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William and Mary students protest city registrar ruling

By JENN ROWELL
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Last year, several William and Mary students tried to register to vote in Williamsburg but were denied when the registrar saw they had listed their dormitory addresses.

The Williamsburg registrar decided the addresses were temporary and were not valid

for voter registration.

The students have since been a part of establishing the Student Voting Rights Campaign. Last Thursday, they held a news conference at W&M to publicize their cause as part of the National Day of Action.

Senior Luther Lowe, one of the students originally denied the opportunity to register in Williamsburg, is now the SVRC Coordinator.

In a posting on the campaign's Web site, he said, "At the on-campus press conference, we unveiled a report card giving the local voter registrar a failing grade for his efforts (or lack thereof) to encourage student participation in the democratic process."

He and fellow senior Serene Alami tried to run for Williamsburg City Council last year, but were denied candidacy.

A judge eventually ruled that Lowe could vote because of his service in the Virginia National Guard.

"The only reason I was allowed to register was because the local judge decided it made no sense for a member of the Va. National Guard to not have a right to vote for his primary commander in chief – the governor of Virginia," Lowe said about the judge's decision.

Virginia law requires citizens to be permanent residents in the city or county where they want to vote, but leaves it up to local registrars to determine residency.

Lowe, an Arkansas resident, decided he wanted to vote in Williamsburg instead of by absentee ballot.

"I live in Williamsburg except for in the summers and on holidays – totaling around nine

months," Lowe said, "Does it make sense for me to be voting where my parents live? Do the local laws there affect me more than the local laws in Williamsburg? Absolutely not. It makes sense to vote where the democracy affects you the most and, for me, that is Williamsburg."

Alami is from Roanoke, but wants the right to vote in Williamsburg because, like Lowe,

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week



Seniors Jennifer Clark and Indira Medina and junior Laura Okey fill "shag bags" in preparation for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The bags contained safety tips and condoms.

Sexual Assault Awareness Events

Wednesday:

-Medical Care Following a Sexual Assault - 12 p.m., SC 150
-Healthy Relationships - 4 p.m., Anderson Auditorium

Thursday:

-Speaking "The Language" - 7 p.m., Anderson Auditorium

Friday:

-Rape Aggression Defense - 5:30 p.m., SC 150

Tuesday, Oct 5th:

-Let's Discuss Violence Against Women - 7 p.m., SC 150

Roughly 1800 women are raped every day and of these, only an estimated ten per cent are reported to the police, states the Office of Career and Counseling Services website.

During this week, the Office of Career and Counseling Services, in conjunction with GSSU, MSA, the Peer Advising Club, Phi Mu, Alpha Sigma Alpha, University Police, and the President's Leadership Program, have combined efforts to hold Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Through a variety of

events and discussions, the groups will provide information on the definition of assault, where one can receive help and methods of preventing assault.

OCCS encourages students to seek help if they are or know of victims of sexual assault. Students can contact University Police by calling 594-7777 or by pressing the buttons on the emergency call boxes.

Victims of sexual assault can also call the Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

Despite accusations, Kerry still consistent

By THOMAS FITZGERALD
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Sen. John Kerry set his jaw, and even sighed at one point, as he confronted anew the confusion over his stand on the Iraq war, a fog that has enveloped his candidacy for months.

"I have one position on Iraq," Kerry insisted this week during a rare news conference. "One position."

In fact, he's right, his image as a "flip-flopper" notwithstanding.

Kerry voted in October 2002 for the congressional resolution that authorized President Bush to go to war in Iraq. He now says that the invasion was not justified and has made the United States less secure.

These positions are not contradictory, but his attempts to explain the distinction between them are often complicated, and they have given President Bush an opening to caricature Kerry as a flip-flopper. However, beneath the torrent of campaign verbiage, Kerry's position on Iraq for the past two years has been consistent and defensible – just difficult to sell in a sound-bite world.

Kerry always called for a broad international coalition to confront Saddam Hussein, and going to war only as a last resort. Like most senators, he thought Bush needed the authority – it passed the Senate 77-23, and Kerry was one of 29 Democrats who supported it.

But once Bush got the authority, Kerry believes, he misused it.

In his Tuesday news conference, where 10 out of 11 questions probed his position on Iraq, Kerry said that he voted to authorize Bush to go to war if necessary in order to present a united U.S. front to the world

and thus strengthen Bush's hand.

It was only one year after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The president was challenging the United Nations to support him in confronting Saddam, whom Bush painted as a clear and present danger to the world. He told Congress that the best hope of avoiding war was to stand strong and united, first at home, then together with the United Nations in backing Saddam down.

"The vote for authorization is interpreted by a lot of people as a vote to go to war," Kerry said Tuesday. "But if you read it, and if you think about what it gave the president, it gave the president what he said: America will speak with one voice ... It was not a vote to go that day. It was a vote to go through the process of going to the U.N., building the allies and then making a judgment of whether we had to go."

It is clear from Kerry's remarks during the 2002 Senate debate that he did not consider the resolution a declaration of war.

"Let there be no doubt or confusion about where we stand on this. I will support a multilateral effort to disarm (Saddam) by force, if we ever exhaust other options," Kerry said in debate.

Then as now, he urged Bush to work with the United Nations.

"If we do wind up going to war with Iraq, it is imperative that we do so with others in the international community," Kerry said.

In fact, Bush promised at the time to build a broad coalition and go slow.

In an Oct. 7, 2002, speech in Cincinnati, just four days before the Senate vote, the president pledged to exhaust other options

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Campus diversity supported

By ASHLEY HAIRSTON
Contributing Writer

Students entered Anderson Auditorium at 7 p.m. last Thursday to attend an event that produced a crowd that could easily be seen as one of the most diverse CNU has had this year, as well as years past.

The event, entitled "Why Race Matters: Lessons learned from the attack on affirmative action," was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and yielded an eager audience seeking to further their knowledge about the ever-present multicultural issues that surround them. As the crowd settled in, all eyes were focused on a projection containing a quote that set the mood for the discussion to be had: "Effective participation by members of all racial and ethnic groups in the civic life of our Nation is essential if the dream of one Nation, indivisible is to be realized (Justice O'Connor in Grutter vs. Bollinger)."

Upon receiving a brief introduction from Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs Alex Butterfield, as well as a warm welcome from the audience, Dr. Jeffery F. Milem took the stage in preparation for this talk, which

would surely shed light on racial issues that so often remain overlooked in society. Milem is an expert on the subject of diversity as the research coordinator for the Diverse Democracy Project at the University of Maryland, a program that focuses on the correlation between students, experiences with diversity in college and, as a result, the success they have with performing in a diverse society thereafter. Milem also holds the title of associate professor and graduate program director for the Higher Education Administration Program at the university.

Early on in his talk, Milem expressed the terms of his personal mission for the evening: a mission that centered on the hope that students would be stimulated into thinking about the measures they, as well as their institution can take to better embrace diversity. Milem described himself as a "direct beneficiary of Affirmative Action," explaining that his father went to school on the GI Bill, one of the early forms of the program, and

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Aid workers warn of epidemics from Haitian flooding

By MAMIE WARD
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Knight Ridder Newspapers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – The trail of orphaned, homeless and hungry Haitians left by Hurricane Jeanne huddled under tarps and scrambled for food Thursday as relief workers warned of epidemics from floodwaters made fetid by the bodies of human and animal victims.

"We have critical concerns over epidemics, because there are bodies still in the flooded streets and people are drinking the dirty water," said Francoise Gruloos, Haiti's director for the U.N. Children's Fund.

At least 1,113 people were confirmed dead and 1,251 remained missing, mostly in the northern port city of Gonaives, while more than 900 were treated for injuries and 300,000 were homeless, said Dieufort Deslorges, a spokesman for the government's new hurricane relief committee.

About 30,000 children under the age of 5 also have been affected, some of them orphaned when Jeanne killed their parents

and many of their siblings, Gruloos added.

UNICEF will dispatch 30 staff members to find orphans and provide them with support and counseling, she added.

Desperate Gonaives residents seeking treatment for wounds and diseases were turning up as far away as the clinic run by Harvard Dr. Paul Farmer in the mountain town of Cange, a six-hour drive, according to officials of Project Medishare, a group affiliated with the University of Miami that runs a separate clinic in Haiti.

Farmer splits his time between Cange and Cambridge, Mass.

Argentina sent two cargo aircraft with food, water and medical supplies, and the Red Cross was sending four more carrying blankets, plastic sheeting, water purification equipment and cooking utensils from Panama, Canada, France and Spain.

But the planes were landing in Port-au-Prince, a six-to-eight-hour drive from Gonaives on roads cut at several places by floodwaters and mudslides un-

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A woman is transported by truck after she injured herself while removing debris and mud from her home, September 21, 2004. After three days of floods due to Hurricane Jeanne, residents of Gonaives and surrounding areas still deal with flooded streets, missing persons, decaying bodies, and the lack of water and food.

Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

**Thursday:
Scattered
T-storms**

High: 76° Low: 62°

**Friday:
Mostly Sunny**

High: 76° Low: 68°

**Saturday:
Mostly Sunny**

High: 78° Low: 61°

**Sunday:
Mostly Sunny**

High: 78° Low: 56°

Correction

The Roommate Game was sponsored by Residence Life, not the Residence Hall Association. Last week's picture of Linda Carter was taken by Kimberly Wade, not Emily Sommerfeldt.

Around town State/Local News

Deadline for voter registration approaching
In Virginia, the deadline for voter registration is Monday, Oct. 4 by 5 p.m.

Aside from the presidential elections, there are also two congressional races in the area.

In the 3rd District, former state delegate Winsome Sears takes on incumbent Representative Robert C. "Bobby" Scott of Newport News.

Since Ed Shrock pulled out of the race in the 2nd District, Republican Thelma Drake was chosen to replace him in the race against Democratic contender David Ashe, a Virginia Beach resident and Iraq war veteran.

In Richmond, former Governor Douglas Wilder is favored to win the mayoral race.

Norfolk giving away trees

The city of Norfolk will be giving out trees on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Since fall is the best time to plant trees, the city is giving them out now in celebration of Arbor Day, even though Arbor Day is not until April.

Trees may be picked up at the following locations: Home Depot on Military Highway, the entrance of Norfolk Botanical Garden, the New Entrance Plaza to the Virginia Zoological Park, Ocean View Hardware, Berkley Recreation Center and the Larchmont Library.

Shantung Maple, Trident Maple, Lacebark Elm, Golden Rain Tree and Deodar Cedar trees will be given away free of charge.

The event is organized and sponsored by the Norfolk Arbor Day committee.

Attorney General promotes gang awareness

On Sept. 27, Attorney General Jerry Kilgore hosted a community meeting to promote gang awareness. Held at the Norfolk Fire Academy, Kilgore and Senator Nick Rerras briefed attendees on the growth of gang problems statewide.

Virginia Hispanic Community Organizes

for Kerry-Edwards

Hispanic volunteers, activists and community leaders gathered on Sept. 25 at an organizing convention in Arlington, Va.

The purpose of the Unidos con Kerry convention was to train hundreds of Hispanic volunteers from across Northern Va. in neighbor-to-neighbor, person-to-person campaign tactics designed to persuade undecided voters and those that don't usually vote Democratic.

Testing finds no excessive lead levels in city's drinking water

The Virginia Department of Health and Newport News Waterworks recently completed testing for lead in drinking water in its service area.

After testing water samples from homes, day-care centers and elementary schools, Waterworks found that most samples had no lead and some had very low levels that are acceptable by federal rules.

Your life Campus News

SGA and Virginia 21 sponsor mock presidential debate

On Sept. 29, the Student Government Association and Virginia 21 will host a mock presidential debate from 8-9 p.m. in Gaines Theatre.

Teams of three representing the Young Democrats, College Republicans and Young Constitutionalists will give brief speeches on each party's candidate and their positions on the issues.

At the end of the debate, there will be a lightning round to allow questions from the audience.

Students and faculty awarded for theatrical achievement

Several awards were given to the CNU theater community for theatrical achievement. Port Folio, a Norfolk based publication, gives these awards annually. This year, CNU won in three categories and was nominated in several others.

"We just feel great," said Professor George Hillow, who directed "Triumph of Love." "This will be the third time in recent years that we've won best musical."

Kathleen Jaremski won best costume design for "Triumph," Kate Collins Brown won best lead actress in a musical in "Triumph," and "Triumph of Love" won for best musical.

Nominations include: Tanya Sweet for best scenic design in "Triumph"; Kate Collins Brown for best lead actress in a drama as Liz Morden/Lieutenant Will Dawes in "Our Country's Good"; George Hillow for best director of a musical in "Triumph of Love"; Scott Root for best musical direction in "Triumph of Love."

Seminar in Berlin

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures is planning to host a seminar in Berlin May 16-30, 2005. Students would be able to visit cultural sites in Berlin, travel to Potsdam and Dresden and possibly to Weimar and Eisenach. The seminar will earn students three credits toward graduation.

The trip is open to students, faculty, staff and any interested members of the community who are over 18.

Attend one of two informational meetings on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in SC 214 or Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in SC 205, or contact Dr. Laura DeJulio at 594-7062.

supershots

Students wait in line during the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes and InterVarsity cookout last Thursday. The organizations offered free food and a live band to students.

On the record Police Blotter

A secured bicycle was stolen from outside the BTC building on Sept. 17. The case is currently inactive.

A student in Santoro Hall reported receiving a threatening phone call on Sept. 19. The caller was referred to Judicial Affairs.

A student in Potomac River North reported receiving an abusive phone call on Sept. 20. The case is currently inactive.

NNPD-The campus and surrounding area falls under the Central Precinct and in beat 22. The following information is from that precinct.

There was a larceny on Sept. 23 at the 12700 block of Nettles Drive. Clothing and furniture were stolen.

A deceased person was found on the 3100 block of William Styron Square North on Sept. 23.

Jewelry was shoplifted from a store on the 800 block of J. Clyde Morris Boulevard on Sept. 23.

Drugs were seized from the 11000 block of Jefferson Avenue on Sept. 23.

There was an assault with minor injuries on Sept. 24 on the 800 block of Eclipse Court.

A suicide occurred on Sept. 24 on the 1100 block of North Green Drive.

There was a simple assault reported on Sept. 24 on the first block of Mellon Street. There were no injuries.

A malicious wounding was reported at the 600 block of Dresden Drive on Sept. 25. Firearms were seized from the premise. A weapons offense was cited on the same block.

There was a simple assault with minor injuries on the 700 block of Sunnywood Road on Sept. 26.

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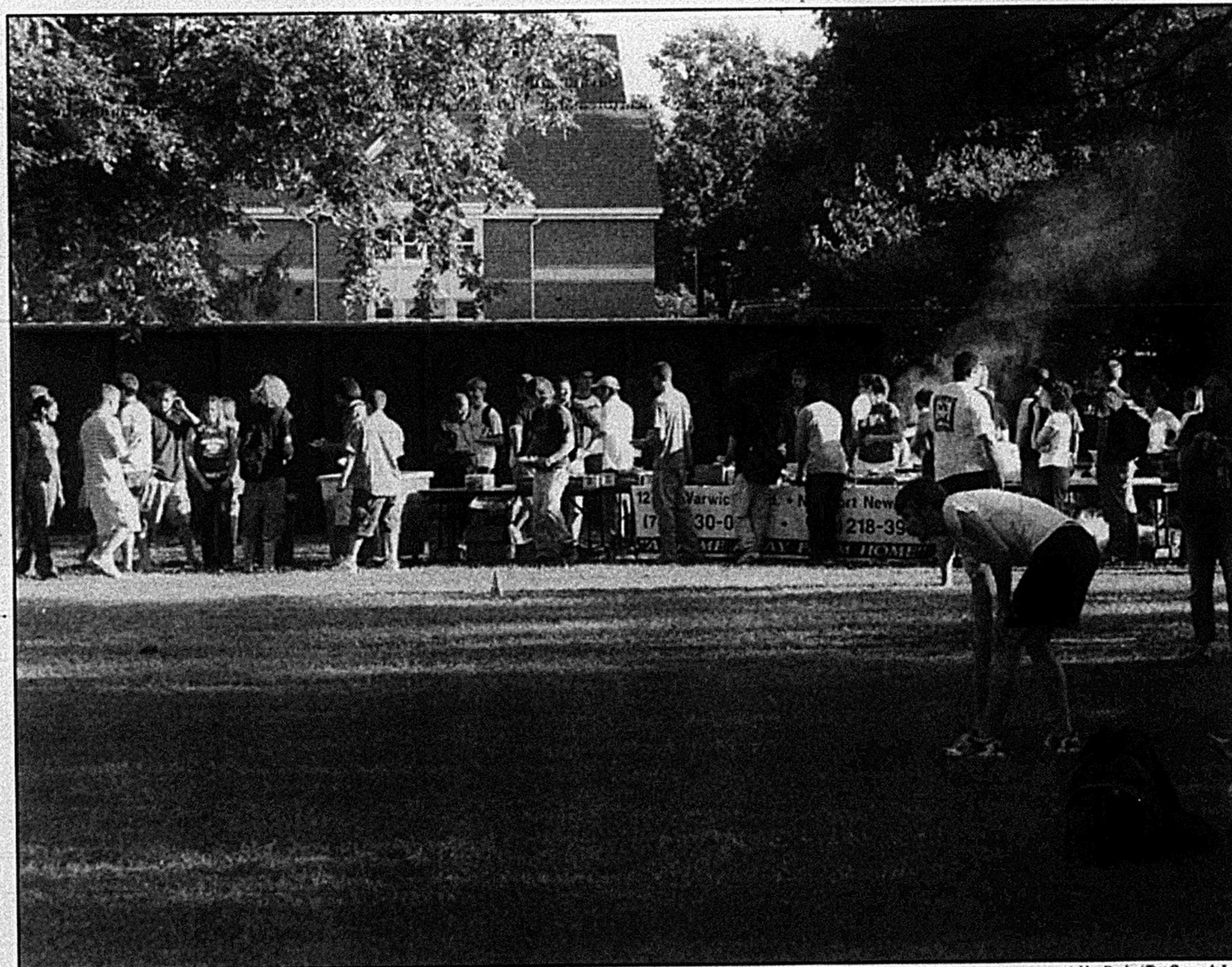
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Want to place a classified ad?

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 at clog@cnu.edu.

DISCLAIMER The Captain's Log is not responsible for posted ads. Personal ads will be screened for appropriate content.

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

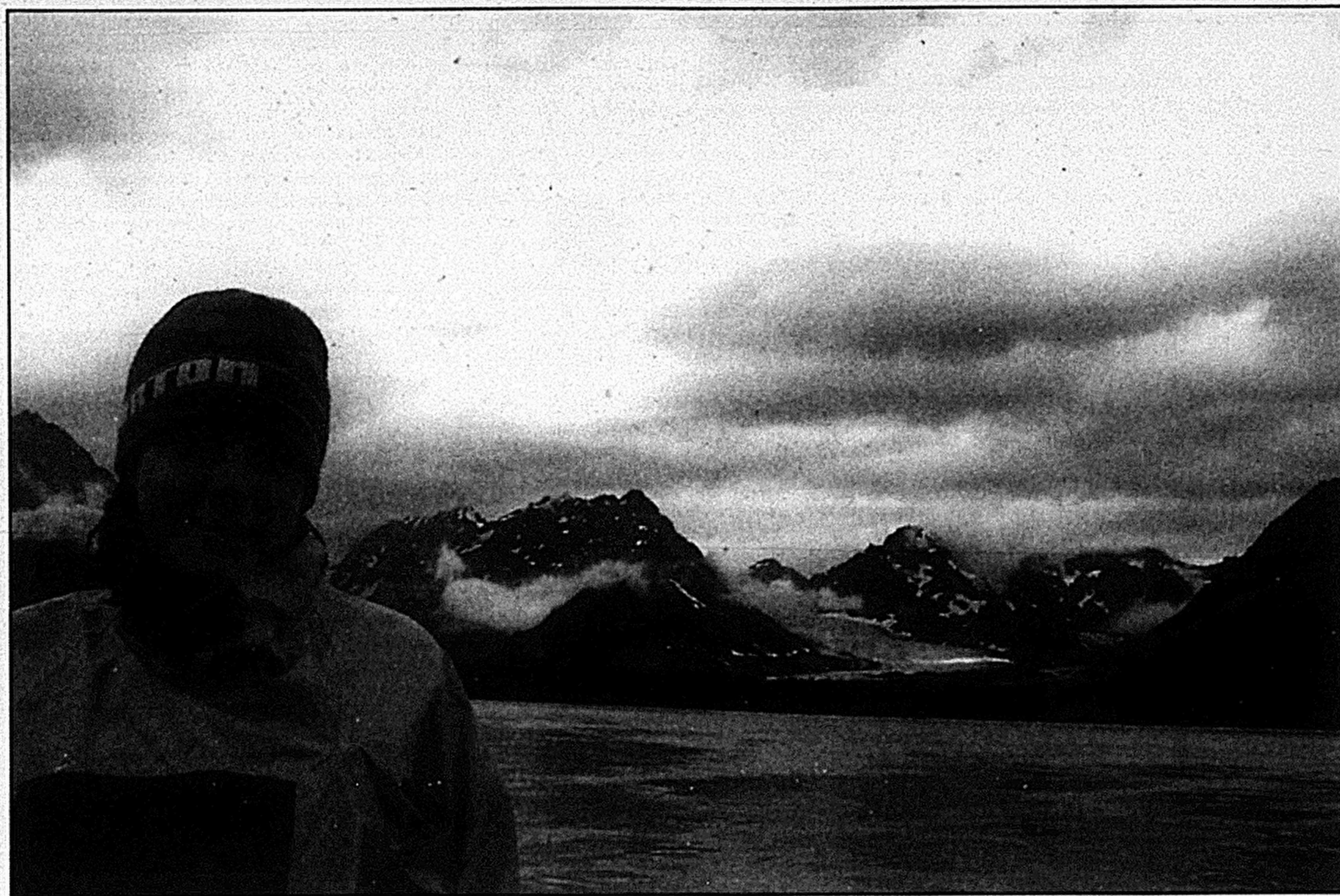


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Campus Calendar September 29 - October 5

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
All Day - Sexual Assault Awareness Week continues	12:00 p.m. - Biology Club Cookout; Sci. Bldg. Atrium	All Day - Captain's Volleyball Classic	All Day - Captain's Volleyball Classic	1:00 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Lynchburg; Captain's Field	12:00 p.m. - Baptist Student Union Meeting; SC 233	12:15 p.m. - College Republicans; SC 150
12:00 p.m. - Medical Care following Sexual Assault discussion; SC 150	12:15 p.m. - MSA Meeting; SC 150	4:00 p.m. - Friday's at 4; Great Lawn	5:00 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Averett; Captain's Field	4:00 p.m. - Catholic Campus Ministries Mass	5:30 p.m. - SGA Meeting; SC Alumni Room	12:25 p.m. - Biology Club meeting; Sci. Bldg. 131
12:00 p.m. - GSSU Meeting; SC 233	4:30 p.m. - Young Democrats; SC 233	5:30 p.m. - Rape Aggression Defense; SC 150	7:00 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Ferrum; Captain's Field	5:00 p.m. - Captain's Log staff meeting; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Motivational Leadership Speaker Ed Gerety; Gaines Theatre	7:00 p.m. - Young Life; York River East Multipurpose Room
1:00 p.m. - Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233	7:30 p.m. - CNU Role-playing Guild; SC 233	6:00 p.m. - CAB movie "White Chicks"; Anderson Auditorium	9:00 p.m. - Break, funk spectacular; Gaines Theatre; Free with CNU I.D.	7:00 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Ferrum; Captain's Field	7:30 p.m. - CNU Rowing Club Meeting; SC 233	7:00 p.m. - Campus Girl Scouts Meeting; SC 205
6:30 p.m. - Volleyball vs. Shenandoah; Freeman Center	9:00 p.m. - CAB movie "White Chicks"; Anderson Auditorium	6:30 p.m. - Comedian Billy D. Washington; Gaines Theatre			8:00 p.m. - Joel 2:28	8:00 p.m. - Open Mic Night; Discovery Cafe

Student treks through Alaska



Pausing for a brief moment, Ashley Ager poses before one of many mountain ranges in Alaska. She and her team spent 75 days hiking, sea kayaking and rafting through the Alaskan frontier this summer. Photo courtesy of Ashley Ager

By ERIN EUDY
Contributing Writer

Climbing up on a large boulder, she had a better view to take a picture of the giant grizzly bear that was fishing across the river. After taking the picture, she turned to climb down and join the rest of her group and was shocked to see another grizzly standing just 30 ft. from her and the fourteen other people that were rafting through the Alaskan wilderness with her.

The people standing on the ground immediately began doing the "Bear Call." The "Bear Call" is what the group was taught to do when a bear was near, and they would raise their hands over their head in an attempt to appear as big as possible and then yell.

Shocked by the sight of such a large bear so close, she pulled out her camera and quickly started taking pictures instead of doing the "Bear Call" as she was supposed to. "I got in trouble for that," she said, "but it was worth it."

This past summer, sophomore Ashley Ager spent 75 days backpacking, rafting and kayaking through the South-central and Southeastern Alaskan wilderness. Throughout the course, they saw many different kinds of animals, including more grizzly bears, black bears, hundreds of types of birds, wolves and humpback and pilot whales.

The trip was organized by National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and it provided students a chance to earn college credits while spending time in the wilderness.

Throughout the excursion, the students were responsible for completing assignments and keeping a journal, and the instructors conducted regular classes about natural history, wildlife, leadership and the skills they would need to survive the trip.

Part of one of the skill classes for the kayaking session was what to do if a kayak ever flipped over. For the class, the students used "spray decks" that stretched over the opening (cockpit) of the kayak to prevent water from getting in it and held the students in the kayak.

"So, in a sense we were attached or stuck in the kayak," Ager said. "We had to pull off the spray deck while submerged/flipped upside down, then

swim to the surface, flip the kayak back over, and get back in. It was terrible. There were chunks of glacier floating by us and we had to stay in the water for so long."

Throughout the two-and-a-half month journey, Ager and the other students learned to live off of dehydrated food, dried fruits and trail mix. There was flour to make bread and everyone ate a lot of pasta and rice; food that they could easily make by just adding water. The groups also ate a lot of freshly caught salmon.

The students treated their drinking water with iodine to protect against bacteria and a parasite called Giardia.

"Even though the iodine tablets killed bacteria we were still drinking river water with glacial silt, basically, cloudy water with silt particles. We usually tried to find glacier-fed streams coming down the mountainside or waterfalls."

June 21, just two weeks after the trip began, marked Alaska's summer solstice. At that time, it was dark for only two hours a day. From then on, it was dark for six minutes longer each day. "That part was so crazy," Ager said. "It seemed like it never got dark."

The group had excellent weather for the most part; it only rained for about one week out of 11. For most of the trip it was hot during the day, but at night it dropped down to the 40s.

Everyone also had to get used to the sun. "Maybe it was because of the high altitude," Ager said, "but the sun was so strong. I wore sunscreen every day and my face still got burned. And I definitely learned the hard way about getting sunburned on your ears. I didn't put sunblock on them and they got so burned that they blistered. I had to start wearing a bandana over my head and ears."

Ager and her group spent the first 27 days backpacking through the Teton Mountains. Together, the 11 students, two instructors, and their proctor throughout the trip, Craig Birrel, hiked 115 miles carrying backpacks that weighed approximately 50 pounds each. Everyone was responsible for carrying their own gear, and everyone helped to carry the group gear, including the library, the tents, the poles and the pans.

"It was really hard to get used to

the weight of the backpacks," Ager said. "I literally had cuts and bruises from mine."

The students hiked anywhere from three to eight miles a day. Once they stopped for the day, they would set up their tents and then eat, or sit for a lesson, depending on the site. Because they were in wilderness, there was nowhere to shower. Instead, they had the option of rinsing off in ice cold lakes that could always be found near their campsites.

Ager said that the backpacking part of the trip was definitely the hardest.

"I remember thinking, wow, I really hope that this gets better," she said. "But now I can say that it was good that it was hard because it was a challenge."

After the backpacking session ended, the group spent two nights in the NOLS branch in Palmer. They exchanged the backpacking equipment and then rented what they would need for white water rafting. Because they would not have to carry all their food, everyone was given much more flexibility on the food they could bring.

"I brought Tootsie Pops," Ager said, smiling broadly at the memory.

For the rafting session, the 11 students were assigned four instructors in addition to Birrel. Every day they traveled anywhere from five to 40 miles in the four rafts: two paddle rafts that held up to seven people and two oar-rigged rafts that held two people and all of the camping equipment. Together, the group traveled 269 miles on the rafts.

Once the rafting part of the trip was over, Ager and her friends had a chance to shower and do laundry before the final session began: sea kayaking on Prince William Sound.

All of the kayaks were either singles or doubles and throughout this session, the group traveled 259 miles. Like in backpacking, there were two instructors assigned to the students, in addition to Birrel.

"I definitely like the kayaking part best," Ager said. "The scenery was just awesome."

Part of the learning experience in the three different sessions was practicing both leadership skills and the survival skills they learned in their classes. To test these skills, the students split into several small groups for a certain number of days. They separated and

agreed to meet the other groups and the instructors at a specific place later in the week.

For kayaking, they split into two groups, but both groups had an instructor because sea conditions could become terrible at any time. In the four days that the groups were separated, Ager's group traveled 79 miles and the other only traveled 50. "We went a lot farther than the other group because there was a glacier that we all wanted to see," Ager said. "So we traveled 27 miles in one day, just to see it."

Once the kayaking session was over, it was time for the students to come home. All of them graduated the program and received diplomas that were equivalent to 12 credit hours. However, CNU did not accept the credits Ager earned while in Alaska.

Saying goodbye proved to be heartbreaking. The eleven students that started the excursion as strangers had become the best of friends. "When you are in the wild like that," Ager said, "a support system is vital. I definitely made some awesome friends out there, and I was bawling at the airport, but we've all kept in touch. We're already planning a reunion."

Ager was fortunate enough to experience one more surprise on the plane ride home. "I saw the Northern Lights, the Aurora Borealis," she said. "It was so cool."

Ager says now that she is so glad she had the opportunity to go on this trip. After her older brother Mason went on a NOLS trip to Wyoming several years ago, she was determined to go on one herself one day. "I learned a lot about myself and the trip definitely improved my leadership skills, which is something NOLS emphasizes a lot," Ager said. "I'm also so much more aware of my impact on the environment and now I know how important it is to conserve natural resources."

"That trip was so awesome," Ager said. "And no matter what I say or how much time I spend trying to explain it, no one can completely understand where I'm coming from when I say it was just absolutely amazing."

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and said that war was "not inevitable." He urged Congress to pass the resolution to give him leverage.

Republicans scoff at Kerry's distinction. They say Kerry surely knew that Saddam was unlikely to yield.

"He voted for it," said Republican National Committee chairman Ed Gillespie. "Look at the coverage at the time. It was pretty clear what was going on."

Kerry drew groans from Democrats on Aug. 9 when he remained consistent to his stand in offhand remarks to reporters at the Grand Canyon.

Responding to a mocking question from Bush, Kerry said that even if he had known in October 2002 that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, he still would have voted to authorize Bush to go to war.

"Yes I would have voted for the authority. I believe it's the right authority for a president to have," Kerry said.

The president then hammered Kerry for more than a week, portraying the Democratic presidential nominee as endorsing his own approach.

But Kerry's position had not changed. He also emphasized in the Aug. 9 exchange that he would have used the war authority differently than Bush did.

The distinction was lost in the din. Perhaps harder for Kerry to explain has been his October 2003 vote against \$87 billion for operations in Iraq.

"I actually voted for the \$87 billion before I voted against it," Kerry said once, a line that the Bush campaign used in commercials to mock Kerry for inconsistency.

However, Kerry's line was but a clumsy way of saying that he had voted for a Democratic version of the bill that would have raised the \$87 billion by repealing Bush's income tax cuts for people making over \$300,000 a year.

When that measure failed, Kerry voted against the \$87 billion on final passage.

He said his vote was a protest against adding \$87 billion to the burgeoning federal budget deficit.

He also said he was protesting what he saw as sloppy planning for securing the peace.

That position, at least, is consistent with a belief that Bush mishandled the authority that Congress gave him.

"Because I saw what was happening, I voted against it," Kerry said Monday night on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

However, other analysts have also noted that Kerry's vote against the \$87 billion came at a time when his presidential campaign was stalled and Democratic voters were flocking to the candidacy of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean—whose entire campaign was based upon condemning the war in Iraq.

Kerry's vote looked like an opportunistic effort to curry favor with anti-war Democratic primary voters.

By concentrating fire on Kerry's votes, Bush turned the campaign debate over the war in Iraq, which remains unpopular, into a referendum on the challenger's consistency rather than his own judgment in going to war and managing its aftermath.

Now Kerry is shifting from defense to offense.

Beginning Monday with a forceful speech at New York University blasting Bush's conduct of the war, Kerry has begun to reframe the Iraq debate toward what needs to be done now, and away from his two Senate votes.

"If we do not change course, there is the prospect of a war with no end in sight," he said. "At every fork in the road, he has taken the wrong turn and led us in the wrong direction."

The next day Kerry explained his shift in emphasis: "The president wants to shift the topic, and I'm not going to let him shift the topic. This is about President Bush and his decisions and his choices and his unwillingness ... to live in a world of reality."

(Knight Ridder correspondent James Kuhn contributed to this report.)

Proposals fail in student senate

Senator Deeley attempts to amend election policies in new constitution

By MATT CHAMBERS
Captain's Log Intern

On Monday, the SGA Senate was presented with two proposals from Senator Jim Deeley; neither passed.

The first proposal was an attempt to amend Deeley's past proposal, which would require candidates to be given rules and guidelines on how to conduct their campaigns.

The new proposal also included a clause that would make the due date of election materials and the dates of campaigning and elections able to be changed when and if it was deemed necessary.

The proposal was debated, but failed to reach the necessary two-thirds of votes to alter the constitution.

The second proposal attempted to modify the constitution in regards to vacancies on the senate.

"This proposes to preserve the idea that the senate is made up of equal representatives from all classes," said Deeley, a senior.

As of now, committee members, who are not elected by the student body but rather chosen by the president, fill vacancies in the senate.

Proposal 06.04 suggested that a special election be held to fill vacancies with elected senators rather than appointed committee members.

The proposal read, "be it therefore resolved by the CNU student senate that the constitution be amended to allow for any vacancies that remain after the spring elections or that develop prior to the fall elections to be filled by election at the same time the fall elections are being conducted."

Deeley's reasoning for the proposal

was to ensure that qualified students filled these positions.

"We don't want too many inexperienced freshmen running the senate," said Deeley.

The proposal, however, received heavy criticism from the rest of the senate.

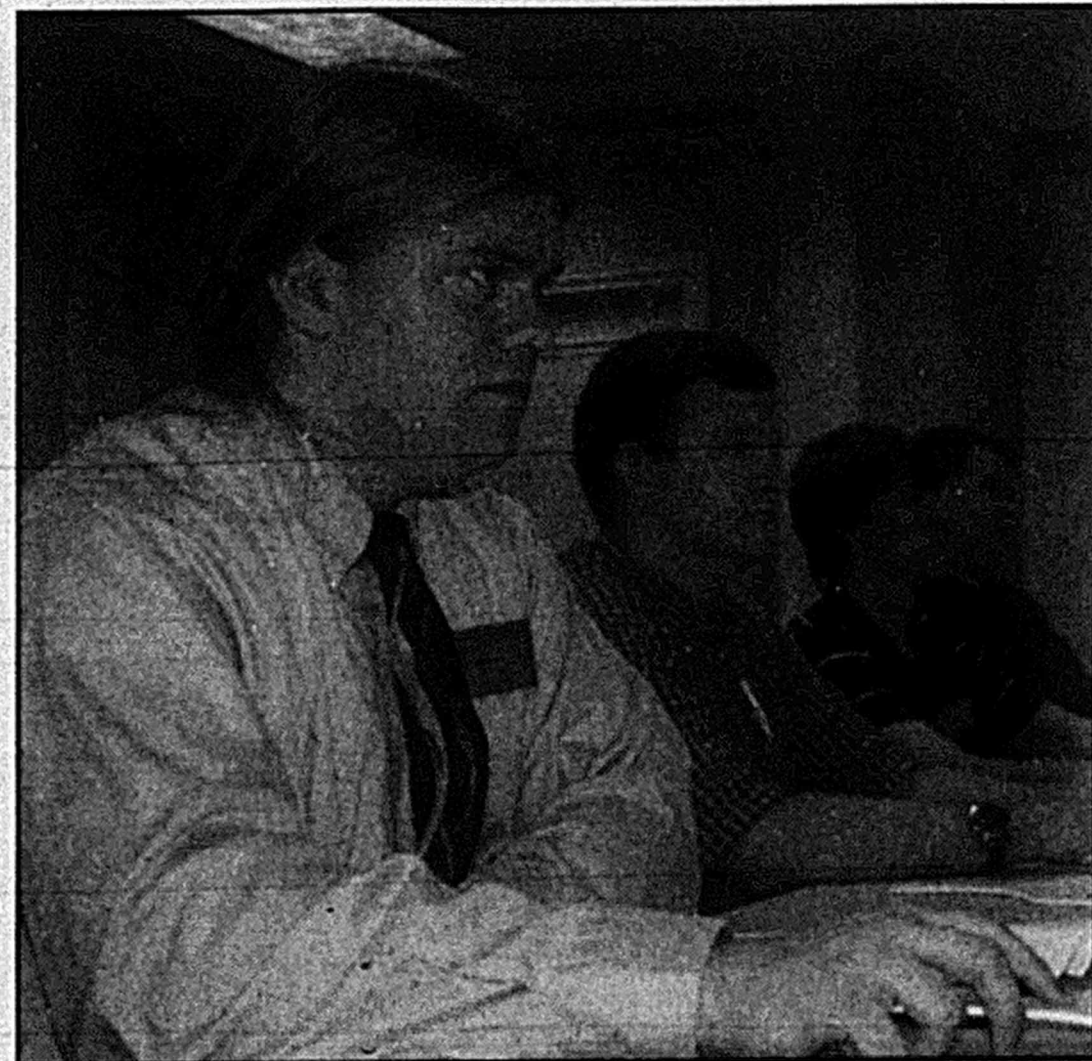
"I think it's making a lot of unnecessary work. We already have a system for filling vacancies," said Sergeant at Arms Erin Ireland.

"We spent a lot of time on this constitution, and now all we are doing is changing it."

The motion continued to receive heavy criticism until President Melissa Bell said, "Logically we need to stick to the plan we have now."

Not long after Bell spoke, a motion to close the debate caused Deeley to withdraw his proposal.

It was also announced that freshman elections have been pushed back a week due to technical difficulties with online voting.



Senator Al-Large Jim Deeley, senior, explains his amendments to the constitution during the SGA meeting. Chantelle Layman/The Captain's Log

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leashed by Jeanne when it struck Haiti on Saturday.

Four small emergency field hospitals in Gonaives were reporting shortages of medicines and other supplies, said one official with the U.N. peacekeeping force deployed after former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was forced into exile by a revolt in February.

The clinics are being manned by doctors from Medecins Sans Frontieres and Medecins Du Monde, two French-based volunteer organizations, 14 Cuban doctors and Argentine military officers, the official added.

New mass graves were dug Thursday at a Gonaives cemetery to dispose of the stacks of bloated bodies that have accumulated in the city's three morgues.

But relief officials said their prime concern was delivering food and potable water to about 300,000 Haitians who have had little of either in the past five days.

The U.N. World Food Program delivered 71 tons of food to Gonaives, and peacekeeping officials said they had reports that some families are managing to cook rice on their rooftops while staying out of the floodwaters below.

Scuffles broke out among Haitians as relief workers tried to distribute emergency sup-

plies in Gonaives, and police reported overnight shootings by property owners trying to fend off looters.

"In terms of the security situation, it has not been controlled yet," Fritz Fougy, deputy chief of mission at the Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C., told The Miami Herald.

"As for the distribution of food, it's been known that people are very hungry and these things could happen."

After days of complaints about the meager \$60,000 in U.S. emergency assistance to Haiti, the Agency for International Development announced Thursday that it will provide an additional \$2 million in aid to help flood victims in Haiti.

"The administration has now promised significant aid to Haiti. However, it does sadden me that the United States, as leader of the free world, took so long to come to the plate," said Rep. Kendrick B. Meek, D-Fla.

Aristide issued a statement from exile in South Africa mourning the deaths in Haiti, which is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its independence from France.

"Condolences and courage to an entire nation that has seen much pain and suffering in this tumultuous bicentennial year," Aristide said. "We continue to stand in solidarity with all Haitians who suffer."

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that he was able to reap the benefits Affirmative Action offered his father by being able to attend college as well. He added that he is also an "indirect beneficiary," saying that he daily notices the ways in which Affirmative Action "enriches" his life that has nothing to do with his personal experiences with the program, but rather the diversity that the program offers.

Milem quickly progressed into an explanation of myths about Affirmative Action, attempting to present counter-arguments to some of the most popular misconceptions about the subject.

Myth: There is no longer a need for Affirmative Action because the playing field has been leveled.

Answer: There are African-American and Latino disparities that put them at a greater disadvantage than the majority, mainly stemming from the poor education they receive living in inner-city neighborhoods.

Myth: Merit should be chosen solely based on standardized testing scores.

Answer: Standardized testing is "not used appropriately, when too much emphasis is placed on them, especially seeing as how the

tests are only used to predict success in a student's first year of college." Milem also said that studies have shown that there is only a 16 percent correlation rate between the scores of standardized tests and the actual performance delivered by a student in his or her first year. "How valuable are these tests scores at predicting success in college?"

Myth: "Fairness is best achieved through a race-neutral policy."

Answer: If we take "color-blind approaches," the status quo would only be reinforced.

Myth: "Diversity programs benefit only students of color."

Answer: Society benefits from transforming institutions by challenging us to work together to increase diversity.

Next, Milem went into an explanation of "the diversity rationale," which is a term that applies not only to affirmative action as a program, but also to the practice of ways to apply different types of diversity on campus. He spoke about the importance of having not only "structural diversity," meaning the "numerical and proportional" representation of students from diverse backgrounds, but also of having diversity displayed in interaction and "institutional diversity-related initiatives." These are programs and talks, such as the one Milem was presenting for example, that promote diversity.

After speaking shortly about his personal experiences with racial unawareness that led him to an enriched understanding of different races, Milem went into theoretical issues related to diversity and learning. His first theory backing his ideas of increased diversity was the notion that "the unfamiliar causes us to abandon routines and actively think." Next, he explained that "disequilibrium" occurs when one departs from his or her own personal perspectives and experiences in order to explore others. He also delivered the theories that different perspectives heighten learning and social development and that diversity at institutions of higher education create conditions that promote learning and deeper complex thinking.

Next, Milem spoke about the benefits of diversity on four different levels: individual, the economic and private sector, institutional and societal. In talking about individual benefits, Milem focused on the concept of diversity helping students having experiences to become enriched at college and beyond. He then explained that diversity helps to better provide companies economically with the skills that are needed in various areas. He went on to talk about colleges and universities, which benefit from diversity in the areas of teaching, research and service, thereby helping the schools to

live up to their missions as being preparatory units that ease the transition that is inevitably to be made from student to adult.

Milem then described the societal health care needs that diversity helps meet, by providing physicians that are "willing and able to treat" patients that are of lower-income neighborhoods, who are underprivileged and may have no health insurance; Milem said that physicians that have experienced diverse backgrounds are more likely to treat patients who are hindered by these types of conditions. He relates these needs to the need for affirmative action, providing statistics that showed a drop in the production of minority medical school students as a result of sporadic drops in the availability of affirmative action programs.

Finally, Milem challenged the audience to question the role that diversity plays at CNU: is the role one of transformation or preservation of the status quo? What role does it play in teaching and learning at CNU? He closed with a summary of the reasons for the need of diversity on campus and in general: "to be able to maximize educational experience," "to develop students that are able to contribute as citizens in an increasingly diverse democracy," "to better serve our most under-served communities," and "to effectively serve all citizens of the state."

VOTERS, FROM PAGE 1

that's where she spends a majority of her time.

"If we consider the implications of students voting where we attend school, we recognize how important of an issue this is," said Alami. "Voter participation would skyrocket. Imagine if you could vote on your way to or from lunch on your very own campus. Many students aren't willing to deal with the hassle of requesting an absentee ballot, filling it out and mailing it in."

After being denied voter registration, Alami filed suit against the registrar and went to the federal and circuit courts,

where she was denied at both levels.

Her appeal to the state Supreme Court was also denied, but her federal appeal is scheduled to go to court on Oct. 10.

Some localities allow students to vote in local elections.

The Charlottesville Registrar has drives on an almost daily basis at the University of Virginia, according to General Registrar Sheri Lachetta.

"Students that register want to use their dorm address and we accept that," she said.

She has been in her position for almost six years and she said that has been the policy for as long as she's been there

and when her predecessor was there.

"I don't question anybody who comes in and wants to register as long as they realize this is going to be their permanent address," Lachetta said.

CNU students who are not residents of Newport News would not be eligible to vote in city elections.

"If a student is attending college and does not maintain or plan to maintain residency in the locality, then they would not be eligible to register and vote in that locality where they are attending school," said Vicki Lewis, the General Registrar in Newport News.

DebateWatch 2004

The presidential debates will be shown at the following locations. The faculty members will facilitate discussion about the debate afterwards.

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Opinions

Where We Stand

What defines a resident? Does living in a community nine months out of the year? According to some students at William and Mary, it does.

Unfortunately for those students, the stipulations for residency are a little more defined. Residency, in part, should mean a constituent has a vested interest in the community.

Four years won't cut it, guys.

Living in a community for nine months does not necessarily make you a resident; having a future with the community does. Those students who plan to spend four to five years at W&M don't necessarily plan to stay in the Williamsburg area after graduation; therefore, their interests, while valid, do not serve the community's interests for the future. It could be assumed that these students' main concerns rest solely on what affects them now; only long-standing residents can fully comprehend changing policy that affects the community as a whole and the future of Williamsburg.

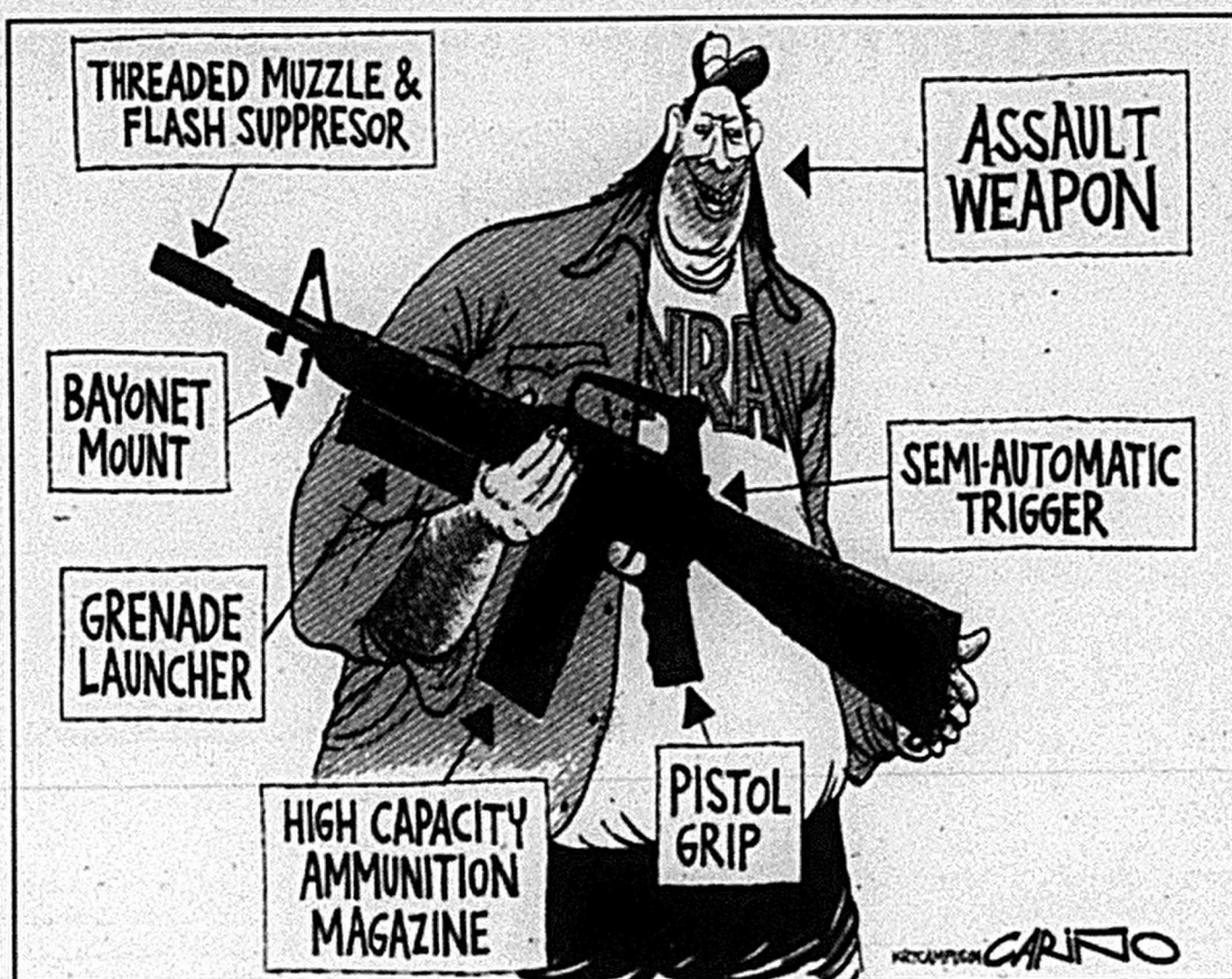
There is an important point that W&M students are missing: they are guests in Williamsburg. Their voting rights do not extend to the community they use for the purpose of pursuing an education. And they are using the city of Williamsburg; make no argument about it. Many come in, receive their education and leave. The few that do stay, establish residency and take interest in their community, will receive the right to make decisions that affect Williamsburg's future. The many who leave then go to make lives of their own, and will vote in whichever community they choose to live.

Williamsburg acts as host to students that populate its community. There is an understandable tension between long-term residents and the student population. If these young, naïve individuals push, the policy makers of Williamsburg will feel less inclined to hear them out on any future issues. Those who reside in Williamsburg retain the right to make the decisions that will affect them in the future. William and Mary's students have a valid claim; they deserve representation. But does that equate to voting rights for non-residents and candidacy in city council races?

A student running for city council is absurd. No 18-24 year old student has the knowledge or the experience to hold a position of such caliber. A city council member must be able to not only represent his/her demographic, but the entire community. It seems the students at William and Mary have acted upon furthering their own interests, not the interests of the community. Being a student for a few years does not constitute the knowledge of the community necessary for such an undertaking. By trying to run for city council last year, these student leaders made themselves out to be blowhards expecting the city to cater to them.

Most students don't pay taxes in Williamsburg, since they are not residents of the city. What was it the American Revolution was fought for? No taxation without representation? Those W&M students who are not paying taxes in Williamsburg have no claim to voting rights in the city.

While their efforts to take part in city politics and their earnest intentions to participate and fulfill their civic duties are admirable, they have chosen the wrong avenue to attain their goals. By condemning the city registrar and their policies, the students are probably making more enemies than friends. This is not necessarily the best way to get a foot in the door.



Fresh Perspectives

You've seen us present the colors during the national anthem at football games and usher spectators to their seats in the stands. A great deal of athletes have probably had Master Sergeant Davis show them the proper technique to kick a soccer ball, run a football play or swing a baseball bat. A lot of you curse to yourselves in the early morning hours after being awakened by us singing cadences as we run around campus. Many of you walk past us while we are on the intramural field for practical labs, wondering what we are doing.

If you believe that there is nothing more to ROTC, then let me enlighten you.

The lifestyle of a college student and one of a cadet can be very contradictory at times. As a college student you tend to want to stay up late and sleep in. As a cadet, however, many mornings we are up before even the sun, working out to stay in shape. Despite the contradictions, cadets are able to maintain a balanced lifestyle, which in turn develops us as well-rounded students.

This past summer, there were several cadets who attended summer training in different parts of the country. There were six rising seniors – Jacob Allen, Andrew Shirk, Robert May, Trish Kelley, Mike Holm and me – who attended the Leadership Development and Assessment Course in Fort Lewis, Wash.

The course was 32 days long and rising senior cadets from universities all over the country attended throughout the summer. During this course, we were put through stressful situations and training while being evaluated in leadership positions. Some of the things we learned included how to fire M-16s, automatic weapons, howitzers, how to throw a grenade and we even went through a gas chamber.

Another cadet had the privilege of attending the US Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga. While at Airborne, Andrew Kley was tested physically while being trained how to properly and safely jump out of an airplane at 1,250 feet. The final week of school was actually executing five different types of jumps using a static line release from the airplane. Completing airborne school was definitely an honor and the jump wings received carry a lot of pride.

These cadets sacrificed a large portion of their summer break to challenge themselves and strive towards the goal of becoming a future officer. What did you do this summer?

Summer training is challenging and helps develop cadets, but the Department of Military Science also conducts training during the school year with the same intentions. Although we conduct war games and train on numerous military tasks and operations, on several different occasions we play paintball, go rock climbing, and rappel off of walls. All of the training helps give cadets confidence in themselves and their teammates.

The Department of Military Science cadre includes a former Drill Sergeant, a special forces Master Sergeant and many officers who have recently returned from fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq. These cadre members strive to see cadets succeed and develop as future leaders. Their experience and guidance has helped the program grow immensely over the past few years.

In addition to the leadership development training and activities there are also other benefits to being a cadet. Already this semester, five freshmen cadets have been contracted and are receiving full tuition scholarships. Those cadets are: Erin Davis, Mike Perry, Eric Ahle, Jason Meffley and Jules Hurst. There are still even more scholarships that have yet been awarded. The scholarships pay for tuition, provide \$300 a semester for books, and an additional monthly stipend. I have had a scholarship since my freshman year and the money has definitely helped my parents and me, since I am one of four children.

Being in ROTC is more than color guards, more than physical training, more than lab on Wednesdays and even more than scholarships. It is about developing as strong leaders, working towards becoming an officer in the US Army, leading soldiers, and defending our country.

After all, freedom is not free and many of our generation need to be reminded of that.

Jessica Meadows
Senior ROTC cadet

Signs of progress amid chaos in Iraq

By E. THOMAS McCLANAHAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The situation in Iraq has been deteriorating for weeks. In August, daily attacks on U.S. troops averaged nearly 90 a day, the highest level since the insurgency began last year.

Things are likely to get worse as elections scheduled for January draw near. Yet the picture painted by the news isn't as bleak as it seems. Despite the perception of widespread unrest, most of the violence is confined to a third of Iraq – the so-called Sunni Triangle northwest of Baghdad.

Last week, The Kansas City Star's Editorial Board met with five Iraqi journalists participating in a State Department tour. I asked what they thought of Western media coverage of Iraq and whether it accurately reflected reality as they saw it.

Perhaps out of tact, our visitors (they asked that we not use their names) said they hadn't seen much U.S. coverage. Most couldn't speak English. But coverage by the Arab media, they said through translators, presented a distorted picture.

One member of the group, the only woman, said the pessimistic tone of Arab coverage was making things worse by encouraging terrorists and demoralizing those who supported democracy.

Another journalist said the insurgents "don't represent the Iraqi people."

Arab reporters, said a third, "try to give the impression that it's hopeless. If you watch the satellite channels from Arab countries you would imagine there's no rebuilding going on."

Funny, but that's the same

impression you get from the Western media, which focuses almost exclusively on the violence. True, the security situation is the most pivotal aspect of the Iraq story. But focusing only on violence omits a great deal.

Journalists used to say, "Get off your rear and report." But these days, it's just as important to sit down, log onto the Internet and supplement your view of what's going on. A good starting place would be the Web log of Arthur Chrenkoff (www.chrenkoff.blogspot.com), a Polish Australian blogger who compiles a periodic roundup of "good news from Iraq."

His most recent roundup notes that 15,000 new Iraqi border guards are being trained and are expected to be on the job in a few weeks. Meanwhile, new power generators near Basra and Nasiriyah have come on line. The water supply around Baghdad is improving.

A government building is being renovated to house the new Iraqi Independent Electoral Commission; the Ministry of Trade says the old central markets in Baghdad will be converted into shopping malls, thanks to high demand from Western and Arab companies seeking more retail space.

And a new 100-seat Interim Iraqi National Council has been established, with the power to veto Cabinet decisions by a two-thirds vote.

While there's no single earth-shaking item in Chrenkoff's roundups, you gain some sense of the slow but steady renewal going on behind the daily reports of mayhem.

I have seen very little elsewhere about the establishment of the Iraqi National Council. Nor have I seen much about the steady growth of the Iraqi Inter-

vention Force, made up of Iraqi army units trained in counterinsurgency operations.

A few weeks ago, American commanders announced that a battalion of the IIF had assumed direct control of a portion of the 1st Cavalry Division's "area of operations" in Baghdad. At www.command-post.org, you can see pictures of an IIF convoy, Iraqi flag flying, being greeted by smiling Iraqis lining the streets.

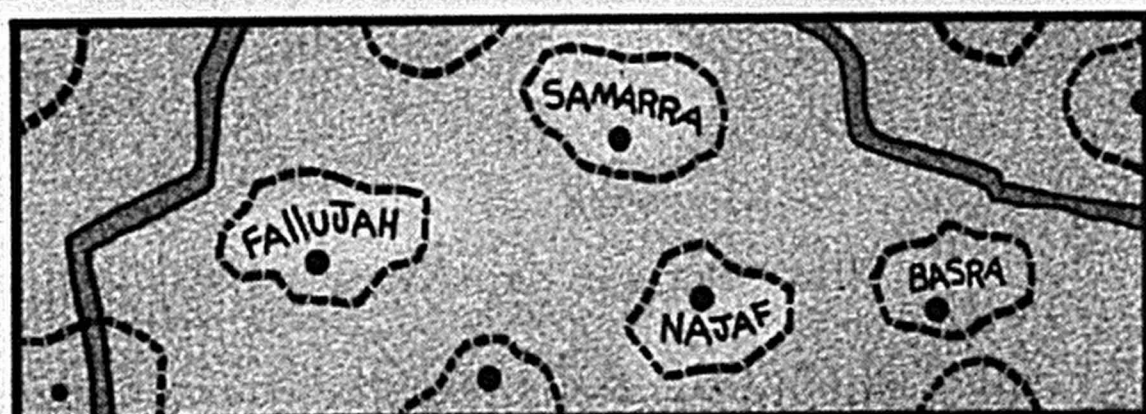
Some of the most encouraging portraits are found on Iraqi blogs, the best of which is www.Iraqthemodel.blogspot.com, run by three brothers: Ali, Omar and Mohammed.

Here one encounters the deep yearning of average Iraqis for a voice in their own government. In a recent posting, Omar recalled how he and his brothers once hated America, an attitude he attributed to the "thick walls Saddam built around us." Gradually, however, they understood that he was responsible for Iraq's misery. When the U.S. invasion began, they were overjoyed.

Nothing Omar wrote, "will ever match what we felt when we saw the first missile strike Saddam's palace. ... Yes, I love America and I'm a friend of all American(s), and I'm truly proud of that, and so are many, many Iraqis who owe their freedom to the great sacrifices made by (the) American people."

Iraq's road ahead will be messy and chaotic; the Pentagon has clearly underestimated the capabilities of the anti-democratic forces. But it's a mistake to succumb to today's prevailing pessimism – especially now, with all the talk of a coming offensive in Fallujah. Planting a democracy in the Middle East is a prime strategic objective in the war on terror. Elections are critical to that goal – and worth fighting for.

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World and Nation

Hurricane Jeanne slashes into weary Florida

By JEFF ZELENY
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HOBE SOUND, Fla. — Hurricane Jeanne pushed ashore late Saturday and began delivering yet another punishing assault on an already-battered stretch of Florida coastline as more than two million people were urged to evacuate and portions of the state braced for extended power outages and severe flooding.

But as the hurricane's eye approached the shoreline north of this seaside village, authorities feared residents in the storm's wide path had become so numbed by the historic hurricane season that they had not taken the proper shelter.

By nightfall, Gov. Jeb Bush had taken to the airwaves, warning citizens against falling victim to storm fatigue.

"If you've been to the first three movies," he said, "I can't imagine someone not taking this seriously."

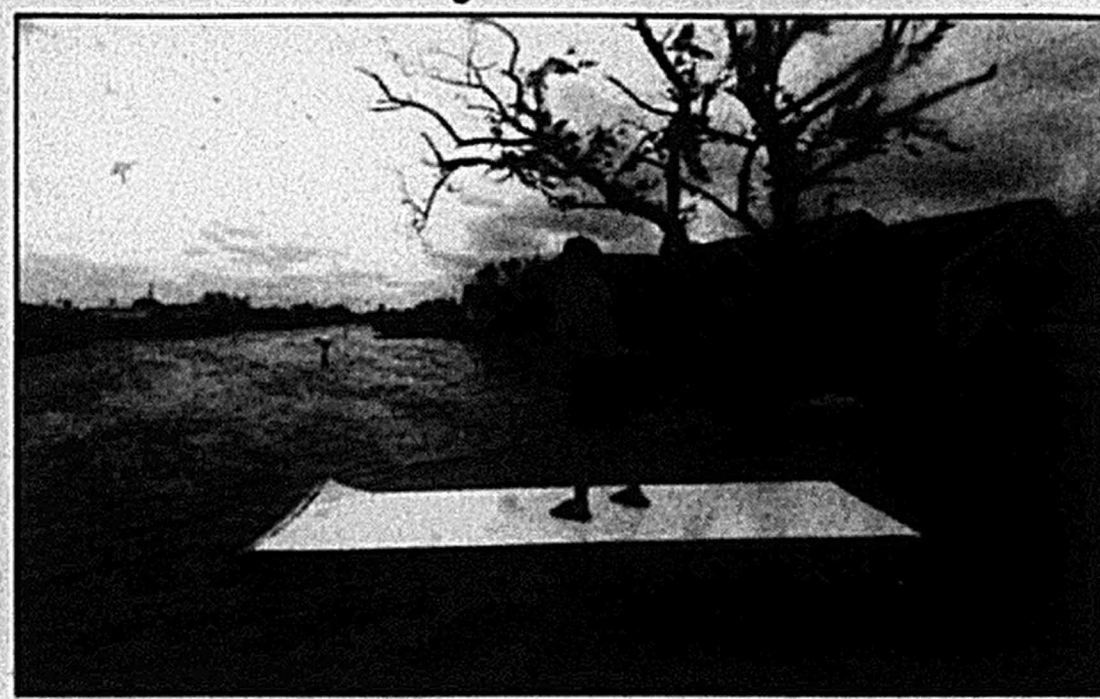
As it made landfall about midnight near Stuart — virtually the same location that Hurricane Frances hit three weeks ago — Jeanne unleashed walls of rain and remained a Category 3 storm with winds of 120 mph. Residents in Orlando and elsewhere in central Florida braced for hurricane-strength gusts.

Not since Texas was struck by four hurricanes in 1886 has a state endured such a menacing season. First, Charley struck southwestern Florida on Aug. 13, followed by Frances' blow to the eastern and central regions on Sept. 5 and then Ivan, which devastated the Panhandle on Sept. 16. The storms killed 70 people across the state and caused at least \$50 billion in damages.

In Hobe Sound, a small community in a densely populated stretch along the Atlantic coast, Linnea Clark and her neighbors were hardly in need of a history lesson Saturday. They feared their street, littered with large piles of debris from Frances, would become a zone of



Left: Bob Burkhardt tries to walk his dog Flynn in the midst of high winds from Hurricane Jeanne on Sunday, Sept. 26. Right: Keith McDonald surfs the flood waters that accompanied Hurricane Jeanne on Sept. 26. Some parts of this neighborhood were submerged by more than a foot of water.



Right: Keith McDonald surfs the flood waters that accompanied Hurricane Jeanne on Sept. 26. Some parts of this neighborhood were submerged by more than a foot of water.

flying projectiles when the winds from Jeanne swept in.

"At this point, if we walk away with our lives, that's good," said Clark, pausing for a moment on the front lawn of her home located less than a mile from the ocean. "We're resigned to lose everything."

Frances ruined one corner of her roof, and Clark feared Jeanne would finish it off. So she loaded her five birds into a pickup truck, tucked her "pretties" away for safekeeping in the stove and washing machine, and wrapped the living room furniture in plastic before driving to her in-laws' home in nearby Stuart.

"I'm tired and frustrated by all of this," said Clark. Still, she managed to keep her sense of humor as she talked about her mother-in-law's panic over the latest hurricane, saying: "We planned to get her a Valium and a plane ticket, but we didn't have time."

While Clark and her husband decided to leave their Hobe Heights neighborhood, others boarded up their

windows and chose to ride out the storm. "Pick on someone your own size," read a message spray-painted in black on a sheet of plywood.

Along this length of the coast and in nearby counties, authorities grew concerned when roads did not become clogged with traffic and shelters did not fill. It was a sign, they feared, that people had become complacent about Mother Nature's relentless assault of powerful hurricanes.

"My guess is that there may have been some weariness," Bush told reporters at a briefing in Tallahassee. "A lot of people have made the wrong choice."

In conversations with residents from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach to Orlando on Saturday, as people waited in line at the few service stations that still had gasoline or searched for batteries in discount stores, it was clear that the back-to-back storms had taken a toll on the state's collective psyche.

"What we are seeing is similar to post-traumatic stress disorder, maybe

not quite that intense, but people are numb, they are irritable, depressed," said Deborah Saland, a psychologist and social worker in Ft. Lauderdale. "This time, it is more like people are just resigned to whatever happens."

Still, Jeanne may be more dangerous than the previous hurricanes, combining the speed of Charley and the fury of Ivan. It has killed an estimated 1,500 people in Haiti.

And earlier Saturday it lashed the northern Bahamas with fierce winds and torrential rains, toppling trees and inundating neighborhoods.

The hurricane's eye made a direct hit on Abaco island and then whirled along the northern coast of Grand Bahama island. Thousands of people took refuge in shelters and homes with windows boarded shut.

In Florida, as tornado warnings sounded Saturday evening, the state's emergency management director said search and rescue crews would be dispatched to areas where people did not heed warnings. On Port St. Lucie,

among the barrier islands, identification wristbands were passed out to those who did not evacuate.

Many of those in the storm's path had their electricity patched together only in recent days. The state's electric utilities, warning that Hurricane Jeanne could leave millions of customers without power, said workers from across the country would arrive soon to help with repairs in the aftermath.

After residents had digested a day's worth of storm warnings, the director of the Volusia County Health Department offered a different admonition in a televised address.

"Beer and hurricanes just don't mix," Dr. Howard Rodenburg said from Daytona Beach, the spring break capital of college students. "It sounds like a great idea, it sounds like a lot of fun, but please don't use alcohol this evening."

Several cities in the region heard his call, imposing curfews and stopping the sale of alcohol.

Tribune national correspondent Dahlene Glanton in Atlanta contributed to this report.

New life for nuclear plants

By Robert Manor
Chicago Tribune

FORKED RIVER, N.J. — Obscured by scrub trees and unkempt shrubs not far from the Atlantic Ocean, a nuclear plant in Oyster Creek, N.J., which has generated electricity since Richard Nixon became president in 1969, is looking at a prolonged life, as regulators allow utilities to run reactors decades longer than first anticipated.

Driven by demand for cheap power, utilities are seeking to keep existing reactors operating until as late as 2040 and beyond. Regulators have approved license extensions for aging nuclear plants across the country, with more to come.

Which raises the question, how long can a nuclear plant run safely?

"There is nothing to stop them from operating safely" indefinitely, said Alex Marion, senior director of the Nuclear Energy Institute, who said utilities routinely replace aging components and upgrade facilities.

But critics argue that the older nuclear plants — and at nearly 35 years Oyster Creek is the country's oldest still in operation — need retirement to avoid the risk of a catastrophe. Some warn that the plants, which store decades worth of high-level nuclear waste, could cause a disaster on the scale of Chernobyl.

"The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been doing a terrible job of ensuring that these plants are safe," said Anna Aurilio, legislative director for the national office of the Public Interest Research Group.

Originally licensed for 40 years, plants are now winning 20-year extensions from the NRC.

The relicensings are justified, the NRC says, because utilities are getting better at operating the older plants, a sign they are safe for the future.

The NRC has extended the licenses for 26 plants around the country, with 42 more applications pending or expected.

On a national scale, the relicensing means that nuclear facilities will remain an important source of electricity well past the first third of the century.

But two models of nuclear plants, the General Electric Mark 1 and 2, particularly worry some nuclear scientists because of their design.

The vast bulk of the nation's spent nuclear fuel, many thousands of tons of still-radioactive uranium, is stored near the reactors that consumed it. That's because local opposition has blocked federal plans to deposit high-level nuclear waste at the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada.

Most nuclear plants store their spent fuel in pools built into the earth. Water in the pools blocks radiation and cools the hot fuel rods after they are removed from the reactor.

The GE plants are different. Their spent fuel is stored in a pool of water located above the reactor, essentially on the roof.

So at 32 plants around the country, the spent fuel pools stand far above the ground. At Oyster Creek, for example, the pool is 119 feet in the air.

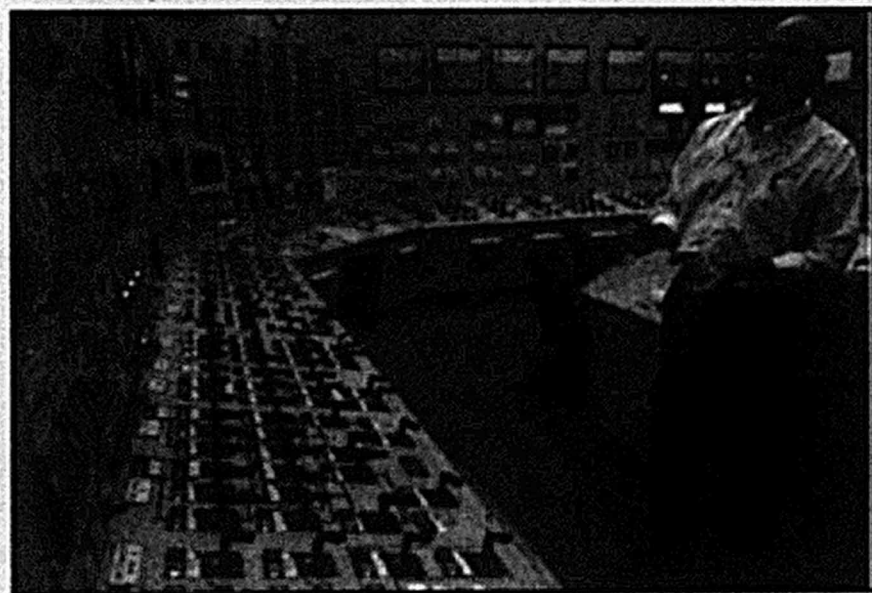
The pools, a bit smaller than a typical back yard pool but much deeper, have concrete walls at least a yard thick, strong enough to resist a heavy blow. They include systems for cooling the water so the fuel cannot boil it away.

The roofed room above the pools is made of heavy construction-grade steel, strong but not nearly as strong as the massive protective structures that surround reactors. The NRC acknowledges that a large enough plane could pierce the roof or metal walls above the pool.

The fear is that terrorists or a natural disaster could drain the water from the pool or prevent it from being cooled. Should that happen, heat from the spent fuel rods would accumulate. Under some scenarios, nuclear engineers say, the fuel would ignite and send a plume of radiation high into the atmosphere, contaminating a wide area.

GE maintains its Mark 1 and 2 plants are safe. "The NRC has a very stringent process" in issuing licenses, said Andy White, chief executive of GE's nuclear business.

The NRC also says the plants, when properly maintained and inspected, are safe to operate well into the future. In recent days, it downplayed the risk from a plane crashing into a nuclear plant, saying



Reactor operator Chris Mitchell explains the control room at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant in Lacey, New Jersey, the oldest nuclear plant in the country.

radioactive releases are apt to be minimal.

There is a technique, called dry storage, for emptying the fuel pools and securing the radioactive material they contain. It involves placing the spent fuel in 2-foot-thick casks made of concrete and steel that are nearly the size of a truck trailer. The massive dimensions of the casks are intended to protect the fuel within through almost any assault.

The NRC says safety equipment problems and other negative events have generally declined since 1990. Radiation exposure to workers, one sign of a utility's competence to operate a plant, has fallen for years. The cost of electricity generated by the plants is going down as well.

Exelon, whose Commonwealth Edison company ran into a variety of problems trying to operate a nuclear plant in the 1990s, now is doing well. This summer, for example, the corporation's Illinois plants operated at record electrical output.

The length of the original 40-year license for U.S. nuclear plants wasn't chosen for any engineering reason. Industry analysts say it was picked for accounting purposes, not as the actual life span of the plant.

And the nuclear plants' age comes with a dividend: They are paid for.

It is jarring to hear nuclear critics and proponents agree on anything, but both sides say there is a strong financial incentive to keep an old plant operating as long as possible.

Because of that, the plants can produce electricity cheaper than any other source except hydroelectric.

Even with more than a billion dollars' worth of upgrades over the years, Exelon says Oyster Creek is probably economically viable.

Richard Myers, a director of business and environmental policy at the Nuclear Energy Institute, said the price of nuclear fuel is stable and the plants produce large amounts of electricity at a time when no major sources of power are coming on line.

Looking at an operating nuclear plant from an economic standpoint, Myers said, "It's tough to imagine why you would want to shut it down."

And except for controversy surrounding the Oyster Creek plant in New Jersey, there is little public opposition to extending the lives of nuclear plants.

In New Jersey, Gov. James McGreevey opposes the relicensing of the Oyster Creek plant, saying "the 20-year extension is an unnecessary risk to communities across New Jersey." Local governments have condemned the relicensing, and several community groups are opposed.

But in Illinois, little protest was heard in May when the NRC extended the lives of the Dresden 2 and 3 reactors to the year 2029. Illinois has six GE Mark 1 or 2 reactors, the most of any state.

David Kraft, director of the Evanston, Ill.-based Nuclear Energy Information Service, said anti-nuclear activists have become discouraged by the pro-nuclear attitude of regulators.

"So many of us have given up on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission being fair," Kraft said. "They are going to relicense everything."

The NRC denies it is lenient in allowing old nuclear plants to remain in service.

"We are a very tough regulator, and known to be a very tough regulator," said NRC spokeswoman Sue Gagner.

That may be the case, but the agency has yet to reject a relicensing request.

Powell says Iraq worsening, but elections will be held in January

By SUMANA CHATTERJEE
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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell acknowledged Sunday that the situation in Iraq is "getting worse," but both he and Gen. John Abizaid, who commands the war effort, emphasized their confidence that Iraq will hold elections in January despite increasing violence.

The two men said that insurgents are trying to disrupt the election process and that both Washington and the interim government in Baghdad are determined to attack and regain control over more of the country.

Abizaid conceded, however, that some sections of Iraq may not be orderly enough to permit voting by January.

With Iraq now the dominant issue in the U.S. presidential campaign, both top U.S. officials largely echoed President Bush's optimistic long-term outlook for the war-torn land.

Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee, emphasized over the past week that the insurgency in Iraq is growing, that more than 1,000 Americans are dead and 7,000 wounded.

He harshly faulted Bush for "colossal failures of judgment" and "failure to tell the truth" about conditions there.

Bush said that such language emboldens the enemy and demoralizes U.S. troops, but when asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if he shared Bush's view, Abizaid replied that "debate is what our country is all about."

Under questioning, Powell acknowledged that "yes, it's getting worse. And the reason it's getting worse is that they (the insurgents) are determined to disrupt the election. They do not want the Iraqi people to vote for their own leaders in a free, democratic election."

Powell stressed that means the United States must buckle down. "Because it's getting worse, we will have to increase our efforts to defeat it, not walk away and pray and hope for something else to happen," he said on ABC News' "This Week."

Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, which oversees Iraq and Afghanistan, was more upbeat.

"The constant drumbeat in Washington of a war that is being lost, that can't be won, of a resistance that is out of control, simply do not square with the

facts on the ground," he said.

Abizaid acknowledged, however, that U.S. troops in Iraq are in "a tough fight, a difficult fight," but insisted repeatedly that he is confident that January elections will be held successfully in the "vast majority" of the country and that eventually Iraq will become a stable democracy "that will set the standard for the region as well."

Powell said that the elections must withstand international scrutiny to be considered credible, but Abizaid cautioned against expecting too much from a war zone.

"I don't think we'll ever achieve perfection, and when we look for perfection in a combat zone we're going to be sadly disappointed," the general said.

"If I recall, looking back at our own election four years ago, it wasn't perfect either."

For now, both men said that U.S. and Iraqi forces must launch a major military offensive to do "whatever's necessary to bring areas in Iraq under Iraqi control," as Abizaid put it.

Powell said the military probably will move on the Sunni Triangle cities of Ramadi and Samarra before trying to impose order in Fallujah, which Powell called "the tough one." Abizaid declined to discuss specific military plans.

Longer term, Abizaid warned that Americans "need to brace themselves for a long war in the Middle East and Central Asia, because the battle is being waged out here between extremists and moderates."

He said that defeating extremist Muslims in the region need not take large numbers of American troops, but it will take resolve to help moderates in the region prevail.

More immediately, Powell said that Washington is helping Iraq organize a conference of Middle Eastern and Western countries later this year to discuss what they all can do to help Iraq.

The conference is expected to include Iran, Syria, Egypt and the G8 industrial democracies.

The meeting probably will be held in late October or November in Amman, Jordan or Cairo, Egypt, Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

One of Democrat Kerry's central criticisms of Bush's policy is that Bush has failed to enlist enough allies, and Kerry has called for just such an international conference.

Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope
For September 27 - October 3

By LASHA SENIUK
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ARIES (March 21-April 20). Nostalgia will captivate the attention of loved ones. Before Wednesday, old memories and yesterday's obligations will need to be brought to the surface and resolved. Deep emotional changes and a renewed faith in romance may be at issue. Let close friends and lovers set the tone. Thursday through Sunday, minor muscle or back ailments may be bothersome. Take extra time for social relaxation and family enjoyment. Loved ones will appreciate the added attention.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20). Over the next 17 days, group events are dynamic and appealing. Watch for friends or colleagues to offer unusual invitations. Travel proposals, cultural experiences or creative hobbies will provide lasting interest. Remain optimistic and all will be well. After midweek, check financial records for mistaken dates or missed payments. Authority figures may reveal dramatic changes to office policies or daily expectations. Stay focused. Small errors won't be forgotten.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In the coming weeks, investment opportunities or new property agreements will bring lasting success. Pace for slow growth and research all long-term options. At present, many Geminis will begin bringing greater financial and business security into their lives. Later this week, romantic encounters will be passionate. After Thursday, expect seductive overtures and rare social invitations. Potential lovers will ask probing questions. Respond with honesty and warmth.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Renovations, small repairs and costly home projects may require special attention. Check paperwork and daily figures for hidden errors. Some Cancerians will experience increasing family demands. If so, remain patient. Expanded security and home-improvements will be slow but consistent. Wednesday through Saturday, a past friend or forgotten colleague may demand attention. Romantic overtures and misinformation are highlighted. Avoid vague responses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Loved ones will regain their optimism and social vitality. Late Tuesday, watch for a powerful wave of revitalized interest to arrive in all key relationships. Close relatives will no longer view past mistakes as overwhelming. Provide encouragement. Your optimism will help clarify strained family relations. Thursday through Saturday, a rare business opportunity may arrive in the form of career advice or legal paperwork. If so, expect complex job decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Authority figures may be unresponsive or critical of new ideas. Play the diplomat and watch for revised workplace roles. After Wednesday, moodiness will be replaced by progress and discussion. Stay open to unique assignments or group solutions. Thursday through Saturday, a friend may ask for extra time to resolve family differences or finalize home plans. Don't confront. Patience is needed. Later this week, contact distant loved ones. Kind words will prove invaluable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Recently distant friends or lovers will seek your approval. After Tuesday, expect loyalty to become a vital concern in all close relationships. Use this time to discuss complex family choices or clarify romantic decisions. Over the next few weeks, loved ones will provide support, encouragement and meaningful advice. Don't hesitate to actively seek greater trust, intimacy or commitment. Friday through Sunday, rest and pamper the body. Physical vitality may be low.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Intuitions or sudden hunches will have strong appeal. Monday through Thursday, many Scorpios will receive a meaningful glimpse into the future of key relationships. Revealing comments should be closely studied. Loved ones will soon discuss private social events and long-term expectations. After midweek watch also for a business proposal from an old friend or distant relative. Remain open to sudden improvements. New career paths are worth exploring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). A close colleague may briefly challenge the authority of a key official. Remain distant and watch for subtle agreements. Over the next 17 days, workplace discussions will be complex but healthy. Find positive ways to include new employees in all activities. Wednesday through Saturday, friends and relatives may disagree concerning home expenses or family priorities. Short-term plans will be difficult to finalize. Stay focused on daily needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Family decisions or unexpected financial obligations may change daily plans. Before midweek, many Capricorns may be asked to take on expanded home or money responsibilities. If so, expect work officials to also compete for your attention and support. Remain balanced. Much depends on your ability to manager resources. After Saturday, new romantic proposals will be difficult to ignore. Someone close may wish to explore greater levels of intimacy. Don't hesitate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Lessons from the past will be a continuing theme. After much inward reflection, key relationships will experience redefined goals or revised home values. In the coming weeks, however, fast social progress will be unavoidable. Don't be shy. Loved ones may be waiting for your emotional direction or guidance. Thursday through Sunday, romantic or social invitations may be postponed. Take none of it personally. New passions will soon emerge.

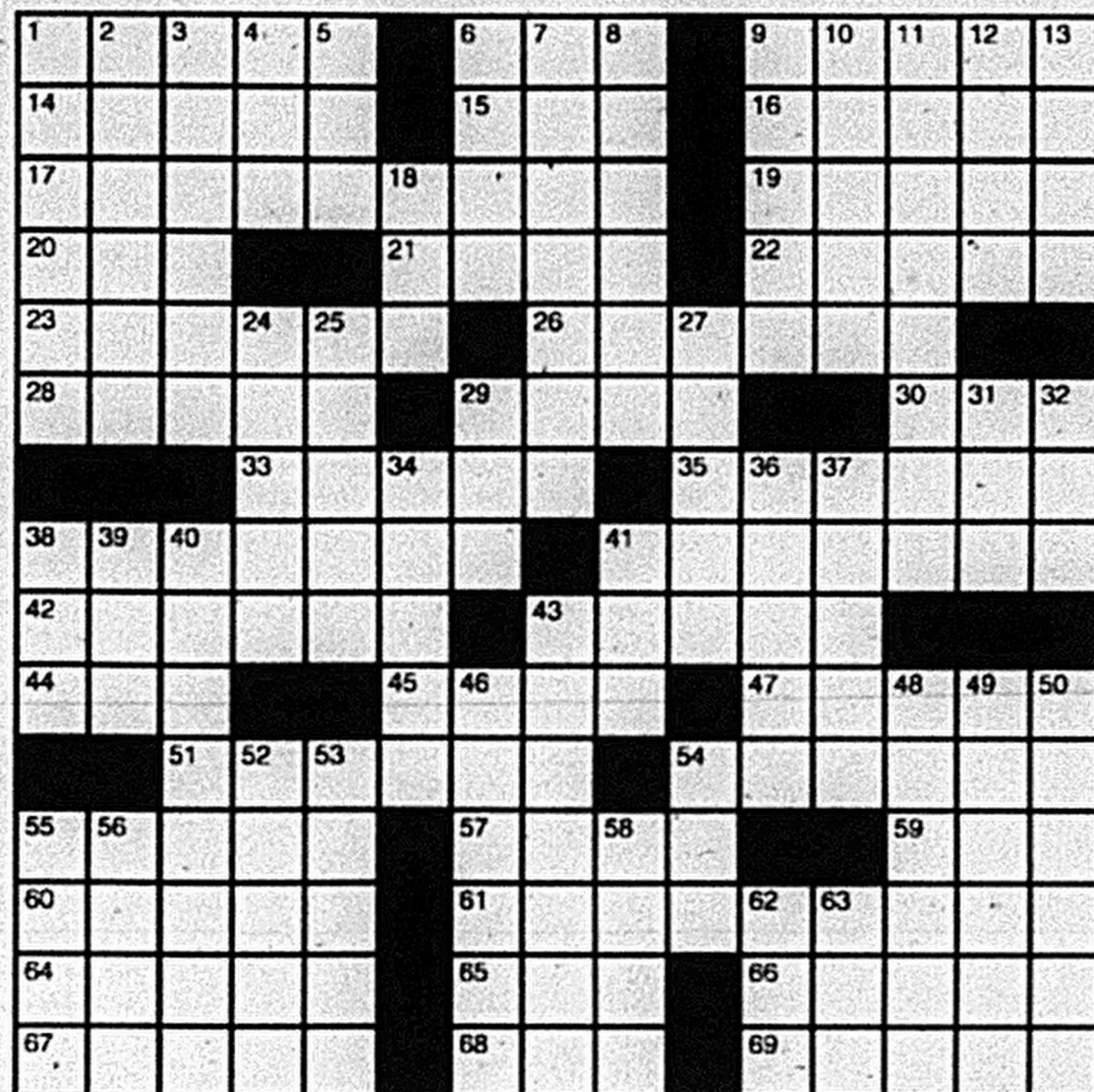
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20). Early this week, business negotiations will work strongly to your advantage. For many Pisceans, several weeks of disjointed work communications and lost information is ending. Probe key officials for valuable opportunities, new payment plans or revised agreements. You won't be disappointed. After Wednesday, a new friendship may become intensely flirtatious. Romantic overtures and social triangles will be continuing themes. Stay focused.

If your birthday is this week: Younger colleagues and female authority figures may strongly disagree. Planetary alignments suggest that unusual power struggles at home and in the workplace will be emotionally draining. Avoid confrontation, if possible, and resolve all outstanding issues privately. Progress will be unreliable before Nov. 27. Early in 2005, powerful romantic and social choices may be necessary. Over the next four months, new love affairs and compelling friendships may inspire dramatic change. Lifestyle choices, living arrangements or ongoing travel are accented. After mid-May romantic, social and family relations become calm and predictable. Remain balanced and watch for improvement.

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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Burn with hot liquid
 - "___ Soffel"
 - Quarrels
 - Miscue
 - ___ of the blue
 - Gardner's Mason
 - Cher's ex
 - Itzhak of Israel
 - Reverent wonder
 - Wrinkle remover
 - Wed on the run
 - Made untidy
 - Wood facing
 - Short-lived Ford division
 - Roman tyrant
 - Sheepish she
 - Horse opera
 - Scheduled
 - Attributed
 - Underwater facilities
 - Hammer wielder
 - Core group
 - Beer container
 - Coll. entrance exam
 - Lawn makeup
 - Landlord
 - Arranges properly
 - Portion
 - Bikini pieces
 - Letters of L. Michaels' show
 - Monopoly item
 - Russian instrument
 - Preserved
 - Bullpen stat
 - Balance-sheet item
 - Hikers' quarters
 - Tribes of Israel
 - Fronts of calves
- DOWN**
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 - Bragged
 - "Gunsmoke" star
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 - Arid
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 - Rock thrower
 - Romp
 - Family of U.S. painters
 - Displays of trees
 - Stumble
 - "Auld Lang ___"
 - Auction offer
 - South Korea's capital
 - Make merry
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 - Spider's lair
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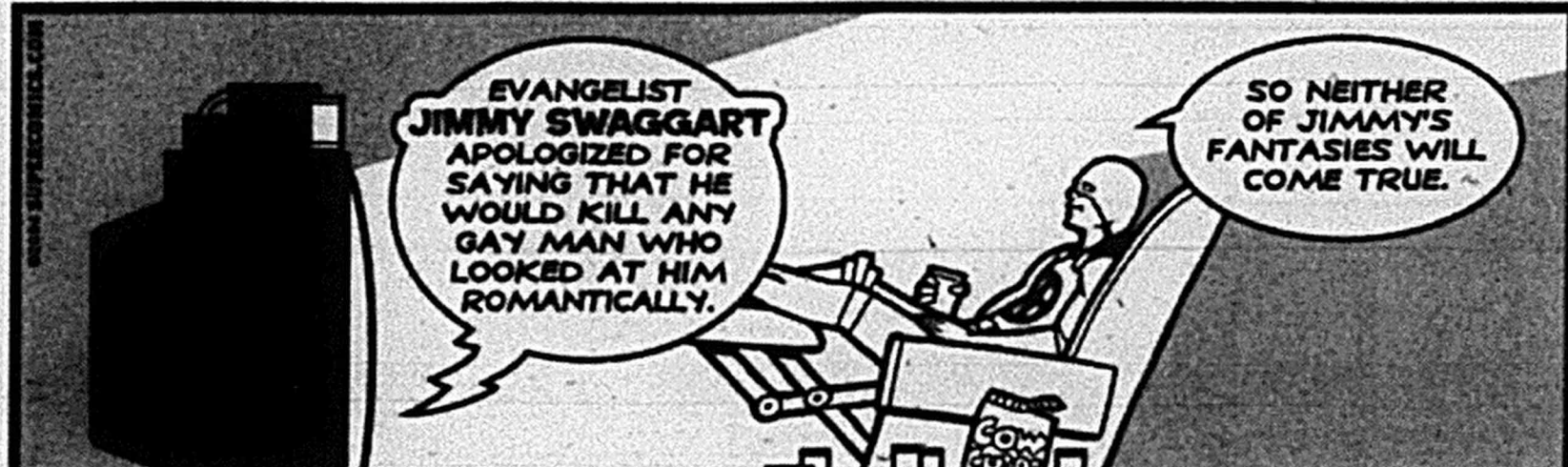
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- Bat wood

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Arts & Entertainment

Stephen Kellogg keeps music serious, shows fun

By MIKE HILLEARY
Asst. Arts and Entertainment Editor

Sitting in the green room of Christopher Newport University's Gaines Theatre, 27-year-old singer/songwriter Stephen Kellogg can't help but come off like some kind of kid unable to relax and keep still.

Eating a snack size bag of Goldfish crackers, the young musician continually fidgeted when he tried to answer question that force him to think.

As the leader of the acoustic rock band known as The Sixers, Kellogg is someone with energy to spare, and whether purposefully intended or not, it is this child-like liveliness that has slowly been earning the hopeful performer a growing amount of attention within the past year.

"I think the people who enjoy our shows and the people who have been fans are great and are very open-minded and kind of understand that the music is serious and the show is about having fun," said Kellogg. "Cause we're just trying to have fun."

From engaging in a musical decathlon of running, jumping, dancing and singing alongside band-mates, 28-year-old bassist Keith Karlson and 25-year-old drummer Brian Factor, to using bizarre props for a few moments of comical amusement, Kellogg understands that when everything's said and done, all that's left when someone leaves the show is how they feel.

"It's one of those things where you have such a great

time, then you come home and people ask, 'Hey how was it?' and you say, 'It was great,'" said Kellogg.

"Then they ask, 'Oh tell me about it,' and it's like you can't remember. You can't remember what the jokes were or why you laughed so hard or what was great about it. You just remember, 'Well they played. It was fun.' And it's so hard to remember what it was that was so special but you know that it was."

Born in Westchester, Pa., Kellogg grew up listening to a variety of music.

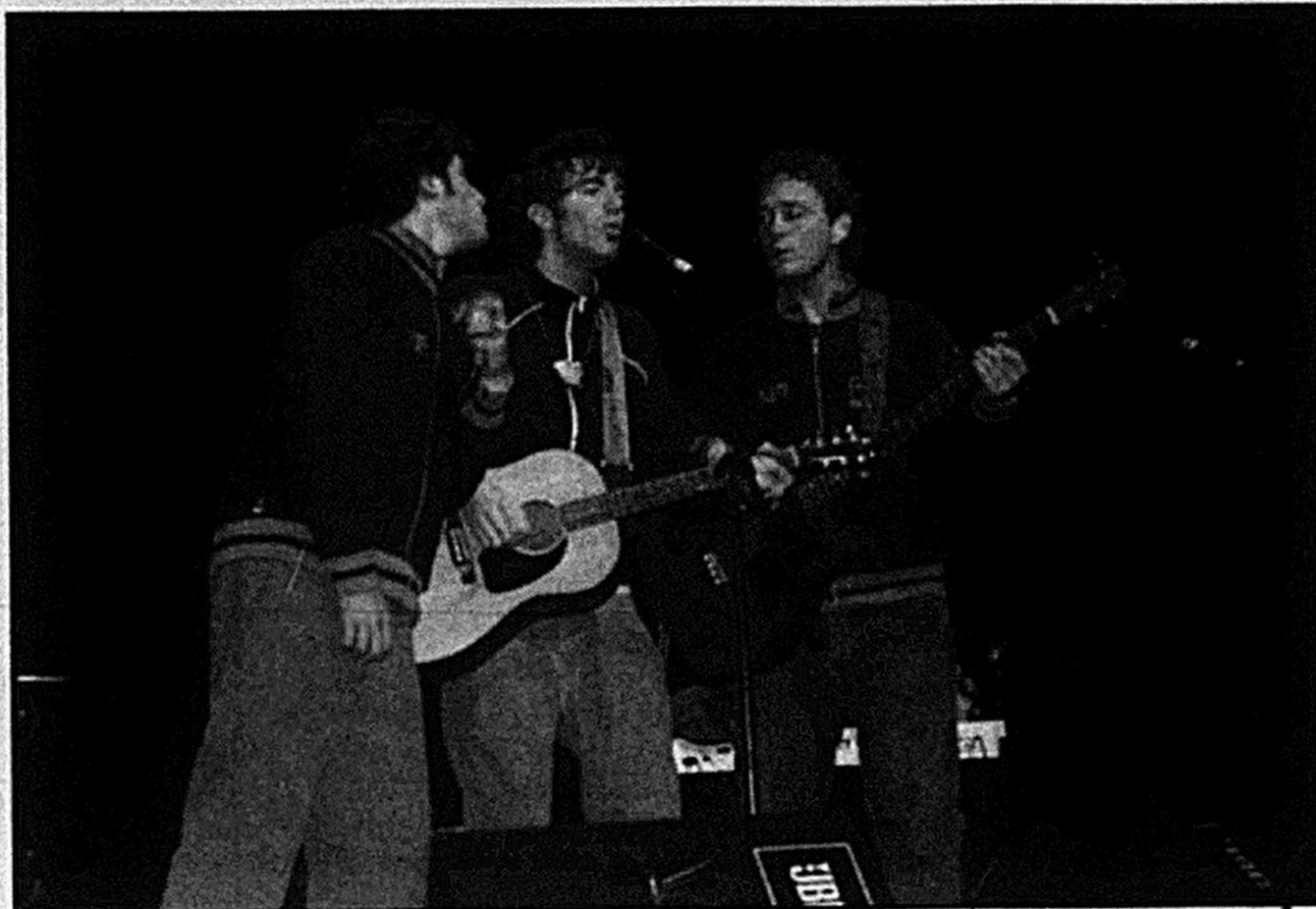
Taking in the songwriting styles of such artists as Cat Stevens and Jim Croce, as well as the showmanship of many 80's metal bands, he naturally became involved in a number of small musical projects while in high school and when he attended the University of Massachusetts.

After graduating, he went on to work a number of odd jobs, selling tickets and working as a publicist for particular clubs.

But Kellogg ultimately decided that he didn't want to work. What he wanted was to play music.

"Everybody is so intent on being like, 'Music a hard living. What are you really going to do?' and I kind of bought into that for a while" he said.

"I was left thinking, 'Oh well, you know you really have to be amazing to do that stuff.' But then I said to myself, 'God, you know even if I had to play in a bar 60 songs a night it would



After years of performing solo, Stephen Kellogg now fronts a band called "The Sixers." Joined by Keith Karlson and Brian Factor, Kellogg is now touring to promote the band's album "Bulletproof Heart." The band played in Gaines Theatre on Saturday night.

probably be more fun than what I'm doing right now."

Often playing sets that lasted three and a half hours a night, Kellogg worked solo in clubs for years.

He released three solo records, entitled "Early Hits," "South of Stephen" and "Lucy Eleven," before he began working with Karlson and Factor to record his most recent album, "Bulletproof Heart."

"Everybody has different goals," said Kellogg. "Some people want to make the most incredible music ever. My goal, ever since I was little, was to go on the road with my bros, my

buds, and have a great time and put on crazy shows."

"You just need to find people that you get along with. The music you can work on. That is easier to work on than the personal aspects. If I said, 'I want you to change because I don't like who you are,' that's a lot tougher than say like, 'Can we make that chorus rock a little more?'"

Currently touring along the east coast in promotion of "Bulletproof Heart," The Sixers are not looking to save the world of rock 'n' roll. They are just kids mimicking what they know.

"My friend once said some-

thing that I wish I had said, which was like, 'I don't want to be original, I just want to be good,'" said Kellogg. "And to me that's totally where it's at."

Sitting on the couch, Kellogg still moves around a lot as the minutes pass by. But he does seem to have settled down at least a little bit. It could be he's just saving his energy for later.

"I don't have any regrets about anything," that's happened up to this point," he said. "But I know there is a lot more fun to have as long as the world is still spinning."

Clichés should bite the dust

By JON PAGE
Staff Columnist

One of the most frustrating things I can think of as I go around campus are the clichés people use on an overly regular basis.

Now, with the fun shirts people wear and the stickers they have on their cars, I don't even have to listen in on a conversation to hear a cliché.

Instead I can take a delightful look at their shirt or car and see something incredibly hilarious like "Gettin' lucky in Kentucky." I'm sorry, I don't live in Kentucky, and therefore I am not eligible for their lottery. So I will not be getting lucky in Kentucky. Get rid of it.

One of my favorites (not in the cliché department is "YEEEEAH!", the famous saying of none other than masterful artist Lil' Jon. Of course this was made famous by the Dave Chappelle's imitation of Lil' Jon on his show. Now everyone feels like they need to say it.

Instead of a simple "yes ma'am/sir," it's now "YEEEE-AH!" I'll admit I used to say this, and still do on occasion, but I am not an idiot, so I don't want to look like one.

Another terrible cliché is "rub my belly for good luck." Shirts now have this saying on them all the time, with a picture of a shirtless Buddha-like figure on them. As a somewhat large person, replete with belly, I am offended by this shirt. I don't want anyone rubbing my belly. Do you ask a fit person if you can rub their abs? Not unless you are a fabulous person. So stay off of my belly and Buddha's. We appreciate it.

I appreciate most types of music. I can even stand a little country. But there is one thing I can't stand, which brings us to the next cliché: emo. Why is it that all of a sudden a man with a ridiculously high voice is now "sexy" or "popular?"

When I was in middle school and had a higher voice than the other kids, I was both made fun of and beaten like a rug in the Midwest. Now that guy from Coheed and Cambria is like an icon for a generation. Have you heard this guy?

Not to speculate, but to be able to sing that high, you would have to cut off your... baseball card collection that you've had since the ripe age of 5. I am straying off topic.

The cliché about "emo kids" is that they always have to rebel against society in style. The style of Hot Topic, wristband and all. Emo kids also have to be in a somewhat depressed state all the time.

One of the best song titles I have heard in recent years comes from a band called Chivalry is Dead. Their song is called "Cheer Up Emo Kid." I agree.

How about the phrase "let's get it started"? This of course has become popular after the Black-Eyed Peas came out with their song entitled "Let's Get It Started." This one is bad because the band that came up with the cliché doesn't even use it.

The song is actually "Let's Get Retarded," and speaks of heavy drug use. Kudos to you if you say "let's get it started" all the time. The cops are after you. And your family. All of you have met Mary Jane, and she is your good friend and the police know it. Now you are going to be arrested. Congratulations.

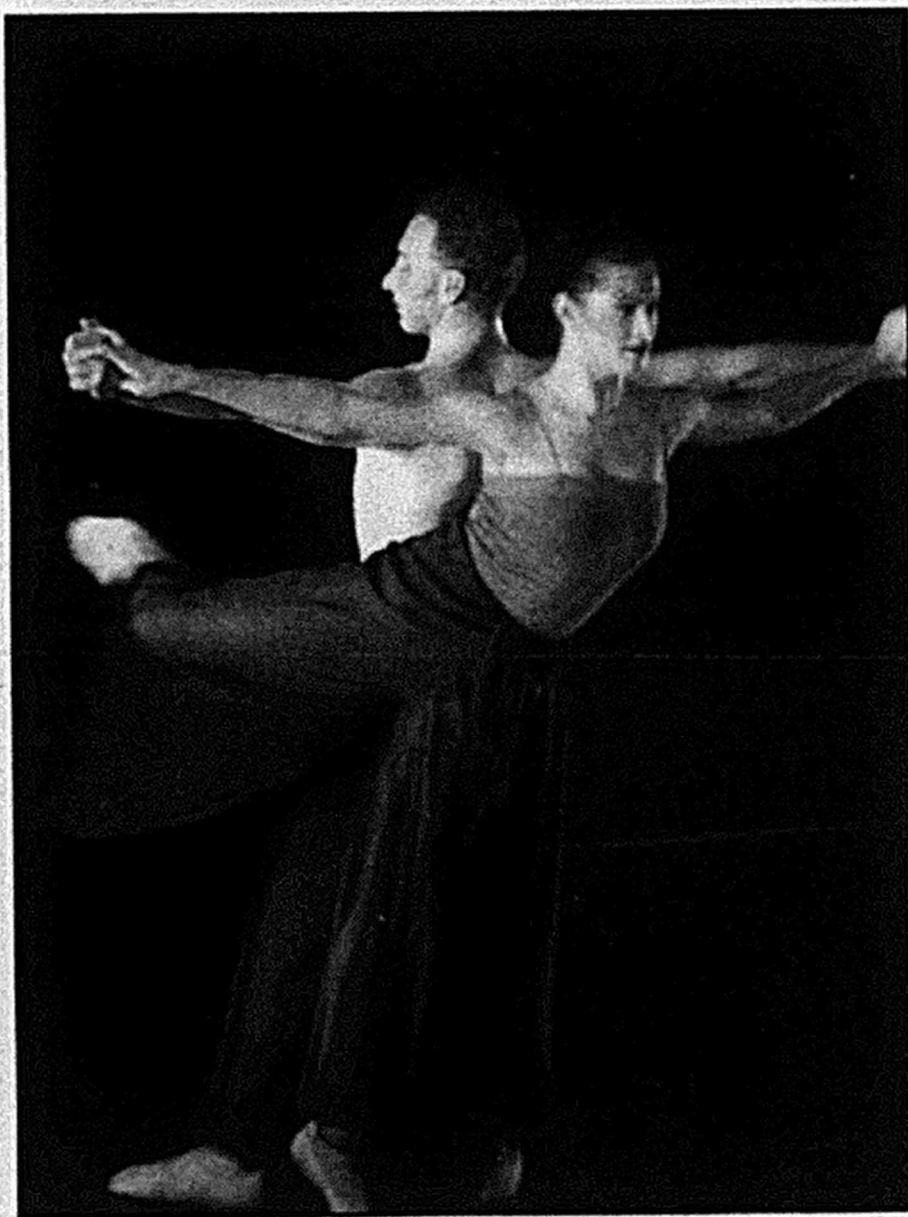
I really like how old people are showing up in everything now. It's a cliché to see an old person in a commercial.

For example, have you seen the Boost mobile commercial with the old person dance party? Easily the most disgusting thing I have ever seen: two old guys sandwiching an old woman. I would rather be forced to watch 30 hours of "The Golden Girls." Take it off the air. Lose "The Golden Girls," too.

And while you're at it, take your clichés out back and show them you mean business. Tell them to take their playbook to the coach's office. End it with "You're Fired." Wait. ...

Virginia Ballet Theatre mixes the classical with the modern in Arts Center

By AMBER LESTER
Arts and Entertainment Editor



Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log

The Virginia Ballet Theatre presented three shows at the Ferguson Center for the Arts last weekend, performing the ballets "Appalachian Spring" and "Il Distratto."

I'm not a very good ballet dancer. I forget to turn my foot out and keep it pointed. Flexibility was never one of my better skills. I even have problems with rhythm. With all that in mind, however, my mom thinks I was a great dancer.

My mother is a ballet teacher. She studied dance throughout her childhood, even majoring in ballet at college. I think that she would have been pleased beyond belief if I had stuck to dancing.

When I planned to take ballet this semester, she was very excited. In the end, I had to drop my ballet class due to scheduling conflicts and I think it hurt her more than me.

So when I invited her to come see the Virginia Ballet Theatre perform at the Ferguson Center for the Arts last weekend, she enthusiastically agreed.

The Virginia Ballet Theatre, based out of Norfolk, came to the Arts on Friday, Sept. 24, Saturday, Sept. 25 and Sunday, Sept. 26. The company performed

"Appalachian Spring" and "Il Distratto," an abstract ballet that focused on the movement of different parts of the body.

Between the two major pieces, the company performed three shorter dances: "Le Cor-saire Pas De Deux," "Day Cru-zin'" and "Black Swan Pas De Deux."

"Appalachian Spring" was inspired by the Appalachian region and reflected that in its choreography, costumes and staging. The dances were a good mix of classical ballet and modern dance, with some jaunty movements mimicking traditional Appalachian dance.

The costumes were simple, with dancers wearing sleeveless leotards and wide-legged, dip-dyed chiffon pants all in earthy colors like forest green and blue. The set consisted of bright lighting, sometimes filtered to look like the sun shining through the trees, and large triangles hanging over the dancers like the tall Appalachian Mountains.

Though ballet is considered an art, it requires as much athleticism as any sport.

Dancers are able to make their impeccable posture and graceful movements seem ef-

fortless. But sitting as close as we were (in the orchestra, fourth row back), I was able to see just how hard their job really is. Every time they had a chance to stand still, their chests moved up and down as they caught their breath and their faces and necks glistened with sweat.

One pas de deux, which is like the dance world's version of a duet, was particularly athletic.

The male danseur reclined on his back with his legs pointing into the air, with a ballerina balanced on the tips of his toes. With agonizingly slow movement, the two moved into more different and complex positions, still intertwined, with every muscle flexed.

Beside me, my mother's head strained to follow the movements of each foot.

I would point out little glitches, like one ballerina slightly behind the others or the danseur whose tight pants weren't zipped up, but Mom thought the Virginia Ballet Theatre was very good.

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Green Day defies expectations, rocks into their 30s

By DANIEL DEVLIN
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It has been ten years since Berkley, Ca. punk rockers Green Day released their breakthrough album "Dookie."

A slacker-stoner parable, "Dookie" took a disinterested look at a day in the life of the typical American high school drop-out, with "Basket Case" and "Longview" breaking through the post-Nirvana drought of terrible rock music on the radio.

Ten years and several CDs later, Green Day has finally grown up.

Lead singer/guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong, now 32 and a parent of two children, leads the trio on "American Idiot," their newest release, with a decidedly much less apathetic and much more impassioned point of view.

"American Idiot" is Green Day's most ambitious album yet. While previous releases had, more or less, stuck to an American pop-punk standard, "American Idiot" goes an extra yard.

No longer content with playing three-chord, three-minute songs, Billie Joe and company have crafted a punk rock opera, a grandiose exercise in concept album greatness.

And they pull it off in trademark Green Day style. Drummer Tré Cool remains at the top of his game, and could easily go head to head with any modern rock drummer and come out on top. Mike Dirnt's bass and background vocals are tight and complete the band's power trio sound.

Some songs, particularly the title track and first single, sound like the Green Day America knows and loves.

With crunching guitar riffs, pulsing drum beats and a steady, sure bass line, these songs are delivered in glorious three-minute increments.

The lyrics are catchy and affecting, and the production value is good without sounding over-polished.

Old school Green Day fans will appreciate the punk rock fervor of tracks like "Letter-bomb," "St. Jimmy" and "Boulevard of Broken Dreams."

The album's true energy and heart, though, lies in the album as a whole. This is a rock epic the way The Who's "Tommy" was a rock epic.

Two tracks, "Jesus of Suburbia" and "Homecoming," clock in at over nine minutes a piece, and are told in distinctive movements.

Throughout the album, previous vocal references and music patterns are picked back up, toyed with and placed down again.

"American Idiot" takes a decidedly more active stance on political and social issues than any previous Green Day releases.

The band has clearly grown up, and evolved sonically and personally. Like the Beastie Boys did with their summer release, "To the 5 Boroughs," Green Day isn't trying to hide their politics on this album.

The band is currently touring in support of the Rock Against Bush tour, and a national tour in support of the album is not far behind.

Billie Joe feels so strongly about the 2004 election, and

about the album's message that he said he plans to play the album, from first track to last, in its entirety for select live shows.

"This CD is amazing," said Ryan Huling, a Communications Major at ODU and self-proclaimed Green Day super fan.

Ryan traveled from Norfolk up to New York to attend the "American Idiot" CD release party on Sept. 21, paying \$150 for a single ticket.

"I've seen over a hundred shows in the past four years, and this one is easily in the top three."

Ryan has every CD, and most EPs Green Day has released over the years. "This is as good as, if not better than, any of them."

True to his word, for the release party, Armstrong played only material off of Idiot.

The best part about the album, though, is that it's good.

No one expected Green Day to be around ten years later, and no one could have



Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong, and Tré Cool of Green Day maintain energy with new release despite age and fatherhood.

conceived they would release such a distinctive record, without breaking from the spirit of their youth. "American Idiot" is highly-charged and addictive.

In their thirties, Green Day has managed to remain true to the punk rock spirit, and release a mature, remarkable album.

Younger bands (of which there seems to be an overabundance lately) should take notice: this is how you hit thirty and stay punk.

Fall fashion: fur, rhinestones and brooches highlight this season's retro trend

By AMBER LESTER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

There is something about that first chill in the air that gets everyone excited about fall.

Sweaters and jackets have sat in the back of the closet, just waiting to be worn and every trip to the mall is a reminder of the cooler winds that are on their way.

This fall's fashion climate is best defined as demure; in fact, dressing stylishly for fall is as easy as playing dress-up in your grandparents' attic.

Grandma's style staples, such as cardigans, brooches, pencil skirts and fur, have all been re-imagined as subtly sexy pieces. Grandpa's tweed jackets and argyle sweater vests couldn't be cooler; with a vintage t-shirt and a pair of Chuck Taylors, a blazer is now hipster-chic.

After years of military-inspired fashion shows and an incredible increase in loungewear

worn as day wear, the fashion industry seems to have reacted in a drastic way.

Much like Christian Dior's "New Look" collection that debuted after World War II, fashion is responding to our recent war years by revisiting the whimsy of that era.

The opulent costume jewelry and attention to detail that marked the period is back in a big way; fashion shows paraded fur coats, embroidered jackets and feather-and-pearl-covered purses down the runways.

Perhaps the luxury of this season is a direct reaction to the U.S.'s recent military action; everyone needs a little escape, even if it's just with a tweed skirt.

Since college students typically don't spend money on fur

or diamonds, the easiest way to copy the embellishment-heavy looks from Prada and Oscar de la Renta is to invest in fun accessories. A colorful bag, a bejeweled shoe or a rhinestone hairpin can add a touch of sophistication to your dressy



occasion outfits. A brooch can even dress up a day-to-day sweater or a simple purse. Either way, have fun.

The more uncommon the accessories the better — rather than wearing a little, now is the time to wear a ton.

Prada's fall advertisements show models with anywhere

from two to six brooches on a sweater, along with two or three diamond necklaces and bracelets, customized with miniature faux pansies or small bows.

Choose pieces that are fun and individual. Almost every store in the mall has created their own line of brooches, from the \$12.50 ones at American Eagle to the \$22 to \$60 assortment at Express. Even better, find a relative, visit a vintage store or hit a flea market to find your own one-of-a-kind pieces.

After years of plunging necklines and ever-rising hems, designers covered models up in pencil skirts, blouses, cardigan sweaters and tweed suits. But rather than taking away sex appeal, the looks have the restrained sexiness of Hitchcock heroines.

Simple pencil skirts can be found at Gap for \$29.99 or American Eagle for \$44. For December graduates, the clothes are perfect for job interviews, balancing style with intellect.

The many hues of green and purple will be seen this fall on everything from skirts to purses to eyelids. A bright green or purple accessory can complement a neutral outfit, making the color pop. Gap features purple velvet belts for \$9.99, while Abercrombie & Fitch have kelly green faux-crocodile belts for \$29.50.

The cozy fabrics of the British Isles, like tweed, houndstooth, tartan plaid and wool, are fall staples that are always a good investment.

Tweed is especially enjoying a comeback, with everyone from Target to Abercrombie & Fitch selling their own boucle jackets modeled after the classic Chanel suit.

The soft fabric is perfect for dressing up jeans or wearing with a matching skirt for more formal events, like banquets and ceremonies.

Men's fashion does not vary much, but there is a slow return toward more dressy clothing. Just as women's clothing is more

formal and reminiscent of the post-war 1950s, men's is a blend of current hipster and private school prep. I like to call it the "Dead Poet's Society" look: a nice blazer worn with a casual shirt or even a collared oxford and a pair of old jeans.

To capture the spirit, think of a modern day Holden Caulfield from "The Catcher in the Rye," a private school rebel who would love nothing more than to mar his perfect uniform with a T-shirt or loosened tie.

The look is best worn in a carefully disheveled manner; think Jake Gyllenhaal. Jake has even become the poster boy for grooming; Vogue's September one-time-only men's issue noted a stubble trend as more and more actors are ditching their razors for a more scruffy appearance.

More than ever, this season is about dressing expressively. Wear quirky accessories, add bright colors to the typical browns and blacks and feel free to mix and match.

99 Main a hidden gem despite high prices

By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH
Contributing Writer

Not many students venture across J. Clyde Morris to the other side of Warwick Boulevard, mainly because no one knows what is out there.

However if you are one of the brave, you've probably seen Hilton Village. The older neighborhood features picturesque little shops, tiny stone sidewalks, old-fashioned lampposts and an elegant restaurant that blends in so well you might miss it.

99 Main is located on the corner of Warwick Boulevard and Main Street. The small, white building is doesn't really look like a restaurant from the outside but, once you enter, you're led into a stylish yet small dining room. There can't be more than 15 tables situated

inside the dimly lit building; be sure to make reservations; or you won't be guaranteed a table. The entrance is decorated with mahogany wood and the walls double as wine cases, holding a surplus of fancy, and no doubt expensive, wines. Your host will lead you across a shiny white floor to a table draped with crisp, white linens, flowers, candles and soft, plush seats. I recommend not wearing blue jeans like I did; you might feel a little out of place, as the environment encourages dressier attire.

The menu for 99 Main is simple, yet at the same time offers a wide variety of cuisine. It's an authentic French restaurant so they do carry French dishes such as mushrooms stuffed with escargot (snails), French onion soup and Coq au Vin (chicken in white wine sauce). Given the unique quality of the menu

items, you might need to develop a certain taste for a majority of them. However, if *la cuisine de François* (foie gras and smoked duck over mixed greens, for example) isn't your thing, you could always get vegetable soup, a Romaine lettuce salad and grilled salmon. They also serve rack of lamb, Tuna steaks, seafood kabobs, scallops and both beef and pork tenderloin.

The portion sizes were larger than I had anticipated; however it is still not reasonable enough for the price you pay. Appetizers, soups and salads range anywhere from \$7.00 up to \$12.00. Entrées, on the other hand are from \$15.00 to around \$30.00. You receive two sides with your meal (the chef's choice of vegetables); make sure to ask what they are because they aren't listed on the menu.

While you're waiting,

you're given unlimited bread and sweet butter, both of which are delicious. The appetizers were amazing as well and the serving of French Onion soup is enormous, definitely enough for two. The entrées weren't too bad either, although they probably could have been better. The only problem I encountered was cold side dishes and, since everything is made fresh on the spot, it seemed as though it took forever for the meal to arrive.

99 Main also has a delectable dessert menu; including crème caramel, Bananas Foster cheesecake and a chocolate tower mousse cake that looked divine.

Although the service is friendly, the upscale nature of the restaurant made it seem as if they don't enjoy paying much attention to college kids. In fact, every other person in the restaur-



Aliya Altafullah/The Captain's Log

99 Main, an upscale restaurant with french cuisine, is located in historic Hilton Village.

ant seemed to be over the age of 35. It's not the kind of place you'd want to hang out on a Friday night, but it's perfect for when parents are visiting or for a romantic first date.

If you're daring enough to check it out for yourself, be sure

to call (757-599-9885) for reservations, questions or comments. To get there, cross J. Clyde Morris Boulevard coming from campus and continue down Warwick. Make a right onto Main Street and park in the rear of the restaurant.

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She can empathize with them far more than I ever could.

Following "Appalachian Spring," the company performed three short selections from other famous ballets. Meredith Fages and Norbert Nirewicz performed the pas de deux from "La Corsaire," a ballet about a Greek slave girl named Medora rescued from sale by Conrad the pirate. From the moment Fages emerged from the wings it was clear that this piece was going to be completely different from the modern simplicity of "Appalachian Spring."

Wearing an embellished pink tutu complete with a rhinestone tiara, Fages looked like a ballerina inside a jewelry box.

The two dancers effectively conveyed the true love between Conrad and Medora with incredibly romantic choreography. I was struck by the intimacy and tenderness of their movements.

Forget being in love in a movie, I want to be in love in a ballet. My mom was impressed, too; she proclaimed the piece "technically brilliant" and raved about the precision of Fages' pointe technique.

"A lot of small companies have trouble with pointe and their dancers will often roll forward on their toes," she said, "but their technique was good."

Three members of the company then performed a fun and flirty number called "Day Cruzin'," dressed in 40s-inspired dance costumes.

Next, Laurie Metzger and Juris Safonovs danced the famous "Black Swan Pas de Deux" from "Swan Lake." Metzger and Safonovs used facial expressions in conjunction with dance to



Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log

"Appalachian Spring" was a mix of classical ballet and modern dance.

show the prince's chase of the elusive swan.

The ballet was technically impressive, with Metzger executing several impressive pirouettes (turns) in a row.

For as long as I can remember, my mother has counted each pirouette on her fingers. Out of the corner of my eye I could see her fingers ticking off the spins.

"How many?" I asked her.

"Twenty-six," she said, "but she should have tried for a full 32."

The second half of the ballet, called "Il Distratto," was set to the music of Franz Josef Haydn. Each movement in the music was devoted to one part of the body, including arms and feet.

The most impressive and innovative piece of the entire evening was during the fifth movement.

One ballerina wore a white long-sleeve, hooded top with

a black face mask and tights. A second danseur wore white tights, with black covering the rest of his body. Dancing under a black light, only the torso and the legs of the dancers could be seen.

The end result was what seemed to be a disassembled body floating through the air as black-clad partners lifted the two dancers.

"Oh, that is so cool!" an audience member whispered loudly.

Though the audience was far from sold out, the company impressed those in attendance.

"I really enjoyed it," said senior Stephanie Pulas. "The black swan was very nice."

"I think it's really cool that this is part of the school and we can have arts like this," said senior Ashley Boyd, who is currently enrolled in the ballet course offered by the theater department.

Students peg each other during dodgeball

By JON PAGE
Contributing Writer

After a late start, CAB's dodgeball event got off with a bang! pow!, thwack! and shazaam! Sunday afternoon on the Great Lawn.

Once the event started, players provided more excitement than an episode of "Batman" from the 1960s.

Scheduled to start at 2 p.m., the games started over 20 minutes late after CAB officials arrived late to the event. When asked why the event started late, senior Christina Eggenberger said, "It's a lazy Sunday."

The students who came out to play did not find it to be a lazy Sunday. Red balls were flying around the Great Lawn like bombs over Baghdad.

When asked why he would take time out on a Sunday to play dodgeball, freshman Jay Wyss said he couldn't pass up the chance to "throw stuff at people."

At the beginning of

the event, there weren't many people to serve as targets. Four people showed up at 2 p.m., but once the balls came out, the people came out as well, eventually totaling about 15 participants.

The games drew a crowd also, as children from a local church service stood in their Sunday best looking on in awe of older people playing one of their favorite playground games.

Eggenberger said that is why CAB is sponsoring events like dodgeball.

"We have a childish games committee that comes up with these events," she said.

Although the "childish games committee" came up with the event, the players came up with the rules. They set up two cones with nine balls between them in the middle of the field, with the cones representing boundaries. One cone was on each side in the back to represent another boundary.

After Eggenberger said "go," the players rushed to the balls in the middle and began heaving them at each other, just like the old recess game.

Dodgeball is riding a wave

of success across the nation. According to www.imdbpro.com, the movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" grossed over \$130 million worldwide after 14 weeks in the box office this summer.

Over the summer, the Game Show Network, channel 71 on campus, premiered the show "Extreme Dodgeball" with the tag line "put some sting in your summer."

Players on the Great Lawn had to feel some sting from the balls being thrown at them; the red balls were fairly hard. The stinging sensation may have been the cause of much of the language used by the players, which would not be considered recess- acceptable, in my opinion.

In Eggenberger's opinion, more events like dodgeball will happen "with greater turnout." She said suggestions from the campus are appreciated as well.

Eggenberger seemed unsure as to whether or not another dodgeball-like event could happen this semester, but she did describe the turnout as "promising" for a future event.

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Sports



CNU's offensive line prepares to go into action against Bridgewater on Saturday at the Oyster Bowl. CNU won for the second time here, 21-16. They defeated Ferrum 14-11 in 2001, their first season ever. The game is for the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Captains defeat 18th ranked Bridgewater

By SEAN KENNEDY
Sports Editor

The Captains defeated the Bridgewater Eagles Saturday at the Oyster Bowl, elevating their record to 2-1 on the season. Bridgewater fell to 2-2.

Sophomore quarterback Hudson Bryant was named Oyster Bowl MVP after going 10-16 for 201 yards with two touchdowns.

Both touchdowns were to junior Nathan Davis: a 36-yard strike in the second quarter and a 76-yard catch and run in the third.

The 36-yarder was a thing of beauty as Davis caught the ball despite having three defenders covering him.

"He made a play that was as good as I've ever seen a receiver make," said head coach Matt Kelchner.

The 76-yarder was caught by Davis at about the 50-yard line and he did the rest with his feet as he outraced the defense to the end zone.

"It was just a read," said Davis. "We had an original play that we checked off from to another one. It was a no-signal read; we got up there and saw tight coverage and we were both on the same page."

After a scoreless first quar-

ter, CNU took the lead in the second quarter when junior Kareem Morse returned a Bridgewater fumble 25 yards to pay dirt. After junior Jason Broskie's PAT, the Captains were up 7-0.

On the ensuing Bridgewater drive, senior David Briggs intercepted Eagles quarterback Brandon Wakefield in the end zone to end the drive.

CNU went up 14-0 after Bryant hit Davis for the 36-yard TD late in the second quarter and Broskie hit his second PAT of the day.

Bridgewater got their first points of the game in the third quarter when David Blackwell hit a 35-yard field goal to give the Eagles three points.

By the third quarter, CNU was in full "run out the clock" mode. Unfortunately for the Captains, Bridgewater wasn't giving up.

After a three-and-out midway through the third quarter, Bridgewater was able to block a Hudson Bryant punt and Eagle linebacker Cameron Garvin ran it back for a touchdown.

The two-point attempt run failed, but the Eagles were able to pull within five points, 14-9.

After another three-and-out, CNU was able to answer back on their next drive with perhaps their biggest play of the game: the 76-yard pass to Davis

which put the Captains ahead 21-9 with six seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The game was still very much in the balance throughout the fourth quarter.

Wakefield scored on a three-yard scramble with just under five minutes remaining in the game to put the Eagles within five points, 21-16.

CNU punted on the ensuing drive after the Wakefield touchdown, giving Bridgewater an opportunity to drive the ball down the field and score.

They got ball on the 20-yard line after a touchback on the punt. Wakefield completed a pass to Brian Awkard for 11 yards, then on the next three plays Wakefield attempted three more passes to Awkard, all incomplete.

On fourth down, Wakefield was sacked by senior defensive end Ian Vincent, his second sack of the day.

All that was left for Bryant to do was to kneel down three times to run the clock out and give CNU its second win of the season.

Notes: Bryant started the game over normal starter senior Phillip Jones, who was out with an injury.

"With Hudson, you have to build a relationship, so everything is always new ... that

kid's future is bright here," said senior Tommy Fitzgerald.

This is the second time in four years that the Captains have played in the Oyster Bowl. The Captains defeated Ferrum in 2001, 14-11.

Awkard, Bridgewater's punt returner, is ranked fourth in the nation with a 20.3 average. CNU's answer?

Give him no opportunity to return a punt — he had no returns on the day.

CNU did a fantastic job shutting down the Bridgewater offense, which was coming off a 72-24 victory over Hanover last week.

"Defense gave a fantastic effort. (The coaches) did a great job of getting their guys prepared. 72 points against Hanover last week, for crying out loud — we gave them one touchdown today. A great effort," said Kelchner.

CNU is now ranked #19 in the nation by *d3football.com* after falling off their rankings after the loss to Rowan the first week of the season.

The Captains travel to Shenandoah this Saturday for a 7 p.m. game to open their USA South conference schedule.

They return home on Oct. 9 with a showdown against USA South rival Greensboro, game time is set for 1 p.m.

Team Stats

	CNU	BC
First Downs	12	16
Rushes-Yards	41-130	85
Passing Yards	201	206
Total Offense	331	291
Punt Returns-Yards	2-25	1-42
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-45	4-31
Punts-Avg	7-29.9	4-36
Third-Down Conversions	4-15	5-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-3	1-3

CNU Individual Stats

Rushing

Player	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg
George Jones	18	68	0	11	3.8
Roland Hilliard	12	49	0	17	4.1

Passing

Player	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Hudson Bryant	16	10	1	201	2	76	0

Receiving

Player	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Curfew Speight	4	45	0	22
Will Holt	3	25	0	13
Nathan Davis	2	112	2	76
Roland Hilliard	1	19	0	19

Field hockey wins again

Lady Captains still on track for the best season in CNU history; now 7-1

By SHANNON McMURRAY
Captain's Log Intern

The Lady Captain's field hockey team defeated Catholic University 3-2 on Sunday with the final score coming with less than three minutes left in overtime.

What started out looking like a possible defeat for CNU was just an illusion.

At the end of the first half, Catholic was up 1-0.

However, the Lady Captains, who haven't beaten Catholic in over three years, rose to the occasion by coming back in the second half. They tied the game up at 1-1 with just 15:23 left to play.

Whatever Coach Carrie Moura said to her players, worked.

The 11 players who took

the field for the second half of the game were a completely different team from the one in the first half.

Sticks were flying, players were falling, sweat was dripping and hearts were pounding.

It made for one heck of a game.

Two spectators who were particularly impressed by the game were Steve and Kendra McCreedy, the parents of CNU star player, senior Megan McCreedy.

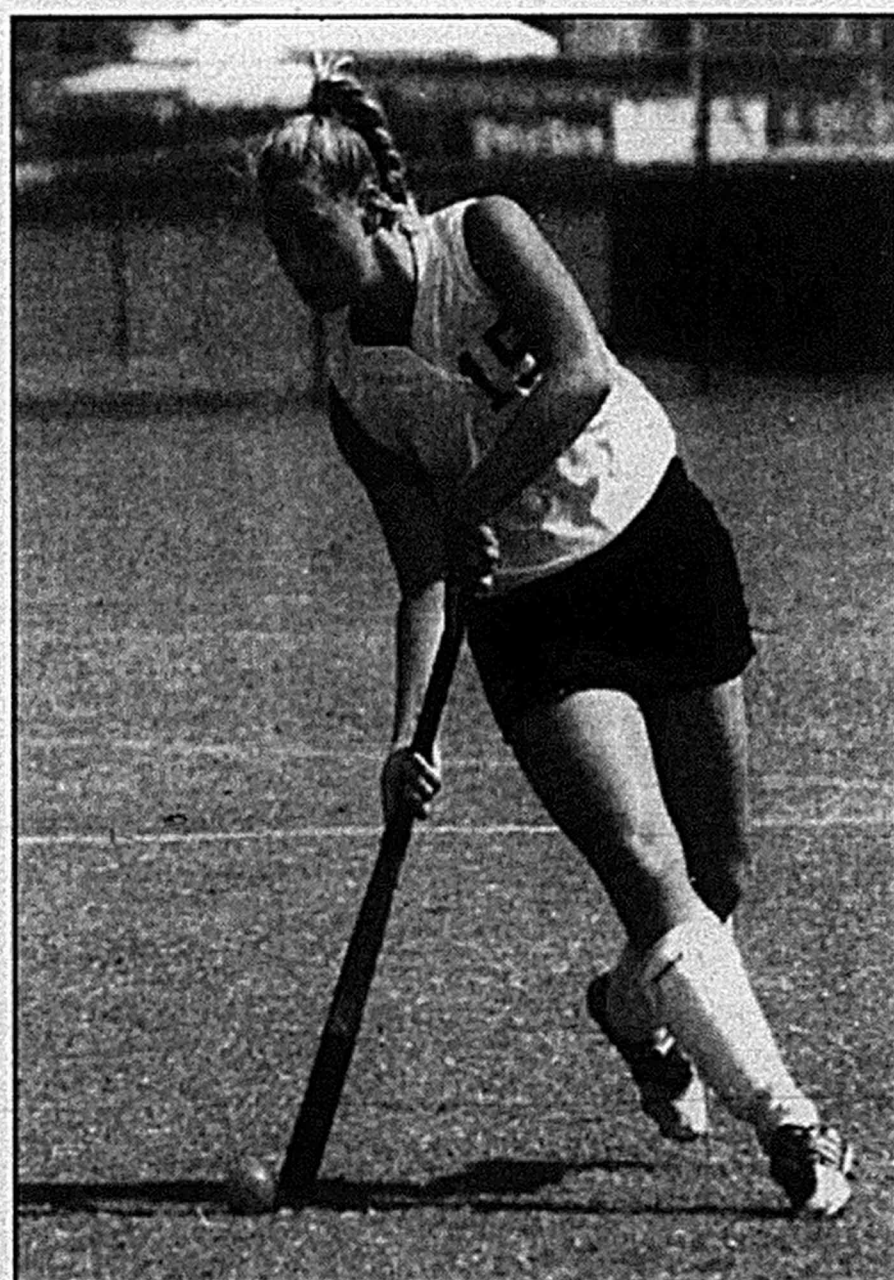
"They are playing an excellent game," said Kendra McCreedy.

"We've never done this well against this team. I don't even think we've ever scored on them in the past three years."

The McCreedy's, who live in Stafford, Va., are extremely proud of their daughter's performance so far this season.

"That's her. Number 14. In the middle. She scores lots of goals," said Kendra McCreedy.

She also complimented on how well the entire team played



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SEE FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 11 — Freshman Jacquie Mayer runs with the ball vs. Catholic. She had a goal and an assist.

Weekly Round-Up

By Sean Kennedy
Sports Editor

Men's soccer

The Captains faced off with several Texas teams over the weekend, going 1-1.

On Saturday they defeated Southwestern 3-0.

Sophomore Galen Small, senior Nick Yannitello and sophomore Derek Shaw each scored for CNU.

The Captains were outshot by Southwestern 13-6, but senior goaltender Brian Shumate had seven saves to get his fifth shutout of the season.

On Sunday, the team was beaten by the #1 team in the nation, Trinity (Texas), 4-0. The Captains were out shot 16-3.

Volleyball

The Lady Captains won all four of its games over the weekend to improve their record to 12-3 overall and 5-0 in the USA South conference.

The team played Averett and Methodist on Saturday and played Ferrum and Greensboro on Sunday as part

of two separate USA South tri-matches.

Against Averett, the team had to rally back from two games down to beat the Cougars 3-2 in three straight set victories.

Freshman Tricia Nelsen led the team with 30 kills and 12 digs.

She became just the second player in school history to score 30 kills in a game.

The only other player to do so is current head coach Lindsay Sheppard.

Cross Country

The team traveled to Pennsylvania to compete in the 31st annual Paul Short Invitational, which is hosted by LeHigh University.

Freshman Jay Wyss ran a season's best time of 26:03 on the 8,000-meter course to place the Captains.

On the women's side, junior Emily Low finished fourth overall among division II and III schools with a time of 22:57 in the 6,000-meter course, another personal best time for her. Invitational.

Women's soccer wins again

By CHAD GODWIN
Captain's Log Intern

The women's soccer team defeated non-conference opponent Roanoke College 2-1 at Captains Field Sept. 24.

The Lady Captains have extended their winning streak to five and previously won against USA South conference team Peace College 11-0.

The Lady Captains dominated the first half, outshooting the Lady Maroons 5-1 in the first half and went into halftime tied 0-0.

The second half was much different with junior Ashleigh Dota paving the way for the Lady Captains.

In the 65th minute, the Lady Captains scored their first point with a goal by sophomore Nikki Greenberg off a corner kick by Ashleigh Dota.

Dota served the ball inside the box and Greenberg scored off a well-placed one-touch shot.

Five minutes later, Dota,

assisted by freshman Emily Renkin, scored what proved to be the game winner. Renkin weaved her way through the Roanoke defense and found Dota just outside the corner of the 18-yard box.

Dota collected the ball and beat the Lady Maroons' keeper for the second goal.

The Lady Captains' stifling defense prevented any Roanoke opportunities to score.

Whenever a Lady Maroon touched the ball, a Christopher Newport player was ready to stop the attack.

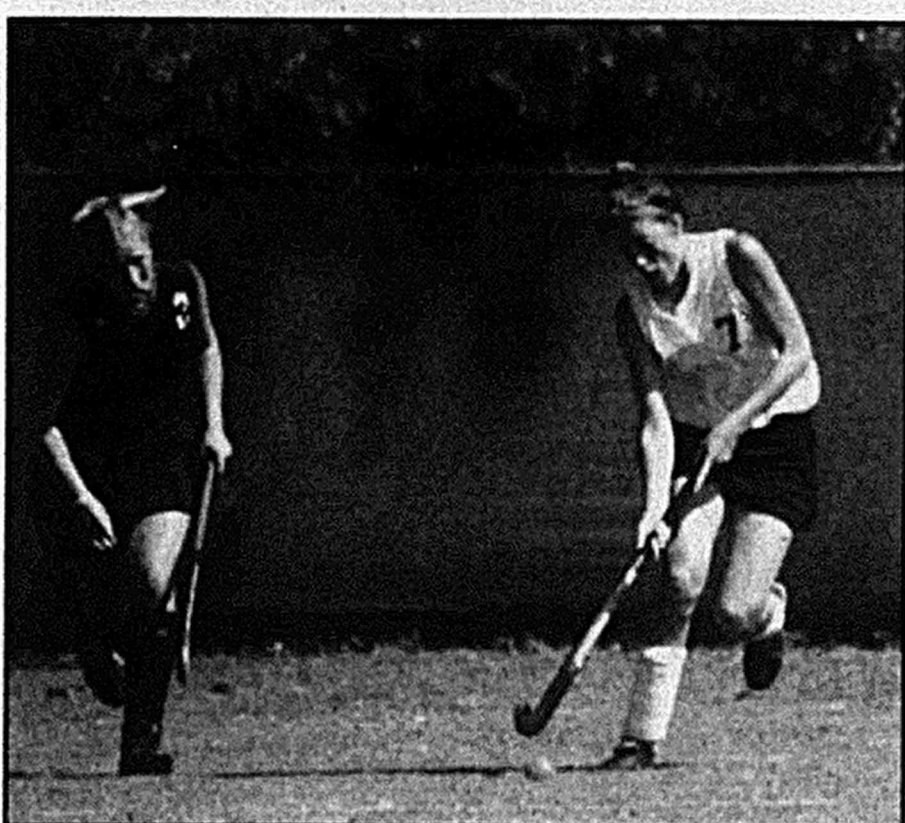
Unfortunately, the Lady Maroons were able to find net in the 89th minute off a breakaway.

Christopher Newport held a 13-3 shot advantage over Roanoke College.

Senior goalie Lindsay Naill played in the net the entire game for the Lady Captains.

CNU is currently 6-2-2 and are undefeated in USA South Conference play.

The Lady Captains' next home game will be against conference foe Ferrum on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m.



Craig Whisenand/The Captain's Log

Senior Jonelle Hanson moves the ball upfield as a Catholic defender tries to catch up.

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on Sunday, as well as the direction of second-year coach Carrie Moura.

Freshman Rhiannon Thomason made the first of three goals for CNU.

Less than five minutes later, on a breakaway, Catholic scored their second goal, taking the lead 2-1. The devoted CNU fans did not give up on the team.

The louder they cheered, the harder the lady's played.

With the intensity rising, the Captain's put their heads up and their sticks down, hustling their opponents to every open ball.

"This is the craziest game I've ever been to. I had no clue we had such a good team," said sophomore CNU student Jill Scharl.

"Field hockey is a huge deal where I'm from. This is the first game I've watched at CNU since I've been here. I'll probably watch the games from now on."

Their work and dedication certainly paid off, despite missing two free penalty shots on goal. With just 7:03 left in the game, freshman Jacque Mayer captured CNU's second goal of the game, launching the game into overtime.

Mayer, who plays defense for the Captain's, scored her first

goal of the season.

Mayer was also responsible for assisting the ball to Thomason on her goal.

Both teams were pretty evenly matched throughout the duration of the game.

It seemed to be a toss-up as to which team would score first, Catholic or CNU.

The crowning moment of glory came with just under 3 minutes left on the scoreboard in overtime.

Running down the field on a huge breakaway, senior Ashley Roberson beat out the last defender from Catholic, flicking the ball with the inside of her stick.

Going one on one with the goalie from Catholic, Roberson launched the ball into the back of the goal, letting the sound of success echo throughout the crowd.

The Lady Captains had won, and they now hold a 7-1 record. On Friday, they will travel to Bridgewater, Va. in an attempt to capture their 8th win of the season.

They also will be hosting Lynchburg on Sunday at 1 p.m. on Captain's Field. Lynchburg College just happens to be one of Moura's alma maters.

She received her Master's Degree from Lynchburg College in Educational Leadership in 2003 after getting a bachelor's degree in 1998 from Keene St.

Women's soccer like a family to Dota

By Erin Eudy
Contributing Writer

Junior Ashleigh Dota was named USA South Women's Soccer Player of the Year after her second season at CNU, and was also selected to the first team all-conference lists in both her freshman and sophomore years. After just two seasons, Dota is ranked third for career goals and fifth for career points in the history of CNU soccer.

All the girls ranked higher than her had completed four full seasons.

Dota began playing soccer when she was just 5 years old.

"I don't even know what got me into it," she said.

"My parents probably just wanted to get me out of the house. But once I started, I loved it."

No one else in Dota's family plays soccer, but she said that they are very supportive of her.

Her older brother Bryan, 23, lives in Charlotte, S.C., and plans on attending the soccer game in Greensboro.

Her dad, who lives in Woodbridge, makes a point to drive down for all of the home soccer games.

"He really is my biggest fan," she said. "It's so great having a parent who is willing to do that. He was always the one getting up at six in the morning to drive to soccer tournaments. I think it's because I'm the baby of the family."

Dota also has a stepbrother, Christopher, 24, and a

stepsister, Kirsten, 19. Both live in Chicago.

Dota currently plays outside midfield left, and she has in the past played forward and center midfield.

She is currently leading the team in points, with six assists and three goals as of Sept. 23.

"I have more pride in my assists than in goals," she said.

"It's a much better feeling when I can help out my teammates and make them look good."

The girls on the soccer team are exceptionally close and Dota said that most of her friends are soccer players.

"I love them all like sisters," she said. "We're like a big family."

Dota was offered a scholarship for soccer to the University of Arkansas, but she turned it down to come here.

She admitted that she came to school here primarily for soccer.

"I love playing soccer here," she said. "The girls are great and Kwame cares about all of us like we are his own kids."

According to Dota, their coach, Kwame Lloyd, is notorious for staying in his office working late.

"We'll finally Instant Message him at like 11 and tell him to go home," Dota said. She added that Lloyd always goes out of his way to help the players whenever possible.

Dota played soccer throughout all four years of high school and although she enjoyed it, she said she likes it so much more now.

"There was too much drama in high school," she said, shaking her head.

"Kwame makes sure to recruit girls that he thinks will fit in with the other girls and because of that we're a lot closer than the girls on the high school team ever were."

Plus it's obvious it is so much more important to all of us here than it ever was then."

With the more devoted team comes more practices and that means more time and hard work.

Dota admitted that it can be stressful at times, but said that it is definitely worth it.

"I just stay up late studying and I do homework on the bus," she said.

Dota is a business marketing major with a minor in writing.

After graduation, she is not sure exactly what she wants to do.

"I just haven't decided if I want to lean more towards the business side or towards the writing," she said.

"My parents work for the government, so that's an option, too. I just don't know yet."

She said that regardless of what she decides to do, she wants to somehow be involved in soccer.

"I would love to play for a semi-pro team," she said. "If I can't do that, then I would want to coach a team."

"I have to be involved," she said. "Ever since I first started playing, 15 years ago, it has been my life. I couldn't imagine my life without it."

If NHL dies, will anyone in the U.S. notice?

By MICHELLE KAUFMAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

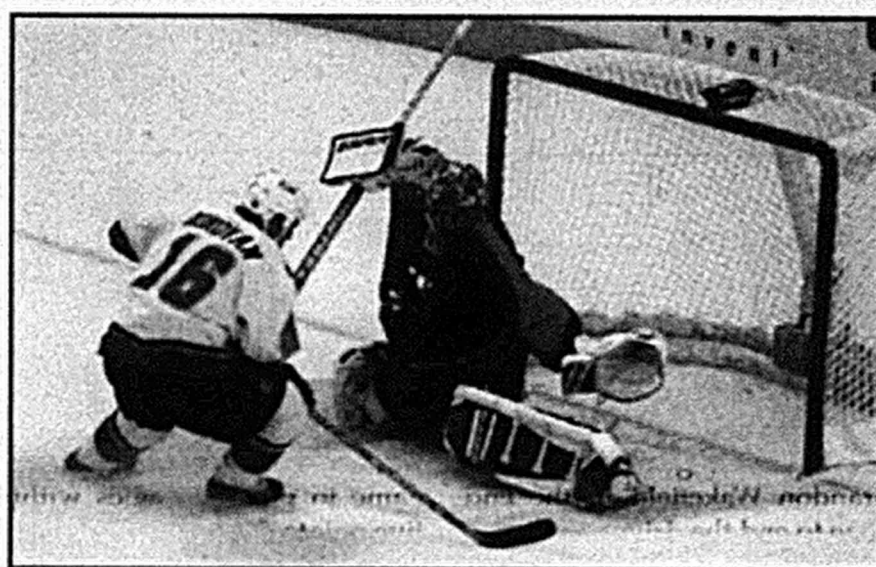
The NHL lockout is now a week old, and still no national outcry. In fact, barely a whimper south of the Canadian border. There are more Americans outraged that Bradford was fired instead of Ivana on "The Apprentice" last week.

If the geniuses who run and play hockey didn't realize their sport was an afterthought to most Americans before last week, they surely must hear that silence now and wonder if closing shop will spell suicide for a league that was hemorrhaging money and losing popularity with every passing day.

The NHL closes its doors indefinitely, and Americans shrug. Some folks in Nashville and Raleigh, N.C., probably didn't even realize they had a team.

If, as the experts claim, this is The Big One, the strike that lasts all season, we could find ourselves without a Stanley Cup for the first time since 1919, when a flu epidemic canceled the championship.

And you know what? Outside of the seafood shops in Detroit that will lose octopus sales, and the diehard fans who skated on the frozen ponds in Minnesota and Massachusetts, most Americans will barely notice.



Bob Lefson/CONTRA COSTA TIMES

The Calgary Flames' Shean Donovan scores against San Jose Sharks' goalie Evgeni Nabokov during their Western Conference Finals game on Tuesday, May 11, 2004.

Don Cherry and "Hockey Night in Canada" remain institutions north of our border, and fans there are already in mourning at the thought of a winter with no NHL.

Not here. The league that Sports Illustrated called "Hot" on its June 1994 cover has become irrelevant.

How irrelevant? The World Series of Poker outdrew the World Cup of Hockey two weeks ago. We kid you not.

On the night 318,000 homes tuned in to ESPN2 for the U.S.-Russia hockey quarterfinal, 1.5 million homes were tuned in to see a patent attorney named Greg Raymer stare at a hand of cards.

How irrelevant? The only player most Americans can identify by face is Wayne Gretzky, and he retired five years ago.

The NHL network television contract was just slashed in half, from \$120 million a season to \$60 million after ratings dwindled over the past five years.

The new deal includes no guaranteed money from NBC. The league will be paid only after the network's production costs have been met. What happened? How did a sport on the rise a decade ago lose \$479 million the past two seasons?

There is the Americans Are Xenophobic Theory. So long as hockey is considered a foreign sport, there are some Americans who will not tune in. Just ask Major League Soccer.

"We are out of gas," commissioner Gary Bettman declared.

Out of sight, out of mind, the saying goes. And right now, the NHL is nowhere in sight.

Chaffee runs for success

By ASHLEY DOOLEY
Captain's Log Intern

For Sophomore Cary Chaffee, running is mental, not just physical.

"I grow from my disappointments," he said. "I use them to motivate me for the future. I've run some of my best races the week after I've run my worst."

"Distance running can be painful. You're pushing the threshold. You endure it and it's worth it in the end because you have a great sense of accomplishment."

Chaffee is no stranger to accomplishment. A South Atlantic Conference individual champion and Runner of the Year, Chaffee was recognized as one of the first team all-conference men, All-Mason-Dixon Conference Men and All-South-Southeast Region Men for 2003.

He is also number seven on the all-time fastest runners list at CNU.

Chaffee's running career began by accident. Six years ago, at the start of his freshman year of high school, Chaffee, who had played soccer for nine years, took up running to keep in shape during his off-season. He then discovered that he was better at cross country.

A native of the Richmond area, Chaffee honed his running skills with the Hermitage High School cross country team. Hermitage is known for its strong cross country team and has been one of the top ranked schools in its division (AAA, the largest division for high schools).

Chaffee excelled in this environment, making All-State four times, finishing fifth in the state of Virginia for his division and securing Cross Country MVP.

"When I began running, I wasn't as strong as I am now, I think determination has helped me improve. I try to make each race and each year better than the last."

Chaffee said that when he first began his running career, he had poor form and wobbled when he ran. Dubbed "Wobble" because of this unique trait, the name still sticks to this day.

"Over the years it's gotten better, but the wobble is still there a little," Chaffee said.

To compensate for this quirky trait, Chaffee added swimming and more weight training to his regimen this summer to help build his upper body and improve his form. Coach Keith Maurer describes Chaffee as self-motivated with a desire to excel.

"Strength of will is important, and the good ones [runners] have it," Maurer said. "Cary is one of our strongest runners and has a strong work ethic."

Chaffee has shown in the past that he can achieve what he sets his mind to.

This season he's off to a fast start, finishing second overall with a time of 26:43 in the 8,050-meter course at the Lebanon Valley Invitational.

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