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As construction workers take out the existent storm drainage to create the footprint for the new residence hall, John Darden, Project Superintendent of W.M. Jordan, comments on the approximate 13-month deadline for finishing the project. "It's do-able, but it's an aggressive schedule to have everything done in time," he said.

New Residence Hall Construction Begins, Parking Projects Accommodate Loss Of Space

BY JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

Construction for Residence Hall Number Four, which began on June 3, is replacing Lot K on the Westside of campus and will be completed for occupancy by fall 2004.

The new hall, "will accommodate upperclassmen but could be used for freshmen," according to William Brauer, Executive Vice President of Administration and Finance.

W.M. Jordan Company is the contractor for the building and was also the contractor for the Administration building, Santos Hall, CNU Apartments, Phase I of the football stadium and Phases I and II of the Center for the Arts, according to Brauer.

Residence Hall Number Four, which has not yet been named, will be a series of four buildings—shaped like a horseshoe, according to Tom

Smigiel, General Superintendent of Stitley Company, Inc. Stitley, the site contractor, is doing the "demolition" part of the project, said Smigiel. Smigiel said Lot K was chosen as the location of the residence hall "probably because this would be the least intrusive area."

The parking projects for contractors opened for bidding the week of June 9. The residence hall's construction in Lot K will sacrifice approximately 400 parking spaces, according to Mike Hott of Parking Services.

However, Hott said that Parking Services is expecting between 700 to 900 less cars on campus than last academic year, mainly because freshmen won't be able to park on campus.

Construction will also begin on a parking deck and several surface parking lots over the summer, which will help accommodate the loss of parking spaces in Lot K.

The first lot, which will be completed for the fall se-

son, will provide 250 parking spaces and will be located on Shoe Lane, right off the main entrance onto campus.

The parking deck and the adjoining lot will have 750 spaces and will be located behind the Center for the Arts. Both are scheduled for completion by January 2004, according to Brauer.

Parking decals for the

upcoming academic year will be available for purchase in mid-July.

The cost has increased from \$100 to \$150.

The draft of the minutes for the Board of Visitors meeting on April 30 said, "It is recommended that the

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A contractor prepares a site where storm drains were removed in preparation of the residence hall scheduled to be built by fall 2004.

SGA Committee Creates Outline For Budget Policy

Newly Formed Taskforce Tries To Revise Constitution To Secure Student Funding

BY JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

A 10-member committee for the Student Government Association, which has been formed by CNU's administration, met on June 7 to create written policy in response to the questions that had been raised at the end of the spring semester concerning budget allocations by the SGA.

"Not only did the administration have questions about the process, budget and elections, but students

raised them as well," said Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman, who is also a committee member.

While the committee does not have an official title, its mission has been set, mainly because of President Paul Tribble's June 7 visit, upon which he requested an off-the-record discussion.

"The President [Tribble] made it really clear that his three issues are: elections (both SGA and class officers), the allocation process for Student Activity Fee Fund (SAFF), and the revision of the constitution," said Eddleman. "Those are the three things he expects the student government to work on over the summer, and I think those are reasonable expectations."

Dr. Robert Doane, a government professor and the current advisor of the SGA, asked the committee to con-

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Hampton University Hosts Ministers Conference

Cook's Leadership Speaks For Females Of The Church

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

Dressed in robes that sail as they walk and crowned with tall gold headresses and turbans, the 6,000-plus clergy who crowd in waves into the Hampton University Conference Center for the 89th Annual Ministers' Conference may seem to be, by

some people's standards, a spectacle.

But the real spectacle doesn't sail; she bounces. She's not wearing robes and a crown, but a gold satin suit that shines under the glow of the spotlight.

And she is something that this conference, which Hampton University touts as the largest group of interdenominational clergy that meets anywhere in the world, has never seen before: the organization's first female president.

A fast-talking Bronx minister better known to her followers as "Suejay," Suzan D.

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Hampton City Students, Parents Address Chicago Hazing Incident

Reactions Blame All Parties Involved

BY ERIC GILLARD
Contributing Writer

Parent Wanda Anderson grimaces at the sight of the hazing incident replayed on the television news while writing her money count report from the previous night's sales.

"I feel that it was poor judgment on everyone's part," said Anderson, a Buckroe area Pizza Hut Restaurant General Manager, regarding the Chicago area hazing incident. "I also feel that the harshest form of discipline

action needs to happen."

Hampton parents' and students' reactions to the hazing incident that happened in Glenbrook, Ill. May 4 were similar in laying the blame with the students that initiated the hazing and the victims.

"I feel if you were silly enough to participate, [the victims] shouldn't complain about what happened," said Aereetha Townes, a junior at Phoebus High School in Hampton.

The students in question are accused of participating in a skirmish in a Glenbrook, Ill. park that was captured on videotape.

In the video, broadcasted on national television, junior girls from Glenbrook North High School are covered with mud, paint, feces, animal intestines and garbage by their senior counterparts as other students and onlookers, some hoisting beer cups, cheered them on. The incident took place during an

annual "powder-puff" touch football game between high school junior and senior girls.

Twelve girls and three boys, who have been accused of participating in the brutal hazing of junior girls from the suburban Chicago high school, will face misdemeanor battery charges.

The students, all 17 and 18-year-old seniors, will be charged as adults in the May 4 incident. Five girls went in the hospital with serious injuries, including broken ankles and ribs. Although the incident happened off school property, Glenbrook High School administrators gave the accused students 10-day suspensions, which are currently being disputed in court.

Townes continued in her confusion over the hazers by saying that the extreme the hazers went to "was ridiculous."

Hampton City Schools has no rule or law

concerning hazing in its Policies Handbook.

Allegedly, the parents of the hazing students provided the beer that fueled the aggression of the hazing. Two parents have been charged with providing the beer to the students.

"I think [the parents] really need to look at the big picture and see what damage it can cause emotionally," said parent Catrice Walker, also a Buckroe area Pizza Hut Assistant Manager. "The parents needed to be more cautious of what is going on with their children," said Green.

There have been no recently reported cases of hazing in Virginia high schools.

Recently however, there have been two reported incidents of university hazing in Virginia.

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Class Of 2003 Commences

Graduates receive degrees on the Great Lawn despite cloudy skies. James Harvie Wilkinson given honorary degree. Graduates enter nationwide job search.



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World & Nation

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas agreed to concessions to halt terrorism by the militant Islamic group, Hamas on June 5.

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A&E

Local band struggles to secure financial backing, as well as permanent members. The No Talent Show is in search of new practice space, and currently rehearses at Uncle Bob's Self Storage.

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Sports

Softball players Jen Harrell, and Dallas Slosjarik named to Honorable Mention team. Michelle Kass named Pitcher of the Year, and Vanessa Gray named Player of the Year.

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Campus In Brief

First Social Work Candidate Gives Presentation

The Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department had its first Social Work candidate presentation on June 9.

Candidate Stacy Lang holds a Master of Social Work degree from Tulane University and a Ph.D. in social work from the University of Denver. She has experience in clinical and supervisory work, and teaching.

Lang has been an adjunct faculty member at Norfolk State University for the past two years.

Position Of Coordinator Of Student Activities Approved

The University has approved the position of Coordinator of Student Activities.

The primary role of the Coordinator will be student programming, according to Donna Eddleman, Associate Dean of Students.

Eddleman is conducting a nationwide search for a candidate to fill the position. She will begin reviewing applications for the position after June 16.

The interview process will consist of open-campus meetings.

Freshman Orientation Begins

Setting Sail will begin on June 16 and the two-day program will run through July 1. The program serves as an orientation for incoming freshmen.

Students will stay on campus in the residence halls. Parents are invited to attend as well.

A team of 17 crew leaders will provide students with the opportunity to ask questions about academics and student life.

Students will also register for their first semester classes during the program.

Teachers Evacuated Due To Gas Leak

On May 28, a gas leak in a building near a construction site led to two teachers being evacuated from the building, according to the Daily Press.

A crane operator accidentally ruptured a gas line, causing the leak.

Occurring at the former site of Ferguson High School, where the multi-million dollar arts center is being built, the gas leak was brought under control in approximately 90 minutes by the fire department.

Virginia Natural Gas sent workers to seal off the gas line.

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sider one of the many questions that must be answered: "Is the money that students paid for programming on campus being spent? Or is it being spent on something else?"

A draft of the procedure and policy for budgetary decisions was presented at the meeting.

Many of its components are based on that of Virginia Tech's "Policies and Procedures" document.

For example, the SGA's new allocation system will have four separate types of funding: small grant, operations, annual and contingency.

The document that the committee is drafting will include specific information on what SAFE monies will actually fund, which includes limiting the amount that can be spent on items such as food and T-shirts.

The draft specifies under

annual and small grant funding that no more than \$60 can be spent on food per semester, per organization. T-shirt spending has been limited to \$150 per organization and to members only, according to the draft.

"None of the changes have been made official, because the final document isn't completed," said Eddleman. "I think we're more than half way there, in creating budget policy."

The committee also addressed the revision of the SGA's constitution, which will include the amending of the election process.

Doane told the committee that he thinks Tribe wants a commitment from the SGA to make a new constitution by the end of the fall semester in order to get funding from the University.

"We can't guarantee a new constitution," said Melissa Bell, Vice President of University Relations and a committee member. "In the

end, we can't pass a new constitution without the student body."

"I don't think we can possibly write a new constitution over the summer with everybody gone," Doane said. "When the year starts we need to go back and re-do the whole constitution."

While reviewing the constitution, the SGA committee is also working on a strategy to condense the number of senators.

"The Senate is just too big to operate efficiently," said SGA President Jeremiah Davis. "If we're going to make the Senate smaller, how are we going to do that in an efficient manner?"

As of now, there is a physical draft of budget procedure and policy, which the committee is continuing to review. Although no changes have been made official, the newly formed committee is discussing the revision of the constitution in order to secure its student funding for the

2003-2004 academic year.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Visitors met June 9 to review the budget. Final approval, however, rests with the full board, which met June 10, according to Eddleman.

"Regardless of the decision, the SAFE monies and how it is spent is ultimately the responsibility of the President [Tribe]. The privilege of allocating the money is given to the SGA by the President. That privilege has been taken away until SGA can demonstrate that they have policies in place with regard to how the money can and should be spent," said Eddleman.

The committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17.

Editors note: For further background information on this issue, please refer to the online exclusive, which was published in late April, on the Captain's Log Web site: www.cnu.edu/captainslog.

Virginia In Brief

Norfolk Caucus Elects Democratic Candidate To House Of Delegates

Voters chose Norfolk School Board member Algie T. Howell Jr., 65, in the Democratic caucus on May 31, according to the Virginia Pilot. By winning the caucus, Howell now holds the Democratic nomination for the 90th district in the House of Delegates.

Howell defeated former Delegate William P. Robinson Jr., 60, by winning 69 percent of the 845 votes.

The 90th district consists of eastern Norfolk and parts of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

Local Bishop To Retire

Bishop Walter P. Sullivan will submit his resignation to the Vatican on June 10, according to the Virginia Pilot. He must submit the resignation, under church law, when he turns 75.

Although the pope can reject the resignation, Sullivan has served as the Bishop of Richmond for 29 years and is ready to pass the position to his successor.

Since the Diocese of Richmond in 1820, it has had 11 bishops. Sullivan has held office the longest.

Sullivan not only worked for his church, but he also worked with those of other faiths.

In 1993, he had a statue erected, memorializing Holocaust victims. The statue, "Rachel Weeping For Her Children," is located on the grounds of the Richmond cathedral.

Virginia Board Of Education To Hold Public Hearings

The Virginia Board of Education, according to the Virginia Pilot, will hold public hearings June 10 across the state.

The board wants to know "what people think about its proposals to require, among other things, more assistant principals, elementary art and music teachers and technology expert" in the state's public schools," according to the Pilot.

Proposals to change the Standards of Quality have been made by the board. The Standards of Quality are laws that set guidelines for instruction and funding.

The board has also made proposals to have "more elementary physical-education teachers, more teachers so that all those in secondary schools will have daily planning time and reducing speech therapy caseloads."

The Virginia Department of Education said the changes would cost the state at least \$23 million a year.

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Johnson Cook represents a new and still somewhat controversial phenomenon in the modern church: the female spiritual leader.

"Some of you have never been under a woman before—good," Cook told the crowd during the conference's opening ceremonies on June 2, a day that marked the beginning of her term as president. "Look out of the box ... Crush the box ... A brand-new day requires a brand-new attitude. If you don't like my attitude, get out of my way."

This is not the first time Cook had considered a position of national leadership, according to Dr. James A. Forbes, senior minister at New York's Riverside Church and a man who Newsweek Magazine recognized as one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world in 1996.

"I was in James Chapel in Union Seminary and I asked the class what they thought God might do with them. The year was 1983," Forbes said to the crowd. "She [Cook] wasn't sure, but she had some feeling that God wanted her to bear witness to Jesus Christ ... in a way that would impact local and national news. It's been 20 years, and I've been watching her since that day. You want to know the secret of her success? Really I think it is that she is God's chosen messenger."

While seeing a woman behind the conference's glass podium may have been a new experience for many conference attendees last week, the idea has been in the hearts and minds of many fe-

male leaders for some time now, at least according to special guests like presidential candidate Carl Moseley Braun and civil rights leaders Dorothy Height and Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr.

"I wouldn't be anywhere else in the world tonight except right here," Height said in the opening ceremonies. "This is a great moment in the history of our country."

Height, "the leading lady of the Civil Rights movement" according to Cook, is a tiny woman with dark skin wrinkled-over like Chantilly lace.

A Richmond native, she wears purple right up to her signature hat of flowered silk, and she trades slowly with a

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walker.

As usual, Height, who received a scholarship to New York University for her skills as an orator, has a story to tell, "from my memoirs" of college days.

When she opens her

mouth, no one dares so much as whisper.

"Professor Sam Hamilton called me in, sat me down, and said, 'Dorothy, you're too good a student to be studying in the field of religion ... because the church is not ready for women,'" Height said. "You learn after a long life that God moves in so many ways. You can't be beaten down. I'm blessed after some 90 years to see growth and change."

Height, who described African American women as "very special women" and "the backbone of our community," said, "Sometimes you have a crowning experience ... and that's what this is to me. I know there are millions of women across this

peace and justice and freedom and dignity for all people," she says. Height is not the only individual who views Cook's presidency with particular vig-

ilence. Braun, who shoulders the burden of being both female and African American in her race to the White House and who has received a vote of confidence from the National Organization for Women (NOW), does not underestimate the powerful political results that can occur when a spiritual body elects a female to a top position.

"The future we create will be better than the reality. This conference sends a powerful signal to the world ... the legacy of this conference will last another 85 years," Braun said to the crowd.

Attendees, too, were particularly excited by what they saw.

"It was awesome," said New York native Gwendolyn Cooper. "Just the awesome sense of being in a conference with so many firsts—the first woman president, Coretta Scott King ..."

The weeklong conference, themed "Making the Connection: The Contemporary Life of the Minister," was a time to focus on worship, theology and personal reflection for the attendees. The conference was rounded out on its final day by gospel great Ron Kenoly.

"This is indeed an historic occasion. It is so gratifying that Dr. Susan Cook is beginning her tenure as the first woman president," King said. "A stained glass ceiling is no better than a glass ceiling. You have sent a clarion message that women do indeed have a place of leadership in our religious life."

bonding activities, which the "powder-puff" game was meant to be. Citizens have different perspectives in regards to whether this incident could have been prevented.

"Kids will be kids," said Patsy Niemiotka, secretary of the Superintendent of Hampton City Schools. "They must be able to explore, and, hopefully, their exploration will not go overboard."

"You only hope that when your children go to school they are given guidance and supervision," said Anderson. "And now that [hazing] has been brought to the public's attention, hopefully it will not happen again."

After seeing the end of the incident on television, Anderson finished writing her money count report and said, "I hope that the values I instill my children will endure throughout their lives. And that they remember to do the right thing," echoing the many sentiments of this issue.

Parents would like their children to participate in safer

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In February of this year in Harrisonburg, members of the James Madison University fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon were charged with hazing six recruits, according to the Daily Illini, an independent student newspaper of the University of Illinois.

In April of this year in Richmond, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority chapter of Virginia Union University was suspended after four members were convicted of misdemeanor hazing for paddling a recruit.

VUU and the national Zeta Phi Beta Sorority organization suspended the campus chapter until further notice.

The students of both cases violated State of Virginia Code § 18.2-56, which deals with school hazing. It states, "It shall be unlawful to haze, or otherwise mistreat so as to cause bodily injury, any student at any school, college or university."

The maximum penalty for this crime is 12 months imprisonment.

The term "hazing," defined by Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary (www.merriam-webster.com), is "an initiation process involving harassment." The definition of "hazing" varied from person to person. "Taunting and teasing," said Anderson.

"Doing something silly or even dangerous activities to become part of an organization," is Townes' classification.

Walker's definition is a little extreme: "Torture of some sort to others."

Code § 18.2-56 also states "Any person found guilty thereof shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor, unless the injury would be such as to constitute a felony, and in that event the punishment shall be inflicted as is otherwise provided by law for the punishment of such felony. Any person receiving bodily injury by hazing or mistreatment shall have a right to sue."

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Graduation Highlights

Senior Class Gift:

The Class of 2003 raised \$5,000 to contribute for books for the Captain John Smith Library.

President's Award Winner:

Lori Beacham maintained a 3.99 GPA throughout her college career. She plans to attend law school.

Beacham earned her Bachelor of Science in Governmental Administration with a concentration in criminal justice.

Recipients Of Honorary Degrees:



James Harvie Wilkinson graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University, and received a law degree from University of Virginia. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*.



Robert L. Freemann, Jr. is the Rector of the Board of Visitors. He received undergraduate and master's degrees in accounting from Virginia Tech. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*.



Spring 2003 Commencement: CNU Graduates Leave With Hopes, Dreams And Plans For The Future

Finding An Inner Light

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

Bethany Wright stands on tiptoe on the steps of the library, surrounded by friends and fellow graduates. Almost overwhelmed, she wades through a group of hugging acquaintances waiting to offer congratulations. Pushing through the edge of the black-robed mass that is the Class of 2003, Bethany searches for the four people who matter most: mom, dad, sister and brother.

"All this flattery!" she cries as she greets another student. "Can I go hug my family now?"

The flat top of her graduate's cap is hand-painted with four words: "Thanks Mom and Dad."

Bethany is just one in a sea of faces searching for their families on this cloudy graduation day.

The crowd of graduates spills around the fountain, over the low brick walls and up the library steps, blackening the grassy plaza.

Some of the graduates come from huge families, with little sisters turning cart wheels on the grass and little brothers stuffing complimentary cookies into chubby cheeks. Others, like accounting major Gretchen Neild, who gave birth last fall, have sons and daughters of their own.

While students like Bethany pan the crowd for a glimpse of mom and dad, there are others who have

come alone.

Each has earned a diploma today, and they all wear black graduate's robes like hundreds of others.

Every graduate, however, possesses unique hopes and dreams, different from their fellow CNU graduates', and different from their family members'.

That is what James Harvie Wilkinson, Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit of

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Chief Judge of Fourth Circuit of U.S. Court of Appeals

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the thousands of individuals who dotted the Great Lawn during the morning ceremony. "You can dare to be different from those for whom you have the greatest affection. There are a lot of people who have formed expectations for you. Family and teachers and friends have brought you to this place. Ultimately, you're going to have to have the courage to live according to your own likes. In the long run, it's not going to be other people's expectations that you live with, but your own."

Wilkinson knows this lesson well. After graduating with honors from Yale University and then receiving his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School in 1972, he was admitted to the Virginia Bar and clerked for a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

His father expected him to round out his successes with a financially comfortable career in private practice. Instead, he decided to teach. "My first office at UVA had no windows. The paint was peeling. It was located next to the public commode. My starting salary was \$15,000," Wilkinson said. "All I knew was that I was happy, day after day, teaching. Because I was happy, I never looked back."

It was this kind of happiness that Wilkinson encouraged the class to seek.

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Top: Graduates show their excitement during commencement by tossing a beach ball over their heads. Middle: President Paul Tribble presents Jennifer Wenzel with her Bachelor of Arts in political science. Bottom: Class President Cristin Touts presents the class gift and gives her commencement address.

out looking over your shoulder."

There are both tears and laughter following the ceremony, and perhaps it seems as if Saunders Plaza is flooded with both uniqueness and "inner light."

Some graduates, like Lori Beacham, who received the President's Award with a 3.99 GPA, leave their alma mater triumphantly, with big plans to attend law school (Beacham's choice), medical school or accept lucrative positions.

"I was sort of glowing," history major Brian Bowes said. "I was happy to finally graduate, get out of here and accomplish quite a task."

Even those graduating from eliminated departments are able to share in the excitement of the day.

"It's sad," said Nicole Chork, who graduated from the Department of Leisure Studies, one of the several departments that the University cut due to state budget crisis. "I wanted to stay an extra semester, but I had to graduate now. This past semester, I had to take classes I didn't want to. It was a battle, but overall, I liked going here. I enjoyed coming to class."

She is still able to smile. "Stick with it. It gets hard at times, but hold on and be strong," she said.

"It was fun. It was real, and I'm glad it's over," said psychology major Theodore H. Bonner, III with an enormous smile. Then he pauses. "And President Tribble - can I get a job?"

New Grads Find Tough Job Market; Some Explore Other Options

BY BRYNA ZUMER
Knight-Ridder Campus

Members of the 2003 graduating class are realizing that it won't be so easy to make the transition from cap-and-gown to suit-and-tie thanks to an economy that hasn't improved much from last year.

According to a March survey by MonsterTRAK, an online career source for college students and alumni, 53 percent of current seniors don't expect any job offers upon graduation, up from 23 percent in 2001.

Career center experts say students' perceptions are realistic.

"This has been a very tough market in terms of

finding full-time employment," said Sheila Spisak, associate director of the career center at Ball State University in Indiana. "I think that's probably going to be borne out by our university and other universities."

Lack of jobs is causing some students to look into other options. Of the seniors nationwide, 16 percent plan to enter graduate school, according to MonsterTRAK's polls.

Troy Kase, employer relations and internship development coordinator at Idaho State University's career center, agrees with these findings.

"We see more students looking at graduate school," he said. "It's an easy way to stay in the field without having to work in the field."

At the University of California, San Diego, a highly competitive and research-oriented university, about 33 percent of the graduating class goes on to graduate school.

Last year, that number rose to 40 percent, said career center director Neil Murray, who expects it to remain about the same this year.

Murray said students are looking more broadly at careers, lowering their expectations about "the perfect job" and being more resourceful. "I think there's a lot of students who have a pretty good understanding of what the economic conditions are like," he said.

An internship may be a wise alternative for students unable to find a job—some even pay like a job.

"Internship" is just a word, Murray said. "Getting career-related practical experience is always a helpful step for expanding one's prospects."

Spisak, of Ball State University, agreed that internships are a good idea and said she believes employers should pay interns.

"We encourage students to try, if at all possible, to obtain paid internships," she said. "We feel that it provides value to the employer and therefore should be paid."

However, Kase, of Idaho State University, said most students who are doing internships after college are those who didn't do them during college. "I don't see more students looking at internships post-graduation than before,"

he said. Only six percent of students nationwide will pursue internships after graduating this year, MonsterTRAK reported.

Students who are concerned about paying off student loans after graduation should not worry too much if they can't find a job or paid internship quickly. Loan companies normally provide a six-month grace period before students have to start repaying loans and can make allowances for those who still haven't found work after six months, Kase said.

"Most of the loan companies will work with students very easily," he said. "[Students] can get a loan deferment or even reduced payment."

To further help students

stressed out with job-hunting, some career centers are creating additional services.

Last year, UCSD helped pilot NACElink, a national job posting and resume Web site, which "gives career centers the option of extending to employers the opportunity to post up job listings for free," Murray said. The university is also holding a workshop called "Finding a Job in a Tough Economy" several times a year.

Murray said there are four messages he gives to students looking for jobs: Start early, think broadly ("don't get yourself into an occupational straitjacket"), use a variety of job sources (networking, attending job fairs and workshops) and finally, "persist, persist, persist."

Christian Organizations Encourage Fellowship Opportunities

Leaders Devote Time To Connecting Students With The Gospel

BY DANIEL BACKS
Staff Writer

As students receive letters in the mail containing invitations to join clubs that offer a point of convergence for shared experiences, fellowship, recreation and education, some flock to these organizations each year, balancing their academic endeavors with the desire to seek a healthier resurgence in the human spirit.

Although CNU is a secular institution, it houses a wide range of religious clubs, specifically those of the Christian faith.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IV), Baptist Student Union (BSU) and Joel 2:28 are just a few of the University's organizations that offer students a path to spiritual enlightenment by sharing with others the teach-

ings of Jesus Christ. Chris Chappell, a major in Communication Studies who just graduated in May, feels that religious clubs are special, bringing a deeper sense of community that most secular clubs lack. The happiest times of his semesters are spent studying and fellowshiping with other Christians. He believes that the Bible can be "God's word speaking to me."

Chappell believes that, within the teachings of Jesus Christ, one finds the answers to all of life's questions. He has also dealt with his relationship with God. His room is a reflection of his convictions. At heart, Chappell is a Bible addict, with verses written on construction paper and taped to his apartment walls. His favorite verse is II Corinthians 17: "Behold, those in Christ are a new creature, the old is made new."

He attends weekly Bible meetings with IV, one of the largest Christian groups on campus to date. The group meets every Thursday at the start of each semester in the lecture hall of McMurry 102. Approximately 200 members attend each weekly gathering, according to Chappell.

While InterVarsity is large on the surface, the group breaks into several smaller groups where students can learn about Christianity on a personal level. There are weekly word studies, prayer groups and various male and female bible groups, Chappell said. Many who attend are non-residential students that commute, he said.

Being with IV has helped him grow further, and he may use his communication skills and pursue a career as a campus minister or counselor, he said. Religious-based clubs not only provide students with spiritual upbringing, but also a sense of community.

Jonathan Backens, the leader of Joel 2:28, relishes his experiences as a Christian in a secular community. He believes that the desire to seek out the spiritual is due to the need to find a one-on-one connection. His club is designed so that people can open up to faces often mistaken for strangers.

Joel 2:28 is purposely small. Its try to keep numbers between 30 and 40 and divide our groups into at least two different cells. We try to

encourage one-on-one activities," Backens said.

Joel 2:28, as well as IV, reach a wider demographic than CNU.

"Other Joel 2:28 cells are also located at George Mason University and James Madison University," Backens said.

The group participates in annual retreats to give students a chance to share how God has been active in their lives.

Also working to meet students' personal needs is the BSU.

Led by Baptist Director John Turrittin, the organization has been active for nearly 20 years at CNU.

Turrittin has been a devout Christian for almost 25 years. He seeks no credit for the success of his chapter.

"Our primary goal is to minister to the needs of the people, not just Baptists," he said.

While relatively small, the Baptist association endeavors aggressively to make its presence known.

While ranging from about 20 to 35 members, the BSU is not exclusive. Meeting weekly, the group reaches those beyond the Baptist sect

"We offer Bible studies, discipleship training courses, social trips and retreats," he said, adding that these activities are open to everyone.

He said that there is only one requirement that the association asks: those who attend must have open minds and must be willing to learn what Turrittin believes is strong doctrine.

"We believe full heartedly that the teachings of Jesus Christ are for every denomination," he said.

The BSU does not care about numbers, but it cares more about reaching lost souls.

Turrittin said that they "hold weekly luncheons and sponsor frequent student activities," everything from "bowling to clean, Christian socials."

Turrittin fully supports the campus ministries in all of their endeavors.

"We are here to train up good, strong Christian leaders. We do not compete," he said.

Kevin Hass, IV's regional Newport News director, agrees. Hass insists of the existence of an unspoken partnership.

There is "no competition

to win souls for God," he said. The purpose is to "train up spiritually strong men and women that express a strong desire to serve God through the teachings of Christ," Hass said. "We continue to support each other and pray for each other."

Not much older than the college students themselves, he feels that it is important to relate to the college students on their level, making the Christian Bible accessible to everyday life.

"InterVarsity has a number of programs to reach the spiritually needy," said Hass.

"We sponsor Bible studies, small groups, conferences and summer retreats."

Hass is having the best years of his life getting God's message out to those in need. He spends his time listening to the needs of college students. Providing a sense of home for college students remains one of the focal points for the campus ministries.

He says that there will always be a place in a person's heart, yearning for something greater than what mortality has to offer.

"God fills that void for many people," Hass said.

Freshman Encouraged To Utilize Writing Center's Service

Consultants Learn By Teaching

GEVENA PHILLIPS
Contributing Writer

The journey to college is fraught with worries. Upcoming freshmen must adjust to schedules, roommates, and being away from home for the first time. One of the most stressful aspects of college life that freshmen face is writing papers.

I'm mostly worried about the papers I'll have to write," said Andy Plum, a senior at Gloucester High School who is considering coming to CNU. "I've heard a lot of bad things about college papers, and I'm not looking forward to it."

Upcoming freshmen have a place to go to for help. At CNU, the Alice F. Randall Writing Center, located in Ratcliffe Hall, helps students who want to make sure their papers make sense. The help also relieves some of the stress of writing a college paper.

Whenever students need help on a paper, they make the journey to Ratcliffe Hall, and drop by the little room with the glass windows. There is usually someone sitting at the desk to the right, smiling and welcoming them.

In the center of the room are two round tables with two chairs each, and to the left are a big comfortable chair and a couch. Along the back wall are four computers that can be used anytime, but they are especially popular when a class is using Ratcliffe Hall's media classroom.

Writing Center Consultants read through papers with students and suggest changes. If a student has a

problem with a specific area of writing, the Center offers handouts with helpful tips on how to avoid common errors. They also have grammar and style manuals available for student use during and after consultations.

Freshmen should not feel embarrassed about going to the Writing Center for help.

"Many of the clients we help are freshmen. Sometimes three consultants work at the same time with three different people on their papers that are due for the same class," said Linda Bolling, a Consultant in the Writing Center.

Students do not have to come into the Writing Center to use their resources. The Writing Center maintains a Web page linked to the CNU Web site where students can access handouts. Consultants also give workshops on campus that focus on some of the major concerns of college writers. Some of the classes focus on writing essays exams and how to cite sources using the APA or MLA documentation style. Attending one of these workshops is a great way to meet consultants and get acquainted with the staff of the Writing Center without having to commit to a consultation.

While the Writing Center offers services outside of the actual facility, the best way to get help is to make an appointment to go to the Writing Center to receive one-on-one help from a consultant.

Freshmen should also feel at ease in the Writing Center because the consultants are not professors; they are undergraduate students like themselves. English professor Dr. Tracey Schwarze, however, supervises the consultants and addresses any problems or concerns that arise.

"Students can work in the Writing Center after tak-

ing English 339. Teaching in the Writing Center. As consultants, we read through the paper with the client and offer suggestions," Bolling said.

This does not mean, however, that all of the consultants are English majors. Consultants have majored in everything from psychology to philosophy and have been very popular among the students.

Throughout the year, freshmen are introduced to additional information concerning the services that the Writing Center provides.

Consultant Danielle Taylor said, "We make informal presentations in the freshman composition classes every year in the fall."

"We also send out flyers and e-mails and put easels out in strategic places to let everyone know what the Writing Center's doing," Jerome Heath added.

Professors are instrumental in advertising the Writing Center's services to freshmen.

"Some teachers put Writing Center information in their syllabi," Taylor stated.

Word of mouth is another advertising agent for the Writing Center. Most students say that they have been helped by the Writing Center. Since people normally leave the Writing Center feeling better about their writing, many of the new students said their friends recommended the Writing Center to them.

The Writing Center has "a warm, welcoming environment" where "people come in to chat," said Heath.

For more information about the Writing Center, hours of operation or times to make an appointment, students can call 594-7684 or e-mail at wcenter@cnu.edu.

Students Find Alternative Methods Of Acquiring Texts

LINDA BLACK
Contributing Writer

Freshman Michael Becker was anxious about college in general, but more importantly, he was concerned with finding his required textbooks. Buying textbooks, he thought, would be tough, and he was in a hurry to get to campus so they no longer needed to those students not wanting to pay bookstore prices. Bolling offered the following: "Intro into Computing—Bookstore Use: \$107, my price: \$90; Principles of Accounting—Bookstore Use: \$55, my price: \$40; Intro to the Arts I—Bookstore Price: \$76.35, my price: \$60; Intro to the Arts II—Bookstore Price: \$76.35, my price: \$60."

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Many students chose to sell their books back to the bookstore at the end of the semester to help defer the cost of the following semester's books.

Reviews said, "The bookstore will buy books back from students if the book will be used and is ordered by a professor, and the bookstore needs quantity. In this case,

this orientation, they receive a briefing concerning the book-buying process and a tour through the bookstore," Pam Revere, CNU Bookstore manager, said. "Students are told when books are coming in and are allowed to pre-order with a credit card, to prevent standing in long lines and the chance of unavailability of needed books."

Students like Linda Bolling offered to sell books they no longer needed to those students not wanting to pay bookstore prices. Bolling offered the following: "Intro into Computing—Bookstore Use: \$107, my price: \$90; Principles of Accounting—Bookstore Use: \$55, my price: \$40; Intro to the Arts I—Bookstore Price: \$76.35, my price: \$60; Intro to the Arts II—Bookstore Price: \$76.35, my price: \$60."

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the bookstore will pay 50 percent of the new book price. If the book is not being used, the bookstore will use a wholesaler who determines the buy-back price from its database and is sold to other schools. This price is usually about one third of the new book price."

Alumnus Dean Black said, "The best place I found to buy textbooks is an Internet Web site called bestbookdeals.com." He said, "All you need is the ISBN number off the back of the book, and you can save money."

Two examples of the savings on this Web site are "The Little Brown Handbook" the bookstore's new book price is \$48, Web site price is \$43.80; and "The Associated Press Guide to News Writing" the bookstore's new book price is \$12.95, Web site price is \$9.85.

Black ordered all of his books from this site and found 10 of his 12 required books for less than the used price at the Bookstore. Because he ordered 10 books, the shipping was free.

"These books were all new," said Black.

He still had to buy two books from the bookstore, but they had plenty in stock so he didn't have to worry about not having one in time for the first day of class.

Textbook Bargains Require Research

By purchasing books at the campus bookstore, students who are not receiving financial aid may benefit from a tax break if they keep their receipts.

On the other hand, saving money up front would give students immediate savings on their educational bankroll, as well as cash in their pockets. Students now have several ways of finding the books they need, and saving money too. The choice is theirs.

Students can save their much-needed cash if they do their research ahead of time. Here are some things to think about before buying textbooks:

1. Would you rather to save money up front or take a much-needed tax break?
 2. What textbooks are out there for you?
 3. Is standing in long lines on the first day of class what you want to do with your time?
 4. Would you like to help out a fellow student on campus and buy your books at the end of the semester or prior to your class start date?
- Textbooks are available in the CNU Bookstore, on the Internet (www.bestbookdeals.com) or through fellow students. Students can find them listed for sale on bulletin boards, in the school newspaper or by word-of-mouth.

Courtesy of Linda Black

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parking fee for students being increased from \$100 to \$150 next year [103-04] with the intent to increase the fee to \$200 for 2004-2005."

Parking Services receives no state or federal services since it is a part of Auxiliary Services, according to CNU's website (www.cnu.edu).

The Web site said, "Parking Services relies on local fees and citation revenue to support the direct and indirect cost of operations. This includes, but is not limited to: construction of new parking areas, maintenance of existing parking areas, enforcement, lighting, installation and maintenance of help boxes, etc."

Construction Time Line

Residence Hall #4
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Surface Lot #1
Start: Summer 2003
Finish: Fall 2003

Parking Deck and Surface Lot #2
Start: January 2004
Finish: January 2004

World and Nation

Powell Urges Cuban Democratization

BY WARREN P. STROBEL
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Secretary of State Colin Powell called on Western Hemisphere nations June 9 to help "hasten the inevitable democratic transition in Cuba" and protest a recent wave of arrests and executions by President Fidel Castro's government.

Powell, raising the Cuba issue in a forum long reluctant to debate it, told the 34-nation Organization of American States, "The people of Cuba increasingly look to the OAS for help in defending their fundamental freedoms against the depredations of our hemisphere's only dictatorship."

Powell reminded the gathering of its past commitments to democracy, including the 2001 Inter-American

were to take to the United States. "I think Castro made a very big mistake," said a senior OAS official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. While Castro still garners support in some nations in the region, if the Bush administration abandons past practice and makes a major push for action by the OAS, "I think they may get something," the senior official said. The European Union, which has advocated engagement with Havana, announced last week that it would cut back on high-level visits to Cuba and invite dissidents to EU functions.

Citing that move, Powell said Sunday while on his way to Chile, "I think the rest of the world is now starting to take note of Castro's increasingly poor human rights behavior." Foreign Minister Bill Graham of Canada, which generally opposes U.S. policy toward Cuba, said that while the OAS might not be the right forum to discuss Castro's regime, "we do need to find ways" to deal with the crackdown.

Powell and his colleagues met at the OAS General Assembly in Chile to discuss the future of democratic and free-market economic reforms. Both are under siege in many countries from citizens whose lives have only gotten harder a decade after the reforms took effect.

The United States, which has pushed democracy, free trade and economic liberalization in Latin America, is the target of much of the criticism.

Leaders and citizens also criticize President Bush for abandoning early promises of an intense partnership with the region to focus on the Middle East and terrorism.

After recurrent economic crises in Mexico and Argentina, and the 1990s currency meltdowns in East Asia, which badly hurt Latin American economies, "The optimism about 'new markets just faded away,'" a senior OAS official said at a briefing.

He blamed the backlash in part on the Bush administration's refusal to intervene early in Argentina's devastating economic crisis.



Israel soldiers establish their positions on their Armored Personal Carrier (APC) near the West Bank town of Nablus last year. Among the concessions that were agreed upon is the removal of Israeli troops from Palestinian cities in the West Bank. Israel will release suspected militants that have been detained, and the release of other prisoners is possible.

Sharon, Abbas Agree To Concessions That Could Clear Way For Peace Summit

BY AARON DAVIS
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Under strong U.S. pressure to prove they're serious about wanting Mideast peace, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed June 5 to lift sweeping restrictions on Palestinians and new Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas promised to halt terrorism by the militant Islamic group Hamas.

Together, the actions likely secured the needed groundwork for a hastily prepared Mideast peace summit next week with President Bush in Jordan.

In a statement the next morning, Sharon said that if Abbas and his security forces "indeed act to stop terror and violence" and if "quiet prevails," then Israel would commence the political negotiations needed to form a provisional Palestinian state as soon as possible.

Among the concessions agreed to by Sharon:

—Israeli troops will pull out of Palestinian cities in the West Bank and relinquish security control to Palestinians over an embattled northern stretch of the Gaza Strip. Israel also will lift bor-

der restrictions on both areas. —Israel will reinstate 25,000 work permits to Palestinians who have been cut off from their jobs inside Israel for months due to security concerns.

—Approximately \$35 million in tax money will be turned over each month to the Palestinian Authority. Israel had frozen Palestinian government assets during the past 32 months of violence.

—Palestinian VIPs such as lawmakers and security offi-

prisoners for possible release.

The Israeli concessions—reported on Israeli television and confirmed by officials—followed a promise from the Palestinian leader Abbas to work forcefully to put an end to suicide attacks and a surprising promise that he could secure a complete cease-fire by Hamas in coming days.

He told an Israeli newspaper that he could negotiate similar arrangements with Islamic Jihad and other groups.

Another Palestinian militant group, however, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, issued a statement June 5 saying they would not conform to any cease-fire. "We reject the road map to hell and any cease-fire until the rights of the Palestinian people are restored without condition," said a statement faxed to news agencies.

Al Aqsa has launched the most suicide attacks against Israelis in the last three years. Hamas attacks, however, have been more deadly.

Violence in the past month has killed nearly 50 people and wounded hundreds.

With all the world looking forward to the arrival of Bush for the Mideast peace summit next week, Palestinian suicide attacks or a major Israeli military offensive before then could now only be viewed as acts of sabotage, analysts say.

Palestinian officials had also hoped the June 5 meeting would produce a statement from Israel reiterating its acceptance of a free Palestinian state under the road map peace plan.

It was unlikely, however, that the meeting would yield any public declarations on the eve of the peace summit, many said.



Secretary of State Colin Powell has launched a fight in favor of the democratization of Cuba.

Democratic Charter.

That document "declares that 'the people of the Americas have a right to democracy.' It does not say that the peoples of the Americas, except Cubans, have a right to democracy," he said.

Many nations of the OAS, which suspended Cuba's membership in 1962, are opposed to discussing Castro's human rights record without also debating the four-decades-old U.S. embargo of the island.

Only half of the group's membership has signed on to a U.S.-backed declaration criticizing Castro's crackdown on dissidents in Caribbean countries lead the opposition to the declaration.

But worldwide sentiment appears to be shifting slightly after the Cuban regime's earlier this spring imprisoned 75 dissidents and executed three men for hijacking a ferry they



Palestinians walk over the debris of houses that were destroyed by Israeli missile attacks in the West Bank.

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Undergraduate Research Could Improve Food, Human Health

BY KATIE BYARD
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Brad Goodner, of Hiram College and his undergraduate students are part of an effort that could one day lead to better vegetables and greater understanding of some human ailments.

The research involves unlocking the mysteries of a bacterium that has plagued the food and plant industry.

Anyone who has touched dirt has had contact with agro bacterium tumefaciens.

The bacterium gets into plants, causing crown gall, or wart like tumors. The bacterium typically enters through a root wound. Then, "the plant cells grow out of control," Goodner said.

Goodner, 42, a biology professor, made headlines in the scientific community in 2001 by leading a team that deciphered the genetic makeup of the bacterium.

It was a project similar to,

though far less extensive than, the human genome initiative.

Goodner's work resulted in a detailed map revealing that agro bacterium has about 5,000 genes. By comparison, humans have an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 genes.

Goodner said the work means scientists now have "5,000 tools to help us understand how agro bacterium causes diseases in plants and how some strains cause disease in very sick humans."

In humans, the bacterium does not cause tumors, "but causes all kinds of strange things," such as blood and muscle infections, he said.

Goodner's work and that of another team led by researchers at the University of Washington were published in December 2001 in the prestigious Journal of Science. Goodner did the research while at the University of Richmond, shortly before he joined Hiram in fall 2001.

Now, the work is the basis for continued research by Goodner and his undergraduate students at Hiram.

Some of the research involves exploring the good side of agro bacterium.

While most strains of agro bacterium cause disease by injecting their own DNA into a plant, the bacterium also can be used as a "delivery device" to transfer foreign, beneficial genes into a plant, Goodner said.

Already, agro bacterium is used to genetically modify a good portion of the United States' soybeans and corn. New genes are introduced to enhance flavor, ward off insects and make crop plants more resistant to herbicides.

Meanwhile, scientists are developing ways to lessen the incidence of crown gall through the use of other bacteria.

This semester at Hiram, 28 students work in a cluttered lab, answering such questions as how light influences the interactions between agro bacterium and the plant, how the bacterium interacts with animal cells and how the bacterium is related to other soil organisms.

The Hiram students' tools are

Petri dishes containing pieces of vegetables—such as slices of carrots—or animal tissue cells that have been infected with agro bacterium.

Students also are part of projects to decipher the genetic code of several other soil bacteria, including ones that live in very salty areas.

It's unusual for undergraduate students at a small liberal arts school to be involved with such sophisticated scientific research, Hiram spokesman Tim Bryan said.

Goodner said he was attracted to Hiram's "close-knit community of faculty and students."

He said it's exciting to bring to the students research experiences "normally associated with large research universities."

Goodner's work attracted a \$100,000 grant from Hiram from the National Institutes of Health. Some of the NIH money pays the wages of students helping with research.

Christopher Crowe, a 22-year-old Hiram student bound for medical school, said, "I just assumed it was a plant thing and wouldn't help

me as far as getting experience with medically important research," when he first heard about Goodner's work.

But Goodner encouraged Crowe to look into how some strains cause diseases in humans with compromised immune systems. Crowe said he has been to the Crown Gall Conference two times with Goodner and other Hiram students and "we were the only ones studying its effect on humans."

Crowe believes his work with Goodner helped him get into the M.D./Ph.D. program at the University of Pittsburgh. Admission to the program is highly competitive each year, a maximum of 13 students are admitted.

Crowe said that when he was making the interview rounds at various medical schools he would run into students from prestigious places such as Harvard, MIT and Johns Hopkins.

He said he's convinced "the research experience here (at Hiram) is equivalent to what I could have obtained at a big research school."

Opinions

Where We Stand

Construction Pushes Parking Out And Students In

While the current destruction of Lot K leaves many students with a temporary parking inconvenience, the outcome will be a long-term residential convenience. This is the exact direction in which Christopher Newport University needs to be moving.

Nonetheless, the results of this direction need to be sustained and supported by the students.

Although the University is still young when compared to other statewide institutions, its earlier years did not have a strong, on-campus community. Most of the students were commuters, and parking was a necessity.

Bringing new residential halls to CNU, however, is more accommodating to the wants of the modern college student. As a result of this, student life has gradually moved beyond the walls of classrooms.

Establishing a larger, more residential population spurs more involvement with campus life and tightens the community. That way, the ideal of a traditional college lifestyle becomes a reality.

True, parking is an issue, but freshmen are not parking anymore. This now leaves the Class of 2007 with one obvious question: since leaving campus on the weekends will be more difficult to accomplish, and since strengthening the community is a primary concern, what can we be doing?

You can start by extending involvement beyond academics and serving the campus. Not to mention, an early start builds a stronger resume. As the quality of students increases yearly, so does the opportunity of involvement.

Additionally, CNU will hopefully have an adequate amount of student funding in the hands of its upcoming Coordinator of Student Activities. With this addition, student programming will take a higher priority than it has in the past.

Right now, the University is following a simple formula: destruction plus construction equals production. It is simply replacing spaces for parking with roofs for housing, which will ultimately bring a stronger community.

This leaves much opportunity for incoming students.

The System Of Checks, Balances Recently Proves Its Case

There's No Room For Compromising Open, Objective Reporting

BY JENN ROWELL
Managing Editor

Journalists have long been the subjects of obnoxious comments and bad jokes. People make snide remarks about members of the press, just as they do about lawyers and politicians.

Nine times out of 10, these remarks are unfair, untrue and unjustified. At other times, however, these remarks are warranted, such as the case with Jayson Blair.

Blair, the 27-year-old former reporter for the New York Times, resigned May 1 from the Times. In 36 of his 73 articles over a seven-month period, an initial investigation found fraud, plagiarism and inaccuracies, according to an article on MSNBC.com.

Out of the controversy with Blair came the resignations of the executive editor and the managing editor of the New York Times.

True, the Blair case has received enormous media attention. But in all actuality, Blair is just one of thousands of journalists across the country. Basically, you don't hear anything about journalism in the news until they screw up. The same could be said for almost anyone.

The quality of Blair's

work did not go unnoticed by other editors. These editors took notice of the errors in Blair's work and were quick to warn the editors at the Times.

Howell Raines, the executive editor, and Gerald Byrd, the managing editor, had been accused of "promoting the young black reporter in the interest of helping diversify the newsroom, despite his known shortcomings," according to an article on MSNBC.com.

That raises the question of diversity in the newspaper business. While diversity is most definitely a good thing, and something I would like to see more of, under no circumstances should a reporter known for fraudulent articles and inaccuracies be kept at a newspaper simply on the basis of diversity—especially at a paper as influential and powerful as the New York Times.

The Times is one of the top newspapers in the country, and jobs and internships at the Times are highly sought after. To have a position at the Times is the aspiration of many young journalists, such as myself.

As I said earlier, Blair is just one journalist of thousands, and his actions in no way mirror those of most journalists. But if something like this could happen at the Times, it pains me to think that it could happen anywhere. If the Times doesn't put a stop to it, who will?

Part of what it comes down to is, while the press is one of the most powerful institutions in America, it is also carefully scrutinized daily.

highly criticized, and their work is completely open to the public.

Tom Wicker said it well in 1978 in his book, "On Press," when he said, "The overwhelming conclusion I have drawn from my life in journalism—nearly 30 years so far...—is that the American press, powerful as it unquestionably is and protected though it may be by the Constitution and the laws, is not often 'robust and uninhibited' but is usually timid and anxious—for respectability at least as much as for profitability."

Basically, the press holds such a great deal of press, that many of its members are terrified of crossing the wrong people at the risk of losing the freedoms granted by the Constitution.

In order to rid the press of bad apples such as Blair, it needs to shed this fear and build a thicker skin.

Journalists, who are scared of politicians, scared of big business or anyone else with power or money, will never be able to effectively report the news or discover any great truths.

When I think of great journalism, I think of Woodward and Bernstein. They are two reporters who did what they had to do, and went against quite a few of the most powerful people in the country.

In the end, they were the ones with the last say. The journalist's job is not to see that justice is done, only to see that the injustice is brought to light, and the people will take care of it from there.

Read My Words: No More Symbols

Help For The Illiterate Is No Help At All

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

I'm staring at that foreboding little box with the crosshatch across the middle. And the circle. And that little triangle, too. Although I don't know what to do about them, I know exactly what they mean for me, and I really don't want to think about it.

They spell doom. Doom to my favorite H&M skirt. Destruction for the polar fleece hoodie I liked so much. And the fate of that ever-so-perfect little black dress? Those innocent-looking little shapes that have usurped written garment-tag laundry instructions spell doom for the black dress, for sure.

D-O-O-M.

Or maybe they don't spell at all. Designers so that retail garments can't be sold, worn and washed by the illiterate and b) swapped between countries that don't share the same language or even alphabet (ah, the good old global market), those little symbols on the laundry tags of our favorite items of clothing leave the literate English-speakers among us guessing.

Hand wash cold? Lay flat to dry? Dry clean only? These terms I understand. But the little symbols that are supposed to be so easy for the under-educated to comprehend send me into a spiral of intellectual confusion and frustration that leaves

me wondering why I can't just be illiterate, too.

Would it really be so bad? After all, there are pictorial road signs, wordless restroom plaques, and now, the illiterate individual's laundry directions. Heck, who needs a college education when an ever-growing number of companies in the manufacturing world cater to those who cannot read? Or to those who don't bother to learn a second language?

All right, I exaggerate. The last thing I want to do is downplay the tragedy of not being able to read. Because in all seriousness, that's exactly what illiteracy should be: a tragedy.

In a country where basic education is free and where a person of lower- or middle-class upbringing may easily attain a college degree (keep in mind that higher education is reserved for an elite few in other cultures), there is little excuse for never learning to decipher those pesky ABCs. The truth, however, is that nearly a quarter of adult Americans—some 42 million individuals, in fact—are functionally illiterate, according to the extensive National Adult Literacy Survey. And those numbers show a monstrous increase every year.

The American citizens who manage to fall through the cracks of the educational system are unfortunate souls, indeed, crippled by their inability to sift through the massive load of printed news and literature that would normally give them the ability to discern between justice and egregious error, freedom and outright oppression.

Given, there are some individuals who, for medical or personal reasons, may be unable to learn. But what about

those who simply manage never to try? Perhaps even more disturbing are the stories of individuals who have tried and tried in vain to learn and who blame a massively wayward public educational system for their inability to grasp the written word.

But while there are numerous possible reasons for illiteracy and even more ways to combat the problem, I have only one simple, straightforward question: should we encourage illiteracy by babbling those who suffer from it? For those who cannot read English, or French or Spanish even, this illiterate individual's language of Laundry does not solve the problem but creates a dialect of destruction, not only for my beloved blue velvet jeans, but also for the education of our society.

So here's my plea: No more circles. No more criss-crossed squares. NO more laundry symbols or wordless signs. Manufacturers of adult and government agencies should stop giving Americans the tools they need to remain comfortably illiterate and should start encouraging the learning process.

And furthermore: no more bleach spots on my best sweaters. No more shrunken tanks. While my college career at CNU may have taught me how to spell onomatopoeia and how to find allegory and allusion in the works of John Milton, I never have managed to learn to do my own laundry correctly, much less decipher those laundry-tag hieroglyphs.

Most importantly: no more illiteracy. N-O-M-O-R-E. Let me spell it for you...

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Advice For Incoming Freshmen

The Twelve Rules Of College

Try Not To Overpack; Focus On Necessities

BY ABBY TANG
Staff Writer

New faces, new surroundings and a place of your own.

For most of you, Christopher Newport University will be your new home for the next year. This new environment brings a great deal of anticipation and most likely stress. So, what are you supposed to bring?

Luckily, Santoro Hall and both York East and West halls accommodate freshmen with beds, dressers, wardrobes and desks. CNU has gone great lengths to make its residential halls like no others'. Most other colleges do not supply their residence halls with so many luxuries.

Yet your own space needs your own touch. During the two days you spend on campus for Setting Sail, you will get a taste of spending a night in your potential new room.

While scoping out the room, many ideas come to mind: "I can put a stereo here ... the vanity there ... chairs in the corner."

But the reality is: how will you transport enough of your things for an entire year?

"I wish I had brought back more stuff when I was

packing my things (to go home)," Allison Martin, a rising sophomore, said.

The trick is to set a pace. You will be moving in during the late summer and early fall. It is not necessary to bring big heavy sweaters and coats down all at the same time. Most likely, your families will be down to visit you before the turn of the year. Set aside your winter essentials in boxes or bags, just in case your family can bring them down or ship them to you later, or if you don't get the chance to pack them up yourself.

You don't want to clutter your room.

"I wish I hadn't brought down so many chairs," said rising sophomore Tim Kawamoto. "They took up a lot of room, and it's a pain to take home."

Even if the residence halls are gigantic, especially Santoro's, which were tripled down to doubles, you don't want your room to become a maze—your R.A.s won't be happy when it comes to inspections either.

First-year residential students are required to have some sort of meal plan since the dorms do not allow any kind of open-oven devices. Since the school does supply you with a micro-fridge unit, it's not difficult to have simple snacks in the residential halls. Meal plans offer students a selection of dining facilities and, therefore, not too many utensils are needed in the room.

"I found myself bringing too many cups and dishes,"

Brigdet Mahoney, a rising sophomore said. "Everyone always ended up bringing their own stuff over when we ate in the dorms."

It's hard to think about it now, but your first year does fly by, the holiday breaks make the workload from teachers feel like it's never ending too. Spenser or fly, you will be bringing things down to school to use for good, like food, and there are things you'll want to keep for the rest of college years, such as a stereo or computer.

It is always wise to get in touch with your roommate as soon as you get their or her contact information. Once again, you do not want to clutter your room in anyway. You've got to remember it's not just your room, but a shared space.

The best way to make sure you have all of your general necessities is to make a checklist early on. Some things are used so routinely, you'd probably forget about them easily, like a hairdryer or detergent. Some places like Bed, Bath and Beyond or Linen's 'n' Things have good back-to-school checklists.

After your first taste of college life, your best bet is to go home and look through your belongings again just to distinguish between what you can't live without and things you have your doubts about.

The things that you have doubts about are most likely the things that should be left behind.

Alumna Offers First-Hand Advice

BY VIRGINIA WIGGINTON
Staff Writer

Summer is approaching an end, and it's almost time for school again. The summer rolls by quickly, but now it's time to concentrate on school. College is a different ballgame than high school, and I would like to pass along some "helpful hints" to incoming freshmen.

1. Don't be afraid to ask questions. There is no such thing as "too many questions" or a bad question.

2. Professors care about their students. Although you may not believe that right now, it's true. Faculty and staff are wonderful and friendly. They care about making your time spent at CNU the best it can be.

3. Don't be fooled by the I-have-plenty-of-time-to-get-things-done line. It's easy to sit back, relax and think you have plenty of time. The truth is, time will creep up on you, and you will find yourself scrambling and probably stressed during exam week. So keep up with

your classes, do a little bit each day (yes, even weekends), and your CNU career will run much smoother.

4. Always hand in assignments on time, or even early, but don't hand in anything late. Professors really do pay attention to students who hand in things early or on time. It shows them that you care about your grades, and it is common courtesy to remember that your professors have a life too.

5. Always do as much extra credit as possible. The points add up before you know it, and it definitely can't hurt anything.

6. Get involved with extracurricular activities. You don't have to do it all, but by being involved in at least one extracurricular activity, you will meet new people, be able to have a part of a "fun" activity and, hopefully, make some new friends in the process.

7. Talk to your professors to see how you are doing in your classes. Check in every so often. That way, you can stay on top of things and make sure everything is going smoothly.

8. Double-check everything. Edit well. Your professors notice when you proofread. Also, look at your work before handing it in, and write it in any corrections if you see an error that needs to

be changed. You can't lose anything by doing this most of the time, and most professors encourage this because it shows them that you took the time to proofread. It shows them that you care.

9. Make extra copies of your work and keep a record of your grades throughout the semester. This is good to do just in case there is confusion about your grades, your crashed computer or your lost paper.

10. Save your work in more than one place. It's always a good idea to save your work on more than one computer by using a disk or CD-ROM. This way, if something happens to your original, you will have a way to retrieve it.

11. Attendance is important. Even for the professors who don't keep an attendance record, they pay attention if you are in class as much as possible.

12. Be on time. It is important to be on time, if not early. People pay attention and it's respectful.

I am not perfect by any means, and I have had my share of not-so-great grades and late nights. I hope that by passing along these twelve "helpful hints," you can begin to develop a learning process that will take you through your college years and career.

Immigration Deaths Point To Failure Of U.S. Policy

Preventing Immigration Only Prevents Growth Of Economic Basis

BY RAUL YZAGUIRRE
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The recent gruesome discovery of two trailers full of Mexican immigrants in Texas—including 18 who had suffocated—reflects a failure of U.S. policy.

To crack down on immigration from Mexico, Washington has boosted patrols along the most common entry points. This has forced migrants to the more dangerous routes across our mountains and deserts in the Southwest. It has also encouraged the practice of smuggling human cargo.

As a result, more than one person per day dies while attempting to enter the United States.

Yes, the smugglers in the Texas case were ruthless, and should be dealt with swiftly. But it is too easy simply to point fingers at them or at the U.S. enforcement strategy. It is also true that Washington has failed to encourage broad-based economic development in Mexico; the pressure to migrate has remained largely unchanged for many years.

Perhaps most serious of all is that for far too long Americans have tolerated an immigration policy that is dangerously out of touch with the economic realities driving migration. We have succeeded in diverting migrants to the most perilous crossing points, but we have not stopped or even slowed migration. An estimated 200,000 to 300,000 immigrants cross the U.S.-Mexico border to stay every year—a pace that has remained un-

changed over two decades.

The reality is that if the workers who suffocated in that trailer had reached their destinations safely, they would have found jobs in the United States in a variety of industries that depend on undocumented workers. As Americans, we all benefit from the labor of workers like them. If we pay attention, we notice that the hardworking people who care for our children and elders, clean our offices, serve in our hotels and restaurants and harvest the food we eat are very often immigrants. Some, like the husband of a U.S. citizen who perished in that trailer, would be legal residents if the law didn't create unnecessary ob-

In early September 2001, I testified in the Senate along with an unlikely duo: John Sweeney of the AFL-CIO and Tom DeLay of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. All three of us agreed that immigrants are important to the United States and that our immigration laws need comprehensive reforms that better reflect their place in our economy.

First and foremost, we need to provide a path to legal status for those who are here, working hard, paying taxes and sustaining our nation economically. We must also redirect the future flow of migrants away from deadly deserts and smuggling routes.

And these workers should have the same rights as others in our labor force. They should be allowed to come here with their families, and they should have the opportunity to earn permanent legal status if they are needed here and wish to stay.

The momentum for immigration reform stalled after Sept. 11.

But a nation committed to security is far better off knowing exactly who is here and who is entering. Far from being too difficult to achieve in these challenging times, comprehensive immigration reform is more urgent now than ever.

For decades, America's immigration policies have amounted to a charade. Even as we expend great resources attempting to keep immigrants out, our industries depend on them. What's more, these immigrants end up contributing to our nation in many ways.

It's long past time to acknowledge our reliance on immigrant workers and to reform our laws in a way that provides them with a lawful, safe and dignified means of coming to the United States. Let's achieve these reforms before we find more trailers full of suffocated human beings.

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Springfest 2003

Springfest, which was held on Friday, April 25, is a festival sponsored by the Campus Activity Board. It featured carnival-like activities. This event gave students an opportunity to become more familiar with student-run clubs and organizations. Incoming freshmen visited the campus the same day as these festivities, but the event came to an early close because of inclement weather. Above: Two students take part in a jousting game, one of the many activities. Below: Luther's Fall was one of the several local bands that performed at this year's Springfest.



Photos by Brooke Everhart/The Captain's Log

'Bruce Almighty' Reboots Jim Carrey's Acting Career

BY JAMI BERNARD
New York Daily News

Jim Carrey's prayers have been answered.

The rubber-faced actor is back on top now that his comedy "Bruce Almighty," about a TV newsman who is granted divine powers, made almost twice as much money as "The Matrix Reloaded" over the long Memorial Day weekend.

The movie's unexpected \$66 million haul over four days effectively erases the failure of Carrey's last big movie, "The Majestic," which couldn't even wheeze its way to \$30 million during its entire 2001 run.

Hollywood, so quick to turn its back on anyone having a bad year, had just about written Carrey off and forgotten how recently it had been touting him as the "new Robin Williams."

In a single, significant weekend, all that has changed.

For one thing, "Bruce Almighty" took on the "Matrix" sequel, which had been widely expected to be the 800-pound gorilla of the summer. But "Matrix 2" earned \$45.6 million, a dropoff in business of nearly 60 percent from the previous weekend, which further indicates that it is unlikely to see the kind of

repeat business that is so essential to making movie history.

Even if he never earned another dime, "Bruce" is already millions ahead of Carrey's 1994 hit "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," and it will undoubtedly surpass "The Mask" and "Dumb and Dumber" (both also released in '94).

The No. 1 spot for the Memorial Day weekend is a needed boost for Carrey, who was considered infallible when he was tapped in 1995 to play The Riddler in "Batman Forever," and continued his winning streak with "Liar Liar," "The Truman Show" and, with

\$260 million to its credit, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

The success of the "Matrix" movies does not depend on Keanu Reeves alone, because fans are also attracted to the movie's philosophical symbolism and to its take on virtual reality.

However, the success of "Bruce Almighty" is inextricably linked to the appeal of Carrey. Trailers have played up the movie's more sophisticated jokes, like a dog that is taught to relieve himself in a more tasteful fashion, and the way Bruce uses his lordly powers to enhance his girlfriend's physique.

Observational Humor No One Really Cares

BY STEVE HOFSTETTER
Guest Columnist

Your problems are not the end of the world. Your job is to prevent the end of the world. Then you're allowed to complain.

It's a hard thing to fathom that our lives are not the most important thing to other people. Most of us think that every time we chip a tooth or break a nail, everyone in our immediate vicinity needs to know the exact details. Our immediate vicinity includes our homes, our hangouts, our buddy lists, and half of northern Iowa.

I don't care that your friend Sarah totally bought the same shirt as you. I don't care that Bob at the office mistook your lunch for his. And I certainly don't care that you had the weirdest dream, only you can't really remember what happened in it. And if you did remember, guess who still wouldn't care. If you could see me right now, I'd have both of my thumbs pointing squarely at the center of my chest.

I will be the first to admit that I tell a lot of stories where I'm the main character. It'd be difficult to do otherwise. If all my stories started with "I knew this one guy," not only would I be pathetic for living vicariously through other people, my next three words would probably be "at band camp."

My issue is not with people who tell stories about their lives—we all do that. It's how we allow other people to relate to us, how we kill dead air, and how we try to land a sit-com. My issue lies with people who think that the problems around which their stories revolve are more monumental than everyone else's. If your problems mattered so much, wouldn't we already know what they were? I'd be pissed if the world's media were not covering the most important story out there.

"This is Christiane Amanpour with CNN. Today, someone's friend Sarah totally bought the same shirt as her."

When you're in high school, you don't see much of the outside world, so you think that the biggest problem you'll ever face involves

your classmates' opinions of you. When you're in college, you don't see much of the outside world, since your biggest problem is how to make things stop spinning. Once you're out of college, you have no excuse at all. What I'm saying is this: when you're reading about wars and czars and scars and SARS, it doesn't matter that someone cut you off on the way to work. Even if "cars" does rhyme with all those important problems.

It is more common to hear "me, me, me" in a conversation than it is to hear it at an opera. And the worst part about this phenomenon is that people force themselves to ask poorly thought out questions about their conversation partner in an effort to appear less solipsistic.

I spoke to a friend shortly after I moved to a new city, started dating someone, and released my first book. I filled her in, and then she actually asked me what else was going on, as if that was not enough. She had unfortunate timing—the very next week, I cured cancer. That would have kept our conversation going for at least another minute before she started talking about herself again.

I do not mean to discourage conversation about one's self. Especially since that's how I make my living. But I do mean to remind people that when you're discussing that chipped tooth or that broken nail, know that even you will forget about it in a week.

Please remember that there are bigger things out there—that you can wear an other outfit, that you can buy another lunch, and that the guy who cut you off on the way to work may have needed to get to the hospital in order to remove the pole from his rear.

In other words, look around once in a while and realize that your problems aren't all that bad. That your day, no matter how poorly things may appear to be going, is just a day, and will be completely different tomorrow. Unless your job is to prevent the end of the world. Then you're allowed to complain.

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Despite Financial Difficulties, Local Band Presses Onward

BY TARYN CORNELIUS
Staff Writer

Unit 379 of Uncle Bob's Self Storage isn't filled with furniture or boxes waiting to be moved elsewhere. From almost the floor to the ceiling, one of the room's corners is stacked with amplifiers.

Cords snake across the 10' x 20' floor covered by mismatched pieces of once-off-white carpets.

Every time guitarist Justin Newby or lead singer Damien Wade hit a string, the single light bulb in the unit dims. Patio lights hang from the rafters to add light, but they also drain more power from the building.

The No Talent Show practices four nights a week. The band is being forced out of its original practice location and is in search of a soundproof place for practice. The band, however, cannot afford a private studio. In fact, it can hardly afford to practice at all.

Lost In The Abyss

After his parents divorced in the early 1990s, Wade moved from Florida to Virginia with his mother. Later on that year, he met current drummer Will Perrault. They lived in the same neighborhood, and hung out after

school and on the weekends. Wade's stepfather kept a drum set in the garage where Wade practiced bass guitar.

"I told [Will] to get on the drums and start playing," said Wade. "And he did."

From there grew their first band, Abyssmal.

During their sophomore year in high school, the band finally got serious as a three-piece group, with long-time friend Sean Hanky as the lead singer.

Abyssmal disbanded permanently in the fall of 2000.

Trying To Form A Future

Despite some glitches in their friendship that year, Wade and Perrault continued to jam on a regular basis.

"We'll get in a snag and not talk to each other for months, and then one day just start jamming again, just cool," said Wade of his friendship with Perrault.

In the next year, the band would emerge under the new name The No Talent Show. Wade became the new lead singer, and the lineup became its strongest in five years and consisted of seven members that played everything from the rhythm guitar to the French horn.

The band's lineup, however, would change again in the next year, and only four

of the original members remained.

"We're seven totally different people," says Wade. "You'd never think we'd be friends, but we're best friends."

Along with a stronger lineup, the band also acquired a manager. Dwayne Stansburg, 27, works for free. He started as a roadie, but began talking with venue owners about getting the band more shows and working out deals.

The Need for Idiots at Play

The band recently recorded its first full-length album, "Caution: Idiots at Play."

The band stays until 1 or 2 a.m. to make up for the time it can't afford. Getting into the studio, however, was more than just a financial conflict.

Trumpet player Liska Bassett is currently enrolled as a full-time college student. "It's hard for me to totally commit," Bassett said while packing up her equipment after practice. She also finds herself putting the band before her new husband, Bryce, pretty often.

"He's really supportive," said Bassett. Perrault is also struggling to overcome financial debt. He works a full-time job but still finds himself falling short each payday.

"I'm poor, I'm in debt, and I've got too many bills," said Perrault. Like Bassett and Wade, he needs the band

to begin making a profit.

"At this point, anywhere would be a good direction," said Perrault. "We're all not too financially stable. It's either all or nothing for me."

Free Sponsors

Although the band has already secured two local sponsors, it is not receiving any monetary benefits from either.

Cici's Pizza allows them to perform for free at the establishment, with free food and drinks for the band. Hotline Surfboards also allows the band to perform at local skateboarding competitions. The band's recent non-titled East Coast tour was successful, but still set the band back even further financially. After performing at a recent Hotline event, a business representative from both Quicksilver and Hurley approached Wade.

Wade said both companies are waiting to hear the "Caution: Idiots at Play" album before making a decision.

Uncomfortable Expense

The No Talent Show will spend this summer touring from Delaware to Georgia in hopes that someone will hear them, like the sound and sign them to a label. The tour will cost them thousands of dollars.

Sports

Captains Baseball Drops NCAA Championship To Chapman; Team Loses Its Final Game 15-7

*Jeremy Elliott,
Chris Phaup
And Matt
Turner Lead
The Captains
In Batting
Average*

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

With a win over defending National Champion Eastern Connecticut, CNU made its first run at the NCAA Division III Championship.

The Captains faced off against Chapman University in the Division Championship. CNU fell to Chapman 15-7 and finished the season 35-9 overall and 9-3 in the Dixie Conference.

CNU put up a tough fight in game one of the Division III College World Series, defeating Chapman 6-4.

Cary Bruner took the mound and threw seven innings allowing four runs on 10 hits and striking out six picking up his seventh win of the season.

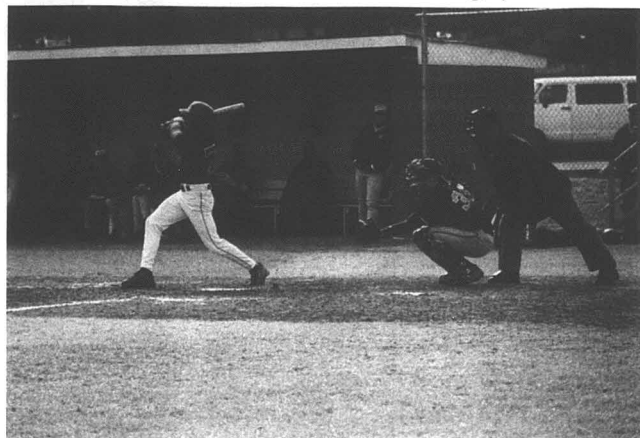
Ricky Medina, Scotty George, John Corbin, Jayson Basanes and Matt Lewellen each had two hits to lead the offensive attack for the Captains. CNU had 13 hits in 37 at bats for a batting average of .351.

The Captains came out swinging scoring five of their six runs in the first inning, propelling CNU to defeat Chapman in the first game of the Championship.

In the bottom of the first, Jeremy Elliott reached on a throwing error by Chapman's second baseman Taylor, putting Elliott on first base.

Elliott stole second base to advance him into scoring position. CNU's second baseman Medina grounded out on a sacrifice bunt.

Chris Phaup reached on a fielding error by Chapman's third baseman,



CNU's lead off hitter Jeremy Elliott gets a hit during a 5-0 win over conference rival Methodist during the Dixie Conference playoffs in May.

and Elliott scored to put CNU up 1-0 in the bottom of the first.

Chapman came out swinging in the top of the third. The Captains finished up the inning with four hits and four runs.

Left fielder C.J. Casthill, who led off for Chapman, was hit by the pitch and advanced to first. Casthill advanced to second on a wild pitch, putting him in scoring position.

After the third, Chapman went up 4-2. Casthill, Donahoe, Hallenbeck, and Taylor all scored in the third.

CNU answered back in the bottom of the third. Matt Turner led the inning off with a solo homerun to raise the score 3-4. Phaup grounded out, George singled to centerfield, and Corbin followed with a single to right, advancing to third.

Basanes walked to load the bases when Jason Moody walked to force in George. Matt Lewellen reached on a fielder's choice to score Corbin.

Chapman answered back with two more runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Captains answered back in the bottom of the fifth, adding two more runs. Basanes led off with a single and advanced to second when Moody reached on an error. Lewellen reached on a single bunt to load the bases.

Elliott reached on a fielder's choice forcing Lewellen out at second, which brought in Basanes. CNU put on a double steal when Moody stole home and Elliott stole second.

Chapman answered back with another run in the sixth, five in the second, and one more in the eighth.

George led the offense going 2-for-4; Basanes was 2-for-3, and Lewellen was 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

Elliott finished 0-for-6 but stole five bases and broke the single season school record for steals in a season, finishing with 54. Cary Bruner pitched for three innings, allowing nine hits, six runs and one walk to finish up his



Pitcher Mike Cosby finished with 110 strikeouts over the season.

freshman season 7-1.

George and Eben Brower were named to the tournament's All-Tournament Squad.

Brower went 1-0 in three appearances, including an 11-inning performance in a 2-1 win over Anderson that went 12 innings. He allowed one earned run in 14 total innings, striking out nine and walking two. George finished his college career in the tournament going 8-for-20 (.400) with three RBIs.

Phaup led the team with 67 RBIs, Turner followed closely behind with 59. Medina finished up with 28, Corbin finished up with 23 RBIs.

Turner led the team with 15 home runs, Phaup followed with 13 and Medina finished up with 8. CNU looks to next year with a young pitching staff. Eben Brower looks to be the new starting pitcher.

He had eight shutouts, 71 hits, 23 runs, 12 earned, 14 walks and 88 strikeouts.

First baseman Jen Harrell was named to the Honorable Mention team. Harrell hit .359, she went 0 for her first 19 to start the season.

She led the team with 36 runs, seven home runs and 36 RBIs. She was named to the Second Team All-Dixie Conference.

Also joining Harrell on the Honorable Mention team was Dallas Slosjarik. Slosjarik was second in batting average, .381, second in hits with 45, first in triples with six and finished with two home runs and 28 RBIs. Earning First Team All-Conference in the outfield.

CNU dropped their final game to the Methodist Monarchs in this contest.

Michelle Kass took the mound in this contest. Sophomore Kass finished with two strikeouts, four hits, and three runs against her.

The tough pitching staff from Methodist silenced the Lady Captains, holding them to just 4 hits from 26 at bats.

The Lady Captains finished the season 31-7-1 overall and 12-2 in the Dixie Conference after their drop to the Methodist Monarchs.

They were able to play well in the Dixie Conference dropping only to Methodist.

Five Softball Players Named To All-State Team

*Pitcher
Michelle Kass
Named Dixie
Conference's
Pitcher Of The
Year*

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

The Lady Captains softball team had five players named to Virginia Sports Information Directors All-State College Division.

Sophomore Michelle Kass was among several players named to First Team All-State. Pitcher Kass finished the season going 16-3.

She had eight shutouts, 136 innings pitched, 83 hits, 24 runs, 13 earned 17 walks and 129 strikeouts.

She was named Pitcher of the Year for the Dixie Conference and Second Team All-South Region pitcher.

Third baseman Vanessa Gray was named to First Team as well.

Gray had 46 hits and 13 doubles; she finished with two home runs and 27 runs batted in.

Gray led the team with a .407 batting average. Gray was named Dixie Conference's Player of the Year.

Vitcher Gray was also in the Honorable Mention category. The Dixie's Player of the Year finished 15-4 overall with a .093 ERA.

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CNU Track Wins Mason-Dixon Championship

*Seniors
LaNeatra
Johnson And
Matt Sinclair
Shine On The
National Level*

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

The CNU Track and Field Team took first place in the Mason-Dixon Conference Championship meet on May 23. Both the men's and women's squads finished well in front of any opposition.

In the women's competition, CNU finished with 300 points and their closest competition was Frostburg State University with 109 points.

The men finished with 256 points with Salisbury University in second place with 117 points.

Happy Darcus led the women's team, taking first place in the 100-meter dash.

In the 1500-meter run freshman Megan Fogarty and

junior Alicia Burns finished with first and second place. Freshman Elizabeth Brownning grabbed fifth place.

Senior Lindsay Newell finished in first place in the 3,000-meter Steeplechase with a time of 11:43.28.

Freshman Emily Low grabbed the second place spot only 27 seconds behind her with a time of 12:10.73.

"We just worked really hard, we knew this was going to be a tough meet, but we trained hard and obviously we did well, we brought home first place in the overall competition," said freshman Emily Low.

Junior Aimee Gibbs took first place in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:55.71, earning 10 points for the Lady Captains.

She took first place in the 10,000-meter run, with a time of 40:39.40.

Freshman Elizabeth Brownning finished in third place in the 5,000-meter run, finishing just two seconds above 20 minutes.

"All season long, we practiced for this meet and we encouraged one another to be better, obviously it paid off," said freshman Elizabeth Brownning

Senior LaNeatra Johnson finished her CNU career well. In the qualifiers Johnson broke the previous national record with a leap of 41-feet-8 inches.

She also qualified for the

"Our success is a result of the motivation we provide each other during practice and competitions."

—Sr. LaNeatra Johnson

100-meter hurdles with a time of 15:09 seconds.

In the championship meet she took first place in the 100-meter hurdles and the triple jump. She finished with a time of 15:29 seconds in the 100-meter and a jump of 12.62 meters in the triple jump. She also took second place in the high jump and the long jump. With a jump of 1.52

meters in the high jump and a score of 5.06 meters in the long jump.

Junior Leigh Travers took first place in the discus throw. Her winning throw was 36.71 meters, to help the women's squad out with yet another win.

Junior Brandy King took home first place in the women's pole vault. She finished with a jump of 3.42 meters.

Her closest competition came from Frostburg State's Cindy Reese who had a jump of 3.20 meters.

"It's just a really big help to have the upperclass men behind us, I always felt really encouraged by them and I just wanted to continue all the hard work they began," said Low. "It was their encouragement that really helped the younger members of the squad."

The men's team was successful in the championship as well.

Senior Matt Sinclair took first place in the 5,000 and 1,500-meter run with a winning time of 15:44.35 in the 5,000 and 4:08.81 in the 1,500.

Senior Derrick Faison took second place in the 100-meter dash with a winning

Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope For June 16-22

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Aries (March 21-April 20). Late Monday, a sudden disagreement between friends or co-workers may cause tension. Aries affected are ego battles in the workplace, competing social identities and romantic pride. A close companion may attempt to challenge an outspoken or highly confident co-worker. Avoid choosing sides. Over the next eight days, friends and colleagues ask for public loyalty. After Thursday, group plans may be cancelled. Be patient and wait for new arrangements.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Long-distance friendships or postponed communications with loved ones take precedence this week. Over the next few days, expect social disputes and past emotional restrictions to fade. Old events, minor differences or forced separations will be addressed in the coming weeks. Be prepared to set firm boundaries, expectations or goals. Later this week, pamper the body. Muscle strain, neck ailments or ongoing shoulder aches may be bothersome. Go slow.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Early this week, expect long-term friends and lovers to be highly sentimental. Key issues may involve letting go of past hurts or making peace with yesterday's authority figures. Over the next four days, loved ones will also be vulnerable to your comments and observations. Use this time to foster support or loyalty in key relationships. After Friday, passions are deeply felt. Spend quality time with romantic partners and ask gently persuasive questions. You won't be disappointed.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Before midweek, a close friend may ask delicate romantic questions. Social comments, unusual requests or family triangles may be prime themes. At present, however, intimate discussions are best kept private. Provide as much support as possible but also realize that loved ones need to settle their own romantic differences. After Saturday, fond memories are accentuated. Expect sudden insights from past friendships or forgotten relationships. Remain open; there's much to learn.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Gossip, group speculation and new romantic love are on the agenda this week. Watch for close friends or workmates to reveal deep affections or an unexpected attraction. New relationships, although slow to begin, will be passionate and intriguing. Expect others to discuss the social habits of mutual friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This week, friends or co-workers may offer subtle comments or minor criticisms. Areas of concern may be workplace appearance, self-image or group reputation. Don't react to controversial suggestions or public displays of jealousy. By late Friday, a cheerful, almost giddy atmosphere is due to arrive. Thursday through Sunday, plan social events or outdoor activities with loved ones. Shared interests, new ideas and creative involvement will help deepen long-term commitments.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Past love affairs and old emotional obligations are prime topics of conversation this week. Late Tuesday, expect loved ones and close friends to relive old romantic memories or yesterday's ideals. Before July 7, nostalgia will be a strong motivator. Watch for isolated friends to seek new social and romantic outlets. Emotional change will not be easy for loved ones. Remain patient and expect irritability or intense moments of self-doubt to be ongoing themes.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Family proposals or intriguing home discussions require fast decisions this week. Over the next two days, someone close may present a creative solution to home disagreements. Revised work schedules, last-minute travel plans or unique property purchases may all be at issue. New ideas are positive. Don't hesitate to explore unusual family or social routines. Late Saturday, romantic dreams will be intense. Expect powerful flashes of attraction, wisdom and unconscious desire.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Over the next six days, new managers demand added concentration and loyalty. Delayed business improvements will soon move rapidly forward. Expect shifting duties or changed assignments. Find creative ways to adapt to team projects. Before July 7, workplace standards and daily practices may be significantly redefined. Later this week, romantic proposals and unique social comments will be misleading. Accept all compliments but wait for valid intentions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Mild romantic flirtations may feel oddly disguised this week. Business relationships and new social contacts are highly unpredictable. Even though colleagues or potential friends offer seductive romantic comments, wait for bold invitations. Over the next six days, sudden or deeply felt gestures of affection may be easily derailed or misinterpreted. Search out trusted friends and respond only to concrete or sustained overtures of attraction.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Monday through Thursday, successful business negotiations create excitement. Shared duties, however, may still require practice. Joint ventures or new partnerships should be thoroughly researched before taking risks. Over the next five days, authority figures and financial agencies will closely study your efforts. After Thursday, some Aquarians also may receive a rare romantic proposal or unexpected flirtation. Be gracious; we all get our signals crossed from time to time.

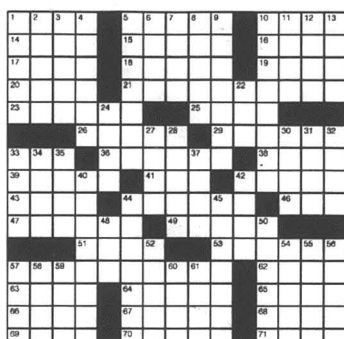
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). This week, business relations expand. Early Tuesday, expect rare proposals from authority figures or work partners. Planetary alignments suggest that the next few weeks will bring steadily increasing workplace opportunities. Watch for a unique introduction into previously unavailable business circles. Many Pisceans will reclaim lost ground in career matters or be asked to take on vital assignments. Stay alert. Social timing and sincere reactions are important.

If your birthday is this week... Family demands will intensify over the next nine weeks. Before the end of August, expect loved ones to introduce new living arrangements or property investments. Almost three years of deepening home and romantic commitments will soon be in operation. Watch for a steady increase of financial contracts, rental agreements and planned family celebrations. Early in November, some Gemini may also encounter a complex business or career invitation. Make valid decisions and begin new ventures by mid-December, if possible. Much of 2004 will demand quick choices and courage in the workplace. Don't avoid chal-

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Cotton-tipped cleaner
5 Trojan War epic
10 Window part
14 Milk byproduct
15 Word of apology
16 Pact partner
17 Noble title
18 Actor Novarro
19 Tidal situation
20 Writer/director Kazan
21 First couple
23 Hunt
25 In the center of
26 Waldorf or Caesar
29 Catalogued musical works
33 Buddy
36 Abdominal exercises
38 Small notch
39 Get out of bed
41 Single unit
42 New... India
43 Shoo!
44 Hosted
46 Apex
47 Seafood order
49 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
51 Secular
53 Whirl
57 Craving for candy
62 Ripened
63 Role
64 Song from the past
65 Sound of a small bell
66 Precisely defined quantity
67 Simulons
68 Besides
69 City near Tahoe
70 Did wrong
71 "Doe, a..."

DOWN
1 Series shoutout
2 Moby Dick, e.g.
3 Lofy nest
4 Corporation rules
5 Kibbutz resident
6 Install, as software
7 "...la Douce"
8 Smell
9 Live wires
10 Beach formation
11 Away from the wind
12 Slovak or Slovene
13 Flamboyant promotion
22 Luck partner
24 Comfort
27 Physics particle
28 Conehead?
30 Sediment
31 Canyon reply
32 LP flaw
33 Quarterback specialty
34 Foot part
35 Perjurer
37 Outer banana
40 Small dagger
42 June 8, 1944
44 Quintessence
45 Brainsy one



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5 TROJAN
10 WINDOW
14 MILK
15 WORD
16 PACT
17 NOBLE
18 ACTOR
19 TIDAL
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25 IN THE
26 WALDORF
29 CATALOGUED
33 BUDDY
36 ABDOMINAL
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39 GET OUT
41 SINGLE
42 NEW
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46 APEX
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51 SECULAR
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63 ROLE
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67 SIMULONS
68 BESIDES
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70 DID
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6 INSTALL
7 "LA DOUCE"
8 SMELL
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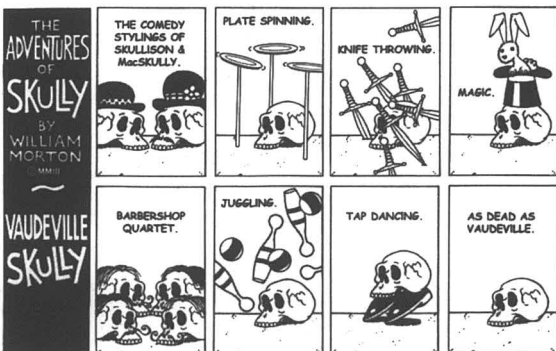
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Online Exclusive

CNU Budget Slashed; Nursing, Education, and Recreation, Sport & Wellness Get Axed

by Ashley Wilson
Staff Writer

CNU has eliminated three departments, 50 staff positions, and various other non-personal items from CNU's budget due to an 8.3 percent budget reduction ordered by Governor Mark Warner. This cut was made to help offset the state's \$1.5 billion deficit.

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Budget Advisory Committee's Priorities for Program Eliminati

The Board of Visitors cut the programs numbered one through five last Tuesday evening. Programs six through eliminated if further budget reductions are mandated by the VA General Assembly.

- 1) VECTEC
- 2) Department of Nursing
- 3) Department of Education and undergraduate teacher education program
- 4) Department Recreation, Sport and Wellness Management

- 5) Remaining teacher education programs, including the MAT
- 6) Public Management in Department of Government and Public Affairs
- 7) Legal Studies in Department of Government and Public Affairs
- 8) Criminal Justice in Department of Government and Public Affairs
- 9) Social Work
- 10) Computer Engineering
- 11) Applied Music – Bachelor Music
- 12) School of Business

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Trible Warns Community About Budget Cuts

by Ashley Wilson
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President Tribble, Dr. Bobbye Bartels and Dr. Richard Summerville met one of what will be a few Town Hall meetings, which are meant to inform effects of Gov. Mark Warner's most recent round of requested budget. At the time of the meeting, Tribble expressed that "we expect a minimum of 15% in budget and that "in all we will reduce our education budget by 22.5% reductions are huge."

While previous budget reductions had "kept the personnel cuts down to things look different this year," according to Bartels, Chair of the Budget Committee.

Debatable Topics, Relatable Views: There Ain't No Bull-Sitting Allowed!

By Stephanie Heinatz & Jesi Owens
Managing Editor & A&E Editor

Stephanie's Take:

"Ride it like you are having sex."

Those were the last words I heard as my body was thrust back and forth with the goal of throwing me on the floor.

Jesi's Take:

Savannah's. The only place I've ever been where Alabama and Eminem are played back-to-back as people in cowboy hats grind with partners in do-rags.



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In all, "approximately 10 percent of the total work force of the University will

In Wednesday's faculty and staff meeting, Tribble said further budget cuts are

"I would like to think that higher education would be spared additional cuts, but probably not," said Tribble.

Tribble said that members of the Academic Advising Office and faculty and staff and earth," to assist students whose programs are cut so that they are able in a timely manner in their chosen field of study."

The President, the Budget Advisory Committee and others reported that no programs have been cut will be able to complete their coursework before the semester.

Juniors may fulfill requirements through local universities such as William and Mary, Norfolk State, Old Dominion, and VCU. Tribble said that the university will help from these sister institutions.

"Even if a first choice of a major field is no longer offered, CNU will continue to offer an array of baccalaureate programs from which to choose," said Tribble about first sophomores.

Tribble challenged approximately 900 students that came to the information session to find another school with the same teacher ratio as CNU. He wants them to remain at CNU as possible.

Provost Richard Summerville said that had CNU been ordered to cut 15 percent expecting, classes would have increased in size by about 15 percent.

Students expressed a variety of emotions in response to the budget cuts

"I'm furious," said Erin Keough, a sophomore deciding between the education and just one of many students angered at the results of the cuts. "We're between our careers, our lives. Everyone is stuck between a rock and a hard place. I dreamt that they'd cut education."

"I've always wanted to come to CNU. All my friends are here with me, and all by this. I don't know what they're going to do. Why stay here? What's the point?"

While some are frustrated, there were others that had a positive outlook.

Carrie Winters, a junior in the nursing department, said "I'm upset, but I know mistakes made in the past. I'm saddened by the possibility of leaving CNU, but this had to happen."

Amidst the tearful hugs of her friends, she shrugged. "This too shall pass."

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