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Elections Controversy Mars Monday's SGA Senate

Senate Votes Against Proposal To Re-Run Executive Board Elections

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Managing Editor

In what several senators called the most controversial meeting of the year for the Student Government Association, senators voted down a proposal to re-run presidential elections in the midst of claims that exemptions given to non-qualified

candidates were in violation of the SGA constitution.

"The Elections Committee has maintained from the beginning that nothing they did was unconstitutional. I think the Senate saw that today and took its stand," said Emily Anderson, a member of the Elections Committee. "I'm happy the vote turned out the way it did."

The motion to "run elections over again, accepting no exemptions, and allowing only one week for campaigning and voting," was brought before the Senate by senior Jenn Wenzel, who resigned from her position as SGA secretary last Thursday along with the SGA's two advisors, Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman and Dr.

Robert Colvin, Assistant Professor of Government and Public Affairs. Wenzel alleged that the decision of the Elections Committee to grant exemptions was in violation of the section of the constitution that reads, "In order to run for executive office... the candidate shall meet all requirements to serve in that office," in Article X, Section V, Point C.

"There's been some direct contradiction," Wenzel told the Senate on Monday. "The student handbook requires all organizations to follow their constitution. You have to ask yourself what precedent is being set by not following strict guide-

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Appeals Court Judge Will Give Commencement Address

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

The University announced March 27 that the Honorable J. Harvie Wilkinson, III, Chief Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, will deliver the keynote address for the 74th commencement ceremony on May 10.

"Judge Wilkinson's life is characterized by remarkable distinction and service to his community and our nation. He exemplifies the qualities of excellence and accomplishment that we hope all of our graduates will aspire to emulate," said President Paul Tribble in a recent press release.

Wilkinson graduated magna cum laude as a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University, and received a law degree from University of Virginia. He served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., a professor of law at UVA, and was the editor of the editorial page for the *Virginian-Pilot*, according to the press release.

In August 1984, he was appointed Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and was in February 1996 appointed Chief Judge for the Fourth Circuit. Wilkinson is considered a top candidate for the U.S. Supreme Court, according to the press release.

Faculty members, in particular, were pleased at the choice of speaker for commencement.

"I am very pleased that CNU will have Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson give the Graduation Address this year," Dr. Peter M. Carlson, Graduate Program Coordinator and Associate Professor of the Department of Government and Public Affairs, said. "Judicially he offers a voice of reason and his published opinions generally support professionals who are on the line 'fulfilling their responsibilities.'"

Wilkinson has written several books: "Harry Byrd and the Changing Face of Virginia Politics" in 1968; "Serving Justices: A Supreme Court Clerk's View," 1974; "From Brown to Bakke: The Supreme Court and School Integration," 1979; and "One Nation Indivisible: How Ethnic Separatism Threatens America," 1997, according to Tribble's recent posting on campus WebMail.

"I believe he will represent the ideals of our nation and our university. We will be honored by his attendance, and I'm sure his thoughts will be remembered by our graduates and others in attendance," said Carlson.

Speaker Detained In D.C. By State Department

BY ELIZABETH SCHILLING
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The Cuban Chief of Interests in Washington, scheduled to speak at CNU on April 2, was detained in Washington, D.C., as a result of an alleged connection with Cuban dissidents, according to Dr. Quentin Kidd, Assistant Professor of Government and Public Affairs.

The unexpected absence of Chief Dagoberto Rodriguez Barrera, who was slated to speak on the significance of U.S./Cuban relations in the final section of the Dean William Parks Colloquium, resulted in disappointment from some students at CNU.

"Students were the ones who suffered because adults are acting like little kids. It is silly to play games with foreign policy," said Peter Kuhz, a senior psychology major. The conflict began in late March, when the dissidents allegedly connected with the Chief of Interests were arrested while protesting Fidel Castro, according to the U.S. State Department's Web site.

"The dissidents were linked to our ambassador down there, and so the Cuban government imposed a travel restriction on our ambassador. He is not allowed to leave Havana without 72 hours notice and approval," said Kidd.

The U.S. State Department followed suit and denied travel permission to Barrera as well, Kidd said.

Some students feel that the State Department's refusal to allow Barrera to travel to CNU was damaging to the students' abilities to stay informed of world events and form their opinions on foreign policy.

"The U.S. government should not in any way prevent the education of young minds," said junior Kezia Williams. "Students should have the choice of what they learn and what they don't, because knowledge is the key to advancement."

Students Participate In Campus Cleanup

First Clean-Up Day Has Over 150 Helpers

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

CNU held its first Campus Clean-Up Day, coordinated by the Student Government Association's Community Outreach Committee, on Friday, April 4.

"It's exciting to see that people are coming together to help clean up. It's awesome," said Karen Gardella, a freshman from the Outreach Committee, during the event. "They're mulling at all the apartments; it's amazing."

Eighteen clubs and organizations were involved in the project. Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman, Hall Director for James River Erin Donahue and East Side Hall Director Dan Weber also volunteered. Approximately 150 students joined in to help the cause.

"It's really neat, because a lot of students are joining in that didn't even sign up," said Ashley Boyd, Vice President of University Relations.



Senior Andricka Thomas (left) and junior Taya Moss (right), both members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., assist in cleaning up the campus last Friday.

The students involved in the clean-up made improvements all over campus. There were eight different projects, which included raking, pruning trees and picking up cigarette butts, gumballs and debris. Areas that were cleaned included the North Entrance, the Japanese Tea House, the Barclay Apartments, the courtyard garden behind the Student Center, the volleyball courts and Wise Woods. Boyd said.

Even though most stu-

dents got involved through their clubs and organizations, some still saw it as a chance to make an individual difference.

"It's an opportunity to help out," said sophomore Caleb Carter.

As a member of Pi Lambda Phi, Carter spent much of the day raking leaves, pruning trees and raking gumballs off the volleyball courts. He was happy to be helping out, but offers one suggestion for next year: "I

think if they added some blowers that would help."

Members of Delta Sigma Theta were particularly eager to help out.

"Community service is our mission. We live for it," said President Norissa Barnes.

Junior Chris Fattibene felt that he was making a contribution to the University as well.

"The campus is our big-

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Pi Lambda Phi Camps In Cardboard Boxes, Raises Funds For Local Children's Hospital

'Cardboard Villagers' Accept Donations From Local Sponsors

BY ADAM NADEAU
Staff Writer

The brothers of Pi Lambda Phi camped out in boxes for their annual Cardboard Village event last Wednesday and Thursday in an effort to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

"This is our biggest philanthropy that we do annually," said senior C.J. Bland, President of Pi Lambda Phi at CNU. As part of their fund-raising efforts, the members had to make their own houses from cardboard boxes donated by local businesses.

"The best part was building the houses because it was like we were making something out of nothing," said freshman brother Steve O'Dwyer, who said he had "never spent so much time on the Great Lawn."

In order to raise interest and awareness in the event, the campers could only eat and drink what had been donated to them. Pi Lambda Phi representatives said. Chanell's Pizza donated 15 pizzas, T.G.I. Friday's donated subs, and



Pi Lambda Phi members Dan Rodriguez and Chris Caras spend the night in cardboard boxes on the Great Lawn. Professor Eric Duskin stopped in for a visit.

CNU students contributed food and drinks to the cardboard villagers, representatives said. Students were invited to accompany the members of Pi Lambda Phi on the Great Lawn, participating in games, sing-

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What's In Style

Find out what's hot in this year's spring fashion.

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Tennis At CNU

Men's Tennis continues to strive toward conference.

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Campus In Brief

Good Friday Concert Is Coming

The Department of Music will host the annual CNU Good Friday Concert on April 18 at Temple Baptist Church on Harkersville Road at 5 p.m.

CNU Herald Trumpets, Brass Choir, Trombone Quartet, and vocalists Jennifer Bryant and Chad Wagner will perform. The concert is a one-hour non-religious service and is open to the public.

Everyone is invited to send the names of friends, family members, faculty and staff who pass away this year to be read by Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson. Send names to Dr. Reimer by April 16.

CCM Invites Discussion On Sexuality

CCM is holding a Sex and Chocolate discussion about the gift of sexuality and answer any questions anyone might have about Catholicism.

Monsignor Mike McCarron will lead the discussion on April 9 in the downstairs Student Center lounge at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Disney Representatives Visit Campus

Representatives from Walt Disney World College Program are hosting a presentation on April 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room (Student Center 150).

The program is offering paid internships to students of all majors. To participate in the internships, students must be at least 18 years old, in good academic standing, and be at least 18 years of age.

Vibes Holds Another Slam

Vibes of Our Vernacular's last Slam of the year will be on April 18 in the Alumni Room (SC150) from 8-10 p.m. There will be competitions for cash prizes (\$75 for first place, \$50 for second place, \$25 for third place).

The second half of Slam will be a poetry reading. There will be free ice cream and coffee.

Class Officers To Debate

The Class Officer Debate will be held April 9 at 7:20 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium. Information about all of the candidates is available on page 5.

Voting will be April 10-12 p.m. in the Student Center Brezweyway, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in York River East, 5:45-6:45 p.m. in Santoro and 7-8 p.m. in James River Hall, and April 11 from 10-12 p.m. in the Student Center Brezweyway, and during Spring Fest from 2-4 p.m. on the Great Lawn.

Firefighters Fight For Higher Salaries

Problems With Pay Rates Bring Firefighters To Speak At City Council Meeting

BY AMBER NETTLES
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This is the final installment of The Captain's Log's three-part News firefighters, located at station 10 on Warwick Blvd.

Unbalanced Income

The fire departments of Newport News base their pay rates on a sliding scale—that is, a higher percentage increase for the lower paid employees, and a lower percentage increase for the higher paid. In recent years, the starting salary for firefighters has increased to keep up with the ever-growing demands for higher salaries. Newport News is one of the lowest paying localities in the Hampton Roads area.

Since November, the firefighters, their families and their supporters had been picketing and holding meetings, trying to get the attention of the Newport News City Council. They had all either stayed late or arrived early—whatever was necessary to show the city council that the firefighters meant

business. Furthermore, they wanted to show the city council that the public service departments of Newport News deserved the raises they were asking for.

The problems with raises and pay rates have been going on for years, according to the firefighters. Over the past 10 years, the pay scale has been compressed repeatedly by raising the starting salary (which stands now at \$28,000) to attract new firefighters. At the same time, the opposite end of the pay scale was not raised, slighting the men and women who have been doing their jobs for over 15 years. The people in the middle of the scale are getting a medium increase on their pay, and their pay isn't initially high, firefighters say.

When Ben Burbic stopped by station 10 one December morning to discuss the proposed pay raises with the firefighters, pandemonium broke loose. Mild mannered, polite, easygoing men changed into something else: eyes rolled, noses snorted, feet shuffled, hands waved, and voices roared. The city manager had proposed increases that would, once again, slight the employees with the most time on duty.

Kevin Cjajka, for instance, has been working as a firefighter for seven years. He will be receiving a seven percent pay raise. Frank Finch, on the other hand, has been a firefighter for 29 years and will be receiving a two percent pay raise. Although Finch's pay raise will be a

percentage of a higher salary, Cjajka will still be receiving a larger monetary increase than Finch and most of the other men in the station.

This causes many problems at the stations in Newport News. Although they have a great benefits package, Newport News is the city with the lowest paid firefighters in the region. Some people refer to the city as a "stepping stone"—that is, a place to go to learn the ropes before leaving for a higher paying locality.

Firefighters Speak Out

Twenty-two people spoke against the proposed pay raises at the city council meeting in December.

Kevin Cjajka and his wife were both speakers that evening. Cjajka works for company 10, and his wife, Jamie, is just finishing up at Thomas Nelson Community College, after which she will be a certified medic. They live in North Carolina, and Cjajka travels through Virginia Beach, Hampton and Norfolk (all higher paying localities) to come work in Newport News. When Jamie becomes a medic, she will go to another locality nearby and will be making \$5,000 more than her husband, who has seven years experience. Although she appreciates the feeling of being wanted, she doesn't think it's fair to her husband. "Most of all, she says, 'You need to keep the experienced staff you already have.'"

This was directed to the

city council members, most of who looked surprised at the number of people speaking on behalf of the fire department employees.

When Mike Kawolick took the stage, the present supporters sat up a little straighter. This was what they had been waiting for. Kawolick had been one of the loudest when addressing the problem to Burbic a few days earlier at station 10, and now he had taken Burbic's advice and brought a few visual aides to help the council members understand the importance of the issue.

Kawolick had taken the time to make up some graphs on the pay scales, ones that clearly showed the rate of compression and the 10-year fallout. He had taken numbers from the actual proposal given to the Union president by the city manager, and he was now placing them on an overhead for the entire city council to see.

After showing how some salaries would eventually overlap, and how some were so tightly compressed, attendees could barely see the difference between them. Kawolick stepped down. Upon doing so, Mayor Joe Frank asked if he could "have a copy of those papers, please?"

The Job of a Firefighter

Firefighters work ten 24-hour shifts a month. A regular

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New Student Center Will Open By Fall 2005



Illustration courtesy of The Office of University Relations

Construction for the new student center, will begin next February and is projected to be operational by 2005. The new facility is planned to house a bank, copy center, post office and a ballroom.

Yancey said.

A bank will open there, giving students the ability to handle all their financial needs without leaving the campus.

A ballroom will also be available, which will house all of the major campus receptions and dances.

A copy center will open to replace the scattered student copy machines around campus, Yancey said.

A branch of the Hiddenwood post office, currently located behind the SunTrust Building, will also have a place in the new student center, giving students a more centralized location to buy stamps and send and receive packages. Student mailboxes will also be located in the student center.

New offices will be provided for Career and Counseling, Student Life and student organizations that have attained office spaces. The Catering Department will also relocate to the new student center.

Once the new student center is completed, the current student center will be converted to classroom space, but Yancey said that the plans

of doing so are not definite. No completion date has been set.

The new student center currently doesn't have a name, but "naming opportunities for the new and old student centers are being pursued," said Yancey. The new student center is scheduled to be operational in July 2005.

The bid for the student center's construction company will go out at the same time as that of the library renovation project, and the same contractor will build both buildings, according to Margaret Yancey.

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Alumni Art Scholarships Will Attract First-Year Students To Fine Arts Program

Martin, Johnson Take Home \$500 Art Scholarships

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

The Alumni Society of CNU awarded juniors C.J. Martin and Crystal Johnson art scholarships worth \$500 apiece last week.

"Both students have distinguished themselves in their time here," said Professor Betty Anglin, Fine Arts Department Chair. "Both can be found in the art studio at all times of the day."

Awards were announced at the Senior Art Show reception last week, Anglin said. Dr. David Alexick, along with professors Greg Henry and Anglin looked at 12 submissions for the scholarship.

"It was extremely difficult to choose the top two out of these submissions," said Anglin, adding that other scholarships were awarded as well: three for \$200, one for \$150 and two for \$100.

The Alumni Society worked all year to raise money for funding for these scholarships and other projects, Anglin said.

In addition to the society raising funds at CNU basketball games, President Paul Tribble and his wife, Rosemary, hosted a silent auction

on Saturday, March 1 that raised \$20,000.

Participants competed for free stays at vacation homes owned by those within the CNU community and placed bids for artwork donations from some faculty members and other selected artists.

"The program was well-attended, and there was a lot of enthusiasm throughout the evening," Anglin said.

As for future scholarships, Anglin said that from this year forward, scholarships will be awarded to freshmen in order to attract new students to the program. These scholarships will be able to roll over for all four years if the students' work quality and grades remain

exceptional. In addition, some students hope similar scholarships will be made available to non-majors.

"Art scholarships shouldn't just be limited to freshman students interested in art," upper-class art student Sarah Chappell said. She feels that anyone who shows an interest in the art program, as well as those who plan to major in that field, should be eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Students interested in the art program will have another opportunity to view the work of CNU artists at the student art show, held at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center April 12. All awards will be given at 6 p.m.

Virginia In Brief

Funding Cut Could Lead To Malnutrition

Congress could approve a proposal to cut federal spending for child nutrition programs, according to the Daily Press.

The cut would result in higher lunch prices, and fewer children would qualify for free breakfast and lunch.

Since school service programs are self-supporting, a reduction in funding could lead to cut salaries, laid-off employees and an inability to replace aging equipment. The House of Representatives proposed the \$9.7 billion cut in March.

Two Killed In House Fire

Two people were killed in a house fire in Bluefield, Va. on Monday, according to the Daily Press. The house was destroyed in the fire, which was reported at 1:11 p.m. The victims were found unconscious outside the house after escaping through a window. Preston Hurt, Jr., 24, who lived in the house, and Jessica Ratcliff, 23, of Tazewell, Va. were the victims.

Music Acts Coming To The Area

The organizers of this year's Hampton Jazz Festival announced that it will feature R&B and Jazz acts including Anita Baker, Earth, Wind and Fire, George Benson, India Arie and Gladys Knight, according to the Daily Press.

Tickets will go on sale on Saturday and will be more expensive this year. The festival will run June 26 through June 29.

Agency Offers Counseling For Alcoholics

A local agency will join a national campaign to reach at least some of the people who abuse alcohol, according to the Daily Press. The effort is called National Alcohol Screening Day. The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board will host events in each city.

Former Basketball Star Fails To Pay Child Support

On Monday, Ralph Sampson pleaded guilty in federal court for failing to pay more than \$22,000 in child support, according to the Virginia Pilot. Sampson is a former University of Virginia and NBA basketball star, and he will face a second child support count in Charlottesville on April 9, according to the Pilot. U.S. Magistrate Dennis Dehnal set Sampson's sentencing for July 8, according to the Pilot.

File Sharing Continues Despite The Risks

Commentary

BY TYRONE ROBINSON
Staff Writer

"In making acceptable use of resources you must NOT ... make or use illegal copies of copyrighted software, store such copies on university systems, or transmit them over university networks ..." says the Information Technology Services' policy page.

Right this very minute, someone on campus may be downloading something, whether a software patch, a game, a movie—the program of choice being Sharmar Networks' Kazaa. Kazaa, a peer-to-peer program, allows its users to download files from other people's computers without a central network, according to the Kazaa Web site. This leaves Sharmar Networks nearly blameless when it comes to users downloading copyrighted or otherwise illegal materials. This means that the end users may become targets of potential prosecution, as one CNU student found out in the fall.

"Sony alerted us to someone who had a lot of traffic from outside of our network," said Suzanne Alexander, a Computer Systems Engineer. "The incident mostly involved video files that student didn't realize were open for others to upload."

After this incident, former Director of Information Technology

Servics John Savage sent out an e-mail that told people to switch off the uploading capabilities from Kazaa.

After warning that Internet connections will be terminated to rooms that continue to allow uploading of other illegal activities, however, CNU has not had another warning since early October.

There has been no major crackdown on students who have taken file-sharing off their copies of Kazaa and continue to download music and movies.

This act is coming under scrutiny from the government and music corporations, especially after a federal ruling that stated that Kazaa could be sued although it is based in Australia and technically isn't illegal, according to a CNET news.com article.

In theory, Kazaa would be a great trading post for authorized live music or unreleased songs, but junior Mandy Thomson brings up another reason why Kazaa is so popular.

"You don't have to spend \$15 on one song," she said.

Although Kazaa itself isn't illegal, file sharing is, according to the No Electronic Theft (NET) Act passed by Congress in 1997. The act considers "the reproduction or distribution, including by electronic means, of one or more copies or phonorecords of one or more copyrighted works, which have a total retail value of more than \$1,000," as a criminal act. Breaking this law can lead to up to six years in prison, according to the Department of Justice Web site.

A \$15 CD has about an hour's worth of music on it. After some division, about 67 hours of music shared is enough to be prosecuted. From skimming over the NET Act, it appears that downloading files isn't illegal, on booting them and burning CDs for profit is.

To combat the use of student uploads and downloads, the Com-

puter Center has limited the bandwidth to certain areas of campus at set times, according to Director of Development Margaret Yancey.

Will policy change and government pressure put a halt to downloading the hottest new single? John Conyers of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the full Judiciary Committee, answers this best in an-

other CNET news.com article.

"[He] warned that universities should take aggressive measures to police their own networks lest Congress do it for them in a much more invasive way. There are people [on this committee] willing to take action, and it'll probably go over the line in terms of privacy concerns," he said."

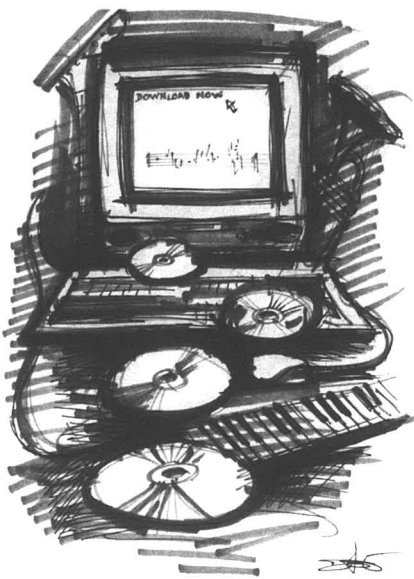
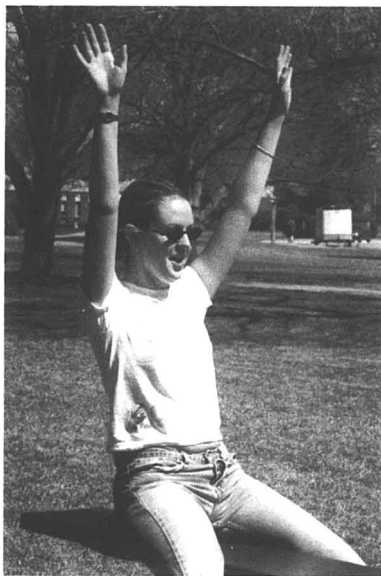


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Alpha Phi Organizes Teeter-Totter-A-Thon On The Lawn



Taryn Corning/The Captain's Log

Junior Leslie Hutchins, a newly initiated sister of Alpha Phi, seesaws to support the Alpha Phi foundation, which supports cardiac care for women. According to Hutchins, "the Teeter-Totter-A-Thon was a great time for us to bond as sisters and to raise money for an important cause."

\$826 Raised For Alpha Phi Foundation For Cardiac Care For Women

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Managing Editor

It was noon on Wednesday when four sisters from Alpha Phi first climbed onto two shiny red teeter-totters on the Great Lawn. Twenty-four hours later, the women had consumed 60 hot dogs and 40 hamburgers, played several late-night games of football and soccer, and had raised over \$826, according to sisters Anita Busiglio and Jennifer Silberman.

The Teeter-Totter-A-Thon is a philanthropic event that benefited cardiac care for women.

Last week's Teeter-Totter-A-Thon raised funds through the Alpha Phi Foundation in what several sisters say was the most successful teeter-totter-a-thon ever at CNU.

"It was such a success, I'd like to bask in that for a little while," said Amy Todd, a junior in Alpha Phi.

Aside from simply generating large numbers of contributions, the event also improved the sorority's unity, sisters said.

"I think our sisters really came together and worked well," said Silberman, who was in charge of keeping track of donations.

The sisters signed up to teeter-totter in two-hour shifts.

One individual even signed up to teeter-totter for 15 hours, said Busiglio, who was present for 22 of the 24 hours.

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"Because it's a 24-hour event, you're there at five in the morning when no one is around. You have a lot of bonding time."

Amy Todd, junior

lot of bonding time," said Todd.

The teeter-totter-a-thon was held for the first time in the spring of 2002, the brainchild of Nicole Hruska, Alpha Phi's Vice President of Marketing at the time.

"We wanted a fun event that the campus community could get in-

volved in, and it was a success," Todd said.

The teeter-totter-a-thon was introduced in place of one of the sorority's previous philanthropies, a bounce-a-thon, in which sisters bounced a ball back and forth on the Great Lawn, Todd said.

This year, the girls added a cookout to the teeter-totter event, and women not on the teeter-totters spent the night playing football and soccer.

"We had sisters bring food in. We played music and hung out. Phi Mu sat with us. People who knew us came out to support," Silberman said.

Next year, the sisters of Alpha Phi are in hopes of an even bigger turnout, along with other improvements.

"I just hope it grows," Todd said.

"Maybe we'll add a few teeter totters...I'd like to see more money raised, more awareness raised for cardiac care for women, and more women take part. I see so much potential for it," said Todd.

Although the sorority had collected \$826 as of April 7, "We're still expecting more donations," Silberman said.

This year's donations included more individual contributions, as opposed to corporate contributions, than in years past, Busiglio said. The sisters visited numerous potential donors to round up sponsorship.

Some top corporate sponsors included Cox Cable corporate offices, where Busiglio works, and Joe's Crab Shack, said Busiglio. Alumni donations were also a highlight this year, according to Silberman.

"We're not looking for the crowds, or the cheering," said Burbic.

Men have to support their families, do a good job, stay busy and achieve their dreams of being a hero, firefighter or even just being a person their sons and daughters can look up to. If they really wanted to make more money, they could have been computer programmers, doctors or even politicians. But they want to provide a service to their community. They want to be people that the community can lean on, call on in times of crisis, and then, when needed, they want to be supported by that same community. Hopefully, one day they will.

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lar nine-to-five jobholder works 120 hours a month, if that. Firefighters don't get holidays or weekends off, and at any time on their shift, they have to be ready to jump in the truck and save lives, whether it is at three in the afternoon or three in the morning. It's not often that someone would see all the firefighters sleeping or playing cards, or just "hanging out." They provide a service to the community: in cases such as Hurricane Andrew and Sept. 11, firefighters are among the first to respond in times of crisis.

The Debate for Pay Increases

The firefighters at station 10 (and all over Newport News) were expecting a pay raise in January. Because of budget cuts, that pay raise was pushed back to April. Now, the city manager has told Union President Ben Burbic that no raises will be given until July. In July, every city employee will receive a pay raise.

Unfortunately, it was also decided that the annual merit raises given to the firefighters would be skipped over this year.

"So basically, we're not getting anything," said Burbic, shaking his head as he discusses the current

situation.

"I feel that my guys went out there, did the best they could, and for what? They [the city council] are taking away our merit raises, those that certain employees have earned, and giving everyone a raise. We aren't really gaining much, are we? Things might be different next time around," Burbic said. "Council is up for reelection, maybe things will change. We've lost four guys since December, guys who had to go somewhere else because the pay here just isn't high enough."

The big question is: how many more firefighters will Newport News lose?

Achieving Their Dreams

Those four remote controls are still hanging on the entertainment center at station 10. Everyone still pokes fun at Frank, and the men are still staying busy. The eight o'clock meetings are the same as always, as the "Busiest Do-Nothing Station in the City" continues to run drills, fight fires and speak out to the local community. They still do Operation Prom, and they keep their memories locked tight in their minds most of the time. Sometimes, talking about things isn't so hard anymore, and as time passes, these stories are used as examples of negligence, drunk driving, speeding and safety.

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lines."

The Elections Committee maintained that it possesses the ability to grant exemptions because of a second constitutional clause stating that such committee members are the enforcers of the rules and regulations decided by the Elections Committee, according to SGA President and Elections Committee Chair Anna Williams.

"I believe that statement will allow the Elections Committee to interpret the Constitution as needed, and that doesn't just mean exemptions," Anderson said. "Being the governing body allowed us the opportunity to make additional rules to govern elections," said Anderson. She said she did not feel elections should be run again because, "for me, there's always battles in life that you have to choose. You're not going to go by the rules 100 percent and always enforce every single thing."

SGA Parliamentarian Michael Maher, whose position grants him the authority to interpret the constitution,

ruled that the Election Committee's actions were indeed constitutional.

"It's the Parliamentarian's decision," said sophomore Senator Frank Maxey, who was pleased with the outcome of the voting, because "it went along with his decision."

"Being the governing body allowed us the opportunity to make additional rules to govern elections."

-Emily Anderson, sophomore

sion, which should have been followed anyway."

Several senators felt it was their duty to vote in support of Maher's decision and the rest of the executive board.

"They made the decision. I'm going to back them," said junior Senator Thomas Welch IV, who was appointed as the new SGA Secretary during the meeting.

Other senators felt that elections should be run again as an issue of fairness to students not aware that exemptions were possible.

"There were no posters up about exemptions," except on the door of the SGA office, said junior Nicole Harrison.

Exemptions were announced during the course of several Senate meetings, however.

Some senators who supported the proposal were particularly disappointed not only with the outcome of the vote but of the way the debate was run.

"I feel that the e-board did not inform the student government, as well as the student body, with the information needed to make the decision at hand," said junior Senator Nikki Wenzel, sister of Jenn Wenzel and strong supporter of the proposal.

Despite the concern of these senators, SGA elections will be held on Thursday and Friday as originally planned.

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gest selling point, so it helps us out," said Fattibene, who is also a member Pi Lambda Phi.

While helping make the campus cleaner, students were able to take advantage of the good weather.

"It's a nice day to be out here; I am pleased not to be in class," said Fattibene.

Some clubs were able to put the event toward two causes at once.

"We adopted the campus as a whole as our Adopt-A-Spot. Cleaning Wise Woods is how we're doing campus clean-up and Adopt-A-Spot at the same time," said Junior Nick Clark of the Psychology Club.

The Community Outreach Committee was new for the SGA this semester. This group met every Thursday to plan the event, said Amber Church, a freshman on the committee.

"We put a lot of time and effort into this," Church said.

Besides just working to keep the campus clean, the event was also a social opportunity, according to some.

Senior Alicia Hill-Thompson said, "I'm interacting with new people and helping the Grounds Crew at the same time."

The project was undertaken in part to help out the Grounds Department.

Junior Philip Prince, who works for the Grounds Department, said that the Campus Clean-Up Day "really helped us out a lot."

The SGA created the idea of a Campus Clean-Up Day, and the Grounds Department provided the list of projects that the students organized, according to Bob Goodhart, Director of Grounds.

"Jeremiah Davis and

Ashley Boyd made this happen. They and your SGA senators deserve the credit. SGA support has been phenomenal," Goodhart said.

Goodhart is happy with the turnout of the event.

"I think this is a very favorable reflection on the CNU student body. This is very unique and something of which the CNU community should be proud," said Goodhart. "The Grounds Department thinks that the University priorities should

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-Bob Goodhart, Director of Grounds

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After the day's events, students had a new appreciation for the Grounds Department.

Hill-Thompson said, "It's kind of interesting, because I

never knew how much the Grounds Crew had to do."

At the end of the day, most students saw a real difference on the campus.

"I've seen a big difference since we've been here," said Barnes. "Usually you can't even see the tea house, but now you can see it walking by from the street."

She was not the only student who felt this way.

"There's definitely a difference from when we started until now," senior Brandi Henry, member of Gamma Phi Beta and the Psychology Club, said. "This has been really nice. It's surprising getting this many people on a Friday. I hope they do it again."

Her words reflect the sentiments of the group as a whole.

"This is the first year we've done this, and hopefully we'll have it for many years to come," Gardella said. "I'm really glad we're doing this. It brings us all together cleaning up our campus."

The Grounds Department would also be very happy to see it become an annual event in the spring and fall, according to Goodhart.

Some students will be involved in cleaning regardless of whether the SGA plans an event.

"Even if they don't have the event again, we'll still be out here cleaning up," said Clark.

The event helped to bring students a little closer to their campus and fellow students.

"The value I see in this is that it gives the students a sense of ownership to the campus. Nothing gives us more pride in our school than to know that we took an active part in making it a better place," Goodhart said.

however, the only reason for this year's success.

"This is my third year doing this event, and more people came out this year," said junior Matt Buttgeriet. He estimated that during Wednesday and Thursday night, anywhere from 30 to 50 people came to visit the Cardboard Village.

Senior Adam Cross also commented on the increased support of the CNU community during Pi Lambda Phi's Cardboard Village.

"I think another thing that really helped out this year is that we had more faculty support to go along with the student enthusiasm," said Cross.

Increased planning time also contributed to the success of the event, said Bland.

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ing and listening to music. The highlight of Thursday night was a milk-chugging contest in which some of the Pi Lambda Phi members participated. When the brothers weren't busy having fun with their activities, they were repairing or renovating their cardboard houses.

Some of the cardboard houses were small and simple, with a few boxes fixed together with duct tape. Other houses were what Greeks called veritable mansions, consisting of a few dozen boxes taped together and reinforced with smaller pieces of cardboard. The biggest cardboard house this year was made in a circular

fashion with a cardboard tower in the middle. A tarp was draped over the whole house in case it rained.

Fortunately for the brothers

"Other houses were what Greeks called veritable mansions."

ers, this year's event was rain-free.

Last year's rainstorm sent the villagers home early, said Bland. This was not,

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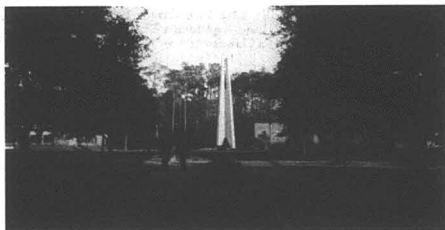
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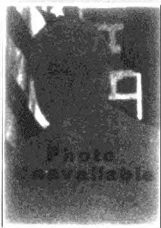
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2003 Student Government Candidates



Jeremiah Davis
Running for President of the Student Government Association

As a freshman, Davis contributed to the student body by serving as Freshman Class President and a student senator. He served as Sophomore Class President the following year and ran for the VP of Student Services position, which he currently holds. In this capacity, he has initiated measures to restructure student government and to unite the student body.

In preparation for such plans, he spent the summer working in the public sector at the local YMCA and attending Leadership Institute. There activities boosted awareness, commitment enthusiasm and pride for student government.



Ashley Boyd
Running for Vice President of Student Services

Ashley is a sophomore from Chesapeake, Virginia. She is majoring in Political Science and minoring in Leadership Studies. Ashley currently serves as SGA's Vice President of University Relations, Standards Chair of Phi Mu Fraternity, member of CNU TONIGHT, member of the President's Leadership Program, and volunteer at The Newport News Nursing Home.



Melissa Bell
Running for Vice President of University Relations

As a freshman, Melissa, became very involved. Taking the initiative, Melissa, along with another freshman, founded the CNU Young Democrats. That same year, Melissa played on the CNU Women's Tennis team, all the while maintaining a good academic standing. As a sophomore, Melissa worked as a student employee in the Freeman Center, as well as focused on developing the CNU YD's in their first active year, competing with the International Relations Organization (Model United Nations), serving as an SGA senator (working on the Political Involvement Committee) and the Budget and Finance Committee), and pledging Phi Mu Fraternity.



Bill Card
Running for Vice President of University Relations

I started here at CNU as a resident student in the only residence hall. I have seen that campus go through a number of positive changes that I would like to see continue. I am a junior majoring in Business Administration. In four years I have participated in my fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi, and I have been an SGA senator. It is my goal to see the current trend of increasing student involvement continue.

Candidates For Class Offices



Phillip Andrews
Running for Vice President Class of 2006

Biography unavailable at press time.



Billy Boulden
Running for President Class of 2006

CNU Involvement: Football Team, Track Team, PLEP, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Goals: Provide fair representation of the Class of 2006, bring respect and dignity to the Class of 2006 and to the CNU campus, so everyone can see what a great class we are, and to make next year the most enjoyable year ever on this campus.



Shakenya Chamblee
Running for Vice President Class of 2006

CNU Involvement: SGA, Senate Judiciary Committee, Class of 2005 Secretary and Public Relations Chair.

Goals: I want the class of 2006 to have a good relationship with all of the other classes; I specifically want to target the incoming freshmen... get them involved on campus, and hopefully, do activities on campus to get them interested.



Christina Eggenberger
Running for President Class of 2005

CNU Involvement: SGA, Senate Judiciary Committee, Class of 2005 Secretary and Public Relations Chair.

Goals: To work with the athletics department and Office of Student Life to get student support at athletic events, to help juniors understand what credits and classes they need to graduate and to hold info sessions.



Juellisa Gadd
Running for PR Chair Class of 2004

CNU Involvement: Cross Country Track Team, Indoor and Outdoor Track Team, General Biology and Chemistry Tutor for Student Athletes.

Goals: I will do my best to plan, promote, and inform my fellow class members of all upcoming events in an efficient manner, to encourage class member involvement.



Rachael Harrel
Running for Treasurer Class of 2004

CNU Involvement: Treasurer of the Psychology Club, SGA, SPARC, Silver Storm Dance Team.

Goals: I want our class to work with the Class of 2005 to create a memorable and exceptional homecoming dance, will accurately manage the funds needed for our events and advise our class on how to be thrifty with allocated money.



Gillian Henry
Running for PR Chair Class of 2006

CNU Involvement: MSA, CAB, Circle K.

Goals: To reach out to all of the members of the Class of 2006, to try and make the Class of 2006 one of the best and most active classes in the University, and to try and help to improve and better their outlook on the University, and to improve the reputation of the Class of 2006.



Leslie Hutchins
Running for President Class of 2004

CNU Involvement: SGA, class officer, Alpha Phi.

Goals: I would like to see the Class of 2004 better informed of events, make the class aware of graduation information, plan a class trip that will get good attendance. I would like to see the Class Officer Council begin to act as a governing body.



Erin Ireland
Running for President Class of 2006

CNU Involvement: Programing Chair of York River Hall Council, Under Secretary General for Operations of the International Relations Organization, SGA, Academic Task Force Committee.

Goals: Create class unity, reestablish the reputation of the Class of 2006, and make connections with upperclassmen.



Melanie Lee
Running for Vice President Class of 2006

CNU Involvement: Phi Mu, Philanthropy Committee, Santoro Front Desk Assistant, PLEP, SGA, Budget and Allocation Committee member, MSA, GQ Pageant Coordinator, Black History Month Trivial Bowl Coordinator.

Goals: I just want to be a voice for the Class of 2006.



Jordan Maroon
Running President Class of 2004

CNU Involvement: CNU TONIGHT, PLEP, Honors Program, InterVarsity, Joel 2:28.

Goals: I want to restore the good standing of the Class of 2006, see my classmates gain stronger ties to the campus by joining clubs and organizations and by planning and executing events on and around campus.



Jaime Nierescher
Running for President Class of 2005

CNU Involvement: RA, Front Desk Assistant, Gamma Phi Beta, Vice President of the Class of 2005.

Goals: As President next year I hope that I can continue our participation in campus events and host more events for our class specifically. I would like to continue to work closely with the other classes and work to have an exciting year.



Tiffany Slaughter
Running for Treasurer Class of 2006

CNU Involvement: PLEP, Secretary of Circle K, Baptist Student Union, SGA.

Goals: I would like to see more involvement of the Class of 2006 on campus. I would also like to see more of the Class of 2006 voicing their opinions on campus, and I would like help the Class of 2006 make a difference at CNU.



Nikki Wenzel
Running for Vice President Class of 2004

CNU Involvement: SGA, Constitution Committee member, Publicity Chair for InterVarsity, Junior Class Vice President, Alpha Phi.

Goals: This coming year I hope to bring more involvement to the Class of 2004, and work with the other classes to plan successful events such as the Homecoming Dance, and end of the year picnic.



Craig Whisenhunt
Running for President Class of 2006

Biography unavailable at press time.

World and Nation

Supreme Court Upholds Virginia Cross-burning Ban

BY STEPHEN
HENDERSON

Knight-Ridder Campus

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld a Virginia law that was used to jail two men who burned a cross in a family's front yard, but the justices struck down the state's use of the same law to prosecute a Ku Klux Klan leader who burned a cross at a rally on a willing owner's property.

The difference? The first case was an act of intimidation and not protected by the First Amendment.

In the other, a Virginia court told jurors that any cross burning was meant to intimidate.

"It may be true that a cross burning evokes a sense of anger or hatred among the vast majority of citizens who see a burning cross," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote. "But this sense of anger or hatred is not sufficient to ban all cross burnings," said O'Connor.

The ruling struck a middle ground between two extremes on a hot-button issue. Some saw the case as an opportunity for the court to inveigh against the evils of ethnic intimidation, others thought the justices might show unbridled support for free expression.

The opinion produced a decision that does not decimate either side.

"I think this is a sound compromise that a substantial part of the country, and maybe a majority, can accept," said Rodney Smolla, a University of Richmond law professor.

"The court is demanding that society allow people to burn the cross when they're doing that to express a political message, but they're allowing society to ban cross burning when it's about intimidation," he said.

The court's complicated ruling produced five opinions and reflected significant division among the justices about how states can construct cross-burning bans without trampling free-speech rights.

O'Connor's opinion upholding the law was joined by four other justices, but only three others agreed with the part that invalidates the provision of the law presuming that all cross burnings are designed to be intimidating.

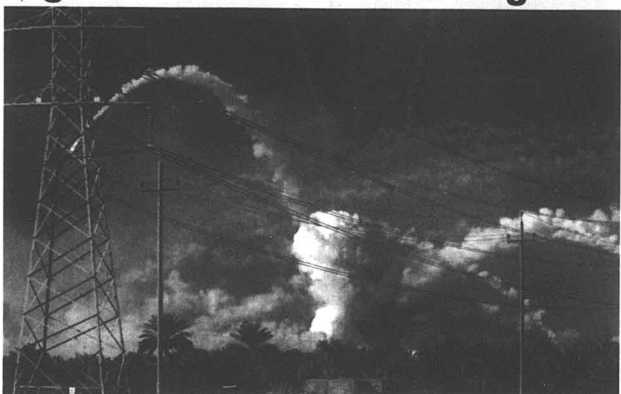
Justice John Paul Stevens concurred.

Justice Antonin Scalia concurred with much of O'Connor's ruling but would not have invalidated any part of the law.

Justice David Souter, joined by Justices Kennedy and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, dissented from the part of O'Connor's opinion that said cross burning could be singled out for punishment.

Finally, Justice Clarence Thomas said he would have upheld the Virginia law in its entirety and that he strained to see legitimate First Amendment issues in the case.

Forces Move Into Basra; Tighten Control Around Baghdad



Explosions from a destroyed Iraqi missile shoot across the sky on the outskirts of Karbala, Iraq, Thursday.

Suspected Terrorist Camp Seized Near Baghdad

BY ANDREA GERLIN,
TOM LASSETTER AND
TAVEN THOMMA
Knight-Ridder Campus

U.S. Marines seized a suspected terrorist training camp on the outskirts of Baghdad Sunday, as allied forces tightened their grip on the heart of Saddam Hussein's regime.

U.S. soldiers evacuated an Iraqi military facility in the town of Albu Muhawish south of Baghdad after finding evidence of the nerve agent Sarin.

Earlier Sunday, several soldiers were decontaminated after they exhibited symptoms of possible exposure to low levels of

nerve agents.

Marines also found two missiles marked with a chemical symbol buried under recently poured concrete in the town of Aziziyah.

British troops moved into the besieged city of Basra, found little resistance and said they would stay.

And in northern Iraq, friendly fire was suspected in the bombing of a joint U.S.-Kurdish convoy that killed at least 20 and injured at least 45.

To the west, unknown forces fired on a convoy carrying the Russian ambassador and staff to Syria, and several were injured.

Marines pored over a suspected terrorist camp at Salman Pak, a village along the Tigris River about 20 miles southeast of Baghdad. They took the ground in an overnight attack that they said destroyed 70 percent of the al Nida Division of the Iraqi Republican Guard.

At least 13 Iraqis were killed in the fighting, while others fled from trenches and sandbag nests on rooftops.

The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force attacked the camp after learning of its location from captured pro-Iraq fighters from other countries including Egypt and Sudan.

U.S. officials believe the camp, which included the shell of a Boeing 707 apparently used to practice for hijackings, was used by Saddam to train foreign terrorists.

"It reinforces the likelihood of links between his regime and external terrorist organizations," said U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, spokesman for the U.S. Central Command in Doha, Qatar.

The apparent desertion of Iraqi forces from potential battlegrounds purchased by the discovery near Baghdad of 16 abandoned T-72 tanks, Iraq's best military planners scratching their heads and hoping for the best.

"Where have these guys gone?" said Lt. Col. Dave Pere, senior watch officer at the IMEF's combat operations center.

"It is my suspicion that there are wholesale desertions."

U.S. forces continued to close their circle around Baghdad, even as they faced small attacks on their base at Baghdad International Airport. The first U.S. military aircraft, a C-130 cargo plane, landed there Sunday.

Warplanes and drones crowded the skies over the city, so much so that air controllers were added to guard against collision. And a massive buildup of U.S. Marines continued on roads leading into Baghdad's eastern edge, where intersections were commandeered and military vehicles blocked roads.

Yet they also said they saw signs of how challenging the battle for Baghdad could be. Central Command said it believes Iraqi soldiers have moved into mosques and hospitals, including the "Mother of All Battles" Mosque and Saddam Hospital, both of which remained on the allied coalition's no-strike list to avoid civilian casualties.

400 New SARS Cases In China; Disease Not Yet Prevalent In United States

BY MICHAEL DORGAN
AND SETH BORENSTEIN
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As China on Wednesday disclosed nearly 400 new cases of the mysterious fast-breaking respiratory illness and international health officials urged travelers to avoid southern China, U.S. doctors were trying to figure out why the disease has not hit America that hard yet.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, continues to spread in Hong Kong, China's southern Guangdong province and distant Canada, while neighboring countries have had only sporadic travel-related cases.

U.S. officials said Wednesday that a new diagnostic test, which seems to identify the virus that American officials think is responsible, is ready to be sent to state health officials for preliminary use.

So far, SARS has sickened 2,236 people and killed 78. Nearly 1,200 of those cases have been in China.

China with 708 in Hong Kong. Although Hong Kong has been part of China since 1997, international health officials treat it as a separate entity. Eighty-five percent of all cases and 79 percent of all deaths have been in Hong Kong and China.

According to data released Wednesday by China, 1,153 cases, including 40 deaths, have been in Guangdong, where the virus is believed to have originated. The latest data showed 361 new cases, including nine deaths, in Guangdong in March.

The data also showed that the virus spread to the Guangxi region and to Hunan and Sichuan provinces, which together had 21 cases, and three deaths.

In the United States, there have been 85 cases. All but seven of those victims had traveled to SARS hot spots. No one has died in the United States, and only one victim was sick enough to need a mechanical respirator, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

But China's numbers caused the World Health Organization and the U.S. State Department to issue a first-of-its-kind travel advisory about Hong Kong and Guangdong.

While Wednesday's disclosures reinforce China's standing as the epicenter of the epidemic, they also suggest a hopeful trend. The data indicate a 48 percent drop in new SARS cases in Guangdong from February to March.

Bush Meets With Blair About Postwar Iraq

War Nearly Over, Says Sec. Of State Powell

BY RON HUTCHESON AND
FAWN VRAZO
Knight-Ridder Campus

Secretary of State Colin Powell declared the war with Iraq nearly over Monday as President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair dined in an Irish castle and turned their attention to the future of postwar Iraq.

"The hostilities phase is coming to a conclusion," Powell told reporters traveling with Bush. "It's time for all of us to think about the post-hostilities phase."

The meeting between Bush and Blair came as coalition forces in Iraq took control of Basra and swarmed into Saddam Hussein's deserted palace in Baghdad.

Powell said a team of U.S. officials will gather in Iraq this week to work out the details of an interim government.

The progress on the

battlefield has put into sharper focus a dispute between Washington and London over the United Nations' role in rebuilding postwar Iraq.

Blair wants the United Nations to play a significant role in Iraq's transition to a

control events after the war by its sacrifices on the battlefield.

The coalition, having spent the treasure, having taken the political risk and having paid the cost in lives, must have a leading role," Powell said.



President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair meet, Wednesday night, March 26, at Camp David. Pictured in background are Chief of Staff Andy Card and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice.

democracy, but Bush wants to keep primary authority in the hands of the U.S.-British coalition.

Blair has also prodded Bush to reach out to France, Germany and other nations that opposed the war.

Reflecting Bush's view, Powell said the U.S.-British coalition earned the right to

NATO all may join the effort as well, Powell said.

"There's enough work for everyone to have a role. But the leading role initially, of course, has to be the coalition necessarily," Powell said.

The secretary of state left no doubt that he wants to avoid a replay of the fight over the U.N.'s refusal to back the U.S.-led war.

"Let's not fight that fight again," Powell said. "Let's get back to the basic proposition that is before us, and that is to rebuild a country that has been devastated by war and Saddam."

Bush and Blair, who have met three times in as many weeks, had dinner Monday night at Hillsborough Castle, built in the 1600s. Bush and Blair walked in the castle's gardens before dinner, and "this sent the tone for the meeting, which is more like a Camp David meeting than a White House or 10 Downing Street meeting," a British government spokesman said.

After more talks Tuesday with Blair about Iraq, as well as about ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and reviving the stalled peace process in Northern Ireland, the president will return to Washington.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a problem, concern or issue, The Captain's Log can give you a voice.

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

Victims Of Cut Departments Should Not Have To Wait 10 Months To Walk

After the events of this past academic year, I could not possibly leave this university without voicing my opinion and that of others concerning the removal of certain programs and the way in which many other closely related issues have been dealt with (Although it has been made clear what the importance of my opinions are on these issues already).

These include: the transition to other schools, commencement and the general way in which those who were affected were treated by both administration and our peers.

First and foremost, I can try to understand the removal of the programs, although I do not in any way agree with it.

At this point, it is truly a waste of energy to debate whether that decision was appropriate. However, there are many other questionable decision-making issues that surround that decision.

Once the programs were cut, there was frantic concern about where to turn, what changes in our life plans were to be made and how to go about ultimately achieving the goals that we strategically planned upon our arrival here at CNU.

The frustration, confusion and panic over these changes cannot easily be described, but were harshly felt by those who were affected. I have enjoyed my time here at CNU, but these issues have put a significant damper on my outlook toward my college experience.

Just as "changes were

forced upon us" concerning these programs, the students affected by these changes were forced to make some decisions as well.

These choices may have included changing majors, concentrations or transferring to another institution, all of which are major disruptions to set plans and goals.

Now, there are a handful of students like myself left needing only one or two classes in order to fully complete their coursework. These classes are ones that could have been taken during another semester had there been any notice as to what was going to occur.

Instead, the only way to obtain these classes is to take them in the upcoming summer before all of our professors are left unemployed, and we are left hung out to dry—to fend for ourselves.

As for graduation, the most reasonable way to participate in a commencement ceremony when placed in this position would be to look on to a December commencement (which has occurred consistently every year, up until now).

Students who are in similar situations as myself are now left looking at participating in a graduation ceremony at least 10 months after the ending of their college education.

What I propose is, for those people who believe that our participation in the 2003 commencement ceremony would compromise the integrity of their class, please place themselves in our shoes for a minute.

Imagine this. You have dreamed of your graduation day. Your program is dropped. You are forced to make sudden changes with

very little notice. Classes you need are unavailable at any time but the summer.

Your professors won't even be around by May 2004. Yet you are expected to be excited about this. Sounds a lot like a nightmare to me.

Excitement is far from what I feel. I am disappointed in the University. I feel robbed of my graduation experience. I feel cheated beyond words.

After praising and supporting this school for so long, I feel very hurt and betrayed.

As bad as it may sound, we indeed are the victims here. We did not ask for these things to happen. We are the ones left scrambling to get our futures straight. Why not let us walk? Why is it such a big deal, and how is it hurting you? Why not have one last December commencement to help us out a little after all this?

I am simply asking for a little compassion from my peers and others who maintain their get-over-it attitude.

I have tried to handle this situation in stride, but I cannot help but feel like I have been slapped in the face.

Put yourself in my shoes and those of my peers for a second and ask yourself what your expectations would be. I hardly believe you would see these issues in the same light.

Cheated,
LaNeatra Johnson
Sport and Wellness
Management Student

less common than it truly is, said Dr. S.

As far as attraction that extends beyond a "teacher crush," Dr. S. believes that professors are often perceived as attractive because "competence is very sexy."

Among jobs with sex appeal, professors of physics are not usually ranked with firemen, tight end linemen, or professional tennis players, but "one of the things that is very attractive about many instructors," explained Dr. S., "is the authoritative role without the authoritarian personality, together with competence."

In his Q&A essay, Kashner described his experience as a "moral mosh pit," insinuating that his situation was

more likely because of his contact with creative writing

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students. "We're also dealing with... students who are really young artists..."

Actions Of The SGA Affect Everyone

We are writing to address the concerns that we have with the current actions of the Student Government Association.

The SGA is the governing organization of the student body that represents ALL students.

The SGA is currently violating its constitution, allowing those who are running for office to receive exemptions from the requirements of office.

The SGA constitution clearly states that "There shall be a President of this Association who shall be enrolled as a full-time student, remain a full-time student, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 at the time of election..." By granting these exemptions, the SGA is violating its own constitution.

When the members of the executive board were sworn in last spring, they repeated an oath that said, "I (name here) do solemnly affirm that I will uphold the

constitution of the Student Government Association."

Currently, every officer knows that this violation has occurred and is not fulfilling his or her duty to the student body.

According to the Student Handbook, any club that is recognized on our campus must "Adhere to the organization's approved constitution and bylaws." (page 26, section V part C). As the above states, the SGA should not be a recognized club.

The SGA reviews constitutions of clubs and organizations to ensure that they are acceptable by University standards.

Why is it that a governing body that violates its own constitution must approve other organizations' constitutions in order to be recognized?

We are not writing this to upset anyone, but the student body has a right to know what is happening within its Student Government. In order to become the respected

governing body, they must admit their wrongs and mend their ways.

As concerned representatives of our school, we want to know how you feel about this.

These people represent our school and students and they represent concerns to the administration, other universities and the surrounding community.

As a student you have a right to speak out. SGA not only represents the Senate but every student on our campus.

Take the opportunity to have your voice be heard.

Sincerely Concerned,

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Jenn Wenzel,
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SGA Elections Committee Made The Right Call To Grant Exemptions

As one of the individuals you referred to in your online exclusive article about the election process, I did not, in no way, shape or form, have any contact with Donna Edleman, Dr. Colvin or Jenn Wenzel concerning problems with my exemption.

I followed the rules and regulations set forth by the Elections Committee so I could run for President of the SGA. Due to circumstances, I decided it was in my best interest not to run for the office.

I am also a sitting member of the SGA Constitution Committee, and my

views are, in no way, the views of the whole committee.

At the recent meeting, I tried, on several occasions, to have the matter come to some sort of conclusion to give the whole problem closure.

The section I repeatedly referred to was Article X Section IV B, which states: "Be the enforcers of the rules and regulations decided by the Elections Committee."

This section would lead one to believe that whatever rules and regulations set by the Elections Committee would be CNU, thus making it constitutional.

This, however, wasn't the

case. Also, on a March 17 meeting, Senator Kusaj questioned whether the SGA would allow exemptions.

She was assured that, for all requirements, people would be able to plead their case to the Elections Committee. This wasn't argued then and shouldn't be argued now.

The situation should be able to ride into the sunset and allow SGA to continue in an ever-growing manner toward governance.

Thank you,
Michael Sanborn,
Senior

SGA Senate Should Support The Committees That It Appoints

I feel that the truth has been jaded, and if any of what was written had been middle of the road, the readers could have made an informed decision on where to stand on this issue.

From my reading of the article and having also known some of the circumstances surrounding this circus, I see only one side truly represented here.

In fact, I am honestly offended by the words toward soon-to-be President Jeremiah Davis. He is not an illegitimate President.

The fact in the Senate is that when told about giving allowances to run for President, neither former Secretary Jenn Wenzel, nor any other members of the

Senate spoke out against it.

It was only when a personal conflict arose with the former Secretary did she have a sudden attack of conscious about the unclear article.

Then, with a childhood-like support rally of only a few backing her, the article was put into question. When the majority decided not to be in her findings, she then made one last stand, to plead her case.

When ignored again, the result the next day was a vacant spot on the E-board. As it stands today, we in the Senate vote to allow people into certain committees, and from that the committees choose to give the exemptions.

I supported them enough to vote them on, so I support

their decisions. Realize that with the resignation of the advisors, the SGA is put at a minor setback, but it has been said and proven that no man or woman is irreplaceable, and the SGA will grow from this by ignoring the ill wills of former members and striving on and growing into what it is envisioned to be.

Thank you for letting me have a voice and hopefully I gave a leaning, but middle-of-the-road recap.

David Ashe,
Senior

Editor's Note: This letter is in response to a Captain's Log online exclusive, which has been available since Monday.

the Provost's Office, 594-8819. Moody handles complaints from all faculty, staff and students.

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or otherwise, in privacy, often without event.

Dr. S spoke of only one instance which occurred during the previous administration where a consensual one-night stand between a faculty member and a student whom he/she had never taught turned into a public affair and led to the faculty member's rather hasty termination.

That "people will attempt to conceal such a relationship for many different reasons, not just the reason that it's not in conformity with university policy," makes the phenomenon seem

Opinions

Where We Stand

Bell's Plan Offers Strong Vision For VPUR

The position of Vice-President of University Relations in the Student Government Association has gone through a series of dramatic changes over the course of the last two years. Originally, the position was largely a programming one; the person who held the position was in charge of organizing large social programs for the campus. The Homecoming Dance and a large-scale concert were two of the most popular programs under the VPUR's authority.

Since that time, the position of VPUR and the Student Government as a whole have gone through a great deal of changes. The SGA has shed many of its programming responsibilities, giving them to organizations that are better fit for programming and focusing their attention on issues more suited to a governing body.

This being the case, it will be entirely up to the person who takes on the position of VPUR to redefine his or her position in new dramatic ways. How the next VPUR defines his or her role on campus, and in the community, will shape the position for years to come and keep the position relevant.

In this year's only contested race on the SGA Executive Board, both Bill Card and Melissa Bell offer well-thought-out, divergent visions of what the next VPUR should offer to the campus. Card offers a vision of the position based upon a reworking of the relationship between the SGA and the clubs that it represents, with a renewed emphasis on leaving no clubs unrecognized. Bell's vision of the position could not be more different. Bell would make the VPUR position a platform for increasing campus outreach while developing better relationships with other schools and the surrounding community.

For the position of VPUR to succeed in the upcoming year, the focus must be on developing new relationship with the surrounding community and with other universities, and in that regard, Bell's platform is right on target. By promising to develop greater cooperation between regional colleges and universities, Bell puts the position of VPUR on the fast track to continued relevance and success.

Sex And Love At CNU: Amorous Relationships At CNU Under The Microscope

The Underlying Thoughts On Student-Teacher Relationships

BY RACHEL GILLERLAIN
Staff Writer

When wondering to himself why any Ph.D. would accept a measly salary, a commute through the Peninsula area and a gravel parking space just to teach a bunch of mediocre and/or hung-over undergraduates, the average CNU student might deduce: *for the chicks of course!*

However, without attempting to approach the broad issue of our faculty's various motivations, student-directed sexual desire is probably not at the top of the vocational priority list for most of our professors.

For starters, according to Dr. S, who wished to remain anonymous, "a faculty member really stands to lose a great deal of a very permanent nature by becoming involved in a sexual relationship with a student, including 'the loss of [one's] academic appointment ... along with [one's] salary, tenure ... and benefits.'"

The Board of Visitors recently revamped CNU's handbook policy, replacing the previous prohibition of consensual relationships between instructors and students enrolled in their classes with a complete ban on all amorous relationships between faculty and students in February of 2002.

CNU's Equal Opportunity Office, Michelle Moody, who deals with complaints of discrimination and harassment, stated that the new policy is designed to "create a safe environment," one "where students and their parents will know that [faculty-student amorous conduct] is taken seriously here."

While this change was probably spurred by the increase in "traditional" students—residential, 18-25 age range—it occurs soon after a similar augmentation in policy stringency at our sister school, William and Mary.

The 1999 Writer-in-Residence at W&M, Sam Kashner, published an article in the October 2000 issue of *Gentleman's Quarterly*, titled "The Professor of Desire."

In this article, Kashner humorously recounts his affair with a married undergraduate and her husband's ensuing suicide and brings national attention to what he

calls the "goings-on," meaning under-wraps faculty-student encounters, at the College.

In response, the W&M Board of Visitors strengthened its amorous relationship policy in November 2000 and again in November 2001.

In reference to the Kashner scandal, Dr. S said, "I don't recall anything that catastrophic happening within this university," and described faculty-student relationships as mostly "beginning and ending quietly."

During her career at CNU, Dr. S knows of only two somewhat dramatic instances where the significant others of involved students confronted the faculty "perpetrator," and neither situation "involved violence or firearms, but ... involved threats."

"In this article, Kashner humorously recounts his affair with a married undergraduate and her husband's ensuing suicide and brings national attention to what he calls the 'goings-on,'"

Moody reported that no faculty have been terminated under the Spring 2002 policy, but admitted, "I only know what is reported to me ... but anything could be going on at any time, who knows?"

Age discrepant sexual and romantic relationships "are common, uneventful, consensual ... and prevalent, and they will always be," claimed Dr. S. Despite changes in University policy and national regard for sexual activity among collegiate community members, Dr. S, who has been a CNU faculty member for decades, stated that she "does not think that there has been any change in the frequency with which those types of amorous relationships occur."

While Moody, a licensed attorney, described the more direct handbook guidelines as "really a protection for both parties," Dr. S feels that the

changes result from the "mushroom[ing] of sexual harassment law" as well as legal responsibility concerns that have stemmed from the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings.

"If any university has a policy ... which says 'no amorous relationships,' and a member of the university community becomes involved in such a relationship and causes a problem, the university is not liable," said Dr. S.

In contrast with the relatively "draconian" policies of CNU and W&M, UVA, George Mason and Georgetown have chosen to deal with faculty-student romance less directly.

UVA includes such sexual relationships under conflict-of-interest regulations, subjecting faculty to investigation only when involved with students over whom they "hold authority."

With more intense focus on the protection of students, George Mason and Georgetown address such matters under the umbrella of sexual harassment, insisting that extracurricular involvement among faculty and students may cause future difficulty for the student in issues of reputation and course selection.

Despite written recognition of "mutual consent," many university handbooks address the issue of "power differentiation" in relationships between instructors and learners, citing possible detrimental effects upon a student's self-esteem, autonomy in the relationship and future academic venues.

And while Moody stated that she realizes that "sometimes love is love," she pointed out that such an interaction "sets up a lot of 'what ifs' and uncertainty" for the involved student.

"It's important for the student to feel totally safe to learn," Moody said.

According to Dr. S, "what's most harmful and damaging about amorous relationships involving a student ... is that it may create a very big asymmetry in power."

For example, "when someone is a professor of mathematics and the other person is a sophomore in college," Dr. S stated, "that's not good grounds for what we call an 'egalitarian relationship.'" That puts the student in a very subservient position even though they ... are behaving willingly as an adult."

Despite heavy risks on both sides, teachers and students continue to participate in relationships, committed

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ArTs & EnTertaiNment

Observational Humor Something About Being 20-Something

BY STEVE HOFSTETTER
Guest Columnist

I am in my early 20s. I am not the irresponsible clod that MTV thinks I am. I am passionate about my career, work hard at everything I do, and spend most of my waking life trying to make a mark on the world that does not involve a spray can. But it is not yet my turn to be successful.

I cannot buy anything without forgoing something else. I cannot go food shopping without a handful of coupons. It will be years before I can purchase anything at a furniture store not named IKEA. It is simply not yet my turn.

I can't rent a car without paying a mint in insurance, and I can't own one without paying even more. While I've been able to shoot a gun for our country for the last few years, it will be a few more before I can buy one for use domestically. Not that I'd want to.

But my views on such an issue don't matter much because I don't have classmates to rally or contributions to funnel.

I am in between periods of irresponsibility. I no longer have my parents to bail me out and I do not yet have my savings to do the same. And my post-college debt does not help the situation.

There's a reason why they call it a loan. Because when you're 23 years old and staring down the barrel of \$50,000, you've never felt so alone in your life.

I'm learning to do my taxes, but I'd rather hire a CPA. I can survive soup being a main course, but I'd rather it just be an appetizer. I am okay living in a small place with poorly insulated windows, but I'd rather the ability to stretch out by a fire. But it is not yet my turn for any of this. Which is okay, since I can't afford enough furniture to fill a bigger place anyway.

I look at some of my friends who are several years older than me. Some of them have wonderful jobs in wonderful places with wonderful CPAs, and that encourages me. Some of them have the same problems I do, which terrifies me. If I knew that in five or 10 or 15 years, I would no longer have to worry about any of this, I'd be fine now. But the possibility that it will never be my turn is what keeps me up at night. That, and all the sound coming from my poorly insulated windows.

The real reason why the

drinking age in America is 21 has nothing to do with whether or not we'd be mature enough to handle it. A lot of us are immature straight through our 20s, 30s, 40s, or whatever other decade we make it through before our immaturity kills us in a tragic beer-related accident. ("Look at the kegger! I made out of legos and a jet pack!") The real reason why the drinking age in America is 21 is that the first five years after college is best remembered when not remembered.

I attended a wonderful school with many people much more affluent than myself, which helped my hone my false sense of entitlement. And if there's one thing a false sense of entitlement does not get along with, it's a lousy economy (See America, United States of). Employers have long made a habit of rewarding experience over ability, which leads the newly graduated to face the biggest Catch-22 there is: how to get experience without experience. And millions of soon-to-be-former students are about to descend on the job market. It will be an absolute dogfight, but I feel more prepared now. I've toughened myself up by eating soup on the floor under poorly insulated windows.

It took me until February after graduation to feel like I had a shot in this world, and I still have yet to hit the bulls-eye. And even if I get passed the career Catch-22, there is still the struggle of a wife, a house, kids, and my future wife and I sitting in our future house and teaching our future kids to be ready to struggle for most of their lives. Because we'd be silly to think we're the only ones who have to struggle.

I set out to write this column as a rally cry for twenty-somethings and as a warning for people about to be twenty-somethings. But as I wrote it, I realized that my biggest struggle is not with my career or my social life or my soup. My biggest struggle is simply accepting that it is not yet my turn to be successful. It is my turn to work hard and save up and sacrifice while I am still young and energetic enough to do so. And those 800 words have made me realize that I am not "paying my dues."

Rather, I am proving myself to the world, so that I'll be around and ready to advance to the counter when my turn comes and they call my number.

"Next!"
I think I'll have the soup.
Steve Hofstetter is the author of *Student Body Shots*, which is available on Amazon.com/observationalhumor.com.

Style Watch CNU

As the warm weather nears, a few fashion savvy CNU students show off what's going to sizzle when the sun finally decides to stick around.



Background: A popular favorite, the simple black flip-flop, will be found walking all over campus soon.

Foreground: An update of the classic Mary Jane hits fashionable feet this summer, with a funky twist.



Above: (Left) Leighanne Martin models the always-popular khaki miniskirt with a modern one-shoulder tank top and matching chunky belt and shoes. **Middle)** Sam Endicote models the look he dubs "a clean-cut, put-together guy." **Right)** Amy York shows those stuck in boring sweats how to exercise in style with cute capris and bright tank top.

Right: While low-rise pants are still in fashion, thongs hanging out of them are definitely not!



'Marker 20' Makes Its Mark On Eaters, Drinkers & Listeners

Roony's Replacement Combines Seafood, Bar And Music

BY JON ALLEGRETTO
Staff Writer

There's a new spot for seafood lovers and night-lifers in Downtown Hampton. Lo-

cated at 21 East Queens Way, Marker 20 is to be a welcomed addition to the area for those looking for good food and entertainment.

Formally the location of Roony's the Downtown Cafe until the late summer of 2002, the property was bought by Carlyle Bland and began its transformation in the fall of that year.

The restaurant opened on New Year's Eve after months of remodeling and additions were in place.

Those familiar with the

restaurant's previous interior will notice the drastic change in atmosphere immediately upon entrance.

The front dining room now houses a new bar, a row of raised, spacious booths along its outer wall and hand-designed mosaic tile flooring.

Extra tables in the backroom provide space for more diners and entertainment in the evenings.

Perhaps the most distinct change to the property can be seen without entering the restaurant at all. In its final

stages of completion, Bland is adding a permanent cover over to roughly half of the outdoor patio area.

Construction plans include heaters, ceiling fans and roll down windows to suit the erratic Virginia weather and should be finished within the next few weeks.

The new cover will assure the party doesn't stop when the rain kicks in.

Although Marker 20's specialty is seafood, they have a full array of eats for lunch and dinner, in addition

to Sunday brunch and late night menus.

The food is freshly prepared with healthy portions and excellent seasonings. For those simply stopping by for drinks, Marker 20 also has a comprehensive selection of beers including a brew named after the establishment.

If live tunes are your thing, you can catch live music from local and regional bands every Friday and Saturday night and an open mic night hosted by John Fu on Thursday's. Wednesday and Sunday evening entertainment will be

gin in the later months of spring.

A full list of live acts can be found on the Marker 20 website, www.marker20.com.

One of the many CNU students employed at Marker 20, Erin McMahon is anticipating the restaurant's first warm weather season.

"Between the local music and good food, I think we're going to have a great summer," McMahon said.

For "casual seafood and more," Marker 20 is open from 11am to 2am everyday.

Racist Video Game Is Sony's Controversial Best Seller

'The Getaway' Gets Graphic With Racist And Sexist Words And Scenarios

BY ANDREW CROOK
Staff Writer

Although "The Getaway" has been one of Sony's top selling games for the PlayStation 2 console since its release in January, the game has evident elements of racism and sexism.

"The Getaway" starts the player out as a former bank-robbing gangster named Mark Hammond.

He is forced to do suicidal missions across London in order to get his kidnapped son from a ruthless mob boss named Charlie Jolson.

Halfway through the game, the role of the player changes to a vigilante cop named Frank Carter.

He is also faced with the job of bringing down the main mob boss of the game. The main characters, Hammond and Carter, come into contact with gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

The Asian gang is referred to as the Triads. Most of the scenes involving this gang are stereotypically set in Chinese food restaurants.

During one of the early scenes involving the Triads, a member of this gang is

hanged from the ceiling and is being tortured by the main all-white gang.

While this person is being tortured, the white character can be quoted as saying, "The chinks don't die as easy as they used too."

During this scene, they also make many stereotypical jokes about the person knowing Kung Fu and being related to Jackie Chan.

Asian people are also referred to as "Gooks" and "Locusts" throughout the game. The all-black gang is referred to as the Yardies.

The Yardies live in the slum part of the city and are the only gang that makes and sells crack within the game.

At one point in the game, a white character is quoted as saying, "baboons running crack," referring to the black gang.

Another white character can be quoted as saying "I can read jungle drums." The white characters consistently refer to the Yardies as "Spear chucksers," "Jungle bunnies" and "Cooches."

The final gang that is rival to the main gang is an all-white gang from Soho.

No racial slurs are used toward this gang throughout the game.

Besides racist remarks, the game contains sexist and religiously offensive remarks.

The main character, Mark Hammond, refers to a woman in the game as a "dancing slut."

During one scene, Mormons are referred to as "Bible bashers" and "the people who think that Jesus was a yank."

According to Ryan Bowling, public relations spokes-

person for Sony PlayStation, "our games are rated using the Entertainment Software Rating Board to determine the audience of a game."

ESRB ratings were designed to inform consumers about game content.

ESRB game ratings have two parts, the first of which is a rating symbol that suggests which age group the game is best suited for.

And second, content descriptors tell about particular content elements that may be of interest or concern.

"The Getaway" was rated "M" and is intended for adults over the age of 17.

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When asked if Sony had debated whether to use such racial and sexist language within the game, Bowling had no comment.

Matthew Kagan handles public relations for the ESRB.

According to him, "The Getaway" was given an "M" rating for its content and listed blood, drug references, strong language, strong sexual content and violence as its content descriptors.

Kagan said he would have to look into the question of whether strong language counted as racial and ethnic slurs versus just profanity.

According to the ESRB information sheet that is provided with the PlayStation 2 consoles, strong language is defined as "Commonly referred to four-letter words."

It does not give any description of what are potentially damaging and offensive words.

There is a major difference to profanity and racially charged words.

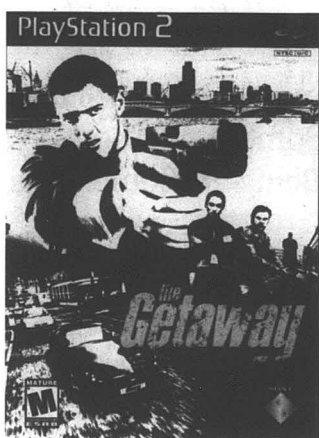
Jose Pettaway, a student at Thomas Nelson Community College, recently played this game.

He has played many games that are similar to this genre.

"While I was playing this game I could not believe some of the things that the people in the game were saying."

He also went on to say, "It really made me mad because I took offense to some of the comments made. I would never have expected to hear something like this in a game. I don't care what the warning on the box of the game said."

Students of the Multicultural Student Asso-



The controversial game, "The Getaway," has come under fire recently for the use of racist language. "How can they [Sony] sit back and make money off hurting people," said MSA Vice President Renarda Warren.

ciation at CNU were outraged by the use of these ethnic and racial slurs.

"I feel like white America is not affected by this because it is not directed to you. You don't have people calling white people jungle bunnies or gooks," said MSA Vice President Renarda Warren.

"It's just uncalled for, especially in a video game. It is the responsibility of Sony not to let this happen. How can they sit back and make money off of hurting people," Warren said.

The MSA goal is to em-

brace diversity, increase minority involvement and promote cultural awareness.

"Young children are playing these games because the majority of parents buy what their kids want and don't check out what they're buying," said MSA Treasurer Shakura Knight.

"There can't be that many adults that play games to make it a top-selling game, so kids have to be playing this game," said Knight.

Donnie McClurkin Combines R&B With Gospel On "Again"

BY DANIEL BANKS
Staff Writer

Coming onto the music scene with his self-titled debut, Donnie McClurkin hit airwaves with his first single, "Stand." Then, a few years back he pinned original music for Dreamwork's motion picture, "The Prince of Egypt" and came back with the platinum selling "Live in London and More" with the radio hit "We Fall Down."

Ending a three-year hiatus, McClurkin is back on the music charts with his new disc simply titled "Again."

The new album is worship-driven. While so many Christian artists cash into digitally remastered hymns, McClurkin dares to show his creativity by writing all new material, with three exceptions. He does have two songs previously covered by artists before him, the David Foster produced track, "The Prayer," and a Walter Hawkins' tune "Special

Gift," yet the classics take on new life. With careful precision, McClurkin adds fresh life to the covers. Here's the breakdown.

The title song "Again" gets the album off to a nice start. Half-ballad and half-praise, the song almost loses itself in some weak material. The listener almost forgets that the song is in fact a gospel song, until McClurkin echoes in the background, "Jesus Loves You."

The next track, "The Prayer," which is written and arranged by renowned producer David Foster, sets the rest of "Again" into rarely unexplored Christian territory. The track is smooth and just in time for the present hardships the country is facing. With accompanying vocals by gospel powerhouse Yolanda Adams, the track deserves the hype as one of the most anticipated duets of the year.

The strength of "Again" lies somewhere in the middle. Half of the tracks are re-

corded live, as in his previous releases. What makes these tracks special are the powerful vocals of McClurkin's background singers and some of the most talented children choirs to date.

The affectionate "I'm Walkin'" finds the singer experimenting with Jamaican rhythms. Here, he is backed by the insanely talented children's choir, New Antioch COGIC (Children's contracted Choir) of New York.

Then more studio tracks follow. The track, "So In Love" is what the title track should have been. The track starts off with McClurkin softly crooning "this is God's love song." This song sums up the entire message of "Again" nicely.

All in all, McClurkin's new disc has enough R&B and gospel melodies to guarantee longevity on the radio. With one gold and platinum albums to his credit, old fans will be happy as new ones will be sure to pick up this CD.

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Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope For April 7th - 14th

BY LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, watch for flashes of wisdom or social intuition. At present, private romantic realizations will be vivid and highly accurate. Pay attention to insights concerning the actions or repeated emotional patterns of a friend or lover. Before next week, there may be much to learn. Late Wednesday, rare business contacts or financial mistakes are bothersome. Verify all paperwork and legal permissions. Small misunderstandings may escalate.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Early this week, watch for a friend or lover to issue unclear invitations or mistaken information. Areas of concern may be group events, romantic intrigue or personal revelations involving a mutual friend. Don't be led astray. A recently silent friend or colleague may have good reason for caution. Remain attentive to private social or business politics. Before mid-April, group priorities are confusing. Respond quickly to sudden social reversals or unexpected flirtations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). This week, long-term romance promises new rewards. After a fairly involved period of emotional distance, loved ones offer gentle expressions of affection and mutual respect. This is the right time to finalize romantic and business partnerships. Calmly state your needs and wait for an honest response. After Friday, a sibling or close relative may challenge your social habits or family obligations. Don't be unnerved. Private disagreements will be brief and uneventful.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Employment mistakes and quick financial changes are annoying this week. Watch important paperwork closely for fast corrections or last-minute delays. Over the next few days, minor disputes concerning money, schedules or payment obligations will escalate. Remain distant. This is not the right time to challenge authority or press for special permissions. Early Saturday, romantic invitations will quietly intensify. Enjoy new love, private sensuality and seductive overtures.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Early this week, a lover or close friend offers clear explanations of a recent social dispute. Previous doubts will fade. By late Wednesday, expect returning affections and revised group plans. After midweek, pay attention to the observations of family members or roommates; someone close may reveal valuable insights into the financial or career expectations of a lover or friend. Stay focused on long-term family and home goals; all may not be as it seems.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Home relations are delicate this week. Expect loved ones to avoid or challenge new social information. Areas affected are romantic triangles, family disputes or late decisions from loved ones. Passions will be short-lived but strongly felt. Watch for moody atmospheres and awkward silences. Don't be drawn into the emotional dramas of others. Late Saturday, unique calls or messages from distant friends will be pleasing. Take time to finalize new plans.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Monday through Thursday, social invitations and business proposals offer remarkable opportunities. Watch for co-workers or close friends to initiate unique group events. Although new partnerships are promising, important details may be poorly defined. Remain cautious. Quickly presented contracts, social risks and public promises will not be successful until mid-April. After Friday, home obligations require attention. Spend extra private time with loved ones.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Property decisions and unusual romantic invitations are subtle themes this week. Early Tuesday, watch for close friends or family members to reveal important financial mistakes or business delays. Areas of concern are large purchases, rental agreements or long-term payments. Wait for further information before taking definitive action. After Friday, new romance is unavoidable; messages of love, social announcements and last-minute proposals are all accented.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before midweek, friends and lovers will challenge established patterns. Watch for confrontations concerning past family commitments, daily obligations or social plans. Disputes may be presented as humorous or lighthearted. However, serious doubts are involved. Provide an honest and meaningful response to all concerns. Late Friday, a close friend or relative relies heavily on your social insights or romantic advice. Offer guarded optimism and all will be well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Yesterday's invitations and private flirtations reappear. For many Capricorns, this week offers an opportunity to clarify delicate relationships or complete unfinished emotions from the past. Pay attention to subtle communications, dreams and sudden insights. After Thursday, watch also for a rare business proposal. A close colleague may reveal rare team investments or unique money information.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). After Tuesday, new documents may contain costly mistakes. Expect managers or authority figures to present poorly researched ideas and unreliable information. Play the diplomat. This is not the right time to draw attention to office delays or incomplete work. Late Thursday, a close friend or relative may announce a revised home budget or plans for relocation. Offer cheerful enthusiasm. Passionate desires, group identity and long-term security are serious concerns.

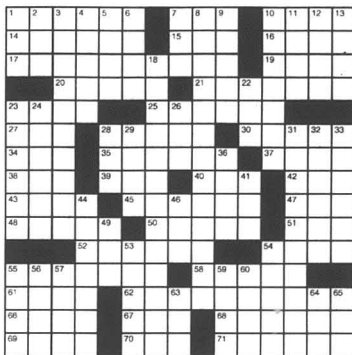
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Late Tuesday, a colleague or new business official may attempt to force key workplace decisions. Watch office politics closely. Some Pisceans may also experience a quick promise of advancement or promotion. Don't be distracted. Over the next few weeks, only written agreements will be meaningful. Timing is important. Study small events for valuable clues.

If your birthday is this week... Plan romantic and social events carefully over the next 12 weeks. Before June 5, new flirtations or group proposals will easily distract lovers and long-term friends. In actuality, private encounters and established relationships will provide better emotional rewards. Encourage others to accept long-term commitments and all will be well. After mid-August, several months of fast home changes arrive. For many Aries natives, this intense phase of family discussion will initiate almost seven years of increasing home security. By mid-December, vital romantic choices will also be involved. Remain dedicated to predictable values.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Reprimand
7 Pompous fool
10 Son of Adam
14 Inventor Gray
15 Deer mama
16 Tiresome one
17 Time to eat
19 Goli's continent
20 Davis of "Thelma & Louise"
21 Dazed states
23 Hollywood figure
25 Under control
27 Org of Flyers and Jets
28 Fragrant bloom
30 Bear and Berra
34 100 square meters
35 "Respect" singer
Franklin
37 Astronauts' grp.
38 N.T. book
39 Once existed
40 Tax letters
42 Gullible dupe
43 Den
45 Handled
47 Inside info
48 Cicero's g.
50 Smallest possible
51 Cheering word
52 Singing parts
54 London district
55 Fused receptacles
58 Dine at home
61 Passageway
62 Mail stairways
66 Frod
67 By way of
68 Hawaiian dress
69 Resting spot
70 So far
71 Beach south of Clearwater

DOWN
1 Plot for roses
2 Actor Wallach
3 Playground game
4 Actor Ed
5 Old pronoun
6 Merit
7 Brouhaha
8 Waters off Vietnam
9 Spanish missionary
Junipero
10 Desert
11 Anjou's cousin
12 Keystone State
13 Idyllic meadows
18 Former Ethiopian ruler
22 Even one
23 Entanglements
24 Menace
26 Journalist
Hentoff
28 Jurisprudence
29 Gershwin and Levin
31 Gourmet
32 O.T. prophet
33 Greek lyric poet
36 Part of B.A.
41 Bar fly
44 Small brook
46 Moray



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49 Mechanical tooth
53 Malibu or Vette
54 Prepare to take notice
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60 Tightly stretched
63 Hep dude
64 Cart track
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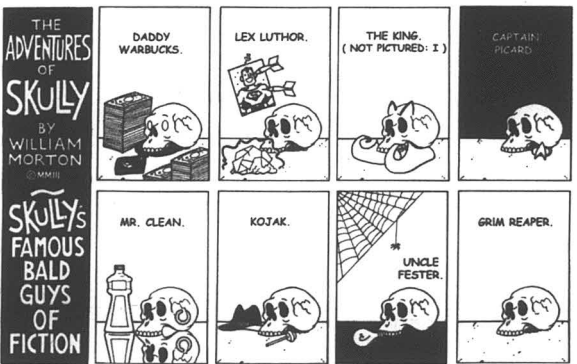
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Sports

Sportsman-like Conduct And Unity Mark Greek Week Spirit

Flag And Powderpuff Football Prove To Be The Most Competitive Events Of Greek Week

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

It rolls around every year, usually the same time that our spring semester schedule begins to get difficult. Nonetheless, participation is high and the fun provided by Greek Week encourages students to attend sporting events like Powderpuff football, volleyball, capture the flag, dodgeball, flag football and many other events.

The National Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Council are coordinating this event to possibly recruit interested candidates, but for the most part, this event is to improve relations among Greek organizations on campus.

"Greek week is fun because it's

the one time of the year that I can get together with my brothers for some truly healthy competition with another fraternity or Greek organization," said Pi Kappa Phi brother Jonas King-Holzager.

For each particular event, sororities and fraternities are paired up to compete for first place and ultimately claim the Greek Paddle.

Last year's champions were Pi Lambda Phi (fraternities) and Alpha Phi (sororities).

"This is just a time when all Greek organizations can get together for some fun, friendly competition. The Greeks are able to get out there and show the campus that

we know how to have fun," said Alpha Phi sister Christine Williams.

The most competitive event for the sororities has been the Powderpuff football game. This year, Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Mu will face each other in the first game.

The organization that won this event last year receives an automatic bid to play the winner of the first game. "Powderpuff is one of the most exciting events of the week," said Phi Mu sister Beverly Bartlett. "Every sorority prepares for it in advance, each organization plays hard and the games are always fun to watch."

For the fraternities, flag football

has proven to be the most sought after event to win.

"Not only do we have a regular football season that's highly competitive, but now we get an extra game to play," said Holzager. "Football is all about competition and tearing it up as it is. Of course, the competition is going to be high between already competitive fraternities."

For each event this year, each sorority is paired up with a different fraternity to compete with in any co-ed event. For example, Alpha

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Student Travels To Washington; Capitals Fall To Ottawa

Capitals Fall To Ottawa 5-1; Lose President's Cup As Playoffs Approach

BY ANDREW CROOK
Staff Writer

Last Thursday night the Washington Capitals took on the Ottawa Senators for a chance to secure home ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs. While Ottawa looks to win the President's Cup and skate into the playoffs with the NHL best record.

Within the first two minutes of the game the Senators would set the tone for how this game was going to play out. At 1:43 of the game Peter Schaefer of the Ottawa Senators would score with the assist by Martin Havlat and Jason Spezza.

The Senators played effective hockey, controlling both ends of the ice and at 13:10 Jody Hall score with the assist by Martin Havlat.

The Ottawa Senators would get a big break when Washington's defense-men Rick Berry got 27 minutes of penalty time for fighting and a game misconduct. This gave the Senators seven minutes of power play time.

The Washington penalty kill held off the Senators till the end of the first period. Ottawa started the second period with a 4:48 power play.

The second period started the same as the first with Ottawa scoring in the first few minutes of the period.

With 4:29 into the second Daniel Alfredsson scored a power play goal with the assists going to Jason Spezza and Brian Pothier.

With 8:14 gone by in the second period the Washington Capitals got the break they needed to get back into the game.

Ottawa's Brian Pothier and Vaclav Varada both got two-minute minor penalties giving the Capitals a five on three advantage. Washington set up the shots and at 10:12 found the back of Ottawa's net. Capitals center Robert Lang sent in a beautiful one time assisted by Jaromir Jagr and Sergei Gonchar.

The Capitals came back was short lived, as Ottawa scored again at 14:43 giving Peter Schaefer his second goal of the game.

Jason Spezza would pick up another assist along with Curtis Leschyshyn.

The Senators put the game out of reach when with only 13 seconds left in the second period Daniel Alfredsson got his second goal of the game.

Magnus Arvedson was credited with the assist. At the end of

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Freshman Adam Peters prepares to serve the ball on Wednesday's match against Hampden-Sydney. He has a record of 14-2 overall and 3-1 in Dixie Conference play, in singles competition.

CNU Tennis Improves To 11-5 Captains Face Averett and Ferrum In Upcoming Week

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

CNU tennis is proving that it is a force to be reckoned with in the Dixie Conference.

The men are 11-5 overall and 4-1 in the conference. The team is looking for a conference title, but know that it will take a lot of hard work.

Freshman Steven Inge said, "I think the team is doing really well. After playing Methodist, winning the conference is going to be really tough, but I know if the team plays well we have a shot at it."

CNU men's tennis fell to Methodist 6-1 Friday. They are anticipating a tough match against Averett on Saturday, April 12.

Inge thinks that Methodist is their toughest competition. Although Averett is one of the top teams in the conference, he said, "I think we can beat Averett."

"I think we have a strong, young team, but have a good leadership in the two senior captains," said sophomore Nick Murphey.

Despite all the hard work, the team also makes time for some fun.

Inge said, "I would have to say our team probably has more fun than any other team and we all get along great. I have more fun on road trips with the team than I ever have in previous years."

The team finished third in the Dixie Conference last year and has high hopes for the future.

"With the addition of so many great new players, the team is much deeper than last year and will continue to get better for the next few years," said Murphey.

The players have their own individual goals as well.

"I think I have played pretty

well this year," said Inge. "The matches that I have lost have all been really close so I obviously feel I could have come out with a little better record. I hope to be first team all conference at number three this year. My goal for the next few years is I hope to have our team nationally ranked."

At number three, Inge has a 12-4, 4-0 record. Murphey is 2-1 at number six. At number one, senior Brandon Musika is 8-8, 2-2. The number two spot is held by Ian Koons with a 10-6, 3-1 record. Senior James Hull is 6-4, 1-1 at number five. The number five spot is shared by freshmen Adam Peters (7-1, 2-0) and Worth Richardson (6-2, 1-1). Peters, Richardson and freshman Mike Goldberg have also seen action at number four. Peters with a 1-0 record and Richardson with 1-2, 1-0. Goldberg is 1-0, 1-0, and at number six he is 2-0, 1-0. Peters is 6-1, 1-1, and Richardson is 2-2, 1-0 at number six. Freshman Jeff Ryan is 1-0, 1-0 at number 4, and 2-0, 1-0 at number six.



Freshman Worth Richardson hits a strong forehand against Hampden-Sydney on Wednesday's match. Richardson is 9-6 overall and 3-1 in Dixie Conference play among singles.

Men's Tennis Schedule For The Remainder of the Spring Semester

April 8	Tuesday	VA Wesleyan
April 12	Saturday	Averett
April 13	Sunday	Mary Washington
April 18-19	Friday-Saturday	Dixie Conference Tournament

Baseball Team Defeats Ferrum 2-1

Beats Conference Rival Ferrum; Improves to 20-4

BY ROB SILSBEE
Staff Writer

After falling to the Ferrum Panthers on Saturday, the Captains baseball team took the field against the team again on Sunday.

The Captains pitcher with the most wins, Brandon Haywood, took the mound against Ferrum ace Carlos Sanchez. The Captains needed the win to remain in a tie for first in the conference with Ferrum.

Haywood pitched well early, holding Ferrum hitless for the first 5 1/3 innings. Meanwhile, on the offensive attack, the Captains took an early 2-0 lead when Matt Turner and Scotty George drove in runs on RBI singles.

Jeremy Elliot had gotten into scoring position by stealing second, his 37th steal of the year. Turner, who stole second and third, drove in Elliot, who was driven in by George.

The bats were quiet in both halves of the second and the top of the third, but the Captains earned another run in the bottom of the third with another run scored by Turner on a Scotty George RBI single.

Haywood continued to quiet the Ferrum bats in the fourth and got another two runs of support in the bottom half, bringing the score to 5-0. The two runs were the result of a Matt Lewellen walk and a Jason Moody double to right field.

With first base open, Ferrum chose to intentionally walk home run leader Matt Turner and pitch to Chris Paup. It proved a mistake as Paup drove a double to the gap and scored Lewellen and Moody. Haywood continued working his no-hitter through five and maintaining his shutout.

Jeremy Elliot earned his 38th steal of the season, trailing only one for conference lead in the category.

Haywood finally faltered, allowing a walk to Mickey Russell who was driven in on Haywood's first hit allowed, a double by Wes Martin. Brandon Haywood finished out the inning and was pulled for relief by Brian Bruner after a six-inning, two strikeout, one-hit, one-run outing. Bruner pitched three strong closing innings, allowing just one run and one hit with three strikeouts earning his second save.

Paup added another RBI with a single in the seventh, scoring Ricky Medina to bring the score to its final 8-2.

Elliot went 4-for-5 with two stolen bases and a run. Paup was 2-for-5 with a timely three RBIs. Haywood earned his sixth win, bringing his record to 6-0.

CNU returns to action this Wednesday on the road as it takes on conference match-up NC Wesleyan in a double header.

Syracuse Defeats Kansas; Wins NCAA Tournament

BY SCOTT PASKE
KNIGHT-RIDDER CAMPUS

The key moments unfolded one by one in the late stages of the NCAA championship game Monday night. Syracuse's opportunities to secure its first national title and Kansas' chances to prevent it swung like a pendulum. Unfortunately for KU, sophomore Keith Langford saw it all from the bench.

Langford, the Jayhawks' athletic forward, fouled out with 5:36 remaining in KU's 81-78 loss. Shortly after Langford scored the last of his 19 points, he was called for his fifth foul on Syracuse guard Billy Edelin's drive to the basket.

It was a play that was doomed for the start. Edelin stole the ball from Langford after Langford collided with teammate Nick Collison near the free-throw line. Langford

retreated quickly, and Edelin stumbled as he tried to go around him near the basket.

A replay showed little contact between the players. Langford tried to be diplomatic when asked about the call. But he later expressed his disbelief.

"It hurts to come all this way and be taken out of the game by the referees and not by the play," he said. "Getting fouls like that, I.I. I was having success early in the game, but all I could do was be the biggest cheerleader I could be at the end."

Langford began the game guarding Syracuse star Carmelo Anthony. Anthony scored 13 of his game-high 20 points in the first half and handed out all of his career-high seven assists as the Orangemen were sensational in building a 53-42 lead.

"I tried to get the ball out of his hands and make some of the other people beat us,

and he did," Langford said. "He got them the ball in places where they could score. We didn't really want him to just take over the game."

The fourth came at the 18:10 mark as he tried to box Anthony out as the freshman went for an offensive rebound. With Langford on the court, KU had some of its best offensive moments. He scored 13 first-half points on 4-of-6 shooting. But he wasn't immune from the Jayhawks' deficiency at the free-throw line.

"A couple of guys missed a few free throws, including myself," Langford said. "It happens, and unfortunately for us, it happened at the worst time possible so we have to live with it. We can go in the gym and shoot 1,000 free throws tomorrow, but that doesn't mean we're going to go out and make them in a game."

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the second period the Ottawa Senators were up 5-1 on the Washington Capitals.

At the start of the third period Sebastian Charpentier answered Olie Kolzig in goal for the Washington Capitals.

The third period was controlled by Ottawa's defense and goal tender Patrick Lalime shutting the Caps out and ending any hopes of a late game rally.

Ottawa held on to win 5-1 clinching the Presidents cup for having the best record in the NHL.

"Gives us an advantage in the playoffs to know that we are the top team in the league and it also helped us to stay focused toward the end of the season" said Ottawa Goal tender Patrick Lalime.

"Our team played well tonight, all four of our lines came to play. I thought we keep them in check, pretty good. That second power play goal made it 3-0 and that was important. We took advantage of the power play opportunities," said Jacques Martin head coach of the Ottawa Senators.

Ottawa is the number one seed in the eastern con-

ference. Martin went on to say

"We are looking towards the start of the second season. We've had a great stretch run. It's a credit to our consistency all year to be the top seed. Having the seventh game at home is important."

The Washington Capitals have one more home game against the Pittsburgh Penguins and then will take on the Tampa Bay Lightning in the first round of the playoffs. "I think our team is playing good hockey tonight is

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Gives us an advantage in the playoffs to know that we are the top team in the league.

-Ottawa Goal tender Patrick Lalime. "

more like the exception then the rule. There were very little positives tonight we just

weren't ready to play. We have dealt with many injuries this season especially in the defensive area" said Washington head coach Bruce Cassidy. The Capitals hold the slight edge over Tampa Bay winning three out of five games they played this season.

"We match up well against Tampa and I think our guys are going to be confident going up against them. We just feel good about this match up. Starting on the road can work to our advantage; they have a lot of young players," said Cassidy.

According to Cassidy, to be successful deep in the playoffs the Capitals are going to need good team defense and great special teams.

The Capitals need to score goals they have strong scorers like Jagr, Bondra, and Lang.

They also have a strong goalie in Kolzig. Team defense and special teams will be the difference in the post season.

The first playoff game between the Washington Capitals and the Tampa Bay Lightning is on this Thursday night at 7:00.

It can be seen on Comcast Sports network channel 35.



The Lady Captains faced Methodiston April 3. In a tough doubleheader against conference rival Methodist, they lost the first game 1-2. They had a strong comeback in the second game defeating Methodist 3-1. The Lady Captains are now 21-4-1 overall and 6-1 in the Dixie Conference. They face Chowan College on Thursday, April 8 at 2:30, followed by an away game at N.C. Wesleyan on Thursday, April 10.

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Pi and Pi Kappa Phi are paired together for volleyball.

Whichever team wins must dictate who receives the points for that event. The overall winner must perform well in all events, and the overall score depends on performance, participation and enthusiasm. "I think that the games we picked everyone can participate in them, and they are really enjoyable to play," said Panhellenic representative Nicole Harrison. "It's a great week when all Greeks come together as a whole to have a lot of fun."

"We are looking forward to competing with the other

fraternities," said Vice-President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Chad Lamb.

"Panhellenic and IFC have put a lot of thought this year in putting together the events this week. It gets bigger and bigger every year," said Harrison. "We have this year Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta participating in some of the activities."

Competition is high between organizations, but they also continue to participate in sportsman-like conduct. IFC and NPC have put strict rules on contact events such as flag and Powderpuff football.

"We are trying to strengthen ties between organizations and establish a strong Greek Community,"

said Greek Advisor Carrie Muio.

Greek week is comprised of athletic events barring the Chant competition for the sororities. "Alpha Phi is looking forward to showing why going Greek is the best thing anyone can do," said President of Alpha Phi, Sirena Davis. "We are looking forward to showing the school what Greek Pride is all about."

"Athletics helps to promote excitement between organizations; we get to participate in things like Powderpuff and volleyball," said Bartlett.

Greek Week's culmination ends on Friday with CAB's Springfest.

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