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NEWS

Attorney General's Office may have BOV vote opinion

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Unconfirmed reports surfaced Monday that the Virginia Attorney General's Office might have ruled that the language in a CNU non-discrimination policy including a sexual orientation clause, if passed, would be unconstitutional. Virginia state law does not currently mandate protection against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

The Board of Visitors (BOV) will vote whether to add sexual orientation to the university's non-discrimination policy at their meeting this Friday, Feb. 23 beginning between 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the DSU.

A bill titled "Non-Discrimination Inclusion Act" was passed by the SGA in Oct. 2006 that wished to include the phrase "sexual orientation" to CNU's non-discrimination policy. Bills written in the same spirit were passed in March 2003 by the SGA and in 2004 by the Faculty Senate. The BOV tabled the policy for three years, citing lack of student interest in the change.

The policy currently states, "CNU does not discriminate in admission, employment or any other activity on the basis of race, gender, color, age, religion, veteran status, national origin, disability, or political affiliation."

INSIDE

Medik's Market unique café

Step into Medik's Market and you are whisked away to a world of gourmet cheeses, world-renowned wines, fresh sushi, some of the best sandwiches you'll ever eat, and so much more.

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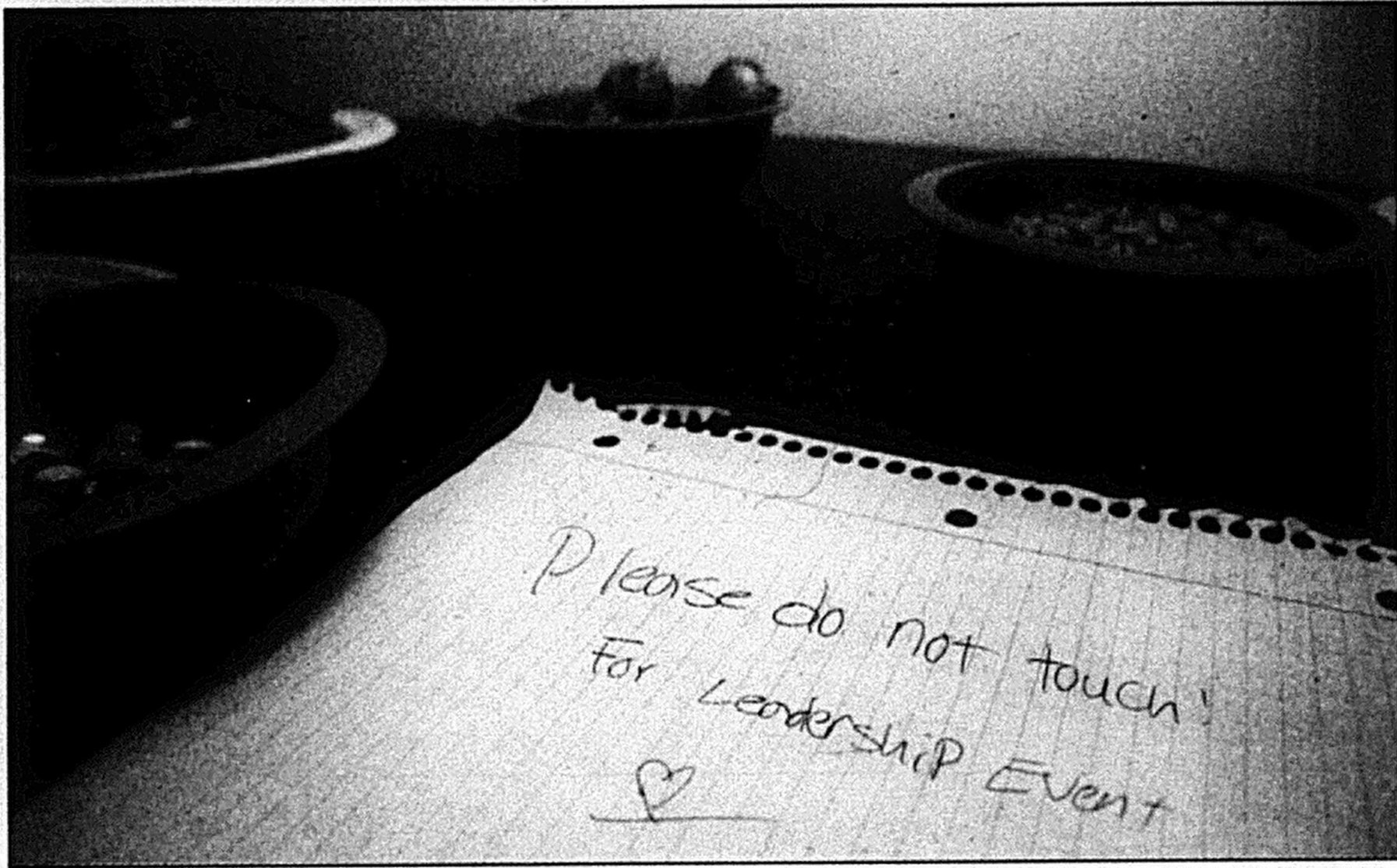
Mixed feelings at Carnaval

Many Brazilians are in no mood to party at the annual Carnaval following the horrific death of a boy.

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A student was forced to purchase more food for a PLP event because SGA members took food from their refreshment table.

SGA reps steal, snub

HONOR CODE | Students stole food from a PLP event table — some bragged about it.

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Food was taken from a President's Leadership Program (PLP) table by at least four members of the Student Government Association (SGA) after this week's SGA meeting in the Alumni Room. A refreshments table was already set up in the Alumni Room for a PLP-sponsored event taking place at 7:30 p.m. when SGA members arrived for their weekly meeting at 5:30 p.m. PLP member and sophomore Rachel Loria was in charge of the food and knew that there was an SGA meeting before the event, so she had a friend write a note, which said, "Please do not touch. For Leadership Event <3." It was face up and in the center of the table, she said.

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Allen Grace, who took cookies from the table

and walked away laughing from the SGA meeting, told The Captain's Log staff members present, "Hey, the SGA IS leadership! Ha!" Sophomore Senator Joe Hamm left the meeting with a fistful of cookies and said to The Captain's Log staff there, "I don't care, these cookies are mine." Neither Grace nor Hamm were available at press time for comment.

Loria returned to the table after the SGA meeting to find that food was missing and was forced to buy more food for the event.

She was so angry, she said, that she ripped the sign apart and threw it in the trash.

"When I returned, someone had placed the sign text side down on the table," Loria said. "When I went outside to ask if anybody knew who took them, someone yelled around the corner and said 'It was me. Thanks for the cookies,'" she said.

Junior and Vice President of the Senate Taylor Blunt said he was distressed at the news and apologized on behalf of the senate. "This is the first I'm hearing of the subject. And I'm definitely not happy about it," he said. "They [senators] know that food isn't provided at the senate meetings, so they should know that the food wasn't intended for them."

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TAYLOR BLUNT,
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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He said that he would immediately take steps to inform SGA President Molly

Buckley of the incident, and efforts would be made to send a letter of apology to PLP. Senator Karen Schomaker said, "I think it's disrespectful, and I am ashamed to hear that some of my fellow senators would do that."

"It is disheartening to know that these students also represent me, the senate and SGA as a whole. It really does not shine well on the organization," she said.

Senator Jared Moore, a sophomore who ate the PLP's food, said in an e-mail, "I would like to sincerely apologize for the predicament that I have placed myself in. I had no idea that the table of food was for PLP, I had not even seen the piece of paper that was placed on the table. As I have previously stated, I sincerely apologize and would be glad to buy a new box of chips or crackers for the PLP program because I had no idea whose food it was."

PLP's event was a collaboration with Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) for Diversity Week.

ATF ends for spring semester, back in fall

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The Alcohol Task Force (ATF) completed its fifth and final week of sessions last Friday, and will present its formal recommendations for the alcohol policy to President Paul Tribble Jr. this week.

The ATF voted against allowing alcohol at tailgating athletic events. The ATF plans to meet again next semester after compiling data regarding alcohol violations on campus to examine the prospects of a "wet" pilot program for east campus in the future.

With a vote of 8-3, the ATF added a statement to their proposal that would continue the ban on alcohol before and during sporting events. This includes tailgating.

Athletics Director CJ Woollum said that NCAA regulations ban alcohol only during post-season events. It is decided by the institution whether to ban alcohol during games of the regular season. "It is absolutely unenforceable," said Woollum of alcohol while tailgating. Plus, it would require ten times the police force, he said.

Dr. Robert Hasbrouck, assistant professor of management and economics said, "With all of the things we have talked about this is the most uncontrollable."

Woollum had said that 68 percent of institutions do not sell alcohol during athletic events.

Bob Midgette, head of Auxiliary Services, said that the percentage figure provided by Woollum didn't speak volumes for him.

"For me that speaks volumes," said Donna Eddleman, dean of students. "It says to me, why do we want to go there?"

The ATF addressed the problem of not having factual evidence supporting their decisions, saying that the university's judicial records should allow for wider search methods within their database.

The information would then aid in finding student trends and facts needed to support future ATF decisions.

"The data should support our decisions," said Hasbrouck. "We don't really have it."

"I think that is one of the problems we are having with the students," he said.

Dr. Ronnie Cohen, professor of accounting, said that the ATF didn't have substantial evidence to support students' abuse of alcohol.

"We were at a loss to support with data, that students over 21 were abusing alcohol," she said.

The ATF said they would conclude their formal proposal to the President with the suggestion to meet this fall, in order to continue evaluating the alcohol policy at CNU.

Here the idea of pilot program, which would make one residence hall on east campus wet, will be devised.

A recommendation was also made that a representative from the Center for Honor Enrichment and Community Standards should be

Congressmen profess ethics

PLP SPEAKERS | Former legislators visit to discuss philosophies in leadership.

BY SHANNON HUMPHREY
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Former Republican Congressman William Whitehurst and Democratic Congressman John O. Marsh spoke to students Thursday night, emphasizing the importance of good leadership and sound moral character necessary in government.

"To me, these two gentlemen on the stage represent what is right in public service. They are the exemplars of Virginia gentlemen," said President Paul Tribble Jr. as he introduced the two men in the Ferguson Center's Music and Theatre Hall.

Whitehurst discussed the three fundamental characteristics of a good leader: character, courage and vision. "Character is the most important because it trumps everything else," he said.

Whitehurst related the characteristics of good lead-

ership to his own political and personal life, highlighting personal struggles in both. One example he mentioned was ABSCAM, a sting operation in which Florida Rep. Richard Kelly was indicted for accepting \$20,000 in bribe money.

"I remember the House deliberating over what to do with Representative Kelly. We could not come up with an answer. It was Representative Edwin Bethune who eventually stood up and said, 'To be a member of Congress is both a privilege and right, and by accepting the money he forfeited that right,'" he said. Bethune's actions illustrated a moment of courage and true character, two qualities inherent in good leadership.

Marsh focused his portion of the talk on the important role of history in leadership. "To have a good sense of history, I think, is part of the intellectual make-up of a good

leader. It relates to us what does and does not work," he said.

Marsh highlighted the importance of philosophy in leadership as a way to decipher right from wrong, a concept he said weighed heavily in his own political career.

After both former Congressmen concluded their discussions on leadership, the floor was opened for questions. The polarization of political parties was called into question first, with Whitehurst relating today's politics to today's culture.

"Look at your culture, because it is making a statement about the 'me' generation. For instance, when I see you all dancing you look like a bunch of grasshoppers in heat," said Whitehurst.

The problem of party polarization, in Whitehurst's view, is a gridlock system — particularly here in Virginia with transportation, he said.

A later question concerned how each of the former Congressmen came to be in the political arena. "I think geog-

raphy and chance play a huge part in politics," said Marsh. His own opportunity to run for Congress, he said, arose when the current candidate was diagnosed with a serious heart condition.

"I remember going to this Chinese restaurant and reading my fortune cookie. It said to 'proceed with caution,' and I knew I had to run at that point, because I was not going to spend the rest of my life explaining how I did not run for United States Congress because of a fortune cookie," said Marsh.

This installment of the President's Leadership Speaker Series witnessed a high student turnout.

Tribble said he had never seen so many students line up afterwards to shake hands with the speakers of an event.

Whitehurst felt the appreciation as well. "I consider the opportunity to speak to the students a privilege. They look to us as role-models, which is a great compliment but a great trust as well," said Whitehurst in an interview.

THE WEEK FEBRUARY 21-27

wednesday

12 p.m. — Ash Wednesday Service, SC 150 (Alumni Room)
12:12:50 p.m. — Diet Workshop, Freeman Center, President's Suite
4 p.m. — Martin Luther King and Malcolm X Discussion, DSU Madison Room
5:30 p.m. — Great Books Satre, Library Services 214
7-9 p.m. — King of Hearts, Gaines Theatre

thursday

11-2 p.m. — Black History Luncheon, The Common's and Regatta's
12-1 p.m. — The Philosophy and Religion Forum, BTC 201 Conference Room
12:15 p.m. — The Captain's Log Critique, Ratcliffe 106
2-4 p.m. — Safe Zone Training, DSU Madison Room
7 p.m. — InterVarsity, Gaines Theatre

friday

12 p.m. — Board of Visitors Meeting, DSU Boardroom
8 p.m. — Step Afrika, Gaines Theatre
10 p.m. — First Annual CNU Drag Ball, Old Regatta's

saturday

8 p.m. — Dane Cook's Tourgasm, Gaines Theatre

sunday

11:30 p.m. — Protestant Worship Service, SC 150 (Alumni Room)
4 p.m. — Catholic Mass, SC 150 (Alumni Room)
7 p.m. — The Captain's Log Interest Meeting, DSU 393

monday

5:30 p.m. — SGA Meeting, SC 150 (Alumni Room)
7:30 p.m. — Virginia 21, DSU TV Lounge

tuesday

11-1 p.m. — Healthy Coping Strategies Fair, DSU 2nd Floor
8 p.m. — Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Freeman Center, President's Box
9 p.m. — CNU TONIGHT, Gaines Theatre
10 p.m. — Citizens of the World meeting, James River Multipurpose Room

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On campus

Student wins \$23,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Philip Leclerc, a junior at CNU, has won a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship worth \$23,000 for the 2007-2008 academic year. He will use his scholarship money to study at the University of Dal El Salaam in Tanzania starting this fall. Leclerc will give presentations about the United States and his schooling at CNU to Rotary clubs and other people in Tanzania while he acts as a goodwill ambassador to that region. He plans to participate in a service project to assist the community and take courses in economics, sociology and possibly mathematics. Leclerc is sponsored by the Warwick Rotary Club of Newport News.

Two CNU students publish chapters on Windows Vista

Everette Beatley and Brent Thal, seniors at CNU majoring in computer engineering, each wrote two chapters in "Special Edition Using Microsoft Windows Vista™", by Robert Cowart and Brian Knittel. The book, created for users of Microsoft's latest operating system, was released in December 2006. Windows Vista was publicly released last month, but both of the CNU students had been testing the program for two years prior. Cowart, who had just started working with Windows Vista, discovered Beatley on a visit from California and asked him to write two chapters because of his familiarity and expertise with the program. Beatley wrote step-by-step operating instructions for Chapter 8, Windows Media Player and Chapter 22, Connecting Your Network to the Internet. Thal wrote step-by-step instructions for Chapter 29, Keeping Windows and other Software Up to Date and Chapter 41, Tablet PC Features.

Around town

Paula Deen to raise money for local Foodbanks

Food Network celebrity Paula Deen appeared at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on Feb. 10 as part of a fundraiser for the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula. She held two cooking shows, which both sold out. More than 5,000 people attended the shows and the organization raised more than \$200,000 at the event. Deen cooked a main meal that included cream biscuits with ham butter, phyllo-wrapped asparagus and herb-crusted pork loin. Her dessert menu included Chocolate Bundles with Chocolate Ganache. Most of the audience was served a biscuit and dessert prepared by Embassy Suites Kitchen, but premium ticket-holders were served a full meal.

Virginia to study mercury contamination in streams

Gov. Tim Kaine announced recently that the state of Virginia will undertake a \$256,000 study on mercury contamination in streams and rivers. The problem has been very evident in the corner of the state, the area that includes Hampton Roads. Mercury contaminates the water through the air and rain, but can through the food chain as it accrues in fish tissue. The Department of Environmental Quality will be conducting tests to learn more about how sources of mercury, like power plant emissions, pollute the water. They will look into the amounts of mercury in Virginia's water that come from the state and the amounts that come from out of state.

SUPERSHOT



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Senior Matt Alexander of the CNU Rugby team yells for the team to get ready during Saturday's game against ODU in Norfolk.

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Police blotter

CNU Police Crime Log

February 19

A case of underage possession of alcohol occurred in Potomac North.

February 15

A laboratory balance was reported stolen from the Science building.

February 14

An IPOD was stolen from a university housing residence.

February 13

A vehicle window was shattered in the Village Parking Deck.

February 12

Computers were stolen from the David Student Union.

Property damage was reported in Captain John Smith Library.

Information from CNU Police Department

Newport News Crime Log

February 18

A vehicle was reported stolen on Biltmore Court.

February 15

Vehicle parts were stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

February 14

A robbery occurred on River Bend Court. Minor injuries were reported.

February 13

A weapon offense was reported on Chatham Drive.

February 12

A vehicle was damaged on Westport Crescent.

February 11

Vehicles were stolen on J. Clyde Morris Boulevard.

February 10

Recordings were stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

February 9

Computers were stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

Dangerous drugs and firearms were seized on Warwick Boulevard.

February 15

A vehicle left the scene of an accident on Jefferson Avenue.

February 14

A burglary occurred on Willow Green Drive.

February 13

A case of embezzlement occurred on Jefferson Avenue.

February 12

An individual was assaulted on Moore's Lane. No injuries were reported.

February 11

Dangerous drugs were confiscated on Gatewood and Warwick.

February 10

Money was stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

February 9

Information from Newport News Police

Names in the news

CELEBRITY SMILES ARE A DIME A DOZEN NOW

More cosmetic dental health providers are asked to give their clients Julia Roberts' smile than that of any other celebrity, says a survey of the 7,000 members of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

The survey also revealed that dental pros voted Halle Berry the girl celebrity with the No. 1 smile, while Matthew McConaughey was dubbed top boy tooth guy.

ACTORS WIN HARVARD HASTY 'PUDDING' AWARD

Scarlett Johansson was all game Thursday in Cambridge, Mass., taking part in various acts of silliness, theatrical and libational, courtesy of Harvard's Hasty Pudding Theatricals, which

crowned the "Lost in Translation" heartbreaker the Harvard Hasty Pudding woman of the year.

Johansson led a parade, watched herself be lampooned, and gleefully participated in other forms of silliness with the group, which last year honored Halle Berry and Richard Gere.

"Thank you so much for this fabulous golden pot. . . . This is the closest I'll ever get to a Harvard degree, for sure," Johansson said.

The male Pudding of the Year, Ben Stiller, will be feted Friday.

NORTH DAKOTA REP. WANTS TO HONOR BONO

Sitcoms have made jokes about it, but the great state of N.D. has good sense. Lawmakers in the state House have defeated, 58-35, a resolution to

pay homage to the U2 singer for his efforts in the name of debt relief for third-world countries.

This man, Sonny Bono, they said, has no connection with the state.

But Rep. Scot Kelsh, who sponsored the measure, won't let go: "This is something that does matter to us as citizens of N.D., the United States, and the world at large."

GRANT AND HEIRESS KAHN ARE NOW OVER

Hugh Grant, 46, is no longer seeing Jemima Khan, his post-Elizabeth Hurley girlfriend of three years, reports People. The magazine says Hugh's rep has confirmed the split, but without any details or quotes.

"He's very clever, and she really is funny, witty and quick. They spark off each

other perfectly," some anonymous source told People in the summer.

SPEARS GIVES BUZZ CUT TO CAREER, LIFE, FUTURE

Friday was the most expensive day of Britney Spears' life. In the work of an evening, the young woman who was once the world's biggest pop star may have sabotaged her image, her income and her personal life in a breakdown that could cost her a fortune.

"Without question, parents are going to have a hard time allowing their kids to buy anything associated with Britney," says Doug Akin, a partner with Mr. Youth.

Britney shaving her head also tips the scales in favor of ex-husband Kevin Federline.

MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE ■

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NEWS	The damage ranged from a hole in the roof to a complete renovation of the building's exterior. Lightning struck the building on Feb. 14 at 4:30 p.m., rendering the building unusable.
SPORTS	Senior Matt Alexander, a member of the CNU Rugby team, was named MVP of the team's game against ODU in Norfolk.
ARTS	Dr. Sarah Parker, a local doctor, has been given a grant to fund her research on the effects of stress on the immune system.
ENTERTAINMENT	Doctor donates \$1 M

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Dr. Tracey Schwarze, associate professor of English is the recipient for the Outstanding Faculty Award of Higher Education.

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Schwarze given state prize

BY LAURA GEE
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One of only 12 selected professors in the Commonwealth, Dr. Tracey Schwarze, associate professor of English, has been awarded with the 2007 Outstanding Faculty Award. Presented by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Schwarze has received the top award given to faculty in both the public and private education settings. The award is given based on one's contributions in the fields of teaching, research and public service.

"Stunned," was Schwarze after learning she had won the award. "I saw the site of who had won last year and it seems like this was an award given to people who were further along in their careers."

Schwarze is just the third faculty member from CNU to receive this award.

"It is a wonderful honor and I am very glad for CNU to have won this award. Dr. Susan St. Onge and Dr. Harold Cones received the awards previously," she said. "It has been several years since someone has won from CNU. I hope it is the start of a long winning streak."

Schwarze has been a faculty member

since 1999. She currently serves as president of the Faculty Senate and leads the Provost Search Committee now selecting the university's next chief academic officer.

"I think that there is nobody that deserves it more than her," Dr. Jessica Clark, assistant professor of English said. "She is both an excellent teacher and co-worker."

Students say that Schwarze's classes are known for being challenging, but

"I have wonderful colleagues. I learn so much from them both in and out of my department."

DR. TRACEY SCHWARZE,
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

also rewarding. "I find her classes enjoyable, even though they are quite challenging. One can tell that she enjoys teaching and is passionate about it, especially British literature," said sophomore Kim Mazzuca.

"She involves the class in many discussions and encourages you to share your ideas and opinions without being

chastised or judged. She has such high standards, but it's not discouraging. She just keeps building you up," she said.

Schwarze is currently working on her second book, "Dirty Linen: James Joyce, Victorian Scandal, and Identity in the Modern Moment," which focuses on Victorian scandals and how author James Joyce makes use of them in his own works.

Her first novel, "Joyce and the Victorians," resulted in her being invited to speak at the International James Joyce Summer School at University College in Dublin. Joyce has influenced not only Schwarze's writing, but also her decorating, as evidenced by the many posters and pictures in her office involving Joyce.

Schwarze talked about the ideal teaching method. "If you have great material to teach, and it is something that you are passionate about, all you have to do is get the students excited about [the material] and let them discover it for themselves."

"I have wonderful colleagues. I learn so much from them both in and out of my department. The faculty here are very generous with their willingness to share ideas with each other and I have great students," she said. ■

Leclerc wins \$23k Rotary scholarship

The CNU student will go to Tanzania and study at Univ. of Del Al Salaam.

BY BETH BECK
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Professors have described Junior Philip Leclerc as motivated, intelligent and often ambitious, but the laid back junior with unkempt hair emulates the trait used to describe him most: unique.

"My first impression of Phil was that he was a slightly unconventional and very intelligent person who was open to challenges," said government professor Dr. Quentin Kidd, in an e-mail.

Leclerc, a member of the honors program and business manager for the Captain's Log, has received a \$23,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Leclerc will travel to Tanzania and study at the University of Dal El Salaam.

Kidd met Leclerc as part of a mentorship program designed to identify intelligent first year students who are open to challenges.

"We invite those who we think will thrive with the challenges we issues them," said Kidd. "The challenges we issue them relate to what they are going to do during their undergraduate years to make possible a very productive post baccalaureate life."

It was Kidd who first alerted Leclerc to the scholarship. For Leclerc, the scholarship allows him to follow his goals.

But the path to identifying what he wanted to do with his life has been a many-forked one.

"As I once told Philip, my initial impression was that he was scattered in his interests," said Dr. Jay Paul, an English Professor and Director of the Honors Program.

"What I've noticed over time is that he's been finding the pieces of the puzzle as he goes along."

Ranging from philosophy to economics to psychology, Leclerc's puzzle finally gained focus.

"I would agree that my interests have been scattered up until I became aware of behavioral economics, where psychology and economics come together," said Leclerc. "Behavioral economics has unlimited potential to help and it presents an incredible challenge and fits in with my goal to try to help improve the lives of people."

Africa, and Tanzania specifically, plays an important role in this plan.

"I think Africa has been neglected these past few centuries," said Leclerc.

In Tanzania, Leclerc will study sociology, which he hasn't had a chance to study at CNU, economics and perhaps math.

"I'm excited to talk to the rotary clubs there and to travel around Tanzania connecting them to the Warwick rotary club that sponsored me in the scholarship competition," said Leclerc. "I will also identify charity projects that need to be done and start helping. Perhaps I will be able to create a program or two myself and get it started while I am there."

On a personal level, Leclerc hopes to meet a lot of new people, become proficient in Arabic and possibly learn a little Swahili.

"I also really want to try to visit Uganda and Kenya," said Leclerc. "Through my tutoring with the Lost Boys of Sudan program, I've come in contact with a family here that still has a son in Africa that I would really like to contact and check up on."

The logistics of studying abroad for a year involve hardships that Leclerc admits haven't really sunk in. Problems with passports, disconnecting with people,

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Mystic Stars | February 19-25

BY LASHA SENIUK | MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: Private career ventures and home-operated businesses will provide reliable results over the next 11 weeks. Remain dedicated to quickly arriving options: this year is a strong time for revitalizing lost ambitions or rekindling forgotten dreams. After mid-May, older relatives or long-term friends will offer their approval. Stay focused on joint finances or unique sources of funding and expect concrete rewards before Aug. 22. After Sept. 8, group invitations will dramatically increase. A new circle of friends may be highly distracting. If so, enjoy fresh social outlets but refuse to be derailed from ongoing business or employment interests. Much of 2007 will demand bold or independent career decisions and a renewed dedication to long-term friends. Stay actively involved and all will be well.

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) Cancelled social plans and missed deadlines are now annoying. Someone close may need extra time to resolve conflicting obligations. Remain patient and expect reliable promises by early next week. To some degree, financial responsibilities may also be affected. If so, ask for revised contracts or detailed paperwork. Friday through Sunday highlights compelling dreams and sudden glimpses of the future. New friendships may play a significant role: stay open to new experiences.



TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Quick romantic attractions are captivating this week but unpredictable. Stay dedicated to long-term relationships and established social ethics. Loved ones will consider all breaches of trust irreversible. The emotional consequences of flirtatious behavior are high. Carefully consider all options and outcomes. After mid-week, many Taurans will be offered a unique business opportunity or new job title. Ask for verified facts: added financial information may soon arrive.



GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Loved ones will this week openly compete for your social loyalty. After Monday, expect recently silent friends or romantic partners to voice passionate opinions concerning your daily schedule or emotional priorities. Refuse to be drawn into an unnecessary triangle: moodiness and fast social reversals may soon be an ongoing theme. Later this week, financial breakthroughs, new income sources and property decisions are highlighted. Trust your instincts: yesterday's plans are valid.



CANCER (June 22-July 22) Romantic partners are now privately motivated to move relationships forward or establish permanent home arrangements. Listen to your own inner voice and ask for more time. Serious emotional consequences will require careful thought. Single Cancerians can expect social invitations from several potential lovers. Stay balanced. After Wednesday, pay attention to the private observations of co-workers. Workplace priorities will soon change: remain neutral.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) New employment routines may this week create workable partnerships. Unrealistic expectations or poor instructions will no longer strain team dynamics. Allow all recent disputes or social triangles to fade and expect colleagues or officials to respond positively to honest discussions. Tuesday through Friday, an older friend or trusted relative may press for revised home duties. Don't hesitate to state the obvious: improved agreements will require serious negotiations.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Revised habits are this week needed to ensure continuing trust between loved ones. Pay special attention to daily commitments, time schedules or quickly changed group plans. Close friends and relatives will no longer accept unpredictable social arrangements. Offer cheerful and reliable promises. All is well. After mid-week, many Virgos may encounter a series of last minute work assignments or new duties. If so, remain cautious: private political agendas may soon emerge.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Private power struggles between family members or hidden social criticisms will now fade. Some Librans, especially those born between 1976 and 1988, will also experience a sudden increase in romantic passion. Harmony in the home and group acceptance are vital. Encourage genuine discussion. After Wednesday, workplace demands will intensify. An older colleague or manager may soon relinquish control of a vital project or assign leadership duties. Remain dedicated.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial restrictions, although unusually stressful, are temporary. Over the next few days, expect a close friend or relative to press for new investments, large purchases or extended credit. All are attainable but delayed. Loved ones may be moody and impatient. Provide encouragement but avoid lengthy business discussions: this is not the right time to challenge the goals or plans of others. After Friday, romantic invitations increase. Stay alert: social triangles may be unavoidable.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Early this week, a close friend may ask for delicate romantic advice. Sensuality, physical response or long-term attraction may be a central concern. Advocate patience and open communications. In the coming weeks, dedication and common emotional goals between new lovers will provide lasting rewards. Thursday through Sunday, remain open to powerful insights or sudden flashes of wisdom. Areas affected are financial opportunity, job expansion and private workplace politics.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Family budgets and long-term financial plans are this week easily derailed by new purchases. After Monday, property contracts or large investments are promising but may trigger ongoing tensions. Settle all outstanding debt and finalize legal requirements before expanding home responsibilities: you won't be disappointed. Later this week, a friend or close relative may rekindle a past or unproductive romance. Don't get involved: repeated patterns will soon prove draining.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Older friends or colleagues may be unusually moody this week. Respond honestly to sudden criticisms or minor social comments. Loved ones and work mates need to understand your emotional limits. No serious consequences are likely, so not to worry. Do, however, firmly defend your opinions and accomplishments. After Thursday, social wisdom and complex insights into strained family dynamics are accented. Your actions will soon be proven accurate: stay open.

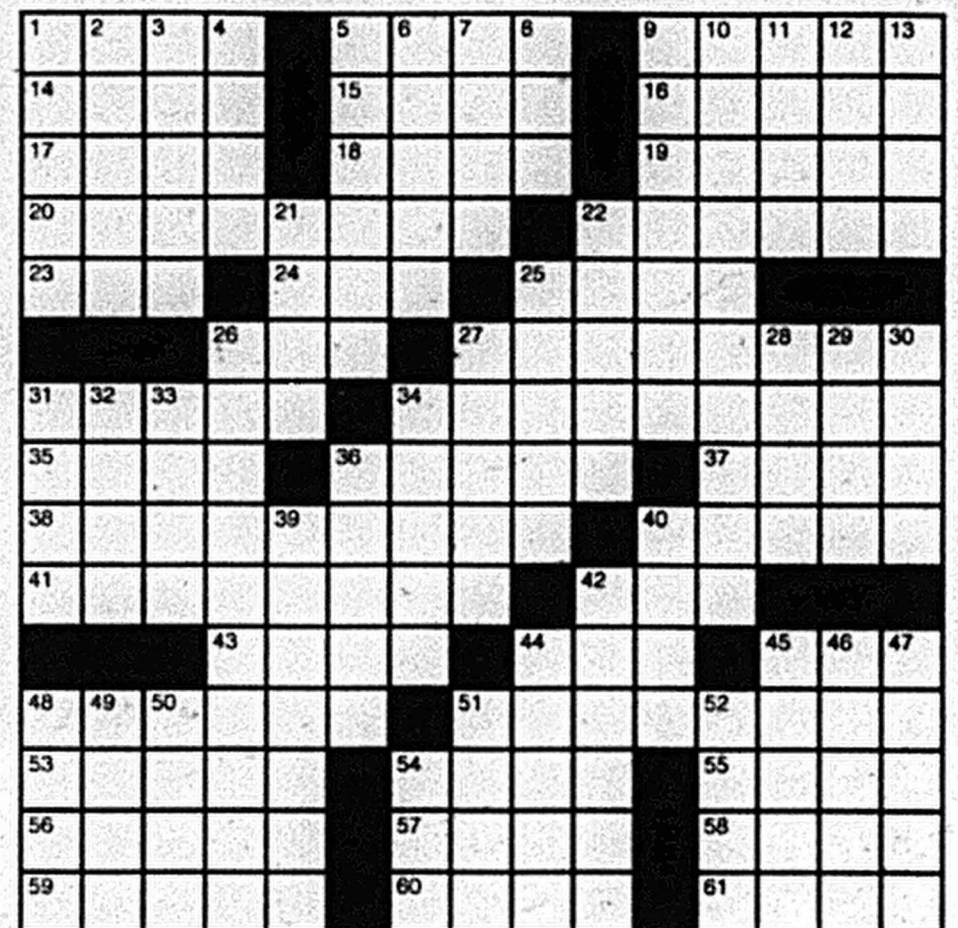


PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) News from distant relatives, forgotten friends or old lovers may now arrive without warning. For many Pisceans, yesterday's unfinished relationships will soon demand completion. Areas affected may be lingering regrets or deep feelings of abandonment. Don't avoid strong emotion. Loved ones need to witness your clarity. Friday through Sunday accent key business and financial decisions. Check legal documents for revised times or dates: new promises may be necessary.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Confess
5 Tiny victory margin
9 Pays attention to
14 Actress Teri
15 Pot starter
16 Of long ago
17 Machu Picchu builder
18 Iranian currency unit
19 Old-time actress Pola
20 Jumping game
22 Agitate
23 Snaky shape
24 Long, long time
25 Take the plunge
26 Handle rudely
27 Familiarized with new surroundings
31 Visual aid
34 Leisure
35 Bathe
36 Dilapidated cars
37 Idi of Uganda
38 Plato's prized pupil
40 Guitar ridges
41 Wishful
42 Thirsty
43 Johnny of "Sleepy Hollow"
44 Untruth
45 Sound of a leak
48 Means of entry
51 Produce
53 Advancements
54 Exploited laborer
55 Lotion additive
56 Speak spectacularly
57 Sea eagle
58 Eccentric one
59 Luster
60 Equal
61 Breaks off

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1 Nimble
2 Wind indicators
3 Killer whales
4 Swaddle
5 Constricted
6 Leek's cousin
7 Males-only affair
8 Sushi bar offering
9 Award recipient
10 Simple
11 Brink
12 Laura or Bruce
13 State of irritation
21 Stunt
22 Expos
25 Hang in loose folds
26 U.S. leaders
27 Iridescent gems
28 Prison term
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A College Girl Named Joe

BY AARON WARNER



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BY MICHAEL MEPHAM



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By Heidi Pankratz and Mark Newton

"I think they will because it'll cause more controversy if they don't."

CAITLIN KELLY
FRESHMAN



"Anytime something like that comes up, they have to pass it."

CHRIS EPPERLEY
SENIOR



Yes, because there's a lot of student support for it."

KEITH COFFMAN
FRESHMAN



"I think they will. You can't say no based on their orientation because of who you are."

ELLIOT BRADLEY IV
SOPHOMORE



"Yes, I think so, especially because last time the protest had a good turnout."

JENNIFER POTTS
JUNIOR



OPINIONS

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WHERE WE STAND

An honorable community doesn't steal, discriminate

It's a question of trust. The honor code clearly states that CNU community members will not lie, cheat or steal. However, some members of the Student Government Association (SGA) quite knowingly took things that didn't belong to them this past Monday.

The Captain's Log witnessed first hand some of the attitudes that were being thrown around that PLP refreshments table after the SGA meeting. Could SGA officials like sophomores Vice President of Legislative Affairs Allen Grace and Senator Joe Hamm and others really be so self-important as to justify taking other people's things simply because they are SGA? If so, they certainly haven't much reason to be. Senators need only look at their legislative records; consistently shoddy office hour performance and committee attendance, and improperly written, researched and/or misspelled bills. Does the SGA have the student body's trust on this campus?

The Captain's Log would say not. Yet, the SGA has a very big way in which it can redeem itself: embrace the only issue with which the body has been at all thorough. We're talking, of course, about the non-discrimination policy.

Focus on getting the troops out to the Board of Visitor's Meeting (BOV) and prove that an overwhelming student force can change this policy. Even though

The Captain's Log watched members of the SGA disobey the honor code by stealing cookies this week, we still feel the far more dire infraction is how the university is cheating gay, lesbian and transgender students out of a college experience protected against discrimination. We live in a community of honor, and even though state law does not protect on the grounds of sexual orientation, we should be brave enough not to cheat and make excuses for ourselves.

Regardless of whatever the Virginia Attorney General's office might be saying about the constitutionality of the sexual orientation clause, worrying about whether the policy is in complete keeping is not that big a deal. How so?

Well, for one thing, look how many other schools in the state have the sexual orientation clause — oblivion is not ahead for us if we have the clause. Secondly, we need only think about the happiness and safety of the gay, lesbian and transgender students on this campus who deserve a policy that recognizes them fully as people — not liabilities.

In order to be a true community of honor, we must stand on principle now and forever and not buckle under pressure. The Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting is this Friday Feb. 23 between 12 and 12:30 p.m. Don't be late. ■

IAN SASS-BASEDOW, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"In order to be a true community of honor, we must stand on principle now and forever and not buckle under pressure."

OTHER VOICES

Attendance at Board of Visitors vote is vital

To the University Community:

As many of you already know, the Board of Visitors meeting is coming up this Friday, Feb. 23, 2007. The Board will finally be voting on an issue that has been alive and buzzing since 2002—whether or not to add the phrase "sexual orientation" into the University's non-discrimination policy. This is an extremely important issue in the history of our university.

Adding "sexual orientation" into the non-discrimination policy is not about personal opinion or partisan politics—plain and simply. The heart of this issue is embracing all forms of diversity. It is about ensuring the rights of our students, faculty, and staff are protected in all forms at all times. It is about the climate, culture, and

safety of our campus community. The fact of the matter is, many people do not feel safe on campus because of their sexual orientation, and it is important that this amendment is passed to ensure that feeling of uneasiness ceases to exist.

"It is imperative that we show the Board of Visitors that this campus is steadfastly behind this issue."

Although we are close to reaching our goal, there are still a few roadblocks in our way. That is where all of you come in: It is imperative that we show

the Board of Visitors that this campus is steadfastly behind this issue. We need as many faculty, staff, and most importantly, students at the Board meeting as possible.

There will be a silent campaign beginning at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the Student Union. The full board meets at noon, but the vote is likely to take place between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. Please, come to this meeting and show the members of your community that you support them.

If you have any questions about this issue please do not hesitate to contact Student Government at SGA@cnu.edu. This is a historic time in our university, be a part of it.

Molly Buckley
SGA President ■

Bush needs to do better

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The energy proposals that President Bush offered last month in his State of the Union message are modest steps in the right direction but don't put enough stress on greater energy conservation.

Bush's proposal to raise fuel economy standards is too indefinite. While commendably urging that America attempt to reduce gasoline consumption by 20 percent within 10 years, the president appears to be over-relying on corn-based ethanol as an alternative fuel to achieve that goal. There are limitations as to how much corn America can feasibly produce, and it is in heavy demand as a food product for humans and livestock. Furthermore, ethanol production consumes considerable amounts of fossil fuel.

Bush inexplicably proposes doubling the size of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to 1.5 billion barrels of oil in 20 years, a costly measure for which there is no demonstrated need.

The current fuel economy standard requiring car fleets to average 27.5 miles per gallon was put in place in 1985. Since then, technological improvements have greatly increased engine efficiency and made higher

standards eminently feasible.

The Bush administration, through the U.S. Department of Transportation, has in recent years administratively approved very modest increases in the mileage standards for light trucks. The standard will rise to 24 mpg by 2011.

Bush wants Congress to give the transportation secretary similar authority to approve new standards for cars, using a formula that probably would be based on individual models' weight and size, rather than preserving the simple single-number average for vehicle fleets known as the corporate average fuel economy standard.

Bush's proposal is more complicated, could prove tougher to regulate and appears less certain to produce a big savings in fuel consumption than would a robust increase in the traditional single-number fleet standard.

We have urged that CAFE standards be raised by five to 10 mpg miles per gallon over a decade, which vehicle manufacturers could achieve merely with existing technology.

Bush also is urging that, by 2017, America replace 35 billion gallons of gasoline annually with renewable or alternative fuels. That would be seven times

the amount of ethanol produced in 2006.

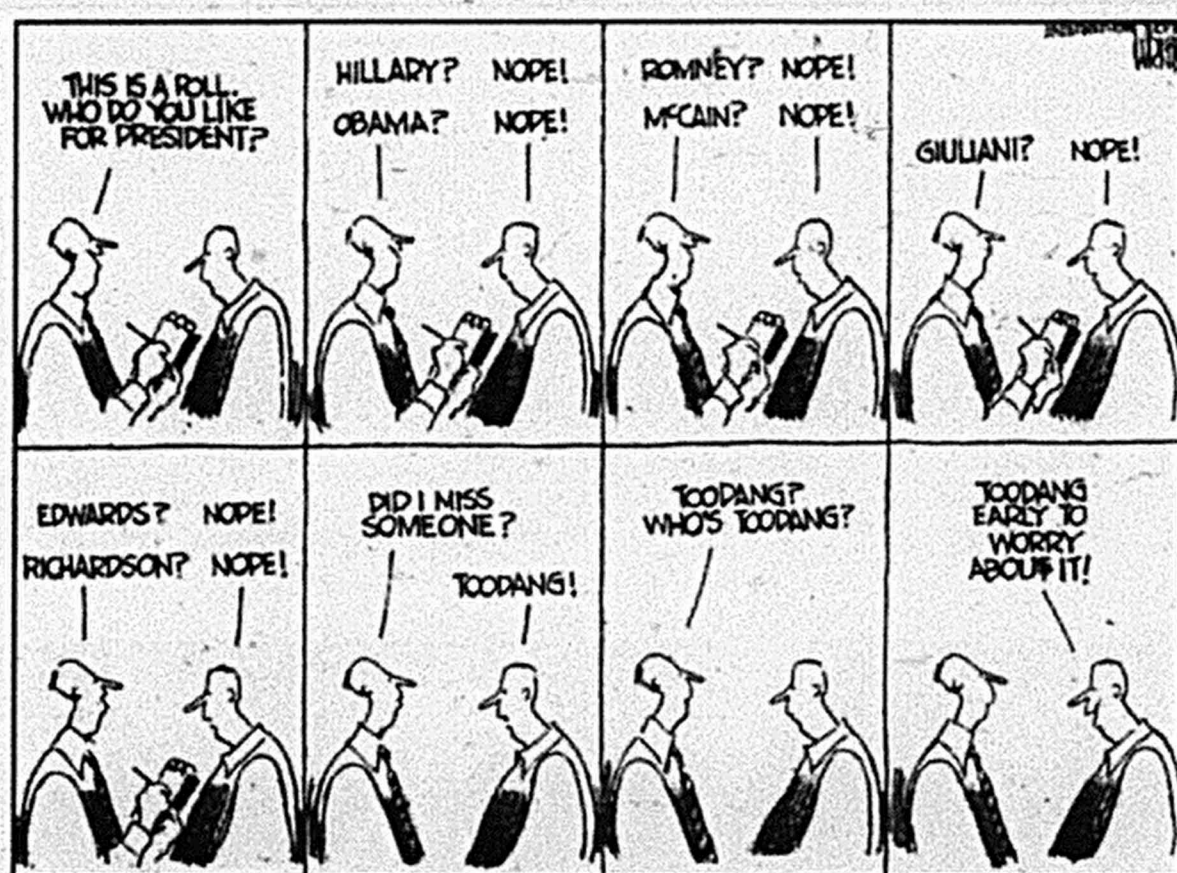
By one estimate, the U.S. corn crop would have to more than triple in size to enable the production of 35 billion gallons of corn-based ethanol annually. The diversion of corn for ethanol already is alarming livestock producers and makers of food products who are heavy corn users.

Bush's call to swell the Strategic Petroleum Reserve would cost perhaps \$50 billion or more. The money spent buying more oil for the reserve could be much better employed in developing alternative energy technologies and providing incentives for greater energy conservation.

We generally have agreed with Bush that the United States should attempt to increase domestic oil and natural gas production to help reduce our reliance on foreign oil.

But America's biggest need is for increased energy conservation and efficiency, coupled with development of alternative energy technologies ranging from wind power to plug-in hybrid vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

The president still isn't focusing enough on those forward-looking approaches. And it's time for that to change. ■



Mary Cheney's pregnancy is, indeed, political

BY ANDREA LEWIS
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

When the high-profile lesbian daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney announced that she and her partner of 15 years, Heather Poe, are expecting their first child in the spring, she understandably sought to avoid controversy. "This is a blessing from God," Cheney said while pointing to her pregnant belly at a recent Glamour magazine panel discussion. "It's not a political statement. It is not a prop to be used in a debate by people on either side of an issue. It is my child."

But like it or not, Mary Cheney has stepped into the

middle of the debate over rights for gay families.

Some allies of the Bush-Cheney administration immediately attacked her.

"With all due respect to Cheney and her partner," James Dobson of Focus on the Family wrote, "The majority of more than 30 years of social-science evidence indicates that children do best on every measure of well-being when raised by their married mother and father."

Numerous scholars and activists have argued that responsible research has shown no difference between kids raised by same-sex parents versus heterosexual

couples.

"What matters is that children are raised in a stable, loving environment," Mary Cheney said.

Sadly, Dick Cheney appears to be more comfortable defending his boss, President Bush, from critics than he is arguing for the rights of his daughter.

When CNN's Wolf Blitzer gently asked Dick Cheney to respond to anti-gay comments like those of Dobson, the vice president bristled. "I think, frankly, you're out of line with that question," he said.

Mary Cheney herself is caught in a hypocritical bind. In 2003, she became the director of vice-presidential

operations for the Bush-Cheney w2004 presidential re-election campaign. That was the same campaign that pushed for the anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment, a constitutional amendment that would have defined marriage as being only between a man and a woman.

She also didn't publicly criticize the Republican anti-gay platform until she got a contract to author a biography titled "Now It's My Turn: A Daughter's Chronicle of Political Life." She is reported to have received a \$1 million advance for the book.

Now Mary Cheney is saying that her decision to be a mom and raise her child in a same-

sex couple is not a political issue.

Sorry, Mary. You can't be a public figure who openly campaigns for an anti-gay Republican agenda and then turn around and expect that your decision to have a child with your same-sex partner would not stoke the debate around the issue of rights for same-sex families.

If nothing else, Mary Cheney's pregnancy is a reminder to activists on both sides of the issue that gay families come in all colors, sizes and political persuasions, and that all of us deserve equal rights and protections under the law. ■

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FOOD+HEALTH

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Healthier 'fried chicken' from the oven



Fried chicken is known to be a comfort food packed with calories. Well, this newfangled chicken recipe will satisfy your comfort food craving and leave your conscious guilt-free.

UN-FRIED CHICKEN | This jazzed up fried chicken recipe is a feel-good meal for your stomach and your body.

BY KATHY MANWEILER
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

If we are what we eat, then America might be a nation of chickens.

On average, consumers say they eat chicken five times in a two-week period, according to a 2006 National Chicken Council survey. Other research finds that fried chicken has been the fastest-growing fast-food menu item over the past decade.

No doubt it's popular, but fried chicken is far from healthy. A five-piece order of McDonald's Chicken Selects contains 630 calories and 33 fat grams.

A more nutritious alternative is "un-frying" breaded chicken in the oven, but it can be tricky to find a method and recipe that mimics fried chicken.

I experimented with several recipes, then mixed and matched some of the tips and ingredients to come up with "un-fried" chicken that made my junk-food-loving taste buds happy.

My version is based on a recipe by Rosie Daley, former chef to Oprah Winfrey. Her breaded was fantastic, but it wouldn't stick well to the chicken with the yogurt coating she suggested.

I tried some tips from "The Joy of Cooking" and then found a Food Network recipe that called for brushing the chicken with a mixture of light mayonnaise and Dijon mustard before breading it. That worked like a charm

with Daley's breading.

You can use this breading and baking method on bone-in chicken, but I use boneless, skinless chicken breasts here because they're the leanest.

A serving of these un-fried chicken fingers contains 369 calories and 11.3 fat grams. If you eat these instead of Chicken Selects, you'll save enough calories and fat grams to get a small order of McDonald's fries sometime when you're really craving those. But trust me, once you try these chicken fingers you won't want any fast food brand.

UN-FRIED CHICKEN

Cooking spray
2 pounds of boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Ice water
1 cup light mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 cup dried Italian bread crumbs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon Old Bay seasoning
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon Creole seasoning
1 teaspoon black pepper
Dash cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Set a rack on a foil-lined baking sheet. Spray the rack generously with cooking spray.

Put the chicken in a large bowl of ice water. Mix the mayonnaise and mustard in

a small bowl. Set both bowls aside.

Put all the breading ingredients in a pie plate and combine well.

One at a time, remove the chicken breasts from the ice water and pat dry with paper towels. Trim off fat. Between two sheets of waxed paper, pound the chicken breast with a mallet or rolling pin until it is about 1/3-inch thick. Cut the chicken into strips.

Brush the mayonnaise and mustard mixture on each piece of chicken until coated thoroughly, then transfer the chicken to the pie plate and bread each piece. Put the chicken on the prepared rack and spray each piece lightly with cooking spray. Repeat process with remaining chicken breasts.

Place the baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven and bake for about 40 minutes, or until the coating crisps and browns and an instant-read thermometer reads 170 degrees.

Serve with barbecue sauce or another favorite dipping sauce. Serves 5.

Nutrition Information: Per serving: 369 calories, 11.3 fat grams, 44.4 grams of protein, 17 carbohydrate grams, 0.8 grams of fiber, 975 mg sodium. (Adapted from recipes from "In the Kitchen With Rosie: Oprah's Favorite Recipes," Food Network and "The Joy of Cooking.")

WE'LL SLIM IT DOWN FOR YOU

Do you have a favorite food or popular recipe that you'd like to see made healthier? Send your ideas and recipes to me at kmanweiler@wichitaeagle.com. ■

Medik's Market offers gourmet food and more

SOMETHING DIFFERENT | A new cafe gets high praise for their unique style, fresh food and interesting atmosphere.

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Step into Medik's Market and you are whisked away to a world of gourmet cheeses, world-renowned wines, fresh sushi, some of the best sandwiches you'll ever eat, and so much more.

Located in the fairly new City Center at Oyster Point, Medik's Market is a one-of-a-kind establishment offering fine dining that's delicious, affordable and fun.

One of the greatest things about Medik's Market (besides the food, of course) is that it's unique. They specialize in selling a number of different gourmet and organic groceries including special brands of soups, ciders, teas, beans and desserts. They also sell fresh fruits and vegetables along with a pretty extensive wine and beer collection.

Their deli offers freshly homemade pasta salads, chicken dishes, made-to-order deli sandwiches, and a number of hearty soups. You can also enjoy their miniature gift shop which offers trendy cards, bags and other trinkets. Or, watch their sushi chef in action as they prepare fresh, top of the line sushi right before your eyes.

For a real treat, stop by their cafe for breakfast and grab a "Funky Monkey Panini." It's a giant croissant layered with chocolate hazelnut spread and fresh bananas. For only \$3.99, it is not a bad deal. Their breakfast menu offers specialties like Brioche French Toast, Belgian Waffles, and Jelly Doughnut Pancakes. However, they even have simple favorites like a breakfast burrito, bacon and eggs, or fruit pancakes.

Their cafe menu (lunch and

dinner) is equally fascinating and delicious. Fresh salads, and over 25 different kinds mouth-watering sandwiches make this menu the perfect way to have a yummy lunch or a healthy dinner. If you're just in the mood for something light, try one of their delicious soups. The menu changes daily and they offer fantastic flavors like Mushroom and Brie Bisque or Loaded Baked Potato.

Medik's Market also takes pride in their extensive sushi bar. If you're a sushi fan like I am, then this is the place for you. Selections are prepared in advance, or you can ask the chef to make something catered to your liking.

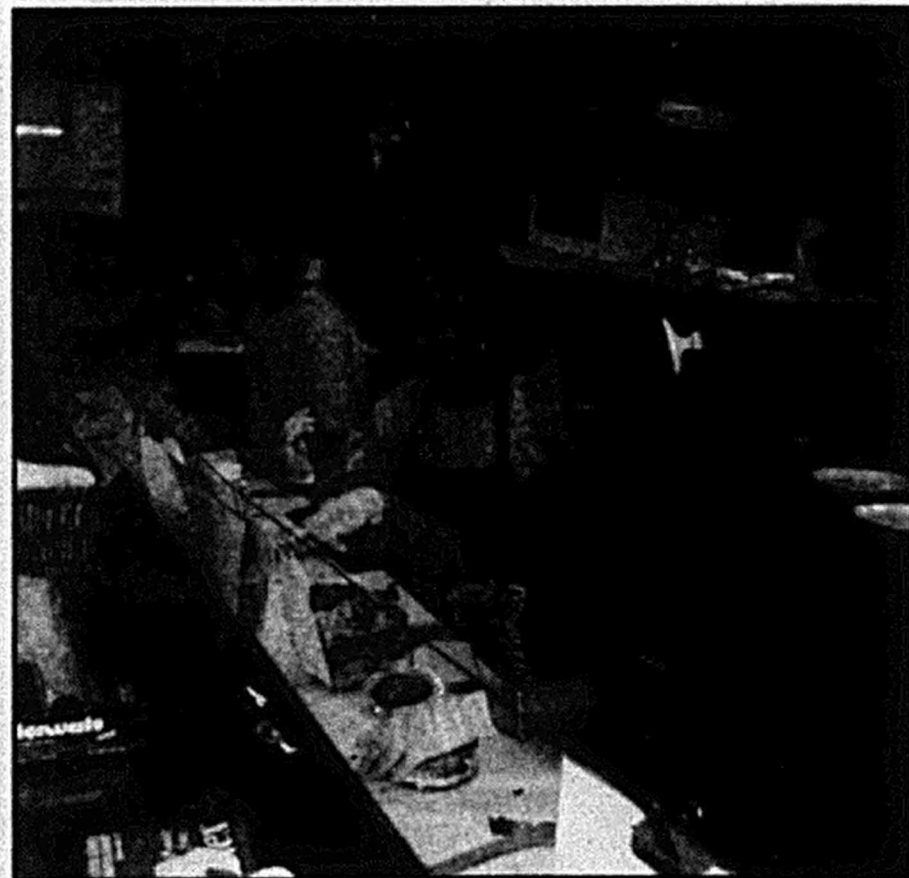
If you want to try everything, come to Medik's on a Wednesday and enjoy a sushi experience unlike any other. Every Wednesday, Medik's Market offers an All-You-Can-Eat Sushi Lunch and Dinner for a fraction of what you'd pay for sushi at any Asian restaurant. Spicy tuna rolls, seaweed salad, California rolls, shrimp, salmon, you name it

and they have it.

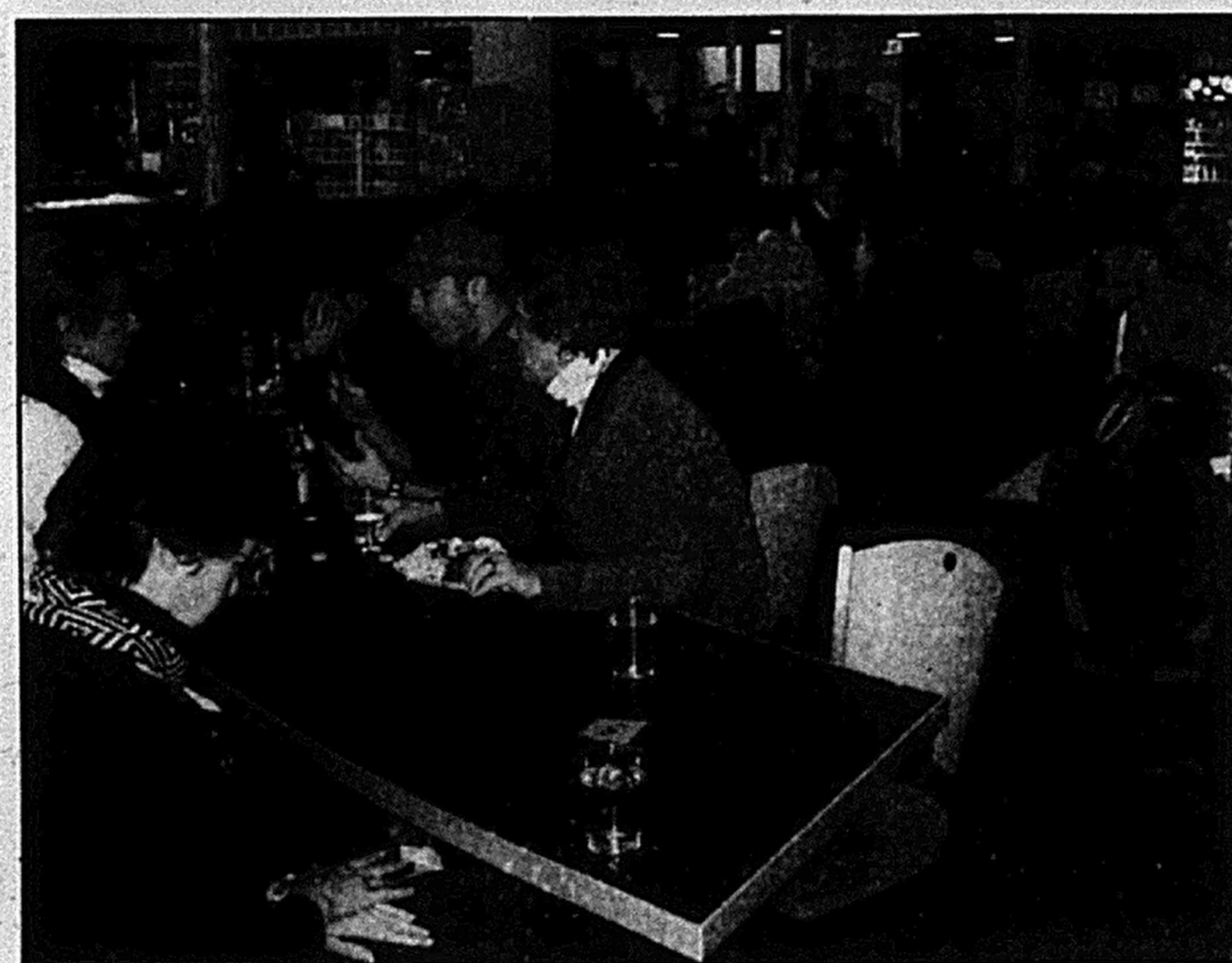
The All-You-Can-Eat Sushi Lunch is from 11:00 - 1:30pm for only \$7.99 and the dinner is offered from 5:00-6:30 for \$9.99. That's half of what you'd pay for a platter of eight pieces at a sushi restaurant!

Aside from great food and a cozy atmosphere, Medik's Market also offers weekly food and wine tastings. Some of their other specials include all-you-can-eat pizza, wine sampling classes, and theme dinners. Check out the event schedule at their web site: <http://www.mediksmarket.com>.

Medik's Market is open daily. They are located at 702 Mariner's Row, next to Anne Taylor Loft in the City Center. For comments, questions, directions or catering information, you can call Medik's Market at 757-596-8651. See you there! ■



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Mixed feelings for Carnaval goers

CRIME IN RIO | Many Brazilians are in no mood to party at the annual Carnaval following the horrific death of a boy.

BY JACK CHANG
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—The annual Carnaval festivities got under way this past weekend, but many Brazilians are in no mood to party.

Thousands have taken to the streets to demand tougher action against crime after the horrific death Feb. 7 of a 6-year-old boy who was caught in his seatbelt and dragged beside his mother's car for 4 miles through Rio de Janeiro's streets during a botched carjacking.

By the time the car came to a halt, Joao Hello Fernandes Vieiras' head, knees and fingers had been torn from his body. His death has become a symbol for Brazil's out-of-control crime problem in a city in which bloodshed is a daily occurrence.

"The sad thing is this death was just another one," said butcher Marcone Duarte, who joined hundreds of mourners Wednesday in downtown Rio de Janeiro during a memorial service. "Tomorrow, it could be my boy. It's too much. Every day, there's a new horror."

The violence has fueled desperation among many Cariocas — as Rio residents

are called — that their world-famous city is in trouble.

Residents already had been recovering from a wave of violence that had upped the city's grim casualty rate. Experts blame cocaine trafficking and the growing firepower of the city's powerful drug gangs for much of the violence.

Brazil has the world's highest rate of firearms deaths and one of the highest homicide rates. Criminal gangs are in virtual control of large parts of the country. Gang attacks that claimed dozens of lives paralyzed Brazil's biggest state, Sao Paulo, three times last year.

Rio state, which includes the city of Rio de Janeiro and outlying areas, is the country's deadliest, with a homicide rate in 2005 of about 62 for every 100,000 residents. The murder rate in the United States was 5.6 per 100,000 people that year.

"This city was never like this," said Kelli Salaroli, whose friend Dayana Ribeiro disappeared last month and is feared dead. "Joao's death was a landmark. Things have to change. We have to rescue our city."

That sense of desperation is particularly strong as Rio prepares for Carnaval, which

begins Friday. The event long has been the heart of Brazilian cultural life and a good measure of the national mood, which this year seems nostalgic for less troubled times.

The marchinha, a traditional Carnaval music set to a martial rhythm that was popular from the 1920s to the 1970s, returns to the festivities this year. The number of groups playing the music as well as traditional samba has exploded on the city's streets, and a musical that showcases the marchinha has sold out all its shows.

Sergio Cabral, the father of Rio's governor and a co-author of the musical, said the phenomenon reflected public longing for the city's celebrated past, before drugs and violence took over.

The lyrics to one marchinha, "Marvelous Rio," describe a mythical city full of tropical gardens and ever-present music.

"The show is trying to say our city is much better than it seems to be," Cabral said. "It represents what we've lost with all this violence. The happiness of the show and of the marchinha is part of Rio de Janeiro's character."

The story of Joao's death, which has dominated Brazil's newspapers and news programs, paints a much grimmer picture of the city.

Five men, ages 16 to 23, have been arrested in connection with the killing. The police



JACK CHANG/MCT

People wear Peace glasses outside a Feb. 14, memorial service in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a boy who was dragged to death the week before.

allege that a witness who drove up beside the speeding car said he'd heard one of the suspects call the boy his Judas doll, a puppet that's ritualistically beaten and incinerated during Easter ceremonies. Police haven't released the names of any witnesses.

About a thousand people,

including Joao's family, filled Rio's Candelaria cathedral Wednesday to remember the boy and voice their outrage. Many demanded that legislators increase the maximum sentence for juvenile offenders and lower the age at which people can be prosecuted.

On the church's steps, rela-

tives of other homicide victims raised pictures of their fallen, while 19-year-old Livia Serpa held a sign that read "Peace."

"We can't let the violence stop us from living our lives," Serpa said. "We have to celebrate and show the world we aren't defeated yet." ■



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included in the ATF.

The task force said that a representative could help shed more light onto how policies are being violated and enforced, and provide information to which the ATF was lacking.

The ATF also said that their suggested policy of allowing student organizations to have events with

alcohol, if accepted by Tribble, should take effect April 1, 2007. Some organizations and clubs have already attempted to schedule dates, the ATF said.

Faculty and staff will also now be required to take alcohol education classes in their legal training during Getting Started Week.

"I think we have completed our task for the semester," said Eddleman. ■

LECLERC FROM PAGE A3

and comprehending the language are all possibilities.

"Emotionally speaking, this hasn't really hit me yet," said Leclerc. "I've been mostly positive about this whole thing until recently when I'm suddenly thinking to myself, 'Wait. You're going to a whole other country for a year.'"

But the period of culture

shock that he is now anticipating is something he is looking forward to.

"I'm sure I'll be abjectly miserable for a period of time, but I'm actually looking forward to that because that's the period when I expect to grow the most," said Leclerc. "For most of my life I've been running under the assumption that what scares me most is what I need to be doing."

"I started with this vague

notion that I had to do something great. But I didn't know how until I found behavioral economics," said Leclerc. "Africa is a place that needs a lot of help and is very difficult to help in many ways. I'd just like to use this opportunity to contribute."

Leclerc, has won both a \$1000 Honors Scholarship and a \$2000 Greene Honors Scholarship at CNU. In 2006, he helped co-found Citizens

of the World, a campus group dedicated to raising awareness about world issues. In the summer of 2006, Leclerc also participated in the Tidewater North African Exchange Program in which 20 students from Morocco and Algeria came to CNU to learn about America alongside 20 CNU students. This summer, Leclerc and the participants will travel to Morocco to reunite with the North African students. ■

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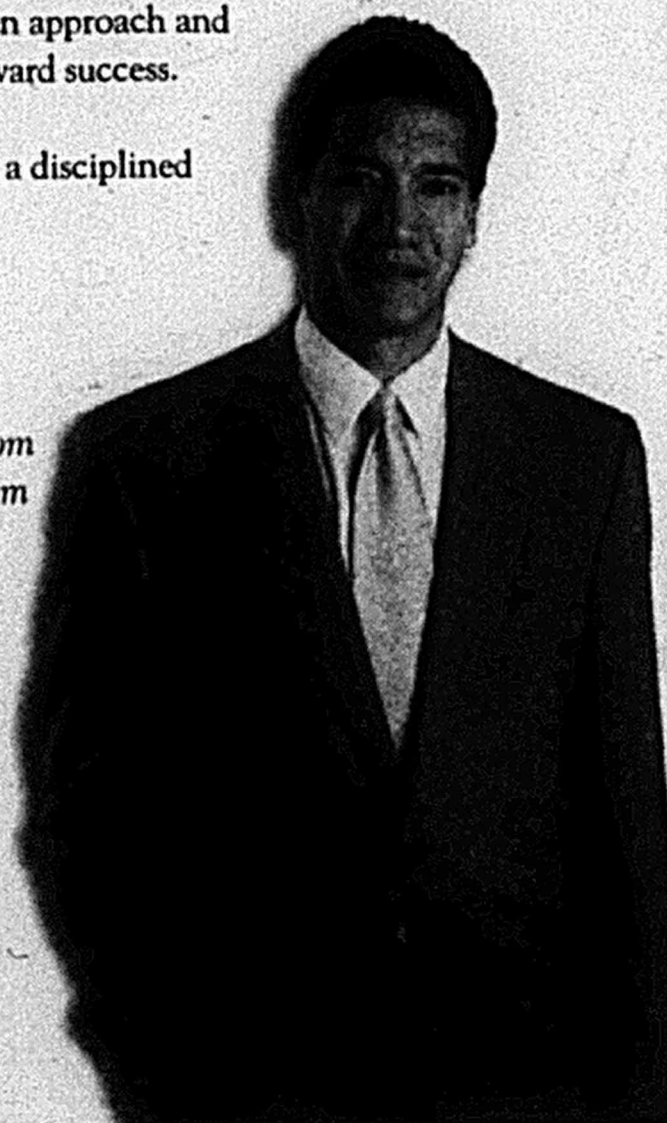
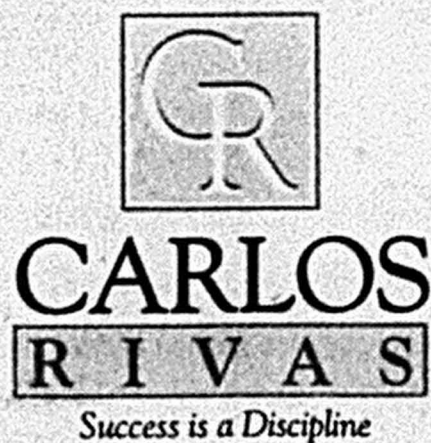
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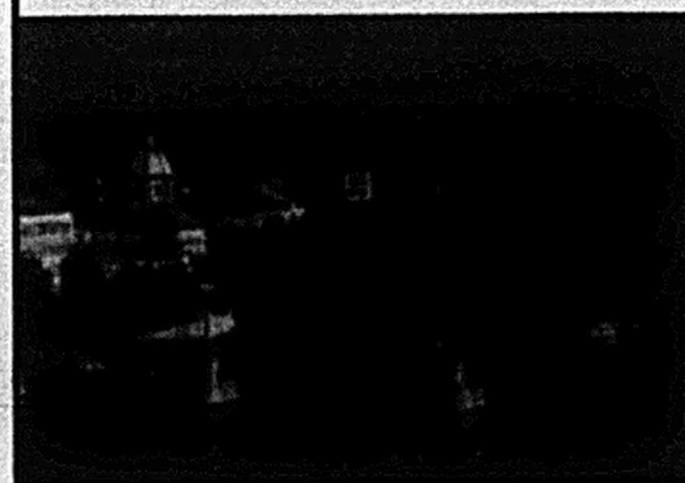


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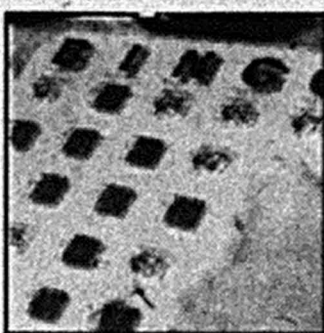
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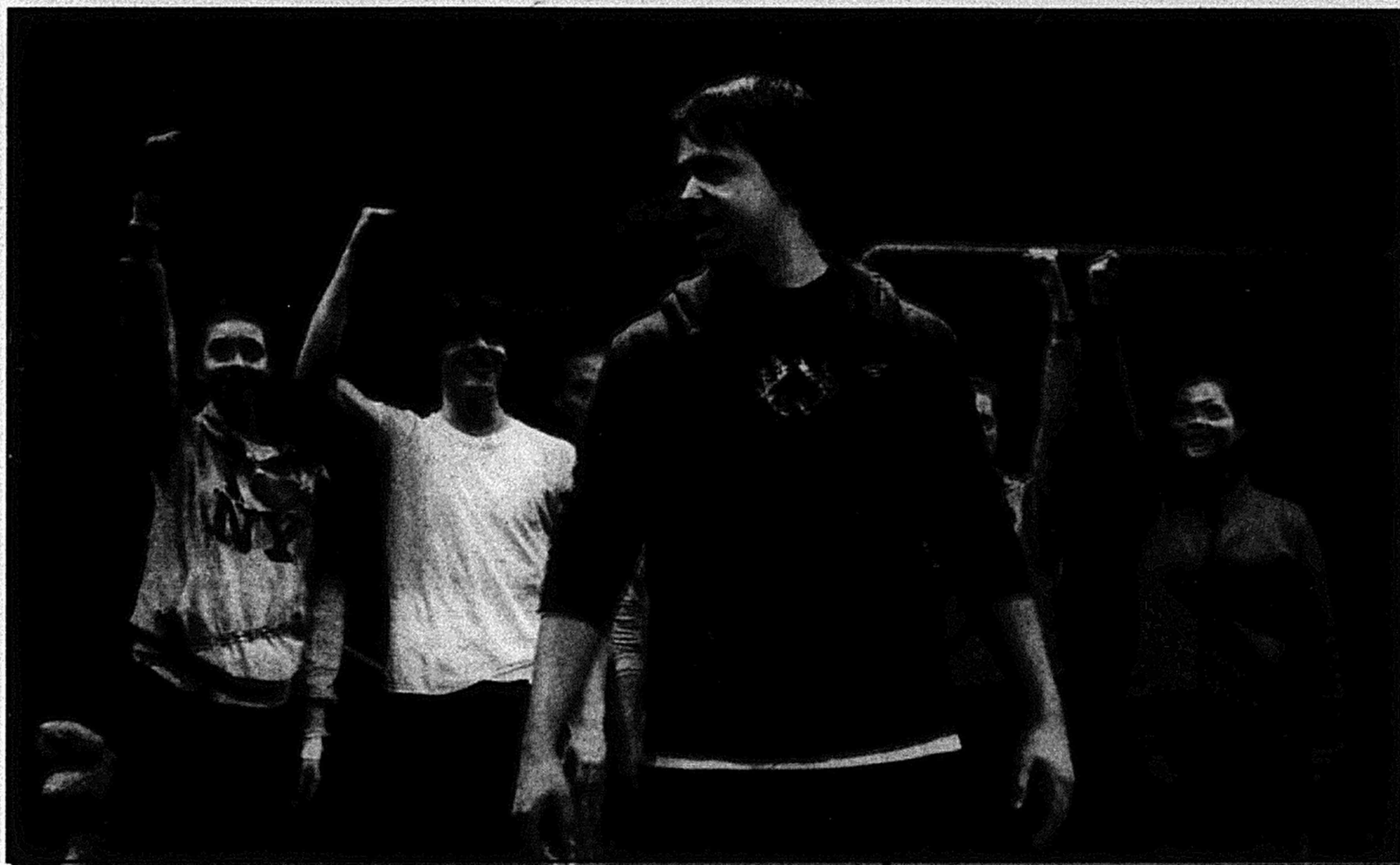
MUSIC

Read our reviewer's take on Indie bands The Blow's "Paper Television" and The Fratellis' "Flathead EP."



THEATER

TheatreCNU presents its opening of "Urinetown, The Musical" this weekend in Ferguson's Studio Theater.



Above: Sophomore Jake Mills plays leading love interest Bobby Strong in "Urinetown." Below: The cast of the show rehearses on a set of scaffolding and piping.

'Urinetown' tinkle-free

THEATRECNU | In TheatreCNU's newest musical, fervor and farce flow together.

BY AMBER WIXTROM
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"What is Urinetown?" According to the play's varied characters, "Urinetown" can be many things – and the CNU production leaves nothing out. During the last week before performance, the scene is a flurry of activity. Techs climb deftly over the set, a complex network of catwalks and scaffolding, readying the lights for the start of the practice. A blue-green meld of lights flood the floor, while shadows of the spidery set stripe the ground with a grid of menacing bars and creeping pipes. In the midst of this pre-scene setup, one actress practices a later scene's jazz-inspired dance step, while another actress emerges out of a manhole, querying the director. Across from the stage, a row of intensely focused production crew leans over notebooks or speaks into headsets, surveying the technical aspects of the scene. "Five minutes!" calls the director, and the actors take their places in the wings.

The music begins, quick staccato bursts of movement, and the players rise, leaning tensely against slender beams or crouched, furtively, by thin pillars, their bodies shadowed blue by the cool-toned light. "What is Urinetown?" they demand, each voicing their version of the town's terror. At first glance, the scene looks like the recurrent epic musical, something like "Les Miserables." But then a character quips a line like "Look to your heart – I think the answer is waiting for you there... somewhere among the tissues," – and satire splashes in, revealing a play that is earnest and hilariously parodic at once.

Playing the line between epic and parody, "Urinetown"

finds its footing somewhere between philosophy and farce. "The play's similar to movies like 'Airplane' and 'Naked Gun,'" says senior Aaron Page, who plays the flashily evil villain Cladwell. "Characters are in ridiculous situations, and absurd things come out of their mouths – but they take it so seriously, like it's life and death. That's where the humor, all the comedy, comes from." In this, the actors definitely succeed. Though she spends three songs bound and gagged, Dawson still portrays the full range of emotion, expressing the captive's terror through darting eyes and fearful movement. But sarcasm is also a trait of Hope's changing character – later in the play, Hope returns to her careless guardian, who exclaims the traditional "What an unexpected surprise!"

"Is there any other kind?" Hope retorts.

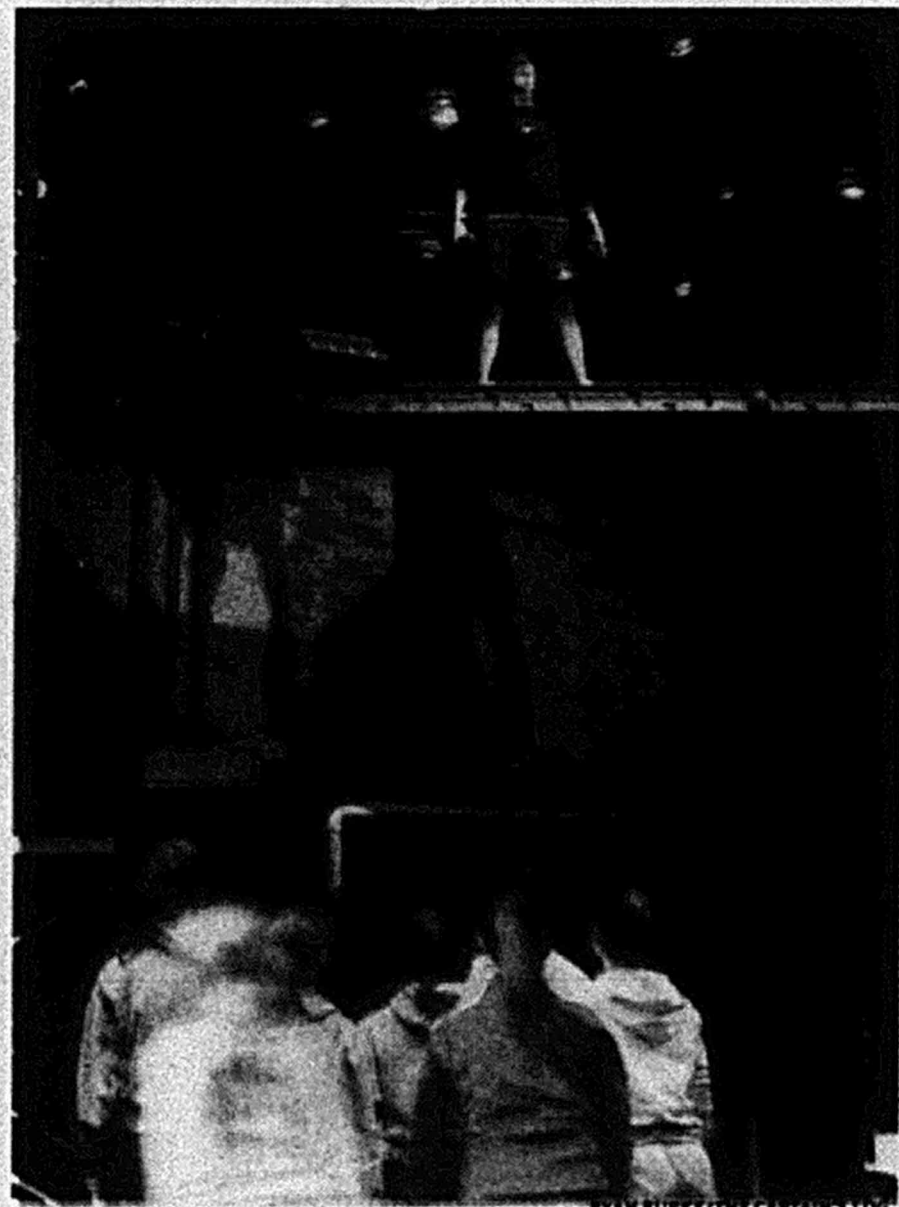
Dawson's range of character, as well as Hope's chemistry with love interest Bobby Strong (played impassionedly by sophomore Jake Mills) helps to carry the play's blend of sincerity and humor.

"Urinetown" is also aided by a vibrant ensemble, each

member of which shines in their characters with their own unique and humorous quirks. Accenting fervent lines with comical mixes of dance, this ensemble goes beyond the traditional "chorus," keeping the musical alive and, er – kicking. The dances, ranging from "Fiddler on the Roof"-esque Russian steps to crowded crawls reminiscent of "Jesus Christ Superstar," manage to parody almost every dance step in musicals of the past – and all in the space of a song.

The set, too, is a prominent feature of this unusual production. Catwalks and pipes woven over the cityscape do more than frame central action. A significant part of the play's progress takes place on the slender scaffolding, as characters slide down, dangle over, hang onto, or jump off of various platforms and ladders. Despite the agility of these actors, performing on the set is an experience only a week old. "We rehearsed in a flat space, the rehearsal hall, 'til about last week," says junior Steven Martinez, who portrays Old Man Strong. "It's been hard to adjust to the scaffolding, now that we're transferring to rehearsal on the actual set." Dawson echoes Martinez's change of bearings. "Everything changed once we got to move into the actual space," she explains. "All of a sudden we were doing everything 14 feet in the air and climbing up and down while moving and singing at the same time! It definitely added a new dynamic to the show!" Mills also found performing on the set a unique task – "I hate heights," he explains. This does prove a challenge, for throughout the play, his character must be led, blindfolded, along a 15-foot high catwalk, as well as navigate scaffolding, frequently swinging from the edge of the balcony or railings.

During this week's rehearsal, besides adjust-



ing to the new set, the "Urinetown" cast must go through "cleanup rehearsal." In this stage of rehearsal, the actors must refine each scene, amending any weak parts and making smooth transitions. Scenes have to be restarted and redone myriad times, to perfect every element. "It should continue to get better every time you do it," exhorts director Lon Hurst. True to his word, the actors practice just the entrance of Act II five times, navigating the close-quartered backstage in complete darkness. At first, the players are unsteady, shifting position or coming on at slightly different times, but by the fifth attempt, they glide swiftly into place, moving in the dark as confidently as if they stood in full daylight, as the first notes of music sound

the song's cue.

What to expect from "Urinetown"? The production is superb. But the show itself? "It's... very atypical for a musical," says Page. "It's very contemporary, it will definitely appeal to college students." Satire slipped into sincerity, a stage in the sky – with unusual uniqueness, "Urinetown" steals the stage. Coming into this musical, it's hard to know what to anticipate... but afterwards, you won't want to leave.

Just make sure to take care of your needs, first – for in this two-hour musical, as the characters say – "It's a privilege to pee."

"Urinetown, The Musical" premieres Friday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Performances are Feb. 23, 24, and Mar. 1, 2, and 3 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 25 and Mar. 4 matinees at 2 p.m.

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February 22
An Exhibition Featuring Work by CNU Art Majors, 10 a.m., Falk Gallery

February 23
Step Afrika, 8 p.m., Gaines Theatre
Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Ferguson Center for the Arts

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February 22
The Guthrie Family Legacy Tour, 7:30 p.m., The American Theatre

February 22
Prose, Poetry, Percussion and Song 12:30 p.m., Tidewater Community College
The Cotton Club, 6 p.m., Tide water Community College
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February 23
Wine By Design, 7 p.m., Contemporary Art Center or Virginia
Socrates Cafe at Broad Street Books, 7:30 p.m., Broad Street Books

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Celtic Acoustic Music, 8:30 p.m., Murphy's Grand Irish Restaurant

February 22
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February 23
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Guitar Shorty, 9 p.m., The Jewish Mother
The Drifters, The Coasters and The Platters, 8 p.m., Ferguson Center for the Arts

February 25
Matt White, 7 p.m., The NorVa

February 26
Gym Class Heroes, 8:30 p.m., The NorVa

movie releases

February 23
"The Number 23" This thriller is about a man (Jim Carrey) who becomes obsessed with a book and has an increasing obsession with the number 23. The plot of the book resembles his life and foreshadows a grave ending. "The Number 23" is rated R.
"Reno 911! Miami" This comedy is based off of the Comedy Central television series. The men and women of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department attend a law enforcement convention and are put in charge of protecting Miami after a terrorist attack. "Reno 911! Miami" is rated R.

"The Astronaut Farmer" Charles Farmer (Billy Bob Thornton) pursues his dream of building a rocket after he is kicked out of the NASA space program. While trying to build his rocket, he faces foreclosure and criticism from people as well as being investigated by the FBI, CIA, FAA and the United States military. Farmer tries to reach his goal throughout the movie. "The Astronaut Farmer" is rated PG.

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"We Got This" - B.G. & The Chopper City Boyz
"Serve & Collect" - Slim Thug
"Straight From The Heart" - Da'Wayle Singletary

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"The Return"
"Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny"
"A Good Year"
"Conversations with God"
"Girlfriends"

Crowning beauty, brains

QUEENS | Juniors Sara Wirtala and Alencia Johnson boast more than good looks.

BY CHANELLE LAYMAN
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She's a year ahead of the game.

A 3.96 grade point average, eighteen credit hours and a couple summer courses will ensure she graduates from Christopher Newport University (CNU) in three years instead of four. But it doesn't stop there. She also works as a campus tour guide and leads a girls' Bible study with InterVarsity. She assists a literacy coach at Riverside Elementary School and volunteer-teaches adults to read with the Peninsula Reads program. Last weekend, she sang at the Miss Albemarle competition.

Ambitious? Yes. Accomplished? Clearly. What's not so clear is that junior Sara Wirtala is also a pageant queen. Not what you were

expecting? Don't be fooled — the reigning Miss Virginia Association of Fairs 2007 is not the Hollywood-envisioned lip gloss-toting queen of glam. In fact, Wirtala's résumé is evidence alone that winning a pageant crown and banner involves a good deal more than maintained highlights, tedious plucking and a whitened smile.

Switch faces. Junior Alencia Johnson, reigning Miss Virginia American Teen 2006, presents a healthy list of her own accomplishments. Johnson busies her time as vice president of the Multicultural Student Association, Captains cheerleader, member of PLP and a mentor for the Captains for Excellence program.

Throw in a few hours of filing in the Office of Admissions and giving campus tours, plus the speeches to students and youth groups, a mission trip to Honduras and a weekend appearance at the Richmond Kids Expo, and the picture will almost be complete.

Welcome to the world of pageants, a world that looks surprising less like "Miss Congeniality" and more like a preparatory school. "It's focused on being a well-rounded person — being genuine," said Wirtala. Well-rounded might be an understatement here. In addition to being judged on an interview, a personal introduction and an evening gown, Johnson also competed in three of the five optional categories:

talent, speech, modeling. All-American cheerleaders and photogenic. "It's just as much about who you are inside as who you are outside," said Wirtala.

The talents change from pageant to pageant. Some contests only do swimsuit competitions, while others require a private interview. It depends on what pageant system you're a part of. Both Wirtala's and Johnson's pageant systems require formal oral presentations.

Wirtala, who competed in the Virginia Association of Fairs, was interviewed before a panel of judges. Johnson gave a twenty to thirty second introduction in addition to an interview when she participated in the National Miss American Coed Pageant.

According to their Web site, the National Miss American Coed Pageant "helps each girl develop poise, self-confidence and the ability to express herself while striving to reinforce the teachings of her home, school and church." One simple application — name, age, address and school activities — and you're on your way.

Entering the state fair competition seemed to be no different for Wirtala. "I was looking for something to do during the summer, and I had thought about entering before, so I decided like two weeks before to enter," she said. A few weeks later Wirtala walked away with a crown and the title of Miss Fredericksburg Fair.

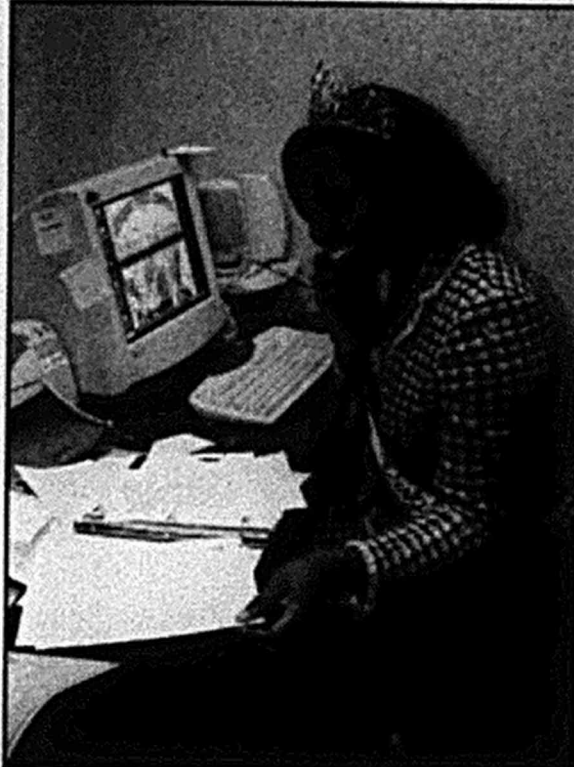
Lest you think that becoming a pageant queen is that easy, take a look at the inner workings once you've made it into the system. Even the preparation involved prior to a pageant can be stressful,

such as picking out a pageant gown. While Miss America may actually receive a full evening gown and swimsuit wardrobe, Wirtala and Johnson pay most of their expense out of pocket. When Johnson competed in a pageant her senior year, she had a plan to save her and her mom a little bit of money. Instead of buying an extravagant prom dress and a pageant dress a few months later, she would purchase one for both events. "But it didn't work out," she said. "We spent \$400 for prom, and then like two months later we spent another \$300 for my gown." And that doesn't include the cost of other accessories or travel.

When it comes to crunch time, the few days and hours before a pageant begins, both Johnson and her mom get a little tense.

Since winning a pageant, Johnson's mom has come to be her manager. "She'll call me during the week to say, 'Hey, here's an opportunity for you' or 'You definitely need to attend this event,'" said Johnson.

But during the weekend's events, things can get pretty heated in the hotel room. "She's, like, telling me about my hair and reminding me to do things, and I'm like, 'I know, Mom.' But afterward, I just say 'I'm sorry, and she says 'I know. You're in the zone,'" said Johnson. The zone itself can be pretty intense.



RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG
Junior Alencia Johnson.

"You have all these girls, and some of them are really competitive. They'll ask you what your dress looks like, but you know that they're just sizing up their competition," Johnson explained.

While status as a reigning queen certainly involves community service, a commanding presence and some intense weekends, it also comes with its fair share of perks. Both Wirtala and Johnson received scholarship awards, of \$1500 and \$500 respectively, for winning their pageants. In addition, they occasionally get gift certificates or discounts on dresses.

Above all, Johnson and Wirtala agree that the pageants give girls a sense of confidence. "I could walk into any job interview right now and be completely confident. I know who I am, and I would know how to respond to the questions," said Wirtala. ■



CHANELLE LAYMAN/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG
Junior Sara Wirtala.

Indie pop, rock bands smashing

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The Blow
"Paper Television"
Genre: Synth Pop

The Blow, consisting of Khaela Maricich and Jona Bechtolt, should be poised to take over the world. I first found them through "True Affection" on the iTunes free "Single of the Week" service. When I finally tracked down the album (yes, I still buy CDs), "Paper Television" exceeds expectations by pushing Maricich's vocals and personality to the forefront, partnering with Bechtolt's wonderfully executed synths.

The only time that the album sags is when Maricich's vocals are rushed on "The Long List of Girls" and when the synth strives for attention, namely, on "Pardon Me."

On the whole, "Paper Television" is a lot of fun, but there are several great gems. "Parentheses" sets love struggling through a grocery store. "Fists Up" addresses love and trust in a relationship.

The theme is continued with "True Affection," in which the protagonist's love is so far "out of my league" that he's "twenty thousand underneath the sea."

While each song is about love, it's this intense wordplay and Maricich's emotion that really shines through that's bolstered by her beautifully voice.

The Fratellis
"Flathead EP"
Genre: Indie Rock

"Flathead" is the song featured in the latest slew of iPod ads, penned by the Glasgow trio, The Fratellis. The four-track EP featuring "Flathead" is more of the same: bouncy, excited indie rock, which is not a bad thing.

The other standout is "Henrietta," which echoes early punk bands (less Ramones, more early XTC). The last two tracks, "Stacie Anne" and "Cigarello" have strong hooks, but lose their steam midway.

The lyrics are like those on the Arctic Monkey's debut last year, but instead of a night on the town,

The Fratellis show you around the seedier side: the felons, prostitutes, and the clubs where heads are kicked in the back alley. All of that is lying under a warm, alt-rock exterior, and it's great fun.

Their first full-length record, "Costello Music," has already been released in the United Kingdom, and it will release stateside on March 13. In addition, "Flathead" and "Henrietta," both from the EP, are the first two tracks. The album peaked on the UK album charts at number 2, right below Justin Timberlake's "FutureSex/LoveSounds," and I say that's never a bad start for a band. ■

B8... N24... O55... 'BINGO!'

GAME NIGHT | CAB hosts fun-filled night of Bingo with prizes including toilet paper and DVDs.

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The clinking and clanging of plastic balls twirling around a metal cage signaled the start of the evening, as the Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted a well-attended Bingo night on Friday, Feb. 16 in the old Student Center.

Eight rounds of Bingo were played, ranging from your classic game structure the four corners variety.

Amid the "B7s" and "G48s," various ramblings and shouts were let fly by competitive students.

"Yeah!" "Finally!" and "Hallelujah!" were heard, as students successfully marked off their cards, making them that much closer to yelling out the famous phrase, "Bingo!"

Prizes ranged from newly released DVDs like "Pirates of the Caribbean," to an economy-sized pack of toilet paper.

"I wish there were better prizes. You know, like something I could actually use. Blank CD's maybe would have

been good," said sophomore Michelle Lewis.

Still the enthusiasm was hyped throughout the night. The sound of hands slamming on the tables when a player yelled "Bingo," indicated shattered hopes for victory, sending losing players back to square one until prizes were all divvied out.

"It was a lot of fun. I've never been to a Bingo night before, but I loved it," said sophomore Erin Kelley, who was the first winner of the evening.

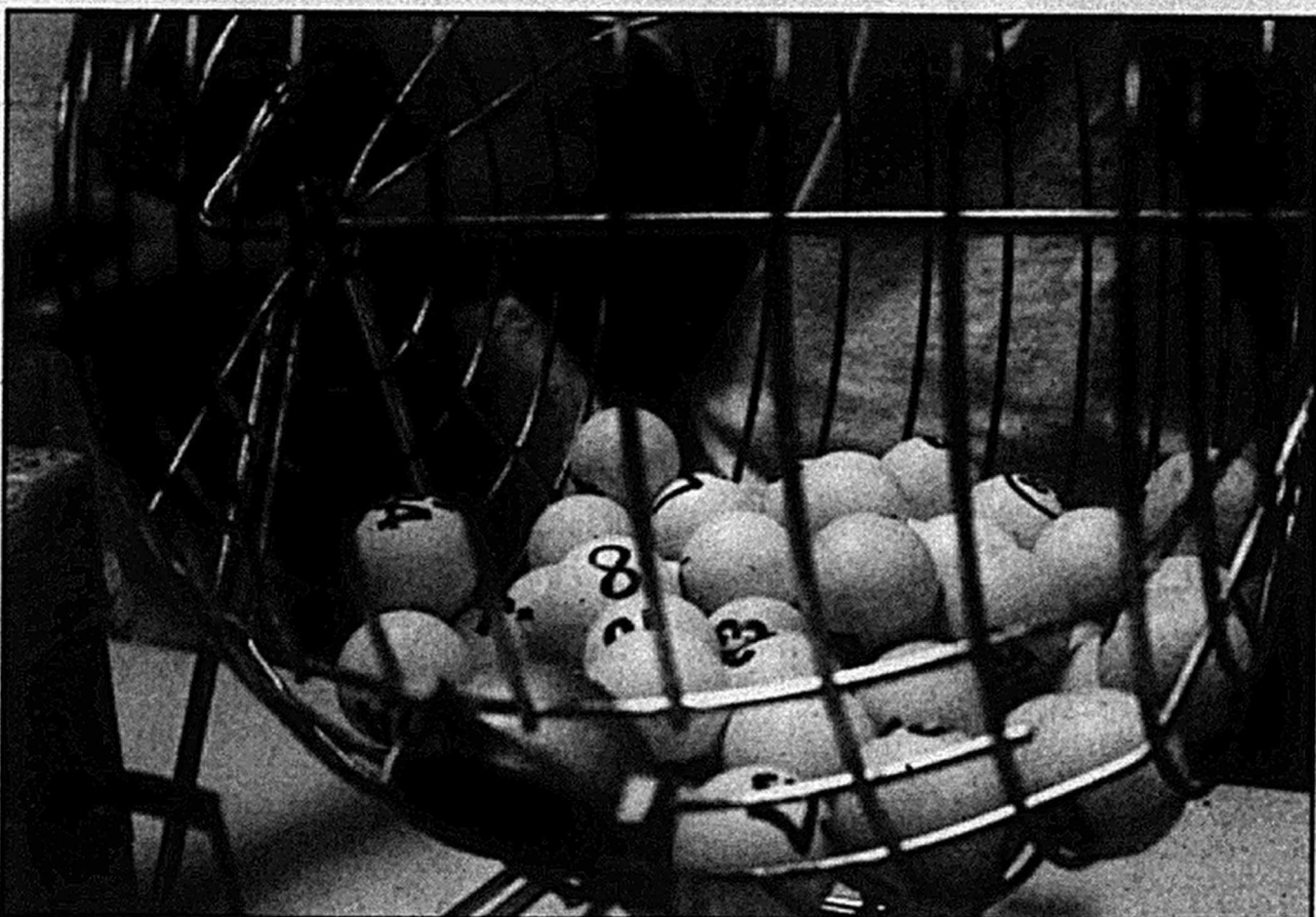
Kelley took home a 12-pack of orange soda.

CAB Special Events Committee Chair Courtney Jones organized the event.

"I picked Bingo night because during my freshman year CAB put on Bingo night a couple of times a semester, and I really enjoyed it. It's just a fun game," said Jones.

Jones was responsible for calling out the suspense-filled "I22s" and "O37s" during the evening's festivities.

"The best thing about Bingo night is that it gets everyone together participat-



RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG
CAB varied the games to include versions like "Blackout," players have to fill the whole card.

ing in the same activity. It is a great way to meet new people, win prizes and just have a good time," said Jones.

The big winner of the evening came in the last round. The game was "blackout," meaning in order to win the

player has to fill the whole Bingo card. Junior Alexandra Borum was the lucky winner, taking home popcorn and a DVD of Will Ferrell film, "Talladega Nights."

"I think we had a great turnout. We also had a lot of

fun putting the event on for the students, and just wish we had more prizes to give away. Hopefully we will have another Bingo night later in the semester," said junior Stephanie Wacek, a member of CAB. ■

'Ghost Rider' haunting comic book flop

MOVIE REVIEW | The latest Marvel interpretation fails to portray grim "Ghost Rider" image.

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The problem with the movie "Ghost Rider," is that it is just one big joke. The film never takes itself seriously.

I understand that it is a comic book movie and it comes with the territory, but Ghost Rider has always been a very dark and serious character.

Why did the creators feel the need to make it packed with full quips and one liners that are so awful even Arnold Schwarzenegger could not make them work? This makes the character of Ghost Rider become a running gag.

That's not to say that other comic book films don't have their share of cheesy moments.

This genre is supposed to be fun. Many other comic movies have had humor, but they do it in moderation and at the right moments.

"Ghost Rider" not only jokes too often, it always has the wrong timing. The film just never hits its mark.

"Ghost Rider" begins by telling how for generations the devil, aka Mephistopheles (Peter Fonda), makes deals with men in exchange for their souls.

Oddly, in the Marvel comics, this character's name was just Mephisto, but for some reason the creators brought the character back to its Faustian roots.

Anyway, when Mephistopheles takes their souls, he turns them into a Ghost Riders who become bounty

hunters and carry out his deeds.

In this movie, that unlucky-soul belongs to Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage), a stunt motorcycle rider. Blaze makes a deal with the devil in order to save his father from cancer. Mephistopheles tricks Blaze and kills his father in a motorcycle stunt accident instead.

Blaze, devastated, leaves his home and his girlfriend Roxanne Simpson (Eva Mendes) to wallow in his regretful decision.

Many years later, Blackheart (Wes Bentley) the son of Mephistopheles, finds a way to de-throne his father and bring hell onto earth. Mephistopheles then calls upon Blaze to become the Ghost Rider and kill Blackheart and his gang. If Blaze accomplishes this task he will be freed from his duties as the Ghost Rider.

The film is written and directed by Mark Steven Johnson, who also gave us the terrible "Daredevil" comic book movie.

This guy just does not seem to understand how to make this kind of movie.

This comic book genre has become quite popular if not a little overdone, but there have been some good films to come out of it.

Cases in point: the awesome "Spiderman" and "X-Men" films. "Ghost Rider" and "Daredevil" are great examples, however, of terrible comic films.

Luckily, though, "Ghost Rider" is nowhere near as poorly cast as "Daredevil" was.

Ben Affleck was a horrendous Daredevil.

So Johnson has slightly taken one step in the direction of improvement.

Though, if he improves at

this slow of a pace, his career will be long over before he makes anything good.

In "Ghost Rider," Cage does an alright job of playing Johnny Blaze, but the other actors just seem like they do not know what they are doing.

Not that they had much to work with in the first place. Mendez is really goofy as Blaze's love interest, and Bentley is a very plain and unthreatening villain.

Johnny Blaze comes off as a socially awkward character and the audience never really understands what drives him to do the things he does. Cage tries hard to make it work, but it falls short.

I put the blame on Johnson's poor writing.

One plus for this film is the special effects. Ghost Rider looks great, and all of the other special effects shots look good too.

I guess the producers did

not have any money left from the special effects budget to hire a competent director and writer.

The worst part about the film is the utter lack of action scenes.

This is the bread and butter of the comic book genre. Everyone comes to the films to see the superhero use his powers against evil in many intense, epic battles.

Disappointingly, all of the fight scenes in "Ghost Rider" are extremely short, maybe two minutes in length and very boring.

Even during the final showdown with Blackheart, the fight is quickly finished and never gathers any type of excitement.

"Ghost Rider" fails to capture any of the needed qualities in a good comic book film, but is mildly enjoyable. I rate "Ghost Rider" a two out of five. ■

SPORTS

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SPORTS SCORES

men's basketball

(7-5, 15-10)

February 16 Finals:
CNU 93, Methodist 91
February 17 Finals:
Greensboro 96, CNU 86

Rankings

1. Averett	9-3	19-6
2. Greensboro	9-3	18-6
3. CNU	7-5	15-10
4. Methodist	6-6	11-13
5. Ferrum	5-7	11-14
6. N.C. Wesleyan	5-7	10-14
7. Shenandoah	1-11	7-17

Upcoming games:
2/23-24: USA South Final Four

women's basketball

(11-3, 17-8)

February 16 Finals:
CNU 63, Methodist 48
February 17 Finals:
CNU 90, Greensboro 58

Rankings

1. Ferrum	12-2	19-6
2. CNU	11-3	17-8
3. Greensboro	10-4	17-8
4. Shenandoah	9-5	16-8
5. Methodist	7-7	13-12
6. Peace	3-11	9-16
7. Averett	3-11	5-18
8. N.C. Wesleyan	1-13	4-20

Upcoming games:
2/23-24: USA South Final Four

baseball

(0-0, 6-1)

February 16 Finals:
CNU 9, Eastern Mennonite 0
CNU 6, Eastern Mennonite 0
February 17 Finals:
Rowan 6, CNU 4
CNU 4, Bridgewater 3

Rankings

1. N.C. Wesleyan	0-0	7-2
2. Ferrum	0-0	3-3
3. Greensboro	0-0	7-5
4. Methodist	0-0	4-2
5. CNU	0-0	6-1
6. Shenandoah	0-0	0-0
7. Averett	0-0	11-1

Upcoming games:
2/23: CNU vs. Southern Virginia
2/24: CNU at Averett
2/25: CNU at Averett

softball

(0-0, 2-0)

February 17 Finals:
CNU 8, Guilford 0
CNU 8, Guilford 0 (Game 2)

Rankings

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

Upcoming games:
2/24: CNU at Peace
2/27: CNU vs. Methodist

track & field

Upcoming events:
2/24: George Mason Winter Open

women's tennis

(1-0, 2-0)

February 18 Finals:
CNU 9, Chowan 0

February 18 Finals:
CNU 9, Mary-Baldwin 0

Rankings

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

Upcoming matches:
2/26: CNU at Fayetteville St. (Div. II)

men's tennis

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

Upcoming matches:
2/24: CNU vs. Ferrum

CNU dropped to third

SPORTS BRIEFS | Men's basketball fell to third in the standings; Women's tennis wins 9-0.

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Men's Basketball

Sophomore Mark Blasingame blocked Methodist's last shot to seal a 93-91 victory for Christopher Newport on Friday night.

Blasingame scored a career-high 25 points (10-of-11 shooting), and also had 9 rebounds and 4 blocks. Senior Corey Lewis had 20 points and 11 rebounds, senior Donta Selden had 19 points, and sophomore Davon Barton finished with 13 points and a career-high 15 assists.

The Captains will be the number three seed in the USA South tournament after dropping a 96-86 decision to Greensboro on Saturday. Lewis injured his hip during the game: he was spotted on the bench with crutches during the second half and did not return.

Barton led the Captains with 18 points, and added 7 assists. Selden and Blasingame each had 17 points, with Blasingame adding 12 rebounds, freshman Theo Baker had 13 points, and senior Ed Riley finished with 10 points.

The Captains finish the regular season 15-10 overall (7-5 USA South).

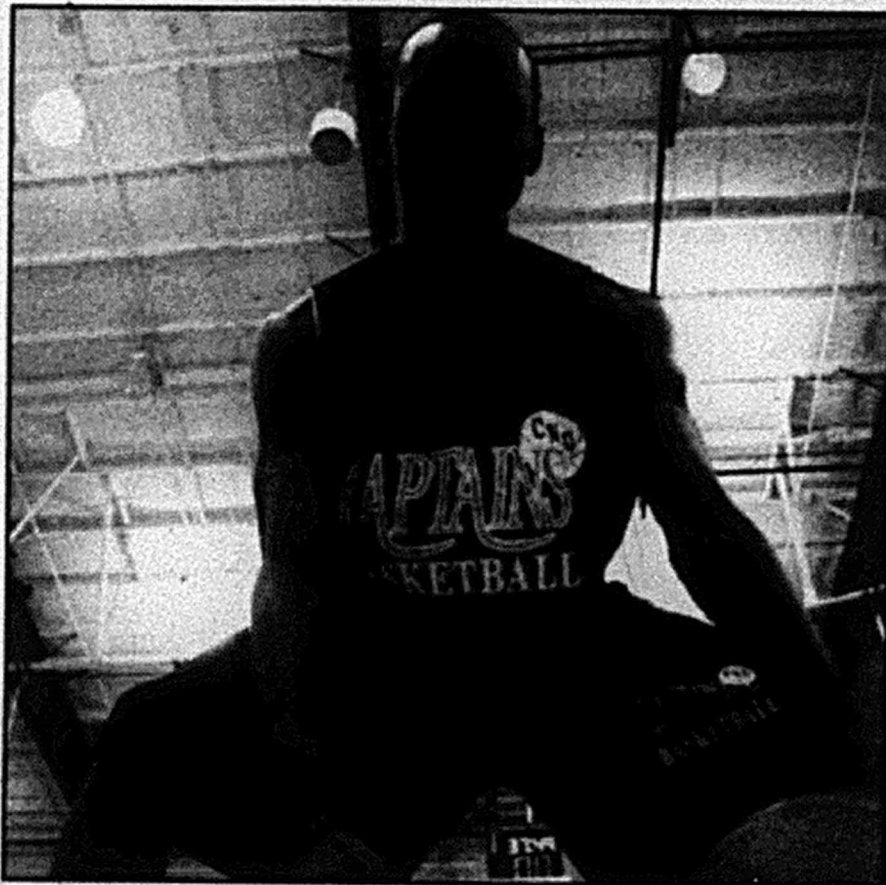
Women's Basketball

Christopher Newport scored the game's first nine points against Methodist and won easily 63-48.

Junior Alicia Bessey led the Lady Captains with 14 points, senior Nikki Rowland had 12, and senior Dee Luck finished with 10 points, 7 rebounds, and 8 blocks.

In their final regular season game, Christopher Newport had no problem defeating Greensboro 90-58 on Saturday, earning the number 2 seed in the USA South tournament with the win.

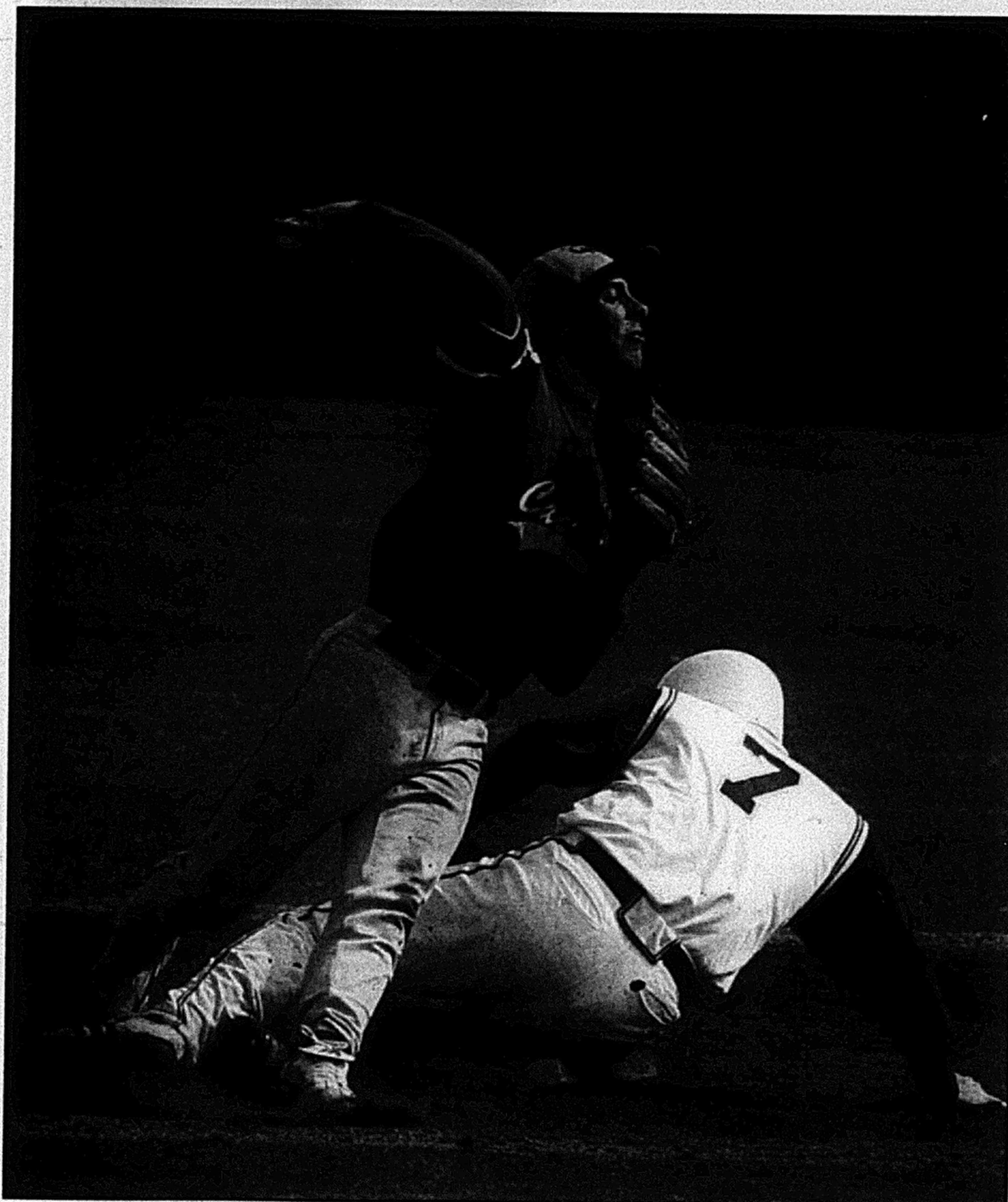
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JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Junior Davon Barton, who leads the men's basketball team in scoring, does some dribbling tricks in the Freeman Center.

Captains split doubleheader



JESSE HUTCHESON / THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Freshman Zach Hutchison throws the ball to make a double play in the 5th inning against 27th ranked Rowan on Saturday.

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Lacrosse picked to finish first in South

WOMEN'S LACROSSE | After earning their first bid to the NAACs, the Lady Captains have been picked to repeat as conference champions.

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After finishing last season 11-8 overall, making it to the first round of NCAA's for the first time in CNU's history and winning the USA South Conference in 2006, the women's lacrosse team has been picked to finish first in the USA South Conference for 2007. They returned to the practice field on January 22nd to prepare for the difficult season ahead of them. The

team had to recover from the loss of three of their seniors, but they also gained nine freshmen for the upcoming season.

"We have a deep bench and are a well rounded team," Sophomore Brittany Mitchell said.

The team is thought to be a good mix of players, who for the first time are top to bottom lacrosse players said head coach Kwame Lloyd. In the past years, the team has usually been built with ath-

letes who play field hockey but now they have come to CNU strictly to play lacrosse.

Returning Seniors Kristen Conques and Kristyn Hankins are the core of the team and considered the strongest and most experienced players. Conques has been named first team all-conference for three years in a row while Hankins has been for two years. Coach Lloyd said that Conques and Hankins "put us on the map."

Lloyd said the team's biggest competition this season will be Greensboro, Methodist, and Salisbury. The Lady Captains play Salisbury in their first game this Thursday. Salisbury is ranked third in the nation and has never

lost to CNU. A win could set the precedent for the entire season. Lloyd's main goal for this season is to win the right way by winning both the regular season championship and the conference championship. Last year was the Lady Captains' first South Conference Championship win and they are favored for another. First, they have to make it past Greensboro again whom they just barely beat in overtime thanks to now sophomore Kylene Jennings.

Last weekend the team played in a preseason tournament, the Quaker Lacrosse Challenge, where they competed against Lynchburg College and Guilford College.

They came out strong defeating Lynchburg in the first game, 11-2.

Sophomore Brittany Mitchell said they have been working on their defense.

Guilford then came out stronger in the second game defeating CNU. Lloyd was pleased with how the tournament had gone and felt it showed the talent of CNU. However, he felt the loss to Guilford reminded the team that they cannot just turn up to the game.

The Lady Captain's open the season this Thursday at Salisbury at 3 p.m. They have their first home game this Saturday against Ferrum College on the Captains' Field at 12. ■

NBA ready for season's second half

INSIDE THE PAINT | Now that the All-Star weekend is over it's time to examine which teams are prepared for the second half run.

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The NBA All-Star weekend provided surprisingly little column material for any NBA columnist who wasn't actually in Las Vegas (like me). All-Star weekend used to mean something, because it was not (just) about the parties and events surrounding the weekend; guys actually wanted to win everything they competed in.

Now, All-Star weekend is an event-driven affair (not unlike the Superbowl) where the concept of making a big deal out

of everything, no matter how lackluster the actual product turns out to be, surpasses the concept of actually improving the product.

Remember when Larry Bird guaranteed he would win the 3-point contest? That led to awesome drama with Larry Legend making basketball history. Do you think Jason Kapono did that this year? Of course not.

How about when Michael Jordan beat Magic Johnson in the final round of the Skills Competition in 1989? Well, you don't remember that because they didn't have con-

trived events like the Skills Competition back then. All-Star weekend is teetering on the edge of irrelevance and that has this hoops fan nervously shaking in his high tops.

Regardless of what happened over the weekend, now all sights are on the playoffs. Here are some of the exciting storylines to keep an eye on as we march towards the NBA Finals:

The Phoenix Suns — They struggled into the All-Star break with Steve Nash hurt, but these guys are still capable of out-shooting anyone and are always a threat to blow anyone out. Some people were even making the case that this was the best team since Jordan's 1995-96 Bulls (who went 72-10) and some

have also compared them to Bird's 1985-86 Celtics (who went 67-15, with a 40-1 record at home). Even if the Suns aren't as good as either of those teams, few teams of the last 20 years play with as much cohesion and balance.

The Dallas Mavericks — While everyone was busy handing the Suns the championship trophy, the Mavs (sort of) quietly put together the best record in the league.

The Toronto Raptors — Seriously! Franchise big man Chris Bosh is for real and they have a solid group of young players ready to take over the Atlantic Division in the Eastern Conference. So what if everyone else in their division sucks. The fact is that these guys are good, getting better, and are starting to

figure out how to win games.

Scottie Pippen — Without getting anyone's hopes up, Pippen announced that he would like to try to come back (at age 41!) and contribute to a playoff team in the next few months. This gets me excited for a few reasons: 1) Pippen is the MOST UNDERRATED PLAYER EVER, but maybe people will start to realize this after they see him continue to play well even at his advanced age, 2) possible destinations: Los Angeles Lakers and Miami Heat.

Good Lord. The rich only get richer. If Pippen hooked up with either of these squads we'll definitely be seeing them deep in the playoffs, and 3) if Scottie wins another championship, that would give him seven, one more than MJ. ■

NFL Combine rolls into Indianapolis

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It happens every year at the same time.

Every year someone runs the 40-yard dash slower than expected and their draft stock slips.

Every year someone bench presses 225 pounds an undodly amount of times and their draft stock rises.

Still, we watch and take notes. Not as much as team representatives, but we still watch, and with good reason: you never know what's going to happen.

To anyone who doesn't like football to the extent that they will watch a bunch of dudes perform a series of fitness tests, this column is for you.

The combine has become more than just a measuring tool for coaches, it has become a spectacle. It is televised, albeit on the NFL Network this year, and widely publicized, demanding coverage and commentary from all the talking heads. Why?

Because of Maurice Clarett, who showed up to the 2005 combine overweight to say the least. He then ran the 40 in 4.75, abysmal for any running back. The fact that we still talk about him and joke about him is proof of how big the combine is.

I looked up Clarett's combine evaluation from Scouts Inc. just for fun, and he graded out at a 47 (out of 100).

Not to pick on Clarett, even though it's so easy, but it's amazing that someone could provide so much entertainment at a scouting combine.

It's just amazing to think what could happen next in an event that has become a soap opera.

This year, my player to watch for the most intriguing storyline has to be Amobi Okoye, DT from Louisville.

His story has been beaten to death, but it's still going to be entertaining to see what happens with him over the course of the combine.

What if he grades out really well? Will the other defensive players want to go out to celebrate with him?

"Hey Amobi, great job, man. Wanna go grab a be-oh snap, you're not 21? You're not even 20? You got a license? Mind being DD then?"

There are other storylines, like can Brady Quinn hurt his stock any more and fall any farther than Aaron Rodgers did in 2005?

What I'll be watching for sure is to see if they can get Marshawn Lynch enough TV time. The man is electric, and I say that with a completely biased view as a Cal fan.

However, if you watch him, I think you'll agree.

The man hopped on a golf cart and drove it around California's Memorial Stadium after an overtime win against Washington.

If they wanted to boost ratings they'd air his interviews at the combine because that is must-see-TV.

Whatever it is, something exciting is going to happen.

Personally, I hope it's one of the two things listed above, but it would take a lot to surprise me at this point. ■

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FROM PAGE B3

Rowland had 21 points (4-of-5 from three) and 6 assists, Bessey had 16 points, senior Samantha Davis had 12 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists, junior Colandra Rollins had 10 points and 7 rebounds, and Luck finished with 10 points, 8 rebounds, and 8 blocks.

The Lady Captains finish the regular season 17-8 overall (11-3 USA South).

Track & Field

The men's team won its 10th consecutive Mason-Dixon Indoor title while the women won their eighth straight on Sunday.

The Captains took home several awards, including coach Tyler Wingard's Coach of the Year for both the men's and women's teams.

Freshman Charles Washington was named the Men's Most Outstanding Athlete.

On the women's team, junior Devon Alston won the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.55 seconds, senior Tiffany Jones won the triple jump with a distance of 10.59 meters, and sophomore Rachel Clark won the shot put with a distance of 13.21 meters. Senior Mara Winters finished second in the 55 meter dash.

Next up is the George Mason Winter Open this Saturday.

Softball

Christopher Newport swept Guilford in a doubleheader, by scores of 8-0 in both games.

Junior Janet Fairchild, and freshmen Kristen Bruce and Kristen Rowe each threw two scoreless innings and combined for a one-hitter.

Sophomore Katie Moyers went 1-for-2 with 3 RBIs and freshman Lauren Pleveich went 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and hit her first home run as a

member of the Lady Captains.

In game two, sophomores Sarah Tipton and Lindsay Kelly combined with Rowe for the shutout.

The Lady Captains are now 2-0 early in the season and next travel to take on Peace this Saturday.

Women's Tennis

Christopher Newport only lost five games as they defeated Chowan 9-0 on the road to start the season.

Freshmen Liz Thedford, Amanda Ward, and Kassi Avent each earned their first collegiate victories.

The Lady Captains won 9-0 again, this time at home against Mary Baldwin on Monday to improve to 2-0 on the young season.

Sophomore Lindsey Pantele won 6-0, 6-1, and junior Stefanie LeBlanc won 6-0, 6-2. Next up is Division II Fayetteville State on Monday. ■



Sophomore Brittany Stevens returns a ball on the CNU Courts in the game Monday against Mary Baldwin.

College B-ball more exciting than NBA

COLLEGE HOOPS | Never you mind the pro basketball columnist — college ball is a lot more exciting than the NBA because of parity.

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In last week's issue, if you happened to glance at the inferior NBA column on the page opposite mine, you would have seen an attempt to convince readers that the NBA is much better than college basketball. Unfortunately, my brother actually quoted Scoop Jackson as evidence for his point. As a sportswriter, this is nothing short of blaspheming the basketball gods.

Now, my brother is no fool, he is just a little misguided. Reading Scoop will do that to you. He needs to think about how he plays the game.

In all likelihood, you haven't played basketball with my brother or me, and this is unfortunate for you. As some middle-aged men requiring knee braces in the men's league we just joined are about to find out, our fundamentals are breathtaking. Ben will be hitting me for so many backdoor cuts that

opposing players will swear they are playing against the Princeton Tigers.

This fundamental style of play has been perfected in college basketball, not just by Princeton, but by the myriad of teams that employ some variation of their offensive scheme (including current #2 Wisconsin). The deliberate nature of this system can even the playing field for less athletic players, making the game closer and more compelling.

The fact that any teams can make up for lack of athleticism and three-pointers are just a few feet deeper than free throws means any team can win any game. This is the

primary reason why college basketball is the most exciting sport in the country.

This was very evident last Wednesday, the same day this paper ran with my praise of Boston College forward Jared Dudley being one of the five best players in the nation.

On the same page was an article about how the Duke team was going through a losing streak that knocked them out of the AP Top 25 poll for the first time in 11 years. Then that night, Duke went up to Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts and laid a beat down on BC.

Ranked teams went 14-11 over the weekend, including three head-to-head games.

Maybe you think that's not very good, but think again.

To college basketball fans, 14-11 is an excellent record. This means that 11 ranked teams lost in the span of 48 hours!

And at least one ranked team will lose this weekend, as well. The aforementioned Ohio State plays Wisconsin on Sunday in Columbus, which will probably be number 1 vs. number 2. The basketball team is looking to finish the job that the football team could not and eventually win the national championship.

One would be hard pressed to find a better reason to watch college basketball than that. ■

DOUBLEHEADER FROM PAGE B3

On offense, the Captains scored early and often. They got runs in the first, third, fourth, and fifth innings.

In the first, Bailey doubled down the left field line, driving in freshman second baseman Zach Hutchinson. In the third, Bailey did the same thing by doubling down the left field line, again scoring Hutchinson.

Bailey said he wasn't thinking about where to hit it, he was just trying to help get the W. Anything for the team.

Hutchinson got the RBI in the fourth inning when the Bridgewater second baseman

dropped what looked like an easy out, allowing junior first baseman Ryan McDougal to score from third.

Neumann got the final Captain's RBI in the fifth when his single to right scored McDougal.

The Captains would threaten several more times throughout the game, and look to be heating up at a crucial point in the season.

They've opened the season with seven straight home games (with three more to play), and don't hit the road until this Saturday.

"Considering we have so many young players it's important to get them

adjusted to playing in a friendly atmosphere and get them ready for the road," said coach John Harvell.

How do they manage to get such a favorable schedule to start the season?

"We play teams from colder parts of the country so they don't mind coming down here," said Harvell.

Although NCAA Baseball frequently involves playing doubleheaders, Saturday's was different in that Christopher Newport first played Rowan, and then Bridgewater, instead of playing the same team twice.

Even though they had to prepare for two different

teams, Harvell didn't have much trouble getting his team ready to play.

"Both [Rowan and Bridgewater] are good teams. [It wasn't] really difficult to prepare because we've played them both before and knew what to expect," he said.

Even so, the team had no prior scouting on the Eagles starting pitcher.

"We watch the pitcher just while we're warming up. All of us watch his form and get a feel for him, and that's the first time we see him," said Bailey.

It didn't matter Saturday against the Eagles, and hasn't

mattered so far. The Captains are now 6-1, compared to last year's 3-4 record after 7 games when they had a similar home schedule to open the season.

Their final game of this homestand is Friday against Southern Virginia with first pitch set for 2 p.m. After that, they begin conference play on Saturday as they travel to take on Averett.

Asked how they would prepare for the opening of conference play, Moreland simply stated, "We'll just keep doing what we're doing."

Whatever that is, it's worked so far. ■

Denbigh Youth Baseball League is seeking experienced baseball umpires for 2007 Season - April 9th through June 15th.

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