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University Police strive for campus security

BY LAUREN MUDD Contributing Writer

Tucked neatly into position behind the front wheel, Officer Calvin Clark held the radar gun steady out of the window despite the growing drizzle. As the numbers climbed on the monitor, the patter of raindrops on the hood became more consistent. 25 mph. The truck exiting the campus now gave him cause to consider an important question. Should he ticket?

The rain answered his question.

"I dread days like these." Clark rolled up the window, placed the handheld Kustom HR-12 on the armrest beside him, and began to circle the campus again. The windshield

wipers kept beat to Usher's hit

"Yeah" on the radio. At 27 years old, the officer is the youngest in the CNU Police department and, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Clark patrols the perimeter of the entire campus. While the day shift encounters more car accidents than either the evening or night shifts, a rain shower generally reduces the speed of traffic on campus. It was going to be a slow

As he neared the Freeman Center, a crackle of the intercom broke through Usher's song as the dispatcher called for 111. Clark responded to the call, which the dispatcher described as a car that had been parked in a loading zone with hazards on for over an hour. Making a quick right, Clark drove through the parking lot to the described location.

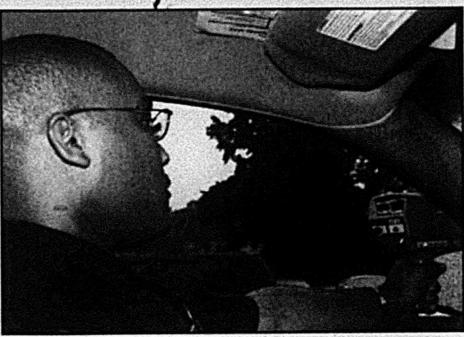
"Since there are so many parking service people walking

around, we deal mostly with major violations. I particularly have a thing about people parking in handicapped spaces. That's just not right," Clark said.

Clark issued the vehicle a ticket and continued with his rounds. Headed toward the traffic light at University and Warwick, he made his way to East Campus.

Many students on campus are unaware of the duties members of the University

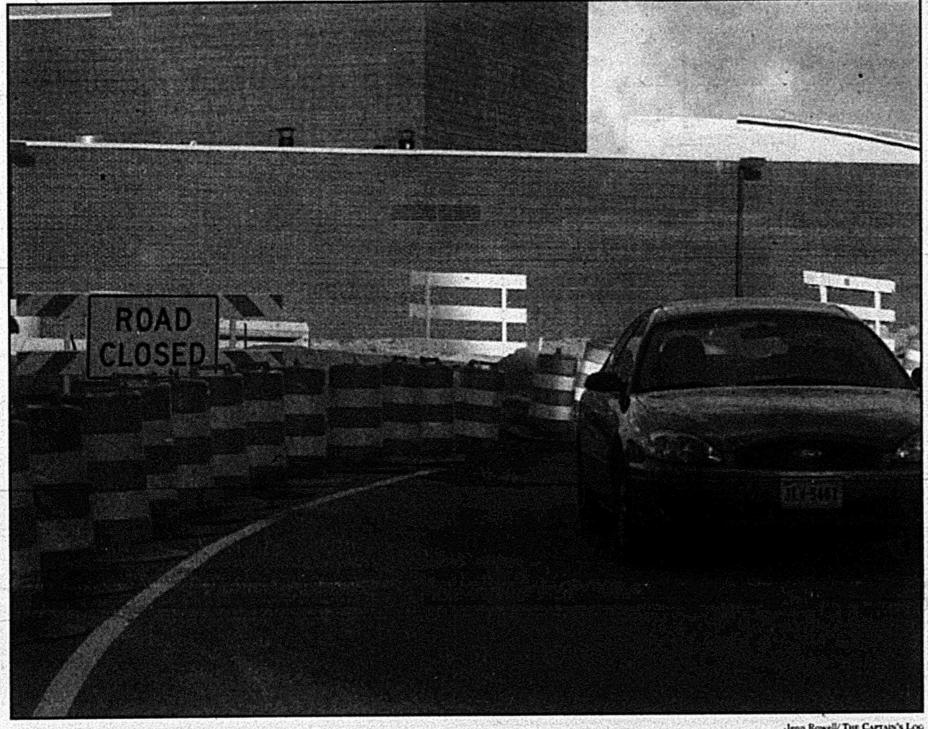
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Lauren Mudd/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Officer Calvin Clark's duties include monitoring speed and enforcing parking restrictions.

Traffic rerouted off Shoe Lane



Jenn Rowell/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

As Shoe Lane is temporarily closed, drivers are rerouted behind the Ferguson Center for the Arts to reach the Riverside neighborhood. Construction on a traffic circle is underway.

BY JENN ROWELL Managing Editor

Shoe Lane closed just before 6 p.m. on Monday, barely meeting the Virginia Department of Transportation's promise that the closure would take place

that day after weeks of delay. It was originally slated to close in late August, but rain and miscommunication between agencies slowed the project.

Drivers unaware of the closure were directed onto campus, and the closure seemed to cause some confusion as drivers made u-turns and backtracked the way they came.

Museum Drive (the road behind the Ferguson Center for the Arts that connects J. Clyde Morris Boulevard to Shoe) opened on Monday to allow access to residents of the Riverside neighborhood behind campus.

VDOT has been working closely with the city of Newport News and they periodically update university officials on the status of the project.

The project has a \$2.8 million budget and the rerouted Shoe Lane is scheduled to open in November. Before the closure, about 7,000 cars used the road per day.

The university worked with city officials, the Mariner's Mu-

seum and Riverside Regional Medical Center to create the design for the traffic circle, Executive Vice President Bill Brauer said last month. The plan also accommodates neighborhood concerns, he said.

Once finished, all traffic to and from the university as well as the Riverside neighborhood behind it will use the rerouted Shoe Lane. A landscaped berm will serve as a noise buffer between the road and adjacent

The biggest reason for the choice of the traffic circle design was to keep traffic moving. The traffic in the circle will have the right of way. Traffic going into

the Riverside neighborhood will not have to stop, only veer to the right in a lane created by the circle.

Traffic leaving the university not generally have to stop, but will yield to the traffic already in the circle, according to Brauer.

When the traffic circle opens, the old Shoe Lane will be permanently closed. The asphalt will be torn up and the space will be landscaped.

On Monday, VDOT spokeswoman Tiffany Elliot said the new traffic pattern had to be established in phases as traffic allowed. The project was not ready for the Monday morning traffic.

1985 graduate writes biography

BY CATHY EVANS Contributing Writer

After finishing college 19 years ago, Milton Stern has published his first book.

A CNU graduate, he recently wrote a biography about President James Buchanan and his niece, First Lady Harriet Lane; the book is entitled "America's Bachelor President and First Lady."

The book explores various aspects of the peoples' lives and covers a part of ignored history: Harriet Lane's formal party events, Buchanan's career highlights before his presidency and the nature of Buchanan's sexual orientation.

Stern was born on Nov. 22, 1962 in Newport News,

He attended Christopher Newport from 1982 to 1985, starting as a business major. After being inspired by one of the professors here, he decided to become an English teacher.

That inspiring professor was Dr. Albert E Millar, a professor of English at the university from 1965 until 2000. Millar was selected as "Professor of the Year" three times by students: 1978-1979, 1980-1981, and 1987-1988.

In 1985, Stern graduated with honors, magna cum laude and a 4.0 GPA.

After graduation, Stern taught at Menchville High School, a Newport News public school.

Currently, Stern is an editor and is in the process of writing his second book. "America's Bachelor President and the First Lady," is available online from PublishAmerica on http: //www.publishamerica.com and will be officially released

Harriet Lane, was the

first to be called "First Lady" because of her duties as white house hostess.

Harriet Lane, in Stern's words, "was the Jackie O of 1800s.

She lived with her uncle because she was orphaned at age 11. There are three naval vessels named after her, including the coast guard vessel, "Harriet

She also helped found the National Gallery of Art at the Smithsonian, donating several paintings to help establish it

Being America's only bachelor president, Buchanan had a strong political career before being elected president. Andrew Jackson sent Buchanan to Russia as a U.S. ambassador, where he negotiated the first commercial treaty of Russia. James Polk named him Secretary of State.

Buchanan negotiated the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. It was a peace treaty between the United States and Mexico that ended the Mexican

The treaty was signed in the village of Guadalupe Hidalgo, just outside Mexico City. It confirmed U.S. claims to Texas and set its boundary at the Rio Grande. Mexico also agreed to cede (to the United States) California and New Mexico (which included present-day southern California, Utah, and parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming).

accomplishments These helped thrust Buchanan in the spotlight.

By 1856, he became a viable candidate for president and was inaugurated in March 1857.

After the Dred Scott decision was handed down, Buchanan's extraordinary presidency began to decline.

It was during this time when Lane had formal parties. She hosted the first visit of foreign legation. Prince Edward,

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Saudi editor speaks

By JENN ROWELL Managing Writer

It would be devastating to see the long standing relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States end over the events that have transpired from Sept. 11, said Dr. Khaled Al-Maeena at a World Affairs Council meeting last Thursday.

Al-Maeena is the Editor in Chief of Arab News, the largest English daily newspaper in the Middle East. He also lived in the Norfolk area for several years.

Oil, he said, provides a vitallink between the two countries.

"It was Saudi oil that held the Marshall Plan," he said.

He explained that while oil was something Saudi Arabia could offer to America, there was more to the country.

"Many people in America view us as a gas station. A big gas station. But we are not," he said.

Years later, the Cold War

provided another opportunity for the countries to work together.

Saudis joined the U.S. in the fight to end communism, Al-Maeena said.

"Eisenhower became almost a household name," he said. "We walked together in the fight against communism, and the containment of communism."

While relations were less than stable, they remained intact.

"Then came Sept. 11," said Al-Maeena. "It was like, watching a honor movie."

The events of that day brought relations with all nations to a halt, but the after shocks were felt most in two countries, he said.

"The two countries that were affected most were the U.S. and Saudi, because the perpetrators came from this

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Candidates debate

BY CHAD GODWIN Contributing Writer

Last Monday's class of 2008 and SGA freshman senator debates covered important issues. Candidates made the best of their time at the podium.

With about 45 people in attendance, the freshmen class council debate began with many students chanting and cheering their friends on as If they were attending a sporting event.

"This was a very enthusiastic crowd," said Christina Eggenberger, senior class president and Student Government Association secretary of university affairs.

The candidates gave the audience a background and why they felt they were most qualified for the job.

While the nominees' main concern was the happiness of their classmates, presidential candidate Todd Shokley felt



Chanelle Layman THE CAPTAIN'S LOC

Just before she slips her ballot into the box, freshman Hali Wood circles her candidates for the officers of the class of 2008.

that the position held four main jobs, "One, plan events and traditions, for example, a 30-foot sundae in Regattas would be nice. Two, get constitutions approved. Three, get recognition by student life. Four, raising funds which will affect us for the

next three years." Immediately following the

class council debate was the debate for the for open freshman senator seats in the SGA.

Each candidate felt he or she deserved the responsibility for the role and was eager to represent their class to the best of their ability.

"I like representing people, am super excited about being at

CNU, and if you have any problems, then I'll hook you up," said senate candidate Meredith Bliss.

Class council elections will end on Wednesday and the results will be announced on Thursday. Senate elections will take place Thursday and Friday and the results will be announced on Monday.

Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday: Mostlý Sunny

High: 84° Low: 64°

Friday:
Partly Cloudy

High: 83° Low: 63°

Saturday:
Partly Cloudy
High: 83° Low: 64°

Sunday: Partly Cloudy

High: 81° Low: 60°

Correction

Last week's "Bay Days offers something for everyone" was written by Lacey Milburn, not Rebecca Howard.

On page three of Issue 3, the Washington D.C. photo should read "...White House, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004 ..."

Your life News

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15 and runs until Oct. 15.

Beginning in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week, the month-long observance was established by Congress in 1988.

Sept. 15 marks the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua – according to an announcement from the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

On Oct. 21, Walter Tejada, Chair of Virginia's Latino Advisory Commission will speak in the Alumni Room (SC 150).

SGA addresses language of policies

The SGA senate voted down an amendment proposal made by senator Jim Deeley Monday night. This amendment was intended to clarify the wording in the section of the SGA constitution pertaining to student elections. Deeley also introduced a new bill before the senate that was similarly concerned with the senate's power to approve or reject changes to election rules presented by an elections board.

"I'm a strict Constructionist," said Deeley, addressing the senate. "If I'm going to use specific language, then I'm going to make sure it's very specific."

Opposition to both of Deeley's proposals was grounded in a desire to keep the wording of the constitution simple.

"I think this language is very restricting," said junior senator Erin Ireland during moderating debate about the new proposal, which will be voted upon at the next meeting of the senate.

Last week, the senate passed a 'Political Representation Act' granting all candidates on a ballot equal opportunity to be represented in any partisan material the SGA distributes about any election, whether local, state or national.

This resolution came in response to a complaint about flyers provided by Virginia21, an organization independent of the SGA that encourages young adults to vote. These flyers were distributed at an SGA table at the recent Rock 101 event, held on the Great Lawn.

"I was approached by a concerned student who felt that his political beliefs were not being represented," said senior senator Josh Dermer, author of the proposal. "The concern was that third-party and independent candidates were not being represented in the information being handed out."

"The SGA is non-partisan," said Deeley. "The real purpose of this exercise is to discourage the SGA from distributing any partisan information at all."

The proposal underwent major revisions in the senate before being passed with two abstentions by senators Ireland and junior Dan Wendling.

Around town State/Local News

Coal car derails in Richmond

Twenty-nine CSX coal cars derailed in Richmond Saturday night, leaving coal scattered along the tracks and the Kanawha Canal.

The engine was pulling 149 open cars carrying 100 tons of coal each to Newport News when the cars derailed.

Crews worked throughout the weekend to clear the tracks.

"We have cleared the debris from the track," said Misty Skipper, a spokeswoman with CSX Corp.

"We have reopened one of the two tracks. The second track will open late tonight or tomorrow morning."

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, said Skipper.

Warner listed a Public Official of the Year

Governor Mark Warner was among eight people named Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine, an independent national magazine that covers state and local government, according to a release from the Governor's office.

Warner, a Democrat, as well Senate President Pro Tempore John Chichester, a Republican, were included for their work in bringing a comprehensive tax reform package through the General Assembly.

The winners will be profiled in the November issue of Governing and will be honored at a dinner in Washington, D.C. hosted by the magazine and the corporate sponsors of the awards

Kilgore Announces First Richmond Civil Commitment

Attorney General Jerry Kilgore announced Monday that convicted child batterer Tyrone Wayne Moore was civilly committed as a sexually violent predator.

In August 2001, Moore was convicted of aggravated sexual battery against a twelveyear-old family acquaintance and sentenced to ten years of incarceration, with eight years suspended, according to a release from Kilgore's office.

He had previously been convicted of sodomy in Lancaster County in 1986.

Richmond Circuit Court Judge Theodore
J. Markow ordered Moore committed on Monday.

Moore, who had been scheduled for release from Powhatan Correctional Center on February 6, 2004, becomes the 10th sexually violent predator to be civilly committed.

On the record

On Sept. 9, there was a conflict between construction workers at the Ferguson Center for the Arts. No charges were filed and the case is inactive.

Six juveniles skating boarding on the loading dock at the CNU warehouse were given a trespass notice on Sept. 11.

A vehicle bumper was scratched in Lot I on Sept. 12. The case is inactive.

In Potomac River South an underage student was found with alcohol and was arrested. The student was arrested. Another student was issued a trespass notice.

There was an alcohol violation in Potomac River North on Sept. 12. An underage student was found with alcohol and was referred to Judicial Affairs.

On Sept. 13, there was a theft of a CNU parking decal in Lot N. The case is inactive.

An underage student was found with alcohol in Santoro Hall on Sept. 14. The student was referred to Judicial Affairs.

An unsecured bitycle was stolen from Santoro Hall on Sept. 15. The case is inactive.

There was a physical altercation in Lot I on Sept. 16. No charges were filed.

An individual was arrested for driving under the influence in front of the Ferguson Center for the Arts on Sept. 16.

Classifieds

Make your own hours: All you do is sell the Hawaiian Tropic Break 2005 Travel Program. Represent an American Express "Student Travel" Company. Guaranteed Highest Commission, Free Trips & Great for Resume. AMERICAN STUDENT Vacations 1-800-336-2260. www.americanstudent.info

Mary Kay Consultant: All your Mary Kay needs. Number 1 seller for 10 years. Ask about a free facial. Great holiday gift ideas. Call Linda at 870-2771.

Want to place a classified ad?

The Captain's Log is now offering a classified section to CNU associates and affiliates. Post roommate needs, items for sale, wanted, personals, etc. For more information, contact the Captain's Log at 594-7196 or e-mail at clog@cnu.edu.

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Rates: \$3 per first 10 words; \$2 each add'l 10 words; \$10 per block ad.

Aliya Altafullah, far right, and other members of Gamma Phi Beta enjoy a bowl of ice cream at the sorority sponsored even, Bring Your Own Banana. The sorority supplied the other elements of an ice cream sundae to anyone who came with a banana ready.

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Campus Calendar

Wednesday

All Day – Last day for Class of 2008 Officer Voting

11:00 a.m. - Blood drive; Student Center

12:00 p.m. – GSSU Meeting; SC 233

1:00 p.m. - Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233

3:00 p.m. - Pi Kappa Phi Luau; Great Lawn

Thursday

12:15 p.m. - MSA Meeting; SC 150

3:00 p.m. – FCA/IV Cookout Concert; Great Lawn

7:00 p.m. - Kool-Aid Pong; S€ Upstairs Lobby

7:00 p.m. - Diversity Scholar Series Speaker; Anderson

9:00 p.m. – CAB movie "Super Size Me"; Anderson Auditorium

Friday

6:00 p.m. -/CAB movie "Super Size Me"; Anderson Auditorium

7:00 p.m. – Women's Soccer vs. Roanoke; Captain's Field

9:00 p.m. - Murder Mystery Dessert Theater; Regatta's

Saturday

12:00 p.m. – Volleyball vs. Averett; Freeman Center

1:00 p.m. - Oyster Bowl; off-campus; \$7

3:00 p.m. – Field Hockey vs. Shenandoah; Captain's Field

5:00 p.m. – Volleyball vs. Methodist; Captain's Field 4:00 p

8:00 pt.m. - Musician Stephen Kellogg; Gaines Theatre

Sunday

12:00 p.m. – Field Hockey vs. Catholic; Captain's Field

Storm/Pi Lamda Phi Car Wash; New Orleans Sno Balls

2:00 p.m. – Campus-wide dodgeball; Great Lawn

4:00 p.m. - Catholic Campus Ministries

Monday

All Day - Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins

September 22 - 28

Student Union Meeting; SC 233

5:30 p.m. – SGA Meeting; SC Alumni

7:30 p.m. – CNU

Rowing Club Meeting; SC 233

8:00 p.m. – Joel 2:28

Tuesday

All Day - Sexual Assault Awareness Week

12:25 p.m. – Biology Club Meeting; Sci. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. - "One Night" drama by Equalogy; Gaines Theatre

7:00 p.m. - Young Life; York River East Multipurpose Room

7:00 p.m. – Campus Girl Scouts Meeting; SC 205

A day in the life: Regatta's employee Linda Carter

BY EMILY SOMMERFELDT Contributing Writer

Regulars of Regatta's are familiar to the smiling face that welcomes them at the door, but few can put a name to that face.

That outgoing and energetic employee is Linda Carter and it is her job to work the register, but she does so much more. This is her third year working at the dining hall. As students walk in, their cards are scanned and as a bonus, they hear "Today we have ..." which is Carter lists that day's menu.

"Some things you'll call out and [a student] will say, 'Oh, my mom used to make that' or 'my grandma used to make that," said Carter.

Carter never fails to make conversation. If the line is long, be assured that she will have an encouraging word.

"We have a lot of freshman and a lot of times it's their first time being away from their parents," she said. "If I can say something that they need to

hear, it helps them and it helps me."

Her conversation isn't only welcomed by the freshman. One day last week, Carter wasn't at her usual post during lunch or dinner due to a family situation. A coworker took her place for the day, and when Carter returned the next afternoon, she received an abundance of concern from the students curious of her whereabouts and wondering if everything was all right.

"Do you see these flowers?" said Carter, pointing to the arrangement on the edge of the counter. "They're from

Carter, being as personable as always, says the students make her job worthwhile, especially her interaction with them everyday.

"The love from the students - that's the best part of the job," said Carter, while welcoming a student into the dining hall and asking about his day.

She doesn't choose favorites among those that dine in Regatta's.

"I look at them as my kids and I get attached to all of them," she said.

Another aspect of her job that Carter enjoys is seeing the students on a daily basis, sometimes twice a day, and watching them grow up. The freshman class that started at CNU the same year Carter began work has just one year

"I'm like a proud parent," said Carter. "I get to see a student every day and then I'll get to see them walk across the stage."

Every day at mealtime, Carter gets to know the students even more. The enthusiastic employee frequently asks how a student's day went or if sports practice wore them out or she'll simply say, "Have a great evening." Occasionally the students will offer the information without being asked.

"Sometimes they'll come in here with a big accomplishment and they'll share that with me. 'Ms. Linda, I aced my test," Carter said.

On weekdays, during lunch and dinner hours, she stands there smiling. Sometimes the students are in a hurry or there will be a long line for the grill,



Emily Sommerfelds/ The Carrain's Log

Regatta's employee Linda Carter offers a students a smile and word of encouragement as they enter.

but Carter makes it pleasant.

She said, "I want to let them know

that this is more than just a dining hall."

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Police perform daily.

"I think student opinion varies according to the officer. Actually, a lot of students don't think we're real police. I don't know why. It says 'Police' on the car. I heard there's a rumor going around campus that we carry rubber bullets. It doesn't bother me though, because I'm secure with my job," said Clark.

There seems to be a general consensus among the CNU Police that the students they protect don't consider them to be "real" cops. Some students believe the department to be consisted solely of security officers. Also, "there's the stereotype that CNU Police aren't as good as city police," said Officer Freddy White of the Newport News Police De-

need to be so aggressive as on the streets. However, working on campus is a whole new challenge ... it's different and interesting," said White.

Most students aren't aware that each officer was required to pass a rigorous 17-week training process before becoming qualified to serve as an officer. The majority of CNU's officers received their training at the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Acad-

According to the Academy's Executive Director Vince Ferrara, each student must pass with a 100 percent success rate. Afterwards, every officer is required to complete 40 hours of inservice training every two years due to changes in the law, new tactics and new

procedures. "We are the only academy to pull sergeants and police officers out of the field to teach here. We chose the people we want to teach because of their qualifications, and we pay them," said Ferrara.

Once they complete training, officers begin work with the campus department under the supervision of Chief Jeffrey Brown.

"My opportunity at CNU to be a part of this transformation has been a rewarding experience for me," said Brown.

This year, Brown has high hopes for some of the new programs he has implemented.

Another success is the Silent Witness Program, which gives students and faculty the ability to anonymously report crimes via e-mail. The e-mail system is set up to prohibit any trace to the tipper, thus ensuring complete

Another of Brown's attempts to advance security is his Bike Registration Program. Bike theft ranks at the top in larcenies on campus, and this program intends to reduce those numbers. To do so, the serial number and information regarding the owner is recorded, and a digital photo is taken of the bike to help trace a stolen bike.

Lieutenant Colleen Roberts, is second in command after Brown, and shares his respect for fellow officers.

"My aspiration is to become a chief "Dealing with students you don't of a department one day, but I would probably retire here as Chief Brown's lieutenant if he stayed ... he's that good of a guy," said Roberts.

Many of the officers feel a strong sense of family among members of the department.

"We all get along really well. I think everyone pretty much looks forward to coming to work ... which is good 'cause we spend a lot of time there," said Roberts.

That feeling has flowed through the officers in their desire and effort to maintain a peaceful and secure univer-

"Maybe it's my maternal instinct, but I take it to heart watching these parents leave their kids with us. They be-

come my responsibility," Roberts said. Pulling out of CNU Apartments, Clark drives down Sweetbriar Drive toward Shoe Lane."

"This is my way of trying to help people. I didn't become a police officer trying to become a millionaire," he said.

Smiling as he reminisced of past conversations with students, he said, "I have more students who approach me before I approach them. I don't know what it is about the lights. They're always fascinated with the lights. Some kids are like, 'Can I see your lights?' and I'm like 'Oh Lord.' "

SAUDI, FROM PAGE 1

He told the audience that the Saudi people felt for the Americans and understood their suffering.

"America felt hurt, and they asked why. And they had a right to ask why," he said.

As the events unfolded, and more was learned about those responsible for the planning and execution of the attacks, Al-Maeena noticed the attitude toward people of Arab background changed significantly.

"We felt the grief also, because then came the avalanche of hate. We started getting a lot of hate mail," he said. "We were condemned and that was something we had to live

In the month after 9/11, his newspaper received over 600,000 emails "full of hate and venom."

"People thought of us as the incarnation of the devil," he said.

Al-Maeena illustrated his point with a story about a man from Montana, who he referred to simply as Montana. On Dec. 16, Al-Maeena received an e-mail from Montana that read, "I hope you pigs and swines and murders will be decimated by the armies of Christ."

Al-Maeena decided to write back and explain that he was not an agent of Osama bin Laden and did

not subscribe to his beliefs.

Montana responded with more insults. Confused, Al-Maeena wrote ask-

ing, "Why you do this?" Several days passed by with no

response from Montana, which Al-Maeena was relieved to have repose from the flood of insults, but on Christmas, he decided to send Montana what he called a gift.

Looking to the Koran, he told Montana the story of the nativity to show Montana that he too believed in the same Christ.

Montana wrote back angrily, "So now you steal our Bible?"

By this time, Al-Maeena was vested in trying to reach an understanding with Montana and responded again to explain that Muslims believe in Christ.

Shortly following that e-mail, Montana wrote back apologizing for not having known that.

Three months passed by when Al-Maeena received an e-mail from Montana's son. Montana was now terminally ill and his son asked Al-Maeena to pray for him. Al-Maeena then posted the message online and his entire community joined him in prayer.

Montana died in April 2002, but Al-Maeena maintains correspondence with his family.

"We also are the victims of terror as you are the victims of terror," Al-Maeena said.

He believes that relations can improve, between the U.S. and Saudi as well as internationally.

"It should be people to people," he said. "All of us have the same con-

Among those concerns he listed bringing up children, and wanting a better world for them.

"We are responsible for these., young people," he said.

Al-Maeena's wife, Samar Fatany, is a well-known radio personality in Saudi Arabia and was asked to speak to the audience about the environment in the country.

"Saudi Arabia today is going through a reform movement that is unstoppable," she said.

Women will be the first benefactors, as they are being integrated into the work force. She said 50 percent of the population is female.

The education system is also being reformed and a business center is being established to help integrate women into the business world as well as politics, she said.

She agreed with her husband that the Saudis were strongly feeling the affects of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It pains me to hear that Saudi Arabia is a breeding ground for terrorists. Saudi Arabia is a victim of terrorism," Fatany said. "It's as if people are saying, 'Yes, you are the enemy. We want to make you the enemy."

CNU BOOK, FROM PAGE 1

who later became King Edward VII of England, visited in 1863.

Stern includes letters that describe first hand, accounts to the style of the parties in his book.

"America's Bachelor President and the First Lady," also features letters between President Buchanan and Vice President William Rufus

Devane King. There are rumors about a pos-

sible relationship between the two. "While I believe that they had a relationship," said Stern, "I leave it to the reader to decide if they did based on the actual evidence I pres-

ent."

King and Buchanan were close friends for 18 years, but there are only six surviving letters between them, three of which are political. Buchanan disposed of the letters after he published his memoirs.

Stern interest in Buchanan stemmed from finding so many rumors and untrue things written about the former president, that he was curious to find the truth.

The book presents many facts and a study of the constitution as it meant to the people of the time.

Around half of the book is devoted towards Buchanan's four years of office and the other half is personal.

It's a book Stern wrote for anyone interested in presidential history and who likes nonfiction.

It's a book that offers a little something for everyone, including questioning the homosexuality of President Buchanan and the life of Harriet Lane.

Stern has been waiting a long

time for this moment. The story of President Buchanan and First Lady Harriet Lane is an untold part of America's history, but a significant part as well.

Stern's advice to all students is: "Hold on to your dream, don't give up on them. My dream was to become a published writer. Although it took 19 years, I finally have achieved it."

Freshmen Senate Seat Candidates



Meredith Bliss

am a freshman from Springfield, Va. My Intended major is Communication Studies. I am currently involved in Circle K and Young Democrats.

In high school, I tutored a first-grader in reading at a nearby elementary school and worked with different churches to help set up and collect clothing and food drives for the less than fortunate during the winter months.

I want to be a sixth grade teacher because I love kids. When I was in sixth grade, I had the best teacher and she is my role model for the type of teacher I hope to be.



Caitrin Cowan

I would make a good candidate because I have heart and I care a lot about the school. I would love to be an intricate part of the student government because it has always been one of my

Next year, I wish to be an officer in my class' SGA. I will also take part in Greek life and possibly a sport: I am trying to become as involved as possible in my college career. After college, I am aspiring to become a newscaster.



Timothy Davenport

In high school, I was a member of SODA (Student Organization for Developing. Attitudes) and several other organizations, such as National Honor Society and Beta Club. I was also a member of the Varsity Baseball team my junior and senior years.

I am currently a freshman, but I am a member of the President's Leadership Program and hope to participate in other upcoming clubs. I feel that I would represent the freshman class well because I am a well-rounded person, who is open-minded and strives to reach new goals.

I hope to receive my degree in business management and continue my journey as a leader in the corporate



Billy **Desrosiers**

I am a freshman with a desire to become active in the CNU community and work toward bettering what is already a great campus by means of acting as a voice for the freshman class.

Being a good leader is one aspect of holding office. But another critical aspect is the ability to relate to and communicate with not only those you represent but those who you work with. I have both of these skills, in addition to a desire to help relay the ideas of the freshman class to those who can

For the past five years, I've had an interest in architecture, which led me through classes and eventually landed



Rebecca Layman

My name is Rebecca Layman and I am a freshman from Leesburg,

Throughout high school I was active in many leadership positions.
During my junior and senior years,
I served as president of the Future
Business Leaders of America, was captain of the varsity lacrosse team and was inducted into the National

Honor Society, I am currently majoring in Political Science with a focus in pre-law. Recently I joined Phi Alpha Delta, a

coed fraternity for pre-law students. I plan to attend law school after

Candidates take a stand on the issues

Kerry, Bush and Nader: who they are and where they stand



John F. Kerry

John Kerry was born on Dec. 11, 1943 in Colorado, but grew up in Massachusetts. He is Catholic.

After graduating from Yale, he volunteered to serve in Vietnam, and served two tours of duty.

Upon returning to the states, he became an active Vietnam Veteran Against the War and later became the group's spokesperson and cofounded Veterans of America.

Kerry graduated from Boston College Law School in 1976 and became a prosecutor in Middlesex County.

In 1982, he was elected Lieutenant governor of Massachusetts.

Two years later he was elected to the U.S. senate and was reelected three times.

Ralph Nader

Ralph Nader was born in Winsted, Connecticut on February 27, 1934.

In 1955, he graduated as mangna cum laude from Princeton University and in 1958 he received a Bachelor of Laws with distinction from Harvard University.

He began his career as a lawyer in 1959 in Hartford, Connecticut and lectured on history and government from 1961-63 at the University of Hartford. In 1967 he returned to Princeton to lecture for a year.

As a consumer advocate he founded several organizations including the Center for Study of Responsive Law and the Public Interest Research Group,

Nader ran for President of the United States in 2000.

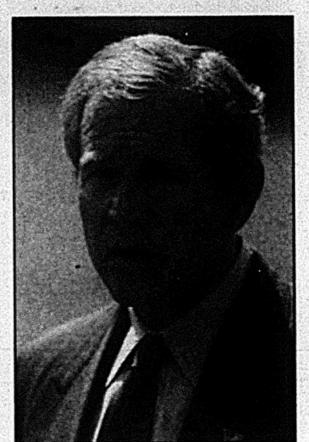
President George W. Bush

George Walker Bush was born on July 6, 1946, in New Haven, Connecticut and grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas.

He received a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1968 and then served in the Texas Air National Guard. In 1975, he received a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School, after which he began a career in energy business.

After working on his father's successful 1988 presidential campaign, he assembled a group of partners and purchased the Texas Rangers baseball franchise in 1989.

Bush was elected Governor of Texas on Nov. 8, 1994 and reelected in 1998.



Presidential Campaign

Issues				
	George W. Bush	John Kerry	Ralph Nader	
Gun Control	Favors making gun mak- ers immune from civil suits	Opposes immunity for gun makers in civil suits arising from wrongful use of weapons wants to renew the as- sault weapon ban	information not available	
Environment	Favors oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Ref- uge Rejected the Kyoto Treaty on limiting global-warming gases	Wants U.S. to have independence from Middle East oil in 10 years Opposes drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	Wants toxic standards to be strengthened	
Social Security	Favors privatizing social security	Opposes privatizing social security	information not available	
Foreign Policy, Terrorism, Iaq	emptive strikes against sus- pected threats to the nation's security	Initially supported decision to go to war but now says he did so based on faulty U.S. intelligence Wants greater international involvement in Iraq	U.S. should with- draw from Iraq	
Abortion	Opposes abortion Would not impose an abortion litmus test on judicial appointments Signed legislation to outlaw partial-birth abortion	Supports abortion rights Supports pro-choice judges to the Supreme Court	information nor available	
Gay Rights	Opposes gay marriage Would allow gays to serve in military if they are not open about their sexuality	Would ban job discrimi- nation against homosexuals and extend hate-crime pro- tections to gays would allow gays serv- ing openly in the military supports civil unions	information not available	
Affirmative Action	Opposes racial quotas and racial preferences	Supports affirmative action policies	Supports affirmative action but is opposed to quotas	
Homeland Security and National Defense	Ruled that illegal immigrants who have no known links to terrorist groups can be detained indefinitely to address national security concerns Signed Patriot Act, which gives law enforcement agents expanded powers to identify, track and apprehend suspects	ited civil liberties of the Patriot Act	information no available	
Healthcare	Signed a law giving the elderly prescription drug coverage under Medicare for the first time	of prescription drugs by al-	payer health care plan	

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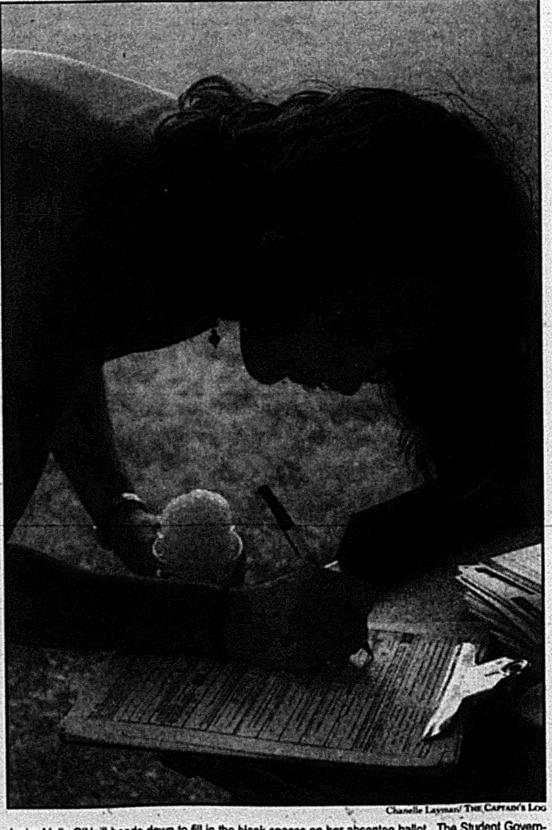
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In the 2000 election, this is how this year's swing states voted:

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Nevada	Republican	3.55%
Colorado	Republican	8.36%
New Mexico	Democrat	0.06%
Minnesota	Democrat	2.40%
Iowa	Democrat	0.31%
Wisconsin	Democrat	0.22%
Michigan	Democrat	5.13%
Pennsylvania	Democrat	4.17%
West Virginia	Republican	6.32%
Florida	Republican	0.01%
Maine	Democrat '	5.11%
New Hampshire	Republican	1.27%
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Junior Molly O'Neill bends down to fill in the blank spaces on her absentee ballot. The Student Government Association has absentee ballots, as well as voter registration forms, available for students.

2004 Presidential election is underway

Could Virginia be a swing state in this year's presidential election?

Political Commentary

By PATRICK HORAN Contributing Writer

Could Virginia go blue?

This question seemed very unlikely in past elections, but it is being thrown around now, in one of the closest and most polarizing election in recent istory.

Certain groups have included Virginia in a list of swing states, while others have ruled it out as a red state. The term swing state is used to refer to a state that could vote for either party in an election. The way in which the swing states are decided, however, is very muddled, and differs from group to group.

According to one popular definition, any state in which the last presidential election was decided by less than 10 points is a swing state. The groups who use the historical voting data as the deciding factor in picking swing states look at Virginia's voting history, and quickly claim it as a red state, going red in the last nine elections

Other common definitions leave tight limits, in which Virginia is counted

The other commonly used method of deciding which states could swing, using current polling results, put Virginia both in and out.

Many media outlets can't decide where to put Virginia, but they haven't yet put it in the same category as Ohio, Florida or Pennsylvania.

The 2004 election has caught the attention of nearly the entire popula-

tion, and many people have voiced strong opinions. But this election is also capable of bringing to the polls more people than most recent elections, and that is catching the attention of both major political parties. The opportunity for the Democrats to attract these voters has brought increased attention by the party to many new states, Virginia included.

The possibility of Virginia going into the Democrats bracket was brought to the national spotlight when polls began to show Kerry moving to within 10 points of Bush, and then making the surprising jump to within the margin of error.

This is surprising to many casual election voters, who see Virginia as a conservative state, which has not voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since Lyndon Johnson in 1964. The state is considered conservative by many standards, but includes many areas with traditional Democrat voters.

Areas such as Alexandria and Falls
Church in Northern Virginia, and cities
across the state including Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk all voted for Gore
in 2000. Petersburg and Richmond fell
into the Gore block by some of the largest margins in the state. The Democrats
also won over some Virginia counties,
including the mostly rural Surry and
Sussex counties in the southeastern
portion of the state, as well as other
counties spread across the state.

What is surprising is that Gore did this, and within eight points of Bush overall in a state that he gave up on, and put almost no money into.

Virginia, however, has not been the Republican-controlled state that it appears, as proved by a review of the governorship of Virginia in the time since Johnson's victory here.

rial Day Parade and a rally in Nauticus.

John Edwards, Kerry's running mate, recently held a rally in Roanoke to draw up support, and children of both Kerry and Edwards held town hall meetings

When Johnson won Virginia's electoral votes, Virginia had a Democratic governor, as it did when Nixon, a Republican, won the electoral votes of Virginia.

Virginia has had five Democrat governors and five Republican governors since the 1966. During that time, Virginia has only cast electoral votes for the Republican presidential candidate.

Many Democrats count Governor Mark Warner, a Democrat, as a large asset to the Kerry campaign in Virginia. Warner, and Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine have campaigned tirelessly for Kerry according to Daniel Redwood, the South Hampton Roads Volunteer Coordinator for Virginia Victory 2004, the state campaign for John Kerry. Redwood also cites that Warner's governorship is tremendously helpful in legitimizing Kerry's chance in Virginia.

Warner was seen on the national level as a speaker at the Democratic National Convention in Boston, and his position as Chairman of the National Governors Association. Warner has been using his presence as a moderate governor to help the Democratic Party appeal to some of the independent voters in Virginia, mainly the ones who helped to put him into office.

The Kerry campaign has had a more noticeable presence in the state than most recent Democratic presidential campaigns.

So far the Virginia arm of his campaign claims to have spent \$2 million. The campaign included Virginia in a June and July advertisement blitz of swing states. Kerry has also visited Virginia during his campaign, including a stop at the Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade and a rally in Nauticus. John Edwards, Kerry's running mate, recently held a rally in Roanoke to draw up support, and children of both Kerry and Edwards held town hall meetings at Norfolk State University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Another factor, one that often goes unnoticed, pointed out by Redwood, is the fact that the Kerry campaign has hired a few dozen full-time staff members for the Virginia campaign. According to Redwood, campaigns rarely do this in states where they feel as though they have little chance of victory.

The local campaigns, under direction of these staffers, have been working at the grass-roots level to bring voters into the Kerry camp. These efforts include holding meet-ups, which Redwood refers to as the "main innovation of the 2004 campaign structurally." These meet-ups bring voters in to learn about the campaign, listen to speakers, and watch videos on Kerry. The campaigns are also doing literature drops and targeting local events, such as fairs, to go out and meet the voters, particularly the undecided ones.

The campaign has also been phone banking to target likely Kerry voters, making sure they get out and vote. These calls are mainly to people who voted in the Democratic primary, hoping to ensure support for Kerry in November. The campaign is also using email to reach out to voters who have signed up for the campaign. The list grew by the thousands at the Kerry rally at Nauticus, which was one of the largest election events in Virginia this election year.

Many people have said that the Kerry campaign has given up on Virginia, as the TV ads have died down across the state. Redwood, however, denies this claim.

Campaigns shift regularly during a campaign, and the Kerry campaign is placing heavy focus on the Florida and Pennsylvania, but "don't interpret that as Virginia not in play," Redwood said.

As the issues change, so will the

areas of focus. With much attention of military issues, attention could again move back to this area, with many Department of Defense employees in Northern Virginia, and Hampton Roads being home to the world's largest military installation.

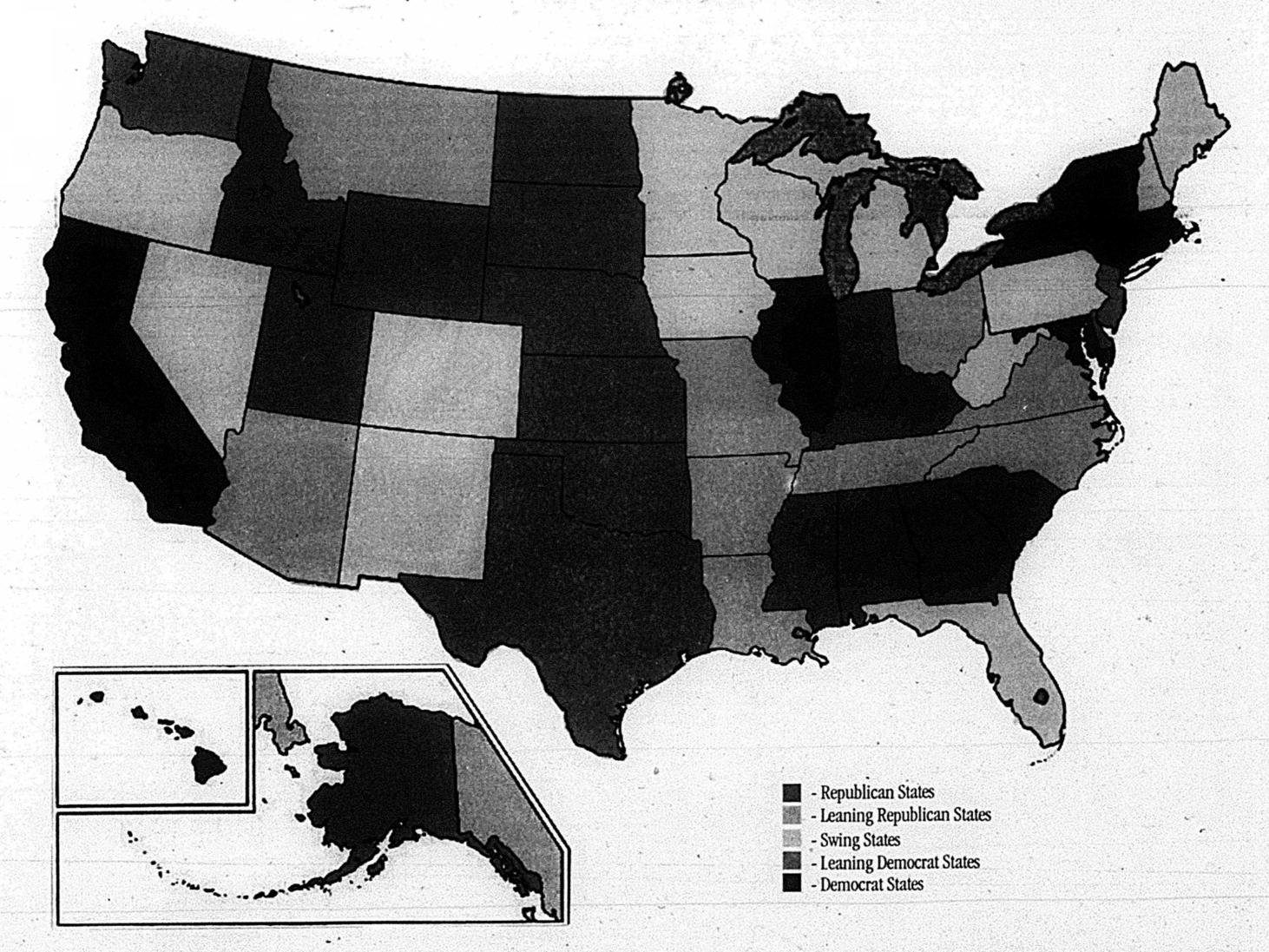
Some Democrat supporters also point out the fact that although Kerry's campaign in Virginia seems to be dying down, the Bush campaign seems to not have even started. So far, Bush has not set up a strong campaign base across Virginia, and has spent virtually no advertising dollars in the state. The close poll numbers have sparked the campaign somewhat, as more local Bush campaign offices are opening, however, he has not put much influence on the state, and it is not included in his campaign travels.

During a visit to the Young Democrats at CNU, Democratic State Delegate Chap Peterson, pointed out that even if Kerry doesn't win, the Virginia results could be used as a good judge of the election outcome.

"If John Kerry wins Virginia, he will win 40-plus states, in a landslide victory." Peterson then broke down other results, saying that if-Kerry comes within five points of Bush in Virginia, he will win the election, if he loses by six and ten points, it will be a tight race, if he loses by more than ten, Bush will be re-elected.

Peterson, who is also running for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 2005, also pointed out that Kerry's campaign has gained traction in Virginia, and that this is a changing state, one that has a growing Democratic population.

Could Virginia go blue? With the campaigns changing every day, it's too early to say. Polls put this as one of the closest elections in history, both in Virginia, and in the United States.



(What students are saying about the Presidential elections))

"Obviously I care about who becomes our next president, who's put essentially in charge of the nation's future, but I can't see at this point who the better candidate would be."

-Ashley Miller, sophomore

"I know we aren't really in a "war" but I feel strongly that you don't change presidents during such situations as this and I feel very strongly that Kerry is a flip-flopper and that we need to support our current president, Bush, and keep supporting him and our troops."

-Jennifer Potts, freshman

"Well, as a Christian with my brother in the marines, I trust Bush, and I like that he tells his people exactly what he wants to do with this country, and stands up for what he believes in."

-Carrie Vance, freshman

"My vote for Kerry is a vote for change, I didn't like Bush's administration, the only thing I think he did well was 9/11."

-Karen Schomaker, freshman

"I want a President who is honest and who deeply loves his country and all of its people. Kerry is that person. I'm voting for John Kerry because I love my country and I don't want to see this country even worse off than it already is. I want to know that I will be able to collect Social Seturity. I want to know that the troops are coming home. I want this country to once again be stronger at home and respected in the world."

Hilliary Turner, junior

pinions

Where We Stand

Freshmen: Your time is now

Now is the time for change.

This year's presidential election has become more and more controversial, spurring what may be the largest movement of young people to the polls in recent

At CNU, the freshman class elections and SGA senate elections have also moved people, on and off the ballot. Fourteen freshmen are running for nine seats. While this figure may not be that impressive, at least it seems we will have enough students to fill the positions, which has been a problem in the past. This shows progress over the years, but there is always room for improvement.

While those hopefuls wait for the election results and a country waits to cast its vote for the next president, we can only hope that this year's elections will result in strong leaders with clear visions and goals for the future.

One of those candidates (or one unknown freshman) could be the 2006 SGA President, Class President, CAB Executive Chair, WCNU president or the Captain's Log Editor in Chief.

Not could be, will be.

The current leaders won't be around forever. We will all graduate and there has to be someone to take over. We all started out as freshmen; one by one, these people make a difference daily.

With the elections fast approaching, the importance of voting becomes more and more apparent. Students and people in general may not understand that change can happen, but it does - every day. It might be slow, like the growth of our campus, or it might be quick, like the elimination of academic programs that occurred over the past two years due to budget cuts.

The past session of the Virginia General Assembly can be a clear illustration of the importance of the affect of politics on our own campus. While the state legislators claimed education as a top priority, higher education remained severely underfunded. Some college students across the state banded together in an effort to make their voices heard, telling leaders that the students are doing their part to cover the costs of education and the lawmakers should, too.

While students aren't setting state budgets or deciding the fate of academic programs, they elect the people who do, and may someday be elected into those

very positions. It's one of those never-ending cycles. Young people don't vote. Young people don't get involved. All of a sudden, college tuition goes up, departments get cut.

Don't get left in the dust. Move a little faster, pay attention and get involved. You're young and you have the next four years in front of you, if you're not on one of those five-year plans, that is, and the opportunities that lie before you are

phenomenal. SGA changes campus policy, CAB executive chairs plan entertainment events and the list goes on. By voting in these elections, an informed student makes the first step in becoming a participant in the CNU community. Be warned: the community can only exist if people step up to the plate and get involved. Whether that is in SGA, CAB, WCNU, the Biology Club, etc. You get the point.

And hey, it always looks good on a resume.



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Conservative parties should unite to form all-inclusive unified party

By THOMAS WELCH Contributing Writer

The recent decision of the Virginia State Board of Elections to keep Independent candidate Ralph Nader from the presidential ballot in November is suspicious if nothing else.

Apparently, of the 12,900 signatures turned into the board by the Nader camp, the Democrat controlled board could verify only 7,342.

According to the Nader camp, there were some serious shenanigans taking place within the actions of the State Board of Elections.

In a press release by the Nader campaign on August 27 titled, "The Facts About Nader's Ballot Effort in Virginia," the campaign aimed to set the record straight.

The press release stated that on more than one occasion the elections board tried to block Nader from the ballot.

The first attempt was "based upon a claim that the petitions were not sorted properly by congressional district as the board had requested."

This attempt was reversed by Attorney General Kilgore because it was not part of the law that the signatures be sorted; it was simply an administrative procedure.

When this attempt failed, the Democrat-controlled board made another effort.

During the verification process, "Democratic observers interrupted the proceedings no less than three times without being asked to leave by board officials."

Also more than once, folders of signatures were misplaced by the board and even the head of the board was found to be in possession of the missing signatures after accusing the Nader

team of walking off with it.

The question raised by the press release is one that requires an answer that has not yet been given in almost a month now.

"What we wonder about and question, particularly considering that the head of the State Board of Elections is a Democratic appointee, is why the Democratic Party has such sway over the State Board of

Our parties should no longer have to compete with one another while the left is

free to monopolize and consolidate their 40 percent of decided voters.

The answer is very clear to me. The Democrats in Virginia have subscribed to this illusion that they have a chance to steal this state from President Bush.

This situation, with the denial at any cost of Nader's access. to the ballot, is just an example of how desperate the Democratic Party is to regain power.

 The very thought of another four years under the "neo-con" rule of George W. Bush is almost unbearable to a liberal.

Isn't it curious that the candidates for the Constitution Party and the Libertarian Party were permitted on the ballot by this Democratic controlled board, yet the only candidate

that could have taken away from John Kerry's votes was denied? I think that we all know the

answer to that. What can we conservatives do in the face of such blind hatred and complete disregard for

fairness in the electoral process? I call for the unification of all conservative parties in the country. We need to put aside our petty differences and come together to form a greater na-

Our parties should no longer have to compete with one another while the left is free to monopolize and consolidate their 40 percent of decided vot-

The formation of a new and all-inclusive conservative party seems to be the answer to our current and future dilemmas.

In his book, "Where the Right Went Wrong," former presidential candidate Pat Buchanan writes "[A] civil war is going to break out inside the Republican Party along the old trench lines of the Goldwater-Rockefeller wars of the 1960s, a war for the heart and soul and future of the party for the new century."

Let us seize the opportunity to make ourselves stronger as a whole. We should invite our fellow conservatives to enter into one party in order to facilitate a complete restructuring of the current party apparatus.

A new and stronger conservative party would have the opportunity to unite the conservative vote across the country. Simply imagine the strength of a ticket with the best and brightest of the conservative ideology.

The country has begun to make its move towards the "right"; now is the time for us to capitalize on this with the reformation of our political parties. Carpe Diem!



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated

Observance about more than colorful festivals

By YOLANDA CHAVEZ LEYVA AND JOSE MIGUEL LEYVA Knight Ridder Newspapers

Hispanic Heritage Month, which started Sept. 15, is meant to recognize and commemorate the achievements of Latinos throughout the nation's history.

You may see the typical articles about things like avocados in ethnic food, and colorful local festivals celebrating the month.

This is not all that Hispanic Heritage Month is about, however. Congress first created His-

panic Heritage Week in 1968 and then extended it to a month in 1988.

But in this growing atmosphere of xenophobia and anti-Latino sentiment in the United States, how can Latinos really believe their culture and contributions are valued?

Many of us are told to assimilate and become like everyone else, and to throw

Samuel Huntington, chairman of the Harvard Academy of International and Area StudWe?" considers Latinos a threat to the nation.

In fact, he has written that "the single most immediate and most serious challenge to America's traditional identity comes from the immense and continuing immigration from Latin America, especially from Mexico."

One newspaper reader earlier this year wrote us the following: "I would like to see every single Hispanic person who is stopped by the police for a traffic infraction, required to produce legal green card or citizenship papers or be immediately deported. Any child whose parents cannot show legal resident to be kicked out of school."

Has anti-Latino hysteria reached the point where we are no longer deserving of the basic rights every other citizen is granted?

Fortunately, this is an elecaside those things that make us _ tion year, and politicians have to take Latinos seriously, since the number of eligible Latino voters is about 16 million.

Bush and Kerry are both

ies, and author of "Who Are releasing million-dollar Spanish ad campaigns, and both are making immigration the foundation of their Latino promotion.

> But immigration is not our central issue.

> A July 22 poll by the Pew Hispanic Center revealed that immigration was way down the list of Latino concerns, far behind their top concerns of education, the economy and health care.

While we applaud attention to Latino contributions to this nation, Hispanic Heritage Month is not enough.

It's mere symbolism unless we are able to win equal economic, political and educational opportunities for all.

Latino accomplishments and contributions - often in the face of prejudice and discrimination - ought to be acknowl-

edged year round. The struggle for equality and justice will continue even when the celebrations are over.

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Fresh Perspectives

How to NOT impress your college professor

Ah!! The college life! Socializing! Parties! Extra-Curricular Activities! Parties! Spending your parents' money! Parties! ...and, oh yeah... that necessary, fun-robbing academic work, too. But, hey! Don't let that get in the way of a good time. Use one (or ALL) of these time-tested EXCUSES on your professors, skip those demanding class assignments, and let the good times roll!

§ "I have three [fill in the blank: reports, papers, projects, etc.] that are all due this week!"

Yes. But were they all assigned two days ago? Most likely, you have had a number of weeks to complete these requirements. Many professors even identify due dates on their syllabus – handed out the first day of class. Prograstinating until the last minute always wreaks academic and emotional

complete these requirements. Many professors even identify due dates on their syllabus – handed out the first day of class. Procrastinating until the last minute always wreaks academic and emotional havoc. If you are going to try to write them ALL the night before they are due... good luck!

§ "I didn't know this test or assignment was scheduled for today!", Why not? Again, save and regularly check that syllabus. It is like a contract between professor and student. If you lose your course syllabus, or accompanying handouts, do request replacements. If any dates have been changed, you can always find out by asking - guess who?! - your professor.

§ "My grandmother died."

Unless true, statistically, this is the most common relative to meet her demise during exam weeks. Invariably, grandma lived in some rural town where phone service does not exist. Naturally, e-mails are impossible, as well. Travel time (alone) for, let's say, a 100 mile round-trip, generally takes four days.

§ "My computer crashed."

Like grandmothers, computer systems meet their demise on assignment due dates. In fact, evidence exists to support the hypothesis that they are all cyber-linked to crash at the same specified moment. It is uncanny how they are able to successfully traffic hours worth of e-mails, instant messaging, on-line movies, and computer games right up until — shall we say — they "give up the ghost." An especially sinister computer will crash with a fully written research paper within its core... mysteriously irretrievable until the student returns from grandma's funeral.

§ "I didn't understand the assignment."

So why didn't you ask? Stay after class and request clarification. Moreover, all professors are required to keep posted office hours. Stop by during these times, or make an appointment. If you don't understand, it is YOUR job to ask. If silent, the instructor will presume that everything is OK.

§ "The grade you gave me isn't fair!"

Watch out here! You are actually accusing the person who graded you of not being fair. During a private meeting with the professor (NOT in front of classmates), identify your concerns. Then be prepared to qualify and substantiate your request for further merit. NEVER complain that someone else received a higher score. Each professor has a certain set of standards for accomplishment, and comparison grading can be academic poison.

§ "I couldn't find you."

Uh,oh. This invites a snappy comeback! (e.g. "That's because my office is hidden in a secret basement, accessible only through an almost impassable labyrinth.") Once again, that syllabus identifies all the important information needed for the course — including phone number, office location, and the like. And the campus is NOT that big.

6 "How often do I have to attend class?"

Every class meeting would be nice. Even if attendance is not mandatory, you are better served by hearing the information first hand, and by taking your own notes. In addition, the professor (in smaller classes, at least) will get to know you and will see you as a more serious student. If you checkin with a professor about a course concern, and he/she first asks, "Who are you?" — then the message should be clear.

... in tandem with the last question AND every professor's very favorite:

§ "I was absent from class. DID I MISS ANYTHING?"

"No, actually, we all went over to my secret basement office and watched a few re-run episodes of Seinfield." (The temptation for sarcastic comebacks is endless.) In truth, if nothing went on, wouldn't class have been cancelled? It is more prudent and mature to ask what you must do in order to make-up the missed work. The reality, of course, is that — yes — you indeed missed something. Remember, however, that the professor is not your parent. You will not be chased, reprimanded, or nagged. YOU are responsible.

So there you have it. Nine sure-fire ways to NOT impress your professor. Incidentally, these excuses are all in the public domain. So feel free to use them anytime... again and again. We'll look forward to hearing from you!

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The wrong war, wrong place, wrong time

By Mehreen Farooq Contributing Writer

Everyone was enjoying the boom and prosperity of the 1990s, unbeknownst that an axis of evil was threatening the peace and security of the country we love, America.

Sure, Afghanistan and Al-Qaeda were a problem... once our eyes were opened after the devastation of Sept. 11, 2001, but it had seemed that ever since Outkast's "Bombs Over Baghdad", Iraq had just fallen off of the face of the Earth.

We had almost forgotten about old Saddam Hussein and his masqueraded Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Nonetheless, when I heard that President Bush was considering freeing an oppressed Iraq from a ruthless dictator my initial reaction was "OK, Saddam is a bad guy, let's get rid of him, but how can we do it legitimately?

To make the case to go to war, rumors began to fly that there was some connection between Osama Bin Laden (in case you forgot about him, he is the one for whom we invaded Afghanistan) and Saddam Hussein.

That allegation was too weak, so the administration sought to make the case to the American people, and the international arena that Iraq was still a threat to world peace because of its WMD program - and we almost believed him in his 2003 State of the Union address where he laid the claim that Iraq had sought Uranium from Niger.

Unfortunately, it was only until later that we found out that despite former CIA Director George Tenent's warnings that the Niger claim was weak, Bush later included the Niger charge in his 2003 State of the Union

address.

Why did Bush present unsound and false evidence to the American public? Was it because as former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who served on Bush's

National Security Council, revealed that Saddam Hussein was a target as early as Bush's first national security meeting (Jan. 30, 2001), 10 days after Bush took office?

Furthermore, in February 2002, the New York Times learned that the CIA had "no evidence that Iraq has engaged in terrorist operations against the United States in nearly a decade, and the agency is also convinced that President Saddam Hussein has not provided chemical or biological weapons to Al Qaeda or re-

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lated terrorist groups, according to several American intelligence officials."

Nevertheless, Bush presented the façade of gaining international diplomatic support via the UN.

We passed the infamous UN resolution 1441 allowing inspections into Iraq to search for WMD.

One after the other, as interim progress reports were revealed to the Security Council through Chief Inspector Hans Blix, the inspection team reported that Iraq was complying and had not found Iraq in contempt of material breach of preexisting resolutions.

By March 2003, the Bush administration felt it had obviously exhausted diplomatic efforts and set an ultimatum: exiling Saddam Hussein and his sons within 24 hours.

Let's take a moment to define 'exhausted diplomatic efforts.' President Franklin Roosevelt understood that American power had to be coupled with a generosity of spirit when he traveled 40 hours by sea to Tehran and Yalta to meet with Churchill and Stalin in 1943 and 1945.

He did not have to go. He had plenty of deputies who could have done the job for him. But he wanted to make a personal visit, to prove that democracy and diplomacy was worth the sincerity.

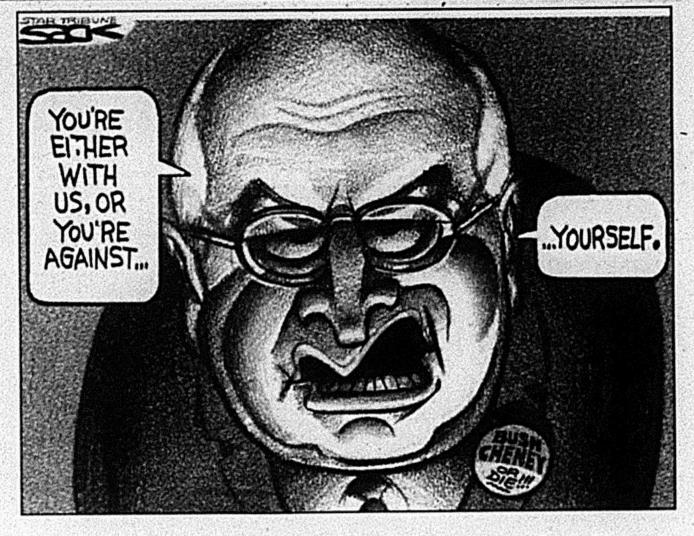
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Never before have we decided to engage in a war because we wanted to expel a leader. Never in the books of modern history has a country overstepped its limits of power, and infringed on another country's sovereignty by demanding its leader into exile.

To recap: we went to war, under false pretenses, based on faulty intelligence, under the charade of weak and impatient diplomacy, with a broad coalition of 48 countries (like Azerbaijan, Rwanda and Albania), with a poor exit strategy costing the lives of 1,000+ US soldiers and tainted our accountability to fight a global war on terror - all under the "leadership" of President Bush.

This November, the Republicans are strategizing to get citizens to vote for "someone who will command the armed forces" and "lead with force and resolve."

If you're going to vote for Bush, think again.



Leadership offers benefits beyond college

'Students First' motto goes beyond needs of students; students have to take action first before anything will happen at the administrative level

By JENN ROWELL

Managing Editor

"What's in it for me?"

That's the question I hear so many of my fellow students asking when the topic of running for office or applying for any leadership position comes

I hope those of you who are running or applying have a firm grasp on the answer to that question.

If you're looking for money, power or recognition, you'd better just go home now, because in most cases, the answer is going to be nothing.

Most of these positions, although some of the most vital, don't pay. They don't offer health benefits and they don't offer insurance or tax advantages.

What they do offer is a chance to change what you don't like about your surroundings. A chance to inspire others to greatness, and cliché as it may be, a chance to make a difference.

There's a resolution floating in the minds of the members of the Board of Visitors right now that if passed would add sexual orientation to the university's non-discrimination policy.

You know how that got there?

Students put it there.

One student proposed it close to two years ago and 103 members of the student government passed it.

There are more activities not, that will someday increase

on campus. You know how they

This might sound familiar to you; that's right, the answer

is students.

A few years ago, some ambitious students put together the Campus Activity Board, which

Now, with Jen Moylan on board as Coordinator of Student Activities, this organization as well as the Office of Student Life has managed to bring you weekly movie nights, laser tag and concerts all for the afford-

has evolved into a much larger

and more influential organiza-

able price of free.

The hours are long, and more than half the time, the majority of students on campus don't know it was you who was responsible for the fun night they just had or for speaking up for them at the BOV meeting.

Grades are important, athletics are important, and so is having fun.

A college education will give you all the tools you need to be successful in life.

So, here's a thought. Give something back.

As long as you're in college, there's a general consensus that you're poor.

But you have time. You have skills. You have what it takes to be a campus leader.

What you do here and now will make this campus into something better than it was

when you got here.
Whether you know it or

the value of your Christopher Newport degree.

How many of you want to get a job?

It's a crowded market.

There are more people wanting jobs than there are jobs. You'd better be excellent at what you

do if you expect a good job.

Want to go into politics,
marketing or anything really?
Why are you still sitting there?

Why are you still sitting there?
Once you graduate, there is

no practice run. It's do or die.

If you aren't getting the job done, there's no fooling your boss. You're fired.

College is four years of practice runs.

If you want to go into business, be the treasurer for anyone of the multitude of clubs and organizations on campus.

If you want a job in politics, join in step with the SGA, Young Democrats, College Republicans or the Young Constitutionalists.

It's an election year, and the voter block in which you currently belong to is immensely powerful this year.

So, I guess when I said there's nothing in it for you, I lied; a grand court of the

There's experience, networking opportunities, and the thanks of a grateful campus community.

Without knowing it, you may graduate having done something great and forever left a legacy at this university.

What other incentive do you need?



Colleges must make education affordable

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Services

The following editorial appeared in The Kansas City Star on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004:

A great deal of money and effort is spent to make sure America's schools prepare children for college. Most states are making good progress.

Rising costs, however, have made it more difficult for students to enroll in colleges, or to complete their studies there. That's like preparing students to run a great race and then moving the finish line as they approach it.

"Ironic and discouraging," is the apt description from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

The nonprofit group documented how well states are getting people into college and making sure they succeed. It found that level math courses and college entrance exams. But it gave failing grades to 36 states, including Missouri and Kansas, for affordability.

The costs of attending col-

more students are taking upper-

lege have outpaced the growth in family income, the report states. Attendance at one of Missouri's public four-year colleges fakes about 41 percent of the income of the poorest 40 percent of families. A Kansas family in the same income bracket spends 34 percent of its money to send a student to college. And that is after a student obtains financial aid.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers and other officials refuse to pay attention to this problem. Few legislatures have formed a consensus on a reasonable share of income that families should be required to pay for education. They have

no benchmarks for subsidizing public colleges and universities, or for bankrolling student financial aid. That needs to change.

"Every state should re-examine college tuition and financial aid policies, and each should formally link future tuition increases to gains in family income," says Patrick M. Callan, the center's president.

That's a good starting point.

State legislators should also acknowledge the benefits of affordable higher education for students, families and a region's economy.

Colleges and universities have a responsibility to draft reasonable budgets. Lavish facilities and lauded programs mean little if students can't afford to use them.

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World and Nation

Jiang quits as China's military leader, capping peaceful move

BY TIM JOHNSON Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING - Capping a rocky but peaceful transition of power, China's ruling Communist Party on Sunday eased former paramount leader Jiang Zemin out of his last formal post as head of the military and gave full control of the nation's armed forces to President Hu Jintao.

The move elevated the 61-yearold Hu to undisputed command of the state, the party and the armed forces, consolidating his power.

Hu replaced Jiang as party chief in 2002, and became president in 2003. But Hu found himself dueling with Jiang, who still retained control of the 2-million-strong armed forces, and his followers, who are widely known as the "Shanghai Clique" for their power base in China's biggest

The 78-year-old Jiang, who led China from 1989 until early 2003, was not due to quit as chairman of the Central Military Commission for another three years. The position allowed him control of the world's largest military.

His sudden - and somewhat unexpected - departure marks a sharp generational shift, and is likely to clear the way for Hu to focus on his own policy priorities: the growing gap between rich and poor, rampant corruption, and social upheaval coinciding with China's galloping economic growth and growing world stature.

Hu's government has implemented what it calls a "people first" campaign to ease the pain of China's transition to a full free-market economy. It also has embarked on efforts to persuade uneasy neighbors in Asia that China's "peaceful rise" is no cause for alarm. Both campaigns may now quicken.

"The general idea is that we should get softening, we should get liberalizing, we should get a better foreign relationship with the outside world," said David Zweig, a China

expert at Hong Kong University. The power struggle between Jiang and Hu ended on the final day of a four-day plenum of the Communist Party's central committee when party leaders accepted Jiang's resignation as military chief. Jiang's resignation letter, which the state Xinhua news agency said was tendered Sept. 1, said his departure would be "good for the development of the undertakings of the party, the state and the armed forces."

No mention was made of ill health or any other motive for Jiang's

In a sign that Jiang's influence has waned sharply, the central committee promoted a Hu supporter, Xu Caihou, to become vice chair of the military commission.

At the plenum's closing, Hu paid homage to Jiang for his "outstanding contribution to the Party, the state and the people," the state Xinhua news agency said.

Sunday's closed-door vote by the Central Committee marked the first time that Communist leaders have carried out a peaceful and orderly transfer of power since 1949.

The bespectacled Jiang, an outgoing and sometimes bombastic figure, was tapped from relative obscurity by former supreme leader Deng Xiaoping in 1989 to lead China following the bloody Tiananmen massacre that left hundreds, if not thousands, of pro-democracy activ-

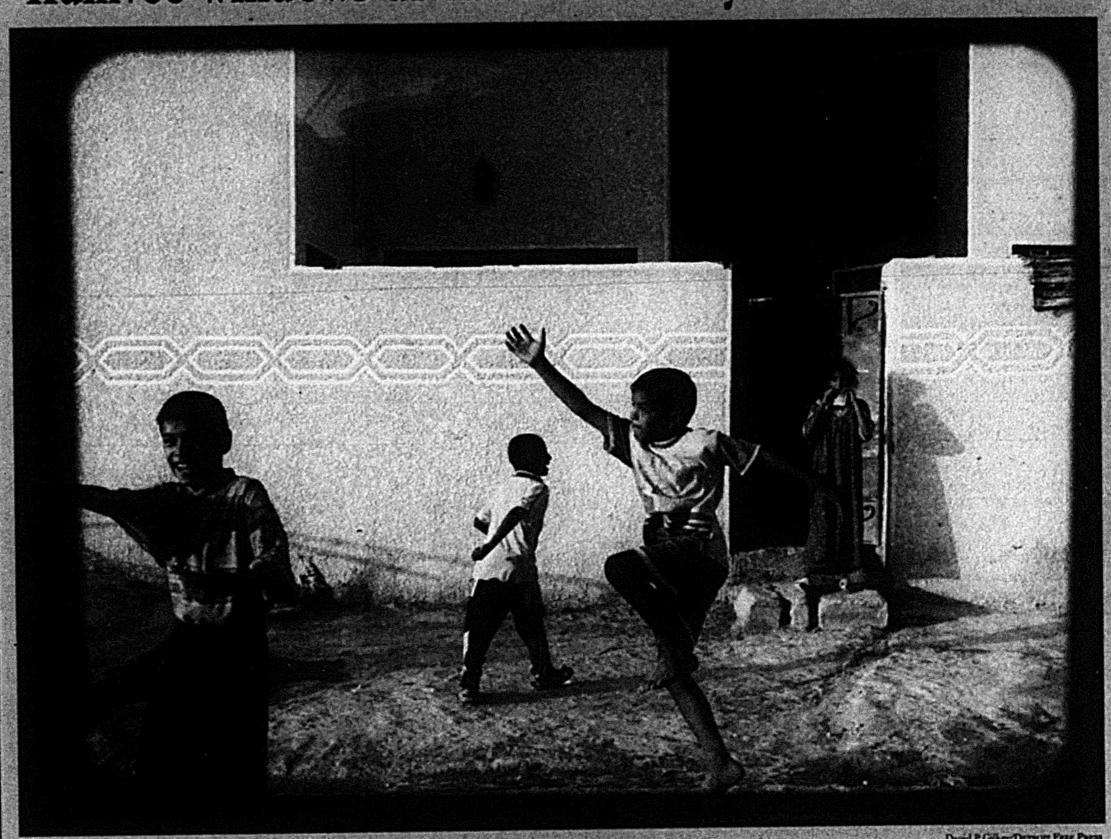
ists dead. Jiang followed a path of radical economic change - including the shuttering of thousands of moneylosing state factories and opening the doors wider to private business - even as he maintained the party's monopoly on power. He also drew China closer than ever to the United States, its largest trade partner.

Under his leadership, China engineered what may have been the largest reduction of poverty and the greatest increases in income levels

ever seen in the world. With the passing of years, though, Jiang grew consumed with how to guarantee his political immortality, loitering in power to promote followers and to protect the wealth and political fortunes of Shanghai, where he once served as

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Humvee windows divide two starkly different worlds



BAGHDAD, Iraq - Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood is divided into two worlds: the one Iraq's live in and the one U.S. soldiers drive through. The people in both understand the dangers of interacting with each other. Iraqis seen talking with Americans could be killed by their neighbors. Soldiers must regard all traqis as potential armed enemies. The soldiers with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, Apache Company 1-12 Cavalry from Fort Hood, Texas, make daily patrols through the al Tamar and al Oubaidy sections of Sadr City. Everyday scenes are framed by the bulletproof windows of their armored Humvee - from men gathered in front of posters of Muqtade at Sadr, the radical cleric who's led a bloody resistance to the Americans in Iraq, to the gentle sight of his-and-hers comforters hanging on a line to dry As the soldiers pass, the Iraqis signal their feelings in an instant, from diagust to excitement, from curiosity to indifference. The only constants on this tour are the walls, steel and glass that separate the two worlds.

Above, children play and show off in front of the passing Humvee hoping to get some candy from the soldiers in all Oubaidy, traq. The soldiers with the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division, Apache Company 1-12 Cavalry from Fort Hood, Texas, are on daily patrols through the streets of all Tamar and all Oubaidy, a ghetto on the outskirts of Sadr City. The men of Apache Company drive through neighborhoods that just days before they were fighting in. The reaction to their presence is varied from excitement to disgust and indifference to curiosity. The only constants are the walls, steel, and glass between them.

By David Gilkey for Knight Ridder Newspapers

Youth vote more important than ever - and groups are reaching out

BY WENDY TANAKA Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA - Renee Gilinger was on Philadelphia's South Street recently asking the youthful, jeansand-T-shirt crowd waiting in line for a heavy-metal concert, "Are you planning to vote?"

Gilinger's outreach is part of what is shaping up to be the nation's biggest and most expensive effort ever to get out the youth vote.

"It's crazy to ignore this constituency," said Gilinger, Pennsylvania director for the Young Voter Alliance, a coalition of Democratic and Independent groups working to register young people in five swing-vote states, including Pennsylvania.

Dozens of partisan and nonpartisan groups have mobilized, ranging from mainstays such as Rock the Vote and MTV Choose or Lose to niche groups such as PunkVoter.com and faith-based Redeem the Vote.

They hope to reverse a downward trend in youth voting over three de-

In the last presidential election, only 46 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds eligible to vote did vote, compared with 72 percent of eligible people older than 30.

In a tight presidential race, "a few thousand votes one way or the other could make a big difference," said

Michael Delli Carpini, dean of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication.

There are a number of explanations for why young people do not vote.

Some say it is a matter of obstacles: Registering or getting absentee ballots can seem difficult, especially if you are away at school. Others say civic participation is no longer engrained in youth, the way volunteerism is. An I many young people say they are turned off by negative politics.

So what will it take to get 18- to 29-year-olds – a group that is split fairly evenly among Democrats, Republicans and independents - to the polls this November?

Will it take street-level, personal canvassing like that on South Street? Appeals from celebrities? Or more high-tech approaches?

Or will it be the issues?

"I have a lot of friends in the war" in Iraq, Kelly Broll, 19, of Philadelphia, said. "One friend died over there. It's a big issue for me."

For Corinne Ertel, who also waited in line for the concert, this election is

about jobs. "I'm definitely voting," the 23year-old Philadelphia resident said. "I had to find three new jobs in the last two years. I had to take a cut in my pay. Taxes have gone up. I find it harder to pay my bills. I'm still a kid. I should still have fun."

A recent poll by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that 53 percent of registered voters 18 to 29 years old said they had given a lot of thought to the coming election,

compared with 35 percent in 2000. Still, academics who study youth voting say it is unclear whether anything will work.

"Do I expect voter turnout to be greater this year? Not really," said Donald Green, a political science professor at Yale University who has done extensive research on voting patterns since 1998.

Political parties, he said, have done a poor job of addressing youth issues. Campaigns "don't tend to focus on young people because they don't tend to vote," Green said. "But if you ignore young people, then they don't vote. It gets into a vicious cycle."

Concerned about that cycle, the Pew Charitable Trusts has given \$9 million to the New Voters Project, a nonpartisan group that aims to register 265,000 18- to 24-year-olds in six swing-vote states: Colorado, Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin, New Mexico and Nevada.

"Voting is an acquired habit," Pew president Rebecca Rimel said. "Some people say young people are distracted: Once they get a house and kids, they'll vote. But they won't. So, in 10 to 15 years, you've got less than half of the people participating in what is arguably our most important civic responsibility."

In the last few weeks, Declare Yourself - which was launched in 2001 with celebrities reading the Declaration of Independence at the Philadelphia Museum of Art - has been sending via e-mail a red-white-and-blue virtual button that helps young people register.

Rock the Vote decided this year to hedge its bets and use all three get-outthe-youth-vote methods: canvassing, celebrity pitches and the Internet.

"They all work in conjunction," Rock the Vote president Jehmu Greene

Greene said Rock the Vote had 52 "street teams" that did peer-to-peer canvassing and an online registration operation on its site (www.rockthevote.com). The group continues to use musicians and actors to deliver pro-voting mes-

Lola Bakare, a Penn junior majoring in English, said she thought celebrity pitches often lacked substance.

"At the MTV Video Music Awards, the Kerry daughters said: 'We think the youth should vote for our dad." The Bush sisters said the same thing" about voting for their father, Bakare said. "People were booing. You think we're that dumb? ... They're just being sensational and cool. They should say: 'We can help you pay your student loans on time."

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Water on some airplanes tainted by waste, EPA study finds

BY SETH BORENSTEIN Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Water on some of the nation's airplanes may not be fit for drinking or even hand-washing, a preliminary federal study found.

The water on more than 1 out of every 8 airplanes that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency randomly tested was tainted with fecal coliform - evidence, the government said, that human or animal waste is in the water.

Federal officials disclosed Monday that the coliform was found in water samples drawn from the restrooms and kitchens of 20 airplanes tested between Aug. 3 and Sept. 9. In all, 158 airliners

On two of the planes, E. coli bacteria were discovered in the water. That form of bacteria can cause serious "intestinal illness.

Even though the tests were preliminary and possible pollution citations and fines are still-being negotiated with the airlines, EPA acting enforcement chief Thomas Skinner said his agency made the data public because fliers had

the right to know about potential health problems with the water. He called the findings surprising.

The tainted water was found mostly in bathrooms, EPA officials said. More than half the flights with tainted water originated overseas, pointing to a possible problem outside of U.S. environmental control, they said.

Skinner suggested that airline passengers who have weakened immune systems avoid drinking airline water, coffee and tea, and use bottled water instead. Those people also should avoid using airline water to wash their hands, added Benjamin Grumbles, the agency's acting water director.

"This is reason for concern," said Dr. Howard Frumkin, the chair of the environmental health department at Emory University's School of Public Health. "A low level of caution would be appropriate."

Doug Wills, a spokesman for the airline industry, said water on planes was safe and that the EPA study was flawed. He said the airline industry's own study and an earlier study this year by the Food and Drug Administra-

tion gave airplanes a clean bill of health, but the chief of the FDA survey said it wasn't nearly as broad as EPA's and it came to no conclusion about health.

"No one has gotten sick from airline drinking water," Wills said. "Airline drinking water is as safe as municipal drinking water across the U.S." In 2003, the EPA found that 3.5

percent of Americans got their drinking water from public systems that contained coliform. Airplanes had a 12.5 percent rate of coliform in the pre-

Skinner declined to identify the airlines with the tainted water, citing the enforcement negotiations and the preliminary nature of the tests.

The EPA did say where the violations occurred by airport and the general flights. The positive tests were on airplanes in San Francisco, Dallas-Fort Worth, Atlanta and Washington Dulles International Airport. Tests at the Philadelphia airport, Baltimore-Washington International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.were negative.

The positive coliform results came

on flights from Sacramento, Calif., Washington's Dulles airport, Atlanta, Chicago, Oklahoma City, Denver, Baltimore and 11 unnamed international cities.

The EPA retested 11 of the samples: Three came up negative in the second tests and eight remained positive.

Federal officials said this showed that they needed to tighten the 18-yearold regulations that govern water on airplanes and to develop better methods of disinfecting airline water and water

The EPA study has its roots in research done in 2002 by a California boy who was 12 at the time. A frequent flier, he tested airplane water for fun, then used the results as an eighth-grade science project. Zach Bjornson-Hooper of Alamo, Calif., posted his results - three of the 18 flights he took had coliform in the water - on the Web, prompting a story by the Wall Street Journal. That story led to the EPA's study.

Knight Ridder Newspapers correspondent Linda Davis of the Contra Costa Times contributed to this report.

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Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope For September 20-26

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) Social activities and new forms of entertainment will now be pleasing. Some Aries natives, especially those born after 1976, may this week change their lifestyle or romantic expectations. Shared home agreements and long-term companionship are accented. Don't be shy. In the coming weeks loved ones will expect participation in romantic and family planning. After Friday several weeks of low physical energy fades. Watch for a quick burst of optimism and vitality.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Over the next two days your guidance and social insight will be important to loved ones. Delicate family or romantic decisions may now need extra encouragement. Make sure others understand your priorities and intentions. After mid-week gossip, vague innuendo or speculation will not prove helpful in the workplace: Ask for detailed descriptions and respond only to the facts. Key officials will soon take responsibility for errors. Wait for obvious signals. Progress will be slow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Marital or long-term relationships will now begin a vital phase of evaluation. Before Wednesday let loved ones vent their feelings or ask probing questions. In the coming weeks romantic and family progress will be unavoidable: Watch for increased intimacy, fast proposals and revised plans. Thursday through Sunday also highlight financial changes and quick workplace improvements. Some Geminis will soon dramatically expand their career options: Stay open.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Financial proposals may be confusing or disjointed over the next three days. If possible, avoid issues of ownership, legal permissions or seniority. Before mid-week key sources of information will be incomplete or unreliable: Finalize old paperwork and all will be well. Wednesday through Friday, accent complex group dynamics. Past obligations and minor jealousies may be bothersome. After Saturday rest and pamper the body: Physical energy and optimism will be low.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This week workplace relations will steadily improve: After Tuesday watch for disgruntled colleagues to provide new ideas, assistance or emotional support. Offer encouragement: At present, minor apologies may be difficult for fellow workers. Later this week loved ones may press for fast home decisions or revised travel plans. Someone close may soon reveal a need for greater independence. Stay focused on long-term promises. Minor delays will not be permanent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Family or romantic discussions may now inspire revised home options or fast emotional agreements. Loved ones will no longer look to the past for answers. After mid-week, positive breakthroughs are available: Let yesterday's social triangles or postponed promises fade. Thursday through Sunday business relations may be mildly strained by an unnecessary power struggle. Refuse to be drawn into group disagreements: An individual effort will bring results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Loved ones may offer unusual hints or suggestions over the next few days. Areas affected are shared accommodations, long-term financial planning or deepening commitments. All are positive but may require continuing dedication: Stay open and listen for subtle clues. Thursday through Sunday new friendships are highlighted: Respond quickly to late invitations or rare group proposals. For many Librans, social optimism is now on the rise: Don't hesitate to get involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Property or rental contracts will now need careful study. Before Thursday hidden costs and poorly defined terms may prove costly. Remain patient and finalize all facts, numbers and expectations: This is not the right time to rush important paperwork. Later this week an intense phase of social isolation will end: Watch for a previously reluctant friend or lover to offer a peaceful resolution or surprising invitation. Group or family events are accented: Join in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Friends and relatives may this week discuss previously private family or social events. Precise communications are vital: Provide clear definitions and avoid sentimental exaggeration. Controversial ideas will need to be thoroughly examined: Loved ones will appreciate your vision and long-term wisdom. Thursday through Sunday, business routines may change. Revised schedules will work to your advantage in the short-term: Avoid long-term or permanent solutions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Old memories and past events will have a strong appeal over the next eight days. Some Capricorns may soon be drawn back into a complicated or outdated relationship. Carefully consider all consequences: Emotional risk, although temporarily controversial, will eventually prove rewarding. After Thursday, ongoing errors in the workplace will be revealed. Authority figures may arbitrarily assign blame: Stay balanced and avoid challenging the judgement of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Group identity, delicate flirtations and social belonging may now be a continuing concern for loved ones. Remain alert to potential social or romantic triangles and expect ongoing dramatics. By mid-October long-term friends and close relatives may ask for greater participation in your daily life: Stay focused. Later this week a trusted colleague may admit to private mistakes or rare financial errors. Avoid involving authority figures, if possible: Your assistance will be appreciated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Business relationships may be difficult over the next eight days. Old records, past mistakes or forgotten comments may soon reappear: Before mid-week, expect solitary duties to bring short-term advancement. If possible, temporarily avoid newly begun team projects: Progress will be slow and complicated. Late Friday a sultry romantic proposal may be irresistible. Carefully consider the feelings of others: After mid-October social triangles will prove emotionally costly.

If your birthday is this week: Lagging physical energy and low social vitality will now fade. After almost 12 weeks of private reflection and disrupted sleep patterns, many Virgos and Librans will experience a return to yesterday's optimism and ideals. Early in November watch also for a series of romantic proposals or unique social attractions. In the coming months new friends and potential lovers will vie for your loyalty. Remain cautious and make slow, deliberate decisions: This is not the right time to take unnecessary emotional risks. Much of 2005 will also bring steady improvements in business and financial security: Before mid-June expect key officials to offer unique promotions, new assignments or added training.

Crossword

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Arts & Entertainment

Roommate Game tests knowledge of new friends for cash and prizes

Winners forego studying for exams in favor of game preparation

> By AMBER LESTER Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the five weeks since school started, roommates have slowly gotten to know each other: favorite colors were reyealed, odd sleeping habits discovered and cleanliness levels unveiled.

For some students, there was an instant bond, an almost uncanny ability to know instantly what the other was thinking.

Those special bonds were tested Sunday afternoon during "The Roommate Game," a campus-wide event sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The event was hosted by sophomore Steven Whelpley and junior Anna Hastings, who dressed as the CNU version of Saturday Night Live's Spartan cheerleaders. The RHA gave away a total of \$700 in prizes, both for the game and for door drawings.

The game was played in four rounds, with five teams competing in each. The majority of teams were female, with the exception of two male teams.

The winning teams from the first three rounds all advanced to the final round, which featured some of the most personal

questions of the game, including, "How often does your roommate fart in front of you or others," and "How many times has your roommate come home intoxicated this year?"

Though answers were sometimes embarrassing or even incriminating, roommates all answered with the dirty truth.

Emotions ran high as roommates alternated their attitudes toward each other throughout the game. Teams would begin the game embracing, before turning on each other when one answer was wrong. Cries of joy turned to sighs of defeat as team. after team was eliminated.

The quirky questions and even odder responses often sent the audience and hosts into fits of laughter, with Hastings and Whelpley often pausing to regain composure.

Crushes were revealed on the stage, with two girls admitting they would date Dr. Richard Cheney if they dated a professor or administrator.

York River East residents Drew Harrell and Paul Schmidt won over the crowd and hosts with their infectious enthusiasm and impressive knowledge about each other.

When Schmidt was asked when Harrell's last haircut was, he wanted to know if he should name the hairdresser.

"If you know those details, sure," said Hastings, obviously surprised by the question.

After they both agreed that Schmidt does indeed "double



Enthusiastic competitors Drew Harrell and Paul Schmidt, freshmen, took first place in The Roommate Game, winning \$150 each.

dip" his chips, the men leapt out of their chairs to perform a secret choreographed handshake.

As the crowd laughed, Hastings remarked, "And to think they just met this year."

"We met this year," said Harrell, "but we're already brothers."

While other teams turned against each other, Harrell and Schmidt were supportive throughout. For all their efforts, the two won first prize, \$150

Their genuine surprise and pleasure at winning was ex-

pressed when Schmidt descended the stage steps, muttering over and over, "This isn't real!"

By the end of the program, it seemed that everyone was rooting for the lone male team in the final round, including the hosts.

"I loved all the teams," said Hastings, "but Paul and Drew were great ... I've never seen such excitement."

Whelpley especially enjoyed the effort Schmidt put into his answers, illustrating how to fold toilet paper and drawing a portrait of Harrell's first pet.

Whelpley said.

The roommates had spent

a total of ten hours over the last few days prepping for the event. Each meal was spent being

quizzed by their various friends, imagining every possible ques-

this game than any test," said Schmidt.

was worth it!"

"I love his diagrams,"

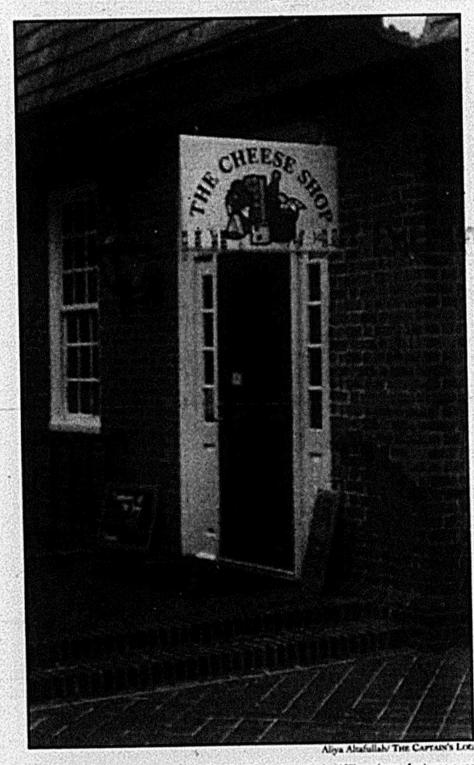
average.

tion that could come up in the "We studied more for

"I failed a psychology exam

for this," added Harrell, "and it

The Cheese Shop of Williamsburg offers friendly service and good food



The Cheese Shop, a local sandwich delicatessan located in Williamsburg, features over 200 types of cheese on its menu. With its own wine cellar and gourmet sandwiches, The Cheese Shop has been a longtime favorite of students at The College of William & Mary.

BY ALIYA ALTAFULLAH Contributing Writer

Located amid the busy, cobblestone streets of Colonial Williamsburg, The Cheese Shop proves to be a favorite among students, tourists and locals alike. For over three decades, The Cheese Shop of Williamsburg has catered to this quaint little town and become a wellknown tourist attraction.

In fact, The Cheese Shop was so popular, that Memorial Day Weekend of 2003, it moved from its old location to a larger one, due to the high demand of customers. From the charming umbrellas and picnic tables outside, to the tasteful souvenirs you can purchase inside, The Cheese Shop is a must-see for all visiting the Williamsburg area.

From the moment you enter, the aroma of freshly baked bread wafts through the deli air, leading you to the back counter to order. No matter what you're in the mood for that day, the cheese shop has it. From numerous different types of sandwiches, deli salads and cheese (of course!), you can mix-and-match any which way you please.

The Cheese Shop offers over 200 different types of cheese, everything from sheep's milk to Gruyere. Ask one of the friendly cashiers to allow you to sample the "cheese of the day." Those of you in the over 21 crowd can even walk down into The Wine Cellar, where they offer wine

classes and tasting (for free!) and sell a number of different types of wine. The staff is extremely helpful and more than eager to answer any number of questions you have about the food or the

The best part about The Cheese Shop, without a doubt, is the sandwiches. Gourmet deli sandwiches like nothing you've ever tasted! There are a number of different choices to choose from; they have the standard of course, such as turkey, chicken, ham, etc.

They're also famous for preparing their original sandwiches like egg or shrimp salad, Prosciutto and Provolone (a favorite among employees and regulars), or pate. And, if you're old-fashioned you can even get grilled cheese or peanut butter and jelly.

It's all delicious, and all extremely affordable. Sandwich prices are between \$2.00 and \$5.25 and vegetables and cheese are just a few cents extra. The portion sizes vary, depending on which type of bread you decide on. The Cheese Shop is known for it's infamous "house dressing" which is amazing and available on every deli item, or sold separately. Do not get a sandwich without it! Its creamy and tangy and the perfect addition to any Cheese Shop entrée.

Not in the mood for a sandwich? They also have "soup of the day" specials; their homemade gazpacho is especially

refreshing when it's hot outside. If you don't have time to eat in, take your meal to-go, or purchase all the items separately at their deli counter and make your own sandwich at home. The possibilities are endless.

Food aside, The Cheese Shop is also well-known for its retail items. Books and dinnerware, jams and jellies, paintings and ornaments; you name it, they have it.

It's the ultimate one-stop shop right before a fancy dinner party, picnic or even social gathering. The Cheese Shop will gladly cater to any celebration or event you could be having; just be sure to call ahead for larger group orders.

It's recommended that you try and visit The Cheese Shop at off-peak hours; sometime other than during the lunch rush. Although they switched locations, the restaurant is still rather small and it's a nuisance waiting in a long line, not to mention finding a place to sit.

To dine at The Cheese Shop, simply take I-64 West, towards Williamsburg and get off at exit #238: Camp Perry/Colonial Williamsburg. After that, just follow signs to get to old town. Parking is everywhere and it's free, which is also a plus.

The Cheese Shop is open Monday-Saturday from 10am-8pm; and Sundays from 10am-6pm. For catering, large parties or take out orders, call 757-220-



CNU students danced in waist-deep bubbles during the Video Foam Dance Party on Saturday on the Great Lawn. The event was hosted by the Office of Student Life.

port News.

way to have fun on a Saturday night without having to go out or get dressed up," said Katie

By the end of the night, trails of foam were seen tracing

the steps of those who attended. "I really hope that they do

this again, either in the spring or next year, said sophomore Ashleigh Tullar, as she headed back to James River Hall.

"I think this is my favorite event all year, and I really never expected it to turn out to be so fun."

What ever happened to plain and simple?

By JON PAGE Staff Columnist

How do you like your coffee, hot or cold? What is your political position, left or right? Which season do you like more, summer or winter?

If I had to answer these questions, I would tell you I like fall, I'm in the middle politically and I like my coffee lukewarm. I enjoy being in the middle. I am a middle child ... well ... I am an only child, and so I can be the middle child if I want to.

Why is it then that this campus cannot support my enjoyment of the middle? All I want is some good ol' average. I don't ask for much. I don't need a chandelier in my dorm. I'm plain, simple,

So why can't I have an average temperature when I'm in class? There is no such thing as a typical "room temperature" on campus. It is either blazing hot or freezing cold.

Maybe that is how we are trying to address issues of multiculturalism. We may not have many African-Americans on campus, but we can make it as hot as Africa in summer in a class. I've noticed there aren't many Russians on campus, but we can make a classroom feel like Moscow in the winter.

The classroom isn't the only place where the temperature fluctuates like John Kerry's opinion on ... everything. In the dorm rooms, there is a little problem called "the air conditioning doesn't work at night."

With it so warm, sleeping at night is about as easy as finding a parking space on campus at one in the afternoon ... easier said than

Oh well, maybe its not so bad compared to some other issues on campus. Here is a good question for you: have you ever heard of a book called "Zombondo!"? Basically, it's a book of questions that start with the phrase, "Would you rather?"

I have a good addition for the next volume: Would you rather, while walking on campus, get stuck behind a group of giggling sorority girls moving at the pace of a geriatric without a leg OR get clipped by three different bike riders and a long boarder moving faster than a grounds truck on the way to class? Let's analyze the situation.

On one hand, there is no way to get around a horde of sorority girls. They dominate the walkway, leaving you with the option to rudely pass them, making you risk walking in mud or some other unknown substance. If you don't select this option, you are stuck, with nowhere to go. You will be late for class, and subsequently fail and have to drop out of school.

Of course, if you pass, the sorority girls will tell their frat guys, who will then proceed to beat you beyond recognition. This doesn't seem promising.

But being clipped by the biker, long boarder and whoever else the X-Games brings onto campus would not result in a good situation either. You would probably end up in the hospital in a bed next to the guy who got beaten up by the frat man.

If you're in the hospital, you can't go to class. If you can't go to class, you fail. It you fail, you have to drop out of school. This one isn't any good either.

Thus, I must ask, where is the middle ground? I don't want to fail out of school. I don't want to freeze. I don't want to burn in Wingfield.

All I want is to be able to walk at a reasonable pace, be comfortable in class and be the middle child. Can I get it? Apparently not here.

Video Foam Dance Party: good, clean fun sophomore theater major. "The was a great idea, and I am hav-

Office of Student Life brings club atmosphere to Great Lawn with foam, strobe lights, a DJ and music videos on a projection screen

> BY AMY RICHARDSON Contributing Writer

Despite the day's bad weather, students came out to enjoy music, foam and dancing on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the

Video Foam Dance Party. For some participants, the thought of putting masses of foam on the Great Lawn was a little hard to comprehend.

"I had no idea what the foam and dancing would turn out like," said Gemma Smith, a

thought of having foam everywhere sounded a little dirty, . but when I came, I had a good time."

"I had the idea presented to me by one of our regular companies, Simplified Entertainment, during the summer," said Jen Moylan, coordinator of student activities for the Office of Student Life, which sponsored the and swam in the masses, while

do many of our other events on campus such as Battle of the at The College of William and Sexes.' I really thought it would Mary, came over just for the be a fun event on campus,

The DJ played well into the night with popular dance hits, while the music videos of the artists were displayed on a large projector screen.

Colored strobe lights added to the club theme as students partied on to songs like Bevonce's "Baby Boy" and Blink-182's "All The Small Things." To add some variety, older

rock songs like Bon Jovi's "Living On a Prayer" were played. "I really thought that this

ing a lot of fun," said sophomore Katie Fravel, who was covered As the foam was spurted

out through giant machines, some students took advantage of the bathtub-like environment by piling amounts of suds to their hair, chins and arms. Others jumped right in

a group formed a conga line "They also come down and around the foam pit. Colin Brauer, a freshman

> "My girlfriend here said that it was something not to miss, so I came along and had a

really great time," said Brauer. Though he enjoyed the event, Braur had some criticism. "I wish that they hadn't

played as much rock and more

techno, but all around it was a good event." As for other students, they came just because of the free opportunity to enjoy something

that most people go out and pay

for at clubs like Mitty's in New-The foam party was awesome because it was a cheap

Bahr, a CNU sophomore.

'Sky Captain' flies high

BY ANNIE FERENBACH Contributing Writer

I'm not the biggest science fiction/fantasy fan, so I was expecting "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" to be loved by audiences and critics, but totally over my head. However, you don't have to be up on your comic book lore or 30's science fiction film history to appreciate or be interested in "Sky Captain."

It exceeded my expectations in many ways. I expected the sepia tone to be irritating and distracting, but it was perfectly fitting and lent so much to the feel and climate of the film; it really made you feel like you were watching an old 1930's science fiction film. In addition, I'm not the type to go rushing out to watch a robot film, but with "Sky Captain," you just sit back, smile and enjoy it. It's not meant to be serious; it's meant to be fun, refreshingly non-cynical and pure theatrical entertainment.

Though it pays homage to countless other entertainment

mediums, "Sky Captain" is an utterly original film. It is one of the very few films shot entirely against a blue screen to create the futuristic yet classic look. The special effects are revolutionary, even if the plot is not.

Plucky reporter Polly Parker (Gwyneth Paltrow) is hard at work on a case of six mysteriously missing scientists. She and former flame Joe "Sky Captain" Sullivan (Jude Law) join forces to discover where the scientists are being taken, what they have in common and what the film's elusive villain has planned for the world.

Though the plot is run-ofthe-mill, it's what people are going to see "Sky Captain" for. While the characters are not fully developed or three-dimensional, they are likeable and engaging in the sense that we, as the audience, find it easy to root for them-we find their dialogue entertaining, we fear for them when they go into danger and we breathe a sigh of relief when we know they are safe. The biggest character highlight

was the interaction between Polly and Joe. The dialogue in those scenes is above what I was expecting and some of the film's moments of comic relief had me in stitches. Though it's not an award-worthy script, it's clever and very enjoyable.

This is the first major theatrical film Paltrow has done since the critically- panned "A View from the Top," It was unusual to see this typically dramatic actress in a science fiction/action film, but she's absolutely brilliant in it. The ubiquitous Jude Law makes for a very dashing hero and is clearly loving this role. He and Paltrow easily develop a chemistry that is great

Supporting performances by Giovanni Ribisi, Angelina Jolie (who has a smaller part than the trailers lead us to believe, unfortunately), Michael Gambon, Omid Djalili, and Bai Ling are by different turns funny and thrilling.

The greatest, however, would have to be a somewhat creepy postmortem cameo by

Gwyneth Paltrow stars as Polly and Jude Law as Sky Captain in the new sci-fi adventure, "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow," from Paramount Pictures.

Sir Laurence Olivier, who passed away in 1989.

This film is so close to being a great film, a classic. Its revolutionary special effects give it a place in the technological hall of fame, but its script doesn't: necessarily land it in the artistic hall of fame.

The cast certainly makes one think "Oscar," but "Sky

Captain" isn't quite that far up

"Sky Captain" is style over substance, but it has more substance than expected and its style is not just phenomenal but groundbreaking. It's impossible to compare it to any other recent film; it has science fiction and fantasy elements, but something about the effects, the plot, and

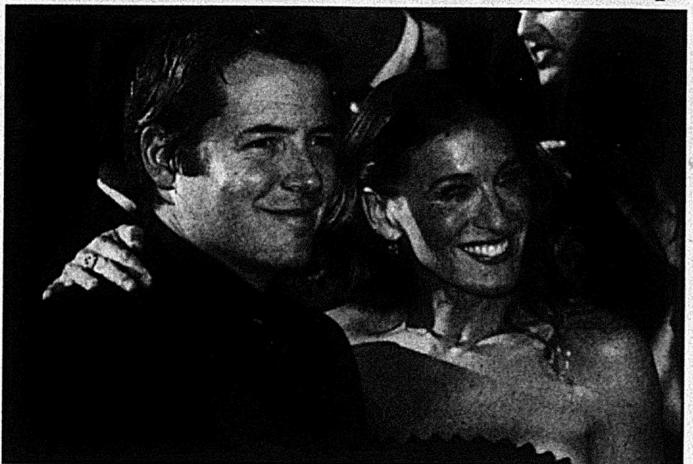
the look make it incomparable and unique.

Directed by Kerry Conrad Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Giovanni Ribisi, Angelina Jolie, Bai Ling, Omid Djalili, Michael Gambon, and Sir Laurence Olivier

Rated PG for action and mild violence

Rating 4 out of 5 stars

'Angels in America,' 'The Sopranos' help HBO win big at 56th annual Emmy Awards



Kevin Sullivan/Onange County Register Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker at the Emmy Awards on Sunday, September 19, 2004. Parker won an Emmy that night.

BY MARK WASHBURN Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - HBO reaped a glittering gallery of statues for dramatic juggernauts "The Sopranos" and "Angels in America" in Sunday's vainglorious celebration of TV, the Emmy Awards.

Among those honored for the mob drama - which copped its first Emmy as best drama - were Michael Imperioli and Drea de Matteo, who played an engaged couple swept up in the murderous spiral of organized crime. Each won an Emmy for best supporting actors in a

of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the scourge of AIDS was honored repeatedly.

It won an Emmy for best miniseries and for Al Pacino as outstanding lead actor in his

America" also earned Emmys for lead actress Meryl Streep, writer Tony Kushner, supporting actress Mary-Louise Parker, director Mike Nichols and supporting actor Jeffrey Wright.

Wright exceeded his allotted 30 seconds for an ac acceptance speech to deliver a passionate message urging public awareness of the AIDS epidemic.

Allison Janney got her fourth Emmy for best lead actress for her role of press secretary C.J. Cregg on NBC's "The West Wing" in a night that celebrated both TV's up-and-comers and dearly de parted hits.

Sarah Jessica Parker won HBO's moving adaptation her first Emmy for her lead role in HBO's popular girl-talk comedy "Sex and the City," which ended production this year after six seasons.

And Kelsey Grammer, who

role as Roy Cohn. "Angels In for 20 years, was honored as lead actor in a comedy.

Co-star David Hyde Pierce was named outstanding supporting actor for his role "Frasier," which ended an 11-year run in May.

Newcomer sitcom "Arrested Development" racked up Emmys for best comedy, directing and writing.

Donald Trump of NBC's "The Apprentice" was the butt of many jokes, including one by comedian George Lopez. "You know why you don't see any Latinos on 'The Apprentice'? Because you can't fire us."

Among the other winners were "The Amazing Race" as outstanding reality show and Elaine Stritch for individual performance in a variety or music pro gram: "Elaine Stritch: At Liberty," HBO.

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'The Sims 2' is more realistic

Despite the long installation time, the new and improved Sims is well worth the wait.

> BY CHRYSTAL TRAPANI Contributing Writer

This game is not just a spinoff of "The Sims."

The much-anticipated "Sims 2," released Thursday, Sept. 16, will not leave gamers disappointed due to the amount of new features.

The biggest change from the original is that the Sims now have the abil-

Game Review

ity to age. A Sim will grow from a baby to an adult who

will eventually die.

Suddenly the game is more than simply playing house, because it only allows you a limited time with each Sim.

The new Sims can be customized when a new family is created. This allows a player's creativity to come forward. You can make your Sim

skinny or fat, and you can change every aspect of their When a Sim couple has a

used to create the features of the baby. To add to the complexity, aspirations have been added.

The six aspirations a Sim can

baby, their genetic make-up is

have are: growing up, romance, family, knowledge, popularity and fortune.

Players can choose which aspiration the Sim will have, allowing a different experience every time a new family is created.

These aspirations create different attitudes for each individual Sim to have. Rather than being almost the exact same person, Sims are now unique individuals.

The Sims also have fears, which can range from fire to the fear of getting fat.

These fears make the game more enjoyable because the characters have more human traits.

During game play, the Sims have more humanistic gestures. These traits are highlighted by the fact the Sims look more like humans than in the original game.

There are now nine ways a Sim can die. They can die by drowning, electrocution, burning, starvation, a satellite falling on their head, being eaten by flies, being scared to death, disease and old age.

The new ways for a Sim to die add a sense of humor to the death of a Sim.

When a Sim dies, they are able to haunt the house they occupied. Some ghosts just float around where other ghosts attack the living Sims.

If a Sims' spouse dies and they re-marry, the ghost will attack the new spouse, creating a humorous situation of love and revenge.

The Sims are now able to

have much more complex housing. A house can now be split level, three-stories, have a basement or have a moat around the

A player can create a unique roof for their house, or they can use a pre-fabricated one.

These new options allow player to create a much more realistic house than in the original Sims.

The new story mode allows you to share your Sim experience with the online world.

You can create a movie of your Sims' life or a group of still

There is now a way to create a Web log for your Sims' life and post it on the Internet.

The largest drawback to the game was the installation time, which lasted about an hour.

The creators of the game anticipated this, and created a matching game to play while the game loads.

Those who purchased the game on Thursday received a special two-disk set. ADVD was included with the game.

The DVD has extra features such as interviews that have hints and strategies, moviemaking tips, and outtakes from the

game's creation. Even with the drawback of the installation time, the player of "The Sims 2" will not be disappointed.

With all the new features and the more humanistic traits, there are so many surprises.

Even players who are used to playing "The Sims" will find "The Sims 2" exciting because there are so many new features.

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Sports

Captains play Lynchburg to a standstill

By MICHAEL COMBS Contributing Writer

Saturday the Captain's men's soccer team and the Lynchburg College Hornets men's soccer team fought in an intense match that left the game at a stalemate when the final whistle blew.

The CNU Captains tied the Lynchburg Hornets, through two overtime periods, with a final score of 0-0. The rain soaked CNU field caused multiple players on both teams to slip, trip and slide across the field.

The rain did not stop the fans from coming out and filling the stands throughout the first half.

During the first half CNU fans watched the Captains with high hopes as the team clearly held possession of control over the game. The fans, however,

watched with mild disappointment while the Captains failed to do anything with their control of the field.

Every close opportunity to score within the first half came from senior captain Billy Lucas who wears number six. Another missed opportunity to score in the first half came from Lynchburg sophomore Matthew Lombardo.

Aside from Lombardo's close shot the Captains' defense successfully shut down Lynchburg's offense from advances to shoot. Senior Brian Shumate recorded two saves in the game.

"We could have played better, we missed some close opportunities," said senior spectator Jeremy Wells in response to the first half.

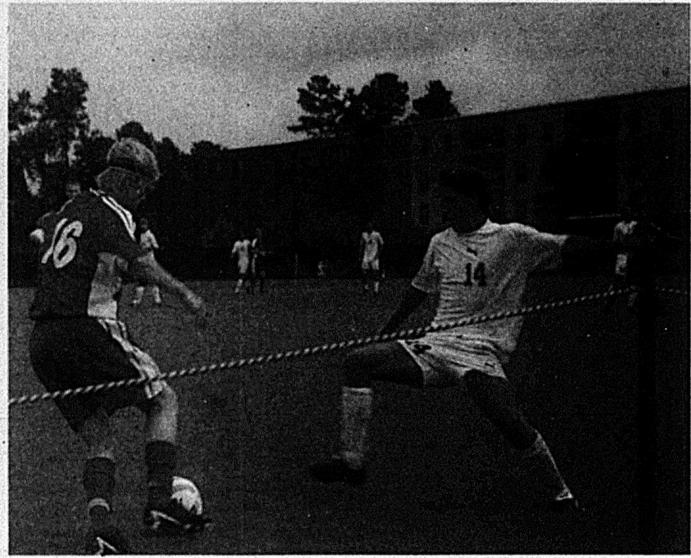
The first yellow card was given with 11:08 to play in the first half to CNU sophomore Daniel Fogarty. There were a total of five yellow cards called in the game. The three CNU players that received yellows were Fogarty, Lucas, and sophomore Derek Shaw. The second half produced similar results of the first half for the Captains.

While the defense continued to hold off the Lynchburg Hornets, CNU's offense controlled the field but did not score.

"[We are] definitely stepping it up, getting more shots on goal and intensifying," said Graham Reed, a sophomore spectator.

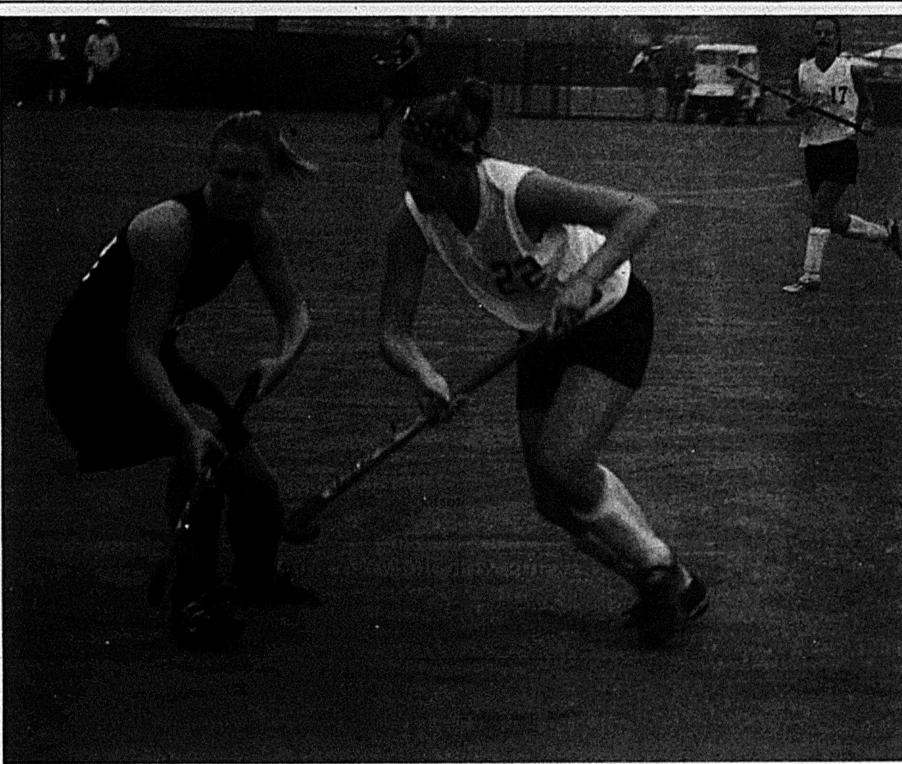
At the end of both halves the score remained 0-0 and the teams were into their first overtime period. With no goals scored during the first overtime period the two teams were forced to enter their final chance to score in a second overtime period.

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Michael Combe/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sophomore forward Derek Shaw reaches for the ball against Lynchburg. The game lasted for 110 minutes but still ended in a tie.



Sean Kennedy/Tree Carrain's Local Freshman Brittany Touchard looks for the ball during the Frostburg St. game on Saturday. She scored the first goal of the game as the Lady Captains went on to win 3-2.

Field hockey heating up

By SEAN KENNEDY Sports Editor

The Lady Captains field hockey team won three games last week to improve their re-

They are now only one win away from tying their win total from last year at six.

CNU played against Randolph-Macon on Wednesday and won the match 7-1. On Saturday, the team defeated Frostburg St. 3-2 and on Sunday the team defeated Sweet Briar 7-0.

The matches against Randolph-Macon and Frostburg St. were very sloppy; the Macon game because the field was muddy from a pre-game rain, and the Frostburg game because of a steady rain that fell throughout the game.

CNU started slowly in both the Macon game and the FSU

"Yeah, It seems that they're always a little late at the beginning and don't pick it up until later," said head coach Carrie Moura.

Against Macon, the team was down 1-0 very early in the game when Mason's Alicia Jewel scored with just over five minutes off the clock in the first half. That lead wouldn't last long.

Senior Megan McCreedy tied the game nine minutes later and freshman Samantha Howard put the Lady Captains ahead with about 11 minutes left in the first half. Senior Jonelle Hanson put one of her two goals in with just under three minutes left in the first half to give CNU the halftime lead 3-1.

Freshman Ashley Hay, senior Jennifer Bynum, senior Ashley Roberson and Hanson all scored in the second half as the Lady Captains pulled away.

McCreedy also picked up two assists and Roberson scored an assist on Hanson's second goal.

Sophomore goalie Samantha Pelstring recorded two saves, all in the first half, as she took the second half off.

Freshman Hannah Brown replaced her for the second half but did not record a save.

CNU out-shot Macon 27-5.

The game against Frostburg St. was a little closer than
the one against Macon. It came
down to the final five minutes of

The Lady Captains trailed most of the game but were able to score two goals in the final five minutes to give them the win.

Freshman Brittney Touchard, assisted by freshman Kelly Broadhurst, started off the scoring with 17 minutes remaining in the first half. Frostburg St. evened the score at one apiece a little over two minutes later when Heidi Zook slapped one in. Tawni Buck, who scored six minutes later to put FSU ahead 2-1 heading into halftime, as-

sisted on the Zook goal.

The 2-1 FSU lead held up until McCreedy scored on an unassisted goal with a little under five minutes to play in the game. Two minutes later CNU took the lead when Roberson scored for the second game in a row to put the Lady Captains ahead for good. Senior Lauren Anderson

Pelstring had eight saves in goal, while FSU goalkeeper Kristen Cousin, who played excellently on the sloppy, wet field, had 17 saves.

CNU had 20 corner kick opportunities - more than double FSU's nine - but couldn't capitalize on any of them.

"We were there, we had it open but, it was either our injector would miss, our stopper would miss or the shot wouldn't go the way we wanted it to. So, it's hard after you have that many and it's that intense to pull everything off correctly because you're so nervous," said Moura.

On Sunday against Sweet Briar, Hay scored the first three goals of the game to lead the Captains to a 7-0-shutout vic-

Her first goal was scored eight minutes into the game, the

second came about 10 minutes later, and the third came about

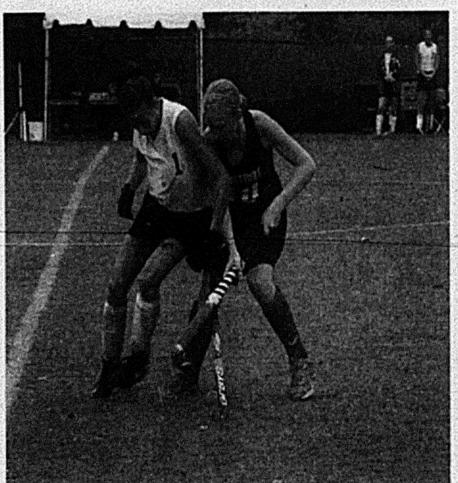
11 minutes after that.

Howard assisted on the second goal while McCreedy, who scored about two minutes after Hay's third goal, recorded two

Also scoring were Hanson, sophomore Amanda Johnson, and Byrum.

Pelstring recorded two saves while Brown record two. CNU out-shot Sweet Briar 33-8.

The Lady Captains are now 5-1 and return to play this Saturday at 3 p.m. as they host Shenandoah. They also play on Sunday at noon hosting Catholic University.



Sean Kennedy/Ten Captain's Log

Freshman Amanda Howard battles with a Frostburg St. player as she tries to gain possession of a ball., Howard scored a goal against Randolph-Macon last Wednesday.

Nelsen provides offense

By CATHY EVANS Contributing Writer

So who is Tricia Nelsen?

She's a lot like her peers, enjoying dorm life in Santoro Hall, studying as she gets used to the college classes. She also happens to be one of our school's newest volleyball players. Just two weeks after Welcome Week, Nelsen already made a name for herself.

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"In her ninth collegiate match, she had 27 kills, a remarkable feat so early on in her career," said Lindsay Sheppard, coach of the women's volleyball team. A kill is an attack that results in an immediate point or side out.

Nelsen is a 6-foot-1-inch outside hitter for the volleyball team

An outside hitter is a leftfront attacker who normally takes an approach that starts outside the court. In this, her first season playing at a collegiate level, she has been the USA South conference's rookie of the week the first two weeks of competition.

The week she received this honor, Nelsen finished 81 kills and 63 digs in the seventeen games played. A dig is the art of passing an attacked ball close to the floor. Nelsen also was the MVP of Washington & Lee Invitational Tournament. Nelsen has lived in Fairfax, Va. all her life.

She went to Robinson High School, where she graduated this past spring.

While there, Nelsen was involved on the track team as a discus thrower, on the basketball team and also played volleyball.

She was introduced to volleyball through her high school physical education teacher, Jill Pearson, who noticed her talents during class.

Pearson is also the coach of the Robinson girls' volleyball team. While in high school she had to make the decision between basketball and volleyball.

Although it was a tough decision for her, Nelsen felt that she enjoyed volleyball more. In 2003, she was named All-Regional Tournament's Most Valuable Player and her team made her Most Valuable Player 2003 as well.

In her spare time, she likes to watch movies and football. Her favorite team is the Redskins; she even met LaVar Arrington at a mall in Northern Virginia.

"I was in the parking lot of University Mall after practice one day and my boyfriend said, 'that's LaVar Arrington.' I didn't believe him so I shouted to ask him his name. He shouted back 'LaVar Arrington' and got into his European Rolls Royce. It's a fond memory of mine."

With so many accomplishments already in her career, Nelsen is an athlete to definitely watch this fall. "Tricia is an offensive weapon with great all around skills. She is capable of being one of the top players in the Region and eventually in the nation.

Thus, I feel like she will carry us further than our program has ever been," said Coach Sheppard.

Sports Editor's NFL Picks

By SEAN KENNEDY

Arizona at Atlanta- Vick against the Cards? Talk about overmatched. Advantage: Vick.

Baltimore at Cincinnati- B-More. Just because

I don't think Cincinnati is a competitive team.

Chicago at Minnesota-Minnesota in a squeaker. Chicago is an up and comer, though.

Cleveland at N.Y. Giants-Giants showed some-

thing on Sunday, I expect them to get better.

Houston at Kansas City- Houston in the upset.

That is an upset, right? KC offense? Hello?

Jacksonville at Tennessee- I'll take McNair and Tennessee over Leftwich at this point.

New Orleans at St. Louis- New Aw-lins because they look good on Sportscenter.

Philadelphia at Detroit-Detroit. Philly? Tell them I hate them! That is all.

Pittsburgh at Miami- Pitt. I mean, really. What does Miami have? That's right. Nothing.

San Diego at Denver- Hard one. Uh. Einee Meenie Minie ... Denver. It's a toss-up.

Green Bay at Indianapolis- Indy. The Packers really didn't look that good at all.

San Francisco at Seattle-Seattle. San Fran is better than expected but Seattle is still better.

Tampa Bay at Oakland- Tampa. Battle of the walking skeletons. Jerry Rice vs Tim Brown. Oi.

Monday Night

Dallas at Washington-Washington. The Gibbster will right the ship. Right?



Junior Ashleigh Dota searches for the ball in the air on Saturday. She is leading the team so far in total points and assists this year.

Women's soccer dominates Salisbury

BY CHAD GODWIN Captain's Log Intern

The women's soccer team recorded their second straight victory by defeating the Salisbury Lady Sea Gulls 3-0 on Saturday, Sept. 18 in a non-conference match.

Junior Liz Thurma was the hero of the match by scoring

In a game changed from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. due to the possibility of poor weather conditions, the rain did not prevent the Lady Captains from finding the back of the net early.

In the 10th minute, junior Liz Thurma started the scoring with a header assisted by a corner kick from junior Lindsey Baskin.

The Lady Captains went into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

In the 78th minute, CNU found net once again off a corner kick. Junior Paniz Asgari scored the second goal of the game assisted by sophomore Kristina

Ortiz distracted the back. line as the ball came across the mouth of the goal. Asgari was there on the back post to touch the ball into the goal.

However, the goals did not come to a halt until the last minute of the game. Thurma scored her second goal of the match in the 90th minute.

This was a great breakout game for Liz Thurma," said Lady Captain's Coach Kwame

"She's one of the heart and souls of the team. Yet, this was a team victory with a great midfield effort."

The Lady Captains out shot the Lady Sea Gulls 15-3. Senior Lindsay Naill played the entire 90 minutes in goal for Christopher Newport. She had one save and this was her first shutout of the season.

The Lady Captains, who are currently 3-2-2, snapped a two-game losing streak by slipping past Chowan 1-0. --

"This is the best we've played in the past two games," said Coach Lloyd.

"Sure we had two goals scored by one player, but collectively, it was a great team effort."

Senior transfer goalie pushes teammates to succeed

BY ERIN EUDY Contributing Writer

Nine-year-old Lindsay Naill stormed out of her dance class indignant at the realization that she was just too clumsy to continue her lessons.

She had no idea that it was quite possibly one of the best things that could have happened to her. Her older brother, Jason, who was 12 at the time, played soccer.

Because Naill always admired and looked up to her brother, she decided to start playing soccer, too.

"I became the typical tom-

boy," she said. Now, 12 years later, Naill is still playing and this year she is making her debut as the new goalie for the women's soccer

Naill is from Alexandria, Va., and she graduated from Bishop Ireton High School.

She played soccer for all four years of high school as the team goalie. She also played basketball her freshman year. Naill tore her ACL her

sophomore year of high school, and had to have surgery. Unfortunately, she tore her

ACL again the next year and once again had to go through surgery. She hurt herself during the season both times but finished

the season before her opera-"I just wrapped my knee in an Ace bandage before each

game," she said. "I didn't want to miss the rest of the season." Naill transferred here this year from Longwood Univer-

for the last three years. During her sophomore year, the team was the conference champions and won the

sity where she played soccer

Last year, Longwood entered a four-year transition period toward Division I re-

conference tournament.

classification and official certification. According to Lindsay, that was when everything with

soccer changed. "Everyone started to play for themselves and not for the team," she said. "It wasn't the environment that I wanted to be playing in."

According to Naill, there is a completely different atmosphere on the playing field

"All of the girls here are so, so, so nice. They play as a team, they are always there for each other and they would do anything for any of the other girls on the team. It is so obvious how much the team means to everyone: It is exactly what I want to be a part of."

Other veteran players here are just as excited about Naill joining the team.

"Lindsay was really quiet when we first started training camp," said junior Lindsay Lee, "but she's become very talkative and is a great goalie. When she's on the field in a game or in practice you can hear her telling her defenders which way to push the players and supporting her teammates."

In addition to all of her hard work on the soccer field, Naill is working hard toward her goal of graduating in December 2005 with a degree in business. So far, the workload has not proved to be too stressful.

"Since it's my third year," she said, "I have kind of learned how to prioritize. But it is just the beginning of the semester. I'm sure once the tests start coming, I'll start stressing."

Although Naill will still be in school for the 2005 soccer season, NCAA rules prohibit any college athlete from playing sports for more than four

She says she still might participate in spring training to keep in shape.

She is also discussing

with her coach, Kwame Lloyd, working next year to help train new goalkeepers.

"I think that would be so cool," she said. "I like to push other soccer players to do their best and I also want to be there for other girls, so I really think it would be an awesome thing to do."

Her biggest goal for the year is for the Lady Captains to win the conference tourna-

"We did it when I was at Longwood," she said, "and it was the greatest feeling ever. I really want to experience that again, especially my senior year and especially with other girls on the team here."

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During the second overtime period a fine misty rain began to come down over the field and audience crossing over the lights that lit the game.

While the mist came down and made the field more slippery it also produced an effect that made the last period like a scene from a movie.

At the end of the period the game was over and both teams walked away without scoring any points. CNU, however, had held the control the entire game.

"The game was pretty slow, we didn't come out hard enough, didn't finish chances," said sophomore Mike Caro, number 17 for the Captains.

There were 54 total fouls called in the game, 24 called on the Captains. CNU returns to action today at Virginia Wesleyan at 7 p.m.

Their next home game is Oct. 2 against Averett, which will open their USA South conference schedule.

Weekly Sports Round-Up

BY SEAN KENNEDY American Sports Editor

Football

Senior quarterback Phillip Jones is considered "questionable" for the game against Bridgewater this Saturday.

He was injured in the second quarter in the game against McDaniel two weeks ago. Head coach Matt Kelchner said that sophomore running back George Jones will play against Bridgewater.

Freshman defensive end and back-up punter Dean Muhtadi will not play because he is recovering from Mononucleosis.

Kelchner said that sophomore Mike Dorn, freshman Alex Blan, or sophomore Hudson Bryant will serve as the back-up

The team plays away this weekend at Darling Stadium in Hampton against Bridgewater in the traditional "Oyster Bowl".

There is a charter bus available through the Freeman Center for students, the cost of which is a \$5 refundable deposit that must be paid for by tomorrow afternoon.

 It will be refunded immediately on Saturday. Boarding will begin at 11:45.

The cost of tickets to the award. Oyster Bowl is \$7 which will benefit The Shriners Hospital for Children.

Athletes of the Week

Five athletes were named USA South Athlete of the Week

last week. Sophomore Cary Chaffee was named Men's Runner of the Week for his performance at the

Lebanon Valley Invitational. He finished second overall with a time of 26:43 in the 8k

The USA South Women's Runner of the Week was junior Emily Low, who placed seventh at the invitational with a time of 20:10 in the 5k race.

Freshman Jay Wyss was named the Men's Cross Country Rookie of the Week.

He placed eighth overall with a time of 27:16 at the invitational.

Freshman Bridgett Dryer captured the Women's Cross Country Rookie of the Week

She placed 14th at the invitational with a time of 27:16.

Freshman Tricia Nelsen was named the volleyball Rookie of the Week as well as being named the Washington and Lee tournament's most valuable player.

Sailing The Sailing team finished 10th at the Riley Cup at Old Dominion University last week-

end. The CNU team members were junior Will Summers/ junior Kate O'Conner and junior Will McCabe/freshman Liz Hund. Kings Point, Cornell, and St. Mary's College finished first, second, and third, respectively.

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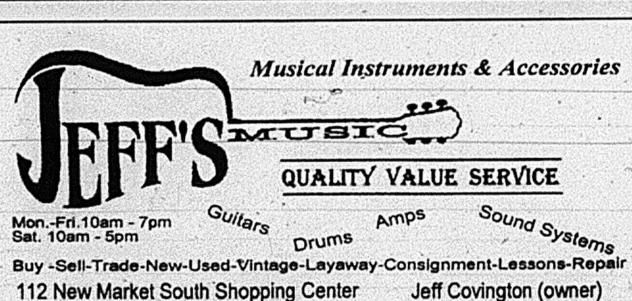
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