city. Al-Sadr agreed to the deal only after his militia had sustained severe casualties and the more prominent al-Sistani put pressure on him to withdraw. Al-Sadr's entrance into Iraq's mainstream political process would remove a major obstacle to Iraqi and American government efforts to propel Iraq toward peaceful parliamentary elections by the end of January. Presumably, his popularity could help him in an election.

At the same time, a sudden turn



An Iraqi police officer keeps guards at the Imam Ali Shrine Monday, August, 30 in Najaf. No one has been allowed in the Shrine and security remains tight, so many people prayed against the Shrine's wall or across from it. Normally thousands of Shiites gather inside the Shrine in Najaf to celebrate Imam Ali's birthday but since the recent battle ended a few days earlier, the Shrine was still in need of repairs.

by al-Sadr to a democratic path seems implausible given his history.

There's no sign that he's dismantling his militia, and he could return to violence at any time. Al-Sadr embraces a vision of government run by Islamic clerics, as in Iran, which is difficult to reconcile with an open democratic process.

His decision to join the U.S.-backed political process could prove to be a tactical retreat after he was forced from the Imam Ali shrine last week.

As he visited the shrine Monday, Najaf residents and municipal workers continued to clear the streets of battle debris.

Najaf government officials kept the shrine closed to the public, even as hundreds of pilgrims arrived to mark the birthday of the man for whom it's named.

Scores of Iraqi police — armed with AK-47 rifles and packed into pickups and sedans — swarmed the streets, warning pilgrims of the threat of un-

exploded ordnance and shooting them away from the shrine.

A spokesman for al-Sistani said experts were surveying the former battleground to identify and remove unexploded ordnance.

Hamid al-Khafaf said he was unsure how long that would take but that it would be a matter of days.

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## Bush, Kerry diverge widely on environmental issues

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DALLAS — The differences between George W. Bush and John Kerry on the environment can be measured by the same yardstick that scientists often use to measure pollution: Parts per million.

Analysts say the environment is rarely a prime factor for most voters. In an election dominated by the economy and the war in Iraq, the percentage of people who list the environment as their top political concern is in single digits.

But as Kerry's extended swing through some of the nation's environmental hotspots shows the environment can make a difference in key states, pushing swing voters to the other side of the ballot.

"When you drill down to swing states, such as Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Pennsylvania or Florida, Mr. Bush and Mr. Kerry will spend a great deal of their time talking about the environment," said Jim DiPeso, policy director for Republicans for Environmental Protection, a group that has criticized Bush on air, energy, global warming, public lands and other environmental issues.

The candidates diverge sharply on several points.

Bush — pictured on his campaign's green-tinted environmental Web page as standing resolute before a mountain range — advocates giving market forces instead of government rules a bigger role in curbing industrial air pollution, boosting oil and gas drilling and developing new technologies to reduce or eliminate pollution from cars in coming decades.

Kerry — whose environmental Web page features a similar mountain range, only this time with oil derricks as a swipe at Bush's energy plans — blasts the Bush agenda and calls for tougher pollution rules, no drilling in the most sensitive areas and an immediate crack-down on car emissions.

Both positions reflect the candidates' larger philosophies on governing.

Here's a breakdown of where the candidates stand on some major environmental issues:

**Air.** Clear Skies, the centerpiece of Bush's clean-air efforts, would rewrite the Clean Air Act to let utilities earn, buy and sell credits for cutting emissions of nitrogen oxides, which cause smog, and toxic mercury.

Clear Skies legislation has stalled in Congress, so the administration has proposed making many of the changes with regulations, which don't need congressional approval.

Kerry and many environmentalists say Clear Skies is flawed and actually works to the utilities' benefit by postponing pollution cuts far too long.

Kerry said Clear Skies would increase pollution by 21 million tons a year over the simple enforcement of existing law. By rejecting a more protective option that environmental officials proposed, Kerry said, the Bush plan would result in 100,000 additional premature deaths over a decade and a half.

**Energy.** Bush's energy plan hasn't gotten out of Congress, but as with Clear Skies, the administration has made its agenda plain. Bush is promoting more use of coal as well drilling for oil and gas on public lands, including Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

He also wants to spend \$1.2 billion for research into hydrogen fuel cells for vehicles, homes and businesses. All of the initiatives are meant to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil, Bush said.

Kerry also said he wants to wean the nation off foreign oil, but he said the country "can't drill its way to independence." Instead, he would create a renewable energy trust fund to speed up the adoption of cleaner technology and energy efficiency.

Kerry also favors hydrogen research, but in the meantime he wants to require more fuel-efficient gasoline-powered cars in the next decade. And although he's for more use of natural gas because it's the cleanest fossil fuel, he's against drilling in the Arctic refuge.

**Global warming.** Bush has withdrawn the United States from the Kyoto Protocol, the 1997 treaty that seeks to limit emissions of carbon dioxide, saying the pact would put U.S. companies at a competitive disadvantage. He also backed away from a 2000 campaign pledge to cut U.S. emissions.

Instead, Bush has earmarked \$4.4 billion for climate change efforts, including \$1.75 billion for research and \$500 million in energy-efficiency tax incentives.

Kerry accuses the president of abandoning the U.S. leadership on global warming and other worldwide environmental concerns. He has advocated new talks to improve the climate treaty, but said the United States can't keep postponing action on global warming.

Such issues may become more prominent as the weather and the campaigns heat up, and even when such issues as the price of gas surface. Each camp says it's ready.

Browner, the former EPA chief, said the battle will be as intense as a Texas July afternoon.

"As we move into summer, air pollution's getting worse, the asthma attacks in our children become worse," she said. "I think the public will start to turn its attention to this issue."

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## Demonstrators flock to New York for mostly peaceful protest

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NEW YORK — For more than four hours Sunday afternoon, hundreds of thousands of chanting, mostly well-behaved protesters streamed through Manhattan, denouncing President Bush and the war in Iraq.

Uniformed police officers lined the protest route girding for violence, but there were only 134 arrests. Organizers said 400,000 people turned out — well above the quarter of a million expected. New York police declined to provide a crowd estimate.

The protesters ran the gamut from aging hippies and suburban schoolteachers in khakis to 20-something feminists in hot pink and muscular veterans just back from Iraq.

Protesters paused in front of Madison Square Garden to hurl anti-Bush slogans at the arena where GOP delegates will gather Monday.

Controversy has surrounded the event organized by United for Peace and Justice since the city barred the group from rallying in Central Park, arguing that the protesters would trample the newly sodded lawn. There were fears that anger over the city's decision would fuel clashes with the police or that anarchists would disrupt the procession.

Republicans vowed to try to turn any violent street disturbances against Democrats.

At one point Sunday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson hoisted a bullhorn and urged protesters to remain peaceful.

"We will remember in November," Jackson promised.

Despite the city's ban, several thousand protesters with banners migrated to Central Park after the march. Police watched from the edges of the Great Lawn but didn't move against the activists.

In the park, New York Police Capt. Kevin Kurley said he was pleased with how peaceful the day had been.

"It ranged from grandparents to little kids being pushed in strollers. They came to express their opinions. We don't have a problem with that," Kurley said.

As protesters continued to file on to the Great Lawn, New Yorkers were unperturbed. "Things go on all the time in NYC," said Alexandra Towers Berz, 24, sunbathing in a skimpy black and white bikini.

The two-mile route took demonstrators up Seventh Avenue, east on 34th Street, past the Empire State Building, then south on Fifth Avenue



Above: Protesters are arrested after a scuffle with police during the United for Peace and Justice March in Manhattan, New York, on August 29. Below: Women dressed in pink march chanting to give "Bush the Pink Slip," during the United for Peace and Justice March.

and Broadway to Union Square Park for a rally.

There were a few pro-Bush counter-protesters along the route, but the flood of opponents, carrying placards such as "Fire the Liar" and "Draft the Bush Twins," shouted them down.

"I think someone needs to stand up to these radical liberals, especially now that we've got boots in the ground (in Iraq)," said Bush supporter Jon Alvarez, 38, of Syracuse, N.Y.

But military veterans and families of soldiers in Iraq said marching against an unjust war was itself a form of patriotism.

"Mr. Bush has to go," said Sue Niederer, 58, Hopewell, N.J., whose son, Seth Dvorin, was killed in February while on patrol in Iraq.

"There are faces and families behind the people that were wounded and killed," she said.

David Potorti, who lost his brother Jim in the attacks on the World Trade Center, complained that the administration has used the Sept. 11 attacks to its advantage.



"I don't want my brother's death to be used as a reason to kill people on the other side of the world," Potorti said.

Most of those arrested were bicyclists from the New York environmental group, Time's Up!, which promotes bicycles as an alternative to cars. About 20 cyclists were placed in plastic handcuffs and taken away, their bikes left on the side of the street.

Sunday's protest was fueled largely by antiwar passions, but supporters of a handful of other causes also used it as a platform.

A man dressed as a giant carrot promoted vegetarianism. There were banners supporting gay marriage carried by partners who kissed for press cameras.

Dawn Jones, 37, of Harlem said she'd turned out in support of the rights of poor people.

"I'm out here today because 51 percent of our black males are unemployed," she said.

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# Comics and Crosswords

## Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope  
For August 30-September 5

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**Aries** (March 21-April 20): Before midweek, a longtime friend may discover unusual family or romantic information concerning private finances, fast home decisions and complex social triangles. Provide encouragement, because over the next few weeks your continued loyalty will offer comfort and support. Wednesday through Saturday also accent new love affairs and exotic romantic proposals. Someone close may wish to explore greater intimacy or serious commitments, so stay focused.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20): Potential friends and lovers will now be drawn to your emotional style or social ideals. Some Taureans may also this week encounter rare flirtations from an older friend or business associate. If so, expect romance and new attractions to be passionate but unreliable. At present, social triangles may prove bothersome. Later this week, work place routines may change without warning. Officials and managers will protect their reputations; avoid confrontation, if possible.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21): During the next seven days, younger relatives may provide misinformation or poorly defined home schedules. Family relations are now temporarily strained by vague promises. Enjoy private activities or creative hobbies, if possible. Quiet reflection will provide insight into difficult relationships. Thursday through Saturday, quick financial decisions are necessary. Long-term debt, legal permissions or corporate funding will require delicate timing; remain diplomatic.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22): Costly errors and rare contractual disagreements may soon be a brief theme. Before midweek, thoroughly re-check the validity of key documents or new financial sources. At present, the instructions and promises of authority figures may be unreliable. After Wednesday, romantic tensions are unavoidable. A recent phase of social isolation or family misunderstandings between loved ones now needs to end — carefully explain your social motives and all will be well.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Gentle romantic overtures will provide a unique distraction during the next seven days. Minor comments or quick social blunders may all be key signs of affection or new attraction. Go slowly, however, and carefully consider the private feelings or needs of loved ones. After midweek, friendly encounters with new colleagues may become strained. Power struggles and unexpected group tensions are now unavoidable; refuse to be drawn into negative workplace dynamics.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ongoing financial or business disputes will be quickly resolved this week. After Tuesday, expect teachers, mentors or older officials to ensure honest negotiations and equal divisions of resources. Wednesday through Saturday, messages from past friends or lovers may be unnerving. If possible, avoid lengthy social discussions. Complicated romantic expectations or rare disagreements between longtime friends will soon create tension. Don't be confrontational.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Late Monday, an unexpected social invitation may be misleading. Expect close friends or relatives to propose unique group events, rare reunions or large family gatherings. Private agendas will also be involved. Remain cheerful but avoid short-term promises or verbal agreements. After Thursday, loved ones will reveal a powerful need to expand their social lives or daily activities. Take all comments seriously. Deep feelings of isolation may now need to be addressed.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Career aspirations and complex employment negotiations may be the source of intense family discussion during the next seven days. Long-term goals will need to be adjusted. Expect loved ones to provide valuable advice or a rare perspective on new financial proposals. After midweek a stalled relationship may become unusually passionate. Past lovers or rekindled attractions are accented. Respond honestly and remain cautious: social complications will soon emerge.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Last minute social gatherings may this week bring a unique attraction into your life. Romantic giddiness, lighthearted banter and common life goals are all highlighted. Many Sagittarians will dramatically change their private lives during the next five months. If so, expect marital status, family celebrations and sudden romantic proposals to be an ongoing theme. After midweek, closely study financial contracts or new property proposals. Detailed definitions may soon be needed.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Home-operated businesses or private work agreements may soon bring a secondary income source into your life. Creative career expansion should now be a top priority. During the next seven days, discuss new plans with loved ones and ask for ongoing emotional support. Later this week, romantic and social invitations will dramatically increase. Group events, home entertaining and unique hobbies are accented. Find time to experience new activities: you won't be disappointed.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Physical vitality may be temporarily low over the next few days. Before Thursday minor aches, pains or irritations concerning the upper lungs, throat or sinuses may require attention. Don't delay: pampering the body will this week help dispel private anxieties and ongoing social fears. Friday through Sunday, share new plans and fresh ideas with loved ones. Group events will soon bring added excitement. Expect close friends or relatives to leave painful memories in the past.

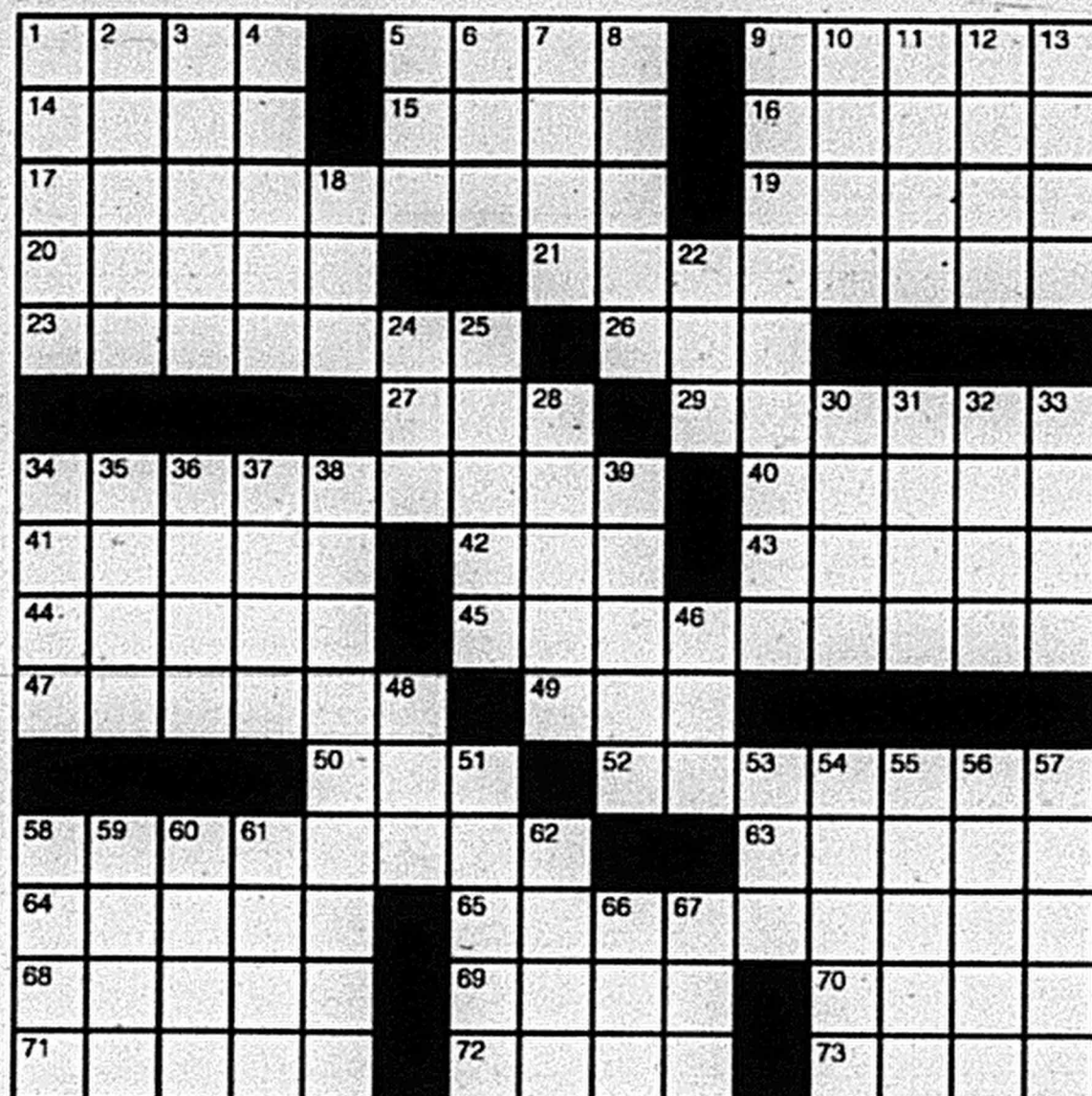
**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20): Sudden intuitions and first impressions will be accurate over the next few days. Romantic triangles, complex power struggles or ongoing group disputes may now be revealed to be privately motivated. After Wednesday someone close may provide unique social information. Trust your instincts and carefully consider the past actions of a friend or work mate. After midweek, enjoy quiet moments with loved ones. Your continued affection and loyalty is needed.

**If your birthday is this week:** Spend extra time with loved ones and romantic partners over the next eight weeks. Planetary alignments now suggest that key relationships may soon experience a brief but intense wave of restlessness. Minor disputes and sudden social changes can be expected before mid-November. Remain consistent and ask for detailed explanations. Loved ones may provide surprising revelations. Early in 2005 career expansion and business training will take top priority. Cancelled or postponed projects from approximately 13 months ago will resurface in early 2005. Check funding sources thoroughly — quick decisions will bring dramatic work place or educational opportunities before June 23.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- As well
  - Follow closely
  - Dot lead-in
  - Decelerate
  - "Lohengrin" lady
  - Looks everything
  - Alternative to wallpaper
  - "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
  - Lacking sense
  - Soprano from New Zealand
  - Napoleon's birthplace
  - Outer edge
  - Kaline and Jolson
  - Constrict
  - Heavy plaid jackets
  - Selassie of Ethiopia
  - Collector's book
  - Ely or Howard
  - Set sights
  - Back of the ship
  - Wet quality
  - Elephant of Dr. Seuss
  - Utmost degree
  - Arctic sea bird
  - Tape, glue, etc.
  - Tyro
  - Part of DVD
  - In with
  - Cyclades setting
  - From then until now
  - Piquancy
  - Escritoire
  - Unbelievable bargain
  - Complacent
  - Pub offerings
- DOWN**
- Meat jelly
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  - Mae West film
  - States of agitation
  - Ship's pronoun
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## Solutions



## CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Olympic Golden Showers

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# Arts & Entertainment

## College campus or battle zone?

With jackhammers in the background, one student braves the daily walk across the construction-riddled campus

JON PAGE  
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Well, it appears that it is time for yet another semester here at the campus of Christopher Newport University. Or, if you are inclined to my way of thinking, it is time to set up Serbian refugee camps in Wise Woods, because the rest of the campus looks like a war zone.

Long gone are the days of peaceful strolls amongst the grassy knolls of the most beautiful campus in all of Virginia. Now, it feels like you have to escape enemy gunfire just to get to class, with the sound of all of the jackhammers doing their job around the grounds.

I know that the end result of all this construction will make CNU even more of a "student-friendly" place. But when is the end coming? 2010? Since we don't have an M.D. program or any other program that would keep me here another six years, I would venture to guess I will not see the completed "new" CNU. Neither will the freshmen. And going by the traditional schedule of CNU's construction, the 25-year reunion of the class of 2010 MIGHT be able to be held in phase two of the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

But who cares about how the campus looks when you can always retreat to the quiet library for time to study and reflect? Oh wait, only a Metallica concert might have a louder decibel range than the library during the day.

Maybe if I could just go back to my room in the new Potomac River residence hall, I could find the CNU I once knew. Well, its tough to do that when you have to cross the Amazon River to get to a walkway. For an extra touch, if you park in the stadium lot, you get the "off-road" look on your car by going through Moores Lane. This is really necessary, especially on all the Civics and Corollas that aren't rugged enough as is.

I am being too negative. The campus really is improving a lot on the inside. Oh, but wait a minute, or 30, if you are going to eat at any of the on-campus eating establishments. Of course the wait is well worth it to dine on ... a giant roasted pig? I mean I've heard of fresh cut meats, but having the head of the pig 12 inches from my food is about as comforting as a Harbor Lights omelet to my stomach.

It will be easy to get over all of this in a couple of weeks. I mean, how can it be hard when you get a 15 percent tuition hike to see ... a mound of dirt. It's all right though — I know that when I graduate in three years, that mound of dirt will be a nice big ... mound of dirt. Oh well, maybe the construction workers will get crafty and make a panda bear fountain to match the fountain of geese. Err ... let's eat!

## After four years of planning, new marching band ready to perform

With 73 members and a new band director, CNU's Marching Captains are ready to take the field

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On Sept. 4, the first home football game of the season will be played. While it is a new experience for the freshman on campus, this doesn't fully describe its importance.

During halftime, the Marching Captains will have their first opportunity to show off their talents outside of their Monday, Wednesday and Friday practices.

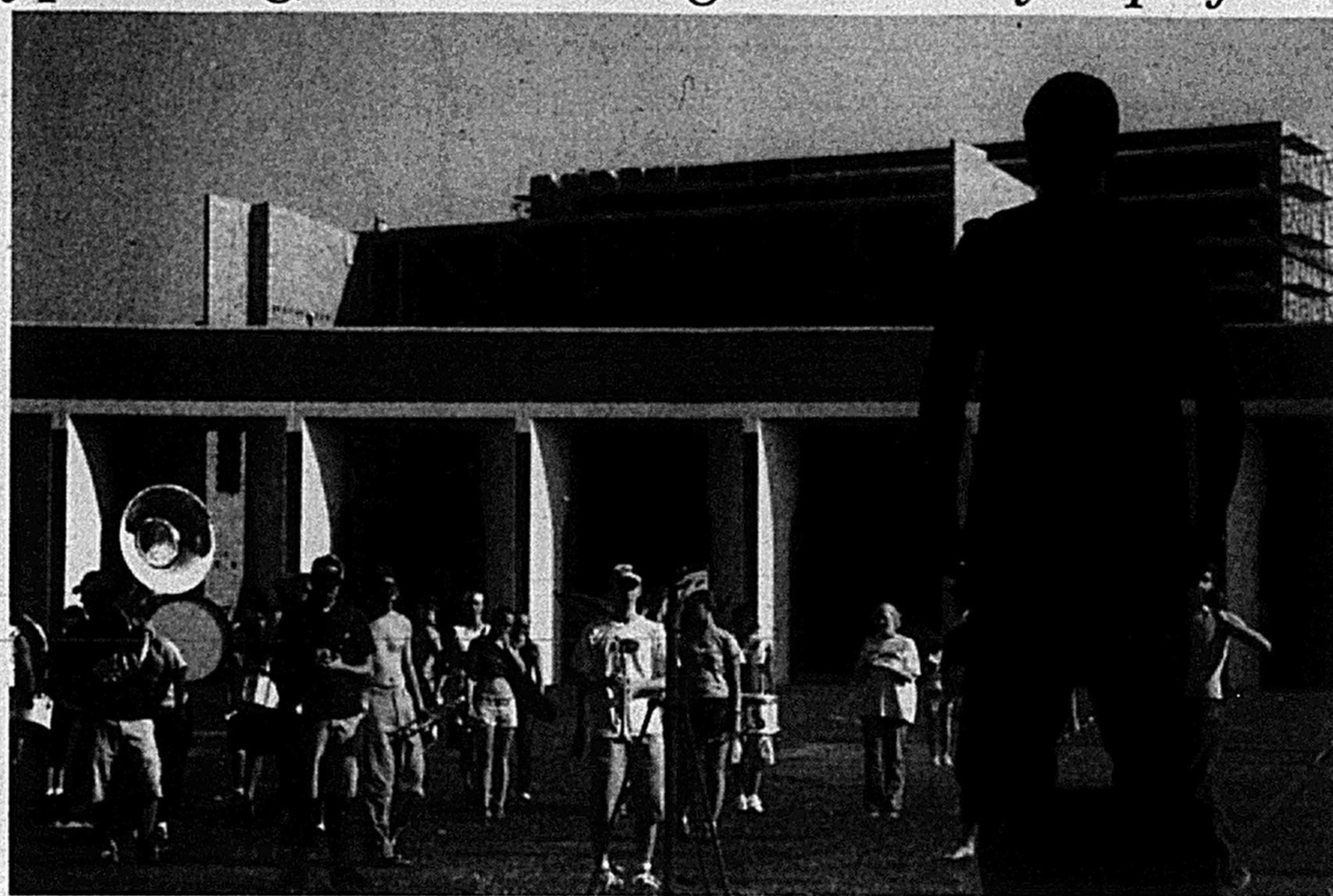
President Paul Tribble originally presented the idea for a marching band four years ago, but the need for adequate funds delayed its kickoff.

Uniforms and equipment were required to supply a possible 200 band members, which was the department's goal, but only 73 were recruited for this first season to make up the drum line, color guard and band.

"Seventy-three is a great beginning effort. I have a feeling that a lot of people are watching on the wings," said marching band director Brantley Douglas in reference to the band's size. "I know it will grow next year."

After working with James Madison University for nine years as assistant director of bands, Douglas came to CNU to help jump-start the marching band program.

"I think it's very rare to work with a band from the beginning," said Douglas, who now gets that opportunity with the Marching Captains. The new band program made an impact on more



Jordan Smith/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Drum major Nii Akwei Adotey watches over marching band during practice on the lawn of the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

than just Douglas's decision to come to CNU.

"Being part of the charter marching band influenced my decision to come here," said drummer Brian Sumner, freshman.

The band became more than just an opportunity once the hard work and long days of band camp began. Between the afternoon of Aug. 15 and the morning of Aug. 21, Douglas and the marching band recruits worked from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to learn the routine.

"By the end of the week we were able to play and march through our first halftime performance," said Douglas.

During the first week, band members faced problems such as having to work without equipment — no stands for the drum majors, no field on which to practice and no shoes to go with the uniforms.

"A lot of energy should have been devoted to the band rather than devoted to whether things are ready," said sophomore drum major Nii Akwei Adotey.

"It's a new experience so there's a lot of pressure on us because there seems to be expectations there. We're working our butts off so we can measure up to those expectations."

The band is there to provide music majors with the band experience and to instill school spirit. Sporting their new silver, blue and white uniforms, they will walk onto the field during halftime mirroring "the captain image," according to Music Department Director Mark Reimer.

"This year it's crucial that we look good and sound good," said Reimer. "[Marching bands] add so much excitement and enthusiasm at football games. It heightens school spirit and makes CNU feel more like a traditional residential college, getting away from being a commuter school."

## Arts center will hopefully link community with college

Now open, the Ferguson Center for the Arts will bring more performers to the area.

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The Ferguson Center for the Arts may still appear to be little more than a noisy construction site, but as phase one nears completion, noticeable changes in the academic arts program and in the community are becoming more and more evident.

Just as the anticipation builds before a stage curtain is lifted, so it is here as everyone prepares for an entertaining opening season at the new center.

"The shows are already 85 percent sold out," said Executive Director William Biddle. "There's been an overwhelming response from the school and from the community."

The opening of the center has drawn world-class performers of all genres to Newport News. Scheduled performances include the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, one of the most recorded and admired chamber orchestras in the world, a production of Babes in Toyland and the New Shanghai Circus.

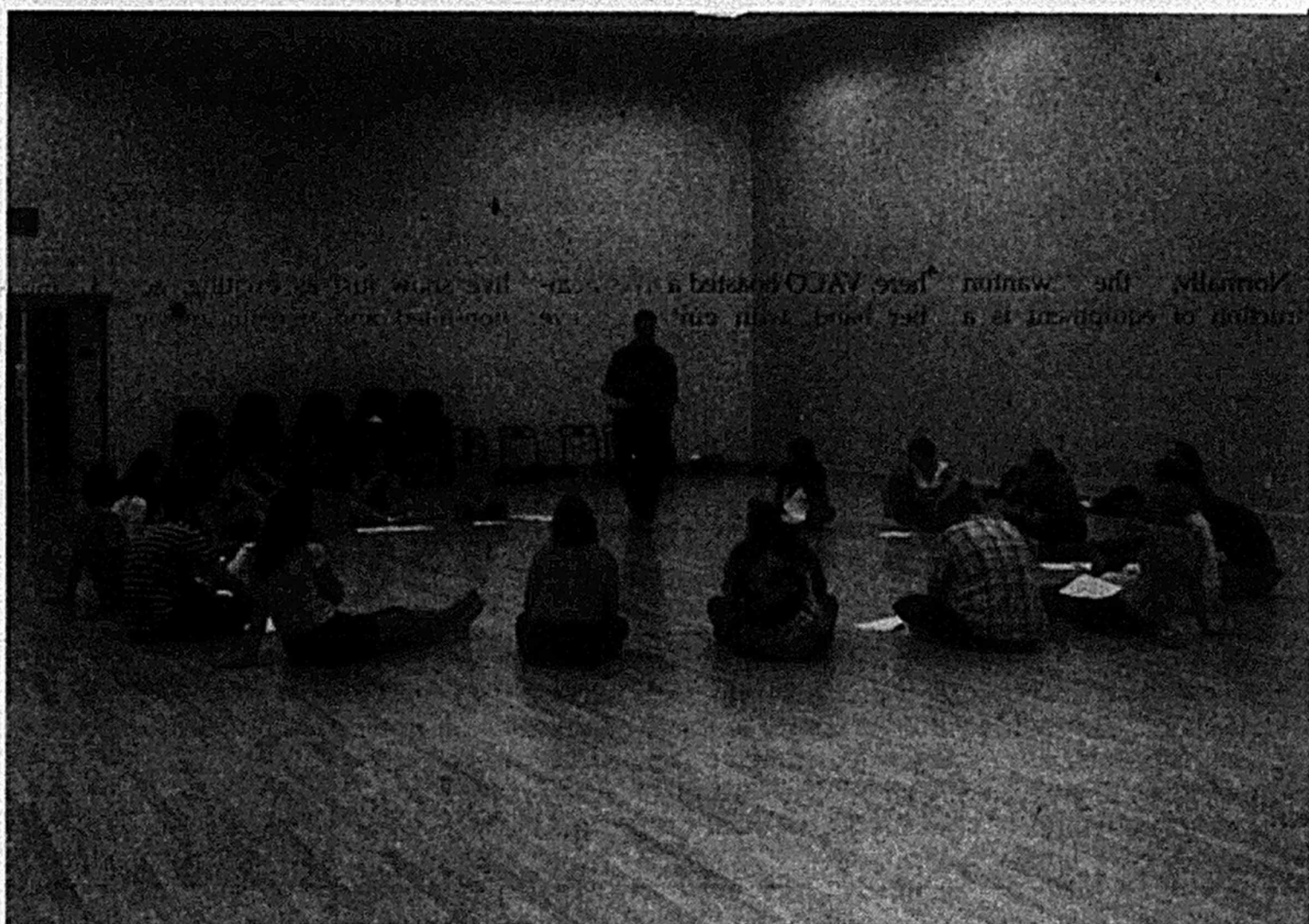
Also featured is Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight," a role that won Holbrook a Tony and a Drama Critics Circle Award.

"We're also very excited about the blues celebration show," said Biddle, referring to "Celebrate the Blues," a program bringing three famed blues musicians to the arts center on Oct. 22.

Tony Bennett will kick off the grand opening ceremonies of phase one on Sept. 1. Bennett, a true American entertainment icon, has been performing for more than five decades and has prevailed as one of the leading singers of traditional pop songs. His concert promises to be a memorable one.

Not only will the completion of phase one bring exciting shows, it will also mean new opportunities for CNU's performing arts students. The buzz surrounding the center can be heard all over campus.

"I heard the sound system and the acoustics rival that of Carnegie Hall," said freshman Rachel Monroe.



Chanelle Layman/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Members of "Beginning Acting" sat on their new hardwood floors in a room built to mirror the dimensions of the actual stage.

It is true that almost everything within the center is state-of-the-art. Everything from the soundproof student practice rooms to the dimming lights confirm the visible level of perfection.

"We're going to offer great venues for our students to perform in," Biddle said. "This center will be a community for all of our arts students. It will be a sort of 'artist village.'"

As students began their classes last week, the arts center finally came to life. The front amphitheater has turned into a sort of gathering place for students.

At any time of day, students can be seen eating, playing instruments and talking in the center's impressive entrance.

The Ferguson Center for the Arts is indeed an im-

pressive building inside and out but the true character of the center is certainly attributed to the faculty and students that bring it to life.

"We're here for the students," Biddle said, "and I can tell that they appreciate what we've done for them."

Completion of phase one this semester promises to be an exciting time for the university and the surrounding region.

At a press conference Thursday, administrators and community leaders expressed how the Ferguson Center for the Arts would help link the university with the community. The center will also hopefully establish the school's performing arts program nationally.

## VMAs less risqué, more off-key in 2004

MTV hosts awards in Miami to liven things up, turns show into boring, lifeless memory of what it once was

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A slightly tamer Video Music Awards aired on MTV Sunday night at 8 p.m., with a pre-show beginning at 6:30. The awards ceremony, held for the first time in Miami, Fla., had celebrities arriving by limo or yacht.

The show featured performances by both Ashlee and Jessica Simpson, Alicia Keys with Stevie Wonder, Usher, Christina Aguilera, Yellowcard, Hoobastank, Jet and Outkast.

Many performances were off-key, most notably Hoobastank. Perhaps in response to the controversy surrounding Janet Jackson's Super Bowl show, these performances were not as risqué as previous VMA shows.

### Best Rock Video

Who Won: Jet "Are You Gonna Be My Girl?"

Who Should Have Won: Evanescence "My Immortal"

This video not only contained a musical combination of rock and classical music, but it also had a female vocalist. Additionally, the black and white film added detail to the sorrowful tones about a love that is lost.

### Viewer's Choice

Who Won: Linkin Park "Breaking the Habit"  
Who Should Have Won: Linkin Park "Breaking the Habit"

This video was not just a film showing the band playing their instruments, but it was a mixture of live-action combined with anime. The addition of artistic cartoon elements created a video that stood apart from the rest.

### Best Male Video

Who Won: Usher featuring Lil Jon and Ludacris "Yeah!"

Who Should Have Won: Prince "Musicology"  
Prince is a well-established artist — therefore, it warrants attention that he is still creating music to be enjoyed by the masses.

His video showed a young boy's passion for

music and stood out because it does not show the musician with women dancing around him, which is the standard for every other video nominated in this category.

### Best Female Video

Who Won: Beyoncé "Naughty Girl"

Who Should Have Won: Christina Aguilera "The Voice Within"

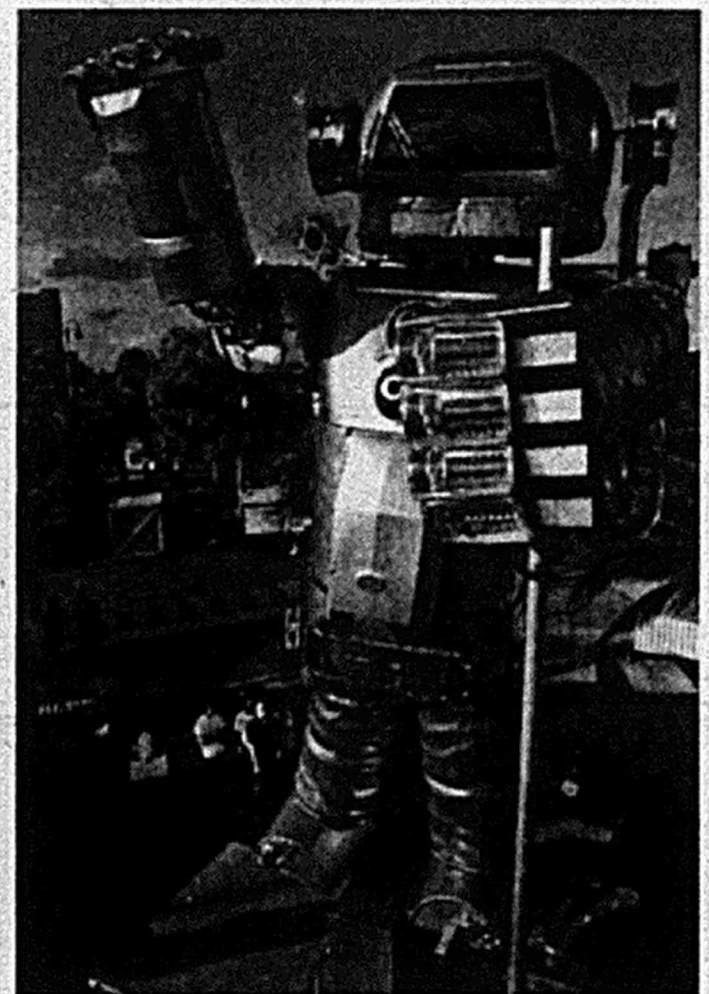
This video takes Aguilera across a city street and into a run-down building. In this simplistic video, the main focus is her singing. The black and white presentation makes this video stand out from the rest.

### Best Video of the Year

Who Won: Outkast "Hey Ya!"

Who Should Have Won: Outkast "Hey Ya!"

This video had happy overtones with Andre 3000 wearing bright shades of green. The video captures the vintage look of the "Ed Sullivan Show," with sixties-era clothing and older Polaroid cameras. This video shows the artist on stage encouraging the audience to join in, while encouraging the viewer to join in also.



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The center piece for the MTV Video Music Awards on August 21, 2004 in Miami, Florida, was the Moonman statue built by local artists and Miami-Dade students.



# Campus Tie-Dye offers free t-shirts and lots of fun

Students came out in droves to show off their artistic abilities and hang out in the first of six RHA activities

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A rainy morning almost sent students and colors running. Yet despite all the weather-related drama, the Campus Tie-Dye pressed forward.

The mood of the day was set as a group of around 60 people arrived in line 20 minutes earlier than expected, drawn by the allure of a free t-shirt and snow cones.

Bringing an assortment of shirts, pillowcases, tank tops, blankets, dress shirts, socks, boxers and underwear, the crowd of students flocked to the setup of buckets, dyes and rubber bands to reveal their wild sides. Started in 2003, the Campus Tie-Dye is just one of the six activities the Residence Hall Association has planned from August to April.

Set up on the Great Lawn, tie-dyeing was a great way to

meet new people who share the similar love of all things tie-dyed and free.

Though little shade was available for those waiting in the long lines, the time passed quickly as t-shirts were passed out, music – courtesy of DJ Tanner – blared from the speakers and snow cones were slurped.

It was also a sight to behold as hundreds of garments were strung from trees and laid on the ground in a multicolored phenomenon.

People enjoyed observing participants come up with creative designs for their t-shirts, watching as students used discreetly placed rubber bands and stones to create the right swirls and patterns to please the eye.

Though tie-dyeing is a pastime foreign to some people, the instruction sheet passed out by the RHA shed some light on the procedure.

Including simple tips, clear instructions and warnings of staining if worn inappropriately, the RHA did the best they could to keep people in line. Though there were a few mishaps, such as misplaced items and shortages of supplies, the RHA members were able to sort through them in no time to reduce hassle.

Though close to 300 people arrived for tie-dyeing fun, the

promise of a new t-shirt seemed the icing of the cake to most people.

"It was fun," said freshman Kendall Kress. "I got to tie-dye a free t-shirt and that made it cool."

Yet some people seemed to enjoy the bonding opportunity more.

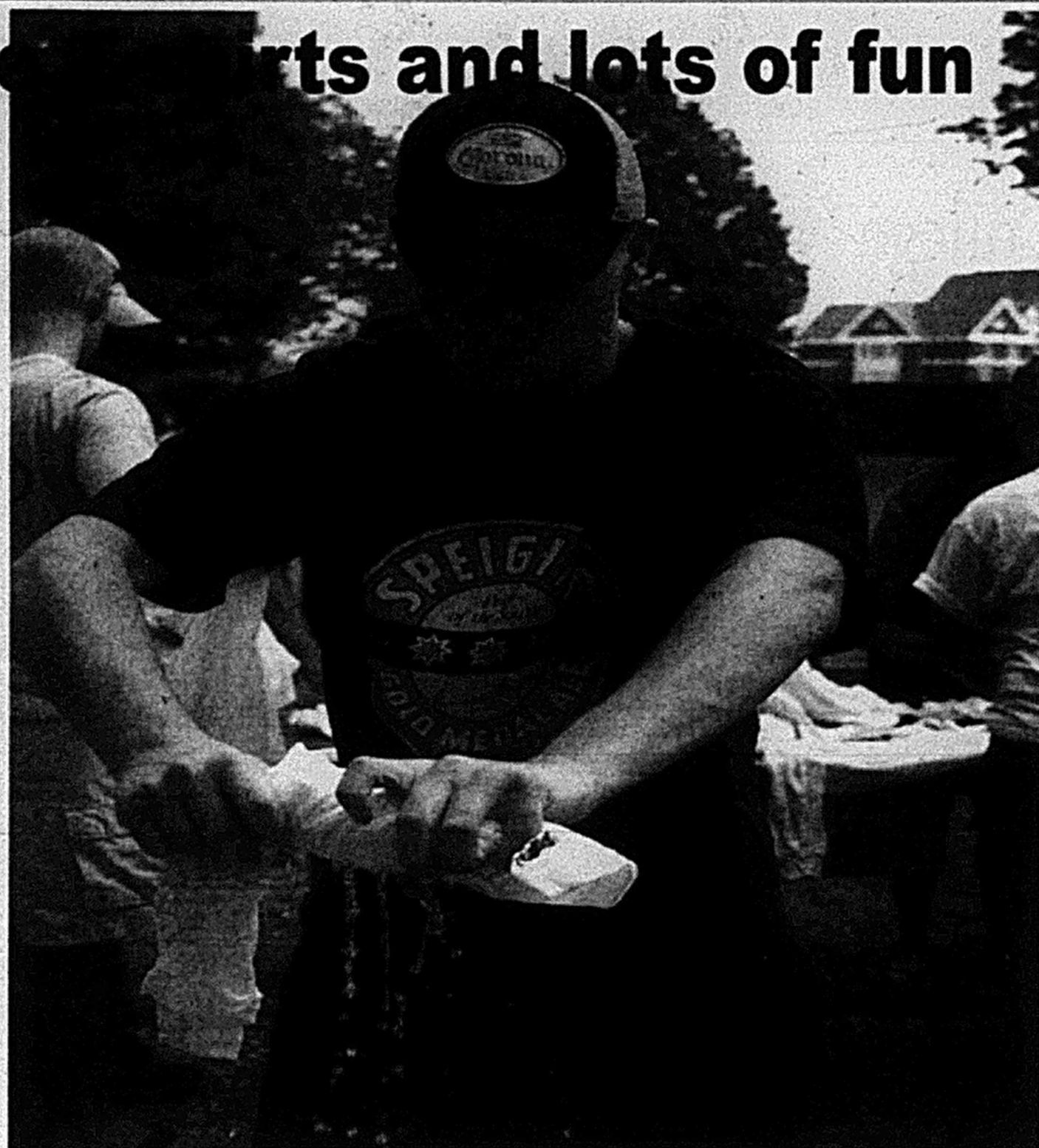
Lea Burgwald, a freshman at Santoro, said, "I like the fact that everyone who hasn't been leaving their residence halls has a chance to come out. I think that the fact that it brings the school together is really cool."

Ryan Brown, Assistant director of Residence Life and one of the solicitors for the event, quoted the event as a "huge success."

Though the threat of rain clouds dampened many spirits, the upbeat Brown said, "You couldn't have asked for better weather. We're in the heart of the campus and it is such a great area."

Though it was mainly freshmen that took advantage of the event, a few upperclassmen appeared as well. Barbara Bonner, a sophomore, said that despite it being her first time at the tie-dye, the turnout was surprising.

"It's a nice how many people came," said Bonner. "I would definitely come back next year."



Eric Ahle, freshman, wrings out a t-shirt in preparation to begin the dyeing process. Shirts were given out at the event free of charge.

## Virginia Coalition kicks off semester

A broken keyboard doesn't stop this band from rocking out at CNU during Welcome Week

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The keyboard stand crumpled under the weight of Virginia Coalition keyboardist Paul Ottinger's rear end, dropping to the floor in a jumbled mess.

Ottinger stared dumbly at it for a moment while the rest of the band took stock at what had happened.

Normally, the wanton destruction of equipment is a source of tension among band mates.

But VACO singer Andy Wonder couldn't help but laugh. Ottinger had just broken his keyboards with his butt.

Virginia Coalition returned to campus for a fourth time to send off Welcome Week with a shot of rock and roll, blended with several musical influences.

Hailing from Alexandria, Va., VACO has gained a reputation of putting on a fantastic live show – a larger-than-life party that keeps on going until every last person in the audience is partied-out. Such was the case at the Freeman Center Saturday night.

Promoting their new album out in September, "Ok to Go," VACO boasts a polyrhythmic mix of go-go, rock, pop, reggae and salsa. "It's all about honest songwriting," Ottinger said on the band's Web site, [www.virginiacoalition.com](http://www.virginiacoalition.com), "and total irreverence among friends." The band goes back to their days at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va.

Last time they appeared here, VACO boasted a five-member band, with guitarist Steve Dawson providing an extra layer of musical prowess to an already impressive group of musicians.

When Dawson left the band to spend more time with his newborn, the future of the band was unknown.

"I saw them in their first show after Steve left," said Lisa Quesenberry, a senior nursing student at James Madison

University who came down for the show, "and it was pretty rough."

Thankfully, however, whatever problems they were having have since been cleaned up. The set was tight and energetic.

Even when Ottinger's keyboard stand broke, bassist Jarret Nicolay managed to keep the crowd interested by playing pre-recorded tunes on his mini-keyboard, and Wonder never let it get to him.

In an age where celebrity is ill-defined and rock stars are unapproachable gods, it was a nice change to see men so accessible to their fans, so human.

It was also nice to see that, even without Dawson, VACO have managed to keep their live show just as exciting, action-filled and frenetic, owing largely to Wonder's excited demeanor, Ottinger's cow-bell and keyboard playing, and John Patrick's power behind the drum kit.

VACO's new album, "Ok to Go" will be out Sept. 21 on New York-based Blumhammock music, and is available for pre-order on their Web site.

## 'Fun in the Freeman Center' hosts a variety of entertainment

Activities included line dancing, spin art, lasertag, air brush tattooing and three-on-three basketball games

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The Freeman Center was buzzing with excitement as students walked in to see what appeared to be a large yellow inflatable igloo surrounded by TV screens and futuristic looking weapons.

Eager students arrived early to reserve a time to compete in the Tron Dome in a laser tag team battle. By 6:30 the wait to compete was over two hours, which didn't discourage most students.

Jenn Moylan, the Coordinator of Student Activities, who was in charge of the event, said these type events "provide a positive influence, especially

to first-year students with no cars, giving them something to do on a Saturday night."

The festivities in the center, which also included line-dancing lessons, spin art, air-brush tattooing and a three-on-three basketball tournament sponsored by Pi Lambda Phi, provided something for everyone. Alpha Phi Omega provided free pizza to students to enjoy while they waited their turn to compete.

Line-dancing lessons were provided by Terry Principe, a member of the CNU faculty. Big Top Entertainment provided the air-brush tattoo station, as well as the spin art.

The main attraction, the Tron Dome Laser Tag system, was provided by TjohNE Productions, a company used by the college for many festivals.

Students who came to the event had many positive things to say about laser tag, and the entire idea of the Saturday night activities.

"It was great to have something to do on campus

on a Saturday night. I met new people, and made friends with some of the guys on my team. I hope CNU continues to offer programs on the weekends," said first-year student Belle Blodgett.

Blodgett also commented that even as the only girl, she had the second highest score in her match.

After finishing their game, first-year students Jessie Gambardell and Jennifer Potts eagerly agreed that laser tag was a very fun game and commented on how action-packed it was.

Both agreed that it was slightly scary, especially with the music and sound-effects. Their friend, Tara Bertaux was "impressed that the campus put on such a great activity."

The Office of Student Life has many upcoming events planned on campus. Next Friday, they will sponsor CNU Spirit Day, which will include a club fair, the first "Fridays at 4" event and a picnic. All of these events will be on the Great Lawn.

## Voting, rock and snow cones: Rock 101

CAB and WCNU join forces to kick off the new year

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Five bands were playing, art was on display, and students were registering to vote – these three events came together as one on the Great Lawn at Rock 101.

The event, co-sponsored by WCNU and the Campus Activity Board, ran from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27.

"We hope this multicultural experience will be one of many to get the students out there during the year," said WCNU President Lauren Kostoski, senior. They wish to build up from this and eventually hold a huge event.

WCNU and CAB saw the great importance of running a voter registration booth because of the presidential election this year. Usually, the Student Government Association runs voter

registration booths at the club fair, but they wanted to do things differently this year in order to raise voter interest.

"If you don't vote, you can't complain on policy later," said freshman Matt Evans, who picked up an absentee ballot. "I plan on voting, so I'm glad that this made it easy." Students were able to fill out absentee ballots if they had already registered in their hometown.

Kostoski wanted to ensure proper recognition of the school's art department and came up with the idea to tie them into the festivities. Art Honor Society members operated an art stand displaying art pieces and interactive rock painting.

"The art stand was really interesting – full of art work, and different opportunities to be creative. For example, they had rocks that you could paint and some art work hanging up for people to admire," said freshman Monique Lemieux.

Free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy were given out and a raffle was held for tickets

to see Incubus or The Killers. Stakes were also high for three \$100 gift certificates to Wal-Mart. Pepsi also made a contribution, giving away tee shirts and bags containing yo-yos, hats, Frisbees and playing cards.

The artist and bands featured at Rock 101 were Nathan Cotter, Annapolis, Down Beat Switch and Ever Since July. The music could be heard from all over the campus and drew in many students.

"Down Beat Switch had a really awesome beat," said Erika Mahaney, a freshman. "They reminded me of Limp Bizkit and I really liked them."

In the process of planning, Rock 101 started out as a larger event, but WCNU and CAB decided to scale it down, enabling it to be more campus-focused. Several meetings were held between the two organizations and the Office of Student Life to organize and agree on plans.

"Our main goal was to get everyone's semester off to a good start," said WCNU Vice President Ryan Curran.



CAB member LynnAnne Hodges, junior, and WCNU member Aaron Ward, sophomore, occupy themselves with cotton candy during last Friday's Rock 101. CAB and WCNU co-sponsored the event, which featured five bands, and art show and voter registration.

## Hampton Roads Happenings

Sept. 4 Al Green at Town Point Park  
Sept. 8 Snow Patrol and Easley at The NorVa  
Sept. 9 Game Riot at The NorVa  
Sept. 10-11 Blues at the Beach Festival at VA Beach Oceanfront  
Sept. 26 Toby Keith at Verizon Wireless Center  
Sept. 26 Angie Stone and Anthony Hamilton at Chrysler Hall  
Sept. 17 Robert Randolph Family Band at NorVa  
Sept. 19 Soulfly at The NorVa  
Sept. 24 40 Below Summer at The NorVa  
Sept. 25 Flogging Molly at The NorVa

Sept. 27 Wilco at The NorVa  
Sept. 29 Authority Zero at The NorVa  
Sept. 30 Reverend Horton Heat at The NorVa  
Oct. 1 The Killers at NorVa  
Oct. 1 Dave Chappelle at Constant Convocation Center  
Oct. 2 The Violent Femmes at The NorVa  
Oct. 3 Home Grown at The NorVa  
Oct. 8 Incubus at VA Beach Amphitheater  
Oct. 12 Insane Clown Posse at The NorVa  
Oct. 14 Gretchen Wilson at The NorVa  
Oct. 18 Deftones at The NorVa  
Oct. 14-19 Swing Dance Contest at Waterside Festival Marketplace

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# Sports

## Prepped to run over the USA South

With a host of returning stars, the Cross Country team looks to be in good shape.

By SEAN KENNEDY  
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams, returning most of their top runners from a year ago, look to be in position to take a shot at the NCAA National meet.

For the past decade or so, CNU's cross-country team has dominated the USA South Conference. The men's team has won the conference championship for the past 13 years, and since 1980, they have not won the USA South only five times: in 1987, Methodist won the championship and from 1988-1992 there was no competition in the conference.

The women's team, relatively new to the conference (they began competitive running in 1994), has won eight of 10 conference championships. In one of those years in which they did not win the championship — 1994 — there was no champion at all.

The women's team will return three All-USA South runners: juniors Emily Lowe and Megan Fogarty, as well as sophomore Ashley Ezell. The women's team will not have any seniors on the team. Not returning to the team will be recent graduate Aimee Gibbs.

The four time USA South Runner of the Year and four time National Qualifier's absence from the field for the first time in four years will be a welcome sight for opposing runners.

"She was All-Conference, All-Region, and qualified for nationals every single year she was here, it's very difficult if not impossible to replace someone of that caliber," said head coach Keith Maurer.

The men's team is returning virtually the entire first team All-USA South and All Mason Dixon Conference lists.

USA South Runner of the Year Cary Chaffee, a sophomore, is heading up a very strong list of runners including seniors David Baer, Jim Highsmith, Jason Berry, and Nate Wallace, as well as sophomores Brandon Miles, Tim Scott and David Barham. The men's team has also picked up two highly touted freshmen recruits in All-State runners Jay Wyss and Daniel Swale.

The men's team has had a great deal of youth infusion into the program the past two years. Last year Maurer recruited Chaffee and Miles. This year another two freshmen who have a chance to be top runners for the team will be suiting up for the Captains.

"I've been fortunate the last two years have been two really good, solid recruiting years for us," said Maurer.

The cross-country season consists of five meets leading up to two conference championships, the USA South and the Mason-Dixon championship. CNU competes in both conferences, but the Mason-Dixon conference is not a NCAA recognized conference, and is "more of a loose conglomeration of schools," according to Coach Maurer.

Both the men and women's teams have won both conferences in recent years. After the conference championships, the team will travel down to Atlanta on Nov. 13 for the NCAA South regional meet hosted at Emory College. At the NCAA South Regional meet will be all the D-III schools from Washington, D.C. to Florida and from the East Coast to Texas. A

According to Coach Maurer, the most dominant team in the region is Emory, whose women's team has won 13 consecutive regional meets and whose men's team has won five consecutive regional meets.

The team kicks off its season this Saturday at the Seagull Opener hosted in Salisbury, Md.

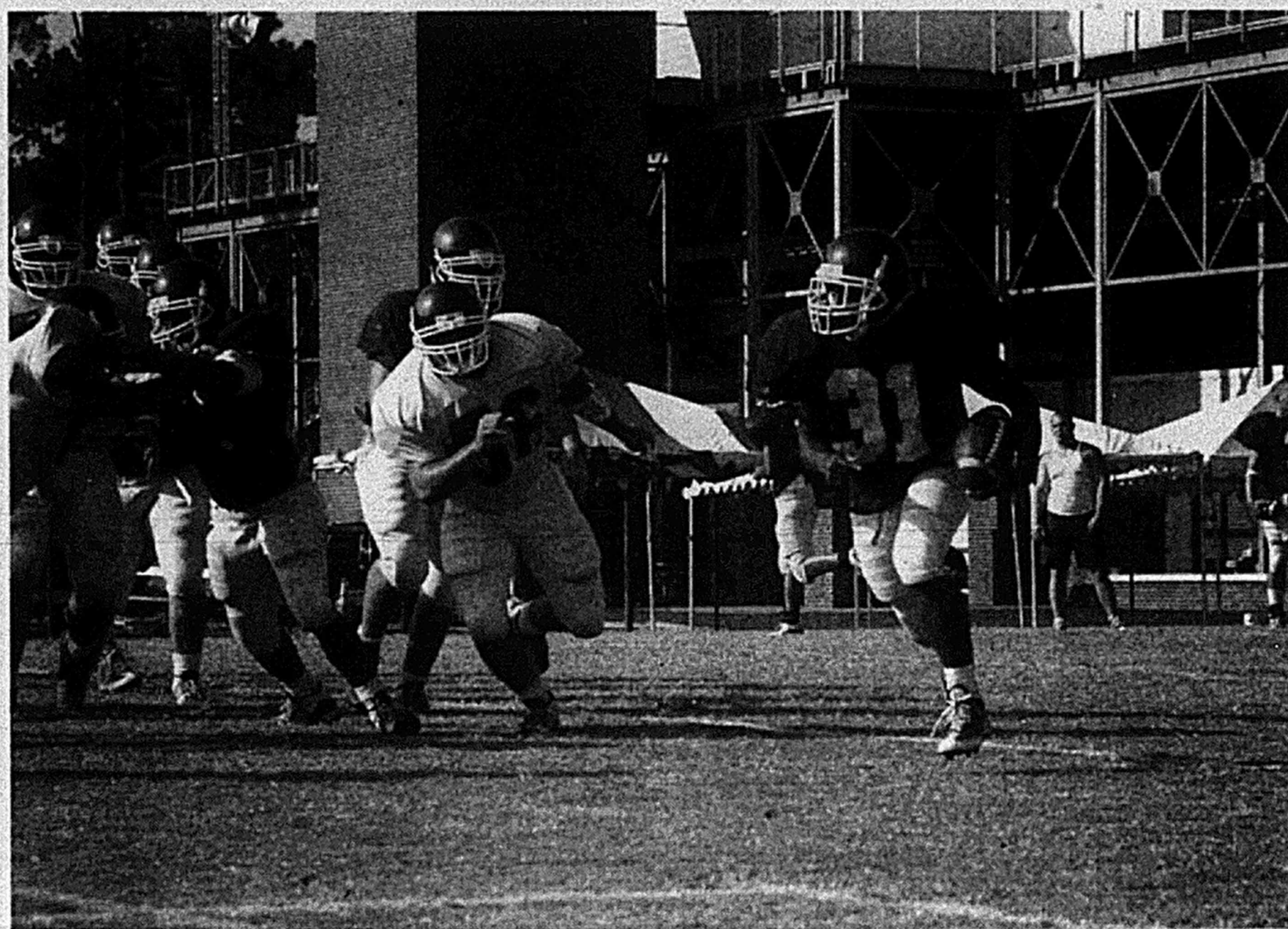


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Running back Branden Jones, senior, looks for running room during a practice last Wednesday. Jones will share carries with a platoon of other running backs this season.

## Football team ready to go

The Captains look to not only win their conference, but to make a push toward national competition.

By SEAN KENNEDY  
Sports Editor

CNU's football team will kickoff their season this Saturday against Rowan at POMOCO Stadium and, although they have will take the field without many of their starters from last season, this year's team expects the same sort of results that have become a staple of CNU football in the past: winning big and winning a lot.

Through three years of playing intercollegiate football, the Captains have shared the championship all three years while going 15-3 in conference.

Having lost their two leading rushers from last season, Mario Marin and Thomas Thorton, the team will once again turn to a platoon of runners to carry the ball this season.

Branden Jones will probably be the primary ball carrier this season, having rushed 50 times for 162 yards last season

and 91 times for 542 yards in 2002.

Also in the mix at running back will be sophomores Roland Hilliard and George Jones, who, as mainly a wide receiver, led the Captains in receptions and receiving yardage last season.

Head Coach Matt Kelchner said that there would be at least three different runners in the opening game this weekend against Rowan.

Senior starter Phillip Jones returns to the team after finishing the 2003 season with 1706 yards passing, nine touchdowns and six interceptions.

He has been on the team for all four years the team has been in existence and has been starting since the start of last season.

Senior center Tommy Fitzgerald, who has also been with the team for all four years, will anchor the offensive line.

Three other returning starters will be back: seniors Jake Schindler, Pat Cavallario and Cliff Macklin. The only starter that will not be back will be left tackle Aaron Bennett.

Leading wide receiver George Jones, who set a record last year for receptions and yards gained in a season as a freshman last season will be the center of the offense. Kelchner said he plans to get

the ball into Jones' hands as much as possible this upcoming season, whether that is through the air, on the ground, or on punt and kickoff returns.

"We're going to throw it to him, hand it to him, pitch it to him, give it to him on reverses, kicks, punts. We'll find a lot of different ways to utilize him," Kelchner said.

Defensively, the team lost its interception leader for last season, Hosh Weekes. However, the team will be returning the leading tackler from last season, junior middle linebacker Justin Wood.

Junior Ian Vincent, who led the Captains in sacks last season with 7, will also be returning as part of a defense that ranked as high as #2 in a nation last season.

The team opens the season against Rowan, which has been ranked nationally by many polls as high as #6. Rowan shut the Captains out last season 21-0 but Coach Kelchner said that the team isn't looking for revenge.

"Well, we're looking to get better. Of all the teams that we've played, I think Rowan is the one that I look at as the team that you most want to be like because they traditionally year in and year out ... with the exception of Mouth Union and St. Johns in all of Division III football, they're the team in the last 15 years who have been up (at the top) the most.

If we can compete with them, that's a step forward."

Then the team also hosts McDaniel College in the second game of the season. The Captains beat McDaniel twice last season; once in the regular season, and once in the NCAA playoffs.

The Captain's next play perennial playoff team Bridgewater at the Oyster Bowl in Newport News. Bridgewater has been ranked as high as #5 nationally. The team then moves into the USA South portion of their schedule.

"You got three games that are in essence almost top 10 teams, so you start that off before you play Shenandoah in the (USA South), and it's four games in a row against teams that are potential top 20 teams. Show me somebody else in the country that does that. You won't find them," said Coach Kelchner of the challenging schedule.

The team opens the season against Rowan on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tickets are still available.

Tickets are available through the ticket office in the Freeman Center, which is open from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tickets can also be picked up on game day prior to the game, however a sellout is expected, and the ticket office recommends that tickets be picked up prior to game day.

## Joe Gibbs' return to NFL is good for the Redskins

Return of legendary coach already has fans thinking of a return to glory

By DANNY DEVLIN  
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For a native Washingtonian like myself, it is tough to not get excited over the upcoming NFL season, if only for the reason that Joe Gibbs is back.

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mannings the helm for the team he coached for twelve seasons and led to three Superbowl victories.

To say that the past few years have been a disappointment would be an understatement: they've been downright embarrassing. With no solid coach to enforce respect and discipline among the team, the 'Skins have become sort of the NFL's running joke: almost good, but not quite. The biggest problem has come in the form of making too many sloppy, stupid mistakes, a road Gibbs knows he will have to travel.

One of the main hurdles in his path to victory is the erratic quarterback situation Washington has. After his strong showing starting against the Miami Dolphins last Saturday, Mark Brunell seems fit to win out over the much younger Patrick Ramsey, who will start against the St. Louis Rams on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Both men have had equal starting time in the preseason, swapping games. Gibbs said he will announce the starting QB after the final preseason game on Sept. 3.

Injuries have been causing the Redskins problems this preseason as well.

Offensive lineman Jon Jansen, an integral part of Offensive Coordinator Joe Bugel's line, has suffered a season-ending injury, and the Redskins have had to make due without him, although the line showed no sign of slowing down against the Dolphins.

Defensive end Phillip Daniels, who has missed most of the 'preseason with an abdominal strain, is just beginning to work his way out of the injury and back into practices.

Still, in the midst of all of the injuries and quarterback debacle, there have been several highlights to the preseason games and the training camp.

New Redskins Clinton Portis, a pro-bowl tailback, and punt return specialist Chad Morton have both demonstrated themselves as powerhouses.

Portis especially should have a lot to look forward to: Bugel and Gibbs have a knack for running a tenacious and powerful running game. 21 year old rookie Sean Taylor, vying for the starting role of free safety, has shown that he is as good as any in the pros: he has registered two interceptions, a touch down and forced a fumble already.

Although he sat out of the 17-0 victory over Miami, linebacker LaVar Arrington remains one of the most feared, powerful, skilled defensive players in the league. He should be back and ready to play by the Redskins' season opener against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The 2004-2005 season is going to be an uphill struggle, for the 'Skins and 'Skins fans alike. In fighting to regain their Superbowl form, the Redskins and Coach Gibbs are going to have as many obstacles to overcome as they ever have.

If, however, you can say one thing about Gibbs, it is that he knows how to win. After leaving the Redskins, Gibbs put together a winning franchise in NASCAR, a sport he was mostly unfamiliar with. If his past successes are any indication of what is to come, I think it is safe to say that the next few Redskins season are going to be some of the most infuriating, exciting and successful seasons in franchise history.

## Lady Captains take the field looking to move up

By KATIE BRACKETT  
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The CNU field hockey team looks forward to a challenging schedule and a handful of more struggles to overcome.

With a team evenly comprised of 11 freshmen and 11 upperclassmen, the freshmen have been put into a position of leadership on their debut as collegiate varsity athletes.

Carrie Moura required these young women to step up if they wanted a successful season and from her vision all she has seen is a team that is ready to go.

"Fast" was her one word to describe the 2004-05 field hockey team.

"The group is even skilled; when my assistant coach showed up she said, 'who are the freshmen and who are the upperclassmen?'" said Head Coach Carrie Moura.

Moura's first season was a year of building as CNU opened strong, winning their first two games. After the opening season hot streak they fell behind and finished the season at a disappointing 6-8.

The bracket that CNU faces has several nationally recognized programs including the division and national champions Salisbury State.

For Moura and her Lady Captains the season opens with a tough match against Catawba ranked as a division two team.

"We are looking to come with speed, communicate on the field and just play our game," said Moura.

The Lady Captains have a tough feat ahead of them with an intense schedule opening with three games on the road starting Sept. 4 with Catawba and finishing the road trip against the defending national champions Salisbury.

The road trip is sure to be an intense

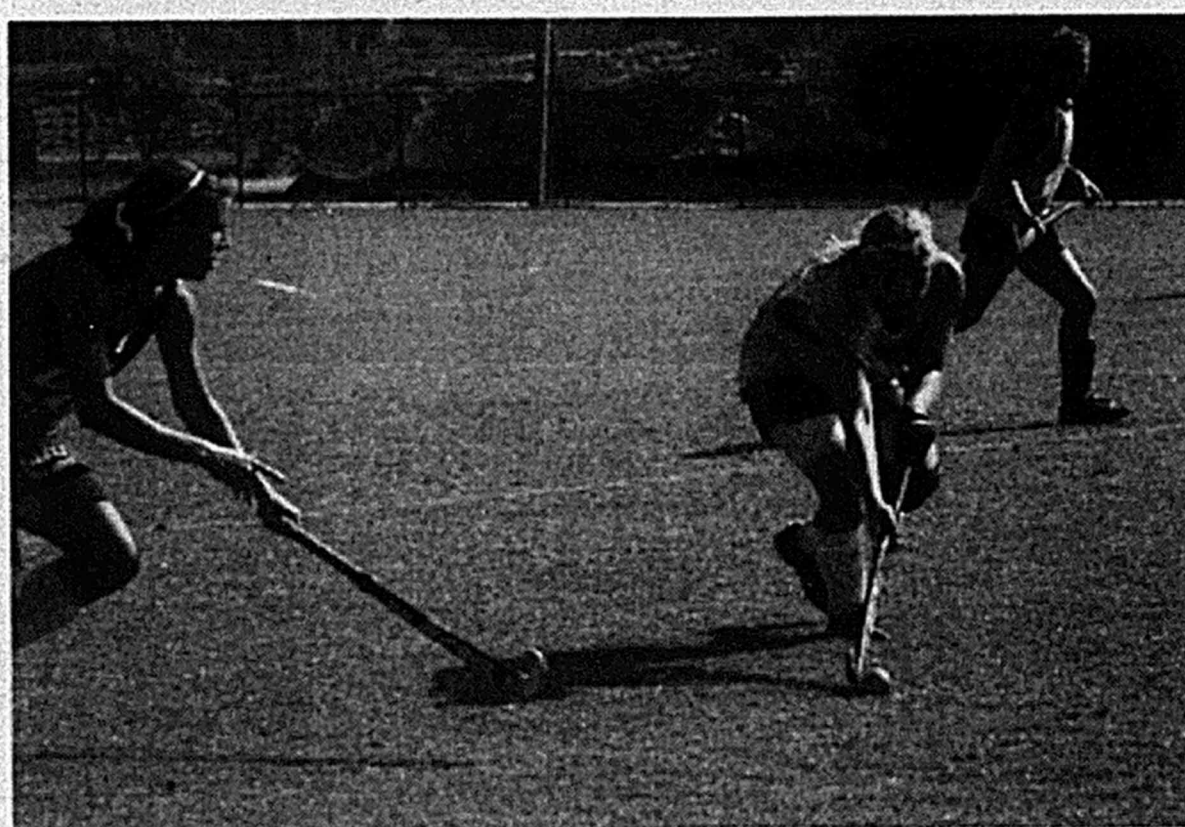


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Lacrosse players practice their ball handling during practice on Friday. The team plays away this weekend.

four days for the new and young Lady Captains but Moura contends the team is up to the challenge.

"We have a young and versatile team, we are deep in the bench in terms of talent and stamina, the upperclassmen have had this season on their mind since last year's season ended," said Moura.

The young and versatile Lady Captains have several players to watch this season: team captain Ashley Roberson; senior forward Megan McCreedy; freshman forward Ashley Hay, a native of Virginia Beach; and Beverly Waller, a freshman from Fredericksburg.

After the long trip, CNU returns home for a five game stretch on their field beginning Sept. 15 when they face Randolph-Macon in their first home game.

Macon finished 7-9 last season.

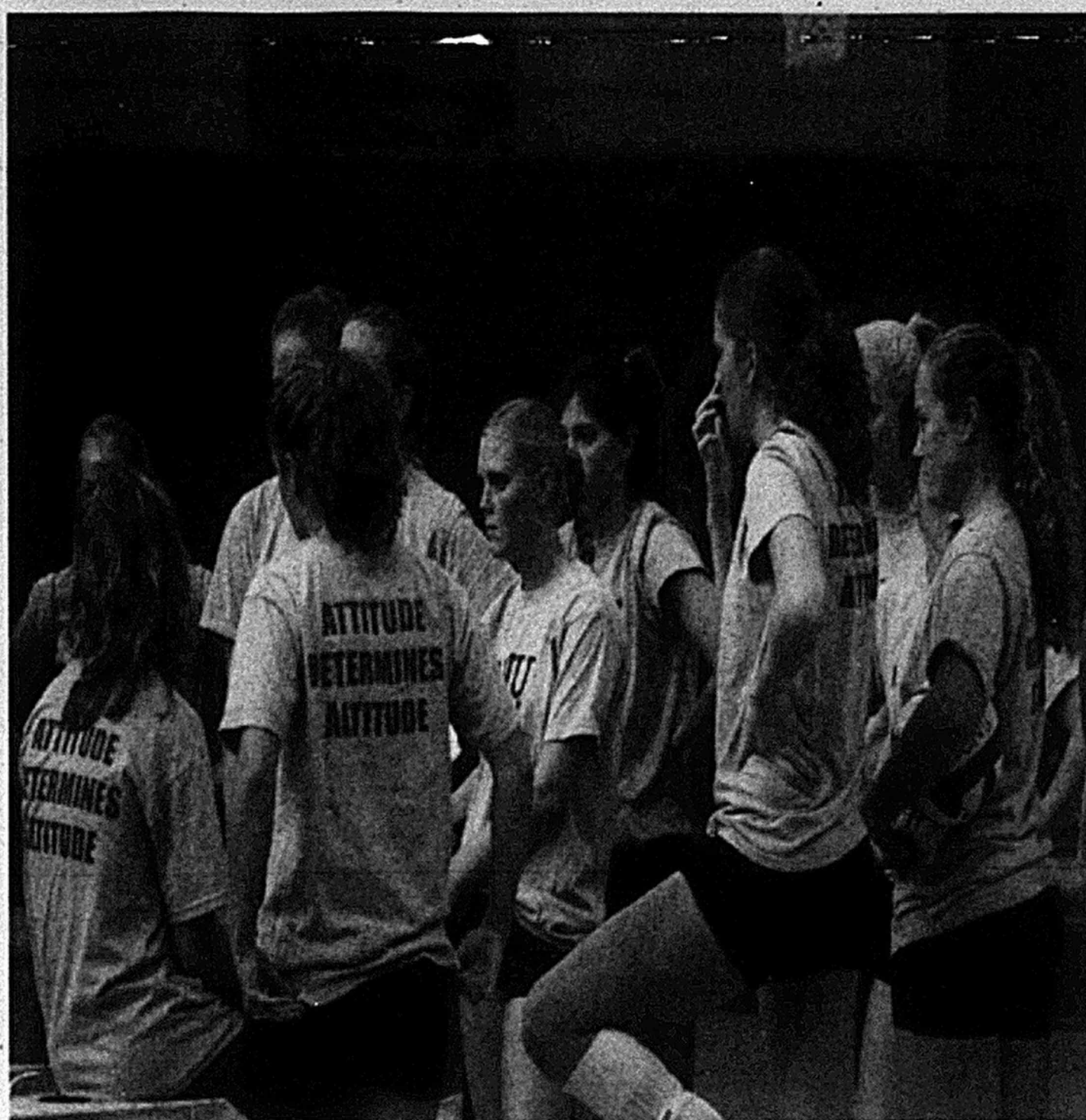
"We are in a difficult pool this year with the national champs, Salisbury, whom we will need to defeat in order to reach post-season play," said Moura.

After a tough season last year, the new and young Lady Captains look toward a new season — inexperience will not hold this youthful team down as they contend in a far more competitive arena than the rest of the CNU athletics.

Unlike all other CNU sports, the woman's field hockey team is in a league of their own, literally.

They do not participate in the USA South conference and, this season, they look to dominate behind a young coach a few veteran players and overwhelming number of freshmen.





The Volleyball team listens to instructions from their coaches during practice. It will travel to Tennessee this weekend for a tournament.

## And so it seems: a young team full of veterans

Having a team made up mostly of sophomores and juniors has its advantages

By SEAN KENNEDY  
Sports Editor

CNU's volleyball team doesn't have a single senior on the team, but that doesn't stop these Lady Captains from believing that they will have a good season.

Junior Courtney Barnett is the most experienced player, joining fellow juniors and twin sisters Amber and Erin Bradshaw as the leaders of the team.

Rounding out the rest of the team are six sophomores and five freshmen who will be called upon to contribute immediately.

Barnett believes that her experience off the court could help younger players more than her experience on it.

"I wouldn't say my age brings anything specific, other than off the court kind of experience that I can help the girls with," she said.

One thing the team should be able to count on is head coach Lindsay Sheppard, who, over the past two seasons, has led these Lady Captains to consecutive 13 win seasons within the conference.

In 2002, her first year as head coach, she coached the team to a 13-1 record, a second consecutive conference championship and second straight NCAA Tournament appearance, which earned her USA South Coach of the Year honors.

The Lady Captains went 20-19 overall last season. Inside the USA South conference, however, their record was a solid 13-3.

"In conference, I think we should do very well. Our biggest competitors will be Averett and Greensboro," said Sheppard.

Averett has proven to be the biggest hurdle in the past. They have been outright conference champions nine of the past 14 years, and have shared or won the conference championship 11 of the past 14 years, including last year.

Greensboro will prove equally difficult because they return five of six starters from a year ago.

The Lady Captains won one and lost one during the regular season last year before defeating the Pride in the finals of the

conference tournament. Out of conference, the team has a very tough road ahead.

They begin play Sept. 3 at the Maryville College (Tenn.) Tournament. Southwestern (Texas), which has been ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, will be its first opponent.

Also on the schedule is Washington & Lee, which has been ranked nationally in the past, as well as Randolph-Macon, another formidable addition to the schedule.

As for the players themselves, they have no doubt that they should be atop the standings at the end of the season.

"This year I think we will be very good because we have a lot of returners, we're not as young as we were last year and our incoming freshmen are very good players," said Amber Bradshaw.

"I feel like this year we've already bonded as a team really well and have already caught on to each other's playing styles and I think we're going to be really strong," said sophomore Jessi Hinz.

The season starts on Friday as the team will be travelling to Maryville College in Tennessee for a tournament that will start on Friday and last until Saturday.

## Athens says goodbye to Olympics

By MICHELLE KAUFMAN  
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The Olympic flame was extinguished Sunday night, as were all worries that the 2004 Games would fall flat on their face with incomplete venues, shoddy security and gridlock. The defiant, ancient city of Athens proved to be a worthy host. The only explosions during the 16 days were the fireworks that opened and closed the Games.

"Dear Greek friends, you have won by brilliantly meeting the tough challenge of holding the Games," said International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge, who officially closed the Games and sent them on their way to Beijing for 2008.

The birthplace of the Olympics bid an ebullient goodbye to 10,500 athletes from a record 202 countries, 20,000 journalists, 70,000 spectators at Olympic Stadium and billions of television viewers across the globe.

Years from now, the faces that will be synonymous with these Olympics are American swimmer Michael Phelps, who won eight medals — six of them gold; the Iraqi men's soccer team, a surprise semifinalist; Moroccan runner Hicham El Guerrouj, who won the 1,500 and the 5,000; American gymnast Paul Hamm, whose gold medal was disputed by Korea; Israeli windsurfer Gal Fridman, who won his country's first gold medal; the Argentine soccer and basketball teams, which won two gold medals in the span of 12 hours after the country hadn't won one in 52 years; and the U.S. women's gold-medal soccer, softball, and basketball teams.

But the Games themselves will be remembered as the event that proved skeptics wrong and altered Greece's image around the world.

"We showed the world what great things the Greeks can do," said Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, president of the Athens organizing com-

mittee. "The world discovered a new Greece. Safe and secure Games. Athens was great for the athletes, and Greece was great for the Games. I ask our foreign guests, 'Did you enjoy yourselves in Greece?'"

The lower-than-expected hotel bookings were partly blamed on negative publicity before the Games, predicting unfinished venues, gridlock, disorganization and security lapses.

"Ole! Hellas! Ole-Ole!" the fans chanted at the Closing Ceremonies, and the Zorba the Greek refrain was played one last time.

Unlike the Opening Ceremonies, in which athletes paraded into the stadium by country, on Sunday the athletes stormed the stadium without distinction of nationality, holding hands, flowing into the stadium as one giant mass of cultures.

Among the flag bearers was Mia Hamm (USA), the best-known women's soccer player in the world and member of the gold-medal-winning team.

With the competition behind them, Olympians were free to let their hair down and dance to the sounds of some of Greece's most famous pop artists.

The artists who performed were Dimitra Galani, Anna "Queen of Greek Pop" Vissi, Michalis Chatzigeorgidis, Sakis Rouvas, Alkistis Protopsalti and crooner Adonis Remos.

"Obviously getting to play for and win a gold medal is the highlight, but at the same time, when I think about this experience it's a scrapbook of wonderful memories, meeting gracious people everywhere we went who were so proud of their country and so proud that we were here to compete at the highest level," said Hamm.

The athletes entered to a clever percussion routine in which musicians on a moving stage used instruments made from sports equipment such as canoe paddles, a kayak shell, weight lifting plates, archery

targets, gymnastics parallel bars and track and field hurdles.

The final three medals of the Games were presented to the marathoners during the closing festivities. The marathon has added significance in Greece because it first became a sport at the 1896 Games revival in Athens and was inspired by the ancient messenger who ran from the town of Marathon to Athens to bring home news of Greece's victory over the Persians.

Italian Stefano Baldini won the gold, American Mebrahtom Keflezighi won silver, and the bronze went to Brazilian Vanderlei Lima, who was assaulted by a fan on the race course.

Keflezighi's medal brought the U.S. total to 103, with 35 golds, which was best at the Games. China was second with 63 medals, 32 golds. Russia was third with 92 medals (27 gold), and Australia was fourth with 49 medals (17 gold).

The Games began under a cloud because of the doping scandal surrounding Greek heroes Kostas Kederis and Ekaterina Thanou. Over the course of the Games, 22 athletes tested positive for drugs. But Rogge found a positive spin to the drug situation.

"These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat and where clean athletes were better protected," Rogge said.

By Sunday night, the Kederis-Thanou scandal was old news, and all anybody wanted to do was party.

Olympic Stadium was converted into a giant spiral wheatfield with 45,000 stalks of wheat, signifying the marriage between the earth and the sun and the notion of infinity. There was a tribute to wine and grapes. And a show staged by Chinese still-walkers, dancers and acrobats, giving spectators a taste of what can be expected in 2008.

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