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NEWS

Dorm times are
changing with
technology

BY KAVITA KUMAR
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

In the past, incoming college students often didn't know who their roommate was until move-in day. Or perhaps they had a brief, awkward phone conversation over the summer about who would bring the stereo and the telephone.

These days, some college students can choose their roommates at mixers or through Internet dating-style programs.

Where colleges still assign roommates, students can immediately hop on the Web and look up each other's MySpace or Facebook profiles, where they might learn about their favorite band or see pictures from parties they attended in high school.

In some cases, that information has proved alarming enough that students have begun asking for roommate changes before they even meet the person. And in some cases, it seems to be facilitating community-building before the first day. Some incoming freshmen have already formed social groups on Facebook named after the residence halls and floors into which they will be moving. ■

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Beware,
there's poo
in the pool!

On hot, sticky days, there's nothing more refreshing than jumping into a cold pool. But how can you tell if the water is clean and safe?

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Plane crash
kills 49, one
survivor

A commercial plane crashed near Blue Grass Airport in Kentucky on Sunday morning.

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Katrina
leaves its
mark on city

Spray-painted X's become city symbol in New Orleans.

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A strike of bad luck for CNU

MADISON FIRE | On the evening of Aug. 4 lightning struck Madison Apartments and damaged the enclosed property.

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The damage ranged from minor water and smoke damage to complete ruin and burning of student property. Lightning struck the roof of CNU Apartments' Madison Hall on Aug. 4 at around 4:50 p.m., rendering the building indefinitely unlivable.

Since the fire, efforts by faculty, staff and students aim to provide a level of normalcy for the 80 students displaced.

President Paul Tribble Jr., during a welcome address to faculty and staff, announced that the decision to either repair or rebuild Madison Hall will be made during the next few weeks.

Representatives from Belfor, a company focused on providing disaster-relief services, have sought to determine the extent of the structural damage to the building, said Director of Communications and Public Relations, Carolyn Cuthrell.

When inspectors arrived during the immediate aftermath of the Madison fire, the decision as to whether the apartment building would be repaired or torn down could not be made, said Cuthrell. "When the inspectors arrived and toured the building, they determined that to make an accurate final report they would need to see the structure of the building."

"We have hired a company [Belfor] to clean up and dry up the building; they will remove any materials that will hold

water," she said. The materials in question specifically relate to sheet rock, where, after being removed, said Cuthrell, Belfor representatives will treat the studs and the wood and return later to check the materials for mold and contaminants. "They will then make a recommendation," said Cuthrell. "The university will make the decision if it is best to tear down the building and start again, or to restore the damaged areas."

The university was alerted to the actual fire at Madison Hall not through an alarm system, but instead through phone calls made by CNU Police officers who happened to be patrolling the area during the lightning strike, said Cuthrell.

Though questions regarding the proper functioning of both fire alarms and sprinkler systems arose after the incident, both units were indeed functioning at the time of the lightning strike, according to Cuthrell, as the fire alarms were inspected only a week before.

Regardless of Madison's future, W.M. Jordan Company has been declared the contractor for future construction of or repairs to the building, said Cuthrell.

"It is clear that the building won't be used for student housing in this school year," said Cuthrell.

"We are trying to minimize any disruption to normal student life in the CNU Apartments."

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On Aug. 4, the Madison building of CNU Apartments was struck by lightning and the roof caught on fire. Photographer Ryan Burke took this picture after leaving his apartment.

Doctor donates \$1 M

ENDOWMENT GIVEN | Local obstetrician and gynecologist, Dr. Sarah Forbes gave CNU \$1 million for a scholarship program.

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Dr. Sarah Forbes, a local obstetrician and gynecologist, believes in sharing whatever you've been given through good fortune in life. For her, this process of sharing brings meaning to the gifts she has received through her own efforts in life.

On Aug. 17, President Paul Tribble Jr. announced that Forbes had given \$1 million to the Christopher Newport University Endowed Merit Scholarship Challenge Campaign. Forbes, who grew up in Newport News, said that she was motivated to give something back to the community.

"This community has helped me to be a successful female physician in a time when no women became doctors," said Forbes.

"While money can never repay that, it is my way of giving back something that can help society become intelligent, gracious, peace-loving, and fair. These goals can't be met without educating our youth."

Through the Campaign, donors can see their money matched, dollar-for-dollar, over the course of five years, according to Carolyn Cuthrell, the director of Communi-

cations and Public Relations. This program benefits many people, not just the students.

Over the course of the current academic year, a total of 11 merit scholarships totaling \$25,000 will be awarded to students who meet all necessary qualifications.

"The students will certainly benefit, but the university also benefits because a

"He [Tribble] has opened paths to everyone to enrich their lives in culture and knowledge."

DR. SARAH FORBES

strong scholarship program allows CNU to attract some of the brightest students in Virginia, and the nation, who in turn create the dynamic campus community for which the university is known," said Cuthrell.

An additional benefit for potential donors exists in seeing their donations doubled in size, also creating motivation for any possible future donors as well.

Forbes chose CNU as the recipient of her donation after finding that the goals of the university also coincided with

those of her own.

"Christopher Newport has made a giant step to this objective of bringing the community closer to the ideals of life in a short miraculous time," said Forbes.

"President Tribble accomplished the growth of Christopher Newport from a small college into a very gifted aggressive university, enriching the lives of everyone from students to the retired elderly," she said.

This unique dynamic was of particular interest to Forbes when she was deciding which institution in which to invest her money.

"For President Tribble I feel this humble pride," Forbes says. "He has opened paths to everyone to enrich their lives in culture and knowledge."

According to Tribble, these scholarships are critical in attracting the type of students necessary to create the right environment at CNU, and to make it a more attractive university to any potential students.

Forbes hopes that, other than the obvious financial benefits to the students, she might receive a sense of personal satisfaction from the accomplishments of her financial gifts.

"This is a rewarding investment because with it I am helping the youth and hopefully inspiring others to do the same," Forbes said. "That's really what this comes down to for me." ■

Tribble plans for
3 new buildings

Construction on new academic buildings to start summer 2007.

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President Paul Tribble Jr. recently announced to faculty and staff on Aug. 15, that plans are underway for three new academic buildings, two of which were included in the capital budget for this year with over \$30 million designated for the construction of the first two buildings alone.

In his announcement, Tribble credited Delegate Paul Hamilton for his efforts in ensuring money for the project and keeping the project in the government's budget after the House and Senate had removed it, said Tribble.

A design firm, Glave and Holmes, has already been selected, according to a memo sent by CNU Provost Richard Summerville; as construction is scheduled begin during the summer of 2007.

Representatives from the design team visited campus last week, on Aug. 23 and 24 to meet with CNU department liaisons and senior members of the

administration to further plans for the buildings in what Summerville termed a "programming workshop."

Together, all three of the planned buildings are expected to cover over 200,000 square feet of campus ground.

"To put that number in perspective that's the equivalent of twelve Wingfield Halls or two new student unions," said Tribble in an announcement to faculty and staff released on August 15.

"Each building will be roughly equivalent in size to two administration buildings," said Tribble.

One positive sentiment found among students centers on an excitement for new technology and classroom space that will come with the opening of the new buildings.

"I think it will be nice to get new classrooms, because the classrooms we have now don't have the technology we need," said freshman Mark Lawrence.

One of the budgeted buildings will be occupied by the Departments of English, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, and Communication Studies. The second building will include the departments of History, Government, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Leadership and American Studies.

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wednesday

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - First Wireless
Wednesday, SU 1st Floor
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Intramural
Volleyball, Football Registration,
Triesmann Fitness Pavilion
7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. - CNU Soccer vs
Johnson, Whales, Fields Softball
Complex

thursday

12:15 p.m. The Captain's Log
Critique, Ratcliffe 101,
12:15 p.m. - Multicultural
Student Association
Meeting, SU 259
5:30 p.m. - Citizens of the
World Meeting, JR Multi-
Purpose Room
7 p.m. - Residence Hall
Association Meeting, JR
Multi-Purpose Room

friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Intramural
Volleyball, Football
Registration, Triesmann
Fitness Pavilion
7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. - CNU
Soccer vs Johnson, Whales,
Fields Softball Complex

saturday

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. - CNU
Soccer vs York College,
Fields Soccer Stadium

sunday

monday

tuesday

5:30 p.m. - Great Books
Discuss Confucius, (Old)
SC 214
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - CNU
Volleyball vs Wesleyan
College, Freeman Center
Entire Fieldhouse

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On campus

EUROPEAN-INDIAN RELATIONS FILM TO BE SHOWN

In recognition of Jamestown 2007, the university will sponsor a film series highlighting the various aspects of European and Indian culture, as well as the lasting effects of both cultures on each other. After each of the four films, faculty members will lead discussions regarding contemporary views and stereotypes of the Indian culture before the Revolutionary War. The 1972 film "Aguirre, The Wrath of God" will be shown on Oct. 16 in Gaines Theater, 1991's "The Black Robe," will also be shown in Gaines on Oct. 20. Two other films, "Pocahontas" and "The Last of the Mohicans" will be shown in Gaines at 7 p.m. on March 27 and April 17 respectively. All films and discussions are open to the public.

PROFESSOR CITED IN CANADIAN SUPREME COURT

In the Canadian Supreme Court, an article co-authored by business professor Ronnie Cohen and University of Alberta professor Shannon O'Byrne was presented in the case of Canada vs. Fidler. The article, entitled "Cry Me a River, Recovery of Mental Distress Damages in a Breach of Contract Action - A North American Perspective," was used in the case regarding companies' liability concerning mental distress and the insured party.

Around town

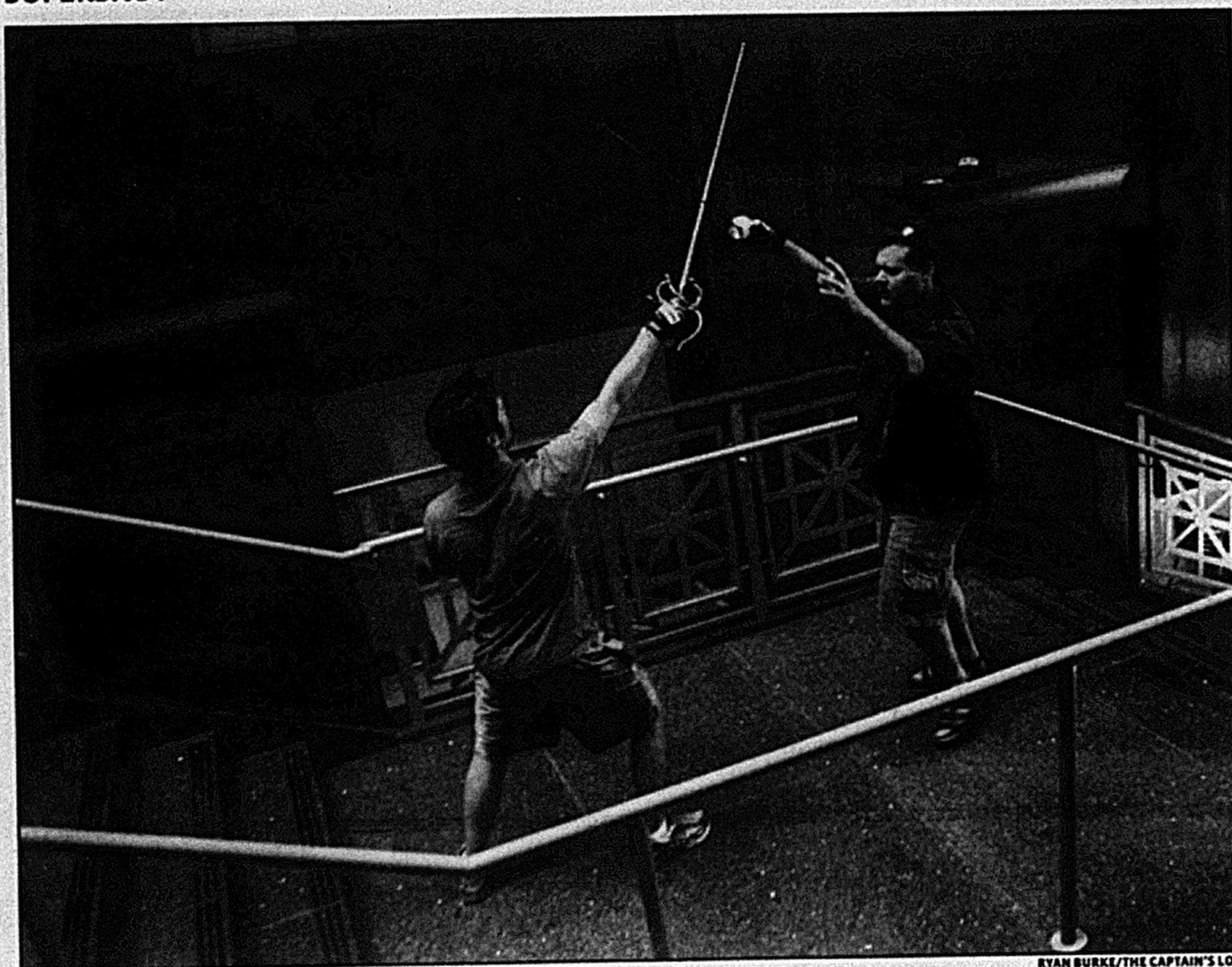
LOCAL MAN QUESTIONED IN ABDUCTION OF TWO RUSSIAN WOMEN

A Williamsburg man is being questioned in regards to the abduction of two Russian women on July 29. The two women, in the United States on work visas, were on their way home from a local bar when a man pulled up next to them, asking if they wanted a ride. After refusing multiple times, both women agreed. One woman told the driver she had to use the restroom and jumped out once the truck slowed down. The other turned up at 3:40 a.m. at a James City County home, approximately two hours after the abduction, asking the individuals for help. The suspect also has ties to the Air Force.

OFFICIALS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTES

With hurricane season in full swing and the memories of both Isabel and Katrina still ingrained in minds, officials spoke about the importance of knowing local evacuation routes of the Hampton Roads area. The Virginia Department of Transportation has compiled a hurricane resource that explains the two phases of evacuation. Phase one includes parts of Hampton, York County, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Poquoson, whereas phase two includes the remaining residents of Hampton, Newport News, Chesapeake, Suffolk and Portsmouth. Phase one evacuates 24 hours before a hurricane's landfall and phase two evacuates 14 hours before. All four lanes of 64, east- and west-bound, would be cleared to go west toward Richmond in case of a hurricane emergency. For more information, visit VDOT's site, virginia.gov.

SUPERSHOT



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Senior Jordan McArthur practices theater combat with Professor Lloyd in the Student Union staircase.

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Names in the news

TURNAROUND ON SPEARS AD

Perhaps bending to possible pressure from the globe's baddest baaad gangsta rapper, Kevin Federline, Tokyo subway bosses, who initially banned a derivative Harper's Bazaar ad featuring a naked Britney Spears because it was too stupid or something (too "stimulating"), Wednesday changed their minds. They were reportedly swayed by the argument that Harper's was depicting a happy, expectant mother, and not a sexplicit turn-on (for pimply 12-year-olds and Tweety-bird-brains at least).

BERNIE MAC EXTENDS THE KINGDOM

Comedian Bernie Mac is going Dean Martin, with a Lionsgate deal to develop a concert film and at least four

Dean-style celebrity-roast DVDs. Mac's first Soundstage collaboration is the drama "Pride," in which he co-stars with Terrence Howard.

LOHAN SELLING CONDO SHE NEVER LIVED IN

Actress Lindsay Lohan is asking \$2.85 million for her West Hollywood condo, a 2,100-square-foot, three-bedroom pad in Sierra Towers that she bought last year for \$1.9 mil, People says. But she never moved in.

'IDOL' RUNNER-UP FACES WEIGHT ISSUES

Cutie "American Idol" runner-up and bulimia survivor Katharine McPhee says she's not counting calories on the "Idol" tour. "But I'm not controlling (about) my weight anymore, I don't do any weird, disordered eating things any-

more, thank God," she tells Us Weekly. "I'm a strong woman." Oh, sweetie.

PUSSYCAT DOLL DOWN WITH AN EAR INFECTION

The Pussycat Dolls have canceled the first three dates of their tour opening for Black Eyed Peas because lead pussycat Nicole Scherzinger has an ear infection.

GERE TO WORK WITH FORMER MISS UNIVERSE

The tiny regional film industry known as Bollywood has offered one of its ingenues as a sacrifice to Richard Gere: Indian star Sushmita Sen, a former Miss Universe, will co-star with the American Gigolo (actually, a very good film) in "The Expat," the Times of India reports.

"I have already signed to do

the film," Sen said. "And yes, Richard Gere plays the male lead."

No info on much: The film will be shot in Argentina, will star Sen as an Indian immigrant (to Argentina or the United States?) and will be directed by U.S.-based Sutapa Ghosh.

CRUISE'S 'STAR IS LIKELY TO SHINE ON'

Worried? Don't. Experts and analysts say that even though Tom Cruise creeps some people out—enough to get Paramount Pictures to dump him after 14 years of profit-rich heavy petting (he's made Paramount \$3.9 billion at the box office)—his "star is likely to shine on," to quote the Associated Press.

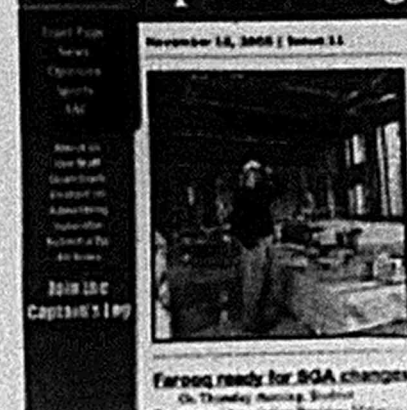
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Police blotter

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| <p>August 27
There was a case of underage possession of alcohol in Santoro Hall. The case was referred to Judicial Affairs.</p> <p>August 26
There was a case of underage possession of alcohol on East Campus. It was referred to Judicial Affairs.</p> <p>A drug/alcohol violation was given to students in York East, for possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol. The case was referred to Judicial Affairs.</p> <p>There were two cases of underage possession of alcohol in York East. The cases were reported to Judicial Affairs.</p> | <p>August 25
In Lot K there was property damage reported in a hit-and-run incident. An arrest/summons was issued.</p> <p>A case of DUI was issued in University North. An arrest summons was issued.</p> <p>August 24
A trespass notice was given to someone loitering in the BTC building.</p> <p>August 23
There was a case of suspicious activity reported in Warwick River, a trespass notice was issued.</p> <p>August 22
A case of larceny occurred in Lot K where a purse was taken from a vehicle.</p> | <p>August 29
An alcohol violation was issued on East campus for drunk in public and disorderly conduct. It was reported to Judicial Affairs and an arrest summons was issued.</p> <p>Drunkenness was reported on the Village Parking Deck. An arrest summons was issued.</p> <p>A DUI was issued on Moores Lane. An arrest summons was issued.</p> <p>August 28
There was a case of underage possession of alcohol reported in Lot K. The case was referred to Judicial Affairs.</p> |
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Different cultures, similar perspectives

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North African students from Morocco and Algeria received a taste of American culture this summer when they spent a month at CNU studying and interacting with selected CNU students. The Exchange Program, coordinated through the State Department, allowed both CNU and North African students to gain an understanding of a different culture.

The North African students attended two three-hour classes a day on topics ranging from pop culture to the very beginnings of our nation said junior Todd Shockley, who participated in the program.

"The academic portion was not just learning a plethora of facts and cramming in possible knowledge," he said. In this vein, field trips for all student participants were also a very significant part of the program—the trips included such sites as Williamsburg,

Washington, D.C., and Monticello.

The students from North Africa, the majority of whom were high school seniors, were primarily Arabs with a few Berbers. While they were all Muslims, Associate Professor of History Eric Duskin, who served in the program, made clear that each expressed his or her religion quite differently while in the United States.

In accordance with the structure of the program, CNU students who hosted their North African colleagues will, in turn, travel to North Africa next summer to study Moroccan and Algerian culture. The CNU students will follow a similar pattern by attending a university overseas and taking cultural field trips as well, Duskin said.

"The North African students learned a lot about American history and culture and the American students learned that Muslim students are human beings who share

the universal desires to have fun, fall in love, and learn about the world in which they live," said Duskin.

While classes and field trips to museums and amusement parks helped the North African students to better understand American culture, CNU participants including juniors Todd Shockley, Emily Cooper, Ashley Bisutti, and sophomore Lauren Lupper, took some things into their own hands.

"We took three Moroccan girls to Virginia Beach to play putt-putt golf and have ice cream," Shockley said.

CNU faculty members, including Connie Gianulis, director of the Office of International Initiatives, Beth Fogarty, the director of Sponsored Programs and Kevin Orchison, a CNU alumnus and the program's director of Student Life, all worked to provide an enriching experience for participants like sophomore Brian Arthurs. "We built cultural bridges and I don't think we could have accomplished



COURTESY OF KAREN SCHOMAKER

CNU students and North African students meet in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. to learn about the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

that any better than we did this summer," he said.

One of the program's goals is to spread awareness of the shared cultural aspects between Muslim and Ameri-

can culture that are overlooked, especially given the tragic events of 9/11 and the close association between Islam and terrorism, said Shockley.

"No longer are Muslims the 'them' or 'enemy' in our eyes—rather, they are seen much more similar to us than we may have ever expected," he said. ■

Faculty profile: Dr. Steven Spalding, French fanatic

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As a teenager, Dr. Steven Spalding had an unconventional first love. "Instead of being a person," he claims, "she was the city of Paris." Parisian culture and the French language captivated Spalding, then 16 years old. He was unaware at that time, he said, that he would ever earn a Ph.D. and make his love a profession.

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures welcomed Spalding to its staff this year, offering him, as he says, the ability to "do all the things that I'm interested in doing, from elementary language learning to culture courses."

To him, CNU stands out

from other universities, in that its faculty members are not forced to "fit into a mold," he said.

Instead, he's encouraged by the administration to do what he does best. CNU, Spalding says, has offered him the opportunity to "hit the ground running and make a contribution."

"Teaching four courses for the first time is daunting," says Spalding, but he enjoys the variety of courses he is able to teach. This semester, he teaches two sections of French 101, one section of a new course, French 200, and one section of French 304, entitled "Conversational Approach to Society." French 200, a new course at CNU, excites Dr. Spalding because it has given him the opportu-

nity to collaborate with Dr. Georgeta Georgescu in order to develop the course material.

The journey that eventually led Spalding to CNU began in 7th grade. When faced with the choice between French and Spanish, he says he chose French because it "sounded nicer." As time went by, he said, French became a fascination, a "mysterious code that I loved trying to crack... I was hooked." The French language and French people themselves have inspired Spalding to also pursue Italian, German and Wolof, a West African language spoken in Senegal.

He describes himself as "quite a critic" of the French, but claims a deep appreciation for their desire to "hear as

many different voices as possible." This French cultural desire to hear those voices prompted Spalding's interests in multiculturalism, he said.

Spalding's fondness for both teaching and studying French has placed him all over the globe. He completed his undergraduate degree at Connecticut College and went on to pursue his lifelong dream of living in France. For three and a half years, he lived and studied in France, navigating through what he calls "the complicated system of the French university." His efforts paid off when he received several degrees during his time in France. He greatly enjoyed working with students and pursuing research, he said.

At that point, Spalding says,

he asked himself, "Well, why don't I see what happens if I apply to graduate school?"

In 2003, he defended his dissertation and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

During the dissertation process, he took a visiting lecturer position at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. After receiving his Ph.D., he taught French at Oberlin College in the Midwest, then taught at his alma mater, Connecticut College, for a year before CNU.

One of Spalding's unique attributes as a professor is in his passion for the avant-garde genre.

Literature and films that "initially don't make any sense at all" are a source of great interest and passion for

him as Spalding describes avant-garde as "a breath of fresh air."

"You just don't know what to expect, and you never know what's going to happen," said Spalding.

Avant-garde should be translated into "rough edge" rather than the "leading edge," because, he says, "there's no leading edge about discovering things ourselves through works of art, film, and literature that challenge us and are both exciting and strange."

After traveling the world in the hopes of continuing his educational pursuits, Steven Spalding has found his destination at CNU, ready to share his unique experiences and interests with the academic community. ■

Pavlo speaks of right vs. wrong

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At one point in his career, Walter Pavlo had nearly 120 officers working under him. A hush fell over the near-capacity crowd as Pavlo, a former MCI employee convicted of wire fraud and money laundering, stepped onto The Ferguson Center for the Arts Music and Theatre Hall stage this past Monday.

Pavlo was an employee of MCI as manager of collections and then as senior manager for the five years following 1992. Now, the 40-year-old said in his presentation, he lives with his parents and cannot find work.

Dressed in professional attire, Pavlo began by discussing white-collar crime and its definitions. He explained that not only is it the failure of an individual, but also of

management, and of the organization as a whole. "I deeply regret what I have done," Pavlo said. "I'm not up here to make excuses."

While working as a manager of collections and eventually as a senior manager at MCI, Pavlo said, hid the "bad debt" owed by the company's worst customers, accelerating unsigned contract credits and delaying signed contract credits. All this was all an attempt, he said, to maintain a clean and impressive performance record.

Pavlo said that the ultimate decision to cross the line into crime came in late 1995. Small companies owed MCI in excess of \$60 million and it was Pavlo's responsibility to account for the funds. Business meetings soon turned into discussions determining what could be written off and attempts to create new

accounting codes. One such code — "the check is in the mail."

"It just kept building and building on top of itself," Pavlo said.

At length, he detailed his attempts to reimburse the company for the amount owed when the debt began to pile up. For instance, he tried allowing the customers to pay the amount piecemeal.

Although many co-workers were puzzled by the course of action, Pavlo explained, "my exit strategy was to quit." The former MCI employee recounted how he pled guilty to charges of wire fraud, money laundering, and obstruction of justice—charges for which he served a 41-month long sentence.

"It's frightening every single day that you're in there," Pavlo said of his time spent in prison. "It's hell. It's

punishment."

Pavlo concluded by presenting himself as a negative example for the audience members. "Learn from this," he said, "cheating represents your inability to find out who you are."

"I'm 40 years old now and have moved back in with my parents," said Pavlo. The former MCI executive does not struggle financially, admitting that he makes a good living traveling and speaking about the price he had to pay for his actions and mistakes.

Nick Fletcher, a junior, noted how this speaker's message was a departure from usual presentations on ethics. "It's interesting how a lot of speakers we have here involve the honor code. The fact that Pavlo went from being a millionaire to living at home with his parents is surprising," he said. ■

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Certain professors from these departments have been asked at the request of Summerville to serve on committees to voice suggestions from their department about what they would like to see in the new buildings.

The three committees include an Executive Committee, a Building Committee, and a Project Committee.

A hope among administration and faculty is that the new buildings will enhance the campus and provide improved workspace, with new levels of technology and architecture.

"We're hoping to have high tech classrooms, some sort of auditorium space, seminar rooms that can be used as meeting rooms, a lounge area where students can gather, and a media center with computer classrooms," said Dr. Roark Mulligan, a committee member from the English Department.

The third building, currently in its early planning stages, will house the Departments of Mathematics, Physics, Computer Sci-

ence, and Engineering; and Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science. Although funding for this building was not included in this year's budget, Tribble stated that it would be a high priority for the 2007 capital budget.

There are however, levels of concern in regards to accommodating the increasing number of students on campus.

"I think [the administration] needs to start building new housing before they begin with new academic buildings because we don't have enough housing for upperclassmen right now as it is," said senior Paul Mitchell.

Others students have voiced curiosity regarding what fate lies ahead for some of the old academic buildings and how much more construction will have to be dealt with.

"CNU's campus is now known for its beauty and location, but with two new buildings going up it will be continue to be known as a 'construction zone,'" said freshman Jonathan Otto. ■

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ments and Village. They [students] will notice activity over the next few weeks.

The affected students have since been relocated to alternative housing, ranging from open university-owned spaces, as well as off-campus living situations, said Cuthrell. CNU Housing officials initially relocated students to the Holiday Inn, located off of J. Clyde Blvd. From there, the majority of students were transitioned into the Point Plaza Suites, located across the street and offering CNU Apartment-like accommodations, complete with kitchen and living area.

The Holiday Inn was decided as a source for temporary housing for students based upon its close proximity to the university, and the fact that it is a relatively new hotel, said Dean of Students Donna Eddleman. Likewise, The Point Plaza Suites and Holiday Inn are owned by the same individual, which made negotiating the arrangement a lot simpler, she said.

Since the immediate housing decisions were made, many of the students have

relocated to various other living conditions including both CNU Housing as well as off-campus locations. According to Director of CNU Housing, Andy Sheston, 20 students are currently living at the Point Plaza Suites. Further, a total of 42 students chose to cancel their CNU Housing contact and sought off-campus housing for the academic year, while the other 18 students have been placed in various on-campus rooms.

"A couple students were able to move into a suite and single rooms on campus," said Sheston. Additional space was also provided for several students in a house recently acquired by the university, he said.

Second-floor Madison resident and graduate student Heather McGinley learned of the lightning strike as she left a final exam for her summer class. "I had just gone to one of my classes not too long before that. There was a 'boom' and all of the computers and electricity went out," said McGinley.

Senior Laura Otey had just gotten out of the shower when the lightning struck. "I didn't hear anything that made me

think that something had hit the building," she said. "The first indication was a smell, and it smelled like burnt popcorn. From living in a dorm building, you know that people burn popcorn."

"The only way I knew that anything happened was because a lady from CNU Housing banged at the door. If she hadn't come back and made sure everyone was out of the building, a lot of us would have stayed," said Otey.

Informed through a phone call from her roommate, McGinley found herself hearing the words, "Our apartment is on fire." The prospects of fire did not much startle several Madison residents, as they had become used to the repeated alarms in the building over the summer. "There's a lot of small fires on campus and it seems that they have all been out immediately," said McGinley.

"We were told to go to the Freeman Center for a headcount," said McGinley, "but we decided to watch the building for a little while. We really became concerned at that point that the building was going to burn down."

For Otey, witnessing a

campus building on fire was an especially surreal experience—one that she never anticipated. "No one expected the devastation that would come from it," she said.

In describing the view from in front of Madison, Otey said, "It was just a ton of people standing there. We could see the fire spreading from my room, to my roommate's room, to the living room. It was probably the most depressing thing you could see."

"Everyone was really nice, and I thought it was handled well considering the circumstances... I know the university is taking care of it," she said.

"I'm sure they are looking into it, trying to prevent something like that from happening again," said Otey.

"I'd never seen a building on fire before, except on TV," said McGinley.

"I kept hoping and praying that the fire wasn't spreading to our side of the building."

"It had started raining and we stood in awe of the building getting soaking wet like everybody else. We were hoping the rain would put it out, but there just wasn't enough," she said. ■

DIVERSIONS

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Mystic Stars | August 28-Sept. 3

BY LASHA SENIUK | MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

If your birthday is this week: Family and friends will push for dramatic home changes over the next three to four weeks. A recent phase of limited decision or delayed action is now ending. Early in October, expect loved ones to ask for sudden family revisions, new financial guidelines or complex social celebrations. After Oct. 12, watch also for a passionate overture from a romantic partner or potential lover. Throughout the winter months, serious relationships will require detailed and honest discussions. New emotional commitments will likely be established by late January 2007.

Remain focused, however, and expect revisions or delays before mid-March. Throughout April and May, workplace power struggles become obvious. Go slow and watch for meaningful progress.

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ARIES (March 21- April 20) Home routines will be scattered and unreliable over the next five days. After Monday, loved ones may expect unrealistic progress concerning family disagreements, planned events or property renovations. Take time to explain schedules and daily limits: at present someone close may need detailed information in order to feel secure. Wednesday through Friday highlight new job offers and rare team assignments. Stay focused: financial complications may soon prove unwieldy.



TAURUS (April 21- May 20) Friends and colleagues will this week offer valuable advice concerning social new friendships or social politics. Private romantic attractions may be an underlying influence. If possible, avoid bold comments: discretion and loyalty are now a strong concern. Remain dedicated to accepted information and all will be well. After Thursday, a close family member may be unusually sullen. Offer encouragement: difficult memories or strained workplace relations may be a key factor.



GEMINI (May 21- June 21) Early this week, co-workers will be helpful with complex procedures or faulty instructions. Accept all new suggestions and present a cheerful public attitude. This is a strong time for revising difficult projects or building added trust between colleagues. Do, however, study financial documents and vital paperwork for continuing errors. Thursday through Saturday accent powerful romantic attractions and new social invitations. Emotional abundance is now returning: stay active.



CANCER (June 22- July 22) Quiet flirtations will now briefly intensify. Before mid-week, someone close may wish to set a faster pace in a key relationship. If so, expect dramatic outbursts and minor moments of confrontation. Potential lovers may need to resolve lingering issues of isolation or self-doubt. Go slow and wait for obvious signals: there's much to discuss. Later this week, a complex work or educational assignment may be cancelled. Don't push for answers: revised projects will soon be announced.



LEO (July 23- Aug. 22) Before mid-week, expect family members or long-term friends to request career advice. Power struggles with authority figures or stalled job promotions may be an underlying concern. Advocate creative thinking and fresh beginnings: friends or relatives may soon need to explore unique workplace options and revised daily assignments. After Wednesday, a rare social triangle will be permanently resolved. Avoid acting as private mediator: diplomacy and discretion are needed.



VIRGO (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) Public celebrations and planned social events will provide exciting distraction this week. Several days of low confidence and inward thought now need to fade: before mid-week, expect a sudden increase in romantic overtures and group invitations. Foster as many new friendships as possible: you won't be disappointed. After Thursday, study financial deadlines and revised contracts for hidden restrictions. Over the next six days, officials will provide misleading information: stay alert.



LIBRA (Sept. 23- Oct. 23) Potential lovers will now offer intriguing proposals or subtle indications of their long-term intentions. Distant travel, family expansion or lofty career ambitions may be on the agenda. New relationships will strongly benefit from honest discussion: use this time to compare ideas and objectives. Meaningful breakthroughs are available. Friday through Sunday highlight financial news and delayed payments. Ask relatives for clear explanations: minor details are important.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24- Nov. 22) Romantic confidence is now returning. Some Scorpions, especially those born prior to 1984, will this week explore controversial relationships or return to past love affairs. Both are positive but may remain poorly defined for the next 11 weeks: remain cautious and carefully consider all new promises, home changes or time commitments. Thursday through Saturday, a close friend or relative may require added support. Rare family announcements are accented: stay open.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23- Dec. 21) Business or workplace restrictions should now be taken seriously. Before mid-week bosses or managers will introduce unexpected revisions of policy. Controversial ideas, although unrealistic, will eventually prove worthwhile. Remain quietly detached and offer limited support: timing is important. After Friday, many Sagittarians begin a brief but intense phase of romantic negotiations. In the coming weeks, a vital relationship will dramatically expand: expect meaningful promises.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20) Work habits, personal style and productivity are now a strong concern for key officials. A recent phase of slow business progress and demanding social politics needs to end: before mid-week, expect revised workplace guidelines or new team assignments. After Wednesday, a complex home or financial decision may prompt minor disagreements between friends or relatives. Later this week, rest and discuss family changes with loved ones. New ideas will soon be accepted.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21- Feb. 19) Accumulated debt and private legal paperwork may soon require active discussion. Family members are now strongly motivated to reveal recent mistakes or setbacks. After Tuesday, group decisions will work to your advantage: remain patient and watch for loved ones to provide detailed financial information or obvious pathways to success. Later this week, a rare romantic overture from a close friend or colleague may prove briefly bothersome. Pace yourself: emotions are high.

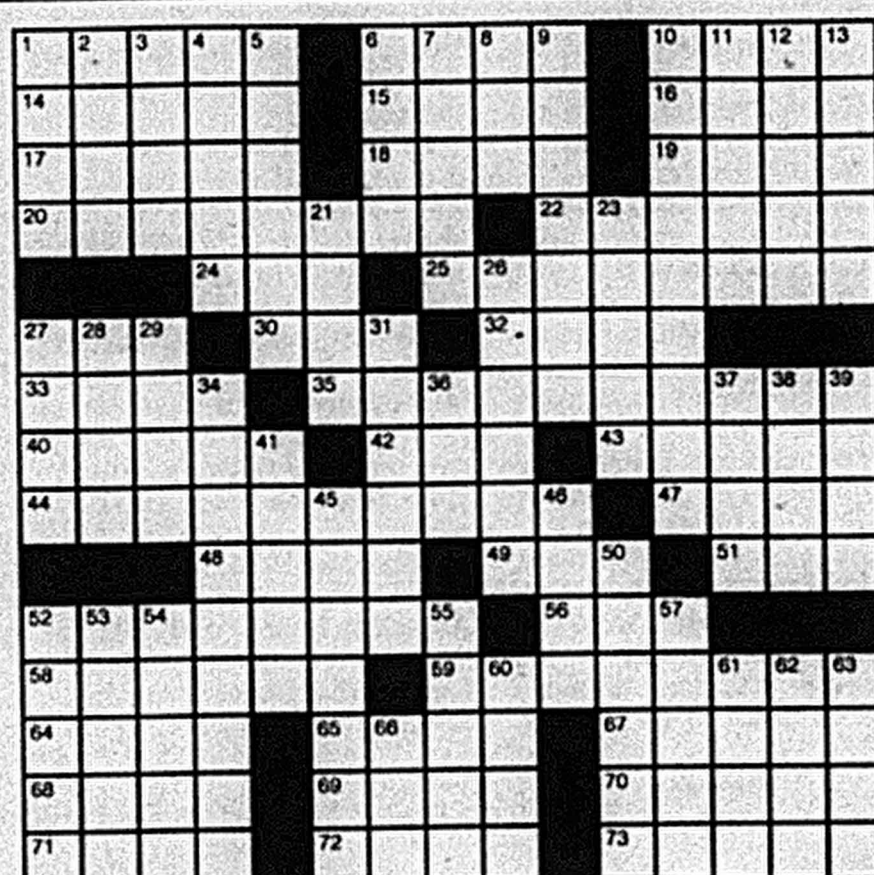


PISCES (Feb. 20- March 20) Subtle romantic comments are now meaningful. Over the next few days some Pisceans may experience a steady increase in workplace flirtation and social innuendo. New relationships are favorable but potentially delayed: before next week expect ongoing hesitation from potential lovers. Remain determined, however, and offer encouragement: powerful love is now possible. Later this week, avoid financial contracts or new business promises: resources may be drained.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Birds' crops
6 Recipe meas.
10 On the crest of
14 Steer
15 and tear
16 Strip
17 Relative size
18 Indolent
19 Computer graphic
20 Wedding scatterings
22 At the feeding trough
24 Healthy retreat
25 Requires by law
27 Splatter guard
30 Mexico Mrs.
32 "the Clock"
33 War god
35 Exercise devices
40 Daytime TV fare
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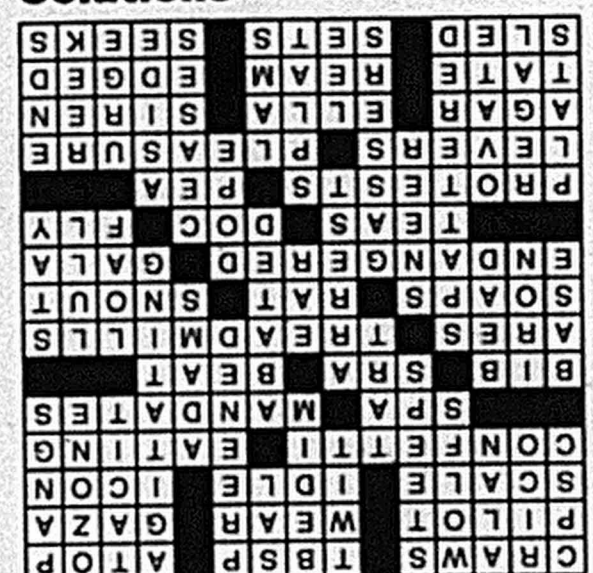
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6 Silly fop
7 Obscure
8 Mule of song
9 Hogged the mirror
10 Shaking up
11 Unspoken
12 Endangered layer
13 Hunger calls
21 Lemon
23 West and Ant.
26 Lessened
27 Foundation
28 Monopoly token
29 Small globule
31 Apprehend
34 Splashed and spotted
36 Corn unit
37 Hang (about)
38 Action break
39 Hang around
41 Villain's expression
45 Hilarious jokes
46 Nincompoop
50 Stops
52 Land plans



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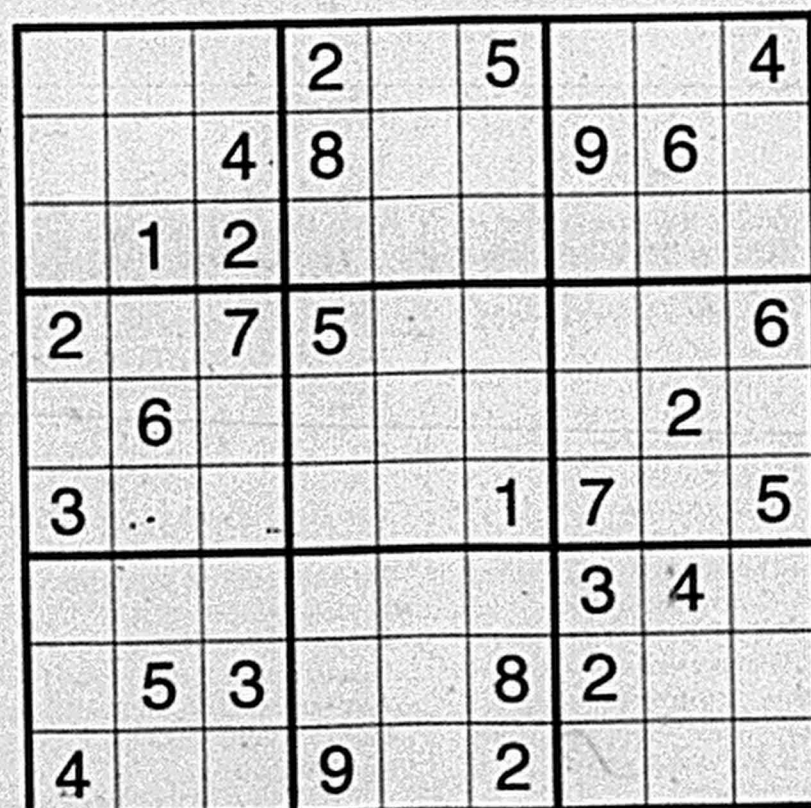
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BY LOUIS COPPOLA



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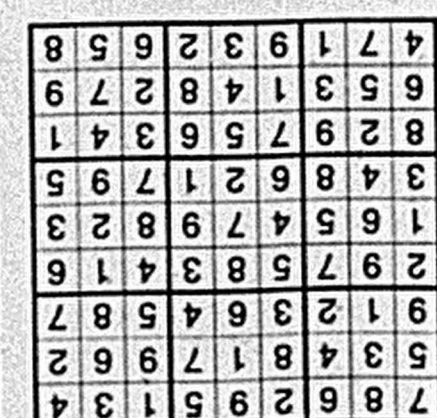
BY MICHAEL MEPHAM



Level: 1 2 3 4

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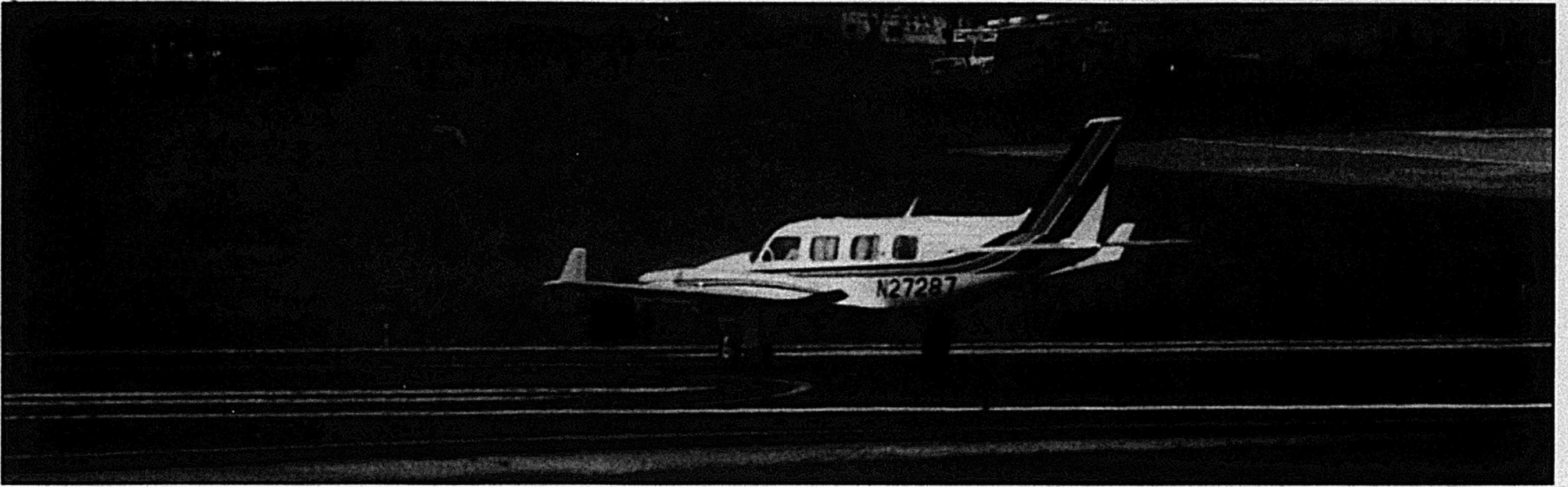
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Plane crash kills 49, one survivor



DAVID STEPHENSON/MCT

A small plane takes off after the Blue Grass Airport reopened as police and fire officials investigate the scene of a plane crash in Lexington, Kentucky, Sunday, Aug. 27. The commuter jet taking off for Atlanta crashed just past the runway and burst into flames, killing 49 people and leaving one survivor in critical condition.

PLANE CRASH | A small commuter jet headed for Atlanta crashed near the Blue Grass Airport in Kentucky, killing 49 of the 50 people on board.

BY ANDY MEAD, RYAN ALESSI AND BRANDON ORTIZ
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A commercial plane crashed near Blue Grass Airport on Sunday morning, killing 49 of the 50 people aboard the Atlanta-bound aircraft.

Airport officials confirmed that emergency personnel took one survivor, the flight's first officer, to University of Kentucky Hospital.

Flight 5191, a Comair Delta connections flight, went down at 6:07 a.m. about a mile west of the airport, Comair said. The nonstop flight was scheduled to leave at 6 a.m. and

arrive at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport at 7:18 a.m.

Mike Gobb, the airport's executive director, said the plane, a regional jet, had "difficulty on departure."

The plane crashed in a hilly, heavily wooded area on a working farm, one of many farms that surrounds Blue Grass Airport, said Chief Scott Lanter of the airport public safety department. The farm is within view of the airport runway, he said. The site appears to be directly in line with the airport's shorter runway, used for general aviation planes.

The smaller runway, one of

two at the airport, does not have lights and is for daytime-only use, airport officials said.

Nick Bentley, owner of the farm where the plane crashed, said the plane hit an 8-foot fence between his property and the airport, and clipped several trees. Bentley said he did not go to the crash site, but he can see the fence from other locations on his land.

"He obviously ... used the wrong runway," Bentley said, as the shorter runway is "a straight line" to where the airplane crashed on his farm. "He just got disoriented for whatever reason."

Gobb confirmed that there is damage to the fence between the end of the short runway and the crash site. He also said there are a number of ways the plane could end up where it did.

Airport officials said they

didn't know which runway the plane took off from. Asked whether the smaller runway would be sufficient for a plane of this size, Gobb said, "No, it is not."

Said Lanter: "All we know was that the crash was at the end of runway 8-26," the shorter runway.

Lanter said the plane was mostly intact, but a fire occurred. The plane, Gobb said, would have been fully loaded with jet fuel, and the fire broke out after impact. At a news conference, Fayette County Coroner Gary Ginn said the cause of death for most of the victims would be fire rather than smoke or impact. Police Chief Anthony Beatty said he has talked to the FBI about terrorism, and "at this point, there is no nexus to terrorism."

Of the two runways at Blue Grass Airport, the main is

7,001 feet and the general aviation runway is 3,400 feet. Each has an additional 600 feet of area at the end for enhanced safety. The main runway was completely repaved last week-end.

The only construction last week on the smaller runway was to tie it in to the main runway, according to airport officials.

Three officers — two from the airport police and one Lexington police officer — pulled the plane's first officer out of the wreckage, officials said.

University of Kentucky Hospital was treating the survivor, according to spokesman Jay Blanton. James Polehinke, 44, the plane's first officer, is in critical condition; he was quickly taken to surgery, another spokesperson said. Polehinke has worked for Comair since 2002.

The airport reopened its main runway, about 9 a.m. after the terminal was shut down about 7 a.m., Gobb said. Still, people scheduled to fly out of the airport had to wait outside the terminal for transportation. Flights have since resumed in and out of the airport.

Extra Transportation Security Administration workers are being brought in. Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is in Germany for the World Equestrian Games, said by phone.

National Transportation Safety Board officials have arrived at the scene. The investigation will look at anything that could have contributed to the crash, including the pilot, aircraft and airport where the runway resurfacing occurred Aug. 17 to 19, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen. ■

Ad campaign seeks to curb drunk driving accidents

BY ELY PORTILLO
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

ROCKVILLE, Md. — If you're used to having a few beers and getting behind the wheel, the next three weeks will be especially dangerous for you.

Automobile safety leaders announced last week that they're starting a double-barreled police and advertising campaign between now and Labor Day to combat drunk driving.

The move follows new numbers that show almost no decline in the number of highway deaths involving alcohol last year — in fact, almost none in a decade — despite a toughening of the legal definition of intoxication and some increased policing.

Nicole Nason, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said she thinks that's because drunk driving still is seen as "a social crime" rather than "a deadly crime."

This new campaign will emphasize that drinking and driving can get you arrested, Nason said. That's in contrast to previous campaigns that focused on responsible drinking and designated drivers.

Over 11,000 state and local police forces across the country have agreed to increase patrols and sobriety checkpoints between now and Labor Day, according to Nason. In addition, NHTSA will air \$11 million in television and radio ads targeting males ages 21 to 34, the likeliest to drink and drive.

The combination of a big ad campaign and increased enforcement makes this "the largest ever national crackdown on drunk driving," Nason said.

"It's time for this country to stop just saying, 'Oh, that's old Joe down at the bar, he had one too many gins,'" said Lt. Col. Jim Champagne, Chairman of the Governors Highway Safety Association, a nonprofit group focused on promoting safety programs.

Champagne, a lieutenant colonel in the Louisiana State Police, promised that the upcoming crackdown would involve the "highest concentration of law enforcement

officers focused on this problem ever."

The ad campaign will help, too, said Pennsylvania State Trooper Dave Andrascik, who was on hand for Nason's announcement at a police training facility in suburban Washington, D.C. "It's kind of like a rejuvenation, not just for the police officers, but for the community," he said. "There gets to be a complacency" when the public hears old messages.

Nason said that her agency will decide whether to continue the campaign once the first results are in. Nason's agency had hoped to see big gains from a tougher intoxication standard adopted in recent years in many states, but it hasn't happened.

In 1995, 13,564 motorists were killed in accidents in which at least one driver had a blood alcohol concentration of at least .10 percent, NHTSA revealed last week. ■

Katrina leaves its mark on city

Spray-painted X's become city symbol in New Orleans.

BY TODD FRANKEL
MCLATCHY TRIBUNE

NEW ORLEANS — On tens of thousands of homes, "X" marks the spot.

It notes which homes were searched. And when. Where bodies were found. Where pets were rescued, or at least fed.

The spray-painted markings were left by search-and-rescue crews who, in boats and on foot, went door to door looking for survivors in the days and weeks after Hurricane Katrina. More than 30 squads from across the country marked doors, walls, even roofs.

A year later, the markings continue to be one of the hurricane's enduring symbols, a reminder of the chaos and tragedy, but also a positive testament to the experience.

"It's kind of like a badge of honor," said Lori Prince, who is rebuilding her home in the city's Gentilly neighborhood but so far has resisted removing the orange X from her wall.

State tourism officials say they field questions from visitors about the storm's hieroglyphics.

The markings follow a system. One slash is made when rescuers enter a house. A crossing slash is made when the team exits. The left quadrant records the team name — for example, "MO-1" stood for Missouri Task Force One. The date is recorded at the top. Any hazards — such as rats or a gas

leak — are marked on the right. (In New Orleans, this side was also used to note whether the team entered the building.) At the bottom is the number of victims.

"It is an universal language for rescue teams," said Doug Westhoff, Missouri task force team leader.

Now the markings have emerged as cultural shorthand.

When Michael Bouveir's friend couldn't find him in June, he left a note on his home near the University of New Orleans.

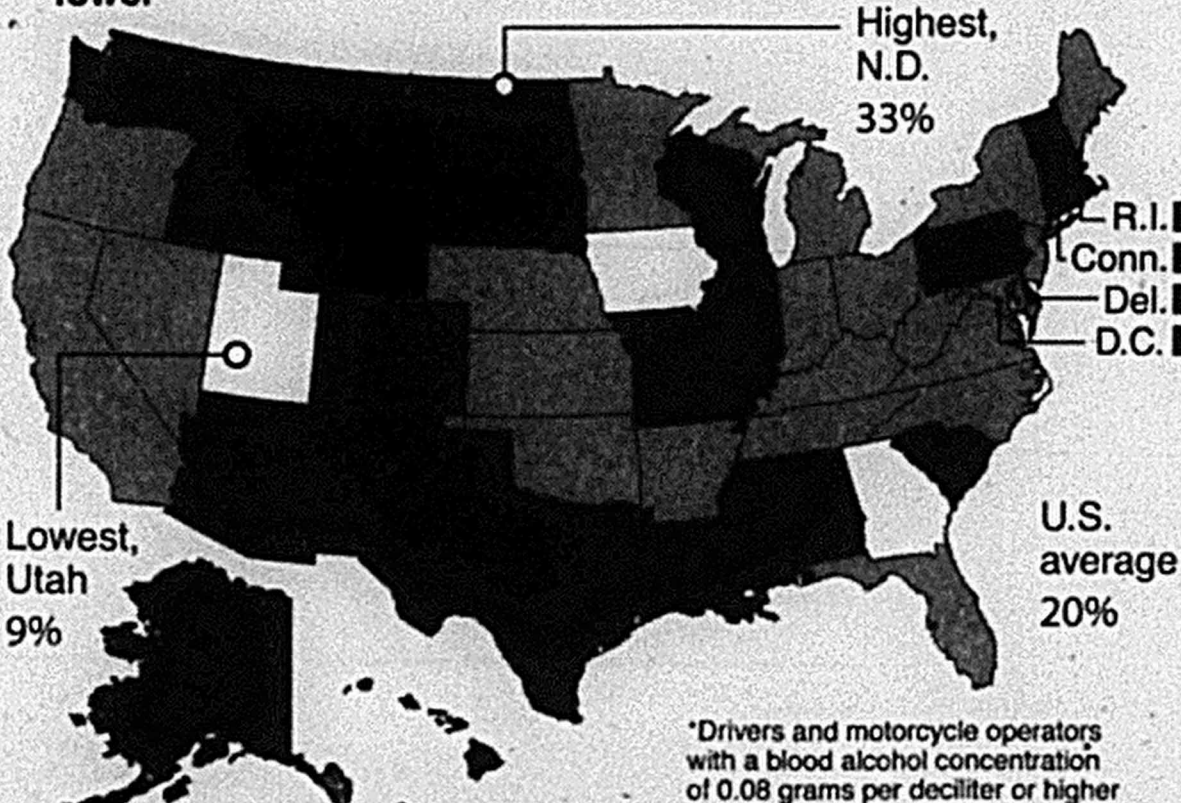
Bouveir kept the note, taping it to his refrigerator.

The note featured an X in the middle. On the left was "Mr. Chip." The date "6-1" was on top. Zero was on the right. And at the bottom was this: "0 bald-headed freaks found." ■

Mapping drunk driving fatalities

Percentage of total U.S. fatal crashes that involved legally drunk drivers,* by state, 2005:

□ 15% and lower ■ 16%-20% ■ 21%-25% ■ Above 25%



Source: U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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\$2 billion
relief efforts cost exceeded

1.2 million
families received financial aid

509,060
comfort and clean-up kits distributed

219,500
Red Cross disaster relief workers

Source: Redcross.org

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Beware, there's poo in the pool!

POLLUTED POOLS | Careful swimmers, studies show that your neighborhood pool might be dirtier than you think.

BY KENDRA MARR
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — On hot, sticky days, there's nothing more refreshing than jumping into a cold pool. But how can you tell if the water is clean and safe?

It's not easy, say experts in pool health and safety. Even clear, sparkling pools can harbor bacteria. And a strong chlorine smell, often followed by stinging eyes and coughing, doesn't necessarily mean swimmers are safe: It's a noxious byproduct of chlorine binding to mass amounts of urine and sweat, said Michael Beach, an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Well-maintained water should be odorless and irritation-free.

But there's no doubt that contaminated water is a problem nationwide.

Pools and other recreational water facilities can harbor bacteria, viruses and parasites — the most common being *E. coli*, giardia, cryptosporidium, shigella and hepatitis A — that cause diarrhea, skin rashes and ear, eye or respiratory infections.

The CDC has observed a steady growth nationwide in recreational water illnesses, with 19,000 cases reported between 1985 and 2002 — an increase the agency chalks up to more recreational water usage and better detection.

Levels of cryptosporidium,

a parasite that causes diarrhea, increase five-fold in the summertime and are responsible for about 60 percent of the outbreaks, Beach said. Although chlorine takes care of most germs in less than an hour, cryptosporidium can live for days even in the most well-maintained pool.

"A lot of people think pool water is sterile," Beach said. "This is like communal bath water. Where else is it publicly acceptable to urinate?"

Beach warns that most people don't think to blame recreational water when they become sick. "When someone becomes ill with diarrhea, he's thinking about what he ate last night, not where he swam last week," he said.

Most pool contamination can be traced to a single source: poop, either solid or in the form of diarrhea, which is nearly undetectable.

"Sometimes you have a few kids who leave a little Hershey kiss floating," said Aaron Bueno, aquatics coordinator for the city of Milpitas, Calif. One summer, Bueno said, he cleaned three fecal accidents at a public pool in just one week.

Under California law, pools, spas and other water facilities are required to close immediately, for anywhere from 19 minutes to 8 hours, when feces are found, to allow heavy chlorination and water recirculation to sweep away the germs.

But pool managers hate

to turn away swimmers and will often reopen the pool too soon, said Kevin Mulvany, a county environmental health specialist.

Chlorine is the main line of defense against the spread of germs. It works by oxidizing microorganisms and bacteria and rendering them harmless. Meanwhile, recirculation equipment, such as flow meters and pumps, keeps the water clear, and filters, gutters and skimmers clean out debris.

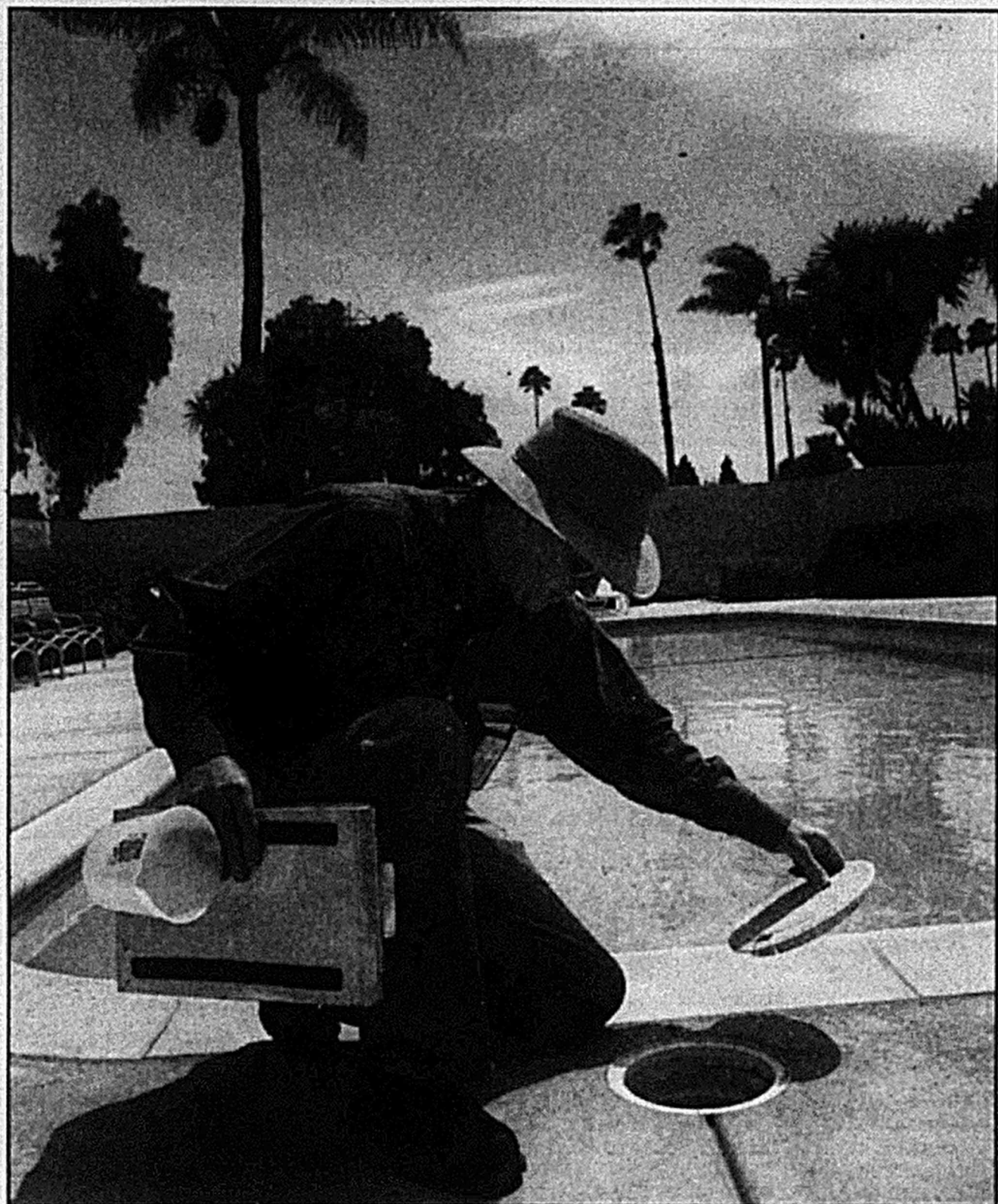
But as more and more people jump into the pool — particularly on hot days — the water becomes less acidic, as measured by pH tests, and the chlorine loses effectiveness. Sweat, sunscreen, urine and soap accumulate, using up chlorine that should be fighting germs.

"You can see the pools in certain times of the day go through color changes," Bueno said. "After recreational swim, the water is brownish, yellowish for half an hour before turning crystal clear again."

The worst offenders are small swimming pools and spa pools in hotels and apartments.

Apartment complexes are very price-conscious and reluctant to fix broken equipment to keep the pool clean, said Javier Payan, safety chairman for the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association.

Payan, who also owns a professional pool service, said he has dropped several of his apartment clients because they consistently didn't meet the pool code and ignored his improvement suggestions. ■



LIP CHING/SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Kevin Mulvany, a registered environmental health specialist for the County of Santa Clara, inspects the swimming pool at Santiago Villa Mobile Home Park.

Grab your chopsticks, sushi is on the way



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Situated among the hubbub of CNU Village, a contemporary new restaurant graced Newport News this spring.

Owned by CNU Alumni Un Yong Kim and her husband, Sushi and Spice is a modern Asian fusion restaurant that boasts an assortment of Korean, Japanese and Chinese

cuisine. The shiny bamboo flooring and elegant décor make Sushi and Spice an inviting venue to divulge into traditional Asian inspired dishes.

Their menu offers variety, however sushi is the main event. They serve everything from Hamachi (yellowtail) to Unagi (eel). Most entrees are also served with warm Miso soup as well as a fresh salad topped with a tangy ginger dressing. I found the size of the fish to be smaller than normal, yet the freshness of each bite made up for it. I also enjoyed the beef Bulgogi: marinated strips of beef served with a heap of steamed white rice.

Other items include shrimp dumplings, "Spicy Chicken", Korean Prime Rib, and a vari-

ety of noodles. If you're brave enough, try the CNU roll - eel, cream cheese and smoked salmon. Bright colored platters and artistic plating add to the ambiance of the sushi experience. The presentation is pleasing to the eye. The bill however, is not.

When I first learned that a sushi restaurant would be located on campus, I secretly hoped it would cater to students and be more affordable than other local sushi restaurants. Unfortunately, I was sadly disappointed. The cost to dine here is just as much as any other sushi bar, if not worse. Individual pieces of sushi range from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Entrees are also pricey, anywhere from \$10.00 to around \$17.00. Their sushi and sashimi combo dinners start

around \$20.00 and go up to about \$56.00. Lunch is a more affordable, so if you want to get the same great taste at a good price, go during the day.

Whether you've been eating sushi for years or you're a beginner, try the unique setting and menu that Sushi and Spice has to offer. Their distinctive style and flare will make your dining experience one you won't soon forget.

Trying to adjust to the demanding population, service tends to be slow at times, so go when the restaurant is least busy.

Sushi and Spice opens for lunch at 11:00 a.m. but closes for a break at 2:30 p.m. They re-open for dinner between the hours of 5 and 9:30 p.m. For more information call them at 757-595-1737. ■



REGINA CERIMELE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sushi chefs are hard at work while a bustling dinner crowd enjoys the fresh food Sushi and Spice offers.



BY DR. BHARAT SANGANI
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Dear Dr. Sangani,

My son will be starting college in a few weeks. I am concerned about all the talk about drinking alcohol on campus. Can you please tell me more about alcohol poisoning? I will give the article to my son in hopes that he will see the danger and maybe help someone else if he is aware of the symptoms.

Q: How common is alcohol drinking on campuses?

A: The Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study found two in three underage students reported

Ask the doctor

drinking in the past 30 days. The study surveyed 7,000 college students under the age of 21 and around 5,000 students age 21 to 23 about their drinking patterns; 57 percent of underage students reported that they paid less than \$1 for a drink, got it free or paid a set price for an unlimited number of drinks. Underage students are more likely to experience alcohol-related problems, such as unplanned sexual activity, property damage and treatment for alcohol poisoning.

Q: What is alcohol poisoning?

A: Alcohol poisoning is a serious, sometimes deadly result of drinking an excessive amount of alcohol. Binge drinking can lead to poisoning.

Q: What affects the blood alcohol level?

A: The strength of the alcohol, the amount of food in your stomach at the time you drink, and how quickly you drink it.

Q: What are the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning?

A: Confusion, vomiting, seizures, slow or irregular breathing, blue-tinged skin or pale skin, or passing out. Alcohol is a stomach irritant and may cause vomiting. It can affect your central nervous system, slowing your breathing, heart rate and gag reflex. This ups the risk of choking on vomit if the student has passed out from excessive drinking. Blood alcohol level continues to rise even after the person has passed out.

Q: How can I tell the difference between being passed out and alcohol poisoning?

A: The person may be unconscious but cannot be awakened if it is alcohol poisoning. If they do not respond, check to see if they have cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin. If they are breathing fewer than eight times a minute they need medical attention. ■

Have we met?

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Love It (20oz.) Smoothie or Ice Cream Shake

COLD STONE
CREAMERY



By Ashleigh Tullar and Ryan Burke

"My guitar."

TODD FAISON
JUNIOR



"My purse, laptop, that's my important stuff. I would wake up my roommate if she was sleeping."

ELIZABETH JOHNS
SOPHOMORE



"My beer."

BROCK SCOTT
SENIOR



"I would grab my pictures, my journal and my poems."

JESSICA HARRIS
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WHERE WE STAND

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Welcome back to school, everyone. To be sure, things aren't exactly the way we left them—but with change and time, we have found new opportunities to grow.

As many now know, Mother Nature made her mark on CNU Aug. 4 when, at about 4:50 p.m., lightning struck Madison Hall at the CNU Apartments, causing a fire displacing 80 students and damaging lots of personal property. Contractors assess the building's future. This storm cloud, most fortunately, had a silver lining—no one was hurt, and the aftermath of the event resulted in a coming together—a real sense of CNU community, as faculty and staff arrived on the scene, including Paul and Rosemary Tribble, to help remove students' belongings from the building and to begin the cleanup process.

We may have lost a building, but we have also, at long last, gained another. The Student Union Building we waited on for so long is now finished and it has already greatly changed the way we study, work, eat and socialize on campus. Many freshmen did not even have the chance to experience campus without it—for our newest residents on campus, CNU with the Student Union is simply CNU. For upperclassmen among us, it has changed dramatically. And for all of us, we now live on a campus with a massive new center of activity for all students to enjoy, and hopefully not abuse.

Good and bad, change has come—and we must face it. We must welcome it with open arms and an eye to improvement. What CNU did last year, it must do better this year. With every wave of freshmen

students, these are the students' goals—to improve student grades, participation in and quality of campus politics, and yes, social life, too.

Some of the Residence Hall Association's members exemplified that spirit when, just two days ago, on August 27, 2006, some of them protested the new posting policy in our Student Union; that is, presently, students cannot post anything in it. The protest eventually ended and its participants dispersed as University President Paul Tribble approached the RHA's members seeking suggestions and a compromise. The year's just begun, but already, with RHA's civic-minded protest, campus has born witness to exactly the sort of proactive, politics we as students should be showing every day we study, play, eat, and live here.

Just as RHA came together, we must come together to help our fellow students. Many Madison residents lost their belongings, and we must do everything we can to help them, whether by collecting belongings or donating money (which you can do at this Web site—http://universityrelations.cnu.edu/news/2006/08_08_06emergencyfund.html). As well, we must all learn personally from the experience and safeguard our own belongings—which is to say: take care of your insurance and renter's agreements as specified by the Residence Life Handbook!

In the same spirit, RHA—and those who feel likeminded—must follow through on their desires and articulate clearly their suggestions to our administration.

OTHER VOICES

Lessons from the erst-while planet

BY DAWN MILLER
MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

What is most surprising about Pluto's change of status is not that the world's leading astronomers decided Pluto doesn't really belong in the same category as the rest of the planets. It's the emotional reaction this decision has brought out in people.

One astronomer referred to "hate mail" he received from elementary students. News reports used phrases suggesting that Pluto had been unceremoniously kicked out of "an elite cosmic club."

Others used soothing phrases, assuring us that Pluto is still there, but implying that we may see him less often.

"It's like an amicable divorce," said Jack Horkheimer, director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium, in an Associated Press interview.

Oh, the riveting drama of scientific taxonomy! Can't you just hear the maudlin soap opera music?

Yet, I do admit an emotional attachment to Pluto, and it has nothing to do with the cartoon dog, despite what the more doltish broadcasters suggest. Pluto is just cool. In elementary science classes, we learned that it was farthest from the sun, BUT not for long. Because Pluto's orbit crosses Neptune's, in 1979, Pluto became the eighth planet from the center.

How we 10-year-olds enjoyed being right where old textbooks were wrong. What's more, that condition would last until 1999 — a very cosmic sounding date in the distant future, but still in our lifetimes. Then, true believers, Pluto crossed back into ninth place, where it will stay for 228 years.

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So, you see how special we young astronomers were. We got to "see" something that won't happen again until 2227 (by Earth's calendar, of course).

There is something about knowledge acquired during childhood that seems more special and precious than all the things we learn later. I don't know if it is because we are so innocent and trusting then, or if it's because the whole world seems at once mysterious and yet observable and knowable.

For some reason, we develop emotional attachments to facts — whether they are true or not — that we learn during those curious, intellectually sponge-like years. Mercury is interest-

ing because it is so close to the sun. Venus has mystique. Mars is the most Earth-like. Jupiter has the spot. Saturn has rings.

But once you get past that, so many balls of cold rock going in circles can be difficult to differentiate. But there's Pluto, mixing up the orbit every couple hundred years, keeping things interesting.

While the International Astronomical Union debated Pluto's classification, I carried one of our front-page stories on the subject to a fourth- and fifth-grade class where I am a Read Aloud volunteer. They were already following the story.

An inflated, yellow plastic sun hung overhead. Throughout the classroom, roughly to scale, were the other planets in their respective orbits, dangling from the drop ceiling. "What will we do with Pluto?" they asked.

Some recent news stories lamented that Pluto's change of status would cause trouble for schoolteachers, who will have to "scramble" to alter lesson plans, just as the school year opens. Bah! Elementary astronomers understand that science is a journey to discover knowledge. Scientific fact is amended with the benefit of new information and further reflection.

What better lesson could today's students have than to see the process in action? Even in being demoted, Pluto still busts science class out of a dull orbit. ■

Military must make every effort to ensure ethical recruiting

MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Because of the war in Iraq and a healthy economy, it has been harder for military recruiters to sign up new troops. Some recruiters resort to overly aggressive tactics and even criminal misconduct to meet their monthly goals. The Pentagon should do a better job curbing this behavior.

In a recent report, the Government Accountability Office said the full extent of the problem was unknown because the services lacked common terminology and criteria for defining wrongdoing.

Even so, the number of substantiated cases of recruiter misconduct rose from about 400 in fiscal year 2004 to nearly 630 in 2005. In the same period, criminal violations such as falsification of documents rose from 30

cases to nearly 70.

In recent months the Pentagon has been generally meeting its recruiting goals.

In July, the Army signed up 109 percent of its target, the 14th

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consecutive month the Army has met its quota. The other services also met their goals for new recruits, with the exception of the Navy, which signed up 99 percent of its July quota.

Signing up new reservists and

National Guard members has been tougher because of the likelihood of lengthy deployments and because more members of the active force are re-enlisting. Former active-duty troops are an important source of new personnel for reserve units.

The Army expanded the pool of potential recruits by twice raising the age cap from 35 to just under 40, then again to just under 42. This hasn't yet drawn large numbers, however. As of early August, there were five recruits older than 40 undergoing training and 324 older than 35.

Overall, the military's recruiting problems are not as bad as some published reports have suggested — all the more reason the Pentagon should do a better job ensuring that recruiters behave properly. ■



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BY LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ
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The hysteria over Spanish-speaking people in the United States must stop. Already more than two dozen states have variants of "English Only" laws. In one such state, North Carolina, I visited a classroom where a teacher had to sneak Spanish words onto a chalkboard so that her mostly Spanish-speaking students could learn. A student served as lookout to make sure no administrator happened by.

What's going on here? OK, I'll try to be generous. Some fear that today's immigrants don't want to learn English, or that American culture will be watered down and eventually destroyed, or that other

tongues and cultures will break up what unites us as a nation.

First of all, where are the hordes opposing English to warrant any of this?

From living in predominantly Spanish-speaking communities all my life, I can testify that most immigrants want to learn English.

My own family arrived from Mexico in the mid-1950s. In a generation, English became the dominant idiom, which is generally true for most Mexicans and other non-English speaking people in this country. Latino immigrants are more likely to insist on English than native-born Latinos, according to surveys by the Pew Hispanic Center. And close to 60 percent of Latinos questioned say immi-

grants should learn English to stay in this country. Learning English is apparently not the problem.

Nor is diluting the culture — unless, by culture, people exclude all the contributions made by people who didn't learn English as their first language. America is made up of many tongues, many heritages, many voices. The organic coming together of cultures and languages is what America is all about, and we don't need laws to do this, thank you very much.

We enjoy rock 'n' roll, martial arts, cowboys and chewing gum, all with roots outside Anglo culture (e.g., African, Asian, Spanish and American Indian, respectively). Hey, if we end up with an official language, we

may have to reconsider place names like Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, California, Florida or San Diego. All of these have Indian or Spanish-language origins.

And if unity is the issue, well, what unites us as a country is not the language that we speak but the ideals that we hold dear: democracy, civil liberties, separation of powers, the self-evident truth that all people are created equal.

The "English Only" campaigns are designed not to bring unity but to suppress other languages — particularly Spanish — and impose the supremacy of English on our tongues.

I, for one, love the English language. I've spent years

trying to master it. But I'm also for having Spanish, Japanese, Hmong, Navajo and Nahuatl (still spoken by millions of people in Mexico and Central America) wherever these may apply. The U.S. Census estimates there are 329 languages spoken here, 154 of which are indigenous. Other reports claim the United States is currently the third-largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

"English Only" laws harken back to a time when Spanish-speaking or Indian-speaking children in the Southwest were forbidden to use words other than English (even if they knew no other words).

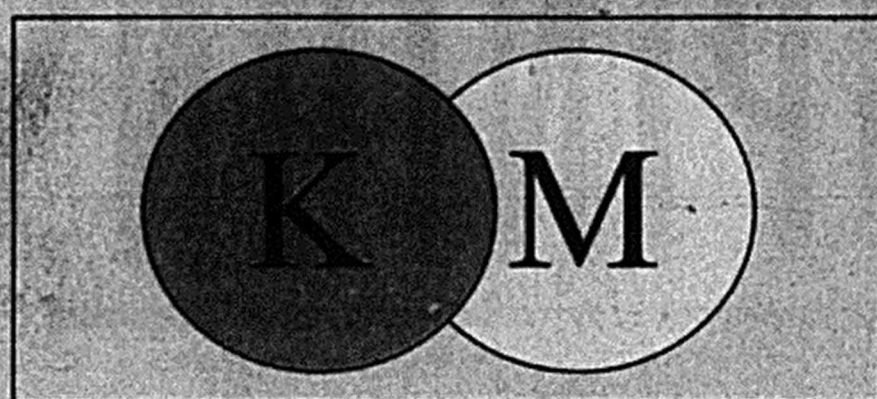
As a result, they were forbidden to speak in this country that reveres free speech. ■

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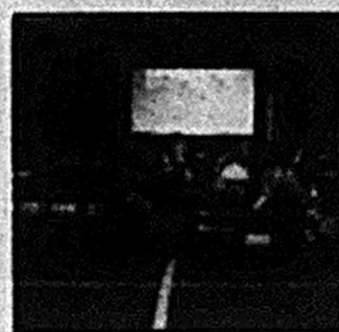
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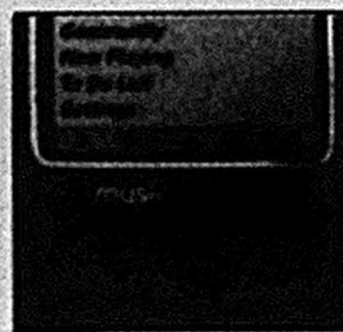
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Students bring blankets and snuggle in truck beds in an old-fashioned drive-in movie.



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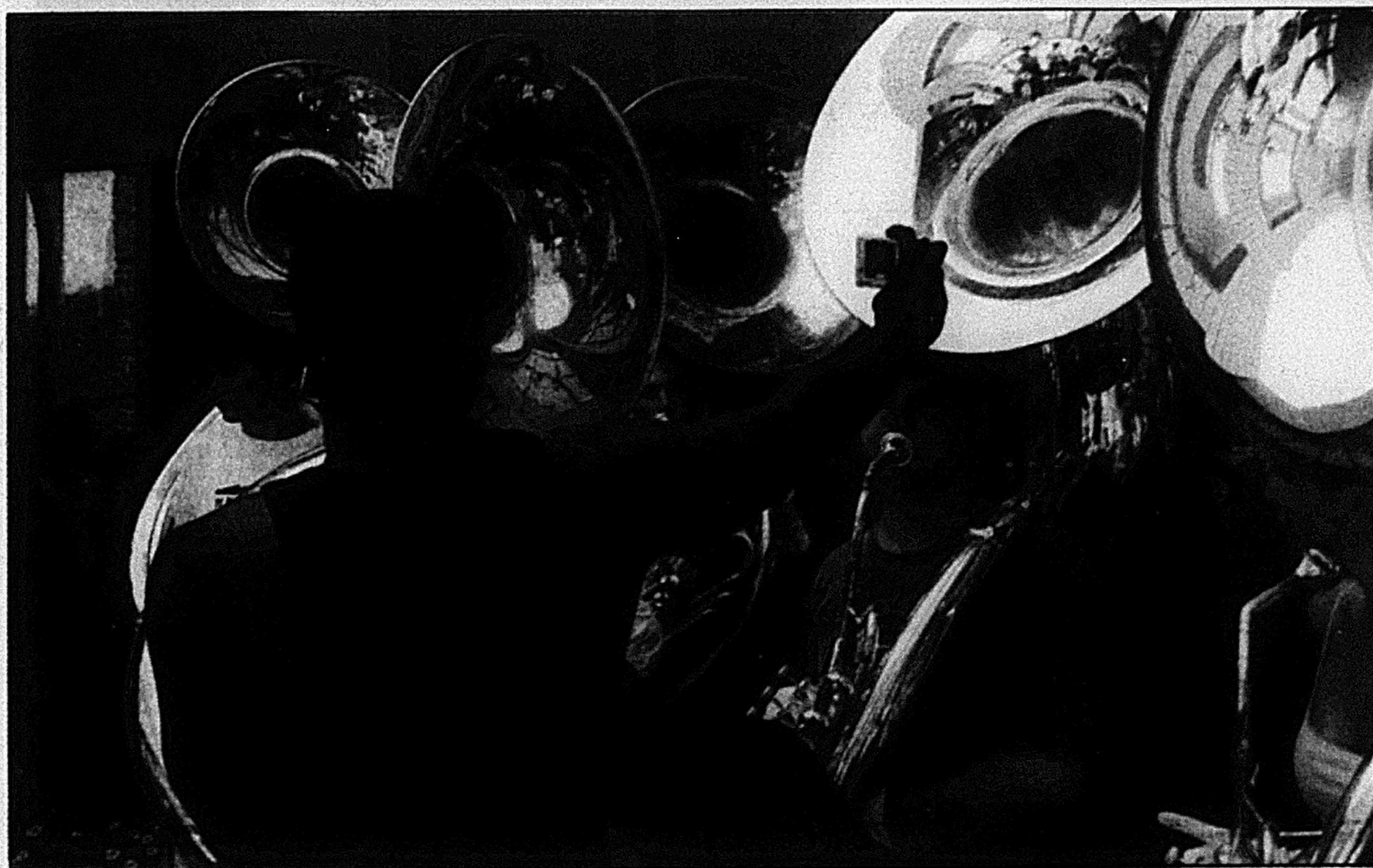


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Band Camp 101

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8:07 a.m.: Despite my excitement about getting back to marching band, or more specifically, the people in it, 8 a.m. still rolls around ridiculously early. I guess now it's a matter of finding a pair of shorts I haven't worn yet this week and a tank top that will cover up my already-visible tan lines. Great.

9:30 a.m.: After stretching with Ammon, the drum line's instructor, we're on the field doing basics. Even if we marched all four years in high school, we are reminded that there are eight steps to every five yards. For those who aren't math majors, Professor Douglas lets us know that it is exactly 22-and-a-half inches per step. Amazing.

11:45 a.m.: The morning after marching basics is spent setting drill, or the spots for each member of the band. We're given a packet of instructions. Each page denotes the move that each band member is to make within a certain count structure. It's exciting, really. There are 25 pages for the opener alone. In hindsight,

though, it's not that bad. I spend page three on the five yard line, only to be on the opposite 30-yard line a few sets later. Douglas promised to let us out to lunch if we did two solid run-throughs. Food is forever a motivating factor during band camp. "Home On the Range" has never sounded so good.

1:45 p.m.: Oh yes, guard basics. One-and-one on the left and right—100 drop spins into 100 Peggy spins. Drop spins are what they sound like: dropping the flag into the right hand, and then dropping it into the left. It moves the flag in one full rotation for every two counts. It sounds easy enough, but don't be fooled. Try turning 100 of those into 100 Peggy spins, which are more complicated and take a lot more thought. Mmm, Feel the burn!

The rifles warm up with 100 spins on each side. They're beast. Heck, we're all feeling pretty beast after warm ups. There are a plethora of warm-ups that keep us in shape enough to run around the band, spinning, for nearly 10 minutes each football game.

For example, take wrist extensions: holding the end of the six-foot pole and swinging

it directly in front of the body and behind it eight times. Then drop the body into a deep lean on one side, and continue doing another eight motions. Repeat three times.

Then there are tosses. Four counts of the Peggy spin, got it. On count four, reach into the silk of the flag, toss, one full rotation in the air, and then solidly stop the flag vertically in front of the body. And those are only the beginning of warm-ups.

We've managed to put a lot of body and movement under the flags this year, which is always a bonus. I will admit that I have yet to master the bell click. It looks easy clicking your heels together, but I've managed to look as though I'm having a spazz attack every time. I suppose decent hand-eye coordination doesn't translate into grace. Put that on the list of things I need to work on.

4 p.m.: It's about an hour before the break for dinner and we're quite exhausted. We've been spinning for hours. We know that after break we combine work with drill, which is the hardest task of band camp. In the meantime, Jen begins teaching us swing dance. It's

RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Above: Drum major Nii Akwei Adoyete tunes tuba section leader Casper Kroon. Right: Sophomore Shea Carpenter practices opening flagwork for "Home on the Range."



hard—but it's fun. Jenna and I pair up for the second round of swing. We do basket drops, sugaring and everything else that it entails.

We memorize more dance counts to add to our swing number later. The magical number is 32. I think in one day we've managed to memorize over 200 counts of work, easily, for three different songs. Yep, we're hardcore.

6:30 p.m.: We had drill time this morning, spending our time finding our sets on the field. We had sectional time this afternoon, so each group did their own thing. Now, being strong, powerful and smart, we will put both guard

work and drill together. The end of band camp is near.

8:55 p.m.: That's it. We managed to put 25 drill sets on the field, do our work and get through it multiple times. Needless to say, we're out of breath, sweaty, perpetually exhausted and entirely resentful of our sock tans. Until a person is thrown into the workings of marching band and guard, it seems easy enough—march, play, spin. Then you're done, right? But a week of learning one three-minute song on field and in the sauna is hard. Exhausting. However, it's one of the most rewarding things I've done in a while. ■

THE LIST

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September 1

Seed Is, 5 p.m., Great Lawn
The Da Vinci Code Discussion and Panel, 7 p.m., Gaines Theater
Chinua Hawk and Chris Cauley, 8 p.m., Discovery Café

September 2

David Wygant (the Dating Doctor), 8 p.m., Gaines Theater
Speed Dating, 8 p.m., Regatta's
The Da Vinci Code, 7 p.m., Anderson 105

local

September 1

Belvedere Gallery of Fine Art Street Show, 6-9 p.m., 1900 Block of Colley Avenue, Ghent
Intelligent Design Gone Bad, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Broad Street Books, Norfolk
Ironic Dixies, 6-9 p.m., East Coast Bicycles, Norfolk
Jim Walker Photography Show, 6-9 p.m., Gateway Bank, Norfolk

September 2

Labor Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., High Street, Portsmouth

concerts

September 1

Chris Brown, Ne-Yo, Lil' Wayne, Dem Franchise Boys and Juelz Santana, 7 p.m., Verizon Wireless Amphitheater
Derek Red, 7 p.m., The NorVa
The Verizon Wireless American Music Festival, Sept. 1-4, Virginia Beach

September 2

Buju Banton and Capleton, 8 p.m., The NorVa

movie releases

September 1

"Crank" Woken up with a call stating that he was poisoned in his sleep and has an hour to live, Chev Chelios (Jason Statham) realizes the only way to prolong the poison's effect is to keep moving. Chev is a hit man, poisoned soon after one hit does not go as planned, and he decides to quit the business. The movie then traces him as he attempts to save his girlfriend, Eve (Amy Smart), prolong the effects of the poison and find the antidote to save himself. "Silent Hill" is rated R.

"The Wicker Man" Edward Malus (Nicholas Cage) is a police officer on the hunt for answers in the case of his ex-girlfriend's (Kate Beahan) missing daughter on the island of Summerside. On the island Malus finds himself getting closer and closer to the answers, through networks of traditions and malicious deceit. "The Wicker Man" is rated PG-13.

"Crossover" With the desire to become a doctor, Noah Cruise (Wesley Jonathan) is determined to get a full scholarship to UCLA. Paralleling Noah's desires are those of his best friend, Tech (Anthony Mackie), the one who took the fall for him while being charged with assault. However, Tech wants to get his GED, not a scholarship to a prestigious university. Both lives change drastically throughout the movie when travel, love and adversity collide. "Crossover" is rated PG-13.

cd releases

September 5

"Revelations" - Audioslave
"B-day" - Beyoncé
"Yellow House" - Grizzly Bear
"Dreams" - Whitest Boy Alive
"Nautical Antiques" - Pinback

dvd releases

September 5

"United 93" - Jackass The Movie
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"Fraggle Rock Season 2" ■

Jazz brings Aguilera 'Back to Basics'

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If there is an album out right now worth reckoning with, it is Christina Aguilera's newest effort, "Back to Basics." The album's debut at number one on the Billboard Charts is not surprising given her previous popularity. For once, however, it is safe to say that a pop sensation truly belongs at the top.

The hit single "Ain't No Other Man" is a fantastic

sample of what Aguilera's two-disc set offers. It is an infectious mix of pop and jazz, carried by horns and bass alike. It is definitely an album to blast in the trusty convertible's CD player.

Her throwback to the jazz age is better presented than many expected, as horns provide an extra push. Meanwhile, added bass gives the tunes a dance-like sound. What really pushes the album over the edge, though, is Aguilera's consistently

astounding vocal ability. She has come very far from her 1999 effort, "Genie in a Bottle," in which her vocals were—gasp—actually comparable to Britney Spears'.

With "Back to Basics" dropping, she expands her vocal talent, surprising even her most critical audiences. But with the jazz behind these strong vocals instead of obnoxious synthesizers and cheesy choruses, the album has richness that very few today possess.

However, with the all of the great characteristics of this album comes one flaw—between both CDs, the songs' beats and melodies bleed into one another slightly. Due to a certain redundancy among the faster songs in particular, the slower ballads are more enjoyable. Perhaps this could have been remedied by a change as simple as that of trumpets to saxophones.

The slow ballads stand out a great deal, while the lyrics are much deeper than the



average diva's. Granted, the songs' subjects are similar to those of pop standards, but Aguilera expresses emotions and mental anguish in a more articulate manner than most.

Overall, "Back to Basics" is definitely worth the \$12 investment—even if you're without a convertible. ■

'Snakes' film to be cult classic

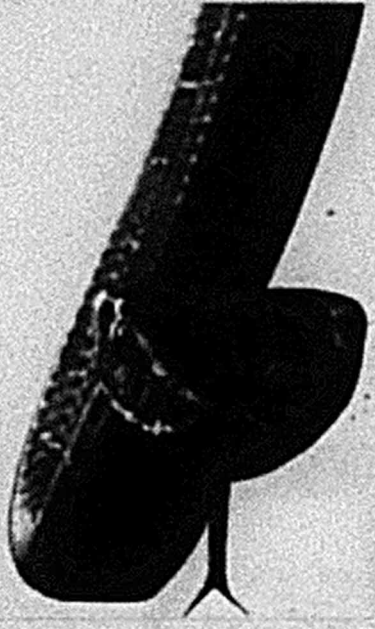
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Recently, I caught a small portion of the end of the MTV 2006 Movie Awards. Samuel L. Jackson presented the award for movie of the year, but before announcing the nominees, he gave the audience a guarantee that next year, his new film "Snakes on a Plane" would be leaving with the golden popcorn. Hubris? Perhaps, but I would venture to say it would only be if the movie were to lose the award; otherwise, it is a miraculous example of foresight, a gift from the gods for acting in such a monumental film.

I speak very highly of this movie due to the incredible amount of fun I had seeing it. The movie was written by Jeff Heffernan and Sebastian Gutierrez and directed by David R. Ellis. Ellis' other

movie credits are as stuntman and stunt coordinator, with "Snakes on a Plane" being his directorial debut.

The premise of the film deals with a young man named Sean Jones (Nathan Phillips) who witnesses his father's murder in Hawaii at the hands of gang leader Eddie Kim (Byron Lawson). Sean is needed to testify against Kim and is picked up by FBI agent Neville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson). Jackson's first appearance in the film is unexpected and indescribably hilarious. As expected, he commands the screen and



deposited hundreds of venomous snakes from around the world into the cargo hold, and the snakes are far from ssssssedate—sorry, I had to.

In all honesty, there is no other title that could come close to suiting this film. The bulk of the movie is filled with a truly commendable

wreaks havoc on all wrongdoers. The rest of the film concerns the airplane travel of special agent Flynn and Jones as they attempt to arrive in Los Angeles for the court case against Kim. Little do the passengers of "Flight 121" know, Kim has cleverly

amount of absurdity. Every conceivable body human part is bitten by a snake (oh yes, gentleman, even that one), and close to a dozen characters are introduced, who are either killed off in the beginning or denied any sort of character development. One might ask how is it possible to fill 105 minutes with a plane full of snakes. I don't think anyone knows the answer, because it shouldn't be possible except in the annals of great horror B-movies of the past. What we are witnessing here is the birth of a new cult classic, similar to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" but with less transsexual fancy.

Seeing this movie in theaters is well worth the \$7.50 admission. Being in a theater with laughing and cheering people adds much to the enjoyment.

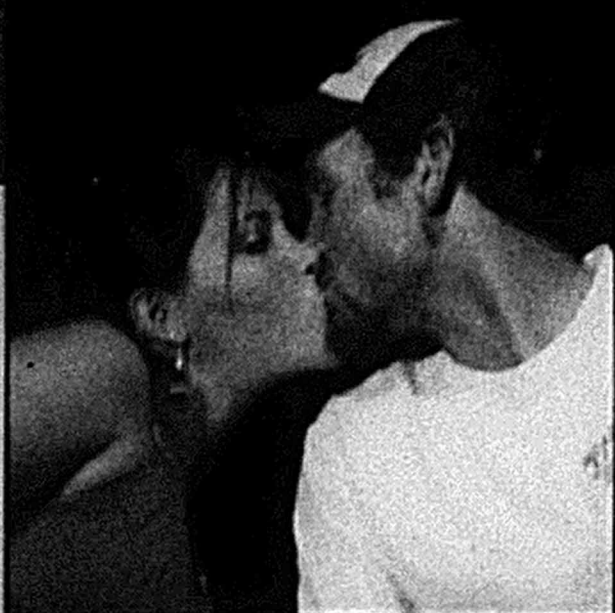
Anytime a snake unnecessarily bites some random

appendage or Jackson spurts out an angry one-liner, the whole theater erupts in applause and laughter.

The creators of this film knew they were making a movie to enjoy—not for incredible acting or dialogue, but for fun. If the people who made this film took it any more seriously, they would have been punished by the movie going audience already. However, the movie grossed around \$20 million in its first week.

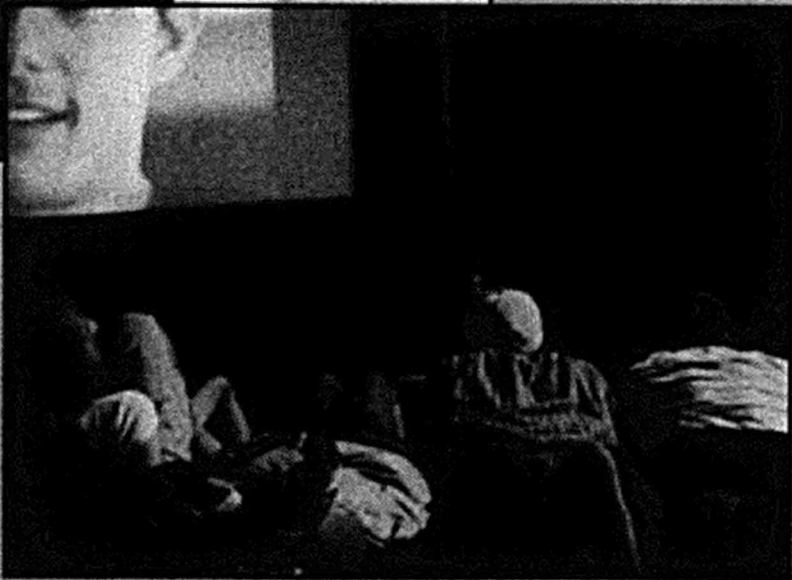
Between drug use, random nudity, snakes, and Samuel L. Jackson, anyone with a sense of

humor will find something to enjoy in this movie. I can sincerely say that I have never been more proud of the childhood nickname that has followed me for years—Jake, "The Snake." ■



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Top and bottom: Students watch MJ:III. Center: Seniors Nicole Sperlaza and Nick Robinson steal a kiss.



Moonlight delight

The Campus Activities Board sponsored a drive in double feature this past Friday that not only drew a number of cars caught up in the annual tradition but also had a number of parking lot "picnickers" that spread out blankets for the show. A few people found more comfortable ground in the back of pickup trucks. Those who remained in their cars used the radio station 89.5 to play the movie's sound. The drive in featured two Tom Cruise pictures, his newest movie "Mission Impossible III" to one of his earliest films "Risky Business." The night under the stars also provided a picturesque background for a few romantic escapades. ■

Emmys bring a mix of surprises

BY HAL BOEDEKER
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Surprises and familiar faces dominated the early results Sunday night at the 58th annual Emmy Awards.

Comedy Central's "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" earned its fourth consecutive Emmy as top variety series. "I think this year you actually made a terrible mistake, but thank you," Stewart said.

CBS' "The Amazing Race" collected its fourth consecutive award for top reality competition. It beat the more popular "American Idol," "Dancing With the Stars" and "Survivor."

Tony Shalhoub won his third Emmy for outstanding comedy actor in USA's "Monk." "It's gratifying to be chosen from such a distinguished group of losers . . . er, actors," he deadpanned.

Blythe Danner of "Huff" collected her second Emmy in a row for supporting dramatic actress, and she triumphed over popular actresses from "Grey's Anatomy," Sandra Oh and Chandra Wilson.

Alan Alda was named best supporting dramatic actor for NBC's "The West Wing."

Megan Mullally won her second Emmy as supporting comedy actress for playing acid-tongued Karen on "Will & Grace." She saluted "eight great years of happy employment" on the NBC sitcom.

Jeremy Piven was named top supporting comedy actor for HBO's "Entourage."

HBO's "The Girl in the Café" was named best TV movie, and Kelly Macdonald was named best supporting actress for her role in the film. Jeremy Irons won the supporting actor prize for HBO's "Elizabeth I."

Barry Manilow was given outstanding variety performance acclaim for his PBS special, "Barry Manilow: Music and Passion."

A tribute to TV producer Dick Clark featured Manilow singing the "American Bandstand" theme song and "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell saying complimentary things. The audience booed Cowell as he came out, but honored Clark with a standing ovation.

Clark, who suffered a stroke in late 2004, made his remarks seated at a podium.

"I have accomplished my childhood dream—to be in show business," Clark said. "Everybody should be so lucky—to have their dreams come true. I've been truly blessed."

There was also tribute to Aaron Spelling, the late, prolific producer, which featured the reunion of Charlie's Angels: Kate Jackson, Jaclyn Smith and Farrah Fawcett.

In one of the night's most stupefying developments, NBC's "My Name Is Earl" won prizes for comedy writing and directing. But the series hadn't been nominated for best comedy.

In the drama categories, "24" won for direction, and "The Sopranos" was tops in writing. ■

'Groove Nation' adds casual tone to Arts Café

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Snap, two, snap, four—the mellow jazz groove defines the tone for the evening. It's laid back and relaxed with just a little edge. Art fans mixed together drinks and conversation this past Thursday to the sounds of jazz troupe, Groove Nation at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center's (PFAC) Arts Café.

Open weekly, the Arts Café combines various local talents, light refreshments and social mingling every Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. What began as a monthly sit-down, formal affair over two years ago has evolved into a weekly casual event.

The much-varied music has come to attract eclectic crowds. Marketing Director Mike McGrann explains the change, "In museums, ballrooms and galleries, there is this exclusivity and stuffiness. That is the antithesis of what PFAC [and the Arts Café] is about." The

Arts Café aims to offer an alternative gathering place for newcomers to the area or for people all-too-used to the bar scene.

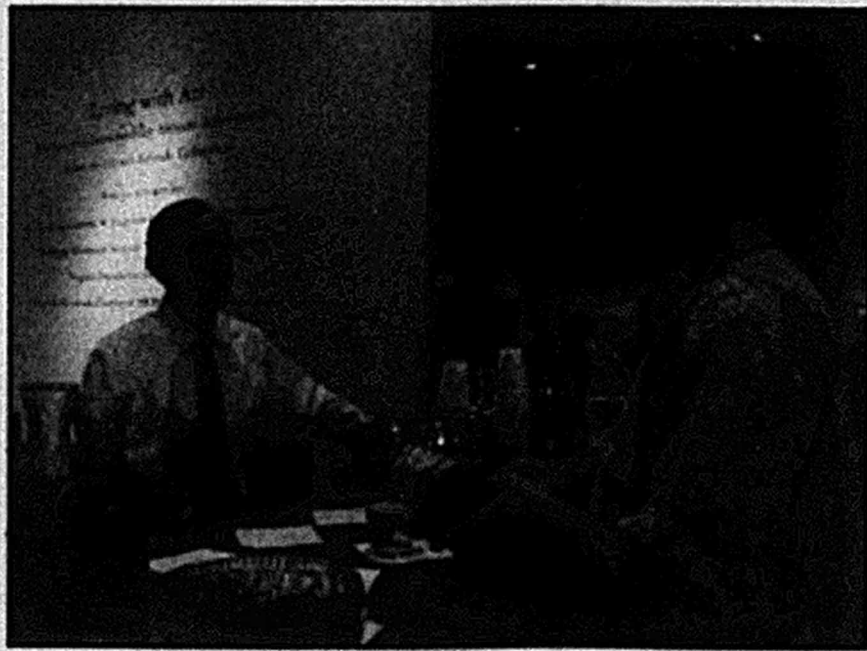
To ensure a wide variety of patronage, the Arts Café pulls in all types of music, including experimental, bluegrass, garage, reggae, Celtic, electronic and jazz, and actively seeks out new musical groups. Groove Nation, who made their second group appearance to the venue Thursday, was granted an invite after PFAC heard samples of the jazz act's music on Myspace. Manager Jeremy Sanchez, a CNU alumnus, described their first show, "It's a really diverse crowd. The first time, we had a group from a nursing home."

Young and old alike attend the meetings. Senior Katie Bannister will intern at PFAC this semester. "I'll be doing photography here, covering the events and exhibits for pamphlets, brochures, and maybe the website." An art history major, Bannister

first became involved with PFAC at the Arts Café. "I love being around art," she said. "It's a good way to get experience and to get involved with the museum."

In addition to the Arts Café, PFAC offers major exhibits every three months. Debuting Sept. 2 is "Biennial 2006," a national exhibit featuring works by artists Cary Loving, Masuko Kuboda, Ken Hoffman and Nick Fedak. "Biennial 2006" Community Day will be held Sunday, Sept. 10 from 1 to 5 p.m.

PFAC also offers the Studio Art School series, which includes classes in painting, drawing, ceramics, photography and pottery. Courses vary in duration; some are only offered once whereas others last for about two months. Classes range in price dependent upon length; non-members can pay between \$17 for single classes up to \$200 for two-month's



KELLY DOWD/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Patrons enjoy drinks and local music at the Arts Café.

worth. Members—become a member for \$25—pay between \$10 and \$185.

Volunteering can also earn you free classes at the Studio Art School. Earn one free session after 10 volunteer hours and work up to an entire quarter free at 100 volunteer hours.

Visit PFAC's Arts Café starting in September. The PFAC is located at 101 Museum Drive in Mariners' Museum Park.

Call 757-594-8175 for details on the Studio Art Center classes or visit them online at www.pfac-va.org. ■

SPORTS

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SPORTS SCORES

football

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Rankings

1. Ferrum	0-0	0-0
2. CNU	0-0	0-0
3. Averett	0-0	0-0
4. Methodist	0-0	0-0
5. N.C. Wesleyan	0-0	0-0
6. Maryville	0-0	0-0
7. Shenandoah	0-0	0-0
8. Greensboro	0-0	0-0

Upcoming games

9/2 CNU at Rowan

women's soccer

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Rankings

1. CNU	0-0	0-0
2. Greensboro	0-0	0-0
3. Methodist	0-0	0-0
4. N.C. Wesleyan	0-0	0-0
5. Shenandoah	0-0	0-0
6. Ferrum	0-0	0-0
7. Averett	0-0	0-0
8. Peace	0-0	0-0

Upcoming Games

4/2: CNU at Elizabethtown
4/3: CNU at College of N.J.

men's soccer

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Rankings

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Upcoming Games

4/1: CNU vs. Johnson & Wales
4/2: CNU vs. York

volleyball

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Captains' comeback fight

FOOTBALL | The Captains look to dethrone Ferrum following a 2nd place finish in which they missed the NCAA tournament.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Senior Rob Rodriguez was elected to the second team All American by D3Football.com

Former Captains star Justin Wood is returning to the Football team as an assistant coach

2005 was the first season in head coach Matt Kelchner's tenure where the team did not make the NCAA tournament

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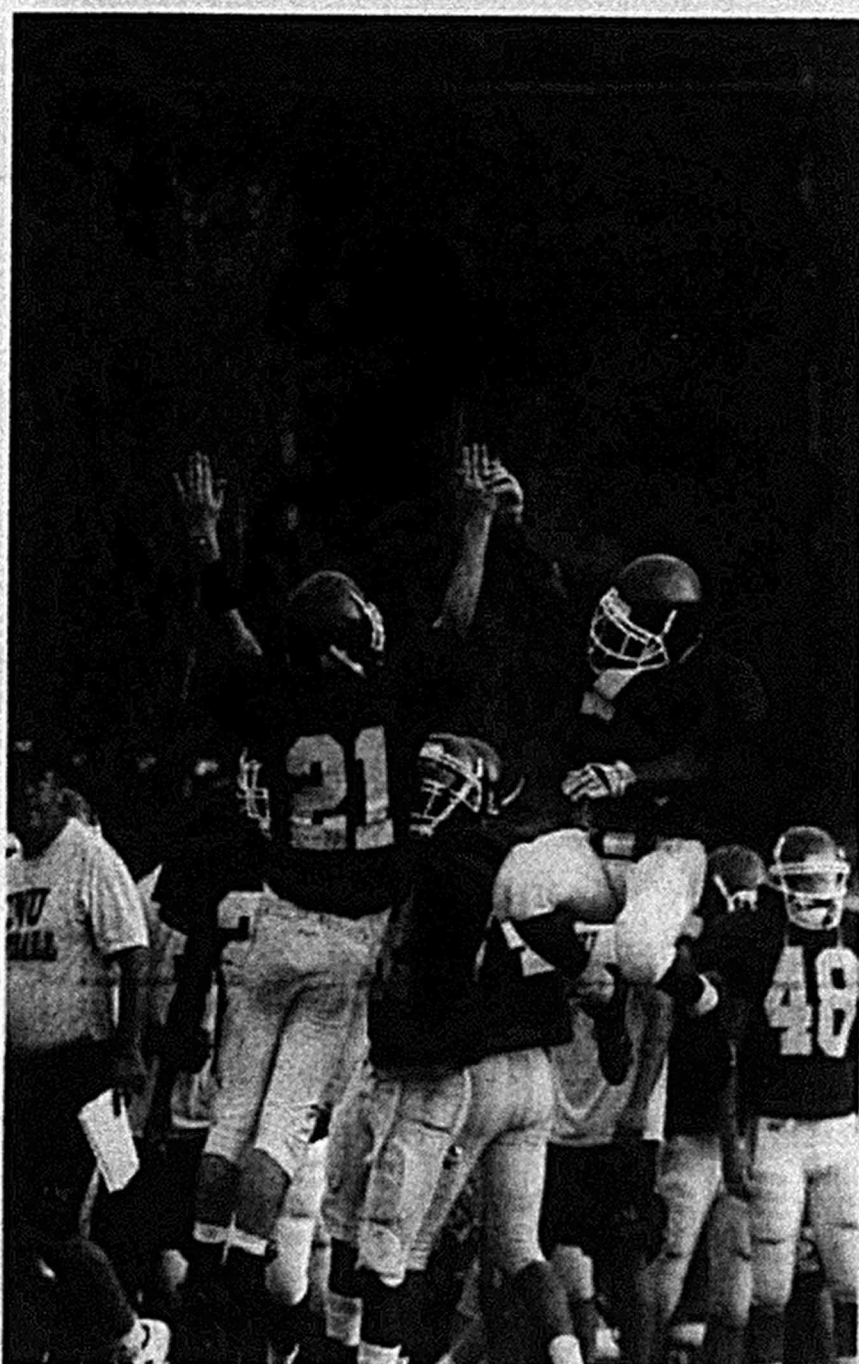
2005 season record

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2005 Conference record

34-19

Head coach record



JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Freshman Matt Long and junior Leroy Harper high-five each other in practice after a defensive play.

Last year, for the first time in the tenure of head coach Matt Kelchner, the football team failed to finish first in the conference and continue on to the NCAA tournament. Instead they finished at 6-4, falling to second place, as Ferrum received the NCAA bid.

One clear repercussion of last year's football performance was the recent USA South Coach's poll picking the Captains to finish second again in the conference behind Ferrum.

"That's the other coaches opinions," said Kelchner. They're entitled to their opinions. And we didn't win the conference last year."

There are also a few significant reasons to expect improvement from last year's record.

Starting running back and senior Rolland Hilliard returns to the team after a season in which he ran for 836 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Likewise, record setting wideout senior George Jones is also on the roster this year.

In 2003, Jones had the most receptions of any wideout in Captain history with 46 and the most yards with 680.

Senior Hudson Bryant also returns at quarterback, though he is still fighting junior Todd Faison for the starting position.

"No, [I have not decided on a starting quarterback]," said Kelchner.

"There are two guys battling for the position, Todd Faison and Hudson Bryan. And we have two other players who are making progress and showing promise."

In his one starting season, which was due to an injury to former Quarterback Philip Jones, Bryant threw for 1921 yards and 20 Touchdowns.

Despite the returning seniors, the football team took some key losses.

Aside from losing record-setting quarterback Philip Jones to graduation, the team also lost 1st team All-American linebacker Justin Wood. However, Wood returned to the Captains as an assistant coach.

"Well, [Wood's] back," said Kelchner. "He's back as an

assistant coach. So we lost him in one aspect and gained him in another."

On the field, the leadership void left by Wood's absence will be filled by newly picked team captain, senior defensive back Rob Rodriguez. D3Football.com recently elected Rodriguez a second team All-American.

"[Rodriguez] best exemplified the goals of our football program- academically, socially, and athletically. He is exactly what we are looking for in a player," said Kelchner.

The team's season opener is on Sept. 2 at Rowan offering poetic symmetry to last year's beginning.

In last year's first match up against Rowan, the team fell



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21-14. Bryant stepped in that game following an injury to Jones, going 12 for 27 for 190 yards. ■

Regional runs primary focus of Captains

CROSS COUNTRY | After a year where the Captains won the USA South, the team looks to improve by taking Regionals.

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The men and women of the Cross Country team are coming off another USA South Championship and were voted by the Coaches Poll almost unanimously to win another one.

But the focus on last season and this season is on the Regional Championship and the rare lack thereof from last year.

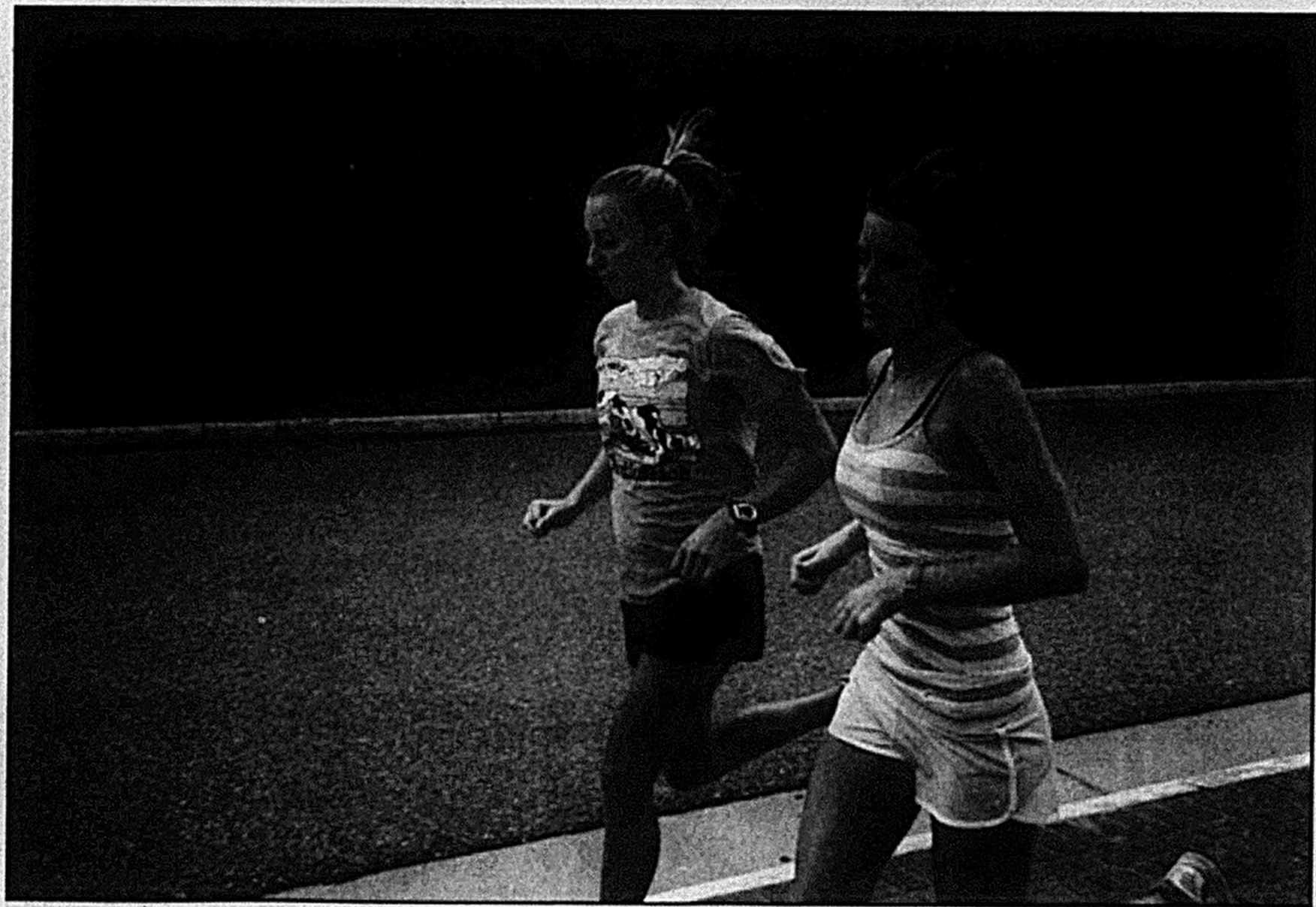
"Our primary focus is on the Regional Championship," said head coach Keith Maurer.

"I fully expect that both the Men's and Women's team will win the USA South Conference. That's not to say it's a given or that if we don't focus on it we'll still get it. But we consistently win the USA South."

The Cross Country team lost many key veteran seniors to graduation, especially on the women's team.

"Meaghan had the most success last year," said Maurer. "Another big loss, however, is Emily Low."

The losses seem to be of little concern to seasoned vet-



JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Freshman Brooke Rowe and sophomore Amanda Fitzhugh run their miles as part of their Cross Country training as they look to return to Regionals.

erans on the team.

"The reason we think we're going to struggle for Top 5 every week is that our team is so close athletically," said

senior Tim Scott.

"In the four years I've been here I think this is the best team we've had."

Maurer, echoed the senti-

ment. "They're good. We have six freshman women and five freshman men and every one of them has a chance to make an impact athletically."

According to Maurer the biggest contribution from the new team members are what they bring to the team concept.

"Their work ethics and their attitudes are some of the best we've seen; there are no prima donnas," said Maurer.

Despite the giftedness of the young athletes, the fact remains that there are only three seniors on the team and experience is a factor. But according to Scott this just means seniors will need to embrace their new roles as team leaders.

"As the only male senior on the team, I'm looking forward to my new roles of leadership and encouragement," said Scott.

Maurer too is not concerned about the lack of experience either; in fact he's seen many aspects of his team improve.

"The team has an interesting blend of experience and talent with five freshmen and seven upperclassmen [on the men's team]," said Maurer.

Despite winning the USA South Conference title again, neither team advanced to the National tournament, which is the primary goal of the season.

"Traditionally, we are one of the top teams in the region," said Maurer. "In a rare instance last year we were not. But we are going to be in the hunt for another Regional title this year."

Maurer hopes to see many fans come out to support their team since they have so many close invitational locations this year.

"We have a meet Saturday, Sept. 2 at Virginia Wesleyan and a men's race Oct. 14 at William & Mary," Maurer said. ■

NFC East Preview

NFL FOOTBALL | Residential NFL expert Billy Fellin answers the toughest questions and offers insight in this weekly column.

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Welcome, CLog readers, to another great issue of The Captain's Log!

This column is my first in the paper, and I am extremely excited to be writing for such a great school and on a subject I enjoy thoroughly. What would that subject be, you ask? NFL Football. Before the season kicks off with a match-up between Miami and Pittsburgh Sept. 7, I'm going to preview the divisions that are going to be the ones to watch this season. I think that there is no better place to start than the NFC East.

The 2006 NFC looks to be the toughest division in football. The first team we'll look at is the New York Giants. They have made great progress over the course of the off-season thanks to the mending of glaring holes that appeared down the stretch of the last season. Signing Sam Madison from Miami and R.W. McQuarters from Detroit brought not only great players, but experience that the Giants' young secondary were sorely missing last year. Their inexperience took center stage when Steve Smith of the Carolina Panthers positively burned any and all defenders in the Giants' embarrassing loss to the Panthers in the first round of the playoffs.

Cornerbacks were not the only weakness. Another position that proved extremely thin was the Giants' linebackers. Carlos Emmons and Antonio Pierce were a force to be reckoned with up the middle—that is, when they were healthy. They both went down with season-ending injuries. In the off-season, they signed LaVar Arrington, the Pro Bowl linebacker from the Redskins. He looks to

be a solid starter and might bring some more experience to the Giants' defensive unit.

The defensive line didn't change much over the off-season. Strahan and Umenyiora are still there, as is veteran Norman Hand and second year stud Justin Tuck. They used their first round pick in the draft on Mathias Kiwanuka, a defensive end out of Boston College, as an apparent heir to Strahan's spot. He has been everything the Giants had hoped for and has been doing phenomenal in camp.

The offense didn't change a lot over the off-season either. Eli Manning is still under center and has been working hard in camp to bring up his 52.9 percent completion rating from last year. Giants fans would also like to see the 17 INT's go away as well. Tiki Barber has risen to the top of running backs in the league, and for you fantasy football owners out there—a great pick.

The next team in the division is the Washington Redskins. Another off-season has gone by and Dan Snyder has made moves in the free-agent market once again. They picked up Antwaan Randle-El from the Pittsburgh Steelers, Brandon Lloyd from the San Francisco 49ers, and Adam Archuleta from the Rams to name a few. Randle-El and Lloyd will provide weapons for Mark Brunell and will draw attention away from Santana Moss. Santana Moss will continue to be a force in the East in terms of receivers. He'll probably have another Pro Bowl year.

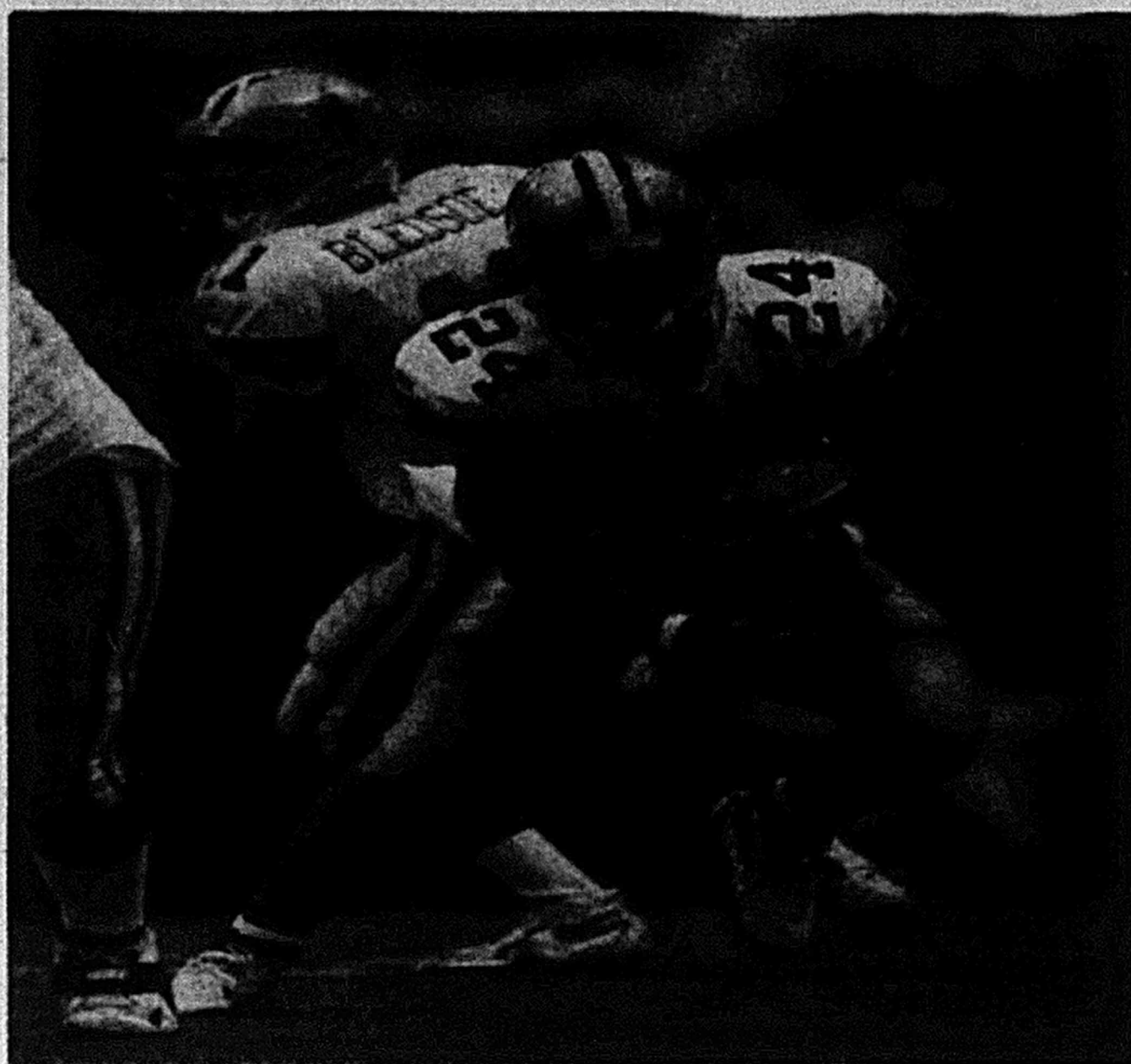
Clinton Portis, the Redskins' star running back, went down in a recent pre-season game with a partially dislocated shoulder. This is a huge blow to the Redskins' offensive attack. The injury doesn't seem serious, but he has been sporting a

sling on the sidelines. In a recent three-team deal between the Broncos, Redskins and Falcons, Ashley Lelie was sent to Atlanta and T.J. Duckett to Washington. Fantasy football owners might want to take a second look at Duckett. He has been the understudy to Warrick Dunn in Atlanta for a couple years now, perfecting his "bruising" type of running. He recorded 380 yards and eight touchdowns in Atlanta, mostly in goal-line situations. I think that the Redskins will come in second in the division and contend for the NFC Wild Card.

The next team in the division is the Philadelphia Eagles. They sent Terrell Owens packing, which seems to have taken a huge weight off all those around Lincoln Financial Field. Donovan McNabb is healthy again, back from his sports hernia surgery. Is there anyone you know who could tell you what exactly a sports hernia is? Nevertheless, he's back to playing condition and has some work ahead of him. The Eagles have six probable starters from the '05 draft class, so experience is an issue. They lack a big play receiver since T.O. left town. The silver lining, though, is that Todd Pinkston is almost back 100% after tearing his Achilles' Tendon last training camp. Reggie Brown has been filling in Pinkston's spot, with Jabar Gaffney and Greg Lewis competing for the third receiver spot.

The Eagles' defense is healthy once again. This is a unit that sent five players to the Pro Bowl last year. Recently their stud free safety Brian Dawkins signed a two-year contract extension, guaranteeing his play in Philly until 2008. Overall, the Eagles are coming into the season with very much the same defense as last year—just healthier.

The last team in the division is the Dallas Cowboys. They shook the East and the entire NFL when they signed Terrell Owens from the Eagles this off-season. Another huge acquisition over the off-season was the signing of Mike



DARRELL BYERS/MCT

Dallas Cowboys running back Marion Barber looks for running room against the San Francisco 49ers defense during preseason action at Texas Stadium.

Vanderjagt from the Indianapolis Colts. One of the greatest and most accurate clutch kickers in the history since Adam Vinatieri is now a Cowboy, which can only help their special teams unit. Vanderjagt has been to the playoffs and knows what it's like to play in a high profile city, such as Indianapolis.

Drew Bledsoe is a seasoned veteran quarterback that has been looking for a target in Dallas since he arrived. Terry Glenn and Patrick Clayton have both been consistent receivers, but Terrell Owens is a great athlete in his own

right. It would be better if he kept his mouth shut sometimes and just played football, but his strengths are undeniable. The Cowboy receiving corps will be upgraded tenfold by his presence. Julius Jones, meanwhile, returns as the Cowboys' main weapon in their rushing attack.

The Cowboys also have a unique dual rushing attack with second year player Marion Barber in the wings.

He rushed for 530 yards last year and together they both amassed 10 touchdowns.

The Cowboys didn't do much free agent work on the defensive side of the ball.

They did sign safety Roy Williams to a contract that will make him a Cowboy through 2009.

He will be back to lead the Cowboy's defense, which was 7th best in the NFC last year.

How's it going to end up? Here's what I think:

1. New York 11-5
2. Washington 10-6
3. Dallas 8-8
4. Philadelphia 5-11

One month left in playoff race, only New York Mets secure in division

MLB ON DECK | Returning columnist Chris Inzirillo discusses the top 15 teams in baseball in his weekly power rankings.

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As we wrap up the fifth month of the Major League Baseball's six-month regular season, there is plenty of conversation going around. That conversation is among fans of more than a dozen teams who still have playoff hopes alive. Almost anyone could probably make a case for why a team will or will not make the playoffs. In reality though, nothing has been decided up to this point. The only team who should be feeling safe right now is the New York Mets with their comfortable 14.5-game division lead (I told you the Braves would lose it this year). As for everyone else, as of Monday morning the greatest division lead, aside from those Mets, is a small 6.5 games. With a whole month left, 6.5 games is nothing. So here is a look at the power rankings heading into September...

1. Detroit Tigers (+15): They are owners to the best record in the league, despite being 3-7 in their last 10. Look for them to get hot as they get Maroth back in the rotation this week.

2. New York Mets (+7): Their pitching is breaking down, as expected, but they are still managing to win. Offense can't carry them through the playoffs, though, they may be making an early exit in October.

3. New York Yankees (+2): They'd better not get too excited about sweeping five from Boston, because they followed it up by losing four of

six to the AL West.

4. Chicago White Sox (-3): They play the D-Rays, while the Tigers play the Yanks, they need to take advantage... big advantage.

5. Oakland Athletics (+1): They are always in the race, and they have the pitching to win this time...

6. LA Angels (-4): Took two of three in a big series against the Yanks. Now they need to take care of business against the last place Mariners.

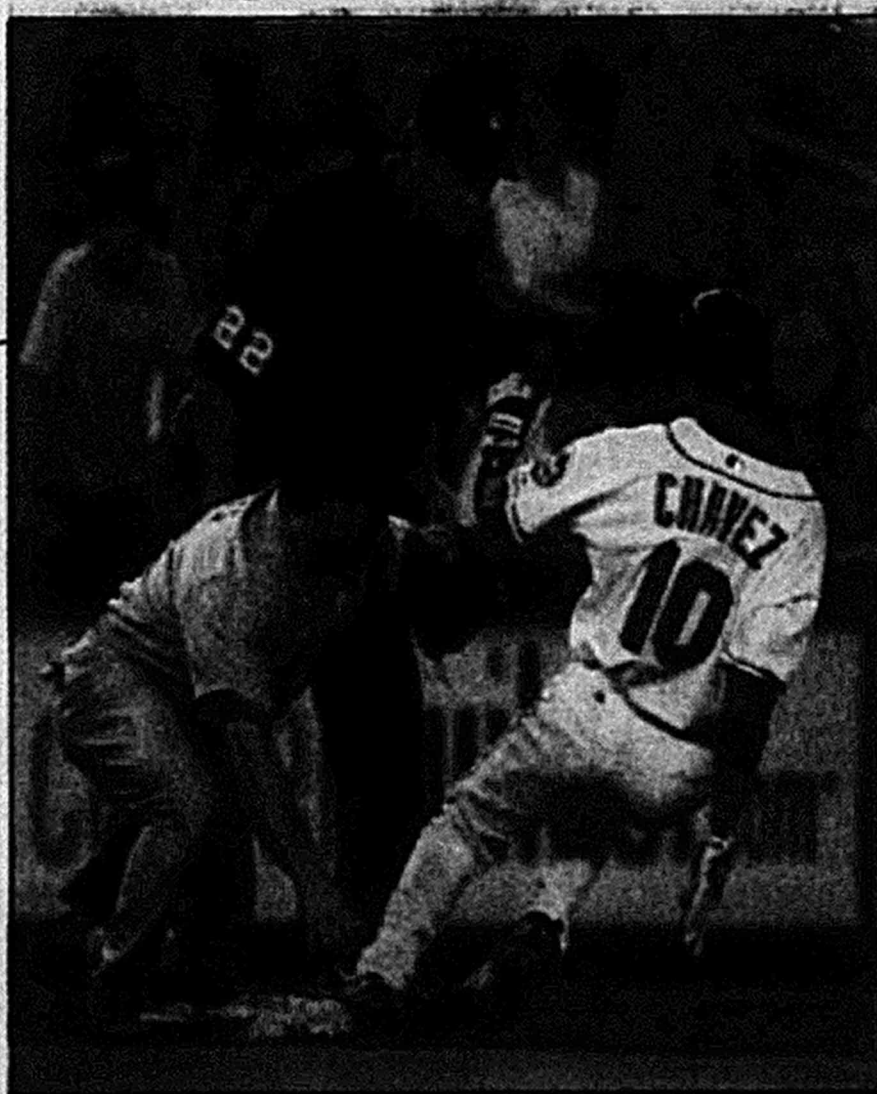
7. Minnesota Twins (+3): Even without Liriano they are holding their own. They need to pick it up on the road though; 32-33 isn't playoff quality.

8. St. Louis Cardinals (-5): Look for them to pull away from the Reds as September rolls on. They had their losing funk, but with Preston Wilson at leadoff now, they are going to be scoring some more runs.

9. L.A. Dodgers (-1): Their big winning streak got them to the top, and now they just need to hold on for a month... with their pitching staff, that shouldn't be a problem.

10. Boston Red Sox (-6): They've lost 11 of their last 14 and just got swept by the last place Mariners. But they need to relax. They are only 6.5 behind the Yanks, and have plenty of time...big series in Oakland this week.

11. Philadelphia Phillies (+1): If they make the playoffs, look for Howard and his 46 homers to get serious MVP consideration.



KATHY KMONICEK/MCT

New York Mets' Endy Chavez slides in safe at third base as St. Louis Cardinal Aaron Miles drops the ball.

12. Toronto Blue Jays (+2): Have put themselves on the map on the AL East, and with a little luck, could still make a run.

13. Florida Marlins (+2): Baseball's hottest team is primed for a trademark Marlin miracle. Dontrelle said that it feels like 2003 all over again.

14. Cincinnati Reds (+10): Dropped three in a row to the

Giants and are fading fast.

15. Texas Rangers (+5): Otsuka has been dynamite as a closer...if they only had some better starting pitching.

The thing about these rankings is that they don't tell the whole story.

Any one of the current division leaders could easily be on the outside looking in come October. We are just going to have to wait and see. ■

Who's hot in baseball

Today in sports, columnist Mike Kurbjeweit offers weekly insight into the hottest issues in professional sports.

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Like waving one last goodbye to a loved one, many fans are starting to face the facts that the team who's logo is sported on their favorite cap is not going to be one of the eight-team playoff race this season. With the dog days of summer, and August coming to a close, America's pastime is reinvigorated for the final stretch.

Even with all the attention the NFL gets, Major League Baseball continues as a conversation topic at the lunch table, or office break room, and the interest is never any greater than the coming months.

Heading into the last quarter of the season, MLB again finds its way back into our hearts by bringing rivalry series to their suspenseful end, the return of the 40-man roster, late-season heroics, and the soon-coming playoffs. These are just a few things to get excited for as the 2006 season reaches its peak.

Who's Hot—National League—The resurgence of the Los Angeles Dodgers to the top of the NL East division has been one of the most talked about in baseball.

All-Star quality infielders Jeff Kent and Nomar Garciaparra are finally both showcasing their skills on the field together again, and this spells W-I-N-S for the Dodgers. The two stars have combined for

19 hits and 18 RBI in the Dodgers' last 10 games for a team that struggled with offense for the first half of the season.

As leaders of the other National League divisions are starting to break away, the race for the NL West title could very likely be one of the most heated up until the bitter end.

Both the San Diego Padres and the Arizona Diamondbacks are playing right around .500 baseball, but are still only three and four games back of the LA Dodgers respectively. The Dodgers and the Padres face each other again two more times in August.

Who's Hot—American League—What team could possibly be hotter since the trading deadline than the New York Yankees?

The "Bronx Bombers" went on a historic run over the last 5 days, literally just out slugging the Boston Red Sox, 49-26. The five game sweep of the Sox pushed their lead in the AL East to 6 1/2 games.

Jonny Damon, once a Yankee slayer as the Red Sox CF in 2004, now returned the favor to his old mates by going 10 for 26 in the series. He belted two home runs, three doubles, one triple and finished the series with a commanding eight RBIs.

No one can tell the future, but if this is any foreshadowing for the 2006 AL Division Championships, even "Big Papi" David Ortiz won't be able to save the Red Sox this season.

Next Week: Tony Kornheiser and Monday Night Football

NFL Preseason Wrap Up and Key first week match-ups

MLB award predictions: Cy Young, Hank Aaron, NL/AL MVP and MIP (Most Improved player). ■

