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Student Government Association addresses policy revisions

Boyd assumes Presidency following resignations of Davis, Sanborn

By Jenn Rowell
Managing Editor

The Student Government Association's budget task force held a town hall meeting on Aug. 24 to inform the student body of the changes in budgetary policy that had been made over the summer in response to the questions that had been raised at the end of the spring semester concerning budget allocations.

"I will tell you that from the Administration's perspective, the expectation is that the SGA Constitution will be reviewed and revised," Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman said at the meeting. "As a body, you all will have a lot to accomplish in the first semester."

The task force went through several drafts of a written budget policy.

The latest draft is "as concrete as it's going to get right now," said

SGA President Ashley Boyd.

The new policy consists of four different types of funding requests: small grant, operational, annual and contingency funding.

As of now, the Coordinator of Student Activities (Office of Student Life), Campus Activity Board, Multicultural Student Association and the SGA are the only four organizations eligible for annual funding.

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Donne Eddleman, the Associate Dean of Students, with budget committee member Nikki Wenzel and VPUR Melissa Bell speak to students at the budget task force's town hall meeting on Aug. 24.

CNU chapter of NAACP formed by eight students

'Trailblazers' to serve community

By Taya Moss
Contributing Writer

At the end of last semester, eight individuals joined as a committee and contacted the national headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to create a non-exclusive campus chapter of the organization.

The committee's eight individuals include: seniors Kezia Williams, Penney Jones, Kendra Pattillo, William Hill, Tyvelle Williams and Brandi Epps; junior Kamillah Quash; and sophomore Natasha Noel.

The purpose of this organization is to improve the policies that already exist by giving students an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information on race-related issues. According to the organization's official Web site,

"This is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization and the membership extends to all 50 states, Korea, Germany and Italy. Our mission [is to] eliminate race prejudice and remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes." In conjunction with the national organization, the chapter's mission statement is to improve the status of minority groups economically, politically, socially and academically.

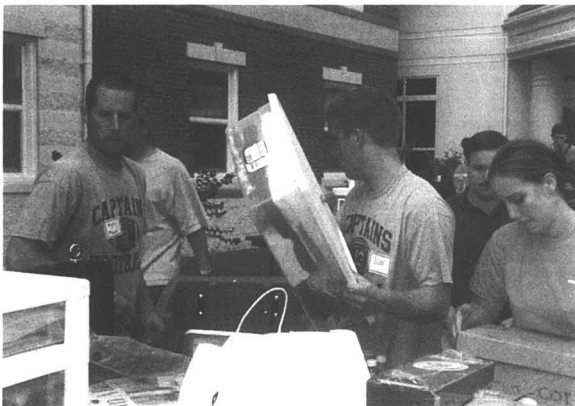
NAACP advisor Dr. Harry Greenlee of the Government Department, along with the organizing committee, worked all summer to recruit 25 members in order to receive a national youth and college division charter. The first 25 members will be known as "the Trailblazers," a term derived from the quote and chapter slogan, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and blaze trails," by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Greenlee said, "I think [this] is an excellent opportunity to expose students to positive programs they need to be involved in and well-educated on, especially issues of substance such as AIDS awareness, voting, business opportunities and being more academically competitive. [In addition to programs] the idea of service is very important, and the group's purpose is to be not only a service to the CNU community but to the outside community as well."

As a result of this being a new organization, the organiz-

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Tackling the task of moving in



Freshmen football players Jonathon Hill of Falls Church, Va., and Kyle Morgan of Alexandria, Va., help move in other students on Freshman Move-In Day. The Captain's football team, along with the entire athletic department, joined the student organizations such as fraternities, sororities and the residence life staff to move in approximately 1,200 freshmen. See page three for the story.

Master's of Arts in Teaching program approved

By Lindsay Simpson
Contributing Writer

In response to CNU's cut of the education program last year due to state-mandated budget cuts, the Virginia Board of Education approved the Master's of Arts in Teaching last week for those who wish to become kindergarten through twelfth grade educators after college.

The Master's of Arts in Teaching (MAT) requires students to earn

their standard four-year bachelor's degree in their field and then continue on to complete a one-year master's degree, as opposed to the typical two-year degree. During the year of study for the master's degree, students are offered job and internship opportunities in and around the Newport News area.

"Because teacher preparation programs require additional coursework and student teaching," Director of Teacher Preparation Dr. Marsha Sprague said, "most students cannot complete it all in four

years. So they would spend an extra semester or two, but still only have a bachelor's degree. With an MAT program, the students spend three extra semesters but earn a master's degree. This makes them more highly paid when they enter the teaching field, and all future raises are based on that entering pay."

Trying to get the program approved was an extensive process that started with the issue of get-

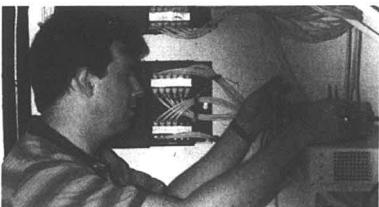
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Multiple viruses and configuration problems disable campus network

I.T. Services works to restore Internet access to students

By Regina Cerimle
Contributing Writer

Network problems and Internet malfunctions have run rampant at CNU since Freshmen Welcome Week as a large influx of viruses and configuration problems have left the entire student community either directly or indirectly affected by viruses and network configura-



Thomas MacKay, part of CNU's Information Technology Services team, switches cables for different IP addresses in James River Hall.

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Warwick Boulevard expansion will be completed by 2007

VDOT and CNU clearing land in \$58 million project, Shoe Lane to be realigned

By Tyrone Robinson
Staff Writer

Drivers along Warwick Boulevard gained a fresh view of the Freeman Center over the summer.

Beginning with Christopher's Apartments and the First Baptist Church Morrison, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and, in some cases, CNU began clearing the land that will soon become lanes, lawns and sidewalks/bikeways.

According to the Newport News Department of Engineering, Warwick will be widened to six lanes from I. Clyde Morris Boulevard to Nettles Drive, utility lines will be buried, and an expansive landscaping project will decorate the median and the sides of the road.

Additionally, a traffic signal will be installed at Sweetbrier Drive, replacing the signal lost by moving Shoe Lane to the other side of Ferguson, where it will intersect with Museum Drive.

The project, not including the realignment of Shoe Lane, is estimated to cost \$58 million, nearly \$30 million going toward tasks VDOT has to complete before extra roadway can be built, according to the City of Newport News Web site.

The city's Real Estate Assessor's Office assessed the properties between Warwick and the campus at \$2,359,800 and the University and the state paid a collective \$8.1 million to the previous owners.

Not all of the property transactions are on the books of the Assessor's Office as of yet, but CNU's Executive Vice President Bill Brauer said, "CNU has purchased the remnants of property [whatever is left over from the construction] from the BB&CT to the Quality Gas Station. VDOT similarly must purchase properties from the University, cancel-

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Welcome Week

Freshman Move-In day was successful, kicking off Welcome Week which allowed students to get acclimated to college.



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World & Nation

University of Michigan releases new admissions policy with an emphasis on academics for the 25,000 students seeking acceptance, in response to a Supreme Court decision.

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A&E

MTV's Video Music Awards arrive filled with "Hits and Misses," including Best R & B Video and Best New Artist in a Video.

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Sports

Bradshaw sisters named to All-Tournament Team, and the Captain's squad takes second to Bridgewater in Comfort Inn/Early Bird Tournament.

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Campus In Brief

Business fraternity to host open house

The professional business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi is hosting an open house Thursday, Sept. 4, 4-6 p.m. in the Alumni Room.

All Accounting, E-Commerce, Marketing, Finance, Management and Information Systems Majors are welcome.

Candidate applications can be found online at www.cnu.edu/clubs/akpsi or in their office, room 445 in the BTC building.

Alpha Kappa Psi is a coed fraternity.

Volunteers needed

The Isle of Wight Volunteer Rescue Unit is seeking any CNU students that are currently Virginia state-certified as EMTs or Emergency Drivers, or any student looking to be trained in these skills.

The squad requires that volunteers become CPR certified and become certified as either an emergency driver and/or as an Emergency Medical Technician.

The Squad will pay for and sponsor the training at the Rescue Squad Building in Smithfield, Va.

The squad requires either 12 hours or 24 hours each month, usually done in six hours shifts.

For further information, please contact Dr. Peter M. Carlson in the Government and Public Affairs Department (pcarlson@cnu.edu).

IRO holds first meeting

The International Relations Organization (IRO) will hold its first meeting of the semester Thursday, Sept. 4 in the Student Center room 214 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Intramural registration going on now

Intramural flag football and indoor volleyball registration is going on now. Pick up registration forms at the Freeman Center or in Ratcliff room 157.

For further information call 594-7054.

Registration deadline for flag football is Sept. 11, and Sept. 25 for indoor volleyball.

Alpha Sigma Alpha representatives on campus

Krystal Silvinski of Alpha Kappa Alpha will be on campus the week of Sept. 26 to answer any questions students might have about the upcoming sorority.

New SGA budget policy

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Annual clubs and organizations are eligible to apply for contingency funding, but are not eligible for small grant funding in the same fiscal year that they receive annual funding.

Operational funding is available to clubs and organizations applying for small grants, and Fiscal Technician Michelle Reed has created an application form for this type of funding.

"What we're really trying to make it all about is good programming," said Reed of the new policy plans policy.

The SGA budget committee will hold budget hearings in the spring to establish monetary allocations for the following academic year.

The policy outline states that the committee "override any unspent criteria if [it] so desires" when ruling.

"The new budget allocation will benefit the clubs and organizations," said Melissa Bell, Vice President of University Relations. "It's easier for small clubs. It's also clear what you can and cannot ask for."

As of now, the clubs that have "invested time to understand the process have reacted well," said Boyd, adding that all operational budgets for this year were released to the clubs and organizations on Friday, Aug. 29.

The SGA budget task force, created over the summer, originally included Reed, Edleman, Bell, Dante Wade, government professor Dr. Robert Doane, Rachel Harrell, Nikki Wenzel, former President Jeremiah Davis, and former Parliamentarian Michael Sanborn.

Prior to the beginning of this se-

master, Davis resigned his position as president and he is no longer a member of the task force.

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Former SGA President

classes, participated in a congressional internship and joined the military.

Davis said, "I've got to be a statesman about this, and a statesman would do what's best for the organization. I think the organization is in a volatile state right now, and it will take a leader with her [Boyd's] characteristics to pull it out."

After Davis' resignation, Sanborn, who had worked with Davis on the student government's changes during the summer, stepped down.

on the logs. Regardless, the land will no longer hinder the view of the main campus from Warwick.

"The more people see us, the more they will appreciate us," President Paul Tribble said in a letter to the *Warwick* in the Daily Press. "Having a presence on Main Street, which is for us Warwick Boulevard, is very important to us."

The demolition may seem like a jump to gain this visibility, especially since construction is scheduled to begin November 2004.

"It is normal for acquisition to happen at this time, due to utility work that must take place in advance of construction," said Brauer.

Warwick Boulevard completion by 2007

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ing out the strip.

The costs of land buffering the campus from Warwick are currently slated to preserve and enhance green space along Warwick Boulevard, according to CNU Director of Development Margaret Yancy.

Although it will be green space when the project is completed, there may be future projects that will be built

New NAACP chapter

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ing committee expects new members to continue to sign up as the chapter gains popularity.

Students from all over the Hampton Roads area have been offered membership including students at Thomas Nelson Community College.

Sophomore Shannon Hunt decided to become a Trailblazer because she "wanted to be more involved on campus, and people of color need more things to do together and more ways to have our concerns expressed outside of MSA."

Serving on the Executive Commit-

tee are Kezia Williams, President; Noel, Vice President of Action Committees; Cillian Henry, Vice President of Special Committees; Renee Moore, Secretary; Ashley Bronner, Treasurer; and Billy Boulden, Parliamentarian. Currently, the chapter is searching for a Public Relations Chair.

Williams said "The NAACP is different from other organizations because the NAACP deals strictly with the advancement of minority groups through interactive programs at general body meetings and by taking proactive steps towards securing this advancement in anyway possible."

MSA Public Relations chair Danielle Moore said, "I see the NAACP as different from MSA because MSA focuses on group interactions as a whole, whereas,

already have a virus detector on their computer," said James River Hall Director Lynne McMullen.

Residence Life Staff was also encouraged by I.T. technicians to record any students that were found to have viruses on their computers and to give those names to I.T. Services.

"One computer rep said it would be helpful for tracking purposes," said McMullen.

According to Assistant I.T. Department Head Thomas Mackay, if students and RAs are diligent about virus CD and documentation, the I.T. crews can be done in two weeks if not sooner.

On September 2, I.T. Services conducted a building-wide scan of all student computers.

Students were requested to leave their computers plugged into the network for the entire day, so that I.T.

Viruses disable network

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tion problems.

Since the first initiation of technical difficulties, Information Technology (I.T.) Services has attempted to isolate and disconnect from the network those computers found to be infected with one or more of the viruses that are responsible for the network traffic and eventual shutdown.

In an e-mail dated Aug. 25, and sent to the entire CNU community, head of the I.T. Department Gregg Gustafson stated that causes for the network problems included "improperly configured network settings of student PCs" that kept computers from properly connecting to the network; "the installation of certain types of networking hardware such as routers and gateways," which have the ability to bring down the network in an entire building; and three different types of viruses that quickly spread through nearly all student computers connected to the network.

Crews of roughly 10 I.T. technicians have made daily rounds through residence halls, splitting into two teams to sort out the network problems.

The first team worked to locate viruses and configuration problems and to disconnect those computers from the network.

The second team then cleared individual computers of viruses and reconfigured students' computers.

The order of choosing which buildings I.T. technicians visit is determined by which residence halls have documented the most rooms that have completed the virus scans.

The virus scans were placed on CDs and passed out to the RAs, who were responsible for handing them out to the student body.

"We asked RAs to take CDs and pass them out to residents, even if they

"I resigned because I was one of the strongest supporters of Jeremiah," Sanborn said. "I really bought into his plan. The more I worked with him, I realized how effective it could be," said Sanborn.

Davis, Sanborn, Boyd and Bell all assured that there were no hard feelings, and "toward the end, there were problems starting to arise between E-Board members and advisors, and that made it difficult to get things done," said Sanborn.

"I think survival of student government depends on some of these things getting done," said Sanborn. "I just felt the better thing for me to do would be resign."

Sanborn is also no longer a member of the task force.

In the time following the resignations of Davis and Sanborn, there was much preparation for the beginning of the semester.

"I feel like I've done more work with SGA in the last month than I have in the past two years on the executive board," said Boyd, who is now chairperson of the task force.

The remaining officers are Boyd, Bell and Secretary Erin Ireland.

Boyd has assumed the position of President, leaving the positions of Vice President of Student Services, Parliamentarian and Treasurer vacant, and applications are now being accepted. The election process will follow, as announced at Sept. 1 meeting.

"I feel like we've gotten really organized fast," said Boyd. "We've pulled together really fast for just three people. I'm really proud of Melissa and Boyd. It's their first year serving on SGA E-Board, and they've been through so much already."

Almost all of the businesses on the west side of Warwick have relocated and their former buildings are being torn down as they are vacated.

Establishments on the east side, such as the Plaza One office building and the Hope Church, have vacated and CNU is currently using them for educational or other uses.

The widening project affects very little of the east side of Warwick, but there are equally large plans for it to be developed by the University.

Editor's note: More information will follow concerning the Warwick project in next week's edition of *The Captain's Log*.

the NAACP focuses on improving the individuals within that group through mentoring and other programs.

Upcoming events include a six-part mentoring program between freshmen and upperclassmen, a black business simulation program, and a semi-formal banquet.

The organization welcomes people of all races, backgrounds and interests to come support them.

Meetings will be held every Tuesday, beginning Sept. 2 in Cosnold 101 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information visit the national Web site at NAACP.org.

Tanya Moss is a member of the Trailblazers.

technicians could easily isolate all computers in order to easily access and re-program those computers with viruses and improperly configured settings.

CNU computers were infected by a total of three major viruses, two of which are named "blaster" and "nimda," according to I.T. Service technicians.

Gustafson sent a general e-mail to inform students that CNU was not the only school or facility infected by viruses, as multiple schools and organizations across the country, including Longwood University, the University of Virginia, and Langley/NASA were also affected.

Working 12-14 hour shifts daily, I.T. technicians have put out work order requests by faculty in order to

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Virginia In Brief

Transportation commissioner unhappy with VDOT progress

The Virginia Department of Transportation Commissioner told the *Virginia Pilot* that he was "disappointed by the progress he's made," this week.

Philip A. Shucet has been the commissioner for sixteen months, promising to decrease the political effects on VDOT, and to complete all road projects on time and within a stated budget.

The *Pilot* reported that Shucet revealed plans to repair a two-and-a-half mile length of road on I-64 where water consistently pools during rainfall. The issue with the stretch of I-64 near the Hampton Coliseum was that the problem had been identified much earlier, but none of the officials with VDOT would go to, in and repair it.

In a reaction to the lack of response, Shucet fired Chief Engineer C. Frank Gee and promised to cede more authority to the administrators for the "oversight of construction work," according to the *Pilot*.

Gee's proposal to repair the stretch of I-64 was to completely revamp the road, which would cost \$10 million and take 10 months to complete. Shucet decided to save the project, and money, by spending almost \$3 million on a brand new drainage system for the three miles of I-64 in question, as reported by the *Pilot*.

Many people are applauding Shucet's attempts at bettering VDOT, according to the *Virginia Pilot*, because he is "opening VDOT more open to public scrutiny and for acting aggressively when crises erupt."

Delegate Leo C. Wardrup, a Republican from Virginia Beach told the *Virginia Pilot*, "Shucet seems to be a take-charge guy, and I've been impressed with his intelligence and his industriousness. He does wonders and he does 'em' commends." VDOT not afraid to get his hands dirty, and that's what VDOT needs."

Newport News beaches reopen

As of Aug. 21, beach lovers are allowed to hit the beach and swim once again, according to the *Virginia Pilot*.

Runoff from storms, heavy rains, and a severe accident in Newport News caused bacteria levels to rise to a dangerous level on Hilton and Huntington beaches. Bacteria levels were still closed due to unusually high bacteria counts.

Tests came back Aug. 25 where the levels showed that Buckroe Beach could also be reopened, according to the *Pilot*.

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World and Nation

North Korea defends nuclear weapon pursuit

Delegate Kim Yong Il soon plans to conduct nuclear weapons testing; size of arsenal remains in question

By Michael Dorgan
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

North Korea on Monday derided U.S. demands that it end its pursuit of nuclear weapons and dismissed as "senseless" U.S. concern that it might sell nuclear devices or materials to terrorists or use them to attack its neighbors.

"It is utterly groundless that our nuclear deterrent poses a 'threat' to somebody," the Rodong Sinmun, the Communist party's flagship newspaper, said in a commentary, according to North Korea's official KCNA news agency.

"Unless someone provokes the DPRK, its nuclear deterrent will remain unused," said the newspaper, referring to the initials of the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In a separate blast, North Korea's Foreign Ministry made fun of U.S. demands that it abandon its nuclear program.

"They promise not to shoot and we are supposed to lay down weapons first," said the ministry's statement, released by its embassy in Moscow. "It's a game even kids won't play."

Left unclear was what sort of provocation might cause the isolated Stalinist state to use nuclear weapons.

That question is at the heart of international efforts to defuse the crisis that began 10 months ago with North Korea's claim that it had undertaken a secret uranium enrichment program in violation of a 1994 agreement to scuttle its nuclear weapons programs.

Three days of six-nation talks aimed at shutting down North Korea's nuclear weapons programs ended Friday in Beijing with no breakthroughs but with a promise to keep talking.

All six parties—China, Japan, South Korea and Russia, as well as North Korea and the United States—also pledged not to do anything to escalate tensions, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi told reporters on Friday.

But North Korea, which demands that the United States sign a non-aggression

treaty and normalize relations before it will shut down its nuclear programs, ratcheted up its belligerent rhetoric even before the talks had concluded.

On Thursday, according to U.S. officials, North Korean delegate Kim Yong Il declared at the talks that his country had nuclear weapons and soon would prove it to the world by conducting a nuclear test.

Some experts say the threat came as early as Sept. 9, the nation's founding day. Then on Friday, KCNA quoted delegate Kim denouncing as "a plunderer's demand" beyond the tolerance limit the United States' insistence that North Korea dismantle its nuclear programs as a pre-condition to economic aid or normalization of relations.

North Korea raised its rhetoric another notch on Saturday, saying in a statement issued by its foreign ministry that the six-party talks "only reinforced our confidence that there is no other option for us but to increase the nuclear deterrent force."

The size of North Korea's nuclear arsenal—if it has one—is matter of speculation. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency says it probably has one or two nuclear bombs, though North Korea claims to have reprocessed 8,000 spent fuel rods in recent months, enough to yield sufficient plutonium for several more bombs.

South Korea's foreign minister warned North Korea on Sunday that any attempt to increase its nuclear capability in the wake of the six-party talks would only increase its isolation.

"If (North Korea) takes measures that would further aggravate the situation, such as continuing developing its nuclear program, such actions would result in loss of trust from the other five countries and that would isolate (North Korea)," Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan told a television station in Seoul.

It remained unclear, however, whether North Korea was abandoning the negotiations or merely bluffing in hopes of strengthening its bargaining position.



Thousands of mourners filled the streets of the Kadhimiya suburb of Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, for the funeral of Iraqi cleric Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim. The Shiite muslim leader was among the 120 people killed Friday, Aug. 28, by a car bomb that detonated outside a mosque in Najaf. Sunday's funeral began three days of mourning that would conclude with Hakim's burial in Najaf, Iraq, on Tuesday, Sept. 2, well.

Audiotape claiming to be Saddam denies role in Iraqi cleric's death from car bomb

By Drew Brown
and Hannah Allam
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The killing of a leading Iraqi Shiite cleric in a recent car bomb attack increases the potential for civil war among Iraq's religious and ethnic groups and presents a grave new challenge to the U.S.-led occupation of the country, several Iraqi analysts said Monday.

The killing of another prominent cleric, either Sunni or Shiite, could spark widespread violence, one warned. While the funeral procession was still under way for slain Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim's burial in Najaf on Tuesday, several Iraqi groups—some religious and others ad hoc and mysterious—spoke of revenge for his death.

In addition, a new audiotape emerged Monday in which a voice claiming to be deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein—whose followers are widely suspected in the Hakim's murder—denied any role in the killing.

"Many of you have heard the snakes hissing, the servants of the invaders, occupiers, and infidels, and how they have managed to acquire the following of Saddam Hussein for

responsibility for the attack on Hakim without any evidence," says the voice, using Saddam's signature flowery rhetoric. "They rushed to come before investigating ... This is not what Saddam attributes to himself."

There was no way to confirm the tape's authenticity,

month, feeding many Iraqis' fears of more destabilizing violence. The blast, which killed as many as 125 people, according to Maj. Rick Hall, a Marine spokesman based in Najaf, followed an Aug. 7 car bombing at the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad, which killed 19 people, and a truck

al Dulame, executive director of the Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies, a Baghdad think tank founded after Saddam's ouster.

No group has claimed responsibility for the Najaf blast, and Iraqi police there have released few details about their investigation. A senior coalition official told Knight Ridder that four men had been detained, including two Iraqis and two foreigners.

But Najaf's governor told Al-Jazeera news Monday that the four detainees were all Iraqi. He was knocking down an unconfirmed wire service report that 19 followers of Islam's strict Wahabi sect had been arrested in connection with the attack.

"I expect the next assassination will be of a Sunni leader, to get what they want, which is chaos in the end," said al Dulame, a liberal scholar who spent 17 years in exile. "We hope it doesn't happen. But if the previous regime is behind this act, then they are going to want to play all of their cards."

Iraq's top Shiite religious body, known as the Hawza, issued a grim warning Sunday in hopes that the crime "was not sectarian, otherwise this loathsome attack will have dire consequences," the statement said.

A woman mourns at the funeral of Iraqi cleric Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim in Baghdad last Sunday.

ity. But previous tapes aired on Arab networks claiming to be from Saddam were probably real, U.S. officials have acknowledged.

The attack that killed Hakim Friday was the third and deadliest terrorist incident in Iraq in less than a

bomb 12 days later at the UN headquarters, which killed 23, including the United Nations' top envoy.

"We are very worried now about sectarian conflict, and it is possible (Hakim's assassination) is leading to that," said Saadoun

University of Michigan unveils updated admissions policy

By Maryanne George
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The University of Michigan's new admissions policy released last Thursday, Aug. 28, reaffirms its commitment to minority students and cracks open the door more widely to students—of all races—who have had a tough time getting in.

Poorer students could be the big winners in the new process for undergraduates. The University of Michigan officials and national experts said.

Last year, more than half the University of Michigan freshmen came from households with incomes of \$100,000 or more.

Students from families with incomes less than \$50,000 made up one in five University of Michigan students, according to a recent study.

"We want to get more information about students on many dimensions. I hope

we get kids from all groups for U-M," said University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman.

The new policy aims to cure criticism that the University of Michigan paid too much attention to race. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court found unconstitutional a policy that awarded minorities an automatic 20 points on a 150-point scale. The court said the process was too rigid.

For the first time, the University of Michigan is asking about students' household income, whether they come from a single-parent household, the size of their household and whether a student must work to supplement the family's income.

Admissions officers are instructed to give advantages—not quantified numerically—to students facing adversity.

Students who would be the family's pioneers in attending college would get a boost, too.

"U-M is making the

transition from simply saying this is our socioeconomic diversity in their mission statement to making the commitment to moving it into their admissions process," said David Hawkins, director of public policy for the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Still, University of Michigan officials emphasized that the school—one of the nation's most selective public universities—will put the top priority on academic performance for the more than 25,000 students seeking about 5,200 spots in the fall 2004 freshman class.

Coleman said admitting more low-income applicants does not mean the more affluent students will lose out. This is not a trade-off, she said. "We are looking broadly at all youngsters. Everything will depend on the whole pool of applicants."

The new policy also involves more work for students, as well as their high school teachers and coun-

selors. Students will be asked to write two essays of 250 words or less and one 500-word essay on topics including cultural diversity, their possible contribution to the University of Michigan, meaningful experiences, their favorite book, experiences with overcoming adversity and the relationship between truth and beauty.

Each applicant will have to have a teacher and counselor send University of Michigan admissions officials information on how they've performed.

The student won't know what the teacher and counselor have reported in order to achieve an "arm's length" adult review, said University of Michigan Provost Paul Courant.

There'll be a lot more work for the University of Michigan, too, as it reviews the thousands of applications on much more individualized basis.

The new process is patterned after the University of Michigan Law School's policy, which tries to achieve a so-called critical mass of underrepresented minorities in its admissions.

"How much race matters will depend on the characteristics of the class," Courant said. "What matters most is the characteristics of the student. We'll know more about these students than any incoming class in 30 years."

The fall 2002 freshman class included 8.9 percent African Americans, 6.1 Hispanic Americans and 1.1 percent Native Americans. Admissions officials will monitor who is being admitted using a daily tracking system similar to one used at the law school, Courant said.

Michigan residents still will get an advantage over out-of-state applicants. The University of Michigan's new policy is much more like admissions systems at other major colleges and universities than its state-based policy was, Hawkins said.

In effect, the point system had made the University of Michigan an easy target for a discrimination lawsuit because the advantage to minorities was so explicit.

Curt Levey, spokesman for the Center for Individual Rights, the Washington law firm that represented students who sued the University of Michigan over its undergraduate and law school admissions policies, said the group will monitor the new policy.

"The wording of the new policy mirrors what the Supreme Court said," Levey said. "But the devil is in the details. We will be looking to see if race becomes a super factor and whether they give people preference based on skin color. Race preferences are also supposed to have a time limit. We will be looking to see if U-M plans to phase out the use of race."

University of Michigan General Counsel Marvin Krievold said the new policy will be evaluated for a year and re-evaluated.

Opinions

Where We Stand

The strains of the virus strain

For the past two weeks, users of CNU WebMail have been bombarded with countless messages thanking them for unknown reasons, responding to applications that have not been sent, and offering details to nonexistent subjects.

That is, of course, if users have even been able access their WebMail accounts.

The University's Information Technology Services explains these technological inadequacies as having resulted from several works that include: improperly configured network settings, installed routers and gateways and several viruses that have freely infected state and nationwide institutions.

Although the computer technicians are working diligently with residents to quickly resolve the issue, the network and Internet halt should serve as a test and wake-up call to CNU.

The test is obviously an issue of patience and cooperation.

While most students desire a quick computer configuration, just as many should value a correct configuration. Students who do not know how to properly configure their computers should await assistance. It's now a matter of time until things will return to the way they should have been, and the level of cooperation during Tuesday's building-wide scan will help determine that.

The wake-up call is obviously an issue of preparation. When a university offers a free network and Internet connection, all parties must take the necessary precautions for adverse possibilities. This means incorporating anti-virus protection programs and presenting students with accessible information for installation in a timely fashion.

It's understandable that a strain of viruses can strain one's level of patience and cooperation, but that situation needs to be prevented in the future.

When a disease is evident, protection is prevalent.

Effort for interaction proudly shows its face

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has made its way to CNU because of eight ambitious students that had a desire last semester to support race-related issues through proactive steps.

Hopefully, the organization will magnify the need for diversity on this campus while capturing the interest of those who strive for racial equality and an improved status of minority groups.

This addition to the University differentiates unity from uniformity. The diversity within CNU's unity is becoming more evident as students step up to reach out.

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Pot prohibition: a purple haze of preposterous politics

Why the federal government should legalize cannabis

By Stefan Veldhuis
 Contributing Writer

Abraham Lincoln, commonly viewed as the most influential president in American history, said this in 1866 concerning prohibition: "Prohibition will work great injury to the cause of temperance, for it goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation and makes crime out of things which are not. A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles upon which our government was founded."

This thought, as expressed by our nation's 16th president, comes from an experienced viewpoint and applies perfectly to the argument for the decriminalization and legalization of marijuana.

Repealing the marijuana-prohibition laws promises tremendous advantages, anything between reduced government expenditures on enforcing this drug law and new tax revenue from legal production and sales. Lifting the laws on cannabis would also surely help urban residents to turn their backs on criminal careers and seek out legitimate opportunities instead. Police, prosecutors and courts could focus their resources on combating the types of crimes from which people cannot walk away.

According to the Head of Research in the Department of Internal Medicine at the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, not in the history of medical documentation has a single person died from an overdose of marijuana. The same cannot be said of alcohol, which has taken over 1 million lives through motor-vehicle accidents and other related deaths over the last 10 years.

If speaking merely from a health standpoint, the illegal substance of marijuana has been proven to have negative health implications in habitual users much like alcohol and tobacco, which are legal.

Certainly no one can argue it is healthy to inhale marijuana smoke into one's lungs; indeed, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has declared, "Marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than is found in tobacco smoke."

On the other hand, the number of marijuana cigarettes smoked by what NIDA considers to be "heavy users" is two to three a day. This in comparison to the 40-a-day smoked by the "heavy" tobacco user.

So why do our government officials and authorities allow their fellow citizens to partake in chemically addictive tobacco cigarettes, and

yet not marijuana?

Although there are good health reasons for children, pregnant women and other persons not to smoke marijuana, there still appears to be little to no evidence supporting a theory that occasional use does more harm than that of substances which are already legal. All in all, the question remains, is it the government's business?

By legalizing marijuana, the government would not be advocating its use, merely permitting its citizens to pursue a past time of their choice.

Does what a person chooses to do with his body? This ludicrous law exists in the same country that allows one to abort a child. The government's inconsistency in this matter confers its citizens with legislative hypocrisy and blatant disregard for the concept of personal healthcare standards.

Many people say, in their argument against legalization, that it is a gateway drug, that it should remain illegal because of that factor. Smoking marijuana, they argue, often leads to the use of even more dangerous illegal and/or illicit drugs. Yet, the studies that claim it is a gateway drug use inconclusive statements such as "80 percent of all heroin addicts once smoked marijuana."

These types of statements are more transfixing than true, and certainly not credible accounts on which to base a theory. Who is to say that those same addicts did not first consume alcohol or tobacco in addition to pot? Coincidence and correlation do not necessarily imply causation! The propaganda emanating from the government in this realm is both deficient in truth as well as inconsistent in intent.

A huge amount of statements and scientists alike have started to make in the case of legalization is that of use for medicinal purposes. Humboldt County, Calif., was the first location in modern America to have

a voter referendum approve medicinal use of marijuana for patients in need.

In order for them to receive the drug, doctors must have diagnosed them with HIV, AIDS, glaucoma or cancer. When smoked, people regain their appetite and experience a lessening in pain. Patients were allowed to grow plants for their own use but not for sale or public implementation.

Yet, the federal government poured salt in the wound of the ill by eliminating their right to local and state legislation with an inquisitive and fastidious federal policy. To what irreparable level has the government grown for its citizens to be denied the right to proper health-care?

Living without the freedom to pursue a treatment for one's personal illness, while living with the oppression of an overwhelming oligarchy should surely motivate this nation's people to condone change in our modern society.

Is it possible that our elected representatives are unable to recall the disastrous consequences of the doomed attempt to prohibit alcohol during the early part of the last century? Violent crime soared, and the influence of criminal organizations proliferated. People's tax money was exhausted in an effort to suppress it, but to no lasting avail. The net result had no impact on the pervasive use of alcohol.

Prohibition only succeeded in making criminals out of what were normal, law-abiding citizens. The only permanent gains were made by career felons and corrupt authority figures. How dissimilarly similar and capriciously congruent to the current "War on Drugs" is the prohibition of old? Its similarities are prominent and display a paucity of trust on the part of the dominion.

In conclusion, the recreational and medicinal use of marijuana should be legalized. The statistics and logic to support its prohibition are simply not strong enough to override an entire subculture of people and their desire to use a non-violent substance. By legalizing marijuana, the government would not be advocating its use, but merely permitting its citizens to pursue a past time of their choice.

The hope is that our culture and our people realize sooner rather than later that prohibition of this substance is a blatant infringement on our rights as human beings.

The argument is clear. Legalize marijuana, and let us as a society learn from the past so that we may have a future filled with the freedom to live how we see fit.

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Arts and Entertainment

The hits and misses of MTV's Video Music Awards

A CNU student gives perspective on one of the most talked about award shows of the year

By Elizabeth Marshall
Contributing Writer

Every year, award shows like the Academy Awards and the Grammy's set fire debates amongst die-hard fans, prompting famous movie and music critics to burn off heated personal opinion pieces on the winners and losers of said ceremonies, accompanied by which artists they feel should have been the recipients of the award in question.

With this premise in mind, Thursday's MTV Video Music Awards seem to deserve similar scrutiny - particularly in the aftermath of the network's slow drift over the past ten or so years from its original concept of being the only source of fresh new music for a hip young audience, to that of a corporate entity tall that "wags the dog" of America's music-buying youth.

With the profound move from promoting talented artists towards promoting those who just look good and sell records, many nominees who still fit in the former category walk away unrewarded. The following is a closer look at who won this year's VMAs and whether they deserved it.

MTV2 Award

Who Actually Won: AFI - Girls Not Grey
Who Should Have Won: Interpol - PDA

While angsty goth-come-punk rockers AFI certainly surpass many of the brainless pop punk acts that have become so popular in the past year, they are still overshadowed by Interpol's dark collage of a video for their eerie single "TDA."

Best Group Video

Who Actually Won: Coldplay - The Scientist

Who Should Have Won: Coldplay - The Scientist

Though Coldplay is starting to sound a little bit too much like Radiohead for their own good, the beautifully directed, backwards-action video won a well deserved award for the group category.

Best Rap Video

Who Actually Won: 50 Cent

"SHOT NINE TIMES!...the immense hype 50 Cent has so successfully generated in his short career has effectively made up for the idea that his only talent seems to be scowling at the camera."

- In Da Club

Who Should Have Won: 2Pac featuring Nas - Thugz Mansion
"SHOT NINE TIMES!" shouted Chris Rock in the show's opening monologue, referring to fact that the immense hype 50 Cent has so successfully generated in his short career has effectively made up for the idea that his only talent seems to be scowling at a camera. 2Pac deserves the award more - if it wasn't for him, there wouldn't even be a market for posers like 50 Cent

Best R&B Video

Who Actually Won: Beyonce Knowles - Crazy In Love
Who Should Have Won: Beyonce Knowles - Crazy In Love
"Crazy In Love" is Beyonce's best output since parting ways with Destiny's Child, and with the stunning combination of a horn instrumental track and the amazing choreography in her video, she surpasses the competition in the category by far.

Best Hip-Hop Video

Who Actually Won: Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott - Work It

Who Should Have Won: Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott - Work It
Missy Elliott is a departure from your average hip-hop performance. Possessing some of the most genuine and innovative talent in the industry, her genius comes to a head with the surrealistic video and dreamlike, backwards tracks.

for her single "Work It"

Best Dance Video

Who Actually Won: Justin Timberlake - Rock Your Body
Who Should Have Won: Sean Paul - Get Busy
Although it's a neat bit, Sean Paul's booty-shaking Jamaican dancehall beats out Justin Timberlake's continued efforts to reinvent himself as the white rapper of a young Michael Jackson.

Best Rock Video

Who Actually Won: Linkin Park - Somewhere I Belong
Who Should Have Won: The White Stripes - Seven Nation Army
Linkin Park's combination of repetitive, screechy vocals and lethargic rapping in "Somewhere I Belong" is the same formula they've been pushing for each of their hit singles to date. Meanwhile, The White Stripes, whose use of cutting-edge music video cinematography and a guitar talent that

exceeds that of nearly every other nominee in the entire show, unjustly come up empty-handed.

Best Pop Video

Who Actually Won: Justin Timberlake - Cry Me A River
Who Should Have Won: Justin Timberlake - Cry Me A River
Though Justin Timberlake still has a long way to go before reaching the immortal pop legend status he's so desperately aiming for, his attempt at "Cry Me A River" does beat out the weak slew of competitors in the Pop category.

Best New Artist in a Video

Who Actually Won: 50 Cent - In Da Club
Who Should Have Won: Sean Paul - Get Busy
Again, 50 Cent should not be anywhere on the list of award nominees, let alone a national celebrity. Gave the award to Sean Paul for presenting American listeners with a new sound to dance to.

Best Male Video

Who Actually Won: Justin Timberlake - Cry Me A River
Who Should Have Won: Johnny Cash - Hurt
Justin put it best himself: it was a travesty for him to have won this award over Johnny Cash. How another sappy pop love ballad managed to beat out one of the finest performances of one of the most prolific and influential singers of the past fifty years is a mystery unless you've actually seen the type of music MTV generally promotes.

Best Female Video

Who Actually Won: Beyonce Knowles - Crazy In Love
Who Should Have Won: Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott - Work It
Missy Elliott is a rarity in popular music today - a female who



50 Cent, winner of the night's Best New Artist Video, performed on stage at the VMAs, held on Aug. 28, 2003.

relied on his actual talent to sell records, not sex appeal. While the Britneys, Beyonces, and Christinas of the world may look great on-stage in a skimpy skirt, their music can't hold a candle to the raw and explosive energy of Missy Elliott's.

Best Video Of The Year

Who Actually Won: Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott - Work It
Who Should Have Won: Johnny Cash - Hurt
While Missy Elliott continues to be a rising talent, Johnny Cash has reached the pinnacle of his career with the song "Hurt" - every ounce of his drug-addicted, depressed life has been poured into the ode to misery, and it pours through each heavy piano key and note of Cash's aging, weary voice.

While his loss to a more teen-freundly artist doesn't come as a surprise, it's a shame that we should have to even have to settle for less.

Mongolian Bar-B-Q Blends Chinese, Mongolian and American Food



Chefs at Mongolian Bar-B-Q wear traditional dress while cooking their customers' food. Besides Mongolian and Chinese fare, Mongolian Bar-B-Q offers American food.

Restaurant Review:
CNU students experience low prices and good food in the community

by Channele Layman
Contributing Writer

If you like Chinese or Mongolian food, a visit to the Mongolian Bar-B-Q is definitely in order. Each meal starts with a courteous host or hostess seating you amid various articles from China and Mongolia. You then choose from a hot Chinese buffet or a Mongolian buffet.

From the Mongolian side, each person chooses his favorite noodles, meats, vegetables and sauces/spices. All the ingredients are combined and then fried on a large circular grill. But be warned: the food tends to be greasier and saltier than most, so be sure to order water with your meal.

In addition to the Chinese and Mongolian foods, there is a dessert line, offering both American and ethnic foods.

All in all, the food is good, and the service is prompt and polite. In addition, Mongolian Bar-B-Q is relatively affordable for the average college student, especially considering you can return to the buffet as many times as you like.

If you want to check it out, Mongolian Bar-B-Q is located at 1118 W. Mercury Boulevard in Hampton. Their hours are as follows:

Mon-Thu 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Fri 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sat 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sun 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Lunch is served until 4:30 Monday through Saturday and is \$4.99 per person.

Dinner is served all day Sunday and after 4:00 during the rest of the week and costs \$6.99 per person.

On the finger-lickin' good scale, Mongolian Bar-B-Q receives 4 out of 5 fingers.

Observational Humor: open letter to my UPS man

By Steve Hofstetter
Guest columnist

Dear UPS man. Or woman. It's hard to tell which those brown shorts and button t-shirt.

I know that I live on the third floor of a walkup. I know that stairs can be very tricky. I know that you have had a long, tiring day, because whenever I live, it is always the last stop on your route. But I, unlike you, also know that two comes before three and one comes before two.

Allow me to explain. Actually, you have no choice. I've already written this letter, much like you've already written a note saying you'd attempted to leave my package three times. Really, you tried to leave it no less, which is three times less than you said I use "less" rather than "fewer" because "fewer" is used in situations when there is an exact count. And I can't begin to count how many times UPS has screwed up my packages. Though I'm going to try. Let's start with the one last week.

You left a slip on the front door of my building telling me you'd tried to deliver my package for the third time, and I should

pick it up in the warehouse. I found this note odd, since to be a third time, that time has to come after a first or second time, preferably both. Also, I was in my apartment when you left the note. I know that because I found it on my way out, meaning I had to have been in. So in reality, you only tried to deliver my package, ever. You did, however, try to leave a note telling me you tried to deliver my package. In that effort, you were quite successful.

Of course, you did not fill out the part of the note that tells me who sent the package, so I have no idea what you didn't give me. Nevertheless, I want it. I want it enough to have called your hotline only to wait on hold for a half hour. I didn't mind the wait so much. When I saw the note about the package you didn't try to give me, I was on my way to the airport. And while waiting for a flight to San Antonio, there's not much else to do but call the UPS hotline.

The woman I finally spoke to said that the package was available for pickup in the New York warehouse. I told her I was on my way to Texas for a week so today would not be an option. She replied, "then you could come pick it up tomorrow if you like." "Miss," I said, "I don't think you understand

the exact location of Texas."

She finally agreed to resend the package to me the following Monday. Sure enough, I left my apartment Tuesday morning and saw a note telling me that you tried to redeliver the package three more times, and it was going back to the warehouse again. I was impressed with your uncanny ability to not deliver the package three times in one day.

I called again, and they gave me a different number to call. I called that one and they also gave me a different number to call. I called that one, and it turned out to be the first one I called and then they got mad at me for calling back so soon. Finally, a woman asked me why I never put a trace on the package. I wasn't sure why I hadn't, but probably because I don't work for UPS and I don't know what the hell a trace is or when to use it. So she put a trace on it for me, and found out that the package was again in a warehouse - in Virginia.

I explained that I needed the package more than Virginia did, although I still didn't know what was in it. Whatever it was, it was mine. After I said this, the woman wanted to know if I could call the shipper and have them resend the package. "Miss," I said, "I don't think you understand the exact loca-

tion of Texas." Okay, so I didn't say that. But I did tell her that it'd be hard to call the shipper when I didn't know who the shipper was. But she probably didn't know the location of Texas. After all, she thought a package sent to New York should go to Virginia.

UPS man, or woman, it's hard to tell with those brown shorts, button t-shirt, and asexual baseball cap. I understand your life is difficult. Your truck has no doors, which must get frustrating when it rains. But someone paid you to give me a box, and all you've given me is a larger phone bill and two notes that pretend to be six. You owe me a box. And four more.

The woman on the phone said the only thing she was authorized to do was to put a complaint in about you. While I did want to punish you for your laziness, I didn't think it was fair to write you a complaint for this. So I asked her if instead, she could write up three.

At least you know where they're coming from.

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Theater CNU Kicks Off Semester

Three plays planned for mainstage production

By Regina Cerimele
Contributing Writer

As the fall semester begins at CNU, the CNU theater department is also beginning its new curriculum, complete with three

“Any liberal arts university, including CNU, has a strong attachment to the theater.”

—Steven Breese
Director of Theater

main-stage productions and other activities planned both in and outside the theater department.

The first production for CNU this fall is the play “Our Country’s Good,” for which open auditions will be held September 4 and 5. Performances will be held in Gaines Theater this October. Director of Theater Steven Breese said “Our Country’s Good” promises to be “an entertaining yet very uplifting and serious show.”

“Our Country’s Good” details the experiences of some of the

first British convicts transported to Australia, while combining both human emotion and physical comedy as part of its story. Additional performances for the year include the musical farce “Triumph of Love” which will open in February, and a dramatic production of Phyllis Nagy’s “The Scarlet Letter,” which is anticipated to be the last mainstage production performed in the Gaines Theater. All following productions will be performed in the new Fine Arts Center. “We’re looking for a season both appealing and educational for students,” said Breese.

CNU Theater also has activities other than main-stage productions planned for this year including several theater readings to be held at Einstein’s café this fall. These include the comedy “The Importance of Being Earnest” (September 22) and a dramatic piece “The Laramie Project” (November 17).

Announcements about additional theater reading opportunities are still to be scheduled. CNU Theater also has plans to do more daring projects including readings of “The Vagina Monologues” which were done in previous years. A senior thesis project is also planned for the end of the semester, where a student directed and written play, “12 Stitches” will be performed.

“Any liberal arts university, including CNU, has strong attach-

ments to theater. CNU is certainly not different, with wonderful programs and productions being offered,” said Breese. Future plans are also being made to further involve the faculty and administra-

“The more of the university involved in theater, the happier we are.”

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Director of Theater

tion in theater events. “The more of the university involved in theater, the happier we are,” said Breese.

During Breese’s three year period as Theater Director, CNU Theater has seen a tripling in majors over the last three years with currently more than 100 theater majors. There have also been advances to the theater curriculum with new courses and the addition of an Arts and Administration track, which focuses on a theater emphasis geared toward business administration.

“I’m proud to say I’ve been able to see the progress CNU Theater has made over the past three years,” said Breese.

“I’m very impressed with the quality of students and the size of classes,” said Tanya Sweet, Technical Director for CNU Theater.

The “students are fabulous” and that more students are attracted to the Theater CNU as its reputations have increased over the years, said Sweet.

Though the date of the Fine Arts Center opening is still tentative, the proposed opening is set for Fall 2004.

“We’re gearing up for new space with the loss of the Shoebox Theater,” said Professor Denise Gilman. Until the opening of the Fine Arts Center and with the loss of the Shoebox Theater, Gilman said that CNU Theater is looking “to create and find our own environments” for performances other than main-stage productions.



Unloco's first CD blends punk and lot of rock into one mix for their first CD.

Unloco's first CD shows purpose

New band tours with Ozfest, boasts track on 'Matrix' soundtrack

by Megan Tucker
Contributing Writer

The basic rule of life is always, “If at first you don’t succeed ... you better try harder!” Underground rock band Unloco has done just that.

Hailing from Austin, Tex., this group of four talented guys has been through the ringer, just to get heard. A string of bad luck followed the band for the entire year of 2001. The group’s first album, “Healing,” tanked soon after its release. At about the same time, the group’s lead guitarist left the band to join Goldfinger. Feeling pressure for their label, Maverick Records, the boys were forced to make a new album ... quickly! In just a few months, “Becoming i” was finished.

“Becoming i” was the break

that they needed. This new album, very unlike their first release, had less incoherent screaming and more emotion lyrically. A little punk (and a whole lot of rock mixed together) gives this band an edge on other upcoming artists. The drums hit harder and the guitars evoke more feeling through efficient rhythms and chords.

The first single off of “Becoming i” was aptly named “Bruises,” and found its way into the highly acclaimed “Matrix Reloaded Soundtrack.” Soon after the Matrix’s release, the song floated across the airwaves, beginning a steady fan base for the band. Unloco’s new single, “Empty” catches the same interest that “Bruises” did. This song could easily fit into 90X’s fantastic play list of rock and metal. “Empty” is loud and hard hitting, without giving its listener a headache over incessant complaining and screaming for no apparent reason. There is a purpose to the singer’s pain and he conveys it well through lyrics and wailing guitars.

This year, Unloco is touring on Ozfest along with Korn. Disturbed and without a doubt the Ozz-man! Check out their website, www.unloco.com, four tour dates and more information.

CNU Theaters' Mainstage Production Schedule

“Our Country’s Good”

Auditions: September 4 and 5
Performances: October 17-18, 24-25
Matinees: October 19, 26

“Triumph of Love”

Auditions: November 3-4
Performances: February 13-14, 20-21
Matinees: February 15, 22

“The Scarlet Letter”

Auditions: To be Announced
Performances: April 9-10, 16-17
Matinees: April 10, 18



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Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope
For September 1-7

By LaSha Seniek
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). New career awareness will trigger almost two months of business ambition. After Wednesday, however, promised rewards may not arrive as scheduled. Expect annoying delays and revised assignments. Thursday through Sunday, family discussions intensify. Remain diplomatic. Group or home decisions are difficult but necessary.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Before Wednesday, a returning faith in long-term trust will inspire a dramatic break from the past. Over the next few weeks, family restrictions or repeated romantic patterns will cause more irritation than expected. Expect to steadily reclaim forgotten ideals, enthusiasm or life goals. Loved ones will demand concrete promises. Go slow and listen to your inner voice. Later this week, business and financial progress will be delayed by legal decisions. Wait for clarity.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Home finances, renovations or family planning are highlighted early this week. For many Gemini's security will soon increase. Creativity and new ideas are highly favored. Expect loved ones or financial partners to outline shared business ventures. Late Friday, a close friend may ask difficult questions. Romantic pride, marital disputes or complex social triangles require careful discussion. Set firm boundaries and watch for meaningful, lasting progress. All is well.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Late Tuesday, a close friend or work mate may reveal a private attraction or issue rare invitations. Over the next few days, social speculation will trigger unusual loyalties. Remain determined. Before mid-September, a clear expression of long-term goals will be necessary. Wednesday through Saturday, relocation and complex family decisions are accentuated. Don't expect relatives or roommates to participate in lengthy group discussions. Strong opinions will take time to emerge.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). After Tuesday, workplace seniority no longer causes division between colleagues. Lions born after 1962 will soon experience a new atmosphere of group acceptance and companionship. Mentoring relationships may also be affected. If so, expect educational programs to soon require extensive revisions. Later this week, minor aches or pains are bothersome. Loved ones suggest new hobbies, travel plans or health regimes. Remain receptive. Physical vitality may be low.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friends and lovers discuss home arrangements or scheduled group events. For many Virgos the next six days will help clarify long-term romantic obligations. Study minor comments for important clues. At present, loved ones will reveal their deeper feelings through hints, subtle gestures or innuendo. Early this weekend, unexpected news from family members may require decisive action. Respond promptly. Financial disputes, broken promises or unpaid bills are accentuated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Previously reluctant or critical work mates will accept your leadership. Although sudden business or educational improvements are exciting, remain sensitive to the pride of colleagues or officials. Before Thursday, others may still feel compelled to defend their ideas and prove their skills. Friday through Sunday, gather joyful friends or relatives in the home. Celebrations, social sharing and trusted companions will increase your optimism and daily confidence.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Romantic partners may be sentimental or quietly reflective over the next six days. Past memories or difficult family decisions are strong influences. Allow extra time for contemplation. For loved ones, little or no progress will be made until yesterday's disappointments are completely resolved. Thursday through Sunday, flashes of insights are accurate and deeply felt. Expect powerful messages from subtle thoughts, revealing discussions or quick hunches.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Family spending, home renovations and payment agreements demand careful consideration over the next eight days. Pay special attention to the needs of younger family members. Your sensitivity and guidance will be appreciated. Wednesday through Saturday, romantic invitations are passionate and unavoidable. Expect potential lovers to request extra private time or offer strong overtures of affection. Remain cautious, however. Short-term promises may be unreliable.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Early this week, your social and romantic instincts are accurate. Watch for new messages and subtle hints from loved ones. A recent phase of boredom and low activity now needs to end. If possible, plan for new health, social or home regimes. Before Thursday, small tensions between business or financial partners may escalate. Mistaken facts, figures or deadlines will soon create confusion. Outstanding paperwork and incomplete tasks require special attention. Don't hesitate.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Recently silent officials or business partners may issue surprising new instructions. Areas of concern involve corporate funding, legal documents or fast contracts. Workplace change is beyond your control, but it is also potentially rewarding. Let bosses or managers witness your enthusiasm for controversial or complex assignments. After Friday, several weeks of intense intuition arrive. Quick glimpses of key relationships in the future are highlighted. Stay open.

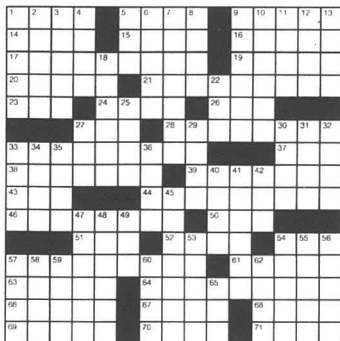
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Late Tuesday, long-term friends or work mates provide scattered instructions or mistaken information. At present, mental and verbal energy is extremely unreliable. Carefully check facts, figures and vital social details. Some Pisceans may be asked to act as mediator or adviser concerning an ongoing or subtle battle of wills. Refuse, however, to be drawn into dramatic events. Over the next eight days, friends and colleagues may be reclusive and highly emotional.

If your birthday is this week... Complicated social decisions should be avoided over the next four weeks. At present, long-term friends may feel doubtful of their own values or opinions. Areas affected are rescheduled public celebrations, important invitations and large family events. After Oct. 3, predictable reactions are re-established. Remain patient and ask for clarification. October through early January also highlights new or career outlets. Loved ones may announce controversial or risky investments. Offer encouragement but wait for finalized details. Minor delays will be problematic until Jan. 12. Throughout 2004, romantic promises will steadily intensify. Expect lovers and potential partners to quickly press for family permissions.

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Sports



Junior goal keeper Brian Shumate opens with a shutout against the College of New Jersey. Shumate follows behind Martin Zelada who tended goal for the Captains for three years.

Youth movement on men's soccer team leads Captains to impressive season debut

Joe Pombriant/CNU Soccer
Classic brings out best in freshmen
Derek Shaw and Galen Small

By Tom Geary
Staff Writer

For a team that lost six seniors to graduation, including its leading goal-scorer and several starters, the CNU men's soccer team opened its season strong as always.

After opening the season with a 1-1 draw against York, Pa., on Friday night, the Captains dismantled the College of New Jersey 4-0 on Saturday to win the Joe Pombriant/CNU Soccer Classic at Captains Field.

With 12 freshmen and only one senior – a newcomer to the team – on the roster, the young Captains held their own against a perennially tough York team. York (1-0-1), ranked ninth in the NSCAA South Region rankings, took the lead in the 29th minute with a goal by sophomore Scott McDowell. Junior Dave Shultz had the assist.

CNU bounced back late in the game with an equalizer from junior Billy Lucas in the 83rd minute. Forward Nick Yannitello set up the team's only goal of the game.

The Captains outplayed the Spartans, with seven shots on goal to York's one, but head coach Steve Shaw, in his eighth season with the

team, is pleased with the result.

"I think we probably should've won the game, by those statistics, but we didn't put the ball in the net," Shaw said. "I guess you could consider the first game being a draw a fairly good result. York is a pretty good team."

The young squad really started to shine on Saturday night, with a 4-0 victory over the College of New Jersey. All four goals were scored by freshmen.

Derek Shaw, brother of Joshua Shaw – a Second Team All-American last season for the Captains, put the team up with a goal in the 21st minute off a pass from freshmen Galen Small. Shaw added his second of the game 14 minutes later off an inbound throw from sophomore Kyle Krieger.

Small extended CNU's lead to 3-0 with a goal in the 65th minute. Freshman Daniel Fogarty had the assist. Ernesto de Gasperi capped the scoring a minute later on a header off Justin Chezman's free kick.

The Captains out shot the Lions 23-11. Goalkeeper Brian Shumate made five saves for CNU. Shaw felt that the team met his expectations in the

first victory of the season.

"We started out a bit slow, but once we got going we really ran them off the field. I think we showed we have some pretty good depth," Shaw said.

"The freshmen really stepped up and became a good part of the game. That was the thing we were really hoping that we'd see. We know that they're talented, but they're young. If they can do really well, then we've got a chance to do some things this year."

The Captains (1-0-1) are currently ranked eighth in the South Region. CNU was picked to finish second in the USA Soccer coaches' preseason poll. Greensboro, which shared the regular season title with CNU last season, is picked to finish first.

Methodist, Shenandoah, NC Wesleyan, Ferrum, Averett and Chowan are picked to finish third through eighth, respectively.

MVP: Junior Justin Chezman was named MVP of this weekend's Joe Pombriant CNU Soccer Classic on Monday. Chezman, a defender and this year's captain of the squad, recorded an assist in the team's 4-0 victory over the College of New Jersey.

Chezman's solid defensive play was integral in the Captains' 1-0-1 start. The team allowed only one goal in two games.

Chezman started 18 games last season, recording one assist. In 2001, Chezman

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April Fecula, Natalie Shoenbrat, Justin Yates and Billy Haydt cheer on the Captains in this weekend's tournament at Captains Field.

Quarterback Philip Jones slated to start in season opener

New press box, restrooms, and concession accommodate to fans that support the conference co-champions

By Rob Silabee
Staff Writer

We're back in school trying to find parking spots and attending new classes. Saturdays this fall, however, it's going to be even harder to find parking spots and there aren't going to be any classes to attend. Saturdays this fall bring CNU hard-hitting action at POMOCO Stadium. Saturdays this fall, the powerhouse Captains Football Team take the field.

Soon to be finished are an improved press box, restrooms, and concession stand. The stadium has taken shape as a traditional college football venue. With the additions, Head Coach Matt Kelchner believes that he and the team will more than likely play better thanks to the new look.

"There's more pride playing in a new place. And I think the play will reflect that. It's always easier to play on a nice field in

a nice stadium with a great crowd," Kelchner mentioned. The crowd should be huge this year for the home opener. The Captains don't play their first game until September 20 for Family Weekend. Family Weekend has always proven to attract a large crowd.

Penciled to start this Saturday's season opener at Rowan is quarterback Philip Jones. However, Jones is battling a small case of tendonitis in his elbow, which may give some of the younger guys a chance for some snaps. Young quarterbacks to look for are Hudson Bryant, Kyle Morgan, and Kazen Burke.

The offensive line returns as a powerhouse retaining the pocket. Coach Kelchner thinks there are four good running backs that can mix things up. Thomas Thornton, Brandon Jones and Mario Marin combined to rush for 1,899 yards last season and 22 touchdowns. Nathan Davis and Martin combined for

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Field hockey team: New coach, new team, new season

By Brittany Lambert
Captains Log Intern

With a new coach, and twelve new players out of a team of 26 the ladies of the CNU Field Hockey team buckle down for the beginning of the new season.

The first game will be held at Randolph Macon on Wednesday September 3 at 4 P.M.

Macon is a tough component for the ladies, however, coach Carrie Moura is confident in her girls who out shot and dominated Macon in a scrimmage earlier in the preseason.

"This team is doing surprisingly well and will surprise the CNU campus this year," says Moura with certainty. Moura has a strong background in field hockey. She was assistant coach at Lynchburg college for the last two seasons.

She is very impressed by the facilities, the players and the program here at CNU.

Returning players and

team captains, Megan McCreedy and Kristi Parker do all they can to motivate the team to victory and are confident about the changes this season.

"I love our new coach. She is so awesome, and

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-Head Coach
Carrie Moura

definitely a keeper. We are learning a lot more and we will be a very strong team," says McCreedy.

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Sports Editor's Weekly Wrap-Up

Men's Soccer

CNU men's soccer defeated the College of New Jersey 4-0 to take the Joe Pombriant/CNU Soccer Classic. Derek Shaw shined on offense scoring two goals in the first half and adding another two in the second half. Freshmen Galen Small assisted Shaw on his first goal 20 minutes into the game. CNU's keeper, Brian Shumate had five saves in his first collegiate 90-minute shutout.

The Captains are now 1-0-1. CNU returns to action Friday Sept. 5 in the Blue Marlin Adidas Classic, they take on Frostburg State at 6 P.M.

Women's Soccer

CNU's women's soccer team defeated Meredith 3-1 in the Johns Hopkins Tournament Sunday afternoon.

Scoring for the Lady Captains were Nikki Greenburg, Paniz Asgari and Ashleigh Dola. CNU out shot Meredith 7-5. The Lady Captains improve to 2-0, they return to CNU in their 2003 home opener against Guilford Saturday, Sept. 6.

Volleyball

CNU's volleyball hosted the Comfort Inn/CNU Early Bird over the weekend. CNU went 2-1 finishing second in the tournament. Ursinus College fell to the Lady Captains in their first match 3-1. In the second match CNU defeated Mary Washington College in three games. Amber Bradshaw led the team with 12 kills, 11 digs and seven aces. Setter Erin Bradshaw finished with added 18 assists and five aces against Mary Washington. Jenna Williams finished with 11 kills and 12 digs. Bridgewater defeated the Lady Captains in the Championship game in three games. Sophomores Erin

and Amber Bradshaw received All-Tournament honors for CNU.

The Lady Captains travel to Washington D.C. to take on Frostburg St. and Catholic on Monday Sept. 1.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

CNU's men's and women's cross country teams finished at the top of Division III schools in the Sea Gull Invitational. The men finished third and the women ended in the fourth seat. Aimee Gibbs was the top finisher for the women's side. The women finished behind Division I US Naval Academy and Division II Wayne St. and Millersville. Megan Fogarty, Emily Lowe and Elizabeth Brownling all finished with new personal bests.

The men finished third behind Division I Loyola and Division II Wayne St. CNU Cross Country returns to ac-

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played in 20 games, notching one goal and two assists.

"He did very well in organizing his men. He was a good leader out there," Shaw said.

Rough road ahead.

The team's next eight games from Sept. 5 through Sept. 26, are all on the road. A botched scheduling attempt with Methodist forces the Captains to travel until their next home game on Oct. 1.

Originally, CNU was slated to play conference foe Methodist on Saturday, Sept. 20. The game was moved to Oct. 25.

For the next two weekends, the Captains will be participating in tournaments — the Blue Marlin Adidas Classic (against Frostburg St. and Moravian) in Norfolk, and the Methodist College Tournament (against Emory and Lynchburg) in Fayetteville, N.C.

CNU plays Roanoke, No. 13 in the nation, Virginia Wesleyan, Ferrum and Averett later in the month.

The Captains finished with a 5-3 record on the road in regular season games last season.

Ready to play.

A major question mark heading into the season was the absence of a group of seniors to lead a young and inexperienced team consisting of mostly freshmen to victory.

In each of the last few seasons, there have been standout seniors to fill this position — Shadi Abi-Saad and Oscar Gomez-Romero in 2000; Scott Sachs, Ryan Hagerty, Craig Pittenger and Jason Farino in 2001; and a

large group including Martin Zelada, Joshua Shaw, Shawn Edwards, John McCormack, Justin Jowick and Brett Trautman last season.

Coach Shaw, however, feels comfortable with this year's squad.

"There's a group of juniors that really make up

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The freshmen really stepped up and became a good part of the game. That was the thing we were really hoping that we'd see. We know that they're talented, but they're young.

—Head Coach Steve Shaw

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the leadership of the team, and I think that it's not only leadership that's important, but lack of divisiveness and egotistical attitudes that make up good chemistry for a season," Shaw said. "If you have a big senior group with a good chemistry, then that's the best possible scenario, but then the next best scenario is to have everybody working on the same page."

Even Athletic Director and head coach of the men's

basketball team Coach Woollum has seen a team chemistry, according to Shaw.

"Coach Woollum stated that he felt this was some of the best intensity that he's seen out of our teams, and I think that's quite a comment, seeing as how we're usually in the top 20 in the nation," Shaw said. "We're always feeling intense, so for him to say this is the most intensity he's seen out of my team in a couple of years, I think that's a good compliment."

Lady Captains.

The women's soccer team left off where it finished last season, impressing fans and opponents. The Lady Captains kicked off the season with two victories in the Johns Hopkins Tournament in Baltimore, Md.

Senior Shelley Rusnak scored off a pass from sophomore Ashleigh Dots in overtime to lift the Captains over Roanoke on Friday night.

Freshman Kasey Davemport had two saves in the victory.

Dots, sophomore Paniz Asgari and freshman Nikki Greenburg each scored on Saturday as the team defeated Meredith. Unlike the men's squad, the Lady Captains return plenty of familiar names. Despite losing Third Team All-American Natalie Stallings to eligibility, All-Conference players Dots, Rosie Russo, Heidi Taylor and Carola Riegner are back. Asgari, Rusnak and Dots each scored at least 10 points last season as the Lady Captains finished 12-4-1 and won the regular season conference title under head coach Kwame Lloyd.

The team hosts Guilford at Captains Field this Saturday at 7 p.m.

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This will be Parker's fourth year and McCree's third year playing for the Captains.

It's just the returners who have faith in this season. Even though 11 of the 12 new additions to the team are freshmen, the girls are finding the positive in everything," freshman Monica Nolan adds. "We've got the old and the new. We are building for the future and I think we will do very well this season."

Monica stresses that Coach Moura has brought a lot of good to the team. She is proud like many of the other girls to be a part of the changes. Team members agree that this will be a strong season and are excited for the outcome. The girls are working hard and are off to a great start.

A new coach and 12 new players could have been a set

back for the team but so far all the changes seem to be for the better and have build a stronger team.

Coach Moura and the ladies of the field

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407 receiving yards and 3 TD's last season and look to attack more in the air.

"I think, like any other coach, we'd like to mix it up a bit. Get some positive yards—a little bit of both on the air and the ground," Kelchner pointed out.

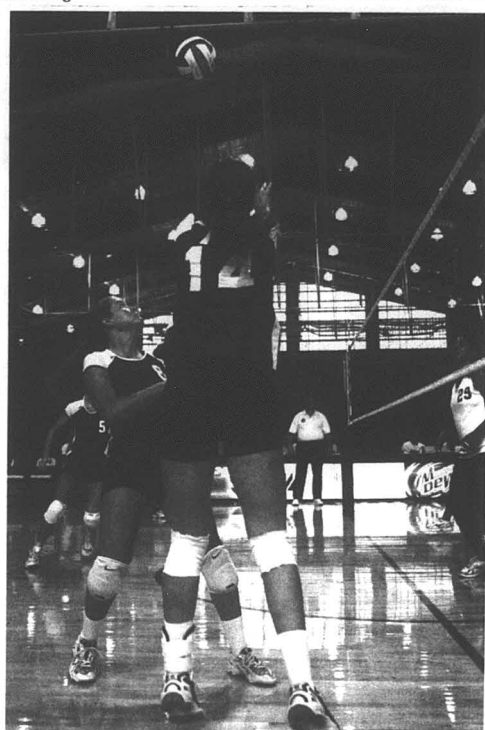
The defense will be led by Justin Wood and Josh Harris in the backfield and the return of All-Conference strong safety Hosh Weekes. Wood and Horn combined for 120 tackles last season and two years ago, Weekes had 41.5 tackles of his own.

The Captains start out this year playing the Rowan frodo, a perennial champion football team. The Frogs have been pre-season ranked in the Top 5 this year. The Captains are taking every day one day at a time. When asked if the team is looking to three-peat, Kelchner looked, smiled, and said, "we gotta get through today's practice first."

Some games to look forward to this year are Homecoming, October 18, when the boys in blue and silver face off against the Chowan Braves and also, the final regular season game, November 15, the Captains play the Ferrum Panthers. Both teams have been rivals in the past from a writer's point of view, but the coaching staff has a different perspective.

"Everyone we play is a big rivalry. Ever since we took the championship on our breakout season two years ago, everyone wants to beat us." We'll see how successful they are when the leaves begin to fall and the helmets collide.

In CNU's final match, the Lady Captains were not



No. 14 freshman Nicole Speranza sets up no. 8 sophomore Erin Bradshaw for a hit down the right side line. Erin Bradshaw was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Volleyball team takes second in season opening tournament

CNU falls to Bridgewater in Comfort Inn/Early Bird Tournament; Lady Captains improve to 2-1

By Chad Godwin
Contributing Writer

The Christopher Newport women's volleyball team showed signs of a winning season while hosting the Comfort Inn CNU Early Bird Tournament on August 30. The Lady Captains finished second with a 2-1 record.

CNU defeated their first opponent, Ursinus, 30-26, 22-30, 30-19, and 30-28. The Lady Captains communicated well, and as a result, were unpredictable.

While the team is mostly comprised of freshmen and sophomores, they played with the poise of upperclassmen.

The Lady Captains beat their second challenger, Mary Washington, in three games. The Lady Captains beat Mary Washington with scores of 30-20, 30-24, and 31-29.

CNU was behind most of the third game but came back strong to win through hustle and perseverance. Both teams were fairly equal in size and touch on the ball. However, in the end, it came down to who maintained the best composure and who took advantage of the other team's mistakes.

In CNU's final match, the Lady Captains were not

able to conquer the opposing team.

They lost to tournament champion, Bridgewater, 20-30, 24-30, and 16-30. Christopher Newport's best effort was during the second game. They came within two points near the end but were never able to overcome their opposition.

Although the Lady Captains placed second overall in the tournament, the team has the potential to place well in conference play.

With the leadership of Coach Lindsay Shepard and the talent of the squad, the Lady Captains will surely be a threat to their opposition in the United States of America South Atlantic

Conference.

With their outstanding play, sophomore Erin Bradshaw and Amber Bradshaw were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Erin Bradshaw finished with 18 assists and five aces. Amber Bradshaw finished with 12 kills, 11 digs and seven aces. Jenna Williams added 11 kills, 10 digs and four aces.

CNU travels to Washington D.C. on Sept. 7. They will participate in the Catholic University TriMatch. They will face Frostburg State and Catholic. The Lady Captains' next home game against Chowan College is scheduled for September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Freeman Center.

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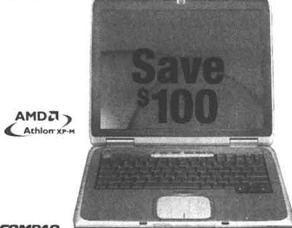
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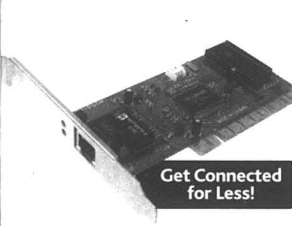


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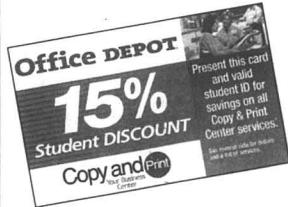
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