

# THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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## SGA Pres. Promises Changes

By Tony Felt  
Contributing Writer

This year's goal: "We want the SGA to be student friendly," said Dave Edwards, President of the student government. And that is exactly what students should expect.

There is no military power involved in this administration, not unless you consider the "swift" removal of unauthorized advertisements, or postings from casual walkways, billboards, buildings, or the residence hall, a militant threat to campus life.

Legitimacy of this powerful figure has been granted by last year's voters, and this year, our new SGA president, Dave Edwards, has selected an administrative staff dedicated and experienced members to serve along side him in the Fall of '96.

The V.P. for Student Services, Jon Pousen, previously served as SGA Secretary. Jon Pousen's experience can be attributed to his working relationship with the previous V.P. for Student Services, Christy Lee. According to SGA President, Dave Edwards, it will be one of Jon Pousen's goals as V.P. for Student Services to reconstruct the Presidents' Council, an institution aimed at assisting the president of each organizational club achieve goals and discuss future events and plans.

CNU's new V.P. for University Relations, Chris McDaniels, held the prior position of Constitutional Chairman. Among his goals to better human relations on campus (e.g., to oversee that "humanitarian efforts" are enforced during the removal of unauthorized postings), McDaniels will also overhaul the Town Meeting, a unique forum of both SGA representatives and university administrators. Combined in one setting, the Town Meeting will allow the students an opportunity to ask

questions, or address concerns relating to university issues. However, according to inside, outside and all other purely schizophrenic sources, these forums will be nothing like those held by the North Koreans. The rules of conduct are as follows: no slapping, punching, pulling hair, tackling, or biting of any person at any time. It will strictly be a Q & A of on campus concerns and events.

As a graduate of CNU, Dave Edwards holds a Bachelors of Science and Business Administration and is currently seeking his second degree, a Masters in Psychology. When asked about future plans, Dave said, "I would like a job at CNU in the Student Service Department"—an appropriate step forward after completing his term as president of SGA.

Dave Edwards has served as Constitutional Review chairman and has been elected V.P. for University Relations during the '95/'96 school year. In the spring of '96, Edwards ran for President of SGA and now currently holds the position of SGA president for the '96/'97 school year.

"I have been involved with the SGA for three-and-a-half years," said Edwards. "John Burgess, a former president of SGA, first encouraged me to join the Student Services committee during my Freshman year in the spring of '93." Since then, Edwards has played an active role in SGA.

When asked about his

administrative staff, Edwards said, "We have a great team on the SGA this year and I am confident they will do a great job. I know it will be the best year SGA has ever had." Edwards also pointed out the importance of student involvement. SGA is currently accepting applications for the Senate committee. "The more people involved, the better," said Edwards. "We are the customer and the consumer, so it is important to take an active role in what is going on around campus."

According to Edwards, SGA meetings are opened to the

we can accomplish as a university," said Edwards.

A Senate committee member, as stated by Edwards, sits on one of the five committees: Public Relations, Human Relations, Budget and Finance, Constitutional Review, Elections, or Student Services and are voting members of a selected committee. Although CNU Senate committee members will not be granted the use of a personal gym, a jet, or like the U. S Congress, the ability to vote for a pay increase, the CNU Senate committee will have the unique opportunity of representing students and voting

on those issues that interest the students. As far as geographical representation, the Senate committee members, or so it has been said, will not have the authority to vote beyond a two feet radius.

To accommodate any conflicting class schedules, the Senate committee meets once every Tuesday between 12:15 and 1:00 PM, a period in which no classes are scheduled by the university.

If any students are interested in applying for a

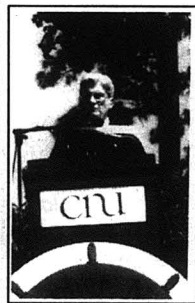
Senate committee position, applications can be found at room 208 in the Campus Center. If students have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, they can either contact the SGA office at: 594-7197, attend one of the Town Meetings, or contact the SGA via e-mail at: sga(-drake.cnu.edu).



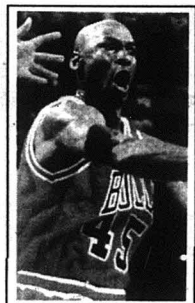
SGA President, Dave Edwards



"Love Man" Barry White sent his soulful message across the Coliseum in June. See the "Love Man" and others...



Graduation was a blast! Check out Pictures for the ceremony, with all of those tassles...



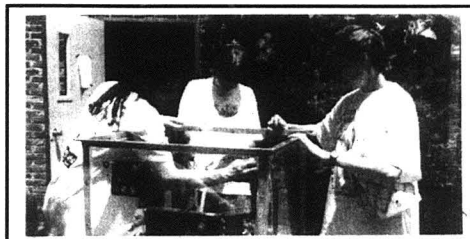
Were the Chicago Bulls "the Greatest Ever?" Join the Debate that rages on at page 7...

## CNU Students Save World

You'd never know it, but CNU students are saving the world. That's right. Captains led by Dr. Gary Whiting, professor in Biology, are examining relationships between three major wetland areas. They are the marshes of Louisiana, the

peatlands of Alberta, Canada, and the subtropical Everglades of Florida. They are learning about the Greenhouse effect, and learning how to prevent it.

Graduate student, Becky Deely said, "We hooked a battery to run the fans."



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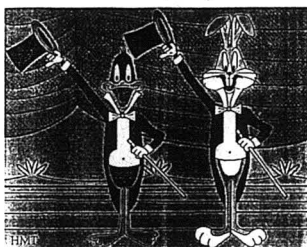
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# Children Running Amuck... and who's to blame?

By Mary Hodges  
Opinionated Writer

Ah, summer.. Warm weather, picnics, vacation, and—children? Wait, you say, I don't have children. No matter, I can guarantee that between June and September, you will have many small humans scampering about your legs.

Now, from this statement, you might deduce that I am not partial to children. This is misleading. I love children. I spend time with them whenever I can. Unfortunately, there are people who don't like children. They don't have any of their own and they have no desire to be around someone else's kids. This is perfectly understandable. Our wonderful Constitution gives everyone the right to have any opinion they choose. During the school year, they wishes are easily accommodated. If they want to do some quiet shopping, or have a pleasant outing, they merely have to go early in the day. After school lets out, these adults can retreat into places where children aren't allowed.

After we hit July 15, however,

children appear everywhere. Sometimes I think they've spent the entire school year multiplying in their classrooms until by June the schools are ready to explode and they pour out in a stream, wiping out everything in their path.

For a munchkin lover like me, this is wonderful. My baby-sitting hours triple as parents' nerves fray and snap. I'm treated to non-stop insights on peanut butter and action figures.

As for those who prefer not to experience the joys of energetic juveniles, well, what choice do they have? I'm sure they won't hole up in their house for the best three months of the year. No, they will go out, but they will glare at frazzled parents and snarl at innocent children.

These tactics work against normal humans, but they are useless against parents numbed by squeals and loud television, and kids giddy with the endless freedom of summer. Instead of making the parents more miserable, and the kids more hyper, those of us who wish to have a quiet

summer, should stake out kid-free areas to which to retreat. This means no lunch at Pizza Hut, no library at story hour (find out when this is ahead of time so you won't have a heart attack when you go to pick up the latest best seller), and for heaven's sake, skip that new Disney movie, no matter how much Siskel and Ebert rave about it.

But I'm not putting the responsibility entirely on those who wish to remain child-free. Believe it or not, parents should be able to exert some control over their offspring. The last thing I want to see is zombie children who jump when their parents call, but neither do I relish the thought of a pack of unsupervised monster demolishing the new indestructible swing set.

Parents do need a break. Please don't take this break by dumping the kids at the mall or some other place where a non-child person has run to hide. Even if you can't stand being around your child, you need to find someone who can. That's where a babysitter comes in. My rates are

very reasonable and I'm in the book.



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## WES'S WORLD

In the beginning, all was void and without form. A large explosion occurred which might be described as a Big Bang, but I really wouldn't call it more than a Medium Bang. Void, who was always scared when Form was away on business, jumped from his chair to see what had caused such a ruckus.

Void discovered a small and not at all normal-looking world had been created in his front yard and right in the middle of his newly planted geraniums. Now on this world lived a demented little college student who loved nothing more than to comment on the interesting things about campus life; well, his life anyway. He seemed harmless enough so Void left the college student, who happened to be named Wes, alone and went back inside to finish watching "Talk Soup" on T.V.

The insights of this student were somewhat humorous and seemed to have some importance to the university community - at least half of the time. Like the Una-Bomber, he loved to see his ideas published; so "Wes's World" was born. If you listen quietly, you can almost hear him muttering to himself about past exploits.....

Anyone who knows me knows that food has been a favorite topic of mine. The slow service received in the establishment which I will call "The Rusty Balcony" to protect the guilty is a continual source of enjoyment for students. This is true mainly because it takes so long between ordering and actually receiving the food that students have been known to earn their degrees

before the food is ready.

When Pepsi disappeared from campus and the evil empire of Coca-Cola took over, it was I who went on the quest to find Pepsi again. I failed dismally in bringing it back but unconfirmed rumors say that an almost limitless supply was found in my hideout in the Campus Center.

This type of character assassination is what I expect when dealing

about the demon "caffeine" and its addictive powers. I know that my will power is a little weak, and I might be tempted to fall under the power of the demon caffeine; but, after my first cup of coffee, I'm fine... oh wait; what am I saying? Caffeine has obviously made itself a staple in

hours without a break has been discussed along with the fact that these ATMs don't demand dental plans and health insurance. E-mail, the bane of many college students, holds many blessings and evils which I felt compelled to explore in depth, especially the super models' pictures on the web. There is one piece of machinery on campus that I can hardly bring myself to mention. It

has robbed many students blind and yet those same students worship it like a god. Those who aren't prepared pay a terrible price. I am referring to none other than the vending machines. Yes, I know that it is hard to believe that such well educated people could allow themselves to be demoralized to the point of fighting with a soulless machine, but it's true. Even I have been known to shake my fist in the air in fury because my dollar bill was not accepted.

These are just a few of the dangers that I warn my audience about in my columns. With an efficiency matched only by a sightless bus driver, I address the important topics so that they get the serious attention they deserve. As a wise man once said, "Some people care about your dignity, but we don't, and we'll fight for every penny that's coming to you." I'm fighting for every penny that is coming to you. It may take me all year and thousands of dollars in legal fees but I will get the dollar back that the copier machine stole!



with serious topics such as a monopoly by a large corporation limiting the campus' ability to choose for itself. I don't know how anyone could accuse me of taking a bribe from Pepsi corporation when I have spoken out so vehemently

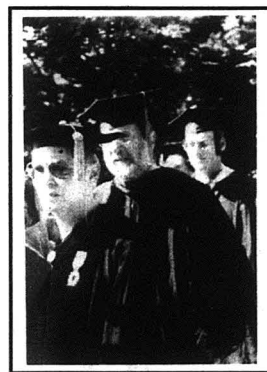
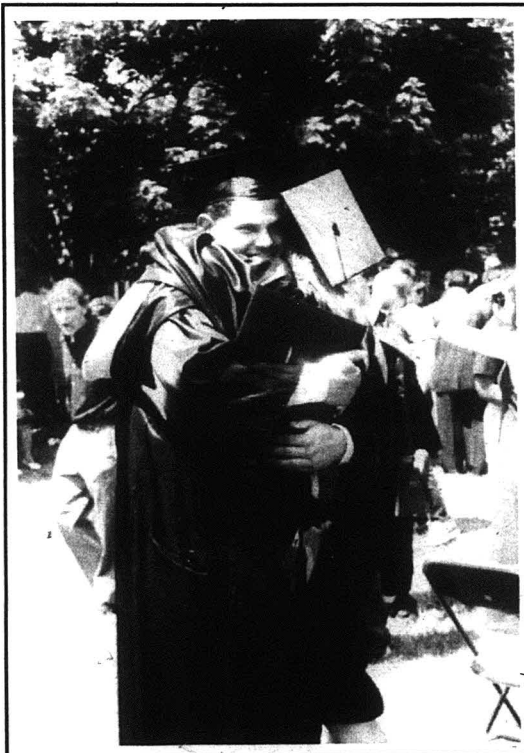
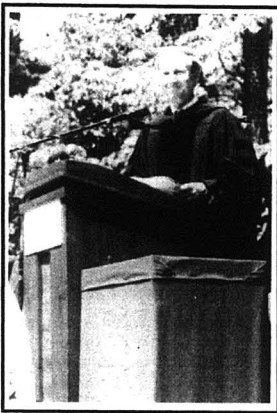
this college student's life. Caffeine was not the only demon I excised on campus. The high tech world of electronics has been the subject of more than one discussion. For instance, the evil of lost jobs due to ATMs and their 24-hour service while the best most human bank tellers can do is 18

# Graduation '96

Commencement ceremonies went smoothly on Mother's Day, May 12. Fortunately for everyone who attended, the

beautiful weather held. President Tribble presided over the ceremonies. Senator John Warner was on hand to give his

commencement speech. It was an enjoyable day for everyone. Best of luck to all the graduates.





# Should "Eraser" be deleted?

Film Review of the hit "Eraser"  
By Mike Leonard and Zack Moon

We went to see the movie "Eraser". I was expecting a film not very much different or better than "True Lies". What we got could be compared with Arnold's best work. Its plot was lacking, but what do you expect in an Schwarzenegger film? The stunts didn't break the laws of physics enough to make you think to yourself, "That's freaking impossible." It won't bring peace to the world or give a cure for cancer, but it is a fun "guy" film. Arnold snaps 15 necks and shoots twice as many people. Just the thing to keep testosterone filled college boys entertained for two hours.

**MIKE:** If you have been watching TV you might have seen clips of the gator since on the "Eraser" movie trailer. It was good special effects, but in some places the gators looked anatomically incorrect. Also the gators seemed to pause a number of times, and from what I know about gators when they attack they don't break for anything. Something else about the gators is that you could tell they were computer generated by the way they looked when wet. It just didn't look

right. Sorry guys, you might be able to bring dinosaurs to life, but you need to go back to the drawing board on the water effects.

**ZACK:** I agree on the point that the gators didn't seem very realistic. However, I can say that Arnold and Vanessa played their parts in the scene very well to make it as realistic as



possible.

Although, there were many scenes in the movie that didn't look very humanly possible, such as the thrilling, chilling airplane scene, overall, "Eraser" was a movie that kept me in suspense and anxious to see the next "neck breaking" scene.

**MIKE:** The painter guy from Murphy Brown was in the movie. His part could be compared to that of Tom Arnold's in "True Lies". Robert Pastorelli's character was like the comedy relief, but it wasn't as clowny as Tom Arnold's character. Pastorelli

played an ex-mobster, and I feel that he seemed too nice to have been a real wise-guy. When I think gangster I think of Joe Pesci giving "Do you think I'm some kind of clown?" speech. Other than that, it was a good part.

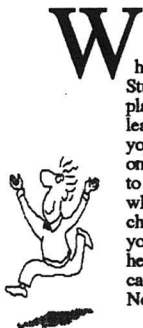
Some falls that Arnold takes would most likely have killed him, but it does look cool when it happens. For instance, the scene that is in all the trailers where Arnold jumps from the air plane after the parachute he lands hard on a car and smashes in the roof. Apparently, film makers haven't heard of impact trauma, but the following since is worth over looking this

impossibility.

**ZACK:** Overall, the movie "Eraser" was a very action packed film that may just be one of the summer's best hits. I can't say that "Eraser" is the best Arnold movie ever; that I leave in the hands of "Terminator 2". "Eraser" is still a movie that will keep you glued to your seats until the last explosive scene.



## Student Government. "Taking Pride In Our University"



Whatever your interests, the Student Government has a place for your skill and your leadership. As a Senator you will be asked to choose one of the SGA committees to serve on. Regardless of which committee you choose, you can be sure that your ideas and input will help shape the future of campus life at Christopher Newport University.

### SGA COMMITTEES

**Student Services  
Public Relations  
Human Relations  
Constitutional Review  
Elections  
Budget and Finance**

### Public Relations

This committee works with campus and local media to publicize Student Government elections, activities, and issues that may arise. This committee also regulates all posting on campus.

### Human Relations

This committee works to better human relations on campus through programs that focus on minority students, diversity, multiculturalism, and student health issues.

### Budget and Finance

This committee regulates and distributes over \$150,000 in Student Activity Fees to all eligible student organizations.



### Constitutional Review

This committee works with helping students form clubs and organizations on campus, as well as ensuring that all clubs abide by their constitution and by-laws.

### Elections

This committee plans, organizes, and monitors SGA Officer Elections, Homecoming Elections, and any other elections that may occur during the year.

### Student Services

This committee deals with issues related to student life and Student Organizations.

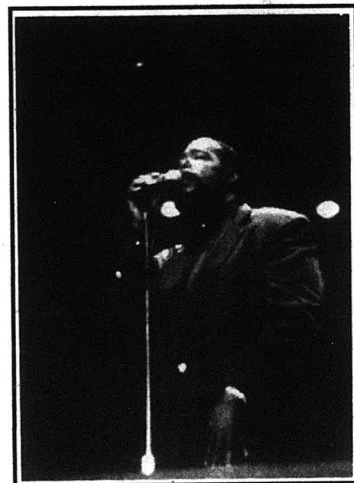
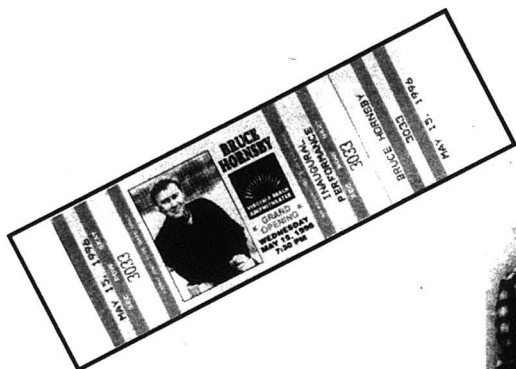


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## Summer of a Thousand Concerts

Hampton Roads experienced the full gamut this summer, from the crowd-pleasing Candle Box (left), to the "Love man" Barry White (below left). The Eagles (below right)

flew in for a rare visit and for true fans, a Bruce Hornsby ticket stub from the first concert at the new amphitheater is a real souvenir.



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# Cashing In On the "Greatest Ever"

By Eric Pesola  
Staff Writer

The Chicago Bulls have won yet another championship. They defeated the inexperienced Supersonics in six games, and rolled through the first three games. They looked a little older in games 4 and 5, when the Sonics ran them up and down the hardwood. But now, after the season has ended, the debate has begun. Are the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls the Greatest Team ever assembled in the National Basketball Association?

The Bulls have a lot going for them. They have Michael Jordan, arguably the best athlete alive, and one of the most talented hoopers to hit the court. They have the Worm. With his hair, tattoos and his book, it's a wonder why Dennis is still playing basketball, and not chatting with Howard Stern every morning. Rodman can rebound, and he can get players thrown out with the wink of one of his long lashes. They have that weirdo Coach Phil Jackson, who has outsmarted Pat Riley at every turn. The team is chock full of talent like All-Star Scottie Pippen, European great Toni Kucok, and Ron Harper. Harper wanted a ring bad enough to give up his scoring days that he enjoyed with the Clippers. The team had a lot, but did they have any real competition?

There was the Orlando Magic, who could've been a treat. But the Magic lost starters Dennis Scott and Nick Anderson to injuries early in the sweep. There were the New York Knickerbockers, and they had the speed nor the shot selection to beat a team like Chicago, and especially not under rookie coach Jeff Van Gundy.

In the West, there was The Jazz, the perennial Playoff loser. They looked good this year with their usual Malone/Stockton/Hornacek combination. They had no bench. The Spurs could've won a few more games in the playoffs, but in is clear that David Robinson needs more than Vinny Del Negro's streaky shot to get him to the big dance. Houston wanted it so bad that they could almost taste the Finals. For

the e Rockets it was sort of like a man in the desert: They could see the oasis in the distance, but they did not have enough energy left to get there. So, Houston collapsed, under their own weight.

All of these teams have one thing in common: they had no reliable benches. The reason for that is simple. Expansion has depleted the NBA so much that Robert Parrish is still playing. In the pre-expansion days, a player like Parrish would have been forced out long ago by players half his age... literally. Expansion

lower picks that turned into gems, such as Sam Cassell of the Rockets. Who would have ever thought that he would



contributed so much to Houston's championship run?

Chicago got around the lack of talent by tapping into a relatively new source. The Bulls went overseas to find Luc Longley and Toni Kucok, both added much to the Bulls roster. That's not Chicago's fault for being the smartest team

in the NBA, but because of expansion, they had no real competition.

Still don't believe me? Then think about it this way. Let's pretend that the NBA never expanded in 1988, 89, or 95. That means there would be no Hornets, Raptors, Grizzlies, T'Wolves, Heat, or Magic. Now, since we don't have these teams in the league, the stars of the expansion teams will now be stars on the

rest of the NBA teams.

Here are a few rosters that could've been:

The Phoenix Suns—at center we have Shaquille O'Neal, forward is Charles Barkley, small forward is Glenn Robinson, shooting guard is Dan Marjle, and at the point is Kevin Johnson. On the bench sits Danny Manning, Cedric Cebollous, Mugsy Bouges, and Kevin Garnett, among others.

If we were to check in on the Celtics we could see at center George Murisan, at power forward Larry Johnson, at small forward Charles Oakley, at shooting guard Dee Brown and at the point Anfernee Hardaway. On the bench we have... Well, I don't think that we need to look at the bench.

The point is, things would have been a lot tougher, night in and night out. The Bulls couldn't have won 72 games because the competition level would have been so much greater. In this season, the Bulls knew that they only had to prepare every few games, when they played an Orlando or a Laker team. They knew that they could just go on cruise control and let Jordan do his thing against Denver, Washington, and all of the other mediocre teams trying to stay ahead in the win column.

The 1995-96 Chicago Bulls will probably go down as the greatest team in NBA history, and the NBA will do its best to sell the Bulls as the greatest.

Why?

Merchandising! The NBA stands to make millions in t-shirt sales, hats, jackets, video games, jet fighters... or practically anything they can put the Bulls symbol along side a "greatest ever" logo. It's a proven fact that everyone loves a winner, and Americans are the biggest trendies that have ever walked the Earth. If it's not a winner, we won't touch it.

The Bulls will be marketed as the biggest winners of all time. Even if the Bulls aren't, the NBA will make hundreds of millions. The league will let us compare the '96 Bulls to the '86 Celtics or the any of the Chamberlain Laker squads... not to mention those great '76ers of long ago.

## CNU Sport Information Director makes every shot

By Kris Van Deusen  
Staff Writer

Another Christopher Newport University star has made yet another mark in athletics. No, it's not the basketball or track teams. It doesn't even involve a student, but student athletics is the reason why the Virginia College Sport's Information Directors Association (VaSID) honored Wayne Block, CNU's Sports Information Director (SID), with the 1995-96 Distinguished Service Award.

The award is intended to honor those in the state of Virginia who have promoted college athletics and the concept of the student athlete—including growth and development. The recipient must have been involved in college athletics for at least twenty years.

Block, the first SID to receive the award, is not unused receiving recognition

for his achievements. His athletic publications have garnered him 30 national awards from College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) including 11 "Best in the Nation" distinctions.

He also praised others for assisting him in his success including his wife, Linda. "She supports me so much," he added. "She has always been there to help me. And she's there to run the computers at the basketball games."

Another person Block gives a great deal credit to is his assistant, Jim Heath. "Jimmy's worked his butt off," said Block. "He's been a tremendous lift for the past three years."

Block's accomplishments began as Virginia Tech's Assistant SID in 1971. He returned to his home state of New York

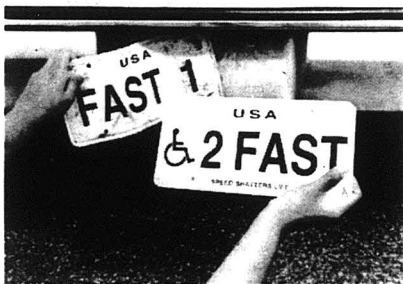
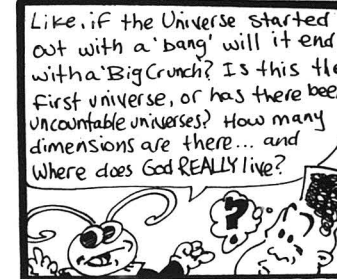
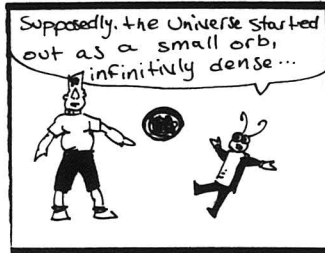
in 1975 to become the Director of C.W. Post's Sports Information. After a move to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for a two year stint, he came to CNU where he has been for the last 13 years. In that time he served on CoSIDA's Committee on committees for four years after four years on the computer committee and served two year terms as Vice-President of VaSID. He founded the CNU Athletic Hall of Fame and the Virginia State College Basketball Record Book, which he updates annually. Block also coordinates the annual VaSID College Division All-State Baseball Team and is now compiling the first VaSID baseball and softball record book.

In spite of his busy schedule, he still takes extra time to assist those needing information. "Mr. Block has made every

effort to help us in any way he can," said Assistant Sports Editor Chris Perry. "Whenever I have ever needed anything for The Captain's Log, Mr. Block has been there to help us out. He's great."

Even though his personal trophy case is quite full, Wayne Block considers this type of recognition from other SIDs across the state his most esteemed accolade.

He said, "receiving this kind of award from your peers is the highest honor I can ever imagine. I am truly grateful to VaSID and all of the people who have helped me over the years."



Don't ruin a perfectly good summer. Slow down.

