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## Students, Faculty Gather To Give Governor Message

**SGA Organizes Human Frown And Students, Faculty, Staff, And Members Of Community Protest Department Eliminations**

BY STEPHANIE HEINATZ  
Managing Editor

White signs bobbed across campus last week, and a larger-than-life frown took up most of the practice football field.

Some of the phrases that adorned those signs were:

"Just because this is CNU, does not mean they will come."

"No teachers. No students. No need for universities."

Faculty, students and teachers from community schools participated in a protest against the eliminated departments, and SGA organized a human frown and took a picture that will be sent to Gov. Mark Warner to illustrate the feeling of loss across campus.

One hundred stu-



Tom Storrer/The Captain's Log

Approximately 100 students and faculty joined last week to express their feelings about the elimination of the four departments. The photograph will be sent to Gov. Mark Warner, along with a letter from the Student Government Association, which will express the concerns and feelings of the budget reductions' effects on people around CNU.

dents and faculty participated in the frown.

However, more than 500 students were directly affected by the cuts.

There was only a handful of faculty at the formation when 50 faculty and staff positions were eliminated.

Originally, SGA wanted to spell out 'STUDENTS FIRST' with

people.

However, photographers could not get high enough in the air to take a picture. Donna Eddleman, Associate Dean of Students, who also came out to support the frown, said one could not effectively read the words.

Instead, they did the frown.

SGA President Anna

Williams said, "We saw what Virginia Tech did when they spelled out 'CUT THIS?' and we figured that since we were hit so hard we could do something similar."

At the protest, students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community repeatedly voiced their concerns to video cameras and the surround-

ing crowd.

The protest was held at the fountain.

The media, to include WAVY TV 10, the Daily Press and The Virginian-Pilot, covered the protest.

Most students at the protest were concerned about the effects the cuts will have on the surrounding community.

"Riverside Hospital

has had to cuts wings of its building because of the nursing shortage," sophomore Samantha Phillips, a nursing student, said. "I wonder what Paul Tribble will do the next time he needs medical attention."

CNU graduates about 25 nursing students per year.

Approximately 90 percent of those gradu-

ates stay in the community.

"Twenty-five nurses have been robbed from our community," sophomore Helen Maples, a nursing student, said. "All we can do now is write to our legislatures, write, write, write and pray."

Dr. Kara Keeling, who openly wept at the announcement of the cuts, and Dr. Scott Pollard, both from the English department, supported both the frown and the protest.

"About three quarters of the music department is education majors," said Keeling. "Losing the education department will affect every other department at this school."

Many education students take Keeling's courses on children's and young adult literature.

Even though the courses are not aimed at teaching students how to teach the books, they do give students a jumping off point.

"I will lose many of my students," she said.

Even students, such as seniors who were not affected by the cuts, came out to support their fellow students. One of whom was education student David Ward.

"History is made by people who challenge and not cower. Students want a president who is willing to say no to department cuts," he said. "Don't tell students they are willing to leave if they don't like the cuts, or you will find, President Tribble, that you are welcome to leave."

## State Budget Reductions Affect CNU's Sister Institutions

**No Other Universities Have Eliminated Departments, But Cuts Include Hiring Freezes, Layoffs, Tuition Increases And Grant Reductions**

BY EMILY USEEM  
Staff Writer

CNU is not the only university in the Common-

wealth that was affected by the state mandated budget cuts.

In fact, our sister institutions, like William and Mary, Norfolk State, Old Dominion, Hampton and various community colleges are feeling the crunch.

None of which have cut departments, but non-personal cuts, hiring freezes, mid-year tuition increases and layoffs have occurred throughout the state.

On Oct. 17, the State Board for Community College raised tuition.

Thomas Nelson Community College, for example, raised their tuition by \$12.25 per credit hour to \$52.71.

Out-of-state tuition is now \$198.64.

In addition to raising tuition, TNCC is not filling 25 previously vacant positions. TNCC's Local College Board will try to continue to provide scholarships. They also de-

cided that no programs would be cut.

Eirlys Barker, a professor of history at TNCC, felt the budget cuts were just hurting students.

"We've had a lot of faculty that have retired earlier than expected," Barker said. The college has to rely on adjuncts, which, as Barker explained, are not always able to fill the positions left vacant by full time professors.

"In general, all the students at TNCC support the tuition increase because they don't feel that cutting programs such as nursing should happen," said Rachel DeForrest, TNCC's SGA president.

The College of William and Mary is increasing its tuition for in-state students and are reducing the number of adjunct instructors. The college will also reduce operating expenses to include outreach programs and library

acquisitions.

Becky Easley said that William and Mary has had many meetings.

"I think they are cutting a lot of programs, like recycling. But they haven't cut anything too big," she said.

Easley concluded that the budget cuts hadn't really hit students at William and Mary all that hard.

Seventy-three employees are being laid off at ODU. Fifty of those jobs were non-teaching. 20 were part time and three were administrators.

Thirty-one of the employees let go were a part of the grounds keeping crew; however, the assistant vice president said that students should see no difference in the appearance of the campus.

Dr. Janet Bing, a professor, is against the tax cut being placed against Virginia schools.

"I think that the voters of Virginia are putting the tax burden on the people who can't afford it. It shouldn't be students who have to pay for it."

As for how faculty and students feel, Bing described them both as "discouraged."

According to Bing, many junior faculty members are looking for jobs in other states.

"A number of people who have been with the University a long time have been laid off. That's certainly going to hurt people," she said.

Norfolk State decided to not lay off any faculty and staff members.

However, 50 full-time positions still remain vacant.

They plan on increasing class sizes and reducing security and maintenance services.

"We're OK," said Dr. Judi Carson-Sheppard, a professor of sociology. "I haven't heard

anything from students or parents. Right now it's OK, but we're concerned about what might happen in the future."

Carson-Sheppard felt that it could have been worse. She also noted that students are not angry at the school, but at the legislators and the governor.

"The budget cuts did not affect us as much as other universities," said Yuri Rodgers, the director of Media Relations at Hampton University.

Hampton does not receive funds from the state because it is a private university. However, students will see a reduction in tuition grants.

CNU students, faculty, staff and community have organized protests in response to their cuts.

No other university has had active student / faculty opposition on their campus.

## Halloween Fun

Find out what will be going on in and around CNU this Halloween.

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## Volleyball Wins

CNU Volleyball wins their last home game of the season this past Monday.

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## Campus In Brief

### Political Rally

SGA's Political Involvement Committee is hosting a rally on Nov. 4 to help educate students about the higher education bond that will be on the ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Refreshments and answers to any questions one has about the bond will be available.

### Trick-Or-Treat For Cans

The Multi-Cultural Student Association will be trick-or-treating for non-perishable canned goods on Halloween. If you would like to make a canned good donation, bring them to the MSA office located on the second floor of the Student Center.

### Coat Drive

As the weather starts to get cooler, the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc., are encouraging students to go through their closets and donate old coats.

There are coat donation boxes placed throughout campus, including the Student Center.

### GQ Pageant

The Multi-Cultural Student Association will be hosting their annual GQ Pageant on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in Gaines Theatre.

They are still accepting applications for contestants.

Pick up an application at the MSA office on the second floor of the Student Center.

### Homecoming Dance

Tickets for the Homecoming Dance are on sale in Gaines Theatre.

The dance will be on Nov. 9 in Regatta's from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

### Talent Show

The Campus Activity Board is hosting a talent show in Gaines Theatre tonight at 8 p.m.

### Homecoming Spirit Week

Clubs and organizations have been allotted days to sponsor during Homecoming Week. Remember in high school when each day was something silly to promote school spirit? Well, here is this year's schedule.

MONDAY: Club and Organization T-shirt day.  
TUESDAY: Pajama Day, hosted by The Captain's Log. Anyone wearing PJ's on campus will receive a free coffee mug with a surprise inside. Mugs will be passed out from 8 - 10 a.m. all over campus.

WEDNESDAY: Super Hero Day, hosted by MSA, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta.

THURSDAY: Scavenger hunt and Ice Cream Social.

FRIDAY: Support your Homecoming candidate day.

# United Nations Day Protested

## Political Party Says United Nations Policies Violate The United States Constitution, They Want Out

BY SARAH HOCK  
Staff Writer

The Young Constitution- alists protested United Nations Day last week.

Protesters wore T-shirts that said, "Get US out of the United Nations" and distrib-

uted informational pamphlets to students.

YC are the youth members of the Constitutionalist Party.

They recently passed a resolution against the United Nations that said, "The Young Constitution- alists at CNU respectfully but firmly request all members of Congress to use appropriate constitutional authority to remove America from the threat to freedom posed by the United Nations."

The resolution will soon be sent to Virginia members of Congress after the November elections.

The Young Constitution- alists protested United Nations Day for a number of reasons.

The UN supports abortion worldwide through its

Population Fund, and includes forced abortions in Communist China. Also, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) wants to undermine family values and teachings," said Josh Derner, a first-year CNU student and Chairman of the Young Constitution- alists.

They are also upset about the fact that the UN is proposing a global taxation scheme that directly violates the United States Constitution.

Also, in July of 2001, the UN held a conference called, "Conference on Small Arms and Light Weapons," during which they attempted to take away the Constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Then, just weeks after Sept. 11, Syria was elected to the UN's Security Council.

Syria, according to the YC, is considered a terrorist threat to this country.

"American involvement in the UN violates the Constitution because we are bound to various UN resolutions without the consent of Congress. When American troops are forced to serve under UN command, the Constitution is violated because nowhere in the Constitution does it say that U.S. forces are allowed to be put under foreign command," said Derner.

As for the protest, Derner said, "I think it is about time the student body is educated about the dangers of this global monster."

See the Opinions section, page 5 and 6, for a response to Young Constitutionalist Protest.

# Nearby Shootings Spark News Awareness, Insecurity Spreads

## Two Students Reflect On New Realities, New Priorities, In Sniper's Wake

ASHLEY WILSON  
Staff Writer

John Muhammad and John Lee Malvo may be safely off the Virginia interstate, but for many CNU students, their hometowns will never seem the same.

Up until just before fall break, Justin Loucks, a sophomore hailing from Stafford, Va., was like most CNU students. He barely ever watched the news and almost never picked up the newspaper.

So when news of shootings in Washington D.C. first appeared on television, Loucks didn't think much of it.

"I thought it was a routine crime," said Loucks. "But then, gradually, there was one more shooting, then another in the same week, and people started talking. I remember thinking, this could actually affect me."

Even when the list of "Washington Snipers" victims lengthened, Loucks didn't get out of his way to stay informed.

Then, unexpectedly, the snipers showed up near his hometown. A random shooting occurred in Spotsylvania Mall, just a 10-minute drive from his home.

"I've actually been to that mall, that Michael's store," Loucks explained. "That's where everybody goes, Spotsylvania Mall. If I had been there, out with my friends, buying food or buying clothes, it could have been me or my friends in that lady's position," he said of the victim.

After that, Loucks' perspective changed.

"I got more involved [with] watching the news," he said. "It all changed when it hit somewhere I've driven a million times. People don't take action until it affects them."

Fallon Shippen, on the other hand, had been following the snipers' trail from the beginning. Shippen, a sophomore from Springfield, just out of D.C., began examining the shootings "when a pattern started showing up."

Her family, including sisters of three years and two months, resides in the D.C. area where the shootings were taking place.

Shippen's boyfriend lives in Maryland, just down the street from a related attack.

"I was scared," she said. "I was mad and indoors." For Shippen, standing up to a serial killer is not so easy. The snipers were just some of many criminals who plagued

her childhood home.

"It's where I've grown up," she said. "I saw those places as secure, and now that security is shattered."

Although Shippen loved growing up in Washington D.C., she no longer feels she can return there to live.

"I don't think the D.C. area is a place to raise children anymore. It's just too dangerous. I don't want to worry about taking my children to school and them getting shot. It's not worth it," Shippen said.

She is plagued by fears, and said that is has now gotten "to the point where you suspect everybody ... It's scary to think I could be sitting on a bus and someone could blow himself up," or plant a biological weapon, and "with each breath I take I could be dying. I could be going to work and someone could target my office building. I can't think about it all the time because if I do, I will drive myself crazy," Shippen said.

For these students and many others, the incarceration of two suspects has done little to ease their minds.

Although the news is no longer inundated with reports on a killers' whereabouts, the feeling of naive security surrounding their homes is gone.

"Maybe a year from now I'll be a little more secure," said Shippen, "but for now I'm still waiting for something to go wrong."

# The Faces Of Eliminated Departments

## Health And Wellness Department Graduates Go On To Work With Non-Profit And Youth Sports Programs

BY JENN ROWELL  
Staff Writer

Do you have a favorite CNU athlete? Chances are good that you may never see them play again as a result of the budget cuts.

The Department of Recreation, Sport and Wellness Management has been cut from the University, and even though not all athletes at CNU are members of this major, many are.

About 112 of the 470

CNU athletes will be forced to change majors or transfer schools; 28 of 92 football players, 13 of 16 softball players, 14 of 28 women's soccer players and nine of 21 field hockey players have been affected by the cuts.

There are many students who were planning careers in the field of recreation and tourism who are not athletes.

What is the program? What can you do with it if you receive a degree in it?

Students who graduate from this program receive a bachelor's degree.

There are four concentrations available: health and physical education, fitness and exercise science, sport and wellness studies, and recreation and tourism.

The fitness and exercise science concentration prepares students for careers as directors for fitness and wellness programs in health facilities, wellness centers, youth organizations and corporations, as well as other health/fitness settings.

"I don't like the decision that was made to cut my ma-

ior because I came here for that specific major and got so attached to the school," said first-year student Chris Waller, a student in fitness and exercise science. "It [is] unfortunate to have to find somewhere else to go. It's not like I can change my major because that is what I want to do with my life, so I guess I'll end up transferring."

For those students who are interested in health and physical education, but do not want to teach, the sport and wellness studies concentration offers training for careers in a variety of fields.

These students would be prepared to work with sports and athletic programs of public recreation agencies and private non-profit organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, youth sports programs, college intramural, athletic, and club programs and private clubs.

They would also be prepared to work with community health and wellness education programs such as state and national chapters of the

American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and American Cancer Society, as well as community, state, and national agencies who serve the disabled through sports and athletics.

Students who are aspiring to enter the field of recreation and tourism find a starting point with the recreation and tourism concentration.

This program readies students for careers in travel and tourism agencies, and park and recreation departments. It also provides preparation for careers in commercial/entrepreneurial businesses such as golf courses, theme parks, marinas, resort properties, military installations, racquet clubs, and youth agencies.

The department offers teacher licensure to those who meet the requirements. Pre-physical therapy advising is also available.

For the next three issues, the paper will be running an in-depth look at the eliminated departments and what training they provide for students.

## World In Brief

### National Disability Awareness Month

Disability does not discriminate. People who are disabled make up the country's largest minority. If you are not disabled, there is a 20 percent chance of becoming disabled in your work life. People with disabilities cross all gender, racial, and education lines.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month, October, began in 1988.

It replaced National Employ the Handicapped Week that had been in effect since 1945, which was celebrated every year during the first week of October. This law also made a change in terminology and substituted the word "handicap" with the word "disability."

Disabled people come from all walks of life—from President Franklin Roosevelt to singer Ray Charles. Inventor Thomas Edison, athlete Wilma Rudolph and even people who work on Main Street to 38th Avenue have prevailed at every level of business and government.

The workforce in America today is becoming more diverse and changing greatly, and more employees with disabilities will grow. Today's generation of Americans with disabilities is well prepared for the job market.

### Cease-Fire Signed For Somalia

A cease-fire was signed Monday between warring factions in Somalia in an attempt to end a decade-long civil war. The truce is effective immediately, but it is not yet certain how it will be monitored and how violations will be punished. The deal also binds signatories to a full implementation of a 10-year-old United Nations arms embargo on Somalia.

### Angels Win World Series

The Anaheim Angels won the World Series Sunday night, defeating the San Francisco Giants 4-1, in Game 7 at Edison Field. Garrett Anderson hit a three-run double off Liván Hernández in the third inning, and John Lackey became the first rookie to win a seventh game since Babe Adams of the 1909 Pittsburgh Pirates by pitching five effective innings.

### Russian Gas Kills Hostages

The number of killed hostages a result of the raid on a Moscow theater rose to 117 Monday morning. Most of the deaths were due to the gas used by Russian security forces when they stormed the building that was being held by Chechen guerrillas. More than 750 people were being held hostage. The raid was thought to be successful at first, but there is a growing number of fatalities.

# Writing Center Feels The Budget Cuts

## SGA To Help With Funding, Next Semester

BY EMILY USEEM  
Staff Writer

I must admit that I was nervous when I first walked into the room. There were three people in the one-room Alice Randall Writing Center, and everyone who was working looked up when I walked in.

"Uh, I need some help on an article I'm writing."

Linda Bolling told me to come sit down. I pulled out my review and we went through it together. She read it out loud and every time she noticed a mistake she would stop and turn to me.

She would then fix the mistake and tell me how I could avoid doing it in the future.

The way she explained things to me was very easy. She didn't talk in fancy English - grammatical terms. She talked in easy-to-understand terms.

I didn't feel like I was getting a grammar lesson. It was more like a lesson in common sense writing. I left feeling like I had learned something.

Budget cuts are affecting every corner of the institution, and they are even threatening the livelihood of the center.

Last week, at the SGA meeting, representatives from the Alice Randall Writing Center asked the Senate to give them \$4000 to help them with their everyday operations.

The Senate voted to give them the money, and the funds will be utilized for the remainder of this semester as well as part of the spring semester.

Alice Randall established the center on April 28, 1993. It is located in the lobby of Ratcliffe Hall.

There are a total of seven writing consultants who work in the center. All consultants are CNU students who have taken English 339, a training course mandatory for working in the center.

"We talk to students about their writing, we give them feedback and help them generate ideas," said Bolling.

The center will not write your paper for you, but they will help you fine-tune it.

Consultants also create handouts to pass out to students. These handouts contain information about everything from how to accurately write a bibliography to when and when not to use commas in a sentence.

There are also workshops that the center offers, free to all students.

These workshops are announced via email, fliers and ads.

"It's a nice place to come and hang out, even if you don't have a paper due. We enjoy seeing people," said Michelle Phillips, a writing consultant.

Bolling said she sees about 40 students throughout her four day work week.

"We offer 30 to 45 minute appointments and it's best if you get an appointment if you want to be seen, but we do accept walk-ins," said Phillips.

To contact the center for an appointment, e-mail them at [wcenter@cnu.edu](mailto:wcenter@cnu.edu) or call them at 594-7684.

Hours of operation in the Writing Center vary, but it is always open during the academic week.

Tentatively, the center is open for the following hours: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



At the Alice Randall Writing Center, students can find many resources to help them with their writing. Among these services the writer center offers 30 to 45 minute appointments for individual consulting. They also accept walk-ins.

Illustration by Jeremiah Santiago/The Captain's Log

# President Anna Williams Last Of Dying Commuter Students



Anna Williams, above, stands behind the lecturn she addresses the SGA from.

BY MONICA NOLAN  
Contributing Writer

For SGA President Anna Williams, free time doesn't come easily.

Serving as the link between administration and the student body takes hard work and dedication.

Williams, a fifth-year senior, spends most of her time trying to keep the student body active on campus by keeping them informed of changes throughout the university, as well as encouraging them to get involved in every avenue of student life that interests them.

Williams began her stud-

ies at CNU five years ago after graduating from Grafton High School.

Since she lived so close to the campus, she began college life as a commuter student.

She, today, remains as one of the last commuters, a race she claims is quickly dying.

"The first thing I did to get involved on campus was pledge a sorority," said Williams. "By doing that, I opened so many doors for myself."

Williams, the oldest child of three, remembers her first days as a first-year student and the concern her younger sister had for her.

"I remember my sister asking me who I was going to eat lunch with at school. I told her that I might have to eat by myself since I did not know a lot of people yet," said Williams. "To her it was the worst thing in the world. Who wants to eat lunch by themselves?"

Suffice it to say, Williams hardly has to worry about eating by herself anymore.

During her sophomore year, Williams befriended Jonathan Janis, who was then a junior, through SGA Senate.

It was then that Janis mentioned needing a running mate for the next year and Williams decided to take advantage of the opportunity.

She ran for Vice President of Student Services. Williams and Janis won the election.

With intentions of running for President her senior year, Williams decided to cut out many of the activities she loved so that she could focus on presiding over SGA.

After being one of the most active sisters in Phi Mu, for example, she became an inactive sister.

"I will still support my sisters completely and attend any and all events that I can," said Williams.

Williams and Jeremiah Davis were running mates in last year's election.

Surprisingly, they ran unopposed.

Together, they set four goals for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Their first goal was to create a governing structure that would allow students to feel comfortable with change as well as diversity.

With this they work to educate students and keep them aware of changes at CNU.

Second, Williams and Davis make efforts to promote unity by facilitating cooperation and participation among clubs and organizations.

They challenge organizations to voice their concerns, dedicate their time and lend their hands in efforts to increase their strengths in order to create a stronger community.

Their third goal is to establish relationships with other schools in the Commonwealth, allowing students to broaden their horizons and improve the role of

the governing body.

Lastly, they work to form better relations with the faculty, through increased involvement in the Faculty Senate.

Williams and Davis feel that opening lines of communication between faculty and students will enrich the campus.

Williams, and the rest of SGA Executive Board, work for the CNU students with these four goals in mind.

"She is more than just a link; she's a coordinator with other schools, an organizer and a facilitator in all aspects," said Davis. "Anna has the ability to feel what students' need and to act on it."

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Williams' most recent endeavor is trying to get as many first-year students as possible registered to vote.

They managed to get 250 students registered, which Williams said she was pleased with.

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# Homecoming Representatives



Norissa Barnes is representing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is a senior majoring in Political Science. She is President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a volunteer at a women's shelter for domestic abuse. After graduation, she plans to join the Air Force Civil Service. Norissa would eventually like to establish her own non-profit organization focusing on guiding teenage girls into the professional career field.



Makayla Nguyen is representing the Association of Computing Machinery. She is a senior majoring in Computer Engineering and Computer Science. Makayla's interests include webpage design, anime, reading, cooking, traveling, and extreme sports. She plans to get a civilian job with the federal government and work in the engineering field.



Kelli Ann Felts is a junior representing Alpha Phi Fraternity. She is majoring in Health and Wellness. Kelli Ann's interests include horseback riding, being a Special Olympics volunteer, and supporting the CNU football team. She is a member of Alpha Phi Fraternity. Kelli Ann's future plans include eventually pursuing a license in massage therapy and owning her own business.



Brittany Lambert is a junior representing Gamma Phi Beta Fraternity. She is a junior majoring in Communications. Brittany's interests include Gamma Phi Beta, cheerleading, sailing, flying gliders, writing, reading, dancing, and singing. Brittany plans to start a career in advertising or reporting.



Rachel Gillerlain is representing the Young Democrats. She is a sophomore majoring in English. She is a member of the Honors Program, the President's Leadership Program, Young Democrats, the Captain's Log, and is a volunteer of the YES campaign. Rachel's future plans include being in the Peace Corps and MAT.



Tom Stormer is representing the Captain's Log. He is a sophomore majoring in Fine Arts. Tom's interests include photography, jazz music, journalism, theater, and automobiles. He also enjoys hiking, the outdoors, poetry, art, volunteering, and promoting diversity. Tom is the President of the CSSU and is the Layout Editor of the Captain's Log. In the future, Tom plans to be an entrepreneur in the media field.



Andrea Dunn is representing the Psychology Club. She is a senior majoring in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. Andrea's activities include being Psychology Club President, Psi Chi President, Co-Vice Executive Chair of SPARC Laboratory and an SGA representative. In the future, Andrea plans to attend Graduate School for I/O Psychology.



Christa Crawford is representing Silver Storm Dance Team. She is a senior majoring in Communications. Christa's activities include being Captain of the Silver Storm Dance Team, Resident Assistant in Jefferson Hall, member of Gamma Phi Beta Fraternity, and volunteering at Catholic charities of Newport News. Christa hopes to eventually get a job with the U.S. government and work in public affairs.



Brad Hunter is an Accounting Major representing the Multicultural Student Association. He is currently a junior. Brad is the President of MSA, a member of the President's Leadership Program, CNU TONIGHT, CNU Motorsports, and is a Resident Assistant. Brad's future plans include becoming a Certified Public Accountant.



Leigh Trayers is representing Phi Mu Fraternity. She is a junior majoring in Sports and Wellness. Leigh is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, CNU TONIGHT, the Campus Activity Board, InterVarsity MSA, football manager, and a member of the Women's Track and Field Team. Leigh is also enjoys working out, volunteering, and being with friends and family. Her future plans include getting her degree in Sports and



April Fecura is representing Circle K. She is a freshman majoring in Psychology and minoring in Leadership. April's activities include lacrosse, Circle K, Catholic Campus Ministries, Jump Rope Team, Sunday School teacher, pianist, violinist, and the President's Leadership Program. In the future, April plans to help abused children be counseled in children's shelters around the country.



Alexander Petry is a junior representing Alpha Phi Omega. He is a history major. Alexander enjoys history, service and sports. He is an Eagle Scout involved in the Order of the Arrow and Scoutings' Service Organization. Alexander's future plans include teaching history, coaching high school football, and becoming a public administrator.



Monet Atkins is a junior representing the Student Government Association. She is majoring in Early Childhood Psychology. Monet is a member of SGA and MSA. She is also philanthropy chair of MSA. Monet's future plans include going to Graduate School and eventually working with underprivileged children.



Kelly Denise Davis is a junior representing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is majoring in Governmental Administration with a concentration in Legal Studies. Kelly Denise is also Secretary of MSA. Her interests include reading, shopping, and being a mother of her two year old son, Christopher. Eventually Kelly Denise would like to attend law school and become a successful attorney.



Seth Fullilove is a junior representing Pi Kappa Phi. He is majoring in Criminal Justice. Seth's interests include playing sports, meeting new people, socializing, and listening to music. He plans to work for a federal agency as a private or undercover investigator.



Linda Lawson is representing Catholic Campus Ministries. She is a senior majoring in Leisure Studies. Linda is involved with Catholic Campus Ministries and enjoys volunteering and working with children. Her future plans involved working in youth recreation.



Leslie Hutchins is a representing the Junior Class of 2004. She is majoring in Political Science. Leslie's interests include SGA, Class of 2004, Class Council, and cooking. In the future, Leslie plans to go to Graduate School on get a job on Capitol Hill.



Stuart Bryson is representing Phi Alpha Delta. He is a senior majoring in Political Science. Stuart's interests include listening to music, reading, sleeping when possible, and women. He is involved in Pi Sigma Alpha, President of Phi Alpha Delta, and a former SGA Senator. Stuart's future plans involve law school and have a career in criminal law as a D.A. in Philadelphia.



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# Opinions

## Where We Stand

### Tuesday's Vote Will Hit Home

Every November comes with it a new election cycle, and with every election cycle comes with it the normal inducements to vote.

These exhortations normally involve long speeches about the importance of voting in a free society and how America's youth is slowly atrophying the political process.

The reason for the low-voter turnout in the 20-something demographic is the widespread belief that government doesn't affect them, this according to American Demographics Magazine.

Next week is different, and different in a big way. On the state ballot, there are three major referenda up for approval that will affect every person on CNU's campus.

The Higher Education Bond Referendum is possibly the most important event for the campus in the next decade. This referendum will allow the state to give out bonds worth over \$900 million for renovation and new construction on the campus of every college and university in the Commonwealth.

At CNU that means almost \$26 million dollars for a new library, converting the student center to academic space, and renovating both Ferguson and Gosnold Halls.

The second bond referendum involves \$119 million dollars for Virginia's parks and recreation system. The money would go to pay for three new state parks and 10 new natural areas, as well as expand 11 existing parks and eight preserves. This referendum is the best way for Virginia to continue to protect its natural treasures.

The final and most controversial referendum is the transportation and taxation referendum, which will ease the intense traffic congestion throughout Hampton Roads with a small sales tax increase. The widening of I-64 and a third crossing are just two of the many necessary traffic solutions that will be funded by this referendum.

This election is different. This election is different because its results will affect everyone, everyday. This election is different because it gives each person a true choice.

Members of the CNU community have the opportunity to change their government for themselves. Take up that opportunity and vote.

## Vote 'No' For Higher Education Bond

### Money From Bond Would Better Benefit Community Colleges, Elementary And Secondary Education

BY STEPHANIE HEINATZ  
Managing Editor

Do you have plans on Nov. 5?

One of them should be to, at some point during the day, get out to the polls and vote.

In issue six of The Captain's Log, the five referenda on the ballot were explained.

Perhaps, for us as college students, the most important of which is the higher education bond.

I am encouraging you, as fellow students, to vote **NO** for this bond.

This bond will give \$900 million to colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth, CNU included.

According to Gov. Mark Warner, this money will be a loan the state takes out (in addition to the already \$1.5 billion deficit that he is trying to fix) and will pay back over the course of 10 years.

The payments will make up less than one percent of the state's budget. The money

is being allotted for renovations and new construction of buildings.

It has been said that more and more students are applying to colleges in the state each year, and the state needs to accommodate those applicants.

So, let's get this straight. The state wants to give all these schools money to pay for the construction of buildings.

But, given the events of last week, who is going to operate those buildings as most of the schools across the state have been laying off workers?

In President Paul Tribble's short time here, he, along with our Board of Visitors, have managed to raise enough money to begin the construction of our Center of the Fine Arts, build the Freeman Center, renovate Ratcliffe, landscape the entire campus, construct two new freshman residence halls, buy acres of land around the campus, build an apartment complex for upperclassmen, renovate Christopher's, build Discovery Café and create a football team with a matching stadium.

Bravo! That is no small endeavor and, and I truly applaud them for that.

However, my question is this: do we need more money now that our administrators have already proven they can fundraise on their own?

Does William and Mary, who actually has a small endowment fund, need money when our elementary education and secondary education buildings are falling apart?

For the state to take such a huge loan out in the name of education is commendable.

I think, though, that the

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money needs to be refocused on where it should go.

The bottom line is that any student who is in college is privileged. If you don't think you are, then think again.

I have dozens of friends with whom I went to high school who could not afford to go to college, and as a result, never tried to be their best in high school.

This money, this \$900 million, should go to only community colleges, secondary education, and elementary education.

I am a product of a community college because I could not afford to go to a four-year institution right out of high school. I went to Thomas Nelson Community College and literally watched paint peel off the walls.

I saw the puddles in the grass when it rained and the

overworked professors at exam time.

Community college, a place where everyone can go no matter what, should be the focus.

Giving all the money to universities merely procreates the elitist class of educated people.

As for elementary and secondary education: students need to see where a degree will get them.

They need to know that college is not a waste of time and that there are institutions, like community colleges, out there that will help them get started.

They need better equipment in their schools. They need new buildings so that classes are not so overcrowded. Their list of needs appears to be endless.

Could CNU have charged POMOCO more than \$1 million for the naming of the stadium? William and Mary charges a minimum of \$15 million to name one of their buildings.

Could Tribble have let to Anheuser-Busch sponsor our campus in order to bring in extra money?

I don't think that anyone who is not already drinking on campus, or drinking under the table for that matter, is going to start just because one can buy a beer with his dinner.

To wrap it up, vote no for the higher education bond. Write to your legislator, or even the Governor, and tell them where you think the money should go. I did.

## Response To Young Constitutionalists

BY WAI WOOLSEY  
President of the Forum for Sociological Thought

In 1945, the United Nations has upheld the tenet to "preserve peace through international cooperation and collective security."

Along with international peacekeeping, the UN is involved with humanitarian efforts, economic and social development and human rights issues.

The UN is not "the global monster" as it has been labeled by Josh Dermer, Interim Chairman of the Young Constitutionalists.

The UN is responsible for demining war-torn countries, like Bosnia and Serbia, in order for displaced people to return to their homelands without the threat of landmines. The UN also offers aid to countries that lack basic health programs, by offering vaccinations, classes on sanitation, and clean water.

Within their resolution protesting the UN, YC mentions Syria's induction to the Security Council after Sept. 11, 2002. This same Security Council, which includes Syria, has passed resolutions

that put forth UN effort to stop the trafficking of women and children into the sex trade. Also, of the 15 countries that make up the Security Council, only five countries, France, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, China and the United States are permanent fixtures. The remaining 10 countries are elected by the other countries to serve only two-year terms; this means that other countries voted to see if Syria would become part of the Security Council.

The Constitutionalists Party rejects the U.S. promotion of democracy within other countries. What the Constitutionalists Party views as interference, the U.S. views as advocating a free nation. After Sept. 11, the world became aware of the atrocities that Afghan women faced under the Taliban regime. Should the U.S. have chosen not to concern themselves

with the countless women and young girls who were slaughtered for crimes as simple as showing their hands in public or walking without a male escort? The answer is no.

As pointed out by the Constitutionalists Party, the UN has its flaws, recognizes its faults and is continually trying to reform. The UN acts as a liaison between countries in conflict by forming policies and other ideas in the hopes of bringing the conflict to an end. No one country is more powerful than another.

We are privileged to live in freedom. Most of us have enough to eat, clean drinking water, and a place to live. Many countries in the world don't even have the basics. If the United States is not willing to involve itself with worldwide humanitarian effort, as the Constitutionalists Party proposes, why not let the UN help those in need.



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## B.A. In B.S.

By Jeremie Heath



## A Farewell To A Friend: Campus Bids Goodbye To Staffer, Martha Edgcombe

**CNU Now  
More Like An  
Institution  
And Less Like  
A Family,  
No Longer A  
Home  
Away From  
Home**

BY MARGO SCHEINHUAUS  
Copy Desk Assistant

Amid the budget crisis, we have heard mostly of programs being cut.

What has fallen by the wayside in the minds of the CNU community is the immediate elimination of administrative staff.

The people who help offices run smoothly, the oil of a well-run machine, the integral member of a family unit.

Martha Edgcombe is one such person.

She has put in over 23 years as the Office Services Assistant for the Office of Financial Aid.

This past Friday was her last working day here at CNU. Martha is married to Frank Edgcomb, a Hampton University Librarian, and is the mother of 3 grown children.

She has a passion for poetry: She translates poems from Spanish to English, and had a thick folder of her own writing in her desk.

Her colleagues call Martha "A Matrich".

"She's like my second mom," says Financial Aid Office Assistant, Lia Martin.

Financial Aid Coordinator, Gina Emerson, concurs.

"Martha is everybody's

friend," Emerson says. Walking into Martha's cubical was like walking into a sacred space decorated with poetry and pictures, and little remembrances that someone had given her "one time when."

She would gladly tell you the story of each item there, by giving you a side story, leading to another story and eventually getting back to what she started to tell you.

A conversation with Martha can be truly dizzying. But she has a head for details that is staggering, all one can do is hang on and enjoy the ride.

I first met Martha while I was working as a temp in the Philosophy & Religious Studies Department.

Every day, a mature woman with long pepper and salt hair would dash by my office at a frantic pace, coffee in hand, and say hello to everyone.

Every meeting of the Philosophy Club and the Religion Club, she would be there.

Talk to Martha and you will learn that she sat in Dr. Jouett "Doc" Powell's Religious Studies Class, while a young Dr. Kip Redick was "a bright eyed" undergrad in the same class.

Martha is a special person. She has the unique ability to feel things with an intensity that most people don't feel," says Doc Powell.

"She is full of empathy and compassion."

My own experience with Martha reflects Doc Powell's sentiments.

There was one day in March of 2001 that was a bad day for me. Apparently I was noticeably upset.

During Martha's usual rush past my office she stopped and told me I should "put on a little lipstick" be-

cause it would brighten my face and my day.

The way it was said was with such a quirky sense of caring that I forced a smile as she scampered back to her office.

A few moments later, Martha pops back into my office.

This time bearing the gift of a brand-new watermelon flavored chapstick.

"I want you to have this," She said, "I just love the smell and the taste of it, it's so wonderful, I just put it on my lips and kiss myself all over."

She then made kissy faces in the air to demonstrate.

She then said that she had to go and disappeared as quickly as she arrived, leaving me dumbfounded.

As I processed the exchange, the clouds of my day parted.

I attended Martha's going away party this past Friday.

When I asked Financial Aid Coordinator, Bethany Collins how she was handling Martha's leaving, she said, "I'm ok with it because she is ok with it."

Martha made sure everyone else was fed before reaching for a plate herself.

Like the caring grandmother of so many children, she wanted to make sure we all had enough to eat.

That day I spoke in great length with Martha, and hugged her five times before I could pull myself away.

I would be ok with this, because she was ok with this.

As soon as I left the financial aid office, I cried, because CNU suddenly felt less like a family, and more like an institution.

Martha was more than a University Employee; she was a friend to me.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a problem, concern or issue, The Captain's Log can give you a voice.

Comment on a story you've seen here in the paper, or bring up something entirely new. Anything on campus, on the Peninsula or around the world are topics open to our pages.

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

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

## Class Of 2006: Grow Up

Last year I came to CNU as a freshman, not sure of my major, my classes, and what exactly I would be a part of once I got here.

The first club that I joined was SGA. From that point onward, I also became involved in other activities, namely the Class of 2005 (the sophomore class) and in the spring, the Class Officer Council.

Becoming an officer for my class was honestly an accident.

I never ran in the elections that were held, but when two of the positions were not filled, I applied.

I am thankful that I made that decision, because being a part of something larger like the Class Council has been nothing but a wonderful learning experience for me, as well as for other freshman class officers.

From the start, the Class Council officers showed my freshman class the ropes.

They let us into their world, they taught us how to maneuver through the campus, who to talk to about certain issues, and

let us be a part of their events. More importantly than that, they are great people.

We are not just class officers; we are the second time the elections were run.

This is not what the CNU community is about, and the Class Officer Council did not demand the world of the candidates, but simply that the campaign process was fair, honest and ethical.

By those who voted against our proposal in the senate, you are saying that it is okay for the candidates to be dishonest.

Furthermore, by voting against the proposal you showed to the Elections Committee that you think elections should have been run repeatedly, regardless of the events that occurred.

Finally, by voting against the Class Officer Council you proved that you do not feel that we have authority and that those 15 members who comprise of the Council had no right to make this proposal, even though SGA handed over the election responsibilities to the Class Council.

And now because this mishap occurred you want the SGA to take back our re-

sponsibilities and run it their way?

I would also like to mention that the senate has over 60 freshmen and that the senate can easily be swayed by different factions (and not just the freshmen).

For those who agreed with the class officers, and have the integrity that the CNU community desires, thank you.

This letter is not directed to every freshman, and not to every senator, if you have voted your conscience and have used the information provided by the Council along with those comments by others in the Senate, then you should feel comfortable with your vote.

For those freshmen who are trying to start a club that is not affiliated with the past elections, I am hopeful that you can successfully start it and receive representation in the right way.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cox  
Class of 2005  
Treasurer

## Beltway Shootings: What Is Really Considered Terrorism?

**Snipers Put  
Life On Hold**

BY MARGO SCHEINHUAUS  
Copy Desk Assistant

When I first set out to write this editorial, there were no known suspects in the "Beltway Sniper" case.

It's amazing how much can change in a week.

Now we have John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo in custody, with two states vying for the chance to execute them.

I would argue that death is too good for them. Death is not justice. Justice would be letting the surviving victims, when they recover, use Malvo and Muhammad as target practice.

It's not that I'm bitter for feeling like a target anytime I filled up my tank at the Wawa during the entire month of October.

No, I'm not slightly angered over the nightmares of a lunatic taking shots toward random people at towns in which my close friends live.

I never once had the thought that I would feel safer walking through New York City's "Hell's Kitchen" than at a Home Depot. No, not me.

All sarcasm and personal angsting aside, in order to decide whether the M&M

sniper team falls under the category of "terrorists," the word must be defined.

According to the FBI, domestic terrorism is:

*The unlawful use, or threatened use, of force or violence by a group or individual based and operating entirely within the United States or Puerto Rico, without foreign direction and whose acts are directed at elements of the U.S. Government or its population, in the furtherance of political or social goals.*

At this time, we can only speculate as to what the snipers' motivations were. The

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news has tossed around the idea that Muhammad was an Al-Qaeda sympathizer.

Yet would someone with links to a large terrorist organization really ask for a \$10 million dollar extortion fee?

Was the only person who thought of Dr. Evil in the Austin Powers movies when

they heard this?

So whereas the motivations of M&M may have been selfish, what about the effects of their attacks? Were they not striking terror into the hearts of the citizens of Virginia and Maryland?

Schools were closed. Retail sales dropped. Events were cancelled. The release of the movie "Phone Booth" has been delayed. Lives were put on hold.

Sounds like terrorism to me.

For a moment, imagine if the snipers had taken a left onto I-64, and picked off someone around Williamsburg.

Now imagine it being the height of the tourist season. Imagine working at Busch Gardens, as so many CNU students do during the summer, while there is a threat of a sniper in the area. Would you show up to work? Now imagine something like this happening in Orlando, Florida. The Outer Banks. Las Vegas. Can you picture all of these areas coming to a stand still, as the areas around D.C. and Richmond did?

Tell me this would not be terrifying. Malvo and Muhammad may not have fit the FBI definition of terrorism.

However, with the ramifications of their attacks being the shutdown of life, there is little question in my mind that they acted within the spirit of what terrorism is.

## Thanks For The "Pumpkin"

My family and I have attended the "Follow the Pumpkin" event in the residence halls for the last two years. I just wanted to express my appreciation to the students and residence life staff for making this

such an enjoyable event.

Once again, the residents of Santoro and York River made this a special night for my two children and their cousins.

The imagination and creativity always amazes us. It

is such a nice way for the residents to give back to the CNU family.

Thank you,  
Kim Magee Roeder  
Director of Alumni Relations

## Smoke, But Be Considerate

**Smokers Are  
Encouraged  
To Be Aware  
Of Those  
Who Care  
About Hygiene,  
Health, Right  
Not To Inhale  
Smoke**

BY MICHAEL RUFF  
Staff Writer

Smokers can be singled out pretty easily. Their clothes and breath usually stink to high heaven. If you look closely at their homes and cars, you can find that disgusting yellow tint on everything. Why anyone would want to smoke is beyond me.

That being said, I firmly support the right of anyone over the age of 18 to smoke. Surprising? It should be. I am a nonsmoker, who has never, and will never, touch a cigarette, cigar or pipe. I

have a lot of animosity toward smokers. The reason: most (not all) smokers are very inconsiderate.

Let me amend my earlier statement. I support the right of anyone over the age of 18 to smoke as long as they recognize that their right to smoke ends when it infringes on my right to breathe fresh air.

For instance, think about walking around campus last week. At some point, most people were probably behind someone walking to class with a cigarette in his hand. Count how many times you have had to walk through one of those carcinogenic clouds.

On Monday morning, I had to endure 10 puffs from a rude smoker before I was able to take a detour.

Many of us are nonsmokers for a reason: we cannot stand that repulsive smoke! When I breathe smoke of any kind, I get a severe headache that no amount of Excedrin can help. There are many other people like me. If smokers want to destroy their own bodies, fine, but leave mine alone.

What I am asking for is a little respect. I can avoid smokers who stand in one

spot and smoke. If an establishment allows smoking, and I am uncomfortable, then I will leave.

I do not mind people who smoke while walking to class, but how about walking a little slower so people who do not enjoy your exhaust can get around you?

Taking a different, less crowded route to your destination would be an even better way to keep your carcinogens to yourself.

There are many activist groups running around trying to ban smoking everywhere. If you think your right to smoke is not in danger, just feel at how much over the laws have changed over the past 20 years.

Of course, you can forget those strange anti-smoking commercials on TV?

If you want me to respect (and vote for) your right to smoke in this "free" country, then respect my right to not breathe smoke. I assure you, your habit depends on it.

# ArTs & Entertainment

## Getting Inside Breese's Brain: A Theater Renaissance Man

### Q&A With Director Of Theater, Steven Breese

BY JESI OWENS  
A&E Editor

**Owens:** What made you interested in theater to begin with? What's held your interest all this time?

**Breese:** I am little ashamed to admit that, like a lot of people, I came to theater for attention — then I developed into an artist. Becoming an artist is what sustains me. I love the art of the actor — the only art dedicated to human interaction. In life, we take each other for granted. The theater takes nothing for granted — life is magnified and distilled.

Theater opens our eyes, minds, hearts and passions. It allows us to feel and be touched. Theater unearths our "humanness" and gives us a safe place to explore the dangerous and painful dimensions of what it is to be alive. It is easy to dedicate my life to an art that speaks so forcefully and so eloquently.

**Owens:** According to your website, you taught and worked in TX for a number of years. You looked very active there, so what made you decide to come to CNU?

**Breese:** I didn't care for Texas much. The region was good to me (artistically) and offered me lots of opportunity professionally — but central Texas is a long way from anywhere except ... well ... except central Texas.

**Owens:** While in TX, you were Director of the Acting Program at Texas Christian University, but still did plenty of outside work (based on your resume). Do you do outside projects now that you're at CNU, or concentrate fully on your duties with the University?

**Breese:** Currently our program is growing so fast that I haven't had time to do much work outside Theatre CNU, although I did a little work for Virginia Stage Company last season. Tidewater has very few professional theater venues where I can work (I am an AEA actor — actors union — and therefore must work in professionally sanctioned venues). I hope to engage in more outside projects as our workload becomes more evenly dispersed across our new theater faculty.

**Owens:** On your website, you say, "My work and teaching are the most crucial parts of my life and I take great pride in maintaining their integrity." In what ways do you feel you maintain that integrity?

**Breese:** Integrity is a way of life. I feel I am honest with myself, with my colleagues and students. I am always looking to improve what I do as an artist and a teacher. Integrity isn't something you just have — it's something you work at every day.

I set goals for my personal and professional improvement. I won't discuss the specifics, but I will say that the "bar" I set for myself is high and I work hard to "clear that bar." Integrity has something to do with striving to "clear that bar."

**Owens:** What do you like more, teaching or acting (or directing/writing, etc.)?

**Breese:** It's not an either/or proposition. I need them all. I define myself as a phenominate: "Actor-director-teacher-playwright" (no par-

ticular order). Or "a person of the theater."

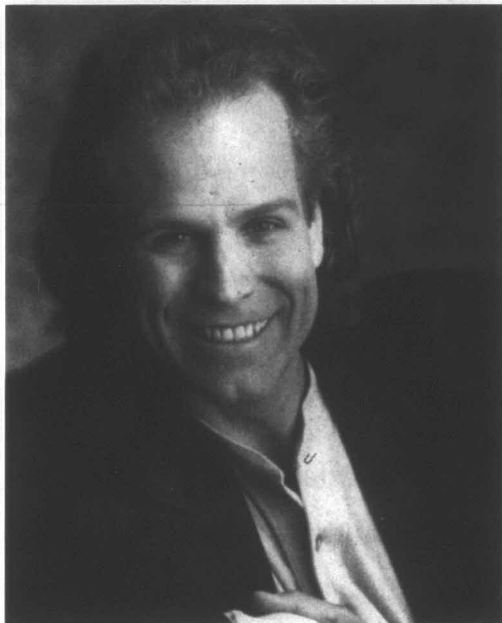
**Owens:** Tell me some of your most interesting (funny, weird, etc.) memories from teaching theater.

**Breese:** Watching students strive and succeed is gratifying, but the strangest times in class is when students strive and fall short. When I was working at TCU I challenged my acting students to take big risks. One, very fine young actress, wanted to expose her vulnerabilities in a powerful scene. As she was working she became very fearful then (accidentally) bit her tongue. She bit it hard, letting out a yell that sent a shiver through the class. We were spell-bound! We all thought it was part of her scene. The actress cried and screamed and shook her head "no, no, no" then one tiny drop of blood dripped from her mouth. She grabbed the hem of her skirt and stuck it in her mouth and the class gasped (still thinking it was the scene). Then the actress began to faint. Everyone was breathless as she clung to her chair and finished the scene. She FINISHED THE SCENE!

It was only then we became aware that she was hurt. After returning from the hospital (10 stitches later) was all felt horrible, for this young actress, but it was a moment to remember. Our jobs as actors is to make people believe in extraordinary circumstances — she was acting so well that when she stopped acting, we couldn't tell.

**Owens:** You came to CNU in Fall 2000, and less than two years later, were promoted to Director of Theatre. Since coming here, what have you done to change (promote) Theatre CNU. What about since your promotion?

**Breese:** I think I've directed a couple of pretty good



Teaching, directing, acting, writing ... it's all in a day's work for Steven Breese.

shows and helped sculpt a new curriculum. I think, perhaps, the one thing I might point to is a sense of "unity." The faculty and students recognize that we are all striving for excellence — that we strive together and when we succeed, we succeed together.

No one part of the art is any more or less important than any other part. We are a team — the faculty heads that team and mentors the student-artists, but we work together as one.

**Owens:** Your website also says, "it is clear the theatre is changing and must continue to change in order to grow." You go on to mention gender and race as factors in that change. What brought you to this conclu-

sion? What have you done about it (or plan to do)? What's being done in the theater community at large about this problem (outside of CNU)?

**Breese:** I think what I was referring to is "color-blind casting." We are no longer in a world where we need rely on racial norms in casting. In other words, Hamlet might be played by an African/American and Gertrude (his mother) might be played by a Chinese/American. I applaud this and support this notion.

**Owens:** Where would you like to take Theatre CNU in the upcoming years?

**Breese:** I think that our faculty will (as a whole) bring great credit to the region —

both in production excellence and scholarship. I also see Theatre CNU becoming a national player.

We have a faculty and student base that is capable of extending its reach beyond Virginia and even the United States. We live in a global market. We should look for opportunities to have a global presence.

**Owens:** How would you compare CNU's Theatre Dept. with those at other schools or size?

**Breese:** Excellent. Superior to most.

**Owens:** Do you think budget cuts will affect the

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## CAB Reschedules and Restructures Popular Game, Assassins, After Conflict

### Due To Inappropriate Tactics, CAB's Popular Game, 'Assassins,' Is Being Re-Evaluated

BY ADAM NADEAU  
Staff Writer

The Campus Activity Board is responsible for developing and implementing recreational functions for students. These activities include movie nights, karaoke jams, poetry readings, talent shows and festivals in the fall and spring semesters.

Like some other student organizations, student fees fund CAB, so there is no additional charge to attend CAB-sponsored events. The CAB organization sponsors at least two events every week on campus.

Not all of CAB's events have been without a degree of controversy.

For example, last year's "Assassins" game had one

simple objective: a participant would receive the name of another participant, who would have to locate and tag the victim on the calf. The tagged person would then be eliminated from the game, and would give his "assassin" the name of his own target. This would continue until there was only one participant left. The last participant would then receive a prize.

"Assassins," a game built around intrigue and suspense, was designed to be a game that was campus-contained; the participants would use their wits and on-campus resources to catch their targets and avoid possible elimination from other players.

This year, "Assassins" returned to campus, having gained a great deal of popularity since last spring. The second "Assassins" game now boasted almost three times the participation of its initial run. With more people in the game, the coordinators were going to have to be a lot more careful when monitoring the game and the products of its participants' enthusiasm.

As before, the rules of play were explained to all would-be "assassins" before

play began with hopes that the game would be a fun and friendly competition.

However, certain events curtailed the fun factor of this

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event. Last month, the game was cancelled because participants were beginning to take the game to unsafe levels. In its extreme cases, elaborate plans were devised to eliminate targets, sometimes involving activities that bordered on stalking.

Furthermore, some players even enlisted help from off-campus friends, creating a very real source of anxiety and fear for students on campus. Clearly, the "game" was

being twisted into something that was no longer fun.

Acting quickly, CAB Executive Chair KT Peterlin announced a moratorium on all "Assassins" activities so that the rules could be clarified or rewritten. Therefore, students would not feel threatened or endangered by playing the game.

Once the new rules were made, "Assassins" will be restarted and opened to CNU students and faculty again, even if they had been eliminated from the previously cancelled game.

CAB is making sure the people on campus have a variety of safe and entertaining activities to attend. As with other student organizations, the Board divides responsibilities for certain events among several different committees.

In recent weeks, the Childish Games Committee has been busy trying to develop new games and activities that help bring out the more juvenile forms of recreation in students. Prison dodge ball games have been fairly popular among CNU students, and the committee is planning the upcoming game, "Sardines."

## Computerized Dungeons & Dragons?

### "Neverwinter Nights" Has Novel Intentions, Needs Human Contact

BY JOE AMBROGE  
Staff Writer

For decades the Advanced Dungeons and Dragons series has fascinated people of all ages. ANS brought them together to play the world's most popular fantasy role playing game.

Using pen, paper and their imaginations, gamers assume character roles, much as an actor does in a play, and interact with one another in imaginary worlds reminiscent of Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The PC game "Neverwinter Nights" offers a new outlet for fans of AD&D, bringing many gamers home to their computer screens.

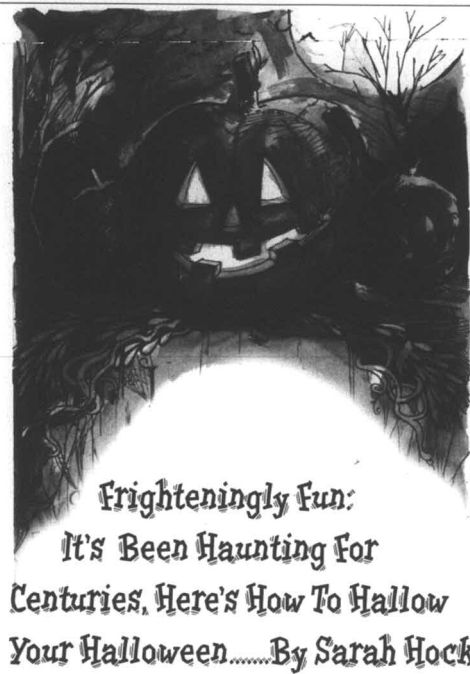
Many elements of the pen and paper game have been carried over into the PC installment, such as an intricate character creation process that allows players to design their own unique hero, right down to its clothing and hair color.

The greatest highlight of "Neverwinter Nights," however, is the campaign editor. This option allows gamers to design and create their own adventures, and then run them online. A multiplayer mode showcases hundreds of consumer-created games, and players are free to join and test them at will.

While this would seem like a great idea, there are a few slight problems. For one thing, creating a game is no small matter. It takes so much time and effort to produce a quality game, that many players will feel like they are taking a class in programming.

Furthermore, most of the games online are mediocre and sloppily made, promising players with headache after headache as they search for something

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## Frighteningly Fun: It's Been Haunting For Centuries. Here's How To Hallow Your Halloween.....By Sarah Hock

The tradition of dressing up in costume for Halloween goes back centuries.

Younger children would dress up and wear masks to scare the neighbors while concealing their identities.

The idea of costumes was also brought about to scare off any real demons that may be lurking on All Hallow's Eve, or the night before All Saint's Day on November 1.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. in Celtic Ireland, an idea arose that on the night before

All Saint's Day, spirits of those who had died in the previous year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the following year; it was their only hope for an afterlife.

In order to avoid being possessed, the Celts would dress up in ghoulish costumes and noisily parade around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away the spirits looking for bodies to possess.

Irish immigrants brought the custom of Halloween over to America in the 1840s. Over the years, Halloween traditions have evolved to include telling spooky tales, carving jack-

o-lanterns, trick-or-treating, visiting haunted houses, forests, and hayrides, and dressing up as anyone or anything possible to show off at a party.

Thursday night at Mitty's, a local night club on the Omni complex off J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, Mitty's and 96X will be presenting "The Naught & Nice College Classic Halloween Bash."

A thousand dollars will be given away, plus other prizes, so wear your wildest costume to impress the judges.

The event is 18 and up and is free with a valid CNU ID and driver's license.

Also Thursday, Peabody's, a night club in Virginia Beach, will be presenting "The Biggest Halloween Bash Ever."

Doors open at 7, and the 18 and up event is free for ladies and \$6 for guys.

There will be a two thousand dollar cash and prizes giveaway for the Sexiest and Scariest Costume contests.

Wednesday at The Abyss, another night club in Virginia Beach, the doors open at 7 for a Halloween Foam Party.

Although your costumes may get wet, wear them anyway for when the foam starts flowing at 9:30. The event is free for the ladies.

Wednesday night at the Shoebox Theater in the back

of Ferguson Hall, theater students and faculty members from biology, English, sociology and theater will be dramatically reading macabre short stories to set the mood for the spooky evening tomorrow.

The free performance will begin at 8 and will include pieces by Edgar Allan Poe, Roald Dahl, and D.H. Lawrence.

Alpha Phi Omega will be volunteering tomorrow for The Haunted Forest at the Sandy Bottom Nature Park in Hampton.

From 6 to 9, the volunteers will be in the forest scaring people during the walk in the woods led by a tour guide.

Tickets are \$6 for this cheap and fun source of Halloween entertainment.

Harbor Lights and Regattas will be serving Halloween Dinner tomorrow from 4:30-7:30.

Students residing in James River Hall and Santoro Hall are requested to dine at Harbor Lights, while those residing in York River Halls and off-campus apartments are requested to dine in Regattas.

Tickets for a designated time, either 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, or 6:30-7:30, can be picked up in the assigned dining facility.

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theater department? Have they already done so? If yes, how? Do you have any idea what could be affected in the future if more cuts occur?

Breeze: Budget cuts affect programs. This is a fact. My immediate goal is to not allow the budget cuts to interrupt our current production season.

Theatre CNU has an agreement with our audiences — to produce three quality mainstage shows and present a full Shoebox season. I want to fulfill that agreement in spite of our dwindling budget...but we're going to need help.

Owens: Not only do you act and direct, you also write. Currently, your "The Trial of Hamlet" is playing. What made you interested in writing about this?

Breeze: As a writer I am always coming up with "what-if scenarios." I look for ways to get people in difficult situations ... to get people fighting for their beliefs. "The Trial of Hamlet" allows this fight happen.

I also love court-room dramas: the great civil struggle. I always have found the disciplined boxing, match of the courtroom to be fascinating; where an elaborate game is staged that allows people to fight with words and ideas. A civil battle ground where might does not always make right and justice is the goal — but not always the result.

Owens: How long have you been working on the script? What gave you the idea?

Breeze: Six years. How did I get the idea? I just wondered what would happen if Hamlet were tried for the murder of Polonius.

Owens: Obviously, this play is an update on a Shakespearean classic. Do you have an opinion on certain movies that follow the same pattern (eg. Romeo & Juliet w/ Claire Danes & Leonardo DiCaprio or Hamlet w/ Ethan Hawke)? Obviously, they are movies and this is theatre, but I see a connection in the trend.

Breeze: I love updating classics, especially Shakespeare. Speak to the audience of "now." Know

your audience and communicate with them — the hell with convention! Throw it away — convention is my grandfather's world. I am not unduly interested in corpses.

I'm interested in now and

**"Convention is my grandfather's world. I am not unduly interested in corpses. I'm interested in now and 10 minutes from now."**

10 minutes from now. We must create the future and remember but not worship the past. If that insults a few people, okay. As Mick Jagger says: "If you're not insulting someone, it's not rock-and-roll." I love rock and roll.

Owens: What else have you written? Have they been performed as well? If yes, any at CNU?

Breeze: I write about a play a year. Yes, several are published and many have been performed. I always looking for new ideas, however. Got one?

Owens: Is playwrighting something new for you? Are you trying your hand at it or do you consider it another integral part of your career? Do you find it to be something you will continue to do?

Breeze: I couldn't "not write." It is who I am and will continue to be.

Owens: What's the most favorite role you've ever played and why?

Breeze: Favorite role — tough one. Maybe John Proctor in "The Crucible." Billy Bishop in "Billy Bishop Goes to War." Why are they my favorites...because they are hard. They challenge the actor — so much to do, so little time.

Owens: What's the most favorite play you've ever di-

rected and why?

Breeze: Each play I direct is my favorite while I'm doing it. It's the nature of directing — you have to have with the work. If you don't you have to FALL in love with the work.

Owens: You've been at this for twenty years now ... Where do you see yourself in 20 years from now?

Breeze: The same. No, better. Better than I think I can be...or more so.

Owens: What projects are you currently working on, and what's in store for CNU for the rest of this semester and year?

Breeze: The project that most interests me at the moment is a new musical I am collaborating on called "Gesualdo."

My collaborator is composer Blaise Ferrandino. We've been working on the piece for nearly six years — and it's almost ready. We're currently looking for funding ... got some?

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better.

On the other hand, a satisfactory single player game more than makes up for any flaws, as do the impressive graphical capabilities, which feature a camera perspective that can zoom in and out, as well as rotate around the game screen. Players can zoom out for a birds eye view of a battle, or zoom in as their character engages the enemy.

All in all, it's kind of like watching a really bad action film. Overall, "Neverwinter Nights" is a fun game, full of variety and innovation, and should appeal to most role-playing fans.

While its campaign editor mode may seem confusing at times, the dedicated player should be able to figure it out. However, the PC game is nowhere near as complex as the pen and paper style of AD&D, and should not be seen as a substitute.

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# Sports

## Volleyball Spikes The Last Home Game Of Year

**The CNU Women Hold 19-5 Overall Record, 11-0 Dixie Conf.**

BY TOM GEARY  
Staff Writer

In an intense, back-and-forth struggle, the Captains volleyball team won their fourteenth straight game on Monday. The game was in front of a frenzied, Senior night crowd. The Captains won with a 3-2 (32-34, 32-30, 30-28, 24-30 and 15-13) victory over Randolph-Macon College.

CNU (19-5 overall, 11-0 Dixie Conference) was led by freshman Amber Bradshaw's 18 kills, 24 digs, and 10 aces. Senior Nina Richardson chipped in 36 assists, 14 digs, and four blocks.

Freshmen Erin Bradshaw and Kristy Severin added 19 and 18 digs, respectively. Bradshaw also had five aces.

Being the last home game of the season, as well as the last home game of several players' careers, the team celebrated Senior night at the Freeman Center.

Senior night honors the seniors on the team with a special ceremony at the beginning of the game.

Seniors Liz Standish, Oksana Boukhina, Nina Richardson, and Melissa Noble were recognized and honored prior to the game.

Their parents were at their sides.

"It was big for our seniors," coach Lindsay Sheppard said. "They finished awesome four-year careers. So we're all excited for them, and it was an awesome way to close out our home season. Most people have said, [it's the] 'most exciting home match we've had all year,' so it was really neat."

In the first game, R-MC (15-11 overall, 7-3 ODAC) rallied late to win 34-32. The Captains, leading 29-22, could not put away the Yellow Jackets. R-MC strung together an 8-0 run and eventually came away with the win.

The Captains bounced back in the second game with a 32-30 victory. CNU jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, but a 13-3 run by R-MC put them up 20-16.

R-MC could not hold on to a 28-24 lead, as CNU rallied to tied up the overall match at 1-1.

"It was a rough going in the beginning, but we finally

came around," freshman Kristy Severin said.

Although senior Oksana Boukhina did not play in the third and fourth games due to a nagging knee injury, CNU was able to pull out another close win, 30-28. The game was tied more than eight times, including at 28 points.

R-MC jumped out to an early 12-5 lead in the fourth game, and did not look back. CNU rallied to tie the game at 23 points apiece, but R-MC never relinquished the lead. The Yellow Jackets scored seven of the last eight points to win 30-24.

In the deciding fifth game, Boukhina came back into the game to help the Captains win 15-13. A late 5-1 run in the game was the determining factor as CNU was able to edge the Yellow Jackets, who has won six of their previous seven games.

Sheppard was pleased that Boukhina could be a force in her final home game as a Captain.

"Her knees have been real sore, and it's really hard for her to be explosive, and that's her game - jumping," Sheppard said. "We're going to have to accommodate the rest of the year and figure out how to get kills elsewhere, but we really needed her in the fifth game and she came in and did what we needed her to."

With the victory, CNU successfully sweeps R-MC on the season series.

The Captains beat R-MC 3-0 (30-24, 30-23, 33-31) on Sept. 18 in Ashland, Va.

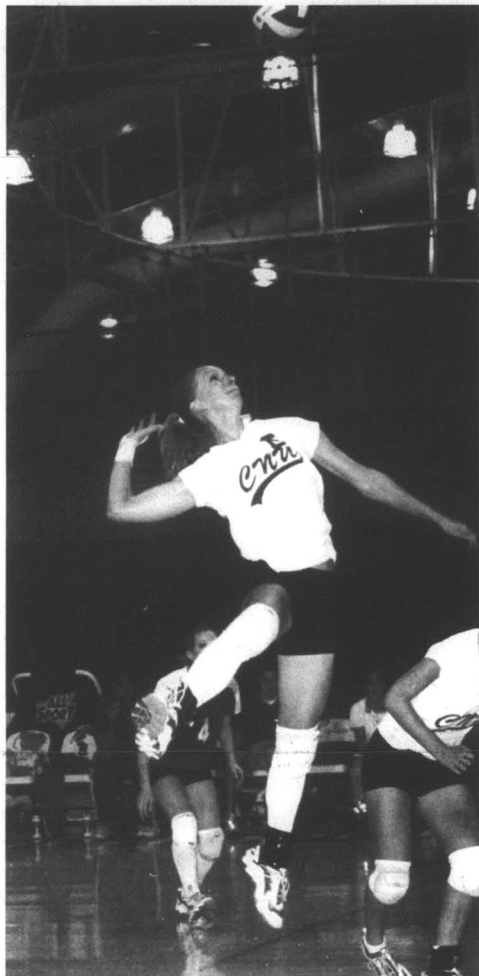
Senior Nina Richardson believes that the Captains, currently ranked fifth in the South Region poll, played a well-fought match, but are still looking to reach their full potential before the postseason.

"I thought we played really well. We didn't play our game, but we stepped it up enough to pull it out," Richardson said. "We've worked really hard and it showed tonight, to keep fighting while we're down."

Although the Captains still have the conference tournament and potential NCAA matchups ahead of them, it was still an important match for the team's seniors.

Richardson, who holds the school-record for career assists with 3700, was all smiles as she explained how pleased she was with her final game in the Freeman Center.

"There were so many people," Richardson said. "It's great to have a turnout like this, especially on Senior Night. It was a great night and I'll always remember it."



Senior Oksana Boukhina jumps up for a spike against R-MC on Monday night. The CNU volleyball team is currently undefeated in the conference and is 19-5 overall.

### CNU Games Of The Week

**Football: Nov. 9**  
Homecoming game against Averett College, Pomoco Stadium, 1 p.m.

**Men's Soccer: Nov. 11**  
Dixie Conference Tournament, TBA

**Women's Soccer: Nov. 2**  
Maryville (Tenn.), 12 p.m.

**Volleyball: Nov. 2**  
DIAC Tournament in Ferrum, Va.

**Cross-Country: Nov. 16**  
NCAA South/Southeast Regional

## Athletes Outraged By Cuts

BY LIZ MUNSON  
Sports Editor

Field hockey player Elizabeth Werbiskis remembers only one thing about the budget cuts: confusion.

"My roommates were very upset. I remember them crying and not really understanding what was going on," Werbiskis said. "It wasn't until tomorrow that it hit me."

Gov. Mark R. Warner's mandate that education as well as several other state agencies face cuts meant trouble from the start for CNU's athletic programs.

The cuts were in response to the state's \$1.5 billion deficit. The CNU Board of Visitors cut the education and nursing programs, as well as recreation, sport and wellness management. They also approved that 10 percent of the staff be cut.

The four cut programs will deeply affect the 470 athletes currently on CNU's campus. Approximately one-fourth of all athletes, are in affected majors. Seniors will remain relatively unaffected, but juniors are faced with the option of working with neighboring universities or transferring to graduate.

The football team and several women's sports will feel the most impact from the cuts. Twenty-eight of the 92 football players are affected, as are 14 of 28 women's soccer players, 13 of 16 softball players and nine of 21 field hockey players.

For the field hockey program, the cuts may have a drastic effect. There are only four seniors on the team, but eight juniors. In addition, nearly half of the team are underclassmen.

For Elizabeth Werbiskis, a junior whose major is under the sports and wellness management program, transferring is the only way to fulfill her dream.

"I told my coach that I was really frustrated about all this," she said. "As an athlete, I want the opportunity to work with other athletes, and at CNU I might not get the degree to do this."

Werbiskis is currently looking into schools such as Richmond's Va. Commonwealth University. She is planning to transfer in either the fall 2003 or spring 2004 semester.

Other field hockey players chose less drastic options, such as overloading in the spring semester and taking summer classes.

"I was upset and confused at first, because I still wanted to play field hockey and didn't want to transfer," halfback April Cullen said. "I mean, I came to CNU because the [field hockey] program was brand new and I figured that I could play and not sit on the bench. So I'm just going to stay and take a bunch of classes over the spring and the summer so that I can graduate in December."

Field hockey coach Sue Mancha, like most other coaches, is supportive of her players' decisions and is emphasizing that education, and not sports, should come first. "I don't have to much to say on the subject," Mancha said. "I just tell my girls to be patient and not to panic right now. Things will settle and hopefully work themselves out."

## CNU Soccer Bounces To A 3-2 Overtime Loss



A CNU soccer player bounces the ball off his head. This move is commonly called a "header."

### Foul Led To Penalty Kick By Salisbury

BY VIRGINIA MILLER  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team had a disappointing 3-2 overtime loss to Salisbury on Oct. 23.

CNU led the game up until the last two minutes, when a foul was called against goalkeeper Martin Zelada.

The ensuing Salisbury penalty kick tied the game.

"I thought we had them beat, because we definitely outplayed them second half," senior Justin Joswick said.

Team member Stefan Veldhuis agreed.

"We had the majority of possession time," he said. Salisbury outshot CNU 15-12. Both teams' goalkeepers had six saves each.

"I thought we played well enough to win the game," coach Steve Shaw said.

CNU scored the first goal of the game with 11 minutes left in the first half. The goal was scored by Billy Lucas off an assist by Joswick.

Salisbury tied the game

15 minutes later.

In second half CNU scored their final goal with 15:13 left on the clock.

It was scored by Nick Yannitello off an assist by Joswick.

Salisbury scored the tying goal with less than two minutes left in the game.

Within five minutes of overtime Salisbury scored the winning goal.

"I was pretty happy with the game, except with the result," Shaw said. "I thought that the guys played real well in the second half."

"They passed the ball well and we didn't give Salisbury many chances."

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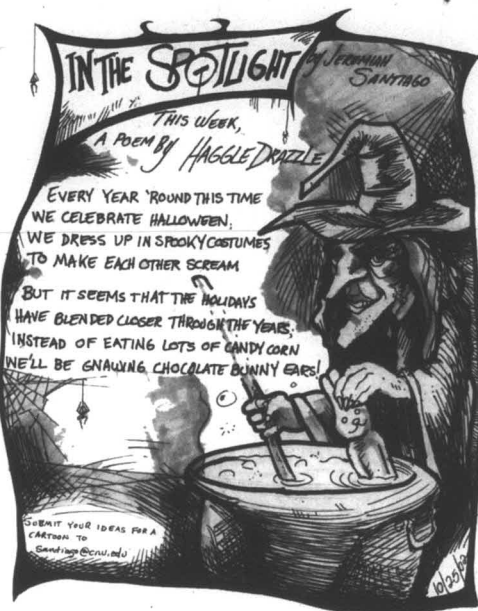
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