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The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta embrace their "Rho Gamma" sisters in excitement during Bid Day activities. Bid Day is the annual announcement of potential additions to social Greek life.

## Rush Week Culminates In Celebrations Of Sisterhood

BY REBECCA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

"Toss me a couple of smalls. We've got some girls who are going to need them," said one Alpha Phi sister, folding a huge pile of green logo T-shirts. The ladies of Gamma Phi Beta congregated nearby, voices and laughter echoing off the high ceilings of the Freeman Center. Excitement was in the air, hugs were frequent, and balloons floated everywhere. And this was just the start of Bid Day 2003.

The new members started arriving gradually, milling around the atrium. No one had any idea what was in store.

For sophomore Dawn "Peanut"

Pilkington, it was a dizzying experience.

"Honestly, I didn't know what to expect. I have had friends [who] have gone through before, but I had never done it. So I was nervous and excited and really had no idea what was coming up. I just knew which sorority I was going for," Peanut said.

The anxious ladies were sorted by last name, and hushed murmurs buzzed down the line.

Small groups made idle conversations as they all waited for the doors to open and the ceremony to begin.

"Are you ready?" shouted Panhellenic President Sarah Marr.

The ladies filed into the field house, approaching a deafening chorus of chants and

cheers. Smiles were the most common sight around, and the giddiness was contagious.

"That's when I started getting excited. The way I looked at it, it was just a fun thing for the sororities to do. It wasn't a competition or anything. It just swept me up into the whole thing, seeing how excited all the girls were to get their new pledges. I just really got excited going in there about the whole thing, and I was just ready to get in," said Peanut.

After a short introduction, each potential member was called to the front and welcomed to their sorority.

Peanut stepped up, and the tension was building. Which sorority would be her own?

"Phi Mu!" The sis-

ters erupted in cheers and ran toward her, smothering her in hugs and enthusiasm.

"Honestly, [Phi Mu] is just where I felt I would fit. After the whole week and the preference party, that's where I felt most welcome. It's just like picking a group of friends; you go where you're most comfortable," said Peanut.

After all the bids were announced and the ceremony was over, the new pledge classes broke off with their individual sororities.

"I am very comfortable," said Peanut. "I feel like all the girls [who] are in my pledge class are really similar, and I feel like we're all going to get along really well and get through everything together."

## Students Have Until Monday To Reconcile Incomplete Grades

### Policy Change Gives Students Four Weeks To Finish Previous Semester's Grades

BY ELIZABETH SCHILLING  
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Effective immediately, a change in the policy involving makeup work for incomplete grades now requires students to resolve these grades by the fourth week of the following semester.

According to Associate Provost Dr. Anne Perkins, the new policy reads follows: "If the grade of incomplete is assigned, the student must complete the work, and the professor must submit the grade before the Monday of the fourth full week of classes of the next regular semester."

This means that any student with an incomplete grade from the fall 2002 semester has until Feb. 3, 2003 to complete needed coursework and ensure that the professor submits the final grade.

This is the second change to the incomplete grade policy this academic year.

"The original committee on the policy proposed to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee that incomplete grades be resolved by the first week of the following semester,"

said Dr. Tim Marshall, President of the Faculty Senate and Professor in the Department of Psychology.

"The Faculty Senate felt this was too difficult for all parties involved. The first week of a semester is hard on students, professors and the Registrar [because] that week is already filled with administrative details. So, the Faculty Senate submitted a proposal that the incomplete grades be resolved by the ninth full week of the following semester, but that was too long. Now the deadline is the Monday of the fourth week of classes," Marshall said.

The administration aims to improve CNU's academic standards through this policy change.

"Incomplete grades have always been a problem for students and professors because they were often resolved at the end of a semester when so many other things were going on," Marshall said.

The policy also attempts to curb postponement of student grades.

"Procrastination is an academic model. The administration became very interested in improving the policy to help keep students current in their course work," Marshall said.

Many professors and students believe the new policy is sound.

Sophomore Justin Dempsey thinks the new policy will encourage students with an incomplete grade to resolve the grade rather than retake the course.

"I had a grade of incomplete when a partner

[did not follow] through on a group project. Since I had the whole next semester to fix the grade, I just retook the class. I could have resolved it in a month if I had; a four-week deadline probably would have forced me to do the work. Most people don't need a whole semester to finish the work; a month is sufficient time," Dempsey said.

Maira Wheeler, a junior, pointed out that the new policy is actually longer than four weeks because students have extended internships between semesters.

CNU has an approximate four-week recess for Winter Break and more than three months for Summer Break.

Furthermore, "the change is better than the old policy, because if I had an incomplete grade I would want to resolve it before classes began again," said Maira.

"I wouldn't want to worry about it," she said.

Others point out that an earlier deadline means less stress during the end of the semester, a busy time for many students.

"The new policy will mean that students will not have to worry about making up work for incomplete grades while also studying for final exams," said Dr. Kelly Cartwright of the Psychology Department.

Although the new policy has been discussed and examined for over a year, information regarding the policy change reached the student body via an e-mail sent by the SGA on Jan. 23.

## Credit Cards No Longer Accepted For Tuition, Flex, Parking

### Not Paying Tuition With Credit Creates Problems For Some

BY DANIEL BANKS  
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CNU has a new answer to Virginia's hard-hitting budget cuts: eliminate credit card payments of tuition.

Before January of this year, students could charge their tuition to a credit card and work to pay off the debt. Now, students have two options: cash or check.

Executive Vice President of Administration and Finance William Brauer acknowledges that the administration was forced to call upon

its student body to make drastic changes.

"The decision to terminate the credit card payment plan was made to save money," he said.

The previously accepted Master Card and Visa options were costing the University as much as \$70,000 a year, Brauer said.

For some students, the change in policy came with drastic effects.

"This was the first time I had to get a loan and shell out extra cash

to pay my tuition," Scott Bolton, a business administration major, said. "The cost was just too expensive overall. I used to be able to work and pay off my tuition; now it's either cash or carry for me," he said.

The decision to cut spending this way has made Scott consider options elsewhere if he plans to continue his college education.

Many students, however, found ways to make the up-front pay-

ment. Sophomore Tracy Hollowell was one of those students.

"Fortunately, my parents pay for everything with grants and scholarships," she said.

Still, the credit card decision does not come without its price for Hollowell. Under the new policy, students and parents can no longer use credit cards to add flex points to a student's account.

The inconvenience has caused Hollowell to

discontinue using her account altogether.

Students concerned about withdrawing loans will find other payment options available, said Brauer. A program called Academic Management Services (AMS), for instance, divides tuition into 10 monthly installments, June through March.

The plan is interesting for students who pay on time; the only built-in charge is a \$50 enrollment fee per year.

"Students may sign up with AMS over a period of about five to 10 months," Brauer said.

The Office of Student Accounts, which is located on the second floor of the Administration building, can help students sign up for an AMS payment plan, according to Student Accounts employee Juha Porterfield.

Forms for next year's payments should be turned in by April.



## Rising Above

Student returns to campus after harrowing car accident, four-month coma.

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## Indoor Success

CNU Indoor Track & Field Team excels at College Indoor Classic.

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## Campus In Brief

### Break Dance Club Kicks Off New Semester

CNU's break dance club, is gearing up to kick it through its second semester. The young organization, led by Thomas Crosby, is in search of new members, experienced or inexperienced. Regular club meetings are held on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Freeman Center.

### Seminar Aims To Boost GPA

For students suffering GPAs, or for those who simply want to boost their study skills, the Office of Student Life is sponsoring a "Tricks of the Grade" presentation by Joe Martin. The presentation, held in Gaines Theatre on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m., is free and open to all students.

### Pizza Night Creates Fund-Raising Opportunity

The Silver Storm Dance Team is spearheading a fund-raising effort to purchase a \$200 charitable gaming permit. This permit would give CNU clubs and organizations the opportunity to earn cash at Chestnut Bingo Hall. The Dance Team's fundraising efforts begin with a pizza night on Feb. 6 from 5 to 10 p.m. at the J. Clyde Morris Boulevard Pizza Hut. Any organization interested in taking advantage of the gaming permit should attend Pizza Night and encourage other students to come.

### History Dept. Offers Trip To Fine Arts Museum

The Department of History is organizing a trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. The Decorative Arts collection and the Lillian Thomas Pratt collection of Fabergé Objects of Art are currently on display. University vans depart from the Student Center 9:30 a.m., Feb. 8. This trip is free and open to all CNU students. A preference is given to students in World Civilization courses. For information or to make a reservation, contact the office of the Department of History at 594-7567.

### Interest Meeting For Crew Leaders

Students interested in being a 2003 Crew Leader during summer orientations should attend an informational session on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the James River Hall Multipurpose Room.

## Honors Students Spend A Semester Dissecting America, Post-Sept. 11

BY TYRONE ROBINSON  
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Class is already over, but the students in Dr. Quintin Kidd's Honors 490 section don't seem to want to leave the classroom. Involved in a somewhat heated debate, many of them seem to have lost track of time.

For the students studying Problems in the Modern World, the subject of the post-Sept. 11 world raises controversy.

"We must protect ourselves," said junior Ashley Moser. "I see Saddam Hussein as another Hitler. He's killed his own people. He has nuclear weapons. He's up to no good, and he's going to hold Osama's hand. Get him out of there. We should get who we can, when we can," said Moser.

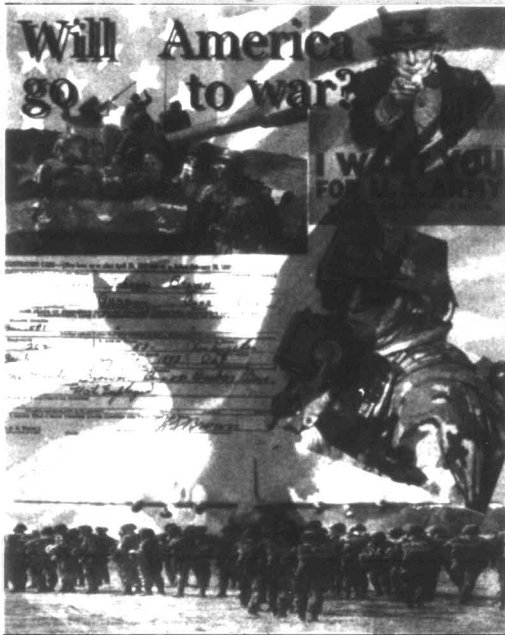
Classmate Cristin Toutis disagrees. She dislikes the idea of military action without the support of other nations. "A lot of the international community hasn't backed us in this endeavor. If they're not 100 percent sure, then is an invasion the right thing to do?" said Toutis.

In an unscientific poll at CNN online, 38 percent of 167,587 people believe that it would be right for the United States to invade Iraq, even if the country must do it alone.

On Jan. 23, President Bush stated that he was certain that the United States would not have to go alone if force was used to disarm Iraq.

In the last week, US allies Germany and France said they would not support a new resolution authorizing an attack on Iraq, according to a Jan. 27 Knight-Ridder Campus article.

Last Thursday, U.N. inspection teams uncovered 11 empty warheads, which could be used for chemical



Above: The chaos and confusion surrounding the current Iraqi conflict is depicted through images of previous military action. One of the most controversial questions related to the Iraq issue is whether or not the United States should consider reinstating the draft.

Right: Senior Jenny Steele voices her opinion during a discussion as classmate Molly Reed looks on. "I don't know if war's the answer, but I just want him [Saddam Hussein] out of there," says Steele.



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weapons, outside of Baghdad. Empty or not, how did Saddam get chemical and nuclear weapons in the first place?

Dr. Kidd stresses to his students that much of the weaponry and technology in Iraq came directly from the United States. "We gave Iraq weapons because they were

fighting Iranians [during the hostage crisis of 1979]. We gave them millions of dollars worth of weapons. A lot of them were used against Americans in the Gulf War," said Kidd.

"Who will take his [Saddam Hussein's] place? We need to think about what will be left behind," said

Honors 490 participant Susan Shurtliff.

Many of the students see the conflict in a personal light. "Some of our CNU students have gotten deployed already. They're seniors, and some of them had to leave this semester. That hits hard," said Toutis.

## New Hall Director Commits To Service

BY SARAH HOCK  
Staff Writer

The walls of Barclay 21 are empty aside from three flyers on a bulletin board, and papers are spread about the desk, waiting to be organized. There's no problem with this scene, however. It is only Dan Webber's third day in his office. To top it off, he is only 23, younger than some CNU students.

Dan arrived on campus on the night of Jan. 19, with snow still lingering on the ground. He came fresh from Nashville, Tennessee, where he spent the last six months after graduating from William and Mary in May. He is replacing Tara Hazzard-Patterson as the new East Campus Hall Director. Tara left to pursue her dream career as a therapist.

Dan now has the responsibility of overseeing the east area of campus, which includes the CNU Apartments, Christopher's Barclay and Warwick. Dan draws from his experience as a William and Mary Resident Assistant for two years. He also served as Head Resident for one year, a position very similar to Hall Director.

Ironically, when Dan was a RA at William and Mary, his area director was CNU's own Jerry Roeder, the



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East Campus Hall Director, Dan Webber.

Director of Residence Life at CNU.

"Jerry has great leadership skills and is very passionate and helpful in developing a good community for students. I enjoyed working with him at William and Mary, and [I] am excited to work with him again," Dan said.

Dan now supervises the RAs and Front Desk Assistants of the east area of campus, with whom he hopes to create a team atmosphere, on top of continuing Tara's vision of community development.

"I am a firm believer in service to others and to my country, so this job is a great

opportunity that I am concentrating all of my efforts into. It is a definite high to interact with students and feel connected to the community," Dan said.

Dan will be available for RAs when emergencies arise. He is also required to attend Residence Life and Student Life meetings weekly. He will be working closely with the Housing Office and will advise the Hall Council to promote community pride.

Another aspect of his job is his responsibility to help develop programs and activities that would be beneficial to the residents.

"I'm going to try and jump in to help the RAs develop programs that will bring the community together to make it healthy and positive. We will try and incorporate both passive programs, such as information on a bulletin board, and active programs like workshops and lectures," said Dan.

Living among the students in the CNU apartments is not a new experience for Dan; he's been living among students for the last four years at William and Mary.

He does find it difficult, however, to find a balance between his professional and personal life, since they both revolve around the campus and the students.

## World In Brief

### Angry Mobs Attack French Embassy

Stone-throwing mobs attacked the French Embassy and army base in the Ivory Coast on Monday. The event was fueled by a peace agreement that the mobs claimed "France had imposed to the advantage of rebels," according to the New York Times. The agreement was resolved on Saturday in Paris, and would end the war that had caused a split along ethnic lines in the Ivory Coast.

In order to subdue the mob, French soldiers used tear gas and riot-control stun grenades. The marchers started a small fire and damaged the gate of the French Embassy.

The Ivory Coast president, Laurent Gbagbo, left Paris to return home after receiving approval for the deal from West African leaders.

A continuing civil war in the country has left hundreds of people dead and has displaced millions.

### Search For Missing Boys Fruitless

The search for four boys who disappeared Friday has resulted in no sign of the youths. The boys left a party and entered the Long Island Sound in a fiberglass rowboat. Officials searched the icy waters and small islands near the Bronx but said that there was little hope that the boys survived if they had gone into the water. Private boats joined police helicopters, harbor launches and Coast Guard rescue vessels in the most extensive local sea-air search in years, according to the New York Times.

### Gates Foundation Grants Money For Health Research

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is donating \$200 million to find critical answers about the leading causes of death in developing countries and to create an "international competition to entice scientists to solve them," according to the New York Times.

The goal is to find ways to prevent fatal cases of malaria, tuberculosis and malnutrition, among other health problems. Gates made the announcement at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

### SuperBowl XXXVII

On Sunday, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers left the field victorious. Tampa Bay defeated the Oakland Raiders 48-21 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Calif. According to the New York Times, 67,493 fans attended the game.

# Applications Pour In For Class Of 2007

BY ASHLEY WILSON  
Managing Editor

A new group of CNU students is forming. Ironically enough, many of them have not yet set foot on campus.

That group is the class of 2007, a class that is even now taking shape in the University's nondescript Admissions office.

Room 112 of the Administration building has a large bank of files that dominates the back left quadrant of the room.

In it, thousands of soft manila and pale lavender folders that flip back and forth, and many are removed and added each day.

Every one of these folders represents a high school or transfer student who wants the chance to be a part of CNU's student body. They hail from countries around the globe. They possess names from Anderson to Zwick. These facts are definite.

Some facts are not so definite. Will their average SAT scores continue to rise? Will they, too, be able to claim they were part of CNU's largest and most academically successful class yet?

Perhaps more importantly, what will they do when they get here?

These questions, to name a few, hover in the minds of university admissions officers each time a new file crosses their desk.

These are the angles examined before a folder is

marked "admit," "hold" or "reject."

Amy Stout is the newest admissions officer at CNU. She already voices strong opinions about her hopes for next fall's freshman class, a class she desires to be "well rounded, a class that's going to be participants, not spectators."

She is careful to look for this type of student.

"You look at curriculum, involvement in high school programs and in community service. In reading personal statements, you can gauge a lot about a student's personality and background," she says.

**Applied:**  
January 7, 2002 : 2526  
January 8, 2003: 2928  
(+16%)

**SAT Average of  
Admitted Freshman  
as of 12/03:**  
1161

**GPA Average of  
Admitted Freshman  
as of 12/03:**  
3.5

Applications are up for the class of 2007. On Jan. 8, 2,928 applications had already been received, the majority of which were received by December's early action deadline.

The admissions staff will only admit about 2,400.

Each year, about 6,000 individuals jockey for those 2,400 slots.

Of the 2,400, about half will actually decide to become CNU students, according to Paige Pearce-Canterbury, Assistant Director of Admissions.

What kind of students they become remains to be seen.

"I hope we bring in a class that's going to love CNU, that's going to take what we offered and run with it," says Stout. "I want them to come in with a fresh new perspective and reenergize our campus."



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## Student Returns To Campus Following Tragic Car Accident

### CNU's Own Comeback Kid Arrives On Campus More Focused And Motivated Than Ever Before

BY ASHLEY WILSON  
Managing Editor

**Old Face, New Story**  
Brandon Ashby is a comeback kid.

You've seen him making his slow, three-beat walk across campus, accompanied by what he calls his "little pimp cane." Maybe you've heard his measured, soft drawl for the first time this January or noticed a handsome, strong-framed new face ducking in and out of James River 448.

Brandon's story is either one you've never heard or one you've never been able to forget.

Either way, it probably begins a lot like yours.

**First Year, Fast Lane**  
Freshman year, August 2000: new friends, new experiences, parties and minimal studying. Brandon's life was a whirl of color and sound. "I always had to be doing something," he remembers. "I couldn't sit still."

There was little time for homework. "When I first came, I didn't have a direction," says Brandon. "I didn't do any work outside of class. I never opened a book. I turned in my textbooks and they were just as new as when I got them. Every night I would be out partying and

having a good time. I found out the hard way that that just wasn't what I needed to be doing."

The hard way came a year later, during Thanksgiving break of 2001.

Brandon headed back to his hometown of Franklin, Va. He expected the break to be a time for fun and a relief from school. What he experienced would become the greatest trial of his young life.

#### Blindsided by Tragedy

On the Nov. 21, the day before Thanksgiving, Brandon and two other friends decided to earn extra pocket change by raking leaves. After several hours with little luck, they decided to call it a night.

"We couldn't find work. It was dark. We said, let's go," says Brandon.

This is one of the last things Brandon can remember about that night. The rest he recreates from what others have told him.

"We were within a mile [from home], and then, boom, there it was. They said the driver took his eyes off the road and tried to roll the window up. He just lost it, went into the ditch. That's all I know."

His two friends walked away without a scratch. Brandon wasn't so lucky.

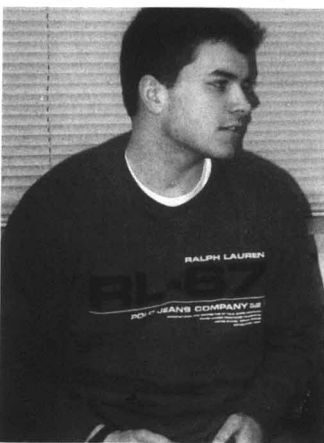
When the Nightingale helicopter landed in a nearby field, Brandon had fallen into a coma.

He didn't wake up until February of 2002.

#### Long Road to Recovery

His first waking memory: Valentine's Day. Brandon regained consciousness in the midst of Charlottesville Hospital's isolation ward.

He had contracted a con-



Brandon Ashby/The Captain's Log

Brandon Ashby, now back on campus after over a year of recovery, relaxes in his apartment in James River Hall.

tagious virus. Anytime he wanted to visit had to wear paper boots, a special cap and slippers. When they left, the clothes were discarded.

The first visitors, of course, were Brandon's parents.

"My dad got us a nice steak dinner and some sides. We ate and that was good!" Brandon recalls.

The struggles weren't over, however. Brandon was suffering from a shattered ulna in his left forearm. His entire body was weak. Perhaps worst of all, he had sustained a closed head injury, which affected his short-term memory and his balance.

The shift in time was disorienting. "My therapist had

"My mom would get upset a lot. My dad stayed calm through it all. He told himself everything was going to be OK. I don't know who told him that - the Man Upstairs, maybe. He had to help my mom, to tell her that it was going to be all right. It was really hard for her."

"I had the wildest thoughts," he continues. "My mind was just crazy at that time. For a while I thought Christopher Newport was across the street. My parents had to show me. They said, if Christopher Newport is right there, then a train runs through the middle of it. It was crazy."

Progress was slow. Brandon was in therapy seven hours a day, five days a week. On Saturdays, he worked for a half day.

"I had a total of four therapists for speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. You had to go twice a day, morning and afternoon, just like a full-time job."

In a wheelchair until the summer months, Brandon continued struggling along. He was released from the hospital in April 2002. "It was a real tough time," he recalls.

**CNU: A Distant Goal**  
Throughout all of the hardship, Brandon had one goal: to return to CNU.

"I was so determined I was going to get back here last semester," he recalls. "I was going to get back in, have something to do every night instead of sitting at home looking at the TV." He remembers loneliness. "I just wanted to see kids, young adults, every day, to be on a schedule and have something to do all the time."

Brandon's parents didn't

think he was ready, however. He spent the fall semester taking one class. He worked hard, and he proved to everyone that he was ready to return, more focused and more motivated than ever.

"Last August, I was like, 'my long range goal is to be back in January.' He pauses long enough to smile. "Here I am."

#### Home At Last

These days, Brandon is still setting goals for himself. He enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Nicole Thompson, a CNU student whose sorority put on a benefit concert to help pay for Brandon's medical bills.

"She's been real good through all of this," says Brandon. "She's been a positive role model for me."

Brandon studies hard and works out harder. He wants to become a physical therapist.

"I think it would be good because I have experience," he explains. "The lady I talk to in the gym was telling me she would feel more comfortable working with a person who has experienced the same difficulties."

Brandon is considering attending graduate school at Old Dominion University. His mantra: "You have to set small goals and work your way up."

Despite all the heartache, "I really believe everything happens for a reason. If this wouldn't have happened, I probably would have been doing the same old stuff," he claims. "I care about school now. I'm more focused. I set goals. It's been a good learning experience. I believe that good will come out of this."

For those who know Brandon, it's not so hard to see that it already has.

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Adevia Porter, right, assists freshman resident Stacy Vande Linde at the front desk in York River East.

## RA Sacrifices Time And Energy

BY ADAM NADEAU  
Staff Writer

Residence Life accepted final applications for the position of Resident Assistant (RA) last Friday. Although RAs pay no room and board fees and enjoy many other benefits, most will tell inquisitive students that being an RA is not an easy line of work.

RAs often serve as policy enforcers, counselors and friends to their residents. They write alcohol violations. They monitor the front desk. They comfort homesick students. They plan programs for information and entertainment.

At times, it can seem as though the level of commitment is overwhelming. The personal satisfaction that the position brings, however, far outweighs the stress brought on by its ever-present responsibilities, according to RA Adevia Porter.

Adevia, a social work major, is a sophomore from Woodbridge, Virginia. She says that her love for helping people has had an incredible impact on her, especially when it comes to friends and family. This was also part of

the reason she chose social work as a future career. Her major, she says, was another reason why she became an RA at CNU. "People tend to come to me with their problems and concerns, so I thought that that trait would be good for this position," said Adevia.

As the RA of York River East's third floor, "A" side, Adevia has learned the unique impact she can have on the residents living in her hall.

She realizes that being an RA in a freshman hall is very different than being an RA anywhere else. For instance, she notices that many freshmen experience a difficult adjustment to campus life.

Because of this, a significant part of Adevia's job involves easing the confusion that comes with that transition. Adevia relishes that aspect of her work.

Creating a strong sense of community is a huge undertaking for Adevia. She likes being available to help residents in as many ways as possible.

Often, an RA can be the most personal part of CNU's staff, providing students with a *form* of guidance and assistance that a professor cannot

supply with lectures. "You're not just representing yourself [as a person], but CNU as well," said Adevia.

Any impact she has on her residents reflects on CNU as an institution.

Adevia says the real "payment" for her position is the joy of helping residents feel comfortable living on campus.

Possibly the single most rewarding experience she has had as RA occurred on her birthday. Her residents decided to throw her a surprise birthday party and decorated her door. The unexpected celebration that followed was proof of how much Adevia had affected the lives of her residents.

Adevia is looking forward to continuing her work as an RA next year. Although she admits that there are parts of her job that took some getting used to, she says she can't wait to return.

Her advice for students applying for the position: "Definitely don't do it for the money. Being an RA is much more than free room and board. This is not a position someone would apply for and only do part of the work."

## PLP Develops Official Contract

BY REBECCA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

In an effort to focus the standards of the President's Leadership Program, all 260 leadership students were required to sign a contract stating their understanding of the program's rules and principles last Friday.

The new contracts outline the requirements and principles of the program, including the completion of 100 hours of community service, the maintenance of a 2.5 minimum GPA and exemplary behavior as a representative for the school and the community.

A task force of randomly chosen PLP students drafted the provisions set forth on the contract. These guidelines were then sent out to all

members of the PLP during the winter holidays.

By focusing standards, the directors of the President's Leadership Program hope to help students feel more involved and have a better understanding of the program's expectations.

"The general spirit of this is to ... say, 'Hey, this is what we're all about,'" said Josh Hayden, Assistant Director of the PLP.

The program was founded five years ago. Since then, students have been held to the same standards that they are now.

The contract's purpose is not to change expectations but to hold members accountable for those expectations.

Several students stated that they were pleased with the contract. "Accountability is a concern that the President's Leadership Pro-

gram has become increasingly aware of as the program continues to grow.

The true test will be to see if program administrators strictly hold students responsible for the conditions of the contract," said sophomore Julie Hagy. "For the time being, I feel that a contract is a push in the right direction in maintaining member involvement," Hagy said.

Sophomore leadership student Jessica Sutton agrees that the new contracts were a good idea for the program.

"The new contracts help members of the program and the CNU community to more clearly understand the purposes and high standards that the PLP puts forth. The PLP is demonstrating, through writing, how important community service and setting high standards is," said Sutton.

## Departments Relocate Across Campus

BY ASHLEY WILSON  
Managing Editor

As CNU students settle into their second semester, they'll need to look in some unexpected places for several departments and organizations.

- Art Studio 1, also known as the Sculpture / Pottery and Administrative Offices, is located next to the Freeman Center on Warwick Boulevard, in the building formerly known as the Grounds Department.

- Art Studio 2, also known as the Painting and Drawing offices, is next to the Freeman Center on Warwick Boulevard, in the building formerly known as the Purchasing Building.

- Band and Choral Rehearsal Hall is now located at 410 Jan Mar Drive, behind Sparks Automotive.

- Military Science, or the ROTC office, is now located on 410 Jan Mar Drive, next to the current Housing Office.

- Music Administrative Offices and Music Lab are now located in Smith Annex, beside the library.

- Theater Administrative Offices are now located on the second floor of Ferguson Annex.

- University Police Offices are now located at 340 Prince Drew, in the former Modern and Classical Language and Literatures Building.

- WCNU, the campus radio network, is located in York River Hall East beside the main lobby.

In addition, several de-

partments and organizations have relocated to Building 6, or 12420 Warwick Boulevard. This building is located in the Warwick Medical Center, across the street from the Business and Technology Building / SunTrust Bank Building. Students who wish to drive to Building 6 from main campus should turn left onto Warwick Boulevard, then right at the intersection of Warwick and Hidden Boulevard. The departments relocated to this building are as follows:

- LifeLong Learning Society (second floor)
- Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures (second floor)
- University Health and Wellness Services (second floor)
- Nursing (third floor)



# Opinions

## Where We Stand

### New Incomplete Grade Policy Alters Work Ethic

Ignorance of the law is no defense against it.

This common phrase takes on new meaning for those students who have until next Monday to resolve incompletes from last semester. Announcement of this new policy is a wake-up call indeed. If the incomplete is not reconciled by Monday, an "F" on the student's transcript will replace it.

Over the course of the past year, University administrators, working in conjunction with their counterparts in the faculty, have been re-evaluating CNU policy regarding when grades of incomplete become "F's." Upon examination, it quickly became clear that the old model for acceptance of incomplete grades, where a student could reconcile it at anytime over the next semester, was too lax.

When the Faculty Senate finally approved a change in the old incomplete policy, its members decided that roughly one month would be a more appropriate length of time, a more than reasonable assumption.

Justifying a full semester to finish the required work for a course requires a real stretch. If a student finds himself in a situation where he needs more than a month into the next semester to complete a course, he should just retake the course. The grade of incomplete should not be a delaying tactic, and it certainly shouldn't be a way for students to artificially manage their GPAs.

The Faculty Senate and the Administration made the right call in reworking the policy on incomplete course work. Increasing student accountability in the academic realm is an integral part of increasing the overall academic quality of the University. Along with the admission of increasingly accomplished incoming students, the tightening of academic regulations will go far to make CNU the premier University in the Commonwealth.

There is, however, much to be said for how this information was released. This week, the Student Government Association sent out a campus-wide e-mail detailing a letter from Associate Provost Anne Perkins. In the message, which was dated Oct. 22, 2002, Perkins alerted various administrators and faculty about the change. There is still widespread knowledge that this important change has been made, however.

The SGA did its part to help, once it found out about the change. In the future, though, a more extensive campus education campaign about the requirement changes is necessary. Because this did not occur, there were some students who were not made aware of this change until less than a week ago, giving them less than two weeks to reconcile any incomplete grades.

Ignorance about this revision is still widespread. While ignorance of the law is certainly no excuse, especially when the law is a reasonable one, there needs to be a concerted effort to notify and educate those who the law affects.

## Desire For Order, Stability Driven By Destruction, Crisis

### Society Desires Freedom, But When Chaos Erupts, People Lose Perspective

BY JENN ROWELL  
Staff Writer

Scientists have spent years in a quest to understand the nature of our surroundings, including plants and animals, and still no one seems to comprehend human nature.

After watching "Lord of the Flies" for my government class, a discussion of the movie swiftly moved to that vital question: What is the nature of man?

Some say that man leans toward chaos and disorder. As a general rule, this group usually claims that man is inherently evil.

Others argue that man simply needs rules, limits and organization. These individuals probably agree that man is inherently good.

Personally, I believe that man yearns for order and structure but caves in to chaos when rules are not enforced or when laws are broken without consequence.

Think of our own society today, for example. We all say we want more freedom. We believe we should be able to do whatever we want, whenever we want it.

The instant something goes wrong, however - take cars being vandalized, for instance - the first thing we do is question the effectiveness of the police. Should the guilty party get away without what society deems a just punishment, we are immediately in an uproar.

In the film "Lord of the Flies," based on the novel by William Golding, a group of English prep school boys are evacuated to a desert island to escape World War II. When the boys are stranded with no adult supervision, they elect a leader and begin to make rules. When the rules are broken, however, the authority of the leader is challenged, and things begin to fall apart. Chaos erupts as the boys regress to tribal-like activities; they kill one of their own. They later kill a character who represents the voice of reason.

Although the boys are eventually rescued, things will never be the same.

All of this can be related to today's world. With the war on terrorism at the forefront of everyone's thoughts, we are clinging to the idea that there should be order and

stability in the midst of all the chaos and destruction.

While those in Iraq want to be left alone to do what they wish, American citizens want a larger governing body to limit their nuclear weaponry.

Some will argue that such action is taken for the greater good of society, but any decision leads us back to our original question: does man lean toward chaos and destruction, or toward order and stability?

In a sense, the grass is always greener on the other side. As long as individuals feel safe, they want the freedom to do as they choose. The second those same people feel threatened, however, they cry out for law and order, desperately seeking stability.

We want faster flights in peacetime, but during times of terrorist threat, we'll wait for hours while security rummages through our bags. We want less police patrol on campus when we decide to throw a dorm party, but when car windows are smashed in I-10, we wonder where all the officers are hiding.

It would seem to me, then, that the nature of man is not to live in chaos and destruction, but to live with order and stability.

## Bachelor's Degree Opens Doors To Bigger Paychecks

### College Education Offers Job Stability

BY JOHN GALLAGHER  
Knight Ridder Campus

John Bonmarito used to think he didn't need a college degree to move up in his field.

A music industry entrepreneur, Bonmarito, a 35-year-old Livonia, Mich., resident, has been a music buyer, a store manager and a disc jockey at clubs and small radio stations.

But the music turned sour when he tried to find a higher management job without a bachelor's degree.

"I figured, well, I've got 15 years of solid work history. I've been a head buyer. I've run my own company. I should be able to find a job," he said.

But he searched frustratingly for six months, getting no offers except for jobs in

record stores as a glorified stock clerk.

Instead of raging against the system, he realized that going back to school for a degree "was the only thing I could do."

Nothing comes closer as a means to increase lifetime earnings than getting more education. Economists agree that the case for more education is overwhelming.

College graduates older than 25 earn more than twice as much each week as those who dropped out - \$896 vs. \$360, nearly twice as much as those who stopped with a high school diploma, \$506 a week, and comfortably more than those with some college but no degree, \$598 a week, all according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Moreover, college graduates have experienced growth in inflation-adjusted earnings since 1979. In contrast, high school dropouts have seen their real earnings decline.

Michael Connors, a building rehabilitation specialist with Macomb County, Mich., government, will finish his bachelor's degree in business communication within the year. He might stay with the county or look elsewhere. But,

either way, he expects his degree to pay off.

"Financially, it'll open up an opportunity to obtain a better job with better pay," said Connors, 27, of St. Clair Shores, Mich. "It's a tool that enables you to open other doors."

And pay isn't all of it, either. Want greater job stability? High school dropouts are suffering nearly nine percent unemployment right now; for college graduates, the figure is just slightly over three percent.

Alison Wolf, a British writer and author of a new book "Does Education Matter?" puts it neatly: "Pick a highly educated and a poorly educated person at random and you can almost guarantee that the first will be earning more than the second."

She added, "The more educated you are, the more likely you are to enjoy stable, long-term employment."

Bonmarito attends classes at University of Michigan-Dearborn, studying toward a business degree.

He jokes about standing out as "the old guy with the little balding patch and the

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The Captain's Log Accepts Letters From You!

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

Comment on a story you've seen here in the paper, or bring up something entirely new. Anything on campus, on the Peninsula or around the world are topics open to our pages.

Just send your letters to [clog@cnu.edu](mailto:clog@cnu.edu) or drop them by our newsroom on the second floor of the Student Center, Room 223.

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

## We Offer Empathy, Support

Dear CNU Community,

During the past couple months, there has been considerable damage done to the vehicles owned by some of the members of our community.

We at CNU MotorSports condemn these actions as immature, vicious and cowardly and offer support to any of the

affected motorists; including any technical support that is possible.

We understand how important one's car can be to them, both practically and emotionally.

We also offer our support to the authorities in their efforts to apprehend whoever is responsible for any of the damage and to prevent further misfortunes in the future.

Sincerely,

CNU MotorSports  
E-Board:  
Brian Smith  
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Adam Feris  
Matthew Johnson  
Justin Jones

And the CNU  
MotorSports Members

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gray hair and the beard." But he also realizes that his degree will be able to get him what he wants.

"Earnings is somewhat important, but more important to me is going to a company that I'm going to enjoy working for," he said, "coming home from work and telling my wife, 'I had a good day today.' I'd like to be able to say that once."

"I haven't been able to say that in so long."

So bountiful are the lifetime benefits of more education that they're worth going to some trouble to get.

But it's not easy. Keep in mind that mid-career workers who go back to school often need to juggle children and classwork, as well as come up with tuition and fees that could run into tens of thousands of dollars.

Frank Floyd, a machine tool designer in Shelby Township, Mich., grew up in Alabama and got mainly technical training in the Navy and, later, on the job.

Now 40, Floyd is going back to school at Oakland Community College for an associate's degree while holding down a full-time job.

With hopes of getting a bachelor's degree next, he figures he's looking at 10 years of school and work.

"It's quite challenging, to say the least," Floyd said. "It

isn't always convenient. It's just something to be committed to and do it."

Few experts doubt that the trouble is worth it.

"In the long run, if you want to have higher income, you've got to get more education," said Ed Lottermann, a St. Paul, Minn.-based economist and writer. "It's hard to

“Nothing comes closer as a means to increase lifetime earnings than getting more education. Economists agree that the case for more education is overwhelming.”

do in the short term, but the deck is just stacked against you if you don't have more than a high school degree."

Education isn't free, of

course, and it can help to calculate how long it will take to earn back what you've spent on tuition and fees. That's especially important if you're quitting your job to go back to school full time.

Say you're a secretary earning \$25,000 a year. Assume you quit that job for two years to finish a bachelor's degree you had started but never completed. Assume tuition and fees run \$10,000 a year. Your lost income plus out-of-pocket expenses will total \$70,000 by the time you get your degree.

If you then get a better job paying, say, \$40,000 a year, it will still take you nearly two years just to break even on your investment.

Payback periods that stretch to several years might call for a reappraisal of a plan. But it usually shouldn't mean scrapping the plan altogether.

A couple of caveats: Not every education plan is right for everyone. If you don't enjoy computers, taking a class in programming won't be for you. If you don't like children, it makes little sense to get a teaching degree.

The moral: Think seriously about what you want to do.

Beware of educational scams that promise you an easy road to your degree. Be particularly wary of ones that show up in your e-mail file unbidden. If it sounds too good to be true, it is.

## Student Inactivism: Where's The Passion With Today's Youths?

### Raised Awareness Can Spark Student Activity

Knight Ridder Campus

"These extraordinary students, who can dream of absolutely anything and attain almost everything, are truly passionate about almost nothing." — Professor Robert C. Bartlett, Emory University, in Public Interest

A recent commentary on college campus activism asserts that it's not. Active that is. Boredom prevails. The issue deserves reflection. For

today's youths not being interested in building a better world is a fearsome reflection on our culture.

Sure, occasionally students protest. But today's confrontations appear to revolve around fraternity or football foibles rather than issues of justice.

One Ivy League student explains, "We're different from your generation. We were brought up differently. Our parents didn't emigrate here; there is no Vietnam War, we've been trying out for sports teams since we were five, we come from strong community support systems, and popularity is a goal higher than social change for the majority of our young lives."

To inspire the idealism that is the cornerstone of

America, parents and community leaders must help youths to see injustices and to recognize their ability to affect change.

Students can have an impact. And, recently, some students have - such as the University of North Carolina students who forced their school to ensure humane conditions exist in overseas factories making UNC clothing.

However, we can't chastise college students for not recognizing the mistakes their parents won't even admit. We too often have slept while basic human rights have been violated, the environment pillaged and the future mortgaged for today's consumption.

Students may not be protesting much now. But they will when the bills come due.

## B.A. In B.S.

By Jeromie Heath



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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# ArTs & EntertainmENT

## Observational Humor All Is Fare In Love and Daytona

BY STEVE HOPSTETTER  
Guest Columnist

Nothing could adequately prepare you for a ride with Bobby the Cabbie. The only things that could even help are headphones, a partition, and a hearty breakfast of cocaine and Ritalin. I'm not sure what happens when you mix cocaine and Ritalin, but if you can survive that, you can survive anything.

I know what you're thinking: cocaine and Ritalin are not usually breakfast foods. A more pressing thought, however, is that you have no idea who Bobby the Cabbie is. And even more pressing than that is just how much cooler it would be if "Bobby" rhymed better with "Cabbie."

I was in Daytona Beach this week on the first stop of my "I Don't Want a Real Job" book tour. As is my tradition, or will become my tradition when I do it more than once, I contacted the local humor columnist to chat about the business of columnizing. He kindly invited me to stop by the Daytona News-Journal, which I did with the help of a cab company.

I am a lifelong New Yorker, and thus bad cab drivers are nothing new to me. While attempting to go to 113<sup>th</sup> street and Broadway, I once had a cabbie that tried to take me to 113 Broadway and then 13<sup>th</sup> street and Broadway. Another time, my cabbie abandoned the cab to chase a kid who threw a snowball at his car. (Yes, the meter was still running). And I even had one driver that kicked me out of his cab for asking how much he thought the fare might come to. But being a New Yorker, I've rarely had a cabbie that spoke much English, let alone one with a name that came close to rhyming with "cabbie."

When Bobby picked me up, I instinctively headed for the back door.

"Get in the front," he barked. "[That] [bleeped for family newspapers] door hasn't worked in years." Bobby was being forthright. A good quality in a cabbie.

"Where are you from?" he asked. An inquisitive nature. Another plus for the Bobster.

"I love New York," he said. "It's much prettier than Daytona." Honesty. Nice.

"Here in Daytona, there are too many homeless people," he continued. "And blacks." Wow. That's where he lost me.

"There's trash all over the streets here," he said, before turning to look at the back of my head while I tried to face away from him. "You know mean the people, right?"

This man was increasingly scary me. Bobby went on to tell me about all the drugs and prostitution and gambling and bubonic plague for which Daytona is apparently famous. I was surprised, since the brochure only mentioned NASCAR and spring break.

We soon passed a man who was fairly average looking, except for a bit of chir scruff. And Bobby said that that was the kind of homeless freeloader he was talking about. I finally stopped nodding my head in terrified acquiescence and asked the question that you are by now all thinking: What time of day is best to mix cocaine and Ritalin? Aloud, however, I asked Bobby why he lived in Daytona if he hated it so much.

"Well," he said through puffs of his third cigarette, "was on my way to Vegas back in '68, and something came up. You know how it is."

I didn't, but I wasn't about to ask. We finally arrived at the News-Journal, and Bobby asked if I wanted him to wait for me. I told him I might be a while. He offered his number for when I was ready. I told him I'd call the cab company. He said that they never give him to people who ask for him. I wondered if anyone has ever actually asked for him.

"Here's my cell number," he said, just before extending his clawlike hand to shake mine. "By the way, I'm Bobby." I shook the claw, which had probably only been used for steering, chain smoking, and shaking the hands of terrified passengers who have no intention of ever calling his cell phone.

On the way home, my new cab driver didn't speak at all, except to ask, "destination?" through thick accent and to mutter, "what part green light don't understand?" Though the rideback was less fearsome than the ride there, it was also much more boring. And while I didn't wish for a bitter, coughing, racist cab driver, I did wish she'd be a bit more animated.

Or at least be named Abby.

Observational Humor will be an occasional column now appearing in The Captain's Log.

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## Free Money? Just For Buying CDs, You Could Make Cash

### Class-Action Lawsuit Will Give Up To Twenty Dollars To Music Fans

BY JESI OWENS  
A&E Editor

How does free money sound? With a 41-state class action suit filed in December 2000, anyone who bought a music compact disc, cassette or vinyl record between January 1995 and December 2000 is entitled to up to \$20.

Interested? You're not the only one. Although the claim was filed over two years ago, it is only in the last month that a massive advertising campaign was launched to get the lawsuit

noticed. At the beginning of January, 30,000 people had signed on the free-money-for-music bandwagon, and as of press time, the number has almost reached one million people.

The \$67.4 million suit was filed against a multitude of recording-industry companies, the plaintiff's accusing them of having music retailers fix prices on their merchandise in exchange for discounted marketing for the respective retailers.

Forty-one states' attorney generals have accused the recording industry of cheating the music-buying public out of \$500 million.

So what does this mean for you? As of now, each person on the claim is entitled to \$20.

However, if the individual claims keep coming in at his current rate, the amount could eventually lower down to \$5.

After that, the plaintiffs

said they will re-distribute the money to charities, due to its low amount.

It's very easy to make a claim for the cash on your own. If you go to [www.musicclassaction.com](http://www.musicclassaction.com) between now and March 3, you are entitled.

Once you are at the Web site, it asks you only three questions:

1. Did you purchase a Music Product (defined as a pre-recorded CD, cassette or vinyl album)?
2. Was your purchase from a retailer (A retailer is an entity that engages in the sale at retail price of Music Products)?
3. Was your purchase made between Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 22, 2000?

Only one claim is allowed per person, and it will not be distributed until after the case's final court date in May.

Still, free money for music... it's worth a shot!



Josh Neighbors slams his reading to Jackie Halmes and others at Einstein's.

*Einstein's hosted Vibes of Our Vernacular's first poetry slam of the semester on Jan. 23. People read poems, from books, and even from the Bible. The next slam is Feb. 21, also at Einstein's.*

## TV's Sweeps Week Begins

BY DOUG NYE  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Don't ever accuse the networks of not doing their part when it comes to recycling. Nobody does it better than TV. If you want proof, just check out some of the special programming scheduled for the February sweeps (Jan. 30 to Feb. 26).

Two shows, "Dragnet" and "The Lone Ranger" that were around at the dawn of network television are getting a face lift. There will be retrospectives about Fox's first hit sitcom "Married... With Children" and memorable moments from old game shows. There is even a salute to the Three Stooges.

ABC will offer a new version of "The Music Man" and bring back Lt. Columbo, who made his first TV appearance 35 years ago.

The best part of a sweeps month is that it means no reruns for four weeks. All the movies, specials and series episodes are new productions... even if many aren't new ideas.

Four times a year... February, May, July and November. Nielsen Media Research monitors the viewing habits of the nation's 210 TV markets. The ratings scored during those months determine advertising rates.

Here's a look at some of the special programming for the February sweeps:

Thursday, Jan. 30  
8 p.m. "Columbo Likes the Nightlife." Five-time Emmy winner Peter Falk returns as everyone's favorite rumpled detective, Lt. Columbo, as he investigates the supposed suicide of a tabloid reporter and the disappearance of a notorious mobster's son. ABC.

Sunday, Feb. 2  
10 p.m. "Dragnet." Ed O'Neill ("Married... With Children") as Detective Joe Friday and Ethan Embry as his partner Frank Smith star in this updated version of the old police show starring Jack Webb. ABC.

Tuesday, Feb. 11  
8 p.m. "The Most Outrageous Game Show Moments II." Some more embarrassing and funny incidents culled from TV's many game shows. With host by Bob Eubanks. NBC.

Sunday, Feb. 16  
7 p.m. "The Music Man." Matthew Broderick, fresh from a Tony-nominated turn in "The Producers," and Kristin Chenoweth star in this new version of Meredith Willson's famous musical. ABC.

9 p.m. "Married... With Children Reunion Special." Vintage clips and interviews make up this salute to the sitcom that ran 11 seasons on Fox. Among those reminiscing are Ed O'Neill (Al Bundy), Katey Sagal (Peg Bundy), Christina Applegate (Kelly Bundy) and David Faustino (Bud Bundy). Fox.

Tuesday, Feb. 18  
8 p.m. "The Three Stooges 75th Anniversary Special." This loving look at Moe, Larry, Curly and Shemp has host Woody Harris. Included are comments from such celebrity fans of the Stooges as Bridget Fonda, Tracy Morgan, Tom Arnold and Peter and Bobby Farrelly.

## The Babe's Life Story Makes For A Grand Slam Video Rental, Starring John Goodman As Babe Ruth

BY VIRGINIA BESS  
Staff Writer

Calling all baseball fans! If you are looking for a movie about a legend, "The Babe" is it.

This 1992 hit, which stars John Goodman and Kelly McGillis, begins when Babe Ruth (Goodman), was

dropped off by his father at a Baltimore boys school when he was only seven years old.

The movie goes through his life story in only one hour and 55 minutes, beginning with being adopted by his future baseball manager George Ruth, Sr., Babe's first years as an Orioles teammate, and ending with the last game he ever played with the

Boston Braves. Goodman is the perfect Babe Ruth, with his big smile and humor.

One can see both his personal and professional life in this picture. His personal life was made up of two marriages and an adopted little girl, while his professional life included being a member of the Orioles, Yankees, Red Sox and Braves. Babe Ruth's

love for children is visible throughout the film.

One of the heartwarming scenes in the movie is when Babe visited a sick, young boy in the hospital.

As for romance, there is a love affair between Babe and his first wife, in addition to the second love that ended his marriage.

A heartwarming tale,

George Herman Ruth, better known as "The Babe" led an amazing professional life. He retired with a record of 714 home runs, three of which were hit during his last game.

Although he died in 1948 of throat cancer, Ruth's story is a classic that is a must see for baseball and Babe Ruth fans alike.

# Sports

## Lady Captains Defeat Cougars 78-54

After Defeating Averett 78-54, The Lady Captains Look Toward Playoff Hopes

BY ROB SILSBEE  
Staff Writer

CNU's women's basketball team came out to play last Wednesday against conference opponent Averett. However, within a few minutes, it was obvious the team did not need the intensity that trademarks its play.

The Captains began the game with a full court press on the 0-11 Cougars, and Tia Moore led the Captains in the first half with 12 points, which yielded CNU's half-time lead of 44-25. Entering halftime, the team was producing 52.8 percent shooting and 25 rebounds.

Moore continued to be the story as she steadily approached 30 points. No Lady Captain in five years has reached the 30-point mark, and Moore continued to score. However, with eight minutes left to play, Moore humbly took the bench with 28 points.

Not only was Tia Moore wrecking the scorebook, but the entire team went on a tear as well. Amber Hallman tore up the boards coming away with 14 on the night, adding 10 points, seven assists and four blocks. In the second half, the Captains went into a 32-6 run bringing the score to 76-31.

CNU continued to shoot well and ended the game with 50 percent shooting. Shooting 72 percent from the line added 18 points to the CNU total, and the team ran away with the win 85-41.

The game did not completely lack opposition. Lakisha Jones of the Cougars posted nine points and Jessica Hefner helped the team's defense with five steals. The team shot 68.2 percent from the line adding 15 points.

However, the Captains held the Cougar offense to 21.1 percent shooting and blocked 11 shots, forcing 27 turnovers throughout the game.

Coach Hunter said that the team will use this win as a springboard going into a stretch on the road. As the younger girls got a lot more playing time in the game, she remarks on their intensity.

"The younger girls bring the intensity and tenacity," Hunter said. "I don't want to say that they play harder than the starters, but they show that they want to play no matter what the score, no matter what the situation."

Younger players Hillary Carney and Tina Kennedy were seen sacrificing their bodies diving on the loose ball even with only two minutes to play and the team being up by 43 points.

Hunter said that the strategy for the game was to



Freshman Stephanie Prakken attempts the pole vault last weekend.

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## Indoor Track Sprints Ahead Of The Rest In Competition

CNU's Track Athletes Advance Toward A Spot In Nationals

BY VIRGINIA MILLER  
Staff Writer

CNU track had 29 places in the top five, out of 31 events at the College Indoor Classic held in the Freeman center on January 24-25.

"We had a very strong meet and our athletes did well, considering we are early in the

season," said head coach Vince Brown. As the season continues he believes his team will get "stronger and performance will improve."

CNU took the first three places in both the men's and women's 60 Meter Hurdles Division III, with Matt McDonald and Karen Simon in first. Matt Mertz took first in the Men Triple Jump, while Jarrell Warthen placed first in the Men 400 Dash. Both Aimee Gibbs and Marquita Mines places first in their matches, the Women 5000 Meter run and Women's 60 Meter Dash Division III.

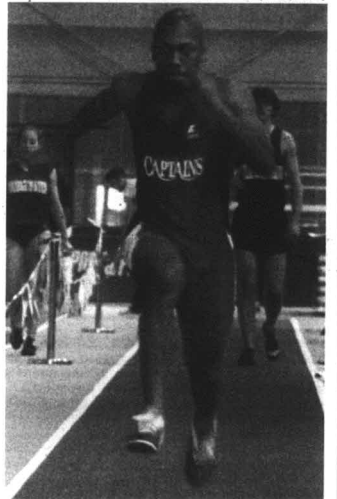
Coach Brown said, "We knew that this was going to be an extremely competitive meet." Although this meet would not be scored he hoped his athletes would do well individually and received the confidence to continue to do well in the up coming meets.

The CNU track athletes

did not only compete against the other teams but also competed against personal best. In hopes to attain their positions in nationals. Shannon Crane had hoped to beat her personal record for pole vaulting. She matched it at 10 ft. Her teammate, Brandy King was excited and hopeful for the up coming meet. She hoped to qualify for nationals and saw the previous National Champion from East Methodist as her toughest competitor.

King placed second in Women's Pole Vault and will be going to Nationals with two other teammates.

There is also "quite a few" still with provisional qualification for nationals, according to Coach Brown. He looks forward to his athletes doing well in nationals as individuals and winning the Mason-Dixon Championship February 22.



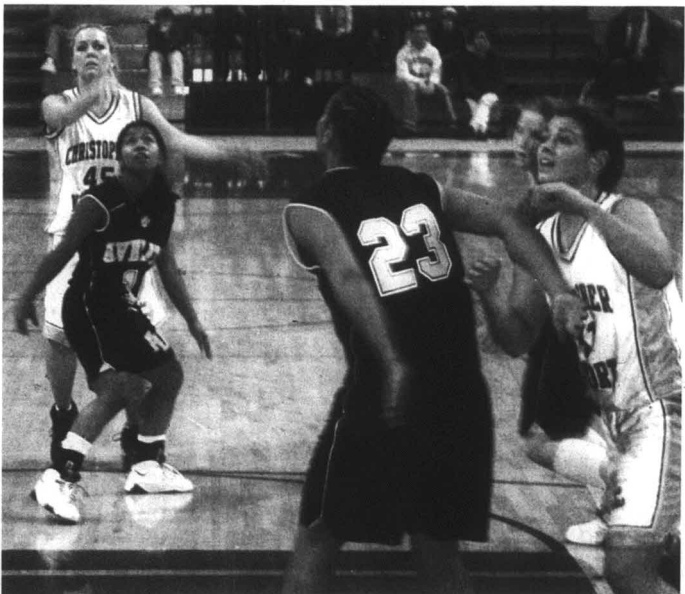
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Sophomore Frank Anderson prepares to complete the long jump at Saturday's competition.

“Not only was Tia Moore wrecking the scorebook, but the entire team went on a tear as well. Amber Hallman tore up the boards coming away with 14 on the night, adding 10 points, seven assists and four blocks.”

look inside a little more, and the 28 points for Moore shows the success the Captains had looking to the post.

The Captains' record is now 9-4 and they will use the Averett game as confidence toward the next couple games on the road.



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Lady Captains attempt to rebound after a missed shot.



# CNU Captains Roll Past The Averett Cougars 109-58

**Captains Improve To 11-2 Record With Win Over Averett**

BY ANDREW CROOK  
Contributing Writer

From the tip-off to the final buzzer the 11-2 Captains dominated the 1-11 Averett Cougars. The Captains outplayed the Cougars in every aspect of the game.

On defense CNU had a team total of 36 rebounds and caused 18 turnovers. On the offensive side of the ball CNU had 10 different player score in the double-digits.

This win is an important one for CNU. "It allowed a lot of different people the chance to get into the game and get some time, this will help us down the road," head coach C.J. Woollum said. The bench for CNU scored a total of 47 points led by Tim Collins, Jeremy Romeo, and Otho Hampton.

The Captains came out firing on all cylinders springing to a 15-4 lead in the first five minutes of the game. CNU did not look back outscoring the Cougars 35-8 in the next ten minutes making the score 50-12.

With eight minutes left to play in the first half CNU substituted out all the starters. Averett scored made an offensive run on the frugal CNU defense.

With less than a minute to play Otho Hampton put in a lay-up that put CNU on top, 60-23 at the half. "Everyone was just playing together and we all had a lot of confidence," said Freshmen Guard Tim Collins.

Averett's troubles would continue into the second half with two turnovers and four missed shots in the first two minutes of the game. The



Captains attempt to gain an offensive rebound.

starters for CNU played until midway through the second half bringing the score to 83-37.

CNU's bench came in and found just as much offensive success. Scoring 26 points on the Cougars.

Even in the last two minutes of play the Captains defense would not let the Cougars score. With only 19 seconds to play Adam Purdum hit a lay-up making the final score 109-58.

With two big road games coming up at Chowan and N.C. Wesleyan this game not only gave us another win but "set a good tone to build on and shows that we are going down the right road," starting forward Mark Hepner said.

"This is a type of game that every coach hopes for," said coach Woollum, "everyone got good playing time and all of our goals for this game were accomplished."

The Captains return to the friendly confines of the



Jermaine Woods puts in a lay-up.

## No. 1 Duke Women Hold Off No. 9 UNC

**Duke Blue Devils Fight Off Possible Tarheels' Threat**

BY GREGG DOYEL  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. North Carolina was undermined Monday by the rising popularity of women's basketball, which helped Duke escape steamy Carmichael Auditorium with its perfect record and No. 1 ranking. The Blue Devils dominated the Tar Heels in overtime to win 78-67 in front of a standing-room-only crowd of 10,180 and a national television audience.

About that television au-

**"The business of women's basketball was booming Monday"**

dience. Because the game was shown on ESPN2, only the Tar Heels' second televised game of the season officials had at their disposal instant-replay monitors to determine whether time had expired on the game's pivotal play: a Duke foul against North Carolina's Nikita Bell with the score tied at 61 at the end of regulation.

As the buzzer sounded, officials whistled a foul against Duke's Wynter Whitely Bell, a 58.3-percent foul shooter, hugged teammates and prepared to shoot two foul shots, needing one for a

North Carolina victory. Not so fast. Officials studied ESPN's court-side monitors for more than a minute to see if time had expired before the foul.

"My head was about to pop off," said Duke junior Alana Beard, who scored 23 of her 26 points after halftime. "It was so intense."

Referees ruled in favor of Duke, causing North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell to trudge back to her bench, shaking her head. Perhaps Hatchell was recalling another controversial call that had allowed Duke to remain undefeated, a foul near midcourt with less than one second against Virginia. Beard hit two free throws, and Duke won that Jan. 9 game 60-59.

"Duke's tough. They're so lucky," Hatchell said. "One-tenth of a second can make a difference. I heard about the Virginia game, but I haven't seen it myself. Maybe they're having all their luck early in the season. Sooner or later, it's going to run out."

Expect-Duke to revisit that quote Feb. 20, when the Tar Heels visit Cameron Indoor Stadium. While the Blue Devils caught a break to take the game out of Bell's hands in regulation, Duke earned the win in overtime by outscoring North Carolina 17-6. Including the final five minutes of regulation, Duke scored 29 of the final 40 points.

"We were granted five extra minutes," said Duke junior Iciss Tillis, who rallied from a 1-for-11 start to finish with 22 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks. "We were like, 'It's time to get down to business.'"

The business of women's basketball was booming Monday with Carmichael sold out, fans being turned away at the ticket counters, and national television in the house.

"A great day for women's basketball," said Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos.

Better for some other ers.

## Leading Scorers

Jermaine Woods	20 points
Terry Gray	15 points
Mark Hepner	11 points
Carlos Heard	11 points

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