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SGA Elections 2000: Politics take center stage

Candidates for President and Vice President of Student Services



Presidential Candidate: Senior Jonathan Janis

Janis on the role of the President: The number one duty for the position of President is to "represent the Student Government Association."

VP of Student Services Candidate: Senior Mike Koontz

Koontz on his role on campus and goals for the position: While at CNU, I ran track and cross-country, participated in the Student Leadership Institute, worked as a project assistant in Santoro Hall and I am an active brother in Pi Kappa Phi.

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Presidential Candidate: Senior Rebecca Sinclair

Sinclair on using her past experience: The SGA has improved over the last year. However, it is impossible to accomplish major goals in just one year. To really make a difference, it is vital to continue to build on recent changes while implementing others.

VP of Student Services Candidate: Freshman Pelham Felder (Not Pictured)

Felder on what he can bring to the position: I feel I could be of great service to the student body of Christopher Newport University. The University is at a turning point and now is the time for change in the right direction.

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Candidates for Vice President of University Relations



Junior Jamilia Benthall

Benthall on her goals if elected: I am running for the position because I feel that I have the perseverance and dedication to make a difference on this campus.

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Sophomore Robyn Charles

Charles on why she is running: I am running for this position to make a difference. I believe I can be the best.

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Freshman Jeremy Eggleston

Eggleston on what he hopes to accomplish: I will be a student for the student body. I would like to see more programming on campus that includes everyone.

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Students help Franklin residents rebuild homes.



Jason Martin: How does he find time to do it?

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday, April 10

OCCS Seminar - Preparing for and Taking Notes
SC 146, 10 a.m.
OCCS Seminar - Resume and Cover Letter Writing
SC 146, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 11

VATE Bake Sale
SC 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Open DJ - Sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma
Great Lawn, Noon
Career Planning - How to What You Like for a Living
SC 146, 12:15 p.m.
Elaine Penn, Motivational Speaker
SC 150, 3 p.m.
Act One Movie Night - Kevin Smith Week - "Clerks"
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Alpha Phi Omega Cancer Benefit Dinner
First Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

OCCS Seminar - Job Search
SC 146, 11 a.m.
OCCS Seminar - Interviews
SC 146, 2 p.m.
Guest Speaker - Don Roberts
Gaines Theatre, 3:30 p.m.
Student Government Electoral Debate
Anderson Auditorium, 5 p.m.
(Following SGA Meeting)
Act One Movie Night - Kevin Smith Week - "Mall Rats"
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 13

Cardboard Village - Pi Lambda Phi
Great Lawn, All Day and Night
Act One Movie Night - Kevin Smith Week - "Chasing Amy"
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Deadline - Office Space and Showcase/Bulletin Board Applications
SGA Office, 5 p.m.
Act One Movie Night - Kevin Smith Week - "Dogma"
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
"Currents," Literary Magazine, Premiere
Alumni Room (SC 150), 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 16

No Events Scheduled

CANDIDATES

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Janis on the role of the President:

This rather broad request is illustrated by two other duties - serve as a liaison between the faculty, administration, and the student body and be an advisor/resource person to all committee members and fellow students of the University. The title of President is not about prestige or resume building, but rather it is about making the world just a little bit better than when we started.

Koontz on his role on campus and goals for the position:

As the Vice President of Student Services I would listen to students' concerns and implement the activities they suggest, if feasible.

Sinclair on using her past experience:

As a result of being Secretary of the SGA last year and President this year, I know which changes have been successful during the past two years. I would like to be SGA president again to continue to use those things that work, as well as to try new things.

Felder on what he can bring to the position:

I have been senator of the SGA for

the past year and a brother in Pi Kappa Phi. I feel I would like to see a more unified campus and I feel I am the right candidate to serve the student body.

Benthall on her goals if elected:

There are lots of students on campus who say there is nothing to do and that CNU is boring. I would have two goals; the first is to provide diverse programming at our major campus events and secondly, to improve the student body's perception of the student body.

Charles on why she is running:

I am dedicated to everything I participate in. I have numerous ideas to help the Student Government Association (SGA) grow and thrive. SGA is meant to serve students, not administration. If elected, that is exactly what I will do, put "Students First." I will focus on Family Weekend, Homecoming, and the idea of "Students First."

Eggleston on what he hopes to accomplish:

I believe that multi-cultural events where every race is represented is key to involving everyone. A big concern of the students that I have spoken with is that there needs to be better bands offered.

Election candidates announced

A brief, but informative session took place for the SGA this week. President Rebecca Sinclair announced that senators will be collecting donations for the John Glasgow Memorial Fund through the seventh. MSA President Jamillia Benthall went on to announce that proceeds from her organization's Ms. Essence Pageant will also go to the memorial fund. The SGA Awards Banquet has been officially scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Christopher's. SGA will pay for each organization's senatorial representative and two other members. For approximately \$10 each, any additional club members and guests are welcome, according to Vice President of University Relations, Jonathan Scott. Clubs must RSVP by Apr. 21 and should let the e-board know if they plan to present any awards at the banquet. The applications for the SGA election have been turned in and the candidates were announced. On the President/Vice President of School Services ticket, current President Sinclair and Senator Pellam Felder are running against Senators Jonathan Janis and Michael Koontz. RHA President Robyn Charles, Benthall and Senator Jeremy Eggleston are running for the position of Vice President of University Relations. All the candidates will have a chance to voice their platforms and answer questions at the informal debate to be held after the 5 o'clock SGA meeting on Apr. 12 in Anderson Auditorium. The public is invited. Nominations for Professor of the Year, Administrator of the Year, President's Cup and Vice-President's Cup are available to everyone in the SGA office. The President's Cup is awarded to the outstanding male and female leader on campus each year. The Vice President's Cup goes to the outstanding organization. Finally, the Senate approved the Constitution of the Pershing Rifles, an ROTC honor fraternity.

SGA BEAT

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Currents 2000 Premiere

Christopher Newport University's Literary and Art Magazine

The premiere is Friday, April 14, 2000 at 7pm in the Alumni Room (SC 150). Students, alumni, faculty and staff submit works of art and literature for inclusion and awards. At this time, awards will be given and art works shown. There will be poetry and prose readings by the prize winners. Please come, show your support and pick up a copy of the free publication!

Free refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Jessica Ledbetter at 1-877-815-6978 or jledbett@pcs.cnu.edu.

A Weekly Look At Campus Crime

By William Lee
Western Illinois University

NORMAN, Okla. (TMS) — Prosecutors in Cleveland County, Okla., have filed criminal charges not against a person, but a single sample of DNA.

The county district attorney filed murder and assault charges against a DNA profile named "John Doe" on March 20, in connection with the 1996 abduction, rape and murder of University of Oklahoma student Jewell Busken.

Busken, a ballerina at UO, disappeared from her apartment's parking lot in December 1996 after taking a friend to the airport, according to the Daily Oklahoman. Busken's body was found the next day in a local lake. She had been raped and shot in the head, police said. Prosecutors said that they are confident that DNA taken from Busken's body will lead them to her killer.

"Normally, John Doe is no specific person," Tim Kuykendall, district attorney said. "In this case, we have filed on a specific person" who, for now, is being called John Doe. Prosecutors have sorted through hundreds of DNA samples provided by criminals in state prison to compare them with the suspect's DNA.

That person is charged with first-degree murder, first-degree rape, forcible sodomy and kidnapping.

According to the Daily Oklahoman, prosecutors filed the charges so that the case's statute of limitations did not run out. Oklahoma's statute of limitations on rape and sodomy is seven years.

MADISON, Wis. (TMS) — Madison police are stepping up their pursuit of three men believed to be responsible for robbing and assaulting two University of Wisconsin students in two separate incidents.

Both attacks occurred in the early morning of March 9. The first happened when three unidentified men approached two UW students. One of the suspects allegedly punched one of the students. The two students managed to outrun their assailants and flag down a patrolman, according to the Badger Herald.

The second incident took place almost an hour later, when a 19-year-old UW student was robbed and beaten near campus, allegedly by suspects matching descriptions of those involved in the first incident.

The unidentified victim received serious injuries, having several teeth knocked out, and a fractured jaw that must be wired shut for eight months, according to the Badger Daily.

The victim was taken to a local hospital and reported in good condition. The thieves made off with the victim's wallet and backpack.

Because the suspects allegedly said, "Hey, white boy," prior to the attack, police said they are looking into whether this could be classified a hate crime.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (TMS) — A Northern Arizona University police car crashed while the officer responsible it was trying to break up a student fight.

Corp. Frank Brickey, reported that he noticed some students fighting outside of campus residence hall on March 25. According to police reports, Brickey hopped out of his patrol car before ensuring the vehicle was in park. Brickey broke up the fight, while his car traveled about 140 feet in reverse, striking three other cars and a motorcycle before stopping.

Campus Life

Students lend Franklin helping hand over break

By Imogene Bunch
Staff Writer

Ernell Watson met the sheriff's deputy at the door. He insisted she hurry and leave with him. Forced from her home, she was driven to a shelter and left there.

Watson told her story while she relaxed in a swing in her own backyard on a sunshine splashed day. But thoughts of that day in September still made her shiver.

Hurricane Floyd had stopped by and left a river four feet deep flowing through her house.

"I didn't have a chance to grab anything," she says. "He took me to a shelter and I couldn't come back home until the end of October." A grateful Watson feels her rescue by the deputy may have saved her life. "The electric company people were already out turning off the current to the houses. I had to get out. Fire and water don't mix!"

Hurricane Floyd's rainfall surprised meteorologists and residents who fled from their homes in Franklin, Va. as the flood waters rose last September. Television news programs flashed pictures of the streets of downtown Franklin where only the building roofs remained above water and 182 businesses drowned.

Months after the images have drained from the memories of many, life is not back to normal for Franklin's citizens. Some of them remain dislocated, living in camper homes or with relatives.

Students from Christopher Newport University decided to give up a few days of Spring Break to do something about it. A group of young women led by United Campus Ministries director, the Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson, and UCM intern, Katie Floyd, worked long hours ripping out the interior of a house damaged by the flood.

Like a swarm of termites, they pried wood framing from its nails and pulled down drywall and insulation. To the accompaniment of sneezing, the CNU women tugged at sodden ceiling tiles and jumped aside as great chunks fell. They groaned and strained at the saturated and swollen tongue-in-groove wooden floors.

It was a treat to haul the wheelbarrow full of debris outside to escape the musty smell of bacteria and mold that permeated

the house.

Harrison-Davidson looked up from wrenching nails from the floor and asked, "Whose idea was this anyway?"

Her assistant, Floyd, was quick to remind her, "It was yours, remember?"

Floyd comments, "It was actually fun to do the work, even though it was hard. You're a real person to these people, not just a company that comes in and puts up a house. It's an emotional connection. They truly are

thankful."

Ginny Whitehead, a CNU student helping with the relief work, remarks, "I live in Franklin, and even I didn't realize how much work still needs to be done."

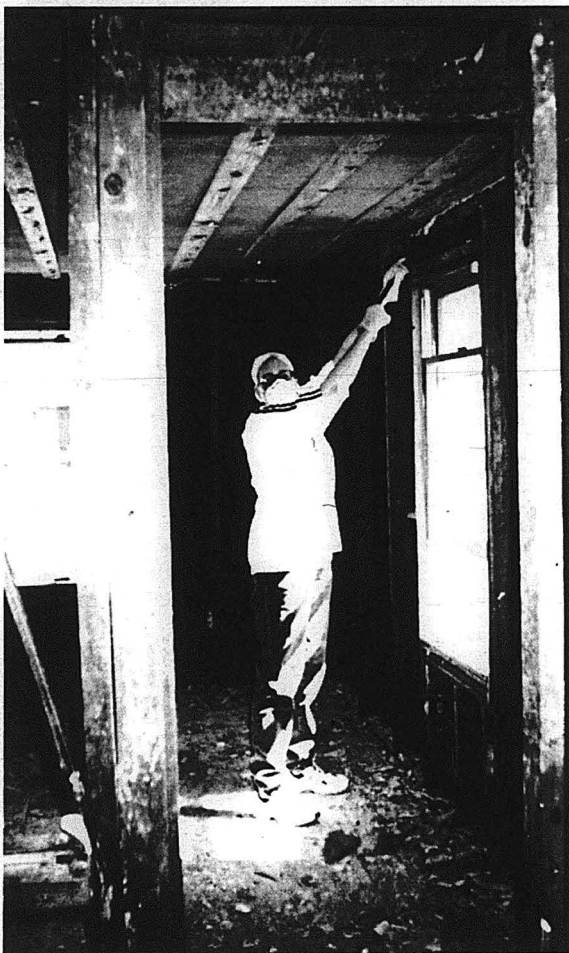
Teams of volunteers, the majority from churches, continue to come from as far away as Wisconsin to help with the relief work.

Donna McCullough, executive Director of the Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce, is adamant about the need for more: "The need for volunteers is ongoing. There are still people showing up at the office who didn't realize there was help available. The focus has mainly been on rebuilding homes, but business owners need help too. Forty of the 182 downtown businesses are reopened. The recovery is slow, but sure. Every week it seems we see another business emerge."

McCullough sees it as a silver lining that many of the owners exposed beautiful brickwork behind damaged walls and antique wood floors under ruined carpet. They incorporated it into the redecorating. Meanwhile, the estimated total of revenue lost to downtown business owners is 13.99 million dollars.

The Reverend Frank Jennings, known as the "Disaster Pastor," is the coordinator for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. He organizes projects for volunteers according to the needs of the residents. Those interested in assisting in the relief effort may call him at 1-888-862-8488.

The memory of that day in September is still very vivid to Ernell Watson: "I've never seen anything like it. And I've talked to a lot of people, and that's what they said. They've never seen anything like it. It hurt bad, but I've got my life. That's what's important."



Top left: Despite the damage done by Floyd, people tried their best to salvage personal items.

Right: Katie Floyd fights the stench of mold and water damage while helping to clear debris.

Photos by Imogene Bunch/The Captain's Log

Brown University Clamps Down On Free Speech

by Billy O'Keefe
Campus Correspondent

Students at Brown University in Providence, R.I., will be required to conform to a controversial set of new guidelines on free speech, introduced last week by the university and effective at the end of the current semester. On the cutting block are most forms of negative and inflammatory speech.

Janina Montero, Brown's vice president for Campus Life and Student Services, trumpeted the decision, adding that student safety and openmindedness are more impor-

tant than total freedom.

"The First Amendment was created under extenuating circumstances of total freedom," Montero said. "Allowing that freedom among all people is unrealistic, especially in a community of respectful interaction."

The specifics and degree of the provision are still up in the air, with Montero and Dean of Student Life Robin Rose heading up a task force that will write out the new provisions.

The staff of the Brown Daily Herald, the school's student newspaper, called the

move "a welcome sign of change for a campus climate that has often fostered destructive and disturbing behavior."

"In the course of their larger campus dialogue, Brown students have been able to say any of a number of things to each other that have contributed to an ugly, noxious atmosphere that has had the power to affect everyone on this campus," read an editorial in the April 4 edition of the Herald.

"Under the auspices of 'free speech' or 'intellectual debate,' students have been forced to endure negative emotions ranging from simple disquietness to full-fledged

outrage."

Montero welcomed all student groups except one—the American Civil Liberties Union—to submit suggestions to the task force. She said that the ACLU is part of the problem, not the solution, and is not welcome to join in the negotiations.

"The ACLU stands for everything that is wrong with this campus," Montero said. "People are too free to do as they please."

"Students should not always be allowed to speak their mind. This is not a democracy."

New clubs to form at cafe

By Nancy Warren
Staff Writer

Three new clubs and other fun activities are coming to Albert Einstein's Café: Einstein's Book Club, Einstein's Chess Club, and Einstein's Poetry Club.

"We were looking for something that would fit with coffee," said Janine Bruner, manager of Einstein's. "What can people do while they are sipping their coffee?"

The idea came to Bruner to start some interesting clubs, and provide more entertainment on campus, especially on weekends.

The first of the three clubs has already met, but more members are welcome to join. The book that they will be reading and analyzing first is *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve. It is the story of a young woman who must face the sudden death of her husband, a pilot who died in a plane crash over Ireland. She finds out later that her husband has a secret life.

"The leader of the group changes according to who suggested the book," said Bruner. "So, if you recommend a book for the club and everyone votes yes, then you are responsible for doing more in depth research of the subject or the author, to prompt discussion."

"*The Pilot's Wife* is an interesting book to discuss," said Bruner. "The club will meet the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 a. m., and focus on fictional best sellers." The books will be available at the CNU bookstore.

Bruner hopes to start a nonfiction book club later.

For those who are interested in playing chess or learning how to play chess, come to the first meeting of the Chess Club on April 15 at 7:00 p. m. Those who show up for the meeting will be the charter members.

Charles Darden from Virginia Beach will be entertaining the coffee sippers of Einstein's on April 20 at 8 p. m. "He sings Sinatra songs, and has opened for Harry Connick Jr.," said Bruner. His CD "Time to Heal" can also be purchased at the bookstore.

If you like poetry, the Poetry Club might be the club for you, and it fits nicely with coffee. Join other poetry lovers on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p. m. at Einstein's and become a charter member.

Other events are planned: Donald McCaig, author of *Nop's Trials*, will be here with his dog on May 12 to talk about the sheep dog trials, and more Swing Dance lessons might be offered.

Activities will continue all summer.

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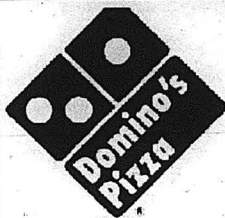
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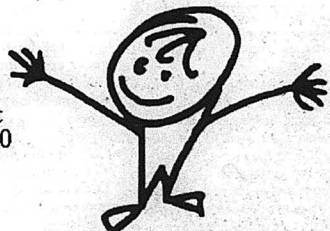


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In Your Dreams: A Look at the Sega Dreamcast Dead or Alive 2: New king of DC fighters?

By Andrew Berrigan
Staff Writer

Those of you who read my review of Soul Calibur may remember that I felt this beautiful fighting game was just shy of deserving a perfect 10. The primary reason for this was the lack of a 4-player mode. Well, folks, Tecmo has stepped up to the challenge with *Dead or Alive 2*. Dreamcast owners can now play a gorgeous, 3D fighting game that supports up to four players at once. Will it get a 10? Read on...

It's important to note that the support for more players isn't the only major difference between *Dead or Alive 2* and *Soul Calibur*. The philosophy behind the fighting techniques is also radically different. *Soul Calibur*, for instance, makes use of combos. For many years now, tournament fighters in and out of the arcade have included intricate combo systems which require the player to memorize and execute strings of joystick-moving and button-pressing combinations in order to unleash a fury of deadly moves upon opponents. Some games, such as those within the *Killer Instinct* series, have even taken it to some pretty impressive/ridiculous extremes. *Dead or Alive 2* goes a completely different route. While combos are possible, they are also, for the most part, much simpler to execute and easier to remember. There simply aren't as many as there are in *Soul Calibur*. In addition, *DOA2*'s combos don't guarantee success. In fact, over-use of combos might even lead to a loss.

DOA2 has a rather intriguing reversal system built into the game. It's possible to catch an opponent's kick or punch and throw him, execute a counter move, or just push him off balance. If an opponent tries to get you in a grapple, you can get out of that too. And counter attacks do more damage than regular attacks. This means that if all the fighters

have been reduced to just a small amount of remaining energy, it might not be that wise to launch into a flurry of attacks. Not only is it possible that an opponent might counter one of the attacks, but it's not even that difficult to do so.

And so the game is a completely different animal. But we're not done yet. This animal also has some other very distinguishing characteristics. Take, for example, the backgrounds. Sure, they're pretty and detailed, but they're more than just things to look at. Do you see that stained glass window behind you? Well, you'd better keep your back away from it, or your opponent might just knock you through it. Once you fall (and receive massive damage), he'll painlessly jump down after you to continue the fight. So maybe you should just slam him into a wall and stun him for a bit. Or maybe you should set his back against the window? Just be thankful that this level is flat. There's one that actually has a rocky landscape which can change your character's elevation. This might not sound important, but it can drastically effect the outcome of your moves.

Now this animal is a true beast. But we're not done yet. I haven't even talked about the multiplayer! But there's really not much to say that you haven't already guessed: tag team matches and tag team moves (which are still susceptible to counters). In short, awesome.

Of course, there are some gripes I have about the game. For one, there seem to be far fewer options than in *Soul Calibur*. Forget about earning new features. If you can unlock anything in the game, I haven't figured it out. There is an interesting feature, though, called Age. *DOA2* is shipped with Age set to 13. I changed mine to 22, but I haven't noticed

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'Harry Potter' opens new world of fantasy

By Nancy W. Warren
Staff Writer

"Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone" written by J.K. Rowling and illustrated by Mary Grandpre, is a treasure every college students needs to experience. This elementary level chapter book is a fantasy quest story.

From the day that he was left as an infant on the doorstep of his aunt and uncle's house, Harry Potter is ostracized and abused. Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, his new guardians, make their nephew sleep in the cupboard under the stairs, exclude him from family functions, and refuse to take him anywhere. When Harry has his eleventh birthday, he finds out that his parents were "blown up" and that he is special. He has magical powers and is taken to Hogwarts, a school for wizards, to learn more about his craft. Harry, who is famous because he survived and his parents did not, feels disliked by teachers and other students, faces conflicts with other characters, and solves a mystery as he works towards the ultimate goal of becoming a wizard. The antagonist Voldemort wants to kill Harry, but Harry doesn't know why. When he is older and ready, Harry will learn more of the secrets that surround his life.

J. K. Rowling does an excellent job structuring the Harry Potter cycle books. She

begins the story with a normal family, in a normal neighborhood, who knows a secret. They are forced to care for Harry because his parents are dead. Harry faces many hardships similar to those seen in fairy tales.

Children can relate to this because they share the same feelings and obstacles growing up. Life is a struggle, but Harry perseveres. First he overcomes a rival on the sports team, Malfoy, who is a bully. Next, he and his friends Ron and Hermione investigate the mystery of the three-headed dog. And finally, Harry endures pain caused by the scar he carries on his forehead.

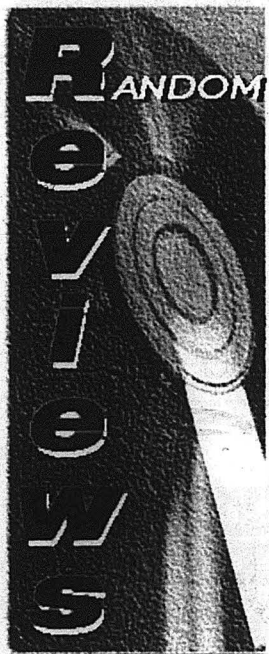
The illustrations, although few, add to the meaning of the text. The front cover shows Harry as he is described in the book, thin, black hair and wearing glasses. He looks like an ordinary kid, except for the fact that he is riding on a broom. In the background there is a unicorn and the three-headed dog. In chapter one, Grandpre illustrates Harry as an infant. He is bundled up in a blanket, asleep.

Chapter three shows Harry's cousin Dudley Dursley, who is spoiled and treats Harry badly. The best illustration, however, is the drawing of the three-headed dog in chapter sixteen. Grandpre makes the creature look believable. The back cover shows someone sitting behind a curtain holding a lit candle. This creates curiosity and a desire to read the next Harry Potter books.

Cancer Benefit Dinner
Hosted by Alpha Phi Omega
Tuesday, April 11, 2000
6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church,
Warwick Blvd.

\$7 per person at door
(\$5 for students with ID)

Semi-formal dress requested
All proceeds go to American Cancer Society



Website

GlobZ
(www.GLOBZ.com)

A few weeks ago in my Hampton office an attachment called "Dancer" was a hit for quite a while. While surfing the internet, I found the creator, GlobZ.com. GlobZ is a company based in France that produce[s] interactive web content: games, toys, cartoons... The web page has a well designed introduction with an inventive bouncing logo as an entrance to the main site. A draw-backs of the site is that you must have the Flash4 plug-in, a must have for internet surfing anyway. Flash pages can be slow on the download, but they're well worth the wait. Once into the page, you find an easy to navigate array of options to choose from, with a completely original and innovative window design, one of the many products available. You can have one of three backgrounds, my personal favorite is the one with the changing circles in the background. Almost all of them are interactive and moving, something that many sites can't offer. The "Dancer" was there, along with it's addition, "Micro Dancers." Microbe is eye appealing and the designs that you create while playing can be provocative. The site offers many games, and promises new additions often, making repeat visits worth while, the goal of any web site designer.

Music

Violent Femmes-
"Freak Magnet"
(Beyond Music)

Love 'em or hate 'em, the Femmes never seem to change. Almost 20 years after their debut, Gordon Gano and friends are still cranking out skeletal, lo-fi rockers no matter how out of fashion they may sound. And "Freak Magnet," the band's seventh studio effort, finds little change in the formula -- a few catchy witticisms, lots of pub-rock anthems, some ill-fitting punk, more than enough nonsense. As has been the pattern for the past decade, a period that hasn't seen the Femmes match their early acoustic-punk fury, Gano occasionally hits on a great one, this time with the easygoing gem "Forbidden" and the Velvets-ish droner "When You Died." (Femmes purists, though, will rave for the more ranting "Hollywood Is High" and "At Your Feet.") The religiosity usually found in Gano's work is lacking here, as is a consistency of melody; too often the band favors grunting and faux-grit when it should stick to the nebbishy nasalities it mastered long ago. Still, you have to admire a group that has bucked every trend that has come along since "Blister in the Sun" and has retained an ever-loyal cult following in return. Hardly a great Femmes album, but perhaps the days of such happenings have passed. Enjoy what you can, then.

Music

Jagged Edge-
"J.E. Heartbreak"
(So So Def Recordings)

It has been about two years since Jagged Edge released their debut album, "A Jagged Era." Though some dismissed the group as just another pretty boy R&B act, the hits "The Way You Talk" and "Gotta Be" quickly dispelled the myth. Now they return with "J.E. Heartbreak" (Maybe they are paying tribute to New Edition, who had an album in the late '80s called "N. E. Heartbreak" but who knows?). Whatever the case, the group delivers the same brand of crooning that made their debut a gold seller. Pushed by the production savvy of Jermaine Dupri, "Heartbreak" is a little more even than their debut. "He Can't Love You" plants them firmly in "Gotta Be" territory, while "Did She Say" is competently performed, but ready-made hip-hop soul. Nonetheless, "Heartbreak" is one of the better releases of the year.

This week's Random Reviews were contributed by Tim Cline (website), Steve Flemming, Jr. (music), and TMS Campus News (music)

Supreme court decision affects campus life

By Diana L. Plevel
Staff Writer

On March 22 the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that public colleges and universities can use money from mandatory student activity fees (SAF) to fund student groups to which some students may object, according to a New York Times article from the same day.

The decision reversed a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling which had agreed with three conservative University of Wisconsin students who initiated the lawsuits, saying students cannot be forced to contribute to organizations whose activities conflict with their individual beliefs. The students objected to their money being used to fund liberal groups such as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Campus Center.

CNU President Paul Tribble said of the decision, "The student fees are essential to the success of the university and support a wide array of student activities that make CNU a special place."

Dean of Students Maury O'Connell concurred, saying, "We can release funds to a wide variety of clubs and organizations, preserving the freedom of speech especially important to an academic community."

If the high court had ruled the other way, public colleges would have to devise ways to waive percentages of SAF for students who object to certain student groups. When asked how CNU would have been affected if this had occurred, O'Connell said, "It would have been a nightmare."

CNU student organizations and clubs will have received over \$200,000 in student activity fees from July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000, said Jennifer Putnam of the CNU Budget Office. Putnam added that the SAF are included in the comprehensive fee charged to each student. SAF make up \$2.05/credit hour, she said.

According to Putnam, the SGA decides what student groups are eligible for funding, and the amounts they receive. Lisa Langham, Chief Financial Officer for SGA, said for a student organization to be considered for funding, members must submit an application and their group's constitution to the SGA, and must be open to all students. For example, all-female sororities are ineligible for SAF funding. Such groups, said Langham, raise money through membership dues, fund-raisers, and donations.

Director of Student Life Donna Eddleman said, "Criteria for funding [student groups] centers around contributions that the organization has made to the university community, attendance at SGA meetings, bookkeeping records, and how money provided in the past has been spent." As the SGA Advisor, Eddleman oversees the budgeting process and authorizes purchase requisitions that are submitted for payment.

The high court's decision involves more than affirming colleges' right to mandate SAF. As Washington Post staff writer Joan Biskupic reported, "... the Supreme Court said the First Amendment allows the policy as long as the money is given out under neutral criteria that do not favor some points of view over others." Three justices disagreed with the requirement that all fees be allocated on viewpoint neutral criteria, suggesting that this could endanger academic free-

dom in other contexts.

Eddleman said no CNU students have complained to her about paying SAF due to not wanting to support certain groups.

Regarding the Supreme Court decision, Eddleman said, "The ruling indicates that the court supports the idea that on a college campus there should be discussions about a broad range of topics, even topics that we don't support or that make us uncomfortable. The university is where our ideas and thoughts should be challenged, so I applaud the reasoning behind the decision."

"What remains to be seen is how the term 'viewpoint neutral' is defined. It may mean that 'like' organizations will have to be funded equally. If that is the case, the current criteria used to award funding will need to be modified."

According to Eddleman and Langham, 17 CNU student groups received money from SAF from fall, 1999, through the current semester.

Tony Felt, graphic artist for the Office of Student Life, said of the Supreme Court decision, "It was good news. It was the decision that needed to be made in support of diversity of ideologies on campus. It's very important."

DREAMCAST

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any differences yet. Still, I'm forced to wonder if the excess of voluptuous women and incidental panty shots won't be giving way for something even more adult?

Another gripe is the character selection. Yes, you have multiple costumes, but it won't let you see what they look like until the game has started! How tough would that have been to fix? And then there's the storyline. Yes, each character has his own plot and reason for being involved in the tournament. And yes, the movies are smooth, beautiful, and near-perfectly integrated with the game play. But they also suck. Most of them are weak and uninteresting, especially the endings. If the game wasn't so much fun, I would be highly irritated.

The game also isn't quite as detailed as Soul Calibur is in certain areas. DOA2's characters don't ever seem to change expression, and while you might see their hair move, it will move as one body rather than separate clusters of strands. On the other hand, a couple of characters have hats that

can actually be knocked off in a fight, so that's pretty cool.

As you can see, the complaints are minimal, but they are there. And if something is flawed in even the slightest manner, can it honestly be given a perfect score? Now I'm beginning to wish I did decimals after all.

Since decimals are not an option, however, I'm going to go with the fun factor on this one. Why do we play games, anyway? To be entertained. With the innovative fighting system and the four-player support, this is definitely one entertaining game. So I'm going to give it a 10. Now take it, quick, before I change my mind! Oh, and go play the game while you're at it.

Newsflash: Starting August 1, Sega will be giving away the Dreamcast for free to anyone who signs up to use their GTE-powered ISP for two years. Current Dreamcast owners will also be eligible for a \$200 rebate if they sign up. For more information on this, check out www.sega.com and www.dailyradar.com.

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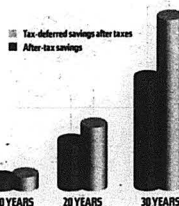
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By Dave Gosselin

Its April and the smell of baseball is in the air

Well, it's that time again.

Baseball season has begun and already there are speculations about who will win the World Series or which one of the three National League Central players, Mark McGuire, Sammy Sosa or Ken Griffey, Jr., will win the home run race.

If you don't know already, I am a big Yankee fan. I am a die hard Yankee fan waiting to see his first game in the famous Yankee Stadium.

Enough about me. I want to give you all my picks for the 2000 season.

I believe, if their pitching holds up and age does not catch up to them, the Yankees will win the World Series again for the third time in a row and the fourth in five years. No one has won three consecutively since the Oakland Athletics did in 1972-74.

New York will defeat the St. Louis Cardinals in six games in the October Classic.

McGuire will once again lead the league in homers with 64. Sosa will be a close second with 61.

I don't think Griffey will have the year that everyone expects him to have. He'll hit .300 but won't hit as many home runs as everyone expects him to.

I do think that Ivan Rodriguez has a great chance at winning the Triple Crown in the American League, although Manny Ramirez will give him a run for his money. I also believe that Rodriguez will again be the AL's Most Valuable Player.

In the NL, Chipper Jones was the MVP here last season, but I don't see that happening again.

My dark horse in the NL is Montreal Expo outfielder Vladimir Guerrero. Let me tell you, this kid can play. And if he could get off of playing on astroturf everyday, he would be even more amazing. But look for him to do big things this year for the lowly Expos.

Pedro Martinez will once again dominate like he did last season and win the Cy Young Award in the American League. He is just awesome and blows people away on the mound.

In the National League, I think that Greg Maddux will regain his old form and vie for the Cy Young Award in the National League. Although Randy Johnson will give Maddux competition, Maddux will prevail, even though I despise the Braves.

I hope this season is as exciting as ones in the past. I enjoy all the races in the divisions and the races for who will hit the most home runs as well as all of the other categories. Take in as many games as you can and I recommend going to the Norfolk Tides games. They are exciting to watch, especially at Harbor Park where there isn't a bad seat in the house.

Enjoy the 2000 season and, oh yeah, GO YANKEES!

CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
BB at Golf at Emory Spring Invitational.	BB at The Apprentice School at 6 p.m. MT at VA Wesleyan at 2:30 p.m. Golf at Emory Spring In- vitational.	BB at VA Wesleyan at 3 p.m. MT at Hampden-Sydney. WT home vs. Norfolk St at 3 p.m.	SB at VA Wesleyan. MT at Mary Washington.	No Games Scheduled	SB at Greensboro. BB at Greensboro. MT home vs. Catawba at 12 p.m. WT at Ferrum.	SB at Averett. BB at Greensboro.

SPORTS

Despite lack of time, Martin still enjoys success

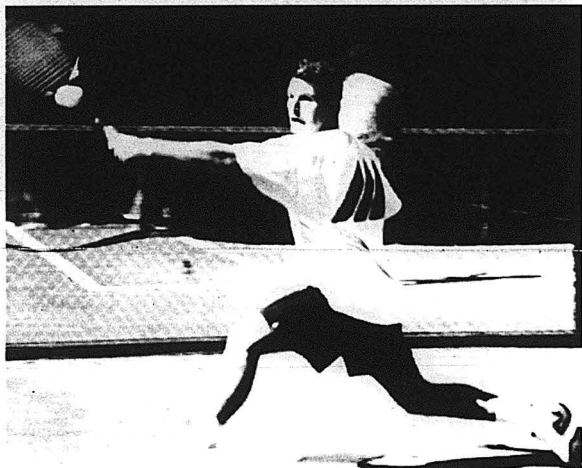
If you see a camouflaged soldier running frantically from his red Dodge Stealth to Ratcliffe gym on any given afternoon, you are probably witnessing Jason Martin on his way to tennis practice.

After the usual detour through Ratcliffe to change clothes, Martin is on the court and ready for work. "Hey! Let's go! Come on coach, I want to hit some balls," the impatient southpaw exclaimed. "It's getting dark soon!" With only three to four hours per week allotted in his schedule to practice, the 29 year-old sophomore is eager to improve his game in the most efficient manner possible. A full-time career in the Air Force and a demanding class schedule along with tennis make for a tough juggling act. "I take my tennis very seriously and wish I had more time to concentrate on it," said Martin, who is currently ranked 23 in NCAA singles.

Martin has collected 60 days of leave over the past four years in the military, which allow him to compete in all matches.

"His experience makes up for the practice time he misses. I am positive that Jason has more tennis experience than any other player on the Division III level," Head Coach Rush Cole said. Cole believes that

this is the source of Martin's success. Martin embarked on a tennis adventure after graduating from Phoebus high school in 1989. He was able to land jobs at two prestigious tennis academies in Florida. "I was mostly a hitting partner for the top juniors," Martin said. "I spent a lot of time



Sophomore Jason Martin reaches for a ball in a recent match, can barely find time to practice his game, but plays to his potential.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

helping Venus and Serena Williams with their games and hit with Jennifer Capriati a few times. I was around other great coaches and learned so much about tennis."

After gaining recognition in Florida, Martin was hired to coach Italy's top juniors for one year. His year spent in Italy brought on a case of tennis burnout which

led Martin back to the Hampton area, where he grew up. "I began looking at more long-term goals, which included getting a college degree. I realized that the Air Force

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Visiting Spartans fans loud and proud in the middle of Gator Country

By Joe Schad
Knight-Ridder Tribune

It would have been pretty hard to miss the gigantic green and white Michigan State banner draped over an upstairs railing of Friday's Front Row Sports Grill on Monday night.

But if you somehow missed it as you walked in off International Drive, there isn't a way in the world you didn't see and hear the shockingly large Michigan State contingent rooting against the Florida Gators throughout the NCAA men's basketball championship game.

"I thought this was Gator country," said John Benoit, a 44-year-old Ocoee resident who spent the day shopping for Gator paraphernalia with son Alex, 15.

The enormous Front Row was packed, but there seemed to be more cheers of "Let's Go State" and "Go Green/Go White" than orange-and-blue Gator chants. And although about 30 members of the Michigan State Alumni Association of Central Florida congregated in an upstairs section of the

restaurant, the entire place was infiltrated with people waving Spartans flags and baring "Izzone" T-shirts, the type often worn in the MSU student section of home games.

Beth Cohen, a 22-year-old who lived in Detroit and was in town for business, was excited before the game even started.

"We're going to spread our green and white cheer all over the place," she said. "And then we're going to watch the entire state of Florida go into a major depression."

Cindy Smith and Bernie Richards, who live in Flint, Mich., said they didn't mind that their vacation coincided with the Final Four, or that they were rooting against the Gators in Florida.

"We beat them in football," Smith said. "Everyone back home is really hyped, and it may have been fun to be there. But this is almost like home to us. And plus, we get to work on our sunbuns."

Mike Seguin, 18, watched Michigan State dispose of Wisconsin. "We heard this was the place for Spartans to come," said Seguin, who is from the East Lansing area. "They're the best team in the nation."

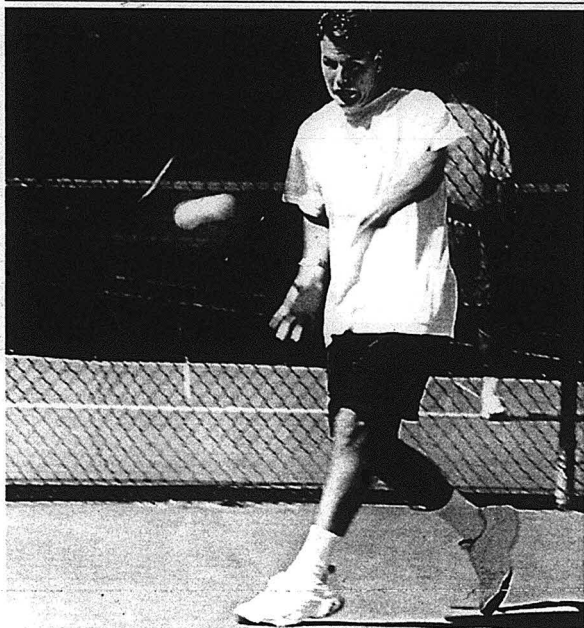
Mike's 14-year-old brother, Nick, was asked if he's been pestered by any Florida fans for sporting Spartan threads. "Not yet," he said with a hopeful smile.

And for the most part, the fans avoided jawing with each other. Except maybe Mike Seigner, who lives in Orlando and usually waits tables at the Front Row. "No way I was working tonight," said Seigner, who grew up just outside East Lansing and wore a Michigan State jersey. "Nobody would have gotten served."

Rich Lovelace, member of UF's class of 1988, wore an orange and blue shirt and cap. He seemed pretty understanding about the whole thing, actually.

"It's going to take a couple of Final Fours and a couple of national championships for Gators fans to appreciate what we have with this basketball team," Lovelace said.

James Berry is the guy responsible for bringing together so many of these Spartan lovers. He is the president of the aforementioned MSU Alumni Association.



Despite his lack of time, Martin has been able to defeat many of his opponents with his powerful backhand, as shown here.

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MARTIN

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would give me that opportunity." Martin entered the Air Force in 1996 and was stationed in Oklahoma for one year, where he continued to play tennis whenever possible. He competed for the Air Force team on several occasions and was a regular practice partner for players on the squad. Martin was transferred to Langley Air Force base in 1998, which gave him the opportunity to attend CNU.

A typical day for Martin begins by waking up at 6 a.m., working from seven to four, with practice at 4:30 on some days and class at seven. On other days, he has classes earlier and cannot practice at all. He studies a couple hours a night on average and gets to bed around 1 a.m.

"I don't see how he does it. I have never seen anyone who can go with such little sleep for so long," said long time friend and former CNU player, Thomas Onoff. "He's a machine!" Martin's mother, Debbie, has remained a steady influence in his life over the past ten years as her son has explored many endeavors. "His drive to get ahead and high goals he sets for himself are what make him successful," the Buckroe resident said.

When Martin was 12, she started to notice his relentless passion for tennis. "He would rather play tennis than video games. If he wasn't at home, I knew he was at the courts. He used to pretend he was John McEnroe."

In his second year of collegiate tennis, Martin achieved his high national ranking when he made it to the finals of the 1999 Rolex Tournament. He entered the regional competition seeded ninth and crucial wins were scored versus higher ranked players on the way to the finals. "The only player he lost to was the number one ranked player in the country. I learned what he is capable of, mentally, when he is focused and positive," Cole said.

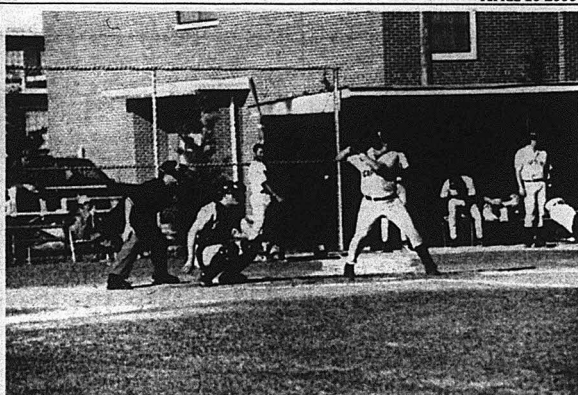
"If I am playing enough tennis, my game becomes automatic. I feel like I can't miss. If I don't find that, I tend to get frustrated," Martin added. "I'm trying to really work on my mental game so I can pull out matches on bad days." According to Coach Cole, Martin's ability to use the court and expose a player's weaknesses is his strength. "If he is evenly matched with someone, he has a way of keeping them off balance by not playing into the opponent's comfort zone." Cole also commented on his athletic ability. "Jason could probably play about three or four sports at CNU, if he had the time. His first step and reactions to the ball are very quick."

Onoff agrees. "I think his speed and anticipation are excellent. It is so hard to hit a ball by him."

If Martin can become All-American this season, he will be the first tennis player at CNU to attain that honor since Holden Knight did in 1993.

"Jason has shown on the court that he can handle all of the outside responsibilities without it hurting his tennis. He is well on his way to becoming one of CNU's all-time great tennis players," said Cole, with an optimistic tone. "I understand his situation, and so does the rest of the team. He exhibits great leadership."

Spain is a former nationally ranked tennis player for CNU and the current assistant coach for the men's team.



Sophomore catcher Stephen Hatcher, who was instrumental in the two wins over Ferrum last weekend going a combined 4-8, is shown here in a game against Methodist.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

A barrage of home runs, including two by Bingler give CNU first ever sweep over Ferrum

The baseball team did the unthinkable last weekend by sweeping the ninth ranked Ferrum College Panthers on the road.

In the opener on Saturday, CNU hit three-run homers in the eighth and ninth innings and scored a 14-8 victory.

Matt Turner and Rob Robinson smashed the game-winning homers which gave CNU its first win over Ferrum since 1995 and its first in Ferrum since 1988. Turner finished the day 2-4 with a double, three RBIs and four runs scored. Robinson was 4-5 with six RBIs including a double. Stephen Hatcher was 2-4 with four RBIs.

On Sunday, Travis Bingler blasted two home runs to lead the way for CNU and complete the sweep in an 11-7 win.

Bingler went 2-5 and had four RBIs. Scotty George also homered and was 3-5 including a double and three RBIs. Hatcher went 2-4 with a double.

On the mound Cliff Wester went this distance, limiting the Panthers to seven hits. Just two of the seven runs scored against him were earned and he had six strikeouts.

The win improved CNU to 14-10 and 4-6 in Dixie Conference play. Ferrum is 23-5, but 4-4 in Dixie play.

The Captains host VA Wesleyan on Wednesday at 3 pm.

Virginia's trainer turned pitcher has 4-0 record

By Tom Robinson
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Ah, spring, when fantastic dreams take over college sports. Which brings us to this skinny kid named Will Parker from Suffolk, 160 pounds of silence, watching in wonder as a new world flashes by him in a blur.

A real thinker, this one. Second in his class at Lakeland High School. Gave up baseball to attend the University of Virginia, where he carries a 3.66 GPA in sports medicine.

Two weeks ago, having never played college baseball until February, Parker was named Pitcher of the Week in the ACC, one of the best leagues in the country.

He's 4-0 with a 3.65 earned-run average in eight games. Struck out 19 in 24 innings. "I still can't believe it," Parker says. "I don't really know how to explain it."

Parker, 21, is the student trainer assigned to Virginia's baseball team.

"He was a tactical pitcher," former Lakeland coach Ron Robinson says. "Like Greg Maddux. He could take and put the ball exactly where he wanted it."

Big college teams didn't need baby Madduxes back in '96. Or if they did, they didn't tell Parker about it. Sure, Parker could've played somewhere. But he wasn't heartbroken.

"I had no plans of being a major league baseball player," Parker says. "I wasn't going to sacrifice academics. I loved to play baseball. And I thought about trying out. But I didn't think I would make it anyway."

So Parker dug into his education. Pledged a fraternity. Played a little club baseball at U.Va., a bit of summer league back home. Then, last season, he got his student trainer gig. Taping ankles. Massaging shoulders. Rubbing elbows for, and with, the baseball team.

Most days, Parker would also throw the ball around at practice, shag flies, whatever. Even tossed batting practice a couple of times when asked.

"I'm not very assertive," Parker says. "That's something I don't like about myself; I'm not one to go after things. I hope they come to me, you know."

Holy 'Hoos! This time they did. Early season injuries and unexpected defections thinned Virginia's pitching so much that head coach Dennis Womack and pitching coach Steve Witmyer weren't laughing much.

Off to an 0-7-1 start, Virginia needed any help it could get. And the coaches figured any lefty who throws a ball with as much movement as Parker was one more possible solution.

They asked Parker to throw in a scrimmage. Three hitless innings later, Parker had his uniform.

"I didn't figure I was going to pitch unless there was a real emergency," Parker says. Not quite. Womack chucked Parker in there his first day in uniform, against Bucknell on Feb. 27. He worked two-thirds of an inning of scoreless relief, and got the win when Virginia (14-14-1) rallied in the last inning.

OK, he's still the trainer, and the Cavaliers are still subject to bench-jockey jokes about Parker being one of their best pitchers. He was Pitcher of the Week for posting victories over Eastern Michigan and Virginia Commonwealth.

His arm is in good shape. His wind and confidence have improved drastically. With one year left, he may even be in line for a scholarship.

Perish that thought. But, you know, it probably couldn't hurt to pray for Parker against Florida State, either.

"They're the best team in the country," Parker says. "It'll be a good way to see what I've got."

So far, the view has been stunning.



Freshman Maggie Olson rips a shot during warm-ups. She has won six consecutive singles matches.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

Olson leads sixth straight singles victory gives women's tennis 6-3 win over VA Wesleyan

Freshman Maggie Olson recorded her sixth straight singles victory last Wednesday to lead the Lady Captains to a 6-3 road victory over VA Wesleyan.

With the victory, she runs her overall record to 7-1 and boasts a conference record of 3-0.

The Lady Captains won three other singles matches to record their eighth win of the season.

Other winners include Kelley Lewis at number two, number three Amanda Riley and number six Tiffany Allen.

In doubles competition, Melissa Moore and Lewis won at number one doubles, as did Riley and Olson at number two.

In other action last weekend, the Lady Captains lost a heartbreaker on the road to Averett College 5-4.

CNU won three singles matches and one doubles match. Singles winners include number three Riley, Olson, who was victorious at the four seed and Allen who won at the sixth seed.

Moore and Lewis were the only winners in doubles.

Men's tennis splits their two matches from last week

The men's tennis team began the week with a solid, 6-1, victory over Guilford on the road last weekend.

CNU took all the doubles and five of six singles while improving its record to 6-2.

Number one Jason Martin won 6-4, 6-0, number three Quinn Burns won 6-2, 6-1, number four James Hull won 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, number five James Lowes won 6-2, 6-2 and number six Brandon Musika won 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, number one Lowes and Martin won 8-4, number two Burns and Miller won 8-3 and number three Hull and Musika won 8-1.

At home against Division II Longwood, CNU lost 5-2 on the CNU Courts.

The Captains next host Catawba this Saturday at 12 p.m.

Martin won at number one 6-4, 6-1 and the only other singles winner was number six Musika, who won 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

In doubles, number one Lowes-Martin won 8-2. They were the only doubles winners.

Golf team blazes to sixth place finish at Camp Lejeune.

The golf team finished strong at the Camp Lejeune Invitational, closing with a 299 to complete the three-day event with an 890, good for sixth place among the 32 teams.

The Captains had been in 18th place after the first day with a 306, but shot a school-record 285 on Saturday and closed with the 299 on Sunday on the tougher of the two courses on which the tournament was held.

Mike Priddy and Mike Little each shot 54-hole totals of 219 to tie for tenth place. Priddy had a 75 and Little shot a 76. Ryan Greer had a 74 Sunday to finish at 227 and Robbie Craft also shot a 74 Sunday to finish at 232.

Back to back doubleheader sweeps gives CNU softball 11th straight 20-win season

Doubleheader sweeps against Randolph-Macon and Eastern Mennonite gave the CNU softball program their 11th consecutive 20-win season. The wins also extend their current winning streak to eight straight games.

At Randolph-Macon, CNU swept the Yellow Jackets last Wednesday, 9-1 and 9-0, both in five innings.

In the first game, the Lady in the first two innings. Donna her record to 16-4.

She was also 2-3 at the RBIs. Jen Harrell was 2-3, as

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At Eastern Mennonite, inning victories last Friday,

cess recorded their 11th consecutive 20-win season.

CNU has not won less than 24 games since 1989.

In the first game, the Lady Captains collected 10 hits, led by Stacey Hundley who was 3-3 with two triples and four RBIs. Jen Harrell was 2-3 with a triple and a home run and three RBIs and Donna Cerami recorded the victory to run her record to 15-4.

In game two, CNU had 14 hits with Hundley going 3-4 with two more RBIs. Storey 3-4 with a triple and her first home run along with two RBIs, Harrell 2-4 and Kellie Pheasant 2-3.

The wins gave CNU an eight-game winning streak and a 22-8-1 record.

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Hundley and Priddy earn Dixie weekly honors

Softball star Stacey Hundley was named Dixie Conference Player of the Week and golfer Mike Priddy Rookie of the Week last week.

Hundley, a junior from Portsmouth, VA, hit .714, going 10-14, in four victories last week. She had a double, two triples, six RBIs and six runs scored.

Priddy, a freshman from Glen Allen, VA, finished tied for tenth at the tough Camp Lejeune Invitational with a 54-hole total of 219. He set a CNU record with a 67 in the second round.

Track teams scorches to another outstanding performance at Captains Classic

The track teams picked up six automatic NCAA qualifying marks, three provisionals and two meet records in an outstanding performance at the Captains Classic Saturday afternoon.

Senior Casey Taylor earned three of the automatic qualifiers. She won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.36, although she set a meet record with a 14.27 clocking in the trials. She also won the long jump at 19-7 and was second to a Division II jumper in the triple jump, but leaped 40-4, an automatic qualifying mark. She also helped the 400-meter relay team to a win in 48.28 which was good for a provisional qualifying mark.

Marilyn Cochran also earned provisional qualifying in the 400 meters in 57.18, while Tamika Lomax got a provisional in the long jump at 18-5. Meanwhile Alana Meek won both the shot put (35-4) and the hammer (110-7).

The men got three automatic qualifying performances. Damon Talley won the long jump at 24-3. He also earned an automatic in the triple jump with a 47-6 performance while Steven Roberts got an automatic in the triple jump at 48-1.

In addition, Andy Riley won the 1500 in 3:56.7 and Jon Leggett took the 5,000 in 15:35.3.

The track teams next compete in the Eastern Mennonite Inv. on April 15.

Coming Next Issue

- ◆ See how well the golf team did at the Virginia State Invitational.
- ◆ Continuing coverage of Spring sports.

Are you interested in writing about sports? If you have the ability to write or just want the experience, contact Dave at The Captain's Log office in SC 223, at 594-7196 or at clog@cnu.edu.

Cubs get samples of Japanese crowds

By Teddy Greenstein
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Where were the cheerleaders and the megaphones? And what about the incessant beating of the drums?

The Cubs had been told the atmosphere at the Tokyo Dome for their exhibition game against the Yomiuri Giants would be raucous.

"With the drums beating and horns playing, it's unbelievable," said pitcher Brian Williams, who played for Fukoka of the Japanese Pacific League in 1998. "It's non-stop." Said infielder Cole Liniak; "It's supposed to be so loud, you can't even hear."

Try again. It was almost quiet enough to hear the crowd of 53,000 laughing at the Cubs, who managed only six hits in the 6-0 drubbing Monday night.

"I was surprised," Mark Grace said. "This was not the party atmosphere we had in '92 (during an All-Star tour). They were sitting on their hands pretty much. They were all there for Sammy (Sosa) but didn't have much to cheer about."

The Cubs hope to give the locals more to cheer about when they face the New York Mets in the first regular-season major-league game outside North America. The first pitch will be at 7:08 p.m. local time Wednesday, which is just after 4 a.m. if you're scoring in Chicago.

The Cubs have major concerns heading into the opener, and that goes well beyond facing Mets' ace Mike Hampton, who went 22-4 last year for Houston. Not one Cubs pitcher won half that many games in 1999.

Jon Lieber, their Opening Day starter, ranked among National League leaders last season with 8.2 strikeouts and 2.0 walks per nine innings. Still, Lieber couldn't stay afloat on the Cubs' sinking ship, going 2-8 with a 4.94 earned-run average after the All-Star break.

The Cubs' offense, expected to be respectable, has been downgraded to mediocre after the injury bug swept through Mesa, Ariz., during the final week of spring training. Both Glenallen Hill (pulled hamstring) and Willie Greene (lacerated hand) were placed on the disabled list, meaning the Cubs will be without their top right-handed- and left-handed-hitting reserves.

That leaves manager Don Baylor in an unenviable spot, like a man who looks at a buffet and sees nothing but stale crackers and day-old cheese. Baylor's top left-handed hitters off the bench are 37-year-old catcher Jeff Reed and outfielder Roosevelt Brown, who hit .219 in his first stint with the Cubs last season. His right-handed hitters are rookie infielders Jose Nieves and Liniak. The two hit a combined .248 for the Cubs last season with two home runs in 210 at-bats.

Ugh.

Before Monday's exhibition game, several Cubs were shocked to see that the Yomiuri Giants had set up adjoining batting cages so two of their players could practice their hitting simultaneously. By now, all the practice swings in the world won't make facing Hampton any easier for the Cubs.

Even Sosa will enter the game in a mini-slump. He went 0 for 4 Monday, extending his hitless streak to 11 at-bats.

The fans did let out a burst of "ooohs" when Sosa sent a rocket down the right-field line in the first inning that sliced foul. They also cheered when Sosa fled out to the warning track in the eighth. Then streams of fans flooded the exits.

Not that anyone would have noticed that they were gone.

"It was as quiet as I've ever seen it," said Cubs scout Leon Lee, who played 10 seasons in Japan. "You usually get dizzy watching all the activity in the crowd. I was surprised."

Some Cubs speculated that Major League Baseball had instructed fans not to bring drums or horns into the stadium. However, an MLB spokesman denied that.

The Tokyo Dome crowd had been revved up the night before for a game between the Giants and Seibu Lions. But that wasn't the case Monday night.

"I expected it to be much louder," Joe Girardi said. "After watching some of the high school games on TV, I expected to see the drums."

Baylor had predicted the atmosphere would resemble that of a college football game. This crowd sounded like it was watching a Toledo-San Diego State blowout.

Eight seats down from the press box, a man sat reading his newspaper.

"They made liars out of me," Williams said. "It wasn't loud. It was like Dodger Stadium."

In more ways than one. Fans were treated to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch. Vendors walked through the aisles selling overpriced beer. Sushi was being sold, but so were hot dogs and hamburgers. Halfway around the world, it was easier to find pizza than tempura.

But the Tokyo Dome wasn't completely Americanized. The warning track was nothing more than a white line painted into the carpet. And when players hit foul balls into the stands, fans made little effort to catch them. All balls were politely returned to the nearest usher.

Some of the action on the field also would have looked out of place in the big leagues.

The Giants players slid into home plate even when there was no chance for a throw.

After hitting a home run, Yomiuri's Hideki Matsui sprinted around the bases and was congratulated outside the dugout by teammates who formed an orderly receiving line. Matsui then threw his batting gloves into the stands and did a TV interview while one of his teammates was at the plate.

The other oddity of the evening came courtesy of the Giants' public relations department. In their zeal to supply reporters with quotes during the game, officials took a few shortcuts with the translations.

According to the sheet, pitcher Kimiyasu Koda remarked: "I am throwing goes my job only three inning....Sammy Sosa is a good hitter. He try to see what I have and if I throw 135 km/hour fastball, he can hit home easy."

Actually nothing came easy for the Cubs against the Giants. And Grace planned to address with his teammates.

"I'll have a little card game in my suite and the guys can talk about it," he said. "They outplayed us. In the third inning I said to the guys, 'Let's go. Enough with the bull.' But we got embarrassed. There's no sugarcoating it."

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PETA's 'Got Beer' campaign huge success

By Kathy Guillermo
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Now that the legion of columnists, editorial writers and cartoonists outraged by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' "Got beer?" ad campaign have finished tossing their spears, I'm left wondering why a spoof of "Got milk?" suggesting that even beer is healthier than cholesterol-laden, artery-clogging milk brought out the prohibitionist in so many journalists.

To those who characterized PETA as a bunch of beer-pushing maniacs who practically shove drunk college students behind the wheel and switch on the ignition, I have a suggestion: hurry, do not pass go, to the nearest college campus. You'll see at least a dozen students, probably more, sporting Bud logo T-shirts.

In the campus bookstores you will find mugs, key chains, and assorted paraphernalia bearing the names of prominent beer manufacturers. Turn your eyes to the campus perimeter and slip on some sunglasses. You'll need them to cut the glare from the neon signs advertising Miller, Budweiser and Coors above the local drinking taverns.

Then knock on any dormitory door and listen to the blare of the latest television beer commercial. The cute weasels, lizards and frogs that sell beer are cultural icons and their stuffed and molded plastic likenesses are popular with teens and college kids.

Where are the furious editorials condemning Frank the lizard and his ilk to the lower depths for pushing binge drinking? When was the last time you saw a representative of Mothers Against Drunk Driving telling Katie Couric that the free beer can holders passed out at college football games were threatening our kids' safety?

Contrary to MADD's claim, PETA's tongue-in-cheek campaign did not promote beer or binge drinking. We repeated ad nauseum what should be clear to anyone who actually read our ads: drinking milk is so bad for people (and cows) that even beer is healthier, so choose soy milk and fortified juice instead. If you want to get down to the ironic nitty-gritty, milk and dairy products actually kill more people than drunk driving.

The American idea of university

By TMS Campus
TMS News Service

Probably the only remarkable thing about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision Wednesday on the collection of student fees at public universities is that it was unanimous. So accustomed have we become to 5-4 split decisions on the high court that unanimity seems noteworthy all by itself.

As for the decision's substance, it was, in retrospect, so sensible as to seem self-evident.

Of course universities may collect mandatory student fees and disburse them among campus groups — as long as there is no discrimination on the basis of viewpoint.

Of course students may not object to such fees as a form of coerced support for viewpoints they may not like. Not only would that render a student fee system unworkable, but it also would contravene the very idea of a university as an environment, in the court's words, for "free and open exchange of ideas."

Of course there is the risk that groups like the execrable Matt Hale's World Church of the Creator may use the opportunity afforded by this ruling to gain funding and footholds on public university campuses. But as with the 1st Amendment itself, the value of the free exchange of ideas is so great as to make that risk well worth taking.

The court's ruling came in a case

Consumption of fat-filled milk, cheese and meat is linked to heart disease, our nation's top killer, and a host of other chronic conditions. One-third of the population is, to some extent, lactose intolerant. Still, PETA took the charges against the campaign as seriously as we could, considering how ridiculous they were.

In deference to MADD's worthy goals, we pulled the campaign ads and promised to change our Web site as soon as we had new material to replace it. We linked their Web site to ours to help spread their message. That MADD received extensive media attention about college binge drinking at the critical pre-spring break period was not lost on us, of course. We were pleased our campaign was the impetus. As a final gesture of good will, we passed the hat at the office and PETA employees dug into their own pockets and pooled a \$500 donation to MADD.

Here's where this odd chain of events

brought by a group of conservative students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, who argued that forcing them to pay the school's student activity fee amounted to forcing them to support the views of groups to which they objected, a violation of their constitutional rights.

In another context that argument might carry the day. Indeed, the court has said that union members, for example, may object to the use of their mandatory dues for support of political efforts that go beyond the mission of the union.

But a university is a unique environment. Its very reason for being is to be a venue for diverse viewpoints and to expose students (and faculty members, for that matter) to the intellectual crosscurrents of the society. That is no less true in the extracurricular life of the institution than in its formal course offerings.

As long as conservative groups have access to funding from the student fee pool on the same basis as liberal ones, as long as the unpopular are not disadvantaged in favor of the popular, there is no ground for objection.

Those who find this kind of open regime intolerable do have an alternative: They can choose another school from among the hundreds available in the American marketplace of higher education.

What they may not do is demand that a public university be less a university so they may be unoffended.

gets bizarre. MADD sent the money back. Then they asked us to un-link their Web site. How do they explain that to the parents of kids killed by drunk drivers?

Sorry, but we don't think people who oppose milk drinking should be allowed to support this cause? We don't need any more donations, we've got enough? Remember that MADD ad you wanted to put in the local paper — we could have given you the money but we're a little short this month? We don't need to educate the tens of thousands of people who log on to PETA's Web site every month? If MADD wants to stay mad, fine, but PETA can't wear the metaphorical hairshirt any longer.

We're too busy responding to the 8,500 requests for vegetarian information packets we received last week-four times more than we usually get. You see, the college kids always knew what we meant, and they've helped to make our short-lived campaign a success.

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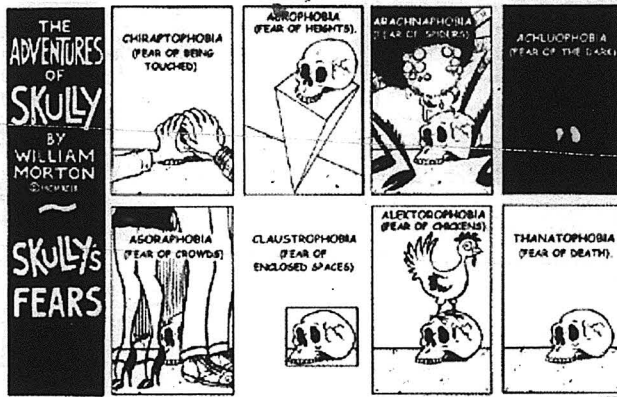
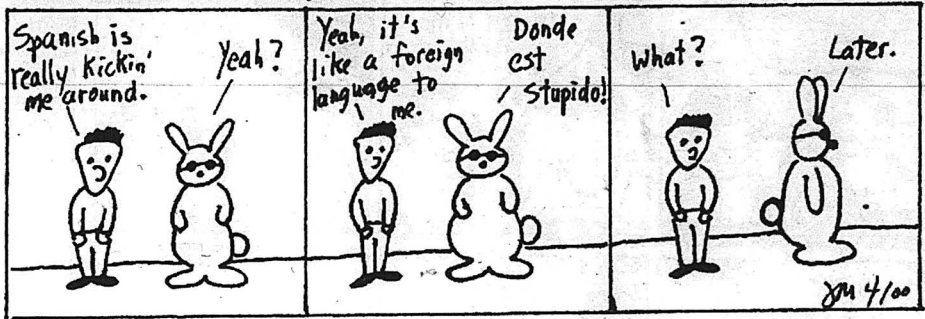
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TRIBLEVILLE by Josh Mahler



classifieds

Congratulations to the new Sorors of the Omicron Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. You ladies represent well. Much love to you! From the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma.

Car - you kick so much ass. Granny - where ya been? Miss you. 1/3 - I love you and if you want one, we each make it happen. I promise. 1/2 follow your heart. Who cares how close you are, if it's not something you care about. I love you too.

Still looking for a summer job? How about working at a summer camp? Camp Shenandoah is now accepting applications for all positions. Great pay along with free room and board and a pleasant working environment. Previous summer camp experience is not necessary. Call David Arehart, Camp Commissioner at 594-8100 for more information.

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