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MyDoom virus targets e-mails

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Since its discovery on Jan. 26, the MyDoom (Novarg) computer virus has had many PC users confused and alarmed, mainly in part of its high level of outbreak in personal computers around the world.

MyDoom, a virus exclusive to e-mail that targets Windows users whose origin is presently unknown, essentially takes e-mail addresses from any computer it infects and then duplicates addresses to spread the virus in the form of various attachments.

Often times, the apparent sender

of one of these infected e-mails is that of a familiar address or name.

The virus also has the ability to open a port on a PC it infects allowing outside control of its system, according to a news release from the McAfee Security, an antivirus software manufacturer.

One major step in combating this virus is the use of proper security to guard against unwanted additions to any computer.

Virus scanning software such as McAfee or Norton can often detect viruses like Mydoom before they have the opportunity to infect a computer and can be downloaded for free by students.

Though CNU's computer

systems are protected with these antivirus programs, System Administrator of Gosnold Hall, Jim Youngblood, stressed that it is up to students to protect their private computers similarly.

"The problem with student computers is that they have to bring in their own software or auto update regularly," he said. "Virus defense software needs to be updated because old software might not identify a new virus."

Because of these proper preparations to the university's computer systems, Information Technology (IT) Services reported that CNU has experienced no problems due to the virus, according to a state-

ment from Margaret Yancey, director of development, as the e-mails have been caught before having a chance to spread.

Students and faculty have also reportedly had little trouble with the virus beyond a loss of space in their e-mail mailboxes when the virus first appeared.

On Jan. 27, Director of Information Technology Services, Gregg Gustafson, issued a mass e-mail to everyone using CNU Webmail.

In the letter he said, "This influx of e-mail has reduced our storage space."

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Prevent MyDoom

1. Delete all e-mails from unknown senders.
2. Delete messages entitled "hi," "test" or "hello."
3. Perform routine antivirus scan.
4. Do not download attachments if e-mail seems questionable.



Abbie Tang/The Captain's Log

The view from John and Maggie Beegle's backyard of the construction of CNU's baseball field. The Beegles have lived in this house for 23 years. The field is 20 feet from their property.

Neighbors respond to baseball field

Local residents question living conditions with nearby field

By Abbie Tang
Staff Writer

The morning rumble causes John Beegle's head to turn. He stares blankly behind his thick, magnifying glasses, and blinks a few times as he turns to face to his back yard. The rumbling pauses, but he remains still.

He stands up, groping for the chair beside him, takes a deep breath, holding it; when the rumbling from outside continues, he exhales.

The rumbling of construction started in Beegle's backyard late this past summer.

Where homes and trees once stood now lays green grass, a diamond, and a nearly completed fence.

Beegle's backyard, has turned into Christopher Newport University's latest addition, a baseball field, is located on the other side of Moore's Lane, a street running adjacent to the campus.

"The good Lord was kind enough to take away my sight so I don't have to see what [CNU] is doing back there," Beegle said.

After suffering from two strokes within the past 20 months, Beegle is now blinded to the construction in his backyard.

He had attended CNU's meeting with the community last summer where many representatives from

the city of Newport News and the university were present.

"We should have had more input," Beegle said. "I didn't realize that by the time of the meeting the construction was a done deal. Everyone there was just showing us what the ball field was going to look like."

His wife, Maggie, on the other hand, did not attend the meeting, but she does have the ability to see the changes around her home.

"I hate it," she said. "We were going to have a bullpen in our backyard."

The couple has lived in their home for 23 years and worries about the additional traffic, lighting from night games, and the extinct beauty from the previous trees in their yard.

Due to Hurricane Isabel's destruction this past fall, however, it is difficult to tell whether the trees in these residents' homes would have been struck by the large trees in their back yards.

Another neighbor, Bernice Adelson, a resident of 45 years, shares the same feelings as the Beegles.

"If Mr. Tribble lives up to his promises he will put back the trees and beautify the area," said Adelson.

After 6 months of construction, the ball field is missing only the aesthetics, said Head Baseball Coach John Harvell.

The bleachers, bullpen and press box will be built once all the necessary parts are complete.

"I'm almost excited as the players," Harvell said.

Harvell is a 1991 CNU graduate and being a baseball player himself,

said that the team used to practice on other fields.

He is excited that the baseball team that is ranked third in the National Baseball Poll will have its own field to compete on.

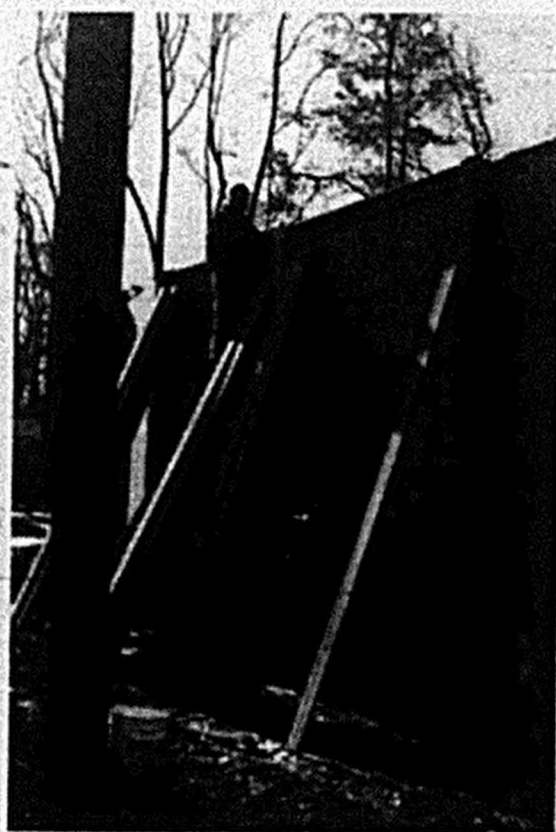
Neighbors on Fairway Lane have the opportunity to watch games the team will play all spring with tickets CNU has provided them for the season.

"I won't be able to watch the games," Beegle said. "But I do have grandkids who might enjoy them."

The construction team has extended many other offers as well.

They have removed over grown trees, fixed drainpipes and helped

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A construction worker puts up a fence around the baseball field.

Security tightened for Super Bowl Sunday

No-fly zone ordered by FAA for area surrounding Reliant Stadium for 12 hours

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Columnist

On Sunday, Feb. 1, over 70,000 fans crammed into the Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

Super Bowl XXXVIII held the attention of over 100 million viewers outside the stadium, more than likely continuing its title of the most watched television event annually.

The fans weren't the only ones paying close attention to the game though.

Over \$1 million dollars was invested in protecting the stadium, the public, and the players on Super Bowl Sunday this year. Three hundred feet of concrete walling was constructed to help create a safety zone surrounding the stadium. Twenty-five different local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies worked together to help insure the safety of everyone around Reliant Stadium.

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SGA considers proposals

By Lindsay Simpson
Staff Writer

The administration offered the SGA's president and vice president stipends of \$4,000 and \$3,000, respectively, for the 2004-2005 academic year, senators were told on Monday. The SGA "did not enjoy" the proposal, said Nikki Wenzel, vice president of student services.

The proposal said that the \$3,000 stipend was for one executive vice president, eliminating the need for both current vice president positions.

All other leadership positions would not receive stipends, according to the offer, but more opportunities for service will open up.

"We are going to go through all kinds of elections, putting tons of new positions in place," said SGA Treasurer Rachael Harrell. "But only the Executive Branch will receive stipends."

President Ashley Boyd and Vice President of University Relations Melissa Bell were unavailable for comment.

Parliamentarian Bryan Herin refused to comment.

"I personally believe students should not receive the

stipends," said Harrell. "I lean more toward rewarding leadership skills and such with things such as discounts or parking passes. I do not believe, however, in monetary imbursement from the university, especially when it comes from student accounts."

Some students found the stipends proposal as a surprise, such as freshman Erin McElrath.

"Four thousand dollars to pay a person that volunteered for a position and was elected to that position is ridiculous," said McElrath. "If anything, don't give them money, give them benefits. Give them a parking space, free board, but do not give them actual cash because that comes out of my pocket."

McElrath was not alone, as freshman Rachael Pryor agreed.

"The student body is being swindled by the suggested stipends for the SGA," said Pryor. "An elected student official does not deserve such monetary compensation for a job which they openly volunteered to do."

The student senate will vote on the proposals at next week's meeting.

Meanwhile, the Student Media Board is still working with its budget, which is managed separately from the SGA.

WCNU

'The Captain's Station' will resume its Internet broadcast on Feb. 4; there are plans to allow air time for clubs and organizations.

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Freedom Pens

Keith Outten, clerk of works for CNU's Potomac River, started a program to send pens to troops overseas.

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World & Nation

President Bush's proposed \$2.4 trillion budget offers to reduce deficit, boost spending for homeland security and education.

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Sports

Women's basketball team defeats Methodist 68-46, improving to 6-2 in USA South; men's team suffers twin losses.

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Campus In Brief

CNU Habitat for Humanity

CNU is trying to raise over \$16,000 to build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

The kick-off will be Feb. 9 at 3:30 in the Alumni Room, Student Center 150.

You can help by getting your club or organization involved with fundraising, volunteering at fundraising events, asking for donations or donating yourself.

Contact Rachael Harrell at rharell@cnu.edu for more information.

Legacy of Weyanoke

On Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Room (SC 150), there will be a performance by Legacy of Weyanoke.

Legacy of Weyanoke is an a cappella group that was founded in 1990. They perform songs and stories from the African Diaspora (Africa, South American, the Caribbean, and the American South), as well as the Diaspora's Native American branch.

Career Day

The Department of Nursing is holding its annual recruitment day on Feb. 11, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Warwick Professional Center, Building 6, First Floor Conference Room.

Ten healthcare representatives will be present to talk about healthcare careers at their agencies.

Anyone interested in the healthcare field is welcome to attend.

World Trivia Bowl

The International Relations Organizations is hosting the World Trivia Bowl Feb. 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room (SC 150).

Teams of four will compete in several rounds of trivia questions and the first place team receives a prize.

Topics include geography, flags, current events, and United Nations history.

Keith McLoughland Great Books Series

The first meeting of the series will be held Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Gosnell 110. The discussion will be led by Professor Eric Duskin on George Orwell's "1984."

Copies of the book are available from the bookstore or on reserve in the library.

Movie night

CAB will be hosting movie nights Feb. 5 at 9 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium.

They will be showing "Scary Movie 3."

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Freedom Pens delivered to troops

Clerk of Works Keith Outten organizes grass-roots effort

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Sitting in a wing-backed chair in the upstairs Student Center lounge, he doesn't look like a man who has helped unite people across America in pursuing one common goal.

In fact, wearing construction-work clothes, a heavy coat and a hard hat with his surname printed on front, Keith Outten, the Clerk of the Works for CNU's new Potomac River residence hall, looks like just another ordinary person.

But he has an extraordinary vision.

Three weeks ago, Outten decided he wanted to do something that would show U.S. troops overseas they have not been forgotten. But Outten wouldn't settle for just anything; he wanted something tangible, something members of the troops could see and hold in their hands.

The result is a program he calls "Freedom Pens."

Heading up this program is SawMill Creek, a woodworkers' online forum with over 1,900 members from across the country. According to the forum, the Freedom Pen program is "an all volunteer effort ... to provide custom hand crafted pens to American service men and women overseas."

"Every Freedom Pen that is delivered will serve as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and will have our continued support until every one of them returns home."

"Really, it's a grass-roots effort with a simple goal," Outten said.

But because it's an Internet-based effort as well, the Freedom Pen program is

spreading beyond the members of SawMill Creek.

"People all over the country are getting involved," Outten said. "We're getting all kinds of exposure from the media. We've already been promoted through newspapers and television stations as far south as Alabama, and there's no telling how much further this program will go."

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-Keith Outten
Clerk of Works

the pens for the program "are being made by individual woodworkers everywhere, from small towns to [the] largest cities."

Even amateur woodworkers are "donating their time, talent, and personal funds to create custom pens as a symbol of their support for our military men and women," Outten said on his web site.

Back in CNU's Student Center, Outten smiles and says, "It's heartwarming to see what people are doing, how they're taking their time and money to do this."

But why pens? "Military service men and women have to live light," Outten said, "so we

have to send them something they can take with them wherever they go. That's why pens are so perfect. Our troops can use the pens daily to communicate with family and friends. The pens don't detract from their duties, and when they come home, the pen will serve as a memento, a constant reminder to our troops of their participation in service to this country."

With all the time it takes to personally craft a pen, it would seem easier to just purchase pens, but Outten says that's not the point.

"The ones we're giving them are special," Outten said, "because someone these service members don't know cares enough about them to craft these pens. This truly is a labor of love."

The majority of the pens are being made from high quality wood: walnut, oak, teak, maple, and mahogany, among others. There will even be a select few that will be made of wood from the last Liberty Tree, which was located in Annapolis, Maryland until 1999, when it had to be cut down.

To understand how special the pens made from the last Liberty Tree are, one first has to know the history of the Liberty Trees.

According to the Oct. 16, 1999 issue of *The Baltimore Sun*, the Liberty Tree in Maryland was one of 13 trees "under which [early American] colonists plotted revolution. The trees in each colony were so powerful a symbol of freedom that the British hacked down every one they could, even burning the stump of one in Virginia."

But the Liberty Tree in Maryland survived until 1999, when it suffered extensive damage from Hurricane Floyd. Wood from that tree has been used to make a very limited number of pens, which are usually presented as gifts to American dignitaries.

Now, wood from this powerfully symbolic tree is being donated, by the American Forests' Historic Society, to make a limited number of

Freedom Pens as well.

"Pens made from the Liberty Tree wood will be handled specially," Outten said. "They will have a special engraving on them and be awarded, by the military, to special military members."

Once crafted, the pens are supposed to be wrapped in a piece of paper with the crafter's name, city and state, along with a personal sentiment for the recipient.

"We're not including our addresses because the people receiving the pens don't need to write back to us," Outten said. "We just want them to know that someone is thinking about them."

The pens are then shipped to Hampton Roads Online, a local Internet provider, located in Yorktown, run by Outten. After being received, Outten said the pens will probably be taken to a local military base, though the exact plans have yet to be finalized. From there, the military will decide how, when, and where the pens will be delivered.

While most of those involved with Freedom Pens are crafters and woodworkers, any interested individual and organization can get involved by creating pens, or helping to advertise the program and assist in funding the cost of providing pens and materials.

Since the program's goal for 2004 is to create and send 20,000 pens overseas, any donation of wood and money is greatly appreciated.

"We would like to eventually have 100,000 pens so we can put one of our pens into the hands of each service member," Outten said, "but we can't do it alone."

And it looks like they won't have to. According to Outten, pens and donations are coming in every day.

"It's absolutely wonderful," he said, "and the support is overwhelming. It's gotten to be a very big program. So much has happened in just a few days. I can't imagine what the next month will bring."

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He also urged users to delete any message that came from an unrecognized source to help aid in reducing the threat and spread of the virus.

In addition, most students have encountered few problems whether they use a

private or public computer, such as those found in the library or the McMullan computer lab.

"I know it's been spreading really fast but my virus software had been keeping it out," said Senior Mike McFarlane. "A lot of it gets filtered out so I don't get much."

While the sender and the

subject lines of the e-mails carrying the Mydoom virus might be deceiving, equally as many can be easy to identify by their large file sizes in attachment form and many students and faculty are simply using their judgment or added precaution.

Junior Kim Dodson said the e-mails usually say "Hi" or "Hello" but when you get

there it tells you the virus has been deleted."

Although it is important to keep a lookout for these messages, many individuals have found the best way to ensure protection against these and other viruses is to make sure computers are up to date with the protection features offered and available to all computer users.

Health and Wellness Services targets flu through vaccines, treatment

By Patricia Lann
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While this year's flu season has left many health-conscious Americans panicked, most CNU students still feel secure when it comes to their health.

First year student and on-campus resident Rachel Fox is not overly concerned despite the media coverage of the more than 90 U.S. deaths associated with new strains of the influenza virus.

"I don't believe that living in the residence halls really intensifies the possibility of getting sick," said Fox. "But yes, you live with more people than you used to live with so you are more aware of who's sick and what it is."

With the recently relocated University Health and Wellness Services office operating five days a week on the first floor of James River Hall, registered nurses are available to tend to students' health concerns, including \$20 flu shots, by appointment.

However, the three virus strains in the annual vaccine this year are not those causing the flu in most Americans.

The new virus strain is affecting Americans whose only defense, if any, is this vaccine consisting of the three most active strains from the previous season. Still, some protection is offered by the current vaccine.

Beginning next month, students may also choose to be seen by one of the resident physicians from Riverside Family Practice who will be intermittently seeing patients. For these visits, or visits to see the nurse practitioner, the cost is \$15.

Inevitably, students have health questions and emergencies beyond the Monday through Friday, nine to five UHWS business hours. For those late-night emergencies, a 24-hour telephone health care information service, Ask-A-Nurse, is provided by Peninsula Riverside Health System.

Flu shots are recommended for small children, people over the age of 50, people with chronic health conditions, and women who are over three months pregnant. Most college students are not included in these at-risk groups, but there are other factors that may make college students more susceptible than other adults.

Stress, a factor for all students, may weaken the immune system. Course assignments along with busy work and extracurricular schedules often cause students to become run-down.

Residence halls are known for allowing germs to move through fast, affecting many students at once. Influenza may hit residents even harder than other viruses because it can remain contagious away from the body

for up to 72 hours. Even the common cold virus only stays alive outside the body for three hours. Catching the flu directly from other individuals is also more likely with many remaining contagious up to seven days after experiencing the first symptoms.

"I have not had the flu this season. The only precaution I have taken is to avoid people who have the flu," said Fox. She is in good company. Most students choose not to bother with the vaccine, risking missing classes due to the possibility of enduring up to a week of the harsh flu symptoms.

Still, students are not oblivious to the higher risks. "The news seemed to focus heavily on the shortage of flu vaccines," said Fox. "The news has promoted the flu vaccination for many I believe."

Although many people believe that receiving the flu vaccination causes flu symptoms, this is not the case.

Third year CNU student Erin Stevenson's decision was influenced by this rumor. "My friend urged me to get a flu shot, but I heard that you can get flu symptoms from the shot and I didn't want to get sick on vacation," said Stevenson.

According to information provided by CNU UHWS, however, inactive viruses found in the annual flu vaccines cannot cause a person to get the flu. It does take up to

two weeks to actually build up immunity after receiving the vaccine. Furthermore, the vaccine does not guarantee 100 percent protection even from those virus strains accounted for within the vaccine.

The flu is characterized by head and body aches, sore throat and dry cough, fever, fatigue, and dehydration. Like the common cold, there is no cure for the flu.

"When I caught the flu I felt like I had been run over by a truck," said Stevenson. "I missed two days of classes and work."

Flu treatments suggested by CNU Health and Wellness Services include avoiding work and exercise, and drinking juice and soda while resting as much as possible. Avoiding smoking will also aid in a quicker recovery since smoke aggravates the throat and nose. Even with these precautions, a flu shot is still the best defense. The virus typically only lasts five days, so lingering symptoms should be taken seriously and reported to a doctor.

Students are urged to take advantage of the convenience of UHWS since so many on-campus residents are far from home and familiar family doctors.

"I would have gone to Health and Wellness to get a flu shot because my doctor is not here," said Stevenson. "I live over two hours from campus."

Virginia In Brief

Robber scalds clerk during crime

The suspect of a robbery at a 7-Eleven in the 700 block of Virginia Beach Blvd. threw his purchased cup of coffee onto the cashier on Jan. 29, according to a Virginia Beach Police Department press release.

The suspect threw his coffee as the cashier made change for him. He then grabbed the money from the register and ran.

The cashier suffered second and first degree burns on her neck and chest regions from the hot coffee. She was taken to Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital's Trauma Center.

The suspect is believed to be a black male aged between 18 and 25 years old, 5'5"-5'8" with a thin build, possibly weighing between 120lbs and 150lbs. He was spotted wearing a black paneled baseball cap with a design on the front and a white shirt with dark jeans. The shirt was underneath a dark jacket that contained a zippered sleeve. He was also wearing brown shoes with white soles. He was described as having some facial hair, according to the department's release.

Anyone with information regarding this man is encouraged to call Virginia Beach's Crime Solvers: 1-888-LOCK-UP.

Two men posed as FBI agents rob Fairfax man

On Feb. 1, a 43-year-old man from Bailey's Crossroads was robbed by two suspects who said that they were from the FBI, according to a Fairfax County Police news release.

The victim was walking near the intersection of Columbia Pike and Gordon Street in Fairfax when the two men approached him and told him that they were federal agents. They also told the man that they were investigating a local crime, and they needed to see some identification. The victim then pulled out his wallet and one of the suspects took the money while another stood behind the victim with a pointed object in his hand.

The two men left in a waiting aqua-colored Honda Accord. Both suspects are Hispanic and believed to be in their late 30s.

Both men were dressed in suits and ties. One suspect was believed to be 5'10" and approximately 165 lbs whereas the other was 6'1" and weighed approximately 160 lbs.

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Post Sept. 11 security tightens for major events

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within the no-fly zone.

Inside the stadium, countless measures were also in place to help secure the event.

Last week rows of metal detectors were constructed, photo identification badges were issued to all press and security personnel, and over thirty bomb-sniffing canines were working both inside the stadium and inspecting vehicles in the parking lots.

While some found the security measures to be warranted, not everyone agreed.

Junior Zac Corbet found the extra measures to be more warranted once the intelligence reports led to flight cancellations, but did not find them originally to be cause for over a million dollars in expense.

"I think it's excessive because they've had two Super Bowls since 9/11 and nothing has happened," said Corbet.

After Sept. 11, security concerns became more important both locally and nationally.

The Newport News Emergency Management department helps to monitor how the national terror threat level should be perceived locally. Over the winter holidays, Newport News officials did not raise the local threat level when the national level increased, because Hampton Roads was not a specified area of concern.

Emily Seward of NNEM said that had local levels been raised, streets surrounding many government buildings would have been barricaded and that more police officers would be patrolling all shifts.

"We start monitoring

more closely, and our police officers are more informed of what could happen," said Seward when discussing security measures for raised terror levels.

Although security for the Super Bowl has intensified since Sept. 11, most local sports and concert venues have not altered their security procedures.

CNU does not specify on the athletic web page that containers, other than alcoholic, are not permitted inside of athletic or concert events.

Chief Jeffrey Brown of campus police was unavailable for comment on event security procedures.

Although banned items include alcohol, outside food and beverage, and artificial noisemakers, the impermissible item list is much briefer at CNU than some other Virginia institutions.

Freshman Candice Cole does not agree those artificial noisemakers should be banned from CNU athletic events but supports the decision for Super Bowl security to be so increased.

"People willing to pay that much money for tickets deserve the highest levels of security," said Cole. "I believe it's good that they increased security because it shows that they are concerned about personal security." As far as CNU concerned, Cole believes that current event security measures are acceptable.

"If someone brought in a gun, then they should do something more," said Cole. "I think it's fine. With just reason they should increase it."

Junior Paul Eaton does not find current CNU event security to be acceptable.

"I would say that there

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	INDIVIDUALS	BUSINESSES	SCHOOLS
LOW	- Develop disaster plan - Create disaster kit - Make plans for your pets	- Develop written Emergency Response Plan - Develop a plan to relocate	- Develop a written Emergency Response plan - Create a communications plan
GUARDED	- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it - Store disaster supplies and replace outdated items	- Establish a dialogue with community leaders, emergency management, and utilities about disaster preparation	- Conduct safety training and emergency drills following the school's Emergency Response plan
ELEVATED	- Stock your disaster kit - Develop alternate routes to and from work or school	- Contact private security firm for security risk assessment and to determine availability for support	- Ensure that all emergency supplies are stocked and ready
HIGH	- Review your disaster plan - Exercise caution when traveling - If announced, donate blood	- Determine the need to restrict access to the business or to provide security	- Review the school's written Emergency Response Plan - Prepare to answer inquiries from parents or press
SEVERE	- Listen to TV/radio for information - Be prepared to evacuate - Adhere to travel restrictions	- Listen to TV/radio for information - Determine need to close business - Be prepared to evacuate	- Listen to TV/radio for information - Be prepared to evacuate - Close school if recommended by authorities

Information courtesy of www.homelandsecurity.gov

should be more security because it would be a very easy situation to exploit for someone looking to hurt people," said Eaton.

The University of Virginia is the most similar to the permissible items for Sunday's Super Bowl.

Both venues have policies against bags and containers larger than a small purse being allowed.

Eaton, who attended a Washington Redskins game earlier this year, wasn't too impressed by the security measures at the game.

"There really wasn't that much security at all," said Eaton. "One metal detector, no pat-downs. I remember thinking it would be fairly easy for someone to just run

in with a bomb strapped to their chest—it doesn't take a very long time for something bad to happen."

When security checks first begin on Sunday at 1p.m. fans in Houston had been advised to expect waits when carrying purses, diaper bags, or medical containers because all would have to be thoroughly searched.

Electronic devices, as common as cellular phones and "personal digital assistants" (PDAs), were not been banned from the Super Bowl, but were "thoroughly inspected," according to the Super Bowl web site. Corbet agrees that inspecting cell phones is a valid security measure at the Super Bowl. "They have cell phones

which work as guns, firing four pistol shots," said Corbet.

Although most local venues do not have procedures for inspecting devices such as cellular phones, many across the nation have introduced bans on camera phones, which pose privacy risks. Cameras with flashes are banned from athletic events in the Field House at CNU, although an explanation was not available. All camera cases and lenses measuring over six inches extended were on the list of banned items for the Super Bowl, as their size could have been practical for concealing a weapon.

Walter Vermilya, a senior on the CNU track team, finds

security policies for events in the Field House to be acceptable.

"Unless there's a problem, security should not be increased," said Vermilya. Along with many others, he found the \$1.2 million dollars in security measures acceptable for Sunday's NFL game.

"It's an open area with a large public," said Vermilya. "It seems like an easy target."

Super Bowl security has increased since Sept. 11, but it isn't reflected in most local athletic or music events.

Security patrols during events are present locally, but not to the extreme levels which some feel they should be.

Budget cuts affect Virginia public schools in different ways

News Analysis

By Erin Eudy
Contributing Writer

Young people are the future of this country, so the population wants them to become well educated, but unfortunately, education requires money that the government has been unable to supply in recent years.

With all of the budget cuts Virginia has faced, education seems to be suffering the most.

Schools are not receiving adequate funding. Consequently, high school students are not learning the skills needed to pass the SOL's, to graduate, or to go on to college.

Additionally, colleges are not receiving the funding to build new classrooms or dormitories, meaning that each year fewer students will have the opportunity to attend college.

The Alliance for Virgin-

ia's Students was formed to ensure that schools would receive proper funding and to make legislators aware of problems in Virginia Schools.

Currently, CNU is under funded by almost \$8 million, according to the Alliance web site.

Like many people, President Tribe asked in a town hall meeting of the Alliance on Nov. 12, "Is our public education system successfully preparing students for the 21st century?"

Like many Virginia colleges, CNU suffered greatly from the recent budget cuts, but because of its small size, it was hit especially hard.

"It frustrates me that each year we are paying more and more money to go to school here, and each semester, it is harder to get the classes I need because they are offering so few sections of each class," said sophomore Chris Tanner.

Mary Whiting would be a sophomore here at CNU,

but instead she is in her first year at Radford University. Like many others, she was a nursing major here who was forced to transfer schools because the nursing department closed as a result of recent budget cuts.

"It's just not as much fun here without her," said sophomore Matt Harahush. "She didn't want to leave and it makes me mad that she was forced to."

Old Dominion University also suffered from the recent budget cuts, with a 21 percent cut in funding.

This cut left the school under funded by about \$40 million a year, said ODU President Roseann Runte.

"I determined, and everyone agreed, that we would try not to cut, or cut as little as possible, the academic part of the budget as teaching and research are our top priorities," said Runte.

With careful planning, ODU was able to offer as many classes as before and did not close any depart-

ments. Unfortunately several non-credit activities were reduced or cut entirely. ODU, however, has kept most of its faculty through these hard times by fund raising, said Runte.

"I am proud of the faculty and staff and students of Old Dominion University," said Runte. "Everyone has pulled together to solve the financial problem. Everyone has made some sacrifices and everyone has worked, and is working very diligently."

According to the Alliance web site, the U.S. census determined that "Virginia ranks 13th in the nation in per capita personal income, but only 44th in state government funding for schools based on that income."

The Alliance is concerned about what is to come of Virginia education if legislators do not make it an immediate concern.

Like ODU, James Madison University in Harrisonburg is also suffering from the budget cuts.

A study conducted by the Virginia General Assembly a couple years ago determined that JMU is under funded by about \$25 million a year.

Immediately after the budget cuts implemented two years ago, JMU placed a temporary freeze on hiring, travel and equipment purchases, said President Fred Hilton.

Once they were able to increase the tuition rates, some of the freezes were lifted, according to Hilton.

Like ODU, JMU was also able to ensure that no significant layoffs were made and no departments were cut.

Hilton said that additional teachers are needed right now, but the money is just not there to hire them.

Consequently, class sizes are larger and students may have trouble enrolling in the classes they need because fewer sections are currently being offered.

"There is no doubt that some faculty members have left JMU because of the lack

of adequate salary increases," Hilton said.

Although many legislators have made education in Va. a main concern, there are many who have not.

The house representative for the Newport News area, Del. Glenn M. Order (R) signed the Alliance for Virginia's Pledge of Commitment to Virginia Schools.

According to the Alliance web site, however, Senator Marty E. Williams (R), representative of this district refused to sign the same document.

Governor Warner is concerned about the crises and is proposing possible solutions.

His current plan includes possibly raising sales tax by one cent, decreasing the food tax by 1.5 cents and also raising the cigarette tax.

Also included in his plan is a \$144 million to support higher education.

These proposals have not yet been voted on.

Mad Cow scare has little effect

By Brandon Hasky
Captain's Log Intern

When one of Washington's dairy cows was butchered last December, some of its meat had already entered the food supply before it was deemed infected with Mad Cow disease. The USDA then issued regulations that would prevent meat from an infected cow from entering the food supply again.

While the threat of eating infected meat is relatively small on the West coast, the chance of there being infected meat on the East coast seems even smaller.

On campus, there seems to be little concern.

"I haven't heard anyone talking about it," said Lauren Tenney, a sophomore who works at Discovery. According to Tenney, who is a vegan, she has not noticed a decrease in the amount of beef being sold. In fact, Tenney said students seem more "Atkins aware," ordering items with more meat than bread.

Junior Derek Newhouse, thinks the threat of Mad Cow

is being "blow out of proportion. Hamburger isn't made out of cow brains or spinal cords. I have a better chance of getting food poisoning," he said.

Senior Tina Ramsey doesn't eat cow brains, so she doesn't have anything to worry about.

"It doesn't really bother me; I don't eat meat that often. Though all this talk makes me want to try some cow brains," said Ramsey.

Mad Cow, also known as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), is a fatal, degenerative disease that affects the nervous systems of adult cows. Both can be deadly if prepared incorrectly, but if cut right they are practically safe. Yet the brains of the cow, even if cooked (which is a delicacy in many parts of the world) would still be infected; cooking has no effect on the prions. BSE is believed to be caused by infectious prions that affect the tonsils, small intestines, brain and spinal tissue of the cow.

The prions in an infected cow's brain become distorted

and begin tearing holes in the brain, which eventually kill the cow. The meat and milk of the cow is not affected by BSE.

In humans, it is believed the disease becomes a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jacob (vCJD) disease. The symptoms of vCJD begin with anxiety, depression and withdrawal. Then a severe pain in the legs develops, which is followed by the inability to walk.

After that, the infected lose their ability to talk, and die two to four years after becoming infected.

Since BSE first occurrence in 1986, there have been 155 cases of vCJD worldwide.

The USDA's new regulations help reduce the risk of another cow infected with BSE to enter the food supply. Among the new regulations are a ban on use of organs from all cows over 30 months old and restrictions on the techniques used to mechanically remove the meat from bones.

The USDA will not put its stamp of approval on meat from tested animals until the results are conclusive.

Pricey textbooks result of publishers

By Andrea Coombes
CBS MarketWatch

Visit any college campus bookstore and you'll hear the collective groan over steep textbook prices. Now students have a culprit at whom to aim their anguish.

It's the publishers, according to a report by the Public Interest Research Group, a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization.

Publishers routinely add extra materials and re-issue new editions too often, unnecessarily pushing the price of textbooks higher, according to the report.

Students spent an average of \$898 on textbooks this school year, up from about \$642 in 1997. PIRG surveyed 156 faculty, 521 students and analyzed the most widely assigned textbooks at 10 schools.

Rising prices are due in part to publishers' practice of publishing new, more expensive editions before curriculum changes warrant it, and of bundling other materials such as CD-ROMs with the books.

"Publishers are increasingly using gimmicks that inflate the prices of textbooks, including adding unnecessary bells and whistles and putting new editions on the market without making substantive content changes," said Kate Rube, PIRG's higher

education associate.

For their part, publishers claim extensive market research has shown that they provide exactly what professors seek.

"This is faculty-driven," said Judith Platt, spokeswoman with the Association of American Publishers, a trade group representing all types of book publishers.

"Publishers wouldn't be doing it if the market research didn't support it," she said. "This is what professors say they want."

The study finds otherwise, with 56 percent of faculty reporting they rarely or never use the additional course material sold with about half of textbooks. And 76 percent of faculty said new editions are justified "never" to "half the time," according to the report.

PIRG reviewed five textbooks closely to see how new editions differed from previous ones. In one instance, "Calculus: Early Transcendentals," published by Thomson Learning, the new Edition 5 published in 2003 hardly differed from the number 4, published in 1999, Rube said.

"When you compare these two books, the biggest changes are that a couple of math problems have been added and several of the sections have been rearranged. Edition 5 sells for around \$130. You can get a used copy of Edition 4 for between \$20 and \$90."

But the release of new editions often leads to a dearth of used versions of old editions, Rube said, as campus bookstores stop buying the old edition back from students.

Book publishers say a combination of factors, including high production costs and a limited market, lead to textbook prices.

"We're not talking about a mass market Harry Potter, John Grisham audience. It's limited," Platt said.

"It's simple economics. If it costs a great deal in terms of investments and time and resources and the market is by its very nature limited, it's going to be expensive."

Some have argued that limited market is really a captured market, with students having little choice when it comes to buying books, but Platt disagreed.

"There are a wealth of choices already out there," she said. "Publishers offer professors and students a wealth of choices in selecting textbooks and ancillary materials. There's a continuum of price points from the lowest stripped down editions to fully loaded textbooks."

Students unable to find low-cost options should search online, or contact the publisher directly, she said.

BASEBALL, from page 1

with landscaping, neighbors claim.

"I'm worried about what I am going to see and what I am not going to see," said Sydney Wright, a resident of 7 years.

Wright's view of the baseball park is toward left field. She is, however, unable to see the field due to the high "privacy fence" that was put in to protect baseballs from flying out of the park.

"I'd rather be able to see the field and the players rather than the back of a wooden fence," said Wright. "They could have left some of the old oak trees at least...I'm really more concerned with the landscaping."

Wright remains optimistic with CNU's project. Unlike other elderly residents, she has a young family and knows that she may move to another location in a few years.

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-Sydney Wright

Residents who had their homes torn down for the baseball field did go willingly according to Wright.

"A friend of mine received \$200,000 for her home," Wright said. "It helped her find a new home and pay off debts."

For the neighbors left behind, wondering if they will be bought out, Maggie wonders if the baseball field will devalue her home.

"They'll have to offer me much more than they did the others," she said.

The Captains' first home baseball game is Feb. 18.

The essentials for the baseball field will hopefully be complete by this date, but the community will have to wait to see what the future will bring for the completion of the ball park.

Students' show of interest affecting college entry

By Nahal Toosi

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE—It was the third or fourth time Rachel Canter filled out the same information card from George Washington University, and she almost didn't bother, thinking it would be needlessly repetitive.

But a university representative told Canter, then a student at Whitefish Bay High School, to do so anyway. "She said, 'Fill it out because we'll keep track of how many times you keep in contact with us,'" said Canter, 19, who is now a freshman at the university in Washington.

Canter didn't know this then, and in her case, it might not have made a difference, but GWU not only tracks the number of contacts it has with a student, it also uses the information during the admissions process.

Lots of universities do. It's a fairly new and controversial realm of college admissions called "demonstrated interest," where admissions officers try gauging how interested a student is in their institution before deciding whether to admit the person.

While usually not as important as grade point average or standardized test scores, demonstrated interest can serve as a critical swing factor, giving an edge to some students swimming in highly competitive, and increasingly deep, applicant pools.

A soon-to-be released survey by the National Association for College Admission Counseling tries to measure how common the practice is among admissions offices. Responding to one question, 33 percent of colleges said they consider demonstrated interest. When the survey asked schools to describe how important a factor it was, 30 percent said it was of "considerable" or "moderate" importance in the admissions process, while 26 percent said it was of "limited" importance. The organization received 595 responses to its survey.

Private universities, especially elite institutions in the Northeast, are more likely to use the factor than public schools, experts said.

"The more selective the

institution, the lower the rate of admission, and the more important data driven from demonstrated interest becomes," said Lloyd Peterson, vice president of education at College Coach, an educational consulting company in Newton, Mass.

What counts as interest? The e-mails students send to admissions officers, the tours they take on campus, the amount of literature they request and more. Thanks to special software, tracking the quantifiable information is simple. Also important are less numerical items, such as whether a student's essay focuses on the school.

A classic display of interest is applying to a school through an early decision program. Such programs are binding, meaning if a student gets in to a school, they have to go there.

"The No. 1 way we look at demonstrated interest is whether the student self-initiated an inquiry," said Nancy Monnich, a top admissions official at Beloit College. "Did the student send an e-mail, write a letter or call? If a student initiates that interest, that's a big-time factor."

At Milwaukee's Mount Mary College, "where it plays a role is probably most strongly with students who don't meet the direct admissions requirements," said Amy Dobson, dean of enrollment. "If they made the effort to come on campus, really take a look at the school, get a feel for the institution, then can reflect in an admissions essay about why she's choosing to apply here and why the characteristics make it a strong choice ... that can speak volumes."

But the whole idea of demonstrated interest—also known as demonstrable or perceived interest—has provoked plenty of anxiety in academic circles.

For one thing, some say college rankings are the true driving force behind the growing use of demonstrated interest. The method is a way of ensuring higher yield—the number of students accepted by a school who actually enroll. Yield has been a key factor considered by some outfits that rank universities.

Other concerns revolve around the effect the practice has on students.

Students from low-income households, for instance, might not be able to afford the trips to campus,

the long-distance phone calls or the e-mail access. Students attending wealthy private schools are more likely to have better counseling and more likely to be aware of demonstrated interest to begin with.

Plus, as more students catch on to the scheme, the admissions process gets more stressful and becomes more of a game.

"It rewards strategizing," said Ted O'Neill, dean of undergraduate admissions at the University of Chicago, which he said doesn't use demonstrated interest in its decisions. "Once you start to strategize, who knows what's sincere?"

Others in the field insist they are savvy enough to see through fake interest demonstrated by applicants and to take into account each student's circumstances, such as whether the student lives abroad and can't visit.

"We never will choose not to admit someone that we otherwise would admit simply because they have no demonstrated level of interest," said Steve Syverson, dean of admissions and financial aid at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis.

Yet, it's something even cynical students and their high school counselors are less willing to ignore as college admissions gets more competitive.

Carla Olle, a college adviser at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, said students are encouraged to keep in touch with prospective colleges, including sending them notices when they win awards or are on the college campus.

It's especially important for students who face deferments or are placed on waiting lists, Olle said. "I don't tell them they have to send a slipper or a shoe or a big video," she said. "Make it

reasonable."

Unreasonable interest can work against a student. Admissions officers don't like to be harassed—there's a reason so many don't list their home phone numbers.

It's one thing to send an e-mail to the admissions dean. It's another thing to enlist dozens of friends in a letter writing campaign on a student's behalf.

"Borderline inappropriate is sending the parents in on

their behalf," Dobson said.

Peterson, a former head of admissions at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., recalled a young visual artist who sent his office a large piece of plywood covered in jellybeans.

The jellybeans were maroon and white, Vassar's colors, and they spelled out, "Vassar is my No. 1 choice."

The school chose not to demonstrate its interest in her.

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World and Nation

In South Carolina, Democratic hopefuls in Clinton's shadow

By Dick Polman
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Feb. 1—Where's the next Bill Clinton? That's what they really want to know. They loved his big hugs and humble roots. They loved his great skills and human flaws. They loved that he won two elections, with a mix of smarts, swagger and Southern charm. They loved how he could quote Scripture on Sunday and play the sax after hours.

Mostly, they loved his instinctive feel for the American black experience—THEIR experience. They're only one or two generations removed from segregated South Carolina, with its shack schoolhouses and tattered textbooks, with its black-only theater balconies, with its white-supremacist "night riders." So they want to find another Democrat who understands those things.

The problem is, none of the people running in Tuesday's South Carolina presidential primary can match the master.

The mere mention of Clinton's name prompts Charleston pastor Joe Darby to sigh with pleasure and inspires embalmer Anthony Dicks to smile rapturously at the ceiling of his Columbia funeral home.

"He radiated the common person, like he was one of us," Dicks said the other night, beaming, as a young mourner sat by an open coffin out in the front parlor. "He gave me a warm feeling. Can any of these other people put all those pieces together?"

No. But black Democrats have to decide on somebody new, and do it fast. Their actions will carry great weight, because the nomination battle is still being waged—South Carolina is the first Southern state on the calendar and blacks probably will make up 40 to 50 percent of the state's electorate. So here's their dilemma:

Sen. John Kerry is now the establishment choice, and people in South Carolina—black and white—respect hierarchy and experience. Kerry is also Jim Clyburn's man, and blacks respect the local congressman who's first among equals in black

political circles.

But Kerry is also a silver-spoon Massachusetts guy who until this week hadn't courted local blacks since last summer, and he keeps making comments (which he denies later) about how it's possible to write off the South and win the presidency.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards was born here, in Seneca, the son of a mill worker, and he's staked his candidacy on winning this primary and has created a network of black supporters. But skeptics abound, and that's not a great sign.

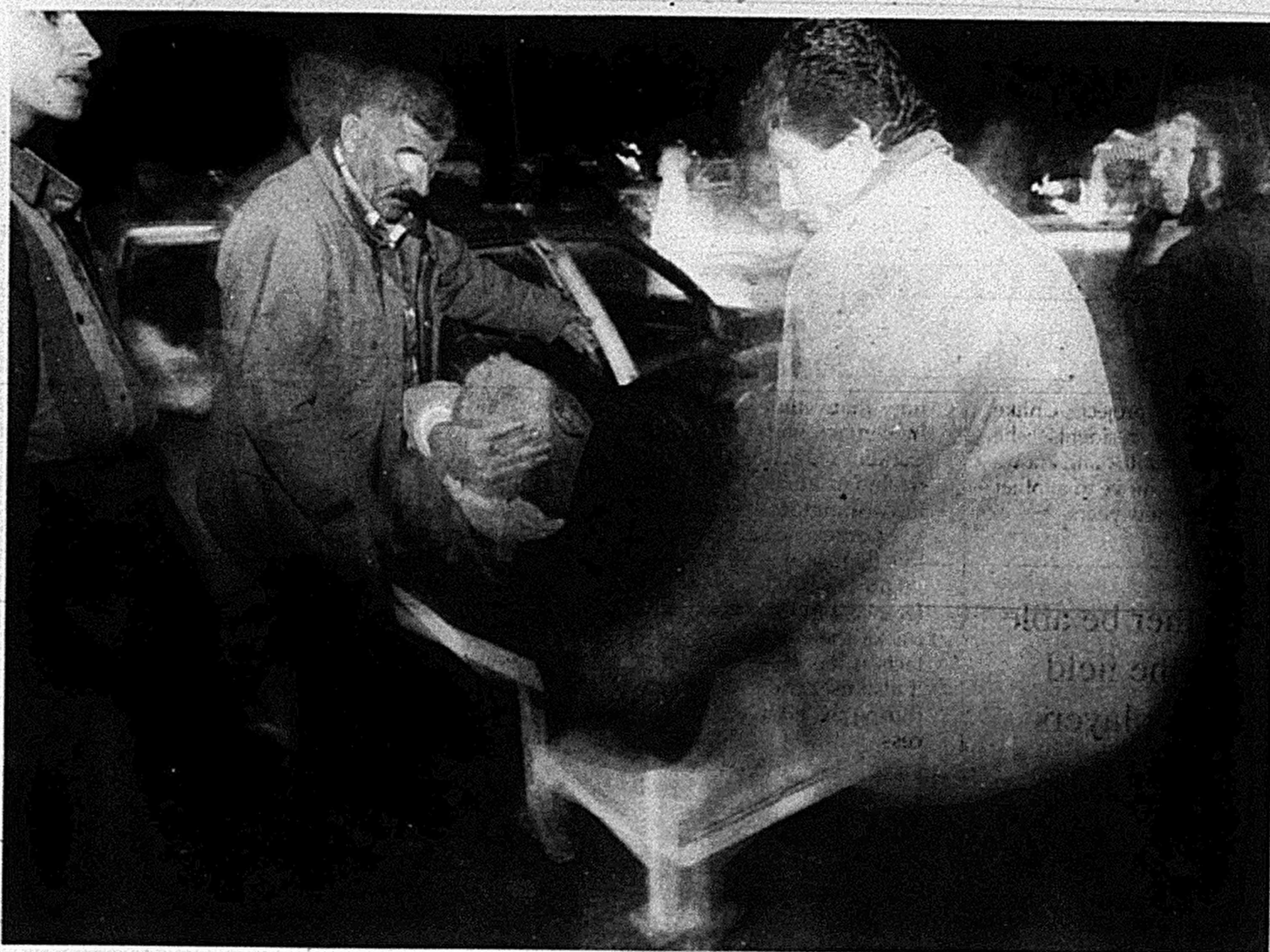
Jacquetta Jones, a medical researcher in Charleston, wrinkled her nose the other night and said: "I'm still trying to figure out what he's made of. A first-term senator like him? He's got to cut his teeth a little bit more, get more experiences."

The Rev. Al Sharpton is a symbolic favorite only for those voters who want to send a message to the Democrats about not taking blacks for granted, retired Gen. Wesley Clark is rarely mentioned and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean ... well, it's interesting about him. Blacks here discuss him with fascination, much the way people still talk about how the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage.

Dicks said: "That outburst of his, and the way he comes off—well, here's how he looks to me: I deal all the time with grieving families, but no matter how emotional people can get, I am always looking for somebody to take the lead and stay on an even keel. That's what you want to see in any leader, an even keel. Whereas, to me, Kerry seems to have that."

Kerry is tempting a lot of black voters, even though he can't do the full Clinton bear hug.

They see the TV coverage about his Iowa and New Hampshire wins, they see his TV ad about Vietnam and they know that Clyburn is lauding his "resume" and "experience." Blacks here are fiercely critical of the war in Iraq—three young graduates of the heavily black Orangeburg High School have been killed there—but even those who know about Kerry's vote favoring the war resolution don't fault him for it.



A man, wounded at the scene of a suicide bombing in Irbil, Iraq, on Feb. 1, is wheeled out of Al Jumhuri Hospital to be transferred to another hospital by relatives.

Dozens killed in suicide bombings targeting Kurdish offices in Irbil

By Tom Lasser
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Feb. 1—In one of the deadliest days of post-war Iraq, two men walked into Kurdish political offices Sunday morning with explosives strapped to their bodies and, a few minutes apart and on different sides of town, killed at least 60 people—and possibly more than 100—and injured some 240, according to hospital and government officials.

Among the dead were the governor and vice governor of Irbil, according to a spokesman for the region's ministry of information. Sami Abdil Rahman, the region's deputy prime minister, and several other key Kurdish politicians died in the bombings.

Nearby hospitals were crammed with corpses and the screaming wounded. Men, women and children had been blown to pieces in this predominantly Kurdish town in northern Iraq.

The attacks threaten to inflame simmering ethnic tension among Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen in the north over how power will be divided in postwar Iraq and could strengthen separatist political sentiment.

Irbil is home to the Kurdish parliament, made up of the Kurdish Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, whose offices were destroyed in the blasts. The two factions oversee most of northern Iraq and are strong allies of the U.S.-led coalition.

L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, released a statement expressing outrage over what he called "a cowardly attack on innocent human beings as well as on the very principle of democratic pluralism in Iraq."

Hamin Othman, a spokesman for the ministry of information, said that the official numbers as of late Sunday night were more than 60 dead and about 240 wounded. He said he

expected those figures to increase substantially as more reports came in and workers continued removing bodies from the blast sites.

Akram Mohammad, an administrator at one of the city's biggest hospitals, said that he counted at least 45 dead and more than 150 wounded in his hospital alone. After speaking with other officials across Irbil, he said he thought there were easily more than 100 killed in all.

"One of the victims I spoke with said he was watching a little girl handing out candy, you know, little pieces of gum, and then everything exploded and there was blood all over," Mohammad said.

The blasts came on the Muslim calendar's most holy of days, Eid al Adha, the Feast of the Sacrifice, which commemorates Abraham's willingness to obey God by sacrificing his son.

The local TV news station reported that the two attackers dressed as Muslim

clerics.

Video footage of the KDP and PUK offices showed drop ceilings ripped apart, a strand of prayer beads lying in blood, furniture crushed and mangled, and rubble lying where walls once stood.

Reporters were barred from the sites and from entering hospitals, but workers at the ministry of information showed video footage of the rows and rows of dead and wounded. The men and women in the dingy beds stared up at the ceiling, their faces bandaged and caked with blood.

Khalid Kareem stood outside one of the city's hospitals late Sunday night, looking dazed. His cousin was inside with severe head wounds and probably wouldn't make it to the morning, he said.

"The violence is everywhere," he said. "It's in the south of Iraq, the middle of Iraq and the north of Iraq. Whoever is doing this wants to destroy the country."

Bush's budget boosts military and security spending, deficit

By Ron Huteson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Feb. 2—President Bush on Monday sent Congress a \$2.4 trillion federal budget that would boost spending for defense and homeland security, squeeze domestic programs and reduce the record 2004 deficit.

The fiscal 2005 budget leaves no doubt about Bush's priorities as he seeks a second White House term. It calls for a 10 percent increase for homeland security, a 7 percent boost for defense and would slash spending for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Agriculture Department and the Transportation Department.

Despite pressure to reduce the deficit further, the proposal includes a mix of new or expanded tax cuts in the name of sustaining economic recovery. But simply making permanent the tax cuts already enacted, as the president requests, would reduce federal revenue by \$936 billion over the next 10 years, according to White House budget experts.

"We will continue to provide whatever it takes to de-

fend our country," Bush said in his annual budget message to lawmakers.

Congressional Democrats declared the spending plan dead on arrival and ridiculed the president's promise to cut this year's record \$521 billion deficit in half within five years. The 2005 budget projects a deficit of \$364 billion. The budget submission set the stage for a bitter election-year struggle over spending priorities and the direction of the country.

Bush's pledge to rein in domestic spending is likely to be tested by lawmakers eager to fund popular programs—from health research to highway projects—before they too face the voters in November.

Yet Democrats still blasted the president as a big spender. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, said the federal government would spend \$991,000 more per minute than it takes in under Bush's plan.

"This president is running us right over the fiscal cliff," Conrad said. "The president says he wants to go to Mars. He's taken the deficit to the moon."

Even some Republicans questioned the president's plan for slashing the deficit.

"The numbers simply do not add up," said Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The budget didn't include any new funding for military operations in Afghanistan or Iraq, but administration officials acknowledged that Bush is likely to ask Congress for as much as \$50 billion more in a separate budget request sometime after the November election.

The president wants Congress to permanently extend tax cuts that are scheduled to expire at the end of 2010 and expand tax breaks for various savings accounts and charitable contributions. The budget also would offer temporary relief in 2005 for middle-class taxpayers who fall under the alternative minimum tax, a provision in tax law that's intended to make sure that wealthy taxpayers with extensive deductions pay at least some taxes.

Critics called the tax reductions a time bomb set to explode just as the baby boom generation reaches retirement

age.

"The really jarring thing is where his plan takes us after the next five years," Conrad said. "The deficits go into hyperspace."

Bush expressed confidence that he can meet his deficit-reduction goals with help from an improving economy and spending restraint in Congress. He urged Congress to impose new spending limits that would require offsetting cuts for any future spending increases.

"We went through a recession, we were attacked and we're fighting a war," Bush told reporters after a Cabinet meeting at the White House. "These are high hurdles for a budget and for a country to overcome, and yet we've overcome them."

Programs unrelated to defense and homeland security would get an overall spending increase of 0.5 percent in Bush's budget, but the money would be allocated unevenly.

Administration officials said the president targeted 65 programs for outright elimination, but they didn't provide a list. Agencies targeted for cuts include the Justice Department, down by 3.1 percent; the

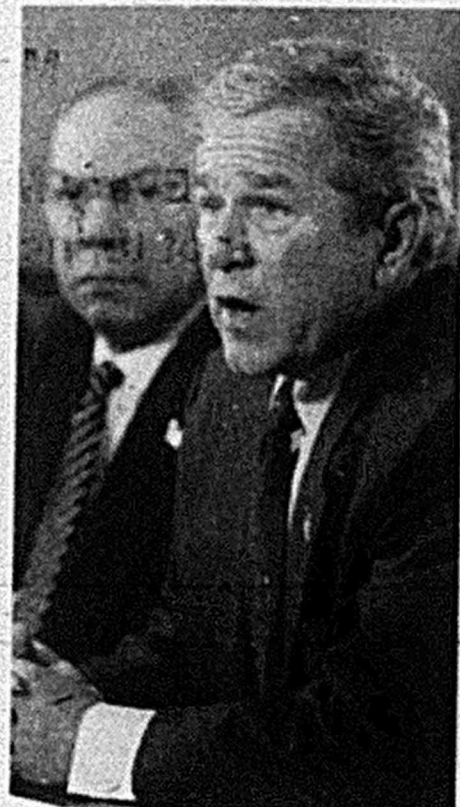
Transportation Department, down 3.9 percent; the Small Business Administration, 10.4 percent; and the Army Corps of Engineers, 13.1 percent.

The winners include the Education Department, up 3 percent; the State Department, up 10.7 percent; and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, up 2.8 percent.

Bush also favored his top priorities within each agency. In contrast to the overall cut to the Justice Department budget, within it the FBI would get an 11 percent increase to help fight terrorists. The law enforcement agency hopes to add 211 agents to investigate terrorism.

Members of Congress from both parties signaled that they weren't about to rubber-stamp Bush's budget, even in areas dealing with defense and homeland security.

"When you have troops in the field, you support the troops so you can complete the mission," said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee and a senior member of the Armed Services Committee. "But I am not writing a blank check."



President George W. Bush flanked by Sec. of State Colin Powell and Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaking to reporters following a meeting with his cabinet members. Bush submitted a 2.4-trillion-dollar election-year budget, boosting military spending seven percent but vowing to slash a record \$21-billion deficit.

Opinions

Where We Stand

Tune in to your fees this week

With WCNU going back on the air, there's no denying that that's a positive thing: more media on campus, and more programming on campus. Starting this week, people will be able to tune in to "a more professional station," as WCNU President Beth Atkins describes it.

Professionalism, in fact, is probably one of the reasons why WCNU has been off the air over the last year, to say the least. Students have been waiting as their fees have paid for a couple thousand dollars in office equipment.

But we feel the station is now in the hands of a good, ethical group of people that has worked hard to get on the air.

It's now our job to show that we still want an Internet-based broadcast station. Students more than anyone should tune in to where their money is going.

When they build it, they will come

If you've been behind the campus lately on Moore's Lane, you may have noticed the new baseball diamond. At some point this month, the Captains' baseball squad should be able to play some backyard ball.

While local residents on Fairway Lane may disagree with their houses becoming potential targets for fly balls; and while others wish there wasn't a "privacy fence" blocking the view of the field; and while others feel they didn't really have much input with the construction deal—let's take a look at some of the benefits of having a field.

Without a doubt, the baseball team definitely deserves one. Last year, the team finished second in the Division III College World Series. It finished with the best record in the South Region, and, in 2002, the team finished third in the series. According to the Coach's Poll, CNU is ranked third in the nation for this season.

With a consistent, successful performance, CNU is bound to draw more fans and advertisers who will fill the outer fences. This will continue to be an investment for the university.

Plus, those on Fairway Lane were given spring season tickets.

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Letters to the Editor

In responding to Danny Devlin's editorial, "Gay Couples Deserve Marriage," there are a number of points the CNU Young Constitutionalists would like to address. It could be argued that both parties are solidly against gay marriage. Neither the Republican Party nor even Bill Clinton can be counted on to support it. After all, Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996.

The Defense of Marriage Act was supported by huge majorities in both houses and by both parties. It passed 342-67 in the House and 85-14 in the Senate. Six of the House sponsors were Republican and two were Democrats (Harold Volkmer, and Ike Skelton). Simply stated, the DOMA provides that states are not required to recognize marriages from other states. Also, marriage is defined, for federal legal purposes, as being between a man and a woman.

Although the CNU Young Constitutionalists oppose President Bush on many fronts, I find many of the attacks against his anti-gay "marriage" stance to be ill founded. For instance, it has been suggested that his stand against gay marriage is part of his "faith-based initiatives." This charge is confusing, to say the least; there is little connection between allowing Christian charities to bid on government contracts and allowing homosexuals to marry. Some have accused Bush of being a religious zealot. This is a bit of hyperbole. After

all, America is a very religious nation, and it follows that our leaders would reflect our values. Certainly, though, the conflict over gay marriage is not between fundamentalist Christians and everyone else.

Watching CNN you may think so, though. From the way the many in the press cover the issue, one would think that the Democratic Party is scrambling to legalize gay marriage from sea to shining sea. However, the state of Vermont and the Massachusetts Supreme Court hardly represent a cross-section the Democratic Party, much less America.

Marriage is not a fundamental right; states may define the conditions for marriage as they see fit. In most states, a marriage requires one man and one woman. The 14th Amendment guarantees "equal protection of the laws," but this does not guarantee special rights to people with special desires. Some religions allow polygamy, but anti-polygamy statutes apply to all people. Neither is consent of adults an over-riding concern establishing Constitutional protection. Incestuous marriages are not allowed in the United States, even though consenting adults may wish to marry close relatives.

Clearly, with strong, bipartisan support for measures like the DOMA, traditional marriage seems to be in no serious danger; at least not in the United States. If anything, the issue is moot. After all, nobody is banning cohabitation. Right or wrong, most states simply don't enforce sodomy laws

any more rigorously than adultery laws.

One point made by Devlin was that *Lawrence v. Texas* actually reversed an anti-sodomy statute. This seems to be a tangential point, at best. After all, marriage is much more than sex, and there was nothing in the majority or concurring opinions that extended the legal reasoning in *Lawrence* to apply to gay marriage.

Devlin states that the institution of marriage is failing and tries to use the current problems associated with marriage to further his argument. However, he ignores one reason why marriage is in such a mess. The very same forces pushing gay marriage today are the same forces that pushed the destructive "sexual revolution" of the 1960s and 1970s, which undermined modern marriage.

The Young Constitutionalists are against same-sex "marriages" because marriage between one man and one woman is the only union capable of sustaining a healthy family. Also, the Young Constitutionalists are committed to fighting against any attempts to redefine marriage, which includes activism on and off of our campus. One of our goals for this semester is to educate the CNU community about why homosexual "marriage" is neither guaranteed by the Constitution, nor a good policy for America.

-Peter Mains
CNU Young Constitutionalists

Josh Dermer's editorial "The Remorseful Daughter" (Captain's Log, Jan. 21), was at most a shoddy attempt to distort statistics and facts and therefore a misguided effort to play into the emotions of pro-life advocates as well as the segment of our population undecided on the issue of abortion. With such a divisive subject, I write this response not in an effort to change anyone's mind on the topic (I think it highly unlikely that any effort, even one as far fetched as Dermer's has the influence to change a mind on such a personal matter), but to only try and rectify the "facts" that were presented in the earlier writing.

Dermer begins his editorial writing about Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff behind *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court case from 1973. While it is true that McCorvey has had a personal change of heart after converting to Catholicism and now believes that abortion is wrong, it does not change the fact that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a woman's right to choose. The person standing in the position of plaintiff is irrelevant; it is the impact and social change that the decision brought about that is important. It is also important to point out that when McCorvey requested *Roe v. Wade* be reconsidered and overturned, she was promptly turned down by the Federal Courts. Dermer also points out that she was supported by "dozens" of women at a press conference when she announced her change in attitude. Obviously, he does not write about the thousands of women who have made the choice to have an abortion and are at peace with their decision and have moved on with their lives.

Dermer then declares that "50 percent of women who have had an abortion experience nightmares, suicidal thoughts, and an inability to develop healthy relationships, which leads to a life of alcohol and drugs for most." Funny, he does not state where this statistic comes from. According to the American Psychological Association, a major longitudinal survey conducted about post-abortive syndrome (PAS)

was unable to detect any evidence of PAS being a serious problem. Also the Journal of the American Medical Association points to PAS as being a "rare post-abortion phenomenon." Unfortunately for the pro-life advocates one of their own was even forced to speak against them on this topic. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, a famous opponent on abortion, was asked by Ronald Reagan to study the problem. Koop testified before a Congressional committee that the risk of significant emotional problems was "miniscule."

The editorial continues with an attempt to link abortion and breast cancer, making the assertion that 28 of 37 worldwide studies have made this link since 1957. The general problem with this statement is where the information has been gathered for this article. Consulting pro-life Web sites will of course offer this information to you while at the same time failing to tell you that just as many studies have found no link between breast cancer and abortion. Most people who make this "link" use the science that says if you are never pregnant you have a greater chance of breast cancer, so in turn, if you have an abortion you are losing the protection that comes with having a child. An abortion does not give you a higher risk; simply not having a child at all comes with a small increased risk. While the author points out that 28 of 37 studies found a "link," he fails to mention that the same number of studies have found there to be no link in the same time period. The only study that he mentions by name is one done by Howard University. At the same time studies by the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, and the National Breast Cancer Coalition have all concluded that a link between the two does not exist. With no disrespect to the researchers at Howard University, I would tend to have more faith in studies done by the latter group of institutions.

The editorial also mentions money as a reason that women are not warned about this "link" that is dangerous to their health. He asserts that Planned Parenthood will lose money if women choose life. Planned Parenthood Federation of America is a non-profit organization. Their ultimate goal is not

financial; it is strictly to fight for the fundamental right of each individual to have responsibility for their own fertility. The author also expresses his dissatisfaction that taxpayers' dollars are spent to support Planned Parenthood. The organization does much more than simply provide abortions which may be the key reason why a Republican Congress and President Bush approved funding for the 02-03 fiscal year.

The author also brings up the Washington Times poll from 2003 which says that 51 percent of women consider themselves pro-life. A survey of 1,000 women, which has a 3 percent margin of error, is not exactly overwhelming support for either position. I will agree with one statement that the author makes. "Women are certainly capable of thinking for themselves..." While the author contends this means that women do not need groups such as the National Organization for Women to speak for them, I would argue that women also do not need far right-wing groups such as the Constitution Party making decisions about their own bodies for them. After looking at the Constitution Party Web site, I find it interesting that you obviously oppose abortion, you also oppose any type of "abortifacients" meaning birth control. Should a woman find herself in a position where there is a pregnancy and there is no way that she can support a child at that time, you also oppose welfare. What choice do you leave women?

Norma McCorvey regrets her decision to have an abortion. As a fellow woman, I sympathize with her in respect to being in a position where she had to make a very hard decision. However, that does not change the fact that *Roe v. Wade* and the right to choice for women in this country goes much deeper than one woman. In fact, it goes to the heart of our society, founded in the rights of the individual. For this reason, you can consider me one of America's grateful daughters.

-Kimberly Karnes
Young Democrats

Correction

In "Parking still available despite freshmen cars" [Jan. 21, 2004], the article said that the parking garage has been planned to be ready on May 6, 2004, not April 2004. The article did not mention that, under the discretion of the university, parking would be available in April once S.B. Ballard finishes construction in May.

Arts and Entertainment

Henry Rollins performs at NorVa

Master of the spoken word, Rollins entertains and educates

By Jon Allegretto
Captain's Log Intern

Henry Rollins is a man who has never been at a loss for words.

Best known as the stalky, tattooed front man for the legendary punk rockers Black Flag as well as the Rollins Band, Henry has always had something to say when it comes to just about everything.

Aside from the extensive library of albums he has contributed to, he has also found great success in his ventures outside of music.

He has written over a dozen books, owns and operates his own publishing company, 2.13.61 Publications, and has co-starred in many popular films including "Heat," "The Chase," and the soon to be released "Bad Boys II."

Perhaps his most creative outlet for relaying his thoughts and opinions comes out when Rollins performs his spoken word shows.

Since he began in the mid 1980s, these talking shows have evolved from the random thoughts of a very angry young man to those of an intellectual speaker with a comedic edge.

During these shows, no topic is taboo and subject matters range from social, political and personal to the downright odd. But where Rollins differs from many with a soapbox is his unique way of mixing all these elements together with his own special brand of humor and his gift for illustration to his listeners.

Rollins's performance Jan. 27 at the NorVa in Norfolk hinted that Rollins might be settling things down a bit – that is, in terms of that mean streak he's been known for so long.

Wearing a faded purple T-shirt with a silhouette of a donkey (and its alternate name), Rollins established before any speaking began his position on the otherwise vacant stage, as he has never been one to shy away from criticizing even himself.

Even so, it only took the first person hollering from the crowd for Rollins to also establish his place in another way. Looking straight at the man in the crowd, he said, "Okay, lets get this straight right now. This is a non-interactive kind of thing. You are just supposed to sit there and dig me or don't."

With the microphone cable wrapped around his left hand in trademark fashion, Rollins started his vocal workout by reminding everyone that although the snow on the ground might be an inconvenience, that it's also good for saving gas in your vehicle.

"You just have to punch it a little, hit the breaks and sail all the way," he said, "but that way kills people."

The earlier portion of the show mostly tackled political issues. Rollins spoke about the tics of President Bush and the facial expressions he makes by saying, "When he's learned a new term, and it's usually two or three minutes before a speech, he gets this look on his face like he

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Demonstrating his agility, Andy Webb break-danced to Linkin Park's "Nobody's Listening" at Showtime at CNU. Altered Xpressions performed as a group, with sections of their routine dedicated to the individuals. Sponsored by MSA, Showtime at CNU was hosted in Gaines Theater and was modeled after Showtime at the Apollo. Six contestants competed for a \$100 cash prize, and a panel of judges determined the winner. Contestants were judged by the audience, who either booed or cheered based on the performance. Participants wowed the audience with rapping and singing, guitar playing jump-roping, and break-dancing. After an hour, all contestants returned to the stage and the winner, sophomore April Feciura, was announced.

'Monster Monday' Helps Revitalize Fading Discovery Channel

By Jonathan Page
Contributing Writer

What father can lovingly tell his son, "Every time you screw up s***, ill smash you in the head with something"? Only Paul Teutul Sr., of the hit show "American Chopper," can. "American Chopper," along with "Monster House" and "Monster Garage," make up the "Monster Monday" lineup on the Discovery Channel (channel 58 on campus), which is destroying the traditional views of the once-lame network. All three shows take something traditional and boring and customize it.

On "Monster House," five builders and the show's host have five days to remodel one house. However, they also have to "monsterize" it by add-

ing non-traditional aspects to the house. Freshman Ashley Forish describes the show as "a man's version of 'Trading Spaces.'" If the crew finishes the project in the five days time, they win over \$3,000 in tools for their personal use. If the crew fails, they go home with nothing, and a backup expert crew comes in to tie up the loose ends. "Monster Garage" has the same sort of concept. The only twist is the crew has seven days to complete their project instead of five. Additionally, the crews on "Garage" work with cars instead of homes.

"It's more creative than a normal car show," said freshman Jeffrey Mason. "It gives a whole new twist on the construction of a vehicle."

On "American Chopper," the focus is also on completion of the project

at hand. However, every episode has the same crew, the Teutul clan, and there is no prize for finishing other than the satisfaction of being done. The crew fabricates custom "chopper-style" motorcycles on the show. The headman, Paul Teutul Sr., works with his two sons, Paul Jr. and Mikey, in a tougher manner than most parents.

The ideas that these shows come up with range from insane to insane. In the past, "Monster House" created homes in the form of a racecar, a medieval castle and a Nicaraguan hacienda. "Monster Garage" most recently transformed a Toyota Celica into a jet car, complete with a Rolls-Royce jet engine replacing the trunk. "I like it; it's like Spartacus," the show's host, Jesse James, said of the car on that episode.

"American Chopper" has manufactured several custom bikes including tribute bikes for the firefighters who died in the 9-11 tragedy, and the soldiers who died in the Vietnam War.

Thanks to the success of these shows, the perspective of the Discovery Channel has changed somewhat. Although the programming on the Discovery Channel does center on wild animals, the humans are the animals instead of the jungle dwellers of the past. With the help of "Monster Monday" lineup, and characters such as "Monster House" host Steve Watson, "Garage" host James, and the entire Teutul clan, the Discovery Channel is stepping from the lowlight of the lame to the limelight of the insane, and there are no complaints about that here.

Second St. offers quiet but typical experience

By Channele Layman
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Enter Second St. Restaurant and Tavern and be welcomed by a relaxing, comfortable environment.

While waiting to be seated, pass the time crunching complimentary peanuts and tossing the shells to the floor, until you're party is called.

With its dark walls and low lighting, Second Street's atmosphere is best classified as subdued.

In the front, a sports bar adds the dull noise of a football or basketball game to the restaurant.

The sit-down section is accompanied with low-key music and laughter from surrounding tables.

The overall effect is a relaxed environment, suitable for sports fans, couples, and especially large groups.

Low backed booths, with oversized tables can easily fit six people and ample floor space allows tables to shift easily.

This spacious seating, however, is slightly distancing for a couple. In addition, the wide spaces can cause customers to feel exposed to other parties.

Service continues the relaxed feel of Second St. While friendly and polite, the wait staff is also at ease with the customers.

In addition, the food arrives

quickly and glasses are never empty.

Food selection includes traditional American dishes, adding to the feeling of comfort with well-known choices. Sandwiches, burgers, wraps and ribs are found on the menu, as well as a "Comfort Corner" section, featuring steaks, seafood and chicken plates.

Instead of the regular dishes, sample a "Street Specialty" like "The Rib-eye Steak" or Baja Chicken Pasta.

Regardless of your choice, you can count on an oversized serving of food



While similar to Applebee's or other chain restaurants, Second St. offers a more relaxed dining atmosphere.

made just like your Mom does.

Finish your meal off with a dessert from the Second St. Sweet Endings, a selection of unique, tasty treats.

Prices are fair for the amount of food and the taste. Ranging from \$3 salads to \$16 seafood and steak, prices are reasonable and certainly affordable for students.

The final question is—is it worth it for CNU students?

All things considered, Second St. does nothing to distinguish itself from Applebee's, Topeka's, or any other American chain restaurant.

A few food choices might be unique to Second St., but for the most part, you can expect a typical meal from a typical American restaurant. This restaurant's attraction lies in the relaxing, quiet environment.

As a local restaurant, Second St. offers a good atmosphere for the surrounding community to sit back and take a break.

For CNU students seeking a less-known and less chaotic restaurant, Second St. is an excellent choice.

For those interested, Second St. is located at 115 Arthur Way, Kiln Creek Shopping Center, Newport News, Virginia, 23602.

They can be reached at 757-872-7887 for take-out orders, but they are approximately 20 minutes away from campus, so eating-in is a option.

Second St. is open from 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

Second St. also has a location in Williamsburg and can be accessed via the Internet at www.secondst.com.

On the finger-lickin' good scale, Second St. Restaurant and tavern receives 3 out of 5 fingers.

The week in review, sort of

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Columnist

Apparently, it snowed here last weekend. I say apparently because I was snowed in three hours away, and I really think y'all just stole snow from up north and put it on the roads here to get out of class.

Congratulations though; it worked. I was rather jealous of everyone who was able to stay-up late Sunday night having snowball fights and avoiding three weeks of homework that needed to be done.

My group of friends managed to follow what is becoming tradition: breaking a part on someone's car and causing someone else bodily harm, all during a snowball fight.

By the time I made it back on Tuesday, my third class of the day had just ended and my car looked like I'd taken it mud bogging. Actually, I did take it mud bogging. What other choice do I have when driving through the gravel eastside lot?

I'm just as guilty as everyone else, but I love that we all complain about things we don't have to do—like paying parking tickets when we're too lazy to read the rules. Or the fact that so many people complain about how uneven and muddy the walk around Ratcliffe is...when we're not supposed to walking there.

It's sort of like skipping class. I'll admit, I skipped more class my freshman and sophomore years than most people do in college.

Then someone pointed out to me I was paying \$11,000 to do nothing. Pretty ridiculous, don't you think? I mean, my professors get paid whether I show up to class or not, but then I have to pay more money to stay here longer.

Which reminds me: the other day I told an underclassman that I was a senior, and she decided that meant I was old. I know...crazy people who graduate on time, we're such freaks.

Speaking of which, seniors—did you know we have to pay another \$100 to graduate? I'm sure other schools do this, but it seems logical that out of the almost \$50,000 I've given this place, they'd let me graduate for free.

This week they decided to close Channele's as part of the "expansion project", which doesn't really make sense.

Channele's has helped many of us expand our waist-lines in college. I think they meant to call it the "shrinking project"—in an effort to make CNU students more attractive, the campus late-night pizza place has been relocated so the freshman 15 will become a ghost of the past—or something like that.

Maybe CNU was referring to our wallets, since Channele's has many a time ravaged mine.

On a positive note, though, it is now less than a month until Spring Break. If I liked exclamation points, there'd be three behind that sentence, but they scare me.

By this time next month I will be sitting on the beach in front of my free beach condo (thanks roommate) sipping margaritas...to stay warm, because there is still snow on the ground when we have Spring Break. Oh well—more snowball fights it is.

Singer/Songwriter Rob Gonzalez performs in Gaines Theater

Student Life hosts spring semester's third performer

By Michael Hilleary
Contributing Writer

At 5 a.m. Thursday morning, in his rush to get ready and make his flight from Milwaukee, Wis., to Newport News, Va., singer/songwriter Rob Gonzalez forgot something.

Though he arrived at CNU's Gaines Theatre on time, looking rather professional with his face cleanly shaved and wearing a blue button-up shirt and dark slacks for his performance, the pianist had somehow managed to forget his socks.

"It's all right," said Gonzalez before going on stage. "Everyone will laugh and it'll be funny. It's actually the second time I've done it so I know people will laugh."

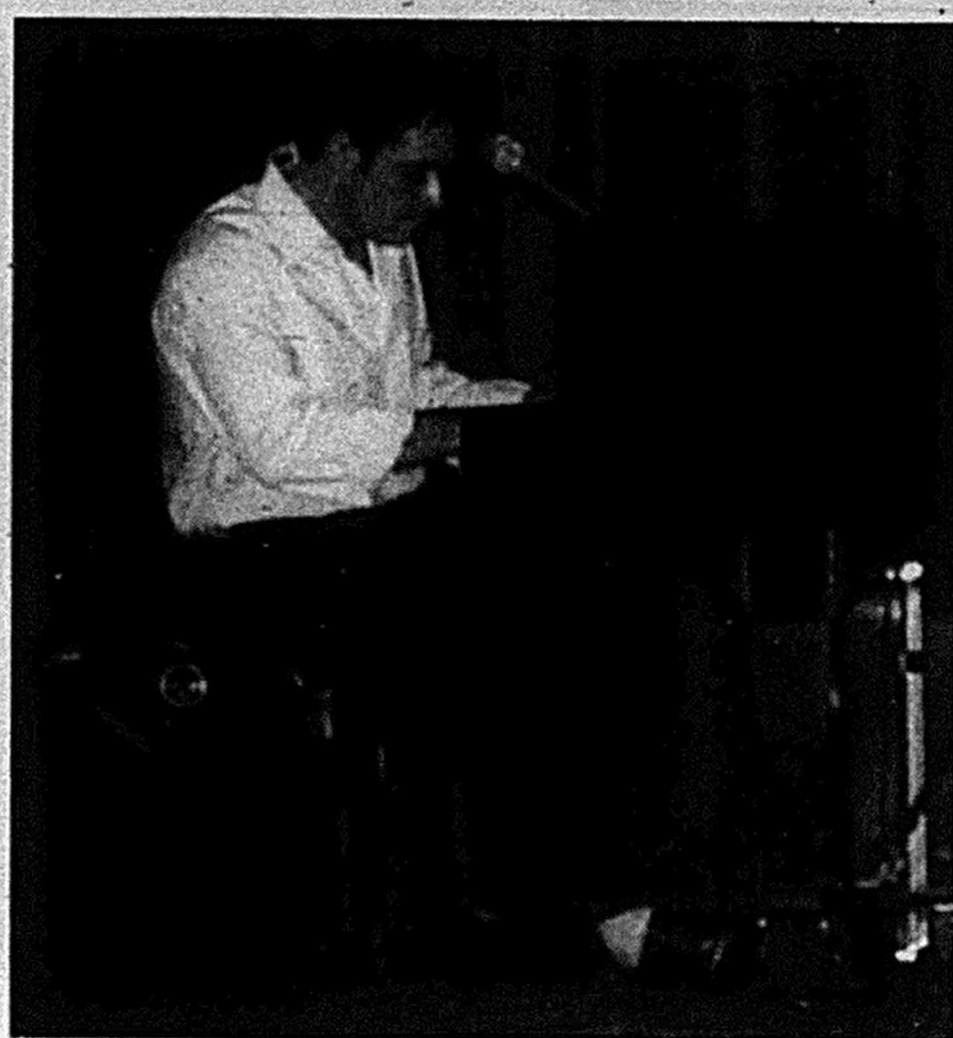
Though not apparent at the time, this would be merely the beginning of Gonzalez's unique sense of humor. At least twice during his performance, he interrupted his songs just to make

a joke, only to casually continue right where he left off as if nothing had happened. He often launched into the intro of Genesis's "That's All" with nothing more than the intent of being foolish and easing any tension in the crowd, once telling them that they should all get naked and start a riot.

It is this loose approach to the stage that has been making Gonzalez one of the fastest rising college performers in the nation.

"Really I try to make people feel that where they are at that moment and time, that there's no place they'd rather be than that moment," said Gonzalez. "That's the ultimate goal, you know, to have the audience—even if it's subconsciously—thinking 'wow.' They're really in the moment, they're really happy, and in the now. And that's a pretty awesome thing if you can pull that off."

Originally from Wawatosa, Wis., Gonzalez obtained an attraction to the piano when he was very young and studied jazz and blues. By the time he was 19, he was already making small amounts of money with his own professional gigs. Gonzalez soon began writing his own songs, eventually



Rob Gonzalez engages and entertains his audience using a blend of musical talent and humor.

getting radio time with the success of his third album's single, "I'll Get To You (Somehow)."

Now at 34, Gonzalez has recently been promoting his fourth self-released album, "The Rush From Your Touch," and gained the attention of audiences from all across the country.

Gonzalez attributes

much of this recent success to the fact that people are almost purposefully looking for his type of act.

"Today more than ever it's incredibly unique because no one [is playing the piano], especially for male singers," said Gonzalez. "I mean when you think of the new young crop of performers there's no one—no guy—

who's the equivalent of like a Norah Jones. I mean there are a million singer/guitar players out there right now: John Mayer, Jason Mraz ... it just goes on and on and on. But there really aren't any male singer piano players."

Things have been going so well in fact that the National Association of Campus Activities—an organization that serves as a link between colleges that need entertainment and performers looking for shows—has recently given Gonzalez more main stage showcases at its conferences than any other solo, musical performer in the U.S.

Of the national conference he'll be attending next month, Gonzalez said, "Only 29 performers are picked for the main stage out of say, 1,500 that applied and tried to get in. And out of those 29, say only less than half play music, and out of those half are bands. So me being a solo guy on the main stage at nationals is a pretty big deal."

If all goes well, Gonzalez could be looking at a gaining 150 additional shows for the year, as well as the possible attention of some major record labels.

"If I could sit in a studio

for six months and actually take my time and come up with something and the equipment was top notch and the producer knew what he was doing, it makes you wonder what I could accomplish," Gonzalez said.

"I look forward to that. That's the argument for getting a record deal because those labels have those tools. They have those producers. They have those studios. They have the funding to put that project together. There's a chance once when things really take off with the college circuit, that I can do that, that I can actually put together a project like that."

For now, despite liking to keep his sense of humor about things, Gonzalez is simply enjoying the fact that he's finally being taken seriously as an artist.

"The thing about music is it's either all or nothing," said Gonzalez. "You go through a stretch where you make a lot of money and then you'll make no money. I struggled for a good 10 years. Ten years of times when I didn't have enough money to take a cab home from a gig. After this spring tour and after this year [though], things are going to be different."

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wants everyone to congratulate him. Like we should say 'At-a-boy!'

He also covered some of the major highlights of his experience working for the USO in the Middle East, including a hysterical story about soldiers asking Rollins, an advocate of peace, to sign their bomb.

The show grew increasingly funnier as the night went on as Rollins spoke on subjects far too many to name.

At one point he mentioned that he had just ended a 6-year relationship with musician Sheryl Crow, only to inform the crowd through his elaborate storytelling that it was just a stalking obsession, as she was never interested.

Quoting popular love songs along the way, Rollins said, "But I had to hold the line because love isn't always on time."

To end the evening, he mentioned an afternoon at his California home when he caught a man trying to break into his house. Walking up to the window, Rollins asked the man what he was doing. The man had no straight answer to give, so Rollins said to him, "You are breaking into my house because you are a burglar." The audience then erupted in laughter.

He went on to say that the man came to his sliding glass door asking Rollins to let him in.

Rollins told him to go home and the man ran down the street only to have a "COPS" style chase ensue, complete with helicopters searching for the suspect.

About the debate through the glass that day, Rollins said, "The conversation was priceless as this one-sided conversation with you has been tonight," before taking his bow.

Although Rollins spoke uninterrupted for hours, the crowd was anything but disengaged.

"It's really too bad that the show was ONLY 3 hours long," said CNU student, Senior Andrew Rosen, after the show.

"The night would have only been better if he was opening for George Carlin, or vice-versa." Amy Malave of Yorktown said, "He was hilarious, informative and entertaining. Right on for free speech."

As a quick glance on his itinerary for the next few months will tell you, Rollins isn't through talking. His present spoken word tour of the US will continue through March, with only a few days off for each month of the tour.

To find out more information on Henry Rollins including future show dates, music and publications, visit www.henryrollins.com.

WCNU plans to broadcast Wednesday

After nearly a
year off the air,
'The Captain's
Station' returns

By Kira Walsh
Contributing Writer

Didn't get that CD you wanted for Christmas?

Are the stations you normally listen to full of commercials or playing music you're sick of?

Have the talk radio shows on your dial stopped talking about anything you want to hear about?

Something new may be closer than you think ... the WCNU radio station is on its way back to campus.

WCNU, "The Captain's Station," is a student-run station (that also receives extensive faculty support) broadcasting from York River East.

It was created three years ago by then-freshmen James Anderson, Beth Atkins, Allen Brooks, Jon Hilt, Michael Mullin and Bryan Wakefield.

The station originally broadcasted from Ferguson High School, which is now a part of the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

"I liked the grass-roots atmosphere [WCNU] had when it was in the old Ferguson Hall. I missed the water coming into the studio and the mid-90s grunge rock posters on the walls. It reminded me of working at MTV or at least that is what it felt like," said Veteran DJ Pete Sasso.

In its newer space, the station is currently offline but is in the process of preparing for broadcasting.

According to WCNU President Beth Atkins, "[WCNU's] primary goal is that we will be up and running on the air very, very soon."

As of now, the station is expected to resume broadcasting on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

When on the air, the station will be available 24 hours a day. For approximately five to twelve hours of that time, it will consist of blocks of student programming including both music and talk.

The format of the student broadcasting is decided by each particular DJ, and so will be as varied as the many students involved.

"We're not steering in one format direction ... one of my shows I'm doing is indie rock," said DJ Lauren Koteski.

"I don't know how indie rock this campus is. We'll find out, though, I assume," said Koteski.

When students are not on air, music will be electronically selected. WCNU will broadcast exclusively over the internet, mainly because it is significantly less expensive than broadcasting over an AM/FM band.

When WCNU becomes available, students can access it by going to the WCNU website at <http://www.cnu.edu/clubs/wcnu/> and clicking on the "listen" icon to the right of the screen.

The website recommends certain audio players to users, either Winamp for Windows, Audion for Mac, or XMMS for Linux, but a number of other computer audio systems are potentially compatible.

A programming schedule is also available on the web site by clicking on the "schedule" icon.

WCNU will bring more to the campus than a new form of entertainment. While there are no paid advertisements during programming, WCNU is planning to work with campus organizations as a potential source of publicity.

"We can definitely advertise campus events," said Koteski. "[It's] a good venue for other clubs, other organizations to reach out."

Koteski also said that association between WCNU and other media and non-media based clubs will help create a stronger media presence on campus.

"The founders worked hard to start up the organization [and] it is one of the most dynamic on campus," said Sasso. That tradition should be expected to continue this year.

When asked about the plans that WCNU has for the future once it gets on the air, Beth Atkins voiced the goal that WCNU will "move toward [being] a more professional station."

With a new season of WCNU forthcoming, the CNU community can anticipate this club, really showing the diverse tastes of CNU students.

With rock, jazz, talk and beyond, there will hopefully be something for everyone.

Jane Webb signs historical novel

'Images of
America' shows
history of
Newport News

By Dorian Wright
Contributing Writer

Sailing lover, Vice Chairman of the Newport News Art Commissions, English teacher: there isn't much Dr. Jane Webb hasn't done. The former professor in the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering has had some interesting combination of roles throughout her life and added two more—historian and accomplished novelist.

Webb has just completed the book, "Images of America: Newport News", a collection of pictures and stories that retells the history of the city of Newport News. Work on the book lasted several months as Webb collected over 200 photographs, some dating to 1899, and historical stories from Newport News residents. Webb explained



Webb's book took several months to finish, and contains images and stories of Newport News' beginnings.

that sometimes all of the research was a bit overwhelming.

"Sometimes I felt like I was chained to a tiger getting pulled down the road," Webb said at her book signing Jan. 30 in the atrium of the Science Building.

Webb also felt pressure from her editor at Arcadia, the British company who published the book. They wanted older pictures and accounts of Newport News.

"I tried to explain that Newport News just isn't that old," Webb said.

The book tells of Newport News's transformation from a sleepy town of a few farmers and fishermen to one of the country's centers of scientific research, shipbuilding, and scenic historical sites. The book's photographs and stories retell of past hurricanes and fires, the creation of downtown and Hilton Village, school days throughout the century, the civil rights movement and the present day Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Laboratory to name a few.

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Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope
For February 2-8

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Rider/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Outdated bills or forgotten paperwork may require added attention before midweek. Watch for authority figures to demand fast decisions and exact amounts. For some Aries natives, romantic relationships may also be affected. If so, expect loved ones to request bold promises and reliable family arrangements. Friday through Sunday, social relations may be unusually complex. Divided loyalties, group approval and public criticism are key factors. Expect sudden reversals.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Monday through Wednesday, watch for a brief wave of home confusion or competing interests between family members to fade. Rare business discussions or financial advice may also arrive. If so, expect private politics or unusual social triangles to be at issue. Loved ones expect quick results, serious intentions and a bold public effort; don't disappoint. Thursday through Sunday highlight sensuality and renewed intimacy between lovers. Stay focused. Passions will be high.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Although new flirtation is appealing, it may be wise to avoid unnecessary social complications over the next four days. Before Thursday, friends or lovers will react strongly to changed plans or disrupted routines. Remain diplomatic and wait for permanent solutions. After Friday, familiar comforts and serious home discussions are pleasing. Enjoy quiet moments with loved ones. Romantic progress may be unavoidable. Expect key relationships to expand.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Before Thursday, expect postponed work projects or delayed employment contracts to reappear. Areas strongly affected are group training, social leadership and team management. For many Cancerians, a valuable opportunity to gain credentials will soon be made available. Remain attentive to minor workplace disputes and detailed records. Friday through Sunday watch for older relatives to avoid family gatherings. Be patient. Personal differences will be resolved.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Short-term projects and workplace information are extremely unreliable. Before next week, watch for unexpected reversals or suddenly canceled assignments. Plan for brief delays. At present, colleagues may need extra time to secure approvals or apply for permissions. Thursday through Sunday also accent rare romantic disagreements or family triangles. Loved ones may ask for emotional distance or extra private time. Remain calm. Minor disputes will be resolved.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over the next three days, new social invitations prove rewarding. Pay close attention to rare emotions between friends, sudden romantic attractions or unique group events. Enjoy shared activities. This is a positive time for revised routines, fresh promises and strong public involvement. After Friday, some Virgos may also encounter an ethical or social triangle. If so, expect loved ones to challenge new relationships. Go slow; your response to controversy is important.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Business routines or career goals may experience meaningful change. Over the next 11 days, carefully consider all contracts and fresh proposals. Partnerships, if firmly defined, will work to your advantage. Stay focused and expect ongoing promotions. Tuesday through Friday, also highlight minor social or family disputes. Remain attentive. Key issues may involve a lack of enthusiasm for group planning. After Saturday, avoid excess physical activity. Energy may be low.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Romantic impressions may need to be explained or repeated. Before Thursday, loved ones may challenge your ideas or probe for deeper feelings. No serious or long-term effects are highlighted, so not to worry. Do, however, expect unusual delays in new relationships. Some Scorpios may also experience an unwanted flirtation or new attraction. If so, remain distant and quietly diplomatic. Before next week, social misunderstandings will not be easily addressed.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Charisma and romantic appeal are strong this week. Watch for unique invitations from potential lovers. Some Sagittarians will begin a brief but exciting love affair. If so, expect rare social triangles to demand attention. All is well, however. Go slow and wait for others to clarify their feelings. After midweek, business relationships may also be affected. Expect fast proposals and new instructions. Before March, key officials may wish to test their own creativity; don't confront.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Past family conflicts can be easily resolved. Over the next few days, watch for loved ones to address home disagreements, social reversals or yesterday's broken promises. Let friends and lovers negotiate their own differences. Diplomacy and private discussion will prove worthwhile. Thursday through Sunday, financial mistakes from approximately eight months ago may reappear. Ask probing questions. Added information or ethical concerns may be revealed.

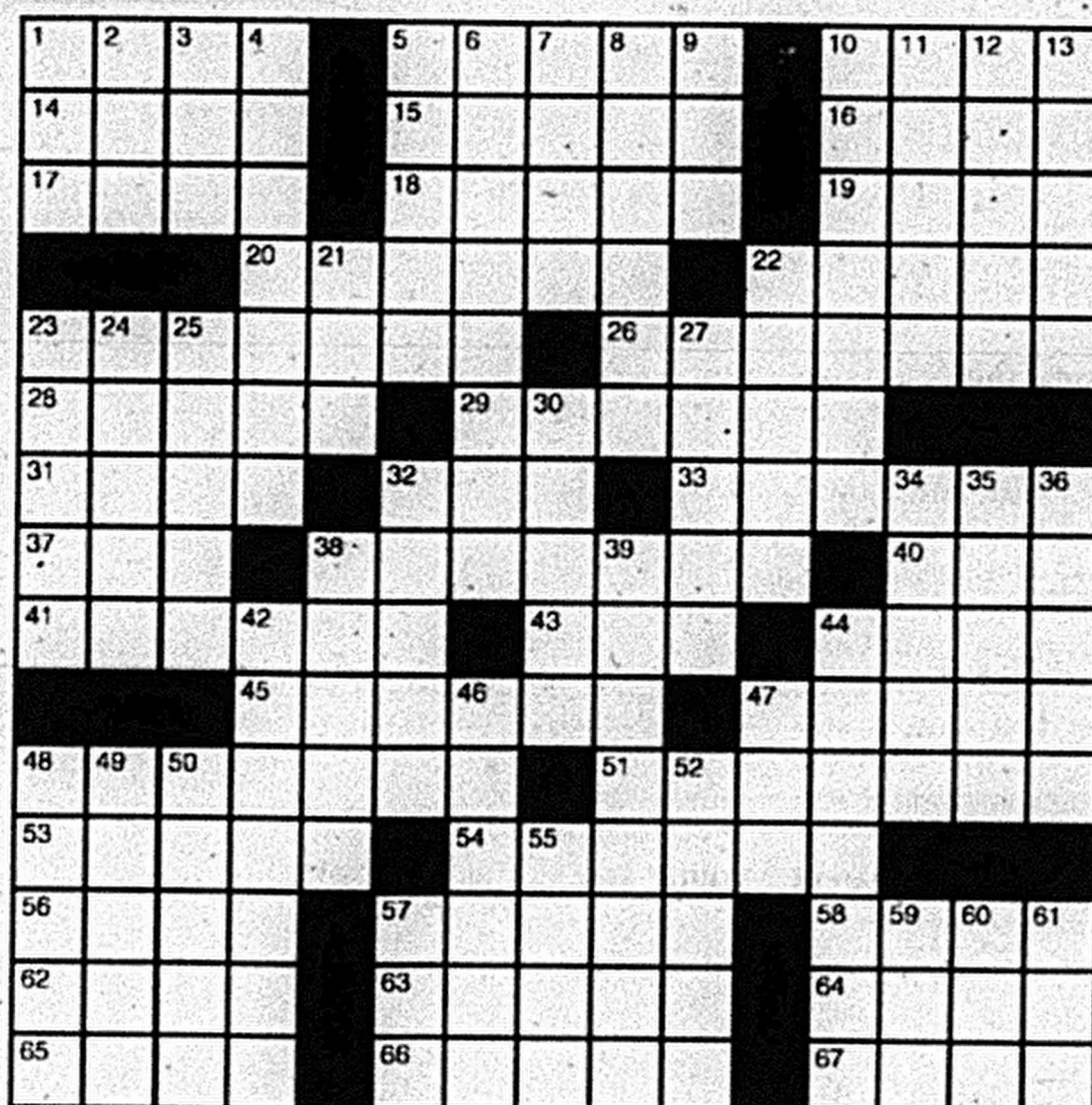
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Social or romantic setbacks will fade over the next four days. Before Thursday, expect loved ones to opt for calm agreements, group consensus and extended discussions. Use this time to establish common ground between friends and lovers. Your emotional guidance will be quickly accepted. After midweek, watch also for a complex financial proposal from a close friend or relative. Remain cautious until early March. Added documents and extra research may be needed.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Listen carefully to co-workers and partners this week. Business growth, proposed mergers and financial expansion might be unavoidable. Many Pisceans will take greater control over their career aspirations. Workplace confidence and social independence are on the rise; don't hold back. After Friday, an old friend or past lover may demand attention. Stay focused on present obligations. Over the next 11 days, loved ones will not challenge others for your loyalty.

If your birthday is this week ... Ask bosses or managers for special permissions before mid-March. Over the next six to eight weeks, a rare opportunity for added education, improved skills or financial increase is available. Respond quickly to all proposed partnerships and new assignments. Your spontaneous enthusiasm will prove invaluable. After mid-April, several months of social confusion and fast new friendships arrives. Watch for a powerful wave of controversial invitations, quick reversals and complex group events. To some degree, social relationships begun between April 14 and Sept. 24 will tend to bring romantic conflict into your life. Don't hesitate to challenge outdated ideas, however. Unique solutions will ensure lasting harmony.

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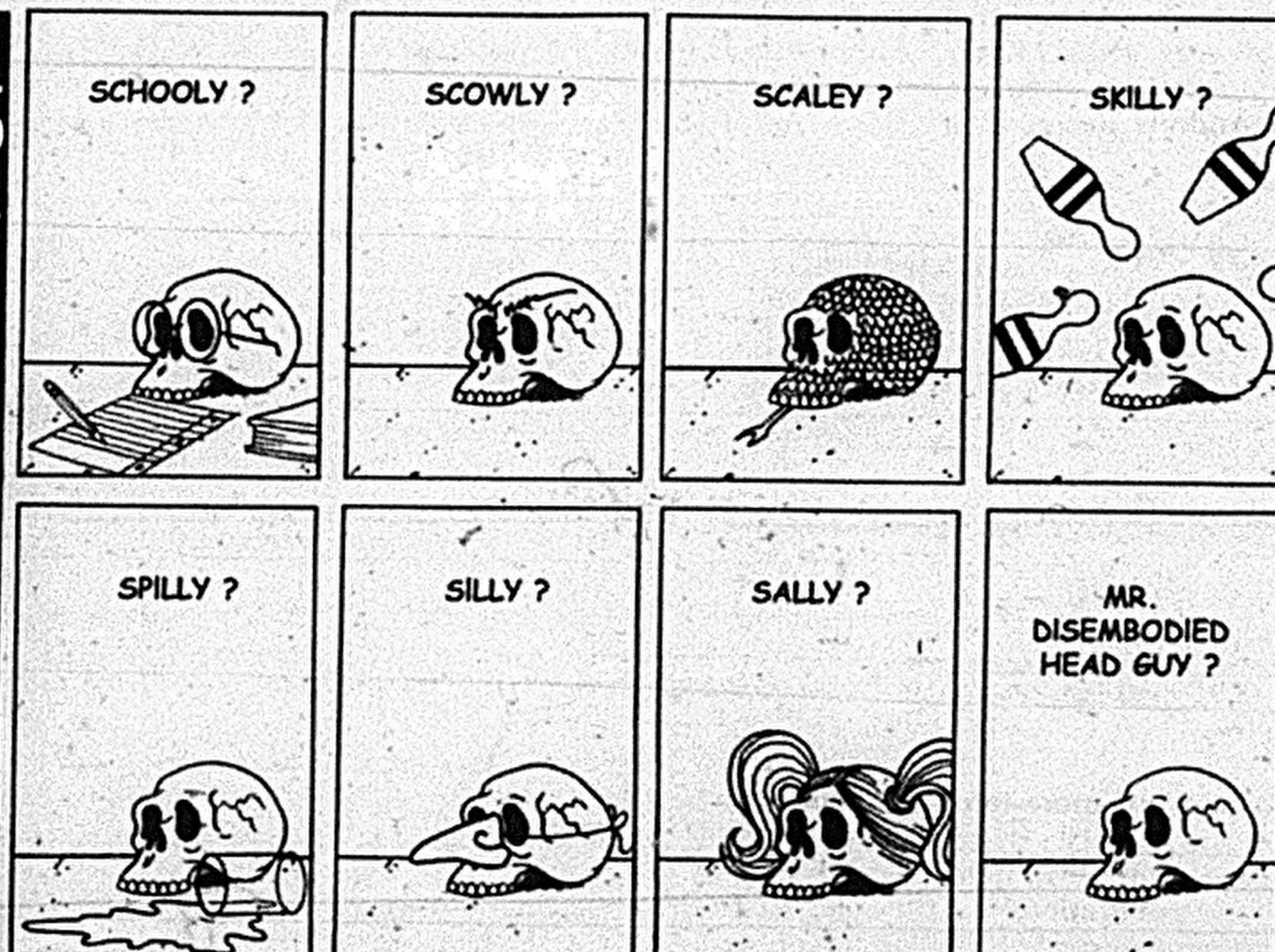
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Sports

Weekend doubleheader results in dual losses to Methodist and Greensboro

Captains fall to 10-8 overall, 4-3 in USA South; Hampton provides leadership for young team

By Rob Silsbee
Assistant Sports Editor

Two teams were tied at second in the USA South last weekend.

The schools? Christopher Newport University and Methodist College. Each came into the game riding a winning-streak, two games for the Captains, four for the Monarchs. Each had something to lose on Saturday as the tip went Methodist's way.

Immediately, junior star Otho Hampton had a big block on the defensive end only to be matched by 6-11 Senior Arthur Hatch from Methodist with a block of his own.

The game jumped to an aggressive and speedy start, as the Captains jumped up 4-0. However, the Monarchs, who came in shooting just 29 percent from 3-point land, launched five straight threes to jump ahead 15-7.

The Monarchs found 21 of their first half 25 points coming from 3-point shots.

"The enigma to the game was that they came in being a poor perimeter shooting team; they came out there and their first 15 points were three's," Coach C.J. Woollum said.

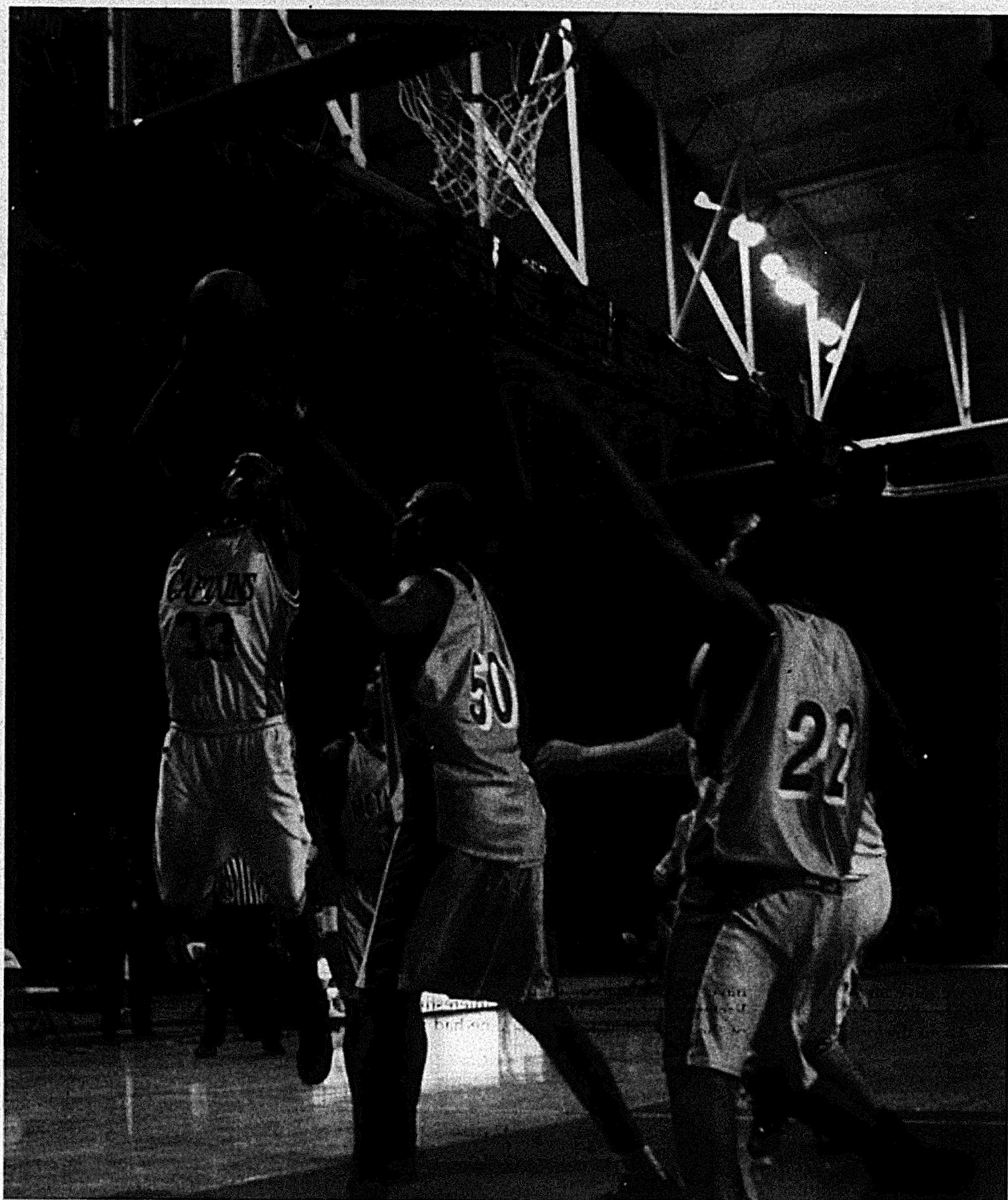
Rebounding was a huge factor in the first half as the Monarchs grabbed five offensive boards in one possession down the court. They had nine total offensive in the first half. After the Monarchs jumped ahead 22-9, the Captains surged thanks to Brandon Brooks and second efforts by Mark Hepner. The CNU squad went into the locker room at the half just down seven with the score at 25-18.

The very physical match-up continued right out of the gates of the second half. Although the officiating seemed consistent, it seemed like contact was the least of its concerns.

The Captains jumped back into the game behind the hands of Jeremy Romeo and again the rebounding of Mark Hepner.

Jordan Shorts 3-point basket proved to be his only points of the game but the points that tied it at 27-27.

A new ball game, but nonetheless intense as the lead was swapped six times in the second half. The crowd climbed into it as Romeo continued to drill 3-point



Otho Hampton (33) goes for a layup over Methodist defenders. Hampton led team in points regardless CNU dropped both weekend games falling to 10-8 on the season.

shots from the baseline. With

“That’s been our problem all year. I mean, we need to stick the dagger in ‘em, leave ‘em and let ‘em die but we just can’t do it.”

-Jeremy Romeo

the score at 43-43, a crucial point in the game rebounding again became key as the Captains could not get on the defensive boards and kept

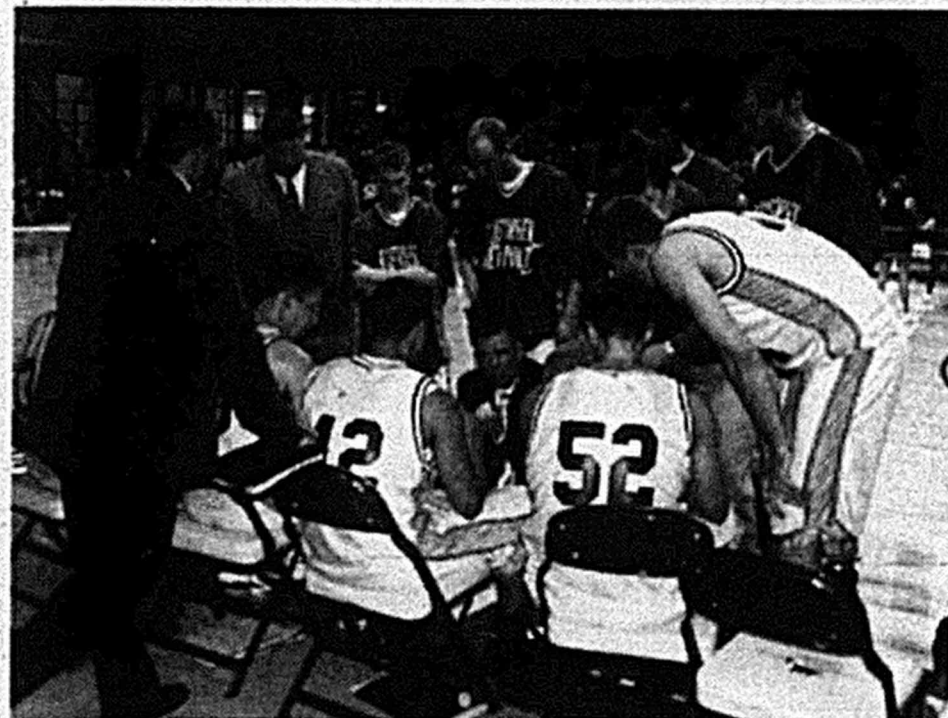
giving the Monarchs second chances on the offensive end.

"That's been our problem all year. I mean, we need to stick the dagger in 'em, leave 'em and let 'em die but we just can't do it," said Romeo about letting Methodist get back in it.

Methodist didn't look back again and took the game thanks to clutch free throw shooting at the end. The game was won 55-49 after the Monarchs dominated second chance points with 17.

Romeo led the Captains with 13 points and Hepner earned his usual hustle points grabbing 13 rebounds. The defense was not bad on either end, both teams were held to under 34 percent shooting.

"We just got out-toughed today," Woollum said. "The rebounding situation was embarrassing. [...] You think if you hold 'em to 33.9 percent and force 18 turnovers, you could beat 'em."



CNU still struggles for momentum, calling a timeout early in the second half.

The loss moved CNU down in the conference as they came in to face Greensboro, who after taking a loss to Shenandoah on Saturday was in second place at tip-off. Sunday proved to be a game not in the slightest less intense than the night before. This time, both teams were

coming off of very disappointing losses and had a lot to prove.

The game was a war right from the start as the lead was swapped or tied seven times in the first nine

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Who's to blame for a bad season?

Talented coaches vs. impatient general managers

By Tom Geary
Staff Columnist

Coach C.J. Woollum has the men's basketball team off to a 10-8 start, including six home losses. The team hasn't lost this many games in seven years.

Fire him.

That's right, get rid of him. Adios, Mr. 401 victories.

It's obviously his fault that the young team can't shoot half the time or that it has defensive breakdowns every game.

I mean, it can't be the players' faults, right?

Forget that Woollum is the all-time winningest coach in school history or that he's our Athletic Director or that he puts in lots of his money to improving our school.

We want wins. Now now now.

Isn't that what sports is all about nowadays?

It seems that impatience among general managers, athletic directors and team owners in professional and college sports has reached an all-time high. The fans and media want immediate results, and the owners unwisely take their advice.

Who in their right mind would want Woollum fired? The man is as solid a coach as you will find on the Division III level, and he's a good person.

But in today's sports world, he might not have lasted past his first season in 1984-85 when he went 13-14.

General managers and owners are apparently forgetting that it takes time.

The NBA is a prime example of this. The lifespan of an NBA coach's career is about the same as a mosquito's.

Just look at Byron Scott, the former New Jersey Nets coach. He didn't even last four seasons, and he took the Nets to the NBA Finals in two of his first three seasons.

What more could you ask for in a coach?

Scott's a proven winner. He won three championships as a player with the Los Angeles Lakers. As a coach, he won 62.5 percent of his postseason games. He's a good guy, too. He has a non-profit organization, The Byron Scott Children's Fund, and according to NBA.com he has raised over three million dollars in the past decade for charities.

But Jason Kidd didn't like him, so Scott's currently unemployed.

And Scott isn't the only one feeling the wrath of impulsive owners in the NBA. Of the 29 coaches in the league

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Lady Captains defeat Methodist Monarchs 68-46

Lady Captains improve to 11-6 overall; 6-2 in USA South

By Erick Hellwig
Staff Writer

The Lady Captains basketball team improved their overall record to 11-6 and their conference record to 6-2

with a 68-46 drubbing of the Methodist Lady Monarchs last Saturday.

The teams meet again in the season finale on Feb. 22.

CNU dominated from the opening tip, holding the Lady Monarchs (6-9, 3-4) to under 29.6 percent from the field in the first half.

Although the halftime score was only 36-24, the Lady Captains physically had beat up their opponents, feeding the ball to 6-1 center Amber Hallman.

Coach Carolyn Hunter said "We felt like we could

really take advantage of their inside play, and Amber just stood up to the challenge."

With 16 first half points (she finished with 22) on 8-13 shooting for Hallman spearheaded the Lady Captains first half, and a tired Methodist team couldn't keep up when the second began.

A 14-4 run to open the second half put the game at 50-28, a deficit that proved to be insurmountable.

Hallman's game high 22 points tied her season high, while Tomorrow Lofton added a 12 point, 10 rebound

double-double as well.

The one-two punch of Lofton and Hallman has been key to the success of the team this season.

"We've played together for three years," said Hallman, "and we both play really well together. We can recognize matchups and we both understand each other's game. The other players see that, and then they start to look at our games and see how they can play well with us."

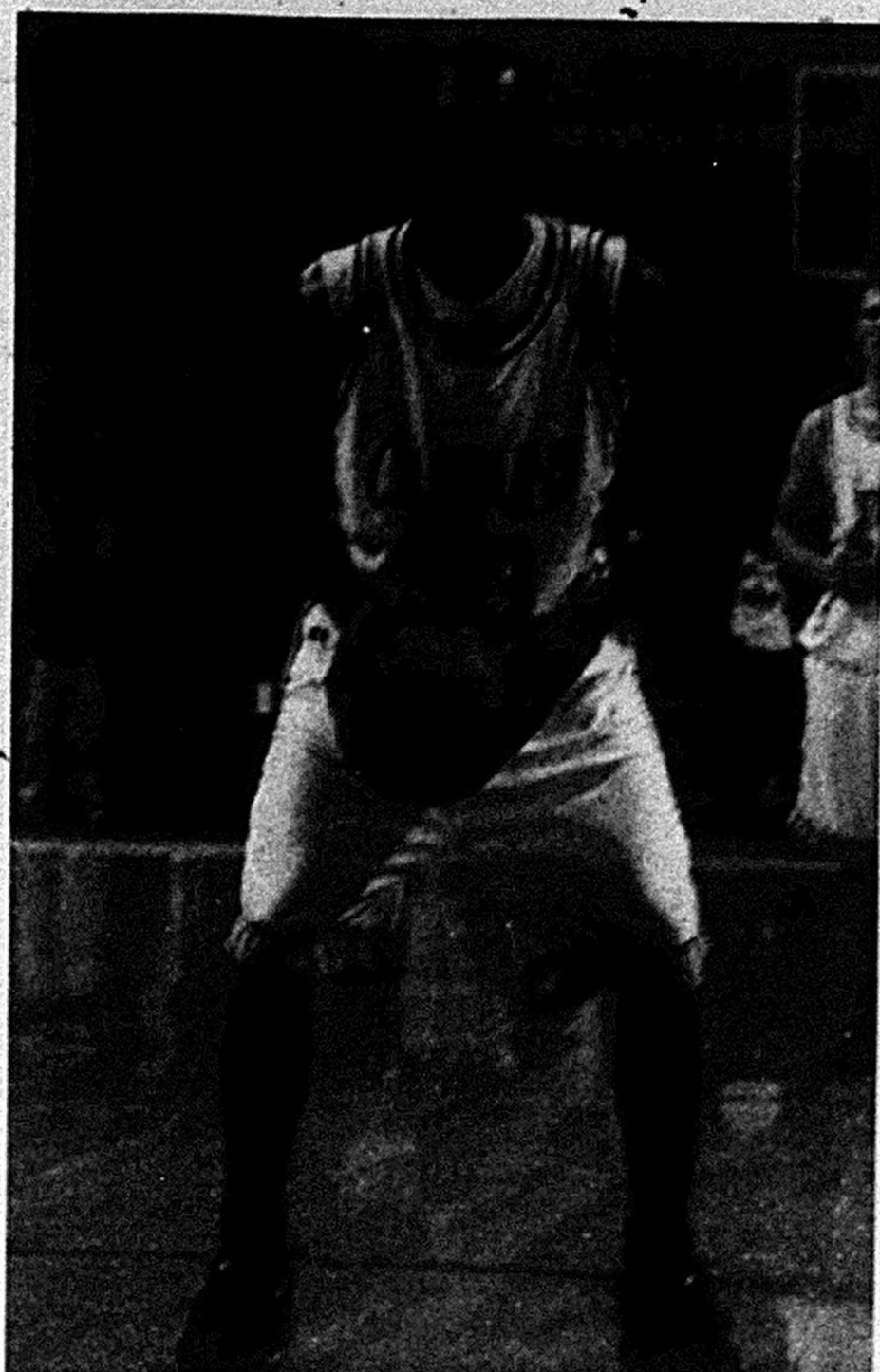
The team played well together on Saturday, espe-

cially when the Lady Monarchs got tired. CNU out-rebounded Methodist 17-28 in the second half and forced 10 turnovers.

CNU players shot only 36.7 percent for the game, but a swarming defense created enough havoc that it was enough to win.

Candace Bryant also finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, while Deitra

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Will Summers/The Captain's Log

Otho Hampton (33) attempts a foul shot during Saturday's game against the Methodist Monarchs.

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minutes. Then, hoisted by senior Jason Williams and three baseline 3-pointers the Pride started to pull away in the first half. Jason's only nine points in the first half were enough to spark the Greensboro offense to a 36-28 lead at the half.

No one was really shining for the Captains as Coach Woollum's substitutions consistently cooled down the offense. Blake Brookman, Mark Hepner, and Jordan Short all sat after good hustle performances in the first 10 minutes with one or no fouls.

The CNU defense only held the GC squad to 58.3 percent from the field in the first half but did force 14 turnovers with eight steals and two blocks. However, the shooting performance was terrible as the Captains went 13-35 (37.1 percent) from the field and just 2-7 (28.6 percent) from 3-point land.

Much like the Methodist game, the Captains came out of the half storming again. Hepner continued to hustle on his way to a double-double. One stat that won't show in any box score was Hepner's three out-of-bound saves.

"[Hepner's] givin' us every ounce of energy he's got," said Woollum about his center. However, Hepner seemed to be the only one giving every ounce as the Captains tried to claw their way back into it. The closest it got, however, was 45-46 and Greensboro just kept going toward a 78-69 victory.

Four players for GC were in double figures with center Dshamal Schoetz leading the team with 24. Schoetz also had 11 rebounds in an effective game inside. As a team, the Pride shot 54.3 percent from the field.

"They hurt us inside and out and they hurt us through penetration. That's a lot of ways to get hurt," Woollum said about the Greensboro offense.

The Captains never quite got in rhythm on the offensive side of the ball shooting just 37.5 percent from the field and just 18.8 percent from beyond the arc.

Four CNU players also were in double figures led by Otho Hampton with 16 points and nine boards. Hepner was the key player with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Brookman and Romeo were the other two in double figures; each had 12.

"The last two opponents have competed at a higher level," said Woollum. "When you're shooting 40 percent and under, like we have all year, you better be stoppin' people."

About the losses, Hepner said:

"It's kind of disgusting. We had a chance [this weekend] to be at the top of the conference. And now we're gonna be somewhere in the middle. You gotta get every opportunity, save every ball. Now we have to play catch-up."

CNU drops to 10-8 overall and 4-3 in the Conference and has to travel to Shenandoah this Wednesday. The Hornets have upset both first place teams this weekend and are awaiting the Captains tip at 7:30.

Although the Captains have already taken three losses in the conference every coach is confident that any team could win it all this year.

Each of the top four teams has taken at least one loss as they head toward the second half of the USA South portion of the season.

Patriots take home Lombardi's Trophy

Patriots' Brady proves he still has golden touch

By Mitch Albom
Knight-Ridder Campus

And then Tom Brady made a mistake. It was not on his resume. It was not in his pre-game feature. It was not part of the golden boy image that had been crafted for him by a media and a league hungry for a new King Quarterback. But there it was. A floating duck of a pass, lofted hastily to the end zone with Christian Fauria in mind. It should never have been thrown. It was released under pressure. It landed like a pop fly in the waiting arms of Carolina's Reggie Howard and just like that, the nail in the coffin was put back in the tool box. The close-it-down touchdown had just evaporated.

And now the Carolina Panthers were seven minutes and a football field away from a possible victory in the Super Bowl.

It's a lesson learned over and over in sport after sport. Don't give underdogs a chance. Don't let them hang around. Don't give them the oxygen that allows them to think they can breathe, and if they can breathe, they can run, and if they can run, they can win the race.

Don't give it to them, unless you're ready to have it haunt you. And here was Carolina, just a few plays after Brady's rare mistake, pulling out its own magic. Jake Delhomme scrambled free, bought time, then

heaved the ball downfield to Muhsin Muhammad, who caught it Willie Mays style, and left the defender behind, going all the way for the longest play from scrimmage in Super Bowl history.

Oh. And the lead, 22-21. Brady looked at the clock. These are the moments that define a quarterback. Not the mistake, but the way he rebounds from it.

For what it's worth, Brady looked about as worried as a guy who just deposited a lottery check. He trotted out, and proceeded to craft a 68-yard drive that consisted of big-third down plays, a great sideline pass, a long pass, and a one-yard exclamation point for a touchdown that regained the lead, 29-22.

That would have been enough - to repolish the image, to regild the future, to once again prove that his pregame notices were legit. It would have been enough.

But it wasn't enough.

Another golden moment. There was another superb quarterback in this Super Bowl. He didn't start out that way. Jake Delhomme began the game looking like, well, a guy who started the year backing up Rodney Peete. Delhomme and the Panthers could barely breathe in the first quarter Sunday, much less gain any yardage. At one point, Delhomme was 1-for-9 for one yard. I'm not making that up. One yard?

But by the fourth quarter, all that was forgotten. Delhomme was the cool Cajun he'd been labeled.

And he marched his upstart offense right through the Patriots' defense, with big passes to Muhammad and Ricky Proehl, who caught a huge 31-yard strike

and pulled in a short touchdown pass to tie the score, 29-29.

Which meant Brady had to be Brady one more time.

He was. Like a surfer knowing the ocean always gives you another wave, Brady cruised out and delivered strike after strike, beating the blitzes, hitting Troy Brown and Deion Branch and moving the Patriots just far enough for the finish their fans have, by now, gotten used to.

With four seconds left, Adam Vinatieri kicked the 41-yard field goal, the Patriots won another squeaker of a Super Bowl, 32-29.

And the Golden Boy was golden again.

From doldrums to dyn-

nasty. Here's a question. How did such a lousy Super Bowl turn into such a great one? Let's be honest. For the first hour of this Super Bowl, you were begging for the halftime show to start - and never end. Nobody had scored. Two field goals had been missed. The Carolina quarterback had completed one pass for one yard. And one yard seemed like a lot of real estate.

And then, for three minutes, there was football. You know, the kind where players catch passes and score touchdowns. This, unfortunately, was followed by a nine-hour halftime show.

And when the teams resumed - after a streaker the TV audience never saw, and trust me, you should thank your stars for that - they were all the way back to the beginning, missing chances, drawing penalties, dropping balls, and playing generally uninspiring football.

But if the bad thing about Super Bowls is that

they are long enough to constitute a season's worth of TV programming, the good thing is that they are also long enough to encompass numerous story lines.

And from Brady's ill-advised interception, this thing was guns-out, breathtaking sports.

It had everything you could want - big catches from big receivers, step-up performances by the quarterbacks, and a redemption tale of immense proportions, with Vinatieri making up for two earlier mistakes and winning the game the way he won it two years ago, with a last-second field goal.

Say this for the Panthers: They proved they belonged. They never got intimidated, and with Delhomme's almost incomprehensible calm, they nearly pulled a huge upset. Delhomme helped make this Super Bowl a battle of quarterbacks worthy of the showdown between legends Joe Montana and Dan Marino back in 1985.

But just as one man had to be the winning quarterback in that one, so too did one have to emerge victorious Sunday. Brady moves now into the realm of bona fide superstar, having won two Super Bowls by age 26. Bill Belichick, now jumps the likes of Bill Parcells and Jimmy Johnson as the guy fans think of as the great football coach.

And the Patriots become, in these days of parity, the closest thing to a dynasty we have.

Two titles in three years, a young roster, and four high draft picks this spring.

I can tell you one thing. They won't be drafting a quarterback.

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at the end of last season, 17 have been replaced. In the Eastern Conference alone, 14 of the 15 coaches have been out of jobs since the end of last season.

To put things in perspective, the longest tenured coach in the Eastern Conference right now is Atlanta's Terry Stotts, an interim coach who is only there because the team is still in the process of being sold. He could be fired at any moment.

It's not just the NBA where this replacing coaches trend is popular.

There were seven NFL coaches replaced this offseason.

It's no surprise that guys like Dave McGinnis (Arizona) and Gregg Williams (Buffalo) got the ax. Neither coach seemed to be getting anywhere after his first few seasons.

In Oakland, however, a mutiny took place among the Raiders, and Bill Callahan was fired just one season after taking the team to the Super Bowl. In New York, the Giants fired Jim Fassel,

who just took the team to the Super Bowl a few seasons ago.

Callahan's fall from grace is perhaps the most interesting. Some argue that he had merely inherited Jon Gruden's team after Gruden left for Tampa Bay. But Callahan did lead the Raiders to the Super Bowl. One season later, with almost the same team, he goes 4-12.

Did owner Al Davis possibly consider that his players are geriatric or that the competition in the AFC increased since a season ago?

Nope. He just thought, "Fire Callahan. It's his fault."

In our nation's capitol, Steve Spurrier was fired after two seasons as coach of the Redskins. Spurrier, the offensive genius who led the University of Florida to countless winning seasons with his Fun N' Gun offense, didn't provide owner Daniel Snyder with the immediate results he expected.

So the team scoured elderly homes for 153-year old Joe Gibbs to replace Spurrier.

Great plan, Snyder.

It's not fair to coaches that they get so little time to turn a team into winners. You don't always see that with players.

The Miami Dolphins never cut Dan Marino because he couldn't win the championship. Peyton Manning wasn't benched after his awful first season in Indianapolis.

Stop the nonsense. Coaches need time to get their system intact, to get their kinds of players on the team, and to make their presence felt. Not everybody can be a Bill Parcells.

Some other lucky team in the NBA will scoop up Scott, and he'll lead them to an NBA championship.

If owners and general managers would just calm down, maybe accept a year or two of mediocrity, and be more trusting and patient with their coaches, they may be surprised.

Not every coach can be a C.J. Woollum, but you'll never find out if you don't give your coach time.

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Jefferson came off the bench to add nine points and six rebounds to seal the deal.

Methodist was led by Stacey Williams and Jennifer Dollyhigh who had 12 and 10 points respectively.

CNU is currently ranked third in the conference behind Ferrum and Chowan (5-1 conference records each).

The Lady Captains were floating around 500 for part of this season, but they have picked a perfect time to peak...in the midst of conference play.

The next eight games will be conference games, and at the time of publication, the Lady Captains will be riding a four-game winning streak and heading into a Sunday showdown with Greensboro.

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Italian Sub	\$3.25	\$4.99
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Meatball w/Cheese	\$3.25	\$4.99
Cheese Steak	\$3.25	\$4.99
Veggie Sub	\$3.25	\$4.99
Pizza Sub	\$3.25	\$4.99
BLT	\$3.25	\$4.99
Roast Beef w/Cheese	\$3.75	\$5.75

HOT WINGS

8 Hot Wings	\$2.99
10 Hot Wings	\$3.99
20 Hot Wings	\$8.99
40 Hot Wings	\$12.99
50 Hot Wings	\$16.99

SIDE ORDERS

Garlic Knots (12)	\$1.99
Mozzarella Sticks (4)	\$2.25
Bread Sticks (12") (16")	\$2.99
Bread Sticks w/Cheese (12") (16")	\$3.99
	\$4.99

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Garden Salad	\$2.75
Italian Salad	\$3.75
Chef Salad	\$4.75
Greek Salad	\$4.75
Antipasto Salad	\$5.75
Grilled Chicken Salad	\$5.75

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12 Oz. Can	.75
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2 Liter	\$1.80

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11am-3pm

Cheeseburger, Soda & Chips	\$4.99
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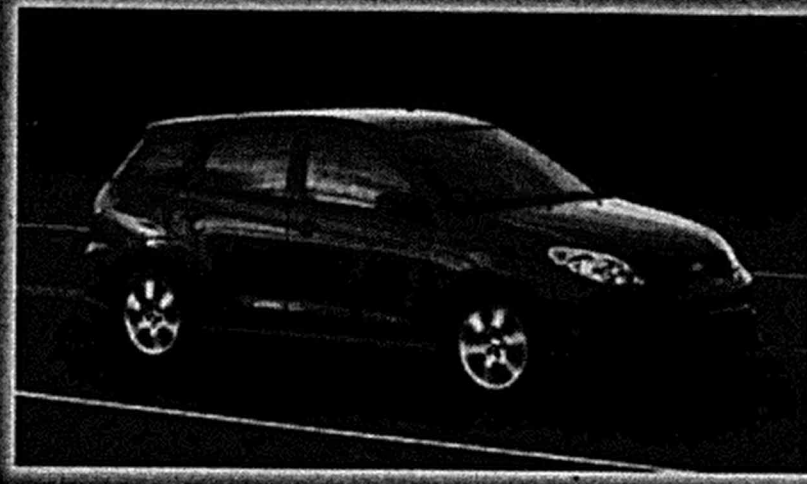
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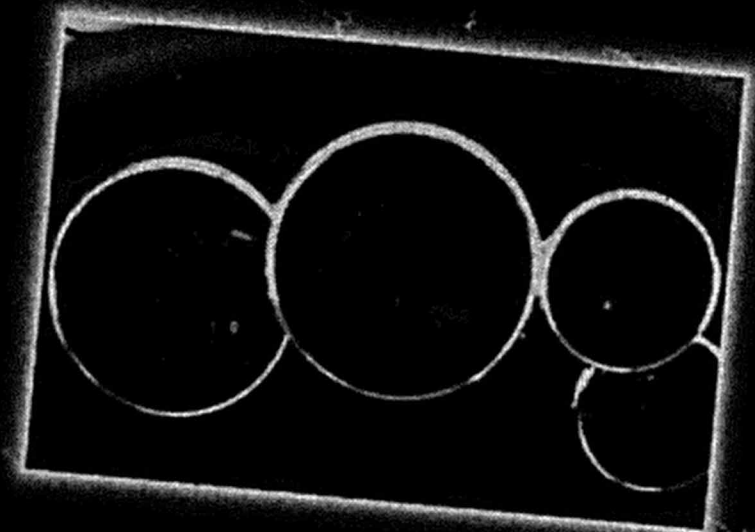
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Spring Job Fair

February 25, 2004

Alumni Room
10:00 AM 2:00 PM

The CNU School of Business is pleased to announce its 2004 Spring Job Fair for the following:

- * Permanent Placements for graduating seniors
- * Summer and Part-time Cooperative and Internship Positions for undergraduate students

The Job Fair, to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, will provide employers with an opportunity to meet and talk with students, distribute company information, collect resumes, and interview students for permanent and part-time summer employment opportunities.

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