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## Nightlife Threatened By Nearby Shooting

### Three Injured At Savannah's Lounge

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Savannah's Lounge, a nightlife hot spot for many CNU students, was the site of a shooting that left three injured on March 6, according to the Newport News Police Department. The incident is cause for concern among many students,

some of whom may say they will think twice before attending events at the club in the future.

"It's unsettling that we have that crime around here, especially so close to campus," said senior C.J. Joyner.

The incident began when a female approached two Newport News police officers working off-duty employment at the club and informed the officers that a shooting was about to take place. Immediately afterward, gunfire erupted in the club's parking lot. One of the officers ordered the male suspect firing the gun to drop his

weapon. Instead, the suspect continued firing. When the officer again demanded that the man drop his gun, the man continued to fire. The officer then fired his service weapon at the suspect, who was then taken into custody.

Three individuals were injured in the gunfire and were taken to Riverside Regional Medical Center. 23-year-old Kenya Marshall was listed in serious condition at the hospital. 21-year-old Warren J. Banks and 22-year-old Paris Tyler were listed in fair

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## Springtime At CNU



Last Thursday, a warm front hit Newport News. Seniors Sean McNamara and Dominic Arjona and junior Allison Barnes bring their studying for their human sexuality course outdoors.

## Stolen Car Rolls Into Eastside Office After Police Chase



Last Friday, a car crashed into the side of a Barclay Apartments building, after suspects of a police pursuit abandoned the vehicle.

BY TARYN CORNELIUS  
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Two suspects fleeing from local police officers brought crime into close contact with CNU's campus when they nearly missed a

student crossing Warwick Boulevard, then abandoned their moving vehicle, leaving it to plow into the side of a Barclay Apartments building,

according to Assistant Public Information Officer Harold Eley.

Around 2 p.m. on Friday, officers pursued two black male suspects in a stolen car as they drove west on Warwick Boulevard and through the area where Lotz Real Estate stood just months ago, Eley said. While the red Toyota Corolla was still in motion, the two suspects jumped from the car, which rolled unguided into the outer wall of the Eastside Office, he said.

Officers first pursued the suspects after being alerted of the men's attempt to perpetrate a fraud at the BB&T bank located at the corner of Warwick Boulevard and Shoe Lane, said Eley. Officers caught up with the suspects at the Exxon station located next to Sweetbriar Drive. From there, the suspects fled toward the eastside of the CNU campus, according to Eley.

As junior Erika Smith was crossing Warwick Boule-

vard toward her room in the CNU Apartments, she was in the crosswalk when the car driven by the suspects almost hit her. After crossing, Smith decided to postpone returning to her apartment until she knew it was safe.

"I didn't want to get shot, so I just stopped," said Smith, who couldn't believe they jumped out of the moving car.

The car, which was reported stolen from a Hampton location, rolled between trees, a laundry room extension and over a drainage ditch before coming to rest against the Barclay building, according to reports provided by Eley and others.

The building that was struck by the unmanned car contains three apartments and the Eastside Office, where Front Desk Assistant Talia Richardson was at the time of the incident. When one of the suspects ran past the office, it caught her attention. Moments later she felt the impact of the car hitting

the side wall of the office. "The whole building shook," said Richardson.

From their upstairs apartment, sophomores Jenise Britt and Treva Lee watched the incident unfold. Britt's attention was drawn outside, like Richardson's, when she noticed one of the suspects running across the rear Barclay parking lot.

"I knew he was getting chased," she said. After her roommate called for her attention, Lee arrived to see the stolen vehicle bump into the Eastside Office wall.

Damage to both the car and the building was minimal. Newport News Police apprehended one of the suspects after the man tried to hide in a Barclay dumpster, according to Officer Eley. The second suspect is still at large, he said. CNU Police Department had no comment.

The incident adds to a lengthening list of incidents that have damaged CNU or student property this academic year.

## Open House Weekend Held To Increase Minority Enrollment

### 80 Visitors Attended First Minority Open House

BY ADAM NAEDEAU  
Staff Writer

CNU hosted its first Minority Open House last weekend. This event was geared to increase interest in CNU among minority high school students, a goal of the Minority Task Force. Faculty and students worked together to plan and run the Open

House. "Just by being here, [the student volunteers] show their dedication to improving the diversity of the student body," Curtis Davidson, Associate Director of Admissions, said on Friday night as he and students were awaiting the arrival of the overnight visitors.

Minority students at CNU hosted overnight visitors on Friday, March 14; this duty is usually reserved for tour guides employed by the University.

On Saturday, the visitors and their parents were introduced to social life on CNU's campus. The Office of Ad-

missions coordinated this Open House so that it coincided with a movie night and dance sponsored by the Multicultural Student Association.

"I'm excited that the University is reaching out to minority students in terms of recruitment," said MSA President Brad Hunter. "I feel like the Open House was good. Students had a chance to get questions answered. Parents had the same opportunity."

Forums with President Paul Trible, current students and faculty were scheduled to answer questions from students and their families regarding the campus commu-

nity, academics and financial aid.

As with all open houses, tours of the campus were given. On Saturday, approximately 80 guests visited CNU's open house.

Jeremiah Davis, Vice President of Student Services, was among the students who volunteered to help with the Minority Open House. He is also a member of the Minority Task Force Committee. Davis told the SGA on Monday that the committee would continue to further its goals through both administrative and student-based efforts.

## Students Of Two Eliminated Departments May Walk This May

BY ELIZABETH SCHILLING  
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In an effort to help CNU deal from budget cuts, the Faculty Senate unanimously recommended that students in the Recreation, Sports and Wellness Management (RSWM) and Education departments who are a few credits shy of degree requirements be invited to participate in this spring's graduation.

"It is important that as these people leave, we make the transition as painless as possible," said Faculty Sena-

tor Dr. Robert Winder. RSWM students submitted a petition to the Faculty Senate asking for permission to commence this May despite a shortage of credits for a degree. Currently, any student without enough credits to confer a degree at the time of a ceremony must participate in the following one. Students of eliminated programs would have to wait until May 2004. If special permission is not granted to these students, their graduation ceremony will not include the faculty members of their departments.

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## Baseball Wins Two



First Two Conference Games Of Season Result In Double-header Win For CNU

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## Hidden Hilton Village

Everything From Ice Cream To Tex-mex Right Down Warwick

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## Campus In Brief

### Second Annual Etiquette Dinner

The School of Business Student Academic Advisory Board is hosting the second annual Etiquette Dinner on Tuesday, March 25, at 4:30 p.m. The cost will be \$10, and the event will be held at the Newport News Omni Hotel. Information on business etiquette, presentation skills, listening and customer service will be provided by Lynne Tully of The Professional Edge, Inc. Tickets can be purchased in the Student Center, CNU/Suntrust building, the Dean's office, or the Alpha Kappa Psi Office.

### Class Office Applications Now Available

Class office applications for classes of 2004, 2005 and 2006 can be found in front of the Class Officer door (SC 227) or in the Office of Student Life. Officer positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Chair. Information concerning elections is included within the application. All applications should be completed and returned to the Class Officer room no later than 5 p.m. on March 28.

### Horticulture Club Holds Raffle for Yard Cleaning

The Horticulture Club will be holding a raffle March 21. The winner will receive a free three-hour makeover to his yard by five club members. Two runners-up shall receive selected annuals. Tickets are two dollars, and the last day to purchase them is Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center.

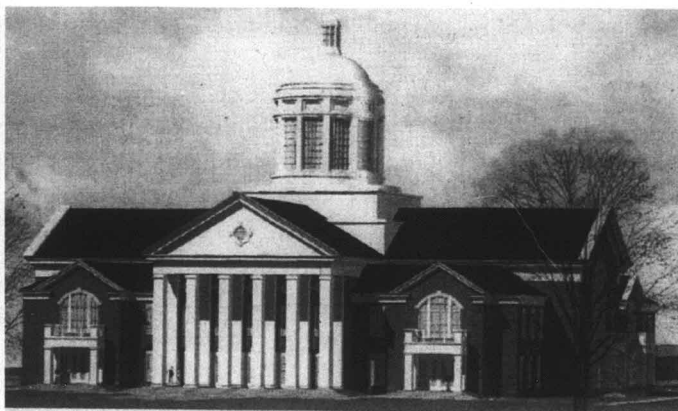
### Meningitis Vaccinations Required

In order to register for the summer/fall semester, all students must get their meningitis vaccinations. Immunization hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. To make an appointment, contact the University Health and Wellness Services at 594-7661. Due to an increase in vaccine cost, the cost for students not already on the waiting list will be \$75. For students already on the waiting list it will cost \$64.

### Kidney Walk

The National Kidney Foundation of the Virginia will be selling shoes in the Student Center breezeway on Tuesday and Thursday from 11-2. The proceeds will benefit the Kidney Walk to be held March 4. Contact Karen Gardella for more information.

## Library On Track For '04 Ground-Breaking



BY ADAM NADEAU  
Staff Writer

Two years ago, President Paul Tribble appointed a committee of students and faculty members to give input on the restructuring of Captain John Smith Library. The members of the committee all submitted recommendations that reflected the needs and wants expressed by members of the CNU community. These requests were combined with the president's original vision for Captain John Smith Library to become a 21st-century establishment. Now, the committee is able to give students an idea of what the new building will look like.

While designs for the new library are not totally finalized yet, the library committee looked to a number of libraries at prestigious colleges and universities across the nation for design ideas, according to University Librarian Cathy Doyle. No matter what the new library will look like, Doyle assures students of one thing: it will be big.

"When you come onto campus, the library will be the first thing you see" from the Shoe Lane entrance, said Doyle.

The new library will expand the footprint of the current library toward the parking circle in front of McMurrin Hall, encompassing the area Smith Hall currently occupies. The library will have special sections for not only its book collection, but also for study areas and technological and multimedia applications.

The library planning committee met multiple times to achieve its goal: meeting the needs of future students through restructuring the current building. The planning committee was in charge of deciding what the new library would need in order to accommodate CNU.

Over the past year, the library committee has ended its regular meetings and moved to the next phase of development in the library's growth, which is cost estimation. This is the phase of development in which the university negotiates with designers regarding how the new library will look, said Doyle. From the blueprints, a final cost will be assigned. After this phase, the university will sign a contract with a construction company which will begin work on the library soon after. Construction is tentatively slated to begin in 2004.

For more information on the plans for the new library, visit <http://users.cnu.edu/~mulligan/>.



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## Rising Gas Prices Guzzle Students' Cash

BY ABBIE TANG  
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Gas prices are on the rise in Newport News, straining the budgets of CNU students and sparking political controversy.

Some believe the current situation with Iraq, the second largest oil-producing nation in the world, has caused a rise in supply and demand for the leading gas companies in the United States.

The local Exxon station at the corner of Warwick Boulevard and Sweetbriar Road is currently distributing unleaded gas at \$1.579 for regu-

lar, \$1.679 for plus and 1.779 for supreme. These are some of the lowest prices in the area.

"The prices have risen twice within the past month," Dawanda Kelly, the teller at the station said. "Some people complain, but they always come back."

The increasing price in gas has frustrated many students. Freshman Stephanie Summers, for instance, pays for gas with her own money.

"My parents let me take my car down here because my mid-semester grades were good," she said, "but now the money that I've got in the bank is definitely dwindling faster because they

raised the price in gas."

She is not the only student who feels this way. "I find myself having to

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Stephanie Summers  
freshman

pay more to drive the same amount as I did before," said freshman Carissa Faulkner, who drives to and from

her job at Outback Steakhouse.

The issue of war is extremely controversial for some students, as is the question of whether or not to buy gas from companies that use Middle Eastern suppliers. "We've just got to do something about it," freshman Allison Martin said.

There are, however, plenty of gas stations around the area that do not import barrels upon barrels of oil every day from the Middle East. Some large companies that do not import Middle Eastern oil are: Sinclair, BP/Phillips, Cito, Sunoco, Conoco and Hess, according to the Department of Energy.

## Virginia In Brief

### Warner Raises Virginia Terror Alert

Gov. Mark Warner raised Virginia's terror alert to the second highest level on Monday, according to the Daily Press. He also ordered state agencies to start implementing contingency plans that were created last year in the event of war.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security raised the national terror alert to orange after President George W. Bush's address to the nation on Monday night. The orange terror alert is the second highest and says there is a high risk of attacks. Security measures were enhanced nationwide.

Bush assured viewers that there would be military action against Iraq if Saddam Hussein does not leave Iraq by Wednesday.

Gov. Warner said he talked with his Cabinet on Monday about state security precautions and that he had been briefed over the past several weeks about Virginia's preparedness in case of terrorist attacks.

### GPS Device Used To Track Suspect In Newport News

The Global Positioning System (GPS) was used in tracking a heroin ring-leader to Newport News, according to the Daily Press. Baltimore narcotics detectives had been investigating a large heroin ring, and an informant told them that the supposed ring-leader was hiding some of his drug money at his girlfriend's house in Newport News.

There was one problem; they did not know where she lived.

The authorities had two options at that point. They could get approximately 50 officers to tail the suspect 230 miles or let an orbiting satellite trail him.

Local police will not comment on whether they have ever used GPS devices to track a suspect in the past.

### Queen Noor To Speak At W & M Graduation

The College of William and Mary announced on Monday that Queen Noor, the American-born widow of Jordan's King Hussein, will speak at the commencement ceremony on May 11. The school is awarding Noor an honorary doctorate of humane letters in recognition of her work advocating children, women, education and the arts.

Civil Rights leader Rep. John Lewis will receive an honorary doctorate of public service at the ceremony. He is serving his eighth term as a Democratic representative from Georgia's fifth district.

## Student Balances Academics, Family And Military Service

BY VIRGINIA BESS  
Staff Writer

Aside from the stress that comes with being a college student, Angel Ford is also member of the U.S. Air National Guard and a wife with three children.

"It's a challenge," said Ford, but "I have a very supportive husband. I couldn't do it without him," she said. The CNU English major is an Electro Environmental Specialist in the U.S. Air National Guard. Ford is the only female in her unit. She fixes the electrical and environmental systems on the F-16 fighter plane.

Ford's interest in aviation is nothing new. "I loved airplanes from the time I was a little girl," she said.

Ford, originally from Michigan, joined the military as an alternative to traditional higher education.

"I wanted to go to college,

**"While on TDY, Ford will have to place her children in daycare, which would be a new experience in itself."**

but the money wasn't there," she said.

The military provided the opportunity for the education she desired. Ford recently left home for a new learning ex-

perience on March 10 - Temporary Duty, or TDY.

This will be the first time that the mother of three (Anna, five; Brooke, seven; Alexander, two) will leave for travel. Ford's TDY is "a normal-scheduled training that has been scheduled for a year," she said.

"My kids are used to me going," said Ford. This is because she leaves once a month, during a weekend, for work. This two-week trip is the longest Ford will have ever been away from her children.

"The longest I've ever been away from my kids is three days," she said.

Since she has a busy schedule, Ford says that it is "harder to balance school more than the military" right now.

Because she served four years immediately after high

school and left the military for seven years, Ford has not had the experience of being on TDY while juggling a husband, three children and school at the same time. She re-enlisted in the International Guard in August 2001.

While on TDY, Ford will have to place her children in daycare, which would be a new experience in itself.

"My kids have never been in daycare," she said. During peacetime, Ford said, the longest time she would be away from her family would be two weeks, but "we are not in peacetime. It could be called up and sent away."

With many uncertainties, Ford said that her husband and children get through things because of their "strong faith in God." Ford currently attends Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton.

# Student Ticket Writers Tell Their Side Of The Story

## Braving The Elements And Dealing With Angry Car Owners Do Not Discourage Parking Service Employees

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD  
Staff Writer

Student ticketers working for Parking Services issue tickets in the cold, in rain and on sweltering summer days.

Braving the elements while dealing with angry car owners may not seem like fun for some, but for Mike Hott, who has been with Parking Services for two years, the job is just the ticket.

"The people I work with are good people; that makes a big difference," said Hott.

While Hott does keep some hours, he spends much of his time patrolling the parking lots for vehicles with improper decals or those that have been improperly parked.

Surprisingly, there are generally no fights between those placing the tickets and the students and faculty whose vehicles are being ticketed, said Hott.

In one instance, a professor approached Hott while the student was writing a ticket for the professor's car.

"What are you doing to my car?" the professor asked.

After a short explanation, however, the confrontation blew over, said Hott.

"This is usually the case. After I explain to the people what I am doing and why I am doing it, they realize it won't do any good to yell and scream at me," he said, adding that these people usually show their anger in the parking office.

"There have never been any major incidents in the office either though," said Hott. Angry parents often call about their children's



Illustration by Jeremiah Santiago/The Captain's Log

parking violations, said Hott. Most of the time, however these students aren't giving their parents the accurate story, he said.

Most ticketing problems, according to Hott, involve vehicles improperly parked in designated parking places.

He reminds students that although open parking is from 3 p.m. until 8:30 a.m., ticket-

ing goes on 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During this time, students can park anywhere but in a residential lot.

These lots are always reserved for residents only.

Student ticket writers generally work four hours every day or eight hours during two days of a week, said Hott.

Ticket writers usually ticket in pairs.

More student ticketers are needed, said Hott. Applicants who seek to be a parking service worker must have the ability to brave the elements.

If interested in the position, students should contact the Office of Career and Counseling Services.

# Students React To Bush's Monday Ultimatum

## Some Find 48-Hour Deadline To Be Ineffective

BY VIRGINIA MILLER  
Staff Writer

In a speech broadcast to the American public on Monday at 8 p.m., President George W. Bush said, "War has no certainty, except the certainty of sacrifice." After the President's speech, however, most CNU students see war as a certain future.

Few CNU students believe that Saddam Hussein and his sons will leave Iraq in the 48-hour deadline issued by Bush. "It is pretty unrealistic. Saddam has too much pride," said sophomore Scott Calaman.

In his speech, Bush said that Hussein has not removed weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, even

after 12 years of warnings.

"Peaceful efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime have failed again and again - because we are not dealing with peaceful men," he said. "The Iraqi regime has used diplomacy as a ploy to gain time and advantage." Many students feel that war is the only way to force disarmament in Iraq. After listening to Bush's speech, Calaman stood outside of James River Hall with freshman Rob Johnson and sophomore Alexis Perez. They all agreed that this is the last option and that Hussein had long enough to disarm.

Although Perez agreed with her friends, she said that the "48-hour ultimatum is scary" and wonders, "What is the retaliation going to be?" She has a friend in the Marines and worries about his safety if he is deployed, something she suspects may soon occur.

Warnings of future terrorist attacks were also present in the President's speech.

"Our government is on heightened watch against these dangers. Just as we are preparing to ensure victory in Iraq, we are taking further

actions to protect our homeland," said Bush. These precautions include the expulsion of individuals with Iraqi intelligence services links,

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-President George W. Bush

heightened airport security and the cooperation of the Coast Guard, the Department of Homeland Security

and state governors to increase security at critical facilities around the nation.

Johnson believed that the precautions are "smart, because a terrorist attack is something that could happen."

Freshman Roland Johnson agreed, and although he does not think there is an immediate danger of a terrorist attack, he believes that it could be a possibility.

Within his speech, Bush also addressed the Iraqi people, saying, "If we must begin a military campaign, it will be directed against the lawless men who rule your country and not against you. As our coalition takes away their power, we will deliver the food and medicine you need."

He also offered the Iraqi people a "free Iraq," saying that "there will be no more wars of aggression against your neighbors, no more poison factories, no more executions of dissidents, no more torture chambers and rape rooms."

He also offered a warning, however, against those Iraqi who stood against the United States by sup-

porting weapons of mass destruction.

"War crimes will be prosecuted. War criminals will be punished," said Bush.

Freshman Alexandra Cholakakis believes that Bush's ultimatum "is going to upset those people," even considering the hope he offered.

Freshman Lindsey Cawood said that the speech was not to give Hussein an ultimatum but to prepare the American people for the possibility of war.

"I don't think anyone expects Saddam Hussein to take the ultimatum," she said.

The students at CNU also worry about how a war will affect them. Roland Johnson's father is in the Marine Corps and works at the Pentagon.

Calaman is worried about the chaos that may occur if there are terrorist attacks.

Perez is concerned that if America goes to war, "my parents won't let me come back to this school; they'll want me closer to home and away from this area," she said.

# Pregnancy Is A New Experience For Two Government Professors

BY JENN ROWELL  
Staff Writer

The faces of two women in CNU's government department have been displaying a new glow.

Each woman's role will soon take on a new addition. Not only will they be professors and wives, but they will be mothers as well. Drs. Kimberly Cowell-Meyers and Michelle Barnello are expecting their first children in the fall. Cowell-Meyers is due in September and Barnello is due in early August. Both are taking leaves of absence for the fall semester, but they plan to return to CNU.

The role of mother is one that both women are eager to take on.

Barnello said, "I look forward to being a mom and bonding with my child. If I'm very lucky, I hope to have the same great relationship with my child as I have with my mom."

A great deal of preparation for the babies has already taken place. "My husband and I are doing all sorts of things to prepare for our

baby, including buying baby furniture and all the things we'll need for our new addition. We're very excited," said Barnello.

Along with the preparation and excitement of parenthood comes uncertainty and anxiety.

Some of the fears Cowell-Meyers has about being a parent include "dropping the baby, leaving him/her on the roof of the car, forgetting to buckle him/her in the high chair. Seriously, everyone worries they'll make a mistake."

Barnello agrees, saying, "Not being as good a parent as the parents I have" is her biggest fear. "It's going to be a new journey for me one that I anxiously await."

Love is at the forefront of the women's mind in regards to what is most important in raising children.

"First and foremost, unconditional love. Understanding and acceptance are also essential. A good sense of humor will probably come in handy, too," said Barnello.

Several people have been involved in the making of the women as they are today. They both look

to their own parents as role models in becoming a parent.

Barnello said, "Growing up, my mom really shaped the person I am today. She's wonderful and loving. More recently, my husband has helped to make my life more complete."

College is a time of growth to both women. Cowell-Meyers said that at the end of students' college careers they should end up with "broader horizons, knowledge of themselves, critical thinking, reading and writing skills."

This is the finish of the second year of teaching at CNU for both professors. Barnello was previously an assistant professor of Political Science at Old Dominion University for two years.

Cowell-Meyers and Barnello share a love of teaching.

"I love being in the classroom, listening to students thinking, watching the light bulbs go off when some new idea comes to them," Cowell-Meyers said.

Barnello said, "I'll miss my students, because I really love teaching and the wonderful learning that

takes place in the classroom."

Barnello regularly teaches a variety of American politics courses, including Introduction to American Politics, Legislative Politics and Women and Politics. In the past she has taught Political Theory and State and Local Politics.

Cowell-Meyers taught Introduction to Politics, International Organizations, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Relations Theory and Comparative Politics. She said, "I like all my classes and have fun with the subjects of each. I have a soft spot in my heart for the Intro to Politics course because it is usually taken by first years, and oftentimes they have never been exposed to thinking critically about the way we should live together before. And we get to read fun fiction pieces, too."

The roles of these women extend beyond just teaching politics courses. They are both active in the CNU community as well. Each has taken on positions of service, leadership and advisory positions.

Cowell-Meyers serves on the Taskforce on the Curriculum and Academic Life, is the advisor for the

International Relations Organization (which includes the Model United Nations), and is a team leader for the CNU group of the Virginia Tidewater Consortium Program on Study Abroad.

Barnello is the faculty advisor of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Honor Society in Political Science. She organized CNU's chapter of the society last spring.

To students at CNU, the women offer words of wisdom and a hope for the future.

Of marriage and parenthood, "Don't rush," is Cowell-Meyers' advice. "Don't get married till you're in your late 20s. If you're going to spend the rest of your life with someone, why rush? Make sure your foundation in your relationship is sound before you take on new responsibilities. Learn how to communicate with your partner before you get married and learn how to fight."

Barnello said, "The end of college is merely the beginning to another stage in your life. Enjoy the experiences along the way. Make good decisions and enjoy life."

## Students Give Blood



Katie Maunty/The Captain's Log

Freshman Shawn Atwood gave blood during the Blood Challenge in the Student Center. His donation was one of many that pushed the football players to the lead as the group that had the most donors. The CNU body met and surpassed its goal.

The Blood Challenge is a competition among college campuses held by the American Red Cross every February. This year's challenge was hosted at CNU by Alpha Phi Omega co-ed fraternity with help from the Nursing Department volunteers. The blood collected will relieve local shortages.

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Suspect Trent A. Lassiter, a 21-year-old from Newport News, was charged with three counts, each of aggravated malicious wounding and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, according to the police reports.

Suspect Anthony W. Shaw, 31, received the same charges. He was also charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, the reports said. The Police Department suspects that two other shooters were involved.

Police officers believe an altercation occurred between at least two people inside the lounge regarding drinks being spilled.

There were approximately 200 individuals in the area at the time.

The shooting shocked many students.

"It didn't seem like a kind of place where something like that would happen," said junior Becky Whitlock. "I'll put my guard up the next time I go there."

Other students, however, are less concerned.

"It concerns me because it's so close," said sophomore Sarah McElwee. "A lot of students go there, and I don't want to see anyone to get hurt, but I don't feel en-

dangered on campus."

The Newport News Police Department is continuing both an internal and criminal investigation.

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Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact the Newport News Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.

## Handyman Gives To CNU And Family Through Hard Work



Brooks Everett/The Captain's Log

CNU handyman Keith Epps, working with CNU's Housing Maintenance and Utility Trades, repairs a shower in Warwick River.

BY ASHLEY RICH  
Staff Writer

A wrench, a hammer, a screwdriver—they're all tools of the trade for Keith Epps. The main tool for this CNU handyman, however, is family.

"It's what keeps me going," Keith said. "It's why I get up in the morning."

It must be what gets him up in the morning, because Keith is up Monday through Friday, at 4:30 a.m. His first job of the day begins at 5:30 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church where he does maintenance work until 11 a.m. After he leaves the church, he comes to CNU, where he is a Housing Maintenance and Utility Trades worker.

"I'll do a little bit of everything around here," Epps said. Specifically, part of his official responsibilities include a "walk-through" of the Warwick, Christopher's, Barclay and CNU Apartments. He checks to see if any lights are out, if any doors are open, or if there is any broken glass. Another part of his job includes completing work orders.

"That can be anything from putting in blinds to plastering ceilings," he said. "Or I could change out a toilet or repair washing machines, dryers or dishwashers." He smiles, looks up from the vacuum cleaner he's working on, and says, "Nothing's the same every day. It always changes. I'm always doing something different."

At the end of his workday, however, Keith begins the job he loves most: being a dad. "I like being a father," Keith said, "and I've made a promise to always be there for my kids."

Like any proud father, he begins to talk about his children.

"I have four kids: two sons—

Daunte and Joshua, and two daughters named Ariana and Keyla. I also have three stepchildren—Dante, Athena and Jerome. I like to think we're a lot like the Brady bunch," he added, smiling.

"I'm proud of my kids," he said. "They're great kids. They really listen to me, and the y look out for one another and hang out with each other. They have friends," he's quick to point out, but their family members are their best friends.

Caught up in telling his story, he said, "There have been times when I've had 15 or 16 kids in my house at one time. I don't have a problem with that. It lets me know my kids feel like they can bring their friends over to the house. That's a good feeling."

For a moment, he stops working and stares at a place on the wall, lost in memories of the cookouts and Sunday-morning breakfasts he enjoys with his family and their friends.

"I guess I try to make their lives as good as (or better than) mine was," he said, bringing himself out of his momentary daydream.

Keith Epps says he had an average family life. He was the stepson of a military man and grew up with one brother and four sisters.

"I mean, we were normal kids," he said. "Our parents made sure we got everything we wanted, so long as it was within reason. I guess you could even say we were a close-knit family," he said. "We did a lot of things together. But then we had to because we moved around so much."

Epps has lived in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Germany as a result of his stepfather's military career.

"I even graduated from high

school in Germany," he said. "Though I had a lot of friends there, there wasn't anyone I really hung out with. I was involved in a lot of sports, though," he said.

He played football and basketball, and even coached basketball for younger kids during his junior and senior years in high school.

"My mom always said you have to give something back, so I did," he said.

And that is just one of the lessons Epps teaches his own children.

"It all starts at home," he said. "I believe there's no such thing as peer pressure. There's parent pressure," he quickly added, "but not peer pressure. Kids need to listen to their parents; I'm like my stepfather when it comes to that. He only had to tell me once to do something. I expect the same from my kids."

But that's not all he expects from his kids.

"I expect them to work hard," he said. But not too hard. "You need some laughter in life, too."

Above all, he wants his children to be content.

"I want them to do what they love," he said. "I ask my kids what job they'd love to do. Then I ask if they would be willing to get up every morning and do that job, even if they weren't getting paid for it. If they're willing to do that, they need to pursue that dream and make it their goal. I tell them not to be afraid to think big," he said.

He's not afraid to "think big" either. While he's content with his job at CNU, there is the dream of something more. "I want to go back to school and become a health inspector," he said. "I was in the restaurant business for seven years, so I know what's expected of them. Plus, a health inspector seems like it would be fun. I like the idea of being out in the field instead of sitting behind a

desk."

As part of the CNU maintenance team, Epps definitely gets to be "out in the field." As he walks around the Barclay Apartments, he notices a loose doorknob on the apartment door. It's less than 10 minutes, the knob is securely back in place, and Epps continues his rounds.

Student comfort is Epps' job. Will the students notice his work, however? Will they ever know he's been there? Keith Epps never thinks about it. He merely continues with his "walk-through," chatting with students he meets on the way.

"I try to interact with the students," he said. Whether it's seeing them walking to and from class, or whether it's when he is repairing their leaky faucet, "I try to make them feel comfortable. I ask them questions to try and get to know them better."

That's just one of the perks of his job. For him, the best part about working at CNU is the freedom.

"My boss trusts that I'll get things done," he said. "There's never anyone always asking me, 'What have you done today?'"

"There's not much to complain about with this job," Epps said. "Even if something's going wrong, I don't dwell on it. I try not to even get upset by the little things. I just roll with the punches."

And life has dealt Epps several punches. When his mother died one year ago, "I lost one of my best friends," he said quietly, "but her death taught me to never take things for granted. And I don't. I take nothing for granted. Every breath I take is a gift."

"That's why I spend so much time with my family," he said. They are the reason behind every breath he takes.

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Nursing students are not included in the Faculty Senate recommendation because nursing faculty will still be employed at CNU next year.

The RSWM students' petition cites faculty participation as an important part of a graduation ceremony. The graduation ceremony is not just for students, according to Jeromie Heath, a senior seeking an education certification.

"Graduation is also important to faculty, because as a teacher, it is satisfying to see your students succeed and celebrate it with them," said Heath.

This special permission upsets some students in other departments who are also a few credits shy of graduating but will be forced to wait until next spring to commence.

"It is unfair to allow some students to walk at graduation just because their department was cut. I have only a few courses to take in the fall, and I have to wait until May 2004 to walk. These students should

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have to wait as well," said senior Lisa Egolf, biology major.

The Faculty Senate was clear in its recommendation that while it wishes for these students to participate in graduation, the students would not actually possess a degree until they finish the requirements. In order to meet the Senate's guidelines, a student must be scheduled to complete all academic work this summer and any internship by the end of next fall. Provost Richard Summerville will now consider the recommendation and make the final decision regarding students of cut programs.

While some students find it unfair, others embrace these students of cut programs because their presence will not make a difference in their own graduation experience.

"In my opinion, it does not matter who is graduating with me. I am concerned about the fact that I am graduating, not other people. So, to those Education and Sports and Wellness majors, I'll see you on May 10th," said graduating senior Renarda Warren.



# Honors And PLP Students Study In London

## Anarchist Speaks On Anti-Capitalist Activism

### Students Spend Time In London Studying Foreign Policy

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No red double-decker bus ploughs through the streets of South London. There hasn't been a single clean-cut cab in these parts in probably an hour. There are no Burberry-clad shoppers here and no tourists taunting the red-jacketed sentries standing at their posts.

Instead, motorcycles rumble over the crumbling cobblestones in this dilapidated Indian borough. Boys with the dark hair, dark skin and dark eyes of their Indian ancestors whirl by on their bicycles. In the windows, mannequins are swathed in brilliant silk saris. Newsstands carry "Asian Bride." Foreign calligraphy curves its mysterious way over shop entrances.

Weaving their way through the gamut of shopkeepers and restaurateurs hawking their wares and cooking, 19 CNU students take in the scenery—the fading London sunset, the foreign faces and voices, and the heavy, inviting scent of curry. They are not here to shop or to sightsee, and although they will soon sit down before a traditional Indian dinner, they are not here to dine. While most students are spending their spring breaks relaxing with friends or soaking up a Caribbean sun, these 19 students are spending 10 days in London to speak with political activists and representatives. Tonight, Globalise Resistance, the anti-capitalist, antiglobalization activist networking group, is the first on their agenda.

The students make an uneasy passage through the darkening streets. They follow their chaperone, Dr. Quinton Kidd, through an iron gate and into a dark cobblestone courtyard. To the right, "Club Vibe" flashes in indigo fluorescent lights.

After entering apprehensively into the foyer of a large building, the students meet the man behind all the protests, rallies, flag waving, marching and shouting, not to mention the forcible arrests. Guy Falkner, the only paid, full-time staff member of the resistance movement, arrives with tousled hair, thick, old-fashioned glasses and a worn T-shirt that reads "F\*ck Capitalism."

Despite his reputation as a semi-violent, quasi-psychotic troublemaker, Falkner seems friendly, almost happy-go-lucky. With an enormous smile, he waves



Illustration by Susan Miller/The Captain's Log

the first half of the group into an elevator, then shouts instructions for the others to follow.

Upstairs, the stale air carries a faint scent of marijuana. Falkner leads the group through a maze of tiny offices: back-alley modeling agencies, leftist campaign organizations, and startup record companies. Finally, the students are ushered into the cramped but colorful compartment that serves as the Globalise Resistance war room.

The walls are plastered with black and white photographs of banner-hoisting protesters and with flyers reading, "Another world is possible. Join Globalise Resistance!" and "Our World is Not for Sale." Newspaper headlines have their place, too: "May Day Rioters Train at U.S. Camps," one of the largest reads. A large photograph of Malcolm X graces the back wall. Its caption: "Liberate Our Minds by Any Means Necessary."

Guy Falkner smiles as he views the students' astonished faces. For the next few minutes, it is his turn to explain a position most Americans can barely fathom.

"We're anarchists," he explained. "We mobilize. We try to get people active in protests, make anti-capitalism accessible."

Despite the fact that Falkner never intended to form an official political movement, the English native gave up his college photography courses to lead the upstairs group.

"We just evolved as an organization," he said. "We've made quite a name for ourselves. We get a lot of publicity. Thanks to the media and their hysteria over us, they're giving us such a huge profile that people come to us, really."

From his little South London office, Falkner sends newsletters via e-mail that reach 3,500 readers.

He takes a moment to explain not only the history of Globalise Resistance but also the ideology that drives the movement.

"People, not profit. That sums it up," he said. "The other day I was speaking at Eaton College, one of the most posh schools in the U.K. It costs 12,000 pounds per year. Even there, people are noticing that capitalism works for very few people. There's a lot of dissatisfaction."

Falkner's discussion ranges in tone from the group's latest successes to his experiences with pepper spray. Even history, from the eyes of an anti-capitalist, is presented.

"As far as I'm concerned, Russia was a defeated revolution. It was

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Globalise Resistance Activist

a glimpse in the first few years, but it never had a chance. It became a mirror of the west," he said.

More recent events, too, are food for thought.

"The collapse of the Berlin Wall was not a defeat, though some of the Left were so depressed. It was a release. It cleared the air for us to look for things to strive for," said Falkner.

"Of course, his opinions on a possible war are also presented. 'We're against the war... as for how we achieve that, whether it's a social society or an anarchist society, that's not for us to say,' said Falkner.

With official explanations out of the way, he steers the group to a more intimate setting: the Aladin restaurant, where a cascade of Christmas lights colors the front

windows red, blue, yellow and green, and where a warm, dim interior is filled with the spicy aroma of Indian cooking. As the students pass thick, pan-fried bread and bowls of fragrant rice down a long wooden table, they discuss politics and anti-capitalist sentiment over sizzling tandoori chicken. Are McDonald's, Coca-Cola and Disney the leaders of an evil capitalist empire? Or is free market capitalism the face of the future? Not everyone seems to agree...

Is there anything to be said for the fact that, at least according to Globalise Resistance, the richest one percent of the world's population has as much wealth as the poorest 57 percent? This too, is a subject of controversy that offers few clear-cut solutions for the students.

Before the night is over, the students will gather up their souvenirs: orange Globalise Resistance pins and white T-shirts emblazoned with the Mecca Cola logo and the phrase "Peace Not War."

They will walk home with stomachs full of Indian cooking and heads stuffed with new thoughts and questions. Most of the questions remain without answers. The important thing, it seems, is that they have been asked.

As the underground whisks them back to their three-star hotel, they rumble past billboards for InStyle magazine and Xerox. As the train squeals to a stop, they step out into the cold of High Street Kensington, the center of London's retail universe. A McDonald's sign glows from across the street. A Starbucks' coffeehouse is just a few storefronts down. They push their way through the crowds of shoppers, bumping Gap bags and smelling Pizza Hut. Most of them will still purchase from large global corporations. Few, if any, will ever join an anti-capitalist protest. In their bags, however, they still carry Globalise Resistance flyers. In their minds, they carry another view.

## A Vacation With A Purpose

### Students Use London Experience As Valuable Research

BY TYRONE ROBINSON  
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While many students hit the beach, went to Mardi Gras or spent a quiet week at their homes during spring break, 19 members of government professor Dr. Quinton Kidd's Honors 490 class spent 10 days in London to attain various perspectives from people who are involved with solving the problems throughout the world.

The students, who left from Dulles Airport on Feb. 27, met with five organizations that are attempting to solve the world's problems: Friends of the Earth, Student Action for Refugees, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Globalise Resistance and Quaker Peace and Social Witness. The group also hoped to visit the House of Commons, but the Members of Parliament canceled three days before the meeting due to increased tension with Iraq.

Although the students were unable to visit the House, they were able to speak to a member of the Associated Press, who according to Kidd arrived at dinner one night. This individual broke the story in which the President of France Jacques Chirac demanded that NATO do nothing about the current problem with Iraq. This was an excellent chance "to meet someone who did this on a day-to-day basis," said Kidd.

Seeing the British outlook regarding these current events "will encourage students to think broadly about problem solving," said Kidd. "The most important thing was the exposure to ideas and perspectives."

Kidd felt that one of the most memorable events occurred when some of the students became engaged in debate while riding a city bus; they discussed American foreign policy with Londoners who opposed the war. This moment was, for some students, the first time they had defended not only their own opinions but also the opinions of their nation to those from another country.

With the trip behind them, the class must put its experience to use. The students are now working on research for their final papers. The presentation of these papers will bring the PLP and Honors programs to a close, integrating several required classes that stressed the need for proper cross-cultural awareness and interaction. Kidd sees the London trip as a vital part in developing needed life skills and hopes that it will continue as a yearly program.

## Career And Counseling Provides Resources For Students To Pursue Careers

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD  
Staff Writer

The Career and Counseling Center provides students with a variety of services help them set their feet in the job market, and for the remainder of the semester, the office offers a series of seminars which teach students how to interview and create resumes.

"The college years are the best time to receive free career/interviewing tips that will enhance your ability to land the job you want," said Brian Larson Assistant Director/Counselor at CNU's Office of Career and Counseling (OCCS).

"The earlier students come in to our office to seek assistance, the faster we can put their minds at ease by pointing them in the right direction," Larson said.

The inability to form a resume will, at many times, add to this frustration, said Larson, who wants stu-

dents to know that the office is there to help.

He reminds students that counselors can also aid individuals by sitting down and talking things through. Inventory tests may also help students discover other options not previously realized. The whole point of the Career and Counseling Center, according to Larson, is "not to make decisions for students, but to make decisions for them in making those decisions for themselves by providing the appropriate resources."

SGA President Anna Williams said that the Career and Counseling Office helped her tremendously in the review of her resume for a graduate school application. She attended one of the OCCS's interview seminars prior before Virginia Tech's Interview Weekend.

"I was able to put those skills I learned into action. I was recently accepted into the graduate program at Virginia Tech, and I am thankful

to Brian for taking time to help me learn the essential resume and interviewing skills to get me there," said Williams.

Williams said she would return to the Office of Career and Counseling again if she ever needed career or professional advice.

Employment Support Seminars will be held on several days between now and April 14. A detailed list of these dates and times are found at the Career and Counseling Center's Web site.

The OCCS is located in Student Center room 146 and offers up-to-date information on salary, labor market and graduate school information.

The Career Resource Center (CRC), located in the Career and Counseling Center, encourages students to stop by if they are undecided as to which major or career areas to pursue.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Interviewing Tips

- \* Research the company prior to the interview
- \* Anticipate the questions and prepare some answers
- \* Prepare wardrobe and grooming
- \* Practice interviewing
- \* Smile
- \* Maintain a positive, upbeat attitude
- \* Relate your experience, education and training to the position
- \* Be sure to thank your interviewer for the opportunity to interview
- \* Indicate interest in the position
- \* Meet with a career counselor in the Office of Career and Counseling
- \* Center prior to interview
- \* Specific dates for seminars can be found at the center's Web site at <http://www.cnu.edu/studlife/occs/calendar.html>

# World and Nation

## Bill Banning "Partial Birth" Abortions Passes Senate

BY JODI ENDA  
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Opponents of abortion rights won the first of what could be a string of congressional victories when the U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to outlaw a controversial form of late-term abortion.

The bill, banning "partial-birth" abortions, is expected to sail through the House of Representatives. President Bush has vowed to sign it into law.

"Partial-birth abortion is an abhorrent procedure that offends human dignity, and I commend the Senate for passing legislation to ban it," Bush said. "Today's action is an important step toward building a culture of life in America."

Abortion-rights advocates predicted the law would be declared unconstitutional since there are no exceptions to protect the health of a pregnant woman.

"Given that they didn't put a comprehensive health exception in this, it's dead on arrival," said David J. Carrow, a professor at Emory University's law school and author of "Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe v. Wade."

Even the bill's sponsor, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said he did not expect the measure to reduce the number of abortions performed in the U.S. because doctors could use other procedures. The Senate vote prohibiting the procedure is as important for its symbolism and politics as for its medical impact.

The 64-33 vote marks the first abortion-related tally since Republicans took control of the Senate this year and shows the strength of a movement overlooked during the eight years that President Bill Clinton was in office. Clinton twice vetoed similar legislation.

The Senate bill would prohibit doctors from partially delivering a fetus and then committing an "overt act" to kill it.

A survey conducted by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a think tank quoted by both sides in the debate, found that 2,200 "partial-birth" abortions were performed in the United States in 2000.

Abortion-rights advocates contend that the Santorum bill was also vague enough to outlaw other forms of abortions, particularly those performed in the second trimester.

The Senate rejected amendments that would have specified that the bill was intended to protect fetuses that would be viable outside the womb.

Other bills are coming that would make it a crime to take minors across state lines for abortions to avoid parental-notification laws; prevent federal, state and local governments from withholding money from hospitals that do not provide abortions; and make it a crime to injure a fetus during the commission of another crime.

## Bush: 48 Hours Till War



President George W. Bush announced Monday that Saddam Hussein has 48 hours to leave Iraq or face war.

### Second UN Resolution Pulled By US Monday Afternoon

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President Bush delivered a final ultimatum Monday night to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein: exile or war; decide by Wednesday night.

"Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours," Bush said during a prime-time address to the nation. "Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict, commenced at a time of our choosing."

Iraqi officials said Saddam would not leave. "He will stay in place like a solid rock," Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf told the al-Jazeera television service.

As Bush spoke, federal authorities elevated the nation's domestic threat level to high (orange) from elevated (yellow) and announced an enhanced security program called Operation Liberty Shield.

Without providing many details, authorities said they were tightening security at borders, airports, seaports and elsewhere. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge urged governors to deploy National Guard units to high-risk locations.

The stark developments came just hours after the administration withdrew its pending U.N. resolution, suffering a stunning diplomatic defeat, and the United Nations suspended weapons inspections in Iraq.

"The United Nations Security Council has not lived up to its responsibilities, so we will rise to ours," the president said. Bush based his case for war primarily upon the need to prevent Iraq from arming

terrorists with weapons of mass destruction.

"We choose to meet that threat now, where it arises, before it can appear suddenly in our skies and cities," he said during the 13-minute speech from the White House.

"Terrorists and terror states do not reveal these threats with fair notice, in formal declarations," he said. "And responding to such enemies only after they have struck first is not self-defense; it is suicide."

Speaking directly to Iraqi soldiers and intelligence agents, Bush said: "If war comes, do not fight for a dying regime that is not worth your own life." He warned them to ignore orders to destroy Iraqi oil wells or use weapons of mass destruction.

"In any conflict, your fate will depend on your actions," the president said. "War crimes will be prosecuted, war criminals will be punished and it will be no defense to say, 'I was just following orders.'"

And, as he has in the past, he said U.S. efforts to oust

Saddam were in the best long-term interests of the Iraqi people.

"The tyrant will be gone," he said. "Your day of liberation is near."

And so, the war that the world has expected and dreaded for months rushed closer.

The United States, Britain and Spain, facing certain defeat on the Security Council announced they were killing their own U.N. resolution, which would have set a deadline for full Iraqi disarmament and authorized war.

"Obviously, we seem to be at the end of the road here," said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

In Iraq, all 156 U.N. weapons inspectors and support workers searching for nuclear, biological and chemical weapons were ordered to cross borders to safety. Humanitarian aid workers also were told to leave.

## Budget Plans Optimistic, Experts Say; Do Not Include War Estimates

By James Kuhnhehn  
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Republican budget writers are pressing ahead with plans for up to \$1.3 trillion in tax cuts over the next 11 years, untroubled by bulging short-term deficits and uninformed about the costs of a potential military conflict in the Persian Gulf.

The deficits and the shadow of war are not helping these Republican leaders build broad coalitions in support of the tax cuts.

Moderate and some conservative Republicans, not to mention Democrats, are rejecting the large tax cuts in favor of something smaller or nothing at all.

The war gives President Bush potential leverage to get much of what he wants.

A short successful operation in Iraq that deposes Saddam Hussein and captures caches of weapons of mass destruction would boost his political standing and make him a formidable force in Congress.

"If he's right about the war, then, yes, nothing succeeds like success," said Ed Gillespie, a Republican lobbyist with close ties to the White House.

Congress will begin floor debate on the House and Senate budget proposals this week.

"I can't imagine all the turmoil we've created in the world could be lessened that fast," said Sen. Lincoln Chafee, a Rhode Island Republican who opposes any tax cuts and has been a critic of the war build-up.

The president's tax-cutting plans fall into three different categories. He would extend the 2001 tax cuts permanently, cutting revenue by \$600 billion through 2013.

He would eliminate dividend taxes on investors, reducing revenues by \$360 billion over the same period.

And he would accelerate tax cuts and provide other types of tax relief and some spending as an economic stimulant for a total of about \$366 billion, much of that occurring this year and in 2004.

"If you're going to fix the economy, the question is which economy - pre-Iraq or post-Iraq?" asked Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Democrat from Nebraska who backed Bush's 2001 tax cut.

Looking to alleviate worries within their own Republican ranks, the chairman of the House and Senate budget committees presented \$2.2 trillion budgets that eventually wipe out deficits.

Meanwhile, neither budget provides any money to cover the costs of military action in Iraq. The White House and the Pentagon have refused to provide Congress with any estimates about the cost of the war or the post-war reconstruction of Iraq.

## Captive Confirms Bin Laden Is Alive

### Probably Near Pakistan

BY MICHAEL DORGAN  
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High-level officials in Pakistan's top intelligence agency said Monday that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the No. 3 figure in the al-Qaida terrorist network, told him he had met with Osama bin Laden in December, giving credence to reports that bin Laden is still alive and perhaps in the vicinity.

They also said that Mohammed, the accused architect of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, has divulged terrorist contacts and other crucial information that could lead to the al-Qaida kingdom.

Since Mohammed's arrest March 1, some news media have reported that he claimed recent contacts with bin Laden. Some also have reported that Mohammed has been cooperating to some degree.

But Monday's disclosures were the first official account by his interrogators. A senior U.S. official in

Washington disputed the Pakistani account, however, saying the interrogation of Mohammed has yielded "nothing of value" so far and conceding that bin Laden's trail appears to be growing cold again.

Late last week, U.S. offi-

By Monday, however, said the U.S. official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity, it appeared that bin Laden might have left the area the minute Pakistani officials revealed Mohammed's arrest - 24 hours before U.S. intelligence

this briefing of journalists," said one of the ISI officials, who, like the others, spoke on the condition that he wouldn't be identified.

He added that the purpose was to give the international community a better understanding and deeper appreciation of Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism. Waiters in black hats and white gloves served sandwiches and pastries during a slideshow highlighting the agency's successes.

The agency showed a crude but riveting videotape, allegedly of the mid in which Mohammed was captured while hiding out in the home of an upper-middle-class family in Rawalpindi, near Islamabad.

A man whom ISI officials identified as Mohammed is shown in one scene being shoved against a wall by an agent, but his back is to the camera and his face can't be seen. Then a black hood is slipped over his head.

Not shown in the video, but described by the officials, was an earlier struggle in which an agent, after entering the house, was shot in the foot when he wrestled with Mohammed for control of Mohammed's AK-47 rifle.



Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the No. 3 figure in al-Qaida, was captured by Pakistani security forces Mar. 1.

Officials thought they had found the elusive al-Qaida leader near where Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet.

A combined intelligence team of CIA officers, National Security Agency technicians and U.S. Special Forces, based in the western Afghan province of Nimruz, had intercepted communications between bin Laden and one of his sons, Saad.

Officials wanted to disclose. The Pakistani disclosures Monday were made in an unprecedented briefing for foreign reporters behind the high brick walls of the downtown headquarters of Inter-Services Intelligence, which is so secretive that the Pakistani press usually refers to it only as "a sensitive agency."

"This is the first time ever in the history of Pakistan \_

Senate  
Minority  
Leader  
Tom Daschle

# Opinions

## Where We Stand

### What War Should Mean To CNU

This week, our nation's leader will be confronted with one of the most difficult responsibilities for an American President: leading the United States to war.

The youth of America's colleges and universities will be faced with a decision that is only slightly less monumental: will they protest the war, or will they stand in support of the fight?

Across the nation, student voices are rising passionately in response to U.S. foreign policy. Some students march. Others wave flags and placards. Still others participate in debates. At some campuses, the controversy has risen to a fever pitch.

At CNU, however, the student body remains relatively calm. There are no protests or support rallies. There are few debates, and those that are held are, for the most part, poorly attended. Few speeches are made, if any. The closest thing to an open discussion on the war is a series of (mostly anonymous) posts on campus WebMail.

The CNU community has little excuse for such apathy. The University's campus is located just a few miles from what is arguably the largest and most strategic military establishment in the United States. The giant cranes and looming steel carriers located within the confines of the Newport News Shipyard are familiar sights for many CNU students. If the throes of war do indeed reach our nation, CNU will be one of the first campuses in the country to be affected.

If there are any student protests, they should occur at CNU. If there are any rallies of support, they should take place on this campus.

War itself is a frightening and dangerous possibility. But the most dangerous and frightening prospect of all is apathy among the citizens of the United States. In a country driven by the will of the people, citizens must take a strong stance on the issues that affect us, whether that means protest or support.

College, especially, presents a fertile ground for the growth of free and even radical thought. If there is any time for an individual to challenge his or her beliefs, it is during the four or five years that that individual spends in the college setting.

If there is any time in our nation's history for an individual to examine whether or not war is right and just, it is the present, when friends and relatives are being shipped off to fight on foreign soil.

And if there is any school to take up or resist the cause laid down by the U.S. President, it is CNU.

Students must challenge themselves to possess strong convictions. Even more importantly, they must understand why they hold these beliefs. Most of all, students must not remain quiet when it comes to what they think and feel. As the nation enters this difficult moment of history, may CNU be at the forefront of colleges and universities that take a stand. The University cannot keep silent any longer.

## Don't Be Afraid Anymore

### Put Fear Aside, Dream Big, Take A Stand, And Make The Most of College

BY STEPHANIE HEINATZ  
CNU Alumna

Close your eyes. Think back over the past three years.

What is the most important thing you learned in that time?

Seem impossible? Let's narrow it down. Close your eyes again.

Think back over the past three years at CNU.

What is the most important thing you learned in that time and at that place?

Still seem impossible? It very well may be. It was for me anyway.

I walked across a stage in the Freeman Center and shook President Paul Trible's hand on Dec. 14, 2002. It signified the end of my undergraduate days. But a few weeks ago, I was asked what was the most important thing that I learned at CNU?

So I mulled over the question for weeks and have been able to only narrow it down to 10 things I will take with me from my time at CNU (and no, this is not my way of applying for the Letterman show).

The theme: don't be afraid. And the funny thing is that it wasn't things I did first hand, but thing I watched other people do.

10. Don't be afraid to try new things. Ever ridden a mechanical bull? I have – and paid for it for weeks with giant bruises on my thighs. But at least I can say I did it.

9. Don't be afraid to meet new people. I joined a sorority. I became a Crew Leader. I wrote for the student paper. I got involved with everything I had time to do. And you know what? I learned a lot about how to deal with different types of people and how to work well with others.

8. Don't be afraid to ask a question, even if you THINK you know the answer. I graduated with a degree in English and journalism. As a reporter, one of my biggest fears is to have to run a correction on something I wrote. I don't care if I ask the same question three times. I ask until I fully understand something.

7. Don't be afraid to be different, but don't be different just to be different. Be different because that is who you are. As who you are, be comfortable that you are you and can bring something important to others. A good friend of mine doesn't drink and doesn't smoke. But she loves to dance and she loves to have a good time.

6. Don't be afraid to say what you think, especially if you think it's important. Shortly after the school made deep cuts into departments and staff, a male student stood up during a SGA meeting and said something that I was just thinking.

As about half a dozen club representatives asked for the SGA to give them up to \$100 for some event, he stood up and encouraged his fellow senators to vote against giving away all this money while real people were losing their jobs. He encouraged his fellow students to stop giving away money while real people thought about where they would go to school next year.

I was proud to be in the same room as that man. But

ashamed I didn't have the guts to say it myself.

5. Don't be afraid of the way other people feel. Everyone is different. They come from different backgrounds. They have different experiences. They have different ways of looking at things. Don't be afraid of that because chances are you can learn from it.

4. Don't be afraid of your dreams. I met a young man who started college with the dream of doing something with health and wellness. He took classes associated with that major, but soon found that he really wanted to go into social work.

Social work is a career with less money and a lot of hours and dedication. But it was his dream and he wasn't afraid to follow it.

3. Don't be afraid to admit when you are wrong. It really stinks when you are. But it is a far worse thing to be wrong and know it than to be wrong and ignorant.

2. Don't be afraid to stand up for something you believe in. Remember all the protests by students that were affected by the budget cuts? They were standing up. The Young Constitutionists. A lot of people don't agree with what they say, but they're standing up. The Virginia Monologues – WOW. What a stance that was.

1. Don't be afraid to be yourself. Because that is all you can do. And guess what: not everyone is going to like you because that is just the nature of human beings. But love you. Love who you are. Love what you stand for.

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## Sex And Love At CNU: Clearing Up The Sex Myths

### The Truth About What Your Friends Have Told You

BY RACHEL GILLERLAIN  
Staff Writer

Oftentimes it is extremely difficult to extract facts from urban myths, popular sayings and so-called "common sense," especially when trying to determine truth about sex. That I was once nearly persuaded that Asian women had horizontal vaginas (I didn't know; I had never seen one) is hard evidence of the level of garbage that people will spew/accept. Though myths are often entertaining, they are at the same time disturbing because people actually believe them. So this week, I present to you my top 10 list of common sex myths. Remember, don't believe everything you hear, or in this case, read.

Myth #1: The average penis size is six inches. OK, I'm not sure when or where this myth got started but that

it has lasted this long does not say much about the human capacity for estimating measurements. What is amazing to me is that it is largely guys who are contributing to this high standard. I mean, why would they want non-penis-havers to go around thinking that a five-inch penis is a disappointment when it is actually close to the norm? According to Dr. Tom Lue's [www.thirdage.com](http://www.thirdage.com), the average penis length is 5.1 inches erect and 3.5 inches flaccid.

Myth #2: Size doesn't matter. My own theory is that when it comes to two human bodies, the "parts" should be in the same scaling in order for sex to be not just tolerable but fulfilling. When I see a six-foot, 300-pound body-builder type with a five-foot, 90-pound cheerleader type it honestly makes me wonder how things are going for them.

Granted, a timid, midget penis would be bad, but a giant, ogre penis (Go ahead, picture it looming above you...) could be painful, and that would present much more of a threat to my future sex life. Out of a lineup of penises, I think I would choose something close to the

middle in terms of size. Myth #3: Foot/hand/nose length or girth is indicative of the size of the penis. I'm getting worried because we're on myth number three and still talking about penises, so I'll make it short. There is no proven correlation between penis size and the size of any other body part. Usually on a guy, as on a girl, everything is in proportion, but some men might surprise you. Think of *Mini-Me* from "Austin Powers."

Myth #4: Sex equals intimacy. Sex alone does not reveal that there is intimacy between the partners. Sadly, many people have woken up the morning after to find the other person running for the door; what's more, is that the "victims" sometimes become "runners" when physical gratification becomes more important to them than the relationship. If you have never "made love" before, I certainly would recommend it over "eating and running," but sometimes people do what they have to do. The important thing is for the couple, casual or otherwise, to have an understanding about the relationship and to

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Just send your letters to [cl@cnu.edu](mailto:cl@cnu.edu) or drop them by our newsroom on the second floor of the Student Center, Room 223.

The Captain's Log also accepts longer comments, so don't feel like you need to keep it short.

## ROTC Is No Joking Matter

This letter is in response to Jeremiah Santiago's "cartoon" about CNU's Army ROTC cadets. Since the cartoon agitated me so much, it is difficult to find a place to start.

First and foremost, let me explain that ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps. The title means exactly what it says: a Corps to train men and women to be officers that will eventually be commissioned into the United States Army as 2nd Lieutenants; people who will go off and defend the United States and its citizens.

I feel the need to point this out because apparently Mr. Santiago fails to comprehend it. His "cartoon" is not only a crack on CNU's Army ROTC, but also every other ROTC (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine) in the nation, as well as those superb officers currently in the United States Armed Forces that completed the program successfully.

Secondly, CNU ROTC does not fall under "Lord Tibble" as Mr. Santiago so eloquently puts it. While CNU ROTC takes pride in being at CNU, if he were to look closely at the unit badge placed on the right shoulder of the uniform, Mr. Santiago would see

that CNU ROTC is based out of the College of William and Mary. This system is in place because CNU is such a small school. As such, CNU does not have an abundance of facilities (i.e. woods), staff or supplies. The CNU Cadets have resolved to use the Great Lawn as a convenient meeting and exercising area. I can see how our exercises are comical to an outsider, given the less-than-ideal simulated conditions.

What Mr. Santiago needs to realize is that we are learning basic principles of combat regardless to our given conditions. For example, instead of setting up an ambush on a secluded road, we use a sidewalk outside of Gosnell—the principles and actions are the same. To compare Army cadets to rent-a-cops "guarding the grass" is wholly inaccurate and highly agitating, Mr. Santiago. Training to be a leader in the military is not to be taken lightly.

Lastly: yes, of course we do use fake weapons. Obviously this is for safety of students as well as other cadets. The fake weapons are of similar dimensions and are of the same weight in order to accurately create the feel of carrying a loaded weapon. We treat them as real rifles, so when we do pick up real weapons, we do not endanger others. This should be

common sense, but I am clarifying it anyway, because Mr. Santiago seems to miss many things. What some students fail to realize is that even though the ROTC cadets are training to be military officers, we are still college students like everyone else who attends CNU. We laugh, joke and party, and ultimately (like everyone else) we are here to be educated and get a degree.

As for myself, I am not a contracted cadet, meaning I have no obligation to the Army as of yet. I am writing this letter to defend what I enjoy doing at the moment. That is why many of the cadets are in ROTC, because they enjoy doing it. Mr. Santiago needs to be more aware of the material about which he jokes. He needs to be mindful of other students' career paths. I know several students through the ROTC program who have been called up by the Reserves to fight in Iraq and elsewhere. To call ROTC rent-a-cops of CNU is to call them rent-a-cops of the world.

In a personal note to the Editor himself, I am disappointed you allowed that poorly written cartoon in your otherwise first-rate college publication.

Castley  
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behave responsibly. Feeding on another's emotions for their own selfish fulfillment is about as low as it goes.

**Myth #5: Women always want it to go slower and last longer.** While it may take a woman slightly longer than her male partner to become ready, long drawn-out sex sessions are not always desirable. I think that guys concentrate too hard on trying to make the actual intercourse last as long as possible when they could more effectively lengthen the experience with fore/after-play.

I personally get tired, sore and even bored during marathons and enjoy an occasional quickie just as much as the next person. So, the lesson to be learned here is that variety is the key, which brings me to my next point.

**Myth #6: Every sexual encounter must end in orgasm.** Wrong. If orgasm were the single, necessary outcome of sex, people wouldn't need partners. Need I say more (wink, wink, nudge, nudge)? Sex is about the enjoyment of being close with another person. Constantly working to an end leads to routine and disinterest, not to mention ulterior motives among partners (i.e. women who have sex in hopes of having more than five minutes of snuggle time afterward).

**Myth #7: Women hate to give oral sex.** I suppose this

might be true for some women, but it seems like a lot of men believe this about all of us. When dealing with myths like this one, it's important to realize that they are hugely generalized assumptions, that is, taken from a few true experiences and applied to everyone else.

**Myth #8: Your parents haven't had sex since your conception.** Ha ha, this is my personal favorite because my parents have been divorced for most of my life. It's a horrible mental picture, Mom and Dad doing the deed, but "young Moses," I'm afraid it's true.

Take a moment to grimace. Your grandparents are probably still having sex too, at least once in a while. Dr. Sanford Lopater, the Human Sexuality teacher here on campus and a valuable mentor of mine, has discussed college-age denial, criticizing the young's unrealistic disgust for the idea of "older people" taking part in sex.

As Lopater has stressed in conversation and in his book, "Human Sexuality: A Psychosocial Perspective" (co-written with the notorious Dr. Ruth), sex is not just for college kids and newlyweds, but an integral component of one's health throughout the lifespan.

**Myth #9: Alcohol makes you a better lover.** I have often heard my peers say that alcohol makes them horny, or makes them more relaxed, improving their chances to "get play." According to

Lopater and Westheimer, alcohol is reported to "lessen inhibitions," increasing the likelihood of "saying and doing things that one might not otherwise say or do" (193).

While this might improve one's chances in meeting or flirting with others, it might also lead to sexual vulnerability (especially with women) or irresponsible decisions such as practicing unprotected sex.

Personally, whenever I have more than a couple of drinks, I fall asleep ... and drool ... and snore ... and wake up looking like Swamp Thing. Very sexy? Uh ... no. It's true.

**Myth #10: Unprotected penetration won't result in STIs or pregnancy if he withdraws before ejaculation, and oral sex alone cannot transmit any diseases.** I honestly hope that no adults actually believe #10, but I included it because maybe there is someone who doesn't already know.

Pre-ejaculate fluids carry large amounts of sperm, thus putting the woman at a considerable risk for getting pregnant, not to mention catching an STI, even when the final ejaculation takes place outside of her body.

Though the risk may be lower than with intercourse, a partner performing oral sex certainly may become infected with diseases present in vaginal secretions, pre-ejaculate and sperm.

"Sex and Love at CNU" appears weekly in The Captain's Log

## Parental Consent Puts Young Mother's Interests At Heart

In response to "Parental Consent For Abortion Limits Personal Freedoms," I believe the article fails to bring up important reasons why this new law should be supported. Since when did teenagers know what was best for them?

If minors could actually make mature decisions about various issues in their lives, not only would teenage pregnancies be almost nonexistent, but we would also legally give minors access to alcohol and tobacco.

Unfortunately, it is exactly the ability to make mature decisions that separate the teenagers from the adults.

If there were any abortion legislation on which the Right and the Left could agree, this would be it.

Most parents have their children's best interests at heart and would be willing to help their daughter through her pregnancy and after-

ward. Because of the hardships a pregnancy brings, it is easy for young mothers and fathers to simply get rid of the "nuisance."

If we all gave up every little inconvenience in our lives, fewer of us would be here today.

Since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, one third of all pregnancies have ended in slaughter. Apparently those pregnancies were "inconvenient."

According to the article I am writing in response to, "If the lawmakers support abortion rights, then they undermine a girl's right to choose by giving the right to her parents." The author has chosen to remain anonymous, but like most leftist thought, it tends to contradict itself.

Minors do not always have the right to choose. They do not have the right to choose their politicians, they do not have the right to

choose to drink alcohol or smoke tobacco, and they should not have the right to an abortion at the very least without the consent of their parents.

Regardless of anyone's personal convictions, the facts speak for themselves. Teenagers do not make mature decisions.

If they did, these young mothers would not have been pregnant in the first place. We need to put the decision-making back in the hands of those who know what is best, parents.

I hope our state legislators realize this before making decisions of their own concerning this issue.

Justin Egan  
Vice-Chairman  
Young Constitutionalists at CNU

## Church And State Separation Is Not As Simple As You Think

I am writing in response to Jenn Rowell's comment to the "Opinions" page of the Feb. 12 edition of The Captain's Log ["Private Prayer in Schools Is A Step In The Right Direction"].

In the article, Ms. Rowell explained the newly released Federal Education Guidelines concerning prayer in schools, presented arguments for and against the legislation, and she provided a brief history lesson on the concept of "separation of church and state."

Like Ms. Rowell, support First Amendment rights but also believe that past legislation has shown hostility toward religion.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Ms. Rowell's opinion and am writing not to disagree, but to clarify a point that was made in the article as well as provide additional information regarding this controversial topic.

Ms. Rowell, after quoting both the Establishment Clause and Free Exercise

Clause of the Constitution, stated that "the concept of separation became more apparent in ... the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom." Though conceptually this may be true, I would like to add that the phrase "a wall of separation between church and state" was first used in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association shortly after the adoption of the Bill of Rights. Jefferson said:

"Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of the government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church

and State."

It has been my experience that this phrase, which may very well be the most quoted phrase concerning the meaning of the religion clauses, is often incorrectly attributed to the Constitution or the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom.

The latter, which was written by Jefferson in 1777 and was finally passed in 1786 after the assembly deleted major portions altered, as some may argue, the context.

To see the original document and which portions were deleted, log on to <http://www.pbs.org/jefferson/enlight/religi.htm>.

As the issue of separation between church and state is always controversial, I urge all of you who enjoy debating the topic to research it and enter these verbal battles fully armed.

Shelly Horn,  
sophomore

## Many Arts Are Not Hidden

Thank you Virginia Miller for your article on the Arts here at CNU.

As you commented, "...one of the most mysterious secrets on campus is the Japanese Teahouse." Yet there are many more campus secrets as far as the arts are concerned.

The Art Department is making its mark all across campus. Have you seen it? Did you notice the mural painted on the kiln building next to the Freeman

Center painted by my fellow art students? Have you stopped into the Falk Gallery to check out the talents of our senior students? What about our Artist of the Month display outside of Einstein's?

If you've been in the Science Building you may have noticed the mural we're painting in the main stairwell. Have you seen the paintings in the Ratcliffe Lobby created by our professor Greg Henry?

There are some great ef-

forts being put forth by the students of the CNU Art Department.

Thank you for encouraging us as we seek to enrich our experience as artists here on campus.

We will continue to work to serve the campus as well as the local community.

Jennifer Leja  
President of  
The Fine Arts Society

## Corrections And Changes

■ In last week's issue, the caption of the Front page article entitled "Housing Consolidates" incorrectly cited freshman Brooke Zidenberg's name.

■ In last week's issue, the caption of the Sports section article "Men's Track, In The Mason-Dixie Conference Dominates" incorrectly cited Nick Robinson's name.

■ In last week's issue, the article in the Arts & Entertainment section, titled "Lessons On Lies & Love Learned Via 'Company'" incorrectly attributed several characters in the play. CNU student Caryn May played the character of Kathy, and Alexandria Finnegan played the character of Marta.



# ArTs & EnTertainmEnt

## Relocated And Ready To Go, WCNU Radio Rocks And Recruits

### Now In York River East, WCNU Is On The Look For New Members

BY ADAM NAEU  
Staff Writer

If one has access to the Internet at CNU, chances are he has heard of the radio sta-

tion sponsored by students. WCNU is CNU's first venture into electronic, student-run media, having been established nearly two years ago.

It broadcasts shows and music over the Internet and into speakers on students' computers.

At the beginning of its relatively short history, WCNU started its broadcasts from Ferguson Hall, airing shows hosted by students and music played by student disc jockeys.

As Ferguson's renovation began, WCNU found it-

self needing a new place from which to set up its equipment for broadcasting its own brand of radio entertainment.

This semester, WCNU is now broadcasting from the computer lab room of York River East, trying to ground itself with a diverse collection of students to host shows.

This stay is temporary as WCNU will move, hopefully for the last time, to the new Student Center that is currently being planned for construction.

Despite its relocation

woes, WCNU continues to work hard to provide good output to its listeners.

Since its inception, WCNU has provided a great deal of radio entertainment, ranging from morning talk shows to evening dedication shows to entire blocks of time devoted to a singular type of music.

In its own right, WCNU has become a subtle, yet unique presence among the CNU community.

The need for student support and involvement is a big issue currently facing WCNU as an organization.

The Station Manager, Allen Brooks, reiterates the need for students to become more involved with the radio station by hosting shows and acting as disc jockeys for the shows.

"All that is required, according to Brooks, is a dedication of time and a willingness to learn about radio broadcasting."

"I just wanted to be on radio, really. I really had no idea what I was getting into when we first started, but now I love it," he said.

Now that WCNU has a place from which it can

broadcast across, its members are looking for more people to become involved so that they can begin broadcasting as regularly and continuously as possible.

Any student who wants to be involved is invited to start a show or take a block of time to play music.

Visit <http://www.cnu.edu/clubs/wcnu/> for information regarding WCNU's broadcast schedule and find out how to best receive the station's transmissions.

## Observational Humor Leggo My Ego; An Attitude Adjustment

BY STEVE HOFSTETTER  
Guest Columnist

I'll admit it. I have an ego. I have a rather large ego. I have an ego the size of a small Aero bus, which makes it extremely difficult for my head to fit through doorways, but quite convenient when it rains and I don't want to get my clothes wet.

I am not the only one with an ego. I'm just willing to admit it. Everyone with whom I've ever had a lengthy conversation has an ego. The people who don't have egos don't speak much, so it's hard to tell who they are.

When was the last time you engaged in a battle of "I can top that?" Probably this morning. And if you don't know what I'm talking about, it most likely sounded like this:

"You have got to hear what happened to me yesterday. Because I don't care what happened to you."

"Wow, that is fascinating. It reminds me of one time that something similar happened to me, only with a slightly less interesting ending."

"I'm sure glad you're finished talking, because that reminds me of another similar story, with an ending that is less interesting still."

"Well, I have a cousin that had something genuinely interesting happen to him, and since I know him, it makes me vicariously more interesting, right?"

Wrong. Since it's impossible to get rid of an ego, I found a way to get paid for it. You can't be an author, a columnist, or a comedian without thinking that it is your god given right to be, well, right.

But while being a writer has allowed me to use my ego to pay rent, it has the unfortunate side effect of bringing out the ego in everyone I meet that much quicker.

"You're an author? So am I! What have I written? Well, nothing. But I've got this book I'm working on about how enthralling my life as an unemployed twenty-something has been. I've already got at least ten pages thought out."

"You're a columnist? You know what you should write a column on? Cheese. What about cheese? I don't know, but I'm telling you man, cheese."

"You're a comedian? Have I got a joke for you! Two rabbis, a priest, and an awkward silence after there's no intelligible punch line to this joke walk into a bar. Hey, if you use that on stage, you don't even have to pay me."

Not everyone's ego makes them think they're the best at everything. Sometimes ego comes out when people think they're the worst at everything. In order for the world to be out to destroy you, it must be revolving around you.

Last week, I was relaying a story of how my friends and I saw someone installing a glass pane in a fifth floor window with no scaffolding below them. It was exciting to watch because we didn't know if the workers would drop the glass and have it shatter on the busy street below. It was also exciting to relay the story, since people thought I was exciting for watching something exciting. My story was interrupted, however, when one of the girls listening said, "That would be just my luck. If I was walking below it, the workers would have totally dropped that glass on me."

Why? Did she get hit with falling shards of glass often? Or ever? No. But the same stuff that happens to all of us—being splashed by the occasional car and puddle, airport delays, staining a favorite piece of clothing—she chalks up to her own private ego-driven pattern of bad luck. There are people in the world who have been struck by lightning. Twice. You do not have worse luck just because there was that one winter when you caught a cold in December AND January.

Next time you hear someone say, "Just my luck," smack them in the back of the head. They can't possibly get mad at you. After all, everything bad always happens to them, right? If their logic holds, that backlash was just part of god's plan.

And whether it is a positive or negative ego, it is perfectly acceptable to have one as long as it does not interfere with interpersonal relationships. The trick to having a successful ego is to channel it in the right situations. For example, you can use your ego as a way of exuding confidence while dating, while on job interviews, and while writing newspaper columns.

But if you can't figure out a way to use your ego for personal gain, use someone else's. When I meet someone for the first time, I spend a long time just asking them questions. Because everyone enjoys a conversation more when it is about themselves.

"Oh, that reminds me of a story. See, this one time..."

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## Village Delights: Good Eats In Hilton

### Hilton Village Offers Variety Of Eateries, From Eclectic Ice Cream Parlor, To Tasty Mexican

BY TARYN CORNELIUS  
Staff Writer

Not many ice cream parlors have full-scale pianos in them. Nor do they have seven foot high antique chairs. Historic Hilton Village is home to the ice cream parlor with not only these odd pieces of furniture, but also a chair shaped like a hand and a wall of foreign currency.

"50 sandwiches, 50 flavors, 50 drinks" is the motto of the Historic Hilton Village Parlor Restaurant. The restaurant offers banana splits and Moose Tracks ice cream, grilled cheese sandwiches and Speed Trap chili. It also offers an atmosphere unlike ordinary chain restaurants.

Owner Connie Jones purchased the Village Parlor around a decade ago. Since then, along with co-proprietor Bilal Muhammad, she has expanded the menu from solely ice cream to the variety of quick eats they offer now.

Stapled to the ceiling, in no particular pattern, are dozens of one-dollar bills, scribbled with signatures, announcements of high school events and couples' names. Muhammad was there when two young men first wanted their dollar bills put on the ceiling. "No one has told me yet why they want to put a bill on the ceiling," said Muhammad, who went on to explain that the original two young men never said why they wanted the money



The Village Parlor in Hilton Village hosts 50 flavors of ice cream and soft drinks.

there either.

The Village Parlor also offers a variety of entertainment to add to the atmosphere. Wednesday nights are reserved for a drum circle, open to anyone who wants to come and play with the group. There are also two back rooms which can be rented out for parties, clown outfits and billiards tables included. Throughout the week, the Parlor sponsors an open-mic, allowing local musicians to jam out for any amount of time. "As long as they're trying, and not just making noise, I smile and let them play," said Muhammad.

"People are looking for a

place of tranquility," said Muhammad. "They come in here to look and end up spending the whole afternoon here."

Hilton Village also offers a more traditional way of dining, although the traditional part doesn't include the food. The Blue Cactus Cafe came to Hilton Village four years ago by Mark Fotores. A local to the Hilton Village area where he lives with his wife, Fotores explained that the present community feeling wasn't there when he first came to Hilton Village. "There wasn't a niche when I came in."

The Blue Cactus Cafe doesn't serve the typical tex-mex menu. Instead, Fotores

changes up the style by mixing the Mexican and Texas varieties with more of an up-to-date Southwestern manner. The lunch menu includes a variety of both salads and wraps, but also quesadillas which Fotores said are the big seller.

At night the menu switches to more of a fine dining variety with items such as filet mignon and soft shell crab. Live music is also occasionally on hand at the Cafe, making the atmosphere casual but unique at the same time.

"You'll be disappointed if you think we're like Azteca," said Fotores when discussing the menu's offering.

## Greek Gods Reign During Contest



Susan Miller/The Captain's Log

Sigma Phi Epsilon Members Matt Lemm, Senior, and Pat Daughtery, Freshman, Get Down During Gamma Phi Beta's "Greek God" Contest Last Wednesday. All Proceeds Went To Charity.



The Dixie Chicks are being labeled as unpatriotic by some country stations, while others have bulldozed over their records in protest to lead singer Maines' statements.

## A&E Commentary Dixie Chicks Are Scrambled Eggs To Some Radio Stations

### Popular Group's Music Boycotted Due To Lead Vocalist's Criticism Of President Bush

BY JESI OWENS  
A&E Editor

My roommate is boycotting country music stations.

She normally listens to 97.3 FM, "The Eagle," each morning to get the daily weather and traffic reports because they broadcast the information at the same time she's getting ready for work. She now gets up earlier to check on the Internet, because she—like others—is appalled at the current ban on popular country group The Dixie Chicks.

97.3 is not the only local country station boycotting the Grammy-winning female group. In fact, country stations across the country are angry at lead vocalist Natalie Maines' statements concerning our impending war against Iraq.

Maines criticized President George W. Bush, stating "we're ashamed the Presi-

dent of the United States is from Texas," while performing in Europe last week.

Rolling Stone reports that "In Bossier City, Louisiana, a few hundred protesters secured a tractor to destroy CDs and other Chicks-related material on Saturday night."

97.3 banned the Dixie Chicks, and printed her entire anti-war statement on its Web site.

Hampton Roads' other major country music station, 100.5, "Country Legends and Today's Favorites," initiated a similar boycott, citing Maines' statements as the reason and also publishing them on its Web site.

Their homepage states, "WCMS would like to thank you for supporting our small but meaningful 'Chicks-Out.' We refused to play the Dixie Chicks on March 13th and 14th because of the above comment from Natalie Maines."

Maines has since issued two apologetic statements to the press.

In the first, she states, "While we support our troops, there is nothing more frightening than the notion of going to war with Iraq and the prospect of all the innocent lives that will be lost. I feel the President is ignoring the opinions of many in the U.S. and alienating the rest of the world. My comments were made in frustration, and one of the privileges of being an American is you are free to voice your own

point of view."

This apparently didn't do it for the stations, which continued to boycott Dixie Chicks music.

Maines returned to the presses on Friday with a second statement, in which she issues a more formal apology.

She said, "My remark was disrespectful. I feel that whoever holds that office should be treated with the utmost respect. While war may remain a viable option, as a mother, I just want to see every possible alternative exhausted before children and American soldiers' lives are lost. I love my country. I am a proud American."

Whether Maines is right or wrong is not the issue here. She was making a statement supported by some Americans, which offends other Americans. Isn't that what our First Amendment rights are all about?

If the country music radio stations in Hampton Roads, as well as the rest of the country, are allowed to spend their entire morning talk-time discussing how pro-war they are, shouldn't they recognize the fact that the exact same right that gives them the ability to do that gives Natalie Maines the privilege to state her opinion on the issue?

Judging by the behavior of these stations, I guess the answer to that is no.



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# Comics and Crosswords

## Mystic Stars

### Weekly Horoscope For March 17-23

BY LASHA SENIUK  
Knight Rider/Tribune News Service

**Aries (March 21-April 20).** Early this week, group discussions reveal private information. Past relationships, outdated promises or ongoing loyalties may be accented. As yesterday's social or romantic alliances come sharply into focus, expect to witness rare or oddly flippant behavior from a close friend. Listen, learn and reserve judgment. Shared information will bring valuable insights. After Friday, ask for key social or family decisions. Friends and lovers will welcome fresh ideas and emotional change.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Private flirtations may soon become common knowledge. Before midweek, expect social and romantic relationships to be complicated by public announcements or new social alliances. In the coming weeks, scattered ideas and disjointed promises are ongoing themes. Later this week, avoid impulse spending or new debt. Financial announcements, home expenses or costly repairs may soon require quick responses.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Family messages and late social announcements may be irritating this week. Watch for loved ones to provide vague explanations of canceled plans or broken promises. Remain philosophical and expect progress in family or social relations to be stalled. Expect business or money restrictions to be postponed. Avoid new documents until later next week, however. New contracts may be complex or poorly defined.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Romantic invitations are difficult to resist this week. Watch for close friends or new lovers to provide exciting moments and new social outlets. This is a strong time for letting go of past differences or ending a phase of boredom. Accept all creative proposals and new overtures of affection. After Friday, some Cancerians will benefit from a revised exercise or dietary regime. Respond quickly to changing energy patterns. The body has a wisdom that deserves respect.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Rental agreements, property contracts and large purchases may be more complicated than necessary. Over the next few days, expect authority figures or financial advisers to be focused on small details and short-term gains. Trust your instincts. New purchases will eventually prove worthwhile. After midweek, romantic overtures are delightfully revealing. Expect a new friend or lover to express his or her affections, emotional needs and long-term goals.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Social and business discussions bring positive results. Before midweek, expect long-term friends or colleagues to accept your ideas, promises and comments. Remain determined. Over the next three days, others will search out your ability to see to the heart of complex matters. Late Thursday, vivid dreams or sudden intuitions may be startling. Watch for valuable insights concerning family relations, revised social promises and new romantic attractions.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Yesterday's family promises and home projects require attention. Early Tuesday, watch for loved ones or roommates to misunderstand your intentions, schedule or family commitments. Over the next two days, minor home disruptions will rapidly escalate. Make sure new ideas are clearly defined and openly discussed. After Friday, romantic choices are confusing. Long-term commitment versus short-term flirtation may be a strong theme. Avoid controversy, if possible.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Social and romantic intrigues are ongoing themes this week. Watch for friends and lovers to discuss the private lives of mutual friends or relatives. Remain quietly detached. This is not the right time to admit detailed involvement in complex social relationships or emotional triangles. Early this week, new purchases may prove disappointing. Opt for patience and consideration and avoid small debts.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Business proposals are promising, but incomplete this week. Watch for a friend or colleague to issue rare invitations into the technological or communications industries. Thoroughly explore all new proposals, but expect little progress. After Friday, a friend or relative may anxiously address postponed family or home decisions. Provide reliable dates and social information. Emotional expectations are high.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Before midweek, quick flashes of wisdom are vivid and accurate. Private romantic motives may be revealed through unusual group events or repeated social situations. Remain open to fast impressions from colleagues or friends. After Friday, avoid late-arriving employment duties or unexpected financial risk. Business ventures require careful planning and detailed reviews. Refuse to feel pressured by new ideas, fast decisions or controversial team assignments.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Loved ones may ask for more attention than is necessary this week. Expect close friends and lovers to be emotionally vulnerable or highly focused on past social events. Temporally indulge private sentiments, but also set clear limits. This is not a good time to be drawn back into outdated emotional history. After midweek, a business idea or new career venture may require group discussion or special approval. Remain silent. Work assignments are politically complex.

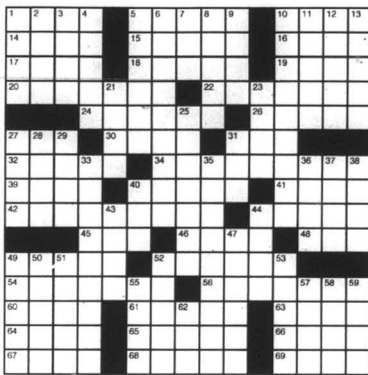
**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Postpone outstanding business or financial decisions, if possible. Over the next eight days, your role in workplace negotiations will be unclear. Many Pisceans will soon struggle to begin an important career venture or employment project. By mid-April all will be permanently set in motion, so not to worry. Remain patient, however, and gather useful information or valid facts. Positive gains will eventually be revealed.

**If your birthday is this week ...** Ask loved ones for vital home or romantic decisions before early June. Over the next nine weeks, complex emotional differences may rise to the surface of long-term relationships. No serious consequences are likely, but do expect minor disagreements involving finances, family obligations and traditional roles. After mid-June, all works to your advantage. Stay focused and expect loved ones to provide reliable plans. Late this summer, business partners or colleagues may challenge your expertise and workplace influence. Don't be unnerved. By mid-September authority figures will announce key promotions or new job titles.

## Crossword

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- 14 Crown of light
- 15 Book before Joel
- 16 Asian sea
- 17 Folk singer Burl
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- 24 Abdominal exercises
- 26 Expressed enjoyment
- 27 Purpose
- 30 Medication portion
- 31 Possess
- 32 Reaps a profit
- 34 Cromwell's nickname
- 39 Fairy-tale monster
- 40 Stinker
- 41 Peaceful
- 42 Run counter
- 44 Sao \_\_\_\_ Brazil
- 45 Be in debt
- 46 Therefore
- 48 Sack
- 49 Brief argument
- 52 Training routines
- 54 Film preview
- 56 One of Rome's seven hills
- 60 Killer whale
- 61 English school subj.
- 63 Inactive
- 64 Plant anchor
- 65 Underground excavations
- 66 Thaw
- 67 Ultimatum word
- 68 Fidgety
- 69 Puts into words



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- 7 Buffoon
- 8 Coral creations
- 9 Top of the head
- 10 Dylan's instrument
- 11 Bathsheba's husband
- 12 Dull finish
- 13 Argue a case
- 21 Lends a hand
- 23 Propels a shell
- 25 Close examiner
- 27 Intensely eager
- 28 "Othello" conspirator
- 29 Sorvino of Mighty Aphrodite
- 31 Single unit
- 33 Try to reach an agreement
- 35 Flightless birds
- 36 Dillatante's painting
- 37 Ms. Fitzgerald
- 38 Polluted haze
- 40 Abandon truth
- 43 MP's quarry
- 44 Warsaw native
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# Sports

## Men's Baseball Wins Two In Doubleheader Against Chowan Conference Game Of Season

CNU Wins Its Opening Conference Games In A Double Header With Chowan: 2-0 In Conference Play, 13-2

BY ROB SILSBEE  
Staff Writer

The Captains baseball team played its first two conference games last weekend, facing the Chowan Braves at Captain's Park. They managed two wins, the game on Saturday was a close game, but they pulled out a 5-4 win. Sunday they kicked into gear with both a strong offense and a strong defense beating Chowan 13-2.

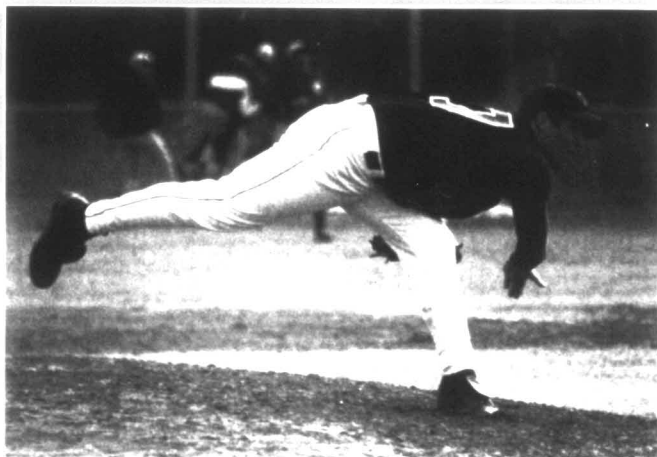
After Brandon Haywood took the hill, the Captains drove to a quick one-run lead in the first inning.

Ricky Medina singled, and Jeremy Elliott scored after hitting a double and stealing second base.

Haywood pitched well the first two innings allowing just two hits and earning three strikeouts with a 1-0 lead. However, in the third, Chowan took the lead on three hits to pull ahead 2-1.

CNU was unable to answer in the bottom of the third as Turner struck out, Phaup had a good hit but was caught out at first base and Corbin grounded out.

The third was Haywood's only mishap



Freshman Eben Brower takes the mound against Chowan during Saturday's Game. Brower got two strikeouts and only one hit was made off him.

as he continued through the fifth allowing just six hits with four strikeouts and just the two earned runs.

The fourth inning looked promising as Basanes singled to center field. After the successful start Basanes was picked off at first. Pitching for Chowan became troublesome as Collier walked onto first, but he was also picked off which ended the inning for the Captains.

In the bottom of the fifth, the offense offered a little help to Haywood's pitching effort. Matt Turner hit his fourth home run of the season, a two-run blast giving the Captains the lead, 3-2. The very next batter, senior Chris Phaup, added a home run of his own to pad the lead to 4-2. The bats weren't done until the sixth however, when catcher Scotty George added one more with the long ball putting the score at its final, 5-2.

The seventh inning provided no more offense as the Captains had a three and out inning. Elliott grounded out to first base. Medina grounded out to third base and Matt Turner popped up to first base.

The bats weren't done until the sixth however, when catcher Scotty George added one more with the long ball putting the score at its final, 5-2.

Jeremy Elliott was 2-4 with two runs and two stolen bases and relief pitching from freshman Cary Bruner pitching four innings, allowing just one hit and striking out three earned him his first save.

"We played well and never gave up," said freshman pitcher Eben Brower. "They were not the most difficult team in the conference, but we played together and came out with a win."

Haywood improves to 3-



At the bottom of the ninth, the team gained some spirit that would eventually lead to Chowan's defeat on Saturday's game.

0 on the season and Bruner maintains the teams lowest earned run average (ERA) with a 1.71 mark in 21 innings pitched this year.

The Captains finished with nine hits to Chowan's seven. Neither team had any errors.

The good finishers for the Captains were Jeremy Elliott

with two runs, Matt Turner, Chris Phaup and Scotty George all finished with one run. CNU is now 13-2 overall and 2-0 in the Dixie Conference. The Captains' return to Captain's Park this Saturday versus Greensboro with the first pitch set for 4 p.m.

## Softball Goes Two For Two In Virginia Wesleyan Tournament

CNU Softball Participates in Virginia Wesleyan Tournament; Comes Away With Two Wins

BY KATIE BRACKETT  
Sports Editor

The Lady Captains participated in the Virginia Wesleyan Tournament this weekend. They came away with two wins and two losses.

In a last minute addition to the tournament schedule, the Lady Captains faced off with Moravian and won a close game with the score 1-0.

Michelle Kass took the mound for the Lady Captains and did battle with 26 at bats. She worked on her defense and left Moravian frustrated.

They were unable to score against her and the strong defense the Lady Captains showed.

CNU was able to grab seven fly balls for easy outs and nine tough groundouts. She was able to keep the team's offense limited, as the team was only allowed four girls on base. Two of those hits were doubles.

Which was the farthest they advanced on offense.

Offensively, catcher Andrea Thorson was the sole scorer for the Lady Captains. In the third inning, The catalyst to this was an error by Moravian's left fielder, Stephanie Eddinger.

Megan Doyle hit a single that advanced Thorson to third. Moravian's pitcher, Jessica Esposito had a wild pitch that moved Thorson to second. Batson grounded and Moravian turned the hit into a double play.

Batson was out at first and Doyle was out at second, and Thorson made it home to finish out the inning with one run.

In the fifth inning Thorson walked onto first. Relief pitcher Meagan Byrd ran for Thorson. Doyle sacrificed and Byrd advanced to second base.

Esposito had another wild pitch and CNU was threatening with Byrd moving to third base.

Shortstop Cynthia McQueen struck out as Esposito gained her composure back. Esposito's next victim was center fielder Lauren Batson as she grounded out to end the inning.

Moravian answered back in the top of the sixth inning.

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## Men's Basketball Wins Sixth Straight Dixie Championship

Automatically Advances To NCAA Tournament For 15th Time In 19 Years

BY ROB SILSBEE  
Staff Writer

The Captains' men's basketball team won its sixth Dixie Conference tournament title in eight attempts. Facing the Averett Cougars, Shenandoah Hornets and the NC Wesleyan Bishops, the Captains tore through the tournament to win an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the 15th time under Coach C.J. Woolum's 19-year career with CNU.

In the first round of the tournament, the Captains took the floor against Averett on the Shenandoah University's campus. After shooting 45 percent in the first

half, neither team was shooting well. CNU took a 40-28 lead into halftime. In the second half, the Captains bested the Cougars shooting and rebounding for a total of 50-39 boards. Sixth man Otho Hampton led the Captains with 13 points and nine rebounds with starters Carlos Heard, Terry Gray and Mark Hepper adding 12 and six, 11 and seven, and 10 and six respectively. The Captains took the game 79-64 and advanced to the Semifinals against Shenandoah at home court.

The Captains took a quick 46-36 lead into halftime as they shot 44 percent from the floor and held the Hornets to a meager 9-25 (36 percent) from the floor. They stormed in the second half and shot 16-32, adding 13 points from 15 shots on the free throw line. The Captains held SU to a feeble 33 percent shooting for the game

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Senior center Terry Gray makes a slam-dunk during the Captains' Feb. 28 game against the Shenandoah Hornets, which CNU won 94-70.

**Basketball** Cont'd from page 10

and just 30 percent from three-point range. Hampton and Gray put up double-doubles for the Captains while Jermaine Woods shot for 28 points. Heard added 16 for the Captains as SU was put away with a score of 94-70.

As the Captains entered the championship contest, CNU looked to return to the NCAA tournament for the 15th time in history. Just last year the same match-up took place when the Captains were defeated 67-64. The Captains had taken both games earlier in the season against the Bishops, but NC Wesleyan was not thinking about that as it came out to

an early 32-25 lead at the half. Although the Captains rebounded the Bishops, they also turned the ball over twice as many times. Something hit CNU as it came out in the second half as an entirely different ball club. Shooting 71 percent from the floor in the second half, and 83 percent from the free-throw line, CNU took the lead to 67 with four crucial points from the free-throw line by Woods and Heard. The Bishops put together a last-second drive, putting the score in reach at 67-64. But a missed three-point shot by Ryan Sinclair sealed the title for the Captains by the same score by which they were defeated the year before.

Jermaine Woods was named Tournament MVP and

was joined by Hampton and Gray on the All-Tournament Team. Terry Gray, who averaged 15.7 points a game and 9.3 rebounds was named Dixie Conference Player of the Year, while joined by his teammate Mark Hepner as Dixie Conference Rookie of the Year. Hepner averaged 6.8 points and 5.6 rebounds this year.

CNU returned to the NCAA tournament and fell to the Savannah College of Art and Design team in the first round. However, after a 24-win season, leading all opponents in every category except for offensive rebounds and turnovers, three players topping the 1,000-point plateau and its 11th Dixie Conference title, the 2003 champs have plenty to brag about.

**Softball** Cont'd from page 10

They had two hits against CNU. Lead hitter Krissy Cianfichi doubled as the CNU defense began to feel fatigued. Shortstop Heather Bortz singled and Cianfichi advanced to third.

With a strong defensive play Cianfichi was caught out at home plate. The strong defense for CNU continued throughout the game.

First baseman Jen Harrell had strong defense in the third inning as Weller and Holmes were unable to get on base with the two unassisted outs.

Left-fielder Jessica Eddinger was struck out by Michelle Kass.

In the bottom of the fourth, second baseman Tammi Perok had a double, but the offensive run was quickly silenced as first baseman Jen Harrell struck out.

Moravian gained its composure back. Renee Sigafos struck out as did third baseman Nicole Gray.



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