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Ships run aground: new organization, students clash over memorial

By Erin A. Zagursky
Staff Writer

Armed with cans of orange spray paint and proudly donning their orange Harley Davidson T-shirts with "I get it on my Harley" printed on the front and "48.7" printed on the back, the members of the still unofficial club "487" headed toward "The Ships" behind Santoro Hall on a mission.

A mission to exhibit some school spirit.

A mission to bring a few of the lesser-known CNU clubs to recognition.

A mission to start a tradition...

However, many of the students who witnessed 487 paint "The Ships" on that pleasant afternoon claim that the club members were instead on a mission of vandalism and disrespect for the dead.

"I looked out my window, and I saw some people painting the sails. I was like, 'Oh my gosh! They're vandalizing!'" said dormitory resident Robin Charles.

But Brant Cartwarth, president of 487, says that they were not vandalizing at all. "Amber Goodman had talked to President Tribble during one of his son's soccer games," said Cartwarth. "He told her to go ahead and paint the sails. So, we did."

Unfortunately, very few people knew about the president's approval of the sail painting, and many concerned students called the campus police when they saw the sails getting a make-over.

Cartwarth said, "When the campus police showed up, we told them that we had permission. They told us that they needed something in writing from the president, so we all hopped into a truck and went

over to President Tribble's house that night. He said that he'd write something for us because he really wanted to get a tradition started at CNU.

"We thought that we could do it every year and raffle the three sails off among the clubs. This year, we were going to start it by having a picnic and picking two of the hidden groups at CNU to help bring them into the open. But, due to some issues that were brought up during a RHA meeting, we were asked to wait and finish painting the sails on the weekend of the 20th."

Charles, one of the students who had seen the painting of the sails, later confronted Cartwarth about the original painting incident.

"I was told that 487 was given permission to paint the sails for school spirit, and that they invited the Blue Wave dancers and a frat to help them," Charles says. "I thought, well, that's pretty cool, until I learned about the story behind

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Native American Week, Nov. 15-19

The Multicultural Student Association sponsored a number of activities for Native American Week, including the event pictured above, the Indian Village set up in the Student Center Lounge on Nov. 15. MSA also sponsored a demonstration by the Eastern Thunder Dancers.

Photo by Erin Zagursky / The Captain's Log

Tieman wins humanitarian award

By Jenn Wenzel
Staff Writer

Anita Tieman, Education Doctor (Ed. D.) and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) was recently chosen to receive the Humanitarian and Caring Person award.

Tieman, who is currently acting Director of Career and Counseling has been working at the university as a counselor and also as the Associate Director of Career

and Counseling.

"I love this job," said Tieman. "It is the best job I have ever had."

In order to receive the award Tieman had to be nominated by the Peninsula Counselors Association. They put together a notebook that contained pictures and letters from President Paul Tribble, Director of Student Life, Donna Eddleman, students, private practices and many other people from Tieman's life.

"You don't know if you have had an impact in people's lives because you usually do not see them when they are doing well," said Tieman. "It is amazing what these people said about me."

Following the nomination from the local area, and after winning at the local level, Tieman's accomplishments went to the state-

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Cross country hits pay dirt in Dixie Conference.

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Phi Lam gets service award

The Pi Lambda Phi International Fraternity presented the university's chapter, Alpha Psi, with the William "Snap"

Melniker award, the fraternity's highest award for community service excellence. Alpha Psi won over 66 other chapters in the U.S. and Canada through such activities as the Polar Plunge, an elementary reading program, soup kitchen involvement, an annual Easter egg hunt and the Cardboard Village. "We're pretty elated," said Chapter President Mitch Casto. "It feels good to have done all this and get recognition for it."

NEWS BRIEFS

Keeling in book battle

English professor Dr. Kara Keeling has been brought in to add her expertise to a book banning battle brewing in the York County school system over Robert Cormier's "The Chocolate War," the story of a student who learns about individuality from his stance against both school authorities and peers. Parents in Grafton High's school district object to the book's profanity, violence and sexually suggestive situations. Keeling teaches the novel in her adolescent literature course and published an article in the Winter 1999 edition of the ALAN Review about the book and its status as a contemporary tragedy. She was asked by York County School District Assistant Superintendent Valerie Taylor to participate in a committee dealing with York County parents' appeal of an initial school board decision that "The Chocolate War" should be taught in the classroom. Keeling said she advises her students that "they should teach it because it's one of the most moral books I've ever read, even though it might not seem so at first glance."

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday, November 29

Tree Lighting and Sing-a-Long
Front of Santoro Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

OCCS Seminar - "Stress Management"
SC 146, 12:15 p.m.
Super Speakers - Dr. Bill and Kathy McGee
Gaines Theatre, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

OCCS Seminar - "Resume"
SC 146, 2 p.m.
OCCS Seminar - "Interview"
SC 146, 3 p.m.
Kwanzaa Celebration
SC 150, 6 p.m.
CNU University Opera
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

OCCS Seminar - "Resolving Conflicts"
SC 146, 12:15 p.m.

Friday, December 3

Fall Undergraduate Research Conference
Gosnold 111, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Holiday Happenings 1999
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 4

Classes End!!!

Sunday, December 5

No Events Scheduled

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the sails."

In 1976, after designing and constructing almost all of CNU's original buildings, architect Forrest W. Coile Jr. was murdered. The members of his architectural firm, Forrest Coile and Associates (FOCAS), wanted to memorialize the work Coile did at CNU since it was the last piece of architecture that he worked on prior to his death.

FOCAS commissioned a local artist to construct "The Ships," which, when finished, were placed on the lawn just outside of the Captain John Smith library. The memorial remained there until the fountain took their place at the beginning of the semester and "The Ships" were relocated behind Santoro Hall.

Charles said this story inspired her to speak out against the ship painting at a recent SGA meeting that President Tribble attended. Charles said that Tribble at first just brushed off her objections to the ship painting.

"He said, 'they're ugly, painting them can only make them better,'" says Cartworth. But, after the meeting, Charles was told by Director of Residential Life,

Scott Salsberry that President Tribble decided the ships would "be cleaned and then left alone because it will be a memorial."

But Brant thinks that Charles and others are using the memory of Coile as an excuse to keep 487 from rising too quickly among the ranks of CNU's clubs.

"In the SGA meeting, it was said that Coile was 'tragically murdered,' but what really happened was he was caught in adultery, and his wife shot him," Cartworth says. "What the real problem seems to be is that we're coming in and we're coming in on top. We've just started, and already we've been able to go and make things happen. People are trying to backstab us because of that. It's really childish."

However, Cartworth will not let this opposition slow down 487's evolution. "We've written a constitution, and now we're just waiting to become an official club," Cartworth said. "We're basically just an organization that wants to reach out into the school body and work on personal relationships. We want to bring out the full potential of people out there."

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wide competition. The award was presented to Tieman in Williamsburg at the Virginia Counselors Association State Convention.

Along with the Humanitarian and Caring Person Award, two other awards are also given by the Peninsula Counselors Association. The awards are Counselors of the Year and LifeTime Service Award. Tieman feels she got the best one.

"Of all three awards, Humanitarian and Caring Person Award is the best," said Tieman. "It is the one I wanted to get."

While Tieman is thrilled with her accomplishment, she swears she hasn't always been the person she is today.

"I haven't always been this humanitarian and caring," said Tieman. "Life is like

fine wine, it gets better with time."

Last year, Tieman was chosen as Outstanding Administrator and received the Outstanding Administrator Award.

"By far, this award is the best award I've ever received," said Tieman. "The students voted for it. It means the most to me."

Tieman has two philosophies of counseling.

"My philosophy of counseling is if you love a person long enough, they'll get well," said Tieman. "Also, everyone has a story to tell, a divine spark. Connect with that spark, then a person can't be anything but humanitarian and caring."

Tieman wants to thank everyone for the support and letters.

SGA: An eye toward future semesters

There were no controversial debates or special guests at the latest Student Government Association meeting, although the Nov. 17 gathering did mark the return of Secretary (and former President) Tamara Pool, who has been busy with student teaching all semester.

Lisa Langham, student auditor, announced that the SGA will be conducting audits of the 18 funded organizations on campus. According to Langham, she will simply be comparing her spreadsheets with each organizations' account records and working with the organizations to reconcile any differences. This is an "informal" audit, said Langham.

New SGA Entertainment Chair Josh Mahler announced the formation of an entertainment committee to help him come up with creative ideas for on-campus events next semester.

Mahler said the SGA hopes to continue with the popular karaoke night and add some open mic nights that will "promote student talent -- comedy, poetry, singing."

Additionally, he said "we want to do some crazy stuff."

These possibilities include a round robin video game tournament on the Student Center Lounge's big screen television, a dodgeball tournament in the gym and a "Casino Night," with games like go fish and war.

The Homecoming Committee has chosen "Discovering New Treasures" as the theme to this year's Homecoming festivities. The announcement provoked a number of dissatisfied reactions from the crowd,

prompting Vice President of University Relations Nathan Berry to retort, "You should have heard the alternatives."

The Homecoming Committee is requesting \$8000 to fund the event, including \$2500 for food (bonfire, spirit lunch, ice cream social), \$2300 for publicity, \$2100 for novelties (tee-shirts, glow sticks, crowns for king and queen, prizes for various contests), \$500 for flowers (for homecoming court, President and Mrs. Tribble), \$400 for music (DJ and CNU Jazz Band) and a \$200 miscellaneous category (fire extinguishers for bonfire and others).

Senator Scott Lancaster expressed his desire to start a campus radio station. According to Lancaster, the communications department is in the process of building a communications lab, which will consist of three parts.

The first two areas would allow students to audio tape and video tape speeches for playback and study. The communications department, said Lancaster, is undetermined about the third portion. Lancaster hoped to convince the communication department and the administration to use that area for a radio station.

"There's a good possibility we could get one," said Lancaster, who has been discussing the matter with communications professors.

Lancaster said the station could be on the air as soon as fall and could broadcast basketball games and live events, as well as music.

The senators voted almost overwhelmingly in favor of a committee to brainstorm ideas for the radio station and pursue its development on campus.

A Weekly Look At Campus Crime

By William Lee
Campus Correspondent - Western Illinois University

PHOENIX (TMS) - Former Arizona State basketball player Stevin "Hedake" Smith was sentenced to one year in prison Monday for participating in a point-shaving scandal during the 1993-94 season that was supposed to help him erase gambling debts.

U.S. District Judge Robert C. Broomfield also sentenced Smith to three years of probation, fined him \$8,000 and prohibited him from gambling. Smith pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sports bribery in 1997. He was ordered to surrender to federal authorities to start serving his sentence by Dec. 13.

Prosecutors said Smith fixed four games because he wanted to erase a \$10,000 gambling debt he owed to Benny Silman, the scheme's ringleader. Smith was paid roughly \$100,000 for the first three games, and he never received the \$50,000 he was to get for the fourth.

Silman, who arranged the point shaving with Smith, is serving a 46-month prison sentence. Isaac Burton Jr., the only other player to be indicted, was sentenced in June to two months in jail, six months of home detention and three years' probation. He received \$4,300 from Smith to help shave points in two of the games.

Smith's attorney asked the court for probation, citing Smith's cooperation with authorities, his decision not to shave points during the fifth game as planned and his inability to play professionally overseas this year. But Broomfield said he couldn't be that lenient given the damage Smith caused to ASU's reputation.

PEORIA, Ill. (TMS) — When Bradley University's Men's basketball team takes the floor for an exhibition game this week, they will be without backup center Reggie Hall, who was suspended indefinitely after being arrested when he tried to enter a Peoria bar with a teammate's driver's license.

According to the Bradley Scout, an employee at the bar became suspicious when the photo on the ID given to him by Hall, 19, did not resemble Hall. Police later said Hall apparently was using teammate Angelo Flanders' license to gain admission. Hall refused to leave the bar after the employee confiscated the ID, which prompted the employee to summon police.

Hall faces charges of unlawful use of a driver's license and misrepresentation of age by a minor, according to the Bradley Scout. "We expect them to stay out of nightclubs," Jim Molanari, BU men's basketball coach said.

Flanders was not suspended, but was reprimanded, Molanari said. BU's starting forward, Jerome Robinson, also was suspended from this week's game after violating a team rule unrelated to Hall's arrest, the Scout reported.

HOUSTON, (TMS) — A retired professor at the University of Houston found himself the victim of crime after being robbed by two unknown assailants near the campus. The professor, whose name has not been released, was out for a morning walk on Nov. 13 when he noticed he was being followed by two people in a maroon car, according to the Daily Cougar.

One of the suspects then exited the car and after shoving the professor to the ground, demanded money. The assailant, reportedly made off with \$25 cash, credit cards and driver's license. The professor, who was not injured during the encounter, was unable to give enough evidence to do a composite sketch, but Houston police are still investigating.

Campus Life

Bestselling author Reynolds shares work in progress

By Steve Flemming, Jr.
Staff Writer

Though some might consider being a female writer a challenge, author Sheri Reynolds does not see it as a problem. "My gender is not what makes my job hard," said Reynolds. "Finding the time to write is the hard part."

An intelligent woman with a distinctive southern accent, Reynolds, an Old Dominion University professor and author of the novels "Rapture of Canaan" and "Gracious Plenty", spoke in Anderson Auditorium on Nov. 16.

The author read an excerpt from a work in progress that will be called "The Widow Luncheon." The book, which takes place in the rural south, is inspired by real events in her family.

The main incident Reynolds said inspired her work was when two cousins played a game of chicken that went wrong. During the game, the two young teenagers drove their cars head on to see which one would swerve first.

However, neither of them did, leaving one dead and the other severely injured. "So many of my boy cousins died senseless deaths - drowning, getting shot and things like that - and it really made me think," said Reynolds.

While she has been working to complete "The Widow Luncheon," Reynolds has enjoyed the success of "Rapture of Canaan" and "Gracious Plenty," both of which have received some of the highest honors a book can earn.

"Rapture of Canaan" was a featured book on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" as a part of the talk show host's book club, and in turn landed near the top of "The New York Times" bestseller list. Though indeed a great complement, Reynolds admits it is not as glorious as it may seem.

"It was hard being a private person and then all of a sudden being made public," said Reynolds. "I was the same writer before, and it was the same book." Reynolds went on to add that she wants her writing, her choices, and her ideas to define who she is and the quality of her work - not society.

In addition, the rights to "Gracious Plenty" were sold



Right: Reynolds read from her new project, "The Widow Luncheon" Tuesday, Nov. 16. Above: The crowd in Anderson Auditorium eagerly purchased copies of Reynolds previous novels, "Rapture in Canaan" and "Gracious Plenty" for the author to sign following her reading.

Photos by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

to Universal Studios. A book about a female burn victim, the screenplay is a bit different - it changes the victim from a female to a male, and her sidekick from male to female. The location of the story changed as well, from the south to northern California.

Reynolds said the changes were hard to deal with at first, but she realizes that books and movies are not meant to be the same. "A book and a movie have different jobs and different audiences," said Reynolds. She also said that she has not read the screenplay, because it may stir up many other "issues" within her.

In regard to the art of writing, Reynolds described it as a

continual growth process. For example, a character she adapted during her college days is now, 12 years later, mature enough to convey the ideas Reynolds had in mind for her.

"I have a lot of ideas I have not grown into yet," said Reynolds. "There are things I could not write for 10 years unless something major happens to me."

Characters Reynolds creates are not identifiable as any one person - they are pieces of people, including herself. "There is a little bit of me in all of my characters," said Reynolds.

Reynolds shows no signs of slowing down, and that may be because she is willing to take chances. "I always teach my students to take risks," said Reynolds. "They should not ever get used to doing the same thing."

Student editor defends published, unpublished photos

By Christine Tatum
TMS Campus

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (TMS) — Student journalists at California State University at Sacramento are under fire on campus and off for running a front-page photograph of two white police officers arresting a Latino man during a recent football game.

David Sommers, editor-in-chief of The State Hornet, appeared before student government representatives Wednesday to explain why they should reject a proposed resolution that the newspaper issue a front-page apology.

About 150 students demonstrated last month in front of the Hornet's offices, faulting the newspaper for perpetuating ethnic stereotypes when it ran a photograph of police putting 21-year-old Victor Chavez in a chokehold. Protesters said the photo was especially insulting because it ran two weeks after Chavez' Sept. 18 arrest.

Police said they moved in on Chavez, who is not a student at CSU-Sacramento, because he was fighting in the stands with two other men. Chavez was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and battery.

Chavez' attorneys also saw the photograph and convinced a judge to order the newspaper to turn over all documents and photographs — published and unpublished — relating to the arrest. Sommers is expected in court Nov. 23 to explain why he won't comply with the subpoena.

"We would be turning over evidence for law enforcement, and that is not the role of the newspaper," he said. "If the lawyers want that information, they need to come up with a way to get it on their own. There were 20,000 people in the stands that day — many of whom witnessed the fight and had their names published in our paper."

"If we go into reporting a story and our sources realize that we have at any time in

history turned over unpublished film or notes to the courts, we'll have a bias on our heads that will never go away. We will have compromised our ability to go out there and do our jobs."

State law may be on Sommers' side. Last week, the California Supreme Court ruled that state shield laws protecting journalists provide absolute immunity from contempt charges resulting from journalists' refusal to provide prosecutors with un-aired portions of videotape. Sommers hopes that ruling also goes for camera film and reporters' notes.

"I'm confident, but I'm not taking anything for granted," he said.

As for the students' complaints, Sommers said the newspaper has tried twice to meet with protesters. Both times, he said, they backed out at the last minute.

Representatives of the student group — which is not formally recognized on campus — have refused to provide their last

names to the newspaper. Efforts to reach a professor who serves as an informal adviser for the group were unsuccessful.

Sommers said the newspaper chose to run the photograph when it did for two reasons. The first, he said, was that an alumnus who witnessed the confrontation between Chavez and police asked university officials two weeks later to establish a task force that would explore better ways for the institution to deal with outbreaks of violence during large campus events.

"What is seen in the photo is what prompted that gentleman to act," Sommers said.

The second reason, Sommers said, was that a man injured in another fight that erupted during the game died. The photo of Chavez accompanied a story about the man's death and the university's concern about a string of violent outbursts during campus events.

Supreme Court Struggles To Decide Student Fee Issue

By Jan Crawford Greenburg
Chicago Tribune

In a case that could determine how universities support campus organizations and activities, a divided Supreme Court struggled Tuesday to decide whether students can be forced to help fund groups that are at odds with their beliefs.

The case comes from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where a group of conservative students sued to stop their activity fees from going to organizations they found objectionable, such as the International Socialist Organization, the Campus Women's Center and the Madison AIDS Support Network.

Jordan Lorence, the students' lawyer, argued Tuesday that the university violated their First Amendment rights by forcing them to fund private organizations that engage in political and ideological speech they oppose.

"Students have a First Amendment right not to speak," he told the justices. "If not, an African-American student can be compelled to support the Ku Klux Klan."

But Susan Ullman, a Wisconsin assistant attorney general, framed the issue quite differently. The university is not violating the students' First Amendment rights, she said, but is furthering the First Amendment rights of all students by encouraging groups to express their views.

"The University of Wisconsin, like public and private universities across the country, has long had and encouraged a wide range of student activities," she said. "This furthers the university's mission and First Amendment values."

At issue are two different takes on the First Amendment, which protects the right to speak freely, as well as the right not to speak. For example, a state can't force a student to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or punish a motorist for blocking the slogan "Live Free or Die" on a license plate.

The students are relying on Supreme Court cases involving mandatory payment

of union dues and bar association dues to bolster their argument. In those situations, the court has ruled that those groups can collect mandatory dues, but they can't spend an objecting member's dues for ideological activities that fall outside the group's purpose.

A federal appeals court in Chicago saw the student fee case similarly, ruling that students should be able to opt out if they chose.

Justice David Souter appeared skeptical of Ullman's argument that the university, by collecting the money, simply was creating a forum for students to exchange diverse views. He noted that more than 70 percent of the student groups don't get such funding.

He asked why the court couldn't view the case as similar to other funding decisions universities make, such as the selection of classes and invitation of speakers.

Ullman said the difference was that students handled the disbursement of fees, and that the university itself wasn't speaking.

About \$15 of the \$166.50 in fees paid by students each semester in 1995-96 was distributed among more than 180 student groups. With an enrollment of 30,000 students, that created a fund each semester of about \$450,000.

The groups got the money through the school's student government organization and through the General Student Services Fund, which administers grants to organizations such as the Campus Women's Center. The students opposed 17 of those groups.

The justices appeared sensitive to the impact their ruling would have on student groups, particularly those that may fall out of favor with a majority of students.

Justice John Paul Stevens asked whether a student newspaper taken over by socialist students could be at risk of losing funding if the court sided with the students.

Lorence acknowledged the possibility, which was a concern the Student Press Law Center raised in court papers. It had argued that student newspapers would be confronted with countless threats of funding cuts for writing political editorials.

Microsoft ruled monopoly

By Bill & Theresa Sellers
Staff Writers

Two earth-shaking legal rulings have rumbled in the last several weeks. Several others are in the making.

The gavel came down on Microsoft as the "findings of fact" ruling of federal judge Thomas Penfield Jackson was released on November 5th. In the anti-trust case brought by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Judge Jackson ruled that Microsoft is indeed a monopoly, and its actions have damaged growth throughout the entire computer industry. "Through its conduct toward Netscape, IBM, Compaq, Intel and others, Microsoft has demonstrated that it will use its prodigious market power and immense profits to harm any firm that insists on pursuing initiatives that could intensify competition against one of Microsoft's core products," the ruling said. "The ultimate result is that some innovations

that would truly benefit consumers never occur for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft's self-interest."

Legal experts opined that this ruling does not bode well for Microsoft. If the DOJ wins its case, the court has several options. The most likely course of action is to break up Microsoft into several companies, as was done with AT&T. Some legal experts believe that Microsoft should settle now and seek a compromise.

In an interview with Time magazine on Nov. 14, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates insisted on the right to determine what goes into Windows.

"The only thing that we know for sure that would be bad for consumers is anything that blocked us from being able to innovate Windows, or anything that made it so that when people buy Windows they don't know what is in it," said Gates. Gates also mentioned that he was open to settling the case. "We'd love to resolve this thing, and we're going to be pragmatic about it," Gates told Time.

In a separate landmark case, a Wash-

ington State district judge ordered a first-ever precedent that may have chilling implications for constitutional free speech. The judge ruled under a recently amended anti-harassment which now includes e-mail and newsgroup posts as prohibited harassment. The judge took this action to end a six month flurry of personal assaults, or "flamewar," in the Usenet group Rec.Skiing.Alpine.

UCLA professors are upset at cyberspace start-up study24-7.com, owned by Collegiate Media Management Inc. For free, students can view other students' notes at their web site. The professors are steamed, claiming a violation of

their intellectual property rights. The Collegiate Media claims that the notes are the interpretation of a professor's material, not the actual material itself. The underlying issue is whether professors have the right to control class notes. Collegiate Media adds that professors are missing the

point. Their site is encouraging students to participate in online discussions on class topics, not just posting class notes. Collegiate Media claims that they are helping the learning process.

Electronic mail advocates are fuming at a double cross by electronic mail marketers. Founding members of the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial E-mail (CAUCE) and representatives from the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) met last December to reach an accord for managing unsolicited e-mail, or "spam," on the Internet. The DMA felt the agreement was a suggestion, and discounted the meeting. The leaders of CAUCE plan to lobby congress for a remedy to spam. "I think that ultimately we'll see legislation that will combine the best of all current pending legislation, that gives both consumers and [Internet Service Providers] the means of protecting themselves from unwanted ads, and gives them legal recourse if their wishes are not respected. That's the bottom line," said Ray Everett-Church, a founding member of CAUCE.



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Marcy Playground more derivative than original

By Steve Flemming, Jr.
Staff Writer

There is really not a whole lot to say about Marcy Playground's latest album, "Shapeshifter." I sat at my desk for quite some time trying to think of possible connections or comparisons I could apply - but to no avail. Though this album is not bad in any way, there really is not a lot to comment on. Unfortunately, what I can say is that it demonstrates just how interchangeable many bands and singers are in this day and time.

Named after an elementary school, Marcy Playground made a name for themselves last year with the big hit "Sex and Candy" from their eponymous debut album. A return to their spirited style of alternative pop, "Shapeshifter" is a thoroughly entertaining but very derivative album. It may be a little short (just shy of a full 50 minutes), but it makes up for that with a solid collection of songs.

Like contemporaries Third Eye Blind and Eve 6, the trio comes across with strong pop appeal without losing the edge established by artists before them. With the somewhat nondescript lead vocals of guitarist John Wozniak, the selections on the album cover a broad range of subject matter.

The album opener, "It's Saturday," opens with some jubilant yodeling. A song about what adventures lie ahead on everybody's favorite day of the week probably could not have started any other way, right? Nonetheless, the three-minute romp, with Wozniak's volleying lead vocals, is just the right vehicle to get the ball rolling.

An ode to the red, white and blue,

"America" is bland and spirited at the same time. The excitement about the promise of the U.S. is somewhat understated, but very obvious. However, lines like "Climbed up into the Liberty and looked out over Manhattan/He swore he could see the beauty there/and he said ooo ooo oh I never wanna leave," seem more like sarcastic pokes at the country rather than something serious.

Many of the other songs on this album provoke thought - not because they are complex in lyrical content, but because they are so simple. "Sunday Mail" (I'm just out here in the street, practically/ I'm just waitin' for the Sunday mail/ Oooo it never comes oooo) is delivered in a faceless, sort of deadpan way, while "Love Bug" (Here is love bug found in heaven/Yeah, love bug is blind and one of a kind) is sung with such intensity that you want to "look inside" for the

bug that's "glowing bright bright red" as the song advises.

"Our Generation" brings things to a close. Aimed at the "free to be you and me generation," the song speaks of the confusion and promise that define the young people of today, and how much they have to offer the world. Despite being a little on the clichéd side, it could easily be seen as one of "Shapeshifter's" best moments.

As I said before, this is a good album - but any rock band on the market today could have performed it. The influence of bands such as Pearl Jam is evident; that is not necessarily a bad thing, but it casts the originality of their work into question. Though it may not sound like I think so, "Shapeshifter" is worth a listen.



**MUSIC
REVIEW**

**Marcy
Playground**
"Shapeshifter"
Capitol Records

'House on Haunted Hill' fun horror flick

By Jamee Fowler
Staff Writer

Every year, Hollywood releases a certain number of remakes, normally poor remakes, that continually prove to us that Hollywood is quickly running out of original ideas. Jan De Bont's "The Haunting" comes to mind. Chris O'Donnell's new movie "The Bachelor"...how could anyone think that remaking a Buster Keaton classic would be a good idea?

"House on Haunted Hill" is another remake. It is by no means a quality film, but it does have the potential to give you a nightmare or two.

"House on Haunted Hill" is a remake of a 1958 Vincent Price movie of the same name. Vincent Price played Frederick Loren, a man who offered a certain amount of money to anyone who was willing to spend a night in a house rumored to be haunted.

Director William Castle was able to get a good scare out of his audience by deploying a glow-in-the-dark skeleton that would emerge from behind the movie screen and fly over the heads of the audience members.

This year's "House on Haunted Hill" adds a new twist to the plot. Now, the ghosts are real.

In this version, Famke Janssen plays Evelyn Price, the unfaithful wife of famed amusement park owner Steven Price, who is played by Oscar-winner Geoffrey Rush.

Evelyn and Steven have a less than happy marriage. One could even say that they downright hate each other.

Mrs. Price decides that she wants to have her birthday party in the infamous house on Haunted Hill. It is infamous because in the early part of the century it was used as an insane asylum and run by a sadist (Jeffery Combs from "The Frighteners"). One night, a fire broke loose and the doctor employed the "lock-down" mechanism, which sealed all of the windows and doors in the house. All but five people burned to death.

The lovely Mrs. Price decides that this is the place where she wants to have her birthday party. She gives her guest list to her husband, who promptly shreds it and starts to compose his own. However, there is a "technical error" and the invitations are sent out to a few complete strangers. Upon entering the house, the lock-down mechanism is employed and everyone is trapped in a house full of angry ghosts till morning.

Granted, there are some campy effects and cheesy lines, but overall "House on Haunted Hill" is not as ambitious as this summer's "The Haunting"; it only has one goal, and that is to scare the audience and have fun doing it.

After adding Geoffrey Rush's excellent impression of Vincent Price to this mixture, "House on Haunted Hill" is simply a fun horror flick, and definitely worth seeing.

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Music

"Black on Both Sides"
- Mos Def
(Rawkus Records)

Underground hip-hop icon Mos Def is striking out on his own. On his debut solo effort, "Black on Both Sides," he flexes the lyrical muscles that have made him one of Rawkus Records' premiere attractions. The rapper got his first taste of major exposure alongside Talib Kweli via "Mos Def and Talib Kweli are Black Star." Though Rawkus has been one of the most consistent "underground" labels in recent years, Mos Def just may push them into the mainstream. The album has its fair share of radio-friendly tracks in the "Ms. Fat Booty" vein, but there are some excursions into some interesting territory. "Umi Says" features Mos Def's Wyclef-esque vocals (yes, vocals), while "New World Water" is a classic "conspiracy theory" song. No album on the Rawkus label would be complete without taking a few jabs at music's most commercial artists, and "Got" is popular artist bashing at its finest. He even rakes rock bands like Limp Bizkit over the coals on "Rock n Roll." A nice debut, "Black on Both Sides" is just the right vehicle to take Mos Def and Rawkus to the top.

Movie

"Being John Malkovich"
(USA Films)

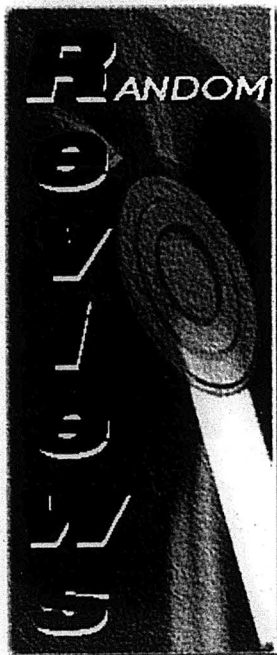
"Being John Malkovich" is the most bizarre, unorthodox movie you will ever see. Throw all preconceived ideas out of your head and get ready for the mind twisting head trip of your life. "BJM" follows starving puppeteer Craig Schwartz (John Cusack) into his new job as a filer in a vertically challenged office located on the seventh and a half floor of a New York business building. Here, Craig discovers a secret portal that delivers its occupant into actor John Malkovich's brain, where one remains until being ejected onto the New Jersey Turnpike. Craig eventually involves his coworker Maxine (Catherine Keener), the office ice queen with whom Craig is smitten, and his wife Lotte (Cameron Diaz), a disheveled, dizzy animal nut, in the portal. What ensues is a jumble of mixed-up emotions and confused identities. Not only is "BJM" a visually striking movie (with its miniature office sets and the grotesquely hilarious scene where Malkovich enters his own brain), it bends, stretches and altogether distorts our paradigms of identity and how we deal with each other as a result of those identities. Both funny and thought-provoking, "BJM" is worth it just for the thrill of it.

Website

Campus Community
(www.collegestudent.com)

Well, I was going to review the new CNU bookstore page, but the colors that loaded when I first accessed the page prompted me to find some sort of escape, which brought me to a link to "collegestudent.com: Your Local Online Campus Community." This site is delightfully laid out and easy on the eyes, offering a variety of options for every kind of student. The opening page has up-to-date college and national information, along with interesting advice links from "Ask Dick," and "Ask Jane." This page also offers a college chat and if you get an error connecting it understands and shares your frustration. (check it out). collegestudents.com offers an almost mini msn.com approach, offering up a plethora of information geared directly for students like you and me. There are links to a calendar, shopping sites, housing info, love advice, and roommates. According to the site's horoscope for me, "[I'm not] likely to reverse a decision" and I've decided to suggest that should check it out.

This week's Random Reviews were contributed by Tim Cline (website), Jessica Daggett (movie) and Steve Flemming, Jr. (music)



Home-schooled student finds pleasure in violin, religion

By Shelly Noren
Staff Writer

If you hear the melodies of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms filtering into the room, violinist Joanna Betz just might be near.

The 19-year-old junior has taken violin lessons since she was three.

"My mom tells me that ever since I could talk I would beg her to let me take violin lessons...I love [playing] even more than I did a few years ago," said Betz.

She works at Colonial Williamsburg performing for a dance ensemble and in restaurants fiddling. Betz also performs privately as a violinist at weddings occasionally. The difference is not in the instrument, but in the style of music. A fiddler plays folk music, while a violinist plays classical music. She adds that she would like to be known as a violinist.

Betz was born in Great Falls, Montana, but grew up in Newport News since the age of six. She was home-schooled until she began college at age 16.

"Sometimes I like to say that my first day of school was the day I went to college," she said.

Betz's parents decided to home-school her older brother after they saw a negative change in him in public school. When Betz was school age, they didn't try public school again.

Taught mostly by her mother, Betz began doing schoolwork on her own around age ten. In seventh grade, she began seeing a math tutor. She took the placement tests at Thomas Nelson Community College the

summer before her 11th grade year and was admitted.

The only area where Betz felt slightly unprepared was in college-level math and science. She said, "I think this was because I jumped into college sooner than I anticipated."

Betz's experiences as a home-schooled student have been positive and she would definitely recommend it for kids today.

"Not only does it tend to create an appetite for learning," said Betz, "but students who are home-schooled don't have to deal so much with peer pressure found at school. It's not for everyone, particularly because it requires lots of dedication on the part of the parents."

Betz strongly disagrees with the mentality that home-schooled students have more difficulty adjusting to a classroom setting. "Many friends of mine who were home-schooled are actually more mature than students of the same age in public schools," she said.

Now majoring in music with a concentration in violin performance, Betz had originally chosen horticulture, which was one of the reasons she chose this school. CNU is one of the two universities in the state that offers a horticulture degree. She also likes the small school atmosphere and the fact that she's close to home.

Betz said, "CNU is a very warm and hospitable place where I feel comfortable going to professors to ask for help. It is also nice being able to walk across campus and see several people you know. On a big campus, that wouldn't be as likely." Since she decided to switch majors, it will take about



Before Betz began her musical study as a violinist, she was interested in horticulture, which is why she came to CNU.

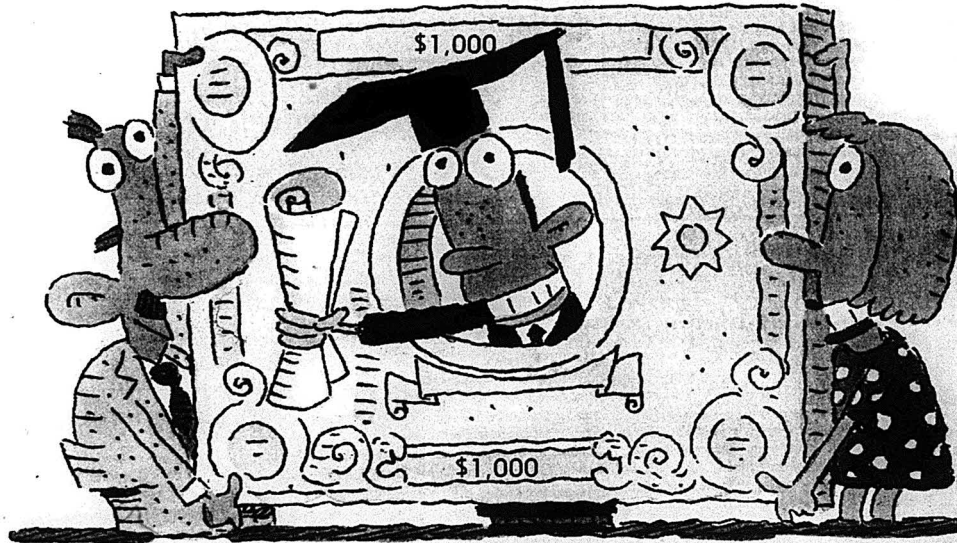
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two and a half years for her to graduate.

Immediately after graduating with her music degree, Betz plans to go on a two-year Bible training study. Although she's not planning on earning a doctorate, she has considered getting her masters degree. After that, she's keeping her options open in choosing a career. "I might like to eventually teach violin privately or occasionally play in a professional string quartet or an orchestra," she said.

Throughout her journey in school, she has had someone to count on during the difficult times. Betz said, "The biggest role model in my life has been the Lord Jesus Christ. He's the One whose pattern I am learning to follow, not by my own endeavor but by allowing Him to work within me."

An avid gardener, Betz enjoys working outside and planning her "dream garden." She also likes painting, drawing, reading and spending time with her friends.



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By Dave Gosselin

Who's number one?

Its getting down to that time of the year again when the college football champion is decided.

For all of you out there that don't know me, my favorite college is the University of Arkansas, who just happen to be bowl eligible. But since they are not in the hunt for the national title, I won't mention them anymore until basketball season starts.

As for my pick for the national champion, I am torn between the top two teams. I have always liked Florida State, and I have always liked Virginia Tech because I hate the University of Virginia. Mainly; I like Tech because of my personal ties to the school.

It is interesting to see how the Bowl Championship Series teams will be determined.

I am still confused on how it all works, but it seems to be logical, as long as it is fair.

The average of both the ESPN/USA Today Poll and the Associated Press Poll are used in determining the ranking. They then take the ranking from eight different computer rankings, strength of schedule and losses.

With all this, they get a ranking. FSU is first with 2.64 points and Tech is second with 6.30 points.

What is really interesting is whether or not FSU defeated Florida. The game will have already been played when this comes out. If FSU loses, Florida will move ahead of FSU, and could move ahead of Tech due to strength of schedule. Nebraska could sneak back in there also because of their schedule strength.

I do like this BCS thing because it takes the best teams and puts them together to play in the championship game.

This is a lot better than the old way in trying to decide a champion where the conferences were matched up against each other in bowl games potentially matching up the number one team versus the number six team, which has no bearing in deciding a final champion.

I do know one thing for sure, whichever teams are in the championship game should give the viewers a good show.

To be honest with you, I hope Tech wins so that they can gain some respect from all the opposition out there. Even though they play an easy schedule, they are making a name for themselves in the world of college football.

The Hokies take on Boston College and Temple in their final two games, and I hope that FSU doesn't lose to Florida or to any other team so that we can have a great game in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

SPORTS

Both cross country teams run to victory

By Dave Gosselin
Staff Writer

Two teams, two championships. The men's and women's cross country teams both came away with perfect scores from the Dixie Conference meet, each winning championships.

At the beginning of the year, Title IX wasn't expected to do much for our teams. "Title IX had no impact on our season whatsoever," Head Coach Keith Maurer said.

The men totally dominated the Dixie Conference meet this year by finishing in the top eight spots.

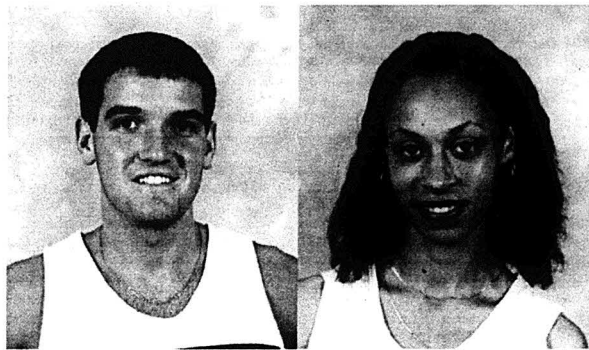
The men's team qualified for the NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regional Cross Country Championship and placed third among 19 teams.

Senior Andy Riley was CNU's top finisher placing fifth in 26:48. Riley was one place and three seconds off qualifying for the national championship, but did earn All-Region honors. Senior John Leggett finished 11th in 27:24 and freshman Matt Sinclair was 12th in 27:26. Both earned All-Region honors as well.

The men's team placed two other runners in the top 45. Senior C.L. George was 36th in 28:19 and freshman Chris Chappell was 42nd in 28:29.

"I was extremely pleased with how they ran this year," Maurer said of his men. "It was a positive experience with a team that has set the standards for the future."

They have only three seniors this year, which means the majority of their runners return. With Riley, Leggett and George being seniors, only two of their top five will return.



Senior Andy Riley and freshman Danielle Mahoney led the men's and women's cross country teams to Dixie Conference championships this year

Photos courtesy of Sports Information

"We return everyone for next year along with some new recruits who we hope will come next fall," Maurer said.

As for the women, they experienced success in the Dixie Conference as well. They placed five runners in the top five spots.

They fell three points short of qualifying for regionals as a team but did send one woman as a representative from the team. Freshman Danielle Mahoney earned All-Region honors, finishing tenth in 19:42.

"All of the women ran extremely well," Maurer said of his women's team. "They all ran faster than they ever had."

This was also the best women's team that CNU has had in a few years.

Mahoney was the mainstay for the women's team this year. She ran herself into the record book as one of the fastest women in CNU history. She ran two minutes faster than she ever had in her life.

The women's team has no seniors and will return everyone from this year's squad. They, too, hope to fill in key pieces to the puzzle with new recruits next year.

"I was extremely pleased with how both teams ran this year," Maurer said. "Both teams are on the upswing and will continue to be a strong force."

There's something a little Hokie about Massey Ratings

By Ed Miller
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

BLACKSBURG, Va. -- Kenneth Massey attended his first Virginia Tech football game while still in the womb.

Like most Tech fans, he says it "makes my week if we win" and "hurts if we lose."

But Massey is not like most Tech fans. As much as they'd like to, most fans don't have a say in whether the unbeaten Hokies will play in the national championship game Jan. 4.

Massey does. His computer rankings, which he developed four years ago just for kicks, are one of eight being used by the Bowl Championship Series to help determine who plays for the title.

The Massey Ratings, which are published in newspapers nationwide alongside better-known ratings like The New York Times and the Sagarin Ratings, have brought a small measure of celebrity to the 23-year-old graduate student.

While he's not Michael Vick, Massey has been interviewed by ESPN and by

newspapers across the country, which is far more than can be said for the average mathematics doctoral candidate.

Inevitably, the reports have homed in on the fact that Massey attends Tech and just can't help tossing around "we" and "us" when discussing the Hokies.

BCS director Roy Kramer told Massey to expect as much when he added him to the computer mix last spring.

"He told me, 'You know, there could be a lot of scandal accusations if Virginia Tech's good,'" Massey said. "I said, 'I hope Tech's good. I'll worry about that when the times comes.'"

Tech has been better than good, but Massey has provided no fodder for conspiracy theorists.

His ratings have been squarely in the norm of the BCS eight. The ultimate proof of his objectivity came last week, Massey says, when his ratings dropped the Hokies from first to second after a too-close win over West Virginia.

"That should answer anyone's question," he said.

Massey began doing his ratings in

1995 -- "The year Tech went to the Sugar Bowl," he notes -- and was surprised when he got an e-mail message from Kramer last spring.

The BCS was looking to expand its computer rankings from three to eight, in order to dilute the influence of any one ranking.

Kramer had been using Massey's Web site -- which has links to other ratings -- in his research.

"He thought that since I'd been doing it for a while, I knew how rankings worked," Massey said. "With my math background, I think he thought mine were as good as any other."

Headquarters for the Massey Ratings is Massey's tidy off-campus apartment, with a 2-year-old computer in the living room. Massey downloads college scores from USA Today's Web site, then runs them through his computer model.

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Sports Profile

Petko wins Rookie of the Year in the conference

By Dave Gosselin
Staff Writer

Picture crystal blue waters and sandy beaches. Then picture, if you can, Woodbridge, VA.

Amy Petko, a freshman from Woodbridge, VA, was originally born in Groton, CT. There was a lot of moving in her life due to her dad being in the military. First, she moved from Groton to Woodbridge, back to Groton, back to Woodbridge again, then to Honolulu, HI and then back to Woodbridge yet again, where she was a sophomore at Gar-field high school.

"I loved Hawaii," Petko said. "I loved the nice beaches and how pretty it was. It was perfect."

A 1999 graduate of Gar-field, she came to CNU to play the midfield position for women's soccer Head Coach Jen Clark.

She visited CNU around Halloween last year. She stayed with Katie Gately, went to a Haunted House and went bowling. She also watched the Lady Captains take on Greensboro College.

When she came to Newport News, she saw that the campus was beautiful and that Coach Clark was nice and decided that she was going to come to school here. CNU was the only school she applied to.

But it was a good choice for Petko because she was rewarded with the starting center midfielder position, as well as being elected 1st Team All-Dixie Conference and Rookie of the Year. She finished the season with three goals and seven assists for 13 points.

"I was excited to be Rookie of the Year," Petko said of the award. "I was shocked, though, when I was named to the 1st Team All-Conference, but I was glad."

She attributes her success to her own hard work as well as a lot of support from her teammates pushing her to do her best.

She had success in high school as well. She was named 2nd Team All-District and was elected Honorable Mention in her junior and sophomore seasons as well. Petko was also named to the Honorable Mention Team at Moanalua High School in Hawaii in her freshman season.

She attributes her motivational force to her dad who was always on her about grades, soccer and her social life.

For fun she likes to party, shop, go clubbing, go to Washington D.C. and act stupid. She also liked to go to football games and basketball games when she was in high school. When she lived in Hawaii, Petko enjoyed going to the beach, rock climbing, jumping off waterfalls, parasailing and exploring different islands.

"I loved Hawaii," Petko said. "It was so beautiful."

This past summer, she went to Myrtle Beach for beach week but didn't start to pack for school until the night before.

She said it was easy to say goodbye to her friends. "I can always go see them because they all go the Virginia schools," she said. The hardest part for her was saying goodbye to her boyfriend.

At school, she gets along with everyone. "As long as no one makes me mad, I'm fine," she says. "I get along fine with all my roommates."

She says that she has had no conflicts with her roommates or her suitemates about using the shower. "You can't be picky if they leave something in your space," Petko said. "Who cares?"

All in all it was a great season for the Lady Captains. They finished 12-31 overall and 5-1 in the Dixie Conference.

"We won a lot of games this year," Petko said. "It was good to go out and have fun and win. I hope that we can do the same thing next year."



Petko poses for her head shot for the women's soccer media guide.

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Petko (22) tries to dribble past a Gallaudet defender in the Lady Captains last game of the season. She had an assist in the contest.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

Equestrian team has good showing in last two shows

The CNU equestrian team had good showings at their last two events.

They finished with 29 points in the Goucher Show and 45 points in the University of Richmond show.

At the Goucher Show, Neysa Bowden finished with nine points, Katie Farmer contributed five points and Christa Hazlewood finished with four points. Mandy Bowler, Crissy Duff and Judy Newmiller each added three points.

At the University of Richmond Show, Farmer led the way with nine points, Bowden and Hazlewood finished with eight points, Newmiller contributed seven points, Scott Boltson added five points, Bowler and Duff added four points and Erin Fox had one point.

The next IHSA Show is Feb. 5, 2000 at Sweet Briar College.

Are you interested in writing about sports? If you have the ability to write or just want the experience, contact Dave at The Captain's Log office in SC 223, at 594-7196 or at clog@cnu.edu.

HOKIES

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Massey has placed a "non-technical" explanation of how his model works on his Web site (<http://www.mratings.com>). Still, it contains a few complex-looking equations that might intimidate the math-challenged fan.

Basically, Massey's system works by connecting teams like dots on a graph.

"Eventually, after enough games have been played, every team has connected to every other team through some sort of path," Massey said.

Teams "tug" at one another through wins and losses. The computer determines the rating by finding the point on the graph where a team's dot stops moving, because the tugs on it have balanced each other out.

Strength of schedule is implicitly factored into the model. Margin of victory counts, but only to a point. A 62-0 victory is the same as a 31-0 victory.

Simple, if you're a Ph.D. candidate who scored a perfect 800 on the math part of the SAT. Massey did, growing up in Bluefield, Va.

"He just caught on early to almost everything," said Massey's father, Wayne, who grew up in Norfolk. "He had proclivities in math from an early age."

Wayne Massey, an English professor at Bluefield College, graduated from Tech in 1961 and has had season tickets since Lane Stadium opened in 1965. He remembers holding a blanket over his pregnant wife's belly when crowd noise went off the meter at a Clemson-Tech game. That was in 1975, just weeks before Massey was born.

Massey got his first computer after finishing the seventh grade and quickly outpaced his parents' ability to help him with it, his mother, Ann, remembers.

He graduated from Bluefield College in three years, then picked up his master's from Tech. He expects to finish his Ph.D. in numerical linear algebra in two or three years.

Massey isn't paid for his BCS efforts, although he says he wouldn't turn down a new computer -- and Sugar Bowl tickets -- for his troubles.

While there's a chance he could make some money off the ratings -- Jeff Sagarin does, by working for USA Today -- he's not counting on it.

After finishing school, Massey will either teach or do research. He spent last summer at a government lab in New Mexico, helping develop mathematical models to solve complex scientific problems.

"The thing that's amazing about computers is that they can do calculations so fast and so perfectly, whereas a human being couldn't," he said. "It helps you solve problems that would otherwise be impossible to solve."

Like determining college football's true national champion.

Jones named to preseason All-America Team

Senior Brandon Jones was named to Division III preseason All-America Team by Steve Bradley of "Preview Sports 1999-2000 College Basketball" magazine.

Jones, a forward, was named to the team along with guards Horace Jenkins of William Patterson and Merrill Brunson of Wisconsin-Platteville, center Maurice Davis of Rowan and forward Aaron Winkle of Calvin.

The men's team was also ranked fourth in the nation by Bradley, who ranked the top ten teams in the country. Ranked first was Wisconsin-Platteville, who defeated Hampden-Sydney in double-overtime. Hampden-Sydney was second, Williams Patterson third, then CNU, followed by Connecticut College in fifth, Ohio Northern in sixth, Franklin & Marshall in seventh, Manchester in eighth, Rowan ninth and John Carroll tenth.

Bradley, who wrote a small summary about each team, said "Brandon Jones (17.2 ppg) and Antoine Sinclair (15.6 ppg) return along with the Captains' six other top players from last season."

The Captains play at Chowan on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 pm. The game will be broadcast live on the Captains radio network.

Soccer teams boast big numbers on All-Conference teams

The men's and women's soccer teams put up big numbers on the All-Dixie Conference First and Second Teams this year.

For the men, sophomore Jason Farino and freshman Shawn Edwards were named to the First Team All-Dixie Conference on defense. Senior Steve Sachs and junior Shadi Abi-Saab were first teamers in the midfield. Oscar Gomez-Romero was named to the first team at the forward position. Senior keeper Kevin Huylebroeck, who set the single season goals against average (0.67) as well as the career goals against average (0.93). Head Coach Steve Shaw was named Coach of the Year in the Dixie Conference.

Roberto Garcia was the lone Captain named to the Second Team at the forward position.

For the women, junior Elke Reisdorph was named to the 1st Team on defense. Freshman Amy Petko was named to the First Team in the midfield. Junior Laura McFerrin was named First Team at forward. Petko was also named Rookie of the Year.

Junior Heather Vance was named Second Team All-Conference as a midfielder. Goalkeeper Kim Hughes was also named to the Second Team All-Conference.

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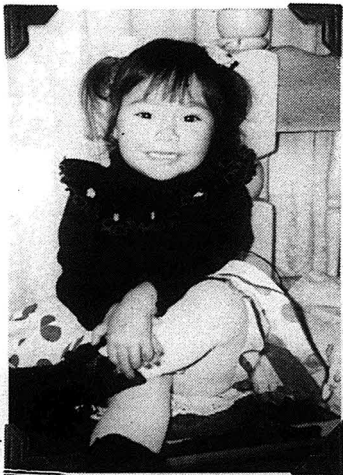
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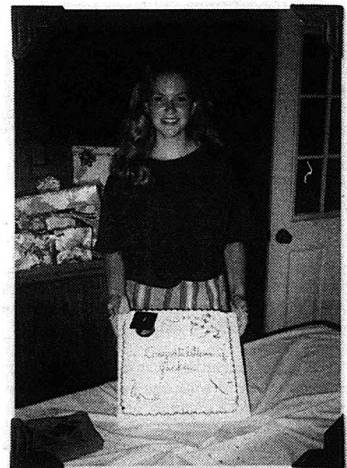
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Jackie Esworthy was killed by a drunk driver one week after her high school graduation.

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Shooting straight... in the foot

By Bill Thompson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Voters derive some definite benefits when they elect a candidate who is not a professional politician. For one thing, a nonpolitician officeholder is probably no worse than even money to be a crook, whereas a pro is odds-on.

Another advantage of electing nonpoliticians is that they may not have to hire pollsters to find out what they think -- and may actually say what they think if the opportunity presents itself.

The major disadvantage, on the other hand, is that an officeholder who has not attended the Politicians' School of Advanced Political Correctness is likely to express opinions that some -- many? -- people find offensive.

Can we say "Jesse Ventura," boys and girls?

As the governor of Minnesota wrestles with the latest round of controversy caused by his breathtaking candor, residents of the Gopher State who didn't vote for him -- and probably some who did -- must be wondering how Ventura got himself elected. The phrase "loose cannon" comes to mind.

The furor involves a Ventura interview with Playboy magazine in which the former Navy SEAL reportedly ripped organized religion as "a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people" and also minimized the seriousness of the Navy's Tailhook scandal.

Ventura has been trying to explain his comments, but he refuses to apologize. Jesse says he was just being Jesse.

Here's part of his explanation, as quoted by the St. Paul Pioneer Press:

"When the career politician gets asked a question, they'll give the answer they're supposed to. They'll give the answer that's politically correct. ... I will give honest answers, not necessarily politically correct answers."

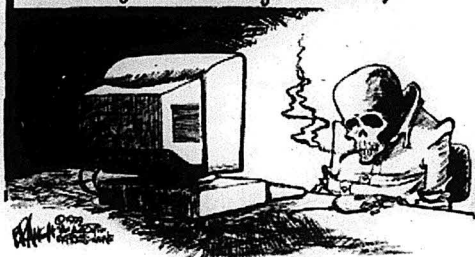
He has a point. There's no telling how many professional politicians might secretly be rooting him on: "Go, Jesse. Tell it like it is, buddy."

But no pol in his or her right mind would ever publicly admit to agreeing with Ventura's views. For that matter, few politicians would ever get within shouting distance of the notion that it's a good idea for public officials to engage in candid discourse -- on any issue, much less on sensitive matters such as religion and sexual harassment.

Politicians' lack of candor, of course, is one of the reasons many voters have seemed so drawn in recent years to candidates who are perceived as outsiders -- who are perceived as just plain folks.

Take Ross Perot -- please. Now here's

News Item: Philip Morris launches web site, acknowledges that smoking is unhealthy...



New Mexico Students Trying To Save Their Seats

By TMS Campus
TMS News Service

Students at the University of New Mexico have taken up a new cause guided by one, simple slogan: "Save the Couch."

They've been protesting administrators' efforts to remove an old living room set, commonly referred to as "the couch," from a courtyard outside their dormitory. According to the Daily Lobo, a first-year student got the set -- consisting of an old sofa, loveseat and a large wooden spool that serves as a coffee table -- from a friend and put it in the courtyard about a month ago for everyone to use.

While some students congregate there on a regular basis, others have called the couch an eyesore and have asked school officials to have it removed. Officials have agreed to oblige them and are planning to have the furniture removed on Sunday.

"We can go through the community as-

sociation to get appropriate outdoor furniture," Jenna Sullemeier, area coordinator for the Residence Life Department, told the Daily Lobo. "But the couch that is out there now should be inside."

The student protesters have formed a "couch conservation committee" and plan take their grievance to the university's dean of students.

"The couch is not harming anyone in any way, shape or form," Jesse Bland, founder of the committee, told the Daily Lobo. "It's an issue of personal freedom. The students did something productive for themselves by bringing the couch. Jenna and the advisers look at it and think 'We didn't give them that,' so they feel they have to take it away."

ASU student Emmanuel Ortiz agreed. "The dorm is our home right now," he told the Lobo. "So, naturally, we want our home to be comfortable. The couch gives us that feeling."

a man who is just your average, everyday billionaire and who will speak his mind at the drop of a hat. Perot, don't forget, is the plain-spoken nonpol who gave us the Reform Party -- which in turn gave us Jesse Ventura.

The leading candidates for the Reform Party's presidential nomination, according to the media hype, are Pat Buchanan, Donald Trump and Warren Beatty -- a commentator/columnist, a real estate developer and a Hollywood hotshot who is not a politician but has played one in the movies.

Ventura, another regular guy who used to make his living as a professional wrestler, is the Reform Party's top elected official and can have its presidential nod for the asking -- or he could have, before he spilled his guts to Playboy.

Just think about all this for a moment. Roll the names around in your mind: President Ventura. President Buchanan. President Trump. President Beatty.

If one of these guys actually became

president, how much time do you suppose he'd spend trying to get his foot out of his mouth?

We know about Ventura. We know that Buchanan is at least as outspoken as Ventura -- and probably more so when it comes to political issues. We know that Trump ticks off somebody just about every time he opens his mouth. The jury is out on Beatty, but we know that the politician he played in the movie "Bulworth" made Ventura and Buchanan look like models of decorum.

Here's the deal, folks: If you want to elect a Jesse Ventura because he's a straight shooter, you'd better be prepared to watch him shoot himself straight in the foot on a regular basis.

Advantages. Disadvantages.
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Joanne Richards:
"Put them at the main entrance and treat them so they'd look nice."



Greg Foley Jr.:
"Make them part of the fine arts center somehow."



Question of the Week

Sandi Harvey:
"I would probably stick them in the great lawn or somewhere where everyone can enjoy them, like by the big sign."



What would you like done with the sails?

Regina Foertsch:
"Rather than behind the dorm put them in front of them, or at the CNU sign."



COMICS



classifieds

Congratulations to all of the new initiates of Gamma Phi Beta! I am glad to have each of you as a sister! Love in PKE, Melody

What a Journey! Congratulations to all the new G-Phi's! Tau Class Fall '99! Dawn: My #1 Biggin' I love you! Melody: Is it over yet? Struggles! Hey to all my wonderful sisters! Love, Jen Gilmartin

Congrats to all the new sisters of G-Phi! I never get to see much of my sisters and I miss all you guys so much! I wish everyone all the best - I will be done with school for good in just a few weeks and I am glad it is finally all over but I just wanted to say good luck to all my sisters next semester. Stephanie: Happy 21st b-day, twin, and I love you! Shannon: lookin' forward to formal! Ginger: miss you! Good luck to everyone on elections! Love in PKE, Christy

SGA: Always stocked w/tape. Hotty Kim: Philly's regular. Mackm: Thanks for ring. Jenni: Faculty parking. P-Dawg: Still #1. April: Gum regular. Lollipop Crew: miss you! Ashley: Where U hiding? Info. desk: Bringing sunshine! Rice: Arena F-ball injury. Koozt: still sore? Carol: steps to quit. Tiff & Stacy: old school fun. Pat B. (Sexy Chalupa)

To my Shi-Mos: Love you all - you're the best - Airraid - C-crew We're taking over. Congrats to the Quarters Tournament Champions xoxo We can't stop here - this is bat country! To our boys: you know who you are. Watch out for spring break - here we come. Last but not least, beach and glow sticks - you gotta love 'em!!! -JMC

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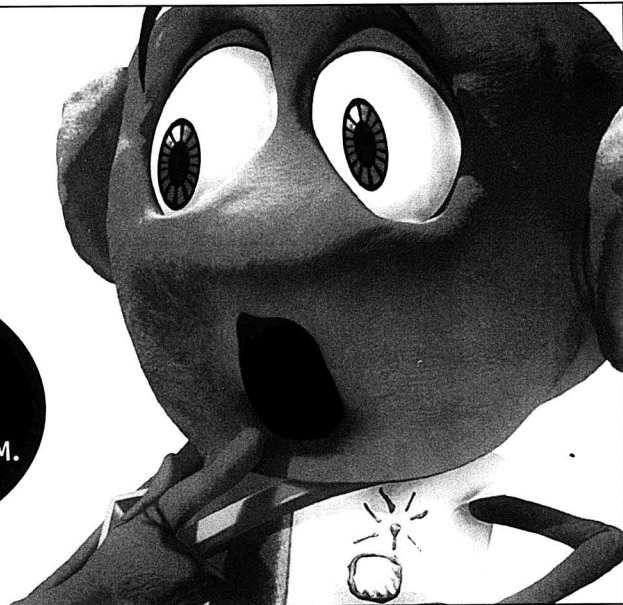
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