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Hands Off Approach To Campus Posting

By Tami Conner
Managing Editor

Say good-bye to the SGA OK'd stamps. SGA editorial board member will no longer need to stamp and sign dozens of posters.

The SGA has approved a new posting policy that will make it easier for students and organizations to advertise campus events. The new policy allows students to post fliers, advertisements, banners and posters without SGA approval. There is no longer a limit on the number of postings, but only one posting is allowed per SGA OK'd board. Also, if a poster is left up longer than two days after the event, there will be a charge of 25 cents per poster per day.

"We wanted to find a policy to appease more organizations and make it more feasible for students to advertise events," junior Cristin Toutsis said.

Last semester, the SGA decided to form a posting policy committee after several students brought complaints of posting regulations before the senate. The committee started the revision process at the beginning of this semester. The posting policy committee included Cristin Toutsis, junior

Leslie Hutchins, sophomore Bryan Herrin, senior Sean Bergeron and junior Jenn Wenzel.

Each committee member was assigned four universities to research. The members were interested in discovering the guidelines of other universities. After researching other universities for almost a month, the committee spent two weeks constructing the new policy.

"We looked at many schools in the state and then constructed the posting policy based on our needs and took ideas from those schools," Hutchins said.

Wenzel, the chair of the committee, said that the new policy shared many similarities with other universities, except that SGA is in charge of regulating our posting policy while other universities leave that responsibility to the Office of Student Life.

After putting together the new guidelines for the policy, the committee presented the policy to SGA who unanimously accepted it.

"I think we'll see more postings. The good thing is it's unlimited. Hopefully, more postings will grab people's attention better than with the old policy," Wenzel said.

President Speaks To SGA Senate

By Kristin Munch
Staff Writer

President Paul Tribble held a question-and-answer session during the SGA General Assembly meeting on Thursday, April 5.

"I just wanted to be here to answer any questions about what in the world is going on here at CNU," Tribble said upon his arrival.

Senators questioned Tribble for about half an hour on various issues at CNU, especially the changes that will occur regarding construction and academics.

Senator Allen Brooks asked about the fate of the commercial buildings along Warwick Boulevard, especially Lots Real Estate.

According to Tribble, Lots Real Estate will move out in April 2003.

Although the expansion of Warwick Boulevard into a six-lane road will involve the movement of

many commercial buildings, there are new plans for enterprises along the road.

"I anticipate building a commercial lot geared towards students at CNU," Tribble said. The commercial lot will most likely be located near Jan Marr and may include a game room, a sports restaurant where students can gather and dance, and a sporting goods store.

Senator Teresa Betts inquired whether a PhD program is an anticipated addition at CNU.

According to Tribble, no more graduate programs will be added. "The grad programs we have we will work hard to enhance," Tribble said. "What Virginia does not need is more grad programs," said Tribble. "What Virginia does need is a public school with a private school quality education."

Tribble also addressed a ques-



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Student Artists On Exhibition At Peninsula Fine Arts Center

Senior Kenneth McKether II received the Ryan/Hughes Christopher Newport University Award for his sculpture, "Winged Corkscrew." The piece was judged during the Genesis 2002: College Student Jury Exhibition, where works from William and Mary, Thomas Nelson, and CNU were shown. McKether received \$100 for his plywood sculpture. This was his first art show entry.

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tion on the tuition increase anticipated for next fall. Fall 2002 tuition will increase but the question is by how much. Although the recommended amount is 9 percent, according to Tribble, tuition is now 8 percent less than the rate in 1995.

Factoring in the effects of inflation, that rate would be even lower. Since Tribble has been in office, tuition has been decreased twice.

There were also questions about the fate of CNU's academic program. According to Tribble, a committee has been formed for a "total revamping of the academic curriculum."

The committee will work to improve the rigor and strengthen academics, as well as to improve the math and language programs. "The goal is to reshape the liberal arts curriculum at CNU to make it the best in modern American," Tribble said.

CNU Executive Vice President William Brauer also addressed



Staff Photo By Jessica Helsel

President Paul Tribble gestures during a speech the SGA Senate.

the SGA meeting with Tribble and offered any interested senators a tour of the new CNU Apartments.

SGA President Jonathan Janis was pleased with Tribble's appearance at SGA and the overall accessibility of Tribble to CNU students. "Our University is unique in the fact that our president is so attain-

able. I'd venture to say that there is but a handful of student senates in the Commonwealth that have as much dialogue with the top levels of administration as CNU does," Janis said. "Whenever the president speaks, he offers clarification, especially when responding directly to student-raised concerns."

Reaching Out Weekly Into The Campus Community

By Shoshannah Childs
Staff Writer

The Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at CNU is not just a campus ministry club, but a family. Through campus activities as well as community activities, the members of the organization focus on supporting each other.

Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in Christopher's, Catholic followers can be found worshipping with one another during Sunday Mass. Through Sunday Mass, students interact with one another, as well with the Catholic community of CNU.

Mary Lynn Murphy, Catholic campus director from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, located in Newport News, said Catholic churches nationwide have a Bible verse for reflection during mass. Members participate in Faith Sharing, using the scriptures as the foundation for discussion.

Students also participate and direct the altar service that is held.

CNU's Catholic Campus Ministry has several other activities directed towards fellowship and support. Every other Thursday at noon, a gathering known as Catholic Update Series meets. During this time students are provided with free lunch, and a guest speaker is invited to speak.

Students also participate in Talk Time, a session held every Tuesday evening. The student-led activity's goal is to be a weekly support group, in which students offer advice to help in the student's spiritual life.

CCM also has monthly fellowships, including activities and picnics, Murphy said.

On alternate weeks, a community meeting is held.

The hospitality/service sector of the ministry has helped in the community by visiting nursing homes, performing yard work for an elderly individual, and visiting hospitals. In the past, CCM has visited the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. "We (Catholic Campus Ministry) had plans to visit a prisoner in prison, however that plan fell through because of issues with the prisoner," stated Murphy.

There are approximately 100 members involved in this ministry. "Catholic Campus Ministry) has strengthened over the past three to four years, especially that the campus has more residential students," Murphy said.

While strengthening in numbers, CCM is strengthening in unity. CCM participates in a retreat that is held in Roanoke. The retreat unites college Catholic believers from all over the state. Unity is not only found within their ministry, but with other ministry clubs on campus, for CCM works closely with such groups as United Christian Campus Ministry and Inner Faith, Murphy said.

"It keeps me young at heart to see students being examples, being supportive of one another. It inspires me and gives me energy as they share how Jesus is touching their life. I can't help but grow spiritually myself," Murphy said.

UCM In A Growth Spurt

By Nicholas Thomas
Staff Writer

After 20 years at CNU, United Campus Ministries has learned a lot. The organization focuses on bridging the gaps between students' questions and religion; helping others has become their habit.

UCM provides a support base for the students, faculty and staff on campus and is an organization that is eager to cater to the needs of those who are religious, those who aren't, and those who simply seek guidance.

The UCM has grown from a small organization on campus into a much larger forum. The UCM is now an ecumenical ministry supported by three judicatories and 30 local congregations representing eight denominations.

Currently headed by Campus Minister Rev. Cheryl Harrison-Davidson, the UCM also created a successful program known as PRAXIS during its time on campus. This program is a partnership between the UCM, the CNU faculty and students, and over 250 agencies in Hampton Roads.

The UCM, which is located on the second

floor of the student center, is currently made up of a campus minister, secretary, a PRAXIS intern and a UCM intern.

UCM secretary Jo Day emphasizes the importance of UCM by discussing a few of its on-campus perks.

"We try and be the hands and feet of the campus," Day said. "We offer the staff, students and faculty services the ability to converse about their feelings and thoughts. We reach out to anyone no matter what their religion is, even if they don't have one."

Although Day has been working at UCM for several years, she remains committed to her work.

"I am 100 percent committed to this job. It's a full-time job but I love being able to walk around campus and talk to the students," Day said.

With the recent budget cuts and expansion of CNU, UCM recognizes that money for growth and development may be hard to obtain. Through funding, the organization hopes that they can increase their operating hours to full time—11 months out of the year and five days a week.

Filling Positions On The SGA Executive Board

Wenzel Confirmed As SGA Secretary

At the General Senate SGA Meeting on Thursday, April 4, current SGA Vice President of University Relations Jenn Wenzel was voted as next year's SGA Secretary.

Wenzel looks forward to her position and plans to utilize her large array of experience as an E-board member. Due to the absence of an SGA Secretary at various times, Wenzel performed the secretarial duties for the SGA at the end of her sophomore year and last semester.

"I'm excited about this position and about being able to help develop the student government and the executive board even further than in previous years," Wenzel said. "In addition, I think that I have a lot of experience to offer the executive board, not only from being on the executive board for the past two years, but also from being involved in the senate for the past three years, and from being parliamentary, VPUR and secretary."

Some of the specified duties Wenzel will assume as secretary next year will be to create the agenda for the SGA meetings,

record and reproduce all minutes from the meetings, and maintain accurate roll of senators and recognized clubs and organizations. Wenzel will also serve as chair of the matched funds committee and will be required to maintain a minimum of 10 office hours a week.

Re-vote for Orchison As Parliamentarian

Anna Williams and Jeremiah Davis, president-elect and vice president-elect of student services, respectively, announced their choice of Freshman Kevin Orchison as parliamentarian.

The senate is required to validate or oppose Williams and Davis' choice.

The senate validated the nomination, but because the wrong type of vote was taken, a re-vote must occur.

The re-vote will be a simple majority vote and will take place at the next SGA meeting, on Thursday, April 11.

-Compiled By Kristin Munch, Staff Writer

Comm Studies Professor Publishes Chapter On Religion In Media

Dr. Mark Borchert, professor in the Communications Studies Department, was recently published, in a book entitled, "Practicing Religion in the Age of Media: Explorations in Media, Religion and Culture."

The book, edited by Stewart Hoover and Lynn Clark, investigates the role of the media in shaping society's understanding of religions in contemporary culture.

Borchert's chapter is entitled, "The Southern Baptist Controversy and the Press." His chapter discusses the role of

the secular press in defining and shaping a denominational struggle.

Borchert was honored in this month's Main Sail, the faculty publication.



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When A Plane Ticket Becomes Your Classroom

Semester At Sea Expands Horizons And Perspectives For Senior Adam Konta

By Stephanie Heinatz
Staff Writer

For days, Adam Konta had been going from country to country experiencing the epitome of the tourism industry. One day, in China, he decided he was tired of visiting the ordinary tourist attractions. He set out from his hotel, with his video camera as his only company, and headed down a street.

"I know it was stupid to go out on my own, but I needed to experience something different," Konta said.

The market on the street, with beef hanging from buildings and fish sold from the back of bicycles, was full of energy, life, flies and poverty. Konta was the only American on the street, and yet, he was not scared.

Still walking around video taping everything he saw, Konta came across a group of elderly men playing a game of Chinese Chess. He stood beside them, watching, remembering and cherishing this rare moment.

After a few minutes, the men invited him to play, leaving Konta feeling honored and with a new respect for the people of this culture.

Feeling invigorated, he headed back towards his hotel, only to be distracted by the sound of children playing. Following his ears, he found a playground with dozens of elementary age children amusing themselves. Once again, he approached the strangers with his video camera only to be greeted warmly by the children.

"I flipped the screen of my camera around so the kids could see themselves and they loved it," said Konta. "Sometimes I watch that tape and it makes me smile."

Spending a Semester at Sea, a program that enables students to take a cruise around the world, take classes on board the ship and experience various cultures, showed Konta that even in poverty, there is hope and life.

Konta, originally from a small, dairy farming town in New York, came to CNU four years ago to experience something new.

"I had been in New York for so long, and I just felt a need to go to college somewhere new," said Konta. "It's funny, New-

port News is a city to me."

In the fall of 1998, Konta entered his freshman year of college. He was away from his parents, full of new responsibility, and yet, was ready to party.

"I had fun with my boys enjoying the new college life, but I also became very dedicated to my academics," Konta said. "College is different. You are not in high school anymore. The same old stuff no longer flies."

He was immediately rushed by the fraternities on campus, and ultimately decided to join Pi Lambda Phi. As president of his pledge class, he implemented a study program that brought the provisional members together six hours a week to study.

"There were 13 brothers in my pledge class," said Konta. "The study group worked for the brothers that adhered to it. Ten of them are graduating in May."

Later, Konta became secretary, vice president and eventually president of his fraternity.

"Greek life has defined my role here," Konta said. "Not only have I been able to facilitate change and bring Greek life up to the caliber of CNU, but it has also been a tool to define my leadership and public speaking skills."

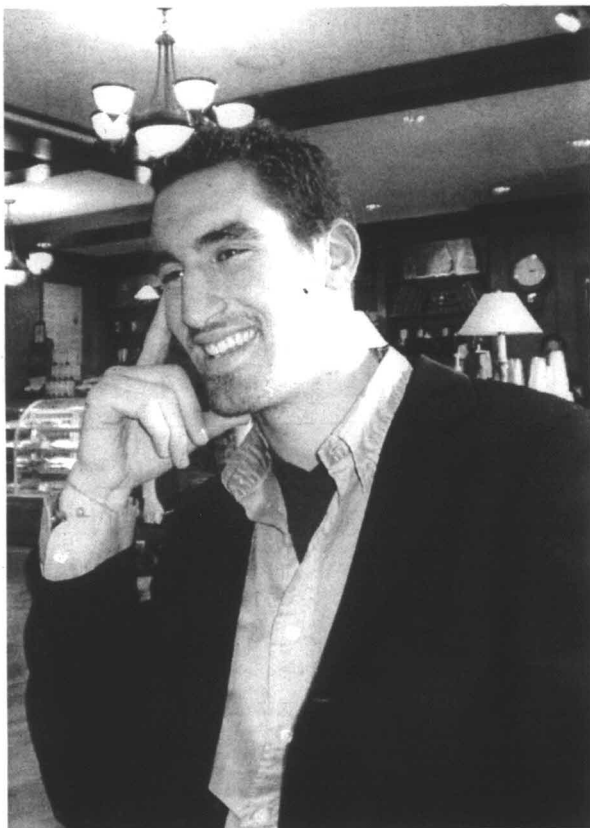
As a government and political science major, Konta has also taken advantage of the political events in the area. Throughout his college career, he has worked on the campaigns of Chuck Robb, Bobby Scott, Gerald Jones and Allen Diamondstein.

"I came here as an elementary education major, but I soon realized that I eventually want to get involved in politics," said Konta, after explaining he is waiting for responses from the law schools he has applied to.

According to Konta there is no way to secure a better family life than to be directly involved in facilitating change through the law.

"I guess you could say that the other thing CNU gave me was a wife," said Konta, only weeks after proposing to fellow CNU senior, Holly Saunders.

Two semesters ago, Konta was leaving a religious studies class and stumbled upon



Staff Photo By Ramona Hernandez

How many students at CNU have met Fidel Castro? Senior Adam Konta has-

a flyer advertising the Semester at Sea program. With nothing to lose, and everything to gain, Konta sent off for some information and went out on a whim and applied. He became one of 650 students from all over the world to be involved in this program.

Throughout last semester, Konta traveled to Vancouver, China, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, India, Sey Chells Island, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. He did everything from crawl through the tunnels of Vietnam to walking the Great Wall of China. He spent Thanksgiving on a riverboat in Brazil. He met Fidel Castro. He lived on a beach for three days, spending all of his time scuba diving.

Konta could only describe the experience in a few words, "How cool is that?"

On Sept. 11, Konta was on board the

ship somewhere in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The students did not have the luxury of watching CNN all day, getting constant updates. Instead, they received spotty information and waited to hear more.

"We had no family, we only had each other," said Konta. "I talked to a group of students and told them that."

The World Trade Towers were designed by a Japanese man. While in Japan, a man came up to him and apologized profusely. This man, having nothing to do with the tragedy, felt that they, as a nation, had failed the United States.

"The whole experience was enlightening," said Konta. "But I am ready for graduation. I love CNU and love everything I have done here, but like most things, I am ready to move on."

Students Tour Washington, D.C.'s Holocaust Museum

By Nicholas Thomas
Staff Writer

In awareness of Holocaust Week, which began Monday, April 8, the Multicultural Student Association sponsored a trip to the nation's capital to witness first-hand the facts behind the history. In visiting the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., the MSA provided CNU tourists with a glimpse of the World War II genocide.

On April 6, a chartered bus arrived at CNU to pick up the students attending the trip. Arriving in the parking lot behind the Student Center at 6 a.m., all were able to get an early start for departure. Leaving promptly at 6:30, the bus headed towards D.C. more than 10 students prepared to take

in the knowledge the museum would offer.

The trip, which was organized by Charles Pittman and Kendra Patillo, cost \$10 for non-MSA members and \$5 for members.

"I believe those who went on the trip got a lot out of it. The museum provided an excellent picture of the Holocaust and it really gave insight that cannot be derived from a text book or short video," Pittman said. "Those who went had the opportunity to see the Holocaust, not just from one aspect but from all of its perspectives."

The idea for the trip began with Kendra Patillo. In an attempt to embrace what the MSA is all about, Patillo believed that making a trip to the Holocaust Museum was just one way of informing people of the trials and tribulations other cultures endured. The



Photo Courtesy of the Office Of Multicultural Affairs

Members of the Multicultural Association in front of the Holocaust museum

trip also allowed the students the opportunity to learn about their own culture. In making the trip this past Saturday, the event fit perfectly into the nation's week of remembrance of the Holocaust.

"I think that the Holocaust week is an excellent idea. Every important part of history should have its time of remembrance," Pittman said. "If we don't take the time to

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The Class of 2002's choice of gift, a four-sided chiming post clock, is planned to be placed in a central location on campus. Here the clock is pictured on the walkway between McMurran and the Science Building.

Seniors Give Gift Of Time

Four-Sided Chiming Clock Post Will Be Placed In A Central Academic Area

By Nicholas Thomas
Staff Writer

The Senior Class Committee of 2002 has decided on a class gift: a four-sided chiming post clock that is planned to be centrally located in a major academic area on campus.

According to the Class of 2002 President and Committee Chair Robyn Charles, the senior class has overwhelmingly chosen the clock as their gift. Each senior had the opportunity to vote on a gift idea at the end of last summer.

"The Class of 2002 will be proudly remembered for such a significant gift to the university," Charles said in an e-mail. She had set a goal for everyone in the graduating class to make a gift or pledge by March 17. The pledges, which ran from \$30 to \$100, are expected to be paid in full by June 30, or paid in half by June 30 and Dec. 31.

The committee, which is made up of Charles, Vice-President Tiffany Chappell, Treasurer Billy Heath, Secretary Dave Johnson, and Member-at-Large Amber Michael, has decided that the clock would

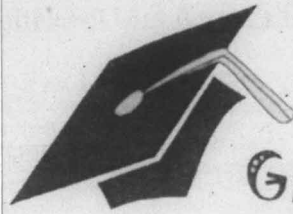
be the perfect way to show school pride and to fit their motto, "It's About Time."

"I really feel that the four post chiming clock will represent the Class of 2002 well," Michael said. "It represents us because almost everyone in the senior class participated. It'll serve as a monument in the middle of campus; people can hear the chimes all day long."

Michael said that this year's senior class also had the largest voting population to participate in choosing a gift. Because several companies will have the opportunity to bid on the projected present, the class's perception of what the gift will ultimately look like and its intended location is subject to change. An artist's rendition of the proposed clock can be seen on CNU's Senior Class 2002 web page.

CNU will permanently recognize the Class of 2002 by engraving their name on a marbled plaque at the base of the new clock.

According to Michael, the gift of the chiming clock could not have been established without the support of the entire senior class.



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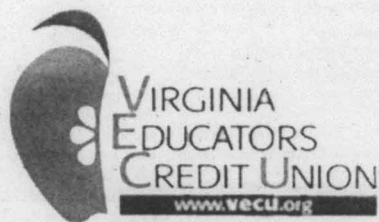
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Two Freshmen Revive The Democratic Party At CNU

Voter Registration And Party Issues Priorities For New Club

By Nicholas Thomas
Staff Writer

Virginia Tech, James Madison, and William and Mary all have it. A number of universities in up to 42 chartered states also promote its importance. When freshmen Jenny Cox and Melissa Bell came to CNU, they were surprised to see that the university did not follow in the political footsteps of their neighbors.

CNU is a very conservative school," Bell said. "We were surprised to see that a Young Democrats organization had not been formed on campus."

Spurred by their surprise as well as their ambition, both Cox and Bell decided it was due time for the organization to be made available at CNU.

Young Democrats, the nationally known official youth arm of the Democratic Party, was founded in 1932 and is made available to both high school students and college students. The program focuses on promoting democratic views as well as guiding students toward their particular political goal. There are over 43,000 members currently in the Young Democrats organization.

The idea for creating such a club on campus all began with Bell having an interest in the organization in high school. It wasn't until she entered college, however, that she began to focus more on establishing herself within the program. In one of

her classes, Bell met Cox, another student who had similar interests in politics. The two got together and decided that forming a Young Democrats organization on campus would be a great way to inform others about the U.S. government. They also hoped that the organization would help distinguish the student's political beliefs.

Cox, treasurer for the Class of 2005, and Bell, a member of the CNU tennis team, were eager to jumpstart the organization they hoped would make a difference on campus. Although the Young Democrats has yet to become an acknowledged club on campus, Cox admits that she just recently sent in the club's constitution and other papers to the SGA. Bell was in charge of sending their charter application to the state.

"It would be nice to have a liberal presence at CNU," Cox said. "It allows those on campus to go to a club that informs them on the platforms and other aspects of politics."

Bell agrees with her friend and

co-founder.

"We want to inform people on campus about the local elections, how, when, and why to register to vote, and also teach the many other purposes of politics," Bell said. "Young Democrats can do just that."

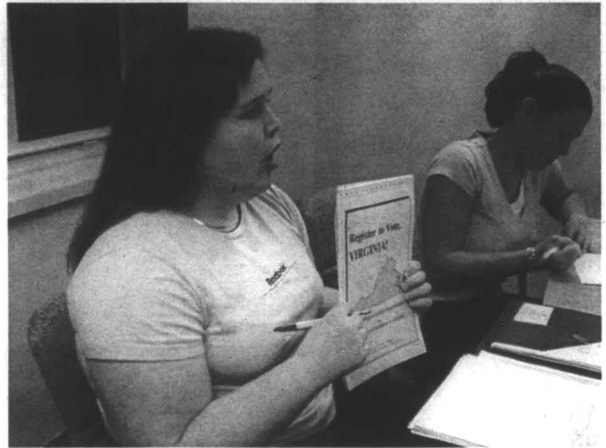
Although statistics show that college students have the tendency to become apathetic towards politics, Cox and Bell, with the help of their Young Democrats organization, hope to change all that. Their top goal in creating the club is to inform the students

with a better awareness of their own culture.

"I'm not sure that many people have truly learned from the Holocaust. I believe that everyone has been informed about what happened, but if people truly understood what went on, then we wouldn't be treating others the way we do right now," Pittman said. "Our goal was definitely achieved and the people left the museum with an increased level of awareness."

"People need to know what's going on in their government because it affects each and every one of them."

Jenny Cox
Freshman



Staff Photo By Ramona Hernandez

Freshman Jenny Cox, president of the Young Democrats, explains that voting registration will be a focus during a recent Young Democrats meeting. Freshman Melissa Bell vice president is also pictured.

about the importance of the government they live beneath.

"I think the more Young Democrats gets involved on campus, the better," Cox said.

"People need to know what's going on in their government because it affects each and every one of them."

The Young Democrats organization, which will be run by Cox and Bell, hope to have weekly meetings next semester. Room 205 of the Student Center at 5:15 on Mondays is where the meetings are expected to take place. Currently, the Young Democrats have 15 interested workers within the group; a number both hope will jump to 30 next semester.

If passed by the SGA, the Young Democrats will plan on assisting with local elec-

tions and other political events. Once they are recognized on campus as an official organization, the Young Democrats, apart from the SGA, will be the only existing government-related club on campus.

The College Republicans, which had once been an official club at CNU, had dissolved prior to Cox and Bell's proposal for their club.

As the spring semester gears toward an end, both Cox and Bell hope to have the opportunity to promote the club during next semester's Fall Rocktober Fest. "We'll continue to promote the Young Democrats and we hope that this organization will be able to guide people politically as well as get them involved with their government," Cox said.

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Pittman said. "If we don't take the time to reflect on what happened during that time, then we open ourselves up to repeat it in the current time."

The students departed from the Holocaust Museum at 5:30 p.m. in an effort to reach CNU by 8 p.m.

Each student not only returned with some more knowledge about the Holocaust, according to Pittman, but they also returned



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Where We Stand

Liberalizing The Posting Policy

Putting up posters and advertisements across a university for one's organization or business may seem benign on the surface, but across the country it is anything but. Everywhere in the nation, Student Government Associations and Campus Administrations find it difficult to walk a line fret with mines; Free speech rights, campus beautification and local sensibilities must be balanced against each other in the most careful of fashions.

Virginia Tech and William & Mary provide stark contrast to CNU in their restrictions to posting. At William & Mary, tight size restrictions, mandatory two-week posting limits and few areas open to posting are the norm. The constraints upon Virginia Tech students are not much better. Organizations are subject to \$25 late fees, no outside organizations are allowed to post, and very few areas are available for posting.

With this in mind, Christopher Newport University now has one of the most liberal posting policies in the Commonwealth. In the near future, one will see more posters across the campus, of a greater variety, and without a stamp of approval by any group or organization. In respect to the First Amendment rights of every student on campus, times could never be better. This new liberalization allows for a greater degree of freedom as the student body moves into the 21st century.

With a greater freedom, comes a greater degree of responsibility. In the coming months, the honor code will be tested to a greater degree than ever before. First, students will be asked to not post materials on benches, glass, light posts, roofs, brick and door frames. Secondly, posting also must be taken down within two working days of the event. Finally, advertisements of alcohol, drugs and sex continue to be prohibited. Obeying these limitations, and living within them, is going to fall upon every individual and organization. It is certainly in the best interest of the University and all of its members to stay cognizant of this.

This new posting policy should be viewed as a work in progress. A great deal of trust has been given to students to limit and police themselves, but the student body should be up to the challenge.

A Fresh Perspective

[Editor's Note: Every week, in this space, various members of the campus community will speak about their views on the issues that shape their lives here at CNU. Student leaders, faculty, and members of the administration will offer a "Fresh Perspective."]

A Leader From The Very Beginning

By Ashley Boyd

SGA Vice President Of University Relations Elect

As a freshman I had no idea what to expect at CNU. I was nervous and excited all at the same time. From the very first day that I stepped foot on campus, I knew I could make a difference here. I already felt as if I was a part of the campus community because of the warm and inviting atmosphere. On the first Thursday of school, I decided to attend the SGA meeting.

I watched Jonathan, Anna and Jenn and the way they handled their leadership roles. I was amazed at how effective they were as a leadership team. From that moment, I committed myself to being a servant leader on campus, just as they were. I was unsure of how I would do that, but I knew I would find my place somewhere. When I picked up the application for secretary, I created a whole new vision for my freshman year.

I turned in the application and anxiously awaited the decision. Three days later, I answered my phone, and, to my surprise, it was Jonathan calling to tell me I was selected as the new secretary. I felt so honored to be chosen to serve our school. The Executive Board guided me and supported me every step of the way as I learned about my position. Not only do we work together, but we have fun! I was very intimidated on my first day—they were older and more experienced than I. I was just a little freshman and I had no idea what to expect.

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■ The following text was omitted from the end of the story entitled "Switching Gears: Making A Life In And Outside CNU," in Issue 20.

Over the next six weeks, Kidd received nine letters back saying that they were not the uncle he was looking for, but wished him the best of luck.

Kidd went through that Thanksgiving Break with no word from the final two men. In a way, he had given up some hope. Then, after class on Dec. 7, there was a message from a man who claimed to be his uncle. Within days, he was in touch with his mother.

"I found out that my mother had some mental problems and that was why she gave me up," said Kidd. "Now we keep in touch and I have a great relationship with my family. It connects that missing piece."

Kidd is married, Holly, with a son, Brandon. He has two dogs and enjoys outside activities with his family.

He no longer keeps in contact with his adopted family or his father.

"I left when I was 15 and never really got along with them. At 19 I found my father, but never really established a relationship with him," said Kidd. "I have always had a longing for my mother, and now I have found her."

Kidd has written an 80,000-word book that details the events of his life and his attempt to find his mother.

"It is not an academic endeavor," said Kidd, "but I am pretty proud of it."

OPINIONS

Exploring Other Options Fall-back School Turns Out To Be A Blessing

By Kristin Munch
Staff Writer

I waited all year to receive my acceptance letter. I couldn't wait to see the "Congratulations" written in print to make my transfer plans official.

One cold, February night the letter finally arrived. I noticed it was thinner than most acceptance letters but didn't think much of it. I tore the tip of the envelope and quickly yanked the letter out. But where I expected "Congratulations" to be, "We are sorry to inform you" was written instead.

I could not believe my eyes. They didn't want me! I had spent my entire freshman year planning for my transfer. Now I had no idea where I would spend my sophomore year. I had only applied to one school. My life was ruined. To make matters worse, all my parents had to say was "God has a plan for you, Kristin."

Sure, I love God but as I told my parents, "right now he and I aren't on very good terms." Didn't God now that I wanted to go to that school more than anything? I thought he wanted me to be happy.

After hours of crying, I finally decided to explore my other options. At that point in the year, not many schools were still accepting applications for Fall 2001. But CNU was. I filled out the on-line application and

sent in my transcripts, but just as a backup. I still was planning on petitioning the rejection to my first choice school.

The next weekend my friend Erin invited me to visit some friends of ours at CNU. I went along and had an awesome time. It was just what I needed to lift my spirits after my traumatizing rejection letter. I spent all weekend with old friends and met plenty of new people. I instantly bonded with several of the girls I met and continued to stay in touch with them when I left.

Later that month, another letter arrived. This time it was good news. I was finally able to read the "Congratulations" I had so longed for.

Now, 10 months later, I couldn't be happier. There is no other place I would rather be. As cheesy as it sounds, I am completely in love with this school.

I was able to choose from CNU's long list of majors, minors and concentrations and find an academic plan that was just right for me. I was also thrilled with the many activities CNU has outside of academics. From my small group girls' Bible study to "The Captain's Log," I was able to find my niche and meet a terrific group of people.

As dreary as the February night seemed and as much as I hate to admit it, maybe my parents were right.

to serve students in any way I can! It is so exciting to be able to create a new set of goals for VPUR. Whatever decisions I make this year will affect the entire manner in which Student Government operates. I have made many exciting goals for next year and I am confident that all of them will be attained.

The biggest challenge I am facing is finding a way to make all students feel included in our University. I want to reach out and get them informed and involved. I can't wait to serve as VPUR; I am ready to listen to new ideas from all students.

After spending a year here, I see myself as very involved and invested in our University. I am so thankful for all the people I have met and the help they have given me. I don't think any freshman could say they have had a better time here than I have. This year has taught me many things and I will never forget one single moment of it.

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Censorship Is Never The Answer To Hatred

It is tempting to respond to the kind of ugliness you are describing by censoring. But this is a slippery slope that again ultimately comes back to the question, "Where do you draw the line?" If parents are doing their job, i.e. monitoring what their children are doing on the computer (through their teen years), then accidentally stumbling on one of these games would present the parent a perfect opportunity to discuss with the child the un-

seemly things they will be confronted with in life on and off the web.

It becomes a positive learning tool. Also, I can't help but believe it would be a better world if all children were inspired by the likes of Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell or Mother Theresa rather than entertainment celebrities.

Susan Glaude
Library Staff

Caught In Crosswalk Costs

Yellow Light: Failing To Wait For Pedestrians To Completely Cross May Result In \$100 Fine

By Denise Adams
Staff Writer

Why did the student cross the crosswalk? To get to the other side. Why did the driver stopped for the student at the crosswalk get pulled over? Because she did not wait until the student completely reached the other side before continuing to drive. True story everyone—it's mine.

When the flashing lights of campus police went off behind me, I was almost sure that they were going after someone else. I soon found out that it was I that he wanted to pull over, but I was not sure why.

The campus police officer asked me something along the lines of, "Did you know that it is Virginia State Law that you must allow the pedestrian to completely cross to the other side of a crosswalk before proceeding through?" I replied, "No," because that was honestly something I have never heard of before. I was waiting for the moment where he was going to tell me I was on candid camera, but instead he asks me for my license and registration. This guy meant business.

Every morning as I am driving down Shoe Lane, I wait for the student to cross my half of the road and then I continue to drive through the crosswalk. After all, I am probably running late for a class along with hundreds of other drivers who do the exact same thing. It is almost as if each half of Shoe Lane actually takes turns driving through as the student passes their half. It is something that most of us would probably do naturally on a regular basis.

Well, I think we should think this through next time we try to drive through the lines when the pedestrian just passes by

our car. This can warrant the campus police to issue you a ticket for \$100. And let's face it: in college, \$100 equals about a \$1,000. Luckily I was able to leave the situation with a verbal warning and not a fine, but the campus police officer explained to me that he was only able to do that because the flashing lights at the crosswalk were not working at the time. I suggested to the officer that it might be a good idea to put up a sign next to the crosswalk to let students know that the pedestrians must get all the way across before the driver can continue through the lines. He explained to me that there was a major problem with this last year and they tried to crack down on it. He told me that they sent out e-mails to let everyone know about this law. I guess I missed that e-mail. I just think that a law that carries a pretty hefty fine (at least for me) should be one that the students at least know about. And from the looks of it, it is a law that many students just don't realize.

Don't get me wrong, I am not complaining, although it does seem a little silly. The officer was very understanding about the situation and I told him I was glad I found out that was a law or else I never would have known. He then asked me if I was a freshman, with which I had to just laugh and say, "No, actually I'm a senior." I just figured out that if I have been here for five years and didn't know the law, then most of you probably don't know about this law either. I decided to take the initiative and make this a somewhat informative piece that might just save a few students quite a bit of money.

Do not drive through the crosswalk until the pedestrian has completely crossed onto the other side of the road—unless you don't mind paying a \$100 fine.

Boyd, From Page 7

I soon found out that these people would become some of my closest friends. We may laugh and act completely crazy sometimes, but in the end, we get the job done. Each one of them has showed me how much of an impact we can make on our campus. They have made me realize that every student here can make a difference—you just have to go out and get involved.

By doing just that, I am able to help students. I am here to listen to them, to reach out, and try to fulfill whatever needs they may have. It is such a great feeling to know you are making someone's day just by answering their question. Every person I have met this year has contributed to who I have become. College is a time of

growth and that's what SGA has done; it has helped me grow and mature.

I decided to run for Vice President of University Relations for next year after watching Jenn and all the exciting things she has done for students. The position is at a point where I will be able to shape it into anything I want. I am here

"Everyone can make a difference at CNU, you just have to go out and find where you belong."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



CNU Student Crystal Johnson poses with "Tales of Emerging Souls", which earned her the Arts Commission Award and \$200

Staff Photo By Tom Storrer

CNU Artists Win Over \$700 In Local Art Competition

By Allen Brooks
Staff Writer

Fifteen CNU students recently achieved recognition for entries in an exhibit at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center.

On Saturday April 6, 200 people gathered at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center to attend the reception and judging of the new exhibit, "Sculptors/Scholars" and "Genesis 2002, College Student Juried Exhibition."

Art professionals, 48 students

from CNU, Thomas Nelson, and William and Mary, and high schoolers from Williamsburg's Lafayette High School entered a variety of watercolor works and sculptures.

"I am very impressed with the quality and variety of work," said Dr. David Alexick, director of art at CNU. "We have a variety of age and Developmental levels, and we're all lucky to have this facility (PFAC) as a neighbor."

Five winners were from CNU. Crystal Johnson won third

place overall for her piece "Tales of Emerging Souls."

Dorcus Duncan Keene was awarded the Betty Anglin Watercolor Award for "Cedar Bush Creek Boathouse."

Kenneth McKether III was awarded the Ryan/Hughes CNU Award for his "Winged Corkscrew."

Autumn Rush and Ann Segaloff achieved Honorable Mention.

McKether was very excited about his win. "It's overwhelming," McKether, a theater arts major, said. "I've never done anything like this before. It was an assignment for sculpture, based on Klaus Oldenburg, who took real objects and enlarged them."

McKether discussed the inspiration for enlarging a wine corkscrew. "I guess it was due to a loss of a girlfriend, when I was drinking a lot of wine," he said.

Johnson, the third-place winner, has been working on her sculpture for almost two years. "I wanted to do a piece that reflects

everyone's story," Johnson said. "The pregnant woman represents birth and rebirth, and a chance for another person to tell a new story. It feels great (to win), and I dedicate it to my family and professors."

The competition offered cash prizes totaling \$2,050. CNU students were awarded \$750.

"Genesis" runs until April 28, and "Sculptors/Scholars" until June 9.

The High School Juried Competition begins May 4.

Ozzy Revitalizes Reality Television, And Saves MTV

By Shannon McMurray
Staff Writer

The weirdest thing happened to me the other day. I was in my room. I had just finished watching a thrilling documentary about dental floss, when I came across this ungodly channel named MTV. I was so excited because right after the documentary, a commercial for the new mint-flavored, double-waxed, hard-to-reach Crest dental floss was on. Then, across the screen read "The Osbournes." I could hardly believe my eyes or my ears. Turns out, it's a family. They all have this weird hair, and like a thousand cats and dogs. It was hard to make out exactly what they were saying, but I'm pretty sure they were using cuss words.

I mean, what kind of family behaves like that? I was so shocked at their behavior. But now I can't stop watching it.

The latest member to join the

team of "reality" shows is "The Osbournes." Joined by his family, Ozzy Osbourne, the Prince of Darkness, has launched one of the most popular sitcoms in television. Long-time Ozzy fans are now joined by fifteen-year-old Britney fans with pink capris and purple halter-tops. Five weeks ago, only people over 30 could have told you who Ozzy Osbourne is. Now, the family with pink hair, blaring tattoos, hanging skulls and strong English accents, is the most popular family in America.

From the minute Ozzy speaks, you can't stop laughing. Half the time I am crying because I am laughing so hard. And the funniest part about it is, this is their life. Would it be funny to them if they looked back on it?

Many of us like the show because it's funny, right? Let's face it, most of us don't have families who use the profanity at least three times in each sentence. Or have moms who throw rotten hams and

stale bagels at their next door neighbors. Nor is it likely to have a father who bites the heads of bats off in his spare time. Most people, even the Osbournes themselves, have used the term dysfunctional to describe their family status. But I see it differently. I think that the Osbourne family is just about the most functional family I have ever seen.

For most of us, things like sex and drugs, to name a few, are not subjects discussed at the dinner table. At the start of last week's episode, Kelly, the daughter, and Ozzy, her father had a five-minute discussion about her gynecologist appointment. They spoke to each other freely; it was as if they were discussing the weather. Next thing you know, they're talking about Ramen noodles. I mean, how wonderful is it that we cannot seem to control our laughter over someone discussing noodles? I love that kind of humor!

The truth is, we are addicted



Photo Courtesy

Ozzy Osbourne: The Prince of Darkness or Father of the Year?

to seeing how other people live, as if it's going to justify what we do on a day-to-day basis. Do we envy the Osbourne family, or are we laughing at them? I personally think it would be the sweetest to be part of the family. For those of us who get that type of humor, it's like a blessing from God. I really

appreciate seeing Ozzy trying to exercise, and Sharon, his wife hiring a dog therapist.

Because of this new show, I forgive MTV for airing the top 10 most-wanted Backstreet Boys' songs of all times. And I guess I can overlook Becoming Michael Jackson.

Celine is Dion-o-mite

Canadian Singer Stages A Comebackk

By Daniel Banks
Staff Writer

French-Canadian singer Celine Dion hit the American music scene with her first English language album, "Unison" back in 1990, gracing the radio waves with her first English hit "Where Does My Heart Beat Now."

Dion followed up on her success with the albums "Celine Dion," "Color of My Love," "Falling Into You," and "Let's Talk About Love."

At least two of her songs, both movie themes, the title track from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," and Titanic's "My Heart Will Go on" have won Oscars.

With sales reaching 140 million, Dion took two and a half year sabbatical to raise a family with her husband and manager, Rene Angeli.

With her new disc, "A New Day Has Come," already the No. 1 album in the United States in its first week of sales, with a total of 527,000 and still counting, Celine Dion's former absence is hardly unnoticeable.

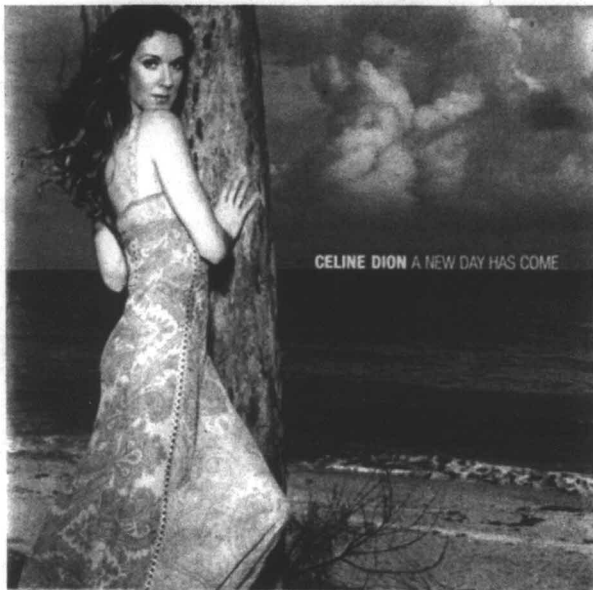
The best thing about Dion's latest album is that the entire production is low key, allowing Celine Dion to sing with the voice of an angel. Dion manages to play it safe

without changing her conservative style that has brought her millions of fans.

On this CD, the listener will find an artist that remains true to herself and has fun doing so. Dion makes no fake attempts to compete in the music world that has been previously dominated by today's hard-core hip-hop rap artists and heavy sex appeal opportunists (Britney Spears, DMX, Ja Rule, J. Lo and newcomer Tweed). Celine Dion has never needed to sell her soul like many of today's artists.

Dion's entire album is filled with tracks that produce a tight continuity that will have the listener enjoying a musical poetic journey. There is the catchy first single "I'm Alive," followed by the toe-tapping "Right In Front of You," which this reviewer proudly classifies as grown-up pop for mature music lovers. The title track, "A New Day Has Come," displays her love for her son and her joys of motherhood. The two versions of "I Surrender," one in French and English, are destined to become classic ballads.

But alas, the album wouldn't be a Celine Dion disc without at least one song that sells her voice short. Dion's cover of "Nature Boy" ends too abruptly to encompass her mighty pipes. With that small complaint out



Celine Dion's New Day Is Going To Be A Good One, Based On Latest Release

of the way, Celine Dion's "A New Day Has Come" is sure to please all of her fans that have waited for her long over due return

and bring new ones that appreciate decent music.

Mmm...Mi Paseo Gives More Mexican For the Money

By Tami Connor
Managing Editor

Authentic Mexican food. Affordable prices. Quick service. If these are qualities that immediately will land a restaurant on your "favorites list," then your old picks will have to make way for a new arrival.

Mi Paseo, located on J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, is a large restaurant with high ceilings, wooden booths and tables, and a few Mexican-style decorations. The decorations aren't gaudy (no large Mexican hats hanging above every table or piñatas dangling from the ceiling). Also, the atmosphere is very relaxed with high-backed booths providing a sense of privacy. You don't have to worry about bumping into someone at another table as you get up to leave. There's definitely enough room in the building. Strictly with employees of Hispanic heritage, you feel like you actually might get close to that everlasting goal of eating "real" Mexican food. If you ask me, Taco Bell and Chi-Chi's just don't cut it.

So let me get to my meal. I went on a Friday night with my fiancée. The restaurant was not busy but had enough people in it to provide a low level of noise, so I didn't have to listen to myself chew. Our server immediately brought us a basket of chips and a small bottle of salsa to pour in a small bowl. The bottle holds enough salsa to feed four people—this is good for us because I'm a salsa addict. The salsa is made primarily of tomatoes like normal salsa but lacks chunks of onion or peppers. I liked it but my fiancée didn't think it was spicy enough. The chips were light and crispy but not overly salted.

Next, we ordered our meals. I ordered from the large selection of combo meals. The one I chose included a beef enchilada, a beef burrito, rice and beans. My fiancée

ordered Pollo Asado, which came with grilled chicken, slices of tortilla bread, guacamole salad and rice.

Our meal came out in a few minutes and it's a good thing because I was having a difficult time telling myself not to eat too much salsa. My meal was great. The enchilada was covered in a mild enchilada sauce. The burrito, which was a bit larger than the enchilada, was covered in a tasty tomato sauce. Melted cheese covered the refried beans and the rice was spotted with peppers and onions, giving it a hearty taste. My fiancée enjoyed his meal greatly. His favorite part was that it came with large portions of chicken, guacamole salad and rice. He said that the chicken had a good flavor

and the guacamole salad is better than at any other place.

Even though we both were complaining about how full we were, we decided to share a fried ice cream. The French vanilla ice cream was served in a graham cracker crust and was coated in something that resembles the taste of crushed frosted flakes. The ice cream was drizzled with chocolate and strawberry syrup. I loved it, especially eating the ice cream and graham cracker crust together. My fiancée loved the ice cream but wasn't a big fan of the crust.

Our waiter was very attentive during the entire meal. He brought extra napkins and filled our drinks voluntarily. His heavy Spanish accent was a little tricky, but of course my vast knowledge of the Spanish language saved the day (OK, so I can pronounce some of the things on the menu).

For two meals, drinks and one dessert, the total bill came to less than \$20. On a college student budget, this works great for me and my fiancée. I definitely recommend dropping in if you're looking for a change from the usual hamburgers and fries.

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Van Wilder: Reynolds Rocks, Reid Wreaks

By Allen Brooks & Jessica Helsel
Staff Writers

She Says...From the first to the last scene of "National Lampoon's Van Wilder," you will be rolling in the aisles. Whether that rolling is induced by laughter or two steps from gagging, that's your call—but if you're like the crowd I saw it with, you'll experience both. National Lampoon has done it again, this time it was a mix of "Caddyshack" and "Animal House" (two fantastic films) all modernized for the year 2002.

He Says...Do you love college? I mean really love college? Do you love college so much that you never want to leave? Well, that's how Van Wilder (Ryan Reynolds) feels. He's a seventh-year student at fictional Coolidge College. He's the coolest. He's a philanthropist, helping out underprivileged clubs and organizations on campus with events like "Disco for Dyslexia," "Beer Bong Bash for Bulimia," and "The Naked Mile," but I'm not totally sure what the cause of that is. He has hundreds of people who want to be him, or be near him, and who want to employ his services as a collegiate partier. He's got it made.

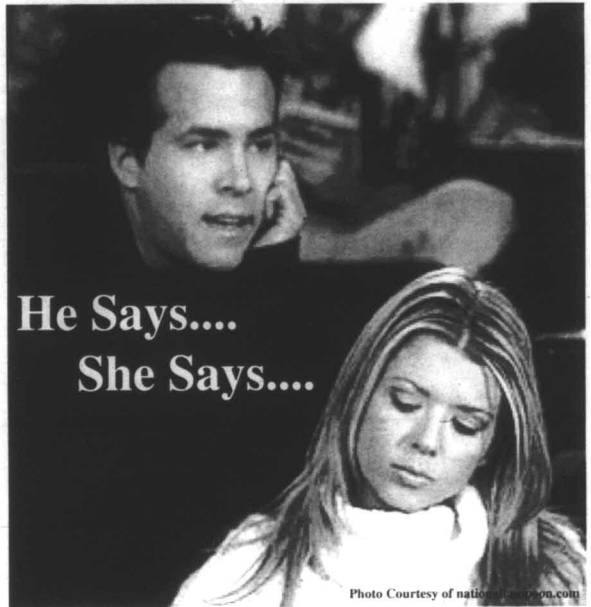
She Says...He's the ultimate college student that you long to be: to get away with everything and anything, everybody knows your name, the student body at your dorm door waiting for your advice, and they all dig your "rad" parties that you just have that amazing knack for throwing. And did I men-

tion he never goes to any classes? A sweet life my friends, sweet. And may I also add to that list that he is hot, with a capital H-O-T? And if you'd like to you can add an "Mmm mmm good" to that hotness of his, too.

He Says...Van's the man, until one day, his father, Van Sr. (Played by original "Animal House" Chairman Tim Matheson) comes to visit and informs Van that he's going to stop paying for his tuition. What's a college partier to do? Van finds all sorts of ideas to raise the tuition, with the help of his friend Hutch (The Real World's Teck Holmes) and his personal assistant, that's right, personal assistant, Taj Mahal (Kal Penn).

She Says...But for you guys out there, there's Tara Reid, who I believed looked rather fantastic as well, which was only reassured when she would appear on screen and all the men in the audience whimpered in extreme want.

He Says...They develop "Topless Tutors," a group of strippers who help students buckle down. After the program is shut down by the girls' pimp, Lambda Omega Omega, the "dork frat," approaches Van and pays him \$1,000 dollars to plan their party. He has found his way to tuition. And all this while, he's being approached by college newspaper-woman Gwen (Tara Reid). She has been assigned to do a human-interest piece on him for the Coolidge Liberator.



He Says....
She Says....

Photo Courtesy of nationallampoon.com

Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid star in the latest National Lampoon installment

He Says...I really wasn't impressed by "National Lampoon's Van Wilder." I guess it was all right, but it was nowhere near the caliber of "Animal House." I love Ryan Reynolds from "Two Guys and A Girl," and he lives up to his potential, as this part was written for him. But here's the problem: Tara Reid. She is quite possibly the worst actress I have seen in a very long time. I can't stand her. I'm not being a snob either—I really think that they had cue cards for her in some scenes. It was ridiculous.

She Says...If I had a rating system, and that system was based on four stars, I'd give this movie five, for pure enjoyment. Reynolds is hilarious in this film (adding to his attractiveness) and has great delivery (which if you know me by now, you know that's a No. I need in an actor or actress for me). The chemistry Reynolds and Reid share is pretty good, and he's so cute. I'm sorry, have I said that already?

He Says...The real gems of the movie were in the last half. It really took some time getting into the flick, but I did laugh a lot. There are a lot of stupid jokes involving a dog's privates, massage oils, creative uses of fire and very sexually aroused very old people.

She Says...All right, and now for comments of the less girlie nature: Do you remember your initial shock and belief that no one could go farther in the gross out department than "American Pie 2" (in reference to a cup at a party and Stifler)? Well if that tickled your funny bone, this movie went WAY beyond those limits. Girls were screaming, men were laughing, and many, many people were coughing, gagging really ... you would have to see it to believe it.

He Says...This isn't the best college movie ever made, but it's nowhere near the worst. I did laugh my (as my grandmother called them) well-knowns off. And the film did inspire me to become the Van of CNU, and develop the first topless tutor program here in Virginia.

She Says...If you like to see funny movies about funny people in situations you only wish you could get away with in real life, this movie is for you! I'm going again, and if you decide you're going to see this one, one bit of advice: get there early, because you won't be the only one with a night of hysterical laughter in mind.

He Says...Bottom line: Go check it out if you have a couple of hours to kill, and a couple of bucks to drop, but if you don't, wait for video—it won't kill you.

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SPORTS

Lacrosse Demolishes Shenandoah 15-4

Captains Stay Undefeated In Dixie

By Clyde Whiteman Jr.
Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team improved to 4-7 overall, 3-0 in the Dixie Conference with a convincing 15-4 dismantling of Shenandoah. On Saturday, April 6, the Lady Captains put the Hornets away early with crisp passing and a stingy defense.

CNU scored 41 seconds into the game when Maggie Olson scored off an assist from Wendy Wilson. Eight of the 15 goals were assisted, and that pleased Coach Kwame Lloyd.

"I thought we moved the ball great today," Lloyd said. "We played with confidence and we played at our level. It was just a beautiful day of lacrosse."

CNU raced to a 7-1 lead at

halftime and the Hornets were unable to get back into the game in the second half.

Wilson led the Captains offensive attack with five goals and one assist. Olson added three scores and also tallied four assists. Hadley Silver and Elaine Kirby scored two goals each and Kirby also added two assists. Kristen Johnson, Meagan Pfarr and Lacey Milburn rounded out the scoring with one goal each and Sarah Cockerille had one assist.

Robyn Charles and Elizabeth Werbiskis were both solid in goal. Charles made four saves in the first half and Werbiskis played the second half, making three saves.

Wilson, Olson, Cockerille, Charles and Jessica Brown were honored before the game because it was Senior Day.



Sophomore Meagan Pfarr scans the field for an open teammate while Christine LaTouche (left) goes for the stick check. Defender Lori Mattox (right) watches in the background.

Staff Photo By Katie Brackett



Junior Jen Harrell stares down an opposing pitcher during a softball game. Harrell is also a starter on the basketball team.

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Harrell: A Leader In Two Sports

By Liz Munson
Staff Writer

When CNU softball and basketball player Jen Harrell was in high school, she didn't even want to play sports in college. Years of rough coaches and intense playing made her sick of all sports.

"To be honest, I was about ready to give up playing sports," she said. "I had really intense coaches who didn't make it fun anymore. I was going to go to VCU (Va. Commonwealth) and not play any sports."

That's when softball coach Paul Weiss stepped in. A family friend, Weiss convinced Harrell to come to CNU and play softball for him.

"I told her that I was a very lenient coach and that I wanted to have fun," he said. "Now she has fun playing, and I want everyone to have fun."

It was this decision that virtually changed Harrell's life. Now a junior at CNU, the 5-foot-9 Harrell

fields first base for Weiss. Not only that, she is also a starting forward for the Captains basketball team, which went 25-5 overall and 12-2 in the conference this past season.

Harrell has played sports virtually all of her life, starting in elementary school. As she grew older, she moved onto middle and high school teams. It was the AAU teams that made her dislike sports most intensely, though.

But she doesn't seem to be affected by that now. For the Captains, Harrell averaged 7.9 points per game. She also averaged two steals and 3.5 assists per game.

Harrell is even better outdoors on the softball field, where she currently has a .434 batting average. She collected 36 RBI's in the 2001

season, and had no errors for the 308 chances that she logged. For the 2002 season, CNU holds a 20-7 overall record and is 7-1 in the conference.

"She's a power hitter and just really strong in general," Weiss said. "She and I hit it off really well. She's our comic relief, and keeps everyone in stitches."

Off the court and the field, Harrell still spends her off time hanging out on a field—her brother's, that is. Harrell's 17-year old brother Bill is also active in sports, playing football, basketball, and, until recently, baseball.

"If you could see him, he copies me in everything I do," she said. "I've coached his teams, and I just try to help him out in any way possible."

Harrell also spends her time doing what other students do—studying. She just

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Jen Harrell
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Overtime: News And Notes

Baseball

It was a week of broken records for the baseball team.

On April 3, the Captains set several new records, sweeping a doubleheader with Shenandoah 4-3 and 22-2. With the victories, the team broke a school record for most consecutive victories with 14.

In addition, junior Matt Turner demolished several in-

dividual records during the second game. Turner finished 4-4 with three homeruns and 11 RBIs, setting new records for homeruns in a season (14), RBIs in a game, and extending his mark of homeruns in a career (33).

One day later, the team record 14-game winning streak was snapped with a 12-10 come-from-behind loss at Virginia Wesleyan. CNU continued to struggle over the weekend with a pair of close

losses at Ferrum 12-11 and 4-2. The Captains are currently 19-10 overall, 8-2 in the conference.

Softball

After splitting a doubleheader with Southern Virginia on April 2, the softball team swept a pair of games at Villa Julie.

On April 6, the Captains defeated Villa Julie 10-0 and 7-0. Sophomore Vanessa Gray (12-3) pitched a one-hitter in game one,

which was shortened to five innings. Sophomore Dallas Slosjarik hit a grand slam in the fourth inning.

Junior Jen Harrell batted 3-3 to lead the Captains to a 7-0 win in the second game.

The wins put CNU at 20-7 overall, 7-1 in the conference.

Other

The women's tennis team won one of their three matches this past

week. After sweeping Chowan 9-0 on April 4 to improve to 4-2 in the Dixie Conference, the Captains fell 6-3 at Mary Baldwin.

On April 7, CNU traveled to Bridgewater and lost 7-2.

With the loss, CNU is 4-7 overall. They will travel to Averett for a conference match on April 13.

- By Tom Geary
Sports Editor

Jordan's Conditioning Could Be His Downfall

By Skip Bayless
Knight Ridder Campus

Editorial

A recurring theme of Michael Jordan's final year with the Chicago Bulls was his desire to retire and have a potbelly.

I ran into him at a health club about six months after he quit and he proudly showed me the spare tire that was growing around his waist. Jordan didn't mind lifting weights, but he hated any aerobic exercise that didn't involve dribbling, he ate without conscience, and he smoked lots of long, thick cigars.

But when he announced his third NBA comeback, at age 38, I figured the world's greatest athlete finally would have to admit he was human. No more getting by on rare genetics and competitive fire.

Surely Jordan would attack Father Time the way he once did Karl Malone. Surely his pride would drive him away from the sirloin strips and crème brulee and onto the treadmill or exercise bike. Melt, belly, melt.

Instead, Jordan continued to eat, drink and smoke the way he did when he was 28. Carrying at least 20 more pounds than he did in his final Chicago season, Jordan tried to play his way into shape during scrimmages against other NBA players. But Air Jordan remained Floor Jordan.

He told reporters he was trying to keep his weight up so he could be more of a "point forward" and bang with all that bulk down low. But he was kidding us and himself. Now Jordan's game is mostly shooting fade

away jump shots. Those could have benefited from a little less ballast.

Predictably, the knees that had never bothered him began to creak and ache under the new load. Jordan did drop weight as the season wore on. But the nagging tendonitis had sunk its teeth into his shock-absorbing joints.

How great and sad it was to watch him play.

I was all for Jordan coming back. I knew that nothing in his life made him feel more alive than winning NBA games with last-second shots. His performance did not disappoint me. But his spare tire did.

Michael Jordan didn't pay the late-30s price that Barry Bonds and John Stockton have, to name two. He didn't work harder than ever on his conditioning. Now, his overburdened knees have ended his season prematurely and ruined what might have been his most amazing achievement.

Just before the All-Star break, Jordan had transformed the NBA's second-worst team of 2001 into a contender for the conference title.

At 26-21, his Washington Wizards were on pace for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. That's when Jordan banged knees with teammate Etan Thomas, leading to the first surgery of his career, on Feb. 27. But Jordan had battled swelling in both knees all season, icing them after games for the first time.

Now fans and critics who predicted he would tarnish his legacy—and their memories—will say, "Told you so." But this had very little to do with age. This was mostly about discipline and dedication—or lack of.



Michael Jordan, now with the Washington Wizards, waves to fans during his introduction in his first game back at the United Center, January 19, 2002, since leaving the Chicago Bulls.

Photo Courtesy Of Knight Ridder Campus

For once Jordan beat himself.

He tried to return from arthroscopic surgery on March 12 and played as a reserve in seven games. But Wednesday, the day after playing a career-low 12 minutes and scoring a career-low two points in a 113-93 home loss to the Lakers, Jordan announced he's through for the season.

"I tried to get back as soon as possible," Jordan said. "Early on, the knee responded well. But after the swelling this morning, I think it's best to give it a rest and let it heal properly."

"I signed a two-year contract. Obviously, my health will always determine my playing status. But at this time, my plan is to play next season."

Fine by me. At times this season, Jordan was more incredible than ever. It was one thing for a 20-something Jordan to score 50-something points with 20-something

dunks. But the degree of difficulty rose dramatically for a 39-year-old with sore knees to score 51 mostly on perimeter fallaways. Four times "Floor Jordan" topped 40 points. Here was the greatest competitor ever willing a team no better than the Warriors into contention.

Would you have bet against a fit, healthy Jordan in an Eastern Conference final against, say, New Jersey? I wouldn't have.

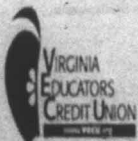
So by all means he should play one last season, at 40—if he's willing to get in the best shape of his life.

This means hiring a nutritionist, as Bonds has. This means hitting the weights the way the "Breakfast Club" of Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper did three mornings a week in 1998, when he turned his shoulders and biceps into weapons while

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Track Successful Outdoors

Captains Have Good Showing In Cold Weather

By Kristin Munch
Staff Writer

The track team competed in two invitationals this past weekend and had successful showings at both competitions.

The Colonial Relays were held on Friday, April 5, at the College of William and Mary. On Saturday, April 6, the team competed at home in the Captain's Classic at Irwin Belk Stadium.

During the weekend's two invitationals, the distance runners had three provisional national qualifying performances. In addition, sprinters Stephanie Andrews and Marilyn Cochran had strong provisional national qualifying times in the 200-meter and 400-meter respectively.

On Friday, Matt Sinclair ran a new personal best, a new CNU school record, and a provisional national qualifying time of 14:52.24 in the 5,000-meter run. In the same meet, Lindsay Newell ran a new personal best, a new CNU school record, and a national qualifying time of 11:44.36 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

On Saturday, some of the highlights in the short distance events including Stephanie Andrews and Happy Darcus sweep for first and second place in the 100 Meter Dash. Derrick Faison also won the 100 Meter Dash on the Men's side. Lori

Sheaks won the 400 Meter Hurdles with a time of 1:08.80.

For Saturday's distance events, Steven Hinton won the 1500 Meter Run and Jim Highsmith won the 5K run. In addition, Aimee Gibbs had a new personal best, a new CNU school record, and improved on her provisional national qualifying time in the 10,000 meters with a 37:04.86.

Both the men's and women's 1600 Meter Relays took first place.

CNU left with many first place finishes in the field events. Along with her first place finish in the 400 Meter Hurdles, Sheaks also took first in the high jump with a mark of 5-02. Brandy King won first in the women's pole vault, Matt Mertz won the triple jump, Leigh Trayers won the women's discus throw, and Latoya Porter placed first in the women's shot put.

Despite the cold weather, sprinter Marilyn Cochran, who had a provisional national qualifying time in the 400 meter, was pleased with the team's showing.

"The weather wasn't my ideal weather to run in but beyond that things went well as a team," said Cochran. "As each meet comes we're looking to perfect our performance even more and to work as a team."

The team's next competition will be on Saturday, April 20 at the Royal Invitational in Harrisonburg.

"[It] wasn't my ideal weather to run in but beyond that things went well as a team."

*Marilyn Cochran
Junior*

Men's Tennis Team Suffers First Loss Of The Season

By Denise Adams
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team's eight-game winning streak came to an end after a very close 4-3 loss to Villa Julie on Saturday, April 6, at home.

Although their winning streak was broken, the match against Villa Julie was not a conference match. The Captains remain undefeated within the conference after a 7-0 total victory over Chowan on Thursday, April 4.

The team won each of their doubles matches against Chowan. Number one doubles, Brandon Musika and D.J. Blough were victorious at 8-0. Joe Hagy and Jeff Heitenen played at No. 2 doubles at 8-1. James Hull and Patrick Murphrey won at No. 3 by default.

In singles, the Captains dominated over Chowan. The top four players on the team won their single's matches by straight sets.

Two days later, the Captains lost 4-3 at Villa Julie. All three of the doubles teams lost their matches, although the scores indicate that they did not make it easy for Villa Julie. Musika and Blough lost No. 1 doubles at 8-6. Hull and Murphrey lost at No. 2 doubles at 8-3 and Hagy and Heitenen were defeated at No. 3 at 8-4.

The team began to make a comeback as their top three players all won their singles matches. Musika won at No. 1 with straight sets, along with Blough winning straight sets at No. 2. Hull also won his singles match at number three. Murphrey suffered a loss at No. 4, as did Hagy at No. 5. Newcomer Heitenen lost his singles match at No. 6.

Although Villa Julie, 9-10, beat the Captains, the CNU has an outstanding record of 8-1 overall and 5-0 in the Dixie Conference. They go on to defend their undefeated 5-0 record in the conference when they play their toughest competition, Averett, on Sunday.

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switched her major from information science to physical education, giving her an extra year of schooling to complete.

"It wasn't really what I wanted to do," she said. "I didn't like it. I would have made money, but I would have hated it. All my life all I've wanted to do is coach."

Right now though, she's focused on how her present team she's on is doing.

"I just try to help everyone relax," Harrell said. "Softball is a lot of fun and it's a release from school. That's why I play."

Jordan, From Page 13

keeping his waist as trim as ever. This means melting away some fat by doing low-impact exercise like swimming or biking. This means playing a lot less golf and doing a lot less night clubbing.

You might say Jordan's punishment wound up fitting the crime. Jordan, who hates riding a stationary bike, had to pedal one during games to keep his surgically repaired knee loose enough to play. Now he needs to ride one every day. Now he must defeat the aging process before he worries about the Lakers.

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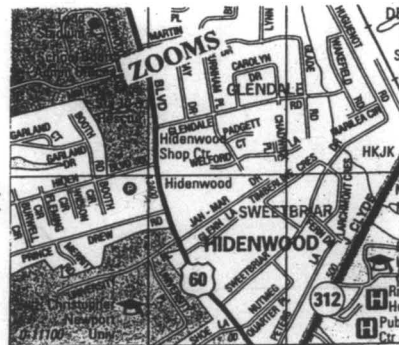
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Senior Mike Hart Finishes His Solid CNU Golf Career

Former Rookie Standout Now A Team Leader

By Denise Adams
Staff Writer

When Michael Hart was ten years old he went golfing with his grandfather. It was already evident at this young age that Hart had the talent that it took to play golf, and to play it good.

"I just never looked back and I have been playing ever since," explained Hart.

He continued to play golf and baseball through middle school and once he reached high school he had to make a decision. The golf team at Hylton High School in Woodbridge needed him and the decision was made. Hart would go on to play golf and advance his skills in a sport that he enjoyed very much.

Hart was a very valuable player to the Hylton high golf team. He finished in second place two different years at the state tournament and won an award for "all metropolitan player of the year." But Hart's success in golf had only just begun.

As a freshman at CNU, Hart was the Dixie Conference Rookie of the Year. As a sophomore Hart went to nationals and received honorable mention. He is now the only senior on the team and is one of the top players for CNU golf.

Hart explains that one large difference between high school golf and college golf is the conditions in which he plays.

"We are playing in 45 degree weather with 30 mph winds. Playing in the spring is a little different."

Hart prefers playing in the fall as he did in high school, but overall he has enjoyed playing golf in college more.

He explained that he has met a lot of new people that have really helped him to grow up.

"It is a better experience, better golfers, and more competition. In our region we have seven of the top ten schools in the nation."

This makes it more difficult for the CNU golf players to make it to nationals

because so many teams from this region are picked to go.

Despite this challenge, Hart is hoping to make it back to nationals this year so that he may leave his final year of golf on a positive note. Hart explained that CNU golf is full of talented players that all have pretty equal talent.

He feels that the team has had trouble believing in themselves this year and that lack of confidence has held them back in some ways.

"Golf is 95 percent mental and if we can't believe in ourselves, we can't play good as a team."

Golf has also lead Hart to meet many well-known people. As a caddy during the summer at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Hart met several congressmen and even Prime Ministers. He met Michael Jordan and caddied for Pete Sampras. He has also caddied for Vernon Jordan (the man who introduced Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky).

Despite meeting all these prominent people, Hart's role model still remains his father, for he admires his work ethic and persistence.

Hart has helped with Nike camps to children at King's Mill between the age of eight and 15.

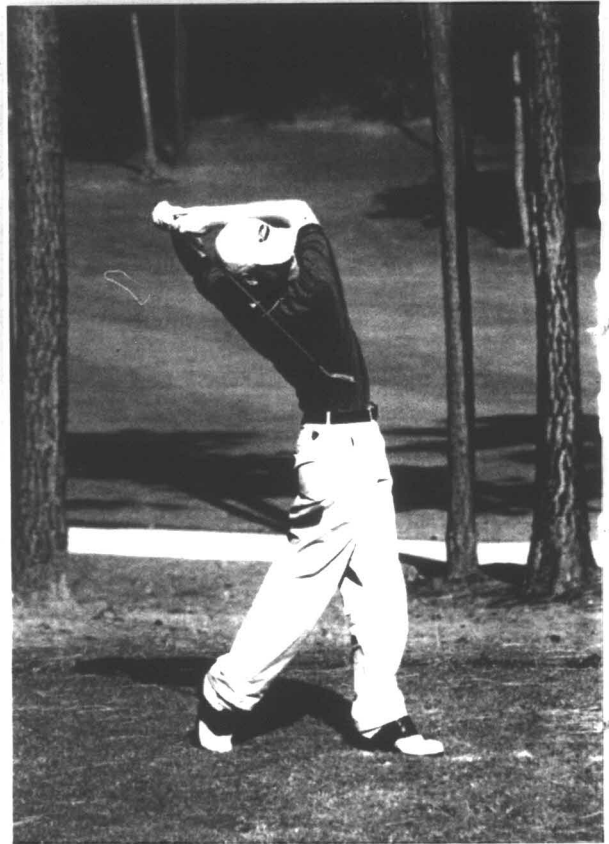
Although Hart seems to have the experience and the skill to continue with golf he has no plans of going on to play or coach golf at this point.

Hart's advice to newcomers on the CNU golf team would be to "just enjoy the experience and always look forward to the future."

Hart is looking forward to his future as he goes on to do an internship in promotions this summer in Charleston.



Senior Mike Hart
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Senior Mike Hart watches the ball soar through the air as he follows through with his swing during an invitational.

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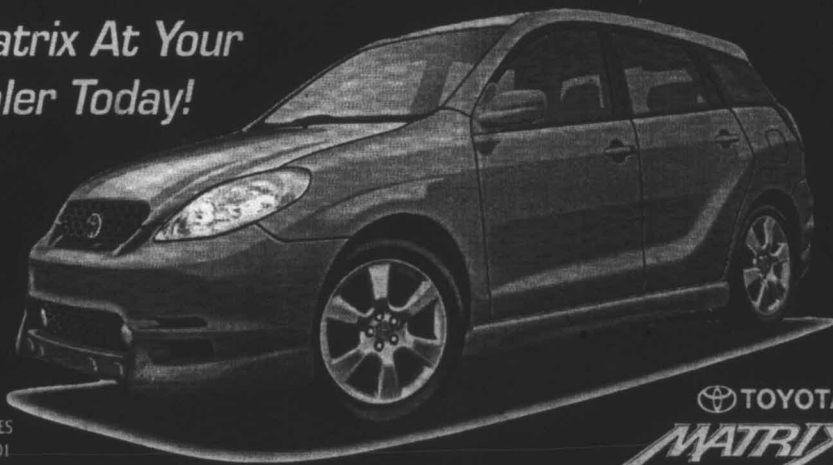
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