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Evaluations reevaluated

By Will Taylor
Contributing Writer

Come the end of this semester, students in approximately 200 classes, spanning three departments, will be guinea pigs in testing a new instrument for evaluating course instructors. Repeat: this is only a test.

These students will take the new survey, IDEA, in addition to CNU's current model, the Instruction Evaluation Survey (IES).

"The survey results will not be used for faculty evaluation," said Denise Moclair, assistant to the provost. "A final decision on whether or not to replace the current IES has not been made."

The decision will be based -- at least in part -- on the trial run at the close of the fall semester. In addition to all members of the fac-

ulty senate, the departments of biology, chemistry & environmental science, psychology and accounting have all volunteered to take part in the test (full-time faculty only).

The IDEA survey is designed to focus on student learning rather than teacher behavior, the opposite being a criticism of the current IES. IDEA is designed to control factors that cause student bias, most notably class size and student motivation.

The format is essentially the same, but IDEA incorporates a previously unseen angle: the course instructor. The participating instructor has his or her own survey to complete, in which he or she will identify and weigh course objectives, and in turn, relate that criteria to the methodology of instruction.

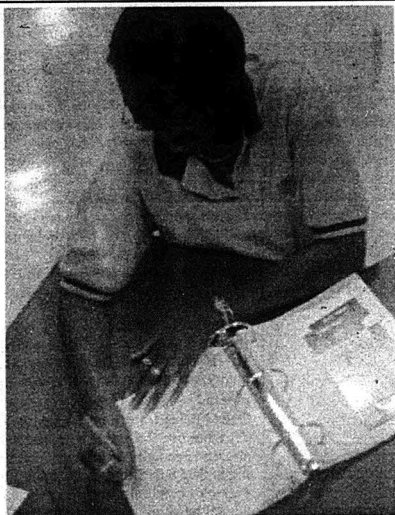
The primary goal of all instruction is student learning, which

IDEA is optimally designed to measure. Therefore, the primary goal of the student survey is to receive valid feedback in order to improve instruction.

IDEA will formulate reports that rate an instructor on what he or she is trying to teach students in a given course. From the data, instructors will learn what teaching methods were rated as strengths and what were rated as weaknesses and, as a result, faculty development needs can be identified and met.

Dr. Samuel Bauer, psychology department chair, was very willing to volunteer his department to test the new survey, given his long-term disapproval of the current IES survey.

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Student Center employees kept close record of which who picked up the new hanging parking permits from Christopher's Oct. 19-22.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

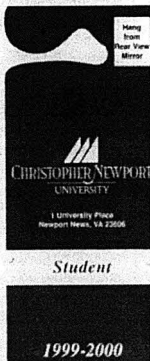
Portable parking permits distributed

By Shelly Noren
Contributing Writer

Hanging parking permits are now required in order to park on campus.

The permits are made of durable plastic so they can easily be transferred between cars. Under the old regulation, the only way for a student to drive a car to work than the one with the sticker permit, was to pay \$50 to get another permit.

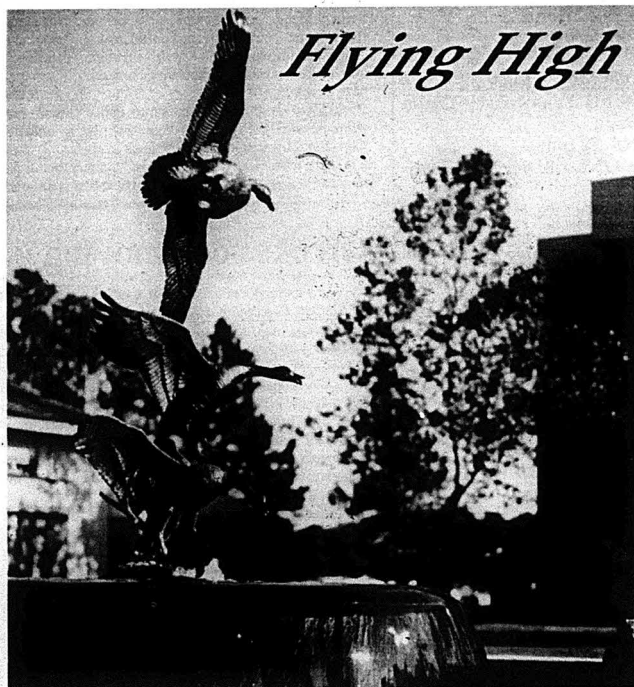
The students made the initial request that we come up with a better solution. "The university responded with the new permit that is more convenient to move between vehicles," said Andy Mansfield of Student Center Management.



The decision to switch to hanging permits was made after the stickers for this year were ordered and distributed. With the growing concern among members of the university community, officials decided the best solution was to change regulations as soon as possible.

Students are glad to see the change. "I think it's a good idea because people don't have to peel the sticker off one car for another," said Christina Beckett. "Especially if you car breaks

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The fountain's winged legion glisten in the afternoon sun.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log



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Class of 2000 sets goals

Senior Challenge 2000, a committee to determine what the senior class will give as a gift met on Oct. 21. During the meeting Senior Class President Elaine Miller entertained a variety of ideas posed by the 10 students in attendance. The group wants the gift to be unique, since they will be leaving CNU at the turn of the century. Ideas for the gift ranged from a clock in the new residence hall to a time capsule. It is also important to them that all seniors try to get involved. "This group is here to reach out to the senior class," said Miller. The next meeting will be held on November 4 at 5 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday, October 25

Act One Movie - "Halloween"
Gaines Theatre, 7 p.m.
OCC Seminar - "Resume/Cover Letter Writing"
SC 146, 10 a.m.
OCC Seminar - "Job Search"
SC 146, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26

Seminar - "Healing from Sexual Assault Through Art: HeART Work"
Admin 105, 5:30 p.m.
OCC Seminar - "When it Happens to a Friend"
SC 146, 5:30

Wednesday, October 27

Football Feasibility Open Meeting
SC 214, 12 p.m.
ACT ONE movie: "The Exorcist"
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 28

OCC Seminar - "Interview Seminar"
SC 146, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 29

OCC Seminar - "Graduate School Planning"
SC 146, 3 p.m.
Halloween Dance
Small Gym, Ratcliffe, 9 p.m.-12 a.m.
Act One movie - "Rocky Horror Picture Show"
Gaines Theatre, 12 a.m.

Saturday, October 30

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 31

Halloween!



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"I've been outwardly opposed to and strongly critical of CNU's IES form," said Bauer. "I felt that it was important to step forward and at least give the new survey a try."

Bauer is not alone. Many instructors, although recognizing the need and importance of a survey, do not fully approve of the IES. Department chairs, deans and the provost use the results when making decisions about instructor retention, promotion, tenure and merit pay.

Mocclair added, "They are taken very seriously as a part of evaluating teaching effectiveness, which is the most important activity of the faculty."

Although this is a fine practice in theory, it has been argued that students sometimes make inappropriate remarks in the comments section and rate instructors low based on personal dislike or disagreement.

The point is that some comments are made in bias, a factor the IDEA is intended to control. Since these forms are so highly regarded by the administration and affect instructor standing so heavily, the all involved in the administration and faculty wishes them to be fair to both sides. In fact, significant number of the faculty are calling for a new survey.

IDEA has a greater scope and is geared

to elucidating a more accurate gauge of classroom efficacy. The student form has four categories:

- ✓ Rating of the instructor
- ✓ Rating of one's own progress in the course at hand compared with progress in others
- ✓ Rating of the course itself
- ✓ Rating of oneself as a student

A fifth section is available for instructors to ask additional questions, but will not be used in the fall test.

A U.S. Department of Education survey reported that 97 percent of the 40,000 academic departments surveyed used student ratings in assessing instructor performance. CNU has used a survey, in some form or another, for about twenty years.

IDEA is a commercial system, and will be handled off campus. The surveys will still be collected at the Computer Center, where they will be sent to the Provost's office daily. At the Provost's, the envelopes will be opened, the surveys checked to ensure all necessary information is present and then shipped to the IDEA Center at Kansas State University.

The IDEA Center will process the surveys, prepare reports and ship the surveys back; the process will last one to two weeks.

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down, or if you switch cars with you husband or wife - if just makes it easier."

The new permits are free and relatively painless to pick up.

All students have to do is stop by the Student Center's information desk across from Christopher's. By presenting valid school identification or driver's license, hassle and unnecessary parking tickets can be avoided.

However, the new decals may cause some hassle. "It is good for the people who don't live on campus because it allows them to take different cars," said Dayton Wiese. "For me, it's a little be-

cause I have to remove it when I leave campus."

Some students feel that the permits are large and a hassle, since they must be removed when driving. "The new permits are long and practically obstruct my field of vision. But I guess they are still easier than the stickers," says Echo Gains.

No steps have been taken to reevaluate the size yet, but if students, faculty and staff members express enough concern, that could change in the future.

University Police will start ticketing cars not displaying a valid permit on Nov. 1. The charge for the ticket is \$15.

Greeks seek moving day payment

Greeks took center court at the Oct. 20 Student Government Association Senate meeting, looking for promised payment for their participation with this semester's move-in day at the residence hall.

According to Mike Koontz, "Student life said they would pay us [Pi Kappa Phi] \$100."

This line of discussion was sparked by re-tabling of the matter of Student Life contingency money. In past years, the contingency came from underspent budgets. The money was kept in the Office of Student Life for emergency organizational expenditures and other case-by-case group needs not covered in organizational funding.

However, due to the number and severity of overspent budgets last year, the contingency was left empty, leaving Student Life no funds to pay for the Spring New York Trip, the work done by the Greeks on moving day or other last-minute requests. Donna Eddleman, director of Student Life, originally requested \$4000 to replenish the office's contingency fund and take care of these payments. The request was tabled after a great deal of debate.

Last week, the Senate voted to give Eddleman \$2400 of that request to pay for the NYC trip, tabling discussion about the remaining \$1600. The topic came back before the Senate this week, leaving many in the Greek community wondering if their

payment for moving day labor would come out of that.

Eddleman, in response to the inquiries, explained her predicament. With the contingency depleted, Eddleman put in a request to take the eight \$100 payments out of the Student Life's state fund, claiming that the event went toward the advancement of the campus. The state turned Eddleman down, leaving her with no money to give to the Greeks. The SGA executive board, according to Eddleman, told her to advise the groups to go to the Senate for money.

Thus, a proposal to grant Student Life \$1600, with the stipulation that \$800 go to the Greek organizations that participated in moving day passed almost unanimously, with only one abstention.

The possibility of mounting and adhering wooden letters of the six main campus greek organizations on the cinderblock exterior of the Student Center was brought to the attention of the Senate. The topic was tabled until further discussion could be had amongst the Greek organizations.

On a final note, Wally Atkins, vice president of student services, resigned his position prior to the meeting. The reason for the resignation was not specified. For those interested in the position, applications are available from the SGA Office, SC 205 and are due Thursday, Oct. 28 by 5 p.m.

The Blotter: a look at campus police reports

By William Lee
Campus Correspondent-Western Illinois University

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State University police recently performed two successful sting operations in the school's main library. What warrants a police investigation like this? It was acts of indecency. In the first operation, an officer patrolled the tenth floor of OSU's Main Library, when he came across a man "masturbating in plain view of the public," according to the Lantern. The officer immediately arrested the man for public indecency. The next day, another undercover officer came across a man in the third floor bathroom. When the officer asked why he was there, the man told the officer that he was looking to take part in sexual activity. He then offered the plainclothes officer oral sex and a trip back to his place where they would have a "good, clean, sexual encounter." The officer showed his badge and placed the man under arrest.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — A University of Illinois student was recently arrested after he allegedly gave another student a nearly fatal dose of GHB, also called the "date-rape drug." Medical personnel arrived at the Delta Chi fraternity house at approximately 2:45 a.m. on Oct. 17 in response to a call about an unconscious male student, according to the Daily Illini. The unidentified 18-year-old student was taken to a local hospital and released Monday. Sophomore Matthew Brinkman was arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a controlled substance. Police say Brinkman gave the student the drug-laden drink. GHB, when added with alcohol, can be life-threatening. According to the Champaign Police, the male student was on a respirator and "came very close to dying." Brinkman was arraigned Oct. 18 and his bond was set at \$10,000. Although Brinkman was identified as a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, the student was not a member or a pledge, only a guest, according to Delta Chi's president. This incident occurred just days after three other U. of I. fraternity pledges were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning. One of the pledges had a blood alcohol content of 0.48, according to the Daily Illini.

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Southern Illinois University is on a full-scale safety alert after a bizarre robbery Oct. 15. Two students were attacked by four assailants hurling rocks. The two 18-year-old victims were attacked in the parking lot of a university housing area, according to the Daily Egyptian. One of the students was struck in the head but was not seriously injured. The other victim was not harmed but his wallet was stolen by the suspects. According to the Daily Egyptian, the attackers are still at large.

CARBONDALE, Ill. — A Southern Illinois University resident assistant and university police breathed a sigh of relief after a student broke a window in a residence hall lounge and walked onto the ledge at about 2 a.m. on Oct. 15. The unidentified student returned to the building after talking with the RA and police and was taken to a local hospital. It is not known if charges will be filed against the student.

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Southern Illinois University police will be on the lookout for a giant turtle — a turtle sculpture, that is. A 31-year-old SIUC student reported that her turtle sculpture, valued at \$500, had been stolen from its street display, according to the Daily Egyptian. University police are not worried — the don't believe the turtle could have gotten very far.

Campus Life

Forget Saturday Night Live, it's CNU TONIGHT

By Nick Thomas
Staff Writer

During the summer, common events around the neighborhood may include going to the local pool, shooting hoops or surviving fire ants with your loved one during picnics. If you're Jon Scott, Josh Mahler and Matt Backens, summer is a time of writing, formulating and well...laughing.

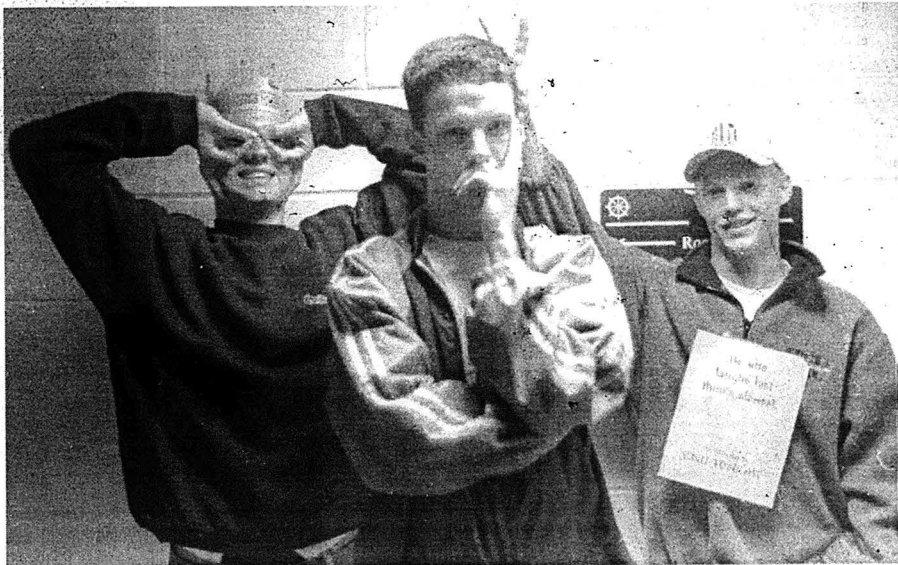
The idea of having a comedy night at on campus had been floating around in Scott's head for a while. Deciding he should consult with his friends on the idea, he soon came up with a masterpiece called CNU TONIGHT. CNU TONIGHT is sketch comedy at it's best.

With props, costumes and sketches, this event guarantees laughs that will either split you in two or increase your bladder maintenance. CNU TONIGHT is comedy much like "Saturday Night Live." It will consist of a host, band and a cast of 11 members.

This Performing Artists Association (PAA) sponsored event will sell tickets until Oct. 28, when the show premieres in Gaines Theatre at 9 p.m. The program is built around the creators' efforts and willingness to laugh, to increase the amount of school spirit and to allow students to relax, settle down and just have fun.

Co-producers of the show, Scott, Mahler and Backens, all agree that CNU TONIGHT will add exposure to the school's hidden treasures and student life.

"We basically just wanted to do something that was funny," said Backens about the energy of CNU TONIGHT. "I see all these comedy shows on TV and they're just not funny. We want to do the total opposite of that. We want to make people laugh."



Jon Scott, Josh Mahler and Matt Backens (left to right) clown around as the new sketch comedy team, CNU TONIGHT

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

After countless rehearsals, these students plan to light up the stage next Thursday.

"During rehearsal, we saw the concepts and how the humor worked, and we just laughed!" Scott said. "Even though we wrote it together, being able to see it being performed in front of us was very humorous!"

Surprises are planned, and the event will be held for anyone interested in having a good time. To request tickets to the event, Jon, Josh, and Matt ask that individuals contact them by email at: CNUtonight@yahoo.com. As far as the expectations of CNU TONIGHT, Mahler said "Basically, we had

fun working and being creative with our friends. As long as we can make people laugh, our goals are complete."

CNU TONIGHT offers a refreshing taste of humor to the campus, as it's motto goes untouched: "CNU TONIGHT: made for the people; by the people."

Privatized Bookstores More Costly For Students

By Brynn Scott
Daily Egyptian
TMS Campus

A doctoral research study on the privatization of university bookstores determined that retail prices of clothing and supplies at lease-operated bookstores are 19.43 percent higher than those of institutional bookstores.

The 1995 study, also found prices of used textbooks to be 4.45 percent higher and new textbooks 2.92 percent higher at lease-operated bookstores.

Jeff Zeilenga, director of auxiliary services at the University of Missouri-Columbia, researched bookstore privatization because he wanted other universities to be aware of the price differences.

"I found that students had the disadvantage," he said.

Zeilenga said vendors are very keen when targeting institutions, and the private companies promise universities low prices on new and used books but do not follow through.

"I was most surprised in what I found out about new and used books," he said. "These vendors get their books from big warehouses at low prices and promise

those costs to institutions, when that is not the case."

The study is hasn't escaped the attention of many university officials — some of whom are grappling with whether to lease campus bookstores to private vendors such as Borders, Barnes and Noble, Follett's and Wallace.

Officials at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale are among those grappling with the decision.

Jim Skiersch, the university's bookstore director, doesn't like the idea of depending on private vendors.

"I have been here for more than 15 years, and I think I know more about bookstores than most people around here — especially the one on this campus," Skiersch said. "The lease operator answers to the stockholders, not the students."

Greg Tatham, director of SIU's student center, says that's not always the case. He pointed out that the university's bookstore made a 4 percent profit last year, while a contractor has guaranteed between 8 and 12 percent of the sales generated — proof that

schools really can benefit from leasing to private vendors.

"If [leasing the bookstore] puts us both in a more favorable financial position, while at the same time maintaining service and high qualities and standards to the campus

The lease operator answers to the stockholders, not the students

- Jim Skiersch, university bookstore director at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

community, then we would need to take a serious look at those types of opportunities," Tatham said.

The National Association of College Auxiliary Services will open a privatization research center by year's end as a resource to universities in debate about lease operation. The store

is to be located in Charlottesville, Va., but information is to be accessible online as well.

Dave Lorenz, NACAS president, said some administrators do not know important information pertinent to privatization.

"Some administrators get excited by a large money offer that results in a large payment initially, but subsequent revenue to the institution relies on a percentage of sales for the duration of the contract, which may be less than would be earned through self-operation," Lorenz said.

"Reversing the decision can be financially difficult as well."

Lynette Seymour, part of a team that fought off a private vendor at Wichita State University, said most of the private companies allow students to buy books online.

Zeilenga said speculation indicates the Internet takes away 5 percent of university profit because there is no way of tracking it.

"Internet sales equal no university revenue," Seymour said.

Seymour said Wichita State's decision also stemmed from a point of human interest.

"We found that bringing a vendor created a loss in the sense of community," Seymour said. "They don't know the university market as well."

'Real World' scores as student deals with alcohol abuse

Popular MTV series brings serious subject into viewers' living rooms

By TMS Canipus

NEW YORK (TMS) — A young woman's problems with alcohol abuse have given MTV's "Real World" record-high ratings.

Ruthie Alcaide, a journalism student at Rutgers University, returned to the cast of the nonfiction show last week after spending one month in an alcohol-treatment program.

The show — a weekly series about what happens among seven young strangers living together for four months — has faithfully documented Alcaide's downward spiral. In one episode, viewers watched the 21-year-old fall down drunk in a club and throw up half-naked in a shower. After she passed out in her bathroom, the show ended with emergency workers pumping her stomach in an ambulance.

Since the season began in June, "Real

World" has seen a 41 percent jump in the number of households tuning in each week. The show, which debuted in 1992, is now MTV's highest-rated series and has helped lift the network's overall ratings, up 18 percent so far this year over last, to an all-time high.

Alcaide's problems have been a significant part of this season's "Real World" and its promotions — something that MTV executives say has been instrumental in showing the dark side of alcohol consumption.

"If you saw what was happening to Ruthie, it would be very hard to think that alcoholism or excessive drinking is glorious," Brian Graden, the network's top programming executive told The Wall Street Journal.

The network also has defended its decisions not to intervene or shirk from cov-

ering Alcaide's substance abuse.

"We're documentarians who want to document young people's lives," said "Real World" co-producer John Murray. "If we, as older, perhaps wiser adults, step into every situation and try to solve it for them, we're not going to wind up with a program that deals with these problems."

Some cast members wonder if Alcaide's return is wise. Colin Mortensen, a 19-year-old currently on the show, told The Wall Street Journal that the "Real World" is the wrong place for someone with a drinking problem.

The show "is conducive to heavier drinking" and "isn't a good environment for someone to recover in or be safe" if they are struggling with addiction, he said. Put a group of young people together and "what are they going to do?" he asked. "They party."

Alcaide has refused interviews to discuss the matter.

Price of computer memory stirs debate

By Bill & Theresa Sellers
Staff Writers

A heated debate is ensuing between computer component manufacturers and consumers concerning the price increases of computer memory, and the causes of this inflation. Consumers are accusing computer memory manufacturers of price-fixing and gouging.

In July 1999, computer users purchased 128MB memory modules (RAM) for \$100. In Oct. 1999, the same memory module costs \$350, a 250% increase. Similar increases have been observed for all memory modules.

Consumers and retailers have criticized the actions of memory manufacturers.

"This is a situation where manufacturers and distributors are sand bagging in order to increase profits," said Carl McDade, a web developer. "The cost of manufacturing has not gone up and any set backs in production will soon be overcome."

Stephanie Coning, a Value Added Reseller, said "My sources report no lack of supply,

which leads me to speculate the increased price more a move at the source. We can get all the RAM I want IF we are willing to pay the price demanded for it. This would seem to indicate an arranged price similar to that of gasoline during the [1970s, which gasoline] was also considered to be in a shortage."

Memory manufacturers responded quickly that price increases are not out of the ordinary. They attribute the price increases to greater demand from PC makers, stating that the industry experienced a long period of oversupply, which forced memory manufacturers to slash prices to remain competitive.

A recent earthquake in Taiwan reduced production for some companies, further shrinking the available supply of RAM. Manufacturing companies are scrambling to increase the supply, and have indicated that the earthquake will not cause a serious supply problem. Samsung Electronics is expecting to complete a new plant by next spring.

Some computer industry analysts also attribute increased demand to companies upgrading computers in preparation for the year 2000. Many computers have required major upgrades, which included additional RAM.

Random Access Memory (RAM) is essential to the operation of modern computer systems. RAM is made up of electronic circuits which provide computers with temporary storage area for programs and data. One analogy compares RAM to a person using a paper scratch pad for working a math problem. A larger scratch pad permits a mathematician to work increasingly complex problems. Likewise, larger RAM sizes permit computers to perform more computations and to operate faster.

The common wisdom seems to advocate waiting before purchasing memory. January may bring a decline in memory prices. With the increased demand from the year 2000, the Taiwan earthquake and holiday purchases, the first quarter holds promise for reduced costs for memory.

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Jones ready for big time with sophomore album

By Steve Flemming, Jr.
Staff Writer

Clear and expressive, the voice of Donell Jones' has earned him a steady following with R&B enthusiasts. After a three year hiatus from the studio, Jones returns with his fine sophomore release, "Where I Wanna Be."

Jones first came onto the scene in 1996 with the minor hit single "In the Hood" and the album "My Heart." After the so-so performance of his debut single, Jones came back strong with the singles "You Should Know," and a superb remake of Stevie Wonder's "Knocks Me Off My Feet."

Though his initial effort was somewhat rough around the edges, Jones' talent and sincerity came through. On "Where I Wanna Be," Jones' fine tunes his former shortcomings, and shows that he just may give the big wigs a run for their money.

Clearly geared toward romantics, "Where I Wanna Be" plants Jones firmly in Brian McKnight/Babyface territory. The album is comprised mostly of routine but well performed tales of love.

Complete with acoustic guitars and airy harmonies, Jones delivers songs about finding the perfect woman while hanging out ("Shorty (Got Her Eyes on Me)"), loving someone who is caught up in a relationship ("All Her Love") and all out infatuation ("I Wanna Luv You"). Producers were clever enough to use Jones' soaring tenor vocals to great effect, making up for whatever the songs may be lacking. Though somewhat similar in structure and delivery, all are still entertaining.

When Jones does dive into uptempo cuts, he definitely holds his own. The hit "U Know What's Up" is a fine single, and has been featured prominently on R&B stations for the past several weeks, with a newer mix featuring TLC's Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes gaining wide airplay. "Pushin'" and "When I Was Down" demonstrate the versatility of Jones' voice, though one could argue that Jones' voice is more suited for more structured ballad material.

"Where I Wanna Be" will undoubtedly bring Jones closer to the big time. Once he perfects his craft, a place beside his high-profile contemporaries will be his.



MUSIC REVIEW

Donell Jones
"Where I Wanna Be"
LaFace Records

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Halloween fright found in a variety of movies

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jamee Fowler
Staff Writer

Halloween is nearly here, and soon it will be time for the arrival of witches, ghouls, and the Great Pumpkin.

What are your Halloween plans? This being a college, most people would answer with one word—"party."

For those of you who plan on dressing up and going trick-or-treating, shame on you. There are better things to do than capitalize on the activities on children. Instead, don your Halloween costume, get some popcorn and candy, and rent a video.

Which begs the question: what are some really good Halloween movies?

Well, "Speed 2: Cruise Control" was pretty scary, but for a different reason. If you consider yourself a horror expert, but have not seen such horror classics as Todd Browning's "Dracula" starring Bela Lugosi, or James Whale's "Frankenstein," or its sequel "Bride of Frankenstein" (featuring the notorious Dr. Praetorius), then you are not worthy of the title.

The German film "Nosferatu," the first film adaptation ever of Bram Stoker's famous novel, or "M," the first movie about a serial killer, are both well-crafted films, and creepy at that.

For those of you who cannot stand black and white films (yes, there are some out there), there are a variety of modern classics to choose from.

Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" and William Friedkin's "The Exorcist" are two films that are constantly competing with each other for best horror movie ever made.

For those who liked "The Blair Witch

BEST HALLOWEEN FRIGHT FLICKS

- ✓ "DRACULA" (1931)
- ✓ "M" (1931)
- ✓ "FRANKENSTEIN" (1931)
- ✓ "BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN" (1935)
- ✓ "THE EXORCIST" (1973)
- ✓ "TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE" (1974)
- ✓ "THE SHINING" (1980)
- ✓ "THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT" (1999)
- ✓ "THE SIXTH SENSE" (1999)

Project," check out Tobe Hooper's "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," since it was an independent film with a similar train of thought, and despite a variety of bad sequels, the original is very good.

Plus, you can buy a Leatherface action figure and act out scenes from the movie (yes, this does exist).

Speaking of "The Blair Witch Project," there are several good horror flicks still in theaters, such as "The Blair Witch Project." It seems as though people either loved or hated it, leaving no gray area whatsoever. For those who did not like it, try watching it one more time, and then visiting the woods. Trust me, it works.

With an ingenious storyline, "The Sixth Sense" was a surprisingly good movie, and probably the creepiest movie to debut all year.

"The Haunting" is just awful and should not be seen unless you are in the mood for a comedy. If you liked "The Haunting," check out the original, which has a much creepier affect and does not rely on special effects to do so.

If you do not want to watch a horror flick, and just want to have a good time, Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is a good family film to get, and Disney's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" was funny and pretty spooky at times.

Or you could just rent "Speed 2," which is probably the scariest film mentioned in this article.

Music

Ash-
"Nu-Clear Sounds"
(Dreamworks Records)

People are not afraid of Ash, but for some reason they seem to want them to be. Everything from cover to chords on the just released "Nu-Clear Sounds" screams of a band acting as something they are not. On their last album, "1977," the trio of Tim Wheeler (vocals, guitar), Mark Hamilton (Bass) and Rick McMurray (Drums) sounded like the next great hope for power pop, like a bunch of guys just out to have a good time. Since then, they added guitarist Charlotte Hatherley, copped a dour mug and seized Butch Vig ("Nevermind," "Siamese Dream," "Garbage") to produce one-fourth of their album. Oasis producer Owen Morris picks up the slack on the rest. One thing can be assumed from this pairing: maybe nobody can produce American alternative as well as Vig, but Morris is the master of British rock. About half the tracks fall flat on their face, but the ones that don't soar. The first single, "Numbskull," may be the most fun, pumping rock song of the year. If you're a fan of Weezer, Superdrag and old Ash, this one is for you; if not, don't waste your money.

Website

iMusic-
<http://imusic.com>

A highly entertaining and informative website, iMusic.com is definitely for the music lover. An open forum for praise, criticism, and information on artists, iMusic is the ideal starting point for someone who has had little exposure to music. Just recently redesigned, the site has a series of interesting features, including message boards, information on tour dates and new releases, as well as hundreds of artist showcases. At this site, information can be found about forgotten, and sometimes unheard of artists from every style imaginable. If they have had an album, there is probably something there about them. Adding to the site's wide appeal are the user names and profiles. Giving the site a community atmosphere, the wide range of users fosters dialog on the message boards over a variety of topics. Now, the site is linked directly to the Artist Direct Network, which includes UBL.com (Ultimate Band Links), an online music shop, and the Artist Direct homepage. Connecting to these sites, users can access downloads, links to artist sites, and purchase music. For a journey through the land of music, iMusic is the place to be. Even if you consider yourself a music expert, there is something there for you.

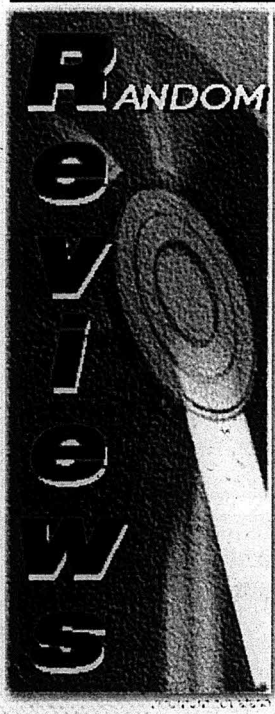
Movie

"American Beauty"
(Dreamworks Pictures)

A scathing portrait of the middle-class American family, "American Beauty" is a breathtaking, heartbreaking, comedic masterpiece of movie making. It is also, perhaps, the finest cinematic offering of the year.

The imminently watchable Kevin Spacey embodies jaded family man Lester Burnham with seamless perfection. Lester, thanks to Spacey's agile characterization, is both pathetic and sympathetic in his mid-life meltdown and obsession with his daughter's vamp-bitch best friend. Everyone shines in this film, particularly Annette Bening as Lester's image-obsessed and compulsive wife Carolyn and Thora Birch as Lester's daughter Jane. Wes Bentley is clearly the breakout find of the film, playing the possibly psychotic sensitive guy who uncovers beauty and sees through masks in his tape-recorded view of life. We're told from the beginning of the film that Lester will die. That's no surprise. What's unnerving is the precision with which "American Beauty" captures the unbearable beauty that fuels our lives and the degree to which we obscure it in ignorance.

This week's Random Reviews were written by Micheal Claar (music), Steve Flemming, Jr. (website) and Jessica Daggett (movie).



Study shows stress pops up in unlikely places

By Kay Harvey
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The news of the day is r-e-e-a-l-l-l-y stressful, Americans say. But flip the TV channel to Martha Stewart making cupcakes in the shape of presidents, and you're ready to declare war yourself.

In the stressed-out '90s, finding serenity is the new American dream. But it's elusive. Big-time stress pops up in places you might least suspect, according to a nationwide survey.

TV news triggers stress for 27 percent of respondents. But it's a warm fuzzy compared to "Martha Stewart Living," said 51 percent.

Watching their kids' Little League game is as agonizing as a trip to the dentist, respondents said. And monthly financial woes aren't half as nerve-racking as a visit from the in-laws.

Illuminations, a California company that makes and markets candles, touted for their stress-relieving qualities, commissioned the survey to find out what most stresses people. Company officials found the results somewhat surprising.

"They were amused, let's say," says Bonnie Dahan, the company's vice president of marketing.

The survey conducted in June polled 400 Americans, some by phone and others face to face. It unveiled these attitudes about what gets folks biting their nails:

TV newswatchers consider sports the most stressful segment. Crime is next, followed by medical news. Viewers who watch the morning news showed up twice as stressed as radio listeners who tune in to Howard Stern.

In the occupational realm, housewives reported being most stressed out, followed by stock-market traders, doctors and computer programmers. Guys in suits were less likely to report being stressed than workers wearing casual clothes. Folks who have papers rated themselves as more stressed than those who don't. Men rated body odor most stressful in the hygiene department. Women said they fret most about wearing yesterday's underwear.

As for conversation, men were most rattled by talking to their kids, which jumped ahead of a chat with the boss. Most stressful for women: a talk with their child's schoolteacher.

And is sex stressful? Three times as many men as women said it is for them.

The most stressful time of day emerged as 8 to 9 p.m., picked by 43 percent of respondents. And just as in their nostalgic school days, 61 percent ranked Sunday night as the most stressful time of the week. Because of its spot in the wake of Monday-morning shock, Monday afternoon gleaned honors as least stressful.

Respondents were most likely to be on edge for these annual occasions: Thanksgiving in first place, followed by Mother's Day, the wife's birthday, a wedding anniversary and April 15 ... that would be the day taxes are due.

The top three most stressful issues of the past 12 months emerged as learning to use the Internet, gun violence among kids and the wait to see "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace." China's stealing of U.S. military secrets came in fourth. The war in Kosovo didn't even make the top 10.

THE BEST OF STRESS

A SURVEY IN JUNE OF 400 PEOPLE NATIONWIDE IDENTIFIED THESE AS THE 10 MOST STRESSFUL ISSUES OF THE PAST 12 MONTHS:

1. LEARNING TO USE THE INTERNET
2. GUN VIOLENCE AND KIDS
3. WAITING TO SEE "STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE"
4. CHINA STEALING U.S. MILITARY SECRETS
5. THE JONBENET RAMSEY MURDER CASE
6. MICHAEL JORDAN RETIRING
7. AIRING OF NBC'S FINAL EPISODE OF "SEINFELD"
8. HILLARY CLINTON'S POTENTIAL U.S. SENATE CANDIDACY
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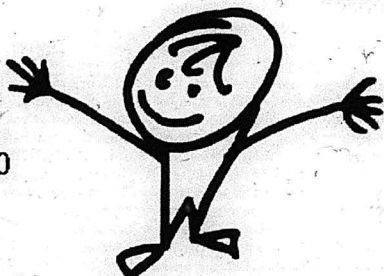
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By Dave Gosselin

Who's the best?

Yankees or Braves?

In my opinion, the two best teams in the 1990's are playing each other in the World Series.

The Braves can make their case for the best team in the decade because they have won eight straight division titles and are playing in their fifth World Series and have a record of 1-3 in the big dance.

Atlanta has an overall record of 925-629 in the decade. They became the first National League team to reach the World Series five times in one decade since the Dodgers in the 1950's.

A lot has changed since 1990 when the Braves finished 65-97, the same year they traded Dale Murphy to Philadelphia. This was also the beginning of two promising careers of possible Hall of Famers John Smoltz and Tom Glavine.

If the Braves were to win, this would be their second title in the decade, their first coming over Cleveland in 1995.

For the Yankees, this would be their third World Series Championship in four years and their 25th overall.

Change has also occurred for the Yankees since 1990. They went 67-95 with a lineup that included Oscar Azocar, Steve "Bye-bye" Balboni and Bob Geren.

But the Yankees do have the second best record in the 90's behind the Braves, with a record of 851-702.

Their interleague play record against each other is 5-5 since it began.

This is the fifth straight year that the Yankees have made the playoffs and their best stretch of World Series attendance since 1960-1964.

You could also argue that the Yankees are the team of the century. They have won 24 World Series titles and more games in the World Series (117) than any other team in history.

So who will win the coveted title? I predict that the Yankees will win the World Series in six games, just like in 1996. Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez will give the Yankees a victory in game one even though the Yanks have had a tough time with lefties with Tom Glavine on the hill.

David Cone and Greg Maddux go at it in game two. This is a toss-up, hopefully the Yanks can squeak a game two win out.

Kevin Millwood and Andy Pettitte pitch in game three. This will be a definitely be a winner for the Braves.

John Smoltz and Roger Clemens pitch game four. Smoltz will overpower Clemens for the victory here.

El Duque and Cone will keep the title in "Titeltown" in games five and six.

The views expressed in this editorial piece do not necessarily reflect the views of the entire Captain's Log staff.

SPORTS

Equestrian team jumps hurdles to become a sport

By Nick Thomas
Staff Writer

Equestrian is the art of riding and handling a horse. Hopefully soon sponsored by the NCAA, this sport, considered to be one of the most prestigious events during the Summer Olympics, can also be seen on campus.

Although the school's equestrian lessons and competitions can be seen at Carlton Farms in Williamsburg, the students on the team are often roaming around campus, proud of the university's five equestrian championships.

CNU has had an equestrian team for five years, each year involving hard work, effortless potential, and of course, winning.

There are many teams in the region, and each one competes at Carlton Farms. The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association is the organization that oversees these competitions and elaborates on each team's efforts. When attending a competition, one can see that as the games begin, so does the hard work.

Each rider begins by drawing a horse's name. The organization that runs the competition provides each rider with a horse. As they begin to ride, the judging ensues. Each individual rider is judged on their actions. The rider is asked to perform certain walks on the flat. These walks, in most cases consist of a walk, trot, and walk-trot-canter.

Along with the designated walks, there are three fence moves the rider must accomplish: novice, intermediate, and open. Their positions on the horse and



Scott Bolston, Erin Fox, Crissy Duff, Coach Ryan McDonald, Neysa Bowden, Hunny Hazlewood, Mandy Bowler, and Katie Farmer stand with their ribbons from a recent horse show.

Photos courtesy of Hunny Hazlewood

how the rider navigates it around the course, are the key points in maneuvering a path to success.

As the rider comes to an end, points (ribbons) are awarded for the top six riders in the class. The rider and team who achieved the highest amount of points become the winners of the competition. Out of all the exceptional riders, only one continues on to the Regional Tournament.

Over the past five years, CNU has been blessed with an extraordinary equestrian team. The team consists of nine riders, with Ryan McDonald as coach/trainer. Following in her example, the cap-

tain of the team, Hunny Hazlewood works just as hard to get the team members in shape and focused on competitions ahead.

When asked how riders must ride certain unexpected horses during competitions, and if this will have an effect on the riders, Hazlewood said, "The riders build more confidence in the ring when they are riding unfamiliar horses. It comes with experience."

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CNU soccer rockets to number nine

By Dave Gosselin
Staff Writer

Christopher Newport's men's soccer team rocketed up the national rankings for the week of Oct. 18 to number nine in the country.

For the previous weeks, CNU had been receiving votes for the Top-25 but didn't actually enter the poll last week.

This is the first time in CNU men's soccer history that any men's soccer team has been nationally ranked.

Shaw said being ranked nationally, comes attention which is good for recruiting. "It means very little as far as accomplishing our goals for the season," Shaw said.

"It is a good thing to be ranked, but we have to keep things in perspective, which is to win the conference and get a birth into the NCAA Tournament."

"The ranking is important for recruiting," Shaw said of being ranked ninth in

the country. "It's important to have respect from the university and fellow coaches and also the overall community."

With victories over Shenandoah and Eastern Mennonite during the week of Oct. 11 vaulted the Captains up the charts. Last week, they tied Roanoke College at home 1-1.

The Captains also achieved the number one spot in the South Region for Oct. 18 when they tied with Greensboro College for the top spot.

"We are continuing to go up the ladder to be a national caliber program," Shaw said of CNU's soccer program. "We want to represent the university as something that is top quality."

The Captains continue to strive for the conference title and birth into the NCAA Tournament. CNU traveled to Greensboro yesterday and travel this Wednesday to Salisbury St. with hopes of gaining their second NCAA Tournament birth in school history.

Coming Next Issue

◆ Profile: Men's
soccer coach
Steve Shaw

◆ Review of
Millennium
Madness

CALENDAR

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TUE WS
home against N.C.
Wesleyan at 3:30
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WED MS
at Salisbury St. at 3
p.m. VB at
Shenandoah at 6:30
p.m.

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FRI WS home
against Methodist at
3:30 p.m.

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at Methodist for
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WS home vs.
Gallaudet at 2 p.m.

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Sports Profile

Soccer calls him all the way from Texas

By Dave Gosselin
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself coming to a place one thousand miles from home and trying to adapt to surroundings in which you hardly know anyone.

Trying to fit in and adapt in a new place is exactly what Ryan Whinery has done since coming to CNU from Houston, Texas.

"I've enjoyed my time here so far," Whinery says of the university. "Adjustment was easy because everyone else was adjusting at the same time I was."

Whinery, born Nov. 22, 1980 in Wellsville, NY. He moved to Texas at about the age of one because of his father's job, graduating from Cypress Falls High School in Houston in 1999.

Whinery came to CNU to play soccer. Go figure. Back home, he played on a club team, the Houston Hurricanes. They were state champions in 1997 and 1998.

He played for Cypress Falls in high school where they were district champions his senior season.

Whinery was also involved in the S.P.A.R.K.S. (Special People Assisting Remarkable Kids) program that his mother, Sue, who is a special education teacher at Cypress Falls, got him involved in. This program allowed students to work with mentally challenged students.

At home, his father, Rick, was Whinery's big motivational force in academics and sports. His mother kept him in line in the social realm of things.

His sister Sarah was the first person to get him started in soccer.

"She used to take me in the backyard and beat me in soccer every time we played," Whinery explained. "That made me want to get better at soccer."

She also gave Whinery his first taste of surgery when his wrist got bent backwards and gave him a cyst which had to be removed.

Whinery's nephew, Sarah's son, Tyler is someone that he loves to look at. "He makes me happy."

Back home, Whinery and his friends used to get together and play pick-up soccer games. He also spent time off-roading, hanging out with friends and going to parties.

Whinery came to visit the campus in the Spring of 1999 and stayed in the dorm with then sophomore Dustin Morse, who is on the soccer team.

He watched a basketball game, saw the campus, talked to Cindy Knupp of the President's Leadership Program and got to see the fourth floor of the Administration Building, where he saw plans for future projects around campus. He liked what he saw. "I saw that the campus was going in the right direction and wanted to be a part of it," Whinery said.

During his stay, Whinery met soccer players Morse, juniors Shadi Abi-Saab and Rodney Curtis, senior Kevin Huylebroeck, and current Assistant Coach Brian Schwab.

He also talked to Head Coach Steve Shaw, who is one of the main reasons Whinery says he came here.

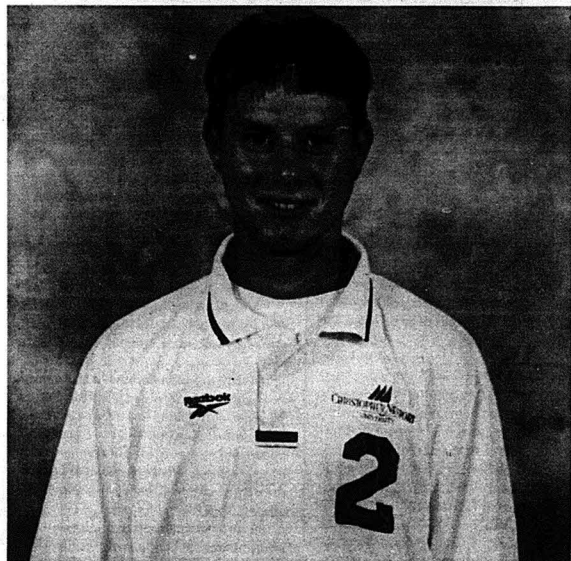
Coach Shaw, who used to coach in Texas, was friends with Whinery's high school coach David Hughes. Shaw had asked Hughes when he was going to send him someone.

Shaw traveled to Texas and saw Whinery play in a showcase tournament. Whinery scored twice and added an assist in the three games that he played. Shaw liked what he saw.

"He plays the position I played," Shaw said of Whinery. "It didn't take me long to realize that he could play that position."

Shaw said that Whinery has a good knowledge of the game and is a feisty player that can make things happen.

"I immediately liked him and his parents when I met him," Shaw said when he went to watch Whinery play. "He's the kind of player I like to recruit."



Whinery poses for his head shot for the men's soccer media guide.

Photos courtesy of Sports Information



Whinery drives past a Shenandoah defender in a recent game. He scored a goal in the 5-1 victory.

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

Volleyball sweeps Chowan after 10 days off

The Lady Captains volleyball team swept the Chowan Braves 15-4, 15-3, 15-9 after 10 days off last Wednesday night in Murfreesboro, N.C.

Junior Heather Vaden led the way for CNU with 13 kills and five blocks. Sophomore Oksana Boukhina added 10 digs and five blocks.

Senior Jennifer Wood contributed with nine digs and senior Heidi Jackson added 23 assists.

The victory gave the Lady Captains their 15th win to go along with 10 losses.

Overall, Boukhina leads the team with 3.45 kills per game, a .240 attack percentage, and 1.17 blocks per game. She also adds 2.75 digs per game.

Vaden leads the team with 286 kills. She boasts a .193 attack percentage and 3.04 kills per game. She also contributes 2.74 digs per contest.

Sophomore Lindsay Sheppard leads the team in total digs (280) and digs per game (3.04). She also has 206 kills, 2.24 kills per game, and a .123 attack percentage.

Wood contributes 1.91 kills per game and has 174 total kills for an attack percentage of .178. She also has 228 digs for 2.51 digs per game.

Jackson leads the team in assists with 774 on the season. She averages 9.11 per contest. She also contributes 1.96 digs per game and has 167 on the year.

CNU's next match is Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Shenandoah at 6:30 p.m.

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

Lady Captains hammer Shenandoah, Salisbury St. game washed out

The Lady Captains won their only game last week 5-0 over Shenandoah last Saturday.

CNU (9-2-1, 3-0) led at the half 1-0 on a goal by sophomore Heather Vance with less than four minutes remaining in the first half.

The Lady Captains busted it wide open in the second half scoring four goals on eight shots and getting all four goals in less than 20 minutes.

Junior Jenn Headrick started the scoring off and was assisted by freshman Jessie Robins. Then freshman Amy Petko scored a goal on a header with a nice cross from Vance. Finally, junior Laura McFerrin scored twice with both assists going to Vance.

Vance had three assists on the day tying McFerrin's single-game school record.

Freshman Kim Hughes had five saves in net for the Lady Captains who recorded their fifth shutout of the year, tying the school record set last season.

CNU's game versus Salisbury St. was cancelled last Wednesday due to inclement weather. No make-up date has been set.

Overall, McFerrin leads the team in goals (13) and points (29). Vance and Petko each have two goals and five assists for nine points, tied for second on the team. Headrick and Robins have seven points each. Robins has three goals and Headrick two goals and three assists. Junior Elke Reisdorph and freshman Erin Smith each have six points. Smith has three goals and Reisdorph has two goals and two assists.

Vance wins player of the week award

Lady Captains soccer player sophomore Heather Vance was named Dixie Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 18.

She was named player of the week for her performance against Shenandoah. She had one goal and a school record tying three assists in the 5-0 victory.

Vance was the only athlete from CNU to win the award. Although two others were nominated for their respective sports.



Junior Oscar Gomez-Romero tries to dribble up-field during the monsoon in the 1-1 tie against Roanoke

Photo by Erin Zagursky/The Captain's Log

Captains tie Roanoke 1-1 in the monsoon and escape Eastern Mennonite 2-1

The Captains came away with a tie in the monsoon against Roanoke College last Wednesday 1-1.

Roanoke got on the board just 12 minutes into the game.

CNU tied the score at 1-1 went ahead on a goal by junior Oscar Gomez-Romero. The scored remained tied af- of sudden-death overtime.

Both teams had several Captains had two goals called and the other was when fresh-free kick that was untouched which must be touched by an- go into the net.

Senior keeper Kevin Huylebroeck made several key saves including one with over two minutes remaining in the final overtime. He totaled nine saves.

CNU escaped Harrisonburg, Va. on Saturday, Oct. 16 with a 2-1 victory over Eastern Mennonite.

Gomez-Romero put the Captains on the board first with assists from Shadi Abi-Saab and Josh Shaw. Sachs then connected for a twine tickler on an assist from Gomez-Romero to give CNU a 2-0 halftime lead.

Huylebroeck had six saves as CNU outshot Eastern Mennonite 16-8.

The Captains next home game is their final regular season game on Wednesday, Nov. 3 against N.C. Wesleyan at 3 p.m.

Gomez-Romero leads the team in goals with seven and is tied for first in points with Abi-Saab with 15. Abi-Saab is second on the team with six goals. Sachs has three goals and six assists for 12 points and freshman Roberto Garcia has four goals and three assists for 11 points. Huylebroeck has 53 saves and a 0.63 goals against average with five shutouts.

Steinbrenner, are unrivaled egomaniacs; and not because Tom Wolfe parodied both cities in devilishly amusing novels. But because the teams are as good as it gets; and because they have a history.

The history dates to the 1996 World Series. The Braves were the defending champs. The Yankees, for one of the few times in franchise history, were underdogs.

Atlanta won Games 1 and 2 in New York by a combined 16-1. Games 3-5 were scheduled for Atlanta. As sweep was inevitable.

Then the inexplicable happened. New York won Game 3, and thanks to Jim Leyritz's improbable home run, rallied from a 6-0 deficit to win Game 4. The Yankees' road rage continued in Game 5, and they closed the Braves out in Game 6 back in the Bronx.

The following year, baseball commenced interleague play. Atlanta and New York have met in 10 regular season games since, with each team winning five.

They should have met in last year's Series, too, the Yankees with their gaudy 114-victory regular season, the Braves with 106. It would have been a true Fall Classic. But Atlanta played poorly in the National League Championship Series and

early when Ryan Pflugrad, who post, scored off a corner kick

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SPORTS
SHORTS

Golf teams scorchers in CNU Invitational

CNU's golf team had an excellent showing last Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18-19 at Ford's Colony in the CNU Fall Invitational.

The Captains finished first and placed the top four overall scores. CNU finished with a two day total of 591. They shot 299 on day one and 292 on day two. The Captains defeated Randolph-Macon by 55 shots.

The golf team set several school records in the two-day tournament. The team shattered the school record for average for a season with a 300.57 mark.

Freshman Brandon Kelley and senior Chad Wilson tied for the individual title after 36 holes with 147 totals. Kelley won medalist honors with a birdie on the first hole of a sudden death playoff. He fired a 69 Tuesday to add to the 78 he had Monday. Wilson had rounds of 73 and 74.

Sophomore Mike hart placed third with a 74-74-148, while freshman Mike Priddy was fourth at 74-75-149 and junior Mike Little seventh with a 78-76-154 in the 48-player field.

The CNU "B" team even took fifth place among the ten teams with a 337-321-658. Finishing third in the team race was N.C. Wesleyan, 650, followed by Apprentice in fourth place with a 655. Trailing CNU "B" were Shenandoah, 672; Ferrum, 675; Bridgewater, 684; Virginia Wesleyan, 739, and Chowan, 747.

Freshman Robbie Craft led the "B" team with an 81-78-159 to tie for ninth place. Freshman Ryan Greer had an 86-77-163 to tie for 15th place, junior Nick Coirer tied for 19th place with an 85-82-167, and freshman Doug Mitchell tied for 24th place at 85-84-169.

Lady Captains drop out of the region again

The CNU women's soccer team dropped out of the South Region's Top-10 for the week of Oct. 18.

The Lady Captains went 1-1. They defeated Shenandoah 5-0 and lost to Southern Vermont 3-0.

South Region Top 10:

1. Lynchburg 17-1-1
2. Trinity 8-4
3. N.C. Wesleyan 11-1-4
4. Emory (Ga.) 9-2-3
5. Roanoke 11-5-1
6. SCAD 7-2-2
7. Austin 9-3-2
8. Hardin-Simmons 9-6-1
9. Maryville 6-4-2
- 10t. Washington & Lee 9-5-0
- 10t. Oglethorpe 9-4

Captains atop the South Region

CNU men's soccer moved into a tie with Greensboro for first place in the South Region for the week of Oct. 18.

The Captains defeated Shenandoah 5-1 and Eastern Mennonite 2-1 the week of Oct. 11 to move into the tie.

The Captains also achieved something that no other men's soccer team has done. And that was entering the national rankings at number nine in the country. The first and highest ranking in men's soccer history.

South Region Top 10:

- 1t. CNU 9-3
- 1t. Greensboro 9-2-1
3. Mary Washington 9-3-1
4. Emory (Ga.) 9-1-2
5. Salisbury St. 10-2
6. Va. Wesleyan 9-4-1
7. Randolph-Macon 10-3
8. Maryville 8-3-1
9. Hampden-Sydney 8-4-1
10. Lynchburg 11-5

For this World Series, at least, we have the right teams

By David Teel
Knight-Ridder Tribune

New Yorkers craved the first Subway Series since 1956. Red Sox fans, sports' most faithful and tortured, dreamed of their first Series championship since 1918.

But the century's final World Series transcends sentiment. This World Series matches baseball's franchises of the '90s, the Atlanta Braves and the New York Yankees.

The Yankees seek their third championship in the last four years. During that span they have averaged 100 victories per season. Last season they won a record 114 games, plus 11 in their dominant postseason run.

The Braves have won only one Series title this decade. But excluding the strike-curtailed season of 1994, they have averaged 99 victories since 1991.

Are they chokers? Nonsense. They've merely produced more excellence and tension than any team this decade. If that's choking

And what ideal foils these teams are. Not because both owners, Atlanta's Ted Turner and New York's George

lost to the San Diego Padres.

The Braves struggled in the LCS again this October before finally disposing of New York's other team in perhaps the most excruciating six-game playoff in baseball history. If you know any Braves or Mets fans, send them sympathy cards. They probably haven't slept for a week.

Atlanta's problem is offense. Eight National League teams hit for better average than the Braves. Six scored more runs. Chipper Jones, the NL's probable Most Valuable Player, is their only dependable hitter.

Atlanta's trump is pitching. The Braves led the NL in ERA. Their starting rotation of John Smoltz, Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Kevin Millwood is unrivaled.

The Yankees, who bounced the Red Sox counter with a roster full of clutch hitters, led by Bernie Williams and Derek Jeter. Closer Mariano Rivera is virtually unhittable. And the starters, led by David Cone and Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, are nearly Atlanta's equal.

Baseball fans, meanwhile, are still recovering from the Mets-Braves LCS. We suspect this World Series will generate similar drama.

EQUESTRIAN

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Experience is just one of the things Hazlewood has gained from being a captain of the team. "The more you are allowed the chance to show your riding, the more you gain confidence on unfamiliar horses," she added.

In addition to a superb coach and captain, the equestrian team also consists of many talented riders. Vice-Captain, Neysa Bowden, Treasurer Mandy Bowler, Historian Katie Farmer, and Secretary Erin Fox. The advisors on the team are Evan Davies and Debbie Bedosti. Although these individuals make their contributions, the rest of the team flourishes as well. Janelle Chambers, Scott Bolston, Chrissy Duff, Mindy Harvey, and Judy Newman make up the rest of the spectacular members who shine in the wake of winning.

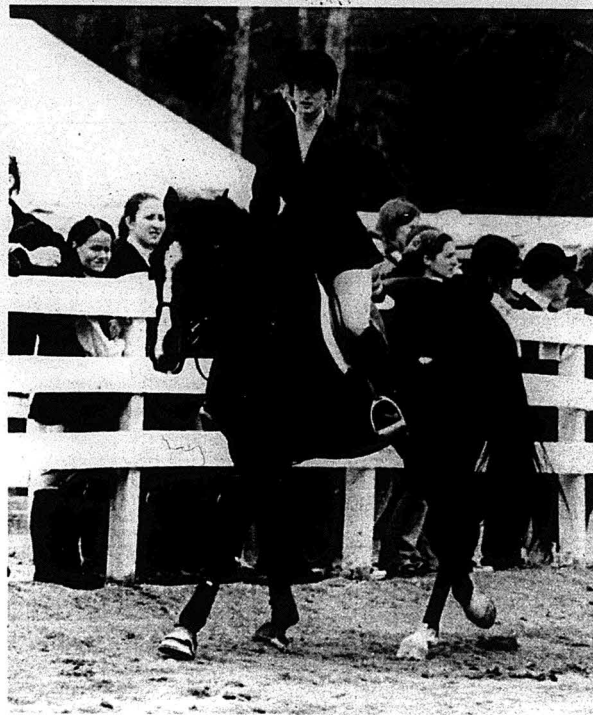
If horseback riding seems exciting and strenuous, it is. Along with a lot of hard work and exercise, there must be a dedication to the sport.

If interested in becoming a member of the team, or just willing to get started in the sport, people must be willing to learn how to ride (if not fluent with riding to begin with) and they have to be team players.

"Equestrian is a very rewarding sport," Hazlewood said. "Each individual horse has its own personality. By riding different horses, you become more in tune with each horse."

If the interest is there, it is imperative to know that riding is a bit expensive. "Horseback riding is an expensive sport, but thanks to CNU, students are given the opportunity to ride and show at a reduced price," Hazlewood said.

The price to take riding lessons has



Neysa Bowden performs on flat at a recent horse show.

Photo Courtesy of Hunny Hazlewood

been dropped down to roughly about \$150, a price many people are willing to pay to increase their experiences of horseback riding.

If interested in joining or taking these

lessons, there are meetings on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. At 10 Shoe Lane. If unable to make the meeting, Hazlewood's e-mail is ready for comments, questions, and remarks, at hazlewoo@cnu.edu.

Pre-season basketball rankings released

The Dixie Conference basketball pre-season coaches poll for the upcoming 1999-2000 season were released last week.

For the men, CNU was picked to finish first in the Dixie Conference two points ahead of Averett College. The Captains totaled 34 points and five first place votes.

For the women, the Dixie coaches picked the Lady Captains to finish first. The coaches picked them to finish in a tie for first with Methodist. Both teams had 28 points, CNU had one first place vote.

Both CNU's basketball teams won the Dixie Conference regular Season Championship last season.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their respective teams in the poll.

Men	
1. CNU (5)	34
2. Averett (2)	32
3. N.C. Wesleyan	26
4. Greensboro	16
5. Shenandoah	15
6. Methodist	13
7. Ferrum	11

Women	
1. CNU (1)	28
1. Methodist (2)	28
3. Shenandoah (2)	27
4. Greensboro (2)	26
5. N.C. Wesleyan	16
6. Averett	11
6. Ferrum	11

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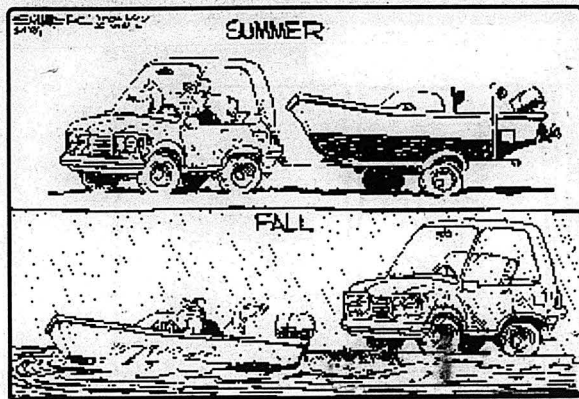
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Know the clubs your student fees sponsor

Where student fees go common question among students

By Jeremy Reynalds
Daily Lobo University of New Mexico

The only students usually interested in the deliberations of the U.S. Supreme Court are aspiring lawyers, but an upcoming case should have all students who are concerned about what's going on at their university gripping the edges of their seats.

Of course, depending on which ideological persuasion you fall into, you'll be cheering or booing. The case that's causing all the hoopla and undoubtedly will generate a lawsuit or two from our "friends" at the American Civil Liberties Union, is Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin v. Southworth.

The case concerns a nationwide university practice of using mandatory student fees to fund campus-based political and ideological groups -- many of which are very left of the political center.

As Citizen Magazine explained in a recent article: "In 1996, Scott Southworth (a conservative Christian and then a student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison) challenged the funding practice in court, arguing that forcing students to fund groups they object to violated their constitutional rights. Since then, two lower courts have agreed. If the Supreme Court follows suit when it rules next spring, the result would be a nationally binding ruling, a victory for students and parents seeking to control their own money, and a heavy blow to radical campus groups accustomed to feeding off unwitting and unwilling classmates."

To see how this debate applies to my school, the University of New Mexico, I called leaders of Associated Students of the University of New Mexico and asked how student groups here are funded.

What I found are some of the same arbitrary processes and vague standards I suspect are used at many colleges and universities.

In short, the University of New Mexico requires groups to be chartered student organizations before they're eligible for student funding. According to the ASUNM's Web site, "chartering a student organization leads to official recognition of the student organization by The University of New Mexico. This allows an organization access to some facilities, equipment and, in some cases, funding opportunities."

So, what about those "funding opportunities?" Here -- just like at many schools -- funding for student groups is generated from a portion of mandatory student fees.

The Web site continued: "An organization can be chartered at any time of the year ... (but) chartering does not constitute an endorsement of an organization, its program or purposes by the university."

A charter also doesn't guarantee that a student group will receive funding, ASUNM leaders stressed. And that should make us all wonder: Who's getting funded, and who isn't? And whose standards are determining which groups should and shouldn't receive financial support from

students?

When I asked ASUNM for a complete list of this campus' chartered student organizations, they failed to provide one.

I was dismayed to find that the group's vice president didn't even seem to know exactly what is required of a student group before it can receive funding.

Former ASUNM President David Standridge, who served during the 1991-92 academic year, said he could explain the real story behind the vagaries.

"Essentially there was no prerequisite for being funded," he said. "Any chartered organization could apply. The Senate voted on it. There were discriminatory practices and the policy was very arbitrary."

When I finally did track down an eight-page list of chartered student organizations on the ASUNM's Web page, I found the following notable groups: the UNM Greens, a radical environmental lobby group; the Hemp Coalition, a student group advocating the legalization of marijuana; and last but not least, the infamous Progressive Student Alliance, which, if its Web site typifies its activities, seems to spend most of its time railing against alleged corporate tyranny. I also was told that gay-rights groups aren't supported this year -- but have been in the past.

So what did these organizations have to do to get student funding at my school? To be honest, I don't know.

Perhaps you'll come up with more answers when you conduct a similar search on your campus.

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Chandra Eppes:

"I like the hanging thing because it's easier if you drive more than one car."



Which do you prefer: the new parking permit or the old parking sticker? Why?

Question of the Week

Pete Peters:

"I don't like the hanging decals because I'll have to start driving my wife's car to school. My sticker gave me an excuse to always drive my car here."



Patty Dunlap:

"I like the idea [of the hanging decals] because I don't always bring the same car to school. I had to tape my sticker to my car so I could move it to my other cars when I needed to."



Cory Staryk:

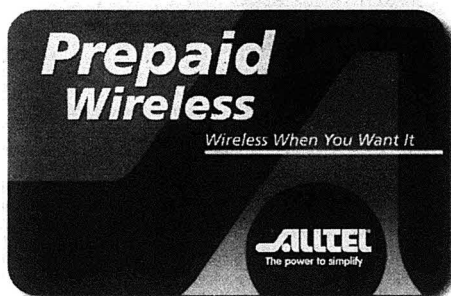
"I don't really mind one way or the other, but I can see the practicality of the hanging thing. It makes things a little easier."



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