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African-American heritage celebrated through Kwanzaa

By Lindsay Simpson
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December is a month full of festivities from Christmas parades and Santa to Hanukkah celebrations, where fond memories are made while the family gathers for the holiday. It is, however, important not to forget another December holiday: Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is a non-religiously affiliated holiday that celebrates the traditions and heritage of African-Americans.

The celebration of Kwanzaa starts on Dec. 26 and ends on the first of the New Year.

According to CNN.com, Kwanzaa was founded in the 1960s, and the actual cel-

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Sophomore Jane Phillips dances at the Dec. 6 Winter Formal, Exotic Elegance. With about 350 people in attendance, Interim Coordinator of Student Activities Jonathan Janis said, "I am extremely proud of all the work that every student did. We worked for about 6 hours on Friday and 12 hours Saturday on decorations and food to prepare for the event."

Midyear fee assessed to residents

Residential students will be billed an extra \$90 for Internet, cable and telephone

By Tyrone Robinson
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Residential students will be billed an extra \$90 next semester for Internet, cable and telephone services that were originally free to students, making this the second mid-semester increase since Gov. Mark Warner announced the state's budget crisis in 2002.

This cost, the Residential Telecommunications Fee, was issued by the Budget Advisory Committee "in response to budget cuts this year," said Director of Development Margaret Yancey.

Drew Collier, a third-year student, questions the decision to increase fees.

"We already have a contract," Collier said. According to the University Housing Contract,

"The Housing and Dining Service rates are determined annually and approved by the Board of Visitors. The student agrees to pay the rates which are established and announced in April 2003 for the 2003-2004 academic year."

The Residential Telecommunications Fee is not a direct addition to room and board.

Some students question what the money will be used for.

Junior Catherine Stone is a resident who sees the telecommunications increase as unnecessary. "Why should we have to pay for something that doesn't work most of the time?"

The breakdowns to the school network were caused by the proliferation of several viruses and improper settings on individual computers, according to

e-mails sent by Information Technology Services earlier in the semester.

The telecommunications fee is not related to the \$17 technology fee.

"The technology fee is a state requirement to recover a small portion of the cost of academic and instructional technology," Yancey said.



Freshman Jessica Medlen uses the Internet in the computer lab in York River West. Starting in Spring 2004, residential students like Medlen will be charged \$90 for Internet, cable and telephone service.

Panel discusses effects of affirmative action in university admissions

Just under 100 students and faculty members gather to address affirmative action's purpose in today's admissions process

By Taryn Cornelius
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In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson introduced a new phrase to the American people: affirmative action. On Tuesday December 2, 2003, almost four decades later, just under 100 students and some faculty members at CNU agreed to hold a panel discussion on the phrase, its meaning and the way it affects university admissions.

Student representatives sat on the panel: Daniel Wendling, chairman of the College Republicans; Kezia Williams, president of the CNU chapter of the NAACP; Josh Dermer, chairman of the Young Constitutionalists; and Melissa Bell, president of the Young Democrats.

Harry Greenlee, chair of the Government and Public Affairs department and NAACP advisor, helped to control the discussion so that various members of the audience could address their concerns to the panel. Greenlee first suggested the discussion forum to Williams, with the assistance of Dr. Quentin Kidd of the same department.

The members of the board were very diverse in their opinions of the issue. Although affirmative action is not used in the admissions process at CNU, many feel that the process is unfair and should not be used anymore. Another discriminatory factor argued, in addition to race, gender, ethnicity and location, was that of legacy.

Williams, who feels that affirmative action is necessary, said that legacy cannot be compared with

admissions based on race.

"Affirmative action advantages minorities, while legacy disadvantages them," said Williams.

Williams' argument correlated with a statement made by Bell that minorities are not able to benefit from legacies because they were, for the most part, banned from higher education until only a few decades ago.

Questions from the audience included not only the general discussion of affirmative action, but also the topic of funds for elementary education and qualifications for general admissions into universities. Despite discussion on a variety of affirmative action based-topics, a desire for answers appeared to be something that many left the discussion still wanting.

Dr. Diane Catanzaro of the

Psychology department attended the forum hoping to hear a healthy, open debate—something she feels is a rarity at CNU.

"There were valid arguments for both sides, though the panel was dodging questions some," said Catanzaro.

Junior Yuri Zubarev also left the forum feeling he did not get the answers he had hoped for.

"There were a lot of uneducated guesses as to what affirmative action should be, lots of misinformation. I believe that the board went around a lot of issues," said Zubarev.

Bell also felt that much of the audience was uneducated on the issue.

"People do not support affirmative action because they do not understand it. I want people to

research it before taking a stand," said Bell. Bell also felt that many of the audience members were asking repetitive questions. Bell supports affirmative action, saying that "it helps to balance out racial discrimination."

The other members of the panel were not as supportive of the issue as Williams and Bell are. Dermer argued that affirmative action is unnecessary in the admission process for universities. He was affirmative action as discrimination against anyone not included in it, such as white males, and that success is something an individual should work toward for him/herself, not society doing the work for that person.

"I believe that an individual

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Task Force attempts to update core curriculum

History Dept. opposed to changes in curriculum

By Jean Rowell
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The Task Force on Curriculum and Academic Life is trying to replace CNU's General Education Curriculum with proposals that would welcome first-year students to a more liberal learning experience. As a result, students would be required to take three credits of history instead of six. The History Department is opposed to this effort.

If the department chairs approve the proposals, then the documents will be sent to the undergraduate curriculum committee, then to the Faculty Senate, then to Provost Richard Summer-kill, said Dr. Quentin Kidd, associate professor of Government and Public Affairs. Kidd, who co-chairs the task force with Dr. Susan St. Onge, professor of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, said on Monday that this proposal wouldn't become the core curriculum until fall 2006 if it passes.

History Department Chair Dr. Shumet Sishagne said that he first became aware of the proposal last summer.

"I was asked to comment on it; that was the extent of my involvement," he said. "Our greatest concern is, of course, the history issue. We believe history is the glue that would bind all of this together," said Sishagne. "It provides them with the context with which they will be able to bring everything together. We would like to keep it global and at six credits."

The department has voiced its concerns to the task force.

"We tried to explain to members of the sub-committee our students' need for a history requirement that will put into context and tie together everything else they will learn," Dr.

Mario Mazzarella, a history professor, said. "We also tried to work with these sub-committee members to craft a proposal acceptable to them. All of our proposals were rejected by the sub-committee as a whole."

The Department then drafted a statement signed by all of our members, and sent to everyone involved, including the President on down to the sub-committee, stating that nothing being proposed by the sub-committee would adequately replace what is really needed by all of our students: a regular history course taught by historians."

Kidd, however, said the committee wants students to be "generally exposed to things like Western traditions, global and multicultural perspectives, investigating the natural world and several others."

"There's little reasoning behind what we're doing now," he said.

According to the Interim Report from the task force to the Faculty Senate on March 26, 2003, "it is the shared belief of the task force that the current curriculum, while functional for its time and place, neither reflects the goals of the present campus nor offers the important opportunity for productive change necessary to renew the pedagogical purpose of any institution of higher learning."

The proposed curriculum would allow students more flexibility in their course selection for general education requirements, Kidd said.

"The benefit to the student is that the student gets to choose. There's another benefit to students, because departments will offer more creative, stimulating courses," he said.

But Dr. Tim Morgan, associate professor of history, feels that there are too many choices for students, and that "it will be detrimental overall to their education."

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'Tis The Season'

CNU's music departments bring vocal and instrumental groups to perform Holiday Happening, a show celebrating the upcoming holiday season.

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Chechen separatists intensify terrorist attacks in Russia, killing 12 in commuter train bombing.

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Fine Art's department sells student, faculty and local artwork in Faulk Gallery.

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Men's basketball team drops to 3-2 after losing to Randolph-Macon.

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Campus In Brief

SGA Senate Meeting

The SGA E-Board met Dec. 9 with President Pauli Trible, according to SGA President Ashley Boyd.

During the meeting, Trible said there would be a tuition increase next year. He also said that student fees would be increasing. Finally, he said that beginning with next year's freshmen, all sophomores would be required to live on campus.

Boyd would not further comment on specifics mentioned in the meeting with Trible.

The SGA also voted unanimously to endorse the Core Curriculum Task Force's proposals for altering CNU's core curriculum for undergraduate students.

Root Beerlympics

Sigma Pi Epsilon is holding Root Beerlympics Dec. 12 from 8 to 11 p.m. in Regatta's.

There is a \$2 fee at the door.

There will be prizes given out for each of the following events: root beer pong tournament, flip cup, root beer bonging and a case race.

All of the games are open to everyone on campus.

State Delegate Speaks

The Young Democrats will have former State Delegate Alan Diamonstein speak to the CNU community on Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Alumni Room.

All are welcome to attend.

Study Break

Let the CNU Faculty and Staff cook and serve you pancakes and bacon. Late Night Pancakes will be served Dec. 14 from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in Harbor Lights.

A minimum \$2 donation fee is requested with all proceeds benefiting Toys for Tots.

Young Constitutionalists

The CNU Young Constitutionalists will have a general meeting Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in SC 214.

For any questions or comments email them at youngcnu@cnu.edu or call 643-8295.

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Fewer polluters punished under Bush administration, records show

By Seth Borenstein
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The Bush administration is catching up punishing fewer polluters than the two previous administrations, according to a Knight Ridder analysis of 15 years of environmental-enforcement records.

Civil enforcement of pollution laws peaked when the president's father, George H.W. Bush, was in office from 1989-93 and has fallen ever since, but it's plummeted since George W. Bush took office three years ago.

That's according to records of 17 different categories of enforcement activity obtained by Knight Ridder through the Freedom of Information Act.

William K. Reilly, the EPA administrator under the first President Bush, said he told his enforcers that "under no circumstances do I want the numbers to drop. It's your job to bring in these cases every day."

Violation notices against polluters are the most important enforcement tool, experts say, and they've had the biggest drop under the current President Bush.

The monthly average of violation notices since January 2001 has dropped 58 percent compared with the Clinton administration's monthly average.

Those pollution citations dropped 12 percent from 2001 to 2002, and another 35 percent from 2002 through the first three months of 2003.

Punishing polluters—by fines or referrals for prosecution—has dropped as well, but not as dramatically.

Administrative fines since January 2001 are down 28 percent, when adjusted for inflation, from Clinton administration levels. Civil penalties were down 6 percent less, when adjusted for inflation. And the number of cases referred to the Justice Department for prosecution is down 5 percent.

Some current EPA enforcement officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid retaliation from their bosses, say they're getting the signal to slow down enforcement cases.

"It's very discouraging," said one official. "We're concerned about people's health. We have a job that we're supposed to be doing and we're not doing it. And we should be."

However, administrative orders to stop some polluting activity—a quick technique used for more mundane cases—are up 14 percent under the Bush administration.

"There's definitely less emphasis on enforcement," said Dave Ullrich, who retired this summer after 30 years at the Environmental Protection Agency, including jobs in enforcement and as a deputy regional administrator.

The EPA will brief congressional officials Thursday on its enforcement statistics and will outline new counting methods.

Knight Ridder examined EPA data in 17 categories and subcategories of civil enforcement since January 1989 and compared the records of the past three administrations.

In 13 of those 17 categories, the Bush administration had lower average numbers than the Clinton administration. And in 11 of those categories, the 2003 average was lower than the 2001 average, showing the trend increasing over time.

"It tells you somebody's not minding the enforcement store," said Sylvia Lowrance, a 24-year EPA veteran who was the agency's acting enforcement chief under Bush from January 2001 to July 2002.

Bush administration officials said the EPA is enforcing anti-pollution laws, just in a more effective way.

"The agency has what we refer to as 'smart enforcement,'" EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said in an interview with Knight Ridder. "Our focus is on enforcement that changes behavior in a

positive way."

That means working with companies to get them to fix problems instead of being punishment-oriented, Leavitt and his predecessor, Christine Todd Whitman, have said.

"The point of smart enforcement is that you use the best tool for each individual situation; compliance is the goal," Leavitt said.

The Bush administration judges itself by how much pollution is cleaned up and how much new control technology is installed, rather than by citations, penalties and prosecution, said J. P. Suarez, the EPA's enforcement chief. By those yardsticks, enforcement is up.

"Our upcoming numbers are going to show that our pollution reductions are through the roof, the highest they've ever been, in almost every category," Suarez said in an interview Monday.

He pointed to treatment of billions of pounds of contaminated soil and billions of gallons of tainted water. He also noted that in the category of money that has to be spent on cleanups and pollution control, the Bush administration figures "blow away the Clinton administration."

Sylvia Lowrance and other environmental officials from other Republican administrations disagree.

"It's a sign that this administration is flat-out falling down on the job," said Dan Eady, a deputy assistant EPA administrator during the first Bush administration and now director of the Yale University Center for Environmental Law and Policy.

The statistics—examined by Lowrance and other former top EPA officials in both Republican and Democratic administrations—are the standard way the EPA measured enforcement progress.

"They measure presence. They measure whether the enforcement cop is on the beat," Lowrance said, adding: "And increasingly the cop is absent."

Virginia In Brief

Man Robs Fairfax Area Wal-Mart

On Dec. 7, the Wal-Mart on 6000 Burke Commons Rd. in Burke, Va., was robbed according to a Fairfax County Police press release. The suspect was described as a six-foot-tall man, weighing approximately 160 lbs with black hair and brown eyes. He was reported to be wearing a black jacket, dark pants, and a grey bandanna on his head.

According to the press release, the man entered Wal-Mart, approached a register, and demanded money from the 38-year-old employee. The man showed the gun that he had in his waistband to the cashier. The press release reported.

High School Juniors Charged With Robbery

Three Langley high school juniors were charged with three robberies last week after multiple tips led Fairfax County Police to them, according to a Fairfax County Police press release. The three robberies took place on Nov. 3, Nov. 19, and Nov. 21.

According to the release, the Nov. 3 robbery took place at 7300 block of Montclair Drive near McLean, the Nov. 19 incident took place in a parking garage at Freedom and Fountain Drives in Reston, and the Nov. 21 robbery was at the 6700 block of Barn Rd. near McLean. The release stated that for each robbery, money was demanded from a woman by at least one of the suspects. During the Nov. 19 and the Nov. 20 robberies, one of the suspects had a gun during the incident.

The suspects were two boys from Great Falls and a boy from the McLean area. As stated by the release, the Great Falls boys were aged 16 and 17 years old, and the McLean boy was aged 16 years old.

According to the release, the Great Falls boys are currently being held in a juvenile detention center, and the McLean boy was released to his parents.

Virginia Beach Police Search Robber

On Dec. 3, police received a report of a robbery at a SAV-A-Ton gas station at the 3500 block of Holland Road in Virginia Beach, according to a press release from the Va. Beach Police Department.

As stated by the press release, the man is a black male, 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 180-200 lbs, with a dark complexion and short hair. He was last seen wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt as well as a blue quilted nylon jacket with black pants and black shoes.

The suspect brandished a silver handgun, according to the release. He then demanded money from the clerk at the counter inside. The suspect fled after receiving the cash.

Virginia Beach Police's press release warns that the suspect should be considered armed and dangerous, and anyone seeing the man should call Virginia Beach Police.

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Student dies after fall from elevator

By Adam Smetels and Gwenn Miller
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A Penn State student died Friday night after falling more than 40 feet down an open elevator shaft in a residence hall, university officials said.

Katherine Ibanez, 21, who was pronounced dead at Mount Nittany Medical Center, was one of seven students in an Atherton Hall elevator that had stopped between the third and fourth floors, campus officials said.

One of the trapped students reportedly pried open the elevator door, creating a very narrow space through which two students were able to swing onto the third-floor landing, university spokesman Bill Mahon said.

Ibanez attempted to do the same

but slipped and dropped to the basement level, Mahon said.

The four people remaining in the elevator car then made the jump, too, even though "I think it was clear to them that she (Ibanez) didn't make it," Mahon said.

Those four successfully landed on the third floor.

Mahon said a resident assistant repeatedly told the trapped students to wait in the elevator until help could arrive.

The university on Saturday was making arrangements to send Ibanez's body back to West Palm Beach, Fla., where her parents live. Ibanez, who lived off-campus, was majoring in labor and industrial relations.

Centre County Coroner Scott Sayers performed an autopsy Saturday and

said Ibanez died of blunt-force trauma. He called the death accidental and said "nothing obvious" indicated that alcohol had played a role.

Definitive toxicology reports based on blood samples should be available in several days, Sayers said.

Law-enforcement officials responded to Atherton Hall at 9:45 p.m. Friday and are investigating Ibanez's death as an accident, according to police. Rescue workers and medics worked to remove her from the elevator shaft. They then took her to the medical center, where she was pronounced dead a short time later.

The Atherton Hall elevator was installed last year and most recently inspected last month, Mahon said.

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Academic Task Force proposes new curriculum

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"I think that generally the proposal reflects a great deal of hard work on the part of the task force, and has an interesting educational philosophy in it, but the actual proposal needs to be more prescriptive," Morgan said.

Sisaghe hopes students will become more involved in the debate. Some students have found their world civilizations requirements to be useful.

"I think the students who only take one history class will be missing out," said freshman Natasha McKellar. "I have found my class extremely useful. My professor always incorporates life lessons into class."

Senior Brian Williams said, "I think history is a very important part of any liberal education, and three credits worth is not enough."

"I think that allowing students to graduate without even minimal knowledge of historical concepts and issues is detrimental to their education," said freshman Ryan Bettwy.

Others support the proposal to

change the history requirement.

"I think the possible change in the history requirement would be a good idea. I don't think six credits should be required. All of the information covered in Hist 111G and Hist 112G was covered in high school courses, at least in a," said freshman Lauren Kretzer.

Provost Richard Summerville gave the task force a mandate to review a series of reports called the Academic Culture Reports, which were compiled by the departments. The task force was told to decide what changes were needed, said Kidd.

The task force is made up of 24 voting faculty members and Dean Douglas Gordon. Open meetings began in the second week of Oct., he said. "We essentially invited anyone from the university to come."

At the last meeting on Nov. 14, there were 46 faculty members, 16 students and four staff members, he said.

"We took all of that public input and met for three and a half hours," Kidd said. "We submitted those documents to department chairs for their consideration."

The Task Force on Curriculum and Academic Life has three proposals. The first proposal is the "Foundations of Liberal Learning at Christopher Newport University."

It is the "philosophical statement of

what we want the core curriculum to look like," said Kidd.

The second proposal is the "First Year Seminar."

It would require "all incoming freshmen and transfers to take the year-long course. They would be exposed to CNU and invited to participate in the academic life of the university," said Kidd.

"There's a very practical side to it also—not taking and reading. At a practical level, it's a kind of retention tool," Kidd said. "It's going to help bring you into the intellectual life but in a practical way."

Kidd said that this portion of the proposals passed easily, as did the first, because "everyone recognizes the benefit of a common cause."

The third section, all of the three-part document addresses the "Liberal Learning Core."

The new curriculum would be radically different from the current curriculum, said Kidd. According to the task force's document, it "balances university requirements with student choice, allowing students to select from a variety of course offerings to complete the requirements and emphasizing connections among disciplines by grouping courses around common themes and areas of study."

Although Wendling does not fully agree with Dermer, he did agree that there is no need for affirmative action in the future. Wendling believes that at the most, within the next two to three decades, discrimination will be at its lowest level, therefore, negating the need for affirmative action.

"Affirmative action was a valuable and necessary tool when it was created, although now in today's society, it may have run its course," Wendling said.

Some people came to find out information about affirmative action, while others came to argue their opinions. The forum ran for just over an hour, with the panel staying after hours to further discuss the issues with those who did not get a chance to speak, or who wanted further answers.

Panel discusses affirmative action

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has the right to succeed or fail. No discrimination means no discrimination," Dermer said.

Semester comes to close with holiday festivities

Review of Holiday Happening show

By Channele Layman
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This year's Holiday Happening served as a semester grand finale for CNU and as an inspiring introduction to the Holiday Season.

A combined effort of CNU's Music department, Holiday Happening was a collaboration of the finest vocal and instrumental talent.

Featured in this year's performance were CNU's Herald Trumpets, Chamber Choir, Flute Choir, Guitar Orchestra, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Gospel Trio, and Symphonic Band. Special highlights included appearances by Santa, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, and life-sized nutcrackers. Several faculty members also performed solos, contributing their years of experience to the holiday production.

An elaborate performance, Holiday Happening took place in Gaines Theatre, which was appropriately decorated with lights, wreaths, and even a faux fireplace scene.

Students and faculty performed a wide variety of holiday

music at the event. Among the highlights were carol medleys by the Jazz ensemble, a silhouette performance by the Flute Choir, and special Southern Gospel renditions of Christmas classics.

Unique to this year's performance was a first-time combined performance of the Guitar Orchestra and the Symphonic Band. Violinists. Included in the holiday production was a special tribute to loved ones serving our country during the holiday season and a special performance of CNU's alma mater and fight song.

Throughout the show, performers showed great poise and enthusiasm, bringing smiles to the audience. With Gaines Theatre over three-quarters full, and the stage filled with CNU's best musical performers, Holiday Happening was a success.

The event's high attendance contributed to the Dr. Clyde W. Brockett Scholarship in Music History. Five-dollar admission tickets, after-show packaged baked goods, and Friends of Music sold poinsettias contributed to the fund.

For their two performances, CNU's Music Department offered a great show to those in attendance. Filled with life, talent and heart, the production can be considered a success for the performers and a pleasure for the audience.



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CNU Music department's Holiday Happening show featured performances by CNU's Herald Trumpets, Chamber Choir, Flute Choir, Guitar Orchestra, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Gospel Trio and Symphonic Band. Performers dressed as Santa, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman made appearances on stage throughout the show.

Newport News City Park continues tradition of Celebration in Lights

Nearly 100,000 vehicles visit local park's 2-mile long holiday attraction every year

By Channele Layman
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Continuing their holiday tradition, Newport News Parks, Recreation, and Tourism presents their eleventh annual Celebration in Lights.

Each year, Newport News City Park offers holiday fun-seeking people the opportunity to drive through the park and view original light displays.

VA's longest running drive-through light event, the Celebration is estimated to have nearly 100,000 vehicles per year.

As each vehicle progresses through the two-mile Celebration, they reach different worlds of lights. Among these worlds are Candyland, Old-time Holiday, Forest Friends, and Santa's Enchanted Kingdom.

Newly added to this year's display is the Grand Entrance, an elaborate series of arches crossing over the road. Included within the displays are over 200 structures made with over 650,000 lights. Special features include animated

structures and pieces rising 30 feet into the air.

The Celebration in Lights proved its significance to the community this year after Hurricane Isabel. Thoroughly destroyed after the storm, city officials weren't sure if the Celebration in Lights would continue another year.

Newport News Mayor, Joe S. Frank said, "When we awoke on the day after, we seriously doubted whether we would be able to continue this eleven-year holiday tradition." The community, however, did not want to see this happen. Frank said, "Then an amazing and wonderful thing happened. Citizens and city crews cut, cleared, and hauled away an almost unimaginable amount of storm debris." Due to their efforts, the seasonal event continues this year for the community to experience.

For those interested, the Celebration in Lights is open until Jan. 1, on Saturdays and Sundays, from 5:30-10:00 p.m. The price is \$8 per car and \$50 per bus. For more information, call 757-926-1400.

The Celebration of Lights is also part of a larger effort known

as "100 Miles of Lights". Stretching from Richmond to Va. Beach, residents and visitors can experience light displays ranging from parades and drive-through displays to elaborate city performances and

tours. A state effort, "100 Miles of Lights" offers celebrators the best of the season's festivities.

For more information, contact 1-888-493-7386, ext. 100.



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The Celebration in Lights in a drive-through light event displayed every year by the Newport News City Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. It's Virginia's longest running drive-through light event.

One student's advice on how to shop this holiday season on a budget

By Amber Lester
Contributing Writer

Let's be honest. It is not easy to find gifts under \$20 these days. Especially when shopping for people who have given no indication of what they want. In an effort to make shopping less stressful and costly, here is a list of gifts that are bound to please all for less than \$20.00.

A great gift for girls that is both personal and trendy would be something monogrammed. Right now, every department store in Patrick Henry Mall has initiated items. One of the

best deals is the Lia Calabrese monogrammed leather clutch, available at Dillard's for \$15.00. The clutch comes in many colors and letters and would be a useful, cute, and thoughtful gift.

No one could ever have enough of bundle-up accessories like gloves, scarves, or hats. A good gift for both of the sexes, knit scarves can be bought at Old Navy for \$12.50. American Eagle has luxurious angora gloves for girls at only \$14.50. Their suede men's gloves are \$14.95.

A good gag gift may not have a function, but could provide the recipient with laughter for years.

At Suncoast, action figures of

memorable characters from A Christmas Story, The Muppet Show, and Animal House are sold for \$14.99. One of the funniest is the Animal House Bluto action figure, based on the famous John Belushi character. He comes complete with bottles of whiskey, beer, and a spilling beer glass.

At Icing, the accessories store, Little Black Books are sold for \$3.25. Help someone survive their childhood with a Rainbow Brite doll for \$9.99 or Tinkerbell buttons for \$5.99, both from Hot Topic. Give the gift of laughter for 365 days a year with a Bushmills Desk Calendar, featuring all the best of our president's gifts, from Barnes &

Noble for \$11.99. Treat someone to the delicious humor of Tenacious D with their new two-disc DVD, which can be bought at Best Buy for only \$13.99.

Many stores feature great gift sets that are useful and affordable. Girls would appreciate Bath & Body Works' mini lotion gift set for \$19.50. Fossil makes box sets of coin purses and ID tags for \$13.99 at Hecht's. American Eagle sells lip gloss gift packs for \$10. Finally, Barnes & Noble sells adorable mini kits for everything from voodoo to belly dancing, all under \$10.00.

Whether the gifts are useful or silly, they are bound to please and will not leave wallets empty.

Kwanzaa celebrated

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ebtrations of Kwanzaa are based on ancient traditional dances and celebrations from Africa. CNN's Web site said that over 20 million people in the United States, Canada, England, Africa and the Caribbean celebrate this culturally based holiday.

During the celebration, Kwanzaa celebrates different values and principles each day. According to the Official Kwanzaa Web site, the seven principles are Umoja, or unity; Kujichagulia, or self-determination; Ujima, collective work and responsibility; Ujamaa, or cooperative economics; Nia, which is purpose; Kuumba, which is creativity; and lastly, Imani, which is faith.

The Web site quoted Dr. Maulana Karenga, the founder of Kwanzaa, speaking of the principles of Kwanzaa. "The holiday, then will of necessity, be engaged as an ancient and living cultural tradition which reflects the best of African thought and practice in its reaffirmation of the dignity of the human person in community and culture, the well-being of family and community, the integrity of the environment and our kinship with it, and the rich resource and meaning of a people's culture," he said.

Official Kwanzaa Web site said, in addition to the seven principles that Kwanzaa celebrates, there are nine symbols: seven primary symbols, and two "supplementary" symbols. As stated on the site, "Each [symbol] represents values and concepts reflective of African culture and contributive to community building and reinforcement."

The first symbol is the Mazao, or "The crops." As stated on the Official Kwanzaa Website, the crops symbolize the rewards of the collective labor

20 million people in the United States, Canada, England, Africa and the Caribbean celebrate this culturally based holiday.

between people, whether it be friends, family, neighbors, or even strangers.

Mkeka, the mat, is the second symbol of Kwanzaa, and it represents the rich African American history that is present, even today.

Then there is the Kinara, which is the candleholder. The candleholder portrays African American roots back to the African continent.

Muhindi is the corn, which symbolizes the children and what the future holds for them.

After Muhindi is Mishumaa Saba, the seven candles. The seven candles represent each one of the seven principles that are celebrated on each individual day.

Kikombe cha Umoja or the unity cup, celebrates the principle of unity.

Zawadi are the gifts. The gifts do not represent presents given from one person to another, but the emotional gifts that children and parents give back to one another during the time that they are together.

The two supplementary symbols are Bendera and Nguzo Saba Poster. Bendera is the black, red and green flag that brings strong symbolism with it. According to the Official Kwanzaa Web site, the black represents the people, the red represents the struggle, and the green represents new hope after the struggle. The Nguzo Saba Poster is simply the poster of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

After the first six days have passed and been celebrated, those who celebrate Kwanzaa take the first day of the New Year to meditate. The goal of meditation is to understand who a person really is, and once they discover this, the Web site says, they must, "recommit ourselves to our highest ideals, in a word, to the best of what means to be both African and human in the fullest sense."

For more information on Kwanzaa, its history, its celebration and much more, visit <http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org>.

Holiday Happenings Around Town

Date	Event	Place
Dec. 12-14	"Hedley Propper and the Caroler's Cone"	Unity Renaissance Church
Dec. 12-15	"A Big Band Holiday"	The Yoder Barn
Dec. 17	A Jolly Old Time Stories	Norfolk public Library
Dec. 17	Winter Concert Series R&B	Pearl Bailey Lib. NN
Dec. 4-18	Holiday Story time at MacArthur	Kim Memorial Lib.
Dec. 18	Grand Illumination	Lafayette Branch Lib.
Dec. 20	Happy Kwanzaa	Pearl Bailey Library
Dec. 20	HICO String Quartet	Virgil I. Grissom Library
Dec. 20-21	Living Nativity	Talbot Park Baptist Church
Dec. 23	Christmas Tea	Regent University Theatre
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Grace Lutheran Church by the Sea
Dec. 26	Let Us Celebrate Kwanzaa	Lafayette Branch lib.
Dec. 27	Annual Kwanzaa Celebration	Hunton YMCA
Dec. 28	James R. Plantation Christmas Carol	Progressive Tour and Dinner James River Plantations
Nov. 27-Jan. 1	Celebration of Lights	Newport News City Park
Nov. 22-Jan. 4	Star of Wonder Planetarium Show	VA Living Museum
Dec. 19-Jan.4	A Colonial Christmas	Jamestown Settlement

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'Elevator inspection certificates not posted

Ratcliffe Hall's posted certificate outdated

By Regina Cerimelo
Staff Writer

Virginia State Law, under the Elevator Code Standards, requires all elevators must be inspected every six months, with safety inspections occurring annually. This law also requires all certificates showing that the inspection has occurred must be displayed in the elevator for public viewing.

In Ratcliffe Hall, the elevator displays an inspection certificate indicating the last inspection date was July 2001.

Plant Operations holds all elevator certificates, according to signs displayed in other elevators on campus.

Bayline Lift Technologies conducted the 2001 inspections of the

Ratcliffe elevator, according to the certificate.

Bayline President and Lead Inspector Jim Bruise said he has not performed an inspection at CNU in two years. "CNU has a contract with someone else to perform the inspections on their elevators," he said.

The Virginia State Law maintains that all elevator certificates must remain in view and updated with each inspection.

"If these codes are not met, the state can come in and shut the elevators down if they so choose," Bruise said.

Director of University Advancement Margaret Yancey said all elevator inspections on campus have occurred regularly, and none have been skipped or missed. According to Yancey, E and F Elevator Inspections, as well as Blue Ridge General Incorporated, are two of the main companies that perform the elevator inspections on campus.



Sophomores Marc Aldridge and Joey McKinney use one of the elevators in James River Hall. Currently, elevator inspection certificates are not displayed in all elevators on campus.

'The time is now' says the NAACP for minority awareness

CNU's chapter of the NAACP seeks to increase minority enrollment and brings support networks, education

By Abbie Tang
Staff Writer

"The time is now." This phrase floats all around the campus of Christopher Newport University, and its significance has grown stronger and larger within the past months.

The phrase comes from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP. This is the first year that the NAACP has been on CNU's campus.

NAACP was brought to CNU to bring about greater awareness of the issues impacting the African-American community.

"I hope one reason the group formed was to emphasize the need

for African-American students to get the most out of their college education and to attend graduate school," said Dr. Harry Greenlee, advisor and Department Director of Government and Public Affairs.

Recent statistics have shown that the minority enrollment rate at CNU has dropped 9 percent. The class of 2007 came in with a 3 percent rate of minorities versus 12 percent, the rate in 2000.

The newest program that the NAACP has set up is the Minority Network, a program created to inform minority students of other minorities within their major.

"The goal of the program is to build support groups that can give students the ability to give one another advice about certain classes,

teachers, or issues, and have study sessions," said Kezia Williams, a senior and the president of NAACP.

Williams started brainstorming when she observed that often times minority students will find themselves in a class where there are only one or two other minorities or that they are the only ones in that particular class.

More minority advancement and enrollment will be created by NAACP once more facts and statistics are gathered by the University.

Many factors play into why the enrollment rate of African-Americans is diminishing. One key factor, as explained by Greenlee, is the performance by African-Americans on the SATs.

"CNU is attempting to recruit

top students and the SAT is one variable that is used to determine academic performance and potential," said Greenlee.

"Lack of money could also count as another factor...I believe many African-American students do not see the value of a college education due to more immediate needs of survival," he said.

The club's goal is to bring the awareness of minorities to CNU's college campus. Their events from this semester include several minority awareness booths and activities, raffles, speakers, fundraisers, and volunteer services.

"I'm really passionate with the work that I do," said sophomore, Natasha Noel. "[Being first vice president] allows me to make a dif-

ference on this campus."

CNU's chapter, with the help of Noel, was able to send 190 names to include on a petition against a board game put on the market. "Ghetto-opoly" was found to be extremely offensive to blacks. With the help of CNU's student's signatures, it was taken off the shelves a short time after its release.

"[NAACP] is the only civil rights organization at CNU," said Gillian Henry, a sophomore and second vice president. "I see eye-to-eye with all of the political advancements that the organization is striving for."

Currently, there are 32 paid members who pay their dues to the national NAACP organization.

Elevator death

ELEVATOR, from page 2

"There's no reason to believe at this point that there was an elevator problem," he said. "There were some bad decisions made that led to the death. ... It just appears that it

was a terrible tragedy and a senseless loss of life."

At their West Palm Beach home, Ibanez's parents remembered their daughter as a loving person and a good student.

"She was a beautiful human being," her mother, Nancy Ibanez, said. "She cared about everybody." Ibanez's father, Jose Ibanez, said his daughter was an honors

student in high school...and was very involved in extracurricular activities such as the yearbook committee and the color guard.

He said that after her high school graduation, Katherine Ibanez wanted to work with minorities.

"She was always a loving person," Jose Ibanez said. "She loved everybody. That's why she chose

something like her major."

Mahon said the university has made student-affairs staff and counselors available to help distressed students and will probably hold a memorial service early this week.

"I would say the predominant emotions right now are concern about what happened and curiosity," said Marianne Lorenson, coor-

dinator of residence life in Athenaeum Hall.

She said about 100 people attended a community gathering Saturday afternoon when residence leaders discussed the elevator incident. Another gathering was scheduled for Sunday.

"The residents are obviously very concerned," Lorenson said.

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World and Nation

Still at large, bin Laden and Saddam inspire resistance

By Katherine M. Skiba
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Dec. 8—They're America's most wanted, two highly recognizable villains with \$25 million bounties on their heads, and their general whereabouts are thought to be known.

So how have Saddam Hussein, the deposed Iraqi president, and Osama bin Laden, the leader of the al-Qaida terror network, eluded capture?

And if Saddam and bin Laden were apprehended or killed, would it halt the violence in Iraq, Afghanistan and a host of other countries where al-Qaida's Islamic fundamentalists have left a trail of bloodshed?

Experts in counterterrorism and military affairs say both men are looking over their shoulders while relying on the support and succor of local populations, while spinning electronic forms of communication that can be monitored.

And most believe that Saddam's capture would produce more immediate and tangible results, because, as one noted, al-Qaida is now a snake with many heads.

The two men "are big lumps under the carpet, and they're going at running, hiding and doing cover and concealment," said Gordon Adams, who during the Clinton administration was an associate director for national security and international affairs at the federal Office of Management and Budget.

"Not finding them is the biggest intelligence failure of all," added Adams, who directs security policy studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

"It says we just are not as good as we think we are sometimes."

Saddam, a secular leader, ran Iraq with an iron fist for more than 20 years, instituting fear through murder, torture and repression, and, according to Adams, his freedom "is an inspiration to the resistance."

The resistance is thought to be the work of former regime loyalists, criminals, Sunni Islamic extremists and militants from other countries.

"The sense that Iraqi people have that Saddam Hussein is alive and well and directing traffic has a real impact on their willingness to cooperate with the transition," Adams said.

Experts say that while Saddam oversaw the slaughter of rivals

within Iraq, by contrast, bin Laden has the blood of others on his hands as he's inspired a trans-national, theologically motivated insurgency bent on installing fundamentalist Islamic regimes across the Muslim world.

Saddam likely has the protection of his family and tribe in Iraq's so-called "Sunni Triangle" region. Resistance to U.S.-led forces is greatest there because Sunnis fear that majority Shiites will dominate the new government that will emerge in Iraq and retaliate for past oppression, observes Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterintelligence chief.

Cannistraro believes that the U.S. invaded Iraq on false pretenses: the idea Saddam was linked to a global terror network, had weapons of mass destruction and was close to having nuclear weapons in his arsenal.

What has emerged as a result, he says, is the perception that the U.S. is a big bully and trying to establish a major beachhead in the Middle East, and that notion fuels "religious zealots who want to kill Americans."

"We've made Iraq a center for terrorism, where it wasn't that before," he says.

Others caution that the jury still is out on weapons of mass destruction, which may have been destroyed, hidden or secreted out of Iraq.

Bin Laden is thought to have found safe haven in a larger, denser stretch of territory along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Not fully in Pakistani control, it's uninviting, mountainous terrain where smuggling and gun-running are rampant and deeply rooted



Frame grab from the Osama bin Laden, center, videotape released by the Department of Defense on Dec. 13, 2001.

critical norms make it unacceptable to hand over a guest, even a fugitive, says Matthew Levitt, a former FBI counterterrorism analyst now at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Levitt is rife in his optimism that both men ultimately will be snared, but says Saddam's apprehension would be a more significant victory tactically "because it would tamp down the rhetoric that incites others to join al-Qaida, while there has less immediate impact, Levitt says. That's in part because he relied on others for operational planning, such as Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11,

"huge moral victory" that would tamp down the rhetoric that incites others to join al-Qaida, while there has less immediate impact, Levitt says. That's in part because he relied on others for operational planning, such as Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11,

"There are a handful of key al-Qaida people, many heads of small organizations and cells, and you'd have to go down several layers to eliminate enough people to lower the scope of the threat."



Saddam Hussein is shown in this undated file photo from the British Army Picture Library via the U.S. Department of State.

Russia continues to see surge in violence while Putin rates 70 percent popularity

By Alex Rodriguez
Chicago Tribune

Dec. 7—Russian law enforcement officials knew terrorists were going to strike somewhere in southern Russia on the eve of the country's parliamentary election, they just didn't know when, where and how.

They said they thwarted one attempt Friday when they discovered two suspected female suicide bombers in the southern village of Karabulak inside a car equipped with an explosive device.

They prevented another Saturday when they found a bomb attached to a freight train in Kavkazskaya.

But the one they couldn't head off was the costliest.

A suicide bomber detonated a massive explosion on a commuter train Friday morning near Yessentuki that killed 42 people and injured more than 150 others. With the attack, more than

guerrillas have been waging war to break off the small Islamic republic of Chechnya from the rest of the nation.

Nearly a decade of conflict has turned the mountainous province into a perilous wasteland where the economy long ago ground to a halt and young Chechen men the Russians say are in collusion with rebel forces are routinely victimized by Russian soldiers.

Locked into such bleak circumstances, and facing an even bleaker future, some Chechens find themselves easily swayed by Islamic elements looking for recruits for suicide bombing attacks, according to experts in Chechen affairs.

Evening the score with Russia, says Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, becomes the driving force in their lives.

That happens on a very primitive level," says Politkovskaya, who has interviewed relatives of sui-

Nevertheless, he maintains a popularity rating that hovers "around 70 percent and is likely to cement his grip on Russian government when voters go to the polls to elect a new parliament Sunday."

His solution to the Chechen conflict has been to keep the republic within the fold of Russia but grant it wider autonomy.

A spring referendum gave Chechnya a new constitution, and an election in October gave pro-Kremlin Chechen leader Akhmad Kadyrov the job as president.

But both elections were regarded by most Chechens and much of the international community as rigged.

A major flaw in Putin's plan for Chechnya, many experts say, is that it fails to recognize that a large part of the Chechen population remains, if not loyal to the separatist cause, at least sympathetic to it.

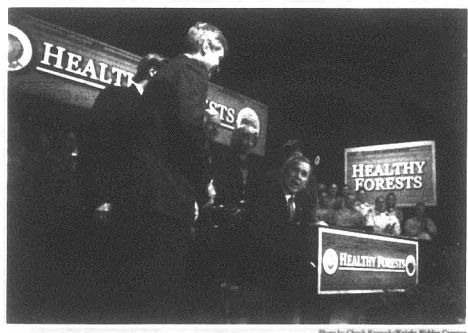
Experts say the only real solution to the Chechen conflict lies in negotiations between the Kremlin and separatists, and the involvement of the international community to help broker peace.

Putin, however, has staunchly rejected calls to negotiate with separatist leader Aslan Maskhadov. And it is unlikely he would ever change his mind, said Russian military analyst Pavel Felgenhauer.

"I'm afraid Putin is beyond that point," Felgenhauer said. "I don't see any way for him to backpedal now."

On Saturday, Russian officials stepped up security at train depots and polling stations as an answer to Friday's attack near Yessentuki. Russian Deputy Prosecutor General Sergei Fridinsky vowed that the organizers of the attack would be tracked down.

The attack, carried out by a male suicide bomber and three female accomplices, was the second on the commuter train line in three months. In September, two bombs planted on the tracks killed six people on a train and injured scores more.



U.S. President George W. Bush signs the Healthy Forests Restoration Act in Washington, Dec. 3. The new legislation is intended to help prevent the devastating wildfires that have annually plagued the western states.

Failure of Mideast peace plans leads to flurry of unofficial proposals

By Warren P. Strobel
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Dec. 4—After three years of virtually nonstop Israeli-Palestinian violence and the failure of traditional diplomacy to stop it, former government officials, religious figures and others have moved to fill the vacuum with a blizzard of unofficial peace proposals.

This "track two" diplomacy reflects a deep despair on both sides of the Middle East conflict that the current drift, if not stopped, could lead to greater disaster for Palestinians and Israelis, current and former diplomats say. It also underscores how President Bush's "road map" plan has failed to achieve a breakthrough.

The authors of one proposal, the Geneva Accord, which spells out in detail a final settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, will meet Friday with Secretary of State Colin Powell. While Bush isn't endorsing the initiative, neither he nor his aides want to be seen as throwing cold water on any effort for peace, diplomats said.

The Geneva Accord is

unlikely to be adopted as is, since it touches on the most sensitive points of dispute and would entail lengthy negotiations. Palestinian militants and Israeli hardliners already have denounced the proposals as giveaways to the other side.

A vaguer set of peace principles has been drafted by Sam Nusseibeh, a well-known Palestinian intellectual, and Ami Ayalon, former chief of Israel's internal security service, the Shin Bet. The two have collected 170,000 petitions supporting their principles, which, like the Geneva Accord, call for a land-for-peace compromise.

Still other plans are being proposed by several Israeli political parties. This week, more than 30 U.S. Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders stepped into the ring, announcing they would mobilize their constituents to urge greater U.S. involvement in peacemaking.

"It shows there's a lot of frustration on both sides with the absence of any hope," said William Quandt, who helped craft the Camp David accord between Israel and Egypt as an aide to President Jimmy Carter.

Bush, when asked about

the Geneva plan on Thursday, said: "We appreciate people discussing peace. We just want to make sure people understand that the principles to peace are clear." He repeated his insistence that an end to Palestinian violence is a precondition for peace talks leading to an independent Palestinian state neighboring Israel.

That view is shared by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has accused the Geneva plan's chief authors, leftist former Israeli official Yossi Beilin and veteran Palestinian negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo, of meddling and has objected to Powell's plans to meet with them. Yet in Israel, there are growing misgivings about whether Sharon's harsh security measures and tough negotiating stance have brought more security. Four former Shin Bet directors, including Ayalon, last month issued an unprecedented statement saying the Sharon government's policies since the latest Palestinian uprising began in September 2000 have gravely damaged Israel.



Russian President Vladimir Putin listens to comments by President Bush at a news conference Nov. 13, 2001.

280 people have been killed in such acts in Russia over the past year.

Despite the intensity and regularity of the attacks, Russian law enforcement has been virtually powerless to prevent them.

Attacks in Moscow and across southern Russia have prompted calls for stricter security.

However, setting up new checkpoints and stepping up searches isn't likely to stem the tide of violence in southern Russia, where separatist

side bombers. "We're talking about revenge. You killed our people, so we will kill your people. And the goal is to inflict as much pain as possible."

Russian President Vladimir Putin rose to power in 1999, largely on the promise that he would rather up operations in Chechnya and end the war.

Today, the conflict, which has killed thousands of Russian soldiers and Chechen civilians, is seen as one of Putin's stark failures.

Opinions

Where We Stand

The risk of running without history requirements

The Task Force on Curriculum and Academic Life has had several open meetings to discuss possible changes in the General Education Curriculum. Members have been working on a proposal to restructure the basics of liberal learning with a 43- to 44-credit core curriculum.

This proposal, if passed, will probably not come into effect until fall 2006, but still, we must take these considerations seriously because of the immense differences it will bring in the curriculum. According to one of the proposals, the Liberal Learning Areas of Inquiry gives students six topics from which to choose; they include: Western Tradition; Global and Multicultural Perspectives; Investigating the Natural World; and Identity, Institutions and Societies.

Now, if you take a look at the History Department in the proposal, you will notice that it falls under Western Traditions. The only thing: three hours are required for that area of inquiry.

That means, if the proposal passes through the committee, Faculty Senate, administration and Board of Visitors, then students will only have to take three hours of history instead of six—taking away the requirement for a full introduction to world civilizations. The Department doesn't seem to be too happy about this.

Would that be a reasonable decision of the task force? Some argue that if you don't know your history, you won't know your future. Would the other Areas of Inquiry that are indicated in the proposal make up for that? Few people come to school knowing exactly what they want to do. So would their inability to make wise decisions with class selection hinder their education in history? These questions suggest that this curriculum change could definitely have an impact on the individual's testing of historical knowledge.

On the other hand, students may argue that high school covered enough history, that college courses in history are just a waste of money for those who aren't interested. Well, here are three words for that: Advanced Placement testing. You had your chance to get it over with. But that's beside the point.

The point is, the task force should definitely consider adding the seventh possible area of study, the Historical Inquiry, to the final proposal that will more than likely be approved over the next year or so.

By the way, the task force is doing an excellent job. The proposal is an excellent system that, we believe, will effectively educate CNU's future students. But is limiting the requirements for world civilizations a risk we are willing to take?

Theater CNU's '12 Stitches'

"12 Stitches," a one-act play about self-mutilation, was written by senior Kelly O'Connell, a student who based her play on personal experiences. To put a face to such an issue is a bold thing to do, and this is to be commended. O'Connell's willingness to put herself out there clearly indicates that we have students who can responsibly take sensitive issues and passionately present them to raise awareness to others. This play exemplified that.

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The Lone Vote

One student speaks against the anti-discrimination policy

By Josh Derrner
Contributing Writer

On December 5th, the Daily Press reported on the progress of a "non-discrimination" resolution passed by the Student Government Association last semester regarding the issue of sexual preference. The reporter, Angela Forest, wrote that the "lone opposition vote came from a representative with the Young Constitutionalists." She was referring to me and I appreciated the mention. However, nothing was written as to why I voted the way I did and thus only one side of the spectrum was represented in the article.

As a club representative, I vote for legislation in the SGA based upon my personal beliefs as well as those of the organization I represent. When I indicated my vote of opposition, many of my fellow senators gave me dirty looks and one even had the audacity to call me a "hater." It goes without saying that today's political climate has manifested an era of bad feelings, but I don't have a personal nor am I homophobic. In the least, yet it seems anyone who has a moral objection to the homosexual lifestyle gets labeled as such. So much for all that talk about being "open-minded."

I have several reasons for why I voted against the so-called "non-discrimination" resolution. From a constitutional standpoint, sexual

preference is not a civil right. Homosexual behavior is no more deserving of special protections than heterosexual behavior. Also, one has to consider recent evidence which shows that people are not born homosexual, thus negating the absurd notion that the homosexual community is some type of "victim class."

Secondly, if this policy goes into effect, it will deny certain campus organizations freedom of association with respect to electing their officers and making requirements for membership. To my understanding, this

"This begs the question: who is really discriminating against whom?"

new "non-discrimination" policy will force religious clubs to accept openly homosexual individuals in leadership positions, despite the fact that such organizations may have a moral objection to that lifestyle. This begs the question: who is really discriminating against whom?

Reading the Daily Press article, it sounds as if the SGA speaks for the entire campus. As of now, the

SGA Senate is a non-elected body with absolutely no accountability to the students. Fortunately, that will change as we have adopted the new SGA constitution and there will be regular elections of our student senators starting in spring of next semester. Until elections happen, no one can seriously state or imply that the SGA speaks for the whole campus.

Now I don't want to see anyone beaten to death for their choice in sexual behavior. One may disagree with any type of behavior for moral reasons, but murder should never enter into the equation. Anyone with the least bit of decency doesn't want a repeat of the type of violence which claimed the life of Matthew Shepard. But should his murder be a rallying cry to eliminate religious freedom and the teaching of moral values? Clearly, the aftermath of this tragedy is creating a dangerous precedent with regard to the erosion of our First Amendment rights.

If the administration cares at all about Constitutional rights, then they will reject this resolution. Of course they may bend under political pressure, but part of standing up for what's right means accepting the consequences of getting flak from the so-called majority. I certainly found this to be true.

Josh Derrner is the Chairman of the CNU Young Constitutionalists.

Ask questions, it can't hurt

By Jean Rowell

Contributing Writer

This semester has been my hardest yet. True, it was only my third one, so I'm sure the fun has only just begun.

In the short time we've been in this fall, I think I have learned more now than I have in my entire life. While I may not have gotten straight A's, to my parents' dismay, and while I definitely didn't get everything done I had wanted to, I count it as what may become my most valuable semester.

I think this semester qualifies in the self-discovery category. Many new challenges came knocking on my door and thought provoking questions were raised.

One question that has come up several times, and then turns into a challenge on most days, particularly stands out to me—the issue of the media.

The media plays many roles and wears many hats. First and foremost, at least in terms of the print media, the purpose of the media is to inform.

Newspapers, such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, provide more information in a day's issue than most people could read in a week. I know I have yet to read a full issue of either paper all the way through.

Whether you want to

know it or not, the information is there for you to read at your leisure.

In this country, the press has exposed many a scandal, some we wanted to know and some we didn't. I have one word for you: Watergate. This was journalism at its best. President Richard Nixon was involved in some very shady business and lied to the American people about it. Two reporters from the *Washington Post* took the

"In this country, the press has exposed many a scandal, some we wanted to know and some we didn't."

I challenge myself everyday to find the answers to the questions my readers have. In doing so, I am taking chances. I find myself quite often in uncharted territory. There is a lot of information out there, and there is so much I want to know.

Every time I learn something new, I have about 10 more questions I want answers to. My philosophy is: when in doubt, ask. So, I challenge you, the CNU community, to ask the questions. Explore your world. It's yours for the taking; make it your own. Don't sit by complacently; don't be content with good enough. Shake things up a little.

Should you disagree with something a newspaper prints, tell the paper.

Letter to the Editor

After reading, "Freshmen Estimated To Bring 600 Vehicles," I have two words for Margaret Yancy and the administration: Grandfather Clause. At the time of the parking violation, the policy was in place. Why are these freshmen being "let off" after they knowingly violated the parking policy? I highly doubt that if this campus became a wet campus next semester, that all the alcohol infractions would be expunged from the students' records. The purpose of the Grandfather Clause is to phase in a new policy or rule, to create fairness. Furthermore, why was the policy done away with? Why is it so wrong to make the sixty-four freshmen, which the way should feel privileged to have their car on campus, paid off car ones on the East Side? I am an upperclassman who lives on the East Side, and I make that walk everyday to get to and from class and meetings. What is so wrong about making sixty-four freshmen park in the previously designated lot, and walk less than a mile to their car when they want to leave campus?

Ridgely Kelly Dillon

Arts and Entertainment

Students, faculty and contributors show and sell art in Falk Gallery's Holiday Show

CNU's Art Program receives more visibility and sells work at the same time

By Lacey Milburn
Staff Writer

Staring at the artwork displayed on the tables in the Falk Gallery, a bright pink, rather large pair of lips strikes right back at me. It is a print of the painting "Lips" by senior art major, Stacy Stratton.

Behind the Scenes

"I took a class with Professor Greg Henry this summer and he said do whatever you want to do," Stratton said.

She said that she finally started experimenting with her artwork after taking that class coming into her senior year, and now she has prints for sale at the second annual Holiday Show and Sale.

The Holiday Show

and Sale runs from Nov. 19 through Dec. 20, 9-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The show displayed and sold work of students, professors and regional artists that were in some way connected to the CNU community.

From the artwork sold, the artists received 75 percent of the proceeds and the remainder went to art department.

They are getting a "sales experience," said Director of Fine Arts, Betty Anglin. She said that the benefits received by the department would pay for various services the department may need, such as models for the students to draw. So, the students contributed to their own education with the work they have sold.

"It gives people a chance to express themselves in all kinds of media," said Anglin.

In the small room in Gosnold Hall that stands in front of Dean Douglas Gordon's office, a large variety of art is available to buy.

Paintings done with acrylic, oil, and watercolor, sculptures, photographs,

homemade jewelry and purses are only some of what the art department has shown at this sale.

Professor Greg Henry contributed ceramic tile paintings, and seniors Allison Ford and Diana Matthews both made beaded earrings. I couldn't resist but to buy a pair of these for \$7.

One of my favorite paintings, "Spring Stream," was done by contributor George M. Ware. It was an oil pastel painting with bright turquoise colors and other red and yellow undertones. Ware also had displayed limited edition laser print acrylic paintings of boats and docks in Hampton.

On Dec. 5, an open house for the faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was held, and Director of Music Theory and Composition, Dr. John S. Cotner, was one of those who attended the event.

It shows the professional potential of the students," Dr. Cotner said, referring to the entire show.

If you prefer cartoons or animation, caricature artists sit and draw from a live model or from a picture.

"A lot of people have brought by pictures for Christmas presents to give to relatives and friends" said junior Jennifer Call. She has sold "over a hundred by now."

Caricatures cost \$7 for a head and \$10 for body. Call has worked at Busch Gardens for five years as a caricature artist and is interested in furthering her career in animation.

"I like the dream; imagination things you really can't explain," Call said.

The Holiday Show and Sale allowed for much more "visibility" said Anglin. After last year's success, this year was just as popular if not more.

Most people don't even recognize that we have such talented artists on campus," said Stratton.

She added that the fact that the show was also a sale brought more curious people to come and look in hopes of buying as well.

The Falk Gallery also serves as a place for lectures, poetry readings and other art shows such as the Homecoming show.



Photos by April Freeman/The Captain's Log

Various art is available at the Falk Art Gallery Holiday Show and Sale running through Dec. 20, 2003. Students, faculty, staff and local contributors display their work for sale. 25 percent of sales go to the arts department for supplies and educational materials.



Top five albums of the year

Bands you may not listen to, but should try out

By Kris King
Contributing Writer

It's that time of year again. 2003 is quickly coming to an end and music fans everywhere are collecting the albums they have garnered over the past year and seeing which ones they deem the best.

The following is a list of five albums that I have deemed the crème of the crop of 2003:

Upcoming Event

2 Skinnee J's will be performing a reunion show at the Norva on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. 21 years of age or older. Tickets are \$32.50, on sale now at all Ticketmaster outlets and The Backstage Cafe. For more information, visit www.thenorva.com.

2 Skinnee J's "Sexy Karate"

Released in April of this year, "Sexy Karate" is 2 Skinnee J's final record. The group utilizes a mixture of hip-hop and rock in a way that must be heard to understand.

The J's throw out some of their best work in a flurry of tightly woven lyrics shot be-

tween the two MCs, Special J and Jay Guevara.

Skinnee's main goal in this record is to capture their truly electrified stage show, which they have no problem accomplishing.

2J shows their control over the mic and their ability to rock the crowd in such tracks as the hard hitting "Friends Don't Let Friends Listen to Rap-Metal" and the light hearted "One Summer."

"Sexy Karate" is ultimately a gift to the fans before the band parts ways, and it is obvious they wanted to go down with guns blazing.

Cursive "The Ugly Organ"

"Sing along, I'm on the Ugly Organ again," screams Cursive front man Tim Kasher in the group's fourth and arguably strongest outing.

"The Ugly Organ" is an emotional roller coaster as Kasher tells of lost love, creativity and all the things that make life suck.

The group mixes guitar with melodic cello throughout the entire album giving it a unique sound over their previous work, which was more guitar and drum centered.

The sheer power of this album captivates the listener and hits them over the head with emotional turmoil song after song.

Every track is solid from beginning to end and flows very well. "The Ugly Organ" shines as the best emo album of the year.

The Mars Volta "De-Loused in the Comatorium"

The Mars Volta is headed by Cedric Bixler and Omar Rodriguez, two former members of the band At the Drive-In.

"De-Loused in the Co-

matatorium" is the group's first album and is a tribute to a friend of the band who committed suicide.

The album is a swirl of guitar and drums mixed with Bixler's high-pitched voice. The album is mostly experimental and it is obvious that the band is grasping for something different.

The tracks meld together as if they were one, giving the album a different and epic feeling.

The Mars Volta succeeds in their effort to create something new, and created a true marvel in honor of their passed friend.

Radiohead "Hail to the Thief"

"Hail to the Thief" is Radiohead's newest album in two years, the last in-studio work being 2001's "Amnesiac."

This release is quick to deliver and is the group's strongest record since their 1997 release "OK Computer."

In an attempt to please both fans of their older work and fans of their new work, Radiohead works to keep their older traditional rock sound and their recent, more experimental work.

Songs such as "2 + 2 = 5" or "There, There" show that the band has indeed returned to their more conventional rock roots, while tracks like "Myxomatosis," and "Backdrifts" retain the electronic qualities of later works.

By the end of the album the band gives an even mix of convention and experimentalism to please any fan of the group.

The White Stripes "Elephant"

With obvious inspiration from blues legend Robert Johnson and their rock group Led Zeppelin, the



Jack and Meg White of "The White Stripes" blend depth and simplicity to provide one of the best albums of the year.

minimalist rock duo Jack and Meg White of The White Stripes create a genre of gritty rock that is all their own.

Jack White's unforgetting, distortion-flavored guitar flows throughout the album with support from Meg White's almost child-like drumming.

Despite its simplicity, there is depth of sound in each song; giving them the perfect amount of power and energy.

Another strong aspect of this album is its flow. It starts powerfully with the hypnotic "Seven Nation Army" and the distortion heavy "Black Math" which leads into much more melodic tracks like "Cold, Cold Night," in which Meg White eerily croons over quiet guitar.

After this the album shifts back into high gear with a sea of distortion and hard drums. "Elephant" is ultimately a powerful album worthy of any blues or rock fan's collection.

Think Britney or Beyonce? on this list? Email your choices for top five albums of the year, along with your reasons why, to anetlles@cnu.edu and we may publish an updated list in Spring 2004.

Blast from the past: The Clash's 'London Calling'

Sometimes the best way to find good albums is to look to the past

By Michael Combs
Staff Writer

During the 1980s, The Clash used the title "the only band CD that matters." Review

people the coined term remains true

today. While their 1979 hit album "London Calling" is only one of many albums released, it could be considered the only album that matters.

The Clash was comprised of Mick Jones on guitars and vocals, Joe Strummer on vocals and guitars, Paul Simonon on bass and vocals and Topper Headon on drums and percussion.

The album opens with title track, "London Calling," a politically fueled punk-rock anthem classic that infuses smooth guitars and oppressively geared

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Comedy Central Tour

Attell, Black and Hedberg provide laughs and gaffs at Chrysler Hall

By Michael Combs
Staff Writer

Ticket: \$29.50; Parking: \$4.00; Ticket Master "Convenience Charge" (for which I fail to see the convenience in): \$7.50; Two and a half hours of non-stop standup comedy: priceless.

At the Chrysler Hall in downtown Norfolk, people of all ages filled the seats as the anticipation filled the people's minds. The sound of small talk before the show would soon be replaced

by the sound of a comedian's voice and laughter.

As the audience looked out on the stage from their seats from either of the two balconies or orchestra section, they focused on an empty stage that consisted of a microphone and wooden stool.

This past Sunday night, Dec. 7, a crowd of close to 2000 people received what they paid for and more at Comedy Central Live standup comedy tour, featuring Lewis Black of the "Daily Show" and Dave Attell of "Inconceivable."

Furthermore, the two traveled with special guest comedian Mitch Hedberg and a comedic host, Mark Cantrell, who introduced each comedian before their set.

The night began a little after 8:00pm with a short set presented by Mark Cantrell who talked about

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the city of Norfolk, strip clubs, how there are many in Norfolk and how they both make him feel.

He then presented the next comedian, Mitch Hedberg, who performed a longer set.

“When I drink your water, I need a chaser ... I wanted to try whitening my teeth, but then I said screw it, I’m getting a tan.”

Mitch Hedberg

Mitch Hedberg is known by many college students and his 30-minute standup routine for “Comedy Central Presents” did an excellent job of pleasing the crowd, although he appeared heavily intoxicated. Mr. Hedberg talked about many areas including Norfolk, the tour and himself.

Hedberg mostly stuck to his one-liners to please his audience. The audience responded best to those that were referring to Norfolk, including “When I drink your water, I need a chaser,” and “I wanted to try whitening my teeth, but then I said screw it, I’m getting a tan.”

Next, standup comedian of the show “Insomniac” Dave Attell took the stage. He kept the audience laughing the entire time while he talked about sex, women, himself, drinking, the weather, the tour and more sex and drinking.

While the audience ranged in ages, it is good that there were not any small children present, due to his graphic content presented

through harsh language. A definite crowd-pleaser, Attell’s performance was a hard act to follow.

Lewis Black of the “Daily Show” and of “Comedy Central Presents” closed the show and gave the audience something to remember.

Black is known for his style of comedy that displays him getting angry at life and the stupidity of others.

While he used the “f-word” a lot, he intelligently satirized life, and many times compared present society to how life was when he was a kid.

Black kept the audience laughing with his outlook presented through his beliefs and anger on topics like the tour, the weather, traveling, bottled water and politics.

“Democrats have no plans, and Republicans’ plans are terrible” commented Black on today’s politics.

On a scale of one to 10! would give the entire show a 10. Between the three standup comedians there were three separate styles of comedy to please the audience.

From the drunken non-

“Democrats have no plans, and Republicans’ plans are terrible.”

Lewis Black

developed comedic style of Hedberg, to the hilariously graphic content of Attell, to the angry and smart comedy of Lewis Black, the three standup comedians did an excellent job of pleasing their audience.

As sophomore Matt Senior said, “It was a great performance, definitely worth the money I paid.”

CLASH, from page 7

lyrics with a message, while the rest of the 19-track album contains different types of songs.

“London Calling” features tracks that evolved into their own punk rock sound, like “Jimmy Jazz,” a laid-back blues/jazz tune.

More pop-oriented songs such as “Spanish Bombs” (considered a hit by many) still delivered a political message.

Overall, “London Calling” is a classic album filled with punk-rock anthems that engage the listener in politics, love, cheer and “coming above” through an energetic punk and reggae fused sound.

The Clash emerged from Britain in the mid-70s during a time that marked the beginnings of punk rock.

Other punk bands that were big and producing music of that time include The Sex Pistols, The Damned, The Ramones and The Buzzcocks.

The Clash, however,



Although bands and genres have come and gone, some still consider The Clash “the only band that matters.”

were above all other punk bands and most bands of their time in that they found a fine line between a self-depleting punk scene and a corporate takeover of music, all while taking the world by storm.

What separates them from other punk bands of their time is the reggae, 1950s rock, ska and aggressive punk influence that can be heard in their music, especially in “London Calling.”

These genres of music that the band uses is just what separated The Clash from other punk bands that followed an apathetic, simple formula.

Furthermore, the true

emotion and world messages of the singers (Strummer and Jones, as well as the rest of the band) is what separates them from most other bands.

The Clash have influenced many top bands and groups today including Public Enemy, U2 and Rage Against the Machine, as well as many punk bands including Anti-Flag, Kid Dynamite, Operation Ivy and Rancid.

After listening and reviewing “London Calling,” Tom Carson of Rolling Stone Magazine put it in his April 3, 1980 article that “they’re the greatest rock and roll band.”

Recently, Best Buy included “London Calling” on its list of top 100 albums of all time.

On a scale of one to 10, I give “London Calling” a 10 and highly recommend it to those who listen to punk and rock.

While they may not be “the only band that matters,” they certainly have displayed through “London Calling,” that they are among the few.

‘12 Stitches’ examines real life experience

By Megan Tucker
Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

Looking into Dani’s eyes, you can feel the pain she is expressing, cutting into your heart.

Her pain cuts into your soul, just like the knife cutting into her arm.

Last weekend, Theater CNU presented “12 Stitches,” a one-act play written by senior Kelly O’Connell.

O’Connell came up with the title of the play from the fact that she received 12 stitches from her experiences that served as the subject matter of the play.

Over 70 students crowded into Plaza One on Friday for the sobering performance of this 3-person play about self-mutilation.

“12 Stitches” is a story about the life and struggle of a young girl named Dani, performed by freshman Annie Ferenbach. Dani’s life is marred by pain and suffering due to the outbursts of her bipolar mother, played by freshman Kathryn Wilber, and her insensitive boyfriend, played by freshman Thomas Opstal. Dani struggles with her mother’s illness and years for the love of her boyfriend.

Unfortunately, Dani has a problem of her own. She is what is known as a “cutter.” She craves self-mutilation as an escape from her problems in everyday life.

Ultimately, Dani’s life of horror will reach a zenith, and the blade that she relies on slips a little too deep.

O’Connell wrote this play as her senior thesis project. She used her own life experiences as the basis of this play.

“Self mutilation is something I and many of those I grew up with faced as teens. I feel that I can shed some light on it and put it out there for all to face,” O’Connell said.

The actors and actresses went to great lengths to prepare for their characters.

Some went online to research the illness in greater detail, while others looked to O’Connell for personal insight.

O’Connell researched the book “Bodily Harm” to find behaviors common to those who suffer from self-mutilation.

“The mother in the play is bipolar, so I had to do extensive research into the actions of those with the illness. Her reactions to things almost became funny at times, but when she has one of her ‘days,’ it becomes a very real problem,” said Wilber.

The staging of the play sparse but held a deeper meaning.

The set was centered around the placement of Dani. Her desk was set in the center of the stage while the boyfriend’s couch was at stage right, and the mother’s table at stage left.

This setting symbolized Dani being torn between the two forces in her life that she has been struggling with.

“It’s amazing to see a small stage with 70 people crammed in here, and we still create moving theater production,” said Theater Professor, George Hillier.



On Dec. 8, Theater CNU performed Act I of “Waiting for Godot.” Above, Juniors Jason Linett and Nathan Cotter act out a scene as Vladimir and Estragon.

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Luigi's owners, Sonny and Vinny, make it a point to do whatever it takes to enjoy their customers enjoy their meal. While Vinny sticks to the kitchen, Sonny travels from table to table, telling jokes and entertaining his guests.

Luigi's Italian Cuisine receives five stars

Incredible food and appealing decor ensure customers leave smiling

By Channele Layman
Asst. Editor and Design Manager

A loud booming voice, a hearty laugh and a ready smile make Sonny the perfect image of an Italian Restaurant owner.

Sonny and his brother Vinny Grant (playing his "bumbling charmer" role very well, as per usual) has been named the new Prime Minister of England and is not only adjusting to his rather weighty new job, but to a beautiful woman on his

about 40 years, Luigi's is a local favorite for Italian food at its finest. As soon as you enter Luigi's, the spirit of Italy surrounds you.

On the walls are painted four large murals depicting famous scenes of Italy. In the background, soft instrumental music maintains the authentic atmosphere.

To complete the feel of Italy in Newport News, Sonny makes his rounds of the tables, assuring that each guest is satisfied.

If you show even the slightest interest, Sonny is ready with a quick joke, loud laugh or even a good story. Particularly for those who frequent Luigi's, Sonny becomes good friends with his customers.

Even if it's your first time, chances are Sonny's

stories and antics will entertain you, especially since he can be heard from anywhere in the room.

Perhaps it is because the restaurant captures your attention or maybe it is simply quick service, but your food arrives in hardly any time at all. Prepared expertly by Vinny, who spends the majority of his time in the kitchen, the food is excellent. Menu selections are comparable to Olive Garden, though the food is far better.

In Sonny's words, "You haven't eaten spaghetti until you've had it with my special tomato sauce."

In truth, Sonny's claim holds true; the spaghetti is topped with a strong, thick sauce that presumably only the Italian can make.

For such an authentic

taste, the prices aren't bad. For the college student, however, they might be considered a bit high.

Prices range from \$8-\$17 and two can eat for roughly \$20. Expect to get at least one more meal out of your dinner as well. After the complimentary rolls and garlic knots, there simply isn't room for the extra-large servings sizes to fill.

Authentic Italian environment, quality service and excellent food make Luigi's a perfect choice for any occasion. To make the restaurant even more appealing, Luigi's is decorated for the holidays. White lights and an oversized Christmas tree bring a

festive spirit to the cozy restaurant. Even the staff traded its white shirts for a more seasonal red.

If this review hasn't sold you, check out Luigi's for yourself.

Sonny and Vinny operate their restaurant at 15400 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, 23601, only a few miles north of CNL. They are open Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. They can be reached at 757-887-0005.

On the finger-lickin' good scale, Luigi's Italian Cuisine receives 5 out of 5 fingers.

My last finals week

The biggest mistake that students make during finals week is that they try to treat it like every other week of the year.

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Columnist

Freshman year, I made a Web site to avoid studying for finals. Sophomore year, I took a road trip to Ocean City. Junior year, I think I went shopping.

Senior year, I will... spend the last two weeks of school ripping out my hair because I don't have any finals to study for. Wait, shouldn't that be a good thing?

Let me introduce you to the take-home final. The take-home final is something that should be better than an in-class final because you can do it in your pajamas, hung-over, without ever getting out of bed.

But it isn't. The take-home final means that you now actually have to force yourself to do work outside of class, during one of the craziest weeks of the year.

What can you, as a student do to get through finals week? Pull all-nighters while watching bad movies, buy Chanelles at 1 a.m. every night of the week, and have a six-in at the fountain just so you can figure out who actually keeps sassing it and then give a grade on their performance.

But not at least, make sure to stay up all night the eve of your most important final so when you get your grades you can say, "Sure I failed four of my finals, but look! I got an A in World History."

The biggest mistake that students make during finals week is that they try to treat it like every other week of the year.

Some schools give students "reading days" and since courtesy of the Hurricane Isabel, there's no room to add on ANOTHER extra week of school, we students have to be more creative and do a lot more planning for emergency rations and ways to procrastinate.

Since CNU doesn't do "reading days" and since courtesy of the Hurricane Isabel, there's no room to add on ANOTHER extra week of school, we students have to be more creative and do a lot more planning for emergency rations and ways to procrastinate.

That means we have to figure out how to make the last \$2 on our flex accounts enough to purchase three gallons of café lattes from Einstein's, while also figuring out a way to iron those scantrons which have been shoved in a notebook all semester (without setting them on fire).

Another mistake people make for finals week is swearing off stuff; like drinking, smoking, their significant other and so on.

Finals week is not Lent! You can still go out, you can still have bad habits, and you can still have fun.

The only difference is that now you have to do all of those things while figuring out how the (v76849203) is relevant to the amount of time that you spend in the dining halls every third Sunday of the winter months.

For all of you out there with 8 a.m. in-class finals, I'm sorry. I will think of you and laugh as I sit in bed, in my pajamas, doing all three of my take-home finals (Hah! Hah! I only have three finals).

But I hope that you survive through the week, otherwise I won't have anyone to write this column for in the spring.

'Love Actually' shows the holidays are all about love

'Love actually' shows theater-goers what the holidays, and life, is all about

By Annie Ferenbach
Staff Writer

"Love Actually" does not limit or discriminate in what type of love the film is about.

Every kind of love—but yes, primarily romantic love—is shown and celebrated in this amazingly heartwarming, funny, incredibly Christmas movie.

Many people avoid Christmas movies these days, I think, because so many are just incredibly cheesy and emotionally manipulative.

Well, "Love" is certainly emotionally manipulative (isn't every romance movie to some degree?) every movie, for that matter, and it has its "Christmas is about being with those you love," lines, but...Christmas is about being with those you love.

This movie gives us that warm and fuzzy feeling without the uncomfortable shifting of your seat that you get when you feel slightly embarrassed for the film and filmmakers.

They don't overdo it in "Love Actually," they just do it enthusiastically and wholeheartedly.

"This movie gives you that warm and fuzzy feeling without the uncomfortable shifting of your seat that you get when you feel slightly embarrassed for the film and filmmakers."

In attempting to break down all of the plot(s), I could probably fill up this entire page; I'll strive to give a short version.

"Love Actually" follows the story of approximately eight couples starting five weeks until Christmas in London, England. Hugh Grant (playing his "bumbling charmer" role very well, as per usual) has been named the new Prime Minister of England and is not only adjusting to his rather weighty new job, but to a beautiful woman on his

house staff called Natalie (a very charming Martine McCutcheon) whom he develops an incredibly schoolboy-like crush on.

His sister Karen (Emma Thompson) is married to Harry (Alan Rickman), who seems to be developing (post) seven-year-itch syndrome, and in the processing of comforting her friend Daniel (Liam Neeson). Daniel has recently lost his wife, Joanna, and is frightened of raising and bonding with his eleven-year-old stepson (Thomas Sangster) alone. His son also happens to have fallen in love with a little girl at his school named Joana (Olivia Olson).

There exists several situations throughout the film: a newlywed couple (including "Pirates of the Caribbean's" Kiera Knightley), a hilariously burnt out musician (Bill Nighy) and his "fat manager" (Gregor Fisher), a recently buried writer (Colin Firth), "Bridget Jones's Diary" and his new housekeeper (Lucia Moniz), and a quirky, shy American (Laura Linney, "Mystic River") and her long-time crush (Rodrigo Santoro).

There are a few I'm leaving out simply because I can't possibly fit everyone and their situations in here, but the last one I simply must mention is the story of Judy (Joanna Page, "From Hell") and Peter (Martin Freeman), who meet while working as "nudity doubles" (as opposed to stunt doubles) on a

film set. It's one of the most hilarious plots in the film.

Yes, the movie is quite

an entourage of dozens of your love's family members by your side.

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Hugh Grant plays the newest Prime Minister of Britain, who happens to have a crush on his housekeeper.

overstuffed with characters and plots, and there are a few that could have been cut completely so the others might have been more developed.

However, I don't think the point of this movie was to have fleshed out, complex characters and relationships. I think the point simply was ... everyone has some love in your life, whether it seems that way or not and whether it's perfect or not.

This movie is about how Christmas isn't just a time to be with the one you love, it's a time to speak up. It's a time to risk getting hurt and to proclaim your love—whether through flashcards or by having

Directed by Richard Curtis

Starring Hugh Grant, Bill Nighy, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Martine McCutcheon, Liam Neeson, Thomas Sangster, and Laura Linney

Rated R for strong language, sexuality, and nudity
Rating 4 out of 5 stars

Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope For December 8-14

By LaSha Senik
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Sudden intuitions require a response. Before midweek expect loved ones to be moody, insightful and introspective. Ask gently probing questions and watch for new levels of sensuality or romance. All reactions and comments will be closely scrutinized. Thursday through Sunday, financial records may prove misleading. Official documents and short-term employment contracts will demand added negotiations. Carefully study all facts, details and deadlines.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Ask authority figures for clear instructions and verified documents. Improved policies or last-minute business changes will require constant effort. Avoid appearing disinterested. At present, key officials are highly motivated to correct yesterday's mistakes. Late Saturday, a surprising romantic attraction may prove distracting. Group events and new social introductions are highlighted. Don't doubt your feelings. Friends and relatives will eventually offer support.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Previously confident colleagues may ask for guidance or support. Be diplomatic but provide detailed descriptions of new instructions. Some Geminis, especially those born early in June, will be offered a revised workplace role or new title. Job promotions will briefly cause political tensions. Stay balanced. After Friday, loved ones may challenge established social habits or family routines. Respond quickly and expect group indecision or delays in the home.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Love relationships will expand to include new goals or unique family gatherings. Group dynamics and social politics will be complex, but delightful, over the next four days. Use this time to outline creative plans and home improvements. Cancerians born after 1972 will also experience a dramatic expansion of financial duties. After midweek, minor health concerns affecting the lower back, spine or reproductive system will fade. Go slow and regain all physical vitality.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Personal spending and daily money habits will need to be re-evaluated. Unexpected home expenses or revised payments may be accounted. Financial strain will be brief, so not to worry. Do, however, plan for extra repairs, new obligations or sudden large purchases. Later this week, long-term relationships begin an intense phase of emotional negotiation. Close friends and romantic partners expect added loyalty, new promises or bold public support.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before Wednesday, workplace negotiations or subtle comments from authority figures may prove misleading. Areas affected are short-term contracts, special assignments or revised paperwork. Instructions may be unworkable. Ask for clarity and wait for new ideas. Later this week, planned family events may be canceled or postponed. Unexpected travel plans, business contracts or financial restrictions are accented. Offer encouragement but respond only to reliable promises.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Career dreams and lost ambitions will return. Pay special attention to practical planning, funding or revitalized business proposals. Many Librans will adopt an active and outgoing attitude toward workplace improvement or rare sources of income. Listen to sincere advice and expect quick changes. Officials and mentors will prove helpful. After Friday, a close friend may require extra encouragement. Family triangles and romantic doubt are accented; be diplomatic.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Early this week, potential friends and lovers are attracted to your social charm or emotional style. Confidence and humor will be delightful themes in new relationships. Watch for group events, quick introductions and fresh invitations to be captivating and worthwhile. Thursday through Sunday, a close friend or relative may feel isolated in the workplace. Unusual business politics will require delicate social planning. Advocate caution and subtle group diplomacy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Yesterday's financial promises or documents may demand clarification. After Wednesday, older relatives or key officials may ask for detailed records and lengthy explanations. Go slow and carefully consider all options. Money plans, revised job choices and home decisions will eventually prove accurate. Friday through Sunday, romantic discussions intensify. Expect long-term partners to actively seek deeper commitments, new promises or detailed family planning.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Social invitations are unexpectedly complex. Late Wednesday, respond quickly to proposed plans or group events. Friends and colleagues may be sensitive to small delays or last-minute reversals. Offer reliable promises and detailed personal information. Thursday through Sunday also highlight financial complications and revised business procedures. Allow partners and officials extra time. Key decisions and long-term policy changes may be unusually difficult.

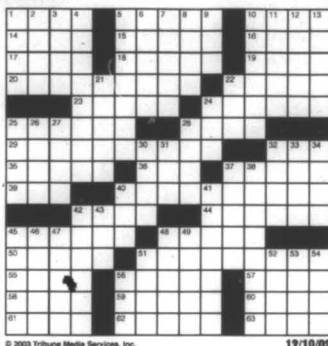
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Avoid delicate business or financial discussions over the next four days. Before Thursday, loved ones or older officials may be moody and unresponsive. Areas affected are money decisions, private loans or short-term work assignments. Remain patient. Workplace relations will return to normal. Later this week, a social triangle or misunderstanding in the home can be easily resolved. Pay special attention to traditional roles and established habits and all will be well.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Late Wednesday, a close friend or relative may ask for detailed social advice. Romantic disputes or distant relationships may be a strong concern. Provide clear options but avoid controversial involvement. At present, the emotional expectations of loved ones are unpredictable. Friday through Sunday, plan unique home events or private romantic encounters. Someone close may wish to explore new family roles or serious promises. Take time to full discuss all possibilities.

If your birthday is this week ... Older relatives may reveal new business plans or financial expectations. Over the next 12 weeks, loved ones may demand lifestyle changes, fast revisions or newly negotiated contracts. Remain patient, however, and expect a return to trusted methods and established routines by mid-March. Early in 2004, romantic relationships may also experience disappointed or intense discussions. Lovers or close friends will expect bold public affections and clearly stated intentions. Finalize all decisions by late June and watch for dramatic proposals throughout summer. After mid-September, long-term relationships begin almost three years of passionate commitment and family expansion. Expect meaningful and lasting progress.

Crossword

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5 Rascal
10 Health resorts
14 French cleric
15 Bones in forearms
16 Price of passage
17 Lower digits
18 Emulated Pisa's tower
19 Hick
20 Amuse
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35 Tailless amphibians
36 The Greatest
37 Stage whisper
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42 Existed
44 Warbles
45 Dry gulch
48 'The Prince's Birthday' painter
50 Use jointly
51 Bloodsuckers
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62 Tether
63 Hardy heroine



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Sports



Mark Hepner (52) and Tim Collins (44) try to grab a defensive rebound during this Saturday's game against the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets. CNU drops to 3-2 on the season against the nationally ranked Yellow Jackets, now 5-0 on the season.

Men's basketball team falls to the Yellow Jackets 69-53

As 11th in the nation Randolph-Macon slows the Captains' winning streak; now 3-2 overall

By Rob Silbese
Asst. Sports Editor

When the Freeman Center began to fill last Saturday, the air began to fill with passion and rivalry that has become tradition of the Captains' home court. The Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets entered the game as the 11th ranked basketball team in the nation with a 4-0 record, facing off against the Captains 3-1, coming off a huge 95-54 victory.

Another thing the Captains had going for them was the last 71 games at home. With a 93 percent win percentage, the Captains had only lost 5 of the last 71 games at home. Randolph-Macon Head Coach Mike Rhoades commented on the game.

"Today you had two great programs; both teams have a lot of pride. There was a great atmosphere today," he said.

As soon as the tip was won, the game did not lack any intensity. Mark Hepner and Otho Hampton led the squad early to jump to a 9-4 lead. Freshman Jordan Short also added eight points early.

Hampton led the Captains with 12 points in the first half. Randolph-Macon pulled away at the end of the first to put the score at

43-30 going into the break. The Captains forced nine turnovers highlighted by five steals in an aggressive defense that kept the Captains in for most of the first half. The Jackets held the Captains to just 40.2 percent shooting in the first half and just 22.2 percent from three-point land.

The second half found the Captains playing catch-up. The defense really stepped up and got stops on the defensive end, but the Captains were squandering for points as well.

CNU closed the gap to nine several times before the Jackets finally ran away with it at a final score of 69-53.

Coach C.J. Woolloom gave his team a lot of credit and said, "...We had no quit and I was very proud of that." Facing the 11th ranked team in the nation the Captains were not favored to win, but the Macon coach knew coming into Freeman that winning is no easy task.

"Coming down here, a win is a win," said Coach Rhoades for RMC. CNU's team this year is different than in the past, but again Coach Rhoades is the first to give them some credit. "Without a doubt, Christopher Newport is pretty darn good. They're different, but they're a really good team."

Otho Hampton led the Captains with 19 points, six

rebounds, three assists, a block and two steals. Mark Hepner also added a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, six offensive. Coach Woolloom was disappointed in the perimeter players coming off a game where they made 17 three-pointers, went just 3-18 in the RMC contest.

The 16.7 percent three-point shooting was terrible compared to the 55 percent RMC shot from beyond the arc. CNU did have better defensive stats, however, forcing 19 turnovers, had 12 steals and three blocks.

"[Hepner] stepped up. He was a warrior today," said Coach Woolloom, "and O, well O showed us what we've been asking for all year. He was trying to put us on his back tonight."

The Captains' big men led the team in a defeat that could have gotten much worse. Woolloom also admitted that his team got beat by a better team that happens, but was very optimistic about the loss.

"Let me play Macon every night and have 11 turnovers and I'm satisfied," said Woolloom. In the win, Macon center Kurt Bergmann earned his career 1,000th point on a breakaway dunk.

The Jackets improved to 5-0 and the Captains drop to 3-2. The Captains play again at home this Saturday.

Lady Captains fall to Mary Baldwin 74-70; drop to 1-4 overall

By Brittany Lambert
Captain's Log Intern

The CNU ladies basketball team traveled to Staunton, Va. to battle Mary Baldwin for its sixth game of the season. CNU fell four points short of a win in the last half of the game.

"I think in general we started off very sluggish but we picked it up as the game went on; we were able to get to a six point lead how-

ever toward the end of the game; we gave up the lead," said Coach Caroline Hunter.

The Captains trailed by only one point at half time and picked up the pace to be on top six points only to face a close loss as the final three-pointer was shot by Mary Baldwin for the five-point win.

The Lady Captains shot 36 percent in the first half, 44 percent in the second half and 40 percent for the game.

Tomorrow Lofton led the Captains with 16 points and five rebounds and Candace Bryant

finished with 15 points and five rebounds.

Lofton is one of the few veterans to the team this season. She is one of the two seniors the team has to lead them to another successful season. Lofton and Hallman lead the team in scoring. Lofton with 63 points and Hallman has 61 on the season.

Candace Bryant has 42, Jenna Reese and freshman Jess Hutt both have 38 on the season.

The Captains have seven new freshmen and are still working to come together as a team. With new

players aboard the team is striving to feel comfortable on the floor and with fellow teammates.

"We are still going through growing pains to mesh together as a team. We are hoping that will happen in the next few games. Our record is not indicative of our talent. When you have a new team it just takes a while to come together," said coach Hunter.

Not being on home court takes a toll on team spirit and it takes a lot to keep the energy at a high level. We didn't come up with the best energy to play someone at

their home as the other team did," adds Hunter.

The team worked hard in practice and is learning to come together and play as a whole. The team may be off to a slow start but with dedication and team unity the season is sure to progress in a positive manner.

With a home court advantage for the next game the Lady Captains are striving for a win.

CNU is now 1-4 overall and returns to action this Tuesday for a home game against VA Wesleyan at 5:30 p.m.

Cheerleaders soar to new heights

Cheerleaders find success in a new and all women's squad

By Katie Brackett
Sports Editor

They are at every football and basketball game. They have painted faces with energetic smiles and catchy cheers to encourage fans. They stay in between semesters to support our CNU Captains.

It's a rigorous schedule, starting in August and lasting all the way through to the end of February. Christmas break is cut short due to their participation on the cheering squad.

These young ladies practice at 6:30 a.m. two days a week, cheering for at least four sets of basketball games during the winter and football games during the fall.

The CNU Cheerleaders are learning the importance of dedication, trust and commitment.

"Cheerleading has the most teamwork because nothing works unless it's as a team," said Junior Dana

House.

With an all women's squad this year, the ladies of the cheering squad are attempting new and exciting routines with multi-stunting, three-highs, and tumbling passes that have never been done by CNU athletes before. To the layman these terms seem unfamiliar and useless, but to a CNU cheerleader these are the ABC's of their sport. "It's challenging because there is so much to it," said House. "There's the memorizing and the movements but then there's dancing and most of all strength and technique."

The cheering squad is executing four basket tosses this year versus last years one basket toss.

The basket toss requires strong bases and a gymnast doing a back flip in midair, being caught safely once again after the flip.

Three high stunts require a bottom base, the second level balancing and holding up the third level. The third level is on top of two levels maintaining the cheer and holding their balance usually about 15-17 feet in the air.

"Each stunt has to be performed a certain way or it won't happen, there's kind of an art to it and you definitely have to have physical

strength to make it all happen and come together," said House.

The tumbling passes require a gymnast's strength as well as creativity to execute the pass.

Flies in the basket tosses are tossed almost without an effort as they soar doing Russians or back tucks. The level of competition continues to rise as the CNU cheerleaders continue to improve.

As is similar to many other sports cheering requires a large amount of communication, trust, individual talent and trust.

"Working together is essential to success, we all support each other literally and if one of us goes down then everything falls apart, plus our coach challenges us to do new things all the time," said House.

The difficult formations and execution of these stunts requires creativity as well as physical strength.

The routine spectators see at the sporting events is the just the end result.

The next time you attend a CNU basketball game, check out the timeouts and half time show these young women have put together, bringing CNU cheering to a new level of talent and excitement.



In this sequence of four basket toss back tucks the CNU cheerleaders rouse the spectators' spirits during the homecoming football game that happened earlier in the fall.



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