

# CNU gets BIG MONEY

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From Nags Head to Key West CNU students relax on beaches across the East Coast. See spring break highlights on page 5.



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CNU softball welcomes new players. Team pulls together for four straight wins.

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Duane Fowlkes' jazz and harmony is heard through the residence hall and may soon be heard across the world. The CNU singer is on his way up. See A & E page 6

by Melanie L. Stokes  
Staff Writer

CNU is getting richer. While Virginians are calling this year's session of the General Assembly, "the education session," the university is calling the session their own. Legislators voted in a 35 billion dollar budget last Monday, and CNU came out a winner.

Higher education was a priority in the assembly and the biggest funding raise went to CNU. The university received a 21.4 percent increase in general fund operating dollars, gaining the highest increase of any public college or university in the state. A two year tuition freeze was passed for all Virginia higher education institutions.

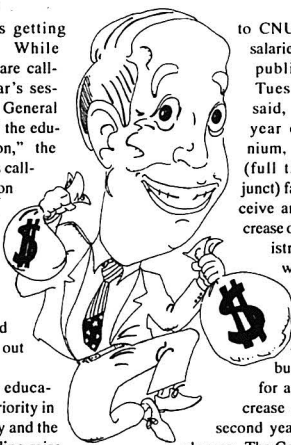
"It was a very good year for higher education in Virginia and a great year for CNU," President Paul Tribble said.

"This is one of the best if not the best year CNU has ever seen in Richmond," Tribble said. "The legislation provided us a record amount of dollars. This is good news for all of us who care about CNU," Tribble said. "It is a time to celebrate."

Tribble will host a Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 12:00 p.m. in the Gaines Theatre. "Vision 2002: Setting the Course for the Future of CNU," is the program title and topic.

Under the state's new budget, CNU will see 2.5 million dollars more for technology and equipment.

"This will be used to replace the three main frame computers that provide the foundation for CNU's technical support," Tribble said. "We also want to bring more technology into the classroom." 1.2 million dollars was given



to CNU for faculty salaries. In a memo published last Tuesday, Tribble said, "In the first year of the biennium, instructional (full time and adjunct) faculty will receive an average increase of 6%, administrative faculty will receive 4% and classified personnel will receive 4.35%. The budget provides for an average increase of 2% in the second year for all employees. The General Assembly may raise the second year number in its next session.

The long awaited Homer Ferguson Hall is closer to becoming reality as a 3.2 million dollar budget is granted for the high school's renovations.

"Ferguson will become a first class academic building," Tribble said, "Our hope is that we can use some of the building in the fall. Renovations will move forward as quickly as dollars allow."

The total money available for Ferguson renovations comes from three sources. 1.6 million dollars was appropriated in general fund operating dollars and an additional 2.4 million was allowed through Key Capital Projects. The university retains nearly \$800,000 from the acquisition of Ferguson property.

Students will see \$180,000 at work to improve student services.

"That money will be used to enhance student advising and to improve the process that leads students to a degree," Tribble said. "We will better prepare students to tackle the rigorous academic programs at CNU," Tribble said.

Another \$100,000 will fund CNU labs at CEBAF. The federal physics lab located in Newport News is on the forefront of technology and

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The Virginia General Assembly spent a record 62 days in session while CNU's Dr. Robert Doane spent a lot of time on Interstate 64.

Doane, a professor of government and public affairs, served as CNU's Legislative Liaison to the General Assembly.

"My job was to link the university's leadership to our representatives in the assembly," Doane said.

"I spent a lot of time with the delegates from our district," Doane said. "I explained to them why our projects were important."

Doane established relationships with legislators that paid off in the healthy dollar amount given to CNU.

"Diamonstein was our chief patriot for CNU," Doane said. "We had ideas and Diamonstein as the conference committee chair for higher education was committed to our projects," Doane said. "He is the one who finally made the deals."

"We had a great session and we are moving into a new era," Doane said. "Tribble is responsible for winning the favor of new people for us in Richmond," Doane said. "Tribble has the ability to get along with both sides," Doane said.

Though CNU received a fair amount of the higher education budget, the university had to first overcome obstacles.

"What is most interesting to me is that we were barely in the governor's budget," Doane said.

Though demanding, the time Doane spent in Richmond was worthwhile.

"I enjoyed it," Doane said. "I was fortunate to have a good session. I'd like to do it again and next time I'd like to involve students even more," Doane said.

## Where It All Goes

### GENERAL FUNDS

- \$2.5 million for technology and equipment
- \$1.2 million for faculty salaries
- \$1.6 million for operation and maintenance of Ferguson
- \$180,000 for improvements in student services
- \$100,000 for CNU labs at CEBAF

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

- \$5 million for a performing arts center
- \$2.4 million for the renovation of Ferguson

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will now offer a learning and research center for CNU scientists.

CNU is soon to be home to a five million dollar theater and performing arts center. The center is funded under the General Assembly's Key Capital Projects.

"I can't believe it. This is so great," senior theater major Krissy Keene said. "The theatre we have now was intended for lectures and meetings. It is not a theatre, it is an auditorium," Keene said.

"We have done so well for so long in the limited space we have. The equipment we have here is never even used in the world of professional theater," Keene said. "The new center will open up all new possibilities. It is a whole new worlds."

Keene said that the quality of CNU's theatre arts department is getting statewide attention. "Our theater department has ac-

complished a lot recently and finally gained recognition it deserved," Keene said.

Keene, a recognized university thespian will graduate in May but hopes to be a part of the new center in the future.

"I would love to come back when it is built and be on that stage," she said.

Michael Bland, a junior English and Theatre student reacted with excitement to the performing arts center plans, "I do not think I can say how excited I am about it without using expletives," Bland said.

The Assembly gave CNU the go-ahead on planning a sports convocation center and a second residence hall.

"Now we can start spending money on hiring an architect and engineer for planning which costs a lot of money," Tribble said. "The state has authorized us to proceed."

"The university will work to transform its dreams into reality," Tribble said.

Tribble credits Newport News' representatives in the General Assembly for backing CNU's proposed projects.

"Delegate Alan Diamonstein from Newport News played a decisive role in the assembly," Tribble said.

Diamonstein served as committee chairman for the higher education sub-committee in the General Assembly.

"Diamonstein really made good things happen," Tribble said.

"He helped to substantially increase funding which will improve the day to day functioning of the university."

CNU students are pleased with the work of the assembly and with the recognition CNU gained in legislation. Many credit the new university president for making CNU a favorite in Richmond this year.

"I think our success had something to do with the fact that Tribble is so well-liked with the politicians," junior Tim Bardoush said. "And I like having a president that

will walk around campus and talk to you."

"I like the fact that from now until I graduate I will not have to worry about tuition going up," sophomore Laura Holtry said.

Holtry also credits Tribble with CNU's success in this year's assembly.

"I'm glad we got a president that is recognized throughout the state as being a leader. He's going to do alot. Tribble will bring us up in the ranks," Holtry said.

"Building new stuff will bring new students here," junior Marty Harney said. "The campus will look good when future students come to visit," Harney said of the development plans approved in legislation.

"I like that in the next year and one-half it will take me to graduate, tuition will not rise," junior Chris Bagley said. "I will see some of the development. I just hope for the younger students' sake that cost does not jump up huge when the tuition freeze is over," Bagley said.

## The Bus Incident

by Eric Pesola  
Staff Writer

Shortly after the Captains Basketball team played in Roanoke Virginia, the group of students, staff, and alumni boarded their chartered bus for the long, uneventful voyage back to Newport News. . . Or so they thought.

The trip up was like any other four-hour bus ride. It was boring. The passengers watched movies and played cards to pass the time. One person on the bus prophesied on the way, "this bus will take us there, but it won't get us back." Everyone laughed.

The trek back started around eight p.m. Trouble was evident when the bus stalled in the parking lot. The driver was able to restart the bus and make way. A debate raged for several minutes over whether to watch "Forget Paris" or "Star Wars." The "Forget Paris" faction won.

No sooner had the bus cleared the town limits, when disaster struck. The bus's power was out and the driver pulled over. That is when the pandemonium set in. Students lost all control. The coach of CNU's Women's Basketball team, Cathy Parson, did her best to keep everyone calm. Robert Overton, the Residence Life Coordinator, along with the bus driver took charge of the situation.

**HOUR 1:** After a few minutes, people

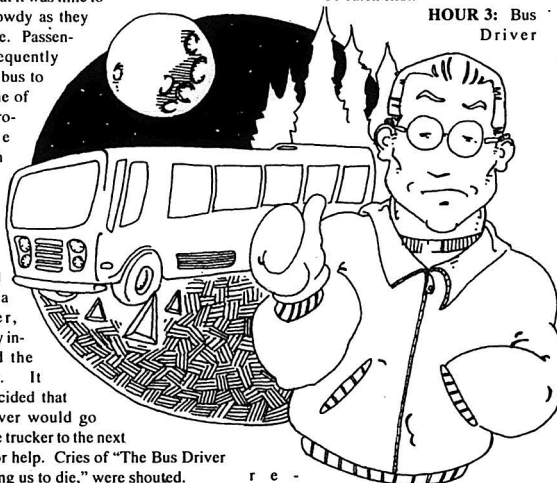
realized that the bus wasn't going to just restart. Panic set in. The Pep Band, who was seated in the far back of the bus, decided that it was time to be as rowdy as they could be. Passengers frequently left the bus to get some of that zero-degree fresh air.

The Bus Driver flagged down a trucker, and they inspected the engine. It was decided that the driver would go with the trucker to the next town for help. Cries of "The Bus Driver is leaving us to die," were shouted.

**HOUR 2:** Several police cars stopped to help and would leave soon after arriving. Another trucker stopped and told Overton that it was an electrical short, and that the bus wasn't going anywhere.

Hunger ruled this hour. It was decided that if anyone was to be eaten, a member of the Pep Band known only as 'House' would be eaten first.

**HOUR 3: Bus Driver**



turned to report that the next bus would arrive in "about 40 minutes." The Pep Band apparently didn't like the idea of waiting around for 40 more minutes, so they kicked their obnoxious rou-

tine into high gear. They were asked several times to tone down the language, but they held firm on the issue of profanities.

The overall temperature of the bus had dropped considerably. The smell of Cool Ranch Doritos mixed with any other fragrance made the air nearly unbearably.

Student Joe Klein said, "At that point, I was strong on the outside, but on the inside, I was scared like a little boy."

"I didn't think that the (expletive deleted) Pep Band would shut up!" said Sean Bresnan, who was also on the bus.

**HOUR 4:** Non-existent 7-Elevens were sighted. Phantom Buses were seen, and panic set in.

An unknown Alumnus began to yell, "Tell us the truth. . . there is no other bus, is there? Tell us the truth!"

One half hour later, the next bus arrived, and picked up the stranded travellers.

**Epilogue:** The Bus Incident will fade from the memories of CNU's stranded. The lewd jokes of the Pep Band will be forgotten. The ice cold feet will regain their feeling, and all will be forgotten. The people who survived this experience will come away with the memories of companionship. The travellers bonded with each other to defeat the powers of nature, and make it through one of the most difficult situations of their lives.

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## He should stand

Eric Pesola  
Staff Writer

The National Basketball Association has suspended Denver Nuggets guard Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf. He is sitting at home without pay for refusing to stand for the "Star Spangled Banner" or "O, Canada". He is attempting to take a stand against the evil, racist, bigoted flag that represents the United States. He wants to stand up against a system of freedom that allows anyone to do whatever they want to do in life. He is standing up against the tyrannical rule of America, and her religious intolerance.



If that is so, then in his stance, he should give back every evil American dollar that he has earned.

Abdul-Rauf used to be called Chris Jackson. He converted to the Islamic faith in 1993. Since then, he has either stayed in the locker room or sat during the national anthems of the U.S. or Canada. That was fine for the NBA, because he wasn't causing a scene, or making national headlines. However, on Mar. 12, he said, "My beliefs are more important than anything. If I give up basketball, I will."

He believes that the Koran teaches that

a good Muslim should not honor anything else but God. He is challenged by many Muslim scholars, who say that his interpretations are skewed, and that the Koran does not even address the issues. Perhaps the scriptures don't, but Hakeem Olajuwon does.

Olajuwon is a Muslim. He stands for the National Anthem of the U.S. and Canada. He is going to play for the United States this summer in the Olympics. He will be wearing uniforms and warm-ups designed after the American flag. Olajuwon said, "Islamic teachings say to honor and respect the country that you're living in. To be a good Muslim, is to be a good citizen."

If Mr. Olajuwon can stand, then why is Abdul-Rauf acting so ignorant? The NBA is correct in their actions against Abdul-Rauf. If he refuses to stand for the flag, then he should not be allowed to play on the NBA's courts.

"You can't be for God and oppression," Abdul-Rauf said. I feel sorry for Abdul-Rauf. He has been so oppressed. I just don't know why he wakes up every day. The Man is probably paying him too little. Perhaps if the NBA jacks up his current \$3 million a year salary, then maybe he wouldn't be so oppressed and stand for just one minute.

## The epitome of hypocrisy

By Jon White  
Staff Writer

Republicans have traditionally stood for less government and more states rights. But from what I have seen recently, the GOP platform is, not surprisingly, pro-government. Sure the Republicans want to do away with national parks and restrictions on endangered forests and species, but they also want to take away some of our rights

granted in the constitution. They would censor the internet, force prayer in school, and instill their family values in our homes. If they had their way they would discriminate against every homosexual in America.

Do you ever send e-mail laced with dirty words? If you do, it could be illegal soon. Do you ever download nude pictures from the internet or newsgroups? If you do, it could be illegal soon. It is just like Washington to tell us to speak cleanly and see no evil while they are out cheating on their wives or sleeping around.

The Republicans also think that if we pray, things will be better. This is great if you are a Christian, but not everyone is.

Besides, how much is your religion worth to you if someone is telling you when to pray? Tennessee legislators are trying to make a law prohibiting the teaching of evolution in schools, and advocating teaching creationism in its place. The way these Republicans think, maybe we did come from apes.

Virginia's governor endorsed a bill that would refuse government subsidized housing loans to unmarried people living together. This would hit single mothers and gays the hardest. Although we may not agree with alternative lifestyles or support divorce, it has

been a part of our society for decades. These taxpaying individuals should be entitled to the same rights that everyone else is.

All these rules and regulations on a platform of less government are hypocritical. Throughout history, humankind has demonstrated that when many are oppressed, the many overthrow their oppressors. I am not advocating that we overthrow the government, but merely speculating the end to a Republican led Congress.

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## Wes's World

### Another Spring Break

By Wesley Cline

A friend turned to me recently and asked, "Hey, when's Spring Break?" I reminded him that we had just had it a little over a week ago.

He got this confused look on his face and said, "But it's still winter. How could we have possibly had our SPRING Break already?"

I really didn't have a good answer for him. I could only guess that Spring Break begins when the snowdrifts in the parking lot have melted enough to see over without a ladder.

My friend then suggested that the break that had passed be called a Winter's End Break or something like that and that a new break should begin as soon as possible. We'd call it The Real Spring Break.

This sounded like a splendid idea to me as I found the time spent back at school after this latest break to be sufficient to warrant another break. I took an informal poll and found that many students (the three students sitting at the table with me at lunch) would not be upset if another week was spent on a Spring Break.

I asked them what academic benefit they would receive from spending another week out of school. One person quickly said they would continue their education on exotic drinks that come with paper umbrellas.

This sparked a whole round of suggestions for studies concerning drinks. One particularly enthusiastic person even suggested petitioning the university to get credit for these studies. He wasn't sure

what kind of degree these credits would be good towards, but he sure wanted to get his doctorate in that field.

Another student suggested that she would like to continue her in-depth study of tanning. She thought she could also design a study worthy of academic credit. The question of whether tanning salons or natural sunlight gives the better tan definitely seemed to be important to her. One person (obviously interested in pre-med) wondered if she was going to also study the cases of skin cancer resulting from such activities. He was quickly hushed by about a dozen young men who were signing up to help apply lotion to the backs of the female study participants.



est was expressed in having another chance to make up the work they had previously neglected. They resolved to be much more diligent about their studies this time. They would start right after that big party or the day after that since the party was ending so late. Or perhaps they'd start the day after that so they would be well rested and have a clear head with which to study. Maybe they should wait until the last day of break so that the information would be fresh in their minds; but they would definitely start by the last minute or the minute after that.

Students would not be the only ones to benefit from another Spring Break. All of the overworked professors who had to spend the last break grading midterms could take a real break and enjoy themselves. Perhaps, after a good, long rest, they could recheck the midterms to reevaluate the grades - if you get my drift. Not that the rest would change their expectations for academic excellence from their students, but a good, long rest couldn't hurt. On second thought, maybe we better leave the midterm grades alone. Why mess with a good thing?

I don't know if any of these ideas would actually be carried out if another break was given. I do know that if another break presented itself, I would get a head start on some reading I have been neglecting. Well, OK, maybe not a head start, but a definite start. All right, would you believe I'll think about it wistfully for at least five minutes? I didn't think so.

Some students made a startling confession. They had woeful stories about how they had intended to catch up on their studies over the break but had somehow gotten distracted. They had never actually gotten around to doing any studying. Great inter-

# Spring Break '96 BSU Volunteers go on mission trip to renovate retreat Craft House

By Wes Cline  
Staff Writer



FRIENDS WES CLINE AND CHRIS BAGLEY DEMONSTRATE THE VIRTUES OF A SPRING BREAK WELL SPENT. PROVING THAT SELFLESSNESS CAN MAKE LIFE ROLL SMOOTHLY, WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER.

For Spring Break, the Baptist Student Union went to the Eastover Retreat Center, a Christian camp next to the James River. We went not to enjoy the woods and the beach, but to renovate their Craft House. The members who made up the team for this mission trip were Chris Bagley, Chandra Chappell, Wesley Cline, Debbie Polick, and Jenni Wong.

Eastover was planning to tear down the Craft House and build a new building on the same location. At the last minute, they found that they could not afford to tear down the building. It was de-

cided that it would be better to fix the existing building as much as possible. The BSU volunteered to spend their break working for free to remodel the building so that it could be used again. In exchange for our cooperation, Eastover agreed to feed and house the group during our stay at the retreat.

When we arrived, they told us that we would not only be repainting the building, but would also need to re-insulate and re-panel a wall where the pipes had burst during the recent snow storms.

Painting and insulating a building was a new experience for some members of the group. This lack of skill did not slow anyone down very much. Those versed in building maintenance shared their knowledge with the rest of the group.

The building required more than two coats of paint. Even though we tried to avoid it, some paint found its way onto clothing, arms, legs, and hair; and only a little of that was due to fellow workers painting each other.

We were also asked to dig a 30 foot ditch to accommodate an electrical conduit for a second well pump Eastover was having installed. After digging the ditch, we gladly returned to painting the building.

When the painting was finished, we had to scrub all the dribbled paint off the floor. It was said more than once that we looked like Cinderellas--covered in dirt and paint, cleaning the floor with steel brushes.

We didn't spend our whole stay



JENNIFER LONG BEAUTIFIES THE CRAFT HOUSE WHILE GAZING OUT THE WINDOW AT EASTOVER RETREAT CENTER, A CHRISTIAN CAMP.

working, though. At night, we had the opportunity to get together and share the day's experiences. We sang songs, and those who could played their instruments. We also played cards for candy late into the night and into early morning.

We ended our week of work by watching a video recap of the events of the week.

## Faith Matters God's Law is Living Compassion

By Rev. Cheryl Harrison-Davidson  
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A friend of mine has hanging on the wall of her study a plaque which I love: "There they go, and I must catch them--for I am their leader!" How many times I have felt that way as I attempted to minister on campus! Haven't you felt that way, too, in your own areas of leadership responsibilities... as if you had been left standing in a trail of dust as all your classmates, associates, friends, or family stamped ahead of you?

The pressure to be a successful leader is one of life's realities for most of us. We are often challenged to be a successful leader in order that we might make impressive gains on some vocational/career/personal scoreboard. The secular milieu is to push people into a leadership style that expends an immense amount of energy calculating and scheming how to do "whatever" bigger, better, cheaper, faster than anybody else.

As stewards of God's creation, I believe we are called to another kind of leadership. It is a leadership that does not divide, but one that heals, builds and binds. That creates community, uniting us all as brothers and sisters, no matter our race, gender, age or religious affiliation. It is a leadership that receives direction, not from careful calculations, but from a relation-

ship with the Divine Other, from whispered promptings and divine urgings. It is one that waits with patient attentiveness on God and on others. I believe we are called to a "servant leadership" that lives out God's vision of shalom.

Let me share an old Sufi tale. An Indian man of advanced years sat down in the shade of an ancient bayan tree whose roots disappeared from view far away in the swamp. Presently he discerned a commotion where the roots entered the water. Concentrating his attention, he saw that a scorpion had become helplessly entangled in the roots. Pulling himself to his feet, he made his way carefully along the tops of the roots to the place where the scorpion was trapped. He reached down to extricate it, but each time he touched the scorpion, it lashed his hand with its tail, stinging him painfully. Finally his hand was so swollen he could no longer close his fingers, so he withdrew to the shade of the tree to wait for the swelling to go down. As he arrived at the trunk, he saw a young man standing above him on the road laughing at him. "You're a fool," said the young man, "wasting your time trying to help a scorpion that can only do you harm." The man replied, "Simply because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting, should I change my nature, which is to save?"

When we become servant leaders, we grow into a deeper awareness of God's

love for us and the entire created order. We become "servants of shalom," sharing God's love through acts of compassion with our neighbors, business associates, even our enemies. Living compassionately means going directly to those people and places where suffering is most acute and making our home there. Living compassionately means dwelling with those who are suffering even if it means that we must suffer too. Even if it means that we must put our lives on the line in loving, sacrificial action in order to bring justice and dignity, opportunity and validity, to every human being within our circle of influence. We do this knowing we might be wounded in the process.

There is no other way than the way of shalom. The price we pay as "servants of shalom" is our wounds: wounded pride, wounded spirits, wounded bodies. As we journey toward Holy Week, a week in which Jews and Christians celebrate and remember their common heritage in the Passover events, may we hear and respond to the call to be "servants of shalom," that the gentle presence of our compassionate God might be made known in the midst of a broken world.

Rev. Cheryl is a CNU campus minister with United Campus Ministries. Her office can be found on the second floor of the Campus Center, Room 228.

## Oh Captain, My Captain



After the second blizzard of 1996, your Captain received a number of questions regarding school closing and snow removal. Rather than answer each question individually, I'll list them all and end with one answer. Here goes:

Dear Captain:

Who is in charge of having the parking lot scraped for ice and why don't they do it?

Slip-Slidin' Away

Dear Captain:

Why did V.P. Brauer insist on risking the health of the students at CNU during the snow storms?

Really-Mad-About-The-Whole-Thing

Dear Everyone:

Plant Operations is in charge of scraping the parking lot and laying down salt and sand. As spokesman from Plant Ops told your Captain that "below freezing temperatures on top of freezing rain makes for a difficult job" and "the parking lot was scraped after every storm." Your Captain suggests that next year there may be a use for those old snowshoes wasting away in grandma's attic.

As to school closings, Bill Brauer makes that decision with input from University Relations and University Police. Kathy Edwards of University Relations monitors local television and radio broadcasts to get the latest traffic and weather conditions. Chief Bright of University Police and his crew actually go out and check road conditions at and around CNU. If you are a student who doesn't want to chance a road trip on during icy conditions, then don't! Most professors maintain a "liberal" attendance policy during adverse weather conditions.

Dear Captain:

When is the science building going to be finished?

Bill Nye, The Science Guy

Dear Bill:

A February issue of The Captain's Log headlined a story about the renovation of the science building which predicted completion by the end of April. Your Captain predicts that if the contractors miss this deadline, CNU will be offering Construction 101 during the summer session.

Oh Captain, My Captain questions are researched and answered by staff writer Karen DiGorgio.

If you have questions for the column place them in the Tape Quarters box and label it "Oh Captain My Captain."

# Students travel over Spring Break '96

## Celebrating the arrival of the season while escaping the perils of winter

By Jessica Shumake  
Features Editor

What were you doing over Spring Break '96? Many CNU students took refuge in the sun and enjoyed their break with good friends. Many went away with their families or their significant others to exotic hideaways.

Sigma Pi and Phi Mu celebrated the arrival of a long awaited rest in the southernmost point of the U.S., Key West Florida. From Sunday until Thursday they swam, relaxed and took in the sights.

Norman Ridgeway went to Florida during National Bicycle Week" to catch his breath. He visited the Epcot center, MGM studios, and the Magic Kingdom. Ridgeway had a well-deserved

arrival all went snorkeling in the Keys' coral reefs. Tim and Chi had an opportunity to go scuba diving. The entire crew went to the aquarium, lounged around the pool, went out on a boat, and rented scooters for a day. Tim Bardusch said, "It was not all that we anticipated. There is only one beach, and the rest was mostly concrete."

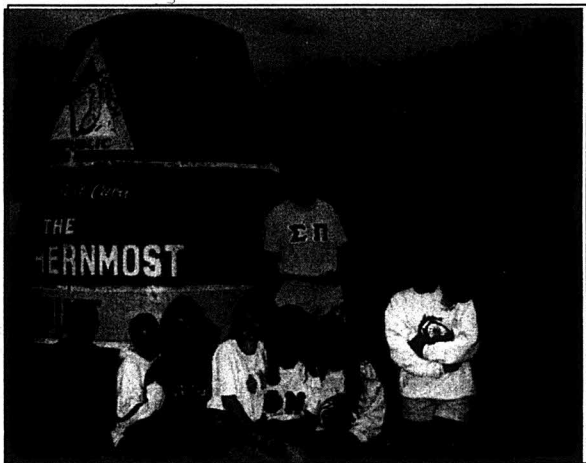
On Friday, they left the Best Western Key Ambassador and went to Sea World in Orlando where they met with other Sigma Pis and Phi Mus from CNU.

Ana Lopez of Phi Mu said, "When we saw the snow on the interstate we didn't want to come back to the cold weather." Fortunately, no one remained at their beachfront paradises to become full time seaside sponges.

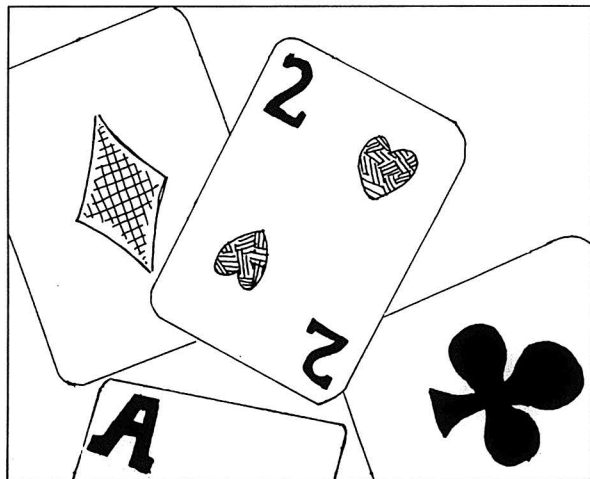


PI KAPPA PHI AND GAMMA PHI BETA PLAY CARDS AND CONVERSE IN THE COTTAGE IN NAGS HEAD, N.C. OVER SPRING BREAK '96.

*Photo courtesy of Chip Dodd*



PHI MU AND SIGMA PI IN KEY WEST, THE SOUTHERN MOST POINT OF THE UNITED STATES.



break and said, "We needed to have Spring Break a week later."

Denise Fuhr left the country and went to the Cayman Islands in the West Indies. Fuhr had the uncommon encounter of holding a live baby sea turtle. "It was so relaxing," Fuhr said, "a real vacation. Everyone should go to the Cayman's just for the experience. The water was so clear I could see my feet." Fuhr later commented that "she could spend the rest of her life in (a) relaxed atmosphere such as this."

Chip Dodd, Sean Cronin, Sarah Williams, Tanya Schinkel, Kristi Taylor, Tammy Arcel, Jason Bonwart, Jessica Dize, Monica Nolah, and Stephanie Jones were just a few of the students who celebrated Spring Break in Nags Head. Pi Kappa Phi and Gamma Phi Beta stayed in a cottage from Sunday to Sunday. Pi Lambda Phi and Phi Mu made North Carolina an occupied Greek social scene.

CNU's Sigma Pi fraternity members Tim Bardusch, Erick Keene, Jon Murray, Jon Glauner, Chris Eichilberger, Jon Eisman and Chi Son along with Phi Mu members Leslie Morey, Belinda Leonard, Karin Drinkuth, Heather Wall, Ana Lopez, and Michelle Zando packed up "five to a vehicle" and headed to the Florida Keys. Heather Wall said, "we had the experience of a nice long 20 hour car ride." It was well worth the trip, and upon



THE GANGS ALL HERE! SIGMA PI AND PHI MU POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO AT SEA WORLD IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA..

*Photos Courtesy of Michelle Zando and Phi Mu*

# From Gospel to Hip-Hop

## CNU student sings his soul

by Eric Pesola  
Staff Writer

If you ever walk into Santoro Hall, remember to listen. You might just hear Duane Fowlkes arranging some of his brand of music. You'll hear a distinct musical blend that will make you say, "Where can I get that album?"

Fowlkes, a Richmond native, is working hard, so one day you may be able to buy some of his work. He composes his own brand of hip-hop, which is unlike any other, at 16 Track Studio in Newport News. "It all sounds the same," said Fowlkes about current popular music. He believes that his solid background in the popular genre of Gospel music will allow him to find his way onto the national music scene.

He started singing at a very young age. "I started singing before I could walk." As a youngster, he was encouraged by his family. Not only did they push him to sing in the choir, but as a child his relatives would pay him quarters to sing.

"I didn't know it was a gift back then," he said.

These days, when he is not in class, Duane is probably at the studio working with owners Mike Chesser and Adam Gibbs. Chesser and Gibbs give Duane a beat to work with, and he works out the lyrics and instruments in his head.

"Sometimes it just starts off as a beat, and then I just write to it. It's automatic," Duane said. "My music is a little bit

different. I sing off of a hip-hop track, but it has a little jazz and R&B flavor."

"I sort of didn't want to come here, because things were starting to happen up there," Duane said about his relocation from Richmond. "Just when things were happening up there... and I came up here. I met the right people, and now I'm doing more than I was before."

Before he left Richmond, he knew that he needed a change. "I liked the area [Hampton Roads]. The beaches, the dorm-and a lot of my friends go to Hampton University, Norfolk State, and Old Dominion. (CNU) was around Norfolk and everything."

Knowing that the music industry is a real test for a person, Duane has already begun to grow more sophisticated. And the inevitable jump from amateur to professional doesn't scare him. "I'm doing my own stuff. I'm writing all of my material. So I don't have to lean on anybody."

While Duane has been at CNU, the atmosphere has had a great influence on him. His instructors have served not only as teachers to him, but also as inspiration. They have placed him on a path to ultimate success.

He credits Ms. Haynes for honing his piano skills. Something that he always wanted to do was to play the piano-by sheet, not just by ear. Lauren Peco has trained Duane in the art of breath. For a singer that means when to breathe and



FOWLKES FINDS ARTISTIC INSPIRATION BY THE JAMES RIVER.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DUANE FOWLKES

when not to. Most important is Professor Honnicutt, who is teaching him the all-important business portion of the music industry.

In the meantime, Duane is cutting new tracks and working on new material. One of his cuts, "Stay in my life (Hey sexy lady)" has been played on Hampton radio station WHOV, 88.1. It was requested enough times to stay on the station's countdown for six straight weeks.

"The guy who gave me a chance, and who played my stuff is named Chuck T. He said that people call and ask, 'Who is

that?' or 'Where can I get that?' Chuck tells them that I'm local talent, and I'm movin' on up," he said.

Perhaps one day we'll be able to see Duane Fowlkes on the Grammys. He could be playing the piano alongside Stevie Wonder. He could be singing a duet with Mariah Carey. It is not out of the realm of possibilities to see Duane Fowlkes pick up his statue, and thank God and his mother. So, the next time you happen to be strolling around Santoro Hall, and you hear a soothing voice singing jazz, you will know who it is.

## Rave Reviews

by Elizabeth MacGahan

### Village Parlor

10359 Warwick Blvd. tel. 595-6708  
open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day  
\$--a bargain

I am thoroughly enchanted with the Village Parlor. I could sit there all evening. I could sit there eating banana splits all evening. The food is just fine, the desserts are heavenly, but you can do all that yourself at home. It's the atmosphere that makes this place perfect.

Hilton Village is proud of its hokey, homey, community atmosphere. In the past few years, eateries of various sorts have tried and failed to establish themselves there. The Village Parlor is here to stay because it has what the other's lack--personality.

The awning, lined with lights, protects outdoor tables and chairs. The front window features dozens of dolls lined up on astro-turf. Inside the cozy, narrow dining room is everything a person needs to enjoy an evening. There is a billboard of community news positioned over a radio. The news is heavily peppered with clippings about CNU, and co-owner Bilal Mohammed's pet project, the Newport News Boxing Club.

Everywhere you look, there's evidence of the emphasis on entertainment. On the front window are signs advertising live jazz on weekend evenings, and Friday nights portrait artist Navarez is available to sketch patrons. There's a piano towards the back.

There's no shortage of quieter pursuits available to us quieter types. Want to play rummy over your cup of cocoa? Look around for the cards? Itching to play chess, checkers or backgammon? No problem. Or, watch the news or sports on the color

t.v.

Oh, yes, the food. The review ought to include the food... I won't waste words--get a malted milkshake. Get a banana split. Drink all the hot chocolate you can. Eat the homemade muffins baked on premises, and take more home with you for later.

They have more than desserts, they are a complete restaurant. They feature diner/ice cream parlor standards like hot dogs, corn dogs and cheeseburgers, as well as the rare and exotic peanut butter & jelly. I confess that I passed on the pb&j, but my cheeseburger was everything a cheeseburger should be. Especially since I was allowed to specify just how I wanted it.

Never miss the daily specials. Always exciting, I've seen everything from chili to shrimp gumbo.

Co-owners Connie Jones and Mohammed do practically everything themselves, from tasty cooking and tasteful decor, to warm and accommodating service. This keeps the quality high and the costs low. On one visit, my two companions and I ate more than was good for us and paid less than \$15, and that includes a donation towards the upkeep of the resident snakehead fish. Only the finest establishments feature snakeheads.

Don't forget to save money there another way--with a discount card. The Village Parlor offers two, one for hot dogs and ice cream, and one for home made muffins and coffee. Buy nine, and get the 10th free. Just one more incentive to try them. And do try them. Walking through the front door feels like coming home.

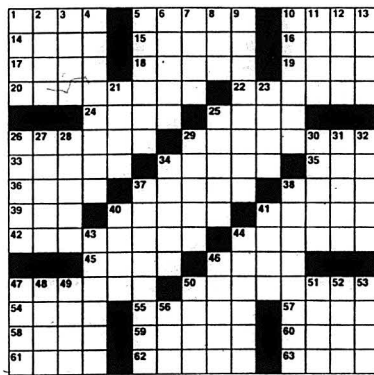
## The Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Silent one
- 5 Use a wash-board
- 10 Large amount
- 14 Hawaii city
- 15 Snapshot
- 16 Knowledge handed down
- 17 Opposing one
- 18 Ohio or Missouri, e.g.
- 19 -- Karenina
- 20 Poet Sara
- 22 Look-alike
- 24 Labor
- 25 Cry of an owl
- 26 Roman god
- 29 Place to get a loan
- 33 Fear
- 34 Factions
- 35 Time before
- 36 Juice-filled fruit
- 37 Wild prank
- 38 Bird
- 39 A letter
- 40 Fellows
- 41 Cut off
- 42 Make an effort
- 44 Abundance
- 45 In a little while
- 46 French cheese
- 47 Sign
- 50 Gnomelike creatures
- 54 -- S. Gardner
- 55 Mystical card
- 57 Baal
- 58 Rend
- 59 Post T.S.
- 60 Fiddling despot
- 61 Entertainment award
- 62 Fop
- 63 Sport

### DOWN

- 1 Converse
- 2 Wrinkle
- 3 Edmonton's province: abbr.
- 4 Wetness
- 5 Sports injury
- 6 Refrigerator
- 7 Wander
- 8 Western Indian
- 9 Library patron
- 10 Leans
- 11 Drawn out
- 12 Sea eagle
- 13 Have on
- 21 Campus building, briefly
- 23 Charged particles
- 25 The underworld
- 26 Soothe
- 27 Foreign
- 28 Domesticated
- 29 Certain musician
- 30 Egret
- 31 Manifest
- 32 Change purse item
- 34 Parlor
- 37 Pranced about
- 38 W. Virginia city
- 40 Big cat's thatch
- 41 Meager
- 43 Restaurant



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### Last Weeks Answers

BASED	PACT	BATS
ABOVE	ALAI	UTAH
ELDER	TALC	ROMA
REALIZED	KENNEL	
CAMDEN	LIVES	
ALICE	DANE	ERASE
POLICAT	SILENCE	
PULSE	OTTO	SOAR
	DIME	NOTARY
BITTEN	AXIS	
ARREST	CRACKLED	
LEAN	AQUA	ALAMO
ENID	COPY	REMIT
DENS	YOSS	SEATS

44 Attractive	49 Hit hard
46 Children, collectively	50 Smile
47 Sampras of tennis	51 Mental object
48 Utah city	52 Standard
	53 -- gin fizz
	56 A state: abbr.

## CNU Track Team: Legends Continue to Grow

By Chris Perry  
Staff Writer

Before the 1995-96 indoor track season began, Head Coach Vince Brown was not sure what lay ahead for his team. Could a young Lady Captain squad cope with the loss of 21-time All-American Vandisha Wilder? And, could the Captains continue to show the same improvement that last year's team did?

The answer to both of those questions, so far, is yes. "We felt like this was going to be a rebuilding type of year," said Brown about both teams. "However, the season (indoor) went along, and people started developing and filling in some of the puzzle pieces that we were looking for."

Highlights of the indoor season included both the Lady Captains and Captains winning Mason-Dixon Indoor championships, and, altogether, sending 11 people to the NCAA Division III Championship. At the event, which was held on Mar. 8 and 9, both Bridgett Cochran and Leema Madden won All-American awards in the 55-meter hurdles (fifth in 8.37) and the 55 meter dash (sixth in 7.33) respectively.

"It was a satisfying season," said Brown. "I think both teams felt good about their progress. . . We needed the indoor season to build the foundation (of the teams), and we have done that. I think we are really going to reap the rewards during the outdoor season."

The track teams will compete outdoors beginning on Mar. 23 at the Hampton relays, which will be followed by the Battleground relays on Mar. 29-30.

"We are going to take the first two meets and have fun with them," commented Brown. "Then we will start zeroing in before the Captain's Classic," which will be at CNU on Apr. 6.

With the strong showing that both the Lady Captains and the Captains made during the indoor season, Brown is looking forward to see what the men and women can do outdoors. Both teams have shown Brown a great determination to make an impact on a national basis during the upcoming season, which led the coach to say, "I think this season is going to be very, very exciting."

## CNU Softball a Big Hit Lady Captains on a 4 game win streak

By Kris Van Duesen  
Staff Writer

The CNU Softball team cruised to their fourth straight victory on Mar. 12, sweeping a doubleheader against the University of Massachusetts at Lowell 6-3 and 4-2. Freshman shortstop Dee Shultz slugged a double and a triple in the first game, driving in five runs by helping sophomore pitcher Jill Owens win her second game of the season.

"Our pitching is strong," said Coach Paul Weiss. "We have only two pitchers, but that's all we really need. It's not like baseball." The Lady Captains also mixed speed and strong hitting into the equation. Shultz, Owens, Cathy Riddick, and Lori Terry are among the top 10 base stealers in the conference.

"I like to get Lori and Tara on base for my top three hitters, Riddick, Owens and Shultz," said Weiss. So far the formula has worked, as they improve their record to 6-3, while winning 5 of the last 6 outings.

Next week the Lady Captains will face Chowan College on March 21.

## Sports Update

By Ricardo A. Major Jr.  
Sports Editor

**Softball**---The Lady Captains are on a roll and have improved their overall record to a 4-3, putting themselves over the .500 mark. Their opponents were Division II team St. Augustine's in a double header match-up. The Lady Captains won both games by one margin 2-1 and 4-3. Senior Cathy Riddick had a spectacular game and set a new record for most hits in a career with 159. She also drove in the winning run in game number 2 in which this run broke the Lady Captain's RBI record with 102. Also, sophomore Jill Owens set a record with 13 strikeouts.

**Baseball**---The men's team had to face the Monarchs of Methodist College, who shut down CNU 7-0. Later during the week, CNU went against Marywood in a doubleheader, in which they blasted Marywood in both games 22-2 and 11-2. Once again, records were set with nine doubles and 34 total bases in the game, also 15 runs, 11 hits, 16 at bats and 5 doubles, as they improve their record to 5-7, 0-3.

**Women's Tennis**---Senior Melissa Johnson and freshman Melissa Campbell won their doubles match against Thomas More at Hilton Head, S.C. with a marginal victory of 8-5. In the first Dixie Conference match of the season, Methodist won 7-2. Singles were won by Jennifer Duffy and Melissa Johnson; singles 4 and 5 respectively.

**Golf**---The Division I Kingsmill/William and Mary Invitational was held with 23 teams while CNU placed in slot number 7. Senior Scott Scovil placed second on the individual list with an outstanding performance. He scored a 72-74 with a total of 146. CNU defeated 15 Division Schools, while Penn State took home the overall team championship.

# Winning Cheers

## Cheerleading squad wins Dixie Title

By Kris Van Duesen  
Staff Writer

After not competing last year, the CNU Cheerleading squad came into "The Hornet's Nest" at Shenandoah University with confidence, and brought home the Dixie Conference Cheerleading Championship Trophy. CNU stole the show in dance, stunts and cheers.

The routine was performed to the theme of *Mortal Kombat* (the movie). Their routines were synchronized dance and stunts which the crowd seemed to enjoy. Stunts ranged from back flips to passing the ball to each other while in the air. "I was unprepared for those back flip basket tosses," said trainer Chris Jones. "It floored me, and the only thing I could think of was that I didn't want to have to clean anyone off the floor. I almost left the room."

Each team had to wait in a separate room until it was their turn to compete. "We could tell by the other cheers

that ours sounded awesome, and I couldn't believe that the other teams were cheering us on," said Allen Baugh. "Coach Jenkins never watches her team's performance, it's like a semi-superstition," he said.

"I am very proud of them and they have learned so much in a short time," said Coach Jenkins.

The full team has only been together for six weeks, and during the last two they

have practiced for the competition twice a day. Not only was the practice long, but they also had to overcome many injuries.

"Compared to the other team's routines, CNU hit everything they could," said Marti Smith, who is the assistant coach. "We were confident going in, but we were very nervous and we deserved it," said Luis Rivera.

Now the stage has been set, and hopefully with this momentum, we shall march down the Road to the Final Four.

## March:

**Baseball:** at Hamden Sydney on 19th 3 p.m.

**Men's Tennis:** at Mary Washington on 19th, 3-30 p.m.

**Women's Tennis:** hosts College of Wooster on the 19th, 2 p.m.

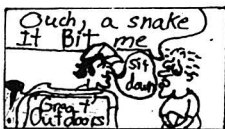
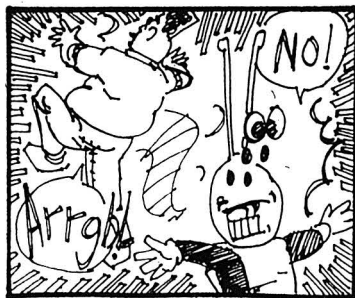
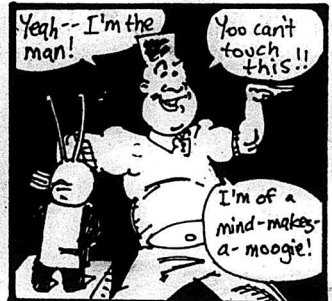
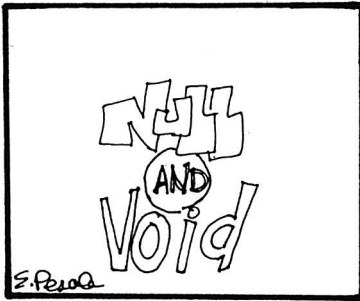
**Softball:** at Chowan College on the 21st, 3 p.m.

**Sailing:** at Hampton University on the 23rd.



CNU CHEERLEADERS show the poise of perfection

PHOTO BY ROBERT OVERTON



### KABLOOEY by Blue



## Classified

This goes out to all those who have accompanied me on all of my shenanigans in the past few weeks.

Thanks to all the Greeks for finally coming together and showing the East Coast how CNU can really party.

Thanks to Gamma Phi Beta for letting all those CRAZY Pi Kappas stay at your cottage for Spring Break. Thanks to Sigma Pi for getting another Greek's back in the time of need. That's Brotherhood. Sorry P.J. for your upper lip.

...and to all the lovely ladies, hurry up and flirt with all the available Pi Kappas, Rose Ball is coming up fast, and you shouldn't miss it this time. My time's up, and my quarter's almost up. I'll see y'all next time if I live through the JUDGE!

Opie Taylor

The Sisters of Gamma Phi Beta would like to thank all those who contributed to the Car Wash Saturday. 4BG to our member class; Jenny, Stephanie, Jaclyn, and Amy. Good Luck, Ladies! Sisters, hang in there. The semester is halfway over, and you will see the changes for the better. Keep up the great work, it will pay off! Don't forget--this Loyalty Week, meet up with your loyalty circles on Friday!!

Love in PKE, a Sister

Carol: I'll stop by. Shireen: Bad influence. Angie: So Smooth. Frank: In the corner. Juan: Watch out 4 the pole! Aimee: Nice tan. Chip: Fight sportscaster. Anna Mari: Thanks for caring. Marc: Flagman. Shaun: Sorry U left early.

Pat B (Flamingo Kid)

"If you like Pina Colodas, and gettin' caught in the rain.

-If you're not into yoga, and you have half a brain.

-Do you like making love at Midnight... in the Dunes at the Cape?

You're the Woman I've looked for... Come with me and escape..."

-JOSH WEBB

M-

I never meant to hurt you... It was the Aftershock talking. Please allow me to pick up your cookies and let me hold the plastic pitcher.

-Wes

Panhellenic would like to thank all those CNU men and women who helped make Robin Blake's

program's a success. Stay tuned for all future Panhellenic sponsored events.

## Announcements

**MUST SELL:** 1987 Ford Escort GL, great motor, bad transmission, good body. \$99 negotiable. Call 488-5803. Mon-Fri. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega at CNU will be holding a bone marrow registry & screening FREE. Campus Center Breezeway. Monday March 18th, 9-3. Tuesday March 19th 9-3.

**FOUND:** Ladie's golden heart bracelet, in Gosnold 110. Please call to identify: 825-3588 x3707

-Thanks!